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# CS 189: Introduction to Machine Learning

## Homework 1 Solutions

Due: September 13, 2016 at 11:59pm

# Instructions

- This homework includes both a written portion and a coding portion.
- We prefer that you typeset your answers using LATEX. Neatly handwritten and scanned solutions will also be accepted. Make sure to start each question on a new page.
- You will be submitting **two** things to Gradescope:
  - Append a screenshot or LATEX snippet of your code to the last page of your writeup.
     Submit a PDF of your writeup to the Homework 1 assignment on Gradescope.
  - Zip up your source code and submit that zip file to the Homework 1 Code assignment on Gradescope.
- You should be able to see CS 189/289A on Gradescope when you log in with your bCourses email address. Please make a Piazza post if you have any problems accessing Gradescope.
- The assignment covers concepts in probability, linear algebra, matrix calculus, and decision theory.
- Start early. This is a long assignment. Some of the material may not have been covered in lecture; you are responsible for finding resources to understand it.

## Problem 1: Expected Value.

A target is made of 3 concentric circles of radii  $1/\sqrt{3}$ , 1 and  $\sqrt{3}$  feet. Shots within the inner circle are given 4 points, shots within the next ring are given 3 points, and shots within the third ring are given 2 points. Shots outside the target are given 0 points.

Let X be the distance of the hit from the center (in feet), and let the probability density function of X be

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} & x > 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What is the expected value of the score of a single shot? Tip: integration is hard, use Wolfram Alpha.

**Solution:** The expected value is

$$\int_0^{1/\sqrt{3}} 4\frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx + \int_{1/\sqrt{3}}^1 3\frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx + \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} 2\frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ 4\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \tan^{-1}0\right) + 3\left(\tan^{-1}1 - \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2\left(\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} - \tan^{-1}1\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{13}{6}$$

## Problem 2: MLE.

Assume that the random variable X has the exponential distribution

$$f(x;\theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}$$
  $x \ge 0, \theta > 0$ 

where  $\theta$  is the parameter of the distribution. Show how to use the method of maximum likelihood to estimate  $\theta$  from n observations of X:  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ .

**Solution:** We'll solve the general case for the MLE of an exponential distribution:

$$\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \theta e^{-\theta x_i}$$

$$= \theta^n \exp\left(-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

Finding the log-likelihood:

$$\ell(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n; \theta) = n \log \theta - \theta \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $\theta$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n}{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 0$$
$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}$$

**Definition.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric matrix. We say that A is **positive definite** if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \neq \vec{0}, \ x^\top Ax > 0$ . Similarly, we say that A is **positive semidefinite** if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ x^\top Ax \geq 0$ .

# Problem 3: Positive Definiteness.

Let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be the square matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Give an explicit formula for  $x^{\top}Ax$ . Write your answer as a sum involving the elements of A and x.
- (b) Show that if A is positive definite, then the entries on the diagonal of A are positive (that is,  $a_{ii} > 0$  for all  $1 \le i \le n$ ).

#### **Solution:**

(a)

$$x^{\top} A x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_i x_j$$

(b) Let  $i \in [1, n]$ , and let  $e_i$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  standard basis vector (that is, the vector of all zeros except for a single 1 in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  position). Since A is positive definite, we have  $e_i^{\top} A e_i = a_{ii} > 0$ .

#### Problem 4: Short Proofs.

A is symmetric in all parts.

- (a) Let A be a positive semidefinite matrix. Show that  $A + \gamma I$  is positive definite for any  $\gamma > 0$ .
- (b) Let A be a positive definite matrix. Prove that all eigenvalues of A are greater than zero.
- (c) Let A be a positive definite matrix. Prove that A is invertible. (Hint: Use the previous part.)
- (d) Let A be a positive definite matrix. Prove that there exist n linearly independent vectors  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  such that  $A_{ij} = x_i^{\top} x_j$ . (Hint: Use the <u>spectral theorem</u> and what you proved in (b) to find a matrix B such that  $A = B^{\top}B$ .)

#### Solution:

(a) Let  $x \neq 0$ . Then

$$x^{\top} (A + \gamma I) x = x^{\top} A x + x^{\top} \gamma I x$$
$$= x^{\top} A x + \gamma ||x||^{2}$$
$$> 0$$

because  $x^{\top}Ax \geq 0$  (since A is positive semidefinite) and  $||x||^2 > 0$  (because  $x \neq 0$ ). Hence  $A + \gamma I$  is positive definite.

