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#### Abstract

We validate the results of leverage based sampling for Least-squares regression, shown by Ma et al. [1]. We explore the possibility of using the leverage based sampling distribution from LS-regression on 2 class classification, and introduce a new approach for sampling from an leverage distribution (important points).

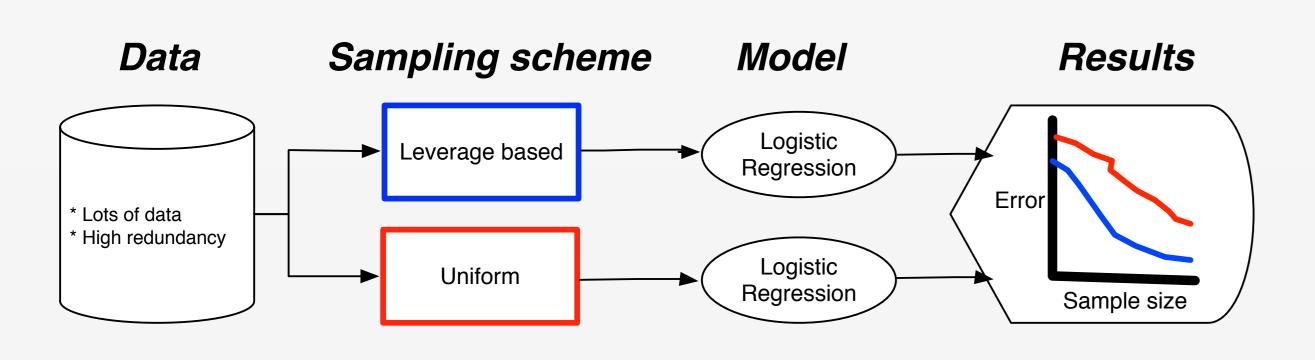
#### Motivation

For video the importance of sampling methods is initiated by very large and high-dimensional datasets where

- It is not feasible to use all of the available data.
- There is a high redundancy between datapoints (25 fps).
- Time taken in fitting a model is rarely linear to the input.

We therefore want to explore alternative sampling methods, and try to identify which datapoints are important when fitting a model.

### Concept



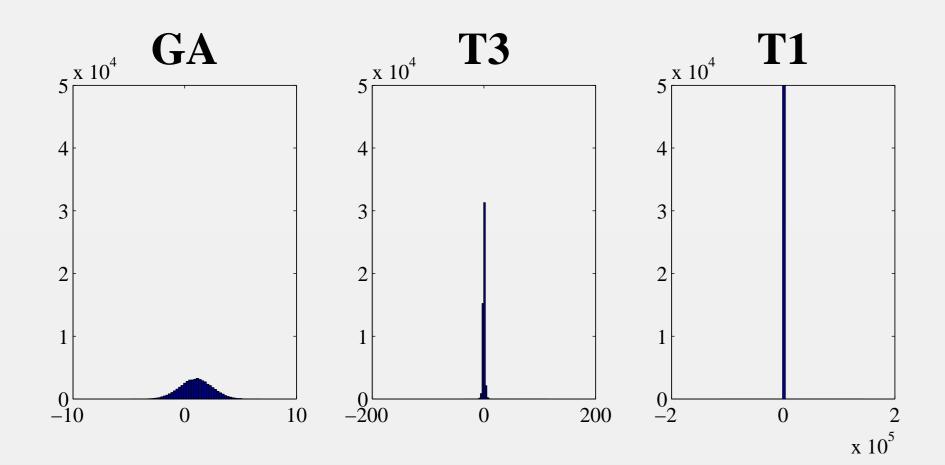
# Research Questions

- Can we validate the results for least-squares regression shown by Ma et al. ?
- Will a linear regression based sampling distribution improve our performance in classification?
- Can leverage based sampling be generalized and used for classification?

### Datasets

These datasets are drawn from distributions defined in Ma et al. [1] and characterised by

- GA: Nearly uniform leverage-scores
- T3: Mildly non-uniform leverage-scores
- T1: Very non-uniform leverage-scores



Figur 2: The three distributions considered.

#### Leveraging for least-squares regression

When fitting a model, we know that some datapoints are more important that others, leveraging is based on the idea that we can determine the importance of these point beforehand.

