

Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning  
Mid-Term Exam 2022.

Time - 40 Minutes

Total Marks = 40.

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- (i) Try to explain your answers as much as possible for obtaining full marks.  
(ii) Marks shall be also granted for right steps of solution process.
1. Let us consider a Training set  $T = \{(x_i, y_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, l\}$ , where  $l$  is a very large number and  $f_0$  is the optimal function estimated using the  $T$ . Further, let us define a random variable  $X_i = y_i - f_0(x_i)$  then consider the following statements.

- (a)  $X \hookrightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$   
(b)  $E(X_i) = 0$ .  
(c)  $Var(X_i) = 1$ .  
(d)  $X \hookrightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ , where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are finite numbers.  
(d) None of above can be said about the distribution of  $X_i$ .

Write the correct statement/statements and briefly describe the reasons behind your answer. 5 Marks .

2. Consider the following dataset.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$Y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Table 1: Dataset

For the given dataset, one has estimated the Least Square linear regression model  $f(\mathbf{x}) = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b$  and obtained  $w_1 = w_2 = 0$  and  $b = 0.5$ . The training RMSE is 0.5. The obtained training error, in this case, is due to

- (a) high variance.
- (b) high bias.
- (c) data are identically and independently distributed.
- (d) the irreducible error is too much.
- (e) None of above are true.

Write the correct statement/statements and briefly describe the reasons behind your answer.

5 Marks.

3. Consider the basis function  $\{2^{\|x_i - \mu_1\|^2}, 2^{\|x_i - \mu_2\|^2}\}$ , For  $\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , Let us say that Least Square estimate (without considering the regularization) for the dataset in the Table -1 is given by  $f(x) = 2^{\|x_i - \mu_1\|^2}w_1 + 2^{\|x_i - \mu_2\|^2}w_2$ . Then obtain the values of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . 5 Marks
4. Let us consider the training set  $T = \{(x_i, y_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, l\}$ , briefly describe the steps involved in estimating the function  $f(x) = w^T x + b, w \in \mathbf{R}^n, b \in \mathbf{R}$ , using regularized  $L_1$ -norm regression model by computing the gradient. 5 Marks.
5. Let us consider a function  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . Argue why the negative of the gradient direction is the direction of steepest descent. 5 Marks.
6. How does the bias-variance decomposition of a Regularized Least Square (RLS) estimator compare with that of ordinary least squares regression estimation?
  - (a) RLS estimator has larger bias but, larger variance
  - (b) RLS estimator has smaller bias but, larger variance.
  - (c) RLS estimator larger bias but, smaller variance.
  - (d) RLS estimator has smaller bias but, smaller variance.
  - (e) None of above are true.

Justify your answer with reasons.

5Marks.

7. Consider the dataset at Table 2. Find the direction along which the variance of the data is maximum.
  - (a) (0.5,0.5)


$x_1$	$x_2$
1	0
0	1
1	0
1	1

Table 2: Dataset

- (b) (0.12,0 )
- (c) (0,0.4635)
- (d) (0.25, 0.14)
- (d) None of above.

Justify your answer.

5 Marks.

8. As we, increase the number of training points, which of them are true about our learnt model.
- (a) the bias of model decreases.
  - (b) the variance of model increases.
  -  (c) the variance of model decreases.
  - (d) bias of the model increases.
  - (e) Nothing can be said.

Justify your answers with proper reasoning.

5 Marks.