

# EXERCISE NO 4

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**Exercise 1** Show the kernel density estimator  $\hat{f}(y) = \frac{1}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n K(\frac{y_i - y}{\lambda})$  for any non-negative kernel that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(y)dy = 1$  is a probability density.

Hint : you must show  $\hat{f}(y) \geq 0$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(y)dy = 1$ .

**Solution 1**

(i) As  $\forall x \in \mathcal{R}, K(x) \geq 0$ , we have trivially  $\forall y \in \mathcal{R}, \hat{f}(y) = \frac{1}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n K(\frac{y_i - y}{\lambda}) \geq 0$

(ii) Let's try to compute  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(y)dy$  (we should first try to simplify the integral on a non infinite interval  $[-A, A], A \geq 0$ , -notably for inverting sum and integral or applying a variable change- and then find the limit for  $A \rightarrow \infty$  of the simplified quantity but here calculation is simple so we can pass this step)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(y)dy = \frac{1}{n\lambda} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n K(\frac{y_i - y}{\lambda})dy = \frac{1}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\frac{y_i - y}{\lambda})dy$$

Then with the change  $u_i = \frac{y_i - y}{\lambda}, du_i = -\frac{dy}{\lambda} \lambda > 0$  applied to our n integrals, we get :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(y)dy = -\frac{1}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda \int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} K(u)du = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(u)du = 1 \text{ because } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(u)du = 1$$

We can conclude that

$$\boxed{f \text{ is a probability density}}$$

**Exercise 2** Show that the eigen values of  $\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I}$  equals  $\lambda_i + \lambda$  where  $\lambda_i$ 's are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Use this result to argue where the ridge regression is useful.

**Solution 2** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a matrix of  $\mathcal{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_i \text{ eigen value of } A &\iff \exists x_i \in \mathcal{R}^n, Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i \\
&\iff \exists x_i \in \mathcal{R}^n, (A + \lambda_i I)x_i = (\lambda_i + \lambda)x_i \\
&\iff \lambda_i + \lambda \text{ eigen value of } A + \lambda I
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Moreover, we know that a  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix ( $X^T X$  or  $X^T X + \lambda I$  for example) always admits  $n$  different eigen vectors  $\mu_i$  associated to real eigen values  $\lambda_i$ . So thanks to this and the previous results, we can deduce that if  $\lambda > 0$  all eigen values of  $X^T X + \lambda I$ ,  $(\lambda_i + \lambda)$  are non zero eigen values (because are equals to at least  $\lambda$ ). And thus,  $X^T X + \lambda I$  is invertible and there is one unique solution to the Ridge linear regression Least Square problem  $\hat{\beta}_{ridge}$ .

**Exercise 3** Show the degrees of freedom of the ridge regression  $df_\lambda = \text{tr}\{X(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T\} = \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_j + \lambda}$  where  $\lambda_j$  is the eigenvalues of  $X^T X$ .

Hint: use the singular value decomposition of  $X$ .

**Solution 3** The singular value decomposition of a  $n \times p$  matrix says :

$\forall M \ n \times p$  with real coefficients matrix,  $\exists Q \ n \times n$  orthogonal matrix,  $P \ p \times p$  orthogonal matrix and  $D \ p \times n$  diagonal per block matrix s.t  $M = QDP^T$

And then :

$$\begin{aligned}
X^T(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1}X^T &= X((QDP^T)^T QDP^T + \lambda I)^{-1}X^T \\
&= X(PD^T Q^T QDP^T + \lambda I)^{-1}X^T \\
&= X(PD^T DP^T + \lambda I)X^T \\
&= X(P(D^T D + \lambda I)P^T)^{-1}X^T \\
&= QDP^T P(D^T D + \lambda I)^{-1}P^T X^T \\
&= QD(D^T D + \lambda I)^{-1}D^T Q^T
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

But  $D^T D$  is diagonal and has the same eigen values than  $X^T X$  (we can prove it by writing  $X^T X$ ). So with  $D^T D = (\lambda_i)_{i \in [1, n]}$  (this also means non zero pseudo diagonal values in  $D$  will be  $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$ ), we have :  $X^T(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1}X^T = QDdiag(\frac{1}{\lambda_i + \lambda})D^T Q^T$

Then,  $Ddiag(\frac{1}{\lambda_i + \lambda})D$  is also diagonal with an ensemble of diagonal values being smaller or larger than the diagonal values ensemble of  $D^T D$  (it depends in fact on wheter  $n$  or  $p$  is smaller). Diagonal values of  $Ddiag(\frac{1}{\lambda_i + \lambda})D$  are  $\{\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \lambda}\}$  with more or less elements : if  $p < n$  all non zero diagonal values are removed from this ensemble ; if  $p > n$ , zero values are added to this ensemble containing only non zero values. As only zero values are added/removed to the diagonal values of  $Ddiag(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \lambda})D$ , this doesn't change its trace.

