

## HW1 — Linear Regression

# 1 Derivation and Proof

## 1.1 Close form solution

The sum square error loss function is:

$$L(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (w\phi(x^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^2 \quad (1-1)$$

We know that  $\phi(x) = [1, x]^T$ , so the following equation is derived:

$$L(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (w_0 + w_1 x^{(n)} - y^{(n)})^2 \quad (1-2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N ((w_0 + w_1 x^{(n)})^2 + (y^{(n)})^2 - 2(w_0 + w_1 x^{(n)})y^{(n)}) \quad (1-3)$$

$$= \frac{N}{2} w_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N (w_0 w_1 x^{(n)} + \frac{1}{2} w_1^2 (x^{(n)})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (y^{(n)})^2 - w_0 y^{(n)} - w_1 x^{(n)} y^{(n)}) \quad (1-4)$$

Take derivative with respect to  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  of the loss function:

$$\nabla_{w_0} L(w) = N w_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N w_1 (x^{(n)})^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)} \quad (1-5)$$

$$\nabla_{w_1} L(w) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_0 x^{(n)} + \sum_{n=1}^N w_1 (x^{(n)})^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N x^{(n)} y^{(n)} \quad (1-6)$$

In order to find  $w_0$ , let the derivative with respect to  $w_0$  equals 0:

$$\nabla_{w_0} L(w) = N w_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N w_1 (x^{(n)})^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)} = 0 \quad (1-7)$$

$$\implies w_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N w_1 x^{(n)} \quad (1-8)$$

$$= \bar{Y} - w_1 \bar{X} \quad (1-9)$$

Where  $\bar{X}$  is the mean of  $x$  data, and  $\bar{Y}$  is the mean of  $y$  data.  
 Take derivative w.r.t.  $w_1$  and let it equals to 0, and plug  $w_0$  in:

$$\nabla_{w_1} L(w) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_0 x^{(n)} + \sum_{n=1}^N w_1 (x^{(n)})^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N x^{(n)} y^{(n)} = 0 \quad (1-10)$$

$$\implies w_1 = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N x^{(n)} y^{(n)} - \sum_{n=1}^N w_0 x^{(n)}}{\sum_{n=1}^N (x^{(n)})^2} \quad (1-11)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x^{(n)} y^{(n)} - \bar{Y} \bar{X}}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x^{(n)})^2 - \bar{X}^2} \quad (1-12)$$

## 1.2 Positive definite

### 1.2.1 Prove A is PD iff $\lambda_i > 0$ for each i

First, prove if  $\lambda_i > 0$ , a symmetric matrix A is PD:

$$z^T A z = z^T U \Lambda U^T z \quad (1-13)$$

$$(1-14)$$

Where,  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix, so  $U U^T = I$ ,  $\Lambda$  is diagonal matrix with all value is eigenvalues.

$$z^T A z = \sum_i z^T u_i \lambda_i u_i^T z \quad (1-15)$$

$$= \sum_i z^T u_i u_i^T z \lambda_i \quad (1-16)$$

$$= \sum_i z^T z \lambda_i \quad (1-17)$$

$$= \sum_i \|z\|_2^2 \lambda_i \quad (1-18)$$

Since all  $\lambda_i > 0$ , the conclusion can be drawn  $z^T A z > 0$ , thus, A is positive definite. Second, prove if a symmetric matrix A is PD, the all the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i > 0$ :

$$z^T A z > 0 \quad (1-19)$$

$$\implies z^T U \Lambda U^T z > 0 \quad (1-20)$$

$$\implies \sum_i z^T u_i \lambda_i u_i^T z > 0 \quad (1-21)$$

$$\implies \sum_i z^T u_i u_i^T z \lambda_i > 0 \quad (1-22)$$

$$\implies \sum_i \|z\|_2^2 \lambda_i > 0 \quad (1-23)$$

Therefore all the eigenvalues should be bigger than 0.

