

# Assignment 3 SSY316

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## Exercise 1

Suppose we collect data from a group of students in a Machine Learning class with variables  $x_1$  = hours studied,  $x_2$  = grade point average, and  $y$  = a binary output indicating whether that student received grade 5 ( $y = 1$ ) or not ( $y = 0$ ). We learn a logistic regression model

$$p(y = 1|x) = \frac{e^{\hat{\theta}_0 + \hat{\theta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\theta}_2 x_2}}{1 + e^{\hat{\theta}_0 + \hat{\theta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\theta}_2 x_2}}$$

with parameters  $\hat{\theta}_0 = -6$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_1 = 0.05$ , and  $\hat{\theta}_2 = 1$ .

i)

The probability of getting a 5 using the parameters  $\theta_0 = -6$ ,  $\theta_1 = 0.05$  is

$$p(y = 1|x) = \frac{e^{\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2}}{1 + e^{\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2}} = \frac{e^{-6 + 0.05x_1 + x_2}}{1 + e^{-6 + 0.05x_1 + x_2}}$$

Now, with  $x_1 = 40$  and  $x_2 = 3.5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(y = 1|x) &= \frac{e^{-6 + 0.05 \cdot 40 + 1 \cdot 3.5}}{1 + e^{-6 + 0.05 \cdot 40 + 1 \cdot 3.5}} = \frac{e^{-0.5}}{1 + e^{-0.5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{0.5}} \approx 38\%. \end{aligned}$$

ii)

Set  $p(y = 1|x) = 0.5$  and  $x_2 = 3.5$ . This gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0.5 &= \frac{e^{-6 + 0.05x_1 + 3.5}}{1 + e^{-6 + 0.05x_1 + 3.5}} = \frac{1}{e^{2.5 - 0.05x_1} + 1} \\ 0.5(1 + e^{2.5 - 0.05x_1}) &= 1 \\ e^{2.5 - 0.05x_1} &= \frac{1}{0.5} - 1 = 1 \\ 2.5 - 0.05x_1 &= \log(1) = 0 \\ x_1 &= \frac{2.5}{0.05} = 50 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 2

i)

The sigmoid is defined as set

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

We want to show the following

$$\frac{d\sigma(a)}{da} = \sigma(a)(1 - \sigma(a))$$

This is how we show it

$$\frac{d}{dx}\sigma(x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}(1 + e^{-x})^{-1} \quad (2)$$

$$= -(1 + e^{-x})^{-2} \frac{d}{dx}(e^{-x}) \quad (3)$$

$$= -\frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{1 + e^{-x} - 1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}\right) \quad (6)$$

$$= \sigma(x) \cdot (1 - \sigma(x)) \quad (7)$$

ii)

Here we derive an expression for the gradient of the log-likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\theta) &= p(t_{\mathcal{D}}|x_{\mathcal{D}}, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N (t_i|x_i, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(\theta^T x_i)^{t_i} (1 - p(\theta^T x_i))^{1-t_i} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\log}(\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^N [t_i \ln(p(\theta^T x_i)) + (1 - t_i) \ln(1 - p(\theta^T x_i))] \end{aligned}$$

where  $p(\theta^T x_i) = \sigma(\theta^T x_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^T x_i)}$ , so we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\log}(\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ t_i \frac{p(\theta^T x_i) p(1 - p(\theta^T x_i)) x_i}{p(\theta^T x_i)} - (1 - t_i) \frac{p(\theta^T x_i) p(1 - p(\theta^T x_i)) x_i}{1 - p(\theta^T x_i)} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N [t_i (1 - p(\theta^T x_i)) x_i - (1 - t_i) p(\theta^T x_i) x_i] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N [(t_i - p(\theta^T x_i)) x_i] \\ &= X^T (t_{\mathcal{D}} - y) \end{aligned}$$

iii)

