

An Unknown Signal Report

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1 Equations for linear regression

For a set of points that lie along a line with Gaussian noise $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} + \epsilon$ where $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, the maximum likelihood estimation is equivalent to the least square error estimation and is given by the equation

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

where $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$ provides the maximum likelihood estimation of the weights for my data, \mathbf{y} is the output vector, and \mathbf{X} is the input vector.

I've implemented this equation in my code as the following to calculate the maximum likelihood estimation for my training data:

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ws = np.linalg.inv(X.T @ X) @ X.T @ self.yTraining.
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2 Choice of polynomial order

3 Choice of unknown function

4 Procedure for determining function

5 Overfitting

6 Testing