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Machine Learning Lab Quality Laboratory Manual

Experiment No. 4

Study and Implementation of Multi-class Classification



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Title of Experiment: To study and implement Multi-class Classification

Aim of Experiment: To implement and understand the working of Logistic Regression, a statistical method used for binary classification problems in Machine Learning

System Requirements – Win 8 and above OS, 4GB RAM, 2.33 GHz Processor

Software/s Needed for Experiment – Jupyter Notebook/ Anaconda Navigator/ Google Colaboratory/ Spyder, Python 3.x [With libraries such as Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib and Scikit-Learn]

Experiment Outcomes –

- 1. Understand the principles and fundamentals of multi-class classification
- 2. Gain insights into how multi-class classification fits into the broader landscape of Machine Learning models
- 3. Able to evaluate the performance of multi-class classification model using appropriate metrics
- 4. Extend the possibilities to handle multi-class classification problems with logistic regression, support vector machines (SVM), etc...

Theory -

Multiclass classification is a classification task with more than two classes and makes the assumption that an object can only receive one classification. A common example requiring multiclass classification would be labeling a set of fruit images that includes oranges, apples and pears

A classification task with more than two classes, e.g., classifying a set of fruit images that may be oranges, apples or pears. Multiclass classification makes the assumption that each sample is assigned to one and only one label. A fruit can be either an apple or a pear but not both at the same time

Multi-class classification is the classification technique that allows us to categorize the test data into multiple class labels present in trained data as a model prediction.

Using Logistic Regression with the one-vs-rest (OvR) approach, where the model fits a separate binary classifier for each class. Another common approach is softmax regression, which generalizes logistic regression to multi-class problems

The logistic function for multi-class classification is –

$$P(y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)}}$$

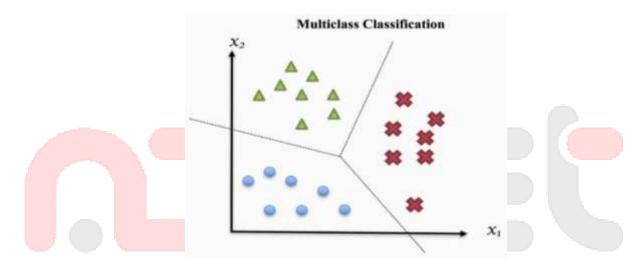
Where;

P(y=1) is the probability that the dependent variable y equals 1 β_0 is the intercept

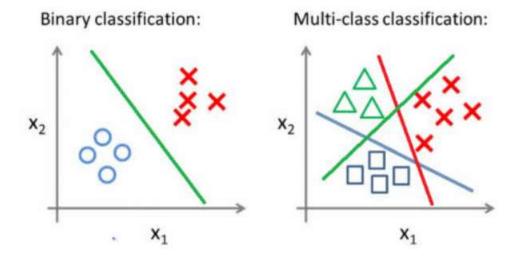
 $\beta_1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_n$ are the coefficients for the independent variables $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$

There are mainly two types of multi-class classification techniques –

- One vs. All (one-vs-rest)
- One vs. One



Binary Classification v/s Multi-class Classification –



Binary Classification –

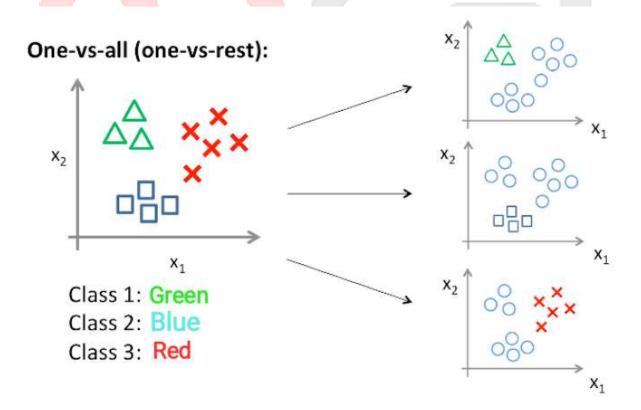
- Only two class instances are present in the dataset.
- It requires only one classifier model.
- Confusion Matrix is easy to derive and understand.
- Example Check email is spam or not, predicting gender based on height and weight

