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• Due Mon 2/28

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Complete Data collection and management

Wrap up Free text and NLP

Begin Statistical modeling and machine learning

- Intro to ML and
- Linear regression

# 15-388/688 - Practical Data Science: Intro to Machine Learning & Linear Regression

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# A simple example: predicting electricity use

What will peak power consumption be in Pittsburgh tomorrow?

Difficult to build an "a priori" model from first principles to answer this question

But, relatively easy to record past days of consumption, plus additional features that affect consumption (i.e., weather)

Date	High Temperature (F)	Peak Demand (GW)
2011-06-01	84.0	2.651
2011-06-02	73.0	2.081
2011-06-03	75.2	1.844
2011-06-04	84.9	1.959

### Plot of consumption vs. temperature

Plot of high temperature vs. peak demand for summer months (June – August) for past six years



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# Making predictions

Importantly, our model also lets us make *predictions* about new days

What will the peak demand be tomorrow?

If we know the high temperature will be 72 degrees (ignoring for now that this is *also* a prediction), then we can predict peak demand to be: Predicted\_Peak\_Demand =  $\theta_1 \cdot 72 + \theta_2 = 1.821$  GW

Equivalent to just "finding the point on the line"

#### Predicted output for each data point Peak\_Demand<sup>(i)</sup> Predicted\_Peak\_Demand<sup>(i)</sup> = $\theta_1 \cdot \text{High}_{\text{Temperature}}^{(i)} + \theta_2$



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How do we find a "good" fit to the data?

Many possibilities, but natural objective is to minimize some difference between this line and the observed data, e.g. squared loss

$$E(\theta) = \sum_{i \in \text{days}} \left( \text{Predicted_Peak_Demand}^{(i)} - \text{Peak_Demand}^{(i)} \right)^2$$
$$E(\theta) = \sum_{i \in \text{days}} \left( \theta_1 \cdot \text{High_Temperature}^{(i)} + \theta_2 - \text{Peak_Demand}^{(i)} \right)^2$$

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where  $\alpha$  is some small positive number called the *step size* 

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General idea: suppose we want to minimize some function  $f(\theta)$ 



Derivative is slope of the function, so negative derivative points "downhill"

## Calculus worksheet

$$A. f(x) = x^{2} + 5x^{3} \qquad \frac{df}{dx} =$$

$$B. f(x) = (3 - 5x)^{2} \qquad \frac{df}{dx} =$$

$$C. f(x,z) = 2x + 3z + 5x^{2}z \qquad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} =$$

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# Computing the derivatives

Assume we just have m=2 points  $x^{(1)}$ ,  $y^{(1)}$  and  $x^{(2)}$ ,  $y^{(2)}$ 

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} E(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_2 - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$



## Computing the derivatives

What are the derivatives of the error function with respect to each parameter  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} E(\theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \sum_{i \in \text{days}} \left( \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_2 - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i \in \text{days}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \left( \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_2 - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i \in \text{days}} 2 \left( \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_2 - y^{(i)} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} \\ &= \sum_{i \in \text{days}} 2 \left( \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_2 - y^{(i)} \right) \cdot x^{(i)} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} E(\theta) &= \sum_{i \in \text{days}} 2 \left( \theta_1 \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_2 - y^{(i)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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To find a good value of  $\theta$ , we can repeatedly take steps in the direction of the negative derivatives for each value

Repeat:

$$\theta_{1} \coloneqq \theta_{1} - \alpha \sum_{i \in \text{days}} 2(\theta_{1} \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_{2} - y^{(i)}) \cdot x^{(i)}$$
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**Normalize** input by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation













## Fitted line in "original" coordinates



Important note: requires that we also rescale  $\theta$  when un-normalizing

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## Extensions

What if we want to add **additional features**, e.g. day of week, instead of just temperature?

What if we want to use a **different loss function** instead of squared error (i.e., absolute error)?

What if we want to use a **non-linear** prediction instead of a linear one?

We can easily reason about all these things by adopting some additional notation...

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# Machine learning

Gradient descent to find the parameters to minimize MSE for a linear model is an example of a *machine learning algorithm* 

**Basic idea:** in many domains, it is difficult to hand-build a predictive model, but easy to collect lots of data; machine learning provides a way to automatically infer the predictive model from data

# Machine learning

The basic process (supervised learning):



# Terminology

Input features: 
$$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$$
,  $i = 1, ..., m$   
E.g.:  $x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{High}_{\text{Temperature}}^{(i)} \\ \text{Is}_{\text{Weekday}}^{(i)} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Outputs:** 
$$y^{(i)} \in \mathcal{Y}, i = 1, ..., m$$
  
E.g.:  $y^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R} = \text{Peak}_{\text{Demand}}^{(i)}$ 

Model parameters:  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

**Hypothesis function:**  $h_{\theta} \colon \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathcal{Y}$ , predicts output given input

E.g.: 
$$h_{\theta}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \theta_j \cdot x_j$$

# Terminology

**Loss function:**  $\ell: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ , measures the difference between a prediction and an actual output

E.g.: 
$$\ell(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$

# The canonical machine learning optimization problem: $\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \ell(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$

Virtually every machine learning algorithm has this form, just specify

- What is the hypothesis function?
- What is the loss function?
- How do we solve the optimization problem?

