

# Lecture 1: Intro, Classification, training

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40% 7 Homeworks

5 skip days

20% midterm

## CS 189 : Core material

- Find patterns in data, use it to make predictions
- Models and statistics help us understand patterns
- Optimization algo "learn" the patterns

## Classification

- Collect training data: reliable debtors & defaulted debtors
- Evaluate new applicants (predictions)

## Classifying Digits

7 7 7  
1 1 1

3	3	3
0	0	2
0	0	1

→ Images are points in 9 dimensional space. Hyperplane

## Testing and Validation

- Train a classifier: it learns to distinguish 7 from not 7
- Test the classifier on NEW images

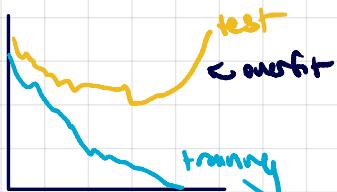
2 kinds of errors:

- Training set error: fraction of training images not classified correctly
- Test Set Error: fraction of misclassified NEW images, not seen in training

Outliers: points whose labels are atypical (e.g. solvent borrowers who defaulted)

Overfitting: when test error deteriorates bc classifier becomes too sensitive to outliers

Most ML models have hyperparameters that control over/underfitting, k in k-nearest



## Select them by validation

- Hold back a subset of the labeled data, validation set
- Train classifier multiple times w/ diff hyperparameters
- Choose setting that works best on validation

Training set learn model weights

Validation set used to tune hyperparameters, choose

test set used as FINAL evaluation, run ONCE

- public available during competition

- private set labels known only to taker

## Techniques:

Supervised learning: is given labeled data

- Classification: is email spam

- Regression: how likely does this patient have cancer

Unsupervised learning: no labels

- Clustering: which DNA sequence similar to one another

- Dimensionality reduction: what are common features of faces? diff?

## Lecture 2: Classifiers

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Given sample of  $n$  observations, each w/  $d$  features (predictors)

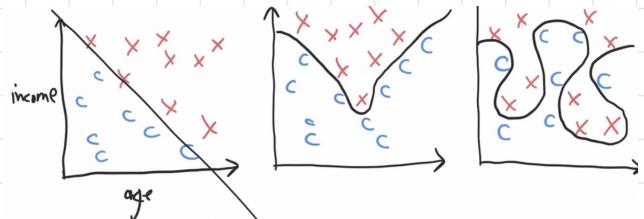
Some observations belong to class  $C$ ; some do not

Ex) Observations are bank loans

Features: income & age ( $d=2$ )

Some in class "defaulted", some not

Goal: predict future



Represent each observation as a point in  $d$ -dimensional space called sample point / feature vector / independent variables

**Decision Boundary**: boundary chosen by our classifier to separate items in the class from those not

**Overfitting**: when sinusoidal decision boundary fits sample points so well that it doesn't classify future points well

Some (not all) classifiers work by computing

**Decision Function**: function  $f(x)$  that maps sample point  $x$  to a (Predictor) scalar st (Discriminant)

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x) \geq 0 & \text{if } x \in \text{class C} \\ f(x) \leq 0 & \text{if } x \notin \text{class C} \end{array}$$

**Decision Boundary** is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) = 0\}$

$\{x : f(x) = 0\}$  also called **Isosurface** of  $f$  for the isovalue 0

$f$  has other isosurfaces for other isovales  $\{x : f(x) = 1\}$

**Linear Classifiers**: decision boundary is a line/plane. Linear decision func

### Math Review

**Vectors**:  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4 \ x_5]^T$   
point in 5D space

**Convention**:

upper case roman = matrix, & V, set  $X$   
lower case roman = vector  
greek = scalar  
other scalars

$n$  = # sample pts  
 $d$  = # of features  
= dimension of sample pts  
 $i, j, k$  = indices  
 $f(), s()$  function scalar

**Inner product (dot product)**:  $x \cdot y, x^T y$

$$= x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_d y_d$$

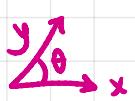
**linear function**:  $f(x) = w \cdot x + \alpha$

**Euclidean norm**:  $\|x\| = \sqrt{x \cdot x} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_d^2}$   
length (Euclidean length)

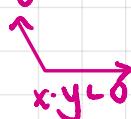
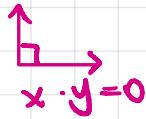
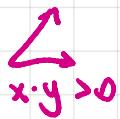
**Unit vector**:  $\frac{x}{\|x\|}$

"Normalize" vector  $x$ : replace  $x$  w/  $\frac{x}{\|x\|}$

Use dot products to compute angles



$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\underbrace{\|\mathbf{x}\|}_{\text{length}}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\underbrace{\|\mathbf{y}\|}_{\text{length}}}$$



linear decision func

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \alpha$$

$$H = \{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = -\alpha \}$$

Set H is hyperplane

Thm: Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  be 2 pts lie on H. Then  $\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) = 0$

$$\text{Proof: } \mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) = -\alpha - (-\alpha) = 0$$

w is normal vector of H

If w is unit vector,  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \alpha$  is signed distance from x to H  
i.e. positive on w's side of H; negative on other side

distance from H to origin is  $\alpha$

$\alpha = 0$  iff H passes through origin

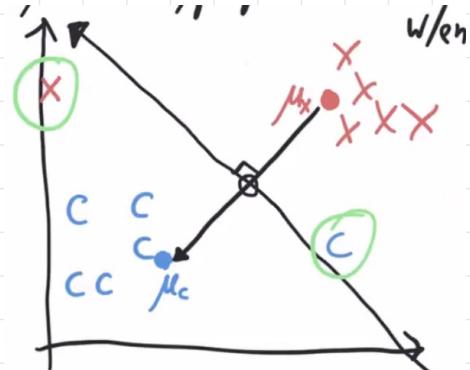
coefficients in w, plus  $\alpha$ , are weights or parameters regression coefficients  
linearly separable: if exists a hyperplane that separates all sample  
pts in class C from all pts NOT in class C

### Simple Classifier

Centroid method: compute mean  $\mu_c$  in C  
mean  $\mu_x$  not in C

decision function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = (\underbrace{\mu_c - \mu_x}_{\text{normal vector}}) \cdot \mathbf{x} - (\underbrace{\mu_c - \mu_x}_{\text{midpoint } \mu_c, \mu_x}) \cdot \frac{\mu_c + \mu_x}{2}$$



decision boundary hyperplane that bisects line segment w/ endpoints  $\mu_c, \mu_x$

