

- a. Polynomial regression takes much longer to train. KNN has almost no training cost. Whereas for polynomial regressions it can be quite computationally expensive to compute the weights vector  $w$ . Even if we assume that matrix  $X$  is given, taking the transpose is in a  $O((n_1 \text{ or } n_2)(n_{\text{features}}))$  operation (will go over each row, then will go over each column in each row). Referring to [here](#) matrix multiplication and inversion can be generalized to have  $O(n^3)$  complexity. Eventually the whole equation will approximately result in  $O(n^2) + O(n^3) + O(n^3)$  .. which can be concluded to have runtime complexity of  $O(n^3)$ . Which is quite expensive.
- b. For prediction polynomial regression will likely do better. Again if we assume matrix  $X$  is given, to do a prediction for each feature it will be a matrix, vector (or a matrix shaped  $(\text{degree}+1, 1)$ ) multiplication. Which will have a computational complexity  $(n_2)((\text{degree}+1)^2)$  which could be approximated to have complexity of  $O(n^3)$ . Whereas for KNN, computational most expensive step while predicting is the creation of Distances matrix. Where each entry represents the distance between each row vector  $X_{\text{train}_i}$  and  $X_{\text{train}_j}$ . To be able to calculate this matrix one must iterate over each row of  $X_{\text{train}}$  and then for each row of  $X_{\text{train}}$  go over each row  $X_{\text{test}}$  and calculate each row. For all of the distance metrics we calculated norms, they have a complexity of  $n_{\text{features}}$ . Eventually calculating this distance matrix will result in a  $(n_1)(n_2)(n_{\text{features}})$  complexity. Which can be approximated to have  $O(n^3)$  complexity. So theoretically, we can argue that both models will approximately have the same time complexity. However in practice it could be beneficial to assume that degree size will likely be less than  $n_1, n_2$  and  $n_{\text{features}}$ .
  - i. I generalized  $(n_2)((\text{degree}+1)^2)$  to  $O(n^2)$  and  $(n_1)(n_2)(n_{\text{features}})$  to  $O(n^3)$  to be able to do direct comparisons. My reasoning behind this is that the time complexity of polynomial regression is bound to 2 variables (where one is a quadratic term);  $\text{degree}+1$  and  $n_2$ . Whereas, the time complexity of KNN is bound to 3 variables;  $(n_1)(n_2)(n_{\text{features}})$ . Hence I argued that polynomial regression is likely to have a better runtime assuming that  $\text{degree} + 1$  will be less than either  $n_1, n_2$  or  $n_{\text{features}}$ . Which will not be the case when  $\text{degree}+1$  is greater than  $n_1, n_2$  and  $n_{\text{features}}$ .
- c. KNN will likely require a larger file size. KNN will store a matrix sized  $(n_1, n_{\text{features}})$  and vector sized  $(n_1, 1)$ . Whereas, polynomial regression will only store a "weights" vector size  $(\text{degree}+1, 1)$ .
  - i. Similar to the point I made in "b." this will not be true for an extremely complicated polynomial function where  $\text{degree}+1 > n_1 * n_{\text{features}} + n_1$ .

\*\* I made decisions on points "b." and "c." because I assumed the question expected me to do so. However, theoretically my decisions are not absolute.

\*\* My argument for polynomial regression assumes that the input features have a single attribute.