
IT 585 -Advanced Machine Learning

Quiz 2

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Duration: 45 minutes

Maximum Marks: 10

Note: In case you have any doubt, make an appropriate assumption, state the assumption clearly, and proceed. Proofs should be complete

1. Suppose we have n samples X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n . $X_i = 1$ if a randomly selected student from DA-IICT campus knows Java Programming and 0 otherwise. Assuming that the X_i 's are independent Bernoulli random variables with unknown parameter p , derive the maximum likelihood estimator of p , the proportion of students on DA-IICT campus who know Java Programming. Now assuming a beta prior for p derive the MAP estimate. for the same. The Bernoulli PMF is given as

$$g(x|p) = p^x(1-p)^{(1-x)}, x \in \{0, 1\}$$

and Beta distribution with parameters α and β is given as

$$\text{Beta}(p|\alpha, \beta) = C * p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}$$

where C is a constant

[3 + 4 =7 Marks]

2. Let $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$ be the given training examples for a regression problem. Assume that for any given data point \mathbf{x}_i , nature samples its corresponding value for y_i independently by means of the following distribution:

$$P_{\text{data}}(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathcal{N}(y_i | \mathbf{w}^{*\top} \mathbf{x}_i, 1/\alpha^*)$$

where, \mathbf{w}^* and α^* are unknown to us. Here $\frac{1}{\alpha^*}$ is variance. Suppose, we learn the parameters \mathbf{w}^* and α^* by means of Maximum Likelihood Estimate given by $\mathbf{w}_{\text{MLE}}(\mathcal{D})$ and $\alpha_{\text{MLE}}(\mathcal{D})$. Observe that for any fixed set of training examples $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$, the maximum likelihood estimates $\mathbf{w}_{\text{MLE}}(\mathcal{D})$ and $\alpha_{\text{MLE}}(\mathcal{D})$ depend on the training data $\mathcal{D} = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$.

For this problem, assume that data matrix \mathbf{X} is full column rank (i.e. $\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}$ is invertible). Show that the following property holds true under this setup.

$$(a) \text{Var}_{\mathcal{D}}[\mathbf{w}_{\text{MLE}}(\mathcal{D})] = \frac{(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1}}{\alpha^*}. \quad [3 \text{ Marks}]$$

[Hint: Expectation and variance needs to be taken w.r.t. probability distribution on the set $\mathcal{D} = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ which would involve $P_{\text{data}}(\cdot)$.]