### Perceptron Algorithm

Slow but correct for linearly separable points

Uses numerical optimization algorithm, gradient descent

n training pts

$$\text{label } y_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_i \in C \\ -1, & \text{if } x_i \notin C \end{cases}$$

consider only decision passing through origin

Goal: fix weights  $w$  st

$$x_i \cdot w \geq 0 \quad \text{if } y_i = 1 \text{ and}$$
$$x_i \cdot w < 0 \quad \text{if } y_i = -1$$

Equivalently  $y_i x_i \cdot w \geq 0 \leftarrow$  inequality constraint

Idea: risk function  $R$  positive if some constraints are violated. We optimize to choose  $w$  that minimizes  $R$

loss function

$$L(z, y_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_i z \geq 0 \\ -y_i z & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

classifier prediction label

If  $z$  same sign as  $y_i$ , loss func is zero

if  $z$  has wrong sign, loss func is pos

Define risk func, obj func, cost func

$$R(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in V} L(x_i \cdot w, y_i)$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in V} -y_i x_i \cdot w \quad V \text{ is set of indices } i \text{ for which } y_i x_i \cdot w < 0$$

Classify all  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  correctly  $R(w)=0$

$R(w)$  is positive want better  $w$

solve

Find  $w$  that minimizes  $R(w)$

## Lecture 3

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### Perceptron Algorithm

-linear decision fn  $f(x) = w \cdot x$

-decision boundary  $\{x : f(x) = 0\}$  hyperplane

-find weights  $w$  st  $y_i x_i \cdot w \geq 0$

-goal reused: find  $w$  that min  $R(w) = \sum_{i \in V} -y_i x_i \cdot w$

$$\min R(w) = \sum_{i \in V} -y_i x_i \cdot w$$

$V$  set of indices  $i$  for which  $y_i x_i \cdot w < 0$

Object in  $x$ -space transform to object in  $w$ -space

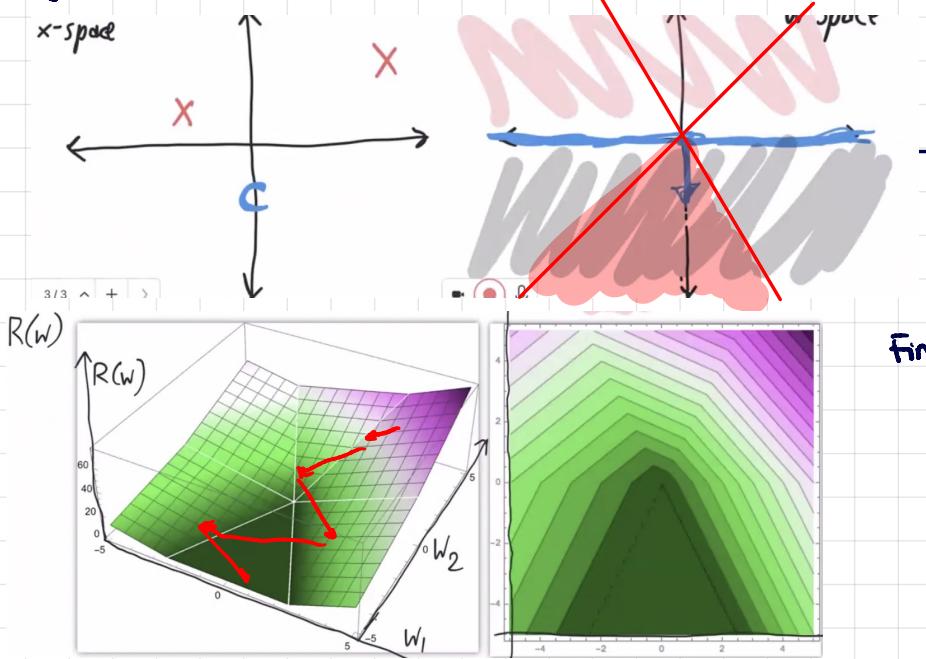
$x$ space	$w$ -Space
hyperplane: $\{z: w \cdot z = 0\}$	point: $w$
point: $x$	hyperplane: $\{z: x \cdot z = 0\}$

Point  $x$  lies on hyperplane  $\{z: w \cdot z = 0\} \Leftrightarrow w \cdot x = 0$

point  $w$  lies on hyperplane  $\{z: x \cdot z = 0\}$   $w$ -space

We want to enforce inequality  $x \cdot w \geq 0$ , in  $x$  space,  $x$  same side of

classifier



Find  $w$  that minimizes

Optimization Algorithm: gradient descent on  $R$

Given starting point  $w$ , find gradient of  $R(w)$  respect to  $w$   
take step in opposite direction

$$\nabla R(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial R}{\partial w_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R}{\partial w_d} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_w(z \cdot w) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_d \end{bmatrix} = z$$

$w \leftarrow$  arbitrary nonzero starting point (any  $y_i x_i$ )

while  $R(w) > 0$ :

$J \leftarrow$  set of indices  $i$  for which  $y_i x_i \cdot w < 0$

$$w \leftarrow w + \epsilon \sum_{i \in V} y_i x_i$$

return  $w$

$\epsilon > 0$  is the step size aka learning rate, chosen empirically

Problem: slow takes  $O(nd)$  time

Optimization algo 2: stochastic gradient descent

Idea: pick one misclassified  $x_i$

do gradient descent on loss fun  $L(x_i \cdot w, y_i)$

perceptron algorithm step takes  $O(d)$

while some  $y_i x_i \cdot w < 0$

$$w \leftarrow w + \epsilon y_i x_i$$

return  $w$

Decision func:  $f(x) = w \cdot x + \alpha = [w_1, w_2, \alpha] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

runtime:  $O\left(\frac{r^2}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  iterations

## Maximum Margin Classifiers

margin of linear classifier is distance from decision boundary to nearest sample pt what if margin is wide as possible

enforce constraints  $y_i (w \cdot x_i + \alpha) \geq 1$  for  $i \in [1, n]$

$$\text{if } \|w\| = 1 \quad \text{margin} \quad \min_i \frac{1}{\|w\|} |w \cdot x_i + \alpha| \geq \frac{1}{\|w\|}$$

$$\min_i \|w\|$$

find  $w$  and  $\alpha$  that  $\min \|w\|^2$

$$\text{st } y_i (w \cdot x_i + \alpha) \geq 1 \quad \forall i \in [1, n]$$

quadratic program in  $d+1$  dim  $n$  constraints

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## Soft Margin Support Vector Machines