Thus: A is PD  $\iff \lambda_i > 0$

### 1.2.2 Derive eigenvalue and eigenvectors for regularized close form solution

$$\Phi^T \Phi + \beta I = U \Lambda U^T + \beta I \quad (1-24)$$

For each eigenvalue and eigenvector:

$$u_i u_i^T \lambda_i + \beta = \lambda_i + \beta \quad (1-25)$$

Thus, eigenvalue of  $\Phi^T \Phi + \beta I$  is  $\lambda_i + \beta$ , and the eigenvectors are also  $u_i$

To prove matrix  $\Phi^T \Phi + \beta I$  is PD when  $\beta > 0$ , first construct the quadratic form:

$$z^T (\Phi^T \Phi + \beta I) z = z^T (U \Lambda + \beta I U^T) z \quad (1-26)$$

$$= \sum_i (z^T u_i u_i^T z) (\lambda_i + \beta) \quad (1-27)$$

$$= \sum_i |z^T u_i|^2 (\lambda_i + \beta) \quad (1-28)$$

Since  $\lambda_i > 0$  for all  $i$ , only  $\beta > 0$ ,  $z^T (\Phi^T \Phi + \beta I) z$  would be positive. Thus matrix  $\Phi^T \Phi + \beta I$  is PD if  $\beta > 0$ .

## 1.3 Prove relation between MLE and logistic regression

Since the label is -1 and 1, the log-likelihood could be expressed differently:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \log P(y^{(n)} | x^{(n)}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \log \sigma(y^{(n)} \cdot w^T \phi(x^{(n)})) \quad (1-29)$$

Where:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \quad (1-30)$$

In this scenario, the class labels are  $y \in \{-1, +1\}$ . The equation needs to account for the fact that the output of the logistic regression model should reflect these two possibilities. The term  $y \cdot w^T x$  does exactly that by flipping the sign of  $w^T x$  when  $y = -1$ , which effectively models the correct probability for each class.

Plug sigmoid function in, so we can get the transformed log-likelihood:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \log \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y^{(n)} \cdot w^T \phi(x^{(n)})}} = \sum_{n=1}^N -\log(1 + e^{-y^{(n)} \cdot w^T \phi(x^{(n)})}) \quad (1-31)$$

Statement proved.

## 2 Linear regression on a polynomial

### 2.1 GD and SGD

#### 2.1.1 Code implementation

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#### 2.1.2 Plot

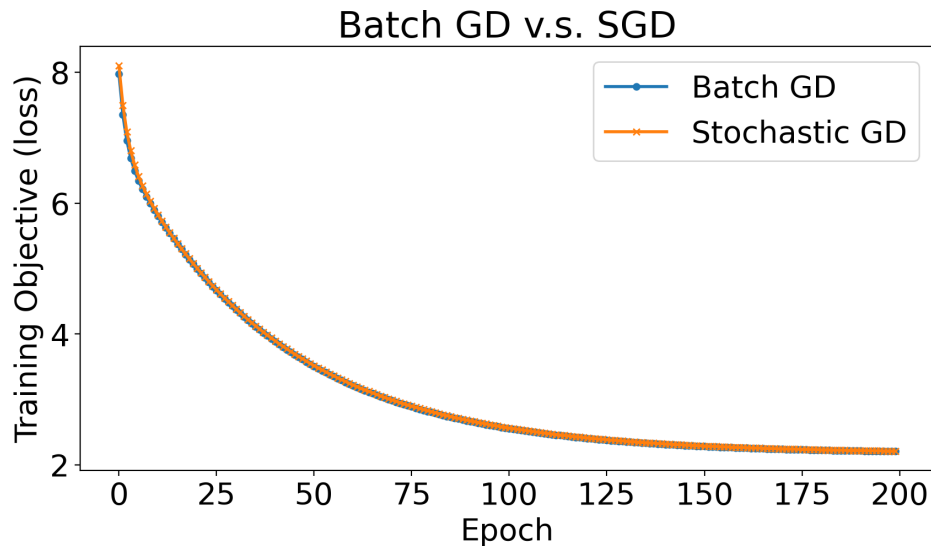


Figure 1: Loss for batch GD and SGD

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GD version took 0.00 seconds
GD Test objective = 2.7017
SGD version took 0.02 seconds
SGD Test objective = 2.6796
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Figure 2: Terminal output for training on GD and SGD

GD takes less time, but SGD shows lower test objective.

