Artificial Intelligence EDAP01

Lecture 5: Machine Learning (II)

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Linear Classifiers

Similar to decision trees, linear classifiers provide another set of techniques to learn classifiers from data sets.

This time, the objects will be represented by an \mathbf{x} vector of numerical parameters, often called the **features**.

Linear classification methods operate in an n-dimensional space with a vector space equal to the number of features.

Linear classifiers include:

- Perceptron
- 2 Logistic regression
- Support vector machines
- Neural networks



Problem Formulation

We can formulate the problem as finding lines automatically to:

- Fit a data set (regression). The output is a real continuous variable.
- Separate classes inside a data set (discriminant analysis, classification). The output is a discrete set of symbols, the classes, for instance {0, 1} or {negative, positive}. Here, we will consider the binary case only with two classes.

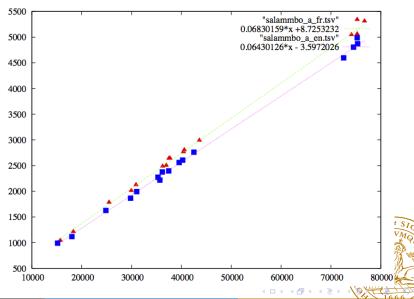
Multiclass classification is a generalization of it.



Linear Regression: Letter Frequencies in Salammbô

Chapter	French		English		
	# characters	# A	# characters	# A	
Chapter 1	36,961	2,503	35,680	2,217	
Chapter 2	43,621	2,992	42,514	2,761	
Chapter 3	15,694	1,042	15,162	990	
Chapter 4	36,231	2,487	35,298	2,274	
Chapter 5	29,945	2,014	29,800	1,865	
Chapter 6	40,588	2,805	40,255	2,606	
Chapter 7	75,255	5,062	74,532	4,805	
Chapter 8	37,709	2,643	37,464	2,396	
Chapter 9	30,899	2,126	31,030	1,993	
Chapter 10	25,486	1,784	24,843	1,627	
Chapter 11	37,497	2,641	36,172	2,375	
Chapter 12	40,398	2,766	39,552	2,560	E * SIG!
Chapter 13	74,105	5,047	72,545	4,597	RVMOLKY
Chapter 14	76,725	5,312	75,352	4.871	
Chapter 15	18,317	1,215	18,031	1,E10	
Total	619,431	42,439	< 608,2 3 0 <	39,050	1666

Fitting the Data



Fitting Equations

In a two-dimensional space, the straight line fitting the points is given by:

$$\hat{y} = mx + b,$$

Minimize the loss between:

- The set of q observations: $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^q$ and
- A perfect linear alignment: $\{(x_i, f(x_i))\}_{i=1}^q$, where $f(x_i) = mx_i + b$.

The loss is traditionally modeled by the quadratic error (Legendre 1805):

$$L_2 = \sum_{\hat{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} (y - \hat{y})^2.$$

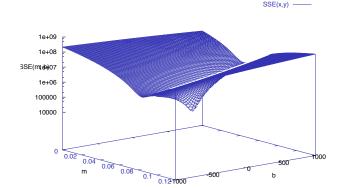
Set of points

For q points (x_i, y_i) :

Loss
$$(m, b) = \sum_{i=1}^{q} (y_i - (mx_i + b))^2$$

The objective of regression is to find the weights that minimize the

Visualizing the Loss



Programs available here: https://github.com/pnugues/ilppp/tree/master/programs/ch04/bb/

Minimizing the Loss

The loss function is convex and has a unique minimum.

The loss reaches a minimum when the partial derivatives are zero:

$$\frac{\partial Loss}{\partial m} = \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} (y_i - (mx_i + b))^2 = -2 \sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i (y_i - (mx_i + b)) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Loss}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} (y_i - (mx_i + b))^2 = -2 \sum_{i=1}^{q} (y_i - (mx_i + b)) = 0$$



Fitting Equations (II)

This yields:

$$b = \bar{y} - m\bar{x}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i y_i - m \sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i^2 - q b \bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i y_i - m \sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i^2 - q \bar{x} (\bar{y} - m\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i y_i - q \bar{x} \bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i^2 - q \bar{x}^2} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \bar{y} - m \bar{x},$$

with

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i$$
 and $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^{q} y_i$.

French: y = 0.0683x + 8.7253

English: y = 0.0643x - 3.5972



Regression: Notation in a Two-dimensional Space

- **1** The feature vector (or predictors): $\mathbf{x} = (1, x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n-1})$ representing the input. In our example, this corresponds to the letter frequencies: (1, 36961) in Chapter 1. The first parameter is set to 1 to model the intercept;
- The output (or response or target): *y*. In our example, the frequencies of *a*: 2503 in Chapter 1;
- **1** The model: a weight vector \mathbf{w} , for French, $\mathbf{w} = (8.7253, 0.0683)$;
- The predicted output: $\hat{v} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 1 \times 8.7253 + 0.0683 \times 36961 = 2533.22$
- **5** The squared error for one observation: $(\hat{y} y)^2 = (2503 2533.22)^2 = 30.22^2 = 913.26$
- To denote the whole data set, we use a matrix, **X**, where corresponds to an observation, a **y** vector for the outputs vector for the predicted outputs.

