

Damped Newton's Method Derivation for Multi-class Logistic Regression

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Objective Function

The objective function for multi-class logistic regression with ridge regularization is given by:

$$f(\beta) = \left[-\sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} 1(y_i = k) \log p_k(x_i; \beta) \right\} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_{k,j}^2 \right]$$

where

$$p_k(x_i; \beta) = \frac{e^{x_i^\top \beta_k}}{\sum_{l=0}^{K-1} e^{x_i^\top \beta_l}}$$

Gradient Derivation

To derive the gradient, we need to calculate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta_k}$ for each k .

First, let's calculate $\frac{\partial \log p_k}{\partial \beta_k}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log p_k}{\partial \beta_k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left(x_i^\top \beta_k - \log \sum_{l=0}^{K-1} e^{x_i^\top \beta_l} \right) \\ &= x_i - \frac{e^{x_i^\top \beta_k}}{\sum_{l=0}^{K-1} e^{x_i^\top \beta_l}} x_i \\ &= x_i(1 - p_k) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $m \neq k$:

$$\frac{\partial \log p_m}{\partial \beta_k} = -\frac{e^{x_i^\top \beta_k}}{\sum_{l=0}^{K-1} e^{x_i^\top \beta_l}} x_i = -p_k x_i$$

Now, we can calculate the gradient:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta_k} &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[1(y_i = k) x_i (1 - p_k) - \sum_{m \neq k} 1(y_i = m) p_m x_i \right] + \lambda \beta_k \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i [1(y_i = k) - p_k] + \lambda \beta_k \\
&= -X^\top [1(Y = k) - P_k] + \lambda \beta_k
\end{aligned}$$

where $1(Y = k)$ is a vector of indicators and P_k is a vector of probabilities $p_k(x_i; \beta)$.

Hessian Derivation

Now, let's calculate the Hessian. We need to compute $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \beta_k \partial \beta_m}$ for all k and m .

For $k = m$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \beta_k^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} (-X^\top [1(Y = k) - P_k] + \lambda \beta_k) \\
&= X^\top \text{diag}(p_k(1 - p_k))X + \lambda I \\
&= X^\top W_k X + \lambda I
\end{aligned}$$

For $k \neq m$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \beta_k \partial \beta_m} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_m} (-X^\top [1(Y = k) - P_k] + \lambda \beta_k) \\
&= X^\top \text{diag}(p_k p_m)X
\end{aligned}$$

Newton's Method

The Newton's method update is given by:

$$\beta^{(t+1)} = \beta^{(t)} - H^{-1}g$$

where H is the Hessian and g is the gradient.

For the multi-class case, we can write this as a system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{00} & H_{01} & \cdots & H_{0,K-1} \\ H_{10} & H_{11} & \cdots & H_{1,K-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_{K-1,0} & H_{K-1,1} & \cdots & H_{K-1,K-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \beta_0 \\ \Delta \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \beta_{K-1} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} g_0 \\ g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_{K-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $H_{km} = X^\top \text{diag}(p_k p_m)X$ for $k \neq m$, and $H_{kk} = X^\top W_k X + \lambda I$.

Simplification

The system above is complicated to solve directly. However, we can simplify it by noting that:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{K-1} p_k = 1 \implies \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \beta_m} = 0$$

This allows us to treat each β_k update independently:

$$(X^\top W_k X + \lambda I) \Delta \beta_k = -g_k$$

Damped Newton's Method

The damped Newton's method introduces a learning rate η :

$$\beta_k^{(t+1)} = \beta_k^{(t)} - \eta (X^\top W_k X + \lambda I)^{-1} g_k$$

Substituting the expression for g_k , we get:

$$\beta_k^{(t+1)} = \beta_k^{(t)} - \eta (X^\top W_k X + \lambda I)^{-1} \left[X^\top \{P_k - 1(Y = k)\} + \lambda \beta_k^{(t)} \right]$$

This completes the derivation of the damped Newton's method update for multi-class logistic regression.