

Linear SVM

NAME

Linear SVM (Support Vector Machines) - A classification algorithm supported by Frovedis to predict the binary output with hinge loss.

SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

Classification aims to divide items into categories. The most common classification type is binary classification, where there are two categories, usually named positive and negative. Frovedis supports binary classification algorithm only.

The Linear SVM is a standard method for large-scale classification tasks. It is a linear method with the loss function given by the **hinge loss**:

$$L(w;x,y) := \max\{0, 1-ywTx\}$$

Where the vectors x are the training data examples and y are their corresponding labels (can be either -1 for negative response or 1 for positive response) which we want to predict. w is the linear model (also known as weight) which uses a single weighted sum of features to make a prediction. Linear SVM supports ZERO, L1 and L2 regularization to address the overfit problem.

The gradient of the hinge loss is: $-y.x$, if $ywTx < 1$, 0 otherwise.

The gradient of the L1 regularizer is: $\text{sign}(w)$

And The gradient of the L2 regularizer is: w

For binary classification problems, the algorithm outputs a binary svm model. Given a new data point, denoted by x , the model makes predictions based on the value of wTx .

By default, if $wTx \geq 0$, then the response is positive (1), else the response is negative (-1).

Frovedis provides implementation of linear SVM 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** $f(w)$ 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 rapider convergence compared with other first-order optimization.

Detailed Description

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Purpose

It trains an svm model with stochastic gradient descent with minibatch optimizer and with provided regularizer (if not ZERO). It starts with an initial guess of zeros for the model vector and keeps updating the model to minimize the cost function until convergence is achieved or maximum iteration count is reached. After the training, it returns the trained output model.

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SEE ALSO

`svm_model`, `logistic_regression`