

# Homework 7

1. Download these data:

`http://stat.cmu.edu/~larry/=stat401/sports.txt`

These data are from the R package `alr4` and you can find a complete description of the data in that package. The dataset is called `ais` in that package. These are data on 202 athletes. The goal is to predict lean body mass (LBM) from the other variables. For this question, you should ignore the variables `Label` and `Sport`.

- (a) Use the `pairs` command to plot the data. Comment on any patterns that you see.
  - (b) Use a linear regression model to predict LBM from Sex, Ht, Wt, RCC, WCC, Hc, Hg, Ferr, BMI, Bfat. Comment on your residual plots.
  - (c) Summarize your fitted model.
  - (d) Find the eigenvalues of the design matrix.
  - (e) Construct a 90 percent confidence rectangle for all the coefficients in the model (except the intercept).
  - (f) Let's try a smaller model. Fit a linear regression to predict LBM from Sex, Ht, Wt and RCC. Summarize the fitted model.
  - (g) Construct and plot a 95 percent confidence ellipsoid for Ht and Wt.
  - (h) Construct an F test to compare the two models that you fit. Summarize and interpret the result of the test.
2. Let  $\mathbf{X}$  denote the design matrix for some regression problem. Let  $v_j$  denote the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\mathbf{X}$ . In other words  $\mathbf{X} = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \cdots \ v_q]$ . Suppose that the columns are orthogonal. In other words,  $v_j^T v_k = 0$  when  $j \neq k$ .
    - (a) Show that  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  is non-singular (invertible) as long as  $\|v_j\| > 0$  for all  $j$ .
    - (b) Find an explicit expression for  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ .
    - (c) Now suppose we replace one of the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  with a vector of all zeroes. For example, we set:  $v_1 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Prove or disprove the following statement: the least squares solution is still well-defined (in other words, it exists and is unique).
  3. Consider the ridge regression estimator  $\hat{\beta}_\lambda$ .
    - (a) Show that  $\hat{\beta}_\lambda \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ .
    - (b) Consider the following modified ridge estimator:

$$\hat{\beta}_\lambda = \lambda(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda I)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}.$$

What does this estimator converge to as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ ?