

## Lecture 9: Linear Regression

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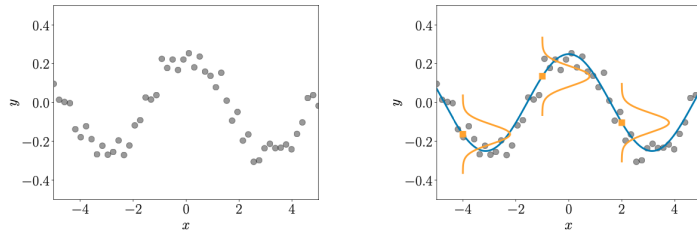
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Please watch this tutorial video by Luis Serrano on PCA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYPUhge9w5c>

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- (1) **Problem Formulation**
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- For some input values  $x_n$ , we observe noisy function values  $y_n = f(x_n) + \epsilon$
- Goal: infer the function  $f$  that generalizes well to function values at new inputs
- Applications: time-series analysis, control and robotics, image recognition, etc.

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Notation for simplification (this is how the textbook uses)

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}) = p_{Y|\mathbf{X}}(y|\mathbf{x}), \quad Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \xrightarrow{\text{simplifies}} \mathcal{N}(y | f(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^2)$$

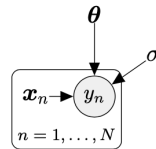
- Assume: linear regression, Gaussian noise
  - $y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
  - Likelihood: for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p(y | \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y | f(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^2)$
  - Linear regression with the parameter  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ , i.e.,  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}$
- $$p(y | \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y | \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2) \iff y = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\theta} + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Prior with Gaussian noise:  $p(y | \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y | \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2)$

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- Training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, y_N)\}$



- Assuming iid  $N$  data samples, the likelihood is factorized into:

$$p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2),$$

where  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$  and  $\mathcal{Y} = \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$

- Estimation methods: ML and MAP

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- $\theta_{\text{ML}} = \arg \max_{\theta} p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta) = \arg \min_{\theta} \left( -\log p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta) \right)$
- For Gaussian noise with  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]^T$  and  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$ ,
 
$$\begin{aligned}
 -\log p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta) &= -\log \prod_{n=1}^N p(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \theta) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \log p(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \theta) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \mathbf{x}_n^T \theta)^2 + \text{const} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|^2 + \text{const}
 \end{aligned}$$

Negative-log likelihood for  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \theta + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ :

$$-\log p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|^2 + \text{const}$$

- For Gaussian noise with  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]^T$  and  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$ ,
 
$$\theta_{\text{ML}} = \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|^2, \quad L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|^2$$
- In case of Gaussian noise,  $\theta_{\text{ML}} = \theta$  that minimizes the empirical risk with the squared loss function
  - Models as functions = Model as probabilistic models

- We find  $\theta$  such that  $\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dL}{d\theta} &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( -2(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)^T \mathbf{X} \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left( -\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} + \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \right) = 0 \\
 \iff \theta_{\text{ML}}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \\
 \iff \theta_{\text{ML}}^T &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \quad (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \text{ is positive definite if } \text{rk}(\mathbf{X}) = D) \\
 \iff \theta_{\text{ML}} &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Linear regression: Linear in terms of [the parameters](#)
  - $\phi(\mathbf{x})^T \theta$  is also fine, where  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  can be non-linear (we will cover this later)
  - $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  are the features
- Linear regression with the parameter  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^K$ ,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^D \mapsto \mathbb{R}^K$ :
 
$$p(y | \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y | \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \theta, \sigma^2) \iff y = \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \theta + \epsilon = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k \phi_k(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon$$
- **Example. Polynomial regression.** For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^K$ , we lift the original 1-D input into  $K$ -D feature space with monomials  $x^k$ :

$$\phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{K-1}(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ x^{K-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^K \implies f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k x^k$$

- Now, for the entire training set  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ ,

$$\Phi := \begin{pmatrix} \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \vdots \\ \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi_{K-1}(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_N) & \cdots & \phi_{K-1}(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}, \quad \Phi_{ij} = \phi_j(\mathbf{x}_i), \quad \phi_j: \mathbb{R}^D \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

- Negative log-likelihood: Similarly to the case of  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\theta$ ,

- $p(\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y} | \Phi\theta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$

- Negative-log likelihood for  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x})\theta + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ :

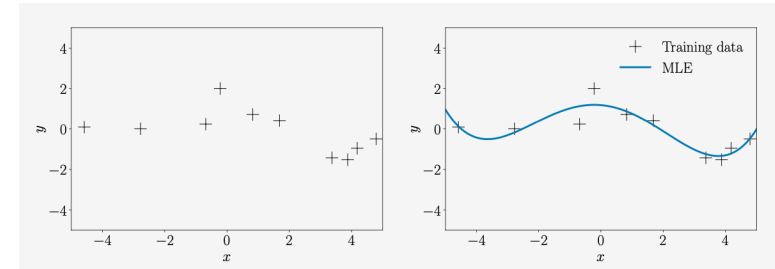
$$-\log p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \Phi\theta\|^2 + \text{const}$$

- MLE:  $\theta_{\text{ML}} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$