- Allow some points to violate the margin w/ slack variables

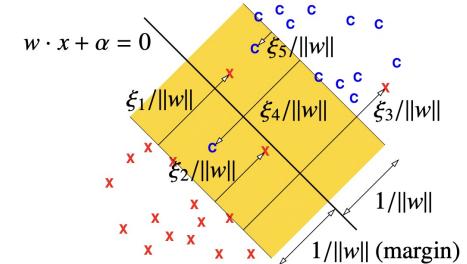
- Modified constraint for point  $i$

$$y_i (x_i \cdot w + \alpha) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad \xi_i \geq 0$$

define margin  $\frac{1}{\|w\|}$

### Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Find } w, \alpha, \xi_i \text{ to min } \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \\ & \text{st } y_i (x_i \cdot w + \alpha) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad i \in [1, n] \\ & \quad \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i \in [1, n] \end{aligned}$$



slack+pdf [A margin where some points have slack.]

small C	big C
desire margin $1/\ w\ $ danger outliers	keep slack 0 or small overfitting less sensitive very sensitive

$C > 0$  is scalar regularization hyperparameter

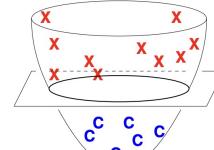
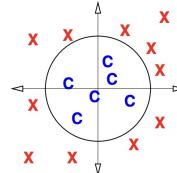
### Features

Make nonlinear decision boundaries by lifting points into higher dimensional space

#### 1) Parabolic lifting map

$$\Phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \|x\|^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



[Draw this by hand. circ]

Theorem:  $\Phi(X_1), \dots, \Phi(X_n)$  are linearly separable iff  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are separable by a hypersphere.

#### 2) Axis aligned ellipsoid/hyperboloid

$$\Phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2d}$$

$$\Phi(x) = [x_1^2 \dots x_d^2 \ x_1 \dots x_d]^T$$

#### 3) Ellipsoid / hyperboloid

$$\Phi(x): \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(d^2+3d)/2}$$

$$Ax_1^2 + Bx_2^2 + \dots + Dx_1x_2 + \dots + Gx_1 \dots + \alpha = 0$$

Iso surface is a quadric

#### 4) degree - p polynomial

Ex) cubic in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\Phi(x): \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{O(d^p)}$$

$$\Phi(x) = [x_1^3 \ x_1^2 x_2 \ x_1 x_2^2 \ x_2^3 \ x_1^2 x_1 x_2 \ x_2^2 x_1 x_2]^T$$

# Lecture 5: ML Abstractions + Numerical Operations

## i) Unconstrained Optimization

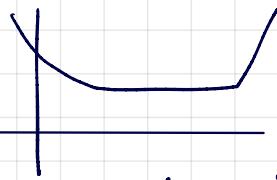
Given: obj fn  $f(x)$ , smooth if

Goal: find  $x^*$  that  $\min f$

$f$  has:

- global min/max

- local min/max



$f$  is convex if for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  a line segment connecting  $(x, f(x))$  to  $(y, f(y))$  does not go below  $f(\cdot)$

continuous convex function has:

- 1) no min ( $\rightarrow -\infty$ )
- 2) one unique global min
- 3) connected set of local minima w/ equal  $f(\cdot)$

Algo for general smooth  $f$ :

- Gradient descent
  - blind (w/ learning rate)
  - Stochastic blind
  - w/ line search

$$w \leftarrow w - \epsilon \nabla f(w)$$

- Newton's method (requires Hessian matrix)
- Nonlinear conjugate gradient

Algos for non smooth  $f$

- gradient descent
- BFGS

line search

Project down to 1D and use result to inform your step

↳ easy to use secant method, Newton's method, direct search

## Optimization Algorithms

Application / Data  
Classify? Regress

### Model

- features - decision fns
- decision

### Optimization Model

- model  $\Rightarrow$  something can train

### Optimization Algorithms

- gradient descent,
- simplex

## 2) Constrained Optimization (smooth equality constraints)

Given:  $f(\mathbf{w})$  and  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{w}) = 0$ , find  $\mathbf{w}$  that  $\min f(\mathbf{w})$

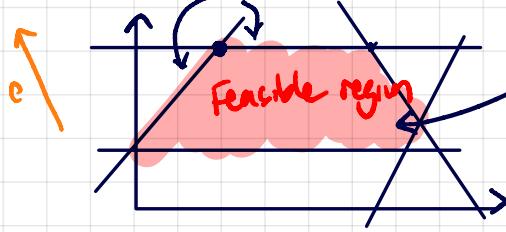
↪ use lagrange multipliers to reexpress as unconstrained, goto last sec

## 3) Linear Program linear obj func + linear inequality constraints

Goal: Find  $\mathbf{w}$  that  $\max_{\text{linear constraints}} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{w}$  st  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} \leq \mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{A}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} \leq b_i \quad i \in [1, n]$$

active constraints (support vectors)



convex if every  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}$ , lies in  $\mathcal{P}$

optimum point  $F$  furthest in direction of  $\mathbf{c}$

- Optima lies on vertices

- vertex when some of constraints are active

### Algs for LP

- Simplex

- interior point methods

## 4) Quadratic Programming quadratic, convex obj fn + linear inequality constraints

Obj: Find  $\mathbf{w}$   $\min f(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{w}$

Constraint:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} \leq \mathbf{b}$

$\mathbf{Q}$ : symmetric, PD matrix  $\mathbf{Q} \geq 0$

Positive Definite (PD):  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{w} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{w} \neq 0$

ex) hard soft margin SVM

term  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{I} \mathbf{w}$

### Algs for Quadratic

- Simplex (good in general)

- sequential minimal optimization

- coordinate descent

# Lecture 6 : Decision Theory

Recall:  $P(x) = P(x|y=1)P(y=1) + P(x|y=-1)P(y=-1)$

Bayes' Theorem:  $P(y=1|x) = \frac{P(x|y=1)P(y=1)}{P(x)}$  ← prior prob  
posterior prob

loss function  $L(z,y)$  specifies badness if predicts  $z$ , true class  $y$

Ex) asymmetrical  $L(z,y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z=y \\ 1 & \text{if } z=1, y=-1 \\ 5 & \text{if } z=-1, y=1 \end{cases}$  false positive bad  
false negative worse

0-1 loss function: symmetrical

Risk: expected loss over all values of  $x, y$

$$R(r) = \mathbb{E}[L(r(x), y)]$$

$$= P(y=1) \sum_x L(r(x), 1) P(x=x|y=1) + P(y=-1) \sum_x L(r(x), -1) P(x=x|y=-1)$$

Bayes classifier: func  $r^*$  min  $R(r)$  given  $L(z,y)=0$  for  $z=y$

$$r^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(-1, 1)P(y=1|x=x) > L(1, -1)P(y=-1|x=x) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- if  $L$  symmetric, choose class with bigger posterior probability

