

Discussion #12

Logistic Regression

1. Suppose we are given the following dataset, with two features ($\mathbb{X}_{:,0}$ and $\mathbb{X}_{:,1}$) and one response variable (y).

$\mathbb{X}_{:,0}$	$\mathbb{X}_{:,1}$	y
2	2	0
1	-1	1

Here, \vec{x} corresponds to a single row of our data matrix, not including the y column. We write all vectors for this class as column vectors. Thus, we can write, \vec{x}_1 , as $\vec{x}_1 = [2 \ 2]^T$. Note that there is no intercept term!

You run an algorithm to fit a model for the probability of $Y = 1$ given \vec{x} :

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 \mid \vec{x}) = \sigma(\vec{x}^T \theta)$$

where

$$\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-t)}$$

Your algorithm returns $\hat{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}^T$

- (a) Calculate $\hat{\mathbb{P}}(Y = 1 \mid \vec{x} = [1 \ 0]^T)$.

- (b) The empirical risk using log loss (a.k.a., cross-entropy loss) is given by the following expression. Remember, whenever you see \log in this course, you must assume the natural logarithm (base- e), unless explicitly told otherwise.

$$R(\theta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \log \hat{\mathbb{P}}(Y = 1 | \vec{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log \hat{\mathbb{P}}(Y = 0 | \vec{x}_i))$$

Suppose we run a different algorithm and obtain $\hat{\theta} = [0 \ 0]^T$. Calculate the empirical risk for this new $\hat{\theta}$ on our dataset.

- (c) Is our dataset linearly separable? If so, write the equation of a hyperplane that separates the two classes.

- (d) Does either of our fitted models $\hat{\theta} = [0 \ 0]^T$ or $\hat{\theta} = [-\frac{1}{2} \ -\frac{1}{2}]^T$ minimize cross-entropy loss?

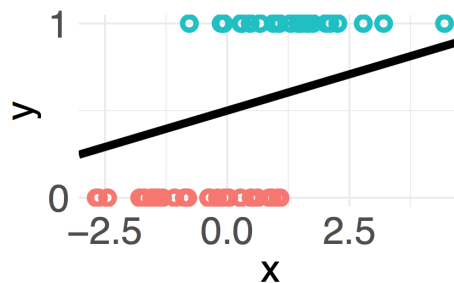
- (e) Consider using a linear regression model such that $\mathbb{X}\hat{\theta} = \hat{\mathbb{Y}}$. What is the MSE of the optimal linear regression model given the dataset we used above for logistic regression?

- (f) Assume we add the data point $[3, -2]$ to the design matrix such that our resulting design matrix is as follows.

$\mathbb{X}_{:,0}$	$\mathbb{X}_{:,1}$	y
2	2	0
1	-1	1
3	-2	0

Comment on whether it is possible to achieve perfect accuracy using a logistic regression model and whether it is possible to achieve zero MSE using a linear regression model trained on the new data. Assume that we don't use an intercept term.

2. Suppose your friend obtains a dataset with a single feature x . Your friend argues that the data are linearly separable by drawing the line on the following plot of the data.



- (a) Argue whether or not your friend is correct. Note: this question refers to a binary classification problem with a single feature.
- (b) Suppose you use gradient descent for a **fixed number of iterations** to train a logistic regression model on two design matrices \mathbb{X}_a and \mathbb{X}_b . After training, you find that the training accuracy for \mathbb{X}_a is 100% and the training accuracy for \mathbb{X}_b is 98%. What can you say about whether the data is linearly separable for the two design matrices?

3. Suppose we train a binary classifier on this dataset. Suppose y is the set of true labels, and \hat{y} is the set of predicted labels.

y	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
\hat{y}	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

Determine each of the following quantities.

- (a) Confusion matrix.

Hint: The first row contains the true negatives and false positives, and the second row contains false negatives and true positives (in that order).

- (b) The precision of our classifier. Write your answer as a simplified fraction.

- (c) The recall of our classifier. Write your answer as a simplified fraction.