

Classification

- response is categorical (discrete)(categories = groups = classes)
- k-class problems ($Y \in 1 \dots k$)

Logistic Regression (two-class)

- Model: $P(Y=1|X=x) = \frac{e^{x^T \beta}}{1+e^{x^T \beta}}$.
- β is estimated via MLE. (Optimizing: Newton-Raphson) (Iterated reweighted least Squares) (No analytical solution for the β estimate).
- Linear decision boundaries.
- Does not have any normality assumptions.

Multinomial (k-class) Logistic Regression

- Model:

$$\log \frac{P(Y = k|X = x)}{P(Y = K|X = x)} = x^T \beta_k$$

Linear Discriminant Analysis (parametric)

- Model:
likelihood:

$$X|Y = k \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma)$$

prior probabilities:

$$\pi_k = P(Y = k)$$

(Use Bayes rule)

posterior probabilities:

$$P(Y = k|X = x) = \frac{\pi_k f_k(x)}{\sum_{l=1}^k \pi_l f_l(x)}$$

$f(x)$: MVN density function (μ_k, Σ_k) at x

- Estimation:

$$\hat{\pi}_k = \text{obs prop for class } k = \frac{n_k}{n}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \text{obs } k^{th} \text{ group mean} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i, y_i=k} X_i$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \text{pooled within-group cov matrix} = \frac{n_1-1}{n-K} \hat{\Sigma}_1 + \dots + \frac{n_K-1}{n-K} \hat{\Sigma}_K$$

- linear decision boundaries (discriminant function/ score, check the slides) (To find Decision boundary, $\Delta_k(x) = \Delta_l(x)$ for all $k \neq l$)
- require normality assumption
- Assume common within - group covariance matrix

Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (parametric)

- Model:

$$X|Y = k \sim N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

$$\pi_k = P(Y = k)$$

- quadratic decision boundaries
- require normality assumption
- diff cov matrix for each group

KNN (Non-parametric)

- Idea: Find the k nearest observations in the training data and do a majority vote. (k is a hyper-parameter, tuned via cross validation)
- Model-free! (No distributional assumption on the data)
- Standardization of predictors are highly recommended! (Why? Most distance measures (eg, Euclidean distance) are affected by the scale of predictors. — give large weights to large scale (magnitude) predictors)

Decision Tree (Non-parametric)

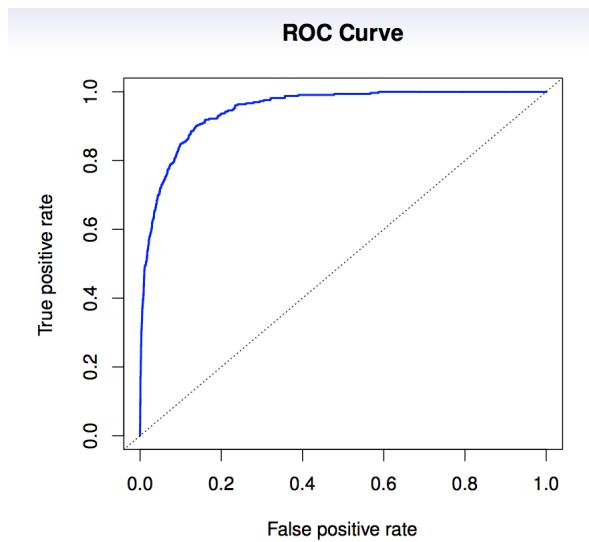
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Performance Metric

- Accuracy = number of correct predictions / number of predictions. (error/misclassification rate = 1 - accuracy)
 - Issues:
 1. class imbalance (e.g, 99% of data belong to class 1) (The trivial classifier that predicts all obs to be 1 regardless of the predictors achieves 99% accuracy).
 2. Different types of errors might carry a different cost. (Confusion matrix deals with it)
- Confusion matrix (K x K): k class, ij-th entry = number of observations s.t. actual class = i and predicted class = j.

Roc Curve

A more comprehensive view of the classifier's performance (without restricting to a particular threshold).



Real Line: generated by changing the thresholds in the classification rules.

Dash Line: theoretical performance of a random classifier.

Perfect classifier is the horizontal line at 1.

$TPR = TP / P = \text{sensitivity}$.

$FPR = FP / N = 1 - \text{specificity} = 1 - TN / N$.

AUC = area under roc curve = prob that a randomly chosen +.instance has higher ranking/score than a randomly chosen -.instance