Machine Learning

Supervised learning 1

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Supervised learning

Is a task of inferring function (training a model) on the basis of labeled training data. The goal is to construct a function (train a model) which would mimic (in a certain sense) behaviour of the underling process.

- Regression: Dependent variable (continuous) plays a role of labels.
  - Linear
  - Nonlinear
  - Application of trees and SVM for regression.
  - Advanced methods like Neural Networks, etc.
- Classification labels are discrete (categorical values).
  - k-nearest neighbours.
  - Decision trees.
  - Support Vector Machines.
  - Neural networks.
  - Ensemble (committee).
  - Boosted techniques.
- Markov models.

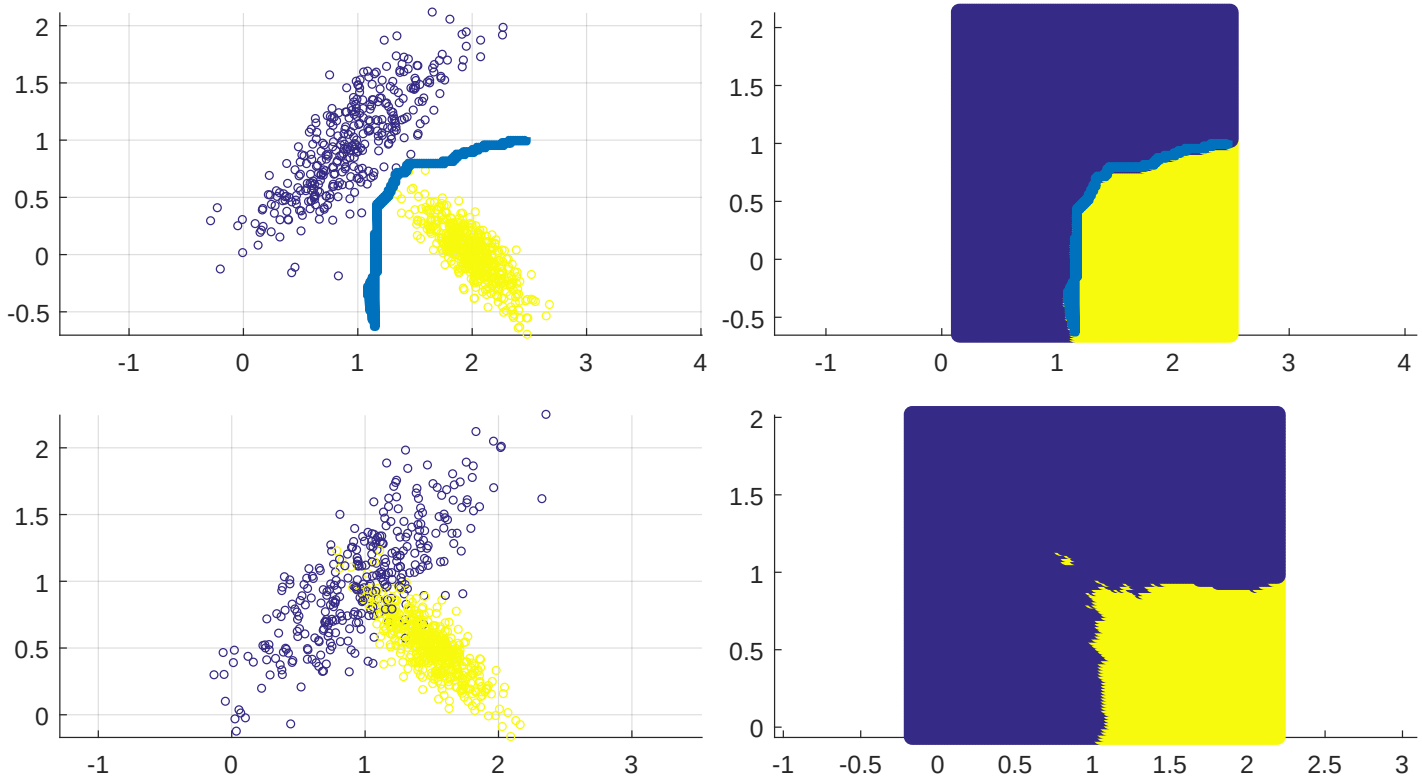
Classification

- Learning existing grouping on the basis of the labeled (training) set.
- The goal is to generate (choose the structure and train) a model which would mimic existing grouping.
- Based on the features of the element model should estimate which class element belong to or estimate value of dependent variable.
- Unlike the case of unsupervised learning miss classification may be precisely measured.
- What is the cost of miss classification or error in the case of regression?

