

# CS771 Homework 1

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TOTAL POINTS

**100 / 100**

## QUESTION 1

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10 / 10

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### 2 Consistent or Not? 10 / 10

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### 3 Linear Regression meets Nearest

Neighbors 10 / 10

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#### QUESTION 5

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### 6 Programming Problem **40 / 40**

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✓ + **15 pts** Correct implementation for regression based method. Accuracy should be around 73% for

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1. Since, this is a classification problem and at each leaf node we have to predict any one of the class. We will predict by majority vote i.e. class that has maximum number of data points at the leaf node will be our prediction. In both the cases 200 data points will be classified incorrectly out of 800 points. The misclassification rate for both of the trees are equal and its value is  $\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$ .

2. Entropy for the set  $S$  with total  $C$  classes is given by:  $H(S) = \sum_{c \in C} -p_c \log_2 p_c$  where  $p_c$  is the fraction of inputs from the class with label  $c$ . Information gain is the difference between the entropy before and after the split.

**Entropy before split:**  $-\left(\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2}\right)$

Since the data points are divided into two parts after the split, the entropy is given by:

Entropy after split = (fraction of points at leaf node 1)  $\times$  Entropy at leaf node 1 + (fraction of points at leaf node 2)  $\times$  Entropy at leaf node 2

**Entropy after split for tree A:**  $-\left(\frac{3}{4} \log \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{4}\right) \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2}$

**Entropy after split for tree B:**  $-\left(\frac{1}{3} \log \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \log \frac{2}{3}\right) \times \frac{3}{4}$

$IG_A = 0.1887$ ,  $IG_B = 0.3112$ .

Clearly  $Tree_B$  has more "information gain" value than  $Tree_A$ .

3. Yes, the answer for both the part was different. The misclassification rate after the split was same for both the trees while information gain for Tree B was more than the A. The misclassification rate and entropy are two different notions. Misclassification rate tell us what fraction of data points will be misclassified whereas the information gain is the quantity to measure difference in entropy. Entropy is the direct measure of "purity" in the data. By purity we mean that how much non-uniform the distribution of the data point is. High entropy means that the data follows more like a uniform distribution. In case of decision trees our goal is to split the data in such a way that result in groups as pure as possible.

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**Proof by contradiction:** Suppose the classifier is not consistent which means its error rate is bigger than bayes optimal error rate. Since the bayes optimal error rate is zero which suggests that there exists a point for which k-nearest-neighbour (KNN) label doesn't match with actual label. Suppose the correct label is  $p$  and the one predicted by KNN is  $q$ . But as the correct label is  $p$  and there are infinite number of points which means in the sufficiently small neighbourhood there should be no points other than points with label  $p$ . Which is a contradiction as label of the point will be  $p$  but we started with  $q$ . This proves that the classifier is consistent.

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- **Properties of Inverse and Transpose:**

1.  $(\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$

2.  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$

- **Derivation of  $w_n$**

Note that,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}_*) &= \hat{\mathbf{w}}^T \mathbf{x}_* \\ &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_* \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_* \quad (\text{Using property 1 \& 2}) \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $f(\mathbf{x}_*) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n y_n$  where  $w_n = \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_*$

- **How  $w_n$ 's of Linear Regression differs from that of K-Nearest-Neighbours:**

For KNN  $f_{knn}(\mathbf{x}_*) = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}_k(\mathbf{x}_*)} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{x}_*\|} y_n$  where  $\mathcal{N}_k(\mathbf{x}_*)$  is the set of K closest training examples from  $\mathbf{x}_*$ . Here  $w_n$  is inversely proportional to the euclidean distance between  $\mathbf{x}_n$  and  $\mathbf{x}_*$ .

- In case of **linear regression**  $w_n$  denotes the general form of inner product ( $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{b}$ ) of  $(x_n, x_*)$ .
- In case of **KNN**, it denotes the inverse of distance between  $x_n$  &  $x_*$ .

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**Alternative objective function:**

$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n)^2 + \sum_{d=1}^D \lambda_d w_d^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n)^2 + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{w}$ , where,

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

**Closed form expression:**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{w}} &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} &= 0 \\ -2 \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \mathbf{x}_n + 2 \mathbf{L} \mathbf{w} &= 0 \\ \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{L} \mathbf{w} &= \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \mathbf{x}_n \\ \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T + \mathbf{L} \right) \mathbf{w} &= \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \mathbf{x}_n \\ \mathbf{w} &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

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1.  $tr(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{A}) + tr(\mathbf{B})$
2.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} tr(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A}^T$
3.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} tr(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}$
4.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} tr(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}$

• **Derivation:**

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{S}) = tr[(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{XBS})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{XBS})] = tr(\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y}) - tr(\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{XBS}) - tr(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}) + tr(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{XBS})$$

(using property 1)

We have to find  $\hat{\mathbf{S}} = \underset{\mathbf{S}}{argmin} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{S})$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{S}} &= 0 \\ -\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{XBS} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{XBS} &= 0 && \text{(by property 2,3 \& 4)} \\ (\mathbf{XB})^T (\mathbf{XB}) \mathbf{S} &= (\mathbf{XB})^T \mathbf{Y} && \text{By } (\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{S} &= [(\mathbf{XB})^T (\mathbf{XB})]^{-1} (\mathbf{XB})^T \mathbf{Y} \end{aligned}$$

In Problem 4 of the Practice Problem 1, we get the solution for  $\hat{\mathbf{W}} = [(\mathbf{X})^T (\mathbf{X})]^{-1} (\mathbf{X})^T \mathbf{Y}$ .  
 Clearly, current equation uses  $\mathbf{XB}$  as a transformed version of  $\mathbf{X}$

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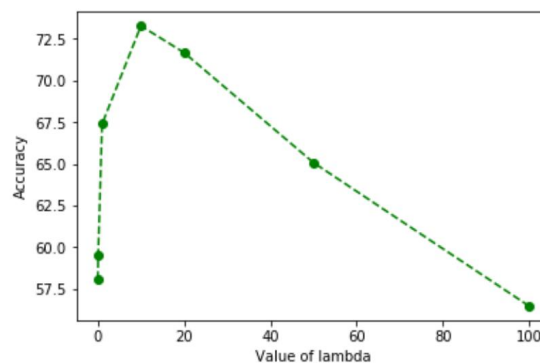
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1. **Method 1:** For convex method the accuracy on the test data set was **46.89%**.
2. **Method 2:** The following  $\lambda$  vs accuracy table was obtained. The highest value of accuracy was obtained for  $\lambda = 10$ .

$\lambda$	Accuracy (in %)
0.01	58.09
0.1	59.54
1	67.39
10	73.28
20	71.68
50	65.08
100	56.47



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