

# Extreme Learning Machine in J

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## 1 Regression

$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{x}^{(P)}$  are vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  with associated values  $y^{(1)} \dots y^{(P)}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ . We search a function  $f(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to model the observed relationship between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $y$ .  $f$  can have a fixed parameterized form. For example:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1}$$

If  $P = n$ , parameters  $a_0 \dots a_{n-1}$  are found by solving a linear system.

$$\begin{cases} y^{(1)} &= a_0 + a_1x_1^{(1)} + a_2x_2^{(1)} + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1}^{(1)} \\ \dots &= \dots \\ y^{(P)} &= a_0 + a_1x_1^{(P)} + a_2x_2^{(P)} + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1}^{(P)} \end{cases}$$

This system can be written In matrix form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_{n-1}^{(1)} \\ 1 & x_1^{(2)} & \dots & x_{n-1}^{(2)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_1^{(P)} & \dots & x_{n-1}^{(P)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \dots \\ y^{(P)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Each line of the first term matrix is a vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)T}$  with the addition of a constant coordinate that accounts for parameter  $a_0$ . Thus, naming this matrix  $\mathbf{X}^T$ , the linear system can also be written:

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{y}$$

Consider the special case when  $x$  is a number and  $f$  is a polynomial of degree  $n - 1$ :

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

With  $P = n$  examples  $(x^{(k)}, y^{(k)})$ , the parameters are found by solving the following linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x^{(1)} & (x^{(1)})^2 & \dots & (x^{(1)})^{n-1} \\ 1 & x^{(2)} & (x^{(2)})^2 & \dots & (x^{(2)})^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x^{(P)} & (x^{(P)})^2 & \dots & (x^{(P)})^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \dots \\ y^{(P)} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Incidentally, the first term is called the Vandermonde Matrix.

## 1.1 Experiment with a 1-dimensional synthetic dataset

We define a non linear function **f** from which we generate a dataset

2a `<dataset 2a>≡` (10)  
`f=: 3 : ' (^y) * cos 2*pi * sin pi * y'`  
`<noise 2b>`  
`<gendat 2d>`

In traditional mathematical form, this function is:

$$f(x) = e^x \times \cos(2\pi \sin(\pi x))$$

Function **noise** adds some random noise to the values of a vector. For example `0.5 noise v`, will add random values uniformly drawn from interval  $[-0.5, 0.5]$  to the terms of vector **v**.

2b `<noise 2b>≡` (2a)  
`noise=: 4 : 'y + -&x *&(+:x) ? (#y) # 0'`

`0.5 gendat 10` generates from **f** a dataset (**X,Y**) of 10 points with random noise in  $[-0.5, 0.5]$  added to **Y**. It also stores in **minmaxX** the minimum and maximum values of **X**. It computes the pair **minmaxf**, where the first term is ten percent smaller than the minimum of **f** on interval  $[0, 1]$ , and the second term is ten percent bigger than the maximum of **f** on interval  $[0, 1]$ . **minmaxf** is later used to crop the plots so that extreme values are not visible.

2c `<utils 2c>≡` (10) 3d▷  
`pushup=: ] + 0.1 * |`  
`pushdown=: ] - 0.1 * |`

2d `<gendat 2d>≡` (2a)  
`gendat=: 4 : 0`  
`X=: ? y $ 0`  
`Y=: x noise f X`  
`minmaxX=: (<./ , >./) X`  
`minmaxf=: (([: pushdown <./) , ([: pushup >./)) f steps 0 1 100`  
`<testdat 8d>`  
`)`

`plotdat 0` plots the dataset.

2e `<plotdat 2e>≡` (10)  
`plotdatnoshow=: 3 : 0`  
`<initplot 3a>`  
`pd X;Y`  
`<plotf 3b>`  
`)`  
`plotdat=: 3 : 0`  
`plotdatnoshow 0`  
`pd 'show'`  
`)`

3a  $\langle \text{initplot } 3a \rangle \equiv$  (2e 9c)

```

pd 'reset'
pd 'color green'
pd 'type marker'
pd 'markersize 1'
pd 'markers circle'

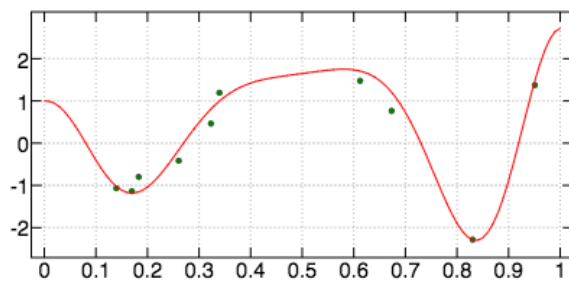
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3b  $\langle \text{plotf } 3b \rangle \equiv$  (2e 9c)

