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Homework 1: Linear Regression

Due on Thursday February 6 2020, noon Central Time

1. [17 points] Linear Regression

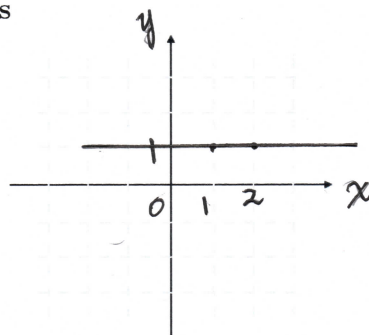
We are given a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(1, 1), (2, 1)\}$  containing two pairs  $(x, y)$ , where each  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}$  denotes a real-valued number.

We want to find the parameters  $w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  of a linear regression model  $\hat{y} = w_1 x + w_2$  using

$$\min_w \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}} \left( y - w^\top \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2. \quad (1)$$

- (a) (2 points) Plot the given dataset and find the optimal  $w^*$  by inspection.

Your answer: **Mark the axis**



$$w^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) (4 points) Using general matrix vector notation, the program in Eq. (1) is equivalent to

$$\min_w \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw\|_2^2. \quad (2)$$

Specify the dimensions of the introduced matrix  $X$  and the introduced vector  $y$ . Also write down explicitly the matrices and vectors using the values in the given dataset  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Your answer:

$$X: 2 \times 2, \quad y: 2 \times 1, \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- (c) (3 points) **Derive** the general analytical solution for the program given in Eq. (2). Also plug in the values for the given dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  and compute the solution numerically.

Your answer:  $\min_w \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw\|_2^2$

$$Q(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} (y^T - w^T X^T)(y - Xw)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (y^T y - 2y^T Xw + w^T X^T Xw)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q(w)}{\partial w} = \frac{1}{2} (-2X^T y + 2X^T Xw) = 0$$

$$X^T X w = X^T y$$

$$w = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$X^T y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^T X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w^* = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) (1 point) Numerous ways exist to compute this solution via PyTorch. Read the docs for the functions 'torch.gels', 'torch.gesv', and 'torch.inverse'. Use all three approaches when completing the file **A1.LinearRegression.py** and verify your answer. Which solution provides the most accurate value for  $w_1$  for our dataset?

Your answer: The most accurate solution is provided by Solution 2 and 3. I used lstsq instead of gels. this got  $\begin{pmatrix} -0.0 \\ 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$  Solution 3 get a float  $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0 \\ 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$  it returns  $\begin{pmatrix} -4.7e-07 \\ 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$

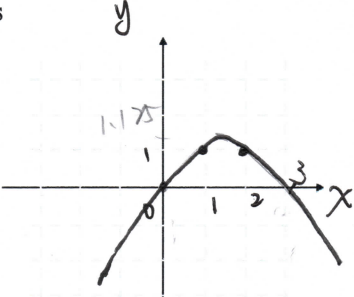
- (e) (6 points) We are now given a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,1)\}$  of pairs  $(x,y)$  with  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  for which we want to fit a quadratic model  $\hat{y} = w_1 x^2 + w_2 x + w_3$  using the program given in Eq. (2). Specify the dimensions of the matrix  $X$  and the vector  $y$ . Also write down explicitly the matrix and vector using the values in the given dataset. Find the optimal solution  $w^*$  and draw it together with the dataset into a plot.

Your answer: Mark the axis

$X: 3 \times 3$   
 $y: 3 \times 1$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -3 & \frac{13}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^T y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(X^T X) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 9 & 5 \\ 9 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (f) (1 points) Complete **A2.LinearRegression2.py** and verify your reply for the previous answer. How did you specify the matrix  $X$ ?

Your answer:  $X = \text{torch.Tensor}([0, 0, 1], [1, 1, 1], [4, 2, 1])$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w^* = \begin{pmatrix} -5e-01 \\ 1.5e+00 \\ -2.91e-07 \end{pmatrix}$$

Previous answer is right