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Compute the partial derivatives of the ridge regression loss function:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = MSE(\mathbf{w}) + \alpha \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \quad (1)$$

In other words, we want to compute the gradient of the above loss function: $\nabla J(\mathbf{w})$.

First, we must clarify how we can calculate each partial derivative of this cost function.

For the $MSE(\mathbf{w})$, we already know that each partial derivative is equal to:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} MSE(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

And thus, the gradient of this equation (if we compute each partial derivative with respect to \mathbf{w}):

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} MSE(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{2}{m} (\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})) \quad (2)$$

And for the other member of the (1) equation, its partial derivative is equal to:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} (\alpha \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2) = \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2) = \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial w_i^2}{\partial w_j}$$

And respectively, if we compute its partial derivative, the gradient is:

$$[\alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_i \frac{\partial w_i^2}{\partial w_1}, \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_i \frac{\partial w_i^2}{\partial w_2}, \dots, \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_i \frac{\partial w_i^2}{\partial w_n}] \quad (3)^*$$

And now let's assume that, we have $n = 2$ number of features. Then, the **Regularization term** will be equivalent to:

$$\alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^2 w_i^2 = \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot (w_1^2 + w_2^2)$$

And lets take for example the computation of the partial derivative $\frac{\partial}{\partial w_1}$.

$$\alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} (w_1^2 + w_2^2) = \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial w_1^2}{\partial w_1} + \frac{\partial w_2^2}{\partial w_1} \right) = \alpha \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2w_1 + 0 = \alpha \cdot w_1$$

So, (3)* will be equivalent to:

$$[\alpha \cdot w_1, \alpha \cdot w_2, \dots, \alpha \cdot w_n] = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{w} .(3)$$

In conclusion, if we combine the (2), (3) equations, the gradient of ridge regression's loss function will be:

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{2}{m} (\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})) + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{w}.$$