

cs229 problem set 1

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1 Problem 1

1.1 (a)

Let's compute Hessian of $J(\theta)$ for one training sample. We have

$$J(\theta) = y \log \sigma(\theta^T x) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x))$$

Now, we compute the first derivate of $J(\theta)$ with respect to θ_i :

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} [y \log \sigma(\theta^T x) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x))]$$

We need to use the fact that derivative of $\sigma(\theta^T x)$ is $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} = \sigma(\theta^T x)(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x))(x[i])$ i.e. the derivative of $\sigma(\theta^T x)$ is $\sigma(\theta^T x)(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x))x$.

Using chain rule, we have

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = y * (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x)) * x[i] + (1 - y) * (-\sigma(\theta^T x)) * x[i]$$

Simplifying, we have

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = (y - \sigma(\theta^T x)) * x[i]$$

So for n training samples, we have

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \sigma(\theta^T x_j)) * x_{ij}$$

Writing this in vector form, we have

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \sigma(\theta^T x_j)) * x_j$$

Now let us compute the Hessian of $J(\theta)$ with respect to θ_i and θ_j : We know that the derivate with respect to j is

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \sigma(\theta^T x_j)) * x_{ij}$$

So H_{ij} is

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ij} &= \frac{\partial^2 J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \left[-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (y_k - \sigma(\theta^T x_k)) * x_{kj} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (y_k - \sigma(\theta^T x_k)) * x_{kj} \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (\sigma(\theta^T x_k)) * (\sigma(\theta^T x_k) - 1) * x_{ki} x_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

Writing it in matrix form, we have

$$H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (\sigma(\theta^T x_k)) * (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x_k)) * x_k x_k^T$$

Now we want to show that the Hessian is positive semi-definite which implies that J has a local minima and it's a convex function The way it's done is by showing that for any vector v , we have

$$v^T H v \geq 0$$

Note: TODO(Bhav): Why is this true?

$$v^T H v = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (\sigma(\theta^T x_k)) * (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x_k)) v^T x_k x_k^T v$$

Now we can see that $V^T x_k x_k^T v$ can be written as

$$v^T x x^T v = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d v[i] x[i] x[j] v[j]$$

where d is the dimension of x . Try to write this in matrix form and you can see. Now using the hint, we can easily see that the above form is equivalent to $v^T x x^T v = (v^T x)(x^T v) > 0$.

Since $\sigma(\theta^T x_k) \in [0, 1]$, we have $H \geq 0$ always.

1.2 (b)

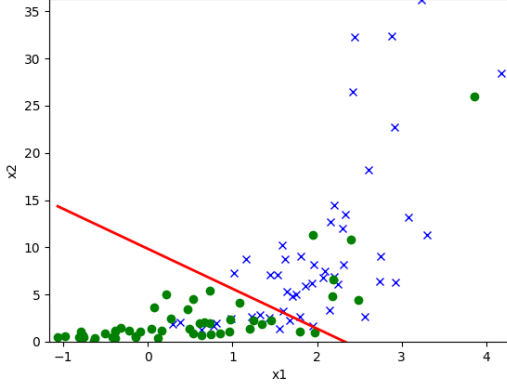


Figure 1: first

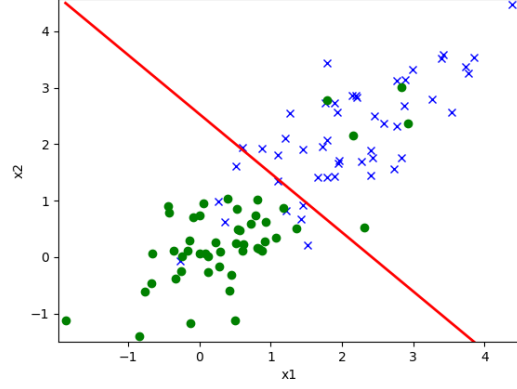


Figure 2: second

1.3 (c)

We need to show that GDA results in a classifier that has linear decision boundary i.e.

$$P(y = 1|x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\theta^T x + \theta_0))}$$

