

1. Linear Regression

Definition

Linear Regression is a **supervised learning algorithm** used to find the relationship between a **dependent variable (Y)** and one or more **independent variables (X)** using a straight line (best fit line).

$$Y = mX + c$$

Where:

- **m** = slope of the line (regression coefficient)
- **c** = intercept
- **Y** = predicted output

Mathematical Formula

$$m = \frac{\sum(X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y})}{\sum(X - \bar{X})^2}, c = \bar{Y} - m\bar{X}$$

Steps

1. Collect data points (X, Y).
 2. Calculate mean of X and Y.
 3. Compute slope (m) and intercept (c).
 4. Form the regression equation $Y = mX + c$.
 5. Predict Y for any new X value.
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Advantages

- Simple to implement and interpret.
- Works well for linearly related data.

Limitations

- Only captures linear relationships.
- Sensitive to outliers.

Applications

- Predicting house prices, sales, temperature, etc.
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2. Multivariate Linear Regression

Definition

Multivariate Linear Regression extends simple linear regression to multiple predictors.

$$Y = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + \dots + b_nX_n$$

Mathematical Model

$$\mathbf{B} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

where \mathbf{B} is the vector of coefficients.

Steps

1. Prepare matrix X (features) and Y (target).
 2. Add bias term (column of 1s).
 3. Compute coefficients using the Normal Equation.
 4. Predict Y using $Y = XB$.
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Advantages

- Handles multiple input variables.
- Provides stronger prediction power.

Limitations

- Assumes linearity and independence.
- Sensitive to multicollinearity.

Applications

- Economic forecasting, business analytics.
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3. Logistic Regression

Definition

Logistic Regression is a **classification algorithm** that predicts categorical outcomes (0 or 1) using a sigmoid function.

$$P(Y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(wX+b)}}$$

Concept

- Converts linear regression output into probability between 0 and 1.
- Decision rule:
 - If $P \geq 0.5 \rightarrow 1$
 - Else $P < 0.5 \rightarrow 0$

Steps

1. Initialize weights and bias.
2. Compute prediction using sigmoid function.
3. Calculate error.
4. Update weights using Gradient Descent.
5. Repeat until convergence.

Advantages

- Simple and efficient for binary classification.
- Outputs probabilities.

Limitations

- Works only for linear decision boundaries.

Applications

- Email spam detection, disease prediction, churn analysis.
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4. CART (Classification and Regression Tree)

Definition

CART builds a **decision tree** to split the data into subsets based on the best feature, creating branches until the stopping condition is met.

Concepts

- **Impurity measures:**
 - **Gini Index:** $1 - \sum p_i^2$
 - **Entropy:** $-\sum p_i \log_2(p_i)$
 - For regression, splits minimize **variance**.
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Steps

1. Calculate impurity for all features.
 2. Split data at the feature giving maximum information gain.
 3. Repeat recursively.
 4. Stop when nodes are pure or max depth reached.
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Advantages

- Easy to interpret.
- Handles both classification & regression.

Limitations

- Overfitting if tree is too deep.

Applications

- Credit risk analysis, medical diagnosis, customer segmentation.
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5. Bagging (Bootstrap Aggregating)

Definition

Bagging is an **ensemble method** that trains multiple models on random subsets of data (sampled with replacement) and averages their predictions.

Concept

- Reduces **variance** and improves **stability**.
 - Common example: **Random Forest** (bagging of decision trees).
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Steps

1. Create multiple bootstrap samples.
 2. Train separate models on each sample.
 3. Aggregate outputs (average or vote).
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Advantages

- Reduces overfitting.
- Improves model accuracy.

Limitations

- Increases computational cost.

Applications

- Random Forests, financial risk models.
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6. Boosting

Definition

Boosting is a **sequential ensemble technique** where each new model focuses on errors made by previous models.

Concept

- Combines weak learners (usually decision trees) into a strong learner.
 - Each model is weighted based on its accuracy.
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Steps

1. Initialize equal weights for all samples.
 2. Train weak learner.
 3. Increase weights of misclassified samples.
 4. Repeat and combine models with weighted votes.
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Advantages

- High accuracy.
- Works well with weak models.

Limitations

- Sensitive to noise.
- Slower than bagging.

