

Data and Model Fitting

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Ordinary Linear Least Square

- linear model assumes $y = \mathbf{x}^T \beta$ with model parameter β .
- ordinary linear least square fit solves,

$$\arg \min_{\beta} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)$$

, which is equivalently to solve $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \beta = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

- $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ is at least positive semi-definite, appropriate linear system solvers are available in Mathwrist.

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Generalized Ridge Regression

- alternatively and usually a better way of calibrating model parameter β is to add a regularization term and solve,

$$\arg \min_{\beta} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) + \lambda\beta^T \mathbf{\Omega}\beta \quad (1)$$

, where $\lambda > 0$ is a penalty factor and the regularization matrix $\mathbf{\Omega}$ is positive definite.

- formulation (1) is also to solve a linear system,

$$\left(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{\Omega} \right) \beta = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

- if $\mathbf{\Omega}$ is identity, (1) is the standard ridge regression, hence (1) sometimes is also called generalized ridge regression. Mathwrist provides a function `linear_fit::grr()` to solve (1).

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Generalized Cross Validation (GCV)

- penalty factor λ could be an experimental choice.
- GCV method computes the optimal λ based on the data noise level.
- write observation of linear model as $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon$, GCV solves,

$$\arg \min_{\lambda} V(\lambda) = \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}(\lambda))\mathbf{y}\|^2}{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}(\lambda))^2}$$

, where $\mathbf{H}(\lambda)$ is the unique symmetric influence matrix,

$$\mathbf{H}(\lambda) = \mathbf{X} \left(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{\Omega} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$$

- if parameter $\lambda \leq 0$ is passed to function `linear_fit::grr()`, we use GCV method to compute an optimal penalty factor.

Linearly Constrained Linear Least Square

- model parameter β maybe imposed to general linear constraints and simple bounds.
- Mathwrist provides a function `linear_fit::lsq()` to solve the following linearly constrained linear least square problem,

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\beta} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) \quad \text{s.t.} \\ \mathbf{b}_l \leq \mathbf{A}\beta \leq \mathbf{b}_u \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbf{l} \leq \beta \leq \mathbf{u} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

, which effectively is a convex quadratic programming (QP) problem.

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Nonlinear Least Square

Given a nonlinear function $y = h(\mathbf{x}; \beta)$ with model parameter β and m number of observations (y_i, \mathbf{x}_i) , $i = 0, \dots, m - 1$, calibrate β by minimizing the l_2 norm of residual vector,

$$\arg \min_{\beta} \psi(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{r}(\beta)\|_2^2 \quad (3)$$

, where the i -th element $r_i(\beta) = h(\mathbf{x}_i; \beta) - y_i$. Let $\mathbf{J}(\beta)$ be the Jacobian matrix of the residual vector $\mathbf{r}(\beta)$. The gradient and Hessian of $\psi(\beta)$ are

$$\nabla \psi(\beta) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} r_i(\beta) \nabla r_i(\beta) = \mathbf{J}^T(\beta) \mathbf{r}(\beta) \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\beta) = \mathbf{J}^T(\beta) \mathbf{J}(\beta) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} r_i(\beta) \nabla^2 r_i(\beta) \quad (5)$$

Nonlinear Least Square: Gauss-Newton

- approximate the true Hessian matrix in equation (5) by $\mathbf{J}(\beta)^T \mathbf{J}(\beta)$.
- use a line search algorithm and iteratively computes a Newton search direction \mathbf{p} at each step,

$$\mathbf{J}(\beta)^T \mathbf{J}(\beta) \mathbf{p} = -\nabla \psi(\beta) = -\mathbf{J}^T(\beta) \mathbf{r}(\beta)$$

- if the Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J}(\beta)$ has rank deficiency, it produces unstable model calibration.
- if the residual $\mathbf{r}(\beta)$ is naturally large or non-negligible at certain point of the calibration, ignoring the second term in equation (5) produces incorrect search direction \mathbf{p} .