```

pd 'color red'
pd 'type line'
pd 'pensize 1'
pd (;f) steps 0 1 100

```



```

0.5 gendat 10
_2.53128 2.99011
plotdat 0

```

polyreg 0 solves the linear system (1) and stores the coefficients of the polynomial in variable c.

3c  $\langle \text{polyreg } 3c \rangle \equiv$  (10)

```

polyreg=: 3 : 0
c=: Y ([ %. ] ^/ i.@#0) X
plotpoly 0
)

```

3d  $\langle \text{utils } 2c \rangle + \equiv$  (10)  $\langle 2c \ 5b \rangle$

```

NB. identify the elements with values between {x and {x
sel=: ([ >: {.@[] *. ([ <: {:@[]

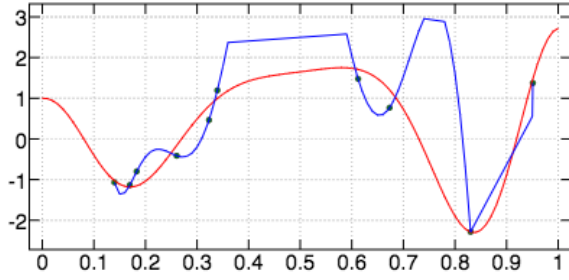
```

3e  $\langle \text{plotpoly } 3e \rangle \equiv$  (10)

```

plotpoly=: 3 : 0
plotdatnoshow 0
pd 'color blue'
xs=: ([ #~ minmaxX"_ sel ]) /:~ X,steps 0 1 100
pval=: c&p. xs
crop=: minmaxf sel pval
pd (crop # xs);(crop # pval)
pd 'show'
)

```



polyreg 0

## 1.2 Generalization to a function space

Given a basis for a function space, we can try to express  $\mathbf{f}$  as a combination of basis functions.

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = a_1 f_1(\mathbf{x}) + a_2 f_2(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + a_n f_n(\mathbf{x})$$

Given a dataset of  $n$  pairs  $(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \mathbf{y}^{(k)})$ , the coefficients  $a_i$  are found by solving a linear system.

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}) & f_2(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}) & \dots & f_n(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}) \\ f_1(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) & f_2(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) & \dots & f_n(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_1(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) & f_2(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) & \dots & f_n(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \dots \\ y^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us denote this linear system by  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

## 1.3 Least squares

With more examples than the number of basis functions, the linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  (with  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ) doesn't necessarily have a solution. Thus, we want to find an approximate solution  $\mathbf{Ax} \approx \mathbf{b}$  that minimizes the squares of the errors:  $\|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \\ &= \{ \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \} \\ & \quad (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \{ \text{euclidean scalar product} \} \\ & \quad (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \{ \text{property of transposition} \} \\ & \quad (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{b}^T) (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \{ \text{multiplication} \} \\ & \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} \\ &= \{ \text{Since each element of the sum is a scalar, } \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{Ax} = (\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{Ax})^T = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \} \\ & \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} - 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

To this quadratic expression corresponds a convex surface. Its minimum is found by setting the derivative to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \\ &= \\ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, when  $m > n$ , we solve  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \approx \mathbf{b}$  by solving  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$ .  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is called the Gram matrix. `gram y` computes the Gram matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  for a polynomial basis of degree  $y-1$ .

5a `<gram 5a>≡` (10) `5c>`

```
gram=: 3 : 0
  A=: X ^/ i.y
  S=: (mp~ |:) A
)
```

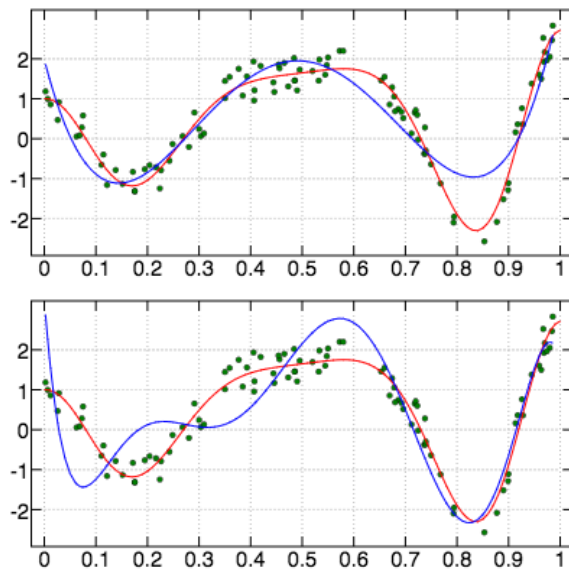
5b `<utils 2c>+≡` (10) `<3d 6b>`

