# 04\_homework\_linear\_regression

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## 1 Programming assignment 4: Linear regression

#### 1.1 Your task

In this notebook code skeleton for performing linear regression is given. Your task is to complete the functions where required. You are only allowed to use built-in Python functions, as well as any numpy functions. No other libraries / imports are allowed.

## 1.2 Load and preprocess the data

I this assignment we will work with the Boston Housing Dataset. The data consists of 506 samples. Each sample represents a district in the city of Boston and has 13 features, such as crime rate or taxation level. The regression target is the median house price in the given district (in \$1000's).

More details can be found here: http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/datasets/boston

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In [3]: X , y = load_boston(return_X_y=True)

# Add a vector of ones to the data matrix to absorb the bias term
# (Recall slide #7 from the lecture)
X = np.hstack([np.ones([X.shape[0], 1]), X])
# From now on, D refers to the number of features in the AUGMENTED dataset (i.e. include
# Split into train and test
test_size = 0.2
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=test_size)
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#### 1.3 Task 1: Fit standard linear regression

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(Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
                Regression targets.
            Returns
            _____
            w : array, shape [D]
                Optimal regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
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            # TODO
            h1 = np.matmul(np.transpose(X), X)
            h2 = np.linalg.inv(h1)
            w = np.matmul(np.matmul(h2,np.transpose(X)),y)
            return w
1.4 Task 2: Fit ridge regression
In [5]: def fit_ridge(X, y, reg_strength):
            """ Fit ridge regression model to the data.
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
                Regression targets.
            reg\_strength: float
                L2 regularization strength (denoted by lambda in the lecture)
            Returns
            _____
            w : array, shape [D]
                Optimal regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
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            # TODO
            D = np.size(X, 1)
            w1 = np.linalg.inv(np.matmul(np.transpose(X),X) + reg_strength*np.identity(D))
            w = np.matmul(np.matmul(w1,np.transpose(X)),y)
            return w
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X : array, shape [N, D]

## 1.5 Task 3: Generate predictions for new data

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In [6]: def predict_linear_model(X, w):
            """Generate predictions for the given samples.
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            w : array, shape [D]
                Regression coefficients.
            Returns
            _____
            y\_pred : array, shape [N]
                Predicted regression targets for the input data.
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            # TODO
            y_pred = np.matmul(X,w)
            return y_pred
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## 1.6 Task 4: Mean squared error

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In [7]: def mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred):
            """Compute mean squared error between true and predicted regression targets.
            Reference: `https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean_squared_error`
            Parameters
            _____
            y_true : array
                True regression targets.
            y_pred : array
                Predicted regression targets.
            Returns
            _____
            mse : float
                Mean squared error.
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            # TODO
            mse = ((y_true-y_pred) ** 2).mean(axis=None)
            return mse
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## 1.7 Compare the two models

The reference implementation produces \* MSE for Least squares  $\approx$  23.98 \* MSE for Ridge regression  $\approx$  21.05

You results might be slightly (i.e.  $\pm 1\%$ ) different from the reference soultion due to numerical reasons.

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In [8]: # Load the data
       np.random.seed(1234)
       X , y = load_boston(return_X_y=True)
       X = np.hstack([np.ones([X.shape[0], 1]), X])
        test size = 0.2
        X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=test_size)
        # Ordinary least squares regression
        w_ls = fit_least_squares(X_train, y_train)
        y_pred_ls = predict_linear_model(X_test, w_ls)
        mse_ls = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_ls)
        print('MSE for Least squares = {0}'.format(mse_ls))
        # Ridge regression
        reg_strength = 1
        w_ridge = fit_ridge(X_train, y_train, reg_strength)
        y_pred_ridge = predict_linear_model(X_test, w_ridge)
        mse_ridge = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_ridge)
        print('MSE for Ridge regression = {0}'.format(mse_ridge))
MSE for Least squares = 23.984307611774046
MSE for Ridge regression = 21.051487033771537
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