

Basis Functions

MLAI Lecture 6

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Outline

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Nonlinear Regression

- Problem with Linear Regression— \mathbf{x} may not be linearly related to \mathbf{t} .
- Potential solution: create a feature space: define $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ where $\phi(\cdot)$ is a nonlinear function of \mathbf{x} .
- Model for target is a linear combination of these nonlinear functions

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^K w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \quad (1)$$

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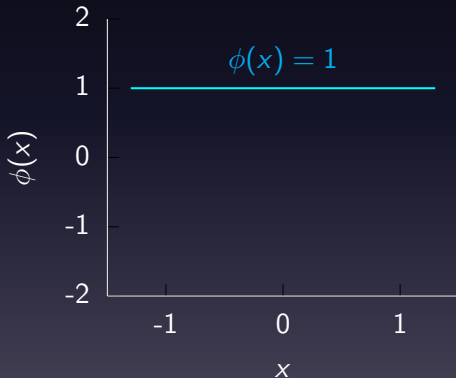


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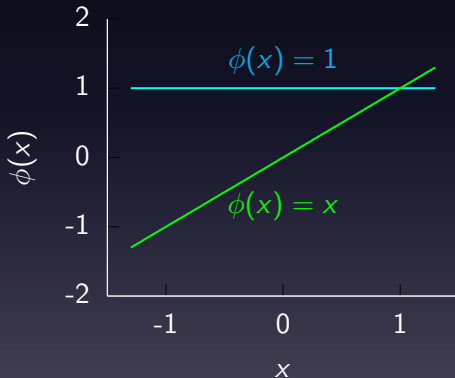


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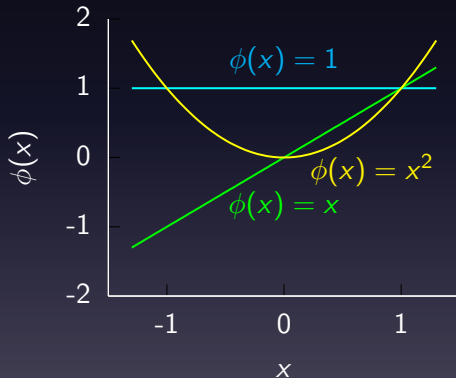


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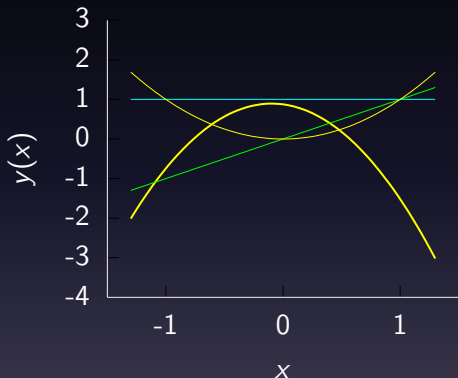


Figure: Function from quadratic basis with weights $w_1 = 0.87466$, $w_2 = -0.38835$, $w_3 = -2.0058$.

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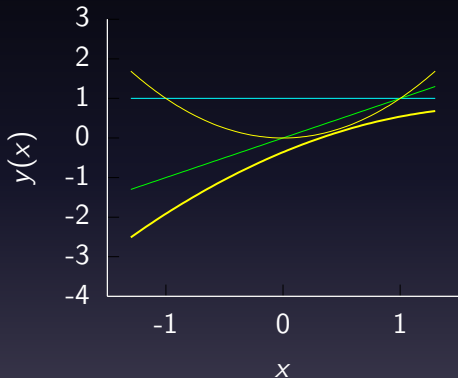


Figure: Function from quadratic basis with weights $w_1 = -0.35908$, $w_2 = 1.2274$, $w_3 = -0.32825$.

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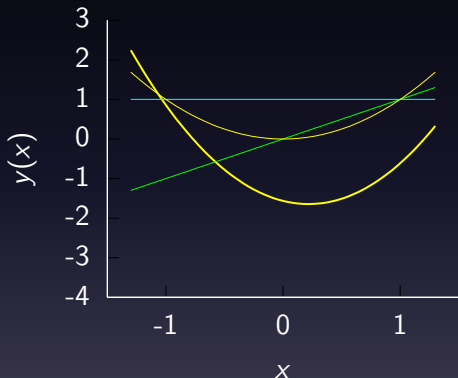


Figure: Function from quadratic basis with weights $w_1 = -1.5638$, $w_2 = -0.73577$, $w_3 = 1.6861$.

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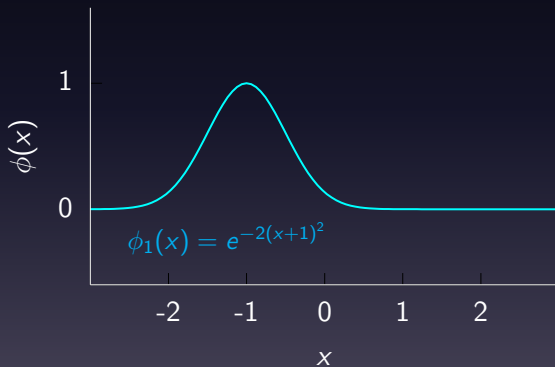


