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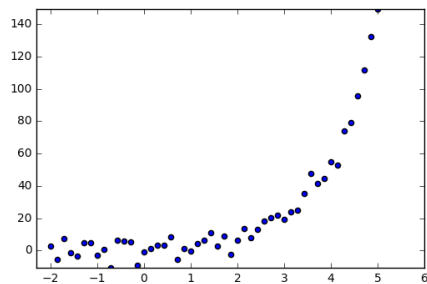
5. Linear Regression and Regularization

In this question, we will investigate the fitting of linear regression.

5. (a)

2/2 points (graded)

For each of the datasets below, provide a simple feature mapping ϕ such that the transformed data $(\phi(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$ would be well modeled by linear regression.



Which feature mapping ϕ is appropriate for the above model?

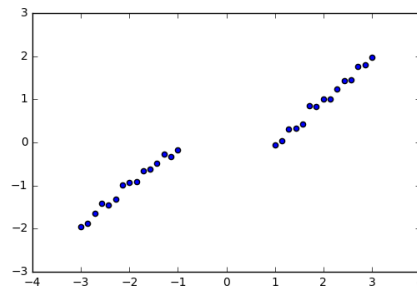
☒ $\exp(x)$

☐ $\log(x)$

☐ x^2

☐ \sqrt{x}





Which feature mapping ϕ is appropriate for the above model?

☐ $\phi(x) = x + \text{sign}(x)$

☒ $\phi(x) = x - \text{sign}(x)$

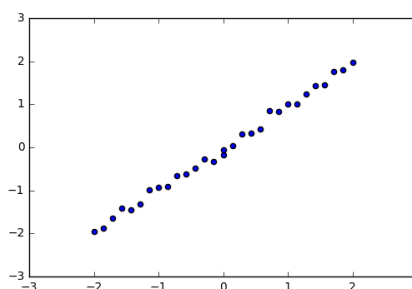
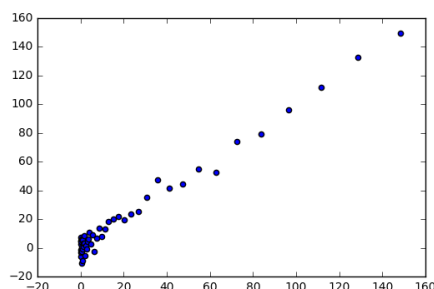
☐ $\phi(x) = x \cdot \text{sign}(x)$

☐ $\phi(x) = x / \text{sign}(x)$



Solution:

- In both figures the data seem to follow a non-linear pattern so they would not be fit well by a linear model.
- We can, however, use a non-linear transformation $\phi(x)$ so that, in the new feature space, a linear model produces a good fit.
- In the 1st plot, the data seem to roughly follow $y = e^x$, so an exponential transformation, $\phi(x) = e^x$, would yield $(\phi(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$ that could be fit well by linear regression.
- In the 2nd plot, the observations appear to be generated by the discontinuous function $y = x - \text{sign}(x)$ (where $\text{sign}(x) = x/|x|$), so if we let $\phi(x) = x - \text{sign}(x)$, an observation $y^{(i)}$ should be more easily modeled by a linear function of $\phi(x^{(i)})$, which will be found by linear regression.
- The results of the transformations are plotted below.



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5. (b)

2.0/2 points (graded)

Consider fitting a ℓ_2 -regularized linear regression model to data $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$ where $x^{(t)}, y^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}$ are scalar values for each $t = 1, \dots, n$. To fit the parameters of this model, one solves

$$\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}} L(\theta, \theta_0)$$

where

$$L(\theta, \theta_0) = \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)} - \theta_0)^2 + \lambda \theta^2$$

Here $\lambda \geq 0$ is a pre-specified fixed constant, so your solutions below should be expressed as functions of λ and the data. This model is typically referred to as **ridge regression**.

Write down an expression for the gradient of the above objective function in terms of θ .

Important: If needed, please enter $\sum_{t=1}^n (\dots)$ as a function `sum_t(...)`, including the parentheses. Enter $x^{(t)}$ and $y^{(t)}$ as `x^{t}` and `y^{t}`, respectively.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = -\text{sum}_t((y^{t}-\theta x^{t}-\theta_0)*(2*x^{t})) + 2*\lambda*\theta \quad \checkmark$$

Answer: `2*\lambda*\theta - 2*sum_t((y^{t} - \theta*x^{t} - \theta_0)*x^{t})`

Write down an expression for the gradient of the above objective function in terms of θ_0 .

