

# **CPE/EE 695: Applied Machine Learning**

Lecture 3-1: Logistic Regression

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**Assumption**: p is modeled with parameter  $\theta$ ; otherwise, optimization problem doesn't work

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Attempt 1: assume  $p(x; \theta)$  be a linear function of x

Attempt 2: assume  $\log p(x; \theta)$  be a linear function of x

Attempt 3: assume  $\log \frac{p}{1-p}$  be a linear function of x (good)

Remember: 0<= p <= 1





Logistic regression model

$$\log \frac{p}{1-p} = \theta_0 + x \cdot \theta$$

Which gives 
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta_0 + x \cdot \theta}}$$



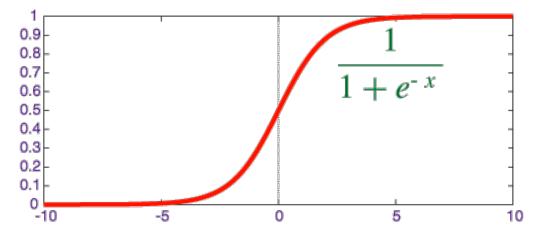
Logistic Regression model estimated probability:

$$\hat{p} = h_w(x) = \sigma(\theta^T \cdot x)$$

where  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is a logistic function (or sigmoid function).

Prediction:

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} 0, & if \ \hat{p} < 0.5 \\ 1, & if \ \hat{p} \ge 0.5 \end{cases}$$



Training the logistic regression model  $\hat{p}(x) = \sigma(\theta^T \cdot x)$  is to learn the best value of parameter  $\theta$  that makes the model fit the training data.



To train a logistic regression model, we first need to define a performance measure. A commonly used measure is so-called the **log loss** function:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [y^{(i)} \log(\widehat{p}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \widehat{p}^{(i)})]$$

It is easier to explain the log loss function with one train example case, in which we want to maximize the posterior probability

$$P(y|x) = \widehat{p}^{y}(\mathbf{1} - \widehat{p})^{(\mathbf{1} - y)} = \begin{cases} \widehat{p}, & when \ y = 1 \\ 1 - \widehat{p}, & when \ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Take log of both sides, we have  $log P(y|x) = y log \hat{p} + (1-y) log (1-\hat{p})$ .

Average the sum of m training examples, we obtain  $J(\theta)$ .



Learning the logistic regression model is to find:

$$\hat{\theta} = argmin_{\theta} J(\theta).$$

Where 
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$$\hat{p} = \sigma(\theta^T \cdot x)$$

No Normal Equation (i.e., closed form solution) for  $\theta$ .

But the cost function  $J(\theta)$  is **convex** and **derivable**. **Gradient Descent** is guaranteed to find global maximum.



### **Training Logistic Regression Model**

The gradient of the log loss function  $J(\theta)$  is:

$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\delta(\theta^T \cdot x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

At each round of GD,  $\theta$  is updated as following (similar to linear regression, different values of m for different modes of GD):

$$\theta = \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$$



### **Training Logistic Regression Model**

Overfitting may also happen in logistic regression.

Similarly, to combat overfitting we can introduce a *regularization* term to the cost function  $J(\theta)$ :

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [y^{(i)} log(\hat{p}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) log(1 - \hat{p}^{(i)})] + \lambda R(\theta)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a hyperparameter and  $R(\theta)$  can be  $\ell_k$ -norm of  $\theta$ , i.e.,

$$R(\theta) = \|\theta\|_{k} = (\sum \theta_{i}^{k})^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

Note:  $R(\theta)$  is  $\ell_2$ -norm in Ridge regression,  $\ell_1$ -norm in Lasso regression.

#### **Multi-Class Classification**



#### **One-Vs-Rest** Method:

We can use **binary classifier** for multi-class classification with so-called the One-Vs-Rest (OvR) method. Specifically, it uses multiple rounds of binary classification for multi-class classification.

For example, to determine if an object X is a dog, cat or fish, we call a binary classifier *f*(*)* as follows:

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if f(X) outputs dog
    return dog;
else if f(X) outputs cat
    return cat;
else return fish
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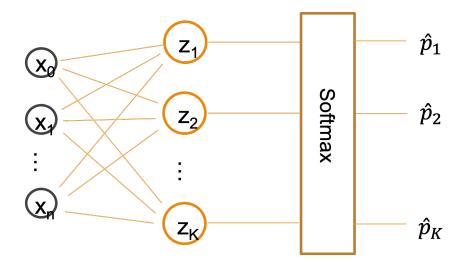
#### **Multinomial Logistic Regression:**

Another approach for multi-class classification is to use the multinomial logistic regression. For each class  $1 \le k \le K$ ,

- 1) first compute  $z_k(x) = \theta_k^T \cdot x$
- 2) then compute Softmax function:

$$\hat{p}_k = \delta(z_k(x))_k = \frac{\exp(z_k(x))}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(z_j(x))}$$

where  $\theta_k$  is the vector of parameters of input features for  $z_k$ .







#### **Training Multinomial Logistic Regression Model:**

The performance measure is the **cross-entropy** cost function:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} y_k^{(i)} log(\hat{p}_k^{(i)})$$

where 
$$y_k^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1, & the \ i^{th} \ example \ of \ class \ k \\ 0, & i^{th} \ example \ not \ of \ class \ k \end{cases}$$

GD can be used to train the multinomial logistic regression model. The gradient is:

$$\nabla_{\theta_k} J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{p}_k^{(i)} - y_k^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$





Other Approaches: One-Vs-One Method:

The One-Vs-One (OvO) method constructs a **binary classifier** for each pair of classes. Therefore, with K classes, we need to construct K(K-1)/2 binary classifiers.

The decision at prediction time can be made by **counting the votes** from individual binary classifiers. In case of a tie, it compares the aggregated classification confidence (i.e., the output probability) of individual binary classifiers of each class and the higher one is selected.

The OvO method is **slower** than OvR. But for some algorithms (e.g., Kernel algorithms) which cannot scale with many training examples, this algorithm can be helpful.



#### **Multi-Class Classification**

#### Other Approaches: Error-Correcting Output Codes

The Error-Correcting Output Codes (ECOC) method encodes **K** classes into **N** bit vectors. Each class is represented as a bit in each bit vector. ECOC trains **N** binary classifiers, each splitting one group of classes from another (using the column bit vectors below). At prediction time, the N binary classifiers are called, the outputs of them yielding an N-bit vector. A class with the closest Euclidean distance to the **N-bit vector** is selected. To reduce the classification error, error correcting codes are used when generating the "code book"

Class	Code Word														
	$f_0$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_7$	$f_8$	$f_9$	$f_{10}$	$f_{11}$	$f_{12}$	$f_{13}$	$f_{14}$
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
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5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
6	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
7	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
8	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
9	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1

A code book with K=9, N=15



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