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## Assignment 3: Kernel Ridge Regression

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### Prerequisites:

1. Enable Google Colaboratory as an app on your Google Drive account
2. Create a new Google Colab notebook, this will also create a “Colab Notebooks” directory under “MyDrive” i.e.

`/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks`

3. Create the following directory structure in your Google Drive

`/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/CPSC 381-581: Machine Learning/Assignments`

4. Move the `03_assignment_kernel_regression.ipynb` into

`/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/CPSC 381-581: Machine Learning/Assignments`

so that its absolute path is

`/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/CPSC 381-581: Machine Learning/Assignments/03_assignment`

In this assignment, we will optimize a kernelized linear function in nonlinear space. We will implement several kernels (linear, polynomial, radial basis function) and train a kernel ridge regression model. We will benchmark our implementation against the one from sci-kit learn, where we should be comparable. Additionally, we will test the speed up for using kernels when the nonlinear mapping function expands feature to high dimensions.

### Submission:

1. Implement all TODOs in the code blocks below.
2. Report your training and validation/testing scores.

Preprocessing the Diabetes dataset (442 samples, 10 feature dimensions)

\*\*\*\*\* Experiments on the Diabetes dataset using linear kernel ridge regression model with weight

Results for Scikit-learn model

Training set mean squared error: 25728.0419

Validation set mean squared error: 25337.7405

Testing set mean squared error: 28612.6972  
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 Results for Scikit-learn model  
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 Validation set mean squared error: 4.1505  
 Testing set mean squared error: 3.4062

Results for our model

Training set mean squared error: 0.0000

Validation set mean squared error: 4.1505

Testing set mean squared error: 3.4062

3. List any collaborators.

Collaborators: None.

### IMPORTANT:

- For full credit, your mean squared error for all trained models across all datasets should be same as the scores achieved by sci-kit learn's kernel ridge regression model across training, validation and testing splits. Your kernel ridge regression must be faster than sci-kit linear regression with polynomial expansion at 4th order.

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[1]: import numpy as np
import sklearn.datasets as skdata
import sklearn.metrics as skmetrics
import sklearn.preprocessing as skpreprocess
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge as RidgeRegressionSciKit
from sklearn.kernel_ridge import KernelRidge as KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import warnings
import time

warnings.filterwarnings(action='ignore')
np.random.seed = 1
```

Helper function for plotting

```
[2]: def plot_results(axis,
                    x_values,
                    y_values,
                    labels,
                    colors,
                    x_limits,
                    y_limits,
                    x_label,
                    y_label):
    """
    Plots x and y values using line plot with labels and colors

    Args:
        axis : pyplot.ax
               matplotlib subplot axis
        x_values : list[numpy[float32]]
                  list of numpy array of x values
        y_values : list[numpy[float32]]
                  list of numpy array of y values
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    labels : str
        list of names for legend
    colors : str
        colors for each line
    x_limits : list[float32]
        min and max values of x axis
    y_limits : list[float32]
        min and max values of y axis
    x_label : list[float32]
        name of x axis
    y_label : list[float32]
        name of y axis
'''

# Iterate through x_values, y_values, labels, and colors and plot them
# with associated legend
for x, y, label, color in zip(x_values, y_values, labels, colors):
    axis.plot(x, y, marker='o', color=color, label=label)
    axis.legend(loc='best')

# Set x and y limits
axis.set_xlim(x_limits)
axis.set_ylim(y_limits)

# Set x and y labels
axis.set_xlabel(x_label)
axis.set_ylabel(y_label)

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Implementation of kernel ridge regression

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[3]: class KernelRidgeRegression(object):

    def __init__(self, kernel_func, degree=None, gamma=None):
        '''
        Class for kernel ridge regression

        Arg(s):
            kernel_func : str
                name of kernel function to use: linear, polynomial, rbf,
                ↪(gaussian)
            degree : int
                p-order for polynomial
            gamma : float
                standard deviation of the Gaussian
        '''