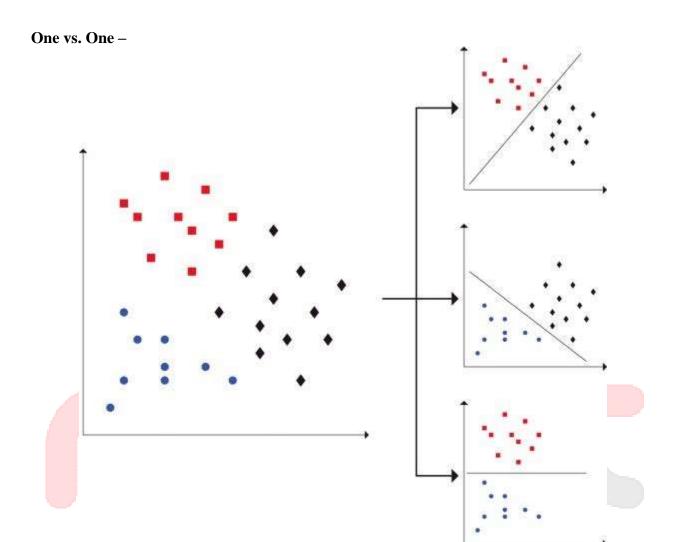
Multi-class Classification –

- Multiple class labels are present in the dataset.
- The number of classifier models depends on the classification technique we are applying
- One vs. All N-class instances then N binary classifier models
- One vs. One N-class instances then N* (N-1)/2 binary classifier models
- The Confusion matrix is easy to derive but complex to understand.
- Example Check whether the fruit is apple, banana, or orange.

One vs. All (One-v/s-Rest) -

In one-vs-All classification, for the N-class instances dataset, we have to generate the Nbinary classifier models. The number of class labels present in the dataset and the number of generated binary classifiers must be the same





The N-class instances dataset, we have to generate the N^* (N-1)/2 binary classifier models. Using this classification approach, we split the primary dataset into one dataset for each class opposite to every other class.

We divide this problem into $N^* (N-1)/2 = 3$ binary classifier problems:

Classifier 1: Green vs. Blue

Classifier 2: Green vs. Red

Classifier 3: Blue vs. Red

Each binary classifier predicts one class label. When we input the test data to the classifier, then the model with the majority counts is concluded as a result.

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Procedure to implement Logistic Regression:

1. Data Collection: Obtain a dataset suitable for multi-class classification. A dataset such as Iris, which classifies iris flowers into three species – Setosa, Versicolour and Virginica

2. Data Preprocessing:

- a. Load the dataset into a Pandas DataFrame.
- b. Handle missing values, outliers, and encode categorical variables if necessary.
- c. Normalize or standardize the data if needed.
- **3.** Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Visualize relationships between the dependent and independent variables using scatter plots and correlation matrices.
- **4. Splitting the Data:** Split the dataset into training and test sets to evaluate the model's performance.

5. Implementing Multi-class Classification:

- a. Use the Scikit-learn library to implement a multi-class classification model.
- b. Train the model using the training data.

6. Model Prediction:

- a. Use the trained model to make predictions on the test data.
- b. Generate a confusion matrix and classification report to assess accuracy

7. Model Evaluation: Evaluate the model using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score for each class and the overall weighted average

Sample Code:

1. One v/s One -

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelBinarizer

y = np.array(['apple','pear','apple','orange'])
y_dense = LabelBinarizer().fit_transform(y)
print(y_dense)

from scipy import sparse
y_sparse = sparse.csr_matrix(y_dense)
print(y sparse)
```

2. One v/s Rest -

```
from sklearn import datasets
from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier
from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC

X, y = datasets.load_iris(return_X_y=True)
OneVsRestClassifier(LinearSVC(random_state=0)).fit(X,y).predict(X)
```

Observations -

- Record the predicted classes for the test data
- Observe the performance of the model using the confusion matrix and classification report

Conclusion -

Hence, the model summarizes the findings from the experiment, such as classifying iris species

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Expected Oral Questions –

- 1. What is multi-class classification?
- 2. How does multi-class classification differ from binary classification?
- 3. What are some common algorithms used for multi-class classification?
- 4. Explain the difference between one-vs-rest (OvR) and one-vs-one (OvO) strategies in multi-class classification
- 5. How do interpret the output probabilities in a multi-class classification model?
- 6. What is confusion matrix in the context of multi-class classification, and how is it different from the binary case?
- 7. What are precision, recall, F1-score in the context of multi-class classification and how are they calculated for each class?
- 8. Explain the concept of class imbalance and how it affects multi-class classification
- 9. How do you evaluate the performance of a multi-class classification model?
- 10. State a basic example for multi-class classification?

FAQ's in Interview –

- 1. When would you use multi-class classification in a real-world application?
- 2. How does a classification algorithm learn from data?
- 3. How would you handle categorical features in a classification problem?
- 4. How do you evaluate the performance of a classification model?
- 5. What are the common classification algorithms?