# Introduction to Regression

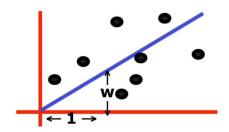
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### Linear Regression

- 지도학습의 한 분야로 연속적인 숫자(실수)를 예측하는 것
  - □ 어떤 사람의 교육수준, 나이, 주거지를 바탕으로 연간소득 예측하는 문제
  - □ 측정된 점들의 열로부터 가장 근사한 방정식을 구하는 문제



inputs	outputs
$x_1 = 1$	$y_1 = 1$
$x_2 = 3$	$y_2 = 2.2$
$x_3 = 2$	$y_3 = 2$
$x_4 = 1.5$	$y_4 = 1.9$
$x_5 = 4$	$y_5 = 3.1$

Linear regression assumes that the expected value of the output given an input, E[Y|X], is linear.

i.e., 
$$E[Y|X] = \alpha + \beta X$$
 or  $E[Y|X] = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$  where  $E[Y|X] = \int y f(y/x) dy$ 

- Simplest case: Out(x) = wx for some unknown w.
- $\Box$  Given the data, we can estimate w.

#### 2-parameter linear regression

Observable dataset :  $\mathbf{d}_1(x_1, y_1), \mathbf{d}_2(x_2, y_2) \dots \mathbf{d}_n(x_n, y_n)$ 

Model: y = wx + b

Compute mean squared error of the model on the dataset

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \widehat{y}_i)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i - b)^2$$

To minimize MSE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} MSE = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i - b)^2 = 0 & \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (y_i - wx_i - b) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial b} MSE = \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i - b)^2 = 0 & \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i - b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i \\ w \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i + nb = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \end{cases} \text{ if } b = 0, \quad w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2} \text{ (즉, } y = wx 로 모델링하면)$$

#### Bayesian linear regression

- Assume that the data is formed by  $y_i = wx_i + noise_i$ 
  - the noise signals are independent
  - the noise has a normal distribution with mean 0 and unknown variance  $\sigma^2$
  - $\neg$  p(y|w,x) has a normal distribution with mean wx and variance  $\sigma^2$
- $y \sim N(wx, \sigma^2)$
- We have a set of data  $\mathbf{d}_1(x_1, y_1), \mathbf{d}_2(x_2, y_2)...\mathbf{d}_n(x_n, y_n)$ .
- We want to infer w from the data.

$$P(w|\mathbf{d}_1,\mathbf{d}_2,...,\mathbf{d}_n) = P(w|\mathbf{D})$$

- We can use BAYES rule to work out a posterior distribution for w given the data.
- Or, we could do Maximum Likelihood Estimation.

#### Maximum likelihood estimation of w

- Choose the parameter w that maximizes the probability of the data, given that parameter.
- MLE asks: "For which value of w is this data most likely to have happened?"

For what 
$$w$$
, is  $P(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, ..., \mathbf{d}_n | w)$  maximized?

- $\equiv$  For what w, is  $\prod_{i=1}^n P(\mathbf{d}_i|w)$  maximized?
- $\equiv$  For what w, is  $\prod_{i=1}^{n} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y_i-wx_i}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$  maximized?
- $\equiv$  For what w, is  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i wx_i)^2$  minimized?

where  $P(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, ..., \mathbf{d}_n | w)$  is called the Likelihood, and

$$P(\mathbf{d}_i|w) = P(y_i|w,x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y_i-wx_i}{\sigma}\right)^2\right).$$

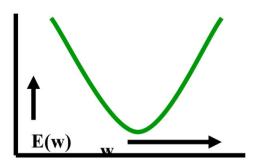
#### First result

• MLE with Gaussian noise is the same as minimizing the  $L_2$  error

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i)^2$$

The maximum likelihood w is the one that minimizes sum-of-squares of residuals

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i)^2$$
  
=  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2 - (2\sum_i x_i y_i)w + (\sum_i x_i^2)w^2$ 



We want to minimize a quadratic function of w.

#### Linear regression

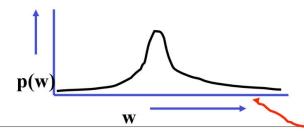
Easy to show the sum of squares is minimized when

$$w = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

The maximum likelihood model is:

$$Out(x) = wx$$

We can use it for prediction.



**Note:** In Bayesian stats you'd have ended up with a prob distribution of w

And predictions would have given a prob disribution of expected output

Often useful to know your confidence.

Max likelihood can give some kinds of confidence too.