        # Define private variables

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self.__weights = None
self.__X = None
self.__kernel_func = kernel_func
self.__degree = degree
self.__gamma = gamma

def __linear_kernel(self, X1, X2):
    """
    Computes the linear kernel function on X1 and X2

    Arg(s):
        X1 : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        X2 : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
    Returns:
        numpy[float32] : N x N kernel matrix
    """

    # DONE: Implement linear kernel
    return np.dot(X1, X2.T)

def __polynomial_kernel(self, X1, X2, degree):
    """
    Computes the p-order polynomial kernel function on X1 and X2 with c = 1

    Arg(s):
        X1 : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        X2 : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        degree : int
            p-order for polynomial
    Returns:
        numpy[float32] : N x N kernel matrix
    """

    # DONE: Implement polynomial kernel with c = 1

    return (np.dot(X1, X2.T) + 1) ** degree

def __rbf_kernel(self, X1, X2, gamma):
    """
    Computes the RBF (Gaussian) kernel function on X1 and X2

    Arg(s):

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        X1 : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        X2 : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        gamma : float
            standard deviation of the Gaussian
    Returns:
        numpy[float32] : N x N kernel matrix
    """

    # DONE: Implement RBF kernel using Gaussian form
    X1_squared = np.sum(X1 ** 2, axis=1)
    X2_squared = np.sum(X2 ** 2, axis=1)
    X1_X2 = np.dot(X1, X2.T)
    return np.exp(-gamma * (X1_squared[:, None] + X2_squared[None, :] - 2 *
↪X1_X2))

def fit(self, X, y, weight_decay=0):
    """
    Fits the model to X and y via normal equation in kernelized form

    Arg(s):
        X : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        y : numpy[float32]
            N x 1 ground-truth label
        weight_decay : float
            weight of weight decay term
    """

    # DONE: Implement the fit function
    self.__X = X

    if self.__kernel_func == 'linear':
        K = self.__linear_kernel(X, X)

    elif self.__kernel_func == 'polynomial':
        K = self.__polynomial_kernel(X, X, self.__degree)

    elif self.__kernel_func == 'rbf':
        K = self.__rbf_kernel(X, X, self.__gamma)

    else:
        raise ValueError('Unsupported kernel function: {}'.format(self.
↪__kernel_func))

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        self.__weights = np.linalg.solve(K + weight_decay * np.eye(K.shape[0]), \u
↪y)

    def predict(self, X):
        '''
        Predicts the real value for each feature vector X

        Arg(s):
            x : numpy[float32]
            N x d feature vector
        Returns:
            numpy[float32] : N x 1 real value vector (\hat{y})
        '''

        # DONE: Implement the predict function

        if self.__kernel_func == 'linear':
            K = self.__linear_kernel(X, self.__X)

        elif self.__kernel_func == 'polynomial':
            K = self.__polynomial_kernel(X, self.__X, self.__degree)

        elif self.__kernel_func == 'rbf':
            K = self.__rbf_kernel(X, self.__X, self.__gamma)

        else:
            raise ValueError('Unsupported kernel function: {}'.format(self.
↪__kernel_func))

