

## 1 Foreword

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Disclaimer : The notes are written only for my understanding and memorization purpose after I have self-studied those online lecture notes (mainly Stanford CS109, CS229, CS168, CS231n, Cornell CS4780, Andrew Ng's (I am his fan) Coursera courses ) and other online resources ( Stack Exchange, TowardDataScience ).

## 2 Likelihood and Maximum Likelihood Estimation(MLE)

We have  $m$  sampling data, we attempt to establish a hypothesis  $h(\theta)$  with parameter  $\theta$  to model the data

The term Likelihood denotes the probability that particular value  $\theta$  represents the sampling data.

We want to find the value of parameter(s) which best represent the data(\*), the process is called MLE.

Let  $f$  be the pdf of random variable  $X$ ,  $X_i$  is the value if sample  $i$ , then  $f(X_i | \theta)$  is read as the chance of  $X_i$  happening if value of parameter is  $\theta$

Likelihood function :  $L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^m f(X_i | \theta)$  ( assumption here : sampling are independent process). We want to find  $\theta$  that maximize  $L$ , i.e. (\*)

Generally, we take log (monotonically increasing function) likelihood to convert multiplications to additions for easier handling and then find maxima (by partial derivatives = 0)

## 3 Confusion Matrix

Predict True, Actual True : True Positive (TP)

Predict True, Actual False : False Positive (FP)

Predict False, Actual False : False Negative (FN)

Predict False, Actual True : True Negative (TN)

Accuracy =  $(TP+TN)/(TP+FP+FN+TN)$ , performance of correct classification

Precision =  $TP / (TP+FP)$  ( correctly classified as positive / Everything classified as positive ), example usage : Cancer detection. (We don't want to initiate cancer treatment if the person is actually healthy).

Recall =  $TP / (TP + FN)$  ( correctly classified as positive / Actually positive ), FP is more expensive than TN . (e.g. Fraud detection).

Note : Mathematically, Precision and Recall are in inverse relationship, there is a tradeoff between recall and precision.

F1 score =  $2(P*R)/(P+R)$ , a compromised metric

## 4 K-Nearest Neighbour

Description : Choose the \*majority\* class of nearest (e.g. Eclidean Distance ) K data points and classify it.

How to Choose K(hyper-paramaeter) : General rule of thumb :  $\sqrt{\text{number of data}}$ /2 or by searching and comparing different k's for highest prediction accuracy.

Normalization of data in preprocessing is a must

## 5 K-Means Clustering

Simple Description : Identify clusters by finding the centroid of data points

Algorithm :

1. Initialize  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k$  randomly (k is hyper-parameter)

2. Repeated until converge :

(i)  $c^{(i)} := \arg \min_j \|x^{(i)} - \mu_j\|^2, j \in [1 : k]$  , (i.e.  $c^{(i)}$  denote which  $\mu$  the  $x^{(i)}$  is linked to. Link each data point to nearest  $\mu_j$ . If  $x^{(i)}$  is nearest to  $\mu_s$ , then  $c^{(i)} = j$ . Thus, k partitions are created. )

(ii)  $\mu_j := \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{c^{(i)}=j\}x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{c^{(i)}=j\}}$  , (i.e. For each data point in each partition from (i) , find the new centroid and assign to  $\mu_k$

Proof of convergence of the algorithm : consider

$$J(c, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}}\|^2$$

Observation : J must be monotonically decreasing. It is because for step (i) It is adjusting  $c^{(i)}$  to reduce J, for step (ii) we are adjusting  $\mu_j$  to reduce J

J is non-convext, it may get to local minimum. To try several random initial values, and choose the lowest J.

## 6 Linear Regression(MSE approach)

Hypothesis :

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \sum_j \theta_j x_j = \theta^{\top} x$$

We want to minimize MSE (Mean Square Error)

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left( \theta^{\top} x^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

Gradient of J :

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_i x_j^{(i)} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)$$

Each  $\theta_j$  is updated for each step by gradient descent algorithm.

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

Practically :

(i) Learning rate  $\alpha$  is hyperparameter and data dependent , larger, fewer steps to get to min. but may miss the minimum. (Monitor the loss curve, J value vs iteration ).

(ii) Batch GD is slow, may be Mini-Batch GD or Stochastic GD.

(iii) If  $\alpha$  is small but the loss oscillate , converged and stop learning.

## 7 Linear Regression(MLE approach)

## 8 Logistic Regression

$$P(y = 1|x) = h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\top} x)} \equiv \sigma(\theta^{\top} x)$$

$$P(y = 0|x) = 1 - P(y = 1|x) = 1 - h_{\theta}(x)$$

Loss function is

$$J(\theta) = - \sum_i \left[ y^{(i)} \log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right]$$

Again , BGD for following gradient of J :

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_i x_j^{(i)} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)$$

Interpretation : For a particular sample : if h return 1/0 and y return 1/0 , the term is 0. if h return 1/0 and y return 0/1 , the term is positive infinity.

## 9 Logistic Regression(MLE approach)

## 10 Softmax Regression(Multi-Class Logistic)

k classes, n x k parameters , and the hypothesis is :

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} P(y=1|x;\theta) \\ P(y=2|x;\theta) \\ \vdots \\ P(y=K|x;\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(\theta^{(j)\top} x)} \begin{bmatrix} \exp(\theta^{(1)\top} x) \\ \exp(\theta^{(2)\top} x) \\ \vdots \\ \exp(\theta^{(K)\top} x) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Below Loss function is quite easy to understand : By referencing to previous hypothesis, we want to maximize the y=k associated probability if that data belongs to class k

$$J(\theta) = - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^K 1\{y^{(i)} = k\} \log \left( \frac{\exp(\theta^{(k)\top} x^{(i)})}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(\theta^{(j)\top} x^{(i)})} \right) \right]$$

Gradient of J is, we solve the problem by GD :

$$\nabla_{\theta^{(k)}} J(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ x^{(i)} \left( 1\{y^{(i)} = k\} - P(y^{(i)} = k|x^{(i)}; \theta) \right) \right]$$

Where :

$$P(y^{(i)} = k|x^{(i)}; \theta) = \frac{\exp(\theta^{(k)\top} x^{(i)})}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(\theta^{(j)\top} x^{(i)})}$$

## 11 Regularization in Linear Regression

## 12 BGD variation : Mini BGD/SGD

BGD use all training data in a single step, which is extremely costly.

## 13 Loss function in Classification(Binary) Problem - General treatment

General Hypothesis :  $h_{\theta}(x) = x^T \theta$

Adjustment for binary classification :

$$\text{sign}(h_{\theta}(x)) = \text{sign}(\theta^T x) = \text{sign}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } t = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Measure of confidence :  $h_\theta(x) = x^T \theta$  gives larger value, more confident

Margin (  $y x^T \theta$  ) : (i) if  $h_\theta(x)$  classify correctly, margin is positive, otherwise negative.

(ii) Therefore our objective is to maximize the margin ( we want both correct classification and be confident)

Consider the following loss function :

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \phi(y^{(i)} \theta^T x^{(i)})$$

We want penalize wrong classification and encourage correct one , we design  $\phi$  as  $\phi(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , while  $\phi(z) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $z \rightarrow -\infty$  where  $z = y x^T \theta$  , and examples are :

logistic loss :  $\phi_{\text{logistic}}(z) = \log(1 + e^{-z})$  ,used in logistic regression

hinge loss :  $\phi_{\text{hinge}}(z) = [1 - z]_+ = \max(1 - z, 0)$  , used in SVM

Exponential loss  $\phi_{\text{exp}}(z) = e^{-z}$  , used in boosting

## 14 Kernel Mapping (Special case demo by Linear Regression + Polymonial Kernel)

(I) Purpose : To x map from lower higher dimension. Useful when data are non-linearly separable(Transform to a curve)

(II) Computation complexity does not necessarily increase proportionately.

