

# Introduction to Statistical Machine Learning

## Homework 1

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1.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} R(\mathbf{w}) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})^2] &= 0 \\ E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [2(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})(-\mathbf{x})] &= 0 \\ E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{x}] &= 0 \\ \mathbf{a}^T E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{x}] &= 0 \\ E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}] &= 0 \\ E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})E_{p(\mathbf{x})} [\mathbf{x}]] &= 0 \\ E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{x}] + E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})E_{p(\mathbf{x})} [\mathbf{x}]] &= 0 \\ E_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)} [(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})(\mathbf{x} - E_{p(\mathbf{x})} [\mathbf{x}])] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the correlation between data and prediction errors is 0.

3.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{w}} &= \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y\end{aligned}$$

Let  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{(d+1) \times (d+1)}$  be a diagonal matrix s.t.  $\tilde{X} = XC$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\tilde{\mathbf{w}}} &= \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i)^2 \\ &= (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X})^{-1} \tilde{X}^T y \\ &= ((XC)^T XC)^{-1} (XC)^T y \\ &= (CX^T XC)^{-1} CX^T y \\ &= C^{-1} (X^T X)^{-1} C^{-1} CX^T y \\ &= C^{-1} (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ \tilde{X} \hat{\tilde{\mathbf{w}}} &= XCC^{-1} (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &= X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &= X\hat{\mathbf{w}} \text{ as required}\end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}, \sigma) \\
&= \operatorname{argmax}_{\sigma^2} -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 - N \log \sigma \sqrt{2\pi} \\
&= \operatorname{argmin}_{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 + N \log 2\pi \sigma^2 \\
&= \operatorname{argmin}_{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 + N \log \sigma^2 \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 + N \log \sigma^2 &= 0 \\
-\frac{1}{\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 + \frac{N}{\sigma^2} &= 0 \\
\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 - N\sigma^2 &= 0 \\
\sigma^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 \\
\therefore \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2
\end{aligned}$$

The experimental result on a validation dataset showed that there is a huge gap of loss,  $\sigma^2$ , and log-likelihood between a linear model and, a quadratic and cubic models. The linear model showed much greater values in terms of loss and  $\sigma^2$ . The others achieved much better log-likelihood values.

Based on the evaluation on a validation dataset, I select a quadratic model as model A. The reasons are listed below.

- Computational efficiency for training and prediction  
There are fewer times of multiplication compared with a cubic one.
- Low complexity  
It has one fewer parameters compared with a cubic one.
- Acceptably low loss value  
While a linear model is more efficient and simpler than a quadratic one, it shows too much loss on both training and validation dataset. That means a linear one is not expressive enough for the data.

5.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } \beta_{\hat{y},y} &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{y} \leq y \\ \alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
l_{\alpha}(\hat{y}, y) &= \begin{cases} (\hat{y} - y)^2 & \text{if } \hat{y} \leq y \\ \alpha(\hat{y} - y)^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
&= \beta_{\hat{y},y}(\hat{y} - y)^2 \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} L_{\alpha} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N l_{\alpha}(\hat{y}_i, y_i) \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{\hat{y}_i, y_i} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{\hat{y}_i, y_i} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 2\beta_{\hat{y}_i, y_i} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i) \mathbf{x}_i
\end{aligned}$$

Here, I also choose a quadratic model as model B with the exactly same reasons.

While I cannot compare model A and B because I chose the same quadratic one, I think it is not reasonable to compare them because they are evaluated on different tasks with symmetric and asymmetric loss functions. The results of different experiments just explain which model is better on which experiment.