Lecture-4-Feature-Extraction-Part-II

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1 Machine Learning

Lecture 4

Scikit Learn API, ML Pipelines, Feature Extraction, Model Evaluation

2 Overview

- Scikit Learn API: Estimators, Pipelines
- Feature Extraction
- Model Evaluation

3 Machine Learning Pipelines

4 Scikit Learn API

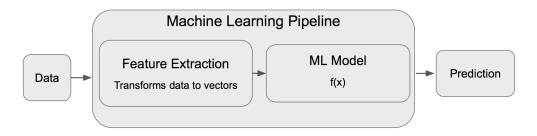
Scikit Learn is a popular machine learning library.

Its API was copied in many other libraries (e.g. spark.ml).

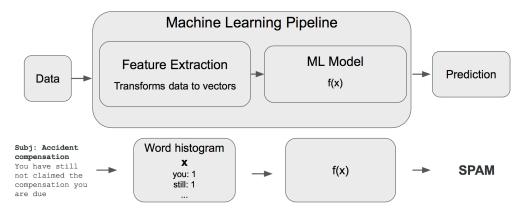
It offers most feature transformations, ML models, metrics and many useful tools.

4.1 Estimators

- implement set_params() and get_params()
- implement fit method
- Examples for what fit does:



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- sklearn.feature_extraction.text.CountVectorizer: learns dictionary
- sklearn.neighbors.NearestCentroid: learns class means and Pipelines
- implement transform method
- Examples for what transform does:
 - sklearn.feature_extraction.text.CountVectorizer: extracts n-gram counts
 - sklearn.neighbors.NearestCentroid: computes class mean distances / predictions

5 Machine Learning Pipelines

5.1 Pipelines

Estimators with standardized API can be chained in a Pipeline.

This allows to chain all feature extraction and classification into one object Pipelines behave like Estimators themselves, with fit and transform methods All parameters of a Pipeline can be optimized jointly

6 Feature Extraction

- Feature extraction describes the transformations from **data** to **vectors**
- Extracting good features is **more important** than choosing a ML model
- We will cover some standard feature extractors, but there are many more
- Often the best feature extractors include domain knowledge by human experts
- Feature extractors have to be optimized along with all other model parameters

7 Feature Extraction

- Continuous Features
- Categorical Features
- Text
- Images

7.1 Continuous Features

- Continuous features: $x \in R^d$
- For many models continuous features don't need to be transformed
- For some models it is necessary or beneficial to **normalize** continuous features
 - When optimizing with stochastic gradient descent
 - When regularizing models: to control regularization

7.2 Normalization: z-scoring

Given a feature $x \in R^1$ (and for multivariate x analogously) there are several standard normalization options:

Standard scaling / z-scoring: compute mean μ_x and standard deviation σ_x of x and compute

$$x \leftarrow \frac{(x - \mu_x)}{\sigma_x}$$

- Resulting variable has zero mean and unit variance
- See sklearn.preprocessing.StandardScaler

7.3 Normalization: Min-Max Scaling

Min-max scaling: compute min min_x and max max_x of x

$$x \leftarrow \frac{(x - \min_x)}{\max_x - \min_x}$$

- Resulting variable is in range [0,1] (or any other range)
- See sklearn.preprocessing.MinMaxScaler

7.4 Categorical Features

Categorical features are variables $x \in \{0,1,2,...,N\}$ taking one value of a set of cardinality N without an implicit ordering e.g.: - colors (red, green, blue) - user ids - Movie ids

Often used feature transformations are

- One-hot encoding
- More recently for neural networks: low dimensional embeddings

7.5 One-hot encoding

Given a set of values [red, green, blue], we transform the data into

- red $\leftarrow [1, 0, 0]$
- green $\leftarrow [0,1,0]$

• blue $\leftarrow [0, 0, 1]$

Sets of categorical variables can be represented as sum over single value vectors. Examples: bag-of-words vectors

7.6 One-hot encoding: Problems

- Cardinality needs to be estimated upfront
- New items / categories cannot be represented
- Similarity information is lost (light-blue and blue as different as black and white)

8 Feature Extraction for Text

- Bag-of-Words
- Hashed Bag-of-Words
- (Continuous Bag-of-words)

8.1 Bag-of-Words Features

Count word (=token) occurrences "if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys."

get	if	monkeys	pay	peanuts	you	
1	1	1	1	1	2	

- Only accounts for word histogram
- Most of language structure lost
- Very efficient

8.2 Bag-of-Words Model with N-Grams

Count n-gram occurrences can account for some language structure "if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys."

get monkeys	if you	you pay	pay peanuts	•••
1	1	1	1	

8.3 Character N-Grams

Instead of words as tokens you can take characters as tokens "if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys."

g	e	t	ge	et	•••
1	1	1	1	1	• • •

Very powerful for language-independent models!