Complete Matrix

For the French dataset, the complete matrix and vectors are:

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	1	43621		2988.11		2992		15.14	
	1	15694		1080.65		1042		1493.86	
	1	36231		2483.36		2487		13.25	
	1	29945		2054.02		2014		1601.31	
	1	40588		2780.95		2805		578.40	
	1	75255	[0 7052]	5148.76		5062		7527.51	
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	1 30899	[0.0003]	2119.18		2126		46.57		
	1	25486		1749.46		1784		1193.04	
	1	37497		2569.83		2641		5065.18	
	1	40398		2767.97		2766		38920	5
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Regression: Notation in an N-dimensional Space

The least-squares method minimizes the sum of the squared errors for all the observations through optimal values of m and b. In an n-dimensional space, we have:

- **1** The weight vector: $(w_0, w_1, w_2, ..., w_{n-1})$, (8.7253, 0.0683) for French and (-3.5972, 0.0643) for English;
- 2 The intercept: w_0 .

The hyperplane equation corresponds to the dot product of the weights by the features defined as:

$$y = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i x_i,$$

where $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, w_2, ..., w_{n-1}), \mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n-1}), \text{ and } \mathbf{x}$



Another Technique: The Gradient Descent

The gradient descent is a numerical method to find the minimum of $f(x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = y$, when there is no analytical solution. Let us denote $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$

We derive successive approximations to find the minimum of f:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) > f(\mathbf{x}_2) > ... > f(\mathbf{x}_k) > f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) > .. > min$$

Points in the neighborhood of **x** are defined by $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$ with $||\mathbf{v}||$ small Given **x**, find **v** subject to $f(\mathbf{x}) > f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v})$



The Gradient Descent, I (Cauchy, 1847)

Using a Taylor expansion: $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$ The gradient is a direction vector corresponding to the steepest slope:

$$\nabla f(x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, ..., \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}\right).$$

 $\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ is maximal when \mathbf{v} and $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ are colinear $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v})$ reaches the a minimum or a maximum:

- Steepest ascent: $\mathbf{v} = \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$,
- Steepest descent: $\mathbf{v} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$,

where $\alpha > 0$.



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The Gradient Descent, II (Cauchy, 1847)

We rewrite the inequality:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) > f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v})$$

as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) > f(\mathbf{x} - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})).$$

Limiting the expansion to the first derivatives, we have:

$$f(\mathbf{x} - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) \approx f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha ||\nabla f(\mathbf{x})||^2$$
,

which enables us to move one step down to the minimum. We then use the iteration:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - \alpha_k \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k).$$



Algorithm

For a data set DS, we find the minimum through a slide (iteration) down the surface.

- 1: **function** Regression(*DS*)
- 2: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^0$
- 3: **while** $||\nabla Loss(\mathbf{w})|| > \epsilon$ **do**
- 4: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} \alpha \nabla Loss(\mathbf{w})$
- 5: **return w**

 α is a positive number either constant or variable.



 $\triangleright \mathbf{w}^0$: Any point in the space

In a Two-dimensional Space

To make the generalization easier, let us rename the straight line coefficients (b, m) as (w_0, w_1)

Given a data set DS of q examples: $DS = \{(1, x_1^j, y^j) | j : 1..q\}$, where the error is defined as:

$$SSE(w_0, w_1) = \sum_{j=1}^{q} (y^j - \hat{y}^j)^2$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{q} (y^j - (w_0 + w_1 x_1^j))^2.$$

The gradient with q examples:

$$\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial w_0} = -2\sum_{j=1}^q (y^j - (w_0 + w_1 x_1^j))$$

$$\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial w_1} = -2\sum_{j=1}^q x_1^j \times (y^j - (w_0 + w_1 x_1^j))$$

Updates

Batch gradient descent with q examples (all the dataset):

$$w_{0} \leftarrow w_{0} + \frac{\alpha}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{q} (y^{j} - (w_{0} + w_{1}x_{1}^{j}))$$

$$w_{1} \leftarrow w_{1} + \frac{\alpha}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{q} x_{1}^{j} \times (y^{j} - (w_{0} + w_{1}x_{1}^{j}))$$

Stochastic gradient descent. The updates are carried out one observation at a time:

$$w_0 \leftarrow w_0 + \alpha \cdot (y^j - (w_0 + w_1 x_1^j))$$

 $w_1 \leftarrow w_1 + \alpha \cdot x_1^j \cdot (y^j - (w_0 + w_1 x_1^j))$

The stochastic variant is also called online learning and is usually faster. In practice, most system use an intermediate technique with **minibatches** of 32, 64, 128 samples.

The Gradient Descent and Linear Regression

In the general case, we want to find the regression hyperplane:

$$\hat{y} = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + ... + w_n x_n$$

given a data set of q examples: $DS = \{(1, x_1^j, x_2^j, ..., x_n^j, y^j)|j: 1...q\}$, where the loss is defined as:

$$Loss(w_0, w_1, ..., w_n) = \sum_{j=1}^{q} (y^j - \hat{y}^j)^2$$

=
$$\sum_{j=1}^{q} (y^j - (w_0 + w_1 x_1^j + w_2 x_2^j + ... + w_n x_n^j))^2$$

We introduce $x_0 = 1$ and we compute the gradient to determine the slope:

$$\frac{\partial Loss}{\partial w_i} = -2\sum_{j=1}^{q} x_i^j \times (y^j - (w_0 x_0^j + w_1 x_1^j + w_2 x_2^j + \dots + w_n^j x_n^j)$$

Updates

In the **batch gradient descent**, the iteration step considers all the examples, q examples here:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \frac{\alpha}{q} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^q x_i^j \cdot (y^j - (w_0 x_0^j + w_1 x_1^j + w_2 x_2^j + ... + w_n x_n^j))$$

Using a matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \frac{\alpha}{q} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}).$$

In the **stochastic gradient descent**, we carry out the updates using one example at a time:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \alpha \cdot x_i^j \cdot (y^j - (w_0 x_0^j + w_1 x_1^j + w_2 x_2^j + ... + w_n x_n^j))$$

Using a vector notation with \mathbf{x}^{j} and y^{j} , we have:

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha \cdot (\mathbf{y}^j - \mathbf{x}^j \cdot \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{x}^j$$
.



