

Linear Regression

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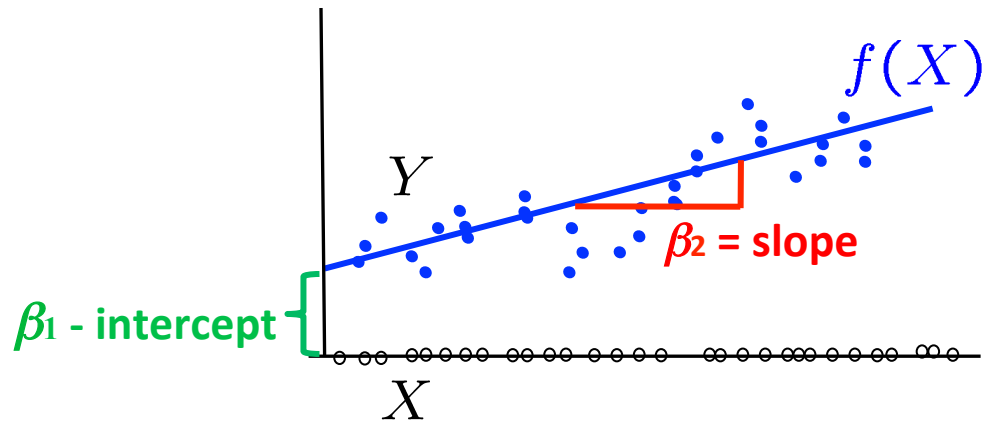
Linear Regression

$$\hat{f}_n^L = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}_L} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(X_i) - Y_i)^2$$

Least Squares Estimator

\mathcal{F}_L - Class of Linear functions

$$f(X_i) = X_i \beta$$



$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i \beta - Y_i)^2$$

$$\hat{f}_n^L(X) = X \hat{\beta}$$

$$= \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{A} \beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A} \beta - \mathbf{Y})$$

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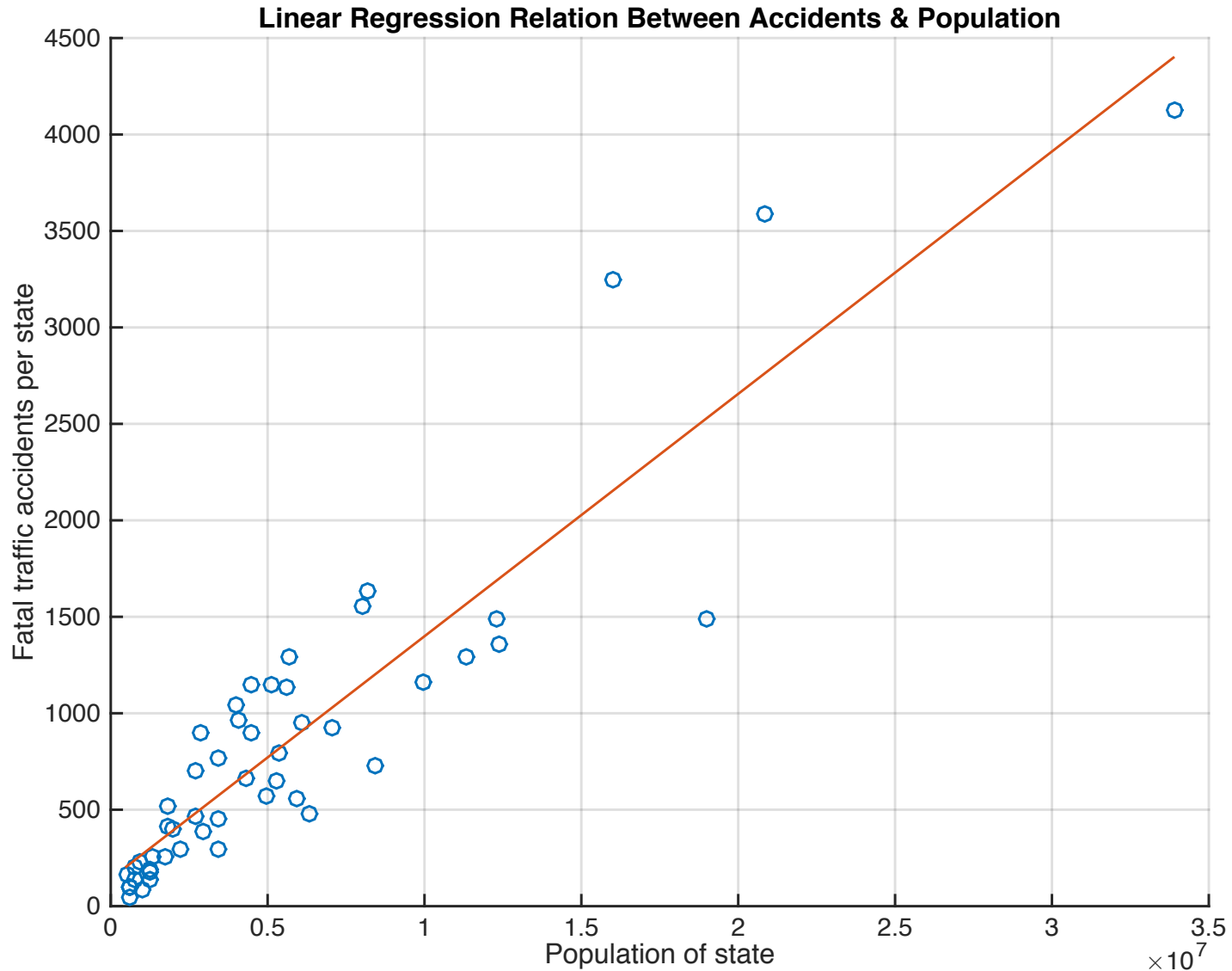
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Matlab example – linear regression

```
load accidents
x = hwydata(:,14);           %Population of states
y = hwydata(:,4);           %Accidents per state
scatter(x,y)
hold on
X = [ones(length(x),1) x];

b = X\y;
yhat = X*b;
plot(x,yhat)
xlabel('Population of state')
ylabel('Fatal traffic accidents per state')
title('Linear Regression Relation Between Accidents &
Population')
```

