# EQ2415 – Machine Learning and Data Science HT22

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# 1 Inference in linear models

## 1.1 Projection on a line.

The set  $\mathcal{L} = \{\beta \mathbf{u} \mid \beta \in \mathbb{R}\}$  where  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a unit vector, defines a line of points that may be obtained by varying the value of  $\beta$ .

Question 1. Derive an expression for the point  $\mathbf{y}$  that lies on this line  $\mathcal{L}$ , and that is as close as possible (according to the Euclidean distance) to an arbitrary point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . This operation of replacing a point by its nearest member within some set is called projection.

**Solution:** We begin by defining the distance from y to x. We would like to find the y that minimizes this distance:

$$||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}||^2. \tag{1}$$

Next, we need to enforce the constraint that  $\mathbf{y}$  lies on the line defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ . We can do this simply by defining  $\mathbf{y} = \alpha \mathbf{u}$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$||\mathbf{x} - \alpha \mathbf{u}||^2. \tag{2}$$

Next, we expand the expression:

$$l(\alpha) = ||\mathbf{x} - \alpha \mathbf{u}||^{2}$$

$$= (\mathbf{x} - \alpha \mathbf{u})^{T} (\mathbf{x} - \alpha \mathbf{u})$$

$$= \mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{x} - 2\alpha \mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{u} + \alpha^{2} \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{u}$$

$$= \mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{x} - 2\alpha \mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{u} + \alpha^{2}$$
(3)

In the last line, we used the fact that  $\mathbf{u}$  is a unit vector (i.e.  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = 1$ ) to make the simplification. We can minimize this distance by taking the derivative with respect to  $\alpha$  and setting it to zero:

$$\frac{dl(\alpha)}{d\alpha} = 0$$

$$\implies -2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u} + 2\alpha = 0$$

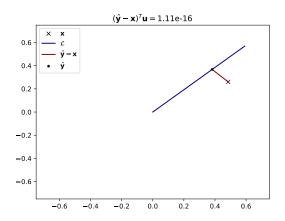
$$\implies \alpha = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}.$$
(4)

Recalling that  $\mathbf{y} = \alpha \mathbf{u}$ , we can conclude that  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}$ .

**Question 2.** Write a small Python program that calculates the projection of random points  $\mathbf{y}$  on the line generated by a unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$ . Use a space of dimension d=2.

#### Solution:

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## 1.2 Some matrix algebra

Let m, n > 0.

**Vector by scalar** Suppose that a vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is dependent upon a scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the derivative of  $\mathbf{y}$  with respect to  $\alpha$  is the vector:

$$J = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{d\alpha} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dy_m}{d\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (5)

**Scalar by vector** Suppose that a scalar  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  depends upon a vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then the derivative of x with respect to  $\mathbf{y}$  is the (row) vector:

$$J = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial y_m} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (6)

**Vector by vector** Suppose we have m real valued multivariate functions  $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose also that we have a multivariate function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is such that for some  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x}) = (f_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{x})). \tag{7}$$

The Jacobian matrix J, of the multivariate function f, has elements

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j}$$
, for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , (8)

i.e. can be written in matrix form:

$$J = \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (9)

Scalar by matrix Suppose a scalar  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is dependent upon a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then the derivative of x wrt that matrix is written in matrix form:

$$J = \frac{\partial x}{\partial M} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial M_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial M_{1m}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial M_{n1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial M_{nm}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10)

Suppose that for m, n > 0, we have  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .

Question 1. Calculate the Jacobian:

1. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} =$$

$$2. \ \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} =$$

3. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T M \mathbf{b}}{\partial M} =$$

4. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}^T M^T M \mathbf{c}}{\partial M} =$$

5. 
$$\frac{\partial ||\mathbf{x}||^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} =$$

Solution:

1. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}^T$$

$$2. \ \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}^T$$

3. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T M \mathbf{b}}{\partial M} = \mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^T$$

4. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}^T M^T M \mathbf{c}}{\partial M} = M(\mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}^T + \mathbf{c} \mathbf{b}^T)$$

5. 
$$\frac{\partial ||\mathbf{x}||_2^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 2\mathbf{x}^T$$

## 1.3 Minimum mean square error

Suppose that we can observe two random variables  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^q$ . Suppose also that these variables are related, and that we model this relation by a linear model parameterized with a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times d}$ , i.e. such that

$$\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}.\tag{11}$$

Question 1. Find  $A^*$  leading to the minimum mean square error, i.e. find  $A^*$  such that

$$A^{\star} = \arg\min_{A} \mathbb{E}[||\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x}||^{2}]. \tag{12}$$