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Nonlinear Least Square: Modified Gauss-Newton

- at each iteration in the line search, compute SVD, $\mathbf{J}(\beta) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T$.
- the Newton direction \mathbf{p} wrt the true Hessian solves

$$\left(\mathbf{S}^2\mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{Q}(\beta)\right)\mathbf{p} = -\mathbf{S}\bar{\mathbf{r}}(\beta) \quad (6)$$

, where $\mathbf{Q}(\beta) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} r_i(\beta)\nabla^2 r_i(\beta)$, $\bar{\mathbf{r}}(\beta) = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{r}(\beta)$.

- let \mathbf{S}_d be the leading submatrix of d number of dominant singulars in \mathbf{S} . Accordingly, let \mathbf{V}_d be the first d columns of \mathbf{V} , the principle components.
- test whether $\sqrt{|\mathbf{r}(\beta)|_\infty}$ is small enough relative to the smallest singulars in \mathbf{S}_d . If so, we ignore $\mathbf{Q}(\beta)$ and write direction as $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{V}_d \mathbf{p}_d$. Let $\bar{\mathbf{r}}_d(\beta)$ be the first d elements of $\bar{\mathbf{r}}(\beta)$ and solve $\mathbf{S}_d \mathbf{p}_d = -\bar{\mathbf{r}}_d(\beta)$

Nonlinear Least Square: Modified Gauss-Newton (continued)

- if $\mathbf{Q}(\beta)$ cannot be ignored, we approximate it by finite difference and solve the direction \mathbf{p} in the full space of \mathbf{V} , $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{V}\bar{\mathbf{p}}$,

$$\left(\mathbf{S}^2 + \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{Q}(\beta) \mathbf{V} \right) \bar{\mathbf{p}} = -\mathbf{S}\bar{\mathbf{r}}(\beta) \quad (7)$$

- the second order term $\mathbf{Q}(\beta)$ could be indefinite. We use modified Cholesky to solve equation (7). This is similar to the modified Newton method in unconstrained optimization.

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Nonlinear Least Square: Levenberg-Marquardt

- a special case of the trust region algorithm, uses $\mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{J}(\beta)$ to approximate the true Hessian (5).
- at each trust region iteration, solve a sub problem

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{J}^T(\beta) \mathbf{r}(\beta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{J}^T(\beta) \mathbf{J}(\beta) \mathbf{p}, \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{p}\| \leq \Delta_k \quad (8)$$

- \mathbf{p}^* is a solution of the trust region subproblem (8) if and only if $\exists \lambda \geq 0$ such that
 - ① $(\mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{J}(\beta) + \lambda \mathbf{I})$ is positive semidefinite and
 - ② $(\mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{J}(\beta) + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{p}^* = -\mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{r}(\beta)$ and
 - ③ $\lambda(\Delta - \|\mathbf{p}^*\|) = 0$

The first condition is automatically satisfied here.

Nonlinear Least Square: Levenberg-Marquardt (continued)

- write $\mathbf{p}(\lambda)$ as a function of λ computed from the second condition,

$$\mathbf{p}(\lambda) = - \left(\mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{J}(\beta) + \lambda\mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{r}(\beta) \quad (9)$$

- if $\|\mathbf{p}(\lambda = 0)\| < \Delta_k$, $\mathbf{p}(\lambda = 0)$ is an exact solution of trust region sub problem (8).
- otherwise, we can always find a $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ such that $\|\mathbf{p}(\lambda)\| = \Delta_k$.
- perform QR decomposition $\mathbf{J}(\beta) = \mathbf{Q} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Based on the idea in [1], section 10.2, we can economically obtain an upper triangular \mathbf{R}_λ from \mathbf{R} such that

$$\mathbf{R}_\lambda^T \mathbf{R}_\lambda = \left(\mathbf{J}^T(\beta)\mathbf{J}(\beta) + \lambda\mathbf{I} \right)$$

Nonlinear Least Square: Regularization and Constraints

- in practice, it is often desired to regularize the model parameters β and perhaps impose additional constraints.
- we offer a general nonlinear least square fit method that solves

$$\arg \min_{\beta} \psi(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{r}(\beta)\|_2^2 + \lambda \beta^T \mathbf{\Omega} \beta \quad \text{s.t.} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_l \leq \mathbf{A}\beta \leq \mathbf{b}_u \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mathbf{l} \leq \beta \leq \mathbf{u} \quad (11)$$

- λ in (10) could be input or computed from GCV.

