

EE2211 Tutorial 7

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This question explores the use of Pearson's correlation as a feature selection metric. We are given the following training dataset:

| | Datapoint 1 | Datapoint 2 | Datapoint 3 | Datapoint 4 | Datapoint 5 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Feature 1 | 0.3510 | 2.1812 | 0.2415 | -0.1096 | 0.1544 |
| Feature 2 | 1.1796 | 2.1068 | 1.7753 | 1.2747 | 2.0851 |
| Feature 3 | -0.9852 | 1.3766 | -1.3244 | -0.6316 | -0.8320 |
| Target y | 0.2758 | 1.4392 | -0.4611 | 0.6154 | 1.0006 |

What are the top two features we should select if we use Pearson's correlation as a feature selection metric?

Given N pairs of datapoints $\{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_N, b_N)\}$, the Pearson's correlation r is defined as

 $r = \frac{\text{Cov}(a, b)}{\sigma_a \sigma_b}$

where

$$\sigma_a = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (a_i - \bar{a})^2}$$
 $\sigma_b = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (b_i - \bar{b})^2}$

Empirical standard deviation of a and b

and

$$Cov(a,b) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (a_i - \bar{a}) (b_i - \bar{b})$$

Empirical covariance between a and b

where

$$\bar{a} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n \qquad \bar{b} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} b_n$$

Empirical means of a and b respectively

The Pearson correlation coefficient (often called Pearson's r) is a statistical measure that quantifies the linear relationship between two continuous variables. It is one of the most widely used correlation measures in statistics and is often used to determine whether an increase in one variable tends to be associated with an increase or decrease in another variable.

Key Characteristics:

Range: The Pearson correlation coefficient ranges from -1 to 1.

- +1: Indicates a perfect positive linear relationship. As one variable increases, the other increases proportionally.
- -1: Indicates a perfect negative linear relationship. As one variable increases, the other decreases proportionally.
- 0: Indicates no linear relationship between the variables. However, they may still have a non-linear relationship.

Pearson's correlation $r = \frac{Cov(a,b)}{c}$

Mean of Feature
$$1 = \mu_1 = \frac{0.3510 + 2.1812 + 0.2415 - 0.1096 + 0.1544}{5} = 0.5637$$

Mean of Feature $2 = \mu_2 = \frac{1.1796 + 2.1068 + 1.7753 + 1.2747 + 2.0851}{5} = 1.6843$
Mean of Feature $3 = \mu_3 = \frac{-0.9852 + 1.3766 - 1.3244 - 0.6316 - 0.8320}{5} = -0.4793$
Mean of Target $y = \mu_y = \frac{0.2758 + 1.4392 - 0.4611 + 0.6154 + 1.0006}{5} = 0.5740$

Feature 1 std =
$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\frac{(0.3510 - \mu_1)^2 + (2.1812 - \mu_1)^2 + (0.2415 - \mu_1)^2 + (-0.1096 - \mu_1)^2 + (0.1544 - \mu_1)^2}{5}} = 0.8229$$

Feature 2 std = $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(1.1796 - \mu_2)^2 + (2.1068 - \mu_2)^2 + (1.7753 - \mu_2)^2 + (1.2747 - \mu_2)^2 + (2.0851 - \mu_2)^2}{5}} = 0.3924$

Feature 3 std = $\sigma_3 = \sqrt{\frac{(-0.9852 - \mu_3)^2 + (1.3766 - \mu_3)^2 + (-1.3244 - \mu_3)^2 + (-0.6316 - \mu_3)^2 + (-0.8320 - \mu_3)^2}{5}} = 0.9552$

Target y std = $\sigma_y = \sqrt{\frac{(0.2758 - \mu_y)^2 + (1.4392 - \mu_y)^2 + (-0.4611 - \mu_y)^2 + (0.6154 - \mu_y)^2 + (1.0006 - \mu_y)^2}{5}} = 0.6469$

• Pearson's correlation $r = \frac{\text{Cov}(a,b)}{\sigma_a \sigma_b}$

Cov(Feature 1, y) =
$$\frac{1}{5}[(0.3510 - \mu_1)(0.2758 - \mu_y) + (2.1812 - \mu_1)(1.4392 - \mu_y) + (0.2415 - \mu_1)(-0.4611 - \mu_y) + (-0.1096 - \mu_1)(0.6154 - \mu_y) + (0.1544 - \mu_1)(1.0006 - \mu_y)] = 0.3188$$

