

1. Building a classifier

We would like to develop a classifier to classify points based on their distance from the origin.

You are presented with the following data. Each data point $\vec{d}_i^T = [x_i \ y_i]^T$ has the corresponding label $l_i \in \{-1, 1\}$.

x_i	y_i	l_i
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 1: *
Labels for data you are classifying

$$l_i \approx \alpha x_i + \beta y_i + \gamma$$

$$-1 \approx \alpha(-2) + \beta(1) + \gamma$$

$$1 \approx \alpha(-1) + \beta(1) + \gamma$$

- (a) You want to build a model to understand the data. You first consider a linear model, i.e. you want to find $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $l_i \approx \alpha x_i + \beta y_i + \gamma$.
Set up a least squares problem to solve for α, β and γ . If this problem is solvable, solve it, i.e. find the best values for α, β, γ . If it is not solvable, justify why.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

\vec{b} A \vec{x}

$$\vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

\vec{x} is only solvable if $A^T A$ is invertible
* know $A^T A$ is a square matrix but not all square matrices are invertible

Solvable?
is it possible to solve for \vec{x} ?
NO because A has lin dep cols
* lin dep def: $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$
if you can find some α_i not all equal to zero, then lin dep

Ex: if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ $A^T A$ is invertible

Ex: if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $A^T A$ is not invertible

* $A^T A$ is only invertible if cols of A are linearly independent

→ to prove think about $N(A)$ and how it relates to $N(A^T A)$

→ if cols are lin ind $N(A)$ is trivial

→ $N(A^T A) = N(A)$ is trivial

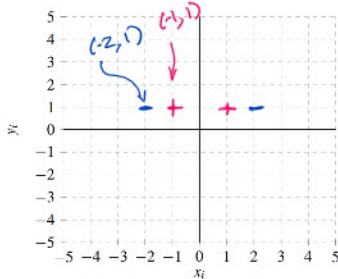
→ $A^T A$ is invertible

- (b) (3 points) Plot the data points in the plot below with axes (x_i, y_i) . Is there a straight line such that the data points with a +1 label are on one side and data points with a -1 label are on the other side? Answer yes or no, and if yes, draw the line.

x_i	y_i	l_i
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 2: *

Table repeated for your convenience: Labels for data you are classifying



no can't find a line where + are on one side and - are on the other

- (c) (6 points) You now consider a model with a quadratic term: $l_i \approx \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2$ with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Read the equation carefully!

Set up a least squares problem to fit the model to the data. If this problem is solvable, solve it, i.e. find the best values for α, β . If it is not solvable, justify why.

x_i	y_i	l_i
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 3: *

Table repeated for your convenience: Labels for data you are classifying

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

\vec{b} A \vec{x}

$$l_i \approx \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2$$

$$-1 \approx \alpha(-2) + \beta(-2)^2$$

$$1 \approx \alpha(-1) + \beta(-1)^2$$

$$1 \approx \alpha(1) + \beta(1)^2$$

$$-1 \approx \alpha(2) + \beta(2)^2$$

Solvable?
can we find \vec{x} ?
yes because cols of A are lin ind

$$\vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

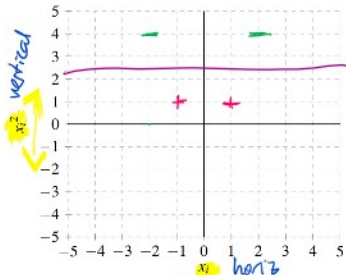
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{3}{17} \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) (3 points) Plot the data points in the plot below with axes (x_i, x_i^2) . Is there a straight line such that the data points with a +1 label are on one side and data points with a -1 label are on the other side? Answer yes or no, and if yes, draw the line.

x_i	y_i	l_i	x_i	x_i^2	l_i
-2	1	-1	-2	4	-1
-1	1	1	-1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	-1	2	4	-1

Table 4: *

Table repeated for your convenience: Labels for data you are classifying



yes

(x_i, y_i)

(x_i, x_i^2)

(e) (4 points) Finally you consider the model: $l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2 + \gamma$ where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$. Independent of the work you have done so far, would you expect this model or the model in part (c) (i.e. $l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2$) to have a smaller error in fitting the data? Explain why.

x_i	y_i	l_i
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 5: *

Table repeated for your convenience: Labels for data you are classifying

$$l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2 + \gamma$$

$$l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i & x_i^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i & x_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

* error: $\|\vec{e}\|^2 = \|\vec{b} - A\vec{x}\|^2$

* smaller error
one more parameter to vary (γ)
* can find lines not going through origin

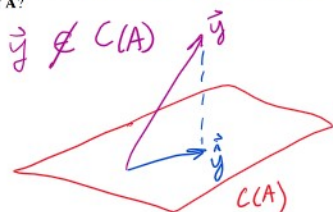
* only finds lines through origin

2. Orthonormal Matrices and Projections

An orthonormal matrix, A , is a matrix whose columns, \vec{a}_i , are:

- Orthogonal (ie. $\langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_j \rangle = 0$ when $i \neq j$)
- Normalized (ie. vectors with length equal to 1, $\|\vec{a}_i\| = 1$). This implies that $\|\vec{a}_i\|^2 = \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \rangle = 1$.