Using bayes rule, we have

$$P(y = 1|x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \frac{P(x|y = 1; \mu_1, \Sigma)P(y = 1; \phi)}{P(x; \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma)}$$

Plugging formulas, we end up with an expression that looks like

$$P(y = 1|x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(f_1 - f_0))}$$

and $f_0 = \frac{-1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_0) + \log(1 - \phi)$ and $f_1 = \frac{-1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1) + \log(\phi)$ and $f_1 - f_0 = \frac{-1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1) + \log(\phi) - \frac{-1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_0) + \log(1 - \phi)$

If we expand the above expression by opening the transpose, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 - f_0 &= \frac{-1}{2}(k) + \log(\phi) - \log(1 - \phi) \\ k &= (x^T - \mu_1^T) \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1) - (x^T - \mu_0^T) \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_0) \\ &= \theta^T x + \theta_0 \end{aligned}$$

We also use the fact $(X.Y)^T = Y^T.X^T$ and $(X + Y)^T = X^T + Y^T$.

where $\theta_0 = (\mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 - \mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0) + \log(\phi) - \log(1 - \phi)$ and $(\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} = \theta$

1.4 (d)

We want to derive the parameters for $\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma$. We derive this using the log likelihood function. We know that the log likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \log P(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) + \log P(y^{(i)}; \phi) \\ \log P(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) &= \log \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}) \right) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\log P(y^{(i)}; \phi) = y^{(i)} \log \phi + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \phi)$$

Now differentiating the above expression with respect to $\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma$ and setting it to zero, we get the following expressions.

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \phi} = \frac{1}{\phi} \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} - \frac{1}{1 - \phi} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y^{(i)}) = 0$$

1.4.1 Solve for ϕ

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\phi} \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} &= \frac{1}{1 - \phi} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y^{(i)}) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} &= \frac{\phi}{1 - \phi} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y^{(i)}) \\ \phi &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)}}{n}\end{aligned}$$

1.4.2 For μ_0, μ_1

The proof follows similar for μ_0 and μ_1 . We'll just prove for μ_0 .

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_0} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_0} y_i \left(-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0) \right)$$

We need to calculate this quantity: i.e. for $x = x^T U x$ where x is a vector, U is a matrix and u is a vector, we need to calculate

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^T U x} x = 2Ux$$

if U is symmetric.

So this means

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2\Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0) y^{(i)} = 0$$

Since Σ is symmetric and positive definite, we can write

$$\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)} - \mu_0) y^{(i)} = 0$$

This gives the results we want.

1.4.3 For Σ

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \Sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} y_i \left(-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0) \right)$$

I have added the solution in my [my-notes](#) file.

1.5 (e)

1.6 (f)

The decision boundary of logistic regression is much better. As we can see there are some misclassifications of both green and blue points in the GDA case.

1.7 (g)

similar to (f)

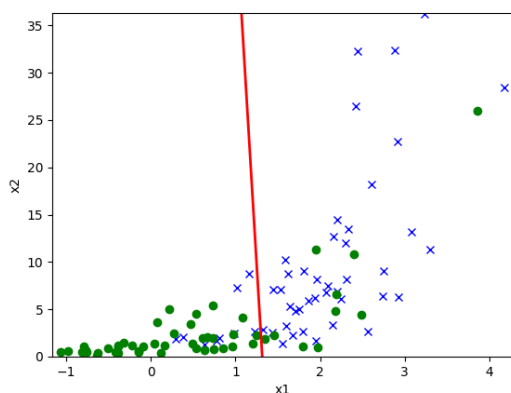


Figure 3: first

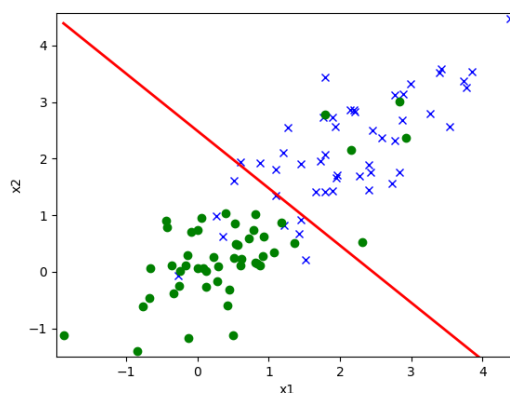


Figure 4: second

1.8 (h)

As suggested by chatGPT, we can use the following transformations to get a better decision boundary.

1. Standardization: Standardize the input features by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation. This can make the Gaussian distributions more comparable and easier for GDA to model.
2. Log transformation: If the input data is highly skewed, applying a log transformation can help reduce the skewness and make the distribution more symmetric.
3. Polynomial transformations: You can introduce higher-order polynomial features or interaction terms to capture non-linear relationships between input features.
4. Principal Component Analysis (PCA): Perform PCA to transform the input data into a new set of orthogonal features that capture most of the variance in the data. This can help reduce the dimensionality and make it easier for GDA to model the underlying distributions.
5. Whitening: Transform the input data to have zero mean and identity covariance matrix. This can be achieved by first standardizing the data and then applying PCA followed by scaling the principal components to have unit variance.

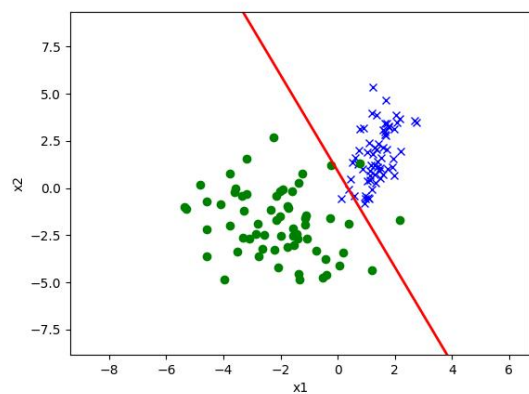


Figure 5: Positive-Only true labels

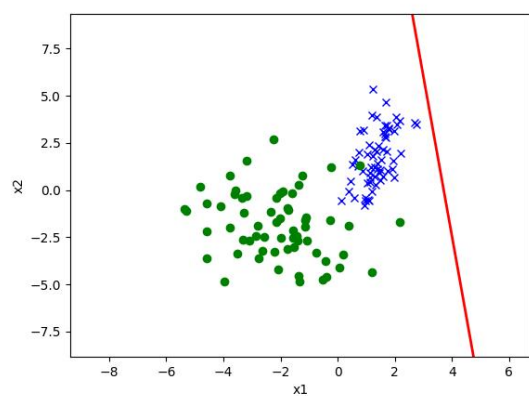


Figure 6: Positive-Only predicted labels(Trained on just y)

2 Problem 2: Incomplete, Positive-Only Labels

2.1 (a)

2.2 (b)

2.3 (c)

We want to show $P(t^{(i)} = 1|y^i = 1, x^{(i)}; \theta) = 1$ for all i . Using bayes rule, we have

$$P(t^{(i)} = 1|y^i = 1, x^{(i)}; \theta) = \frac{P(y^i = 1|t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)}; \theta)P(t^{(i)} = 1|x^{(i)}; \theta)}{P(y^i = 1|t^{(i)}, x^{(i)}; \theta)}$$

$$P(y^i = 1|t^{(i)}, x^{(i)}; \theta) = P(y^i = 1|t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)}; \theta)P(t^{(i)} = 1|x^{(i)}; \theta) + P(y^i = 1|t^{(i)} = 0, x^{(i)}; \theta)P(t^{(i)} = 0|x^{(i)}; \theta)$$

We know that $P(y^i = 1|t^{(i)} = 0, x^{(i)}; \theta) = 0$.

2.4 (d)

we need to show $P(t^i = 1|x^i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot P(y^i = 1|x^i)$ for all i .

We know that $P(y^i = 1|t^i = 1, x^i; \theta) = \alpha$ Using conditional probability, we have

$$P(y^i = 1|t^i = 1, x^i) = \frac{P(y^i = 1 \cap t^i = 1|x^i)}{P(t^i = 1|x^i)}$$

$P(y^i = 1 \cap t^i = 1) = P(y^i = 1|x^i)$ since $y^i = 1$ implies $t^i = 1$.

