

Machine Learning Homework 05

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1 Problem 3

We want to create a generative binary classification model for classifying non-negative one-dimensional data. This means that the labels are binary ($y \in \{0, 1\}$) and the samples are $x \in [0, \infty)$. We assume uniform class probabilities:

$$p(y = 0) = p(y = 1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

As our samples x are non-negative, we use exponential distributions (and not Gaussians) as class conditionals:

$$p(x | y = 0) = \text{Exp}(x | \lambda_0) \quad \text{and} \quad p(x | y = 1) = \text{Exp}(x | \lambda_1),$$

where $\lambda_0 \neq \lambda_1$. Assume that the parameters λ_0 and λ_1 are known and fixed.

- (a) Suppose you are given an observation x . What is the name of the posterior distribution $p(y | x)$? You only need to provide the name of the distribution (e.g., "normal", "gamma", etc.), not estimate its parameters.

The posterior $p(y | x)$ is a Bernoulli distribution because $y \in \{0, 1\}$.

- (b) What values of x are classified as class 1? (As usual, we assume that the classification decision is $\hat{y} = \arg \max_k p(y = k | x)$.)

The decision boundary is determined by solving the following inequality: $p(y = 1 | x) > p(y = 0 | x)$. This simplifies to comparing $p(x | y = 1)$ and $p(x | y = 0)$, as the priors $p(y)$ are equal:

$$\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x} > \lambda_0 e^{-\lambda_0 x}.$$

Simplifying:

$$x > \frac{\ln(\lambda_1) - \ln(\lambda_0)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}, \quad \text{if } \lambda_0 > \lambda_1,$$

or:

$$x < \frac{\ln(\lambda_1) - \ln(\lambda_0)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}, \quad \text{if } \lambda_0 < \lambda_1.$$

Thus, the decision boundary depends on the relationship between λ_0 and λ_1 , and x is classified as class 1 if it satisfies the above inequality.

2 Problem 4

2.1 Solution

2-class classification

The posterior distribution is : $Y_i | x \text{ Bernoulli}(\sigma(w^T x_i))$

$$p(y = 1 | w.X) = \sigma(w^T x_i) p(y = 0 | w.X) = 1 - \sigma(w^T x_i)$$

For the likelihood we get:

$$P(y | w.X) = \prod_{i=1}^N \sigma(w^T x_i)^{y_i} \cdot (1 - \sigma(w^T x_i))^{1-y_i}$$

and for the negative log-likelihood:

$$-\log P(y | w.X) = - \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log \sigma(w^T x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma(w^T x_i))$$

For a linearly separable dataset, there exists a vector \tilde{w} such that: $\tilde{w}^T x_i > 0$ if $y_i = 1$ and $\tilde{w}^T x_i < 0$ if $y_i = 0$.

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} (-\log P(y|\lambda w, x)) = -\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \log \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\lambda \tilde{w}^T x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 - \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\lambda \tilde{w}^T x_i))\right) = 0$$

$-\log P(y|\lambda w, x)$ is the negative sum of concave functions (log-sigmoid terms), so it is convex. A convex function has a unique minimum, our function tends towards its minimum when $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, so $-\log P(y|\lambda w, x)$ has an infinite minimizer: $\|w\| \rightarrow \infty$.

To prevent $\|w\| \rightarrow \infty$, we add a convex regularization term $\lambda \|w\|^2$ to the objective function. This penalizes large $\|w\|$, ensuring a finite solution.

3 Problem 5

3.1 Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Softmax: } p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x})}{\exp(\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x}) + \exp(\mathbf{w}_0^\top \mathbf{x})} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_0^\top \mathbf{x})}{\exp(\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x})}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{w}_0^\top \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x})} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\mathbf{w}_1 - \mathbf{w}_0)^\top \mathbf{x})} \\ &= \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^\top \mathbf{x}) \quad \text{where } \tilde{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{w}_1 - \mathbf{w}_0 \end{aligned}$$

4 Problem 6

4.1 Solution

Show that the derivative of the sigmoid function $\sigma(a) = (1 + e^{-a})^{-1}$ can be written as