# Example machine learning algorithms

Note: we (machine learning researchers) have not been consistent in naming conventions, many machine learning algorithms actually only specify some of these three elements

- Least squares: {linear hypothesis, squared loss, (usually) analytical solution}
- Linear regression: {linear hypothesis, \*, \*}
- Support vector machine: {linear or kernel hypothesis, hinge loss, \*}
- Neural network: {Composed non-linear function, \*, (usually) gradient descent)
- **Decision tree:** {Hierarchical axis-aligned halfplanes, \*, greedy optimization}
- **Naïve Bayes:** {Linear hypothesis, joint probability under certain independence assumptions, analytical solution}

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## Least squares revisited

Using our new terminology, plus matrix notion, let's revisit how to solve linear regression with a squared error loss

Setup:

- Linear hypothesis function:  $h_{\theta}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j \cdot x_j$
- Squared error loss:  $\ell(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} y)^2$
- Resulting machine learning optimization problem:

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \equiv \underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} E(\theta)$$

### Derivative of the least squares objective

Compute the partial derivative with respect to an arbitrary model parameter  $\theta_i$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m 2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m 2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right) x_k^{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

## Gradient descent algorithm

- 1. Initialize  $\theta_k \coloneqq 0, \ k = 1, ..., n$
- 2. Repeat:

• For 
$$k = 1, ..., n$$
:  
 $\theta_k \coloneqq \theta_k - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m 2\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)}\right) x_k^{(i)}$ 

Note: do not actually implement it like this, you'll want to use the matrix/vector notation we will over soon

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# The gradient

It is typically more convenient to work with a vector of all partial derivatives, called the **gradient** 

For a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , the gradient is a vector

$$\nabla_{\theta} f(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

## Gradient in vector notation

We can actually *simplify* the gradient computation (both notationally and computationally) substantially using matrix/vector notation

$$\frac{\partial E(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \cdot x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right) x_k^{(i)}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \nabla_\theta E(\theta) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)} \left( x^{(i)^T} \theta - y^{(i)} \right)$$

Putting things in this form also make it more clear how to analytically find the optimal solution for last squares

### Matrix notation, one level deeper

Let's define the matrices

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -x^{(1)^{T}} - \\ -x^{(2)^{T}} - \\ \vdots \\ -x^{(m)^{T}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclidean (L2) norm: 
$$||z||_2 = (\sum_i z_i^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad ||z||_2^2 = \sum_i z_i^2$$

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$$E(\theta) = \|X\theta - y\|_2^2 \qquad \nabla_{\theta} E(\theta) = 2X^T (X\theta - y)$$

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## Solving least squares

 $f(\theta)$ 

Gradient also gives a condition for optimality:

• Gradient must equal zero

Solving for  $\nabla_{\theta} E(\theta) = 0$ :

$$2X^T(X\theta - y) = 0$$

These are known as the normal equations an extremely convenient closed-form solution for least squares

 $f'(\theta_0)$ 

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$$\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} x^{(i)^{T}} \right) \theta - \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} y^{(i)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta^{\star} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} x^{(i)^{T}} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} x^{(i)} y^{(i)} \right)$$

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## Example: electricity demand

Returning to our electricity demand example:

$$x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{High}\_\text{Temperature}^{(i)} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \theta^* = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = \begin{bmatrix} 0.046 \\ -1.574 \end{bmatrix}$$



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# Manual implementation of linear regression

#### Create data matrices:

# initialize X matrix and y vector
X = np.array([df["Temp"], df["IsWeekday"], np.ones(len(df))]).T
y = df\_summer["Load"].values

#### Compute solution:

```
# solve least squares
theta = np.linalg.solve(X.T @ X, X.T @ y)
print(theta)
# [ 0.04747948 0.22462824 -1.80260016]
```

#### Make predictions:

```
# predict on new data
Xnew = np.array([[77, 1, 1], [80, 0, 1]])
ypred = Xnew @ theta
print(ypred)
# [ 2.07794778 1.99575797]
```

# Scikit-learn

By far the most popular machine learning library in Python is the scikit-learn library (<u>http://scikit-learn.org/</u>)

Reasonable (usually) implementation of many different learning algorithms, usually fast enough for small/medium problems

**Important:** you *need* to understand the very basics of how these algorithms work in order to use them effectively

Sadly, a lot of data science in practice seems to be driven by the default parameters for scikit-learn classifiers...

# Linear regression in scikit-learn

Fit a model and predict on new data

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
# don't include constant term in X
X = np.array([df_summer["Temp"], df_summer["IsWeekday"]]).T
model = LinearRegression(fit_intercept=True, normalize=False)
model.fit(X, y)
# predict on new data
Xnew = np.array([[77, 1], [80, 0]])
model.predict(Xnew)
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Inspect internal model coefficients

print(model.coef\_, model.intercept\_)
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# Scikit-learn-like model, manually

We can easily implement a class that contains a scikit-learn-like interface

```
class MyLinearRegression:
   def init (self, fit intercept=True):
        self.fit intercept = fit intercept
   def fit(self, X, y):
       if self.fit intercept:
           X = np.hstack([X, np.ones((X.shape[0], 1))])
        self.coef = np.linalg.solve(X.T @ X, X.T @ y)
        if self.fit intercept:
            self.intercept = self.coef [-1]
            self.coef = self.coef [:-1]
   def predict(self, X):
        pred = X @ self.coef
       if self.fit intercept:
           pred += self.intercept
        return pred
```