(III) Example : a mapping function  $\varphi : R \rightarrow R^4$  ,  $x \rightarrow [1, x, x^2, x^3]$ , and  $h$  is  $\theta^T x$  having  $\theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4]$

(IV) Terms :  $x$  is called attribute,  $x \rightarrow [1, x, x^2, x^3]$  called feature,  $\varphi$  feature map,  $\varphi : R^1 \rightarrow R^4$  in this case.  $d=1$   $p=4$

(IV) Another Example : a mapping function  $\varphi : R^3 \rightarrow R^{1000}$  ,  $x \rightarrow [1, x_1, x_1^2, x_1^3, x_1 x_2, x_1 x_2^2, \dots]$

(\*) ,let  $d=3$  ,  $p=1000$ . If we exhaust all possibilities, then  $p = 1 + d + d^2 + d^3$  (\*\*)

Recall GD stepping :

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - h_\theta(x^{(i)})) x^{(i)}$$

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

Putting kernel mapping to the equation :

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)})) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

We pause here to evaluate the cost of computing each of update (Curse of Dimensionality...), considering (\*\*). If we just use the kernel direction, we suffer the curse of dimensionality : Suppose d (data dimension) = 1000, then by using the mapping in (\*\*) we have  $p = 10^9$ .  $\theta^T \phi(x^{(i)})$  need  $O(p)$  (dot product) , and  $O(np)$  for summing up all data in each step. Going back to BGD.

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)})) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

, assuming  $\theta = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \phi(x^{(i)})$  (\*) at some point, with initialization  $\theta = 0 = \beta$  It becomes

$$\theta := \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \phi(x^{(i)}) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)})) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

Rearranging :

$$\theta := \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i + \alpha(y^{(i)} - \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)}))) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

Therefore it is equivalent to updating  $\beta_i$  ( instead of  $\theta_i$  ) by

$$\beta_i := \beta_i + \alpha(y^{(i)} - \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)}))$$

by (\*) above

$$\beta_i := \beta_i + \alpha \left( y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^T \phi(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Computing of LHS is fast because : (1) we can pre-compute  $\phi(x^{(j)})^T \phi(x^{(i)})$  for all i,j, and (2)  $\phi(x^{(j)})^T \phi(x^{(i)})$  can be represented by  $\langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$  :

$$\langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^d x_i z_i + \sum_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, d\}} x_i x_j z_i z_j + \sum_{i,j,k \in \{1, \dots, d\}} x_i x_j x_k z_i z_j z_k = 1 + \langle x, z \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle^2 + \langle x, z \rangle^3 \quad (**)$$

Define K where K is n x n ( n is the number of training samples) matrix, with  $K(x, z) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$  , where  $K_{ij}$  is  $\langle \phi(x^{(i)}), \phi(x^{(j)}) \rangle$

Therefore, the process is : (1) compute  $K_{ij}$  using (\*\*), for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Set  $\beta := 0$  ,

(2) Loop

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad \beta_i := \beta_i + \alpha \left( y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) \right)$$

in vectorized notation:

$$\beta := \beta + \alpha(\tilde{y} - K\beta)$$

When doing inference :

$$\theta^T \phi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \phi(x^{(i)})^T \phi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i K(x^{(i)}, x)$$

In practice, we do computation using K ( at O(d) cost ) instead of directly from  $\phi(x)$  is much faster. Further, We only need to know K but "just only need to know" the existence of  $\phi(x)$ . There is no need to be able to write down  $\phi(x)$ . Consider the Kernel applied to bitmap : number of bits as d. (Great reduction!) Intuitively, K represents similarity matrix, i.e. K is small if  $\phi(x^{(j)})^T \phi(x^{(i)})$  is small

Example : Gaussian Kernel, it can support infinitely dimensional space of mapping.

$$K(x, z) = \exp \left( -\frac{\|x - z\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

Mercer Theorem : For K to be a valid Kernel iff K is PSD.