k - nearest neighbours (k-NN)

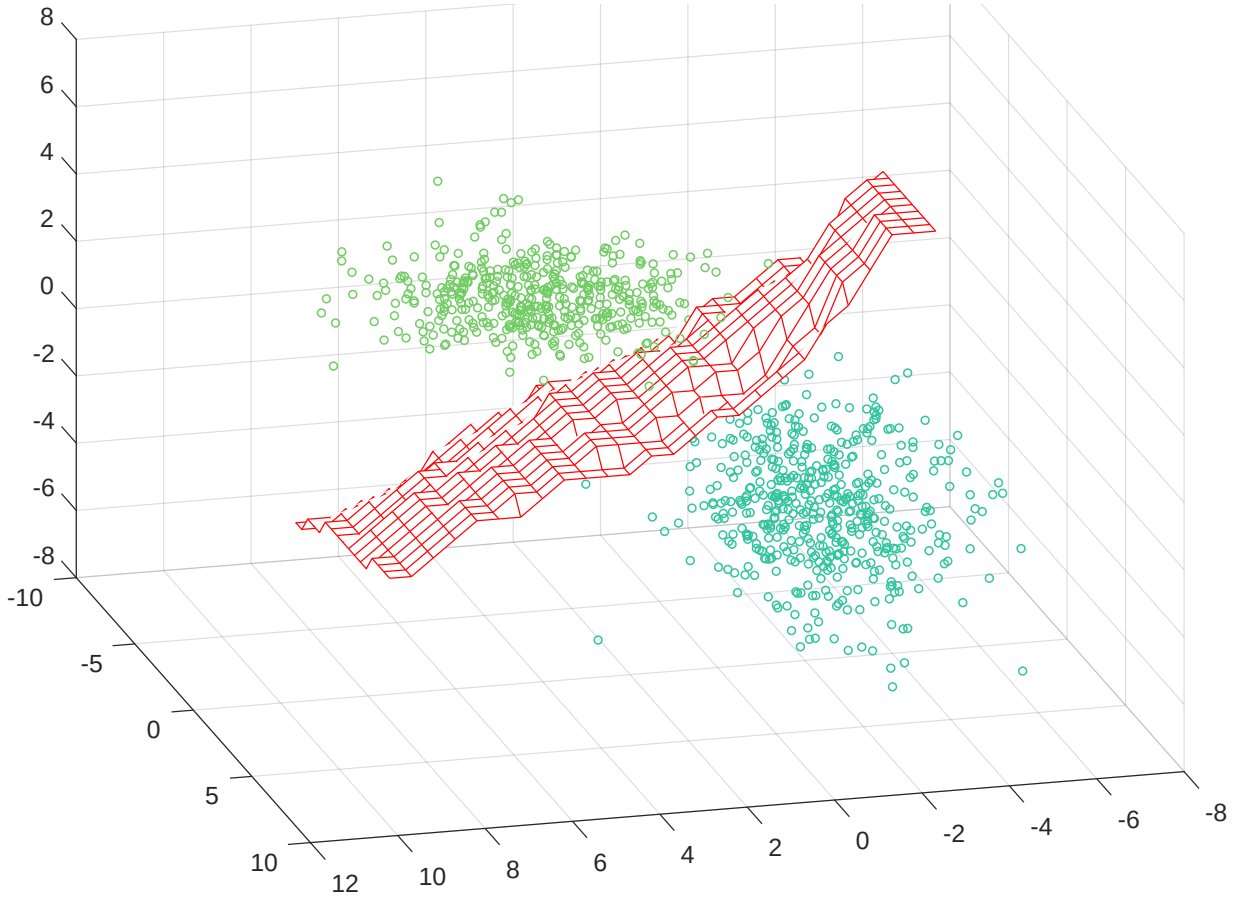
- Let D denote training (labeled) data set.
- For each unlabeled point (point to be classified)
  - Find k - nearest neighbours.
  - Assign mode (majority) label of k - nearest neighbours.

