homework-4

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library(bis557)
devtools::load_all()
#> Loading bis557
#> Warning: package 'testthat' was built under R version 3.6.2
```

The three functions for the following three problems were all implemented in the file "pyregression.py", under the name "pyridge", "onlineLR", and "pylasso" respectively.

1.

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library(reticulate)
#> Warning: package 'reticulate' was built under R version 3.6.2
use_python("//anaconda3/envs/bis557/bin/python")
setwd("/Users/damingli/Documents/Courses/Computational statistics/homework-1/bis557")
reticulate::source_python("pyregression.py")
#> Warning: Python '//anaconda3/envs/bis557/bin/python' was requested but '/Users/
#> damingli/Library/r-miniconda/envs/r-reticulate/bin/python' was loaded instead
#> (see reticulate::py_config() for more information)
```

Here we make a toy dataset with collinearity.

Output with R code:

Output with python code:

They match very well.

2.

The following code is equivalent to stochastic gradient descent with batch size 1.

The fitted coefficients are very accurate.

3.

Similar to the testing process:

The fitted coefficients are very good.

4.

Proposing a project:

Title: Effects of dimensionality and choice of distance metrics on the accuracy and stability of kmeans algorithm

Background: This topic is slightly different from the materials covered in BIS557, but is highly relevant in terms of methodology. At a first place, statistical softwares implementing kmeans algorithm with custom distance metrics are largely missing. Therefore, the first step is to build a package for this purpose using standard EM algorithm. Next, there are many directions to explore the algorithm: 1) how do distance metrics affect convergence? 2) how does the algorithm with different distance metrics perform as the dimensionality of data increases? 3) how to choose the optimal k?