Definitions

- An epoch is the period corresponding to one iteration over the complete data set: the q examples.
 - α is called the learning rate or the step size. It is a positive number that is either fixed or varies (decreases) over the epochs.

Setting α can be difficult. In the assignments, you will manually try a set of values and check the convergence.

Murphy (2012) describes other methods (for logistic regression). See Sect. 8.3.2 and 8.5.2. They are outside the scope of this course.

See also the articles published by the LIBLINEAR team: http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/liblinear/.

The Analytical Solution Again

In a two-dimensional space, linear regression has an analytical solution:

$$m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i y_i - q \bar{x} \bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{q} x_i^2 - q \bar{x}^2} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \bar{y} - m \bar{x}.$$

This can be generalized for any dimension.

Let $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}^1; \mathbf{x}^2; ...; \mathbf{x}^q)$ be our observations and \mathbf{y} , the output. We have:

$$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

We minimize the sum of squared errors with:

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}$$

 $(X^TX)^{-1}X^T$ is called the pseudo-inverse.



Inverting XTX

But: XTX may be singular.

We have the property: $\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}$ is invertible if \mathbf{X} has linearly independent columns.

In real datasets, highly correlated features (or duplicate ones) is a frequent phenomenon.

This means that singular matrices will also occur with frequently A way to solve it is to add it a small scaled identity matrix (Hoerl, 1962):

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}$$

Equivalent to adding the term $\lambda ||\mathbf{w}||^2$ to the sum of squared errors (SSE).

This process is called a regularization. It is also used in classification. Programs available here: https:

//github.com/pnugues/ilppp/tree/master/programs/ch04/portor

Regularization

Correlated features result in large values of w that regularization tries to penalize.

We replace *Loss* with a *Cost*:

$$Cost(\mathbf{w}) = Loss(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda L_q(\mathbf{w}),$$

where

$$L_q = \sum_{i=1}^n |w_i|^q.$$

The most frequent regularizations are (ridge regression):

$$L_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2$$
,

and (LASSO regression)

$$L_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |w_i|.$$

 w_0 may be part of the regularization.



Classification vs. Regression

Regression: Given an input, compute a continuous numerical output.

For instance compute the number of *A* occurring in a text in French from the total number of characters.

Having 75,255 characters in Chapter 7, the regression line will predict 5,149 occurrences of A (5,062 in reality).

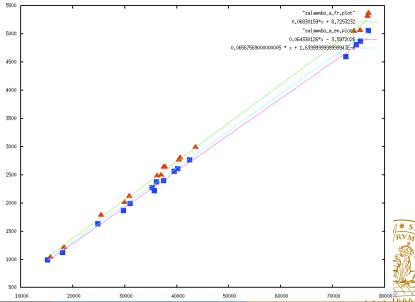
Classification: Given the number of characters and the number of *A* in a text, predict the language: French or English.

For instance, having the pair (75255, 5062), the classifier will predict French.

The classification output is a finite set of values. When there are two values, we have a binary classification of the classification output is a finite set of values.

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Separating Classes



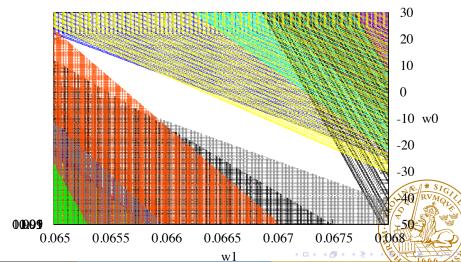
Classification: An Example

$$y_i > w_0 + w_1 x_i$$
 for the set of points: $\{(x_i, y_i) | (x_i, y_i) \in \text{French}\}$ and $y_i < w_0 + w_1 x_i$ for the set of points: $\{(x_i, y_i) | (x_i, y_i) \in \text{English}\}$,

Chapter	French	English
1	$2503 > w_0 + 36961w_1$	$2217 < w_0 + 35680w_1$
2	$2992 > w_0 + 43621w_1$	$2761 < w_0 + 42514w_1$
3	$1042 > w_0 + 15694w_1$	$990 < w_0 + 15162w_1$
4	$2487 > w_0 + 36231w_1$	$2274 < w_0 + 35298w_1$
5	$2014 > w_0 + 29945w_1$	$1865 < w_0 + 29800w_1$
6	$2805 > w_0 + 40588w_1$	$2606 < w_0 + 40255w_1$
7	$5062 > w_0 + 75255w_1$	$4805 < w_0 + 74532w_1$
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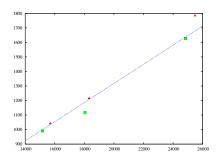
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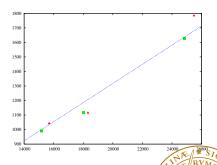
The Inequality System



Separability

Linear classification is based on the linear separability of the classes. This is not always the case





Dimension of the Feature Space

Regression predicts the value of one of the features given the value of N-1 features.

