

NYCU Introduction to Machine Learning, Homework 1

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Part. 1, Coding (60%):

(10%) Linear Regression Model - Closed-form Solution

1. (10%) Show the weights and intercepts of your linear model.

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2025-09-28 23:36:27.214 | INFO    | __main__:main:124 - LR_CF.weights=array([2.85501274, 1.01785863, 0.47202  
168, 0.19608925]), LR_CF.intercept=-33.6956
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(40%) Linear Regression Model - Gradient Descent Solution

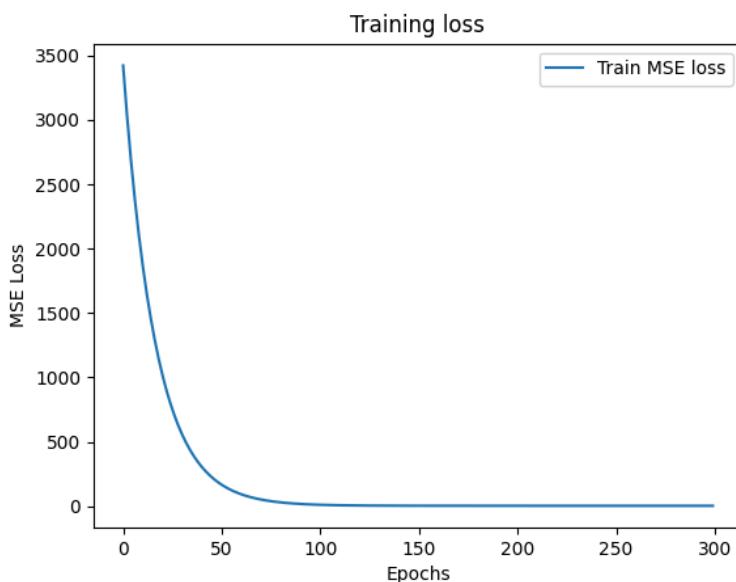
2. (10%)

- Show the hyperparameters of your setting (e.g., learning rate, number of epochs, batch size, etc.).
- Show the weights and intercepts of your linear model.

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LR_GD.fit(train_x, train_y, learning_rate=0.015, epochs=300)
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2025-09-28 23:36:27.243 | INFO    | __main__:main:134 - LR_GD.weights=array([2.85456156, 1.01773842, 0.47207  
595, 0.19619369]), LR_GD.intercept=-33.6918
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3. (10%) Plot the learning curve. (x-axis=epoch, y-axis=training loss)



4. (20%) Show your MSE.cf, MSE.gd, and error rate between your closed-form solution and the gradient descent solution.

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2025-09-28 23:42:32.025 | INFO    | __main__:main:150 - Prediction difference: 0.0059  
2025-09-28 23:42:32.026 | INFO    | __main__:main:155 - mse_cf=4.2903, mse_gd=4.2905. Difference: 0.004%
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(10%) Code Check and Verification

5. (10%) Lint the code and show the PyTest results.

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(ml) heng@heng:~/Desktop/ml_hw1$ flake8 main.py  
(ml) heng@heng:~/Desktop/ml_hw1$
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● (ml) heng@heng:~/Desktop/ml_hw1$ pytest ./test_main.py -s
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platform linux -- Python 3.11.13, pytest-8.4.2, pluggy-1.6.0
rootdir: /home/heng/Desktop/ml_hw1
collected 2 items

test_main.py (100, 1)
2025-09-28 23:45:56.782 | INFO    | test_main:test_regression_cf:30 - model.weights=array([[3.]]), model.intercept=array([4.])
.(100, 1)
2025-09-28 23:45:56.783 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 0, loss=30622.0606, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:56.875 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 10000, loss=560.6383, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:56.965 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 20000, loss=10.2643, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:57.054 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 30000, loss=0.1879, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:57.144 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 40000, loss=0.0034, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:57.233 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 50000, loss=0.0001, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:57.323 | INFO    | main:fit:92 - EPOCH 60000, loss=0.0000, lr=0.0001
2025-09-28 23:45:57.413 | INFO    | test_main:test_regression_gd:43 - model.weights=array([2.99999751]), model.intercept=np.float64(3.999996678539041)
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===== 2 passed in 1.00s =====

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Part. 2, Questions (40%):

1. (10%) Linear models $y = w^\top x + b$ have limited fitting power.
 - a. In one sentence, explain why a single linear model is limited.
 - b. Give one concrete task that a single linear model cannot solve, and state why no single hyperplane/affine function solves it.
 - (a) Because it can only denote in straight-line relationships and cannot represent complex nonlinear patterns in the data.
 - (b) We use the function $\sin(2\pi x)$ to generate the training data, since the sine function wave is nonlinear and periodically changed. However, the single hyperplane/affine function cannot bend and non-monotonic, so it cannot solve the sine function well. Because the sine function has a lot of slope
2. (15%) Why do we add a regularization term in linear regression? What are the differences between L2 regularization (Ridge) and L1 regularization (Lasso)? Please explain in detail.
 - (1) Because root mean squares can overfit (high variance). Adding a penalty on the coefficients shrinks them toward zero, which can reduce variance.
 - (2)

	Ridge	Lasso
Penalty term	$\lambda \sum_j \omega_j^2$	$\lambda \sum_j \omega_j $
Character	Smooth shrinkage and usually lower prediction error when signals are dense.	Cut variance via variable selection if the true signal is sparse.

Solutions	has a closed form	has no closed form
In Bayesian view	Equivalent to assuming a Gaussian prior on weights.	Equivalent to assuming a Laplace prior on weights.

3. (15%)

- What is overfitting? Under what conditions can a model overfit? (List two) How can overfitting be alleviated? (List two)
 - (1) The model has well fitting in the training data, but has poor fitting in testing.
 - (2) i. The model is too complex relative to data. For example, high-degree polynomial regression with only a few data points.
ii. Training data is too limited or noisy. With very few samples or lots of random noise, the model picks up the patterns that don't generalize.
 - (3) Regularization and Cross-validation.