

Week 02 - Part 2

Review:

- Supervised Learning
 - discrete y_n : Classification
 - Continuous y_n : Regression

Today:

- We study a specific type of regression.

Linear Regression

- Least squares Solution.

Linear Regression

Training Set: $\mathcal{D} = \{(\underline{x}_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^N$ $\underline{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $y_n \in \mathbb{R}$

Decision Rule ("Hypothesis Set", "Learning Model"):

$$h(\underline{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_d x_d$$

Define the augmented form. It makes life easier!

$$\underline{x} = (x_0=1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in \{1\} \times \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$h_{\underline{w}}(\underline{x}) = \underline{w}^T \underline{x}$$

Criterion: $E_{\text{in}}(\underline{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \underbrace{(y_n - \hat{y}_n)}_{e_n(\underline{w})}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_n)^2$

Average squared error

$e_n(\underline{w})$: error for n_{th} sample

Goal: Give \mathcal{D} , find \underline{w} that minimizes $E_{\text{in}}(\underline{w})$

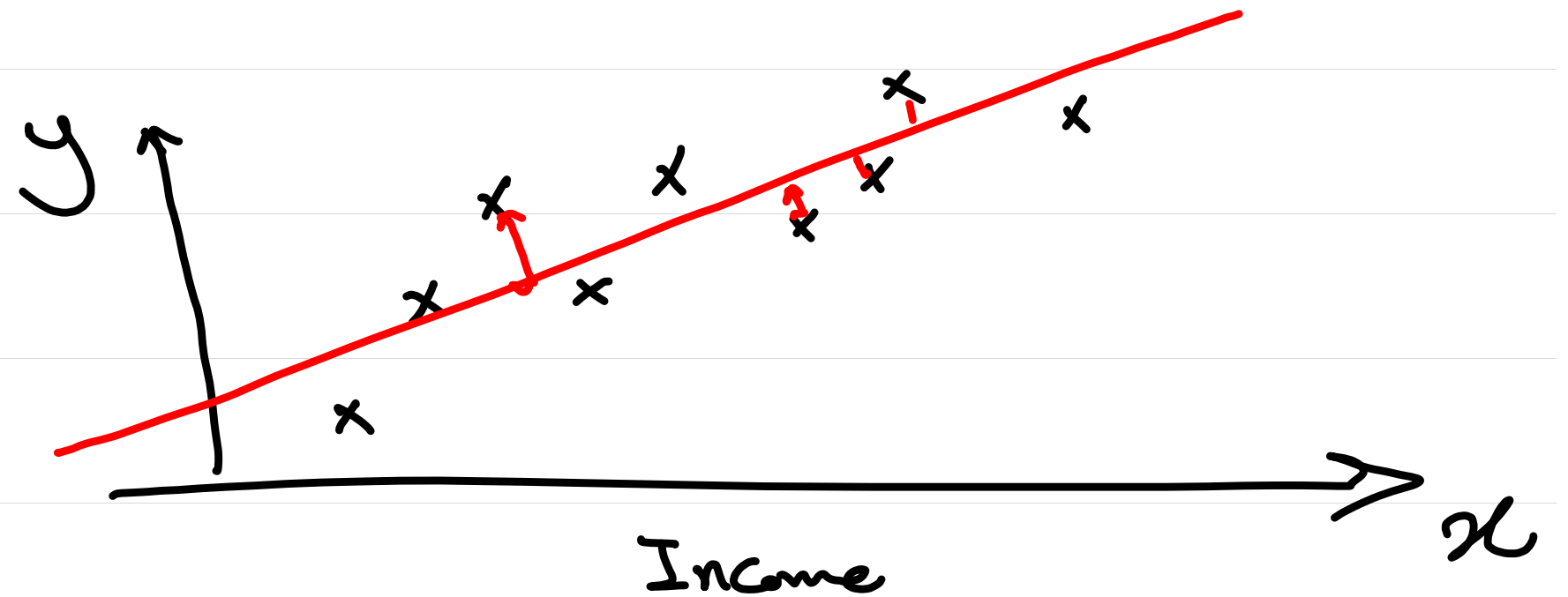
E.g.: The bank wants to set a proper credit limit for each customer.

x = customer's income

y = credit limit

Historical Data:

$$D = \{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^N$$



Fit a linear model
 $\hat{y} = w_0 + w_1 x$

In reality: $\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Income} \\ \text{age} \\ \text{years of experience} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

$\hat{y} = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_d x_d$ \rightarrow larger w_i , more important factor in assigning credit limit

Matrix-vector Algebraic Representation

1) Data matrix:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1^T \\ \underline{x}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_N^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (d+1)}$$

2) Target vector:

$$\underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

3) Weight vector: $\underline{w} = (w_0, \dots, w_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$

4) Model:

$$\hat{\underline{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_1 \\ \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1^T \underline{w} \\ \underline{x}_2^T \underline{w} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_N^T \underline{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1^T \\ \underline{x}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_N^T \end{bmatrix} \underline{w} = X \underline{w}$$

5) Error : $E_n(\underline{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \hat{y}_n)^2$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \hat{y}_1 \\ y_2 - \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N - \hat{y}_N \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_N \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \left\| \underline{y} - \hat{\underline{y}} \right\|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \left\| \underline{y} - \underline{X} \underline{w} \right\|^2.$$

Remark: $\underline{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_k \end{bmatrix}$, $\|\underline{P}\| = \sqrt{p_1^2 + \dots + p_k^2}$. Hence, $p_1^2 + \dots + p_k^2 = \|\underline{P}\|^2$.

