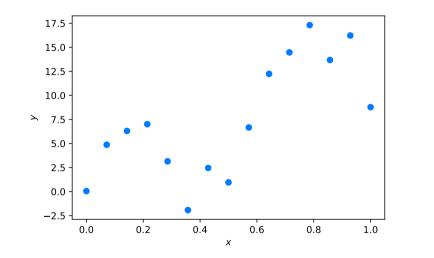




Lecture 08 – Part 01 Model Complexity



#### **Empirical Risk Minimization**

- 1. Pick a model.
  - E.g., linear prediction rules.
- 2. Pick a loss.
  - E.g., mean squared error.
- 3. Find a prediction rule minimizing the risk.

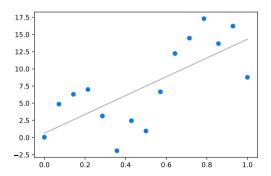
#### **Big Decision**

▶ Pick a model.

Picking the wrong model causes problems.

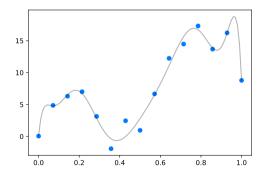
#### **Underfitting**

- Fit  $H(x) = w_0 + w_1 x$ ?
  - We have underfit the data.



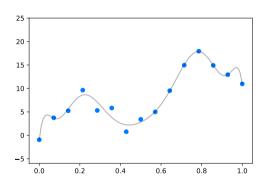
#### **Overfitting**

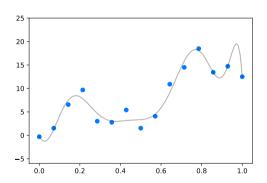
- Fit  $H(x) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + ... + w_{10} x^{10}$ ?
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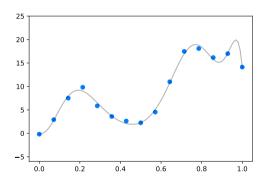


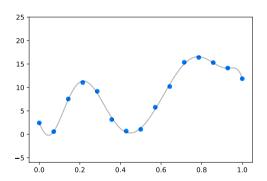
#### **Model Complexity**

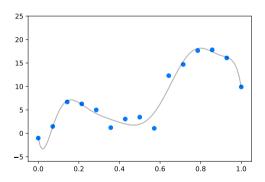
- Difference? Complexity.
- Complex models are highly flexible.
  - They tend to overfit.
- Simple models are stiff.
  - They tend to underfit.

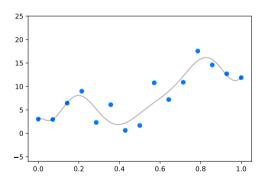


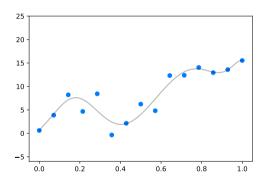


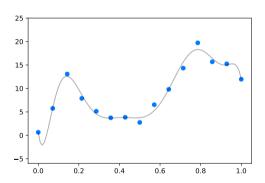


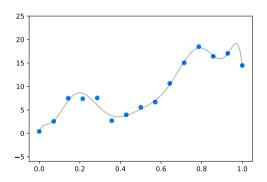


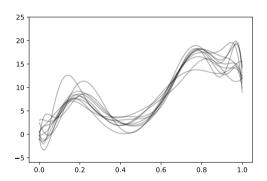


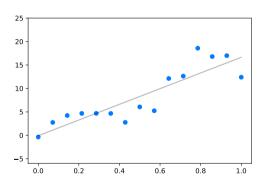


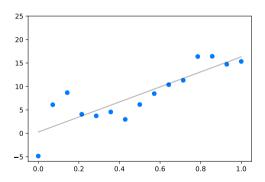


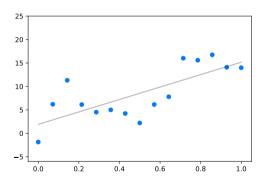


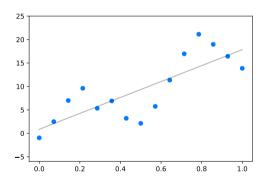


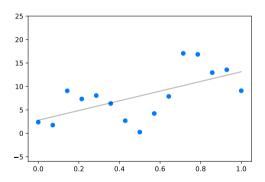


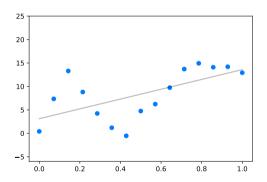


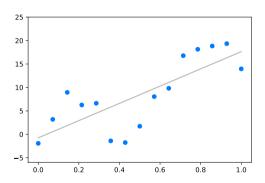


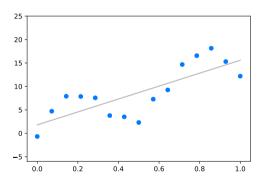


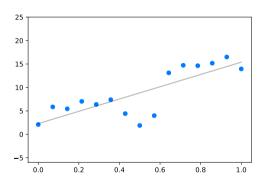


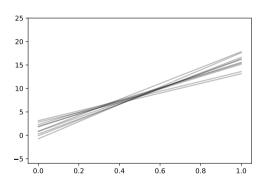












#### **Example: kNN**

► 1NN: complex model, likely to overfit.

