Logistic Regression

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Topics in Linear Classification using Probabilistic Discriminative Models

- Generative vs Discriminative
- 1. Fixed basis functions
- 2. Logistic Regression (two-class)
- 3. Iterative Reweighted Least Squares (IRLS)
- 4. Multiclass Logistic Regression
- 5. Probit Regression
- 6. Canonical Link Functions

Topics in Logistic Regression

- Logistic Sigmoid and Logit Functions
- Parameters in discriminative approach
- Determining logistic regression parameters
 - Error function
 - Gradient of error function
 - Simple sequential algorithm
 - An example

Logistic Sigmoid and Logit Functions

In two-class case, posterior of class C₁ can be written as as a logistic sigmoid of feature vector φ

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

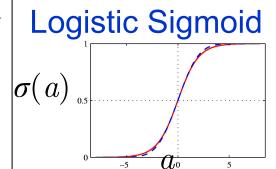
with $p(C_2|\mathbf{\phi}) = 1$ - $p(C_1|\mathbf{\phi})$

Here σ (.) is the logistic sigmoid function

- Known as logistic regression in statistics
 - Although a model for classification rather than for regression

Logit function:

- It is the log of the odds ratio
 - It links the probability to the predictor variables



Properties:

A. Symmetry

$$\sigma(-a)=1-\sigma(a)$$

B. Inverse

 $-f(x) = \log \frac{x}{1-x}$

$$a=\ln(\sigma/1-\sigma)$$

known as logit.

Also known as log odds since it is the ratio

$$\ln[p(C_1|x)/p(C_2|x)]$$

C. Derivative

$$d\sigma/da = \sigma (1-\sigma)$$

Fewer Parameters in Linear Discriminative Model

- Discriminative approach (Logistic Regression)
 - For M -dim feature space ϕ :
 - M adjustable parameters
- Generative based on Gaussians (Bayes/NB)
 - 2M parameters for mean
 - M(M+1)/2 parameters for shared covariance matrix
 - Two class priors
 - Total of M(M+5)/2 + 1 parameters
 - Grows quadratically with M
 - If features assumed independent (naïve Bayes) still $_{\it 5}$ needs $M{+}3$ parameters

Determining Logistic Regression parameters

- Maximum Likelihood Approach for Two classes
- For a data set (ϕ_n, t_n) where $t_n \in \{0,1\}$ and $\phi_n = \phi(x_n), n = 1,...,N$
- Likelihood function can be written as

$$p(\mathbf{t} \mid \boldsymbol{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{t_n} \left\{1 - y_n\right\}^{1 - t_n}$$
 where $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, ..., t_N)^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $y_n = p(C_1 | \boldsymbol{\phi}_n)$

 y_n is the probability that $t_n = 1$

Error Fn for Logistic Regression

Likelihood function is

$$p(t \mid \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1 - t_n}$$

 By taking negative logarithm we get the Cross-entropy Error Function

$$E(\boldsymbol{w}) = -\ln p(t \mid \boldsymbol{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left\{ t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n) \right\}$$

where
$$y_n = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(a_n)$$
 and $a_n = \boldsymbol{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}_n$

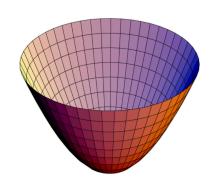
We need to minimize E(w)
 At its minimum, derivative of E(w) is zero
 So we need to solve for w in the equation

$$\nabla E(\boldsymbol{w}) = 0$$

Gradient of Error Function

Error function

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 where $y_n = \sigma(\boldsymbol{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}_n)$



Using Derivative of logistic sigmoid $d\sigma/da = \sigma(1-\sigma)$

Gradient of the error function

$$\nabla E(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - t_n) \phi_n$$

Error x Feature Vector

Contribution to gradient by data point n is error between target t_n and prediction $y_n = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi_n)$ times basis ϕ_n

Proof of gradient expression

Let
$$z = z_1 + z_2$$

where $z_1 = t \ln \sigma(w\phi)$ and $z_2 = (1-t) \ln[1-\sigma(w\phi)]$

$$\frac{dz_1}{dw} = \frac{t\sigma(w\phi)[1-\sigma(w\phi)]\phi}{\sigma(w\phi)}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(1-\sigma)$$
Using $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln ax) = \frac{a}{x}$

$$\frac{dz_2}{dw} = \frac{(1-t)\sigma(w\phi)[1-\sigma(w\phi)](-\phi)}{[1-\sigma(w\phi)]}$$
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Therefore $\frac{dz}{dw} = (\sigma(w\phi)-t)\phi$