Q) When is $E_{in}(\underline{w}) = 0$? for all datapoints, $y_n = \hat{y}_n = \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_n$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_1 \\ y_2 = \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N = \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_N \end{cases}$$

This is a system of linear equations that we have to solve to get "perfect" \underline{w} .

of linear equations: N

of unknown parameters: $d+1$

■ In practice, $N \gg d+1 \rightarrow$ No solution
"overdetermined" system of equations.

■ Instead, we find a \underline{w} that minimizes $E_{in}(\underline{w})$
■ The algorithm that we use is called least squares method.

■ Want to minimize $E_{in}(\underline{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \|\underline{y} - \hat{\underline{y}}\|^2$

■ define $f(\underline{w}) = \|\underline{y} - \hat{\underline{y}}\|^2 = \|\underline{y} - \underline{X}\underline{w}\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \underline{w}^T \underline{x}_n)^2$
 $= \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_{n1} + w_2 x_{n2} + \dots + w_d x_{nd}))^2$

■ This is a multivariate function.

■ To minimize this, we need gradients.

□ Just like setting derivative to zero for univariate functions, we need to find a \underline{w} for which the derivative w.r.t. all coordinates are zero.

Detour: Gradient Reminder

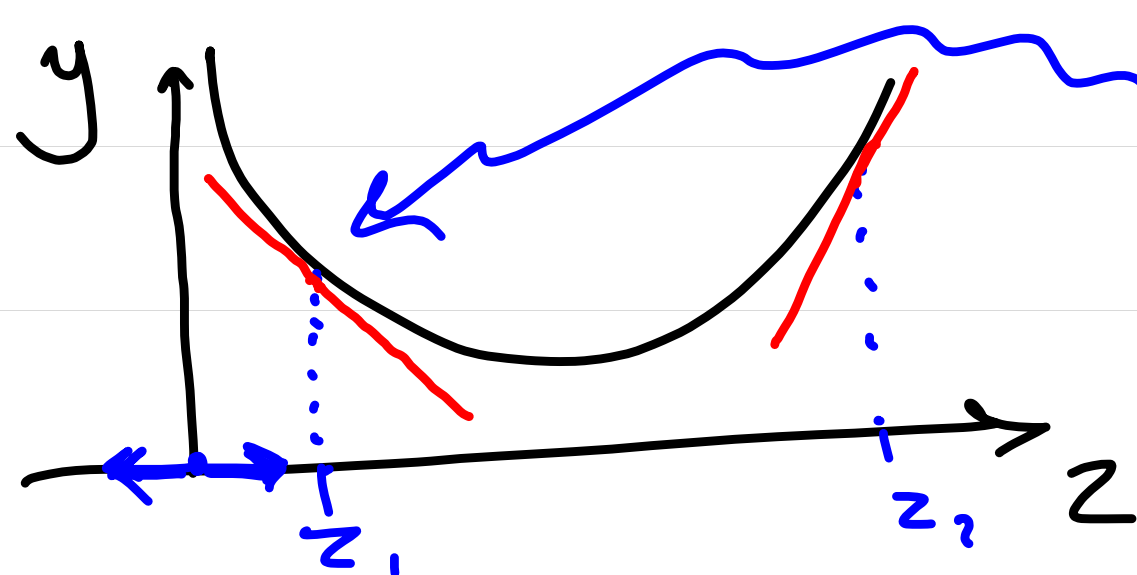
■ Gradient of $g(\underline{z})$ w.r.t \underline{z} is denoted by $\nabla_{\underline{z}} g(\underline{z})$ and defined as

$$\nabla_{\underline{z}} g(\underline{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial g(\underline{z}) / \partial z_1 \\ \partial g(\underline{z}) / \partial z_2 \\ \vdots \\ \partial g(\underline{z}) / \partial z_d \end{bmatrix}$$

dimensionality of $\nabla_{\underline{z}}$ is the same as that of \underline{z} .

■ Similar to derivative, **gradient** points in the direction of **steepest increase**.

■ Let's see a $d=1$ example



A negative derivative at z_1 indicates that the steepest increase direction is to the left.

