

BSC04

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Improve the stochastic gradient descent function.

```
sgd.lm <- function(X, y, beta.init, n.samples = 1, tol = 1e-05, max.iter = 100) {  
  n <- length(y)  
  beta.old <- beta.init  
  J <- betas <- list()  
  sto.sample <- sample(1:n, n.samples, replace = TRUE)  
  alpha <- best.alpha(X, y, beta.old,sto.sample)  
  # print(alpha)  
  betas[[1]] <- beta.old  
  J[[1]] <- sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.old)  
  beta.new <- beta.old - alpha * sgd.lm.cost.grad(X[sto.sample, ], y[sto.sample],  
    beta.old)  
  betas[[2]] <- beta.new  
  J[[2]] <- sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.new)  
  iter <- 0
```

```

n.best <- 0
while ((abs(sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.new) - sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.old)) > tol) & (iter +
  2 < max.iter)) {
  beta.old <- beta.new
  sto.sample <- sample(1:n, n.samples, replace = TRUE)
  alpha <- best.alpha(X, y, beta.old,sto.sample)
  # print(alpha)
  beta.new <- beta.old - alpha * sgd.lm.cost.grad(X[sto.sample, ], y[sto.sample],
    beta.old)
  iter <- iter + 1
  betas[[iter + 2]] <- beta.new
  J[[iter + 2]] <- sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.new)
}
if (abs(sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.new) - sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.old)) > tol) {
  cat("Could not converge. \n")
} else {
  cat("Converged. \n")
  cat("Iterated", iter + 1, "times.", "\n")
  cat("Coef: ", beta.new, "\n")
  return(list(coef = betas, cost = J, niter = iter + 1))
}
}

## Make the cost function
sgd.lm.cost <- function(X, y, beta) {
  n <- length(y)
  if (!is.matrix(X)) {
    X <- matrix(X, nrow = 1)
  }
  loss <- sum((X %*% beta - y)^2)/(2 * n)
  return(loss)
}

## Calculate the gradient
sgd.lm.cost.grad <- function(X, y, beta) {
  n <- length(y)
  if (!is.matrix(X)) {
    X <- matrix(X, nrow = 1)
  }
}

```

```
t(X) %*% (X %*% beta - y)/n
}
```

During the regression progress, I found that the initial learning ratio $\alpha = 0.5$ is not suitable for “bodyfat” dataset. The `sgd.lm()` function yield such error information:

It seems that the value of α do matters a lot. Here I coded a function to determine the best α automatically, in effort to avoid such error occurring again.

```
best.alpha <- function(X, y, beta.old,sto.sample){
  alpha <- optim(0.1, function(alpha) {
    sgd.lm.cost(X, y, beta.old - alpha * sgd.lm.cost.grad(X[sto.sample, ], y[sto.sample],
      beta.old)), lower=0,upper=1,method = "L-BFGS-B")
  if (alpha$convergence == 0) {
    alpha <- alpha$par
  } else {
    alpha <- 0.1
  }
  if(alpha<0.01){
    alpha <- 0.01
  }
  return(alpha)
}
```

Variable Selection.

Import the “BAS” package which contains the dataset “bodyfat”.

```
if (!requireNamespace("BAS", quietly = TRUE)) install.packages("BAS")
library(BAS)
```

```
## Warning:  程辑包 'BAS' 是用R版本4.3.2 来建造的
```

```
data(bodyfat)
head(bodyfat,3)
```

```
##   Density Bodyfat Age Weight Height Neck Chest Abdomen  Hip Thigh Knee Ankle
## 1  1.0708   12.3  23 154.25  67.75 36.2  93.1    85.2 94.5  59.0 37.3  21.9
## 2  1.0853    6.1  22 173.25  72.25 38.5  93.6    83.0 98.7  58.7 37.3  23.4
```

```
## 3  1.0414    25.3  22 154.00  66.25 34.0  95.8    87.9 99.2  59.6 38.9  24.0
##   Biceps Forearm Wrist
## 1   32.0    27.4  17.1
## 2   30.5    28.9  18.2
## 3   28.8    25.2  16.6
```

Pre-modelling on dataset “bodyfat”. Select significant variables by using `lm()` and Backward Selection.

```
bod <- scale(bodyfat[,-c(1,2)])
bod <- as.data.frame(cbind(Bodyfat=bodyfat$Bodyfat,bod))
lm.fit <- lm(Bodyfat ~.,data=bod)
lm.step<-step(lm.fit,direction = "backward")
```

```
## Start:  AIC=749.36
## Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Height + Neck + Chest + Abdomen + Hip +
##   Thigh + Knee + Ankle + Biceps + Forearm + Wrist
##
##           Df Sum of Sq   RSS   AIC
## - Knee      1      0.07 4411.5 747.36
## - Chest      1      1.07 4412.5 747.42
## - Height     1      9.74 4421.2 747.91
## - Ankle      1     11.44 4422.9 748.01
## - Biceps     1     20.87 4432.3 748.55
## <none>                4411.4 749.36
## - Hip        1     37.50 4448.9 749.49
## - Thigh      1     49.58 4461.0 750.17
## - Weight     1     50.61 4462.1 750.23
## - Age        1     68.26 4479.7 751.23
## - Neck       1     75.96 4487.4 751.66
## - Forearm    1     95.51 4507.0 752.76
## - Wrist      1    170.12 4581.6 756.89
## - Abdomen    1    2260.95 6672.4 851.63
##
## Step:  AIC=747.36
## Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Height + Neck + Chest + Abdomen + Hip +
##   Thigh + Ankle + Biceps + Forearm + Wrist
##
##           Df Sum of Sq   RSS   AIC
## - Chest      1      1.13 4412.7 745.43
```