Cov(Feature 2,y) = $\frac{1}{5}[(1.1796 - \mu_2)(0.2758 - \mu_y) + (2.1068 - \mu_2)(1.4392 - \mu_y) + (1.7753 - \mu_2)(-0.4611 - \mu_y) + (1.2747 - \mu_2)(0.6154 - \mu_y) + (2.0851 - \mu_2)(1.0006 - \mu_y)] = 0.1152$

Cov(Feature 3,y) = $\frac{1}{5}[(-0.9852 - \mu_3)(0.2758 - \mu_y) + (1.3766 - \mu_3)(1.4392 - \mu_y) + (-1.3244 - \mu_3)(-0.4611 - \mu_y) + (-0.6316 - \mu_3)(0.6154 - \mu_y) + (-0.8320 - \mu_3)(1.0006 - \mu_y)] = 0.4949$

Correlation of Feature 1 & $y = \frac{Cov(Feature 1,y)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_y} = \frac{0.3188}{0.8229 \times 0.6469} = 0.5988$

Correlation of Feature 2 & $y = \frac{Cov(Feature 2,y)}{\sigma_2 \sigma_y} = \frac{0.1152}{0.3924 \times 0.6469} = 0.4537$

Correlation of Feature 3 & $y = \frac{Cov(Feature 3,y)}{\sigma_3 \sigma_y} = \frac{0.4949}{0.9552 \times 0.6469} = 0.8009$

Therefore, the top 2 features are Feature 1 and Feature 3.

This question further explores linear regression and ridge regression. The following data pairs are used for training and testing:

Training:

$$\{x = -10\} \rightarrow \{y = 4.18\}$$

$$\{x = -8\} \rightarrow \{y = 2.42\}$$

$$\{x = -3\} \rightarrow \{y = 0.22\}$$

$$\{x = -1\} \rightarrow \{y = 0.12\}$$

$$\{x = 2\} \rightarrow \{y = 0.25\}$$

$$\{x = 7\} \rightarrow \{y = 3.09\}$$

Testing:

$$\{x = -9\} \to \{y = 3\}$$

$$\{x = -7\} \to \{y = 1.81\}$$

$$\{x = -5\} \to \{y = 0.80\}$$

$$\{x = -4\} \to \{y = 0.25\}$$

$$\{x = -2\} \to \{y = -0.19\}$$

$$\{x = 1\} \to \{y = 0.4\}$$

$$\{x = 4\} \to \{y = 1.24\}$$

$$\{x = 5\} \to \{y = 1.68\}$$

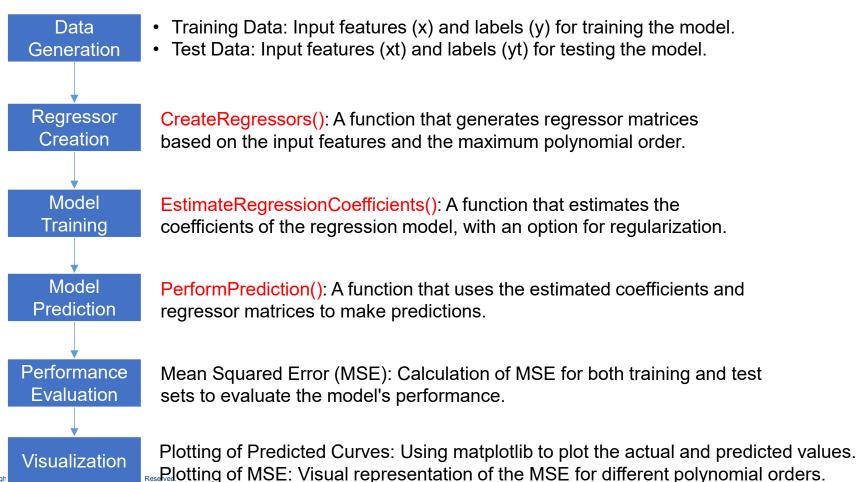
$$\{x = 6\} \to \{y = 2.32\}$$

$$\{x = 9\} \to \{y = 5.05\}$$

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- a) Use the polynomial model from orders 1 to 6 to train and test the data without regularization. Plot the Mean Squared Errors (MSE) over orders from 1 to 6 for both the training and the test sets. Which model order provides the best MSE in the training and test sets? Why?
- b) Use regularization (ridge regression) $\lambda = 1$ for all orders and repeat the same analyses. Compare the plots of (a) and (b). What do you see?