Classification predicts the class given the values of N features. Compared to regression in our example, the dimension of the vector space used for the classification is N+1: The N features and the class.

# characters	# A	Language
36,961	2,503	French
35,680	2,217	English
43,621	2,992	French
42,514	2,761	English
15,694	1,042	French
15,162	990	English
36,231	2,487	French
35,298	2,274	English
etc.		



Classification

We represent classification using a threshold function (a variant of the *signum* function):

$$H(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} \ge 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The classification function associates P with 1 and N with 0. We want to find the separating hyperplane:

$$\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = H(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

= $H(w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + ... + w_n x_n),$

given a data set of q examples: $DS = \{(1, x_1^j, x_2^j, ..., x_n^j, y^j)|j: 1...q\}$.

We use $x_0 = 1$ to simplify the equations.

For a binary classifier, y has then two possible values $\{0, 1\}$ corresponding in our example to $\{French, English\}$.



Loss Function

To assess the classification, we use the 0/1 loss defined as

$$L_{0/1}(y, \hat{y}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = \hat{y} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The update rule of linear regression is:

$$w_{i} \leftarrow w_{i} + \alpha \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{q} x_{i}^{j} \cdot (y^{j} - \hat{y}^{j})$$

$$w_{i} \leftarrow w_{i} + \alpha \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{q} x_{i}^{j} \cdot (y^{j} - (w_{0}x_{0}^{j} + w_{1}x_{1}^{j} + w_{2}x_{2}^{j} + ... + w_{n}x_{n}^{j}))$$

Using the same idea, we compute the weight updates of a classification as:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \alpha \sum_{j=1}^q x_i^j \cdot (y^j - \hat{y}^j)$$

The Perceptron Learning Rule

If all the points are correctly classified, there is no update: $y^j - \hat{y}^j = 0$, either 0 - 0 or 1 - 1

The loss involves an update only for the misclassified points, either $1-0\,$ or $0-1\,$

The update is then: $\alpha \cdot x_i$ or $-\alpha \cdot x_i$

 α is generally set to 1 as a division of the weight vector by a constant does not affect the update rule

The perceptron is usually trained one example at a time: stochastic learning

Examples should be selected randomly



In a Two-dimensional Space

Classification with two classes:

$$w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 > 0$$

 $w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 < 0$

Vectors:

$$\mathbf{x} = (1, x_1, x_2)$$
 and $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, w_2)$

Stochastic gradient descent. The updates are carried out one example at a time:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} w_{0} & \leftarrow & w_{0} + (y^{j} - \hat{y}^{j}) \\ w_{1} & \leftarrow & w_{1} + x_{1}^{j} \cdot (y^{j} - \hat{y}^{j}) \\ w_{2} & \leftarrow & w_{2} + x_{2}^{j} \cdot (y^{j} - \hat{y}^{j}) \end{array}$$

where $y^j - \hat{y}^j$ is either, 0, -1, or 1.



Stop Conditions

To find a hyperplane, the examples must be separable. This is rarely the case in practice

- Workaround:
 - Stop learning when the number of misclassified examples is low
 - Use $\alpha(t) = \frac{1000}{1000 + t}$ instead of a fixed value. (According to the book)



Matrix Notation with Symbolic Attributes

- A feature vector (predictors): **x**, and feature matrix: **X**;
- The class: y and the class vector (response): y;
- The predicted class (predicted response): \hat{y} , and predicted class vector: $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} Sunny & Hot & High & False \\ Sunny & Hot & High & True \\ Overcast & Hot & High & False \\ Rain & Mild & High & False \\ Rain & Cool & Normal & False \\ Rain & Cool & Normal & True \\ Overcast & Cool & Normal & True \\ Sunny & Mild & High & False \\ Sunny & Cool & Normal & False \\ Rain & Mild & Normal & False \\ Rain & Mild & Normal & True \\ Overcast & Mild & High & True \\ Overcast & Hot & Normal & False \\ Rain & Mild & High & True \\ Overcast & Hot & Normal & False \\ Rain & Mild & High & True \\ \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}$$

Linear classifiers are numerical systems.

Converting Symbolic Attributes into Numerical Vectors

Symbolic – nominal – attributes are mapped onto vectors of binary values.

A conversion of the weather data set.

Object	Attributes								Class		
	Outlook			Temperature			Humidity		Windy		
	Sunny	Overcast	Rain	Hot	Mild	Cool	High	Normal	True	False	
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	N
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	N
3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	P
4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	P
5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	P
6	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	N
7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	P
8	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	N
9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	P
10	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	P
11	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	P
12	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	P
13	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	P
14	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	NSI

This kind of transformation is called **contrast coding** or **one-Note encoding** (OHE).