20NN: less complex model, likely to underfit.

#### **Choosing Model Complexity**

- How do we choose between two models?
  - Between degree 10 and degree 1?
  - Between 1NN and 20NN?

Not always obvious.

# **Bad Idea:** Use training MSE

► Which has smaller MSE on training data?

#### **Bad Idea:** Use training MSE

- Which has smaller MSE on training data?
- Problem: Best 10-degree polynomial will always have smaller MSE on training data.

#### **Good Idea: Use validation MSE**

- ► We care about **generalization**.
- So keep a small amount of data hidden in a validation set.
- Fit model on training data, compute MSE on validation set.
- Pick whichever model has smaller validation error.

#### What do you expect?

- You fit a complex model on training data.
- Test it on a validation set.
- Likely: validation MSE > training MSE.

#### What do you expect?

- You fit a very simple model on training data.
- Test it on a validation set.
- ▶ Likely: validation MSE ≈ training MSE.

#### **Cross-Validation**

- We want all the training data we can get.
- Reserving some of it is wasteful.
- Idea: split data into pieces, each takes turn as validation set.

#### **k-Fold Cross Validation**

- 1. Split data set into k pieces,  $S_1, ..., S_k$ .
- 2. Loop *k* times; on iteration *i*:
  - Use S<sub>i</sub> as validation set; rest as training.
  - ightharpoonup Compute validation error  $\epsilon_i$
- 3. Overall error:  $\frac{1}{k} \sum \epsilon_i$

#### **Leave-One-Out Cross Validation**

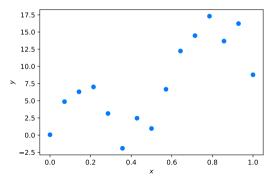
- Suppose we have n labeled data points.
- ▶ LOOCV: k-fold CV with k = n.

## **Another Approach**

- We can control complexity by choosing model.
- ► Also: via regularization.

## Regularization

- ► Let's fit a complex model:  $w_0 + w_x x + ... + w_{10} x^{10}$ .
- ▶ But impose a budget on weights,  $w_0, ..., w_d$ .



## **Budgeting Weights**

- ▶ One way to budget: ask that  $\|\vec{w}\|^2$  is small.
- ▶ Before: minimize

$$R_{\text{sq}}(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}^{(i)} - y_i)^2$$

▶ Now: minimize

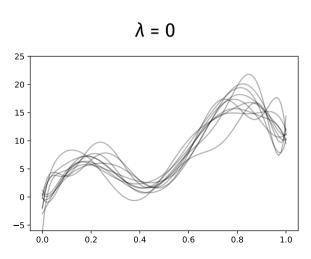
$$\tilde{R}_{sq}(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}^{(i)} - y_i)^2 + \lambda ||\vec{w}||^2$$

## **Solution**

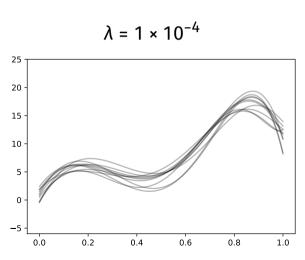
► The **regularized** Normal Equations:

$$(X^TX + \lambda I)\vec{w} = X^T\vec{y}$$

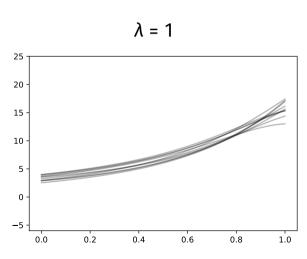
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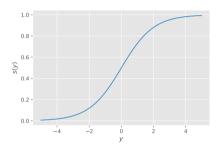


## Regularization

- $\triangleright$  As  $\lambda$  increases, simpler models preferred.
- $\triangleright$  Pick λ using cross-validation.

#### Other Penalizations

- $\|\vec{w}\|_2^2$  is  $\ell_2$  regularization (explicit solution)
  - a.k.a., ridge regression
- $\|\vec{w}\|_1$  is  $\ell_1$  regularization (no explicit solution)
  - ▶ a.k.a., the LASSO
  - ► encourages **sparse**  $\vec{w}$





**Lecture 08 – Part 02 Logistic Regression** 

#### **Note**

► The midterm will cover everything up to right now.

