Mathematics, Machine Learning and Deep Learning Notes

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Chapter 1

Mathematical Foundation

1.1 Probability theory and mathematical statistics

Probability theory mainly focuses on the probability of occurrence of a single event, while **mathematical statistics** is more inclined to statistics. It focuses on the sampling probability of a group and the possible interval of occurrence of this probability.

In the following introduction, these two concepts are introducted without distinction.

1.1.1 How to get expected value and variance?

X is a random variable whose values are $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$. $P(X_1), P(X_2), ..., P(X_n)$ are the probability corresponding to these values. The expected value of X can be denoted as $E(X)$, and the variance is denoted as $Var(X)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i P(X_i) \text{ for discrete variable} \\ &= \int_X x f(x) dx \text{ for continous variable} \end{aligned}, \tag{1.1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Var(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - E(X))^2 P(X_i) \text{ for discrete variable} \\ &= \int_X (x - E(X))^2 f(x) dx \text{ for continous variable} \end{aligned}. \tag{1.2}$$

For discrete variable,

$$\begin{aligned} Var(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - E(X))^2 P(X_i) \\ &= E[(X - E(X))^2] \\ &= E[X^2 + E(X)^2 - 2XE(X)] \\ &= E(X^2) + E(X)^2 - 2E(X)E(X) \\ &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \end{aligned}. \tag{1.3}$$

1.1.2 Discrete probability distribution

Bernoulli distribution is the discrete probability distribution of a random variable which takes the value 1 with probability p and the value 0 with probability $q = 1 - p$. We denote Bernoulli distribution as $B(1, p)$. Mathematically, if X is a random variable with $B(1, p)$, then $P(X = 1) = p, P(X = 0) = q = 1 - p$. The probability mass function f of this distribution over possible outcoems k, is

$$f(k; p) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } k = 1, \\ q = 1 - p & \text{if } k = 0. \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

The expected value and invarance of a Bernoulli variable X are

$$\begin{cases} E(X) = P(X=1)\cdot 1 + P(X=0)\cdot 0 = p, \\ E(X^2) = P(X=1)\cdot 1^2 + P(X=0)\cdot 0^2 = P(X=1) = p, \\ Var(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = p - p^2 = p(1-p) = pq. \end{cases} \tag{1.5}$$

Note in Eq. 1.5, maybe $P(X=1)$ is equivalent $P(X^2=1^2)$, which ensures the establishment of this equation.

Binomial distribution with parameters n and p is the discrete probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of n independent experiments. Each experiment is a Bernoulli trial. In general, if the ramdom variable X follows the binomial distribution with parameters $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in [0,1]$, we write $X \sim B(n,p)$. The probability of getting exactly k successes in n trails is given by the probability mass function:

$$f(k;n,p) = P(k;n,p) = P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}. \tag{1.6}$$

The expected value and invariance of a Binomial variable X are

$$\begin{cases} E(X) = E(X_1 + X_2 + \cdots X_n) \\ \qquad = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \cdots + E(X_n) \\ \qquad = p + p + \cdots + p \\ \qquad = np, \\ Var(X) = Var(X_1) + Var(X_1) + \cdots + Var(X_1) \\ \qquad = nVar(X_1) \\ \qquad = np(1-p). \end{cases} \tag{1.7}$$

There exists another solution directly through derivation of the probability mass function of Binomial distribution.

Poisson distribution is a discrete probability distribution that expresses the probability of a given number k of events occurring in a fixed interval of time or space if these events occure with a known constant rate λ and independently of the time since the last events. If X is a Poisson variable with the average number of events λ, we write $X \sim Possion(\lambda)$. The probability mass function is

$$f(k;n,\lambda) = P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!}. \tag{1.8}$$

The expected value and invariance of a Poission variable X are

$$\begin{cases} E(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} iP(X=i) \\ \qquad = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i\frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^i}{i!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\frac{\lambda^{i-1}}{(i-1)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda}\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}\frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \\ \qquad = \lambda e^{-\lambda}e^{\lambda} \\ \qquad = \lambda \\ E(X^2) = \lambda + \lambda^2 \\ Var(X) = \lambda + \lambda^2 - \lambda^2 \\ \qquad = \lambda \end{cases} \tag{1.9}$$

Note there exists Taylor Expansion $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \cdots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty}\frac{x^i}{i!}$.

Taylor's Formula.