        return np.dot(K, self.__weights)

```

Load datasets

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[4]: # Load diabetes and Friedman #1 datasets
    datasets = [
        skdata.load_diabetes(),
        skdata.make_friedman1(n_samples=5000, n_features=20, noise=0.0, \u
↪random_state=1)
    ]

    dataset_names = [
        'Diabetes',
        'Friedman #1'
    ]

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Training, validating and testing kernel ridge regression

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[5]: # Set hyperparameters
diabetes_weight_decay = 1e-2
diabetes_degree = 3
diabetes_gamma = 1

friedman1_weight_decay = 1e-4
friedman1_degree = 3
friedman1_gamma = 1

dataset_hyperparameters = [
    # For diabetes dataset
    [
        diabetes_weight_decay,
        diabetes_degree,
        diabetes_gamma
    ],
    # For Friedman #1 dataset
    [
        friedman1_weight_decay,
        friedman1_degree,
        friedman1_gamma
    ]
]

# Zip up all dataset options
dataset_options = zip(
    datasets,
    dataset_names,
    dataset_hyperparameters)

for options in dataset_options:

    # Unpack dataset options
    dataset, \
        dataset_name, \
        dataset_hyperparameters = options

    weight_decay, degree, gamma = dataset_hyperparameters

    '''
    Create the training, validation and testing splits
    '''
    if dataset_name == 'Friedman #1':
        X, y = dataset
    else:
        X = dataset.data

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y = dataset.target

print('Preprocessing the {} dataset ({} samples, {} feature dimensions)'.
↪format(dataset_name, X.shape[0], X.shape[1]))

# Shuffle the dataset based on sample indices
shuffled_indices = np.random.permutation(X.shape[0])

# Choose the first 60% as training set, next 20% as validation and the rest
↪as testing
train_split_idx = int(0.60 * X.shape[0])
val_split_idx = int(0.80 * X.shape[0])

train_indices = shuffled_indices[0:train_split_idx]
val_indices = shuffled_indices[train_split_idx:val_split_idx]
test_indices = shuffled_indices[val_split_idx:]

# Select the examples from X and y to construct our training, validation,
↪testing sets
X_train, y_train = X[train_indices, :], y[train_indices]
X_val, y_val = X[val_indices, :], y[val_indices]
X_test, y_test = X[test_indices, :], y[test_indices]

for kernel in ['linear', 'polynomial', 'rbf']:

    '''
    Trains and tests kernel ridge regression model for different kernels
    '''

    if kernel == 'linear':
        print('***** Experiments on the {} dataset using {} kernel ridge
↪regression model with weight decay of {} *****'.format(
            dataset_name,
            kernel,
            weight_decay))

        # DONE: Instantiate KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit with linear kernel
        model_scikit = KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit(kernel=kernel,
↪alpha=weight_decay)

        # DONE: Instantiate our kernel ridge regression model with linear
↪kernel
        model_ours = KernelRidgeRegression(kernel)

    elif kernel == 'polynomial':

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print('***** Experiments on the {} dataset using {} (degree={})'
↪kernel ridge regression model with weight decay of {} *****'.format(
    dataset_name,
    kernel,
    degree,
    weight_decay))

# DONE: Instantiate KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit with a polynomial
↪kernel with specified degree and gamma of 1
model_scikit = KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit(kernel=kernel,
↪degree=degree, gamma=1, alpha=weight_decay)

# DONE: Instantiate our kernel ridge regression model with
↪polynomial kernel with specified degree
model_ours = KernelRidgeRegression(kernel, degree=degree)

elif kernel == 'rbf':
    print('***** Experiments on the {} dataset using {} (gamma={})'
↪kernel ridge regression model with weight decay of {} *****'.format(
        dataset_name,
        kernel,
        gamma,
        weight_decay))

# DONE: Instantiate KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit with an rbf kernel.
↪Please choose gamma for Scikit. Note: Scikit implementation using gamma is
↪as follows:  $1 / (2 * \text{specified gamma} ** 2)$ 
model_scikit = KernelRidgeRegressionSciKit(kernel=kernel,
↪gamma=gamma, alpha=weight_decay)

# DONE: Instantiate our kernel ridge regression model with an rbf
↪kernel with specified gamma
model_ours = KernelRidgeRegression(kernel, gamma=gamma)
else:
    raise ValueError('Unsupported kernel function: {}'.format(kernel))

