

Probabilistic discriminative models

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Two approaches to find parameters of generalized linear model

- A) Generative and Indirect (already seen)
 - Fit class conditionals and class priors separately (logistic sigmoid/ softmax, maximum likelihood)
 - Apply Bayes theorem
- From the model created, synthetic data can be generated by taking values of from the marginal distribution $p(x)$
- B) Discriminative and Direct
 - Maximize a likelihood function defined through the conditional distribution $p(C_k/x)$ <-
-this is a functional form of generalized linear model
 - Normally lesser parameters
 - Might give better prediction
 - Algorithm is called "Iterative reweighted least squares (IRLS)"

Fixed basis functions

- Fixed basis function transformation: Make a fixed nonlinear transformation of inputs using a vector of basis functions $\phi(\mathbf{x})$
- Advantage: Decision boundaries will be linear in the feature space ϕ , corresponding to the non-linear decision boundaries in original space
- Handle overlap between class conditional densities ($p(c_k/x)$ are not all 0 or 1) by proper choice of nonlinearity

Logistic regression

- Actually this is a Classification technique
- Posterior probability of class C_1 = logistic sigmoid (linear function of feature vector ϕ)

$$p(C_1|\phi) = y(\phi) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi)$$

- $\sigma(\cdot)$ is the logistic sigmoid function (statistics -> logistic regression)
- M dimensional feature space has only M parameters (much less than Gaussian – 2M for mean and $M(M+1)/2$ for covariance)
- Use Maximum likelihood to find parameter values:
 - Take derivative of logistic sigmoid function: $\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$

- For data set $\{\phi_n, t_n\}$ likelihood function is $p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1-t_n}$

$$y_n = p(\mathcal{C}_1|\phi_n)$$

- Error function is negative log of likelihood -> cross entropy error fn.

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$

$$y_n = \sigma(a_n) \text{ and } a_n = \mathbf{w}^T \phi_n$$

- (using $\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$,the derivative of logistic sigmoid is cancelled)

- Gradient of error function w.r.t 'w' ->
$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) \phi_n$$

- In words-> contribution by a data point n to the gradient is error $y_n - t_n$ multiplied by basis function vector ϕ_n
- Similar to gradient for sum of squares error function for linear regression
- Note: For linearly separable data sets, maximum likelihood can result in overfitting.
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Iterative reweighted least squares

- Issue: Non-linearity of logistic sigmoid function => no closed form of solution for logistic regression
- But difference from a quadratic form is only a little.
- Error function here is concave => unique minimum
- Minimize error function using Newton Raphson iteration optimization (this uses local quadratic approximation to log likelihood function)
- Newton Raphson update to minimize error $E(\mathbf{w})$ is

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla E(\mathbf{w})$$

- H is Hessian matrix (elements are second derivative of $E(\mathbf{w})$ w.r.t ' \mathbf{w} '
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- Applying Newton Raphson to linear regression.
- (Φ is $N \times M$ design matrix $\rightarrow n^{\text{th}}$ row is ϕ_n^T)
- Gradient of error function:
$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{w}^T \phi_n - t_n) \phi_n = \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$
- Hessian of error function:
$$\mathbf{H} = \nabla \nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \phi_n \phi_n^T = \Phi^T \Phi$$
- Newton Raphson update:
$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \{ \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \Phi^T \mathbf{t} \}$$
- (Quadratic, Std.least sq sol) =
$$(\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

- Apply Newton Raphson to cross entropy fn. for logistic regression

- Use $\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) \phi_n$ and $\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$

- Gradient of this is $\Phi^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})$

- Hessian is $\mathbf{H} = \nabla \nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N y_n(1 - y_n) \phi_n \phi_n^T =$

- $= \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi$

- R is NxN diagonal matrix with elements $R_{nn} = y_n(1 - y_n)$

- Hessian depends on 'w' through R

- As $0 < y_n < 1$ (for logistic sigmoid function), for any vector 'u'
- $u^T H u > 0 \Rightarrow$ Hessian matrix is positive definite \Rightarrow
- Error function is concave function of 'w'
- Error function \Rightarrow has a unique minimum
- Newton Raphson update model for logistic regression is

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})$$

- Make \mathbf{z} = N dimensional vector with elements

$$\mathbf{z} = \Phi \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{z}$$

- As Weighing matrix R depends on a changing 'w' the equation
- $(\Phi^T R \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T R \mathbf{z}$ has to be repeatedly applied, with new
- values of weight vector <---- Iterative reweighted least squares (IRLS)
- Elements of R give the variance
- Mean of 't' in logistic regression: $\mathbb{E}[t] = \sigma(\mathbf{x}) = y$
- Variance of 't' : $\text{var}[t] = \mathbb{E}[t^2] - \mathbb{E}[t]^2 = \sigma(\mathbf{x}) - \sigma(\mathbf{x})^2 = y(1 - y)$

Multi class Logistic regression

- Use maximum likelihood to calculate values of 'w'

1) Find derivatives of y_k w.r.t all activations a_j

$$\frac{\partial y_k}{\partial a_j} = y_k(I_{kj} - y_j) \quad I_{kj} \text{ identity matrix}$$

2) Likelihood function (using 1 of k) (T is $n \times k$ matrix of target variables

$$p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K p(C_k|\phi_n)^{t_{nk}} = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K y_{nk}^{t_{nk}}$$

3) Negative logarithm -> $E(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = -\ln p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K t_{nk} \ln y_{nk}$

This is the cross entropy error function for multi class classification

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- 4) Take gradient of error function w.r.t ' w_j '
- Using $\frac{\partial y_k}{\partial a_j} = y_k(I_{kj} - y_j)$ and $\sum_k t_{nk} = 1$
- We get
$$\nabla_{w_j} E(w_1, \dots, w_K) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_{nj} - t_{nj}) \phi_n$$
- Above is similar to linear regression -> error multiplied by basis function
- Use Newton Raphson method to get IRLS algorithm for multiclass

Probit Regression

- There are class-conditional distributions that cannot be modelled by logistic sigmoid or by softmax.
- For example when the class conditional distribution is modelled using a Gaussian mixture
- Find other discriminative probabilistic model ->
- With $a = w^T \phi$ and $f(\cdot)$ as activation function

$$p(t = 1|a) = f(a)$$

- Find a noisy threshold value as: For each i/p ϕ_n , evaluate $a_n = w^T \phi_n$,
- Set target value $t_n = 1$ if $a_n \geq \theta$ else $t_n = 0$

- If value of θ is from a probability density $p(\theta)$ then corresponding activation function is the cumulative distribution fn.

$$f(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a p(\theta) d\theta$$

- Probit function:
- When the density $p(\theta)$ is a zero mean, unit variance Gaussian, the cumulative distribution (activation function) is

$$\Phi(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a \mathcal{N}(\theta|0, 1) d\theta$$

- Has a Sigmoidal shape

- Generalized linear model based on probit activation function is Probit regression

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- Related function is "erf function"

$$\text{erf}(a) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^a \exp(-\theta^2/2) d\theta$$

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- Outliers: Probit model is more sensitive to Outliers <-- Bad behavior