Bayes Risk: optimal risk  $R(r^*)$

## Continuous Distributions

$x$ : pdf

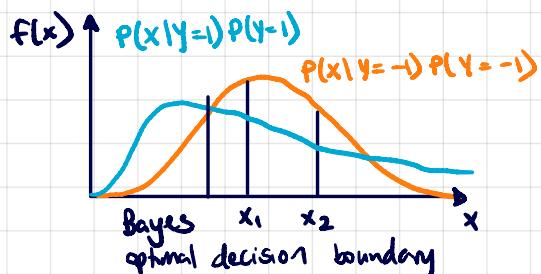
$$\text{Prob } x \in [x_1, x_2] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Area under curve} = 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Expected value } E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$$

$$\text{mean } \mu = E[x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\text{variance } \sigma^2 = E[(x-\mu)^2] = E[x^2] - \mu^2$$



For Bayes decision rule, Bayes risk is area under min of functions

$$R(r^*) = \int \min_{y=\pm 1} L(-y, y) f(x=x|y=y) p(y=y) dx$$

## Ways to build Classifiers

### 1) Generative models (LDA)

- guess forms of distributions

- for class  $C$ , fit params,  $f(X|Y=C)$ , estimate  $p(Y=C)$

- ↑  $p(Y|X)$  tells you prob guess is wrong

- ↑ diagnose outliers easily,  $p(x)$  small

- ↳ hard to estimate distributions accurately, rely on guessing distribution

### 2) Discriminative models (logistic regression)

- Model  $p(Y|X)$

- ↑  $p(Y|X)$  tells you prob guess is wrong

### 3) Find decision boundary (SVM)

- Model  $r(x)$  directly

# Lecture 7: Gaussian Discriminant Analysis

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Assumption: each class comes from normal distribution

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) : f(x) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma)^d} e^{-\frac{\|x-\mu\|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$r^*(x) \quad \max Q_c(x) = \ln \left( (\sqrt{2\pi})^d F_c(x) \pi_c \right) = -\frac{\|x-\mu_c\|^2}{2\sigma_c^2} - d \ln \sigma_c + \ln \pi_c$$

## Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (QDA)

In 2 class ex

$$r^*(x) = \begin{cases} C & \text{if } Q_C(x) - Q_D(x) > 0 \\ D & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Bayes Decision Boundary at  $Q_C(x) - Q_D(x) = 0$

To recover posterior probability

$$P(Y=C|x) = \frac{f(x|Y=C) \pi_C}{f(x|Y=C)\pi_C + f(x|Y=D)\pi_D}$$

$$P(Y=C|x=x) = S(Q_C(x) - Q_D(x)) \quad \text{where} \quad s(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}$$

## Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Variant of QDA w/ linear boundaries less likely overfit

All Gaussian have same variance  $\sigma$

$$\max_C \quad \frac{\mu_C \cdot X}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\|\mu_C\|^2}{2\sigma^2} + \ln \pi_C$$

Decision Boundary:  $w \cdot x + \alpha = 0$

Posterior:  $P(Y=C|x=x) = s(w \cdot x + \alpha)$

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation of parameters

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE): method of estimating statistical model parameters to maximize (likelihood) func

i) Density Estimation: estimating a PDF from data

Likelihood of Gaussian:

Likelihood of generating those points:  $\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1)f(x_2) \dots f(x_n)$

$$\text{log likelihood } l = \max \sum_{i=1}^n \left( -\frac{\|x_i - \mu\|^2}{2\sigma^2} - d \ln \sqrt{2\pi} - d \ln \sigma \right)$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} l = 0 \quad \frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma} = 0$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{dn} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - \mu\|^2$$

QDA: estimate conditional mean  $\hat{\mu}_c$  & conditional variance  $\hat{\sigma}_c^2$  of class C separately

LDA: same means & priors; one variance for all classes

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{dn} \sum_c \sum_{i:y_i=c} \|x_i - \hat{\mu}_c\|^2 \quad \text{pooled within class variance}$$

# Lecture 8: Eigenvectors & Multivariate Normal Distr 2/14

## Eigenvectors

For square matrix  $A$ , if  $Av = \lambda v$  for  $v \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda$

$v$  is eigenvector  
 $\lambda$  is eigenvalue

$v$  points in same direction or opp dir

Thm: if  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  w/ eigenvalue  $\lambda$   
 $v$  is eigenvector of  $A^k$  w/ eigenvalue  $\lambda^k$

Thm: if  $A$  is invertible,  $v$  is eigenvector of  $A^{-1}$  w/ eigenvalue  $1/\lambda$

Spectral Theorem: every real, symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix has real eigenvalues and  $n$  eigenvectors that are mutually orthogonal  $v_i^T v_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$

-stretches along direction w/ eigenvalue 2, shrinks w/  $-1/2$

Symmetric matrix  $M$

Positive Definite: if  $w^T M w > 0$  all  $w \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  pos eigenvalues

Positive Semidefinite: if  $w^T M w \geq 0$  all  $w \Leftrightarrow$  non-negative eigenvalues

Indefinite: if pos & neg eigenvalue

Invertible: no zero eigenvalue

Eigendecomposition: matrix factorization

$$A = V \Lambda V^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$V^T$  rotates to be axis aligned

Anisotropic Gaussians:  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu))}$$

$\Sigma^{-1}$   $d \times d$  SPD covar precision matrix

For Gaussian  $R \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ ,  $\text{Var}(R) = \Sigma$

$r_i, r_j$  independent  $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(r_i, r_j) = 0$

$\text{Cov}(r_i, r_j) = 0$  & multivariate normal dist  $\Rightarrow r_i, r_j$  independent

all features pairwise independent  $\Rightarrow \text{Var}(R)$  diagonal

$\text{Var}(R)$  is diagonal & joint normal  $\Leftrightarrow$  axis-aligned Gaussian

# Lecture 9: Anisotropic Gaussians, MLE, QDA, LDA

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## Anisotropic Gaussians

Normal PDF:  $f(x) = n(q(x))$ 

$$n(q) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|} e^{-\frac{q}{2}}, q(x) = (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)$$

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Anisotropic Gaussians

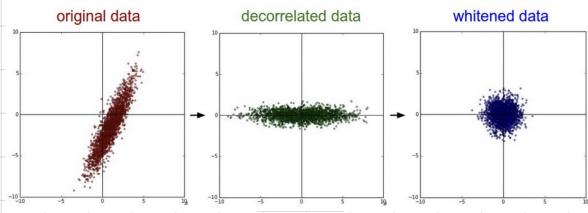
Sample points  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , classes  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  best-fit GaussiansQDA:  $\hat{\Sigma}_c = \frac{1}{n_c} \sum_{i:y_i=c} (X_i - \hat{\mu}_c)(X_i - \hat{\mu}_c)^T$  : conditional covariance for pts in class C $\hat{\Sigma}_c$  is PSD $n_c$ : # pts in class C $\hat{\mu}_c$ : mean of sample pts C

$$\hat{\pi}_c = \frac{\# \text{pts in class } c}{\text{total sample pts}}$$

$$Q_c(x) = \ln((2\pi)^d f_c(x)) \pi_c = -\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_c)^T \Sigma_c^{-1} (x - \mu_c) - \frac{1}{2} \ln|\Sigma_c| + \ln \pi_c$$

$$\max \text{ linear discriminant fn: } \mu_c^T \Sigma^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \mu_c^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_c + \ln \pi_c$$

$$\text{LDA: } \hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_c \sum_{i:y_i=c} (X_i - \hat{\mu}_c)(X_i - \hat{\mu}_c)^T \quad \text{pooled within class covariance matrix}$$