2.5 (e)

$$h(x^i) = P(t^i = 1|x^i) * P(y^i = 1|t^i = 1, x^i) + P(t^i = 0|x^i) * P(y^i = 1|t^i = 0, x^i)$$

2.6 (f)

3 Problem 3: Poisson Regression

3.1 (a)

Boring problem, skipped.

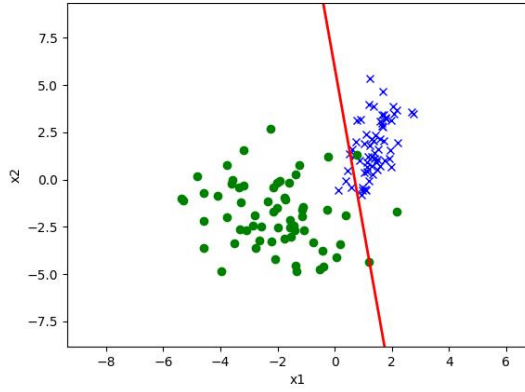


Figure 7: adjusted

3.2 (b)

Boring problem, skipped.

3.3 (c)

For GLM:

$$P(y; \eta) = b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta))$$

Log likelihood $l(\theta)$ is given by

$$l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y^{(i)}; \eta^{(i)}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log b(y^{(i)}) + \eta^{(i)T} T(y^{(i)}) - a(\eta^{(i)})$$

Plugging values we get

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{1}{y^{(i)}!} + y^{(i)} \log \lambda^{(i)} - \lambda^{(i)}$$

Since $\lambda^{(i)} = \exp(\theta^T x^{(i)})$,

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{1}{y^{(i)}!} + y^{(i)} \theta^T x^{(i)} - \exp(\theta^T x^{(i)})$$

Taking derivative w.r.t θ_j ,

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} x_j^{(i)} - \exp(\theta^T x^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \exp(\theta^T x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}$$

3.4 (d)

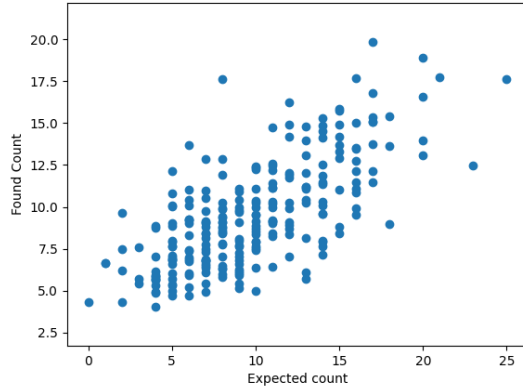


Figure 8: poisson

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4 Problem 4: Convexity of Generalized Linear Models

$$p(y; \eta) = b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta))$$

and

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y; \eta) dy$$

4.1 (a)

We need to show that $\mathbb{E}[Y; \eta] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} a(\eta)$. By using the integral hint, we have

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y; \eta) dy$$

Differentiating w.r.t η ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} p(y; \eta) dy \\
0 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) dy \\
0 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} (\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) dy \\
0 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) (T(y) - a'(\eta)) dy
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) T(y) dy - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) a'(\eta) dy \\
E[Y; \eta] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} a(\eta)
\end{aligned}$$

4.2 (b)

Now we need to show that the variance $Var(Y; \eta) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} a(\eta)$. By using the integral hint, we have

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y; \eta) dy$$

Double differentiating w.r.t η ,

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} p(y; \eta) dy$$

So to calculate the $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta))$, we need to use the product rule. It'll be

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} f(\eta) = \exp(\eta y - a(\eta)) \cdot (-a''(\eta) + (y - a'(\eta))^2)$$

Now we have

$$0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) \cdot (-a''(\eta) + (y - a'(\eta))^2) dy$$

Simplifying, we get

$$a(\eta)'' = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)) \cdot (y - a'(\eta))^2 dy$$

The right hand side is the variance of Y .

