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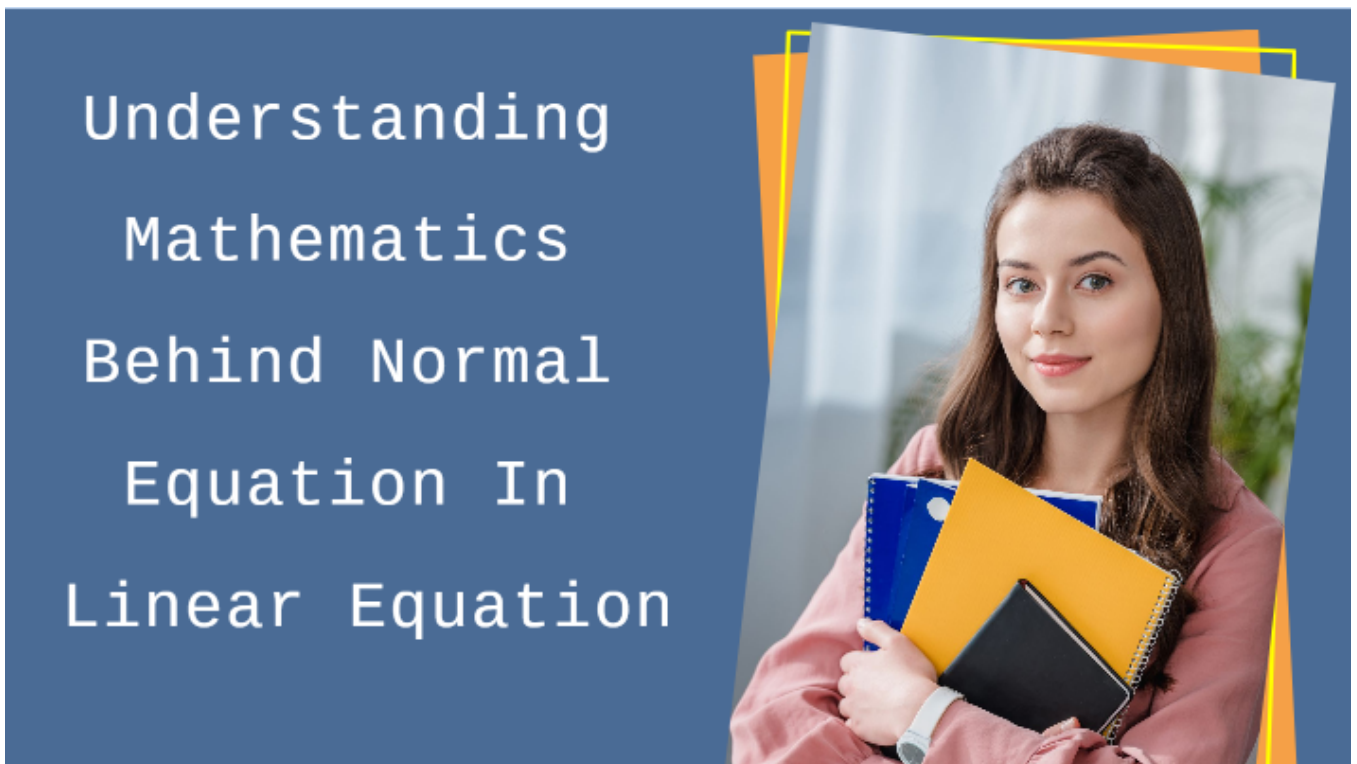
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Linear Regression With Normal Equation Complete Derivation (Matrices)



Normal Equation is an analytic approach to Linear Regression with a least square cost function. We can directly find out the value of θ without using Gradient Descent. Following this approach is an effective and time-saving option when we are working with dataset with small features.

Normal Equation is as follows :



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In the above equation :

θ : hypothesis parameters that define it the best.

X : input feature value of each instance

Y : Output value of each instance

Derivation Of Normal Equation:

(1) Hypothesis function :

$$h(\theta) = \theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n$$

Where,

n : number of features in the dataset.

$x_0 = 1$ (for vector multiplication)

(2) Vector θ :

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Vector X :





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$$\begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

(4) Notice that there is a dot product between θ and X . So we can write this as :

$$h(\theta) = \theta^T x$$

(5) Cost function :

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m [h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}]^2$$

X_i = the input value of i th training example.

m : number of training instances.

n : number of dataset features

y_i = the expected result for i th instance

(6) Representing the cost function in vector form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_{\theta} x^{(0)} \\ h_{\theta} x^{(1)} \\ \dots \\ h_{\theta} x^{(m)} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} y^0 \\ y^1 \\ \dots \\ y^m \end{bmatrix}$$

(7) We are going to ignore $1/2m$ here since it's not going to make any difference in the derivation.