Design Matrix:  $X$   $n \times d$  matrix sample pts, row i is sample pt  $X_i^T$ centering:  $\dot{X}$  subtract  $\mu^T$  from each row of  $X$ Sample covar matrix:  $\text{Var}(R) = \frac{1}{n} \dot{X}^T \dot{X}$ Decorrelating  $\dot{X}$ : apply rotation  $Z = \dot{X}V$ ,  $\text{Var}(R) = V \Lambda V^T$ ,  $\text{Var}(Z) = \Lambda$ Sphereling  $\dot{X}$ : apply transformation  $W = \dot{X} \text{Var}(R)^{-1/2}$ Whitening  $X$ : centering + sphereling,  $X \rightarrow W$ 

# Lecture 10: Regression, LS, Linear & Logistic Regression 2/23

Regression: fitting curves to data

Classification: given point  $x$ , predict class

Regression: given point  $x$ , predict numerical value

- Choose regression func  $h(x; \theta)$  hypothesis  $h$ , parameters  $\theta$

Decision func: 1) linear:  $h(x; w, \alpha) = w \cdot x + \alpha$

2) polynomial: added polynomial features

3) logistic:  $h(x; w, \alpha) = s(w \cdot x + \alpha)$

$$s(y) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$

- Choose cost func to optimize

loss func A) squared loss

$$L(z, y) = (z - y)^2$$

B) absolute error

$$L(z, y) = |z - y|$$

C) logistic loss, cross entropy

$$L(z, y) = -y \ln z - (1-y) \ln (1-z)$$

$z \in [0, 1]$   
 $y \in [0, 1]$

cost func

a) mean loss

$$J(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(h(x_i), y_i)$$

b) max loss

$$J(h) = \max_{i=1}^n L(h(x_i), y_i)$$

c) weighted sum

$$J(h) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i L(h(x_i), y_i)$$

d) L2 penalized/reg

$$J(h) = a, b, \text{ or } c + \lambda \|w\|^2$$

e) L1 penalized/reg

$$J(h) = a, b, \text{ or } c$$

Least Squares linear regn: 1 + A + a

Weighted least squares linear: 1 + A + c

Ridge Regression: 1 + A + d

Lasso Regression: 1 + A + e

Logistic Regn: 3 + C + a

Least Absolute deviations: 1 + B + a

Chebyshev criterion: 1 + B + b

} Quadratic cost, min w/ calculus

} quadratic program  
convex cost, min w/ grad desc

} Linear program

## Least Squares Linear Regression

Find  $w$  that  $\min \|Xw - y\|^2$

Residual Sum of Squares (RSS)

$$w = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

↑ Easy to compute, linear system, unique stable solution

↓ sensitive to outliers, errors squared

↓ fails if  $X^T X$  is singular

## Logistic Regression

Fits probabilities in range (0,1)

Optimization prob: find  $w$  to min

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^n L(x_i \cdot w, y_i) = - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \ln s(x_i \cdot w) + (1-y_i) \ln (1-s(x_i \cdot w)))$$

compute derivatives

$$\text{if } s_i = s(x_i \cdot w)$$

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

$$\nabla_w J = - \sum \left( \frac{y_i}{s_i} \nabla s_i - \frac{1-y_i}{1-s_i} \nabla s_i \right) = -x^T(y - s(xw))$$

$$s(xw) = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Gradient descent:  $w \leftarrow w + \epsilon x^T(y - s(xw))$

Stochastic Gradient descent:  $w \leftarrow w + \epsilon (y_i - s(x_i \cdot w)) x_i$

↑ always separates linearly separable pts

# Lecture 11: Regression, Newton's Method, ROC Curves

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## Least-Squares Polynomial Regression

Replace  $x_i$  with  $\Phi(x_i)$  degree 0..p

$$\Phi(x_i) = [x_{i1}^2 \ x_{i1} x_{i2} \ x_{i2}^2 \ x_{i1} \ x_{i2} \ 1]^T$$

↓ Very Easy to overfit

## Weighted Least Squares Regression

Some sample points more trusted than others

Assign weight  $w_i$ , have  $w_i$  in  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix  $S_L$

Optimization prob: find  $w$  min

$$(Xw - y)^T S_L (Xw - y)$$

Solve in normal equations  $X^T S_L X w = X^T S_L y$

## Newton's Method

Iterative optimization method for smooth func  $J(w)$ , often faster than grad desc  
At point  $v$ , approx  $J(w)$  by quadratic func, jump to critical pt

Taylor series about  $v$ :  $\nabla J(w) = \nabla J(v) + (\nabla^2 J(v))(w-v) + O(\|w-v\|^2)$

$$\text{critical pt } w: \quad w = v - (\nabla^2 J(v))^{-1} \nabla J(v)$$

$\nabla^2 J(v)$ : Hessian matrix

pick starting pt  $w$

repeat until convergence

$$e \leftarrow \text{solution to linear system } (\nabla^2 J(w))e = -\nabla J(w)$$

$$w \leftarrow w + e$$

↓ Hessian computation expensive

↑ finds right step length for most, better direction

## Logistic Regression

Can use Newton's method to solve

$$\nabla_w^2 J(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i(1-s_i)x_i x_i^T = X^T S_L X$$

$$S_L = \begin{bmatrix} s_1(1-s_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & s_2(1-s_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & s_n(1-s_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w \leftarrow 0$$

repeat until convergence

$$e \leftarrow \text{solution to normal eq } (X^T S_L X)e = X^T(y-s)$$

$$w \leftarrow w + e$$

## LDA vs. Logistic Regression

### LDA adv

- well separated classes, stable
- $\geq 2$  classes, easy
- more acc when classes normal

### Logistic Adv

- emphasis on decision boundary
- robust to non-gaussian distributions
- naturally fits 0,1 labels (probabilities)

