

Without the kernel trick:

Given a polynomial function:  $y = \omega^T + \Phi(x)$  where we need to find  $\Phi(x)$ .

\*minimize cost function w/ respect to weights,  $\omega^* = \arg(\min(\omega)) J(\omega)$

$$\omega = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$\omega = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$$

$$\omega = (\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda I)^{-1} \Phi^T y$$

\*now to find the weights, we need to know  $\Phi^T$  or  $\Phi^T \Phi$

\*both values are extremely hard to compute

With the kernel trick:

$$J(\omega) = \sum (y_n - \omega^T \Phi(x_n))^2 + (\lambda/2) \sum \|\omega\|^2$$

$$\omega^* = (1/\lambda) \sum (y_n - \omega^T \Phi(x_n)) \Phi(x_n)$$

$$* \text{ call } a_n = (1/\lambda) \sum (y_n - \omega^T \Phi(x_n))$$

$$\omega^* = \sum (a_n \Phi(x_n))$$

$$\omega^* = \Phi^T a$$

\*given the cost function:  $J(\omega) = \sum (y_n - \omega^T \Phi(x_n))^2 + (\lambda/2) \sum \|\omega\|^2$

$$J(\omega) = (y - \Phi \omega)^T (y - \Phi \omega) + (\lambda/2) \omega^T \omega$$

$$J(\omega) = y^T y - y^T \Phi \omega - \omega^T \Phi^T y + \omega^T \Phi^T \Phi \omega + (\lambda/2) \omega^T \omega$$

$$a = y^T y - y^T \Phi (\Phi^T a) - (\Phi^T a)^T \Phi^T y + (\Phi^T a)^T \Phi^T \Phi (\Phi^T a) + (\lambda/2) (\Phi^T a)^T (\Phi^T a)$$

$$J(a) = y^T y - y^T \Phi \Phi^T a - a^T \Phi \Phi^T y - a^T \Phi \Phi^T \Phi \Phi^T a + (\lambda/2) a^T \Phi \Phi^T a$$

\*given that  $\Phi \Phi^T =$  the kernel matrix  $K$ , where  $K = K^T$  and  $a^T K a \geq 0$

$$J(a) = y^T y - y^T K a - a^T K y + a^T K^2 a + (\lambda/2) a^T K a$$

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\*since  $K = K^T$ :  $J(a) = y^T y - 2y^T K a + a^T K^2 a + (\lambda/2) a^T K a$

\*minimize:

$$(\delta(J(a)))/(\delta(a)) = 0 - 2y^T K + 2a^T K^2 + \lambda a^T K = 0$$

$$-2y^T + 2a^T K + \lambda a^T = 0$$

$$a^T K + (\lambda/2) a^T = y^T$$

$$a^T = y^T (K + \lambda/2 I)^{-1}$$

$$a^* = (K + \lambda/2 I)^{-1} y$$

$$\omega = \Phi^T a = \Phi^T (K + \lambda/2 I)^{-1} y = \Phi^T (\Phi \Phi^T + \lambda/2 I)^{-1} y$$

\*according to mercer's theorem, we can rewrite  $\Phi \Phi^T$  as a function of its base features

This means we no longer need to be able to solve for  $\Phi$  or  $\Phi \Phi^T$