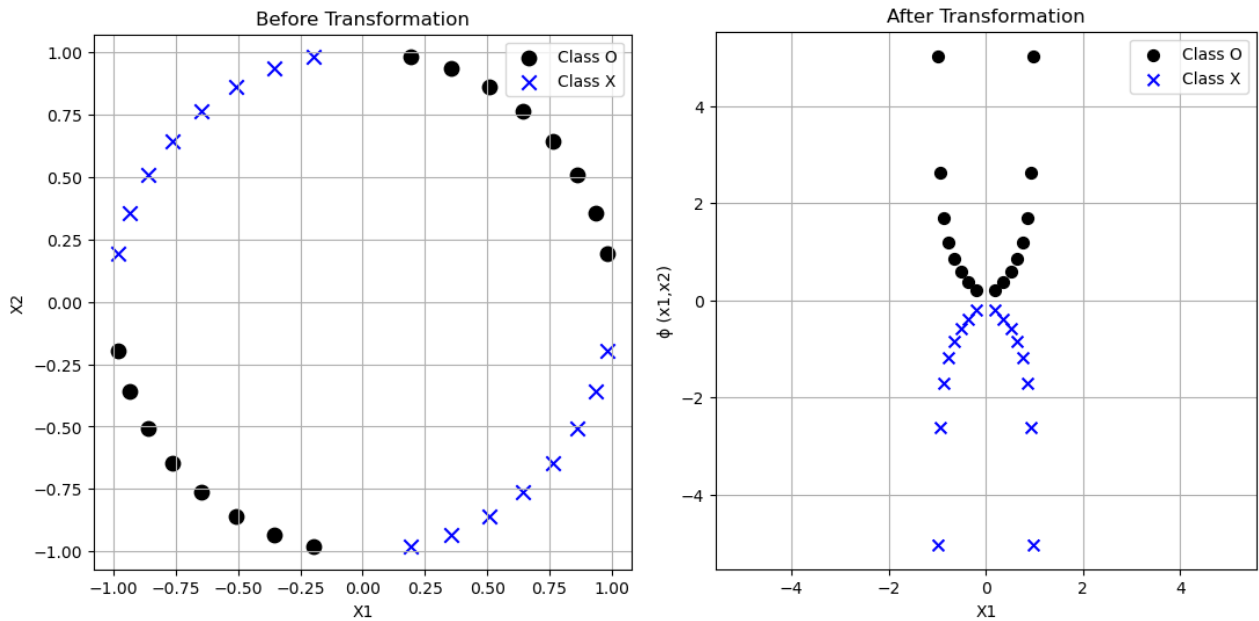
$$\frac{\partial \sigma(a)}{\partial a} = \sigma(a) (1 - \sigma(a)).$$

Differentiating w.r.t a

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(a)}{\partial a} = \frac{e^{-a}}{(1 + e^{-a})^2} = \frac{1 - 1 + e^{-a}}{(1 + e^{-a})^2} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}\right) = \sigma(a) (1 - \sigma(a))$$

5 Problem 7

Give a basis function $\phi(x_1, x_2)$ that makes the data in the example below linearly separable



The basis function $\phi(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, \frac{x_1}{x_2})$ creates a new feature space where the relationship between x_1 and x_2 is transformed. This transformation helps align the data into a pattern that can be separated by a straight line in the new space.

6 Problem 8

6.1 Solution

$$P(y = 1 | X) + P(y = 0 | X) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad P(y = 1 | X) + P(y = 0 | X) = 1$$

$$\frac{P(y = 1 | X)}{P(y = 0 | X)} = 1$$

$$\log \frac{P(y = 1 | X)}{P(y = 0 | X)} = \log \left(\frac{P(X | y = 1)P(y = 1)}{P(X)} \cdot \frac{P(X)}{P(X | y = 0)P(y = 0)} \right)$$

$$= \log (P(X | y = 1) \cdot \pi_1) - \log (P(X | y = 0) \cdot \pi_0)$$

$$= \log N(X | \mu_1, S_1) - \log N(X | \mu_0, S_0) + \log \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (\log(2\pi|S_1|) + (x - \mu_1)^T S_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)) + \frac{1}{2} (\log(2\pi|S_0|) + (x - \mu_0)^T S_0^{-1} (x - \mu_0)) + \log \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} x^T S_1^{-1} x + x^T S_1^{-1} \mu_1 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_1^T S_1^{-1} \mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} x^T S_0^{-1} x - x^T S_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^T S_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \frac{1}{2} \log|S_0| - \frac{1}{2} \log|S_1| + \log \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0}$$

$$= x^T \frac{1}{2} [S_0^{-1} - S_1^{-1}] x + x^T [S_1^{-1} \mu_1 - S_0^{-1} \mu_0] - \frac{1}{2} \mu_1^T S_1^{-1} \mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^T S_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \log \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|S_0|}{|S_1|}$$

Let:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} [S_0^{-1} - S_1^{-1}], \quad b = S_1^{-1} \mu_1 - S_0^{-1} \mu_0, \quad c = -\frac{1}{2} \mu_1^T S_1^{-1} \mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^T S_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \log \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|S_0|}{|S_1|}$$

The decision boundary is:

$$\Gamma = \{x | x^T A x + b^T x + c = 0\}$$