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Abstract

1 Introduction

category y_i is given by the Sigmoid-function (or logistic function):

2 Theory

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-t}} = \frac{e^t}{1 + e^t} \quad (1)$$

$$1 - p(t) = p(-t)$$

2.1 Logistic Regression

Classification problems aim to predict the behaviour of a given object, and look for patterns based on discrete variables (i.e categories). Logistic regression can be used to solve such problems, commonly by the use of variables with binary outcomes such as true/false, positive/negative, success/failure etc.

Assuming a binary classification problem, i.e. y_i can be either 0 or 1, and a set of predictors $\hat{\beta}$ the Sigmoid function (1) gives the probabilities with relation:

$$p(y_i = 0|x_i, \hat{\beta}) = 1 - p(y_i = 1|x_i, \hat{\beta})$$

As opposed to linear regression, the equation one gets as a result of minimization of the cost function by $\hat{\beta}$ using logistic regression, is non-linear, and is solved using minimization algorithms called *gradient descent methods*.

The total likelihood for all possible outcomes $\mathcal{D} = \{(y_i, x_i)\}$ is used in the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), aiming at maximizing the log/likelihood function (2). The likelihood function can be expressed with \mathcal{D} :

When predicting the the output classes in which an object belongs, the prediction is based on the design matrix $\hat{\mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ that contain n samples that each carry p features.

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\beta}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[p(y_i = 1|x_i, \hat{\beta}) \right]^{y_i} \left[1 - p(y_i = 0|x_i, \hat{\beta}) \right]^{1-y_i}$$

A distinction is made between *hard classification* - deterministically determine the variable to a category, and *soft classification* - determines the probability that a given variable belongs in a certain category. The latter is favorable in many cases, and logistic regression is the most used example of this type of classifier.

And the log/likelihood function is then:

$$P_{\log}(\hat{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i \log \left[p(y_i = 1|x_i, \hat{\beta}) \right] + (1 - y_i) \log \left[1 - p(y_i = 0|x_i, \hat{\beta}) \right] \right) \quad (2)$$

When using logistic regression, the probability that a given data point x_i belongs in a

The cost/error-function \mathcal{C} (also called cross-entropy in statistics) is the negative of the

log/likelihood. Maximizing P_{\log} is thus the same as minimizing the cost function. The cost function is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(\hat{\beta}) &= -P_{\log}(\hat{\beta}) = \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i \log [p(y_i = 1|x_i, \hat{\beta})] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 - y_i) \log [1 - p(y_i = 0|x_i, \hat{\beta})] \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Finding the parameters $\hat{\beta}$ that minimize the cost function is then done through derivation. Defining the vector \hat{y} containing n elements y_i , the $n \times p$ matrix \hat{X} containing the x_i elements, and the vector \hat{p} that is the fitted probabilities $p(y_i|x_i, \hat{\beta})$, the first derivative of \mathcal{C} is

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{C}(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \hat{\beta}} = -\hat{X}^T (\hat{y} - \hat{p}) \quad (4)$$

And by introduction of a diagonal matrix \hat{W} with diagonal elements $p(y_i|x_i, \hat{\beta}) \cdot (1 - p(y_i|x_i, \hat{\beta}))$ the second derivative is:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{C}(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \hat{\beta} \partial \hat{\beta}^T} = \hat{X}^T \hat{W} \hat{X} \quad (5)$$

With $\hat{x} = [1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p]$ and p predictors $\hat{\beta} = [\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p]$ the relation between likelihoods of outcome is:

$$\log \frac{p(\hat{\beta}\hat{x})}{1 - p(\hat{\beta}\hat{x})} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_p x_p \quad (6)$$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ a_1 & b_2 & c_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & b_3 & c_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \ddots & a_{n-2} & b_{n-1} & c_{n-1} \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & a_{n-1} & b_n \end{bmatrix},$$

3 Results

4 Discussion

5 Conclusion

References