- (b) We know  $x^{\top}Ax > 0$  for any x. Consider v to be any eigenvector with  $Av = \lambda v$ . Then  $v^{\top}Av = \lambda v^{\top}v > 0$ . Since  $v^{\top}v > 0$  (by definition, v is non-zero), we must have  $\lambda > 0$ .
- (c) Since A is positive definite, all eigenvalues are positive. But then if A is not invertible, 0 is an eigenvalue, which is a contradiction. Thus A must be invertible.
- (d) Because A is symmetric positive definite, we diagonalize to obtain  $A = P^{\top}DP$  with orthogonal P and diagonal matrix D with eigenvalues on the diagonal. Since all eigenvalues are positive, we can define  $E = D^{1/2}$ . Then  $A = P^{\top}EEP = P^{\top}E^{\top}EP = (EP)^{\top}EP$ . We thus define  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  as the columns of the matrix EP, which are linearly independent since P is orthogonal. As we desired,  $A_{ij} = x_i^{\top}x_j$ .

## Problem 5: Derivatives and Norm Inequalities.

Derive the expression for following questions. Do not write the answers directly.

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ .
- (c) Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Compute  $\frac{\partial \text{Trace}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$ .
- (d) Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ . (Hint: The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality may come in handy.)
- (e) Write down a simple expression for  $g(x) = \sup_{\|z\|_1 \le 1} x^T z$ . Hint: first prove an upper bound on g(x), then propose a choice of z that achieves the bound.

#### **Solution:**

(a) Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i$$

Taking partial derivative wrt a component, we get

$$\frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}\right)}{\partial x_k} = a_k$$

Placing all partial derivatives into a single vector, we get

$$\frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{a}\right)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{a}\right)}{\partial x_{1}} \\ \frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{a}\right)}{\partial x_{2}} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{a}\right)}{\partial x_{n}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \\ \dots \\ a_{n} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a}$$

(b) Let  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ . We can write

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j$$

Taking partial derivative wrt a component, we get

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\right)}{\partial x_{k}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k}} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_{ij}x_{i}x_{j}\right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k}} \left(x_{1}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{1j}x_{j} + x_{2}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{2j}x_{j} + \dots + x_{k}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{kj}x_{j} + \dots + x_{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{nj}x_{j}\right) \\ &\text{(Use product rule of differentiation, i.e. } (fg)' = f'g + fg'), \text{ on each term)} \\ &= x_{1}a_{1k} + x_{2}a_{2k} + \dots + x_{k}a_{kk} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{kj}x_{j} + \dots + x_{n}a_{nk} \\ &= \left(x_{1}a_{1k} + x_{2}a_{2k} + \dots + x_{k}a_{kk} + \dots + x_{n}a_{nk}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{kj}x_{j}\right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ik}x_{i}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{kj}x_{j}\right) \\ &= \left(k^{th} \text{ column of } \mathbf{A}\right)^{T}\mathbf{x} + \left(k^{th} \text{ row of } \mathbf{A}\right)^{T}\mathbf{x} \end{split}$$

Placing all partial derivatives into a single vector, we get

$$\frac{\partial \left(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\right)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T) \mathbf{x}$$

(c) Let  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{X} = [x_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ . We can write

Trace(**XA**) = 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_{ij} a_{ji}$$

Taking partial derivative wrt a component, we get

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A})}{\partial x_{ij}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_{ij} a_{ji} \right)$$
$$= a_{ji}$$

Placing all partial derivatives into the matrix, we get

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{Trace}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = [a_{ji}]_{n \times n} = \mathbf{A}^T$$

(d) First let's prove the left-hand side inequality as follows:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} \cdots + x_{n}^{2}}$$
(adding positive terms)
$$\leq \sqrt{x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} \cdots + x_{n}^{2} + 2\left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |x_{i}||x_{j}|\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(|x_{1}| + |x_{2}| + \cdots + |x_{n}|)^{2}}$$

$$= |x_{1}| + |x_{2}| + \cdots + |x_{n}|$$

$$= \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1}$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{x}\|_{2} \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1}$$

Let's now prove the right-hand side inequality as follows:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} = |x_{1}| + |x_{2}| + \dots + |x_{n}|$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} = \underbrace{(|x_{1}|, |x_{2}|, \dots, |x_{n}|)^{T}}_{\text{call this vector } \mathbf{x}'} \bullet (1, 1, \dots 1)$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} = \mathbf{x}'^{T} \bullet \mathbf{1}$$

$$\text{(Using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality on the right)}$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} \leq \|\mathbf{x}'\|_{2} \|\mathbf{1}\|_{2}$$

$$\text{Note: } \|\mathbf{x}'\|_{2} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_{2} \text{ and } \|\mathbf{1}\|_{2} = \sqrt{n}$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{2}$$

Thus, we have shown

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \le \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

(e)  $g(z) = \sum_i x_i z_i \le \sum_i |x_i| |z_i| \le \sum_i |z_i| \max_j |x_j| = ||z||_1 \max_j |x_j| \le \max_j |x_j|$ . Let  $j_\star = \arg\max_j |x_j|$ . Let  $z = \operatorname{sgn}(x_{j_\star}) e_{j_\star}$ , then z achieves the supremum. So,  $g(x) = \max_j |x_j|$ .