k - nearest neighbors, geometric interpretation, 2D



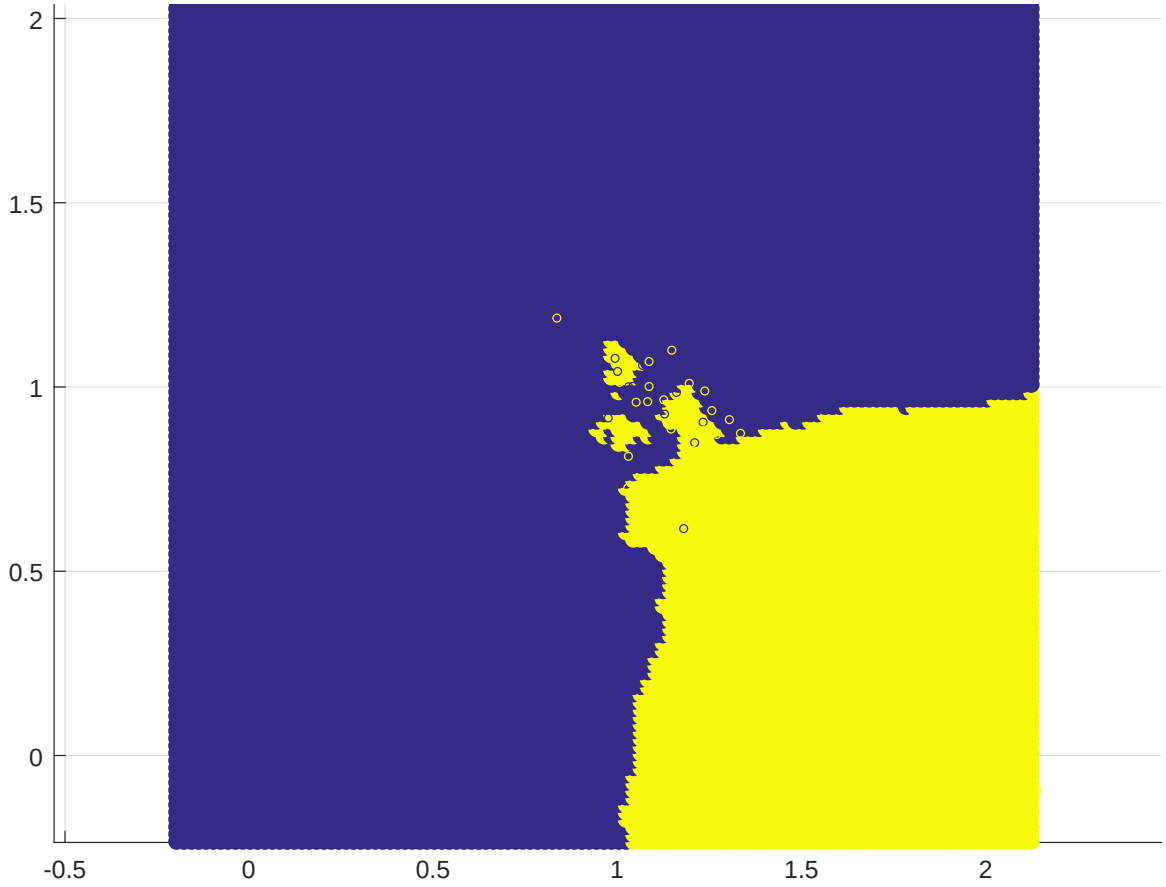
- Decision boundary (decision surface) (statistical classification with two classes) is a hypersurface that partitions the data set into two subsets, one for each class.
- Classifier tries to learn (construct) decision boundary that will lead minimal empirical error.

k - nearest neighbors, 3D



Accuracy

During the training (learning) process classifier tries to learn (construct) decision boundary that will lead minimal empirical error.



How good is trained classifier?

Validation

- Overall accuracy and Confusion matrix (table),computed for the validation subset, are the goodness parameters of trained classifier.

	Predicted Class 1	Predicted class 2
Actual class 1	58	2
Actual class 2	6	134

- How reliable these parameters are ?

Cross validation

- Non-exhaustive do not use all possible ways of splitting into training and validation sets
  - k - fold.
  - Holdout.
  - Repeated random sub-sampling.
- Exhaustive: use all possible ways to divide the data set into training and validation sets
  - Leave p-out cross validation.
  - Leave one out cross validation.