Application : To SVM, perceptron, linear regression, and other learning algorithms represented only in inner product  $\langle x, z \rangle$  , then Apply K(x,z)

## 15 Generative vs Discriminative Learning Algorithm for classification, discussion

D : Learn the curve that separates the classes, e.g. Logistic Regression, SVM , ANN, CNN

G : Learn (all the parameters of ) the model itself and just class of data. e.g. Naive Bayes, Gradient Discriminant Analysis, GAN

An Analogy of G : Learn both English and French , and guess whether the word Bonjour is French or English.

Another Example of G (\*):

Let's say a model is trained with 1000 pictures :

- (i) Dog without glasses : 1
- (ii) Dog with glasses : 239
- (iii) Human without glasses : 500
- (iv) Human with glasses : 260

Assume we have a photo with a glasses. To classify a dog or human in the picture for a generative model : Since  $P(H \& G) / P(G) = 260/261 > P(D \& G) / P(G) = 1/261$ , the model infer that it is a human.

let x be feature, y be class

Put it in another way, in D (e.g. (multi-class) logistic regression) , we learn h which is  $p(y|x)$  and infer the class with largest  $p(y|x)$ . i.e. we are finding  $\argmax_y p(y|x)$

In G, we are learning  $p(x|y)$  (by learning all  $p(x)$  for each possible classes of y ) and  $p(y)$  (pdf of all classes of y ). Let y be the class (Dog=1 vs Human=0) , x be feature( with glasses ) , we learn  $p(x|y=1)$  ( case (i)/(ii) ) and  $p(x|y=0)$  (

case (iii)/(iv) )

Mathematically, D and G's relationship :  $\operatorname{argmax}_y p(y|x)[D] = \operatorname{argmax}_y \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{p(x)} =$

$\operatorname{argmax}_y p(x|y)p(y)[G] = \operatorname{argmax}_y p(x \& y)$

(bayes rule, x is independent variable, bayes rule again, also see (\*) )

## 16 Naive Bayes Classifier

An example of Generative Learning algorithm Example usage , spam mail detection

Let  $x_i$ 's be the all words in dictionary.  $y = 1$  for spam mail,  $y = 0$  for non-spam mail.

In training, we want to learn the parameters :  $\phi_y$  ( p of spam mail) ,  $\phi_{j(y=1)}$  ( p of  $j^{th}$  word appearing in spam mail), and  $\phi_{j(y=0)}$

We have the following joint likelihood function

$$L(\phi_y, \phi_{j(y=0)}, \phi_{j(y=1)}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$$

$$\phi_{j(y=1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{x_j^{(i)} = 1 \wedge y(i) = 1\}$$

$$\phi_{j(y=0)} = \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{x_j^{(i)} = 1 \wedge y(i) = 0\}$$

$$\phi_y = \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{y(i) = 1\}$$

Above is just simple counting

For Inference, how ?

A (non-)spam email having x's words has the probability :

$$p(x's|y) = p(x_1 \dots x_{5000}|y) = p(x_1|y)p(x_2|y, x_1)p(x_3|y, x_2, x_1) \dots p(x_{5000}|y, x_2, x_1, \dots, x_{4999})$$

$$= p(x_1|y)p(x_2|y)p(x_3|y) \dots p(x_{5000}|y) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | y_i)$$

First by bayes rule(can be proved by induction), then by naive bayes assumption. e.g.  $p(x_{2087}|y) = p(x_{2087}|y, x_{39831})$

Finally compare  $p(y = 1|x's)$  and  $p(y = 0|x's)$  to determine whether it is a spam mail or not:

By bayes rule,

$$p(y = 1|x's) = p(x's|y = 1)p(y = 1)/p(x's)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\prod_{j=1}^d p(x_j | y = 1)p(y = 1)}{\prod_{j=1}^d p(x_j | y = 1)p(y = 1) + \prod_{j=1}^d p(x_j | y = 0)p(y = 0)} \\
&= \frac{\prod_{j=1}^d \phi_{j(y=1)}\phi_y}{\prod_{j=1}^d \phi_{j(y=1)}\phi_y + \prod_{j=1}^d \phi_{j(y=0)}(1 - \phi_y)}
\end{aligned}$$

Practically : (1) Remove common words in preprocessing. e.g. the , of (stop words) (2) Instead of labeling all words in dictionary, we build only from trained data.

