

# Logistic Regression

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## 1 Logistic Regression

### 1.1 Decision Boundary

Decision boundary is a property of the hypothesis and not the data set.

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = g(\Theta^{\top}x) = P(y = 1|x; \Theta)$$

sigmoid function:

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

suppose predict  $y = 1$  if  $h_{\Theta}(x) \geq 0.5$

$$g(z) \geq 0.5 \text{ when } z \geq 0$$

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = g(\Theta^{\top}x) \geq 0.5 \text{ whenever } \Theta^{\top}x \geq 0$$

suppose predict  $y = 0$  if  $h_{\Theta}(x) < 0.5$

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = g(\Theta^{\top}x) < 0.5 \text{ whenever } \Theta^{\top}x < 0$$

#### Non Linear Decision Boundaries

Add higher order polynomials, 2 extra features.

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = g(\Theta_0 + \Theta_1x_1 + \Theta_2x_2 + \Theta_3x_1^2 + \Theta_4x_2^2)$$

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

predict  $y = 1$  if  $-1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 0$ , that is  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 1$

if we plot  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ , it's a circle. Inside of the circle,  $y = 0$ , outside  $y = 1$ .

With even higher polynomial terms, we can get even more complex decision boundaries.

## 1.2 Cost Function

Training set:

$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$$

m examples:

$$x \in \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \quad x_0 = 1, y \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\Theta^T x}}$$

How do we choose parameters  $\Theta$ ?

Cost function for logistic regression, needs to be convex and a cost function for linear regression would not be convex. Instead, use (6:20):

$$Cost(h_{\Theta}(x), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_{\Theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - h_{\Theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$Cost = 0$  if  $y = 1, h_{\Theta}(x) = 1$

But as  $h_{\Theta}(x) \rightarrow 0, Cost \rightarrow \infty$

Captures intuition that if  $h_{\Theta}(x) = 0$ , (predict  $P(y = 1|x; \Theta)$ ), but  $y = 1$ , we'll penalize learning algorithm by a very large cost.

## 1.3 Simplified cost function and gradient descent

**Logistic regression cost function**

$$J(\Theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m Cost(h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

$$Cost(h_{\Theta}(x), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_{\Theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - h_{\Theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Note:  $y = 0$  or  $1$  always

We can rewrite the cost function:

$$Cost(h_{\Theta}(x), y) = -y \log(h_{\Theta}(x)) - (1 - y) \log(1 - h_{\Theta}(x))$$

So then if  $y = 1$  or if  $y = 0$ , this function loses terms accordingly.

Now we can rewrite the cost function like so:

$$J(\Theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)})) \right]$$

To fit parameters  $\Theta$ :

$$\min_{\Theta} J(\Theta)$$

To make a prediction given new  $x$ :

Output

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\Theta^{\top} x}}$$

which we interpret as probability that  $y = 1$

$$p(y = 1|x; \Theta)$$

We're going to minimize the cost function with **Gradient Descent**.

$$\min_{\Theta} J(\Theta) : \text{Repeat } \{$$

$$\Theta_j = \Theta_j - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

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$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \Theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Vectorized:

$$\Theta := \Theta - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

This is not the same as Gradient Descent for linear regression, because the definition of  $h_{\Theta}(x)$  has changed.

Apply the method from linear regression to make sure logistic regression is converging, plot cost.

Note:

Recall:

$$J(\Theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)})) \right]$$

Vectorized:

$$J(\Theta) = \frac{1}{m} [-y^{\top} \log h_{\Theta}(X) - (1 - y)^{\top} \log(1 - h_{\Theta}(X))]$$

The gradient of the cost is a vector of the same length as  $\Theta$  where the  $j^{th}$  element for  $j = (0, 1, 2, \dots, n)$  is defined as follows:

$$\frac{\partial J(\Theta)}{\partial \Theta_j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

Vectorized:

$$\frac{\partial J(\Theta)}{\partial \Theta_j} = \frac{1}{m} X^{\top} h_{\Theta}(X) - y$$

## 1.4 Advanced Optimization

Given  $\Theta$ , we have code that can compute:

- $J(\Theta)$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_j} J(\Theta)$  (for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ )

We can use these to minimize the cost function:

- Gradient descent
- Conjugate gradient
- BFGS
- L-BFGS

Advantages:

- No need to manually pick  $\alpha$ 
  - Line search algorithm automatically picks  $\alpha$ , even for each iteration.
- Often faster than gradient descent

Disadvantages:

- More complex

Example:

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_1 \\ \Theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Theta_1 = 5$$

$$\Theta_2 = 5$$

$$J(\Theta) = (\Theta_1 - 5)^2 + (\Theta_2 - 5)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_1} J(\Theta) = 2(\Theta_1 - 5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_2} J(\Theta) = 2(\Theta_2 - 5)$$

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1 function [jVal, gradient] = costFunction(theta)
2     jVal = (theta(1) - 5)^2 + (theta(2) - 5)^2;
3     gradient = zeros(2, 1);
4     gradient(1) = 2 * (theta(1) - 5);
5     gradient(2) = 2 * (theta(2) - 5);

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jVal gets the result of the cost function

gradient gets a 2x1 vector, the terms of which correspond to the two derivative terms.

We can then call the advanced optimization function, fminunc, function minimization unconstrained. Chooses optimal value of  $\Theta$  automatically.

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1 options = optimset('GradObj', 'on', 'MaxIter', '100');
2 initialTheta = zeros(2, 1);
3 [optTheta, functionVal, exitFlag] = ...
4     fminunc(@costFunction, initialTheta, options)
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@ represents a pointer to the above costFunction

set some options:

- 'GradObj', 'on' means that we will provide a gradient
- 'MaxIter', '100' means the number of iterations

$initialTheta \in \mathbb{R}^d, d \geq 2$

**How do we apply this to logistic regression?**

$$theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \Theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_n \end{bmatrix}$$

function [jVal, gradient] = costFunction(theta)

jval = [code to compute  $J(\Theta)$ ];

gradient(1) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_0} J(\Theta)$ ];

gradient(2) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_1} J(\Theta)$ ];

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gradient(n+1) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_n} J(\Theta)$ ];

## 1.5 Multi-class classification: One-vs-all

How to get logistic regression to get to work with multi-class classification problems.

Scenario 1: tag emails for different folders

Scenario 2: Medical diagrams: Not ill, cold, flu

Scenario 3: Weather: Sunny, Cludy, Rainy, Snow

There will be more groups of items on plot.

Turn the problem into 3 different binary classification problems.

We'll create a "fake" training set, where Class 1 gets assigned to a positive class and Class 2 and 3 get assigned to the negative class.

$h_{\Theta}^{(1)}(x)$  will denote, say triangles

$h_{\Theta}^{(2)}(x)$  will denote, say squares

$h_{\Theta}^{(3)}(x)$  will denote, say x's

We fit 3 classifiers that try to estimate what is the probability that  $y = i$

$$h_{\Theta}^{(i)} = P(y = i|x; \Theta) \ (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

Train a logistic regression classifier  $h_{\Theta}^{(i)}x$  for each class  $i$  to predict the probability that  $y = 1$ .

On a new input  $x$ , to make a prediction, pick the class  $i$  that maximizes

$$\max_i h_{\Theta}^{(i)}(x)$$