

ECE 469/ECE 568 Machine Learning

Textbook:

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Logistic regression for classification

- Consider a two-class classification problem.
- Then, the posterior probability of \mathbf{C}_1 can be represented as a logistic sigmoid acting on a linear function of the feature vector \mathbf{x} :

$$p(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

- Since there are only two cases, we have

$$p(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - p(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}),$$

where $\sigma(\cdot)$ is the logistic sigmoid function, and hence, the name “logistic regression”.

- But please do not be confused with regression/curve-fitting that we discussed during last several lectures. Logistic regression is actually used for classification in ML.

Logistic regression

Interpretation of the Model/Hypothesis function ⁽¹⁵⁾ 09/29/2021

$g(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega})$ = estimated posteriori probability that $y=1$ on input \underline{x}

$$\text{Ex: If } \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{Tumor size} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } g(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}) = 0.7$$

\Rightarrow 70% chance of tumor being malignant (cancer)

$$\text{Let } g(\underline{x}, \underline{\omega}) = P(y=1 | \underline{x}, \underline{\omega})$$

\Rightarrow Probability that $y=1$ given \underline{x} and parameter vector $\underline{\omega}$.

For binary classification, $y \in \{0, 1\}$.

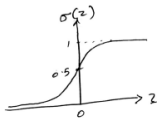
$$\begin{aligned} P(y=0 | \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}) + P(y=1 | \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}) &= 1 \\ P(y=0 | \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}) &= 1 - P(y=1 | \underline{x}, \underline{\omega}) = 1 - \sigma(\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}) \end{aligned}$$

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Decision boundaries for logistic regression

Logistic sigmoid function = $g(\omega, x) = \sigma(\omega^T x)$

where $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$



Let $g(x, \omega) = \sigma(\omega^T x) = P(y=1 | x, \omega)$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g(x, \omega) \geq 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{if } g(x, \omega) < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(z) \geq 0.5 \quad \text{if } z \geq 0$$

$$\sigma(\omega^T x) \geq 0.5 \quad \text{if } \omega^T x \geq 0$$

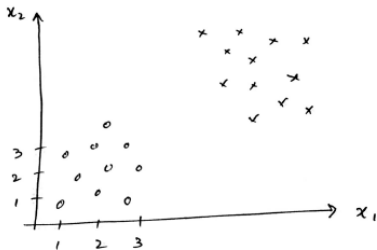
$$\sigma(z) < 0.5 \quad \text{if } z < 0$$

$$\sigma(\omega^T x) < 0.5 \quad \text{if } \omega^T x < 0$$

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Decision boundaries for two input features

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$1 \Rightarrow y = 1$
 $0 \Rightarrow y = 0$

$$\text{Let } g(\underline{w}, \underline{x}) = \sigma(w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2)$$

Our goal is to train $\underline{w} = [w_0, w_1, w_2]$ to minimize a cost function.

$$\text{Assume } \underline{w} = [-3, 1, 1]$$

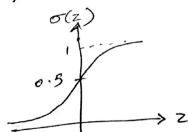
$$g(\underline{w}, \underline{x}) = \sigma(-3 + x_1 + x_2)$$

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We predict $y=1$ if $P(y=1|x, \omega) \geq 0.5$

We interpret $P(y=1|x, \omega)$ by $\sigma(-3+x_1+x_2)$

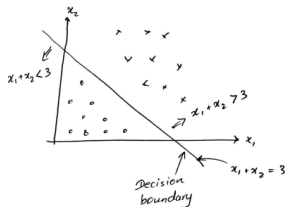
If $\sigma(-3+x_1+x_2) \geq 0.5$, then $y=1$



$$\Rightarrow -3 + x_1 + x_2 \geq 0$$

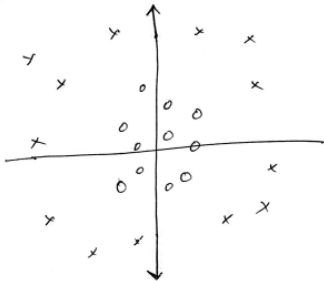
$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$$

- Note that $\sigma(z) \geq 0.5$ for all $z \geq 0$, and $\sigma(z) < 0.5$ for all $z < 0$.
- Thus, the above decision rule produces a linear decision boundary.



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Non-Linear decision boundary.



Let $g(\omega, x) = \sigma(\omega_0 + \omega_1 x_1 + \omega_2 x_2 + \omega_3 x_1^2 + \omega_4 x_2^2)$

Assume $\underline{\omega} = [-1, 0, 0, 1, 1]^T$

$$g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}) = \sigma(-1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

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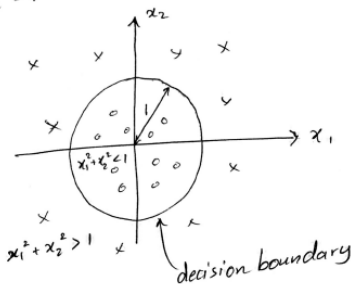
We predict $y=1$ if $P(y=1|x, \omega) \geq 0.5$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(-1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2) \geq 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 1$$

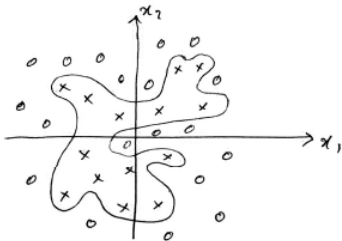
$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ is a circle with a radius equals to 1.



