

Ex. 2.7 Suppose we have a sample of N pairs x_i, y_i drawn i.i.d. from the distribution characterized as follows:

$x_i \sim h(x)$, the design density

$y_i = f(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$, f is the regression function

$\varepsilon_i \sim (0, \sigma^2)$ (mean zero, variance σ^2)

We construct an estimator for f linear in the y_i ,

$$\hat{f}(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \ell_i(x_0; \mathcal{X}) y_i,$$

where the weights $\ell_i(x_0; \mathcal{X})$ do not depend on the y_i , but do depend on the entire training sequence of x_i , denoted here by \mathcal{X} .

(a) Show that linear regression and k -nearest-neighbor regression are members of this class of estimators. Describe explicitly the weights $\ell_i(x_0; \mathcal{X})$ in each of these cases.

(b) Decompose the conditional mean-squared error

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}}(f(x_0) - \hat{f}(x_0))^2$$

into a conditional squared bias and a conditional variance component. Like \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{Y} represents the entire training sequence of y_i .

(c) Decompose the (unconditional) mean-squared error

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X}}(f(x_0) - \hat{f}(x_0))^2$$

into a squared bias and a variance component.

(d) Establish a relationship between the squared biases and variances in the above two cases.