4.3 (c)

We need to derive the Hessian of the log likelihood function $l(\theta)$.

$$l(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y^{(i)}; \eta^{(i)}) = (-1) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log b(y^{(i)}) + \eta^{(i)T} T(y^{(i)}) - a(\eta^{(i)}) \right)$$

Assuming $\eta^{(i)} = \theta^T x^{(i)}$ and $\eta^{(i)}$ is a scalar, and $T(y^{(i)}) = y$

$$l(\theta) = -1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log b(y^{(i)}) + \theta^T x^{(i)} y^{(i)} - a(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Taking derivative w.r.t θ_j ,

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = -\sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - a'(\theta^T x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}$$

Taking derivative w.r.t θ_k ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} = -\sum_{i=1}^n (-a''(\theta^T x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)} x_k^{(i)}$$

We know that $a''(\theta^T x^{(i)})$ is the variance of Y so it's always > 0 . Hence, the Hessian is always positive definite.

5 Problem 5: Linear Regression: linear in what?

5.1 (a): Learning degree-3 polynomials of the input

Given that input is $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$. The objective function is the sum of squared errors. We need to find θ that minimizes the objective function using gradient descent. It's the same as linear regression.

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2$$

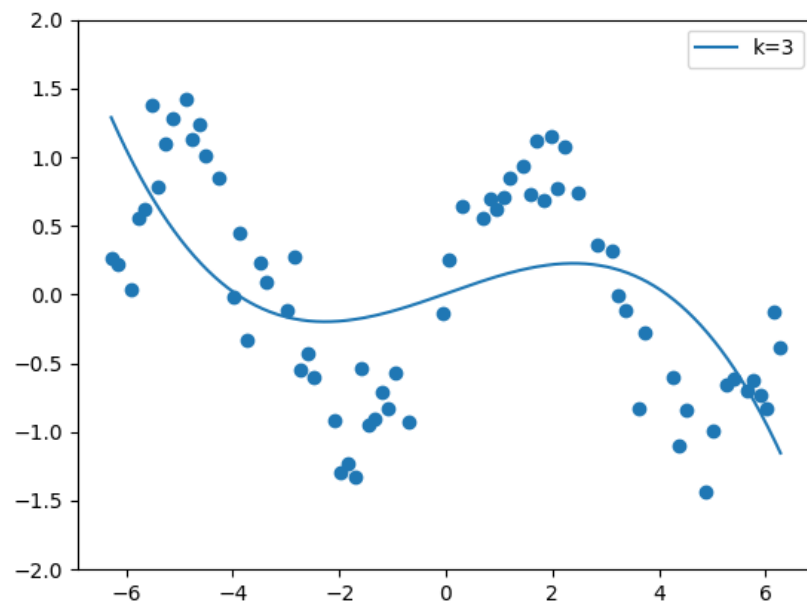


Figure 9: degree3 problem (b)

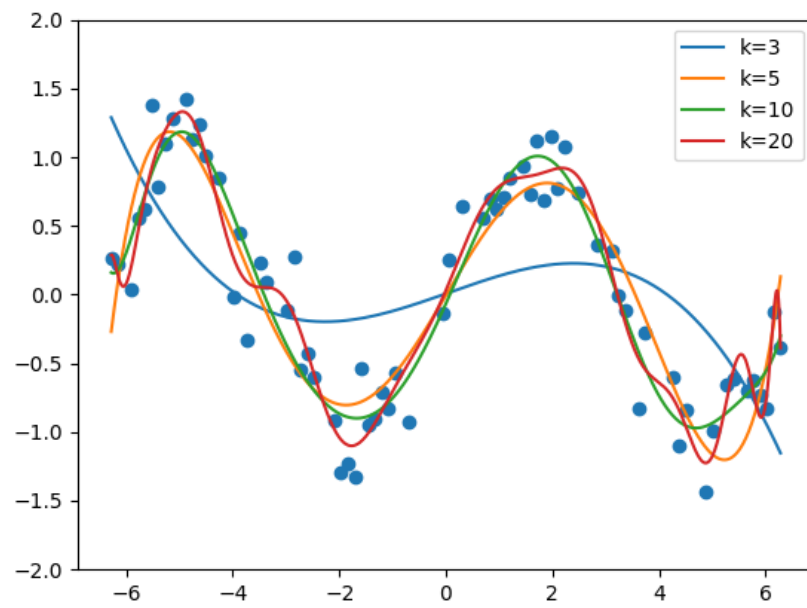


Figure 10: multiple degree3 problem (c)