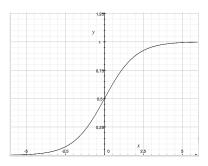
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Matrix Notation

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix}$$

Logistic Regression

The step function is not differentiable; that is why it is often replaced with the logistic curve (Verhulst, 1845, 1848):



$$\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = Logistic(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

= $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$



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Logistic Regression: The Idea

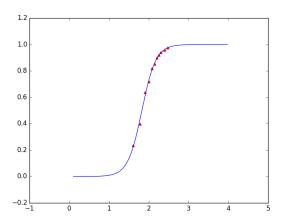
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40	462	353	109	.2359	.2206
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80	467	169	298	.6380	.6085
100	515	145	370	.7184	.7291
120	561	102	459	.8182	.8081
140	469	69	400	.8529	.8601
160	550	55	495	.9000	.8952
180	542	43	499	.9207	.9195
200	479	29	450	.9395	.9366
250	497	21	476	.9577	.9624
300	453	11	442	.9757	.9756

Table: A dataset. Adapted and simplified from the original article that described how to apply logistic regression to classification by Joseph Berkson, Application of the Logistic Function to Bio-Assay. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (1944).

Fitting the Logistic Curve

Berkson fitted the curve to the data using the logarithm of the dose. He obtained:

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-5.659746x + 10.329884}}$$





Logistic Regression

Logistic regression attempts to model the probability of an observation ${\bf x}$ to belong to a class:

$$P(y=1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}}}$$

and

$$P(y=0|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}}}{1+e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}}}$$

These probabilities are extremely useful in practice.

The logit assumption (Berkson, 1944) models the odd ratio as a

hyperplane:

$$\ln \frac{P(y=1|\mathbf{x})}{P(y=0|\mathbf{x})} = \ln \frac{P(y=1|\mathbf{x})}{1 - P(y=1|\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$



Likelihood of a Classification

Given a dataset, DS, containing a partition in two classes, P(y=1) and N(y=0), and a model \mathbf{w} , the likelihood to have the classification observed in this data set is:

$$L(w) = \prod_{\mathbf{x}^j \in P} P(y^j = 1 | \mathbf{x}^j) \times \prod_{\mathbf{x}^j \in N} P(y^j = 0 | \mathbf{x}^j),$$
$$= \prod_{\mathbf{x}^j \in P} P(y^j = 1 | \mathbf{x}^j) \times \prod_{\mathbf{x}^j \in N} (1 - P(y^j = 1 | \mathbf{x}^j)).$$

We can rewrite the product using y^j as powers of the probabilities as $y^j = 0$, when $\mathbf{x}^j \in P$ and $y^j = 1$, when $\mathbf{x}^j \in N$:

$$L(w) = \prod_{\mathbf{x}^{j} \in P} P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j})^{y^{j}} \times \prod_{\mathbf{x}^{j} \in N} (1 - P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j}))^{1 - y^{j}},$$

$$= \prod_{(\mathbf{x}^{j}, y^{j}) \in DS} P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j})^{y^{j}} \times (1 - P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j}))^{1 - y^{j}}$$

Maximizing the Likelihood

We train a model by maximizing the likelihood of the observed classification:

$$\hat{w} = \arg\max_{w} \prod_{\mathbf{x}^{j} \in DS} P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j})^{y^{j}} \times (1 - P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j}))^{1 - y^{j}}$$

To maximize this term, it is more convenient to work with sums rather than with products and we take the logarithm of it (log-likelihood):

$$\hat{w} = \arg\max_{w} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}^{j}, \mathbf{y}^{j}) \in DS} y^{j} \ln P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j}) + (1 - y^{j}) \ln (1 - P(y^{j} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{j}))$$

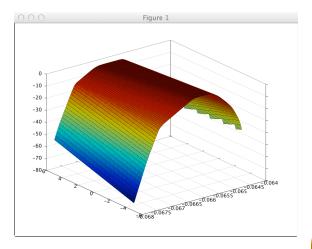
Using the logistic curves to express the probabilities, we have:

$$\hat{w} = \arg\max_{w} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j) \in DS} \mathbf{y}^j \ln \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^j}} + (1 - \mathbf{y}^j) \ln \frac{e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^j}}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^j}}.$$

In contrast to linear regression that uses least mean squares, here we a logistic curve so that it maximizes the likelihood of the classification partition — observed in the training set.

The Maximum

Graph of the probabilities from the Salammbô data set.



The opposite is called the cross-entropy loss.



The Gradient Ascent

We can use the gradient ascent to compute the maximum.

Using a Taylor expansion:
$$\ell(\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}) = \ell(\mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f(\mathbf{w}) + \dots$$

We have then:
$$\ell(\mathbf{w} + \alpha \nabla \ell(\mathbf{w})) \approx \ell(\mathbf{w}) + \alpha ||\nabla \ell(\mathbf{w})||^2$$
.

The inequality:

$$\ell(\mathbf{w}) < \ell(\mathbf{w} + \alpha \nabla \ell(\mathbf{w}))$$

enables us to move one step up to the maximum.

We then use the iteration:

$$\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{w}_k + \alpha_k \nabla \ell(\mathbf{w}_k).$$



Computing the Model

The partial derivatives of the likelihood are:

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_{i}} = \sum_{(\mathbf{x}^{j}, \mathbf{y}^{j}) \in DS} y^{j} (1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}) \frac{x_{i}^{j} e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}}{(1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}})^{2}} + \\
(1 - y^{j}) \frac{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}}{e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}} \cdot \frac{-x_{i}^{j} \cdot e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}} (1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}^{j}}) + x_{i}^{j} \cdot e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}} \cdot e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}}{(1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}^{j}})^{2}}, \\
= \sum_{(\mathbf{x}^{j}, \mathbf{y}^{j}) \in DS} y^{j} \frac{x_{i}^{j} e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}^{j}}} + (1 - y^{j}) \cdot \frac{-x_{i}^{j} \cdot (1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}^{j}}) + x_{i}^{j} \cdot e^{-\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}^{j}}}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}^{j}}}, \\
= \sum_{(\mathbf{x}^{j}, \mathbf{y}^{j}) \in DS} x_{i}^{j} \cdot (y^{j} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}^{j}}}).$$



