

Situation: We have n data points (x_i, y_i) , $i = 1, \dots, n$ with $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $y \in \{-1, 1\}$.

Probit Model: y_i is a realization of the random variable Y_i . Y_1, \dots, Y_n are independent. The distribution of Y_i is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_i = 1|x_i; \beta) &= \Phi(x_i^T \beta) \\ P(Y_i = -1|x_i; \beta) &= 1 - \Phi(x_i^T \beta) \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d$. It follows that

$$P(Y_i = y_i|x_i; \beta) = \Phi(y_i x_i^T \beta)$$

Likelihood: The likelihood of a parameter vector β is given as follows:

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(Y_i = y_i|x_i; \beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Phi(y_i x_i^T \beta)$$

The negative log-likelihood that we wish to minimize is:

$$\mathcal{L}(\beta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \log \Phi(y_i x_i^T \beta)$$

The weighted case: We introduce sample weights $w_i \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ comprising a weight vector $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$. The weights sum to 1, i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$. Further, let $g(z) = -\log \Phi(-z)$. The objective function now becomes:

$$f_w(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i g(-y_i x_i^T \beta)$$

To make the notation easier, we define $z_i = -y_i x_i^T$ and introduce the matrix $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ with row vectors $Z_i = z_i$. This gives us:

$$f_w(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i g(z_i \beta)$$

Lemma 1. *Let $g(z) = -\log \Phi(-z)$. Then it holds for all $z \geq 0$ that:*

$$\frac{1}{2} z^2 \leq g(z)$$

For all $z \geq 2$ it holds that:

$$g(z) \leq 2z^2$$

Proof. TODO. □

Definition 1. Let $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$. Then we define

$$\mu_w(Z) = \sup_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|(\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta)^+\|_2^2}{\|(\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta)^-\|_2^2} = \sup_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|(\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta)^-\|_2^2}{\|(\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta)^+\|_2^2}$$

Z weighted by w is called μ -complex if $\mu_w(Z) \leq \mu$.

Lemma 2. Let $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ weighted by $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$ be μ -complex. Let U be an orthonormal basis for the columnspace of $\sqrt{D_w}Z$. If for index i , the supreme β in (TODO) satisfies $2 \leq z_i\beta$, then $w_i g(z_i\beta) \leq 4\|U_i\|_2^2(1+\mu)f_w(\beta)$.

Proof. Let $\sqrt{D_w}Z = UR$, where U is an orthonormal basis for the columnspace of $\sqrt{D_w}Z$. It follows from $2 \leq z_i\beta$ and from the monotonicity of g that

$$\begin{aligned} w_i g(z_i\beta) &= w_i g\left(\frac{\sqrt{w_i}z_i\beta}{\sqrt{w_i}}\right) = w_i g\left(\frac{U_i R\beta}{\sqrt{w_i}}\right) \leq w_i g\left(\frac{\|U_i\|_2 \|R\beta\|_2}{\sqrt{w_i}}\right) \\ &= w_i g\left(\frac{\|U_i\|_2 \|UR\beta\|_2}{\sqrt{w_i}}\right) = w_i g\left(\frac{\|U_i\|_2 \|\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta\|_2}{\sqrt{w_i}}\right) \\ &\leq 2\|U_i\|_2^2 \|\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta\|_2^2 \leq 2\|U_i\|_2^2(1+\mu) \|(\sqrt{D_w}Z\beta)^+\|_2^2 \\ &= 2\|U_i\|_2^2(1+\mu) \sum_{j: \sqrt{w_j}z_j\beta \geq 0} w_j (z_j\beta)^2 \\ &\leq 4\|U_i\|_2^2(1+\mu) \sum_{j: \sqrt{w_j}z_j\beta \geq 0} w_j g(z_j\beta) \\ &\leq 4\|U_i\|_2^2(1+\mu) \sum_{j=1}^n w_j g(z_j\beta) \\ &= 4\|U_i\|_2^2(1+\mu) f_w(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

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References