

1 Ridge regression

Solve

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \|y - X\beta\| + \lambda \|\beta\|^2 = 0$$

Start with expanding the norms

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|^2 &= (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) + \lambda \beta^T \beta \\ &= y^T y - y^T X\beta - \beta^T X^T y + \beta^T X^T X\beta + \lambda \beta^T \beta \end{aligned}$$

Use formula for vector-vector derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} b^T a = \frac{\partial}{\partial b} a^T b = a$$

Here we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (y^T X) \beta = X^T y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \beta^T (X^T y) = X^T y$$

Use formula for vector-matrix-vector derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \beta^T A \beta = (A + A^T) \beta$$

Here we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \beta^T (X^T X) \beta = (X^T X + X^T X) \beta$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \beta^T \beta = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \beta^T I \beta = 2I \beta$$

Back to the ridge problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (y^T y - y^T X\beta - \beta^T X^T y + \beta^T X^T X\beta + \lambda \beta^T \beta) \\ = 0 - X^T y - X^T y + 2X^T X\beta + \lambda 2I\beta \\ = -2X^T y + 2X^T X\beta + 2\lambda I\beta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Re-arrange

$$\begin{aligned} (2X^T X + 2\lambda I) \beta &= 2X^T y \\ \beta &= (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y \end{aligned}$$