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Lecture 10

MMSE linear estimator (Cont.)

* Now, suppose we have a vector of observations

$$\underline{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]^T, \text{ and } \hat{x} = g(\underline{y}) = \underline{a}^T \underline{y} + b.$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Here, } e = E[(x - \hat{x})^2] = E[(x - \underline{a}^T \underline{y} - b)^2]$$

$$\text{Thus, } b^* = E(x - \underline{a}^T \underline{y}) = E(x) - \underline{a}^T E(\underline{y}) = m_x - \underline{a}^T \underline{m}_y.$$

$$\Rightarrow e = E[(x - m_x - \underline{a}^T (\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y))^2] \rightarrow (*)$$

\rightarrow Gradient and Hessian:

For $f(\underline{x}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$,

$$\underline{\nabla}_{\underline{x}} f(\underline{x}) = \left[\frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_n} \right]^T \text{ and}$$

$$\underline{\nabla}_{\underline{x}}^2 f(\underline{x}) = \left[\underline{\nabla}_{\underline{x}} \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_1} \quad \underline{\nabla}_{\underline{x}} \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \underline{\nabla}_{\underline{x}} \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_n} \right]^T.$$

\rightarrow Back to (*): $\underline{\nabla}_{\underline{a}} e$ is the grad. w.r.t. \underline{a}

$$\underline{\nabla}_{\underline{a}} e = -2E \left[\overbrace{(x - m_x - \underline{a}^T (\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y)) (\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y)}^{\text{}} \right] (\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y) (\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y)^T \underline{a}$$

$$\underline{\nabla}_{\underline{a}} e \Big|_{\underline{a} = \underline{a}^*} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{a}^* = \underline{K}_y^{-1} E[(x - m_x)(\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y)]$$

$$\text{Therefore, } g(\underline{y}) = \left[\underline{K}_y^{-1} E[(x - m_x)(\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y)] \right]^T (\underline{y} - \underline{m}_y) + m_x.$$

\rightarrow observe orthogonality here too.

MMSE generalized estimator (also called non-linear)

* The goal is to find generic $g(y)$ that minimizes the error, $\operatorname{argmin}_{g(\cdot)} E[(X-g(y))^2]$

→ Using the total expect. theorem,

$$E_y [E[(X-g(y))^2 | y]] = E[(X-g(y))^2] \Rightarrow$$

$$E[(X-g(y))^2] = \int_y E[(X-g(y))^2 | Y=y] f_y(y) dy.$$

→ Given $Y=y$, $g(y)$ becomes a const.

$$\text{Thus, } g^*(y) = \underline{E[X | Y=y]},$$

which is called the regression curve.

* Similarly, in the case of $g(\underline{y})$ (vector of obs.'s) we have $g^*(\underline{y}) = E[X | \underline{y} = \underline{y}]$.

EX1 Let X and Y be joint RVs s.t.

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 2e^{-x}e^{-y}, 0 \leq y \leq x < \infty, f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0, \text{ o.w.}$$

(a) Find $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.

(b) Find $E(X)$, $V(X)$, $E(Y)$, $V(Y)$, and $CV(X,Y)$.

(c) Optimal linear/generalized estim. for X given Y .

(d) Optimal linear/generalized estim. for Y given X .

Sol. (a) $f_X(x) = 2e^{-x}(1-e^{-x}), x \geq 0, f_Y(y) = 2e^{-2y}, y \geq 0.$

$$(b) E(X) = \frac{3}{2}, V(X) = \frac{5}{4}, E(Y) = \frac{1}{2}, V(Y) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$CV(X, Y) = \frac{1}{4} (\rho_{X, Y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}).$$

$$(c) \text{Linear: } \hat{X} = \rho_{X, Y} \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y} (Y - m_Y) + m_X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \frac{\sqrt{5}/2}{1/2} (Y - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X} = Y + 1.$$