We want to show that the hessian  $H = X^T S X$  is positive definite where  $S = \text{diag}(\mu_1(1 - \mu_1), \dots, \mu_n(1 - \mu_n))$  and  $0 < \mu_i < 1$ . Consider a matrix  $A$ , in theory we know that if  $A$  is diagonalizable then there exists a matrix  $P$  such that it can be written as  $A = P D P^{-1}$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with all the eigenvalues of  $A$ . If  $P$  is orthogonal we can write  $P^{-1} = P^T$ , we then have  $A = P D P^T$ . Since  $H$  can be written as  $H = X^T S X \in R^{N \times N}$  where  $S$  is a diagonal matrix, then let  $A = H$ ,  $P = X^T$  and  $D = S$ . Hence, the eigenvalues of  $H$  can be found in the diagonal of  $S$ . Because of the assumption that  $0 < \mu_i < 1, \forall i \in \{0, \dots, N\}$ , all eigenvalues of  $H$  are positive for all points, and hence,  $H$  is positive definite which implies that the objective function  $-\mathcal{L}_{\log}$  is convex. Thus, the minimum of this function is indeed the MLE.

### Exercise 3

We want to create a generative binary classification model for classifying non-negative one dimensional data. This means, that the labels are binary ( $y \in \{0, 1\}$ ) and the samples are  $x \in [0, \infty)$ . We assume uniform class probabilities

$$p(y = 0) = p(y = 1) = 1/2$$

As our samples  $x$  are non-negative, we use exponential distributions (and not Gaussians) as class conditionals:

$$p(x|y = 0) = \text{Expo}(x|\lambda_0) \text{ and } p(x|y = 1) = \text{Expo}(x|\lambda_1)$$

where  $\lambda_0 \neq \lambda_1$ . We assume, that the parameters  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$  are known and fixed

i)

The name of the posterior distribution  $p(y|x)$  is the Bernoulli distribution because of the binary outcome.

ii)

Here we want to calculate what values of  $x$  classify as class 1.  $x \in \mathcal{C}_1$  if  $p(y = 1|x) > p(y = 0|x)$ , we have that

$$\frac{p(y = 1|x)}{p(y = 0|x)} > 1, \text{ and } \frac{p(y = 0|x)}{p(y = 1|x)} > 0$$

We take the logarithm of the left inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \left( \frac{p(y = 1|x)}{p(y = 0|x)} \right) &= \ln \left( \frac{p(x|y = 1)p(y = 1)}{p(x|y = 0)p(y = 0)} \right) \\ &= \ln \left( \frac{p(x|y = 1)}{p(x|y = 0)} \right) \\ &= \ln \left( \frac{\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x}}{\lambda_0 e^{-\lambda_0 x}} \right) \\ &= \ln(\lambda_1) - \lambda_1 x - \ln(\lambda_0) + \lambda_0 x \\ &= x(\lambda_0 - \lambda_1) - \ln(\lambda_0/\lambda_1) \end{aligned}$$

combining the left inequality and the derived expression we get that  $x$  takes the following values if  $x \in \mathcal{C}_1$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in \left( \frac{\ln(\lambda_0/\lambda_1)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}, \infty \right) \text{ if } \lambda_0 > \lambda_1 \\ x &\in \left[ 0, \frac{\ln(\lambda_0/\lambda_1)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1} \right) \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 4

Here we consider a generative classification model for  $C$  classes defined by class probabilities  $p(y = c) = \pi_c$  and general class-conditional densities  $p(x|y = c, \theta_c)$ , where  $x \in \mathcal{R}^D$  is the input feature vector and  $\theta = \{\theta_c\}_{c=1}^C$  are further model parameters. Suppose we are given a training set  $D = \{(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}_{n=1}^N$ , where  $y^{(n)}$  is a binary target vector of length  $C$  that uses the 1-of- $C$  (one-hot) encoding scheme, so that it has components  $y_c^{(n)} = \delta_{ck}$  if pattern  $n$  is from class  $y = k$ . We assume that the data points are i.i.d., and we want to show that the maximum-likelihood solution for the class probabilities  $\pi$  is given by  $\pi_c = N_c/N$  where  $N_c$  is the number of data points assigned to class  $c$ .