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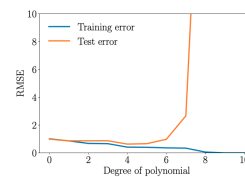
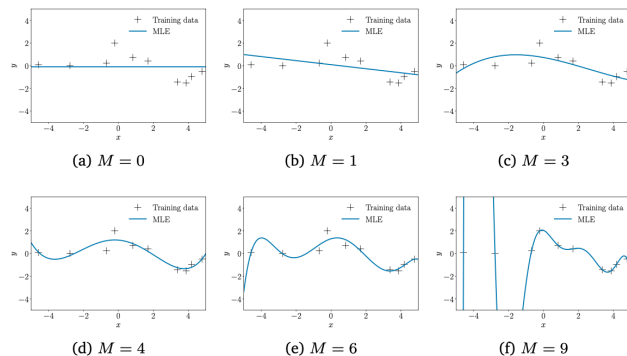
- $N = 10$  data, where  $x_n \sim \mathcal{U}[-5, 5]$  and  $y_n = -\sin(x_n/5) + \cos(x_n) + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.2^2)$
- Fit with polynomial with degree 4 using ML



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## Overfitting in Linear Regression



- Higher polynomial degree is better (training error always decreases)
- Test error increases after some polynomial degree

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- MLE: prone to overfitting, where the magnitude of the parameters becomes large.
- a prior distribution  $p(\theta)$  helps: what  $\theta$  is plausible
- MAPE and Bayes' theorem

$$p(\theta | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta)p(\theta)}{p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X})} \implies \theta_{\text{MAP}} \in \arg \min_{\theta} \left( -\log p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta) - \log p(\theta) \right)$$

- Gradient

$$-\frac{d \log p(\theta | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})}{d\theta} = -\frac{d \log p(\mathcal{Y} | \mathcal{X}, \theta)}{d\theta} - \frac{d \log p(\theta)}{d\theta}$$

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- **Example.** A (conjugate) Gaussian prior  $p(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, b^2 \mathbf{I})$ 
  - For Gaussian likelihood, Gaussian prior  $\implies$  Gaussian posterior
- Negative log-posterior

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Negative-log posterior for } f(\mathbf{x}) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x})\theta + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \text{ and } p(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, b^2 \mathbf{I}): \\ -\log p(\theta | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\mathbf{y} - \Phi\theta)^T(\mathbf{y} - \Phi\theta) + \frac{1}{2b^2}\theta^T\theta + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

- Gradient

$$-\frac{d \log p(\theta | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\theta^T \Phi^T \Phi - \mathbf{y}^T \Phi) + \frac{1}{b^2}\theta^T$$

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- MAP vs. ML

$$\theta_{\text{MAP}} = \underbrace{\left( \Phi^T \Phi + \frac{\sigma^2}{b^2} \mathbf{I} \right)}_{(*)}^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}, \quad \theta_{\text{ML}} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

- The term  $\frac{\sigma^2}{b^2} \mathbf{I}$

- Ensures that  $(*)$  is symmetric, strictly positive definite
- Role of regularizer

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- **Example.** A (conjugate) Gaussian prior  $p(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0)$
- Negative log-posterior

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Negative-log posterior for } f(\mathbf{x}) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x})\theta + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \text{ and } p(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0): \\ -\log p(\theta | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\mathbf{y} - \Phi\theta)^T(\mathbf{y} - \Phi\theta) + \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1}(\theta - \mathbf{m}_0) + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

- We will use this later for computing the parameter posterior distribution in Bayesian linear regression.

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- Explicit regularizer in regularized least squares (RLS)

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \Phi\boldsymbol{\theta}\|^2 + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|^2$$

- MAPE with Gaussian prior  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, b^2 \mathbf{I})$

- Negative log-Gaussian prior

$$-\log p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2b^2} \boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \boldsymbol{\theta} + \text{const}$$

- $\lambda = 1/2b^2$  is the regularization term

- Not surprising that we have

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{RLS}} = (\Phi^\top \Phi + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \Phi^\top \mathbf{y}$$

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## Bayesian Linear Regression

## Parameter Posterior Distribution (1)

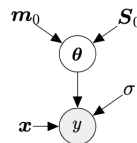
- Earlier, ML and MAP. Now, fully Bayesian
- Model

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prior  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0)$

likelihood  $p(y|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \sim \mathcal{N}(y | \phi^\top(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2)$

joint  $p(y, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x}) = p(y|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$



- Goal: For an input  $\mathbf{x}_*$ , we want to compute the following posterior predictive distribution<sup>1</sup> of  $y_*$ :

$$p(y_*|\mathbf{x}_*, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \int \overbrace{p(y_*|\mathbf{x}_*, \boldsymbol{\theta})}^{\text{likelihood}} \overbrace{p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})}^{(*)} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

- (\*): parameter posterior distribution that needs to be computed

<sup>1</sup>Chapter 9.3.4 For ease of understanding, I've slightly changed the organization of these lecture slides from that of the textbook.