Weight Updates

For $DS = \{(1, x_1^j, x_2^j, ..., x_n^j, y^j)|j: 1...q\}$, the weight updates of logistic regression are then:

• Stochastic gradient ascent:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \alpha \cdot x_i^j \cdot (y^j - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^j}})$$

• Batch gradient ascent:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \frac{\alpha}{q} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^q x_i^j \cdot (y^j - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^j}})$$

As with gradient descent, we stop the iterations when:

$$||\nabla \ell(\mathbf{w})|| < \epsilon.$$



Loss: Binary Crossentropy

Alternatively, we can compute a loss and minimize it.

We just take the negated value of the likelihood.

We then call the corresponding function the **log-loss** or **cross entropy** of \hat{y} on y:

Most machine learning practitioners and toolkits use the natural logarithm and minimize the mean:

$$-\frac{1}{q}\sum_{i=1}^{q}(y^{j}\ln\hat{y}^{j}+(1-y^{j})\ln(1-\hat{y}^{j})).$$

Both approaches, maximum likelihood and binary crossentropy, are equivalent.

I feel the maximum likelihood one more intuitive, at least easier visualize.



Crossentropy in Practice

Estimates obtained with Keras for the French/English dataset:

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	1	0		0.93007773	0.06992232		$1 \cdot \ln 0.93007773 + 0 \cdot \ln 0.06992232$	
	1	0		0.99416685	0.00583313		1 · In 0.99416685 + 0 · In 0.00583313	
	1	0		0.89554983	0.10445023		1 · In 0.89554983 + 0 · In 0.10445023	
	1	0		0.9257818	0.07421817		1 · In 0.9257818 + 0 · In 0.07421817	
	1	0		0.96231836	0.03768164		1 · In 0.96231836 + 0 · In 0.03768164	
	1	0		0.9458056	0.05419444		1 · In 0.9458056 + 0 · In 0.05419444	
	1	0		0.74871475	0.2512853		1 · ln 0.74871475 + 0 · ln 0.2512853	
	1	0		0.7019538	0.2980462		1 · In 0.7019538 + 0 · In 0.2980462	
	1	0		0.897158	0.10284194		1 · In 0.897158 + 0 · In 0.10284194	
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	0	1		0.4546863	0.54531366		0 · ln 0.4546863 + 1 · ln 0.54531366	
	0	1		0.03282152	0.9671785		0 · ln 0.03282152 + 1 · ln 0.9671785	
	0	1		0.19724798	0.80275196		0 · In 0.19724798 + 1 · In 0.80275196	
	0	1		0.01707165	0.98292834		0 · In 0.01707165 + 1 · In 0.98292834	
	0	1		0.19545405	0.80454594		0 · In 0.19545405 + 1 · In 0.80454594	
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Multinomial (Multiclass) Logistic Regression

Generalizing logistic regression from

$$\ln \frac{P(y=1|\mathbf{x})}{P(y=0|\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

to a multiclass setting is easy.

Using y=0 as a pivot, we have for C classes:

$$\ln \frac{P(y=1|\mathbf{x})}{P(y=0|\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

$$\ln \frac{P(y=2|\mathbf{x})}{P(y=0|\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{w}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

$$\ln \frac{P(y = C - 1|\mathbf{x})}{P(y = 0|\mathbf{x})} = \mathbf{w}_{C-1} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{C-1} P(y=k|\mathbf{x}) = 1.$$

Multinomial (Multiclass) Logistic Regression (II)

We obtain:

$$P(y=0|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1+\sum_{i=1}^{C-1} e^{\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$$

$$P(y = k | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_k \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{C-1} e^{\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}}}, k = 1, 2, ..., C - 1.$$

Equivalent to:

$$P(y = k | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_k \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{\sum_{i=0}^{C-1} e^{\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}}}, k = 0, 1, 2, ..., C-1.$$

This function is often called the *softmax* function.



Loss: Categorical Crossentropy

Binary logistic regression minimizes the crossentropy loss. Categorical crossentropy covers multiple classes. It is defined as:

$$-\frac{1}{q}\sum_{j=1}^{q}y_{j}\cdot\ln\hat{y}_{j}$$

where y_j corresponds to the true class of the jth observation, represented as a one-hot vector, \hat{y}_j is the probability distribution of the predicted classes.

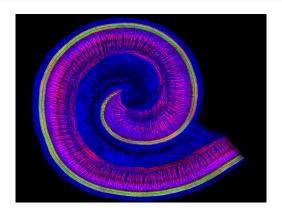
The predicted probability for \mathbf{x} to belong to class i is given by the softmax function:

$$P(y = i | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{\sum_{j=1}^{C} e^{-\mathbf{w}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}}}.$$



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Neural Networks



A photomicrograph showing the classic view of the snail-shaped content with hair cells stained green and neurons showing reddish-purple (Deciber Therapeutics (https://www.decibeltx.com)]. Source: https://www.genengnews.com/insights/targeting-the-inner-ear

Neural Networks

Learning devices loosely inspired by brain neuron

Artificial neural networks abundantly use physiological metaphors, such as synapses, cortex, etc.

