

Linear Regression

NAME

Linear Regression - A regression algorithm supported by Frovedis to predict the continuous output without any regularization.

SYNOPSIS

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#include <frovedis/ml/glm/linear_regression_with_sgd.hpp>

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DESCRIPTION

Linear least squares is the most common formulation for regression problems. It is a linear method with the loss function given by the **squared loss**:

$$L(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{x}, y) := 1/2(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} - y)^2$$

Where the vectors \mathbf{x} are the training data examples and y are their corresponding labels which we want to predict. \mathbf{w} is the linear model (also known as weight) which uses a single weighted sum of features to make a prediction. The method is called linear since it can be expressed as a function of $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$ and y . Linear regression does not use any regularizer.

The gradient of the squared loss is: $(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} - y) \cdot \mathbf{x}$

Frovedis provides implementation of linear regression with two different optimizers: (1) stochastic gradient descent with minibatch and (2) LBFGS optimizer.

The simplest method to solve optimization problems of the form **min** $f(\mathbf{w})$ is gradient descent. Such first-order optimization methods well-suited for large-scale and distributed computation. Whereas, L-BFGS is an optimization algorithm in the family of quasi-Newton methods to solve the optimization problems of the similar form.

Like the original BFGS, L-BFGS (Limited Memory BFGS) uses an estimation to the inverse Hessian matrix to steer its search through feature space, but where BFGS stores a dense $n \times n$ approximation to the inverse Hessian (n being the number of features in the problem), L-BFGS stores only a few vectors that represent the approximation implicitly. L-BFGS often achieves rapid convergence compared with other first-order optimization.

Detailed Description

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SEE ALSO

`linear_regression_model`, `lasso_regression`, `ridge_regression`