Machine learning II Master Data Science



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Workshop 7 Projection pursuit regression

Download the file Workshop7. R from Moodle, and save it in a sensible directory.

Exercise 1 You will define simulate an outcome variable y based on two projections of the data. The purpose of this is to investigate the PPR procedure using data where the "truth is known". First of all the observed predictor variables X_1 and X_2 are simulated as random normal variables. Then two arbitrary direction vectors ω_1 and ω_2 are defined. Then the outcome variable y is simulated. In the ppr () function only X_1 and X_2 are passed into the function.

Exercise 2 You will use PPR to analyse the Auto data, which you have come across before. The data set is provided with James et al. in the ISLR package. At the end you will compare the results with a regression tree model.

▶ Work through the example code step by step. The code is well commented with explanations. You will need to replace the missing code? for it to work.