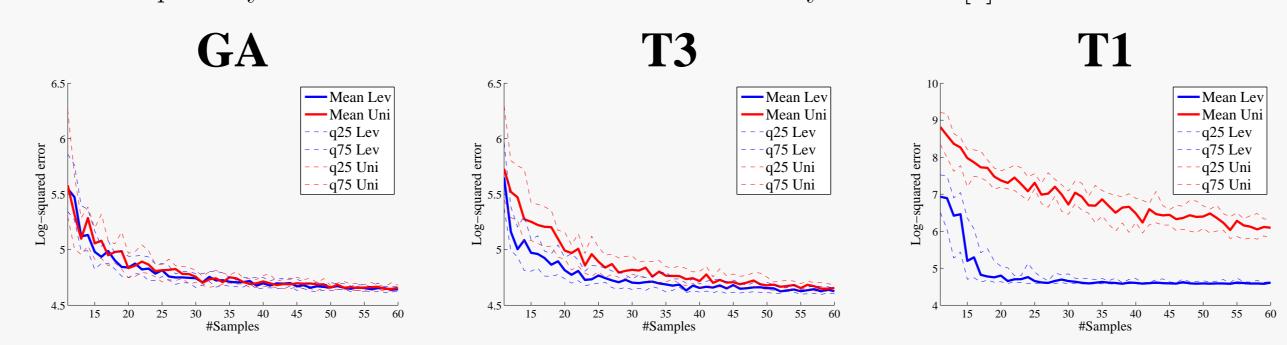
- 1. A leverage-score is calculated for each datapoint (its importance).
- 2. These scores are normalised into a distribution **H**to sample from.

Ma. et al. [1] show that the leverage-scores for least-square regression is the diagonal elements of **H** 

$$\mathbf{H} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{y} \tag{1}$$

#### Validation of the results Ma et al.

We have empirically tested and validated the results shown by Ma et al. [1].



Figur 3: Comparison of uniform vs. leverage based sampling schemes for least-squares regression.  $N=1000,\,d=10.$ 

- GA: The leverage score are approximately uniform, and thus there is no significant difference between the two sampling schemes.
- T3: Leveraging consistently provides slightly better results compared to uniform sampling.
- T1: With *very non-uniform* leverage-scores, leveraging clearly outperforms uniform sampling.

There results are consistent when varying N and d, although the level of improvement using leveraging compared to uniform varies.

#### LS-based Distribution

We want to generalise the leveraging concept, that is to find the effect that a datapoints class has on the predicted class for that datapoint:

$$\frac{\delta \mathbf{y}_n}{\delta \mathbf{y}_n} \tag{2}$$

There is a closed form solution which is linear in y

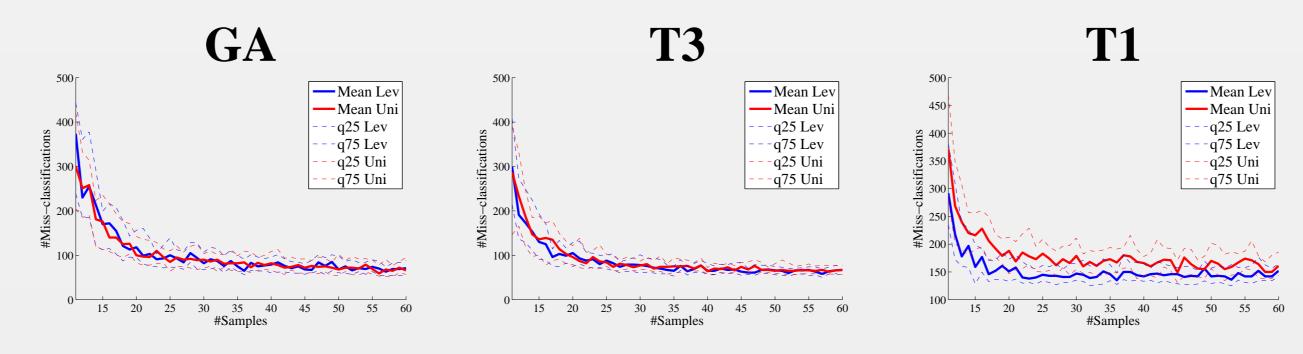
$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} = \left(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \text{ where } \hat{\mathbf{y}}_n = \mathbf{X}_n * \hat{\beta}$$

Therefore the leverage-score (2) is the coefficient

$$\frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{y}}_n}{\delta \mathbf{v}_n} = \mathbf{X} \left( \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$$

#### Test Results

We compared logistic regression when sampling from a LS-distribution (blue) vs. a uniform-distribution (red). The mean, 25th and 75th quantile are plotted.



