CS 446/ECE 449 Machine Learning

Homework 1: Linear Regression

Due on Thursday February 6 2020, noon Central Time

1. [17 points] Linear Regression

We are given a dataset $\mathcal{D} = \{(1,1),(2,1)\}$ containing two pairs (x,y), where each $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}$ denotes a real-valued number.

We want to find the parameters $w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ of a linear regression model $\hat{y} = w_1 x + w_2$ using

$$\min_{w} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}} \left(y - w^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{2}.$$
(1)

(a) (2 points) Plot the given dataset and find the optimal w^* by inspection.

(b) (4 points) Using general matrix vector notation, the program in Eq. (1) is equivalent to

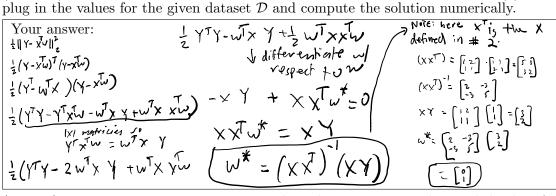
$$\min_{w} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}w\|_2^2. \tag{2}$$

Specify the dimensions of the introduced matrix X and the introduced vector y. Also write down explicitly the matrices and vectors using the values in the given dataset \mathcal{D} .

Your answer:
$$m = \#$$
 of samples $n = \#$ features.

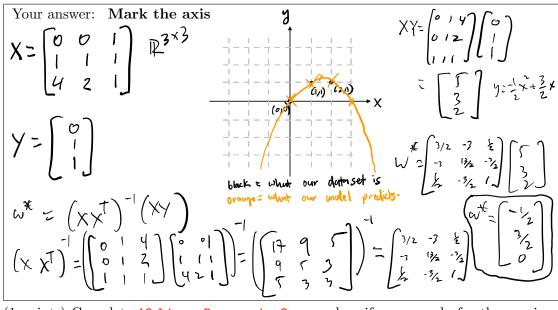
$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{11} & y_{12} & y_{13} & y_{14} & y_{15} & y_{15}$$

(c) (3 points) **Derive** the general analytical solution for the program given in Eq. (2). Also plug in the values for the given dataset \mathcal{D} and compute the solution numerically.



(d) (1 point) Numerous ways exist to compute this solution via PyTorch. Read the docs for the functions 'torch.gels', 'torch.gesv', and 'torch.inverse'. Use all three approaches when completing the file Al_LinearRegression.py and verify your answer. Which solution provides the most accurate value for w_1 for our dataset?

(e) (6 points) We are now given a dataset $\mathcal{D} = \{(0,0),(1,1),(2,1)\}$ of pairs (x,y) with $x,y \in \mathbb{R}$ for which we want to fit a quadratic model $\hat{y} = w_1x^2 + w_2x + w_3$ using the program given in Eq. (2). Specify the dimensions of the matrix \mathbf{X} and the vector \mathbf{y} . Also write down explicitly the matrix and vector using the values in the given dataset. Find the optimal solution w^* and draw it together with the dataset into a plot.



(f) (1 points) Complete A2_LinearRegression2.py and verify your reply for the previous answer. How did you specify the matrix X?