

# CS 4340 - Logistic Regression

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## Introduction

We will use logistic regression to obtain probabilities of passing a course given a number of weeks inactive.

Our training data is:

Training Data	
Weeks Inactive	Pass/Fail
1	0
2	1
3	0
4	1
5	0
6	1
7	1
8	1

0 = pass, 1 = fail

## The Code

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import numpy as np
# define x_0
x0 = 1

# ln L = sum_{i=1}^n { x_i^j * ( y^j - ( e^{\{w_0x_0+w_1x_1\}} / (1 + e^{\{w_0x_0+w_1x_1\}} ) ) ) }

# compute d/dw_i ln L with given x, y, weights, and step size
def ddw(i, x, y, w_, c):
    s = 0
    # for d/dw_1 ln L
    for j in range(1,9):
        eexp = np.exp( ( w_[0] * x0 ) + ( w_[1] * x[j-1] ) )
        if (i == 0):
            pointmult = 1
        else:
            pointmult = x[j-1]
        point = pointmult * (y[j-1] - ( eexp / ( 1 + eexp ) ) )
        s = s + point
    w = w_[i] + (c * s)
    return w

# compute the passing chance given x weeks of inactivity
def passingchance(w_, x):
    chance = 1 / ( 1 + np.exp(x0 * w_[0] + (x * w_[1])) )
    return chance

# input data [1-8], "weeks of inactivity"
#x = np.arange(1, 9)
x = np.array( [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8] )
# output, 0 = "pass", 1 = "fail"
y = np.array( [0,1,0,1,0,1,1,1] )
# step size
c = 0.01
# initial weight vector
w_ = np.array( [1., 1.] )
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# iterate T times
T = 2000
for t in range(T):
    new_w0 = ddw(0,x,y,w_,c)
    new_w1 = ddw(1,x,y,w_,c)
    w_[0] = new_w0
    w_[1] = new_w1

# print weight vector
print("\nWeight vector: ", w_)
print("\nWeeks of Inactivity\tChances of passing")
for i in range(0,13):
    print("\t",i, "\t\t", round(passingchance(w_, i),4)*100, "%")

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## Notes

### (a) Logistic regression results

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Weight vector:  $[-1.8142984 \quad 0.5594476]$

Weeks of Inactivity	Chances of passing
0	85.99 %
1	77.81 %
2	66.72 %
3	53.39 %
4	39.57 %
5	27.23 %
6	17.62 %
7	10.89 %
8	6.53 %
9	3.84 %
10	2.23 %
11	1.29 %
12	0.74 %

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I started with a step size,  $c = 0.1$ , which gave shaky results for the weight vector. It would bounce from  $< -2.24, 1.02 >$  to  $< -2.36, 0.50 >$  every other iteration. So I decided to lower the step size to  $c = 0.01$  to avoid the jumpiness.

Running logistic regression over our input data gives us a weight vector of  $< -1.81, 0.56 >$ .

At 3 weeks of inactivity, a student has a 53.4% chance of passing the course.

At 5 weeks of inactivity, a student has a 27.2% chance of passing the course.

(b) Can logistic regression be used for classification?

Logistic regression can very well be used for classification.

We can classify using:

if [  $P(Y = 0|X) > P(Y = 1|X)$  ] then pass  
else fail

(c) Suppose two or more rows in the training data set have the same x-value, but different y-values  
(e.g. (x=3,y=1) and (x=3,y=0)).

Would we still be able to obtain a valid logistic regression of Y on X?

Yes. Here is a run with both 0 and 1 at x = 3:

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Weight vector: [-1.08989798 0.43602457]

Weeks of Inactivity	Chances of passing
0	74.84 %
1	65.79 %
2	55.42 %
3	44.57 %
4	34.2 %
5	25.16 %
6	17.85 %
7	12.32 %
8	8.33 %
9	5.55 %
10	3.66 %
11	2.4 %
12	1.56 %

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Having x-values with different y-values adds a degree of uncertainty, which leads to less confident predictions.