Cross validation: k- fold validation

- Divide the training data (after removing test data) randomly into k - folds.
- Perform following k experiments:
  - Compose the training data by concatenating k-1 folds leaving one fold out.
  - Train the model on those k-1 folds
  - Test it on the left-out fold
  - Record the result
- Report the average of the k experiments.

Learning: Underfitting and overfitting

- *Underfitting* the learned function is too simple In the context of human learning: underfitting similar to the case when one learns too little.
- *Overfitting* the learned function is too complex In the context of human learning: overfitting is more similar to memorizing than learning.

Feature selection for classification

- Case of categorical data: Gini Index or Entropy

$$G(v_i) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{k} p_j^2; \qquad E(v_i) = -\sum_{j=1}^{k} p_j \log_2(p_j)$$

  where p_j is the fraction of data points containing attribute value v_i. Lower values of Gini index or Entropy imply greater discriminative power.

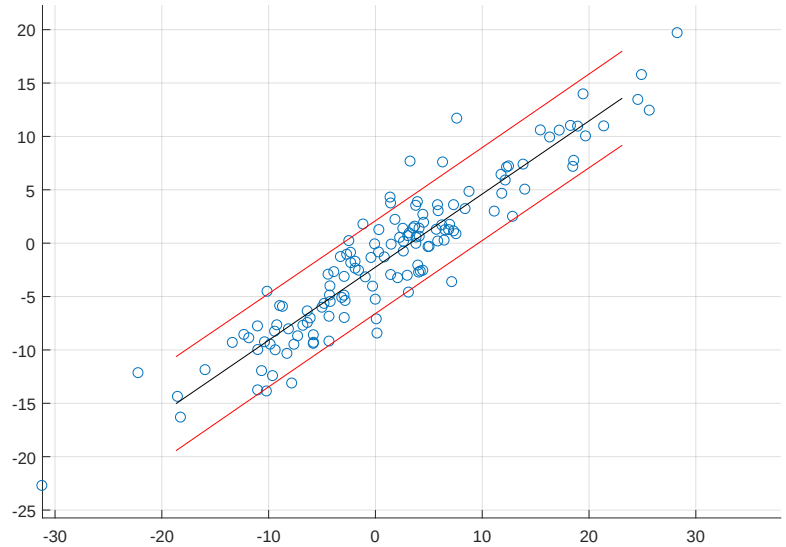
- Case of numeric data: Fisher score

$$F = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{k} p_j(\mu_j - \mu)^2}{\sum_{j=1}^{k} p_j \sigma_j^2}$$

  Greater values imply greater discriminative power of the variable.

- Wrapper methods.

Linear regression: probably the oldest machine learning technique



- Find leaner correlation coefficient.
- Compute coefficients of the linear equation

$$\hat{y} = ax + b$$

- Evaluate the model

- In multivariate case it is required to identify coefficients of the model

$$\hat{y} = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \ldots + a_n x_n + b.$$

This leads the necessity to choose variables (perform model building).

Linear regression

- Correlation coefficient.

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2}\sqrt{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2}}}$$

  where, n - is the sample size, x and y are the variable of interest.

- $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$
- Assumption there are exist α and β such that for any $i = 1, \ldots, n$ $y_i = \alpha x_i + \beta + \varepsilon_i$ holds. Assumption: ε is sufficiently small normally distributed.
- The goal of regression is to find estimates of the coefficients α and β, such that for a and b

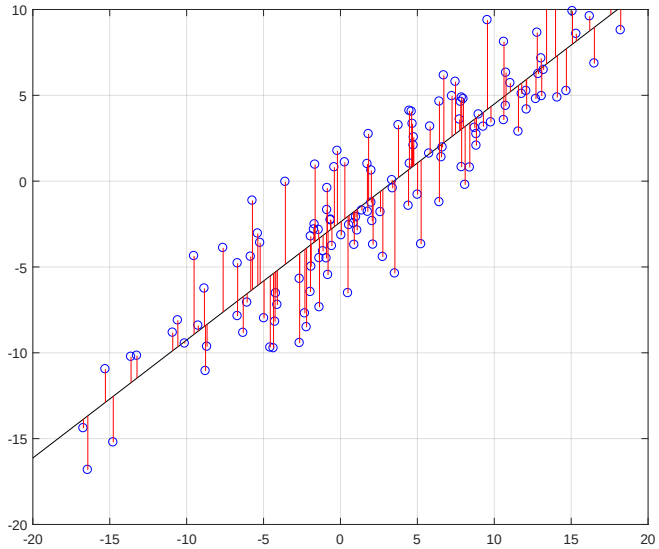
$$y_i = ax_i + b + \hat{\varepsilon}_i$$

  sum of squares of $\hat{\varepsilon}_i$ would be minimal. NB! notation $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ is also widely use.