#### Maximum a Posteriori estimation of w

#### MAP

- $\Box$  Choose w that maximizes the posteriori probability of w.
- $\Box$  Posterior probability of w is given by the Bayes Rule:

$$P(w|\mathbf{D}) = \frac{P(w)P(\mathbf{D}|w)}{P(\mathbf{D})}$$

where P(w): Prior probability of w assumed as  $w \sim N(0, \gamma^2)$ 

 $P(\mathbf{D})$ : Probability of data (independent of w)

$$P(\mathbf{D}) = \int P(w)P(\mathbf{D}|w)dw$$

#### Maximum a Posteriori estimation - cont'd

MAP

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\widehat{w}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{w} P(w|\mathbf{D})
= \operatorname{argmax}_{w} \frac{P(w)P(\mathbf{D}|w)}{P(\mathbf{D})}
\cong \operatorname{argmax}_{w} P(w)P(\mathbf{D}|w)
= \operatorname{argmax}_{w} \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(\mathbf{d}_{i}|w) P(w)
= \operatorname{argmax}_{w} \sum_{i=1}^{n} logP(\mathbf{d}_{i}|w) + logP(w)
(cf: \widehat{w}_{MLE} = \operatorname{argmax}_{w} P(\mathbf{D}|w)
= \operatorname{argmax}_{w} \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(\mathbf{d}_{i}|w))
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#### Maximum a Posteriori estimation - cont'd

For what w, is 
$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(\mathbf{d}_i|w)P(w)$$
 maximized?

 $\equiv$ 

For what 
$$w$$
, is  $\prod_{i=1}^{n} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y_i-wx_i}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{w}{\gamma}\right)^2\right)$  maximized?

 $\equiv$ 

For what 
$$w$$
, is  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_i - wx_i}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{w}{\gamma} \right)^2$  maximized?

 $\equiv$ 

For what 
$$w$$
, is  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - wx_i)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma w}{v}\right)^2$  minimized?

#### Second result

MAP with a Gaussian prior on w is the same as minimizing the  $L_2$  error plus an  $L_2$  penalty on w

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - wx_{i})^{2} + \rho w^{2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma}$$

- MLE estimation of a parameter leads to unregularized solutions.
- MAP estimation of a parameter leads to regularized solutions.
- □ The prior distribution P(w) acts as a regularizer in MAP estimation.

### Multivariate regression

What if the inputs are vectors?

Write matrix X and y:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_p \end{bmatrix}$$

where 
$$\mathbf{x}_1=(x_{11},\cdots,x_{1p})$$
,  $\mathbf{x}_2=(x_{21},\cdots,x_{1p})$ ,  $\cdots$   $\mathbf{x}_n=(x_{n1},\cdots,x_{np})$ 

Assume that the data is formed by  $y_i = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + noise_i$ 

$$y \sim N(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}, \sigma^2)$$

Probability of each response variable

$$P(\mathbf{d}_i|\mathbf{w}) = P(y_i|\mathbf{w},\mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y_i-\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_i}{\sigma}\right)^2\right).$$

• Given data  $\mathbf{D} = \{\mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, \mathbf{d}_n(\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}$ , we want to estimate the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$ . Likelihood:

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = P(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{w}) = P(y|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(\mathbf{d}_{i}|\mathbf{w})$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y_{i} - \mathbf{w}^{T}\mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sigma}\right)^{2}\right)$$

Log-likelihood:

$$logL(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} log(2\pi\sigma^{2}) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_{i} - \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sigma} \right)^{2} \right\}$$

Maximum likelihood solution:

$$\begin{split} \widehat{\mathbf{w}}_{MLE} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(\mathbf{d}_{i} | \mathbf{w}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_{i} - \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sigma} \right)^{2} \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{y_{i} - \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sigma} \right)^{2} \\ &= (X^{T} X)^{-1} X^{T} \mathbf{y} \end{split}$$

$$(\text{from } \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} (\mathbf{y} - X \mathbf{w})^{T} (\mathbf{y} - X \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0})$$

- Maximum-a-Posteriori Solution:
  - Assume a Gaussian prior distribution over the weight vector w.

$$P(\mathbf{w}) \sim N(0, \lambda^{-1} \mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2}} exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}\right)$$

Posteriori probability:

$$P(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{D}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{w})P(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{w})}{P(\mathbf{D})}$$

Log Posteriori probability:

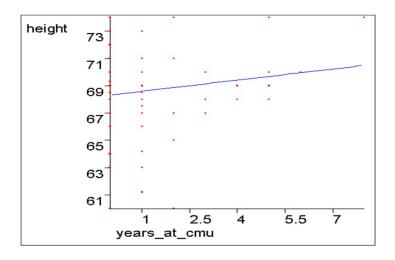
$$logP(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{D}) = log \frac{P(\mathbf{w})P(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{w})}{P(\mathbf{D})}$$

Maximum-a-Posteriori Solution:

$$\begin{split} \widehat{\mathbf{w}}_{MAP} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \log P(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{D}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \log P(\mathbf{D} | \mathbf{w}) + \log P(\mathbf{w}) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \log P(\mathbf{w}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P(\mathbf{d}_{i} | \mathbf{w}) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ -\frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_{i} - \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sigma} \right)^{2} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_{i} - \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}}{\sigma} \right)^{2} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{w} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w})^{T} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}) \right\} \\ &= \left( \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} + \frac{\sigma^{2}}{2} \lambda \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} \end{split}$$

### Constant term in linear regression

- We may expect linear data that does not go through the origin.
- Statisticians and Neural Net Folks all agree on a simple obvious hack. Can you guess??