print('Results for Scikit-learn model')

# DONE: Train scikit-learn model
model_scikit.fit(X_train, y_train)

# DONE: Score model using mean squared error on training set
mse_scikit_train = skmetrics.mean_squared_error(y_train, model_scikit.
↪predict(X_train))
print('Training set mean squared error: {:.4f}'.
↪format(mse_scikit_train))

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    # DONE: Score model using mean squared error validation set
    mse_scikit_val = skmetrics.mean_squared_error(y_val, model_scikit.
    ↪predict(X_val))
    print('Validation set mean squared error: {:.4f}'.
    ↪format(mse_scikit_val))

    # DONE: Score model using mean squared error testing set
    mse_scikit_test = skmetrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, model_scikit.
    ↪predict(X_test))
    print('Testing set mean squared error: {:.4f}'.format(mse_scikit_test))

    print('Results for our model')

    # DONE: Train our model
    model_ours.fit(X_train, y_train, weight_decay)

    # DONE: Score model using mean squared error on training set
    mse_ours_train = skmetrics.mean_squared_error(y_train, model_ours.
    ↪predict(X_train))
    print('Training set mean squared error: {:.4f}'.format(mse_ours_train))

    # DONE: Score model using mean squared error validation set
    mse_ours_val = skmetrics.mean_squared_error(y_val, model_ours.
    ↪predict(X_val))
    print('Validation set mean squared error: {:.4f}'.format(mse_ours_val))

    # DONE: Score model using mean squared error testing set
    mse_ours_test = skmetrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, model_ours.
    ↪predict(X_test))
    print('Testing set mean squared error: {:.4f}'.format(mse_ours_test))

    print('')

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Preprocessing the Diabetes dataset (442 samples, 10 feature dimensions)

\*\*\*\*\* Experiments on the Diabetes dataset using linear kernel ridge regression model with weight decay of 0.01 \*\*\*\*\*

Results for Scikit-learn model

Training set mean squared error: 25728.0419

Validation set mean squared error: 25337.7405

Testing set mean squared error: 28612.6972

Results for our model

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\*\*\*\*\* Experiments on the Diabetes dataset using polynomial (degree=3) kernel ridge regression model with weight decay of 0.01 \*\*\*\*\*

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Testing set mean squared error: 3206.4733
Results for our model
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Validation set mean squared error: 2649.0277
Testing set mean squared error: 3206.4733
***** Experiments on the Diabetes dataset using rbf (gamma=1) kernel ridge
regression model with weight decay of 0.01 *****
Results for Scikit-learn model
Training set mean squared error: 2538.2197
Validation set mean squared error: 2646.5337
Testing set mean squared error: 3124.9390
Results for our model
Training set mean squared error: 2538.2197
Validation set mean squared error: 2646.5337
Testing set mean squared error: 3124.9390

Preprocessing the Friedman #1 dataset (5000 samples, 20 feature dimensions)
***** Experiments on the Friedman #1 dataset using linear kernel ridge
regression model with weight decay of 0.0001 *****
Results for Scikit-learn model
Training set mean squared error: 5.9512
Validation set mean squared error: 6.0431
Testing set mean squared error: 6.0232
Results for our model
Training set mean squared error: 5.9512
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Testing set mean squared error: 6.0232
***** Experiments on the Friedman #1 dataset using polynomial (degree=3) kernel
ridge regression model with weight decay of 0.0001 *****
Results for Scikit-learn model
Training set mean squared error: 0.0363
Validation set mean squared error: 0.2550
Testing set mean squared error: 0.2693
Results for our model
Training set mean squared error: 0.0363
Validation set mean squared error: 0.2550
Testing set mean squared error: 0.2693
***** Experiments on the Friedman #1 dataset using rbf (gamma=1) kernel ridge
regression model with weight decay of 0.0001 *****
Results for Scikit-learn model
Training set mean squared error: 0.0000
Validation set mean squared error: 4.1505
Testing set mean squared error: 3.4062
Results for our model
Training set mean squared error: 0.0000

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Validation set mean squared error: 4.1505

Testing set mean squared error: 3.4062

Comparing run time for polynomial kernel and polynomial feature expansion

