

ISTA 421/521 Introduction to Machine Learning

Lecture 3: Least Mean Squares in Higher Dimensions

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Recall: Least Mean Squares

(for single variable, 2 parameter linear model)

$$f(x; w_0, w_1) = w_0 + w_1 x$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{L}_n(t_n, f(x_n; w_0, w_1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - f(x_n; w_0, w_1))^2 \quad \text{The specific loss fn: squared error}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2 \quad \text{The specific model we're working with: linear single var, 2 param (line)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (w_1^2 x_n^2 + 2w_1 x_n w_0 - 2w_1 x_n t_n + w_0^2 - 2w_0 t_n + t_n^2)$$
 Multiply out and re-arrange to put into an easier-to deal with form.

 $= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (w_1^2 x_n^2 + 2w_1 x_n (w_0 - t_n) + w_0^2 - 2w_0 t_n + t_n^2)$



Solving LMS: Method 1 (analytic)

(for single variable, 2 parameter linear model)

$$f(x;w_0,w_1)=w_0+w_1x$$
 Our model family Our loss fn $\mathcal{L}=rac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^N(w_1^2x_n^2+2w_1x_n(w_0-t_n)+w_0^2-2w_0t_n+t_n^2)$

Our goal: We want values for w_0 and w_1 that will minimize this loss function

I.e., we seek values for w_0 and w_1 that will make the loss function be the smallest when we actually sum over all the values of x and t in the dataset.

Because the loss function happens to be quadratic (in the two parameters) we can use a standard method from calculus for finding minima (maxima) directly: taking the derivative of the function and setting it to zero.

Our loss function has **two** parameters that we're trying set to minimize the loss fn, so we need to take the partial derivative (w.r.t. w_0 and w_1)

What we end up with are two functions, one for w_0 and one for w_1 , and both will work with any data and give the best least mean square (LMS) fit!

Finishing... Least Mean Squares Solution

(for single variable, 2 parameter linear model)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (w_1^2 x_n^2 + 2w_1 x_n (w_0 - t_n) + w_0^2 - 2w_0 t_n + t_n^2)$$
(Recall: $w_0 = \overline{t} - w_1 \overline{x}$)

Partial derivative for w₁ continued...

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} &= w_1 \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) + \bar{t} \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right) - w_1 \overline{x} \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right) - \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n t_n \right) \\ &= 2 w_1 \left[\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) - \overline{x} \ \overline{x} \right] + 2 \bar{t} \overline{x} - 2 \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n t_n \right) \quad \text{replace remaining mean x with } \overline{x} \\ &2 w_1 \left[\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) - \overline{x} \ \overline{x} \right] + 2 \bar{t} \overline{x} - 2 \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n t_n \right) = 0 \quad \text{Solve for } w_1 \text{ with } \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = 0 \quad \dots \\ &2 w_1 \left[\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) - \overline{x} \ \overline{x} \right] = 2 \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n t_n \right) - 2 \bar{t} \overline{x} \end{split}$$

$$w_{1} = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n} t_{n} \right) - \overline{t} \overline{x}}{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n}^{2} \right) - \overline{x} \ \overline{x}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n} t_{n} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} t_{n} \right) \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n}^{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n} \right)^{2}}$$

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• Partial derivative for w_0 :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} = 2w_0 + 2w_1 \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right)^0 - \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N t_n \right)$$

• Set $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} = 0$ and solve for $\mathbf{w_0}$:

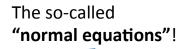
$$w_0 = rac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N t_n
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ight) = \overline{t} - w_1 \overline{x}$$

Partial derivative for w₁:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = 2w_1 \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) + \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n (w_0 - t_n) \right)$$

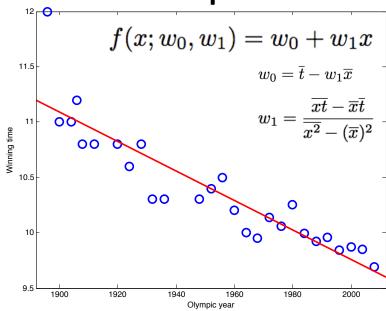
• Plug in w_0 , set $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = 0$ and solve for w_1 :

$$w_{1} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}x_{n}t_{n}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{m=1}^{N}t_{n}\right)\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{m=1}^{N}x_{n}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}x_{n}^{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}x_{n}\right)^{2}} = \frac{\overline{xt} - \overline{x}t}{\overline{x^{2}} - (\overline{x})^{2}}$$



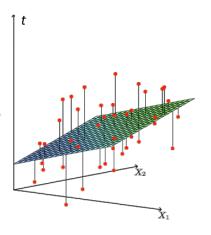


Linear Least Mean Square Normal Equations



How about more than 1 input?

- Most problems will involve more than just the relationship between 1 input attribute and a target.
- Extending our linear models to higher dimensions is desirable, and at least for 2 inputs (now the "line" is a plane in 3D) it is easy to visualize the geometry.
- In general, a linear model with n input variables and n+1 parameters (the w's, with their values determined) is an n-dimensional "hyperplane" embedded in n+1 dimensions.





Things quickly get messy as we increase the dimensions...

- Suppose we want a richer predictive model for the Olympic data: not only include the best overall time for the gold, but also the best times of each sprinter that raced $(s_1,...,s_8)$
- This is a 9 dimensional hyperplane with 10 parameters:

$$t = f(x, s_1, ..., s_8; w_0, ..., w_9) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 s_1 + w_3 s_2 + w_4 s_3 + w_5 s_4 + w_6 s_5 + w_7 s_6 + w_8 s_7 + w_9 s_8$$

 The math is fundamentally the same, but to derive the normal equations, we need to take 10 partial derivatives, then have 10 equations to re-arrange and substitute back in...

