

Problem 3

Consider the truncated power series representation for cubic splines with K interior knots

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^3 \beta_j x^j + \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (x - \xi_k)_+^3$$

Prove that the natural boundary conditions for natural cubic spline imply the following linear constraints on the coefficients.

$$\beta_2 = 0, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k = 0$$

$$\beta_3 = 0, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \xi_k \theta_k = 0$$

As per the above given constraints, we get the following eqn.

$$f(x) = \beta_0 x^0 + \beta_1 x^1 + \cancel{\beta_2 x^2} + \cancel{\beta_3 x^3} + \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (x - \xi_k)_+^3$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^1 + \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (x - \xi_k)_+^3$$

Here $\beta_0 \cdot 1$ and $\beta_1 x^1$ [given in the question]
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{N_1(x)=1}$ and $\underbrace{\quad}_{N_2(x)=x}$

We have constructed a new basis with the first two basis functions.

Let us now consider the θ constraints, let us write down that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k = -\theta_{K-1} - \theta_K \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \xi_k \theta_k = -\xi_{K-1} \theta_{K-1} - \xi_K \theta_K$$

Now consider the truncated function and use the last two terms like done above

$$\text{i.e. consider } \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (x - \xi_k)_+^3 = \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (x - \xi_k)_+^3 +$$

$$\underbrace{\theta_{K-1} (x - \xi_{K-1})_+^3}_{(i)} + \underbrace{\theta_K (x - \xi_K)_+^3}_{(ii)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

To the above equation, apply the θ constraints to show last two terms of the above equation can be written as the sum of the $N-2$ first terms.

We should now consider the last two terms for the computation from the equation ①

Let us now consider the term (i) from equation ①

$$\theta_{k-1} (x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+ = \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (\theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_k - \theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_{k-1})$$

We got the above equation by multiplying and dividing $(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})$ on the LHS..

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (\theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_k - \theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_{k-1}) \\ &= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (\theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_k - \theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_{k-1} + \theta_k \varepsilon_k - \theta_k \varepsilon_k) \\ &\quad \text{(Add and subtract } \theta_k \varepsilon_k \text{)} \\ &= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (\varepsilon_k (\theta_{k-1} + \theta_k) - \varepsilon_{k-1} \theta_{k-1} - \theta_k \varepsilon_k) \\ &= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} \left(-\varepsilon_k \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k + \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k \varepsilon_k \right) \\ &= - \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \\ &\quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \text{big } k & \downarrow \text{small } k \end{matrix} \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \left(\frac{x - \varepsilon_{k-1}}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}} \right)^3_+ \rightarrow \textcircled{A} \end{aligned}$$

Let us now consider the term (ii) from equation ①

$$\theta_k (x - \varepsilon_k)^3_+ = \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)^3_+}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (\theta_k \varepsilon_k - \theta_k \varepsilon_{k-1})$$

∴ Multiply and divide by $(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})$

$$= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)^3}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (\theta_k \varepsilon_k - \theta_k \varepsilon_{k-1} + \theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_{k-1} - \theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_{k-1})$$

Add and subtract $(\theta_{k-1} \varepsilon_{k-1})$

$$= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)^3}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} (-\varepsilon_{k-1} (\theta_{k-1} + \theta_k) + \varepsilon_{k-1} \theta_{k-1} + \varepsilon_k \theta_k)$$

$$= \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)^3}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} \left(\varepsilon_{k-1} \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k - \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k \varepsilon_k \right)$$

$$= (x - \varepsilon_k)^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k \frac{(\varepsilon_{k-1} - \varepsilon_k)}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})}$$

Multiple and divide by $(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)$

$$= (x - \varepsilon_k)^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k \frac{(\varepsilon_{k-1} - \varepsilon_k)}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} \times \frac{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)}$$

Add and Subtract ε_k from the above equation and rearrange terms

$$= (x - \varepsilon_k)^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k \frac{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)(\varepsilon_{k-1} - \varepsilon_k + \varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})}$$

Representing the above equation in a different form

$$= (x - \varepsilon_k)^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \left[\frac{1}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} - \frac{1}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)} \right]$$

→ (B)

Taking LCM and solving will give the above equation representation

We have equation (1)

$$\sum_{k=1}^k \theta_k (x - \varepsilon_k)^3 = \sum_{k=1}^{k-2} \theta_k (x - \varepsilon_k)^3 + \theta_{k-1} (x - \varepsilon_{k-1})^3 + \theta_k (x - \varepsilon_k)^3$$

Substitute the values (A) and (B) in (1)

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3 - \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\theta_k - \varepsilon_k) \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})_+^3}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} + (x - \varepsilon_K)_+^3 \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k} \right)$$

multiply and divide by $(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)$ from the first term too.

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k)} - \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})_+^3}{(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1})} + \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \left(\frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}} - \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \left(\frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k} - \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}} + \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$- \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) \left(\frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3 - (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k} - \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})_+^3 - (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3 = \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k) (d_k(x) - d_{k-1}(x))$$

$$\text{where, } d_k(x) = \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3 - (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k}$$

$$d_{k-1}(x) = \frac{(x - \varepsilon_{k-1})_+^3 - (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-1}}$$

hence, the value $d_k(x)$ is as below i.e

$$d_k(x) = \frac{(x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3 - (x - \varepsilon_k)_+^3}{\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_k}$$

Problem 1

Principle Component Analysis

Show first principle component minimizes the residual sum of squares.

We consider the below case of a 1D projection of the datapoints. The p dimensional vectors are projected on a line through the origin.

- Let the line be represented by vector \vec{w} = unit vector
- Let the project of data points be represented by vector \vec{x}_i
- This projection on the line will give $\vec{w}\vec{x}_i$ and this is the distance of that data point from the origin.
- The coordinate in p dimensional space is $(\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{w})\vec{w}$.

We know that the mean of projected datatypes is 0 because mean of \vec{x}_i is 0

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{x}_i = 0$$

When number of observations are n , we have below equation

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{w}) \vec{w}$$

The residual of the projection is given by $\|\vec{x}_i - (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i) \vec{w}\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{x}_i - (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i) \vec{w}\|^2 &= \|\vec{x}_i\|^2 - 2(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i) + \|\vec{w}\|^2 \\ &= \|\vec{x}_i\|^2 - 2(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2 + 1 \quad (\text{because } \vec{w} \text{ is a unit vector}) \end{aligned}$$

We will add the residuals of all the vectors

$$\therefore \text{RSS}(\vec{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \|\vec{x}_i\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n 2(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2$$

In the above equation the first term does not depend on \vec{w} and hence does not contribute to minimize the RSS.

To make RSS small we should maximize the term obtained

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2$$

In this case n is not depending on \vec{w} , so we should maximize

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2$$

i.e. mean of $(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2$

We know that the mean of a square is always equal to the square of the mean added to some variance.

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i \right)^2 + \text{Var} [\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i]$$

We initially saw that the mean of the projections is always zero. So minimizing RSS will be equal to maximizing the variance of the projections

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2 = \text{Var} [\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i]$$

$$\therefore \sigma_{\vec{w}}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i)^2$$