

#### NORM WEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES LINEAR PREDICTORS

# Why

What is the best linear predictor if we choose according to a particular norm.

#### **Definition**

Suppose we have a paired dataset of n records with inputs in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and outputs in  $\mathbb{R}$ . A norm weighted least squares linear predictor for a norm  $g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is a linear transformation  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  (the field is  $\mathbb{R}$ ) which minimizes

$$g(y - Ax)$$
.

# Weight matrix

Let  $\|\cdot\|_W$  be the weighted norm for some positive semidefinite weight matrix W. We want to find x to minimize

$$||y - AX||_W$$
.

This problem is referred to by many authors as weighted least squares or the weighted least squares problem.

### Diagonal weight matrix

A special case of norm weighted least squares with a weighted norm is the usual weighted least squares problem (see Weighted Least Squares Linear Predictors). Consider weighted least squares with weights  $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $w \geq 0$ . Define  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  so that

 $W_{ii} = w_i$  and  $W_{ij} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ . So, in particular, W is a diagonal matrix and

$$||y - Ax||_W = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (y_i - x^{\top} a_i)^2.$$

#### Solution

**Proposition 1.** There exists a unique weighted least squares linear predictor and its parameters are given by

$$(A^{\top}WA)^{-1}A^{\top}Wy.$$

