

Lecture X.Y Topic

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1 introduction

- the posterior can be written as $P(w|\mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}|w)P(w) = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(w)P(w)$
- so the likelihood of our data set with parameter w is $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(w) = P(y_1 \dots y_n | x_1 \dots x_n, w)$
- under the assumptions of logistic regression this can further be broken down as $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(w) = P(y_1 \dots y_n | x_1 \dots x_n, w) = P(y_1 | x_1, w) \dots P(y_n | x_n, w) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(y_i | x_i, w)^{n_i} = P(y = 1)^{n_p} P(y = -1)^{n_n}$ where n_n, n_p are the number of observations with positive and negative labels respectively
- we know that the log is a monotonically increasing function and thus $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(w) \propto \log(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(w)) = \ell(w)$
- further under our logistic assumptions we can write our logistic likelihood as $\ell(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + y^i) \log(P(y_1 = 1 | x, w)) + (1 - y^i) \log(P(y_1 = -1 | x, w)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + y^i) \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}}\right) + (1 - y^i) \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}}\right)$
- then assuming -1 is a valid constant of proportionality we can write $P(w|\mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}|w)P(w) \propto -\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + y^i) \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}}\right) + (1 - y^i) \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}}\right)\right) P(w)$
- and thus have written our posterior in terms of the negative log likelihood of our data set given the parameter and the prior distribution of our parameter w