VARIABLE SELECTION.

```

## - Height 1 9.66 4421.2 745.91
## - Ankle 1 12.09 4423.6 746.05
## - Biceps 1 20.81 4432.3 746.55
## <none> 4411.5 747.36
## - Hip 1 37.43 4448.9 747.49
## - Weight 1 53.08 4464.6 748.38
## - Thigh 1 54.88 4466.4 748.48
## - Age 1 74.06 4485.6 749.56
## - Neck 1 78.44 4490.0 749.80
## - Forearm 1 96.77 4508.3 750.83
## - Wrist 1 170.55 4582.1 754.92
## - Abdomen 1 2269.88 6681.4 849.97
##
## Step: AIC=745.43
## Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Height + Neck + Abdomen + Hip + Thigh +
## Ankle + Biceps + Forearm + Wrist
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## - Height 1 8.68 4421.3 743.92
## - Ankle 1 12.41 4425.1 744.13
## - Biceps 1 20.12 4432.8 744.57
## <none> 4412.7 745.43
## - Hip 1 36.30 4449.0 745.49
## - Thigh 1 60.09 4472.7 746.83
## - Weight 1 70.84 4483.5 747.44
## - Age 1 73.84 4486.5 747.61
## - Neck 1 79.48 4492.1 747.93
## - Forearm 1 95.64 4508.3 748.83
## - Wrist 1 169.98 4582.6 752.95
## - Abdomen 1 2879.44 7292.1 870.01
##
## Step: AIC=743.92
## Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Neck + Abdomen + Hip + Thigh + Ankle +
## Biceps + Forearm + Wrist
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## - Ankle 1 13.3 4434.6 742.68
## - Biceps 1 22.4 4443.7 743.19
## - Hip 1 30.4 4451.8 743.65

```

VARIABLE SELECTION.

```

## <none>                4421.3 743.92
## - Thigh      1         68.8 4490.1 745.81
## - Neck       1         77.1 4498.4 746.27
## - Age        1         81.3 4502.6 746.51
## - Forearm    1         98.1 4519.4 747.45
## - Weight     1        119.6 4540.9 748.65
## - Wrist      1        181.3 4602.6 752.05
## - Abdomen   1       3178.5 7599.9 878.43
##
## Step:  AIC=742.68
## Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Neck + Abdomen + Hip + Thigh + Biceps +
##      Forearm + Wrist
##
##           Df Sum of Sq   RSS   AIC
## - Biceps   1         20.7 4455.3 741.85
## - Hip      1         31.7 4466.4 742.47
## <none>                4434.6 742.68
## - Thigh   1         72.3 4506.9 744.75
## - Age     1         77.6 4512.2 745.05
## - Neck    1         87.3 4521.9 745.59
## - Forearm 1         97.4 4532.0 746.15
## - Weight  1        107.2 4541.8 746.69
## - Wrist   1        168.0 4602.6 750.05
## - Abdomen 1       3182.0 7616.7 876.98
##
## Step:  AIC=741.85
## Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Neck + Abdomen + Hip + Thigh + Forearm +
##      Wrist
##
##           Df Sum of Sq   RSS   AIC
## <none>                4455.3 741.85
## - Hip      1         36.5 4491.8 741.91
## - Neck     1         79.1 4534.4 744.29
## - Age      1         83.8 4539.1 744.55
## - Weight   1         93.0 4548.3 745.05
## - Thigh    1        100.7 4556.0 745.48
## - Forearm  1        140.5 4595.8 747.67
## - Wrist    1        166.8 4622.2 749.12
## - Abdomen  1       3163.0 7618.3 875.04

```

Now we obtained the model: $\text{Bodyfat} \sim \text{Age} + \text{Weight} + \text{Neck} + \text{Abdomen} + \text{Hip} + \text{Thigh} + \text{Forearm} + \text{Wrist}$.

Linear regression using stochastic gradient descent method.

```
summary(lm.step)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Bodyfat ~ Age + Weight + Neck + Abdomen + Hip +
##     Thigh + Forearm + Wrist, data = bod)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -10.9757  -2.9937  -0.1644   2.9766  10.2244
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  19.1508     0.2697  70.999 < 2e-16 ***
## Age           0.8290     0.3878   2.137  0.03356 *
## Weight       -2.6407     1.1728  -2.252  0.02524 *
## Neck         -1.1342     0.5460  -2.077  0.03884 *
## Abdomen      10.1880     0.7757  13.134 < 2e-16 ***
## Hip          -1.4001     0.9920  -1.411  0.15940
## Thigh         1.5875     0.6775   2.343  0.01992 *
## Forearm       1.0421     0.3765   2.768  0.00607 **
## Wrist        -1.4346     0.4756  -3.017  0.00283 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.282 on 243 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.7466, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7382
## F-statistic: 89.47 on 8 and 243 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Performing regression on the model above using the Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) method.

