Lab: Source Localization for EEG

EEG or Electroencephalography (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electroencephalography) is a powerful tool for neuroscientists in understanding brain activity. In EEG, a patient wears a headset with electrodes that measures voltages at a number of points on the scalp. These voltages arise from ionic currents within the brain. A common *inverse problem* is to estimate the which parts of the brain caused the measured response. Source localization is useful in understanding which parts of the brain are involved in certain tasks. A key challenge in this inverse problem is that the number of unknowns (possible locations in the brain) is much larger than the number of measurements. In this lab, we will use LASSO regression on a real EEG dataset to overcome this problem and determine the brain region that is active under an auditory stimulus.

In addition to the concepts in the prostate LASSO demo (./demo_prostate.ipynb) you will learn to:

- Represent responses of multi-channel time-series data, such as EEG, using linear models
- Perform LASSO and Ridge regression
- Select the regularization level via cross-validation
- Visually compare the sparsity between the solutions

We first download standard packages.

In [0]:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pickle

from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso, Ridge, ElasticNet
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

Load the Data

The data in this lab is taken from one of the sample datasets in the MNE website (https://martinos.org/mne/stable/index.html). The sample data is a recording from one subject who experienced some auditory stimulus on the left ear.

The raw data is very large (1.5G) and also requires that you install the `mne` python package. To make this lab easier, I have extracted and processed a small section of the data. The following command will download a `pickle` file `eeg_dat.p` to your local machine. If you do want to create the data yourself, the program to create the data is in this directory in the github repository.

In [3]:

```
fn_src ='https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1RzQpKONOcXSMxH2ZzOI4iVMiTgD6ttSl'
fn_dst ='eeg_dat.p'

import os
from six.moves import urllib

if os.path.isfile(fn_dst):
    print('File %s is already downloaded' % fn_dst)
else:
    print('Fetching file %s [53MB].  This may take a minute..' % fn_dst)
    urllib.request.urlretrieve(fn_src, fn_dst)
    print('File %s downloaded' % fn_dst)
```

```
Fetching file eeg_dat.p [53MB].  This may take a minute..
File eeg_dat.p downloaded
```

Now run the following command which will get the data from the `pickle` file.

In [0]:

```
import pickle
fn = 'eeg_dat.p'
with open(fn, 'rb') as fp:
    [X,Y] = pickle.load(fp)
```

To understand the data, there are three key variables:

- `nt` = number of time steps that we measure data
- `nchan` = number of channels (i.e. electrodes) measured in each time step
- `ncur` = number of currents in the brain that we want to estimate.

Each current comes from one brain region (called a *voxel*) in either the `x`, `y` or `z` direction. So,

```
nvoxels = ncur / 3
```

The components of the `X` and `Y` matrices are:

- `Y[i,k]` = electric field measurement on channel `i` at time `k`
- `X[i,j]` = sensitivity of channel `i` to current `j`.

Using `X.shape` and `Y.shape` compute and print `nt`, `nchan`, `ncur` and `nvoxels`.

In [0]:

```
# TODO
# nt = ...
# ncur = ...
# nchan = ...
# nvoxels

nt = Y.shape[1]
ncur = X.shape[1]
nchan = X.shape[1]
nvoxels = ncur / 3
```

Ridge Regression

Our goal is to estimate the currents in the brain from the measurements Y. One simple linear model is:

$$Y[i,k] = \sum_j X[i,j]*W[j,k]+ b[k]$$

where W[j,k] is the value of current j at time k and b[k] is a bias. We can solve for the current matrix W via linear regression.

Howeever, there is a problem:

- There are nt x ncur unknowns in W
- There are only nt x nchan measurements in Y.

In this problem, we have:

$$\text{number of measurements} << \text{number of unknowns}$$

We need to use regularization in these circumstances. We first try Ridge regression.

First split the data into training and test. Use the train_test_split function with test_size=0.33.

In [0]:

```
# TODO
# Xtr,Xts,Ytr,Yts = train_test_split(...)
Xtr,Xts,Ytr,Yts = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.33)
```

Use the Ridge regression object in sklearn to fit the model on the training data. Use a regularization, alpha=1.