8.4 Term Frequency / Inverse Document Frequency

Frequently occurring words (like the) are often not very meaningful and are often weighted down by the **inverse document frequency**:

- Term frequency:\$ tf(t,d) \$: Frequency of a term t in document d
- Inverse document frequency:

$$\mathrm{idf}(t,d) = \log \frac{|\mathrm{Number\ of\ documents}|}{|\mathrm{Number\ of\ Documents\ containing\ }t|}$$

8.5 Alternatively: Stopwords

Just exclude some frequent meaningless words from the text.

8.6 N-Grams are expensive

V = number of tokens in your vocabulary (usually 1e4 to 1e6 for good models) - unigrams: all tokens

Memory requirement for n-gram counts: \$V\$

- bigrams: all ordered pairs of **two** tokens Memory requirement for n-gram counts: V^2
- trigrams: all ordered pairs of **three** tokens Memory requirement for n-gram counts: V^3
- ...

See Google's n-gram corpus (up to 5-grams for many languages).

8.7 Hashed N-Grams

- Instead of counting all n-grams: Use a HashMap
- Each token gets hashed, count of hash-bucket incremented
- Advantages:
 - Full control over memory footprint (often small HashMaps work surprisingly well)
 - No need to compute a dictionary
- Disadvantages:
 - Hash collisions: multiple n-gram map to the same bucket
 - No Tf-Idf weighting:

See Scikit-Learn's Hashing Vectorizer

8.8 Feature Extraction for Images

- Classical features (e.g. HOG)
- CNN features

8.9 Classical Computer Vision Feature Extractors

Histograms of Oriented Edges (HOG) descriptors capture shape very well.

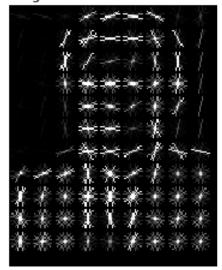
HOG features, just like most other oldschool vision feature descriptors, perform poorly compared to neural networks

Still, they could be helpful if shape on standardized images is the only relevant feature

Input image



Histogram of Oriented Gradients



8.10 Convolutional Neural Networks

State of the art in computer vision are convolutional neural networks

We don't have time in this lecture to go into detail (see e.g. Kristian Hildebrand's lecture)

And most people don't have the compute to train those models from scratch

But pretrained models are good feature extractors - which doesn't require training

```
from keras.models import Model
         import numpy as np
         base_model = VGG19(weights='imagenet')
         model = Model(inputs=base_model.input, outputs=base_model.get_layer('block4_pool').ou
         img_path = 'figures/turing.png'
         img = image.load_img(img_path, target_size=(224, 224))
         x = image.img_to_array(img)
         x = np.expand_dims(x, axis=0)
         x = preprocess_input(x)
         block4_pool_features = model.predict(x)
         print("image dimensions: {}".format(x.shape))
         print("image feature dimensions: {}".format(block4_pool_features.shape))
Using TensorFlow backend.
WARNING:tensorflow:From /Users/felix/anaconda3/envs/dl_lecture/lib/python3.7/site-packages/tensorflow:From /Users/felix/anaconda3/envs/dl_lecture/lib/python3.7/site-packages/tensorflow:
Instructions for updating:
Colocations handled automatically by placer.
image dimensions: (1, 224, 224, 3)
image feature dimensions: (1, 14, 14, 512)
In [19]: def plot_channel(img, channel, ax):
              ax.axis('off')
              ax.imshow(img, cmap=plt.cm.gray)
              ax.set_title('Channel {}'.format(channel))
         channels = [3, 56, 170]
         _, axs = plt.subplots(1, len(channels), figsize=(12, 4), sharex=True, sharey=True)
         for channel, ax in zip(channels, axs):
              plot_channel(block4_pool_features[0,:,:,channel], channel, ax)
               Channel 3
                                          Channel 56
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