```

y <- as.matrix(bod$Bodyfat)
x <- scale(bod[,c(2,3,5,7,8,9,13,14)])
X <- as.matrix(cbind(intercept=1,x))
init <- rep(0,ncol(X))
sgd.bodyfat <- sgd.lm(X, y, beta.init = init, tol = 1e-05, max.iter = 10000)

```

```

## Converged.
## Iterated 1513 times.
## Coef:  19.21415  0.8997107 -0.875843 -1.301384  9.551706 -1.535313  0.7551379  0.9921229 -1.538117

```

The results yielded by SGD are close to those obtained by `lm()`.

Ploting the regression progress.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```

## Warning: 程辑包'tidyverse'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的
## Warning: 程辑包'ggplot2'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的
## Warning: 程辑包'readr'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的
## Warning: 程辑包'purrr'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的
## Warning: 程辑包'dplyr'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的
## Warning: 程辑包'forcats'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的
## Warning: 程辑包'lubridate'是用R版本4.3.1 来建造的

## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr      1.1.3      v readr      2.1.4
## v forcats   1.0.0      v stringr   1.5.0
## v ggplot2   3.4.4      v tibble    3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3      v tidyr     1.3.0
## v purrr     1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become

```



```
library(reshape2)
```

```
## Warning: 程辑包 'reshape2' 是用R版本4.3.2 来建造的
```

```
##
```

```
## 载入程辑包: 'reshape2'
```

```
##
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
```

```
##
```

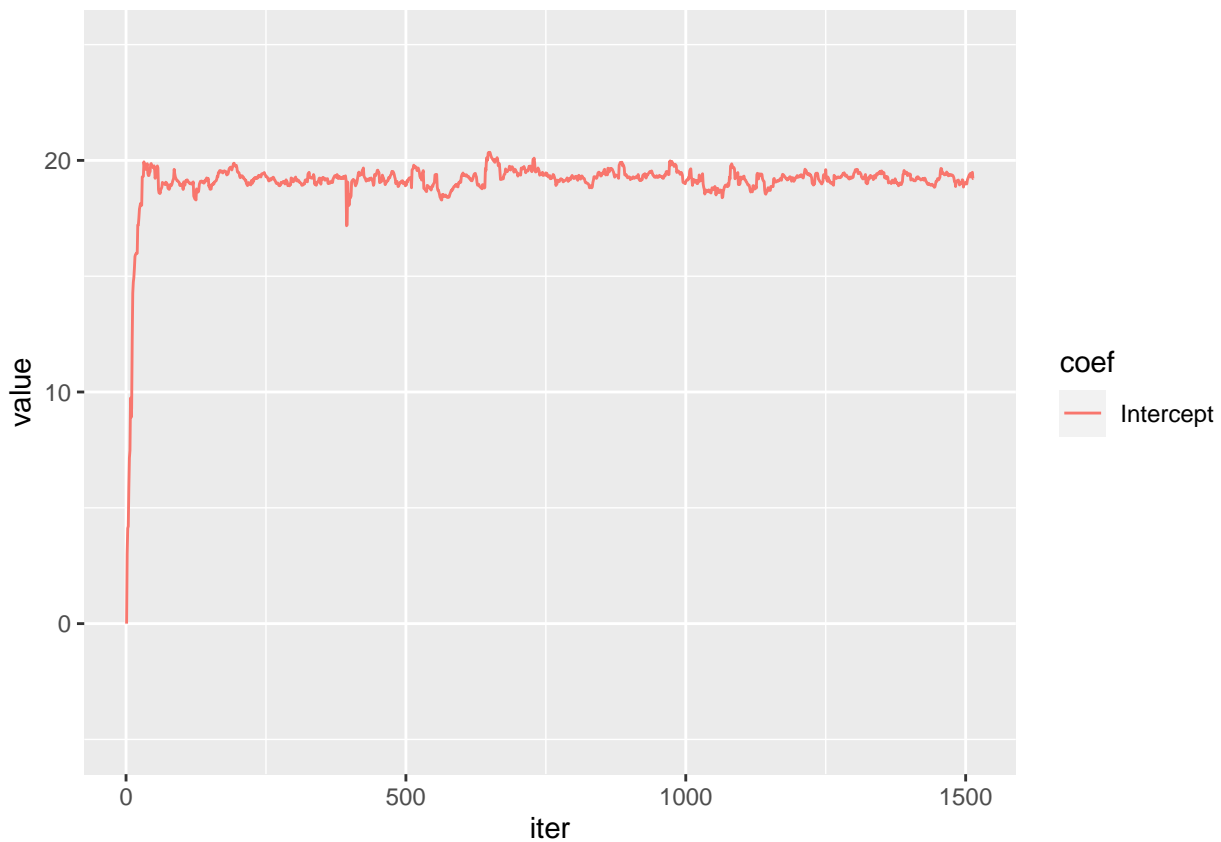
```
## smiths
```

```
beta <- as.data.frame(t(do.call(cbind, sgd.bodyfat$coef)))
```