5.2 (b):

5.3 (c):

For $k = 20$, the model is overfitting. But the fit gets better as k increases.

5.4 (d):

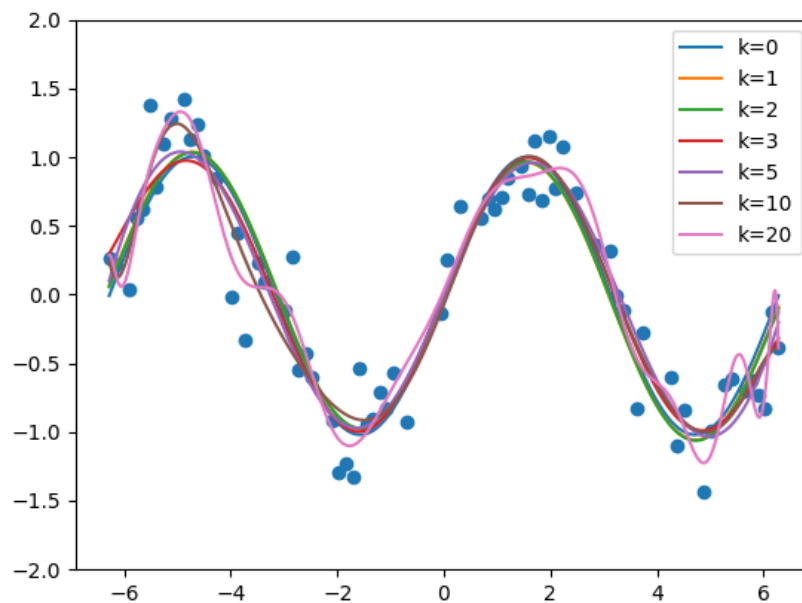


Figure 11: degree3 problem (d)

We're overfitting the data when $k = 20$.

5.5 (e):

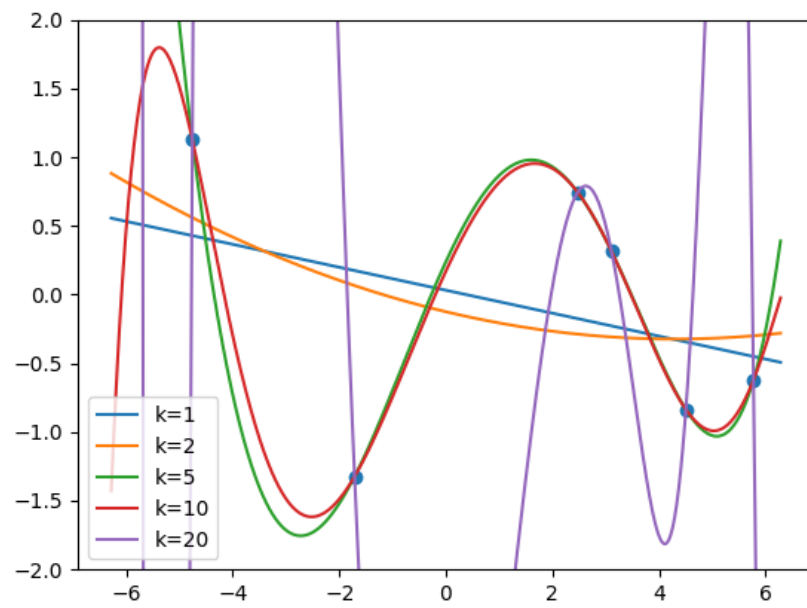


Figure 12: degree3 problem (e)