Figur 4: LS- vs. uniform-distribution based sampling for logistic regression.

• A LS-distribution sample scheme is no better that uniform sampling on datasets of type GA and T3.

• With very non-uniform leverage scores, T1, the LS-distribution slightly outperforms uniform sampling.

The results shown are for dimension p = 10 and N = 1000 datapoints, but it is consistent when varying p and N.

### Sensitivity Based Distribution

Vi generalisere til noget andet, og derfor kan WLS ikke bruges, s**r**a vi laver bare LS. The target is again (2)

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_n = p(y|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) \quad \bar{\mathbf{w}} \text{ s.t. } \frac{\delta L}{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}} = 0$$

Since depends both directly and indirectly on y we see that

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \mathbf{y}} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \mathbf{w}} = 0$$

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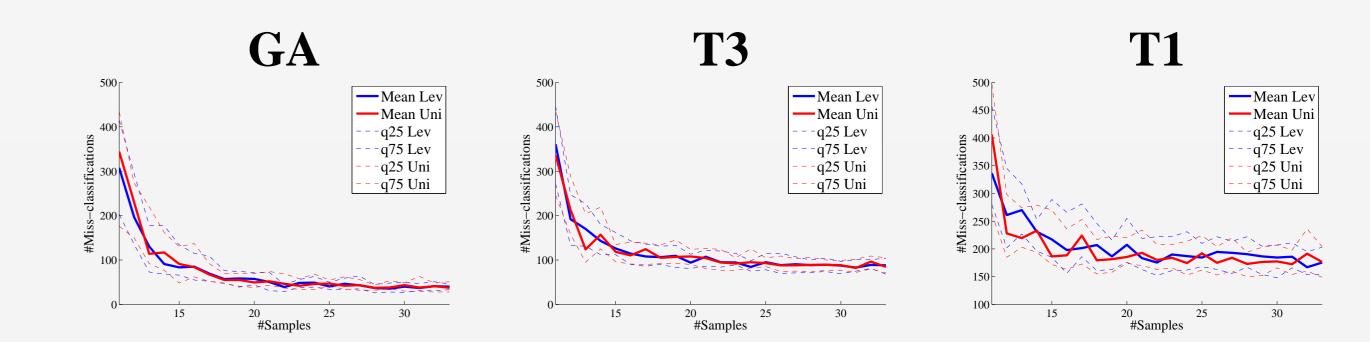
$$\frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{L}}{\delta \mathbf{y} \delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}} + \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{L}}{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}} \delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}^T} \frac{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}}{\delta \mathbf{y}} = 0$$

and from this we can get our leverage-score (2)

$$\frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{y}}_n}{\delta \mathbf{y}_n} = \frac{\delta p(y|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{w}})}{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}^T} \frac{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}}{\delta \mathbf{y}} = -\frac{\delta p(y|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{w}})}{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}^T} \left[ \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{L}}{\delta \bar{\mathbf{w}} \delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}^T} \right]^{-1} \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{L}}{\delta \mathbf{y} \delta \bar{\mathbf{w}}}$$

When evaluating this model, weights trained on a small training-set is used. This is expected to be better than LS-based sampling since it introduces dependence on class information.

# Test results



Figur 5: Comparison of sensitivity vs. uniform -based sampling for logistic regression.

#### New questions??????

From our work several new question arise.

- How large show the initial sampling size be for sensitivity-based sampling?
- Should all points be sampled from the initial weights found, or should the process be iterative?

#### Conclusion

In the case of linear regression, leverage-based sampling provides a improvement over uniform sampling when the leverage-scores are mildly or very non-uniform.

Using the LS-based sampling for classification shows know improvement on datasets GA and T3, but for T1 with very non-uniform leverage-scores, the approach is slightly better.

We have generalised the concept of leverage-based scores to classification, but for logistic regression it has not led to improvements.

# References

### Litteratur

[1] Ma et al. A statistical perspective on algorithmic leveraging. arXiv:1306.5362v1 [stat.ME], June 2013.