$$\text{Generalized: } \hat{X} = E[X|Y=y] = \int_{x=y}^{\infty} \frac{ze^{-x}e^{-y}}{ze^{-2y}} x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X} = \int_{x=y}^{\infty} e^{-x} x dx = y + 1 \Rightarrow \hat{X} = Y + 1. \text{ (linear)}$$

$$(d) \text{Linear: } \hat{Y} = \rho_{X, Y} \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} (X - m_X) + m_Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{5}/2} (X - \frac{3}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Y} = \frac{1}{5} (X + 1).$$

$$\text{Generalized: } \hat{Y} = E[Y|X=x] = \int_0^x \frac{ze^{-x}e^{-y}}{ze^{-x}(1-e^{-x})} y dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Y} = \int_0^x \frac{ye^{-y}}{(1-e^{-x})} dy = 1 - \frac{xe^{-x}}{1-e^{-x}} \Rightarrow \hat{Y} = 1 - \frac{xe^{-x}}{1-e^{-x}}.$$

The two estimators here differ remarkably. (non-linear)

Linear least squares (LLS)

* Suppose you have n points in a k -dimensional space.

The points have the form: $\underline{n} > \underline{k}$

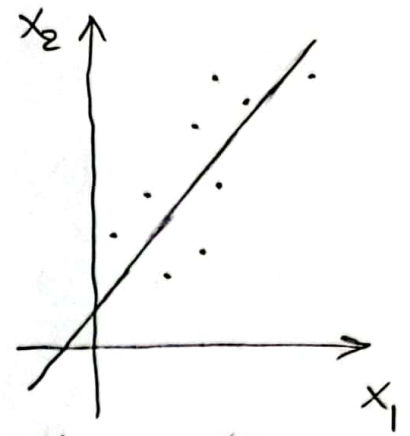
$$\underline{x}_i^T = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ik}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \rightarrow \text{row of } \underline{X}.$$

The LLS problem is the problem of finding a line that minimizes the error to these points. The line

$$\text{has the form: } \beta_1 \underbrace{x_1}_{x_{i1}} + \beta_2 \underbrace{x_2}_{x_{i2}} + \dots + \beta_k \underbrace{x_k}_{x_{ik}} = \underbrace{y}_{y_i}.$$

This linear regression problem can be formulated as follows:

$$\arg \min_{\underline{\beta}} \|\underline{X}\underline{\beta} - \underline{y}\|_2.$$



Here $n=g$
and $k=2$.

Ex 2 Ordinary least squares (OLS):

Let the matrix \underline{X} have full rank:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\underline{X}\underline{\beta} - \underline{y}\|_2^2 &= (\underline{X}\underline{\beta} - \underline{y})^T (\underline{X}\underline{\beta} - \underline{y}) \\ &= \underline{\beta}^T \underline{X}^T \underline{X} \underline{\beta} - \underline{\beta}^T \underline{X}^T \underline{y} - \underline{y}^T \underline{X} \underline{\beta} + \underline{y}^T \underline{y} \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{\underline{\beta}} \|\underline{X}\underline{\beta} - \underline{y}\|_2^2 = 2\underline{X}^T \underline{X} \underline{\beta} - 2\underline{X}^T \underline{y} \Rightarrow$$

$$\nabla_{\underline{\beta}} \|\underline{X}\underline{\beta} - \underline{y}\|_2^2 \Big|_{\underline{\beta} = \underline{\beta}^*} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\underline{X}^T \underline{X} \underline{\beta}^* - 2\underline{X}^T \underline{y} = 0.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \underline{\beta}^* = (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \underline{y}.$$

observe here the pseudo inverse of the long matrix \underline{X} . In other words,

$$\underline{X}^+ = (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T.$$

$\underline{\beta} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \dots \ \beta_k]^T$ characterizes the required (regression) line.

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Lecture II

Linear programming

* It refers to constrained optimization of a linear function.