```
[6]: # Define weight decay and polynomial degrees
weight_decay = 1

degrees = [
    2, 3, 4, 5
]

# Lists to hold time elapsed for
times_elapsed_poly_expand = []
times_elapsed_poly_kernel = []

# Select Friedman #1 dataset
dataset = skdata.make_friedman1(n_samples=5000, n_features=20, noise=1.0,
    random_state=1)

X, y = dataset

for degree in degrees:

    # DONE: Initialize polynomial expansion
    poly_transform = skpreprocess.PolynomialFeatures(degree=degree,
    include_bias=False)

    # DONE: Compute the polynomial terms needed for the data
    poly_transform.fit(X)

    # DONE: Transform the data by nonlinear mapping
    X_poly = poly_transform.transform(X)

    # DONE: Initialize sci-kit ridge regression model
    model_poly_expand = RidgeRegressionSciKit(alpha=weight_decay)

    print('Training ridge regression model with degree {} polynomial expansion,
    with {} samples, {} feature dimensions'.format(
        degree,
        X_poly.shape[0],
        X_poly.shape[1]))

    time_start = time.time()

    # DONE: Train sci-kit ridge regression model on polynomial expanded X
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model_poly_expand.fit(X_poly, y)
time_elapsed_poly_expand = 1000 * (time.time() - time_start)

print('Training time: {:.2f}ms'.format(time_elapsed_poly_expand))

# DONE: Append training time to list of time elapsed for polynomial feature
↪expansion
times_elapsed_poly_expand.append(time_elapsed_poly_expand)

# DONE: Initialize our polynomial kernel ridge regression model
model_poly_kernel = KernelRidgeRegression(kernel_func='polynomial',
↪degree=degree)

print('Training kernel ridge regression model with degree {} polynomial
↪with {} samples, {} feature dimensions'.format(
    degree,
    X.shape[0],
    X.shape[1]))

time_start = time.time()

# DONE: Train our polynomial kernel ridge regression model on X
model_poly_kernel.fit(X, y, weight_decay)
time_elapsed_poly_kernel = 1000 * (time.time() - time_start)

print('Training time: {:.2f}ms'.format(time_elapsed_poly_kernel))

# DONE: Append training time to list of time elapsed for polynomial kernel
times_elapsed_poly_kernel.append(time_elapsed_poly_kernel)

print('')

# Create figure for training, validation and testing scores for different
↪features
labels = ['Polynomial Expansion', 'Polynomial Kernel']
colors = ['blue', 'red']

# DONE: Create a subplot of a 1 by 1 figure to plot MSE for training and testing
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 1, 1)

# DONE: Set x values (polynomial degree) and y values (time in ms in log scale)
x_values = [degrees, degrees]
y_values = [times_elapsed_poly_expand, times_elapsed_poly_kernel]
ax.set_yscale('log')

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# DONE: Plot MSE scores for training and testing sets
# Set x limits between 1 to 1 + maximum value of all degrees and y limits
↳ between 1 and 1 + maximum value of all log time in ms
# Set x label to degree and y label to milliseconds (log scale)' and y label to
↳ 'MSE',
x_limits = ax.set_xlim([1, 1 + max(degrees)])
all_times = times_elapsed_poly_expand + times_elapsed_poly_kernel
y_limits = ax.set_ylim([1, 1 + max(all_times)])

# DONE: Create plot title of 'Comparing Polynomial Feature Expansion and
↳ Polynomial Kernel Run-times'
ax.set_title('Comparing Polynomial Feature Expansion and Polynomial Kernel
↳ Run-times')

plot_results(ax,
             x_values,
             y_values,
             labels,
             colors,
             x_limits,
             y_limits,
             'degree',
             'milliseconds (log scale)')

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Training ridge regression model with degree 2 polynomial expansion with 5000 samples, 230 feature dimensions

Training time: 5.71ms

Training kernel ridge regression model with degree 2 polynomial with 5000 samples, 20 feature dimensions

Training time: 678.08ms

Training ridge regression model with degree 3 polynomial expansion with 5000 samples, 1770 feature dimensions

Training time: 108.53ms

Training kernel ridge regression model with degree 3 polynomial with 5000 samples, 20 feature dimensions

Training time: 895.57ms

Training ridge regression model with degree 4 polynomial expansion with 5000 samples, 10625 feature dimensions

Training time: 1201.05ms

Training kernel ridge regression model with degree 4 polynomial with 5000 samples, 20 feature dimensions

