

CPE/EE 695: Applied Machine Learning

Lecture 3 - 3: Logistic Regression

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Assumption: p is modeled with parameter θ ; otherwise, optimization problem doesn't work

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Attempt 1: assume $p(x; \theta)$ be a linear function of x

Attempt 2: assume $\log p(x; \theta)$ be a linear function of x

Attempt 2: assume $\log \frac{p}{1-p}$ be a linear function of x

Remember: 0<= p <= 1





Logistic regression model

$$\log \frac{p}{1-p} = \beta_0 + x \cdot \beta$$

Which gives
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta_0 + x \cdot \beta}}$$





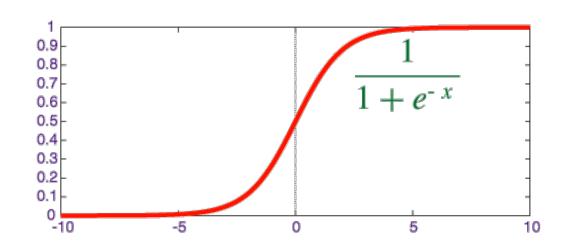
Logistic Regression model estimated probability:

$$\hat{p} = h_w(x) = \sigma(w^T \cdot x)$$

where $\sigma(\cdot)$ is a logistic function (or sigmoid function).

Prediction:

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} 0, & if \ \hat{p} < 0.5 \\ 1, & if \ \hat{p} \ge 0.5 \end{cases}$$





Logistic regression cost function (log loss):

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [y^{(i)} \log(\hat{p}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \hat{p}^{(i)})]$$

Cost for a single training instance (encourage positive instances but discourage negative instances):

$$c(\theta) = \begin{cases} -\log(\hat{p}), & \text{if } y = 1\\ -\log(1-\hat{p}), & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$



Training in logistic regression

No Normal Equation (i.e., closed form solution) for w.

But the cost function is convex and derivable. **Gradient Descent** is guaranteed to find global maximum.

Logistic cost function partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\delta(\theta^T \cdot x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$





Muli-class classification:

1) Multiple binary classifier (one vs. the rest)



Muli-class classification:

- 2) Softmax Regression (or Multinomial Logistics Regression)
 - i) first compute a score $s_k(x) = \theta_k^T \cdot x$
 - ii) then compute softmax function:

$$\hat{p}_k = \delta(s_k(x))_k = \frac{\exp(s_k(x))}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(s_j(x))}$$

Training: to minimize the **cross-entropy** cost function:

$$J(\Theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} y_k^{(i)} \log(\hat{p}_k^{(i)})$$

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The gradient for **cross-entropy** cost function:

$$\nabla_{\theta_k} J(\Theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\hat{p}_k^{(i)} - y_k^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

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