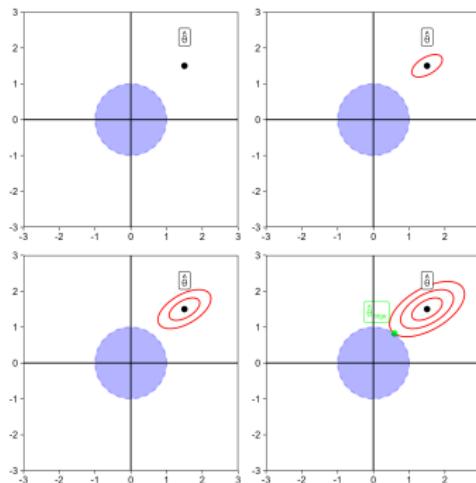


Introduction to Machine Learning

Regularization Ridge Regression



Learning goals

- Regularized linear model
- Ridge regression / L_2 penalty
- Understand parameter shrinkage
- Understand correspondence to constrained optimization



REGULARIZATION IN LM

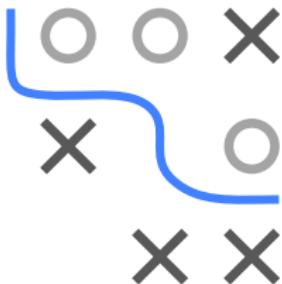
- Can also overfit if p large and n small(er)
- OLS estimator requires full-rank design matrix
- For highly correlated features, OLS becomes sensitive to random errors in response, results in large variance in fit
- We now add a complexity penalty to the loss:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{reg}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \cdot J(\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$



RIDGE REGRESSION / L2 PENALTY

Intuitive measure of model complexity is deviation from 0-origin. So we measure $J(\theta)$ through a vector norm, shrinking coeffs closer to 0.



$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{\text{ridge}} &= \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y^{(i)} - \theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \theta_j^2 \\ &= \arg \min_{\theta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

Can still analytically solve this:

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{ridge}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Name: We add pos. entries along the diagonal "ridge" of $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$

EXAMPLE: POLYNOMIAL RIDGE REGRESSION

Consider $y = f(x) + \epsilon$ where the true (unknown) function is

$$f(x) = 5 + 2x + 10x^2 - 2x^3 \text{ (in red).}$$

Let's use a d th-order polynomial

$$f(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \cdots + \theta_d x^d = \sum_{j=0}^d \theta_j x^j.$$

Using model complexity $d = 10$ overfits:

