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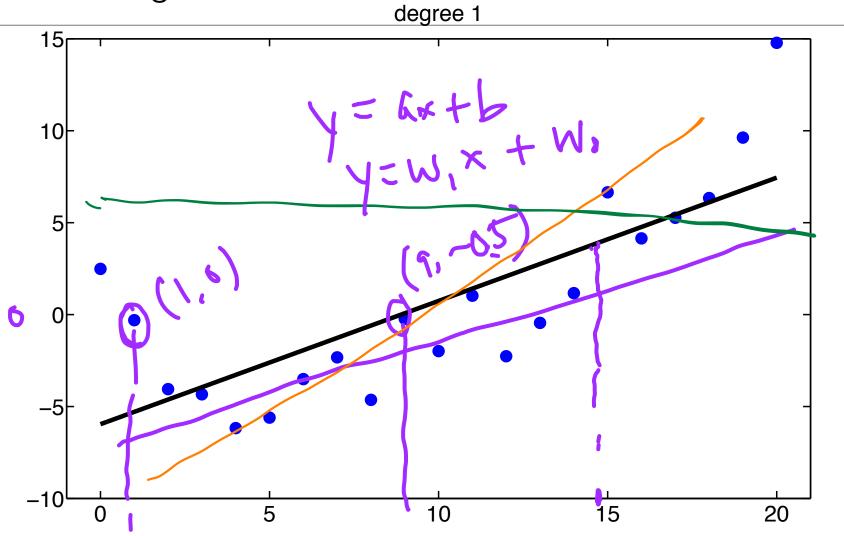


Figure from Kevin Murphy's book -- Machine Learning: A Probabilistic Perspective

Linear Regression

Response (real number) is a linear function of the inputs

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \epsilon$$

Assume that \epsilon (the residual error) has a Gaussian distribution

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|\mu(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^2(\mathbf{x}))$$

where

$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = w_0 + w_1 x$$

Modeling non-linear relationships

Simply take

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2)$$

and replace x with some non-linear function of the inputs

$$\phi(\kappa) = \chi$$

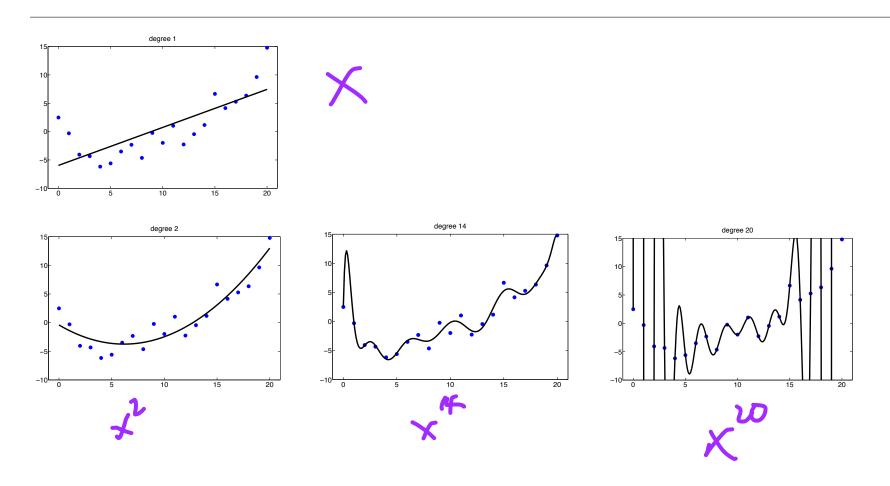
$$2\chi + 3\chi^2$$

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^2)$$

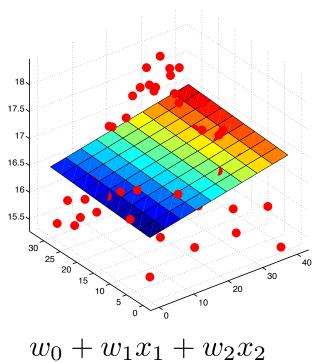
This is called the basis function expansion.