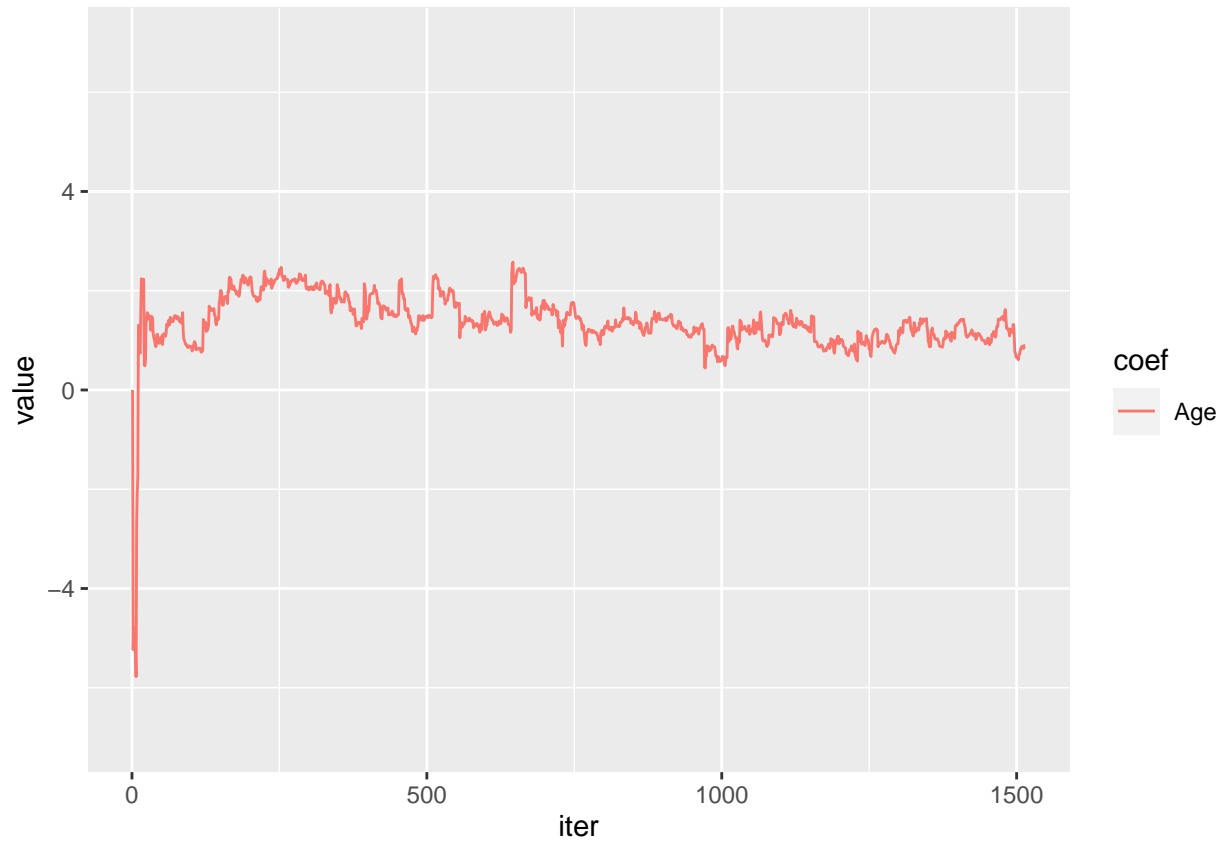
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Intercept=V1) %>% mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
```