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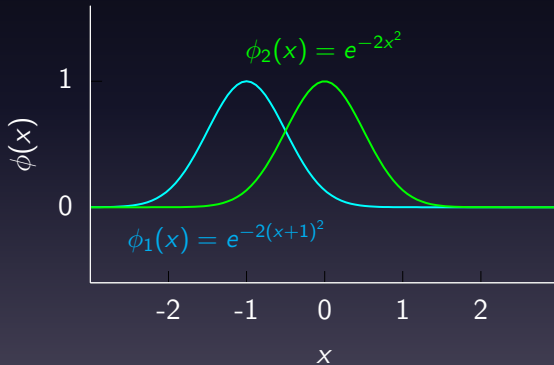


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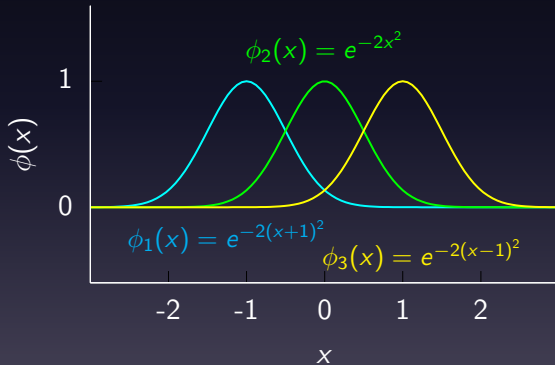


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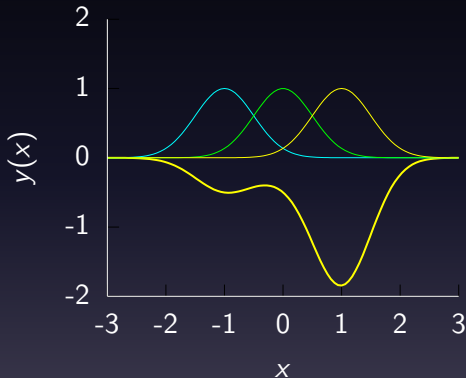


Figure: Function from radial basis with weights $w_1 = -0.47518$, $w_2 = -0.18924$, $w_3 = -1.8183$.

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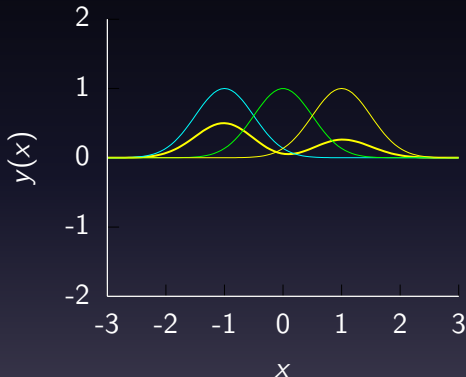


Figure: Function from radial basis with weights $w_1 = 0.50596$, $w_2 = -0.046315$, $w_3 = 0.26813$.

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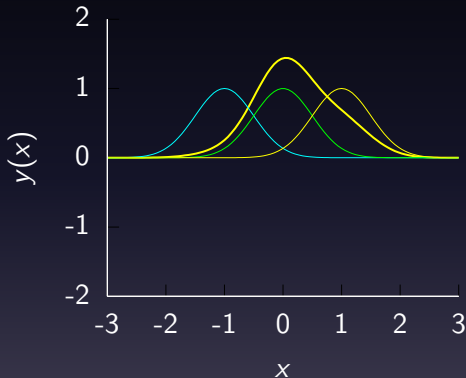


Figure: Function from radial basis with weights $w_1 = 0.07179$, $w_2 = 1.3591$, $w_3 = 0.50604$.

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Basis Function Models

- A Basis function mapping is now defined as

$$y(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j \phi_{i,j} + c$$

Vector Notation

- Write in vector notation,

$$y(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{w}^\top \phi_i + c$$

Log Likelihood for Basis Function Model

- The likelihood of a single data point is

$$p(t_i|x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(t_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

- Leading to a log likelihood for the data set of

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

- And a corresponding error function of

$$E(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

Expand the Brackets

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) &= \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i \mathbf{w}^\top \phi_i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{w}^\top \phi_i \phi_i^\top \mathbf{w} + \text{const.} \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{w}^\top \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i t_i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \mathbf{w}^\top \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \phi_i^\top \right] \mathbf{w} + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Multivariate Derivatives Reminder

- We will need some multivariate calculus.

$$\frac{d\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{w}}{d\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{a}$$

and

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}}{d\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^\top) \mathbf{w}$$

or if \mathbf{A} is symmetric (*i.e.* $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}}{d\mathbf{w}} = 2\mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}.$$

Differentiate

Differentiating with respect to the vector \mathbf{w} we obtain

$$\frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w}, \beta)}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i t_i - \beta \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \phi_i^\top \right] \mathbf{w}$$

Leading to

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \phi_i^\top \right]^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i t_i,$$

Rewrite in matrix notation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \phi_i^\top = \Phi^\top \Phi$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i t_i = \Phi^\top \mathbf{t}$$

Update Equations

- Update for \mathbf{w}^* .

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \left(\Phi^\top \Phi \right)^{-1} \Phi^\top \mathbf{t}$$

- The equation for σ^{2*} may also be found

$$\sigma^{2*} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \left(t_i - \mathbf{w}^{*\top} \phi_i \right)^2}{N}.$$

Reading

- Chapter 1, pg 1-6 of Bishop.
- Section 1.4 of Rogers and Girolami.
- Chapter 3, Section 3.1 of Bishop up to pg 143.

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