Least squares method

Least squares method:

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2}; \quad b = \bar{y} - a\bar{x}$$



For an arbitrary number of variables:

$$y = b_1 x_1 + \ldots + b_n x_n + b_0$$

then

$$\hat{b} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y.$$

where each row of matrix X is input vector with 1 in the first position.

Model validation

- Coefficient of determination R^2 and adjusted R^2.
- Significance of the model and model coefficients.
- Verify assumption that residuals are normally distributed.
- Residual sum squares. $\mathrm{RSS} = \sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i - x_i^T x_i \beta)^2$.
- Sum squares of the regression $\mathrm{SSR} = \sum_{i=1}^{N}(\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}\beta)^2$.
- Total sum squares or sum of squares about the mean $\mathrm{SSR} = \sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i - \bar{y}\beta)^2$.
- R^2 computed as the ratio of Sum squares of the regression to total sum squares or one minus ratio of Residual sum squares to total sum squares whereas adjusted R^2 is one minus ratio of residual sum squares computed for $n-1$ to Total sum squares for $n-p$ observation points.

Model building (feature selection)

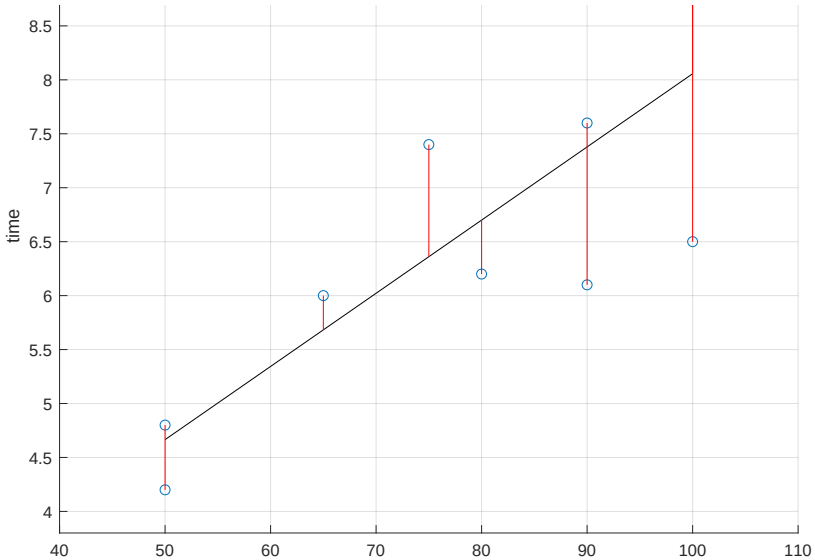
Let us suppose that observed process has p independent variables $x_1, \ldots, x_p$ and one dependent variable y. Should one build the regression equation using all p variables or not?

- Are all the variables $x_1, \ldots, x_p$ uncorrelated?
- Which subset of variables result in a "better" model?
- How to prove that as a result of adding or deleting a variable model quality has improved?

"Butler tracking company" example

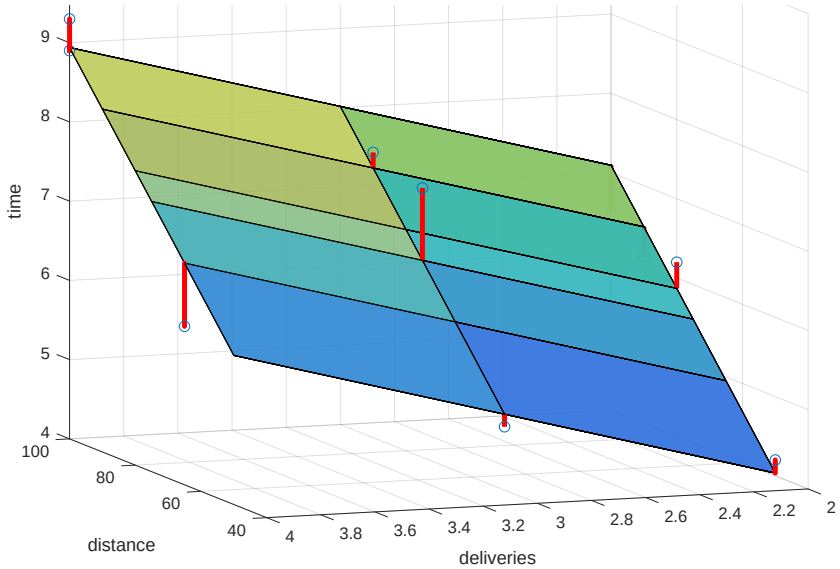
- Independent variables: Distance to drive and number of parcels to deliver. Dependent variable: time.
- Distances to drive for each assignment: 100, 50, 100, 100, 50, 80, 75, 65, 90, 90.
- Number of parcels to deliver: 4, 3, 4, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2
- Time in hours: $9.3, 4.8, 8.9, 6.5, 4.2, 6.2, 7.4, 6, 7.6, 6.1$.
- Pearson correlation coefficient between distance and time is 0.81.

"Butler tracking company" example continued



Model 1

Is significant $p = 0.004$, $F = 15.1846$ whereas $R^2 = 0.6641$.



Model 2

Is significant $p = 0.000276$, $F = 32.9$ whereas adjusted $R^2 = 0.87$.

Is it enough to say that model 2 is more precise?

Quality comparison

- To compare different models *residual sum of squares* (RSS) is used.
- Hypothesis statements: $H_0 : \mathrm{RSS}_s \leq \mathrm{RSS}_c$ $H_1 : \mathrm{RSS}_s > \mathrm{RSS}_c$.
- Test statistic (empirical parameter) for ANOVA:

$$F_{stat} = \left(\frac{\mathrm{RSS}_s - \mathrm{RSS}_c}{m} \right) \left(\frac{\mathrm{RSS}_c}{n - p - 1} \right)^{-1}$$

  where RSS_c is the residuals sum squares of model with more variables, RSS_s - is the residuals sum squares of model with less variables, m number of variables added or removed, n is the number of observation points, p - is the number of variables in more complicated model.
- Rejection rule for α (significance level), degrees of freedom: first is the number of variables added or removed, second is $n - p - 1$.
- Decision:
  - (if adding variables) rejected null hypothesis proves that adding variables caused model quality to increase significantly.
  - (if deleting variables) rejected alternative hypothesis proves that deleting variables did not cause model quality to significant decrease.

"Butler tracking company" example continued

- $\mathrm{RSS}_1 = 15.8713$, $\mathrm{RSS}_2 = 2.2994$ NB! Observe that corresponding MATLAB notation is SSE!!!
- choose $\alpha = 0.05$ degrees of freedom: first will be 1 (one variable (number of parcels)) were added, second 7 ($n = 10, p = 2$).
- Rejection rule: reject H_0 if $F_{stat} > 5.5914$
- Compute $F_{stat} = 17.4411$. (use table, or MATLAB or EXCEL)
- Reject H_0. Adding the variable has increased the model quality.

MLE for regression lest squares

- Linear regression is the model of the form $p(y|x,\theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|\beta^T x, \sigma^2)$.
- Parameter estimation of a statistical model is usually performed by computing MLE $\hat{\theta} = \arg\max_\theta \log p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$.
- Assumption: elements of the training set are independent and identically distributed.
- Then log likelihood is given by $\ell(\theta) = \log p(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log p(y_i|x_i,\theta)$.
- Ass usually instead of maximizing the log- likelihood one may minimize negative log likelihood.
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$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log\left[\left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \beta^T x_i)^2\right)\right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}\mathrm{RSS}(\beta) - \frac{N}{2}\log(2\pi\sigma^2).$$

MLE for regression lest squares

- In order to minimize RSS differentiate its equation which lead

$$\nabla\theta = X^T X\beta - X^T y.$$

- Equate it to zero and solve for β

$$\beta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

last equation is referred as *normal equation*.

Computer class practice

- Statistical hypothesis testing.
- Questions and answers about upcoming Home Assignment II.

Questions for self practice

- Refresh your knowledge of statistical hypothesis testing.
- Program your own k-nearest neighbours algorithm.