```
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
```

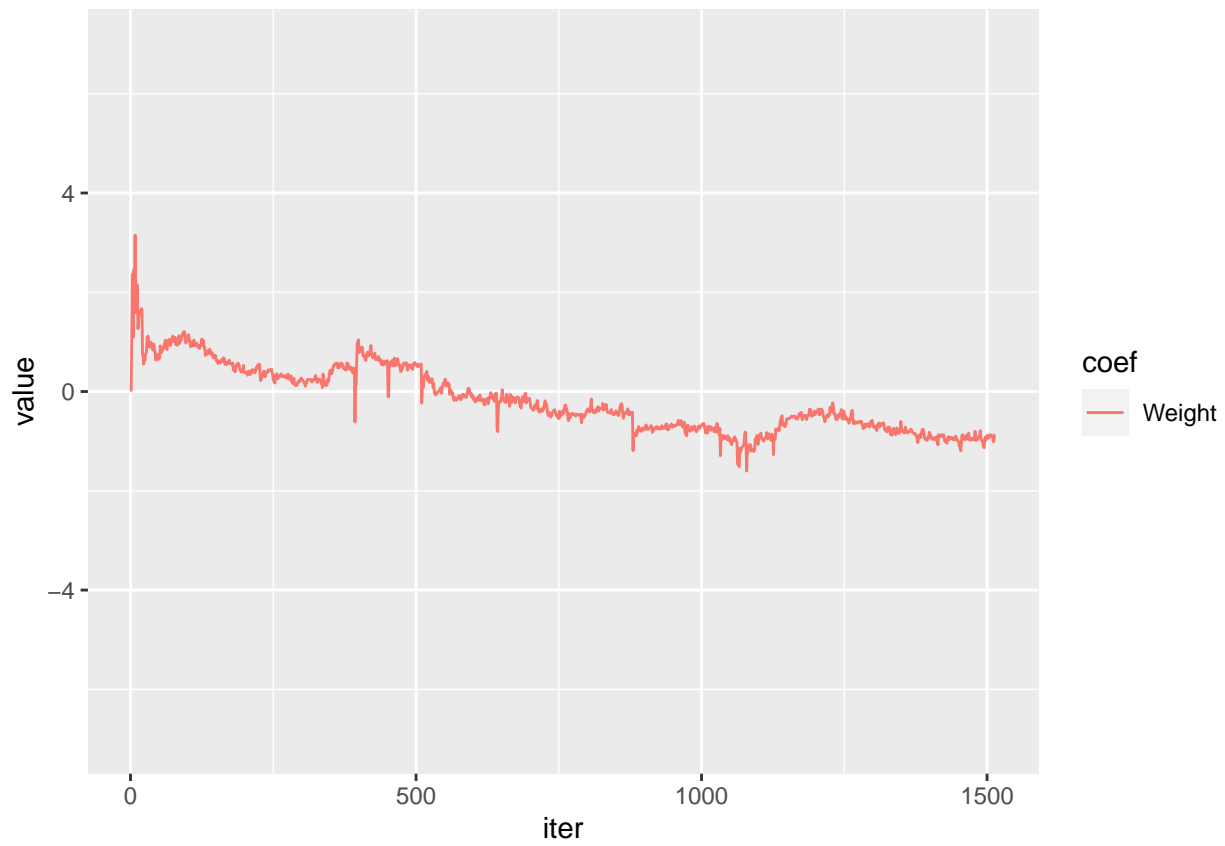
```
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-5, 25))
```



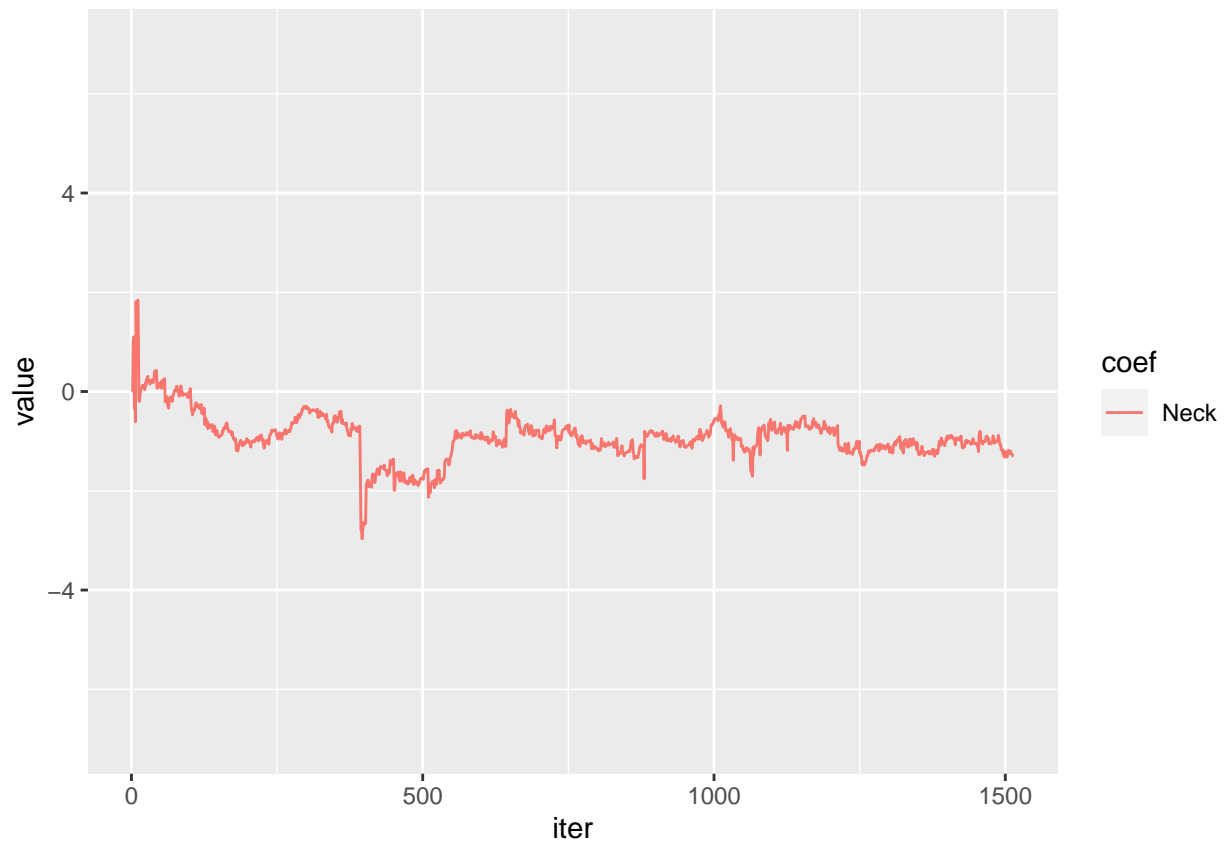
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Age=V2) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```



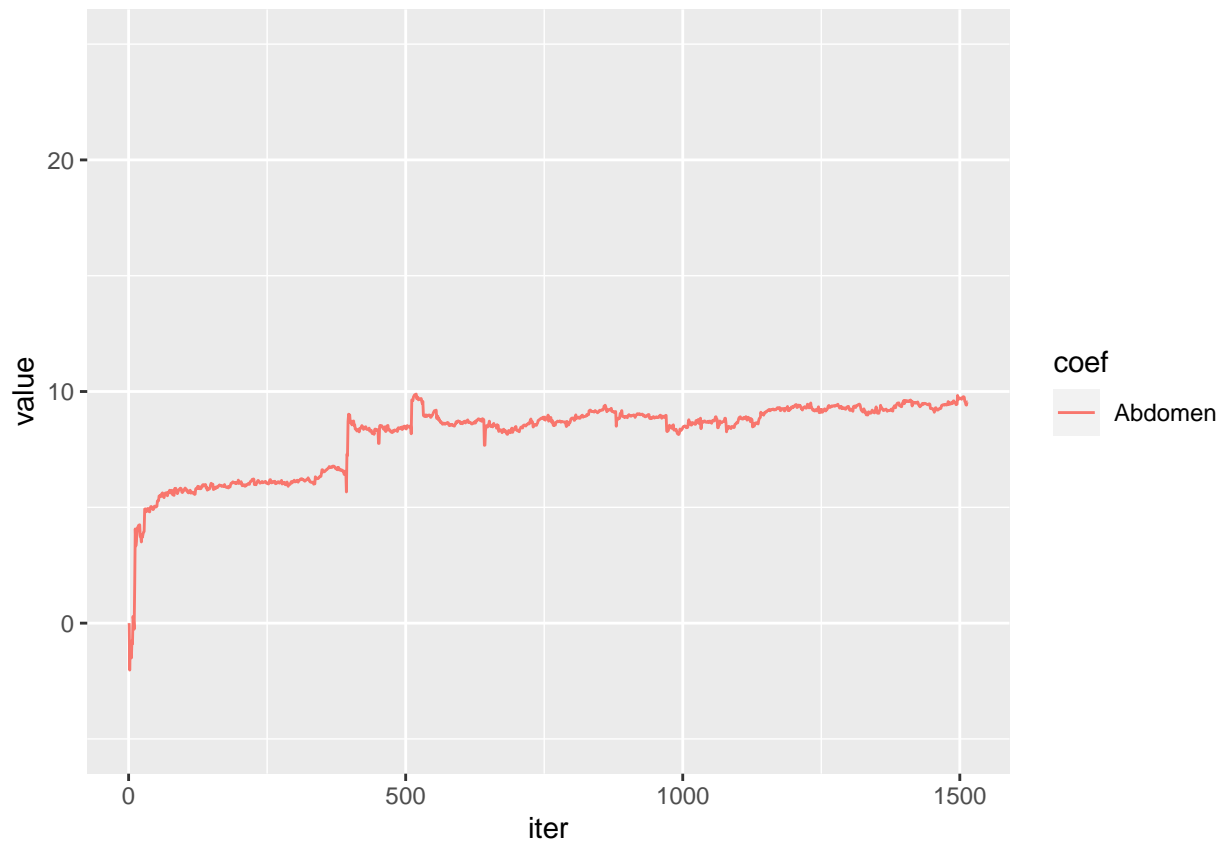
