

COMP9417 – Machine Learning

Tutorial: Regression II

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Question 1.

- (a) Assume that $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$, $X = (X_1, X_2 \dots X_n)$

Then we need to calculate the maximum value of θ

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \log L(\theta)$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \log L(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \log \prod_{i=1}^n P_{\theta}(X_i)$$

$$\text{Because } P_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \log \prod_{i=1}^n P_{\theta}(X_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta}(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \left(-\frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \hat{\mu}_{MLE} &= \arg \max_{\mu} \log L(\theta) = \arg \max_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \arg \min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) = \arg \min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \bar{X}$$

$$\widehat{\sigma^2}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\sigma} \log L(\theta) = \arg \max_{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (X_i - \mu)^2\right)$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (X_i - \mu)^2\right)}{\partial \sigma} = 0 \quad \text{Then } \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\text{Then } \widehat{\sigma^2}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \hat{\mu}_{MLE})^2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \dots\dots \textcircled{1} \quad \widehat{\sigma^2}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \hat{\mu}_{MLE})^2 \dots\dots \textcircled{2}$$

Because neither equation ① and ② contains σ^2

Therefore, $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, 1)$ gives exactly the same answer as solving the original problem.

- (b) Because $P(X = k) = P^k(1 - p)^{1-k} \quad k = 0, 1 \quad p \in [0, 1]$

$$\text{Then } P_{\theta}(X) = p^X(1 - p)^{1-X} \quad X = 0, 1 \quad p \in [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{p}_{MLE} &= \arg \max_p \log L(p) = \arg \max_p \log \prod_{i=0}^n p_i^X (1-p)^{1-X_i} \\
&= \arg \max_p \sum_{i=0}^n \log [p_i^X (1-p)^{1-X_i}] = \arg \max_p \sum_{i=0}^n \log [X_i \log p + (1-X_i) \log(1-p)] \\
\text{Let } \frac{\partial L(p)}{\partial p} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \left[\frac{X_i}{p} + \frac{1-X_i}{p-1} \right] = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{p-X_i}{p(p-1)} = 0 \\
\text{Then } \hat{p}_{MLE} &= \sum_{i=0}^n X_i
\end{aligned}$$

Question 3.

(a) Because $y|x \sim N(x^T \beta, \sigma^2)$

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - x^T \beta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\text{Then } \log L(\beta) = \sum_{i=0}^n \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \frac{(X_i - x^T \beta)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then } \hat{\beta}_{MLE} &= \arg \max_{\beta} \log L(\beta) = \arg \max_{\beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \left(-\frac{(X_i - x^T \beta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \\
&= \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{(X_i - x^T \beta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=0}^n (X_i - x^T \beta)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{\partial \sum_{i=0}^n (X_i - x^T \beta)^2}{\partial \beta} = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{\beta}_{MLE} = -2n \sum_{i=0}^n X_i x$$