

Using the SVD we can rewrite the variance,

$$Var[w_{LS}] = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} = \sigma^2 V S^{-2} V^T.$$

This inverse becomes huge when S_{ii} is very small for some values of i.

(Aside: This happens when columns of X are highly correlated.)

Read in NMG Effect of Correlated practices.

The least squares prediction for new data is

$$y_{\text{new}} = x_{\text{new}}^T w_{\text{LS}} = x_{\text{new}}^T (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = x_{\text{new}}^T V S^{-1} U^T y.$$

When S^{-1} has very large values, this can lead to unstable predictions.

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