Applications

- AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost.
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7. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Definition

SVM finds an **optimal hyperplane** that separates data points of different classes with **maximum margin**.

Mathematical Model

$$f(x) = w^T x + b$$

Margin = distance between hyperplane and closest points (support vectors).

Concept

- Maximizes separation margin.
 - Uses **kernel trick** for non-linear data (e.g., RBF, polynomial).
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Advantages

- Effective in high-dimensional space.

- Works well for clear margins.

Limitations

- Computationally expensive for large datasets.

Applications

- Image recognition, text classification, handwriting detection.
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8. Graph-Based Clustering

Definition

Graph-based clustering represents data as a **graph** where nodes = data points and edges = similarities.

Concept

- Clusters are found by removing weak edges or finding **connected components**.
 - Example: **Spectral Clustering** uses eigenvalues of Laplacian matrix.
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Steps

1. Compute similarity (adjacency) matrix.
 2. Build graph.
 3. Apply partitioning (e.g., K-means on eigenvectors).
 4. Extract clusters.
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Advantages

- Works for non-convex shapes.
- Can detect complex cluster structures.

Limitations

- Requires similarity threshold.
- Computationally expensive.

Applications

- Image segmentation, social network analysis.
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9. DBSCAN

Definition

DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise) clusters points based on **density connectivity**.

Concept

- **Core point:** Has $\geq \text{MinPts}$ within ϵ distance.
 - **Border point:** Fewer neighbors but close to a core.
 - **Noise:** Not reachable from any core.
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Steps

1. Choose ϵ and MinPts.
 2. Visit each point:
 - If unvisited \rightarrow find neighbors within ϵ .
 - If neighbors $\geq \text{MinPts}$ \rightarrow form cluster.
 3. Expand cluster recursively.
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Advantages

- Can find clusters of any shape.
- Detects noise/outliers.

Limitations

- Sensitive to ϵ and MinPts.
- Not ideal for varying density datasets.

Applications

- GPS data clustering, anomaly detection.
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10. PCA (Principal Component Analysis)

Definition

PCA is a **dimensionality reduction** technique that transforms correlated features into uncorrelated **principal components**.

Concept

- Finds directions (eigenvectors) capturing maximum variance.
- First component explains most variance.

$$Z = XW$$

where W = eigenvectors of covariance matrix.

Steps

1. Standardize data.
 2. Compute covariance matrix.
 3. Find eigenvalues & eigenvectors.
 4. Sort by descending eigenvalues.
 5. Project data onto top k components.
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Advantages

- Reduces dimensions while preserving information.
- Removes multicollinearity.

Limitations

- Loses interpretability.
- Assumes linear relationships.

Applications

- Image compression, noise reduction, data visualization.
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11. LDA (Linear Discriminant Analysis)

Definition

LDA is a **supervised dimensionality reduction** technique that maximizes class separability.

Concept

- Maximizes **between-class variance** and minimizes **within-class variance**.

$$S_W^{-1} S_B$$

is used to compute discriminant directions.

Steps

1. Compute class means.
 2. Compute Within-class scatter (SW).
 3. Compute Between-class scatter (SB).
 4. Solve eigenvalue problem $S_W^{-1} S_B$.
 5. Select top eigenvectors and project data.
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Advantages

- Good for classification.

- Works even with small datasets.

Limitations

- Assumes normal distribution.
- Requires labeled data.

Applications

- Face recognition, medical diagnostics.
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12. SVD (Singular Value Decomposition)

Definition

SVD decomposes a matrix A into three components:

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

Where:

- $U \rightarrow$ Left singular vectors
 - $\Sigma \rightarrow$ Diagonal matrix of singular values
 - $V^T \rightarrow$ Right singular vectors
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Concept

- Captures essential information with fewer dimensions.
 - Used in data compression, noise reduction, and latent factor analysis.
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Steps

1. Compute $U, \Sigma, V^T = \text{svd}(A)$.
 2. Keep top k singular values.
 3. Reconstruct approximation $A' = U\Sigma V^T$.
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Advantages

- Robust and stable.
- Reveals hidden structure in data.

Limitations

- Computationally expensive for large matrices.

Applications

- Image compression, recommender systems, NLP (Latent Semantic Analysis).