(But the model is still called linear regression because it is linear in the parameters w)

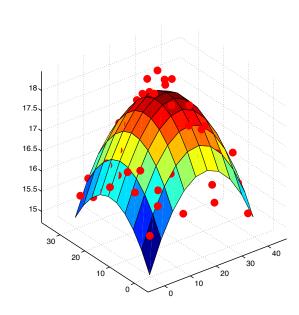
Polynomial Regression



Multivariate linear regression



$$w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$$



$$w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_1^2 + w_4 x_2^2$$

Maximum likelihood estimation

· Using MLE, arguments \theta can be computed by

$$\arg \max \log_{N} p(D|\theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} log p(y_{i}|\mathbf{x}_{i}, \theta)$$

If we plug in the Gaussian formulation

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2)$$

and put it into the log likelihood above, we get

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} log[(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2})^{\frac{1}{2}} exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2)]$$
$$= -\frac{N}{2} log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

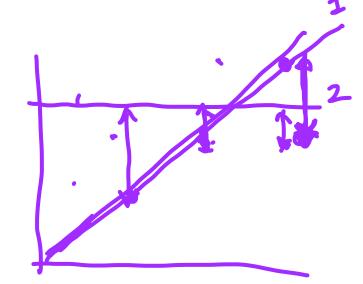
Residual Sum of Squares

Log likelihood

$$-\frac{N}{2}log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

Negative log likelihood (NLL)

$$\frac{N}{2}log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$



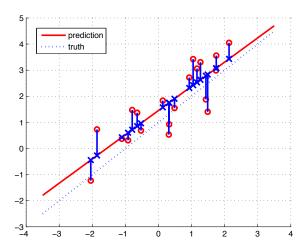
To minimize NLL, we minimize this term

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

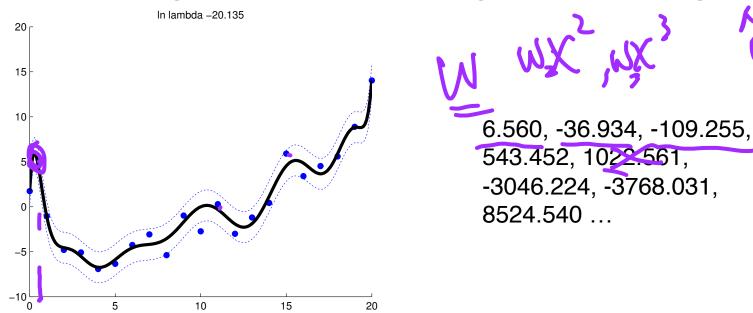
called residual sum of squares (RSS)

Least Squares

MLE for w is the one that minimizes the RSS



- MLE can overfit
 - For linear regression, this means the weights can become large



• We can encourage the weights to be small by putting a zero-mean Gaussian prior on the weights – l_2 Regularization!

Zero-mean Gaussian prior on the weights

$$p(\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{j} \mathcal{N}(w_j | 0, \tau^2)$$

MAP estimation problem

$$\operatorname{argmax} \sum_{i=1}^{N} log \mathcal{N}(y_i | w_0 + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i, \sigma^2) + \sum_{j=1}^{D} log \mathcal{N}(w_j | 0, \tau^2)$$

• Compare with the MLE problem $\arg\max\ \log\ p(D|\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} log p(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i,\theta)$

To solve the MAP estimation, minimize

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - (w_0 + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i))^2 + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||_2^2$$

where
$$\lambda = \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau^2}$$
 and $||\mathbf{w}||_2^2 = \sum_i w_i^2 = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$

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Compare with NLL before

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

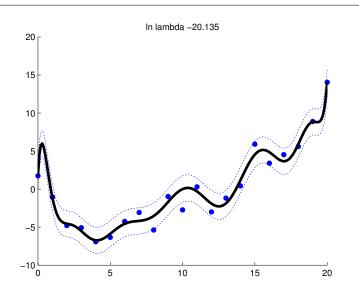


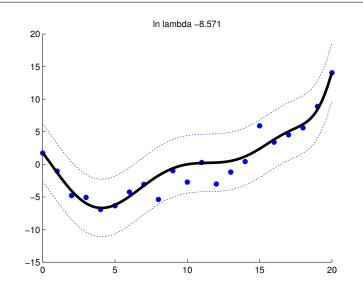
- So the first term of ridge regression is same as NLL, and the second term is the complexity penalty (when \lamba > 0)
- Corresponding solution is

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{ridge} = (\lambda \mathbf{I}_D + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$
 (from Murphy's MLPP book Section 7.5.1)

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{OLS} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

(from Murphy's MLPP book Section 7.3.1)





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What happens when \lambda is 0? What happens as \lambda increases? What happens when \lambda is infinity?

Regularization effects of big data (Murphy MLPP Section 7.5.4)