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Weight=V3) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```



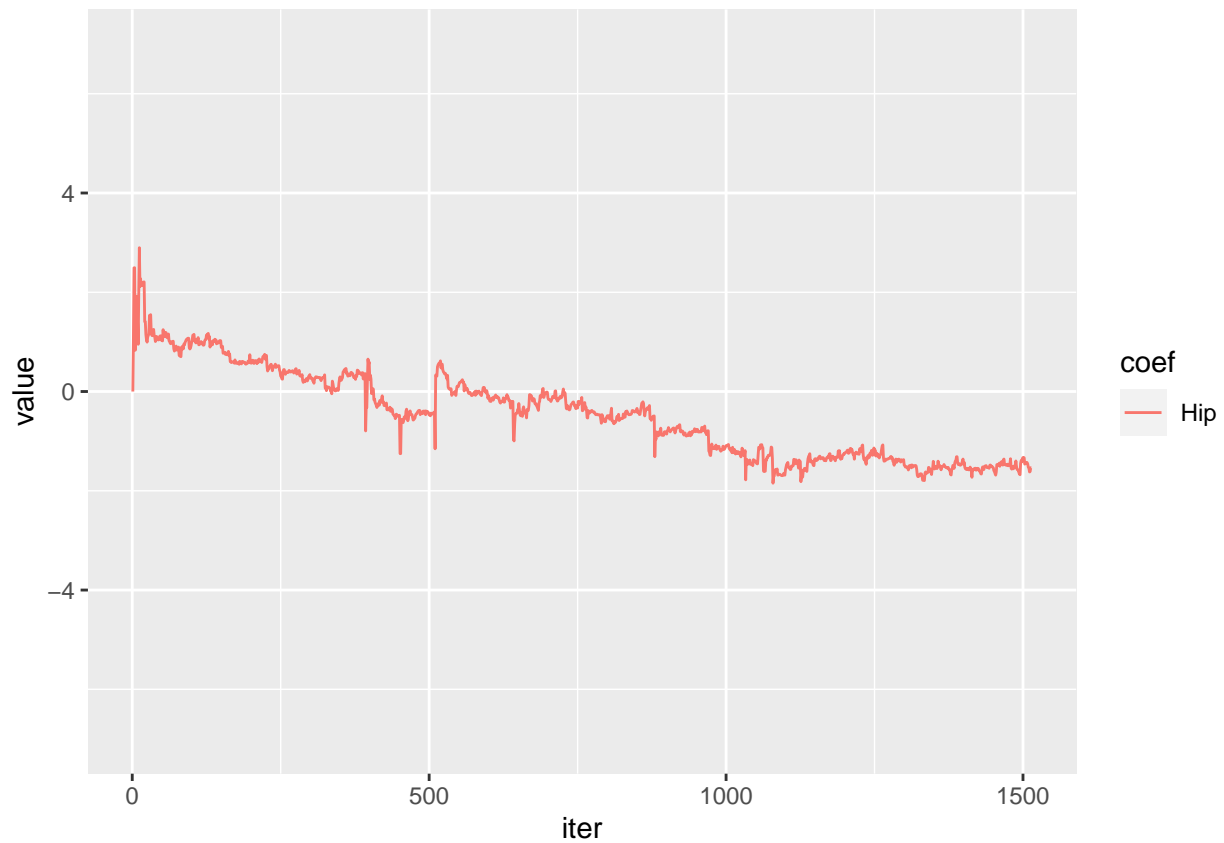
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Neck=V4) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```



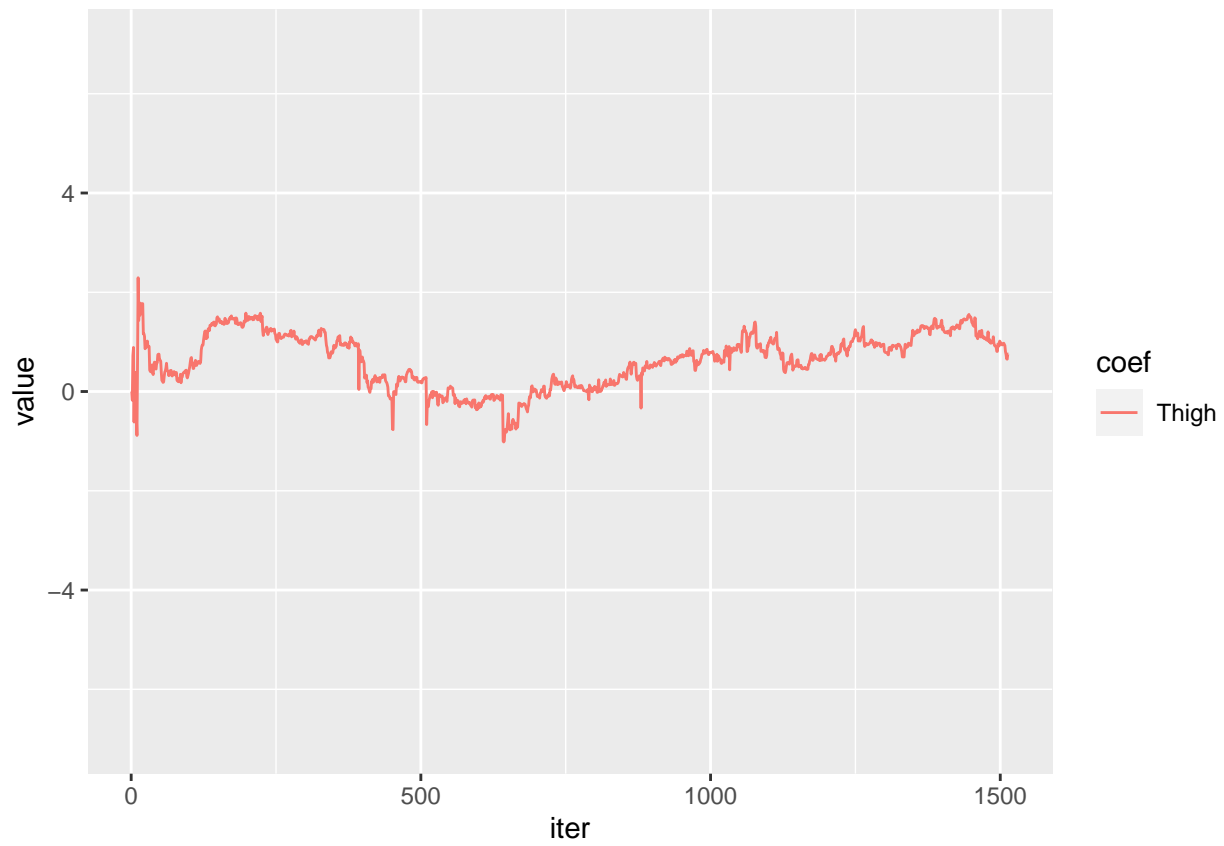
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Abdomen=V5) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-5, 25))
```