## Problem 6: Gaussian classification.

Let  $P(x \mid \omega_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  for a two-category, one-dimensional classification problem with  $P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2) = 1/2$ . Here, the classes are  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . For this problem, we have  $\mu_2 \geq \mu_1$ .

- (a) Find the optimal Bayes decision boundary (i.e., find x such that  $P(\omega_1 \mid x) = P(\omega_2 \mid x)$ ). What is the corresponding decision rule?
- (b) Show that the Bayes error associated with this decision rule is

$$P_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^{\infty} e^{-z^2/2} dz$$

where  $a = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma}$ . The Bayes error is the probability of misclassification:

 $P_e = P((\text{misclassified as }\omega_1) \mid \omega_2)P(\omega_2) + P((\text{misclassified as }\omega_2) \mid \omega_1)P(\omega_1).$ 

## **Solution:**

(a)  $P(\omega_1 \mid x) = P(\omega_2 \mid x) \rightarrow P(x \mid \omega_1)P(\omega_1) = P(x \mid \omega_2)P(\omega_2) \rightarrow P(x \mid \omega_1) = P(x \mid \omega_2) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma^2) \rightarrow (x - \mu_1)^2 = (x - \mu_2)^2 \rightarrow x = \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}$ . The decision rule is to select  $\omega_1$  if  $x < \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}$ , and  $\omega_2$  otherwise.

(b)  $P_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)/2} \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma^2) \ du + \frac{1}{2} \int_{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)/2}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2) \ du$ 

We normalize each of these to obtain:

$$P_e = \frac{1}{2}P(\mathcal{N}(0,1) \le \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{2\sigma}) + \frac{1}{2}P(\mathcal{N}(0,1) \ge \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma})$$

$$= P(\mathcal{N}(0,1) \ge \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma})$$

Finally, we plug in the PDF of the standard normal to observe that  $P_e = P(\mathcal{N}(0,1) \ge \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^{\infty} e^{-z^2/2} dz$ , where  $a = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma}$ .

## Problem 7: Regularized Least Squares.

In this question we'll revisit regularized least squares. Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbf{R}^d$ ,  $y_1, \ldots, y_n \in \mathbf{R}$  be the training dataset. Let  $X \in \mathbf{R}^{(n,d)}$  be the corresponding data matrix. The  $\ell_2$ -regularized least square estimate for w is the solution to the following optimization problem:

$$\underset{w}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2} \|Xw - y\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \tag{1}$$

Here  $\lambda > 0$  is the regularization parameter.

- (a) Compute the gradient of the objective function in (1) with respect to w.
- (b) Set the gradient to zero to get a closed-form solution for w.
- (c) Recall that any vector  $w \in \mathbf{R}^d$  can be written as  $w = w_n + X^T \alpha$  for some  $w_n$  in the nullspace of X (i.e.  $Xw_n = 0$ ) and some  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Furthermore, recall that  $w_n$  is perpendicular to  $X^T \alpha$  for any  $\alpha$ . Using this decomposition of w, show that the first term in the objective function of (1) depends only on  $\alpha$ , and does not depend on  $w_n$ .
- (d) Prove that the second term of (1) does depend on  $w_n$ , but is minimized (over  $w_n$ ) when  $w_n = 0$ . Hint: remember that  $w_n$  is orthogonal to  $X^T \alpha$ .
- (e) Conclude that  $w_{\star} = X^{T} \alpha_{\star}$  for some  $\alpha_{\star}$ , and rewrite (1) as an optimization problem over  $\alpha$ .
- (f) Write down a simple, closed-form solution for  $\alpha_{\star}$ . Try to make this as simple as possible.
- (g) Compare (f) and (b); computationally, when might you want to find  $\alpha_{\star}$  instead of  $w_{\star}$ ?

## Solution:

- (a)  $\nabla_w \frac{1}{2} ||Xw y||_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} ||w||_2^2 = X^T (Xw y) + \lambda w.$
- (b)  $w_* = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y$ .
- (c)  $\frac{1}{2} \|Xw y\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|X(w_n + X^T\alpha) y\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|XX^T\alpha y\|_2^2$ .
- (d) The Pythagorean theorem implies  $||w_n + A^T \alpha||_2^2 = ||A^T \alpha||_2^2 + ||w_n||_2^2$ , which is minimized (over  $w_n$ ) by  $w_n = 0$ .
- (e) The objective function is  $L = \frac{1}{2} \|XX^T\alpha y\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|X^T\alpha\|_2^2$ .