In [0]:

```
# TODO
# regr = Ridge(...)
regr = Ridge(alpha=1)
regr.fit(Xtr, Ytr)

ytr_pred = regr.predict(Xtr)
yts_pred = regr.predict(Xts)
```

Preict the values Y on both the training and test data. Use the r2_score method to measure the R^2 value on both the training and test. You will see that R^2 value is large for the training data, it is very low for the test data. This suggest that even with regularization, the model is over-fitting the data.

In [8]:

```
# TODO
# rsq_tr = ...
# rsq_ts = ...
rsq_tr = 1 - np.mean((ytr_pred - Ytr) ** 2)/(np.std(Ytr) ** 2)
rsq_ts = 1 - np.mean((yts_pred - Yts) ** 2)/(np.std(Yts) ** 2)
print(f"R^2 training is {rsq_tr}\nR^2 testing is {rsq_ts}" )
```

```
R^2 training is 0.6583650524433111
R^2 testing is 0.2525749840289362
```

Next, try to see if we can get a better R^2 score using different values of alpha. Use cross-validation to measure the test R^2 for 20 alpha values logarithmically spaced from 10^{-2} to 10^{2} (use np.logspace()). You can

use regular cross-validation. You do not need to do K-fold.

In [0]:

```
# TODO
nalpha = 20
alphas = np.logspace(-2, 2, nalpha)

rsqs = []
for alpha in alphas:
  regr = Ridge(alpha=alpha)
  regr.fit(Xtr, Ytr)
  yts_pred = regr.predict(Xts)
  rsqs.append(1 - np.mean((yts_pred - Yts) ** 2)/(np.std(Yts) ** 2))
```

Plot the test R^2 vs. alpha. And print the maximum test R^2. You should see that the maximum test R^2 is still not very high.

In [10]:

```
# TODO
plt.semilogx(alphas, rsqs, 'o-')
plt.xlabel(r"$\alpha $")
plt.ylabel("$R^2$")
print(f"Maximum of R^2 is {np.max(rsqs)}")
```

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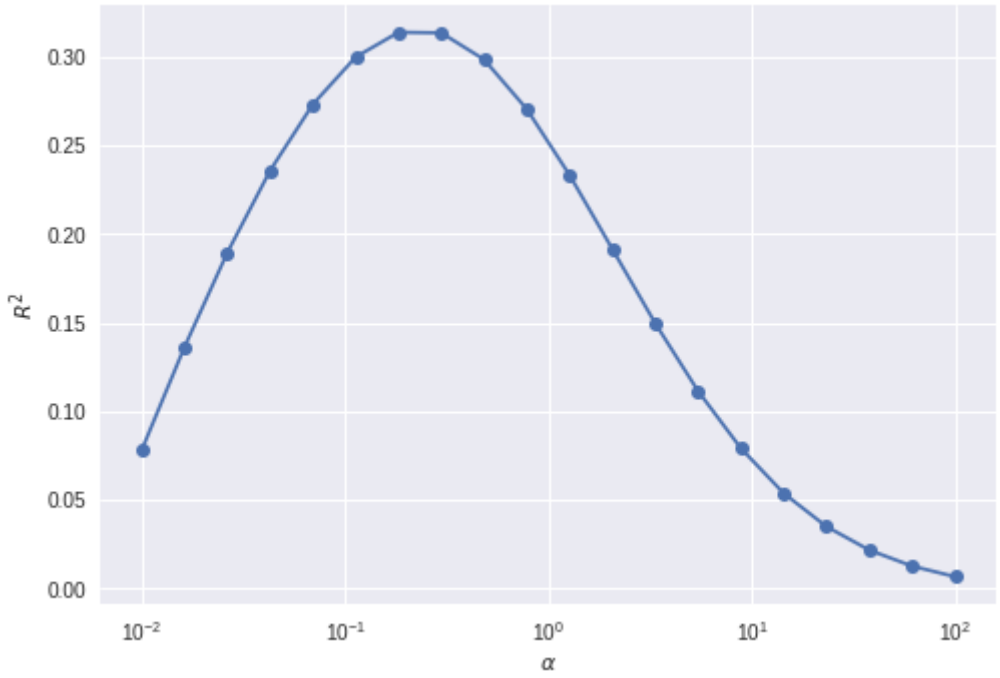
Maximum of R^2 is 0.31373925951444837
```



Now, let's take a look at the solution.

- Find the optimal regularization alpha from the cross-validation
- Re-fit the model at the optimal alpha
- Get the current matrix W from the coefficients in the linear model. These are stored in regr.coef_. You may need a transpose
- For each current j compute Wrms[j] = sqrt(sum_k W[j,k]**2) which is root mean squared current.

You will see that the vector `Wrms` is not sparse. This means that the solution that is found with Ridge regression finds currents in all locations.

In [11]:

```
# TODO
alpha_opt = alphas[np.argmax(rsqs)]
# print(np.argmax(rsqs))
# print(alphas)
# print(best_alpha)
regr = Ridge(alpha=alpha_opt)
regr.fit(Xtr, Ytr)
# print(regr.coef_)
W = regr.coef_.T
Wrms = np.sqrt(np.sum(W**2, axis=1))
print(Wrms)
# print(W.shape)
```

```
[0.46524917 0.21088623 0.2558504  ... 0.04480205 0.02815572 0.07944962]
```

LASSO Regression

We can improve the estimate by imposing sparsity. Biologically, we know that only a limited number of brain regions should be involved in the reponse to a particular stimuli. As a result, we would expect that the current matrix `W[j,k]` to be zero for most values `j,k`. We can impose this constraint using LASSO regularization.

Re-fit the training data using the `Lasso` model with `alpha=1e-3`. Also set `max_iter=100` and `tol=0.01`. The LASSO solver is much slower, so this make take a minute.

In [12]:

```
# TODO
regr = Lasso(alpha=1e-3, max_iter=100, tol=0.01)
regr.fit(Xtr, Ytr)
```

Out[12]:

```
Lasso(alpha=0.001, copy_X=True, fit_intercept=True, max_iter=100,
   normalize=False, positive=False, precompute=False, random_state=None,
   selection='cyclic', tol=0.01, warm_start=False)
```

Now, test the model on the test data and measure the `R^2` value. You should get a much better fit than with the Ridge regression solution.

In [13]:

```
# TODO
yts_pred = regr.predict(Xts)
rsq = 1 - np.mean((yts_pred - Yts)**2)/(np.std(Yts)**2)
print(f"R^2 of LASSO is {rsq}")
regr.score(Xts, Yts)
# ? ? ? ? ? Why so small??? Fix this!
```

```
R^2 of LASSO is 0.23739797873976665
```

Out[13]:

```
0.23584414683495833
```

We can now search for the optimal alpha. Use cross-validation to find the alpha logarithically space between alpha=10^{-3} and alpha=10^{-4}. Each fit takes some time, so use only 5 values of alpha. Also for each alpha store the current matrix. This way, you will not have to re-fit the model.

In [14]:

```
# TODO
nalpha = 5
alphas = np.logspace(-3, -4, nalpha)

rsqs = []
Ws = []
for alpha in alphas:
  print(f"calculating alpha for {alpha}")
  regr = Lasso(alpha=alpha)
  regr.fit(Xtr, Ytr)
  print(f"Done {alpha}")
  yts_pred = regr.predict(Xts)
  rsqs.append(1 - np.mean((yts_pred - Yts) ** 2)/(np.std(Yts) ** 2))
  Ws.append(regr.coef_.T)
```

```
calculating 0.001
Done 0.001
calculating 0.0005623413251903491
Done 0.0005623413251903491
calculating 0.0003162277660168379
Done 0.0003162277660168379
calculating 0.00017782794100389227
Done 0.00017782794100389227
calculating 0.0001
```

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/sklearn/linear_model/coordinate_descent.py:492: ConvergenceWarning: Objective did not converge. You might want to increase the number of iterations. Fitting data with very small alpha may cause precision problems.
  ConvergenceWarning)
```