Moreover,  $Tr(QD(D^T D + \lambda I)D^T Q^T) = Tr(D(D^T D + \lambda I)D^T)$  (left and right multiplication of a matrix by a matrix and its inverse).

Consequently we have

$$\text{Tr}(X^T(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1}X^T) = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \lambda}$$

So

**Exercise 4** Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\beta$  for the weighted linear regression.

Weighted linear regression or *General Linear Model* is  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon$  while  $\epsilon \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{W})$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  is the known variance covariance matrix of  $\epsilon$ . A general linear model is called ordinary linear regression if  $\mathbf{W} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$  for a known  $\sigma^2$ .

**Solution 4** The random variable  $Y|X \sim N(X\beta, W)$  with  $X$  fixed. With this density function (and the realization  $Y$  of this random variable) we can express the likelihood of  $\beta$  given a realization  $Y$  of  $\mathbf{Y}|X$  :

$$\text{And } L(\beta) = f(\beta) = \frac{1}{|W|^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2}(Y-X\beta)^T W^{-1}(Y-X\beta)}$$

$$\text{The log likelihood } l(\beta) \text{ is } l(\beta) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(|W|) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} ((Y - X\beta)^T W^{-1} (Y - X\beta))$$

And the log likelihood estimator given by  $\hat{\beta} = \text{argmax}_{\beta}(l(\beta))$  is given by the equation

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta}(\hat{\beta}) = 0 \text{ (convex optimization problem in coefficients of } \beta).$$

With :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta}(\beta) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial(Y - X\beta)^T}{\partial \beta} W^{-1} (Y - X\beta) + (Y - X\beta)^T W^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial(Y - X\beta)}{\partial \beta} \right) \right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (-X^T W^{-1} (Y - X\beta) - (Y - X\beta)^T W^{-1} X) \\
 &= X^T W^{-1} (Y - X\beta) \text{ by taking the transpose of the second member } (1 \times 1 \text{ matrix and } W \text{ diagonal})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3}$$

Finally,  $\hat{\beta}$  is given by :

$$X^T W^{-1} (Y - X\hat{\beta}) = 0 \iff \hat{\beta} = (X^T W^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T W^{-1} Y \text{ under assumption that } X^T W^{-1} X \text{ is invertible}$$

**Exercise 5** How do you compute the coefficients of the weighted linear regression? Write the steps of the computations.

**Solution 5** The problem comes from inverting  $X^T W^{-1} X$ , a numerical computational process that can give very instable results.

Given the equation  $X^T W^{-1} X \hat{\beta} = X^T W^{-1} Y$  that is a linear system, we can compute  $\hat{\beta}$  by :

- (i) Computing  $W^{-1}$  which is easy because  $W$  is diagonal
- (ii) Computing  $X^T W^{-1} X$  and  $X^T W^{-1} Y$  that is succession of  $+$  and  $\times$
- (iii) solving the linear  $p$  unknown variables system  $X^T W^{-1} X \hat{\beta} = X^T W^{-1} Y$

In R, the code would be :

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> Winv <- solve(W)
> beta_opt <- solve(t(X)%*%Winv%*%X, t(X)%*%Winv%*%Y)
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**Exercise 6** How do you fit a weighted linear regression using a code that only fits the ordinary linear regression?

**Solution 6** By  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$  with  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, W)$  and multiplying by the left the 2 sides of the equation by  $W^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , we get :

$$W^{-\frac{1}{2}}Y = W^{-\frac{1}{2}}X\beta + W^{-\frac{1}{2}}\varepsilon \iff Y' = X'\beta + \varepsilon' \text{ with } \varepsilon' \sim N(W^{-\frac{1}{2}}0, W^{-\frac{1}{2}}WW^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \sim N(0, I)$$

And the solution of ordinary linear regression problem is for  $Y', X'$  is :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= (X'^T X')^{-1} X'^T Y' \\ &= ((W^{-\frac{1}{2}}X)^T (W^{-\frac{1}{2}}X))^{-1} (W^{-\frac{1}{2}}X)^T (W^{-\frac{1}{2}}Y) \\ &= (X^T W^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T W^{-1} Y \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

This is also the solution of the weighted linear regression for  $Y$  and  $X$ . To solve the weighted linear regression problem, we just have to get the solution of the ordinary linear regression for  $Y'$  and  $X'$ .