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Curve Fitting

Given a set of data points (x_i, y_i) observed from a unknown function $y = \tilde{f}(x)$, $x_i \in [a, b]$ for $i = 0, \dots, m - 1$, we want to approximate $\tilde{f}(x)$ by a smooth curve $f(x; \theta)$ that is parameterized by θ .

$f(x; \theta)$ as Linear Combination of Basis

Let $\phi^T(x) = (\phi_0(x), \dots, \phi_{n-1}(x))$ be a vector of n basis functions of certain form. Let the curve approximation function $f(x; \theta) = \phi(x)^T \theta$ as a linear combination of the basis vector and coefficient vector $\theta^T = (\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1})$.

Curve Fitting: Choice of Basis

- B-spline polynomials
 - polynomial degree as user input, high degree not recommended, i.e. above 6.
 - knot points placement as user input, usually want data points uniformly distributed to knot point intervals.
- Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind
 - polynomial degree as user input.
 - suitable for the situation $\tilde{f}(x)$ is naturally smooth.

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Curve Fitting: Formulation

- construct a basis matrix $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ where the (i, j) -th element of the matrix is $\Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}) = \phi_j(x_i)$. The sum of square of residuals (SSR) is

$$\text{SSR} = (\mathbf{y} - \Phi(\mathbf{x})\theta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \Phi(\mathbf{x})\theta)$$

- solve a regularized least square problem,

$$\arg \min_{\theta} (\mathbf{y} - \Phi(\mathbf{x})\theta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \Phi(\mathbf{x})\theta) + \lambda \theta^T \Omega \theta \quad (12)$$

, where Ω in the regularization term penalizes the roughness of curve $f(\mathbf{x})$, penalty factor $\lambda > 0$ could be a user input or computed by GCV.

- alternatively, minimize curve roughness and subject to fitting error constraints.

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \theta^T \Omega \theta \text{ s.t. } -\epsilon < \Phi(\mathbf{x})\theta - \mathbf{y} < \epsilon \quad (13)$$

Curve Fitting: Shape Constraints

- at given points $x_k \in [a, b]$, $k = 0, \dots, K$, additional curve shape constraints may be imposed to formulation (12) and (13).

$$l_k \leq f^{(d)}(x_k; \theta) \leq u_k, d = 0, 1, 2 \quad (14)$$

, where $f^{(d)}(x_k; \theta)$ denotes the d -th derivative of $f(x)$ wrt x .

- shape constraints (14) effectively restrict the function value $f(x_k; \theta)$, slope $f'(x_k; \theta)$ or curvature $f''(x_k; \theta)$ to be bounded within a certain range.
- for example the classic natural cubic spline can be built by imposing $f''(a; \theta) = 0$ and $f''(b; \theta) = 0$.

Curve Fitting: Roughness Measure

- the regularization matrix $\mathbf{\Omega}$ in formulation (12) and (13) is to make the curve function $f(x; \theta)$ “smooth”.
- if one chooses $\mathbf{\Omega}$ being the identity matrix, the roughness measure is to reduce the l_2 norm of basis coefficients $\|\theta\|_2^2$, which tends to produce a flat curve close to $f(x; \theta) = 0$ as we increase the penalty factor $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

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Curve Fitting: Roughness Measure (derivative based)

- classic definition, i.e. [4] chapter XIV, of the roughness measure of curve function $f(x; \theta)$ over $[a, b]$ is

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \int_a^b f''(x; \theta)^2 dx \quad (15)$$

- we offer 4 levels of derivative-based roughness matrix construction,

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \int_a^b \left(f^{(d)}(x; \theta) \right)^2 dx, d = 0, \dots, 3$$

- users make the choice on d , we internally carry out calculations to write the roughness measure in the form of $\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \theta^T \mathbf{\Omega} \theta$.