In our context, can be reframed as a multistage logistic regression to handle nonlinearities

Training is complex and demanding

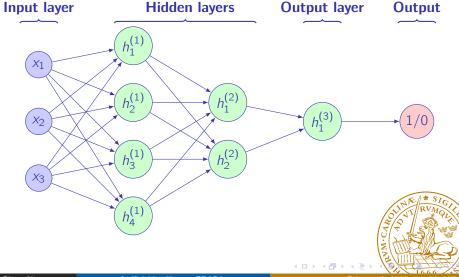
Fell out of favor in the 1990-2000s and experienced a revival with deep learning

Available programming environments include, Keras (on TensorFlow), TensorFlow, PyTorch, and PaddlePaddle:

- https://keras.io/
- https://www.tensorflow.org/
- http://pytorch.org/
- https://www.paddlepaddle.org.cn/



Feed-Forward Neural Networks

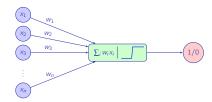


Activation Functions

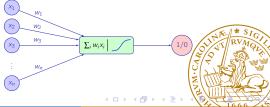
Rectified linear unit (ReLU)



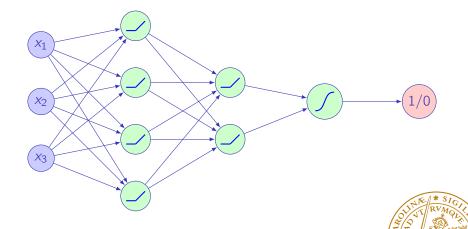
The perceptron



Logistic regression



Neural Networks with Hidden Layers



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Ensemble Learning

Idea: Use many classifiers instead of one

Boosting is an example of ensemble learning

Uses a set of K weak classifiers and gives a weight to the examples: w(i)

This means that example i counts as w(i) examples

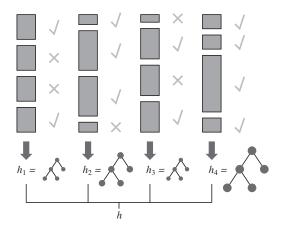
Decision stumps (decision trees with one level) are popular weak classifiers

The idea of the AdaBoost algorithm is:

- Learn a first stump on the training set. Each example has a weight of 1
- Set a higher weight to misclassified examples (think of just duplicating them in the data set)
- Learn a second decision stump.
- and so on until we have K decision stumps

The final classifier is a weighted combination of the K classifiers where the weights are computed from the performance of each individual classifier.

Ensemble Learning



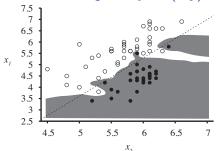
From the textbook: Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig, *Artificial Intelligence*, 3rd ed., 2010, page 750.

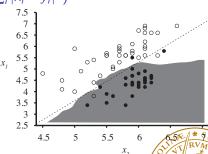
Nonparametric Models

When there is no parametric model, such as a hyperplane, we can try to search the k nearest neighbors of \mathbf{x} : $NN(k,\mathbf{x})$

Given a position in the space, we decide on a class by looking at the neighbor's class

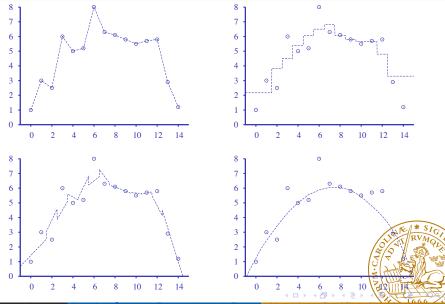
The distance is given by: $L^p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\sum_i |x_i - y_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$





k nearest neighbors with k=1 and k=5. From the textbook Russell and Peter Norvig, *Artificial Intelligence*, 3rd ed., 2010, page 73.

Nonparametric Regression



scikit-learn

scikit-learn is a popular and comprehensive machine—learning library in Python built on top of numpy.

The classifiers use two main functions: fit() to train a model and predict() to predict a class. In the scikit-learn documentation, the functions adopt a notation, where:

- x denotes a feature vector (the predictors) describing one observation and X, a feature matrix representing the dataset;
- y denotes the class (or response or target) of one observation and y, the class vector for the whole dataset.

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scikit-learn: Data

```
import numpy as np
y_train = np.array(
   X_train = np.array(
   [[35680, 2217], [42514, 2761], [15162, 990], [35298, 2274],
    [29800, 1865], [40255, 2606], [74532, 4805], [37464, 2396],
    [31030, 1993], [24843, 1627], [36172, 2375], [39552, 2560],
    [72545, 4597], [75352, 4871], [18031, 1119], [36961, 2503],
    [43621, 2992], [15694, 1042], [36231, 2487], [29945, 2014],
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scikit-learn: Training a Model

We then select and fit a model, here logistic regression with default parameters, with the lines:

```
from sklearn import linear_model
```

```
classifier = linear_model.LogisticRegression()
model = classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

Once the model is trained, we can apply it to new observations. The next instruction just reapplies it to the training set:

```
y_test_predicted = classifier.predict(X_train)
```

which predicts exactly the classes we had in this set:

scikit-learn: Crossvalidation

scikit-learn has built-in cross validation functions. The code below shows an example of it with a 5-fold cross validation and a score corresponding to the accuracy:



scikit-learn: Nominal Data

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	Sunny	Hot	High	True		N
	Overcast	Hot	High	False		Р
	Rain	Mild	High	False		Р
	Rain	Cool	Normal	False		Р
	Rain	Cool	Normal	True		Ν
V	Overcast	Cool	Normal	True	; y =	Р
X =	Sunny	Mild	High	False		Ν
	Sunny	Cool	Normal	False		Р
	Rain	Mild	Normal	False		Р
	Sunny	Mild	Normal	True		Р
	Overcast	Mild	High	True		Р
	Overcast	Hot	Normal	False		Р
	Rain	Mild	High	True		Ν

Converting Symbolic Attributes into Numerical Vectors

Linear classifiers are numerical systems.