**Solution:** We will find the value of A such that the derivative of the expectation in (12) is 0.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x})^{T}(\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x})]}{\partial A} = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^{T} A^{T} A\mathbf{x}}{\partial A} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^{T} A^{T} \mathbf{y}}{\partial A} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^{T} A\mathbf{x}}{\partial A} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^{T} \mathbf{y}}{\partial A}\right] 
= \mathbb{E}[2A\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^{T} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{T} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{T}], \text{ since } \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^{T} A\mathbf{x}}{\partial A} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^{T} A^{T} \mathbf{y}}{\partial A} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{T} 
= \mathbb{E}[2A\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^{T} - \mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^{T} - \mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^{T}], \text{ since } \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{T} \text{ is symmetric} 
= 2\mathbb{E}\left[(A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\mathbf{x}^{T}\right]$$
(13)

Setting to 0 and rearranging (13):

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x})]}{\partial A} \Big|_{A^*} = 0$$

$$\implies A^* \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^T]$$

$$\implies A^* = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^T] \left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T]\right)^{-1}.$$
(14)

Question 2. Ordinary Least squares.

Suppose that you are given n data points for  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , in the form of matrices  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$  respectively.

Find the least square solution  $A_n^{\star}$  of the fitting problem when n samples are observed. Express the solution as a function of the matrices X and Y.

Solution: Remember that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} ||\mathbf{y}_i - A\mathbf{x}_i||^2 \to \mathbb{E}[||\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x}||^2], \text{ when } n \to \infty.$$
 (15)

This means that the least square solution and the minimum mean square solution coincide when infinitely many samples are observed.

The least square solution  $A_n^{\star}$ , minimizes the Frobenius norm of the residuals, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial ||Y - AX||_F^2}{\partial A} \bigg|_{A_n^*} = 0 \tag{16}$$

\* **Frobenius norm derivative** The frobenius norm for a real valued matrix is sum of the square of the elements of the matrix, and can be written:

$$||Y - AX||_F^2 = \operatorname{tr} ((Y - AX)^T (Y - AX))$$
  
=  $\operatorname{tr} (X^T A^T AX) - \operatorname{tr} (X^T A^T Y) - \operatorname{tr} (Y^T AX) + \operatorname{tr} (Y^T Y)$  (17)

Let's calculate the derivative of the traces:

Derivative of the trace of a matrix product AXB wrt X.

Suppose A, B and X are rectangular matrices (different from the ones in the problem) with appropriate dimensions. By definition of the trace operator and of matrix products,  $\operatorname{tr}(AXB) = \sum_{ijk} A_{ij} X_{jk} B_{ki}$ . The element j', k' of the Jacobian matrix of  $\operatorname{tr}(AXB)$ :

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}(AXB)}{\partial X_{j'k'}} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_{ij} X_{jk} B_{ki}}{\partial X_{j'k'}}, \text{ the term in the sum is 0 unless } j = j' \text{ and } k = k',$$

$$= \sum_{i} A_{ij'} B_{k'i} = (A^T B^T)_{j'k'} \tag{18}$$

Thus in matrix notation:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}(AXB)}{\partial X} = A^T B^T. \tag{19}$$

In our context, replacing X with A and replacing A, B

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}\left(Y^{T} A X\right)}{\partial A} = Y X^{T} \tag{20}$$

Similarly, since:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr} (AXB)}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial \operatorname{tr} \left( B^T X^T A^T \right)}{\partial X} = A^T B^T \tag{21}$$

replacing X with A, B with X and  $A^T$  with Y:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}\left(X^{T} A^{T} Y\right)}{\partial A} = Y X^{T} \tag{22}$$

Derivative of the trace of the matrix product  $X^TA^TAX$  wrt A.

We use element notations:

$$(AX)_{ij} = \sum_{k} A_{ik} X_{kj} \text{ and } (X^{T} A^{T})_{ij} = \sum_{k} A_{jk} X_{ki}$$
thus ,  $[(X^{T} A^{T})(AX)]_{ij} = \sum_{k} (X^{T} A^{T})_{ik} (AX)_{kj}$ 

$$= \sum_{k} \left( (\sum_{l} A_{kl} X_{li}) (\sum_{m} A_{km} X_{mj}) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k,l,m} A_{kl} X_{li} A_{km} X_{mj}.$$
(23)

Now we can write the trace:

$$\operatorname{tr}(X^{T}A^{T}AX) = \sum_{i} \sum_{k,l,m} A_{kl} X_{li} A_{km} X_{mi} = \sum_{i} \sum_{lm} X_{li} X_{mi} \sum_{k} A_{km} A_{kl}.$$
 (24)