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$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta^T(x^1) \\ \dots \\ \theta^T(x^m) \end{bmatrix} = y$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0(x_0^0) + \theta_1(x_1^0) + \dots + \theta_n(x_n^0) \\ \theta_0(x_0^1) + \theta_1(x_1^1) + \dots + \theta_n(x_n^1) \\ \dots \\ \theta_0(x_0^m) + \theta_1(x_1^m) + \dots + \theta_n(x_n^m) \end{bmatrix} = y$$

x_j^i = Value of j th feature θ
in i th training example

(8) This can further be reduced to :

$$X\theta - y$$

(9) But in our cost function there is a square. We can't simply square the above expression. As the square of vector/matrix is not equal to square of it of its values. so to get the squared values, multiply the vector/matrix with it's transpose.

Introduction To Matrices (For Machine Learning)

In this article I'm going to show some basic operations that we can perform on matrices like addition, multiplication...

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$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} (X\theta - y)^T (X\theta - y)$$

(10) Ignore the $1/2m$ since it's not going to make any difference in our derivation.

$$J(\theta) = ((X\theta)^T - y^T)(X\theta - y)$$

$$J(\theta) = (X\theta)^T X\theta - (X\theta)^T y - y^T (X\theta) + y^T y$$

(11) Now in the above equation 2nd and 3rd terms are same. (Explained in my previous article.) So add them.

$$J(\theta) = \theta^T X^T X \theta - 2(X\theta)^T y + y^T y$$

(12) Our ultimate goal is to minimize the cost function. Finding derivatives.

$$P(\theta) = 2(X\theta)^T y$$

(13) Writing it in a vector form :

$$P(\theta) = 2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{m1} & x_{m2} & \dots & x_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \dots \\ \theta_n \end{pmatrix} \right]^T \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \dots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$




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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{21}\theta_1 + \dots + x_{2n}\theta_n \\ \vdots \\ x_{m1}\theta_1 + \dots + x_{mn}\theta_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

(14) Multiplying the vectors:

$$P(x) = 2(x_{11}\theta_1 + \dots + x_{1n}\theta_n)y_1 + \dots + 2(x_{m1}\theta_1 + \dots + x_{mn}\theta_n)y_m$$

(15) Simplifying it a bit :

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^m y_k (x_{k1}\theta_1 + \dots + x_{kn}\theta_n) \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^m y_k \cdot \sum_{c=1}^n x_{kc}\theta_c \end{aligned}$$

(16) Find the derivatives :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta_1} &= 2(x_{11}y_1 + \dots + x_{m1}y_m) \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta_2} &= 2(x_{12}y_1 + \dots + x_{m2}y_m) \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta_n} &= 2(x_{1n}y_1 + \dots + x_{mn}y_m) \end{aligned}$$

(17) In Conclusion:





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 $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \theta}$

(18) Finding the other derivative:

$$Q(\theta) = \theta^T X^T X \theta$$

(19) Writing in vector form :

$$Q(\theta) = (\theta_1 \dots \theta_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{21} & \dots & x_{m1} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{m2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{1n} & x_{2n} & \dots & x_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{m1} & x_{m2} & \dots & x_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \dots \\ \theta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q(\theta) = (\theta_1 \dots \theta_n) \begin{pmatrix} x_{11}^2 \theta_1 + \dots + x_{1n}^2 \theta_n \\ x_{21}^2 \theta_1 + \dots + x_{2n}^2 \theta_n \\ \dots \\ x_{m1}^2 \theta_1 + \dots + x_{mn}^2 \theta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(20) Simplifying :

$$Q(\theta) = \theta_1 (x_{11}^2 \theta_1 + \dots + x_{1n}^2 \theta_n) + \dots + \theta_n (x_{n1}^2 \theta_1 + \dots + x_{nn}^2 \theta_n)$$

(21) Finding partial derivative :

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \theta_1} = 2\theta_1 x_{11}^2 + 2\theta_1 x_{12}^2 + \dots + 2\theta_n x_{1n}^2$$



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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} y^T y = 0$$

(23) Combining all together :

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = 2x^T x \theta - 2x^T y = 0$$

(24) Simplifying :

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^T x \theta - 2x^T y &= 0 \\ 2x^T x \theta &= 2x^T y \end{aligned}$$

(25) Final step :

$$\begin{aligned} x^T x \theta &= x^T y \\ \theta &= (x^T x)^{-1} x^T y \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot (X^T y)$$



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Moving Forward,

In the next article I will show you how we can implement Linear Regression using the Normal Equation we just derived.

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