

Comp 6321 - Machine Learning - Assignment 2

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Question 1:

1.a Partition the data into training / testing, 90 to 10 and perform and plot $L2$ regularization

Lorem Ipsum

1.b Use the quadprog function in Matlab for $L1$ regularization

$$\arg \min_w \frac{1}{2}(\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})^T(\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |w_k| \quad (1)$$

Which is equivalent to finding:

$$\arg \min_w (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})^T(\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |w_k| \quad (2)$$

And expands to:

$$\arg \min_w \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \Phi \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |w_k| \quad (3)$$

And for which we can remove the constant term $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}$, yielding:

$$\arg \min_w \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \Phi \mathbf{w} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |w_k| \quad (4)$$

Matlab's `quadprog(H, f, A, b)` function, gives the optimal \mathbf{x} corresponding to the expression $\arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{x}$, subject to constraints $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$. We can thus take $\mathbf{H} := 2\Phi^T \Phi$, then $\mathbf{f} := 2\mathbf{y}^T \Phi$, $\mathbf{A} := \lambda \mathbf{P}$, where for a system with n variables, \mathbf{P} is the matrix with 2^n permutations of $[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, 0]^1$, $b \in \{-1, 1\}$

¹the last zero entry is to avoid the regularization of the intercept term

and lastly $\mathbf{b} := c \vec{\mathbf{1}}$, where $\vec{\mathbf{1}}$ is an all-one vector of length 2^n that places an upper bound to the expression $\lambda \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |w_k|$, such that $\sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |w_k| \leq \frac{c}{\lambda}$. If we set $c = 1$, then we parametrize $L1$ regularization simply by adjusting λ accordingly.