To find the MLE of  $\pi_c$  we first define the likelihood as

$$p(D|\{\pi_c, \theta_c\}_{c=1}^C) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{c=1}^C (p(x^{(n)}|\theta_c) \pi_c)^{y_c^{(n)}}$$

hence the log-likelihood becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_{\log} = \ln p(D|\{\pi_c, \theta_c\}_{c=1}^C) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_c^{(n)} \log \pi_c + \text{const}$$

We maximise the log-likelihood with respect to  $\pi_c$  to find the MLE of  $\pi_c$ . To do that we lagrangian relax the constraint  $\sum_{c=1}^C \pi_c = 1$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_c^{(n)} \log \pi_c - \lambda \left( \sum_{c=1}^C \pi_c - 1 \right)$$

Then we take the derivative with respect to  $\pi_c$  and setting the expression to 0 which yields

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{y_c^{(n)}}{\pi_c} - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \pi_c = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)} = \frac{N_c}{\lambda}$$

Since we have that

$$\sum_{c=1}^C \pi_c = 1$$

we insert  $N_c/\lambda$  into the constraint and solve for  $\lambda$

$$\sum_{c=1}^C \frac{N_c}{\lambda} = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = N$$

Putting  $\lambda = N$  into the previous expression we obtain

$$\pi_c = \frac{N_c}{N}$$

as we wanted to show.

## Exercise 5

Using the same classification model as in the previous question, now suppose that the class-conditional densities are given by Gaussian distributions with a shared covariance matrix, so that

$$p(x|y = c, \theta) = p(x|\theta_c) = N(x|\mu_c, \Sigma)$$

We want to show that the maximum likelihood estimate for the mean of the Gaussian distribution for class  $c$  is given by

$$\mu_c = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ y^{(n)}=c}}^N x^{(n)}$$

which represents the mean of the observations assigned to class  $c$ .

To find the MLE of  $\mu_c$  we first define the log-likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\log} &= \ln p(D | \{\pi_c, \theta_c\}_{c=1}) \\ &= \ln \left( \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{c=1}^C (\pi_c \mathcal{N}(x^{(n)} | \mu_c, \Sigma))^{y_c^{(n)}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_c^{(n)} [\ln(\pi_c) + \mathcal{N}(x^{(n)} | \mu_c, \Sigma)] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_c^{(n)} \left[ \ln(\pi_c) + \ln \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^D \det(\Sigma)}} e^{-1/2(x^{(n)} - \mu_c)\Sigma^{-1}(x^{(n)} - \mu_c)} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_c^{(n)} \left[ \ln(\pi_c) - \frac{1}{2}(x^{(n)} - \mu_c)\Sigma^{-1}(x^{(n)} - \mu_c) + \frac{D}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(\det(\Sigma)) \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_c^{(n)} \left[ -2 \ln(\pi_c) + (x^{(n)} - \mu_c)\Sigma^{-1}(x^{(n)} - \mu_c) - D \ln(2\pi) - \ln(\det(\Sigma)) \right] \end{aligned}$$

We find the MLE by maximising the log-likelihood function with respect to  $\mu_c$  by taking the derivative with respect to  $\mu_c$  and setting it to 0, then solving for  $\mu_c$  which yields

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mu_c} \mathcal{L}_{\log} &= \frac{-1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)} (2\Sigma^{-1}(\mu_c - x^{(n)})) = \sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)} \Sigma^{-1}(x^{(n)} - \mu_c) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)} \Sigma^{-1} x^{(n)} = \sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_c \\ \mu_c &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)} \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma x^{(n)}}{\sum_{n=1}^N y_c^{(n)}} = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ y^{(n)}=c}}^N x^{(n)} \end{aligned}$$

which we wanted to show.