

4. Simulations with ridge.

Let $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and let x, y be random variables such that the entries of x are i.i.d. Rademacher random variables, and $y = \beta'x + \epsilon$ where $\epsilon \sim N(0, 1)$.

(a) Show for any function of form $f(u) = u'\alpha$ for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^p$:

$$\mathbb{E}_{x,y} [(f(x) - y)^2] = 1 + \|\alpha - \beta\|_2^2 = R(f) \dots \text{the risk of } f.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [(f(x) - y)^2] &= \mathbb{E} [(f(x) + \mathbb{E}[y] - \mathbb{E}[y] - y)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [f(x) - \mathbb{E}[y]]^2 + \mathbb{E} [y - \mathbb{E}[y]]^2 \\ &= (f(x) - \mathbb{E}[y])^2 + \mathbb{E} [y - \mathbb{E}[y]]^2 \\ &= \text{Bias}^2(y) + \text{Var}(y)\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Variance of Rademacher R.V. is 1

\Rightarrow Bias of $\alpha'x$ and $\beta'x$ is $\|\alpha - \beta\|_2 \dots$ the euclidean distance between α and β
because $x \in \pm 1$ $= \|\beta - \alpha\|_2$

$$\text{Thus } \dots \mathbb{E}_{x,y} [(f(x) - y)^2] = 1 + \|\alpha - \beta\|_2^2 \quad \checkmark$$