**Laplace Smoothing** – Handling unseen word

Problem : both classes give zero in  $p(x=y)$

To solve : Treat that new word to have appeared in all classes once, good thing is that it won't change the relative  $p$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
P(j | y = 1) &= \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{x_j^{(i)} = 1 \wedge y^{(i)} = 1\}}{2 + \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\}} \\
P(j | y = 0) &= \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{x_j^{(i)} = 1 \wedge y^{(i)} = 0\}}{2 + \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{y^{(i)} = 0\}}
\end{aligned}$$

## 17 Bernoulli event model

## 18 Gradient Discriminant Analysis

## 19 Entropy

Definition :

$$H(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2 p(x_i)$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  are all possible events of random variable(distribution) and  $p(x_1), p(x_2), \dots$  are the probabilities of the respective events.

Connection with uncertainty ( High Entropy , High Uncertainty ) :

Entropy measure the uncertainty of a distribution. Consider a random variable distribution :  $X=1$  at 0.33 ,  $X = 2$  at 0.33,  $X=3$  at 0.33, and another :  $X = 1$  at 0.98 ,  $X = 2$  at 0.01,  $X = 3$  at 0.01, we say the former distribution has higher uncertainty ( more difficult to guess its value ).

Connection with amount of information in a \*message\* ( not distribution) :

Average number of bits (yes/no answers) NEEDED TO PROVIDE to tell  $x$  in a message. Therefore High Entropy. Higher Uncertainty , Higher Amount of

Information.

Connection with Decision Tree splitting :

Remember that DT is greedy algorithm : It is to find the split that have greatest reduction in uncertainty ( Information Gain ) of the distribution ( after splitting ). We have a certain distribution

## 20 SVM, Support Vector Machine

Assumptions for illustration : data in binary classes only, linearly separable (if not, then apply Kernel )

Main Idea in Training : We construct a separating hyperplane, the plane has largest distance to all data point.

How ?

Let  $y \in \{-1, 1\}$

Define classifier  $h_{w,b}(x) = g(w^T x + b)$ , where  $w^T x + b$  is the formula of hyperplane,  $w$  is the normal vector to hyperplane.

where  $g : g(z) = 1$  if  $z \geq 0$ ,  $g(z) = -1$  if  $z < 0$

where  $w = [\theta_1 \dots \theta_n]^T$

Define functional margin (FM):  $\hat{\gamma}^{(i)} = y^{(i)}(w^T x + b)$  .

If FM is positive, it classify correctly. Negative, classify incorrectly.

If the magnitude is large , classifier gives highly confident result.

Define Geometric Margin (GM),  $\gamma_i = \frac{\hat{\gamma}^{(i)}}{\|w\|}$

Further define smallest distance from hyperplane to data points :  $\gamma = \min_{i=1, \dots, m} \gamma^{(i)}$

Thus, our training objective is to maximize this smallest distance.

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\gamma, \mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \gamma \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \geq \gamma, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \|\mathbf{w}\| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

The last condition ensure FM => GM

Why use GM instead of FM in training ? We can always scale  $w$  and  $b$  to achieve greater magnitude in FM, therefore FM is meaningless for training.

Rearranging :

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\gamma, \mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \hat{\gamma} / \|\mathbf{w}\| \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \geq \hat{\gamma}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

In order to make it a convex optimization problem ( another subject to study ! F! )

(1) we restrict the value of  $\hat{\gamma} = 1$  , by scaling  $w$  and  $b$  (can do single  $w/b$  for all

$\hat{\gamma}$  ?)

