

Lecture 25

Can generalize to regression easily w/ a squared error loss.

More difficult to generalize to other losses

Can do Gradient Boosting.

Shrinkage:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \text{Sign} \left(\sum_{b=1}^B \eta \alpha_b \hat{f}_b(x) \right)$$

$0 < \eta < 1$

Kernel Regression

For regression wanted to model $E[Y|X=x]$

Ways to do this:

① linear regression

$$E[Y|X=x] \approx x^T \beta$$

② polynomial regression

$$E[Y|X=x] \approx \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \dots + \beta_p x^p$$

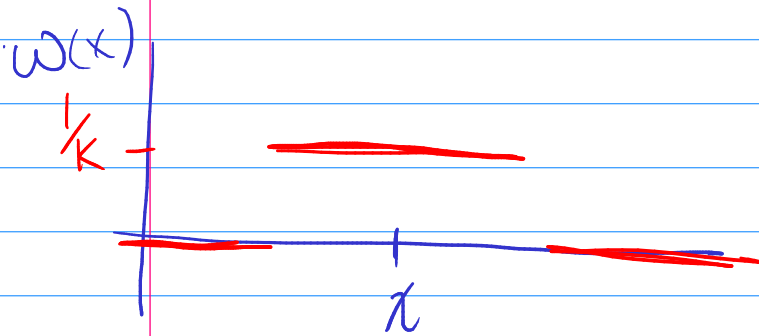
③ KNN

$$E[Y|X=x] = \text{mean of nearby } y\text{'s}$$

KNN regression:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_n(x) y_n$$

$$\omega_n(x) = \frac{1}{K} \mathbb{1}(x_n \in N_K(x))$$
$$= \begin{cases} 1/K & x_n \in N_K(x) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



Note: weight isn't very smooth - maybe use smoother weights?

This is called Kernel Smoothing (Regression)

Defn: a kernel is a function K

① $K: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

② $K(x) \geq 0$

typically also assume

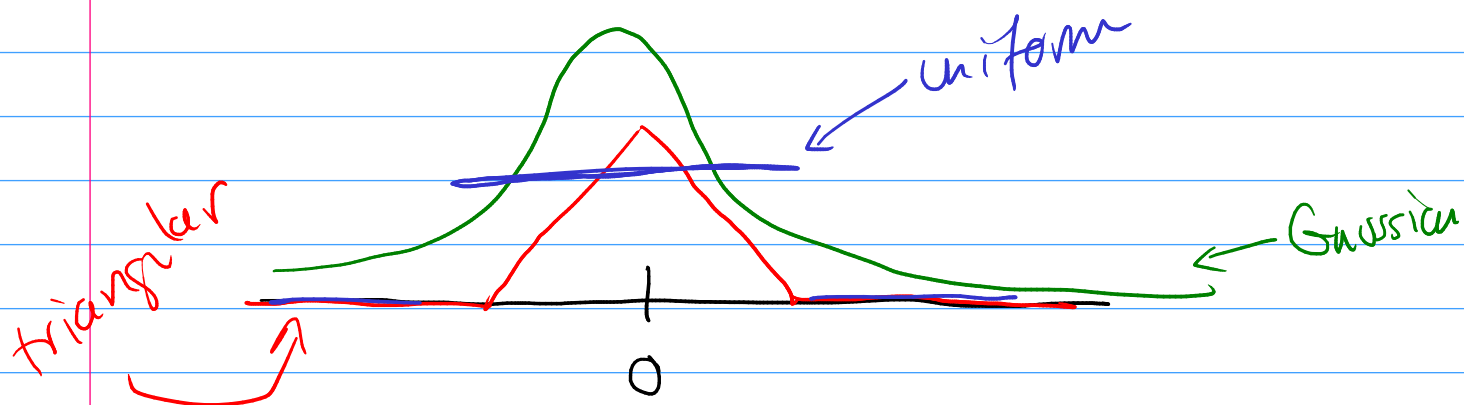
③ $\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} K(x) dx = 1$

④ $K(x) = K(-x)$

[PDF of some R^p]
(symmetric)

Ex. $K(x) = e^{-x^2}$

$K(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$



Kernels can be used to define "closeness"

Ex. $K(r) = e^{-r^2}$

then $K(x-y) = e^{-(x-y)^2}$

Kernel Smoother:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n(x) y_n$$

where $w_n(x) \propto K(x - x_n)$

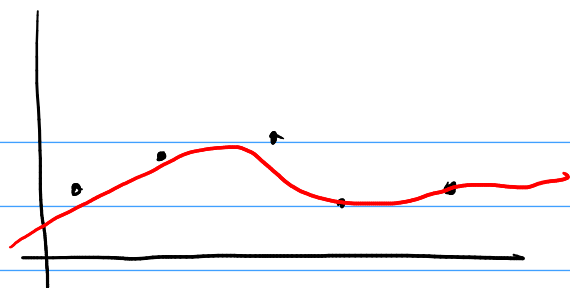
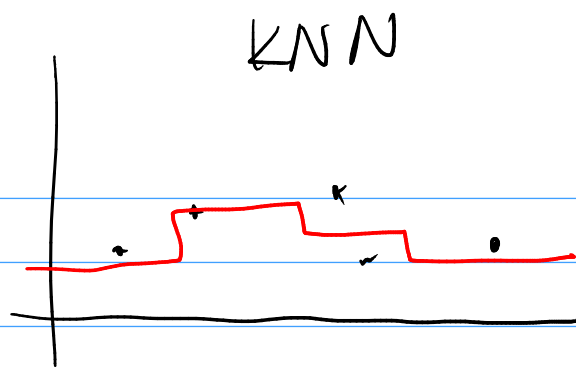
Closeness of x to x_n

typ. want $\sum_n w_n(x) = 1$

so we can defn

$$w_n(x) = \frac{K(x - x_n)}{\sum_m K(x - x_m)}$$

known as
Nadaraya-Watson
Est.
(NW)



Kernels typ. have some "bandwidth" parameter that controls "closeness"

Ex. $K_{\gamma}(x) = \exp(-\gamma x^2)$

$$K_{\gamma}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2/\gamma}$$

tuning gamma is the hard work for fitting.