```
mp=: +/ . * NB. matrix product
```

`leastsq y` solves the overdetermined linear system by computing the Gram matrix for a polynomial basis of degree  $y-1$ .

5c `<gram 5a>+≡` (10) `<5a`

```
leastsq=: 3 : 0
  gram y
  c=: ((|:A) mp Y) % S
  plotpoly 0
)
```



```
0.5 gendat 100
_2.53128 2.99011
leastsq 5
```

```
leastsq 8
```

## 1.4 Tikhonov regularization

With less examples than the number of basis functions (i.e.  $m < n$ , underdetermined system),  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  doesn't have a unique solution. Even with  $m \geq n$ , the linear system can have approximate solutions more desirable than the optimal one. In particular, this is the case when several examples are very similar. For example, the solution to...

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.00001 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$$

...is  $\mathbf{x}^T = (1001, -1000)$ . However, the approximate solution  $\mathbf{x}^T = (0.5, 0.5)$  is more suitable. Indeed, the optimal solution is not likely to adapt well to new inputs (e.g., input  $(1, 2)$  would be projected onto  $-999...$ ).

Thus, when several solutions are feasible, we want to favor smaller norms  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2$  by solving a new minimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

*with*  $0 < \alpha < 1$

The minimum of this expression is found by setting its derivative to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} - 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} + 2\alpha \mathbf{x} \\ &= \\ &= (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

It comes down to adding a small positive value to the diagonal of the Gram matrix. This approach has been given several names: Tikhonov regularization, ridge regression...

**1E.3 ridge 5** will solve the ridge regression for a polynomial basis of degree 5 and a regularization coefficient equal to  $10^{-3}$ .

6a `<ridge 6a>≡` (10)

```

    ridge=: 4 : 0
      gram y
      c=: ((I:A) mp Y) % . x addDiag S
      plotpoly 0
    )

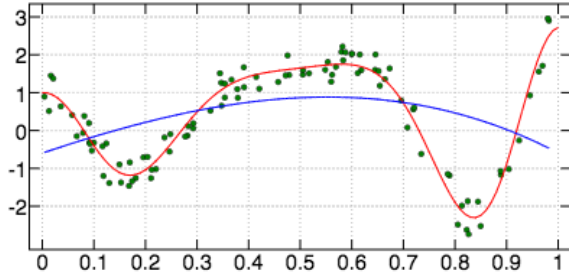
```

6b `<utils 2c>+≡` (10) <5b 9a>

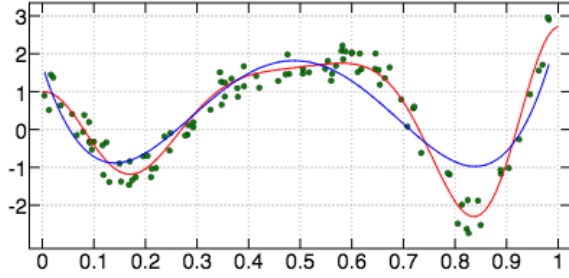
```

    diag=: (<0 1)&|: : (([:>:*i.)[:#]))
    addDiag=: ([+diag@]) diag ] NB. add x to the diagonal of y

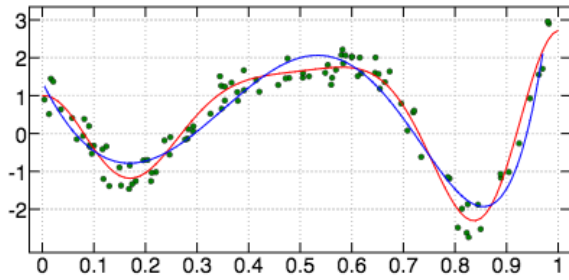
```



1E\_4 ridge 4



1E\_4 ridge 5



1E\_4 ridge 8

## 1.5 Extreme Learning Machine

The following parametrized form of  $f$  corresponds to a single hidden layer neural network.

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = c_1 g(\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_1) + c_2 g(\mathbf{w}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_2) + \dots + c_M g(\mathbf{w}_M \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_M)$$

$g$  is a non-linear activation function. We use the rectified linear unit (ReLU):  $g(y) = \max(0, y)$ .

If vectors  $\mathbf{w}_1 \dots \mathbf{w}_M$  and scalars  $b_1 \dots b_M$  are initialized randomly and never modified (i.e., if they are not parameters), we can solve a linear system  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y}$  of unknown  $\mathbf{c}$ .

$$\mathbf{H} : \begin{pmatrix} g(\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + b_1) & \dots & g(\mathbf{w}_M \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + b_M) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ g(\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_N + b_1) & \dots & g(\mathbf{w}_M \cdot \mathbf{x}_N + b_M) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}^T : (c_1 \dots c_M)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T : (y_1 \dots y_N)$$

This approach is named *Extreme Learning Machine* <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup><https://scholar.google.fr/scholar?q=extreme+learning+machine>

`initelm 100` initializes randomly matrix  $H$  with 100 neurons on the hidden layer (i.e.,  $M = 100$ ) and computes its Gram form  $S$ .

8a  $\langle elm\ 8a \rangle \equiv$  (10) 8b>