Element k', j' of the Jacobian wrt A is:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}\left(X^{T} A^{T} A X\right)}{\partial A_{k'j'}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{l,m} X_{li} X_{mi} \sum_{k} \frac{\partial A_{kl} A_{km}}{\partial A_{k'j'}}$$
(25)

The sum on the right hand side is for sure 0 when  $k \neq k'$ , thus:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}\left(X^{T} A^{T} A X\right)}{\partial A_{k'j'}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{l,m} X_{li} X_{mi} \frac{\partial A_{k'l} A_{k'm}}{\partial A_{k'j'}}$$
(26)

then we can split the sum on l, m depending on whether l or m = j':

$$\frac{\partial \text{tr} \left( X^{T} A^{T} A X \right)}{\partial A_{k'j'}} = \sum_{i} \sum_{l \neq j'} \left( \sum_{m \neq j'} X_{li} X_{mi} . 0 + \sum_{m = j'} X_{li} X_{j'i} \frac{\partial A_{k'l} A_{k'j'}}{\partial A_{k'j'}} \right) 
+ \sum_{l = j'} \left( \sum_{m \neq j'} X_{j'i} X_{mi} \frac{\partial A_{k'j'} A_{k'm}}{\partial A_{k'j'}} + \sum_{m = j'} X_{j'i} X_{ji} \frac{\partial A_{k'j'}^{2}}{\partial A_{k'j'}} \right) 
= \sum_{i} \sum_{l \neq j'} X_{li} X_{j'i} A_{k'l} + \sum_{l = j'} \left( \sum_{m \neq j'} X_{j'i} X_{mi} A_{k'm} + X_{j'i} X_{j'i} 2 A_{k'j'} \right) 
= \sum_{i} \left( \sum_{l} X_{li} X_{j'i} A_{k'l} + \sum_{l} X_{mi} X_{j'i} A_{k'm} \right)$$
(27)

Here the sum on the l and m index are the same, thus

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr} \left( X^T A^T A X \right)}{\partial A_{k'j'}} = 2 \sum_{i} \sum_{l} X_{li} X_{j'i} A_{k'l} 
= 2 \sum_{l} A_{k'l} \sum_{i} X_{li} X_{j'i}$$
(28)

This turns out to be the k'j' index of matrix  $2AXX^T$  (you can verify this by writing  $2AXX^T$  in index form). Thus in matrix notation:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{tr}\left(X^{T} A^{T} A X\right)}{\partial A} = 2AXX^{T} \tag{29}$$

Back to our problem from equation 16:

$$\frac{\partial ||Y - AX||_F^2}{\partial A} \Big|_{A_n^{\star}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \operatorname{tr} \left( X^T A^T A X \right) - \operatorname{tr} \left( X^T A^T Y \right) - \operatorname{tr} \left( Y^T A X \right) + \operatorname{tr} \left( Y^T Y \right) \Big|_{A_n^{\star}} = 0$$

$$\implies 2A_n^{\star} X X^T - Y X^T - Y X^T = 0$$

$$\implies 2(A_n^{\star} X - Y) X^T = 0$$

$$\implies A_n^{\star} = Y X^T (X X^T)^{-1}$$
(30)

Question 3. The solution above can lead to overfitting, especially when a few data points are provided. Also  $XX^T$  may not be invertible. We resort to regularization in these cases. We find  $A_n^*$  such that

$$A_n^* = \arg\min_{A} ||Y - AX||_F^2 + \lambda ||A||_F^2, \tag{31}$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ .

How is  $A_n^{\star}$  calculated in this case?

**Solution:** Using previous questions:

$$A_n^{\star} = YX^T(XX^T + \lambda I)^{-1} \tag{32}$$

**Question 4.** Implement the solutions to Questions 2 and 3 in Python. Generate data with a linear model and make sure that you are able to recover the linear transformation.

## 1.4 Kernel based predictions

Similarly to the previous questions, we suppose that we are given n data points for  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , in the form of matrices  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$  respectively. For simplicity we assume q=1.

A kernel based predictor differs from a linear predictor in that it performs linear prediction on a transformed version of the input rather than of the input directly. The transformation is performed by a function (let's call it  $\phi$ ) mapping input vectors to vectors in a space of arbitrary dimension N, i.e.  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^N$ . The prediction for a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is written as

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}),\tag{33}$$

where  $\mathbf{w}$  are parameters of the predictor. In other words, kernel predictors are linear predictors in higher dimensional spaces.

Question 1. Introducing the design matrix.