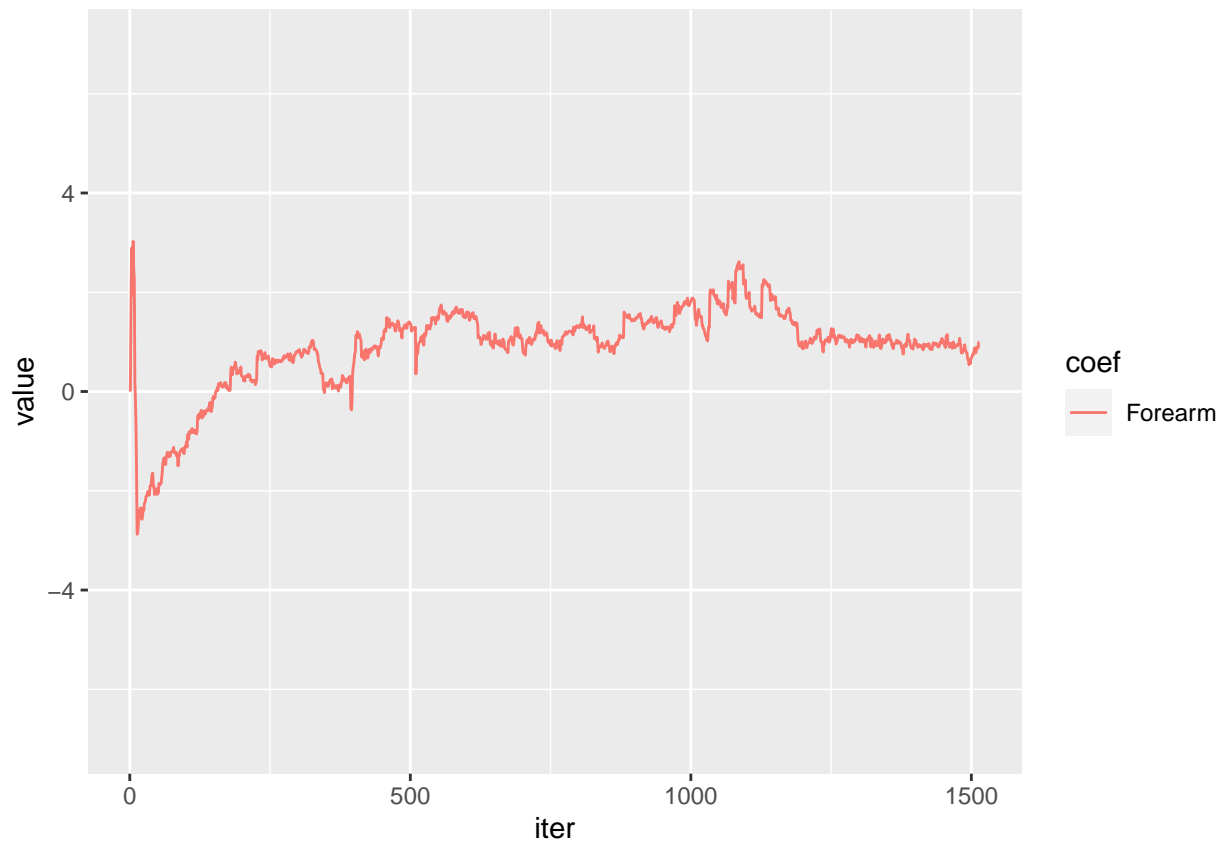
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Hip=V6) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```