Matrix Product

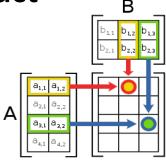
Let C = AB, where

A is a $N \times P$ matrix

B is a $P \times M$ matrix

 \mathbf{C} is a $N \times M$ matrix

and each entry C of \mathbf{C} is: $C_{ij} = \sum_{k} A_{ik} B_{ky}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} & a_{11}b_{13} + a_{12}b_{23} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} & a_{21}b_{13} + a_{22}b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Inner versus Outer Product

$$\mathbf{x} = egin{bmatrix} x_1 \ x_2 \ \vdots \ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^ op [x_1 \; x_2 \; \cdots \; x_n] \ & \mathsf{A}^{egin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{1,1} \, \mathbf{a}_{1,2} \ \mathbf{a}_{2,1} \, \mathbf{a}_{2,2} \ \mathbf{a}_{4,1} \, \mathbf{a}_{4,2} \end{bmatrix}}$$

Inner (dot) product
$$\mathbf{x}^{\top}\mathbf{x} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n^2 \qquad \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1x_2 & \cdots & x_1x_n \\ x_2x_1 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2x_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_nx_1 & x_nx_2 & \cdots & x_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

• First, express our original 1-variable, 2-param model in matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x_n; w_0, w_1) = \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_n = w_0 + w_1 x_n$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_n)^2$$

Simple Linear Model in

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_n)^2$$
 Matrix Notation

• Next, express the operations involving all of the data (the inputs \mathbf{x}_n and the targets \mathbf{t}_n):

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\mathsf{T} \\ \mathbf{x}_2^\mathsf{T} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_N^\mathsf{T} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\mathsf{T} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 - w_0 - w_1 x_1 \\ t_2 - w_0 - w_1 x_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N - w_0 - w_1 x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} w_0 + w_1 x_1 \\ w_0 + w_1 x_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_0 + w_1 x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2$$

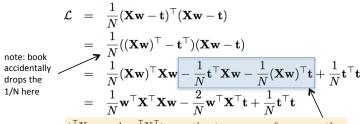
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - f(x_n; w_0, w_1))^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2$$

Much nicer! The $\mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}$ operation allows us to drop the sums!

Simple Linear Model in **Matrix Notation**

Now that we have the matrix version of the loss function, "just" take derivative...



 $\mathbf{t}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}$ and $\mathbf{w}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{t}$ are the transpose of one another ... and both products come out to be scalars (i.e., "1x1 matrices", where transpose of one is the same as the other), so the products are the same and can be combined.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$f(\mathbf{w})$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$
$\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}$	x
$\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{w}$	X
$\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{w}$	$2\mathbf{w}$
$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}$	2Cw

Some useful identities

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \frac{2}{N} \mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} - \frac{2}{N} \mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{t} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{I}\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{t}$$

The matrix normal equation! $\mathbf{Iw} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{t}$ (guaranteed unique solution when the n column vectors of X

are *linearly independent*)

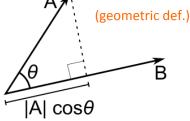
But what does it mean??

Relation of a^Tb to Geometry

 a^Tb is special (also a · b), called the dot product (aka scalar product; the *inner product* for the Euclidean space)

$$\mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{b}=\sum_{i=1}^n a_ib_i=a_1b_1+a_2b_2+\cdots+a_nb_n$$
 (algebraic def.)

- Plays a role in defining
 - Euclidean distance (norm)
 - Angles



The dot product of vectors that are 90° (or more generally, orthogonal) is = 0

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^{2}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|}\right).$$



Geometry of Linear Systems and their Solution

A linear equation expresses a constraint between variables

A system of linear equations – more constraints!

$$2w_0 - w_1 = 0$$

 $-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & 2 & -1 \\ v & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

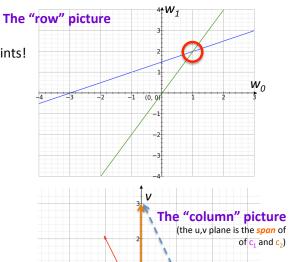
$$X w = t w = X^{-1}$$

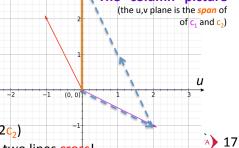
"Solving" the linear system involves finding the linear combinations (i.e., the amounts w_0 and w_1) of c_1 and c_2 that equal the column vector $(0,3)^T$.

Solve using your favorite method (e.g., Gaussian Elimination)

Here, the solution happens to be $w_0=1$ (1 c_1), $w_1=2$ (+ $2c_2$)

The w_0 's and w_1 's corresponds to the point where the two lines cross!





Geometry of Linear Systems and their Solution

But what happens if we're **over-constrained**?

GOAL: Find a solution that is *closest* to (minimizes the distance between) the crossing points!

$$2w_0 - w_1 = 0$$

 $-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$
 $2w_0 + w_1 = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & 2 & -1 \\ v & -1 & 2 \\ z & 2 & 1 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

X w = t

"Solving" the linear system involves finding the linear combinations (i.e., the amounts w_0 and w_1) of c_1 and c_2 that equal the column vector $(0,3,2)^T$.

