

Modern Multivariate Statistical Techniques

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1. For any split of τ into τ_L and τ_R ,

$$R^{re}(\tau) \geq R^{re}(\tau_L) + R^{re}(\tau_R)$$

with equality if $\arg \max_k p(k|\tau) = \arg \max_k p(k|\tau_L) = \arg \max_k p(k|\tau_R)$.

Proof.

Denote by τ_L and τ_R the left daughter-node and right daughter-node, respectively, emanating from a (parent) node τ .

$r(\tau)$ is the resubstitution estimate of the misclassification rate $R^{re}(\tau)$ of an observation in node τ .

$p(k|\tau)$ is an estimate of $\mathbb{P}\{X \in \Pi_k | \tau\}$, the conditional probability that an observation X is in Π_k given that it falls into node τ .

$p(\tau)$ is the proportion of all observations that fall into node τ .

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} r(\tau) &= 1 - \max_k p(k|\tau) \\ r(\tau_L) &= 1 - \max_k p(k|\tau_L) \\ r(\tau_R) &= 1 - \max_k p(k|\tau_R) \\ R^{re}(\tau) &= r(\tau)p(\tau) \\ &= r(\tau)[p(\tau_L) + p(\tau_R)] \\ R^{re}(\tau_L) &= r(\tau_L)p(\tau_L) \\ R^{re}(\tau_R) &= r(\tau_R)p(\tau_R) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} R^{re}(\tau) - R^{re}(\tau_L) - R^{re}(\tau_R) &= [r(\tau) - r(\tau_L)]p(\tau_L) + [r(\tau) - r(\tau_R)]p(\tau_R) \\ &= [\max_k p(k|\tau_L) - \max_k p(k|\tau)]p(\tau_L) + [\max_k p(k|\tau_R) - \max_k p(k|\tau)]p(\tau_R) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p(k|\tau) &= \frac{p(\tau_L)p(k|\tau_L) + p(\tau_R)p(k|\tau_R)}{p(\tau)} \\ \max_k p(k|\tau) &\leq \frac{p(\tau_L)}{p(\tau)} \max_k p(k|\tau_L) + \frac{p(\tau_R)}{p(\tau)} \max_k p(k|\tau_R) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} R^{re}(\tau) - R^{re}(\tau_L) - R^{re}(\tau_R) &\geq \frac{p(\tau_R)p(\tau_L)}{p(\tau)} [\max_k p(k|\tau_L) - \max_k p(k|\tau_R)] \\ &\quad + \frac{p(\tau_R)p(\tau_L)}{p(\tau)} [\max_k p(k|\tau_R) - \max_k p(k|\tau_L)] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

The equality holds if $\arg \max_k p(k|\tau) = \arg \max_k p(k|\tau_L) = \arg \max_k p(k|\tau_R)$ from (1).

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2. Show that the entropy function of $p(1|r), \dots, p(K|r)$,

$$\begin{aligned} i(r) &= \phi(p(1|r), \dots, p(K|r)) \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^K p(k|r) \log p(k|r) \end{aligned}$$

is maximized at $(\frac{1}{K}, \dots, \frac{1}{K})$.

Proof.

Assume that $x \log x|_{x=0} = 0$.

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x \log x, & x \in [0, 1] \\ f'(x) &= \log x + 1, & x \in [0, 1] \\ f''(x) &= \frac{1}{x} \geq 0, & x \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is a convex function on $[0, 1]$

\therefore

$$\sum_{k=1}^K p(k|r) = 1$$

\therefore from Jensen Inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K p(k|r)\right) &\leq \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K f(p(k|r)) \\ f\left(\frac{1}{K}\right) &\leq -\frac{1}{K} i(r) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} i(r) &\leq -f\left(\frac{1}{K}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{K} \log \frac{1}{K} \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \log K \end{aligned}$$

The equality holds when $p(1|r) = \dots = p(K|r) = \frac{1}{K}$.

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