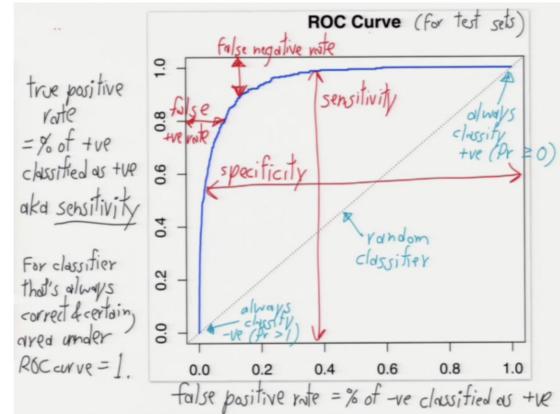
## ROC Curves [Receiver Operating Characteristics]

rate of false pos vs. true pos

False Negative Rate: vertical distance from curve to top

Sensitivity: horizontal distance from curve to right

Classifiers effectiveness can roughly be measured by area under the curve



# Lecture 12: Statistical Justifications; Bias-Variance Decomposition

Model of reality:

- Sample from unknown dist:  $X_i \sim D$
  - $y$ -values sum of unknown, func + random noise
- $$\forall X: y_i = g(x_i) + \epsilon_i \quad \epsilon_i \sim D' \quad D' \text{ mean zero}$$

Regression goal: find  $h$  to estimate  $g$

$$h(x) = E_y[Y | X=x] = g(x) + E[\epsilon] = g(x)$$

## Least Squares Regression from Maximum Likelihood

estimate  $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$   $y_i \sim N(g(x_i), \sigma^2)$

$$l(g; X, y) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (y_i - g(x_i))^2 - \text{constant}$$

Max likelihood on "parameter"  $g \Rightarrow$  estimate  $g$  by least-squares regression

## Empirical Risk

Risk: expected loss  $R(h) = E[L]$   $x \in \mathbb{R}^d, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Empirical Distribution: discrete uniform distribution over sample pts

Empirical Risk: expected loss under empirical distribution

$$\hat{R}(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(h(x_i), y_i) \quad \hat{R}: \text{approx of statistical risk}$$

Empirical risk minimization:  $h$  that minimizes  $\hat{R}$

## Logistic loss from Maximum Likelihood

For probabilities  $y_i$ : probability of  $x_i$  in class

$h(x_i)$ : predicted probability

$\beta$ : duplicate copies  $x_i, y_i \beta$  in class,  $(1-y_i)\beta$  not

$$\text{Likelihood: } L(h; X, y) = \prod_{i=1}^n h(x_i)^{y_i \beta} (1-h(x_i))^{(1-y_i)\beta}$$

$$\text{Log likelihood: } l(h) = \beta \sum_i (y_i \ln h(x_i) + (1-y_i) \ln (1-h(x_i))) = -\beta \sum \text{logistic loss } L(h(x_i), y_i)$$

max likelihood  $\Rightarrow$  minimize  $\sum L(h(x_i), y_i)$

## Bias Variance Decomposition

Bias: error due to inability of hypothesis  $h$  to fit  $g$  perfectly, wrong model

Variance: error from fitting random noise in data,

Model:  $X_i \sim D, \epsilon_i \sim D', y_i = g(x_i) + \epsilon_i$ , hypothesis  $h$

For some  $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y = g(z) + \epsilon$ ,  $E[y] = g(z)$ ,  $\text{Var}(y) = \text{Var}(\epsilon)$

$$\begin{aligned} R(h) &= E[L(h(z), y)] = E[(h(z) - y)^2] \\ &= E[h(z)^2] + E[y^2] - 2E[yh(z)] \\ &= (E[h(z)] - g(z))^2 + \text{Var}(h(z)) + \text{Var}(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$        $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
bias<sup>2</sup> of method    var of method    irreducible error

### Consequences

- Underfitting = too much bias
- Overfitting = too much variance
- Training error tests bias not variance, test error for both
- Variance  $\rightarrow 0$  as distributions  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $h$  fit  $g$  well, distributions bias  $\rightarrow 0$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Good feature reduces bias
- Adding feature increases variance

### Ex] Least Squares Linear Reg

Model:  $g(z) = v^T z$

Training labels:  $y = Xv + e$  unknown  $v, e$

Linear Regression computes  $w$

$$w = X^T y = X^T(Xv + e) = v + X^T e$$

Bias:  $E[h(z)] - g(z) = E[w^T z] - v^T z = E[z^T X^T e] = z^T E[X^T] E[e] = 0$

- 0 bias means perfect fit possible

Variance:  $\text{Var}(h(z)) = \text{Var}(w^T z) = \text{Var}(z^T v + z^T X^T e) = \text{Var}(z^T X^T e) = \sigma^2 z^T (X^T X)^{-1} z$

$$\text{Var}(h(z)) \approx \sigma^2 \frac{d}{n}$$

- Variance portion decreases as  $\frac{1}{n}$  (sample pts), increases as  $d$  (features)

# Lecture 13: Shrinkage: Ridge Regression, Subset Selection, and Lasso

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## Ridge Regression

$$\text{Find } \omega \text{ to min } \|X\omega - y\|^2 + \lambda \|\omega'\|^2 = J(\omega)$$

- Adding regularization term for shrinkage to encourage small  $\|\omega'\|$
- guarantees PD normal equations
- cost function w/ many minima is ill-posed
- Regularization reduces overfitting by reducing variance by penalizing large weights

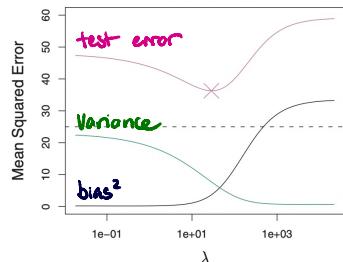
$$\text{To find solution: } \nabla J = 0, (X^T X + \lambda I') \omega = X^T y$$

$I'$ : identity w/ 0 in bottom right

- Solve for  $\omega$ , increasing  $\lambda \rightarrow$  more regularization

$$\text{Ridge Regression Var: } \text{Var}(z^T (X^T X + \lambda I')^{-1} X^T e)$$

- normalize features to have same variance



## Bayesian Justification for Ridge Reg

Maximum a posteriori (MAP): using likelihood, but maximizing posterior

$$\text{posterior } f(\omega | x, y) = \frac{f(y|x, \omega) \times \text{prior } f(\omega)}{f(y|x)} = \frac{L(\omega) f(\omega)}{f(y|x)}$$

$$\text{Maximize log posterior} = \ln L(\omega) + \ln f(\omega) - \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Minimize } \|X\omega - y\|^2 + \lambda \|\omega'\|^2$$

