

CSCI567 Homework 1

Question 1.1

In the case where the matrix is not invertable, one can say that the w matrix, has rows that are dependent on one another, meaning its true dimensionality is less than that of each X .

Question 1.2

Starting with the residual sum of squares objective function we get:

$$b^* = \operatorname{argmin}_b \|y - (wx + b\mathbf{1}_N)\|^2$$

Then, taking a derivative with respect to b we get:

$$\mathbf{1}_N^T (y - wx - b^*\mathbf{1}_N) = 0$$

Then using:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_n x_n = 0$$

the equation is reduced to:

$$\mathbf{1}_N^T (y - b^*\mathbf{1}_N) = 0$$

which is exactly the same equation as which was given in the 0 dimension case. With that, we find that:

$$b^* = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{1}_N^T y = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n y_n$$

Question 2.1

We start with the objective function:

$$\min_{w,b} \varepsilon(w,b) = \min_{w,b} - \sum_n \{y_n \log(\sigma(w^T x_n + b)) + (1 - y_n) \log(1 - \sigma(w^T x_n + b))\}$$

Taking a derivative and simplifying we get:

$$0 = - \sum_n \{y_n - \sigma(w^T x_n + b^*) y_n + ((-\sigma(w^T x_n + b^*) + y_n) (\sigma(w^T x_n + b^*)))\}$$

$$0 = - \sum_n \{y_n - \sigma(w^T x_n + b^*)\}$$

The simplest way for the above statement to be true is for each of the summed elements to equal zero:

$$y_n = \sigma(w^T x_n + b^*)$$

with that we get the optimal b :

$$b = \log\left(\frac{y_n}{1 - y_n}\right) - w^T x_n$$