### 2.2 Over-fitting study

#### 2.2.1 Code implementation

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### 2.2.2 Plot

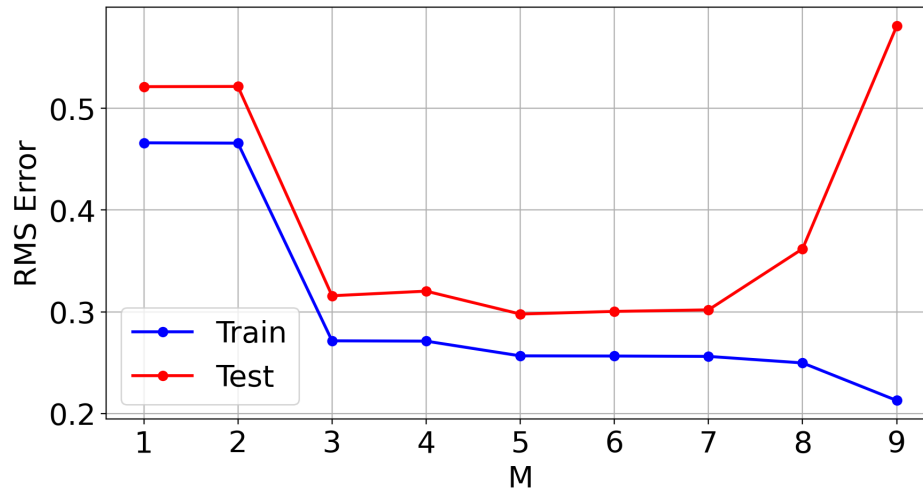


Figure 3: RMSE with different polynomial order

### 2.2.3 Discussion

The 5 degree polynomial fits the data best, since both the training and testing RMSE are lowest.

The 0 degree polynomial underfits the data, since the training and testing RMSE are high. The 8 degree and 9 degree polynomial overfits the data, since the training RMSE is low, but testing RMSE are high.

## 2.3 Ridge Regression

### 2.3.1 Code implementation

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### 2.3.2 Plot

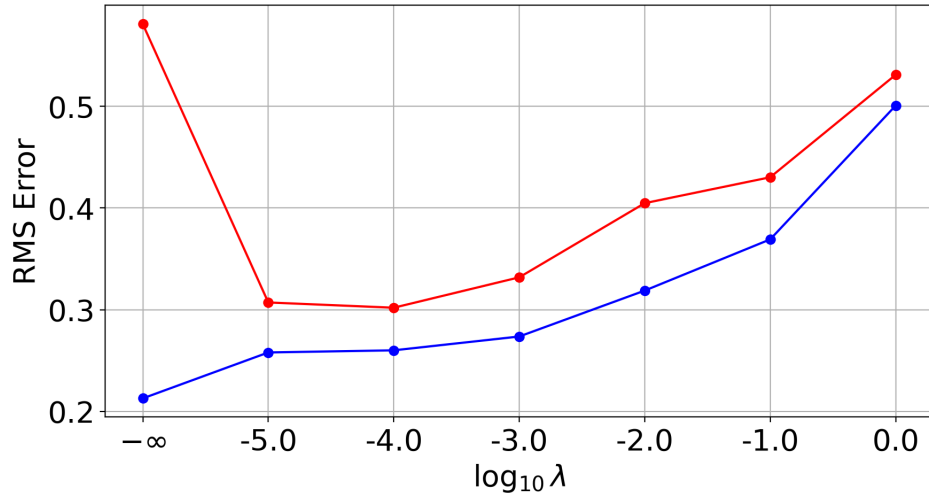


Figure 4: RMSE with different regularization factor

### 2.3.3 Discussion

When  $\log \lambda = -4$ , the 9 degree polynomial has the best performance, as both training and testing error are kept low, and increases after that.

## 3 Locally weighted linear regression

### 3.1 Matrix form loss function

$$E_D(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N r^{(i)} (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 \quad (1-32)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) \frac{r^{(i)}}{2} (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) \quad (1-33)$$

$$= (w^T X - Y^T) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{r^{(1)}}{2} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{r^{(N)}}{2} \end{bmatrix} (w^T X - Y^T)^T \quad (1-34)$$

$$= (w^T X - Y^T) R (w^T X - Y^T)^T \quad (1-35)$$

Where matrix  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{r^{(1)}}{2} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{r^{(N)}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