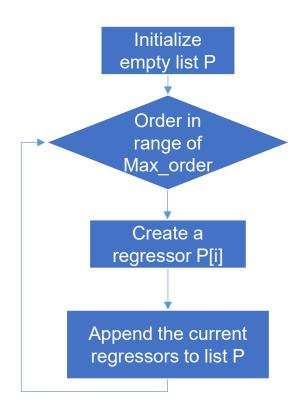
Main Function: Tut_Q2



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Function: CreateRegressors()

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def CreateRegressors(x, max_order):
   # x is assumed to be array of length N
    # return P = list of regressors based on max order
    # P[i] are regressors for order i+1 and is of size N x (order+1), where
    # N is number of data points
    P = [] #initialize empty list
   for order in range(1, max order+1):
       current regressors = np.zeros([len(x), order+1])
       current_regressors[:,0] = np.ones(len(x))
       for i in range(1, order+1):
           current_regressors[:,i] = np.power(x, i)
       P.append(current regressors)
   return P
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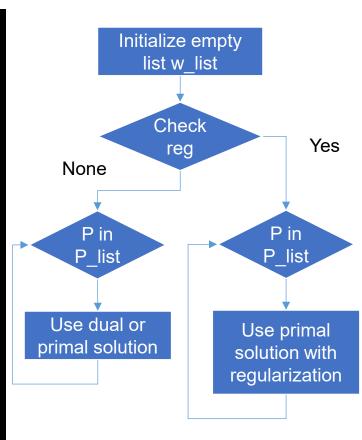


Create a regressor P[i]

- Set the first column of the matrix to ones. This represents the constant term in the polynomial.
- Set column i to x to the power of i: Calculate the power of x raised to the current index i and set it as the value for the current column in the matrix.

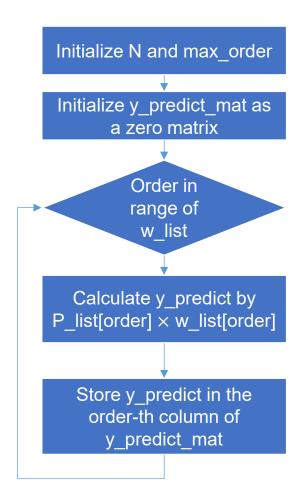
Function: EstimateRegressionCoefficients()

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def EstimateRegressionCoefficients(P list, y, reg=None):
   # P list is a list
   # P list[i] are regressors for order i+1 and is of size N x
(order+1), where
   # N is number of data points
   w list = []
   if reg is None:
       for P in P list:
            if(P.shape[1] > P.shape[0]): #use dual solution
                W = P.T @ inv(P @ P.T) @ y
            else: # use primal solution
               W = (inv(P.T @ P) @ P.T) @ y
            w list.append(w)
   else:
      for P in P list:
          w = (inv(P.T @ P + reg*np.eye(P.shape[1])) @ P.T) @ y
          w list.append(w)
   return w_list
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Function: PerformPrediction()

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def PerformPrediction(P list, w list):
    # P list is list of regressors
    # w list is list of coefficients
    # Output is y predict mat which N x max order, where N is
the number of samples
    N = P_list[0].shape[0]
    max order = len(P list)
    y predict mat = np.zeros([N, max order])
    for order in range(len(w list)):
        y predict = np.matmul(P list[order], w list[order])
        y predict mat[:,order] = y predict
    return y_predict_mat
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Q2(a)

There are 6 training data points.

- For polynomial orders 1 to 5, we can use the Primal solution: $\hat{w} = (P^T P)^{-1} P^T y$
- For order 6, there are 7 unknowns, so the system is under-determined, so we use the Dual solution: $\widehat{w} = P^T (PP^T)^{-1} y$

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===== No Regularization ======
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8.4408e-03

Training MSE: [2.3071.