```

initelm=: 3 : 0
  W=: _1 + 2 * ? (y,1) $ 0 NB. input weights
  B=: ? y $ 0 NB. bias
  H=: mkH ,. X
  0 [ S=: (mp~ |: ) H
)
mkH=: 3 : '0&>. B +"1 y mp"1/ W'

```

`elm 1E-4` solves the extreme learning machine linear system with a Tikhonov regularization coefficient of  $10^{-4}$ .

8b  $\langle elm\ 8a \rangle + \equiv$  (10) <8a

```

elm=: 3 : 0
  c=: ((|:H) mp Y) %.. y addDiag S
  plotelm 0
)

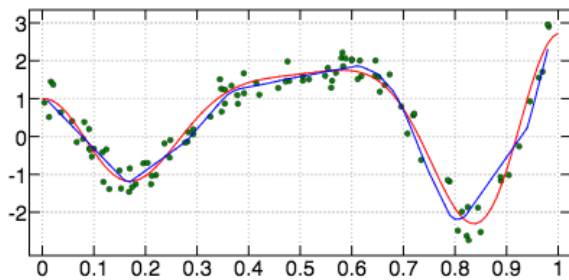
```

8c  $\langle plotelm\ 8c \rangle \equiv$  (10)

```

plotelm=: 3 : 0
  plotdatnoshow 0
  pd 'type line'
  pd 'color blue'
  xs=: ([ #~ minmaxX"_ sel ]) steps (<.<./X),(>.>./X),100
  pd xs;(mkH ,. xs) mp c
  pd 'show'
)

```



```

initelm 100
0
elm 1E-3

```

## 1.6 Test dataset

A test set is used to assert the capacity of the model to generalize on unseen data. Its size is fixed to 10% of the size of the training set.

8d  $\langle testdat\ 8d \rangle \equiv$  (2d)

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XT=: ? (>. 0.1 * y) $ 0
YT=: f XT

```

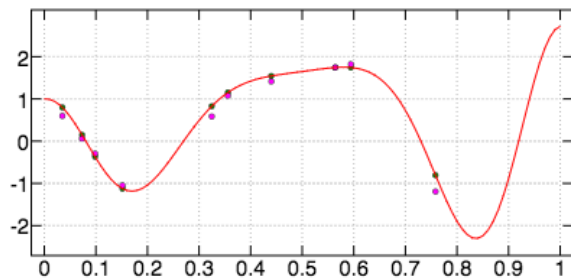


`test` computes the root mean square error (RMSE) on the test set.

9a `<utils 2c>+≡` (10) `<6b`  
`mean=: +/ % #`  
`rmse=: [: %: [: mean ([: *: -)`

9b `<test 9b>≡` (10)  
`test=: 3 : 0`  
`YThat=: (mkH ,. XT) mp c`  
`plottest 0`  
`YT rmse YThat`  
`)`

9c `<plottest 9c>≡` (10)  
`plottest=: 3 : 0`  
`<initplot 3a>`  
`pd XT;YT`  
`pd 'color magenta'`  
`pd XT;YThat`  
`<plotf 3b>`  
`pd 'show'`  
`)`



test 0  
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9d `<require 9d>≡` (10)  
`require 'trig'`  
`require 'plot'`  
`require 'numeric'`

10      $\langle jelm.ijs\ 10 \rangle \equiv$   
           $\langle require\ 9d \rangle$   
           $\langle utils\ 2c \rangle$   
           $\langle dataset\ 2a \rangle$   
           $\langle plotdat\ 2e \rangle$   
           $\langle plotpoly\ 3e \rangle$   
           $\langle polyreg\ 3c \rangle$   
           $\langle gram\ 5a \rangle$   
           $\langle ridge\ 6a \rangle$   
           $\langle plotelm\ 8c \rangle$   
           $\langle elm\ 8a \rangle$   
           $\langle plottest\ 9c \rangle$   
           $\langle test\ 9b \rangle$