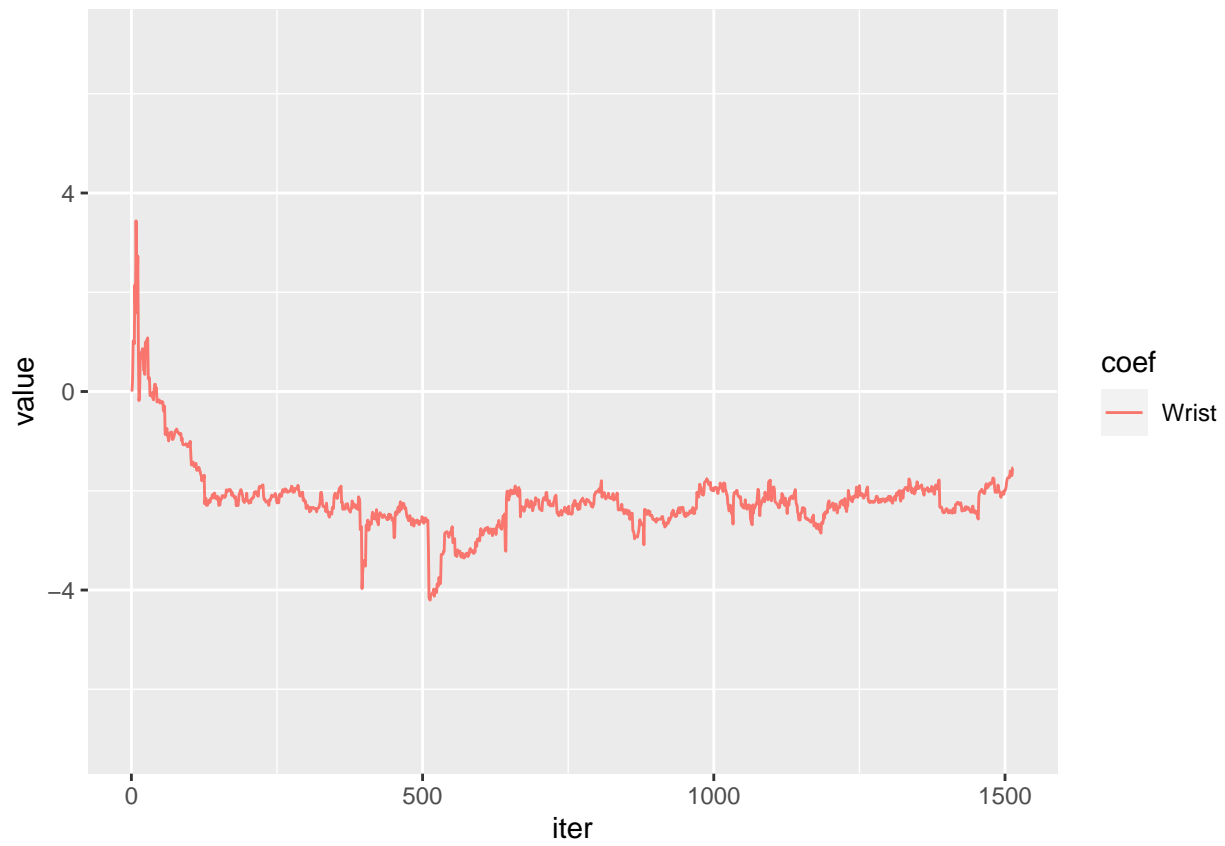
```
betas <- beta %>% select(Thigh=V7) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```



```
betas <- beta %>% select(Forearm=V8) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))  
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")  
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```



```
betas <- beta %>% select(Wrist=V9) %>%mutate(iter = 1:nrow(beta))
betas <- melt(betas, id.vars = "iter", variable.name = "coef")
ggplot(betas, aes(iter, value)) + geom_line(aes(colour = coef)) + ylim(c(-7, 7))
```

Although the trace plots of SGD are not smooth, the coefficient eventually fluctuates between the overall sample estimates.