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Curve Fitting: Roughness Measure (divided difference based)

- the classic roughness measure (15) favors small magnitude of curvature, but does not have preference over the curvature sign change.
- we offer another set of regularization choices that penalize the divided difference of derivatives,

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \sum_k \left(\frac{f^{(d)}(x_k; \theta) - f^{(d)}(x_{k+1}; \theta)}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \right)^2, d = 1, 2$$

, where the index k traverses through the knot points for B-spline basis and predefined points for Chebyshev basis.

- users only need choose the level of d . We internally compute $\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \theta^T \mathbf{\Omega} \theta$.

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Curve Fitting: Roughness Measure (micro leverage)

- further, users can partition $[a, b]$ into sub intervals $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k+1})$ and apply different roughness weights in different sub interval.

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \sum_{i=0}^k w_i \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \left(f^{(d)}(x; \theta) \right)^2 dx$$

- the total roughness measure $\mathbf{R}(\theta)$ then is a weighted sum of local roughness. The sub interval weights $\mathbf{w} = \{w_i\}$ play the role as micro leverage factors.
- users set the leverage factors \mathbf{w} through a piecewise constant function $w(x)$.

Curve Fitting: nonlinear model

- design a mathematical model $g(x; \theta) = \phi(x)^T \theta$ as a smooth curve.
- dependent variable y is connected to independent variable x by a known nonlinear mapping function through the model, i.e.
$$y = f(g(x; \theta), x).$$
- let $\mathbf{r}(\theta)$ be a vector-valued residual functions, where the i -th element $r_i(\theta) = f(g(x_i; \theta), x_i) - y_i$ computes the residual error for observation (x_i, y_i) given θ .

Curve Fitting: nonlinear model (continued)

- formulation (12) changes to the following regularized nonlinear least square problem,

$$\arg \min_{\theta} |\mathbf{r}(\theta)|_2^2 + \lambda \theta^T \mathbf{\Omega} \theta \quad (16)$$

- accordingly, formulation (13) now becomes to an nonlinear programming problem,

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \theta^T \mathbf{\Omega} \theta \text{ s.t.}$$

$$-\epsilon_i < r_i(\theta) < \epsilon_i \forall i = 0, \dots, m-1 \quad (17)$$

- additional curve shape constraint (14) may be imposed to both formulation (16) and (17).

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Surface Fitting

Given N number of data points (x_k, y_k, z_k) , $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$, which are observed from an unknown 2-dimensional function $z = \tilde{f}(x, y)$ defined in domain $[a, b] \times [c, d]$, we want to approximate $\tilde{f}(x, y)$ by a smooth surface function $f(x, y; \Theta)$.

$f(x, y; \Theta)$ as Tensor Product of Basis

written as the tensor product of two sets of basis functions $\phi(x)$ and $\psi(y)$,

$$f(x, y; \Theta) = \phi(x)^T \Theta \psi(y) \quad (18)$$

, where Θ is the coefficient matrix of the tensor product. The objective of surface fitting is to recover Θ from observed data points.

Surface Fitting: Choice of Basis

- basis functions $\phi(x)$ and $\psi(y)$ are of the same type.
- class `SmoothSplineSurface` uses B-spline as basis.
- class `SmoothBilinearSurface` uses piecewise linear functions as basis.
- class `SmoothChebyshevSurface` uses Chebyshev polynomial (first kind) as basis.