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When is $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ invertible ?

Recall: **Full rank matrices are invertible.** What is rank of $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$?

$\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{number of non-zero eigenvalues of } (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{number of non-zero singular values of } \mathbf{A} \leq \min(n, p)$ since \mathbf{A} is $n \times p$

So, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}), r \leq \min(n, p)$ not invertible if $r < p$ (e.g. $n < p$
i.e. high-dimensional setting)

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If $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T$, then normal equations $\underbrace{(\mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T)}_{r \times p} \underbrace{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}_{p \times 1} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{Y})}_{r \times 1}$
 $S - r \times r$

r equations in p unknowns. Under-determined if $r < p$, hence no unique solution.

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Constrain solution i.e. Regularization (later)

Now: What if $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ is invertible but expensive (p very large)?

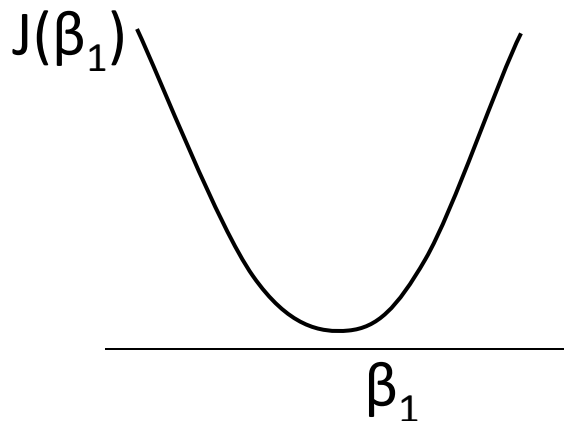
Gradient Descent

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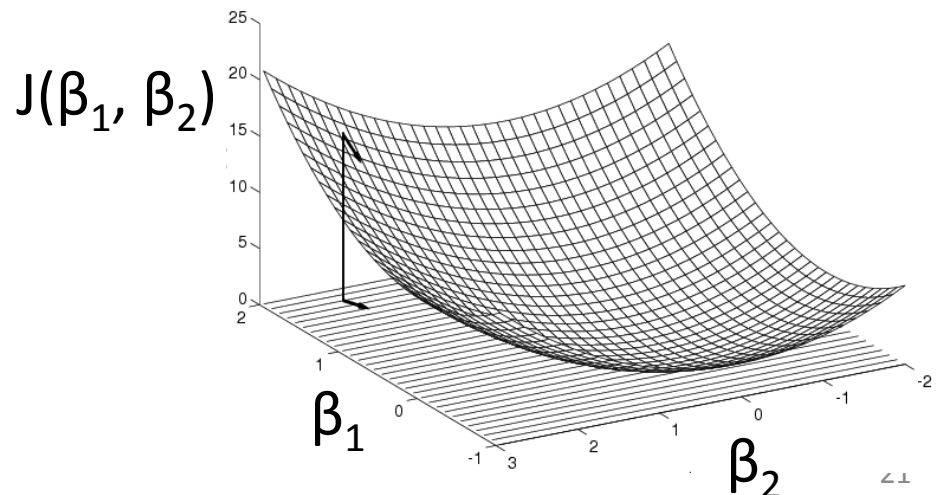
$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y}) = \arg \min_{\beta} J(\beta)$$

Treat as optimization problem

Observation: $J(\beta)$ is convex in β .



How to find the minimizer?



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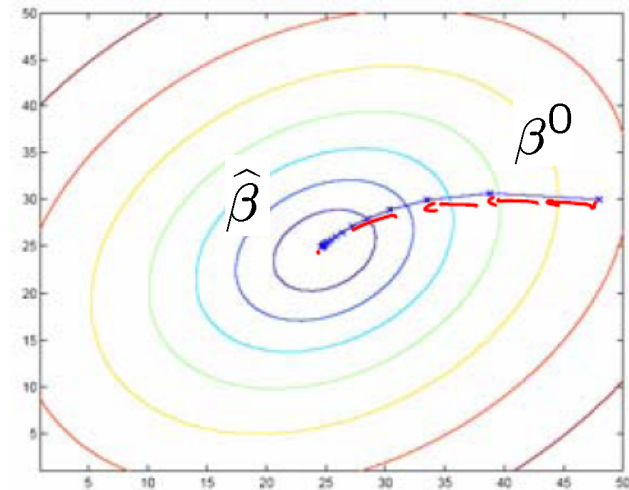
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Since $J(\beta)$ is convex, move along negative of gradient

Initialize: β^0

step size
↙

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Update: } \beta^{t+1} &= \beta^t - \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{\partial J(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \bigg|_t \\ &= \beta^t - \alpha \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A}\beta^t - \mathbf{Y})}_{0 \text{ if } \hat{\beta} = \beta^t} \end{aligned}$$



Stop: when some criterion met e.g. fixed # iterations, or $\left. \frac{\partial J(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \right|_{\beta^t} < \epsilon$.

Regularized Least Squares

What if $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ is not invertible ?

r equations , p unknowns – underdetermined system of linear equations
many feasible solutions

Need to constrain solution further

e.g. bias solution to “small” values of β (small changes in input don’t translate to large changes in output)

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - X_i \beta)^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2$$

Ridge Regression
(l2 penalty)

$$= \arg \min_{\beta} (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y}) + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MAP}} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

