

Machine Learning Homework 6

Problem 1

Let $\hat{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ \sqrt{\lambda}I_{p \times M} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N+p) \times M}$ be the augmented design matrix and $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{0}_p \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N+p}$ the augmented target vector. Maximum likelihood estimation of parameters \mathbf{w} for linear regression is equivalent to minimizing energy given by $E(\mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{z} - \Phi^T \mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{z} - \Phi^T \mathbf{w})$. The minimizer $\mathbf{w}_{MLE} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{z}$ is agnostic of the form and contents of \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{z} or Φ . Therefore, we can write the minimizer of the energy resulting from the augmented design matrix and target vector as

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{MLE} = (\hat{\Phi}^T \hat{\Phi})^{-1} \hat{\Phi}^T \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \left((\Phi^T \quad \sqrt{\lambda}I_{p \times M}^T) \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ \sqrt{\lambda}I_{p \times M} \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} (\Phi^T \quad \sqrt{\lambda}I_{p \times M}^T) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{0}_p \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$= (\lambda I_{M \times M} + \Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{z} \quad (3)$$

$$= \mathbf{w}_{MLE}^{ridge} \quad (4)$$

Problem 2

We want to prove the following identity:

$$(M + vv^T)^{-1} = M^{-1} - \frac{(M^{-1}v)(v^T M^{-1})}{1 + v^T M^{-1}v}$$

To prove the identity we will use the fact that for any matrix M :

$$MM^{-1} = I$$

where I is the identity matrix. So we multiply both sides by the inverse of the left-hand side

$$M + vv^T$$

which results in

$$I = I + M^{-1}vv^T - \frac{M^{-1}vv^T + M^{-1}vv^T M^{-1}vv^T}{1 + v^T M^{-1}v} \quad (5)$$

$v^T M^{-1}v$ is a scalar, so:

$$M^{-1}vv^T + M^{-1}vv^T M^{-1}vv^T = (1 + v^T M^{-1}v)M^{-1}vv^T$$

(5) then simplifies to:

$$I = I + M^{-1}vv^T - M^{-1}vv^T = I$$

so the identity is verified.

Using the identity above, we need to prove the following inequality:

$$\sigma_{N+1}^2(x) \leq \sigma_N^2(x) \quad (6)$$

We use the definition of σ_N^2 and the definition of S_N (here Φ_N is the design matrix with the first N observations).

$$\sigma_N^2(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi(x)^T S_N \phi(x)$$

$$S_N^{-1} = \alpha I + \beta(\Phi_N^T)\Phi_N$$

We now use the following identity:

$$(\Phi_N^T)\Phi_N = \sum_{k=1}^N \phi(x_k)\phi(x_k)^T$$

so we can write

$$(\phi_{N+1}^T)\phi_{N+1} = (\phi_N^T)\phi_N + \phi(x_{N+1})\phi(x_{N+1})^T$$

and hence

$$S_{N+1}^{-1} = \alpha I + \beta(\Phi_{N+1}^T)\Phi_{N+1} = \alpha I + \beta((\Phi_N^T)\Phi_N + \phi(x_{N+1})\phi(x_{N+1})^T) = S_N^{-1} + \phi(x_{N+1})\phi(x_{N+1})^T$$

Substituting this into $\sigma_{N+1}^2(x)$ and using the above matrix identity we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{N+1}^2(x) &= \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi(x)^T S_{N+1} \phi(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi(x)^T (S_N^{-1} + \phi(x_{N+1})\phi(x_{N+1})^T)^{-1} \phi(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi(x)^T \left(S_N - \frac{S_N \phi(x_{N+1})\phi(x_{N+1})^T S_N}{1 + \phi(x_{N+1})^T S_N \phi(x_{N+1})} \right) \phi(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi(x)^T S_N \phi(x) - \frac{\phi(x)^T S_N \phi(x_{N+1})\phi(x_{N+1})^T S_N \phi(x)}{1 + \phi(x_{N+1})^T S_N \phi(x_{N+1})} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The nominator of the last fraction is greater than zero. Now note that the S_N^{-1} is positive semi-definite since β is greater than zero, α is greater than zero, and:

$$x^T S_N^{-1} x = x^T (\alpha I + \beta \Phi_N^T \Phi_N) x = x^T \alpha I x + x^T \beta \Phi_N^T \Phi_N x = \alpha x^T I x + \beta (\Phi_N x)^T \Phi_N x$$

A matrix A has an eigenvalue if and only if A^{-1} has eigenvalue $\frac{1}{\lambda}$, as

$$Av = \lambda v \Leftrightarrow A^{-1}Av = \lambda A^{-1}v \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda}v = A^{-1}v$$

With that and the fact that the eigenvalues of positive semi-definite matrices are non-negative we have shown that S_N also is positive semi-definite. Therefore

$$\phi(x_{N+1})^T S_N \phi(x_{N+1}) \geq 0$$

and so the denominator of the last fraction in eq. (7) is positive. We thus have proven the inequality.

Problem 3

Since we spent no money, the model boils down to $y = 10 + \mathcal{N}(0, 4)$. The Gaussian is centered on zero and, therefore, we can say that the probability to get more than 10 likes is 0.5.

Problem 4

Spending 1 EUR on advertisements our model gives us

$$y = 15 + \mathcal{N}(0, 4) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{E}[y] = 15 \quad (8)$$

with $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{N}(0, 4)] = 0$. Hence, we expect 15 likes.