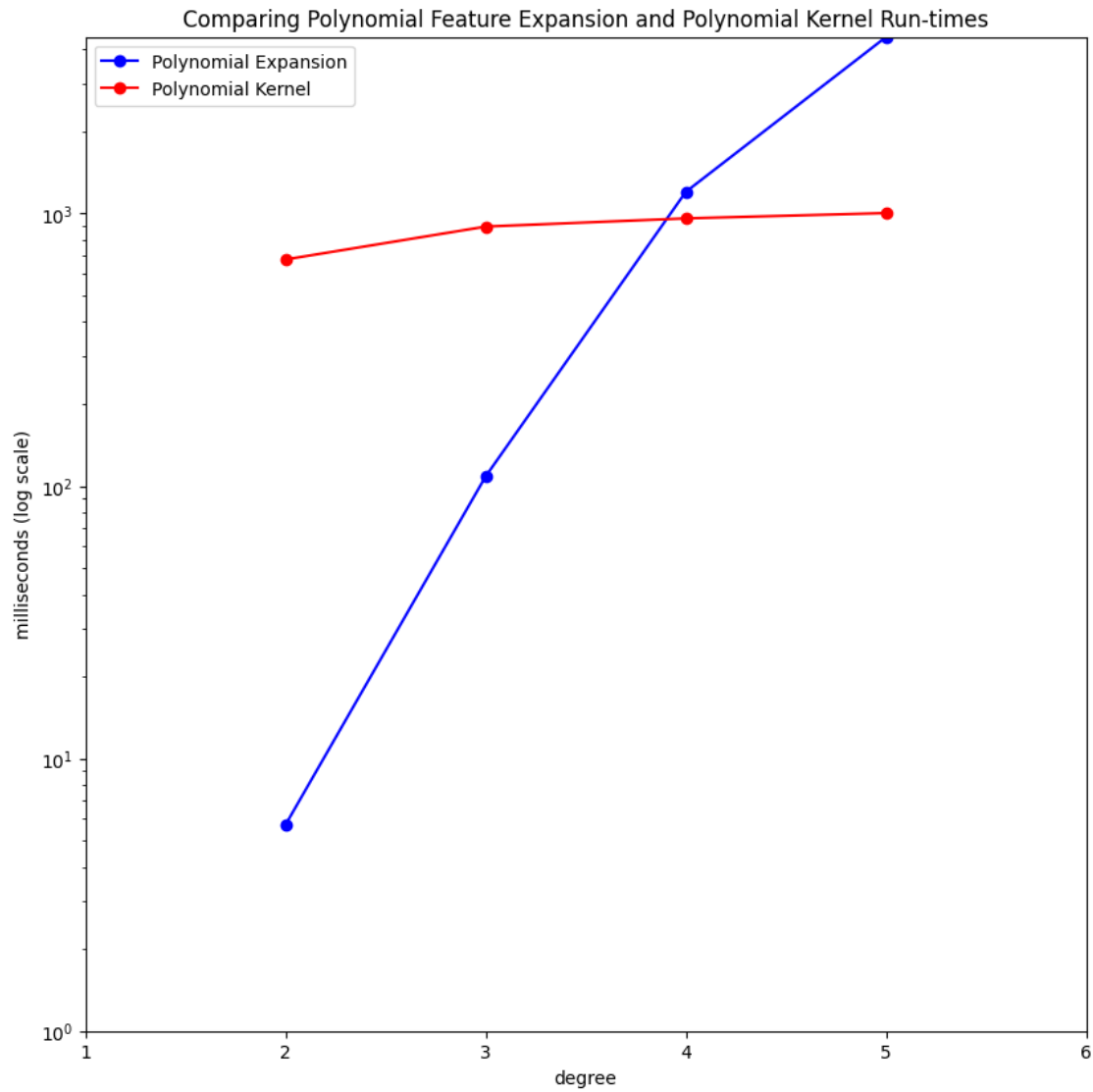
Training time: 959.73ms

Training ridge regression model with degree 5 polynomial expansion with 5000 samples, 53129 feature dimensions

Training time: 4441.67ms

Training kernel ridge regression model with degree 5 polynomial with 5000 samples, 20 feature dimensions

Training time: 1003.82ms



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