

Let $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ denote a feature matrix, where n and p are respectively the numbers of samples (subjects) and variables (voxels). $\mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}^n$ denote the class (diagnosis) vector of all the samples.

The classical ridge regression is to estimate the coefficients $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ so that :

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \quad (1)$$

where $\alpha > 0$ is a parameter of the coefficient penalization that controls the amount of shrinkage.

The proposed approach integrates the prior within the penalization term of (1), then :

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{w} - \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}$ is the coefficient matrix from the prior which has been already learned. By making $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{w} - \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}$, and the ridge regression formulation will remain the same, as it will return to solve \mathbf{b} .

Adding spatial penalization

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{w} - \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}\|_2^2 + \beta J(\mathbf{w}) \quad (3)$$

where $J(\mathbf{w})$ is the regularization :

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \theta \|\mathbf{w}\|_{l_1} + (1 - \theta) \|\mathbf{w}\|_{TV} \quad (4)$$

We write the loss function \mathcal{L} as :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\mathbf{w} - \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \alpha \lambda \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}^t \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^t \mathbf{y} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^t (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \alpha \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{w} - (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \alpha \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}})^T \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{C} \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{w} - \tilde{\mathbf{y}}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

where :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \alpha \mathbf{I}} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \alpha \lambda \mathbf{w}_{\text{prior}}) \quad (6)$$