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Surface Fitting: Formulation

- regularized least square fit,

$$\arg \min_{\Theta} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (z_k - f(\Theta; x_k, y_k))^2 + \lambda \mathbf{R}(\Theta) \quad (19)$$

, where $\mathbf{R}(\Theta)$ is some choice of roughness regularization. $\lambda > 0$ is the roughness penalty factor from user input or computed by GCV method.

- alternatively, directly minimize the roughness measure subject to bounded fitting error constraints.

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min_{\Theta} \mathbf{R}(\Theta) && \text{s.t.} \\ & -\epsilon < f(\Theta; x_k, y_k) - z_k < \epsilon, \forall k \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Surface Fitting: Shape Constraints

In both formulation (19) and (20), it is possible to further impose constraints to given points (x_k, y_k) . The supported constraint types are:

- Function value $f(x_k, y_k, \Theta)$ is bounded;
- Partial delta $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x_k, y_k, \Theta)$ or $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x_k, y_k, \Theta)$ is bounded;
- Gamma $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 x} f(x_k, y_k, \Theta)$ or $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 y} f(x_k, y_k, \Theta)$ is bounded;
- Cross gamma $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x_k, y_k, \Theta)$ is bounded;

Surface Fitting: Shape Constraints (continued)

Let $\delta^{(r,s)}(f(x, y; \Theta))$ be the derivative operator relevant to the supported constraint types, i.e. $\delta^{(0,0)}$ for function value, $\delta^{(1,0)}$ for partial delta $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$. The optimization problem (19) and (20) may be subject to additional surface shape constraints,

$$l_k \leq \delta^{(r_k, s_k)}(f(x_k, y_k; \Theta)) \leq u_k, \forall k \quad (21)$$

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Surface Fitting: Roughness Measure

- Frobenius norm, equivalent to the l_2 norm in curve fitting.
- Dirichlet energy, defined as the square integral of the gradient norm,

$$\mathbf{R}(\Theta) = \int_a^b \int_c^d \|\nabla f(x, y; \Theta)\|^2 dy dx$$

- Thin-plate energy, a rotation-invariant measure defined as $\mathbf{R}(\Theta) =$

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d (\nabla_{xx} f(x, y; \Theta)^2 + 2\nabla_{xy} f(x, y; \Theta)^2 + \nabla_{yy} f(x, y; \Theta)^2) dy dx$$

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Surface Fitting: Roughness Measure (micro leverage)

- Users can partition the whole surface domain $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ into sub areas $[x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]$, $i = 0, \dots, k$, $j = 0, \dots, l$ and supply a 2-d piecewise constant function $w(x, y)$ to surface fitting.
- Internally, we compute the total roughness measure as the weighted sum of roughness over those sub surface areas.

$$\mathbf{R}(\Theta; a, b, c, d) = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=0}^l w_{i,j} \mathbf{R}(\Theta; x_i, x_{i+1}, y_j, y_{j+1})$$

, where $w_{i,j} = w(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in [x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]$.

Surface Fitting: nonlinear model

- design a model $g(x, y; \Theta)$ as a smooth surface.
- a known 2-d nonlinear mapping function $z = f(g(x, y; \Theta), x, y)$ connects independent variables (x, y) to function value z through the model.
- let $\mathbf{r}(\Theta)$ be the vector of residual functions where the i -th element $r_i(\Theta) = f(g(x_i, y_i; \Theta), x_i, y_i) - z_i$ is the residual error for observation (x_i, y_i, z_i) .

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Surface Fitting: nonlinear model (continued)

Users can choose to calibrate surface model parameter Θ by

- a regularized nonlinear least square fit,

$$\arg \min_{\Theta} \|\mathbf{r}(\Theta)\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathbf{R}(\Theta) \quad (22)$$

- or by solving an nonlinear programming problem,

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\Theta} \mathbf{R}(\Theta) \quad \text{s.t.} \\ -\epsilon_i < r_i(\Theta) < \epsilon_i \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, m-1 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Again, in both formulation (22) and (23), additional shape constraints (21) can be imposed.

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