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1 Linear Regression

Housing prices in Freiburg are through the roof! The following table shows the cost of buying a house in the Freiburg area given its age in years and its constructed area in square meters.

Age [years]	Area [m ²]	Price [€]
1	50.73	523,902.67
42	41.83	325,104.45
13	46.54	434,919.86
25	58.27	575,719.18
63	72.53	629,274.54
15	51.47	390,576.98

Using Python:

1. Use linear regression to find the weights ($\mathbf{w} = [w_{\text{age}}, w_{\text{area}}]$) for the age and area inputs ($\mathbf{x} = [x_{\text{age}}, x_{\text{area}}]$) respectively, in order to predict the price of a house (\hat{y}). Use the analytic solution and do not use a bias term.
2. What would the predicted cost of a house (\hat{y}) that was built 10 years ago and that has an area of 50.0 m² be?
3. If the real value of a 10 year old, 50.0 m² house is 427,451.10 €, what are the least-squares and L_1 losses with respect to your prediction?

2 Logistic Regression

1. Starting from negative loglikelihood (binary cross entropy loss), derive the update rule for \mathbf{w} for gradient descent. Ignore the bias term for the moment.

Negative loglikelihood:

$$J = - \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \log p_n + (1 - y_n) \log(1 - p_n) \quad (1)$$

with $p_n = h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_n) = P(y = 1 \mid X = \mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w}) = \sigma(\mathbf{x}_n)$

For sigmoid use

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{w}}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{w}}} \quad (2)$$

which is equivalent to $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{w}}}$ (try it).

2. What is Gradient Descent?
Why do we use it for logistic regression?
3. Using the data from the following table, perform *one* step of gradient descent. Consider the initial parameters to be $\mathbf{w}_0 = [0, 0, 0]^T$ and a learning rate of $\alpha = 0.25$.

x_1	x_2	y
-5	0	0
-3	-2	0
2	5	1
4	1	1

Note: Think about a good way to include the bias in the data, instead of deriving its update rule on its own.

4. Using the learned weights \mathbf{w}_1 , predict the probability $P(y = 1 \mid X = [-1, 1]^T)$