Symbolic – nominal – attributes are mapped onto vectors of binary values.

A conversion of the weather data set.

Object	Attributes								Class		
	Outlook			T	Temperature			Humidity		Windy	
	Sunny	Overcast	Rain	Hot	Mild	Cool	High	Normal	True	False	
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	N
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	N
3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	P
4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	P
5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	P
6	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	N
7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	P
8	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	N
9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	P
10	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	P
11	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	180
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scikit-learn: Vectorizing the Data

To convert the data to numbers, store **X** in a list of dictionaries and use DictVectorizer:

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction import DictVectorizer
```

```
vec = DictVectorizer(sparse=False) # Should be true
X = vec.fit_transform(X_dict)
```



scikit-learn: Data Vectorization

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Further Resources

A fine videolecture: Peter Norvig, Statistical Learning as the Ultimate Agile

Development Tool

https://videolectures.net/cikm08_norvig_slatuad/

Online courses: openclassroom.stanford.edu, udacity.com, coursera.org, edx.org, etc.

Machine learning: Two excellent books to go further: An Introduction to Statistical

Learning (2nd ed., start with this one) and The Elements of Statistical

Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction

https://hastie.su.domains/pub.htm, see also *Probabilistic Machine*

Learning: An Introduction,

https://probml.github.io/pml-book/book1.html

Deep learning: tutorials from Keras (https://keras.io/) and PyTorch

(https://pytorch.org). See also *Deep learning*, by Goodfellow,

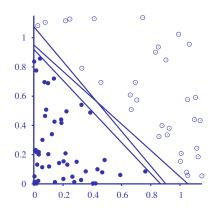
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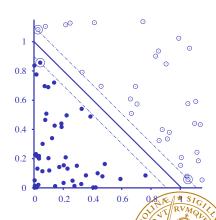
Tips from the expert: An interview with #1 on Kaggle:

https://blog.kaggle.com/2018/05/07/

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Support Vector Machines (Optional)





From the textbook: Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig, *Artificial Intelligence*, 3rd ed., 2010, page 745.

Support Vector Machines (II) (Optional)

Support vector machines (SVM) maximize the margin between the separating hyperplane and the examples

The hyperplane is set at equal distance between the closest points of each class

The closest points are called the support vectors

Support vector machines can handle nonseparable examples using a soft margin or kernels.



Problem Description (Optional)

With two classes, support vector machines use the notation: y = +1 or y = -1.

We know from geometry and vector analysis that the distance of a point A to a hyperplane Hyp defined by the equation:

$$w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + ... + w_n x_n = 0$$

is given by the formula:

$$d(A, Hyp) = \frac{|w_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n|}{\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_n^2}}.$$

We want to find the hyperplane maximizing b so that:

$$y^j \cdot \frac{w_0 + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{j}}}{||\mathbf{w}||} \geqslant b$$

for all the points in the data set and with $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$.



Maximizing the Margin (Optional)

We normalize the equation with $b = \frac{1}{||\mathbf{w}||}$.

To find the maximal margin b, we minimize $||\mathbf{w}||^2$ with the constraint:

$$y^j \cdot (w_0 + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^j) \geqslant 1$$
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where y^j values are either +1 or -1 depending on the class of the example. We can solve this using gradient descent and hinge loss defined as:

$$\max\{0, 1 - y\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}\}, y \in \{-1, +1\},\$$

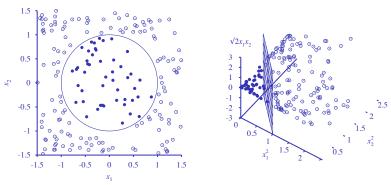
where the gradient is defined as:

$$\nabla L_{hinge} = \begin{cases} -y \cdot \mathbf{x} & \text{if } y \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Kernels (Optional)

Many data sets are not linearly separable as in left-hand side figure.



From the textbook: Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig, *Artificial Intelligence*, 3rd ed., 2010, page 747.

It is always possible to find a space of higher dimension, where will be separable, here 3.

The Kernel Trick (Optional)

If we map the input data (x_1, x_2) to $(x_1^2, x_2^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2)$, we produce linearly separable classes:

$$F(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2, x_2^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2)$$

We replace $\mathbf{x_i}\mathbf{x_t}$ with $F(\mathbf{x_i})F(\mathbf{x_t})$ in the Lagrangian:

$$L(.) = \sum_{j=1}^{q} \alpha_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,t}^{q} \alpha_j \alpha_t y^j y^t F(\mathbf{x_j}) F(\mathbf{x_t}).$$

In the case of F, we have

$$F(\mathbf{x}) \cdot F(\mathbf{z}) = x_1^2 z_1^2 + x_2^2 z_2^2 + 2x_1 x_2 z_1 z_2$$

= $(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z})^2$

In many cases, we can replace $\mathbf{x_j} \cdot \mathbf{x_t}$ with a kernel function $K(\mathbf{x,z}) = (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z})^2$

