

COMP 540 HW 3
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1: MAP and MLE parameter estimation

1. Estimate for θ using MLE

Solution. The maximum likelihood estimation of D given θ is that

$$MLE = l(D|\theta) = p(x^{(i)}) = \prod_i^m \theta^{x^{(i)}} (1 - \theta)^{1-x^{(i)}}$$

take the NLL of MLE

$$NLL = -\sum_i^m [x^{(i)} \log \theta + (1 - x^{(i)}) \log(1 - \theta)]$$

take the derivative of NLL and make it equal to zero

$$\frac{\partial NLL}{\partial \theta} = -\sum_i^m [x^{(i)} \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{1}{(1 - \theta)} (1 - x^{(i)})] = 0$$

by computing this equation, we can get θ_{MLE}

$$\theta_{MLE} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_i^m x^{(i)}$$

2. Compare the MAP and MLE estimates of θ

Solution. If we add a conjugate prior and use both the D and this prior to make a estimation of θ , we can have this

$$\begin{aligned} MAP &= l(D|\theta) \text{Beta}(D|a, b) \\ &= [\prod_i^m \theta^{x^{(i)}} (1 - \theta)^{1-x^{(i)}}] \theta^{a-1} (1 - \theta)^{b-1} \end{aligned}$$

take the derivative of θ and make it equal to zero, we can get θ_{MAP}

$$\theta_{MAP} = \frac{\sum_i^m x^{(i)} + a + 1}{m + a + b - 2}$$

if $a = b = 1$ then

$$\theta_{MAP} = \theta_{MLE} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_i^m x^{(i)}$$

2: Logistic regression and Gaussian Naive Bayes

1. For logistic regression, what is the posterior probability for each class, i.e., $P(y = 1|x)$ and $P(y = 0|x)$? Write the expression in terms of the parameter θ and the sigmoid function.

Solution.

$$P(y = 1|x) = h_{\theta}(X) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T X}}$$

$$P(y = 0|x) = 1 - h_{\theta}(X) = \frac{e^{-\theta^T X}}{1 + e^{-\theta^T X}}$$

2. Derive the posterior probabilities for each class

Solution. The Gaussian distribution and Bernoulli distribution that we assume

$$P(y = 1) = \gamma$$

$$p(x_j|y = 1) = N(\mu_j^1, \sigma_j^2)$$

$$P(x_j|; y = 0) = N(\mu_j^0, \sigma_j^2)$$

Naïve Bayes model

$$p(x|y) = \prod_j^d P(x_j|y)$$

Bayes rule

$$P(y = 1|x) = \frac{P(y = 1)P(x|y = 1)}{\sum P(y = i)P(x|y = i)}$$

so these are what we can use now, then we will derive the posterior probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} p(y = 1|x) &= \frac{P(y = 1)P(x|y = 1)}{P(y = 0)P(x|y = 0) + P(y = 1)P(x|y = 1)} \\ &= \frac{\gamma \prod_{j=1}^d N(\mu_j^1, \sigma_j^2)}{\gamma \prod_{j=1}^d N(\mu_j^1, \sigma_j^2) + (1 - \gamma) \prod_{j=1}^d N(\mu_j^0, \sigma_j^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma} \prod_{j=1}^d \exp(\frac{(x_j - \mu_j^1)^2 - (x_j - \mu_j^0)^2}{2\sigma_j^2})} \end{aligned}$$

the probability $P(y = 0|x)$ can be derived using the same method or just subtract it from 1.

3. part 3

Solution. Class 1 and class 0 are equally likely, that means $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ the probability equation can be written as

$$P(y = 1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma} \prod_{j=1}^d \exp(\frac{(x_j - \mu_j^1)^2 - (x_j - \mu_j^0)^2}{2\sigma_j^2})}$$

if we set $\mu_j^0 = -\mu_j^1$ then we have

$$P(y = 1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + \prod_{j=1}^d e^{(\frac{2x_j\mu_j^0}{\sigma_j^2})}}$$

obviously it has the same form as logistic regression, if we see in this way

$$\theta = [\frac{2\mu_1^0}{\sigma_1^2}, \frac{2\mu_2^0}{\sigma_2^2}, \dots, \frac{2\mu_d^0}{\sigma_d^2}]^T$$

$$X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d]^T$$

the equation can be rewritten using θ and X

$$P(y = 1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T X}}$$

3: Reject option in classifiers

4: Kernelizing k-nearest neighbors

5: Constructing kernels

1. $k(x, x') = Ck_1(x, x')$

Solution.

$$Ck_1(x, x') = C\Phi_1(x)^T \Phi_1(x') = (\sqrt{C}\Phi_1(x)^T)(\sqrt{C}\Phi_1(x')^T)$$

if $C \geq 0$ then $k(x, x')$ is a valid kernel.