## Feature Subset Selection

Idea: Identify poorly predictive features, less overfitting, smaller test error

Alg: Best subset selection: Try all  $2^d - 1$  nonempty subsets of features

Heuristic 1: Forward Stepwise Selection  $O(d^2)$  instead of  $O(2^d)$

- 1) Start w/ null model (0 features)
- 2) add best feature until validation error increasing

Heuristic 2: Backward Stepwise Selection  $O(d^2)$

- 1) Start w/ d features
- 2) remove who gives best reduction in validation error

## Lasso

least absolute shrinkage and selection operator

Find  $w$  that  $\min \|Xw - y\|^2 + \lambda \|w\|_1$ , where  $\|w\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^d |w_i|$

Cross-polytopes: iso-surfaces of  $\|w\|_1$ , convex hull of all pos/neg unit coords

Sometimes sets some weights to zero, especially larger  $\lambda$

Algs: Subgradient descent, least-angle regression (LARS), forward stagewise

# Lecture 14: Decision Trees

Nonlinear method for classification and regression

Tree w/ 2 node types:

- internal nodes to test 1 feature value & branch
- leaf nodes specify class h(x)

Greedy algorithm

if leaves are pure (same class v)  
return new leaf

else

choose best splitting feature  $j$  and value  $B$

$$S_l = \{i \in S : X_{ij} < B\}$$

$$S_r = \{i \in S : X_{ij} \geq B\}$$

return new node ( $j$ ,  $B$ ,  $\text{GrowTree}(S_l)$ ,  $\text{GrowTree}(S_r)$ )

Use entropy to decide split

$$\text{Entropy: } H(S) = - \sum p_c \log_2 p_c \quad p_c = \frac{|\{i \in S : y_i = c\}|}{|S|}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  same class: 0, half C, half D: 1, n pts, diff classes:  $\log_2 n$

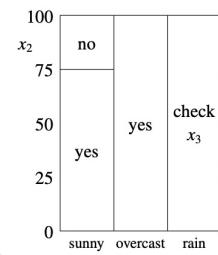
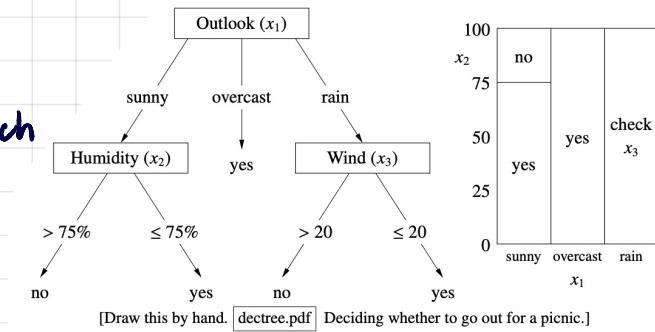
$$\text{Weighted Avg Entropy: } H_{\text{after}} = \frac{|S_l|H(S_l) + |S_r|H(S_r)}{|S_l| + |S_r|}$$

Information gain:  $H(S) - H_{\text{after}}$  max info gain

Algs & running time:

Classify test point: walk down tree until leaf, return label  $O(\text{tree depth})$

Training: binary  $O(d)$  splits, quantitative features  $O(n'd)$ , running time  $O(nd \text{ depth})$



# Lecture 15: More Decision Trees, Ensemble Learning, and Random Forests

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## Decision Tree Variations

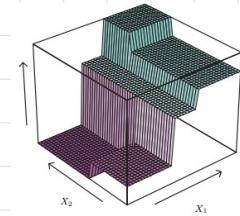
Multivariate Split: find non-axis aligned splits or generate randomly (SVM, logistic, GDA)

Decision Tree Regression: creates piecewise constant regression func

$$\text{cost } J(s) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{i \in S} (y_i - m_s)^2$$

### Stopping Early

- Limit tree depth (for speed), size (big data sets), overfitting
- Stop by: most points same depth too great, prune



## Pruning

Greedily remove each split that improves validation performance, more reliable

- Look at validation in two leaves to remove

## Ensemble Learning

Decision Trees not best at predicting, high variance

Weak learner: does better than guessing randomly

Can combine weak learners to get a strong one

Bagging: same learning alg on random subsets of one training set

Random Forests: randomized decision trees on random subsamples

Use learners with low bias

High variance & some overfitting is okay

Averaging reduces variance, sometimes variance

Bagging (Bootstrap AggregatINg): alg for diff learner from same dataset

- n-point training sample, subsample 'n' sampling w/ replacement

- Points chosen j times have greater weight

- Repeat until T learners, Metalearner takes test point, feed into T, return avg

Random Forests:

Classification: max f regression: avg

- At treenode, take random sample m of d features, choose best split from m
- disadvantages: slow loses inference, generate s random multivariate splits.

# Lecture 16: The Kernel Tricks

## Kernels

- Weights can be linear combo of sample points
- Can use inner products of  $\Phi(x)$

Optimise  $w = X^T a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$

optimize  $n$  dual weights  $a$  instead of  $d^p$  primal weights  $w$

## Kernel Ridge Regression

Center  $x$  and  $y$  so means are zero:  $x_i \leftarrow x_i - \bar{x}$ ,  $y_i \leftarrow y_i - \bar{y}$ ,  $x_{i,dil} = 1$

$$(X^T X + \lambda I) w = X^T y$$

For solution  $a$ ,  $(X X^T + \lambda I) a = y$ ,  $(X^T X + \lambda I) X^T a = X^T y$

Since  $w = X^T a$  is a solution to normal equations and  $w$  is linear combination of sample points,  $a$  is dual solution

Dual Form Ridge Regression:  $\min \|X X^T a - y\|^2 + \lambda \|X^T a\|^2$

Training: Solve  $(X X^T + \lambda I) a = y$

Testing: Regression  $h(z) = w^T z = a^T X z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (x_i^T z)$

Kerned func:  $k(x, z) = x^T z$

Kernel matrix:  $K = X X^T$ ,  $K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$