(2) and rewriting  $\frac{\hat{\gamma}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$ , we get w in from nominator to denominator

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\gamma, \mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \geq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

Apply cvx opt. library to solve the above problem

## 21 Bagging and Random Forest

Review of Decision Tree : Greedy algorithm , Split on latest Information gain, Entropy/Gini Coefficient

Bagging = Bootstrapping + Aggregation

Bootstrapping = Resample with replacement, to generate different sample set of "same population"

Aggregation = perform averaging / voting with different Trees from different bootstrapping samples

Aim to reduce variance

Random Forest : Bagging + randomly remove features in build individual trees

## 22 Boosting

Main Idea : Boosting transform weak learner to strong classifier, by increasing the weight of wrongly classified samples to force the classifier to do well on those samples.

Let  $\phi_\tau(x^{(i)})$  be a weak learner (e.g. Decision Stump).

$$h_\theta(x) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \phi_j(x) \right)$$

is the hypothesis of boosting.

Loss function (also check the general loss function discussion above) :

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-y^{(i)} \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)}))$$

By Coordinate descent (choose a coordinate in  $\theta$  and compute

$$\theta_j = \arg \min_{\theta_j} J(\theta)$$

Specifically, the boosting algorithm performs coordinate descent on the exponential loss for classification problems. The objective:

Coordinate descent algorithm:

1. Choose a coordinate  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$
2. Update  $\theta_j$ :  $\theta_j = \arg \min_{\theta_j} J(\theta)$  Leave  $\theta_k$  unchanged for all  $k \neq j$

Derivation of the coordinate update for coordinate  $j$ :

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-y^{(i)} \theta^T \phi(x^{(i)}))$$

The objective function:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \sum_{j=1}^N \theta_j \phi_j(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Property of exp:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \theta_j \phi_j(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Define  $w_i = \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \sum_{k \neq j} \theta_k \phi_k(x^{(i)}) \right)$

To optimize coordinate  $\theta_j$ :

$$\theta_j = \arg \min_{\theta_j} \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \theta_j \phi_j(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Define the weights:

$$w_i = \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \sum_{k \neq j} \theta_k \phi_k(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Optimizing coordinate  $\theta_j$  corresponds to minimizing:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m w_i \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \theta_j \phi_j(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Define:

$$w_i^+ := \sum_{i: y^{(i)} \phi_j(x^{(i)}) = 1} w_i$$

$$w_i^- := \sum_{i: y^{(i)} \phi_j(x^{(i)}) = -1} w_i$$

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Following is the whole algorithm :

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For each iteration  $t = 1, 2, \dots$ :

(i) Define weights

$$w^{(i)} = \exp \left( -y^{(i)} \sum_{\tau=1}^{t-1} \theta_{\tau} \phi_{\tau}(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

and distribution, which is the weight (which is uniform initially) attached to each sample, we are tuning this :

$$p^{(i)} = \frac{w^{(i)}}{\sum_{j=1}^m w^{(j)}}$$

(ii) Construct a weak hypothesis  $\phi_t : R^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  from the distribution

$$p = (p^{(1)}, \dots, p^{(m)})$$

on the training set.

(iii) Compute

$$W_t^+ = \sum_{i: y^{(i)} \phi_t(x^{(i)}) = 1} w^{(i)}$$

and

$$W_t^- = \sum_{i: y^{(i)} \phi_t(x^{(i)}) = -1} w^{(i)}$$

and set

$$\theta_t = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{W_t^+}{W_t^-}.$$

## 23 Proof of Boosting convergence and Discussion of weak learners

Omitted

- 24 PCA, Principal Component Analysis
- 25 SVD, Singular Value Decomposition
- 26 Backpropagation
- 27 EM Algorithm
- 28 Reinforcement learning
- 29 MAP (Maximum a Posterior) vs MLE (Maximum Likelihood Estimation)
- 30 IDP, Independent Component Analysis
- 31 Bias Variance Analysis
- 32 Hidden Markov Model
- 33 Apriori
- 34 Recommender System
- 35 Anomaly Detection
- 36 Perceptron
- 37 KL Divergence
- 38 Cross Entropy
- 39 Cross Validation