(a) Suppose that the matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ has linearly independent columns. The vector \vec{y} in \mathbb{R}^N is not in the subspace spanned by the columns of A . What is the projection of \vec{y} onto the subspace spanned by the columns of A ?



$$\vec{y} \notin C(A) \quad \vec{y} = \text{proj}_{C(A)} \vec{y} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$$

\vec{x}

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{y} \rightarrow \text{no sol}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{y} \rightarrow \text{unique sol}$$

(b) Show if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is an orthonormal matrix then the columns, \vec{a}_i , form a basis for \mathbb{R}^N .

Defn: orthonormal matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_N \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$ $\langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_j \rangle = 0$ $\langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \rangle = \|\vec{a}_i\|^2 = 1$

basis for \mathbb{R}^N * ① need exactly N linearly independent vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_N\}$
 * ② span \mathbb{R}^N i.e. any $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ $\vec{x} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_N \vec{v}_N$
 for some $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N$

linear independence $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_N \vec{v}_N = \vec{0}$
 if $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_N = 0$ then $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_N\}$ are lin ind

* need to show $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_N$ are lin ind and span \mathbb{R}^N

$$\beta_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + \beta_N \vec{a}_N = \vec{0}$$

$$\langle \vec{a}_i, \beta_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + \beta_N \vec{a}_N \rangle = \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{0} \rangle$$

$$\beta_1 \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_1 \rangle + \dots + \beta_i \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \rangle + \dots + \beta_N \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_N \rangle = 0$$

$$0 + \dots + 0 + \beta_i + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta_i = 0$$

can be shown for any $\beta_i \Rightarrow \vec{\beta} = \vec{0}$

therefore cols of A are lin ind

now we need to show that it spans \mathbb{R}^N

for some $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ $\vec{x} = A \vec{\beta} = \beta_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + \beta_N \vec{a}_N$
 have to show we can find a unique $\vec{\beta}$

because cols of A are lin ind $\Rightarrow A$ is invertible

$$\vec{\beta} = A^{-1} \vec{x} \text{ have a unique sol}$$

\Rightarrow cols of A span \mathbb{R}^N

\Rightarrow cols of A are a basis for \mathbb{R}^N

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_N \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \vec{\beta} = \vec{0}$$

$$\beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

(c) When $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ and $N \geq M$ (i.e. tall matrices), show that if the matrix is orthonormal, then $A^T A = I_{M \times M}$.

more rows than cols

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \vec{a}_1^T \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \vec{a}_m^T \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \vec{a}_1^T \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \vec{a}_m^T \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_1^T \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_1^T \vec{a}_m \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2^T \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_2^T \vec{a}_m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vec{a}_m^T \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_m^T \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_m^T \vec{a}_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_{M \times M}$$

(d) Again, suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ where $N \geq M$ is an orthonormal matrix. Show that the projection of \vec{y} onto the subspace spanned by the columns of A is now $AA^T \vec{y}$.

* from part c) $A^T A = I$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vec{y}} &= A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y} \\ &= A(I)^{-1} A^T \vec{y} \\ &= A I A^T \vec{y} \\ &= A A^T \vec{y} \end{aligned}$$

(e) Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and the columns of A are orthonormal, find the least squares solution to $A\hat{x} = \vec{y}$ where $\vec{y} = [5 \ 12 \ 7 \ 8]^T$.

* remember for matrices w/ orthogonal cols

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{a}_1\|^2} \\ \frac{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{a}_2\|^2} \\ \frac{\langle \vec{a}_3, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{a}_3\|^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle \\ \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle \\ \langle \vec{a}_3, \vec{y} \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\vec{a}_1\|^2 = \|\vec{a}_2\|^2 = \|\vec{a}_3\|^2 = 1$$

* for orthonormal matrices

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 7 \\ \frac{17\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

* alternatively can compute using the least squares formula

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y} \quad \text{but takes more time}$$