→ Problem formulation :

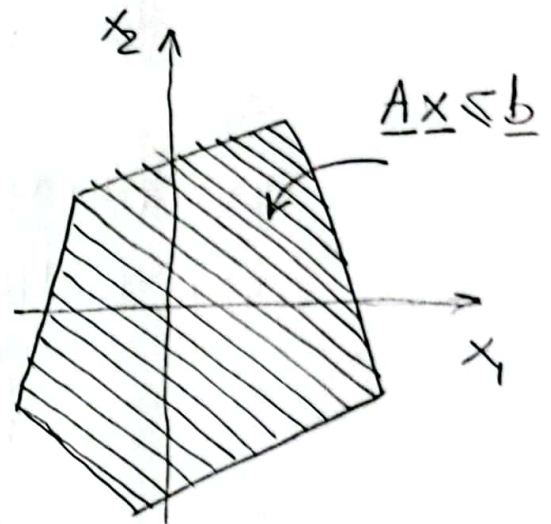
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \underline{c}^T \underline{x} \\ & \text{subject to } \underline{A} \underline{x} \leq \underline{b}. \end{aligned}$$

Q What happens if unconstrained?

Ex1 Consider the following optimization

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{problem : minimize } \underline{c}^T \underline{x} \\ & \text{subject to } \underline{A} \underline{x} \leq \underline{b}, \end{aligned}$$

where \underline{c} and \underline{x} are in $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$, while \underline{A} is in $\mathbb{R}^{5 \times 2}$, and \underline{b} is in $\mathbb{R}^{5 \times 1}$. The constraint region is shaded in the figure.



suggest where \underline{x}^* that minimizes $\underline{c}^T \underline{x}$ should be.

Sol. Consider the line $c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = a$.

As a gets smaller, this line keeps moving in a specific direction until it hits a corner, then leaves $\underline{A} \underline{x} \leq \underline{b}$ region $\Rightarrow \underline{x}^*$ is at one of the 5 corners.

Q Can \underline{x}^* be any point on a side?

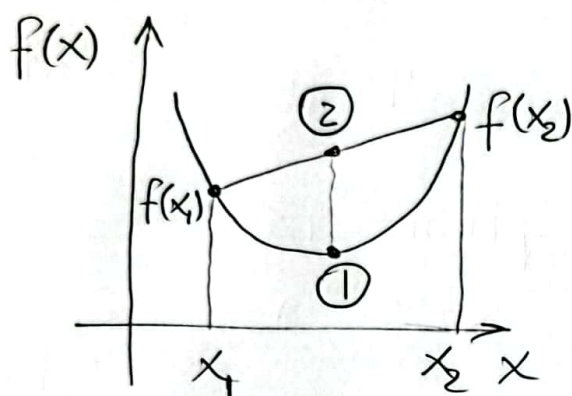
Convex-concave functions

* A function $f(x)$ is convex over $[a, b]$ if for every $(x_1, x_2) \in [a, b]$ and λ in $[0, 1]$,

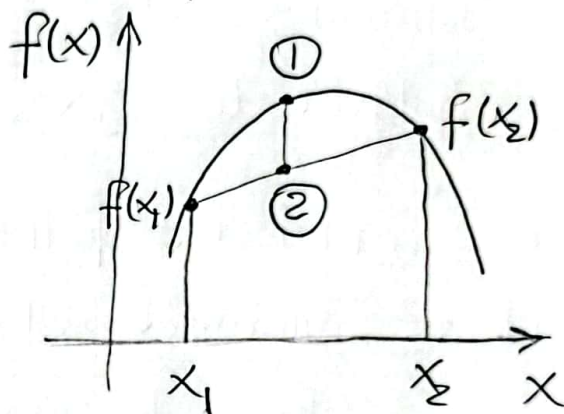
$$\textcircled{1} f(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2) \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{concave: } f(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \geq \lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2).$$

→ strict convexity (concavity) if ineq. is strict.



convex function



concave function

* If $f_i(x)$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ are convex, then

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_i(x), \quad c_i \geq 0, \quad \forall i \text{ is also convex.}$$

Proof $g(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_i(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2)$

$$\leq \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_i(x_1) + (1-\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_i(x_2)$$

$$= \lambda g(x_1) + (1-\lambda)g(x_2) \Rightarrow \text{convex. } \blacksquare$$

* If f has a second derivative that is non-negative (non-positive) over an interval, then the function is convex (concave) over that interval.