(f)

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (XX^T \alpha - y)^T (XX^T \alpha - y) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (X^T \alpha)^T (X^T \alpha)$$

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

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

since  $y^T X X^T \alpha$  is a scalar that we can freely transpose.

$$\nabla_{\alpha}L = 0 = \frac{1}{2}(2XX^{T}XX^{T}\alpha_{\star} - 2XX^{T}y) + \frac{\lambda}{2}(2XX^{T}\alpha_{\star}) \text{ using identities in the Matrix Cookbook}$$

$$= XX^{T}(XX^{T}\alpha_{\star} - y + \lambda\alpha_{\star})$$

$$\iff XX^{T}(XX^{T} + \lambda I)\alpha_{\star} = XX^{T}y$$

$$\iff XX^{T}(XX^{T} + \lambda I)(\alpha_{\star} + h) = XX^{T}y$$

$$\iff \alpha_{\star} = (XX^{T} + \lambda I)^{-1}y + h$$

where h is any element of the nullspace of  $XX^T$ . The last two steps follow from the general fact that  $Ax = Ab \implies x + h = b$ , where  $h \in \text{Null}(A)$ . If  $XX^T$  is invertible, then  $\alpha_{\star} = (XX^T + \lambda I)^{-1}y$  is the unique minimizer of the loss (the null space is just  $\{0\}$ ).

Note: the last two steps utilize our intuition about the null space of A, which is that it represents the "ambiguity" or "flexibility" in the solutions to the linear system of equations Ax = b, or equivalently the degree of "tolerance" in inputs to a linear operation A.

(g) Computing  $\alpha_{\star}$  consists of computing  $XX^{T}$   $(O(n^{2}d))$  and inverting the resulting  $n \times n$  matrix  $(O(n^{3}))$ . Computing  $w_{\star}$  consists of computing  $X^{T}X$   $(O(nd^{2}))$  and inverting the resulting  $d \times d$  matrix  $(O(d^{3}))$ . So you might want to find  $\alpha_{\star}$  when n << d.

**Problem 8: Least Squares Classification.** In this problem we will implement a least squares classifier for the MNIST data set. The task is to classify handwritten images of numbers between 0 to 9.

We highly recommend you use the anaconda build of python. First you will need to install some packages and get some data.

bash code/get\_data.sh
pip install python-mnist
pip install sklearn
pip install scipy
pip install numpy

Look in hw1.py for the skeleton code. You are **NOT** allowed to use any of the prebuilt classifiers in sklearn. Feel free to use any method from numpy or scipy.

a) In this problem we will choose a linear classifier to minimize the least squares objective:

$$W^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{W \in R^{d \times k}} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \|W^T x_i - y_i\|_2^2 + \lambda \|W\|_F^2$$

We adopt the notation where we have n data points and each data point lives in d-dimensional space. k denotes the number of classes. Note that  $||W||_F$  corresponds to the Frobenius norm of W, i.e.  $||\operatorname{vec}(W)||_2^2$ .

Derive a closed form for  $W_{\star}$ .

**Solution:** First rewrite objective in matrix form (and multiply by  $\frac{1}{2}$  for convinience

$$W^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{W \in R^{d \times k}} \frac{1}{2} ||XW - Y||_F^2 + \lambda ||W||_F^2$$

Note  $||W||_F^2 = tr(W^TW)$ , and take derivative and set to 0:

$$\frac{1}{2}tr(2X^TXW) - tr(2X^TY) + \lambda tr(2W)$$

$$tr(X^TXW) - tr(X^TY) + \lambda tr(W) = 0$$

Linearity of trace

$$tr(X^TXW - X^TY + \lambda W) = 0$$

Trace of 0 matrix is 0, so solve for that.

$$W^* = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y$$

b) As as first step we need to choose the vectors  $y_i \in \mathbf{R}^k$  by converting the original labels (which are in  $\{0, \dots, 9\}$ ) to vectors.

We will use the one-hot encoding of the labels, i.e. the original label  $j \in \{0, ..., 9\}$  is mapped to the standard basis vector  $e_j$ .

Fill in the function, one\_hot, that takes a number in  $0, \ldots, 9$  and returns the encoded vector.

c) Please implement the functions train and predict to achieve a test accuracy of 0.85 (that is your classifier should classify 85% of the examples correctly).

The solution to this part should be **very** simple. We have provided the diffstat for the staff solution (this includes all imports). Our solution takes 7 lines of code.

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d) What is the algorithmic run time for computing train? Write your answer in  $\mathcal{O}$  notation, (In terms of k, d, and n)

$$O(d^3 + nd^2)$$

e) What could you do speed up training when  $n \ll d$ ?

**Solution:** Use trick from problem 7, and solve for  $X^T(XX^T + \lambda I)^{-1}Y$  instead