### 3.2 Close form solution

$$\nabla E_D(w) = \nabla(w^T X - Y^T)R(w^T X - Y^T)^T \quad (1-36)$$

$$= \nabla(w^T X R - Y^T R)(w^T X - Y^T)^T \quad (1-37)$$

$$= \nabla(w^T X T X^T w - w^T X R Y - Y^T R X^T w - Y^T R Y) \quad (1-38)$$

$$= \nabla(w^T X T X^T w - 2w^T X R Y - Y^T R Y) \quad (1-39)$$

$$= 2X R^T X^T w - 2X R Y \quad (1-40)$$

$$\nabla E_D(w) = 0 \quad (1-41)$$

$$\implies X R^T X^T w = X R Y \quad (1-42)$$

$$\implies w = (X R X^T)^{-1} X R Y \quad (1-43)$$

### 3.3 Proof relation between MLE and weighted linear regression

The probability density function is:

$$p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{(i)}}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - w^T x^{(i)})^2}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^2}\right) \quad (1-44)$$

The likelihood is:

$$L(w) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w) \quad (1-45)$$

The log-likelihood is:

$$\ell(w) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w) \quad (1-46)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{(i)}}) - \frac{(y^{(i)} - w^T x^{(i)})^2}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^2} \right) \quad (1-47)$$

$$(1-48)$$

Remove the constants that do not depend on  $w$  as they do not affect the maximization, and define  $r^{(i)} = \frac{1}{(\sigma^{(i)})^2}$ :

$$\ell(w) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N r^{(i)} (y^{(i)} - w^T x^{(i)})^2 \quad (1-49)$$

$$(1-50)$$

Recall that the weighted linear regression:

$$E_D(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N r^{(i)} (y^{(i)} - w^T x^{(i)})^2 \quad (1-51)$$

$$\max_w \ell(w) \Leftrightarrow \min_w -\ell(w) \Leftrightarrow \min_w E_D(w) \quad (1-52)$$

## 3.4 Code implementation

### 3.4.1 Code implementation

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### 3.4.2 Plot

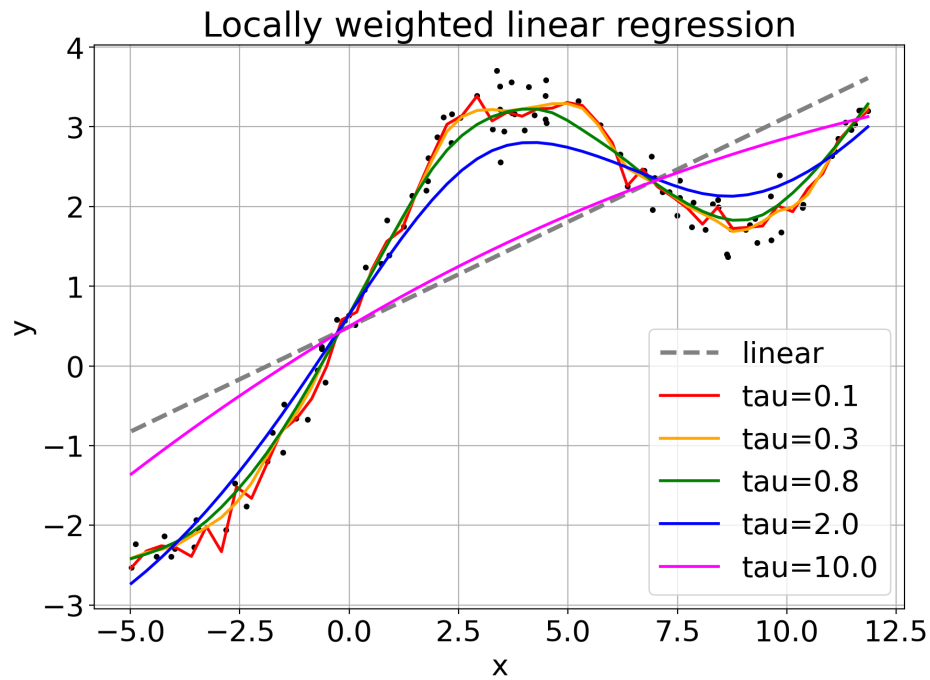


Figure 5: Locally weighted linear regression with different weight parameters

### 3.4.3 Discussion

When  $\tau$  is small, the model returns overfitted model which have lots of sharp turns, although the general trend is correct, but it is not robust to data variance.

When  $\tau$  is large, the model look at too much data once so the result is very close the the non-local-weighted linear regression.



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