Q Is the linear fn convex or concave?

→ If f is convex, then $-f$ is concave.

Ex2 Test the convexity/concavity of:

(a) $f(x) = x^2$. (b) $f(x) = \log_e x = \ln x$.

Sol. (a) $f'(x) = 2x$, $f''(x) = 2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ convex.

(b) $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $f''(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2} < 0$ for its domain
 \Rightarrow concave. $x > 0$

* Everything also holds if \underline{x} is a point in an n -dim. space (vector w.r.t. $\underline{0}$) instead of a point on a line.

Duality in optimization

* Standard form problem: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_0: \text{objective fn} \\ \text{minimize } f_0(\underline{x}) \\ \text{subject to } f_i(\underline{x}) \leq 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \\ h_i(\underline{x}) = 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, p. \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_i, h_i, i > 0: \text{const. fn's} \end{array} \right.$

variable $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, its domain is D , $f_0(\underline{x}^*) = p^*$.

→ Lagrangian $L(\underline{x}, \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\nu}) = f_0(\underline{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(\underline{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(\underline{x})$
is a weighted sum of objective and const. fn's.

→ Lagrange dual fn: $g(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\nu}) = \inf_{\underline{x}} L(\underline{x}, \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\nu})$.

g is a concave fn (why?).
(greatest lower bound)

→ If $\lambda_i \geq 0$, for all i , $g(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{v}) \leq f_0(\underline{x}) \leq p^*$.

Thus, $g(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{v})$ serves as a lower bound on p^* .

Ex 3 Minimize $\underline{x}^T \underline{x}$ subject to $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$.

Sol. $L(\underline{x}, \underline{v}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{x} + \underline{v}^T (\underline{A} \underline{x} - \underline{b})$.

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\underline{x}} L(\underline{x}, \underline{v}) = 2\underline{x} + \underline{A}^T \underline{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{At } \underline{x} = -\frac{1}{2} \underline{A}^T \underline{v}, L(\underline{x}, \underline{v}) \text{ is minimized}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(\underline{v}) = L\left(-\frac{1}{2} \underline{A}^T \underline{v}, \underline{v}\right) = -\frac{1}{4} \underline{v}^T \underline{A} \underline{A}^T \underline{v} - \underline{v}^T \underline{b}.$$

Note that g is a concave fn and $g(\underline{v}) \leq p^*$.

Ex 4 Minimize $\underline{c}^T \underline{x}$ subject to $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$, $x_i \geq 0 \forall i$.

Sol. $L(\underline{x}, \underline{\lambda}, \underline{v}) = \underline{c}^T \underline{x} - \underline{\lambda}^T \underline{x} + \underline{v}^T (\underline{A} \underline{x} - \underline{b})$
 $= -\underline{b}^T \underline{v} + (\underline{c} + \underline{A}^T \underline{v} - \underline{\lambda})^T \underline{x}$

$$\Rightarrow g(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{v}) = \inf_{\underline{x}} L(\underline{x}, \underline{\lambda}, \underline{v}) = \begin{cases} -\underline{b}^T \underline{v}, & \underline{A}^T \underline{v} - \underline{\lambda} + \underline{c} = \underline{0} \\ -\infty, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Note that g is linear (also concave)

and $g(\underline{v}) = -\underline{b}^T \underline{v} \leq p^*$ if $\underline{A}^T \underline{v} + \underline{c} = \underline{\lambda} \geq \underline{0}$.

[Notation $\underline{x} \geq \underline{y}$ if and only if $x_i \geq y_i, \forall i$,
and the same for $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}, \underline{x} > \underline{y}, \underline{x} < \underline{y}$.]