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- Parameter posterior distribution

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$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N), \quad \text{where}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_N = (\mathbf{S}_0^{-1} + \sigma^2 \Phi^\top \Phi)^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{m}_N = \mathbf{S}_N (\mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 + \sigma^{-2} \Phi^\top \mathbf{y})$$

(Proof Sketch)

- From the negative-log posterior for general Gaussian prior,

$$-\log p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \Phi\boldsymbol{\theta})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \Phi\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{m}_0)^\top \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{m}_0) + \text{const}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\sigma^{-2} \mathbf{y}^T \Phi \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta} - 2\mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}^T (\sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi + \mathbf{S}_0^{-1}) \boldsymbol{\theta} - 2(\sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0)^T \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) + \text{const}
 \end{aligned}$$

- cyan color: quadratic term, orange color: linear term
- $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) \propto \exp(\text{quadratic in } \boldsymbol{\theta}) \implies$  Gaussian distribution
- Assume that  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N)$ , and find  $\mathbf{m}_N$  and  $\mathbf{S}_N$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\log \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N) &= \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{m}_N)^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{m}_N) + \text{const} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta} - 2\mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N \right) + \text{const}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus,  $\mathbf{S}_N^{-1} = \sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi + \mathbf{S}_0^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} = (\sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0)^T$

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- Posterior predictive distribution

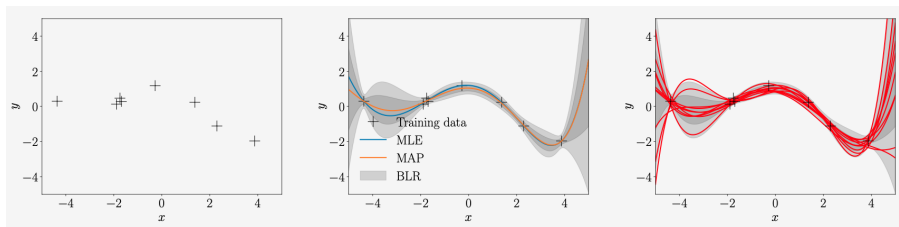
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$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y_*|\mathbf{x}_*, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) &= \int p(y_*|\mathbf{x}_*, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\
 &= \int \mathcal{N}(y_*|\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_*)\boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2) \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N) d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\
 &= \mathcal{N}(y_*|\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_*)\mathbf{m}_N, \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_*)\mathbf{S}_N\phi(\mathbf{x}_*) + \sigma^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

- The mean  $\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_*)\mathbf{m}_N$  coincides with the MAP estimate

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- BLR: Bayesian Linear Regression

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- Likelihood:  $p(\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ , Marginal likelihood:  $p(\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}) = \int p(\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Recall that the marginal likelihood is important for model selection via Bayes factor:

$$(\text{Posterior odds}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(M_1 | \mathcal{D})}{\mathbb{P}(M_2 | \mathcal{D})} = \frac{\frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D}|M_1)\mathbb{P}(M_1)}{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D})}}{\frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D}|M_2)\mathbb{P}(M_2)}{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D})}} = \underbrace{\frac{\mathbb{P}(M_1)}{\mathbb{P}(M_2)}}_{\text{Prior odds}} \underbrace{\frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D} | M_1)}{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D} | M_2)}}_{\text{Bayes factor}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}) &= \int p(\mathcal{Y}|\mathcal{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} = \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\Phi \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0) d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\
 &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y} | \Phi \mathbf{m}_0, \Phi \mathbf{S}_0 \Phi^T + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})
 \end{aligned}$$

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- For  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{ML}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T}{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}} \mathbf{y}$$

- Orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the one-dimensional subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{X}$

- For  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\phi}^T(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{ML}} = (\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \mathbf{y} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \mathbf{y}}{\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\Phi} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^T}{\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}} \mathbf{y}$$

- Orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the  $K$ -dimensional subspace spanned by columns of  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$

- Linear regression for Gaussian likelihood and conjugate Gaussian priors. Nice analytical results and closed forms
- Other forms of likelihoods for other applications (e.g., classification)
- GLM (generalized linear model):  $y = \sigma \circ f$  ( $\sigma$ : activation function)
  - No longer linear in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
  - Logistic regression:  $\sigma(f) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-f)} \in [0, 1]$  (interpreted as the probability of becoming 1)
  - Building blocks of (deep) feedforward neural nets
  - $\mathbf{y} = \sigma(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$ .  $\mathbf{A}$ : weight matrix,  $\mathbf{b}$ : bias vector
  - $K$ -layer deep neural nets:  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = f_k(\mathbf{x}_k)$ ,  $f_k(\mathbf{x}_k) = \sigma_k(\mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{b}_k)$

- Gaussian process
  - A distribution over parameters  $\rightarrow$  a distribution over functions
  - Gaussian process: distribution over functions without detouring via parameters
  - Closely related to BLR and support vector regression, also interpreted as Bayesian neural network with a single hidden layer and the infinite number of units
- Gaussian likelihood, but non-Gaussian prior
  - When  $N \ll D$  (small training data)
  - Prior that enforces sparsity, e.g., Laplace prior
  - A linear regression with the Laplace prior = linear regression with LASSO (L1 regularization)



Questions?

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