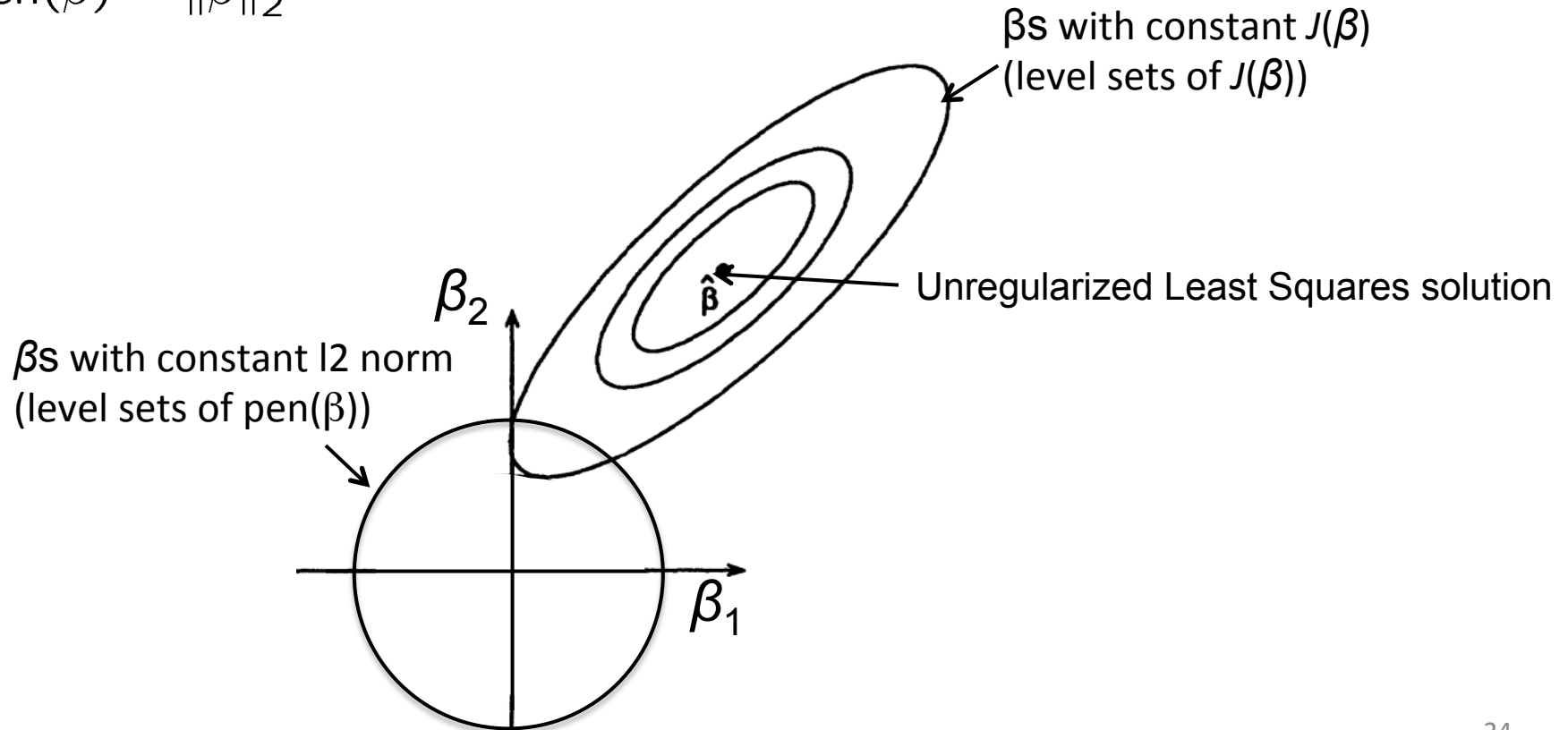
Is $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I})$ invertible ?

Understanding regularized Least Squares

$$\min_{\beta} (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y}) + \lambda \text{pen}(\beta) = \min_{\beta} J(\beta) + \lambda \text{pen}(\beta)$$

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Lasso
(l1 penalty)