**Exercise 7** Show that the kernel smoothing (weighted average) is the solution of the following optimization if  $f_\theta(x) = \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}(x_0) &= \operatorname{argmin}_\theta \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) \{y_i - f_\theta(x_i)\}^2, \\ \hat{f}(x_0) &= f_{\hat{\theta}}(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 7** If  $f_\theta(x) = \theta$  the optimization problem becomes

$$\hat{\theta}(x_0) = \operatorname{argmin}_\theta \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) \{y_i - \theta\}^2 \quad (1),$$

$$\hat{f}(x_0) = f_{\hat{\theta}(x_0)}(x_0) = \hat{\theta}(x_0) \quad (2)$$

With  $\varphi(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n K(x_0, x_i)(y_i - \theta)^2$ , minimizing  $\varphi$  is equivalent to solving :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \beta}(\hat{\beta}) = 0 &\iff -2 \sum_{i=1}^n K(x_0, x_i)(y_i - \hat{\theta}) = 0 \\ &\iff \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n K(x_0, x_i)} \sum_{i=1}^n K(x_0, x_i)y_i \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

So  $\hat{f}$  is also the solution of the weighed average problem.

**Exercise 8** Find the link between this optimization problem and the weighted linear regression.

**Solution 8**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} \text{ solution of weighted linear regression} &\iff \hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\beta} \left( -\frac{1}{2} ((Y - X\beta)^T W^{-1} (Y - X\beta)) \right) \\ &\iff \hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_j^2} (y_j - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ji} \beta_i)^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Consequently here, with weights  $W(x_0, x_i) = W(x_i) = W(i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}$  and the function  $f_{\beta}(x_0) = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j x_{0j}$ , we have an optimization problem of the same class than previously but with global weights depending only on the  $i$ th inputs  $x_i$ . Weighted linear regression is a kernel smoothing method (but with neighborhoods being global and weights not depending on the new input  $x_0$ ).

**Exercise 9** Find the solution of  $\hat{f}$  for  $f_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$ ?

**Solution 9** The optimisation problem is :

$$\hat{\theta}(x_0) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) \{y_i - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x_i\}^2 \quad (1),$$



$$\hat{f}(x_0) = f_{\hat{\theta}(x_0)}(x_0) = \hat{\theta}_0(x_0) + \hat{\theta}_1(x_0)x_1 \quad (2)$$

Let  $\varphi$  be :  $\forall \theta \in \mathcal{R}, \varphi(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i)(y_i - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x_i)^2$

$$\hat{\theta}(x_0) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) \{y_i - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x_i\}^2 \iff \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta}(\hat{\theta}) = 0 \quad (7)$$

Then  $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta_0}(\hat{\theta}) \iff \hat{\theta}_0 = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i)} \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i)(y_i - \hat{\theta}_1 x_i) = \overset{+}{y} - \theta_1 \overset{+}{x}$  with  $\overset{+}{y}, \overset{+}{x}$  being weighted means of  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_N)$  and  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta_1}(\hat{\theta}) = 0 &\iff \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i (y_i - \hat{\theta}_1 x_i) = 0 \\ &\iff \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i \hat{\theta}_1 (\overset{+}{x} - x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i (y_i - \overset{+}{y}) \\ &\iff \hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i (y_i - \overset{+}{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i (\overset{+}{x} - x_i)} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

With  $\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i \overset{+}{y} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i)} \sum_{j=1}^N K(x_0, x_j) y_j \times \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i = \overset{+}{x} \sum_{j=1}^N K(x_0, x_j) y_j = \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) \times \overset{++}{y} \overset{+}{x}$ ,

we have  $\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) x_i (y_i - \overset{+}{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) (y_i x_i - \overset{+}{y} x_i - \overset{+}{x} y_i + \overset{++}{y} \overset{+}{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) (x_i - \overset{+}{x})(y_i - \overset{+}{y})$

And with a similar trick for the denominator, we easily show that :

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) (x_i - \overset{+}{x})(y_i - \overset{+}{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N K(x_0, x_i) (x_i - \overset{+}{x})^2}$$

**Exercise 10** Find the solution of  $\hat{f}$  for  $f_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^M \theta_j x^j$ ?

**Solution 10** Solution not found...

**Exercise 11** Find the linearly constrained least squares estimator  $(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)$  subject to  $\beta = \mathbf{b}$  in which  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  both are known. How do you compute this estimator

efficiently?

Hint: use the Lagrangian dual.

**Solution 11** We want to minimize  $(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)$  subject to  $\beta = \mathbf{b}$

By using Lagrangian dual optimization method, this is equivalent to minimize  $\varphi(\beta) = (Y - X\beta)^T(Y - X\beta) + \mu T\beta$  with  $\mu > 0$ . This is a convex optimization problem (toward  $\beta$ ), thus minimum of the function is given by :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \beta}(\hat{\beta}) = 0 &\iff -2X^T(Y - X\beta) + \mu T = 0 \\ &\iff 2X^T X\beta = 2X^T Y + \mu T \\ &\iff \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1}(X^T Y + \frac{1}{2}\mu T) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Thus, the linearly constrained least squares estimator is

$$\boxed{\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1}(X^T Y + \frac{1}{2}\mu T)}$$