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More Complicated Hypothesis Functions

$$g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}) = \sigma(\omega_0 + \omega_1 x_1 + \omega_2 x_2 + \omega_3 x_1^2 + \omega_4 x_2^2 + \omega_5 x_1^2 x_2 + \omega_6 x_1 x_2^2)$$



When the model is more complicated, the algorithm may suffer from overfitting.

⇒ Regularization can help in this case.

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Cost Function for Logistic Regression

A cost function is needed to train weights.

Optimal weights can be found by minimizing the cost function.

Let the training set be

$$\{(\underline{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (\underline{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)}), \dots, (\underline{x}^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$$

There are m elements = size of the training set.

Let $x_0 = 1$, $y \in \{0, 1\}$ for logistic regression with two classes.

$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{x} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{feature} \\ \text{vector} \end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

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Logistic regression

Our hypothesis function or model is

$$g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}) = \sigma(\underbrace{\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}}_{\text{linear argument function}})$$

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function

How to find $\underline{\omega}$?

Recall that for linear regression, we found \underline{w} by minimizing the sum squared error cost function.

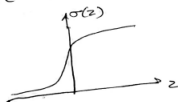
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$$J(\underline{\omega}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{\left(g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2}_{\text{cost}(g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}^{(i)}), y^{(i)})} \quad 09$$

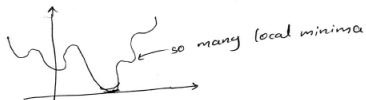
For linear regression, $g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x})$ was a linear function.
So the sum-squared error cost function was convex.
 \Rightarrow we can find a global minima.

But for logistic regression, $g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}) = \sigma(\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x})$

This is a non-linear function



Sum-squared error for logistic regression with sigmoid function will not be convex.
 \Rightarrow cannot find a global minima.



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Cost Function for Logistic Regression

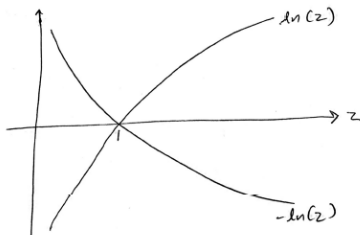
$$\text{cost}(g(\omega, x), y) = \begin{cases} -\ln[g(\omega, x)] & \text{for } y=1 \\ -\ln[1 - g(\omega, x)] & \text{for } y=0 \end{cases}$$

We can obtain this cost function by using maximum likelihood estimation.

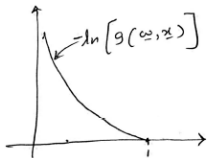
\Rightarrow Yet to be described for logistic regression.

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Interpretation of this Cost function:



If $y = 1$



$$0 \leq g(w, x) \leq 1$$

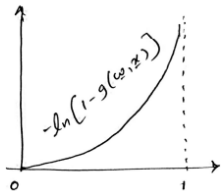
If $y=1$ and $g(w, x)=1$,
then cost = 0.

But as $g(w, x) \rightarrow 0$, cost $\rightarrow \infty$

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So if we incorrectly predict the output variable to be "0" instead of "1", we get the maximum penalty from our cost function. (19)
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If $y = 0$



$$0 \leq g(\omega, x) \leq 1$$

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when $g(\omega, x) = 0$ and $y = 0$,
then cost = 0.

If y is incorrectly predicted to be 1, then we got maximum penalty

Logistic regression

We can show that this cost function is also convex.

\Rightarrow We have a global minima.

Note that $y=1$ or $y=0$ always.

$$\text{cost}(g(\omega, x), y) = -y \ln[g(\omega, x)] - (1-y) \ln[1-g(\omega, x)]$$

Thus, our $J(\omega)$ becomes

$$J(\omega) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{cost}(g(\omega, x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$
$$J(\omega) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y^{(i)} \ln[g(\omega, x^{(i)})] + (1-y^{(i)}) \ln[1-g(\omega, x^{(i)})] \right)$$

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To find $\underline{\omega}$,

$$\min_{\underline{\omega}} J(\underline{\omega}) \rightarrow \hat{\underline{\omega}} \leftarrow \text{estimate for } \underline{\omega}$$

Note that for logistic regression,

$$g(\underline{\omega}, \underline{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}}} = \sigma(\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x})$$

\Rightarrow Use gradient descent algorithm and find $\hat{\underline{\omega}}$ numerically.