

1 Analytical solution with Linear Algebra

1.1 Algebraic manipulation

let's denote $x_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_{i1} \\ \dots \\ x_{in} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \dots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix}$ the expression: $h(\theta) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots \theta_n \cdot x_n$

can be expressed as $\theta \cdot x^T$.

the cost function can be expressed as follows:

$$J = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - x_i^T \cdot \theta)^2.$$

let's consider $Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \dots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$ and $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_{m1} & x_{m2} & \dots & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ then

the following equality holds $\dot{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \\ \dots \\ \dot{y}_n \end{bmatrix} = X \cdot \theta$

Therefore our the cost function

$$J = \frac{1}{2m} \cdot |(Y - \dot{Y})| = \frac{1}{2m} \cdot (Y - \dot{Y})^T \cdot (Y - \dot{Y}) = \frac{1}{2m} \cdot (Y - X \cdot \theta)^T \cdot (Y - X \cdot \theta)$$

1.2 solution

Using Linear Algebra techniques, the solution for the problem $J \rightarrow \min$ is the vector

$$\theta = (X^T \cdot X)^{-1} \cdot X^T \cdot Y$$

1.3 Note

This solution is valid only when the matrix X have linearly independent columns. Otherwise the matrix $(X^T \cdot X)^{-1}$ might not exist. In such cases, using numerical optimization methods such as Gradient Descent might be the best approach.

2 Gradient Descent

The algorithm can be expressed as follows

repeat until convergence {
 $\theta_i := \theta_i - \alpha \cdot \frac{dJ}{d\theta_i}$
 for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$
}

Having

$$J = \frac{1}{2m} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \sum_{j=0}^n (x_{ij} \cdot \theta_j))^2$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dJ}{d\theta_k} &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \sum_{j=0}^n (x_{ij} \cdot \theta_j)) \cdot x_{ik} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \dot{y}_i) \cdot x_{ik} \end{aligned}$$

The expression above can be vectorized as follows:

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta \theta_k} = X^T \cdot (X \cdot \theta - y)$$