

## “Machine Learning and Computational Statistics”

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Homework

#### Exercise 1 (python code + text):

- (a) **Use** the attached python code to read the data from the file “regression.mat”. These data correspond to a data set  $X$  of 101 points of the form  $X = \{(y_i, x_i), i=1, \dots, 101\}$ , where the  $x_i$  coordinates of all points (instances of the independent variable) are stored to the vector  $X$  and the associated  $y_i$  coordinates (instances of the dependent variable) are stored to the vector  $y$ .
- (b) **Plot** the data and observe that these are modeled by a third degree curve.
- (c) **Propose** a **model** that explains the relationship between  $x_i$  's and  $y_i$  's.
- (d) Based on the above model, **define** a suitable transformation  $\varphi(\cdot)$  that maps all  $x_i$  's from  $R$  to a higher order space, where the problem becomes linear. Denoting by  $x_i'$  the image of  $x_i$  in the transformed space, we form a new data set  $X' = \{(y_i, x_i'), i=1, \dots, 101\}$
- (e) **Adopting** the linear model assumption in the transformed space and the SSE criterion, estimate the parameters of the model (do not use functions from python libraries to compute the LS solution).

#### Exercise 2:

Consider the following nonlinear model:

$$y = 3x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 7x_1 + 5x_2 + \eta$$

Define a suitable function  $\varphi$  that transforms the problem to a space where the problem of estimating the model becomes linear. What is the dimension of the original and the transformed space?

#### Exercise 3:

Consider the following two-class nonlinear classification task:

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3]^T : \\ x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 6x_3^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 > (<)3 \rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \omega_1(\omega_2)$$

Define a suitable function  $\varphi$  that transforms the problem to a space where the problem of estimating the border of the two classes becomes linear. What is the dimension of the original and the transformed space?

#### Exercise 4:

Verify the sum, the product and the Bayes rule for the discrete-valued case, using the relative frequency definition of the probability.

#### Exercise 5:

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 10 & 40 & 30 \\ 200 & 20 & 30 & 10 \\ 300 & 30 & 20 & 40 \\ 400 & 40 & 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$ , where the rows correspond to feature

vectors (representing entities) and the columns correspond to the features  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ .

Defining  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]^T$ , compute the **covariance matrix** ( $\text{cov}(\mathbf{x}) = E[(\mathbf{x} - E[\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{x} - E[\mathbf{x}])^T]$ ), the **correlation matrix** ( $R_x = E[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T]$ ) and the **correlation coefficient matrix** (whose  $(i,j)$  element equals to  $\frac{\text{cov}(x_i, x_j)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(x_i)}\sqrt{\text{var}(x_j)}}$ ). Draw your conclusions on the way the features are

related to each other.