1.1.3 Continuous probability distribution

For **continuous uniform distribution**, all intervals of the same length on the distribution's support are equally probable. The support is defined by the two parameters, a and b, which are its minimum and maximum values. The distribution is often abbreviated $U(a,b)$. The probability density function of the continuous uniform distribution is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{for } a \le x \le b, \\ 0 & \text{for } x < a \text{ or } x > b. \end{cases} \tag{1.10}$$

The expected value and invariance of a Uniform variable X are

$$\begin{cases} E(X) = \int_a^b x\frac{1}{b-a} \\ \quad = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)}\Big|_a^b = \frac{b^2-a^2}{2(b-a)} = \frac{(b+a)(b-a)}{2(b-a)} \\ \quad = \frac{b+a}{2} \\ E(X^2) = \int_a^b x^2\frac{1}{b-a} \\ \quad = \frac{x^3}{3(b-a)}\Big|_a^b = \frac{b^3-a^3}{3(b-a)} = \frac{(b-a)(b^2+a^2+ab)}{3(b-a)} \\ \quad = \frac{a^2+b^2+ab}{3} \\ Var(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \frac{a^2+b^2+ab}{3} - (\frac{b+a}{2})^2 \\ \quad = \frac{4a^2+4b^2+4ab}{12} - \frac{3a^2+3b^2+6ab}{12} \\ \quad = \frac{(a-b)^2}{12} \end{cases} \tag{1.11}$$

The probability density function of the **normal distribution** is

$$f(x;\mu,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \tag{1.12}$$

where μ is the expectation and σ is the standard deviation. If a random variable X is distributed normally with mean μ and variance σ^2, one may write $X \sim N(\mu,\sigma^2)$. The derivation of the expectation and invariance of normal distribution requires multiple integration operations.

Exponential distribution is the probability distribution that describes the time between events in a Poisson point process, $i.e.$ a process in which event occur continuously and independently at a constant average rate. The distribution is often abbreviated $Exponential(\lambda)$. The probability density function of an exponential distribution is

$$f(x;\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0, \\ 0 & x < 0. \end{cases} \tag{1.13}$$

The expected value and invariance of a Exponential variable X are

$$\begin{cases} E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \\ Var(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}. \end{cases} \tag{1.14}$$

The derivation of the expectation and invariance of exponential distribution requires multiple integration operations.

Beta distribution.

1.2 Prior and posterior

The prior probability is the probability of a cause inferred from experience, denoted as $P(\theta)$. The posterior probability is the probability of the cause estimated from the result, denoted as $P(\theta|x)$. The posterior probability is defined as

$$P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(x)} \tag{1.15}$$

where $P(x|\theta)$ represents likelihood of x.

Chapter 2

Deep Network

2.1 Why can't perceptron solve XOR problem?

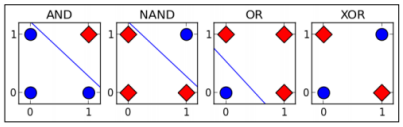

Figure 2.1: Residual Learning.

Linear classification models can't classify linear non-separable problems. Perceptron is a linear classificatioin model, and XOR problem is a linear non-separable problem, so perceptron can't solve the XOR problem.

2.2 Why does residual learning work?

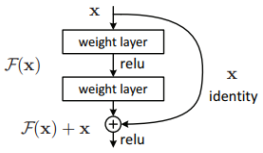

Figure 2.2: Residual Learning.

In the process of optimization in deep network, the input and output are usually close in the latter layers. In some latter layers, we define the input is x and the output is $\mathcal{H}(\mathrm{x})$. From above experience, we assume x and $\mathcal{H}(\mathrm{x})$ are close. Thus, the function of these layers is mapping from x to $\mathcal{H}(\mathrm{x})$. But usually this process is difficult becuase the relative gap between x and $\mathcal{H}(\mathrm{x})$ is small. Toward this end, we construct the residual as $\mathcal{F}(\mathrm{x}) = \mathcal{H}(\mathrm{x}) - \mathrm{x}$ to learning the gap. We can hypothesize that it is easier to optimize the residual mapping than to optimize the original mapping. To the extreme, if the mapping from input to output is indentity, it would be easier to push the residual to zero than to directly fit an identity mapping.

The real purpose of residual learning is that even if the network deepens, the performance of this network will not degenerate, thus ensuring the leaning of deeper network (even 1000 layers).