

Paired passive aggressive for ranking and classification

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Abstract

This paper describes the

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1. Introduction

The importance of the problem

Related work

2. Problem Setting

In this section we introduce the notation used throughout the paper and describe our problem setting. Vectors are denoted by lower case bold face letters (e.g. \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{w}) where the i^{th} element of the vector \mathbf{x} is denoted by x_i . The hinge function is denoted by $[x]_+ = \max\{0, x\}$. Sets are denoted by capital curly letters (e.g \mathcal{J}).

We are interested in the case where at each time point t we receive a batch of n_t sample and than choose how to update the vector weights \mathbf{w} . At each time point t we solve an optimization problem which performs a trade off between two things. First, it aims that the new solution \mathbf{w} will be close to the former weight vector w_t . Second we prefer to classify all the samples provided at time t correctly with a margin of 1.

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\text{minimize}} && \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \xi_i \\ & \text{subject to} && 1 - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{y}_i \leq \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n_t. \end{aligned}$$

There are some benefits of an update which uses several samples for the update. First, in cases where the data is unbalanced, using a balanced updating scheme that introduce an equal number of samples at time point t we can come up with guaranties both for the classification mistakes and for the AUC. Second, an update rule that uses several samples

at a single time point t is internally tuned since the we need to advanced \mathbf{w} in a way that is agreeable with the samples at time t .

3. Average Classification Loss

Define the loss and the problem

Derive the update rule

Theorem 1: the expected loss is less than the average loss

Theorem 2: 1-AUC is bounded

Theorem 3: Show that classification is correct and $w_{x+} > 0$ while $w_{x-} < 0$ after the update

4. Double-slack

We are interested in solving a passive aggressive style problem only that we are shown n_t examples at time t . Thjs minibatch setting and the way we choose to solve it have a great deal of implication on the solution where different steps will yield different results.

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The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\alpha}{\text{maximize}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{y}_i \right\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \alpha_i (1 - \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{y}_i) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i = 1, \dots, n_t. \end{aligned}$$

We aim to maximize the dual function so at each step we choose a set of indices \mathcal{J} to increase using the same step.

$$\alpha_j = \alpha_j + \delta, \quad j \in \mathcal{J}$$

We derive the following δ

$$\delta = \max(L_b, \min(U_b, \frac{|\mathcal{J}| - \mathbf{w}_t^T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{y}_j}{\|\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{y}_j\|^2}))$$

Where $L_b = \max_{j \in \mathcal{J}} (-\alpha_j)$ and $U_b = \min_{j \in \mathcal{J}} (C - \alpha_j)$ which appear since each of the updated α_j needs to keep its constrain $0 \leq \alpha_j \leq C$. It is possible that a step that advances all $j \in \mathcal{J}$ does not exists because U_b could be smaller than L_b . We will always be able to perform at least one such step since we initialize α_i as zero. If we partition the set of samples and at each iteration we use a different partition, we are guaranteed that $L_b \leq U_b$ since we advance all the dual variables in each partition with the same steps.

We can think of this as updating a new vector $\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{J}} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mathbf{x}_j y_j$ where $y^{\mathcal{J}} = 1$. Only here $\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{J}}$ should be correct with a margin of $|\mathcal{J}|$. We then update \mathbf{w} using $\mathbf{x}^{\mathcal{J}}$ with the step size δ . * this is not entirely correct because of the constraints we have on the δ . Notice that by multiple items in \mathcal{J} we make a statement about their linear combination and not any of them individually. For example, when we update two items a positive sample \mathbf{x}^+ and a negative sample \mathbf{x}^- forcing that their sum should be classified positive $0 \leq \mathbf{w}^T(\mathbf{x}^+ - \mathbf{x}^-)$ we actually argue about their order we say that their difference should be kept positive or that $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^- \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^+$.

Using various sets of \mathcal{J} and various number of iteration at time t we propose several update rules:

In the case where at time t we are provided with two samples ($n_t = 2$), $\mathbf{x}^+, \mathbf{x}^-$.

- I. PA-DCA - Iterate until convergence at each iteration choose a single sample ($|\mathcal{J}| = 1$).
- II. PA-sequential - Iterate only once for \mathbf{x}^+ and then once for \mathbf{x}^- .
- III. PA-AUC - Iterate only once using both samples $\mathcal{J} = \{\mathbf{x}^+, \mathbf{x}^-\}$.
- IV. PA-correctMistakes - Iterate only once use only the samples that failed to achieve correct classification with the margin. $\mathcal{J} = \{\mathbf{x}^+, \mathbf{x}^-\}$ or $\{\mathbf{x}^+\}$ or $\{\mathbf{x}^-\}$.

In the case where we are presented n samples.

- I. PA-DCA - Iterate until convergence at each iteration choose a single sample ($|\mathcal{J}| = 1$).
- II. PA-sequential - Iterate only once for each sample.
- III. PA-maxViolators - Iterate only once. Here \mathcal{J} contains the positive sample that caused the highest loss and the negative sample that caused the highest loss.
- IV. PA-correctMistakes - Iterate only once use only the samples that failed to achieve correct classification with the margin. $\mathcal{J} = \{i | 0 \leq l_{w_t}(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}$.

Theorem 4: convergence of DCA

Theorem 5: classification errors \rightarrow number of mistakes

Theorem 6: As in the case of the classical passive aggressive if our step is not capped by C after the update we will correctly classify the samples. In case where we are capped by C the loss of the samples we choose to update will decrease. But we are not guaranteed a correct classification.

Show that classification is correct and $w\mathbf{x}^+ > 0$ while $w\mathbf{x}^- < 0$ after the update when it is not capped.

Theorem 7: from Theorem 5 it follows that 1-AUC is bounded

5. Calibrated Multilabel Classification and Ranking

Calibrated separation ranking loss was proposed by ?

Derive update rule

Theorem 8: correct multilabels are above the incorrect set of labels

Can we show that 1-MAP is bounded?

6. Experiments

Synthetic data

Discriminative keyword spotting with algo 1 and algo 2

LETOR3 data for ranking with algo 1 and algo 2

multi label - Reuters

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Appendix A.

In this appendix we prove the following theorem from Section X.X:

Theorem *First we will show that the 1 - AUC is bounded by the mean of the errors in the first class and the mean number of errors in the second class. $1 - AUC \leq E(M^+) + E(M^-)$*

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Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - AUC &= \frac{1}{|X^-||X^+|} \sum_{x^+ \in X^+, x^- \in X^-} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^+ \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^-} \leq \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{|X^-||X^+|} \sum_{x^+ \in X^+, x^- \in X^-} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^+ \leq 0} + \mathbb{1}_{0 \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^-} = \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{|X^+|} \sum_{x^+ \in X^+} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^+ \leq 0} + \frac{1}{|X^-|} \sum_{x^- \in X^-} \mathbb{1}_{0 \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^-} = E(M^+) + E(M^-) \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

and that is that.

Theorem *The sum of the average mistake in the two classes can be bounded*

$$E(M^+) + E(M^-) \leq \frac{1}{|X^-||X^+|} \max\{R^2, 1/C\} (\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2C \sum_{t=1}^T l_t^{*+} + l_t^{*-})$$

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Proof.

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