Logistic Regression

Machine Learning

Binary Classification



Given an x, we want to predict the probability

$$\hat{y} = P(y = 1|x)$$

where $x \in R^{n_x}$

Logistic Regression

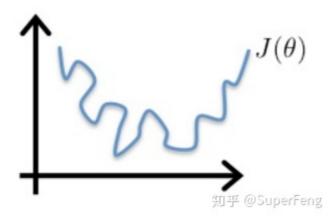
Logistic Regression tries to approximate the above probability using the following mathematic model:

$$\hat{y} = P(y = 1|x, w, b)$$
$$= \sigma(w^T x + b)$$

where $w \in R^{n_x}$, and $b \in R$.

Loss Function

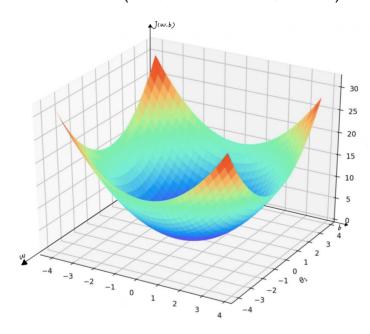
Given a training set $\{(x^{(1)},y^{(1)}),(x^{(2)},y^{(2)}),\dots,(x^{(m)},y^{(m)})\}$, we want $\hat{y}^{(i)}\approx y^{(i)}$. For logistic regression, a simple mean-squared error won't help the gradient descent work well. Because if we use the min-squared error, the curve of the loss function will be like this:



which is not convex.

Instead we use a loss fun:

$$\mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y) = -\left(y\log\hat{y} + (1 - y)\log(1 - \hat{y})\right)$$



which is a convex function.##Cost Function

The cost function is the average loss for the whole training set:

$$\mathcal{J}(w,b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$$
$$= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1-y) \log(1-\hat{y}^{(i)}) \right]$$

Same Effect as MAP(Maximize a Posteriori Probability)

The probability function for y given x is

$$p(y|x) = \begin{cases} \hat{y} & y = 1\\ 1 - \hat{y} & y = 0 \end{cases}$$

which can be written in this form

$$p(y|x) = \hat{y}^y (1 - \hat{y})^{(1-y)}$$

And to maximize the posteriori probability is equivalent to minimize the negative logarithm of this probability:

$$-\log p(y|x) = -(y\log \hat{y} + (1-y)\log(1-\hat{y}))$$

So minimize $\mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y)$ is equivalent to maximize p(y|x).

Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

The cost function $\mathcal{J}(w,b)$ is convex, so we can get its global minimum using gradient descent regardless the initial values for w and b.

we update w and b repeatedly:

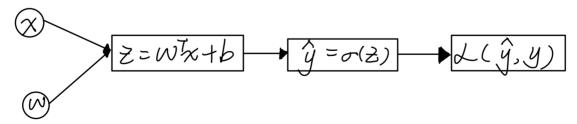
$$w := w - \alpha \frac{d\mathcal{J}(w, b)}{\partial w}$$

$$b := b - \alpha \, \frac{d\mathcal{J}(w, b)}{\partial b}$$

where α is the learning rate.

Gradient Descent for A Single Example

Giving the following computational graph:



We can get the derivative

$$dz = \hat{y} - y$$

Explanation:

$$dz = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y)}{dz} = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y)}{d\hat{y}} \cdot \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz}$$

$$= -\frac{ylog\hat{y} + (1 - y)log(1 - \hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\sigma(z)}{dz}$$

$$= -\left(\frac{y}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{y}}\right) \cdot \frac{\sigma(z)}{dz}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{y} - y}{\hat{y}(1 - \hat{y})} \frac{\sigma(z)}{dz}$$

while

$$\frac{\sigma(z)}{dz} = \frac{e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-z}}{1 + e^{-z}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$= (1 - \hat{y}) \cdot \hat{y}$$

So we have

$$dz = \hat{y} - y$$

And from that we can get

$$dw = \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dz} \nabla_w z$$
$$= (\hat{y} - y) \cdot x$$
$$db = \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dz} \frac{dz}{db}$$
$$= dz = \hat{y} - y$$

Gradient Descent for m Examples

As we already know the cost function for a m-size training set is

$$\mathcal{J}(w,b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$$

So we have

$$dw = \frac{d\mathcal{J}}{dw} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})}{dw}$$
$$= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) \cdot x^{(i)}$$

Vectorizing Logistic Regression

The training set is represented by a $n_x \times m$ matrix:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ x^{(1)} & x^{(2)} & \cdots & x^{(m)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

The weight matrix is represented by a vector:

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_{n_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

The bias matrix is represented by a $1 \times m$ matrix:

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} b & b & \cdots & b \end{bmatrix}$$

The latent variable is represented by a $1 \times m$ matrix:

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)} & z^{(2)} & \cdots & z^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

So in all, the logistic regression in a matrix form is:

$$Z = w^T X + b$$

Vectorizing Logistic Regression Gradient descent

We use a $1 \times m$ matrix to represent the predicted ys:

$$\hat{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}^{(1)} & \hat{y}^{(2)} & \cdots & \hat{y}^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly real ys are also represented by a $1 \times m$ matrix:

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} & y^{(2)} & \cdots & y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the vectorized dz for all zs are represented by a $1 \times m$ matrix:

$$dZ = \hat{Y} - Y$$

For the overall cost function, we need to add the gradient for each training example altogether.

So we get:

$$db = \frac{1}{m} np. sum(dZ)$$

$$dw = \frac{1}{m} \left(dz^{(1)} x^{(1)} + dz^{(2)} x^{(2)} + \dots + dz^{(m)} x^{(m)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} X dZ^{T}$$

where db is a scale and dw is a $n \times 1$ vector.

Implementing Logistic Regression

$$Z = w^{T}X + b$$

$$\hat{Y} = \sigma(Z)$$

$$dZ = \hat{Y} - Y$$

$$dw = \frac{1}{m}XdZ^{T}$$

$$db = \frac{1}{m}np.sum(dZ)$$

$$w := w - \alpha dw$$

$$b := b - \alpha db$$