#### The constant term

The trick is to create a fake input " $X_0$ " that always takes the value 1.

$X_1$	$X_2$	Y
2	4	16
3	4	17
5	5	20

$X_0$	$X_1$	$X_2$	Y
1	2	4	16
1	3	4	17
1	5	5	20

Before:

$$Y = w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2$$
" Poor model "

After:

$$Y = w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2$$
  $Y = w_0 X_0 + w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2$ 

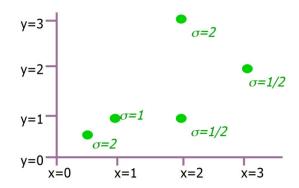
"has a fine constant term "

you Should be able to see the MLE  $w_0$ ,  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  by inspection.

### Linear regression with varying noise

 Suppose you know the variance of the noise that was added to each data point.

X <sub>i</sub>	y <sub>i</sub>	$\sigma_i^2$
1/2	1/2	4
1	1	1
2	1	1/4
2	3	4
3	2	1/4



Assume 
$$y_i \sim N(wx_i, \sigma_i^2)$$
  
What is the MLE estimate of  $w$ ?

### MLE estimation with varying noise

 $\operatorname{argmax}_{w} \operatorname{log} P(\mathbf{d}_{1}, \mathbf{d}_{2}, \dots, \mathbf{d}_{n} | w, \sigma_{1}^{2}, \dots, \sigma_{n}^{2})$ 

$$= \operatorname{argmin}_{w} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(y_i - wx_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$\rightarrow w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}}$$

### Nonlinear regression

Suppose you know that y is related to a function of x in such a way that the predicted values have a non-linear dependence on w, e.g. :

Assume 
$$y_i \sim N(\sqrt{w + x_i}, \sigma^2)$$

What is the MLE estimate of *w*?

### Nonlinear regression - cont'd

 $\operatorname{argmax}_{w} log P(\mathbf{d}_{1}, \mathbf{d}_{2}, ..., \mathbf{d}_{n} | w, \sigma_{1}^{2}, ..., \sigma_{n}^{2})$ 

$$= \operatorname{argmin}_{w} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(y_{i} - \sqrt{w + x_{i}})^{2}}{\sigma_{i}^{2}}$$

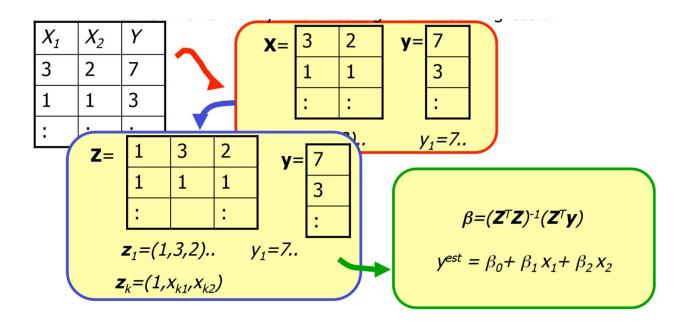
$$\rightarrow w \quad such \ that \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{y_i - \sqrt{w + x_i}}{\sigma_i^2 \sqrt{w + x_i}} = 0$$

## Nonlinear regression - cont'd

- Common (but not only) approach:
- Numerical Solutions:
  - Line Search
  - Simulated Annealing
  - Gradient Descent
  - Conjugate Gradient
  - Levenberg Marquart
  - Newton's Method
  - Also, special purpose statistical-optimization-specific tricks such as E.M.

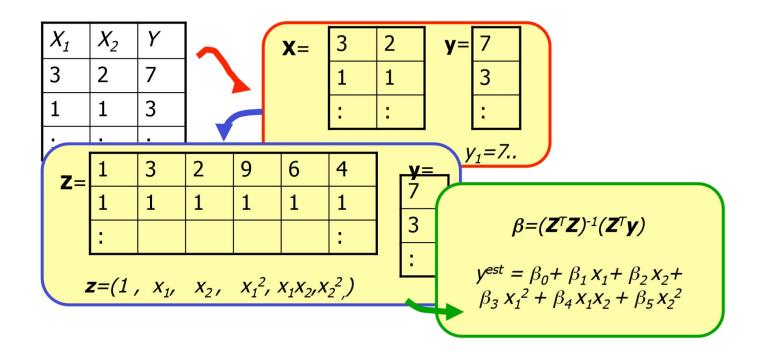
### Polynomial regression

So far we've mainly been dealing with linear regression



### Quadratic regression

It's trivial to do linear fits of fixed nonlinear basis functions.



### Quadratic regression - cont'd

Each component of a z vector is called a term.

Each column of the Z matrix is called a term column

How many terms in a quadratic regression with *m* inputs?

- •1 constant term
- •m linear terms
- •(m+1)-choose-2 = m(m+1)/2 quadratic terms (m+2)-choose-2 terms in total =  $O(m^2)$

Note that solving  $\beta = (\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z})^{-1} (\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{y})$  is thus  $O(m^6)$ 

# Q<sup>th</sup>-degree polynomial regression