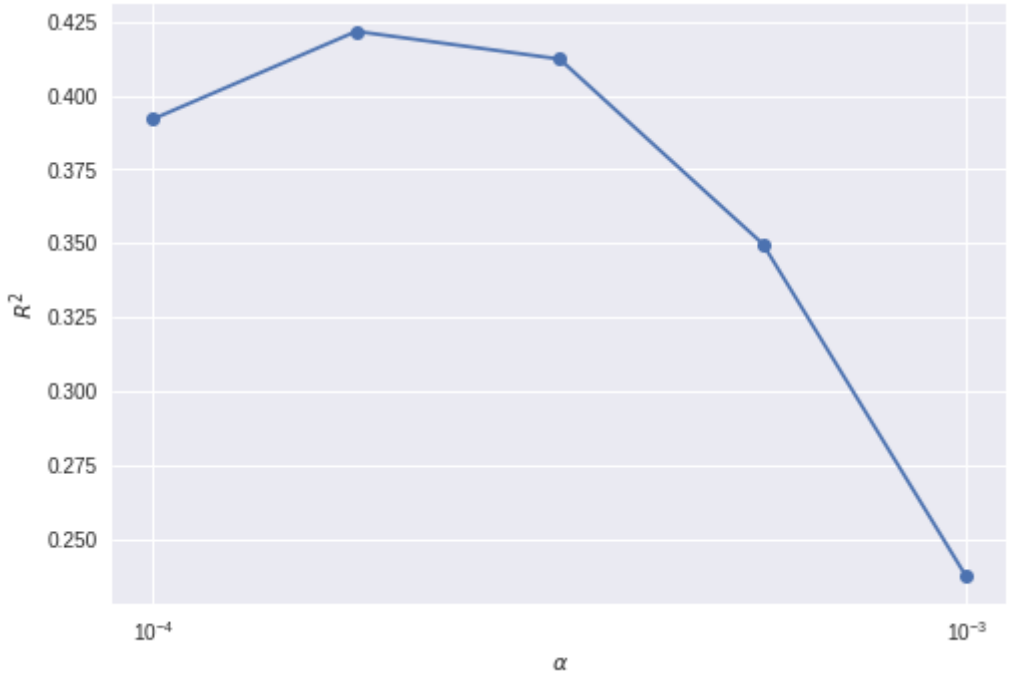
```
Done 0.0001
```

Plot the r^2 value vs. alpha. Print the optimal r^2. You should see it is much higher than with the best Ridge Regression case.

In [15]:

```
# TODO
plt.semilogx(alphas, rsqs, 'o-')
plt.xlabel(r"$\alpha $")
plt.ylabel("$R^2$")
print(f"Maximum of R^2 is {np.max(rsqs)}")
```

```
Maximum of R^2 is 0.42168000599768674
```



Display the current matrix `W` for the optimal `alpha` as you did in the Ridge Regression case. You will see that is much sparser.

In [16]:

```
# TODO
opt_W = Ws[np.argmax(rsqs)]
print(f"The best alpha is {alphas[np.argmax(rsqs)]}")
print(opt_W)
zero_elements = np.abs(opt_W) < 1e-6
print(f"Number of zero elements in W is {np.sum(zero_elements)}, number of none zero elements is {np
```

```
The best alpha is 0.00017782794100389227
[[ 0.   0.   0. ...   0.   0.   0.]
 [-0. -0. -0. ... -0. -0. -0.]
 [-0. -0. -0. ... -0. -0. -0.]
 ...
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 [-0. -0. -0. ... -0. -0. -0.]
 [-0. -0. -0. ...   0.   0.   0.]]
Number of zero elements in W is 1908338, number of none zero elements is 3652
```

More fun

If you want to more on this lab:

- Install the MNE python package (https://martinos.org/mne/stable/index.html). This is an amazing package with many tools for processing EEG data.
- In particular, you can use the above results to visualize where in the brain the currents sources are.
- You can also improve the fitting with more regularization. For example, we know that the currents will be non-zero in groups: If the current is non-zero for one time, it is likely to non-zero for all time. You can use the Group LASSO method.
- You can combine these results to make predictions about what the patient is seeing or hearing or thinking.

In [0]:

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