

Ordinary Least Squares is an analytical method to find the optimal weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  for linear regression. This method is based on the assumption that the response of a linear function is  $y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \varepsilon$  where the residual error between model predictions and the true response  $\varepsilon_i = y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i$  is normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

The density function  $p(y|\mathbf{x}, \mu, \sigma^2)$  is also normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .  $\mu$  is a linear function of  $\mathbf{x}$ :  $\mu = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i$ . It is reasonable to assume that the noise component,  $\sigma^2$ , is the same for the entire dataset.

Assuming each training example is independent and identically distributed (*iid*), the likelihood function for the dataset is

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^m \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{(y_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \right]$$

The optimal  $\mathbf{w}$  can be determined by applying MLE to RSS, that is, by setting  $\frac{\partial \text{RSS}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = 0$  and solving for  $\mathbf{w}$ . In matrix notation  $\mathbf{w}_{OLS} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$ . This is also known as the normal equation.

Complete the start-up code to perform the following tasks:

- Apply the normal equation to find  $\mathbf{w}_{OLS} = [w_0, w_1]^T$ .
- Print the predicted price of a 5000 square foot house. Remember to “normalize” the square footage first.
- Plot the regression line  $\hat{y}_{OLS}$  over the training examples. The line is defined by  $\mathbf{w}_{OLS}$ .

Submit the python code (*.ipynb* file). Your code must run on Google Colab.