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_0} = -2*\text{sum}_t(y^{t}-\theta x^{t}-\theta_0) \quad \checkmark$$

Answer: `-2*sum_t(y^{t} - \theta*x^{t} - \theta_0)`

STANDARD NOTATION

Solution:

- The gradient is a two-dimensional vector $\nabla L = \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_0}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \right]$, where
- $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_0} = -2 \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)} - \theta_0)$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 2\lambda\theta - 2 \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)} - \theta_0) x^{(t)}$$

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5. (c)

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Find the closed form expression for θ_0 and θ which solves the ridge regression minimization above.Assume θ is fixed, write down an expression for the optimal $\hat{\theta}_0$ in terms of $\theta, x^{(t)}, y^{(t)}, n$.

Important: If needed, please enter $\sum_{t=1}^n (\dots)$ as a function `sum_t(...)`, including the parentheses. Enter $x^{(t)}$ and $y^{(t)}$ as `x^{t}` and `y^{t}`, respectively.

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = 1/n * \text{sum}_t(y^t - \theta * x^t)$$

Answer: `1/n * sum_t(y^{t} - theta * x^{t})`Write down an expression for the optimal $\hat{\theta}$. To simplify your expression, use $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)}$. Your answer should be in terms of $x^{(t)}, y^{(t)}, \lambda$ and \bar{x} only.

Important: If needed, please enter $\sum_{t=1}^n (\dots)$ as a function `sum_t(...)`, including the parentheses. Enter $x^{(t)}$ and $y^{(t)}$ as `x^{t}` and `y^{t}`, respectively. Enter \bar{x} as `barx`.

$$\hat{\theta} = (\text{sum}_t((x^t - \text{barx}) * y^t)) / (\lambda + \text{sum}_t((x^t - \text{barx}) * x^t))$$

Answer: `(sum_t((x^{t} - barx) * y^{t})) / (lambda + sum_t(x^{t} * (x^{t} - barx)))`Now after the optimal $\hat{\theta}$ is obtained, you can use it to compute the optimal $\hat{\theta}_0$ **Solution:**

To find the θ, θ_0 which minimize L , we note that because this objective function is convex, any point where $\nabla L(\theta_0, \theta) = 0$ is a global minimum. Thus, we set the gradient equal to zero and solve for θ, θ_0 to find the minimizers:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} &= -2 \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)} - \theta_0) = -2 \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)}) + 2 \sum_{t=1}^n \theta_0 = 0 \\ \implies -2n\theta_0 &= -2 \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)}) \implies \theta_0 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)}) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} &= 2\lambda\theta - 2 \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)} - \theta_0) x^{(t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2\lambda\theta - 2 \sum_{t=1}^n \left(y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)} - \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (y^{(s)} - \theta x^{(s)}) \right] \right) \cdot x^{(t)} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow &\lambda\theta - \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)} y^{(t)} + \theta \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n (y^{(s)} - \theta x^{(s)}) x^{(t)} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow &\lambda\theta - \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)} y^{(t)} + \theta \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n y^{(s)} x^{(t)} - \frac{1}{n} \theta \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n x^{(s)} x^{(t)} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow &\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)} y^{(t)} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n y^{(s)} x^{(t)}}{\lambda + \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n x^{(s)} x^{(t)}} \text{ is the value of } \theta \text{ which minimizes } L(\theta_0, \theta).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that if we define $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)}$, then we can rewrite the above expression in a nicer form:

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (x^{(t)} - \bar{x}) y^{(t)}}{\lambda + \sum_{t=1}^n x^{(t)} (x^{(t)} - \bar{x})}$$

In other words, adding an unpenalized bias is equivalent to training on a centered dataset.

Finally, we can plug this value of $\hat{\theta}$ back into expression $\hat{\theta}_0 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (y^{(t)} - \theta x^{(t)})$ to find the corresponding $\hat{\theta}_0$

which together with $\hat{\theta}$ minimizes L .

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The deadline for this homework is marked as 01:59 EET. It's already 03:52 EET, and I still can submit answers. Was there an extension,...
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Same answer I got it wrong the first time, reformatted it and got it right the next. You want to have one summation on the numerator...

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 5.c Notation of multiplication of sums	2
Can someone from the staff help me, I've verified the solution, but I don't know why it is wrong, $\sum_t(x_t)*\sum_t(x_t) = \sum_t(x_t)^2$?	
 [staff] Question 5(a). What is sign(x)?	3
I suppose $\text{sign}(x) = \{+, -\}$. But if that's the case then an operation such as $x + \text{sign}(x)$ doesn't make sense.	
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Hi Staff, i think i got the derivative right, but unable to get rid of "parse" error, can you please help ? Thanks	

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