Derive the MSE solution for  $\mathbf{w}$ , when constant weighting factors  $r_i > 0$  are introduced for each of our samples  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , i.e. find  $\mathbf{w}^*$  that minimizes:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i \left( y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \right)^2$$
(34)

**Question 1a.** Write the derivative of E wrt  $\mathbf{w}$ 

Question 1b. Find  $\mathbf{w}^*$  that minimizes E as a function of

$$\mathbf{\Phi}' = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{r_1} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_1)^T \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{r_n} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Y' = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{r_1} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{r_n} y_n \end{bmatrix}$$
(35)

**Question 1c.** How can you interpret the coefficients  $r_i$ ?

**Solution:** The derivative:

$$J = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)^T$$
(36)

Let us denote  $y'_i = \sqrt{r_i}y_i$  and  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)' = \sqrt{r_i}\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$ . Setting the derivative to 0:

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i' \phi'(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \phi'(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi'(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \right)$$
(37)

Note that  $\mathbf{\Phi}'^T \mathbf{\Phi}' = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)' \phi'(\mathbf{x}_i)^T$  and  $\mathbf{\Phi}'^T Y' = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i' \phi'(\mathbf{x}_i)$  This gives, using the design matrix  $\mathbf{\Phi}'$ :  $\mathbf{w}^* = Y'^T \mathbf{\Phi}' (\mathbf{\Phi}'^T \mathbf{\Phi}')^{-1}$ .

In imbalanced classification problems, the coefficient  $r_i$  can be interpreted as class weights, artificially increasing/decreasing the error made on the under/over-represented class.

Question 2. Introducing the Gram matrix.

We now assume that  $r_i = 1$  for i = 1, ..., n. Also, we assume that we introduce a regularization parameter  $\lambda > 0$  in our MSE.

**Question 2a.** Write the MSE (similar to equation 34) with a regularization term for  $||\mathbf{w}||_2$  and without  $r_i$ .

**Solution:** 

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_i))^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$
 (38)

The design matrix  $\Phi$  can be problematic to compute for some choices of  $\phi$ . Instead let us introduce a way to perform predictions on a new point  $\mathbf{x}$ , without explicitly writing the design matrix. For this we need another parameter vector :

$$\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
, where  $a_i = -\frac{1}{\lambda} (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) - y_n)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  (39)

Using this in the expression of the gradient of equation (34), we find that this new parameter vector is related to  $\mathbf{w}$  as follows:  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{a}$ .

Question 2b. By introducing the Gram matrix  $K = \Phi \Phi^T$ , with elements  $K_{i,j} = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$  show that the prediction for a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  can be obtained as (Eq (6.9) in Bishop):

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = Y \left( K + \lambda I_n \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(40)

you can assume q = 1 for simplicity.

**Solution:** We re-write equation 34:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) - y_{i})^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}))^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) y_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i})) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i})^{T} \mathbf{w}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) y_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i})^{T} \right) \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) y_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_{i})^{T} \right) \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} Y^{T} + \frac{1}{2} Y^{T} Y + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \mathbf{a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} Y^{T} + \frac{1}{2} Y^{T} Y + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \mathbf{a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} Y^{T} + \frac{1}{2} Y^{T} Y + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{T} \mathbf{a}$$

The Gram matrix is introduced as  $K = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{\Phi}^T$  which leads to

$$E(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}^T K K \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}^T K Y^T + \frac{1}{2}Y^T Y + \frac{\lambda}{2}\mathbf{a}^T K \mathbf{a}$$
 (42)

Deriving wrt  $\mathbf{a}$  and setting the gradient to 0:

$$\mathbf{a}^* = (K + \lambda I_n)^{-1} Y. \tag{43}$$

This leads to the equation for the prediction of a target from a new input x:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{w}^{T} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) = Y^{T} (K + \lambda I_{n})^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\phi}^{T} (\mathbf{x}_{1}) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\phi}^{T} (\mathbf{x}_{n}) \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = Y^{T} (K + \lambda I_{n})^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ k(\mathbf{x}_{n}, \mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(44)

Question 3. Implement a function in Python that calculates the Gram matrix associated with a linear kernel. Your function should take as argument two sets of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  in the form of two matrices, e.g.  $X_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  and  $X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$ , and return the Gram matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .

**Question 4.** Similarly, implement a function in Python that calculates the Gram matrix associated with a RBF kernel.

**Question 5.** Implement (40). Your function should take a matrix with input points columnwise and return a matrix with the predicted vectors columnwise.

**Question 6.** Compare the performances of a kernel predictor with a linear kernel and with a RBF kernel. You can use a toy dataset for this, e.g.:

from sklearn.datasets import make\_circles;
X,Y = make\_circles(n\_samples=1\_000, factor=0.3, noise=0.05, random\_state=0);