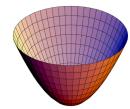
Simple Sequential Algorithm

Given Gradient of error function

$$\nabla E(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - t_n) \phi_n$$
 where $y_n = \sigma(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_n)$

Solve using an iterative approach

$$oldsymbol{w}^{ au+1} = oldsymbol{w}^{ au} - \eta
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where

$$\nabla E_n = (y_n - t_n)\phi_n$$

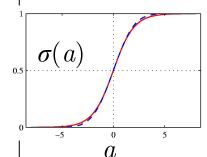
Error x Feature Vector

Takes precisely same form as Gradient of Sum-of-squares error for linear regression

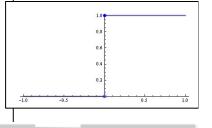
Samples are presented one at a time in which each each of the weight vectors is updated

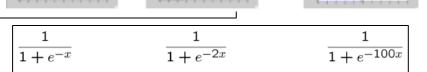
ML solution can over-fit

- Severe over-fitting for linearly separable data
- 2 0 0 -2 -4 -4 --2 0 2 4 --6 --8



- Because ML solution occurs at $\sigma = 0.5$
 - With $\sigma > 0.5$ and $\sigma < 0.5$ for the two classes
 - Solution equivalent to $a=w^{T}\phi=0$
- Logistic sigmoid becomes infinitely steep
 - A Heavyside step function ||w|| goes to infinity
 - Penalizing wts can avoid this



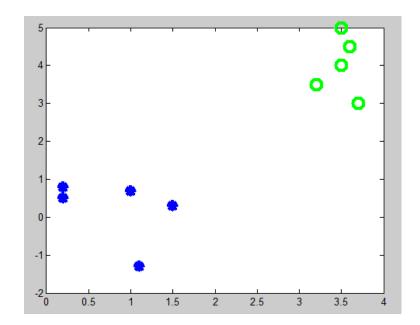


An Example of 2-class Logistic Regression

Input Data

C1 =	
3.7000	3.0000
3.2000	3.5000
3.5000	5.0000
3.6000	4.5000
3.5000	4.0000

C2 =	
1.1000	-1.3000
0.2000	0.5000
1.5000	0.3000
0.2000	0.8000
1.0000	0.7000

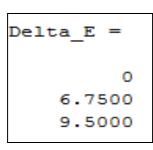


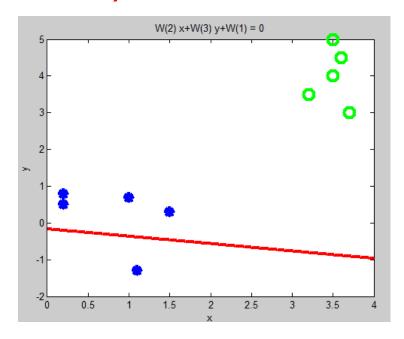
 $\phi_0(\mathbf{x})=1$, dummy feature

Initial Weight Vector, Gradient and Hessian (2-class)

Weight vector

Gradient





Hessian

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H =

3.5000 5.3750 5.2500
5.3750 17.4825 17.4950
5.2500 17.4950 22.4150
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Final Weight Vector, Gradient and Hessian (2-class)

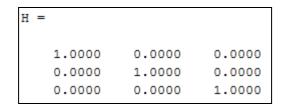
Weight Vector

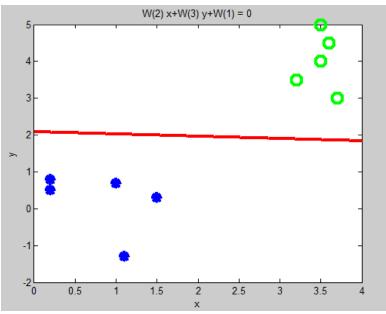
W =
704.5915
-20.9086
-337.6170

Gradient

Delta_E =
-12.3917
-1.6321
4.9025

Hessian





Number of iterations: 10

Error (Initial and Final): 15.0642, 1.0000e-009

Logistic Regression is a special architecture of a neural network