Detour: Basic Gradients Everyone must know

$$\blacksquare \nabla_{\underline{w}} (\underline{w}^T \underline{x}_n) = \nabla_{\underline{w}} \left(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_{ni} \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \partial(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_{ni}) / \partial w_0 \\ \partial(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_{ni}) / \partial w_1 \\ \vdots \\ \partial(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_{ni}) / \partial w_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n0} \\ x_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{nd} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{x}_n$$

$$\blacksquare \nabla_{\underline{w}} (\underline{x}_n^T \underline{w}) = \underline{x}_n$$

$$\blacksquare \nabla_{\underline{w}} (\underline{w}^T A \underline{w}) = 2A\underline{w}$$

$\hookrightarrow A$ is symmetric

$$\blacksquare \|\underline{a}\|^2 = \underline{a}^T \underline{a}$$

■ Let's get back to the problem we had

■ We want to find the minimum of

$$\|\underline{y} - \hat{\underline{y}}\|^2 = \|\underline{y} - X\underline{w}\|^2 = f(\underline{w})$$

■ Hence, we must find a \underline{w} such that $\nabla_{\underline{w}} f(\underline{w}) = 0$

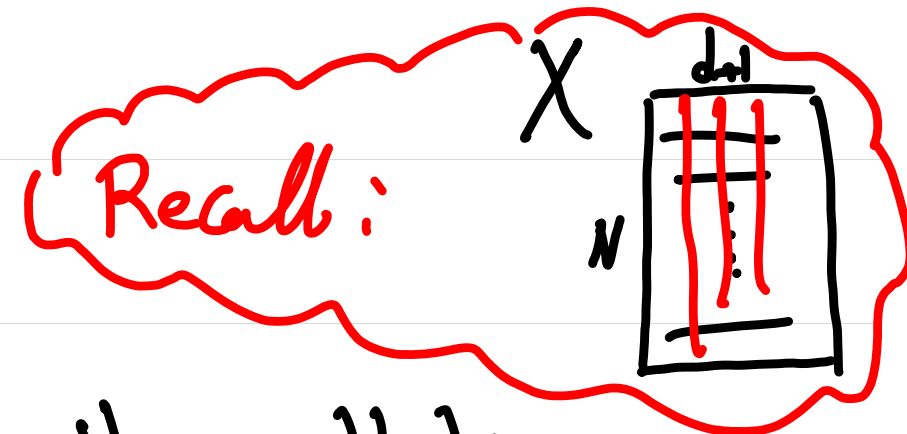
$$\begin{aligned} \text{■ Let's find } \nabla_{\underline{w}} f(\underline{w}) &= \nabla_{\underline{w}} \|\underline{y} - X\underline{w}\|^2 = \nabla_{\underline{w}} \left((\underline{y} - X\underline{w})^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{w}) \right) \\ &= \nabla_{\underline{w}} \left((\underline{y}^T - \underline{w}^T X^T) (\underline{y} - X\underline{w}) \right) = \nabla_{\underline{w}} \left(\underline{y}^T \underline{y} - \underline{y}^T X \underline{w} - \underline{w}^T X^T \underline{y} + \underline{w}^T X^T X \underline{w} \right) \\ &= 0 - X^T \underline{y} - X^T \underline{y} + 2X^T X \underline{w} = 2X^T (X\underline{w} - \underline{y}) \end{aligned}$$

Remark: $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

Least square Solution

■ The least square Solution, \underline{w}_{ls} , is the weight vector such that $\nabla_{\underline{w}} f(\underline{w}_{ls}) = \underline{0}$.

■ Thus, $2X^T(X\underline{w}_{ls} - \underline{y}) = 0 \Rightarrow X^T X \underline{w}_{ls} = X^T \underline{y}$.



■ Finding \underline{w}_{ls} would have been so simple if we could multiply the two sides by $(X^T X)^{-1}$. But, what if $X^T X$ is not invertible?

□ A reasonable assumption is $X^T X$ is invertible, i.e., there are $(d+1)$ rows of X (i.e. $d+1$ datapoints) that are linearly independent.

■ With this simplifying assumption, we have that $X^T X \underline{w}_{ls} = X^T \underline{y} \Rightarrow$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} (X^T X \underline{w}_{ls}) = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y} \Rightarrow (X^T X)^{-1} (X^T X) \underline{w}_{ls} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow I \underline{w}_{ls} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y} \Rightarrow \underline{w}_{ls} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y}$$

■ $\text{Rank}(X) = d+1 \iff X^T X$ is invertible

■ With that (reasonable) assumption, $\underline{w}_{ls} = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_{\text{pseudo-inverse of } X} \underline{y}$

■ $X^+ = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T$

(pseudo-inverse of X)

■ $\underline{w}_{ls} = X^+ \underline{y}$

Why is $X^+ = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ called Pseudo-invers of X ?

① Observe that $X^+ X = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X = I$

But, $XX^+ = X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \neq I$

Why is $X^+ = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ called Pseudo-invers of X ?

② Recall: Originally we had the system of equations $\underline{y} = X \underline{w}$ and wanted to solve it.

■ To solve this equation system, we must find inverse of X so that $X^{-1} \underline{y} = X^{-1} X \underline{w} = I \underline{w} = \underline{w}$.

■ But X is not invertible (It's not even a square matrix. Inverse is for square matrix)

■ However, X^+ would do the trick: from ①

$$\underline{y} = X \underline{w} \Rightarrow X^+ \underline{y} = X^+ X \underline{w} = I \underline{w} = \underline{w}$$

Summary:

■ Least square solution: $\underline{w}_{ls} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y}$

■ Prediction by \underline{w}_{ls} : $\hat{\underline{y}}_{ls} = X \underline{w}_{ls} = X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y}$