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Many β can be zero – many inputs are irrelevant to prediction in high-dimensional settings (typically intercept term not penalized)

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No closed form solution, but can optimize using sub-gradient descent (packages available)

Ridge Regression vs Lasso

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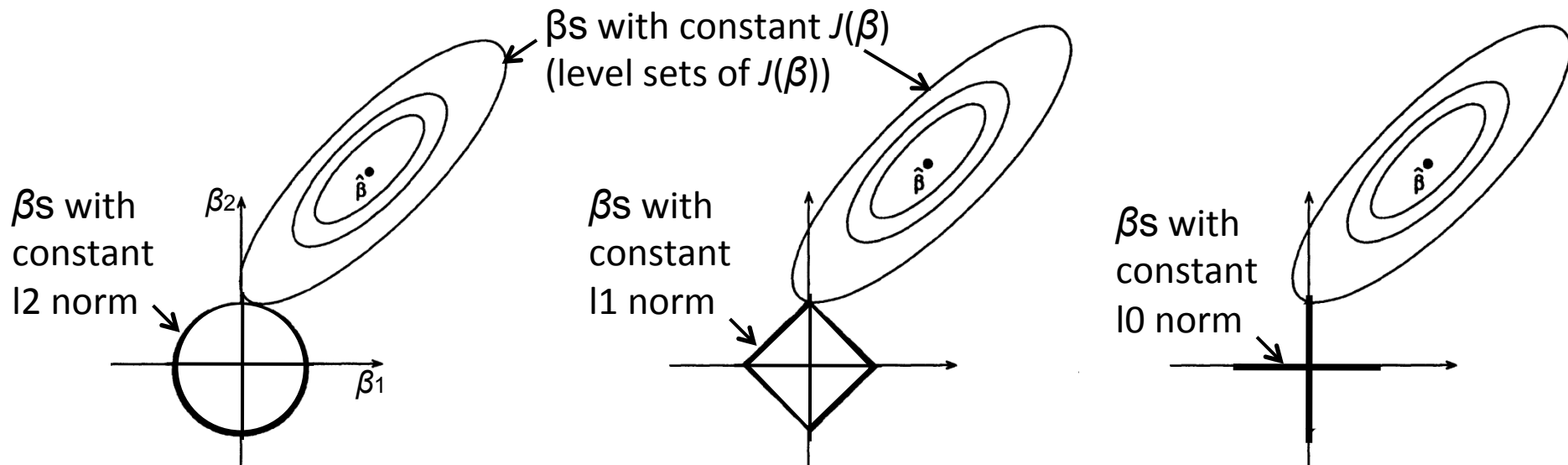
Lasso:

$$\text{pen}(\beta) = \|\beta\|_1$$

Ideally l0 penalty,

but optimization

becomes non-convex



Lasso (l1 penalty) results in sparse solutions – vector with more zero coordinates
Good for high-dimensional problems – don't have to store all coordinates, interpretable solution!

Matlab example

```
clear all  
close all
```

```
n = 80;    % datapoints  
p = 100;   % features  
k = 10;    % non-zero features
```

```
rng(20);  
X = randn(n,p);  
weights = zeros(p,1);  
weights(1:k) = randn(k,1)+10;  
noise = randn(n,1) * 0.5;  
Y = X*weights + noise;
```

```
Xtest = randn(n,p);  
noise = randn(n,1) * 0.5;  
Ytest = Xtest*weights + noise;
```

```
lassoWeights = lasso(X,Y,'Lambda',1,  
    'Alpha', 1.0);  
Ylasso = Xtest*lassoWeights;  
norm(Ytest-Ylasso)
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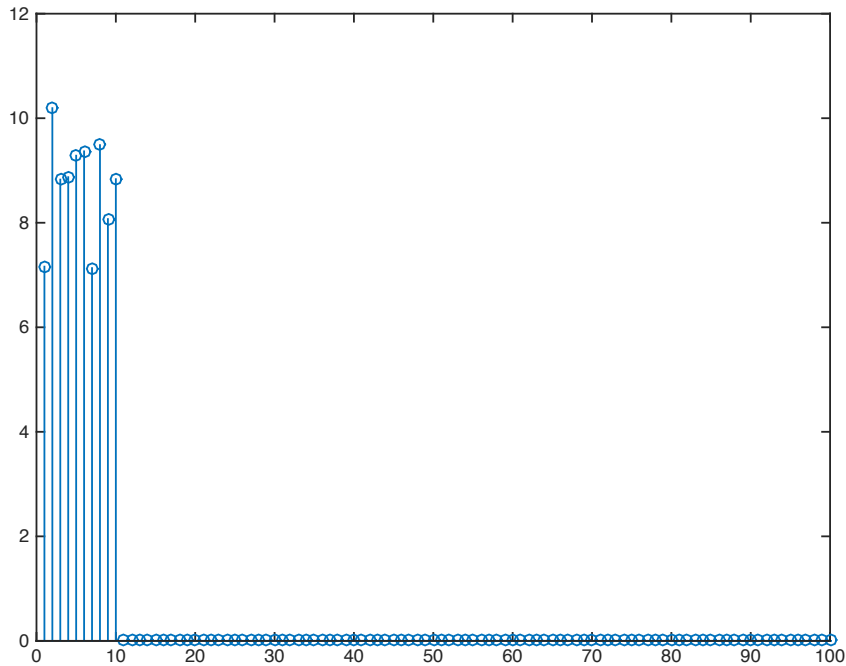
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ridgeWeights = lasso(X,Y,'Lambda',1,  
    'Alpha', 0.0001);  
Yridge = Xtest*ridgeWeights;  
norm(Ytest-Yridge)
```

```
stem(lassoWeights)  
pause  
stem(ridgeWeights)
```


Matlab example

Test MSE = 33.7997

Lasso Coefficients



Test MSE = 185.9948

Ridge Coefficients