8.3026e-03 1.7348e-03

1.0548

3.8606e-25

2.3656e-17] 10.7674]

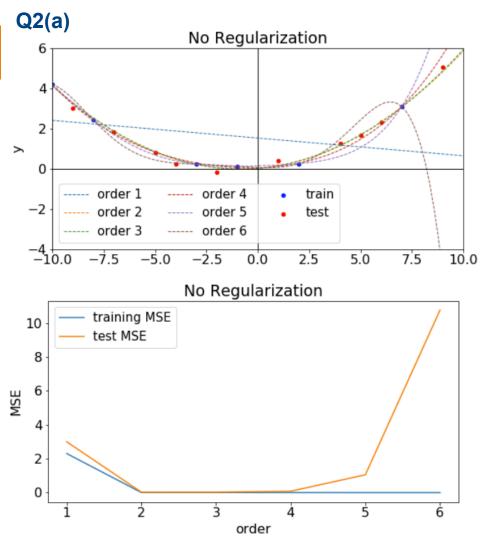
Test MSE:

[3.0006

0.0296

0.0301

0.0854



Observe that the estimated polynomial curves for orders 5 and 6 pass through the training samples exactly. This results in training MSE of virtually 0, but high test MSE => overfitting

Note that even though the true underlying data came from a quadratic model (order = 2), estimated polynomial curves for orders 2, 3 and 4 have relatively low training and test MSE

Polynomial curve of order 1 (linear curves) have high training and test MSE => underfitting

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b) Use regularization (ridge regression) $\lambda = 1$ for all orders and repeat the same analyses. Compare the plots of (a) and (b). What do you see?

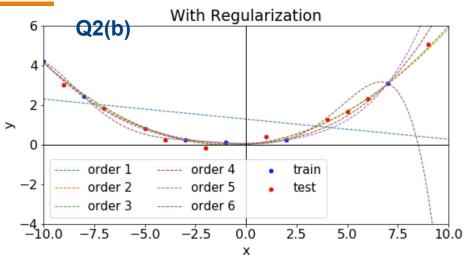
With regularization, we can simply use the primal solution even for order 6: $\widehat{w} = (P^T P + \lambda I)^{-1} P^T y$

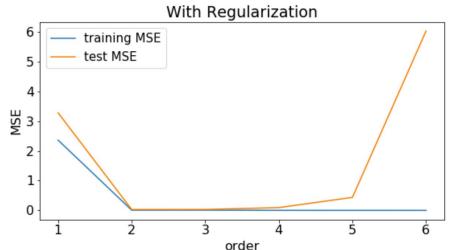
===== Regularization ======

Training MSE: [2.3586 8.4565e-03 8.3560e-03 1.8080e-03

Test MSE: [3.2756 0.0302 0.0314 0.0939 7.2650e-04 1.9348e-04] 0.4369

6.0202

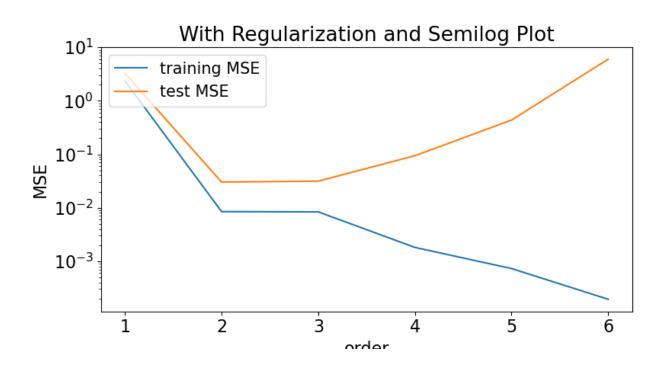




With the regularization, none of the polynomial curves passes through the training samples exactly. In the case of orders 5 and 6, test MSE dropped from 1.0548 (order 5) and 10.7674 (order 6) to 0.4369 (order 5) and 6.0202 (order 6) after regularization was added. Thus, the regularization reduces the overfitting

On the other hand, the regularization did not help orders 1 to 4. Observe that the test MSE actually went up. In this case, the regularization was overly strong, which ended up hurting these orders

Semilog Plot



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