Regularization: yes.

Logistic regression: no.

## **Predicting Heart Disease**

Classification problem: Does a patient have heart disease?

► **Features**: blood pressure, cholesterol level, exercise amount, maximum heart rate, sex

#### Better idea...

- Instead of predicting yes/no...
- Give a probability that they have heart disease.
  - ► 1 = definitely yes
  - ► 0 = definitely no
  - ► 0.75 = probably, yes
  - **.**.

## **Associations**

- If cholesterol is high, increased likelihood.
  - ► Positive association.
- ► If exercise is low, increased likelihood.
  - Negative association.

#### The Model

- ► Measure cholesterol  $(x_1)$ , exercise  $(x_2)$ , etc.
- ▶ **Idea**: weighted<sup>1</sup> "vote" for heart disease:

$$W_1 X_1 + W_2 X_2 + ... + W_d X_d$$

- Convention:
  - A positive number = vote for yes
  - ► A negative number = vote for no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We'll learn weights later.

#### The Model

Add a "bias" term:

$$w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + ... + w_d x_d$$
  
=  $\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x})$ 

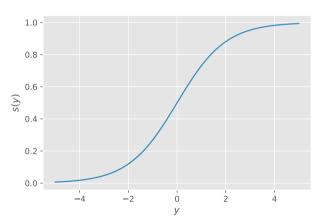
- ► The more positive  $\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x})$ , the more likely.
- The more negative  $\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x})$ , the less likely.

## **Converting to a Probability**

- Probabilities are between 0 and 1.
- ▶ **Problem**:  $\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x})$  can be anything in  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- We need to convert it to a probability.

# **The Logistic Function**

$$\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-t}}$$



#### The Model

Our simplified model for probability of heart disease:

$$H(\vec{x}) = \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot Aug(\vec{x}))$$

- ► What should w be?
- ightharpoonup To find  $\vec{w}$ , use principle of maximum likelihood.

- Suppose you have an unfair coin.
- Probability of heads is p, unknown.
- ▶ Flip 8 times and see: H, H, T, H, H, H, T
- ▶ Which is more **likely**: p = 0.5 or p = 0.75?

- Assume coin flips are independent.
- ► The **likelihood** of H, H, T, H, H, H, H, T is:

$$\mathcal{L}(p) = p \cdot p \cdot (1 - p) \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)$$
$$= p^{6} (1 - p)^{2}$$

- ldea: find p maximizing  $\mathcal{L}(p)$ 
  - ► Equivalently, find p maximizing  $\log \mathcal{L}(p)$

Find p maximizing  $\log \mathcal{L}(p) = \log p^6 (1 - p)^2$ :

In general, given  $n_1$  observed heads,  $n_2$  observed tails, maximize:

$$\log [P(F_1 = f_1) \cdot P(F_2 = f_2) \cdots \cdot P(F_n = f_n)]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P(F_1 = f_1)$$

## **Back to Logistic Regression**

► The probability that person *i* has heart disease:

$$H(\vec{x}^{(i)}) = \vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(i)})$$

- ► Gather a data set,  $(\vec{x}^{(1)}, y_1), ..., (\vec{x}^{(n)}, y_n)$ .
- ▶ What is the most **likely**  $\vec{w}$ ?

- ► Suppose 3 people, (+,-,+).
- Likelihood:

$$\begin{split} H(\vec{x}^{(1)}) \cdot & (1 - H(\vec{x}^{(2)})) \cdot H(\vec{x}^{(3)}) \\ &= \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(1)})) \cdot \left(1 - \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(2)}))\right) \cdot \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(3)})) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(1)})}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(2)})}}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(3)})}} \end{split}$$

## **Observation**

Note:

$$1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-t}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{t}}$$

► The likelihood:

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\vec{W} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{X}^{(1)})}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{\vec{W} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{X}^{(2)})}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\vec{W} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{X}^{(3)})}}$$

► Suppose  $y_i = 1$  if positive,  $y_i = -1$  if negative:

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_1 \vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(1)})}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_2 \vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(2)})}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_3 \vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(3)})}}$$

► In general, the likelihood is:

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{w}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_i \vec{w} \cdot \text{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(i)})}}$$

► The log likelihood is:

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\vec{w}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left[ 1 + e^{-y_i \vec{w} \cdot \operatorname{Aug}(\vec{x}^{(i)})} \right]$$

# **Maximizing Likelihood**

- ▶ **Goal**: find  $\vec{w}$  maximizing  $\log \mathcal{L}$
- Take gradient, set to zero, solve?
- Problem: try it, you'll get stuck.
- Unlike least-squares regression, there is no explicit solution.

**Next Time** 

How to maximize the log loss with gradient descent.