Dual Ridge Regression Alg:

$$t_{i,j} \quad K_{ij} \leftarrow k(x_i, x_j)$$

$$\text{Solve } (K + \lambda I) a = y \text{ for } a$$

For each test pt  $z$

$$h(z) \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i k(x_i, z)$$

## Kernel Trick (Kernelization)

Polynomial Kernel: degree  $p$  is  $k(x, z) = (x^T z + 1)^p$

$$\text{Thm: } (x^T z + 1)^p = \Phi(x)^T \Phi(z)$$

$$\text{Ex) } d=2, p=2 \quad (x^T z + 1)^2 = x_1^2 z_1^2 + x_2^2 z_2^2 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [x_1^2 \quad x_2^2 \quad \dots] [z_1^2 \quad z_2^2 \quad \dots]^T \\ &= \Phi(x)^T \Phi(z) \end{aligned}$$

kernel Ridge Regression:  $k(x, z) = \Phi(x)^T \Phi(z)$

## Kernel Perceptron

$\Phi(x)$  is  $n \times D$  matrix rows  $\Phi(x_i)^\top$

Featureized perceptron algorithm:

$$w \leftarrow y_i \Phi(x_i)$$

while some  $y_i \Phi(x_i)^\top w < 0$

$$w \leftarrow w + \epsilon y_i \Phi(x_i)$$

for each test pt  $z$

$$h(z) \leftarrow w \cdot \Phi(z)$$

Dual perceptron alg:

$$a \leftarrow [y_1 0 \dots 0]^\top$$

$$\forall i, j \quad k_{ij} \leftarrow k(x_i, x_j)$$

while some  $y_i (k a)_i < 0$

$$a_i \leftarrow a_i + \epsilon y_i$$

for each test pt  $z$

$$h(z) \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^n a_j k(x_j, z)$$

## Kernel Logistic Regression

Stochastic Gradient Descent Step:  $a_i \leftarrow a_i + \epsilon (y_i - s((k a)_i))$

Batch Gradient Descent:  $a \leftarrow a + \epsilon (y - s(k a))$ ,  $h(z) \leftarrow s\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j k(x_j, z)\right)$

## Gaussian Kernel

Gaussian kernel:  $\Phi$  st  $k(x, z) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-z\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

hypothesis  $h(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j k(x_j, z)$  is linear combo of Gaussians centered at sample pts

- gives smooth  $h$
- behaves like  $k$ -nearest neighbors
- oscillates less than polynomials
- similarity measure:  $k(x, z)$ , max  $z=x$ , 0 distance increases

Choose  $\sigma$  by cross-validation,  
larger  $\sigma \rightarrow$  wider Gaussians & smoother  $h \rightarrow$  more bias & less variance

# Lecture 17: Neural Networks

can do both classification and regression  
use a logistic function between linear combinations

## Network w/ 1 Hidden Layer

Input:  $x_1, \dots, x_d$ ;  $x_{d+1} = 1$

Hidden:  $h_1, \dots, h_m$ ;  $h_{m+1} = 1$

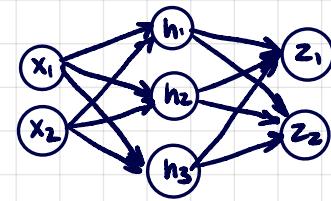
Output:  $z_1, \dots, z_k$

Layer 1 weights:  $m \times (d+1)$  matrix  $V$

Layer 2 weights:  $k \times (m+1)$  matrix  $W$

$V_i^T$  row  $i$

$W_i^T$  row  $i$



## Training

Stochastic or batch grad descent

Loss func  $L(z, y)$

prediction  $\uparrow$  true labels

Cost func  $J(V, W) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(z(x_i), y_i)$

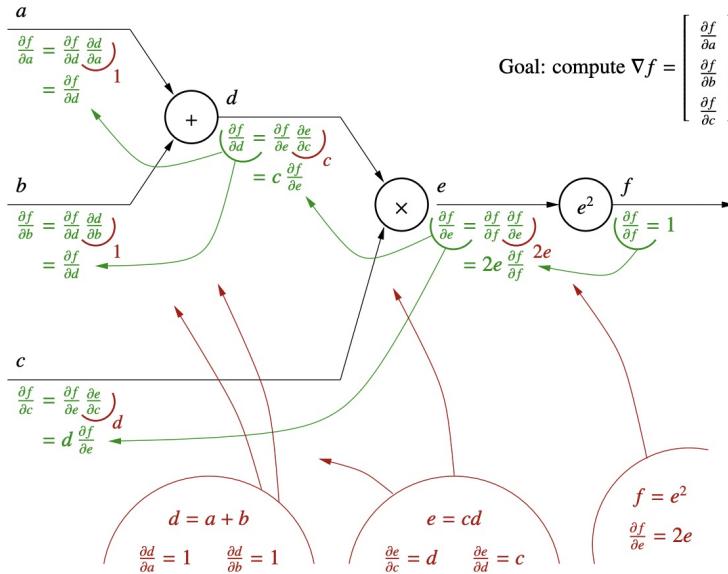
Start w/ random weights

$$w \leftarrow w - \epsilon \nabla J(w)$$

Naive gradient computation:  $O(\text{edges}^2)$  time

Backpropagation:  $O(\text{edges})$

## Computing Gradients for Arithmetic Expression



Each value  $z$  gives partial derivative of the form

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} \right) \left( \frac{\partial n}{\partial z} \right)$  computed during forward pass

where  $z$  is an input to  $n$ .

computed during backward pass after forward pass "backpropagation"

## Backpropagation

- dynamic programming algorithm for computing gradients we need for grad descent

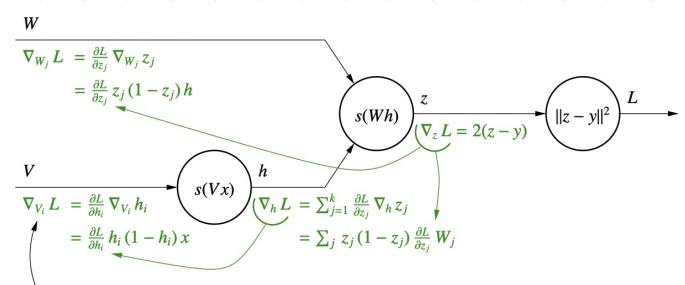
$V_i^T$  is row  $i$  of weight matrix  $V$

since  $s'(y) = s(y)(1-s(y))$

$$h_i = s(V_i \cdot x) \quad \nabla_{V_i} h_i = s'(V_i \cdot x)x = h_i(1-h_i)x$$

$$z_j = s(W_j \cdot h) \quad \nabla_{W_j} z_j = s'(W_j \cdot h)h = z_j(1-z_j)h$$

$$\nabla_h z_j = z_j(1-z_j)W_j$$



Compute  $\nabla_V L, \nabla_W L$  one row at a time.

# Lecture 18: Neurobiology; Variations on Neural Networks

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Neural Networks inspired by real brains

CPUs: sequentially, nanosecond gates, fragile if gates fail  
↑ superior for arithmetic, logical rules, key based memory

Brains: very parallel, millisecond neurons, fault tolerant

↑ superior for vision, speech, associative memory

Neural Network	Brains
- output of unit	- firing rate of neuron
- weight of connection	- synapse strength

Brain Stem: heart beat, breathing, sleep

Cerebellum: coordination of motor skills

Limbic System: emotion and motivation

Visual Cortex: input from eyes to more useful form

Regression: linear output units - omit sigmoid

Classification: softmax func

Can use ReLU: rectified linear units

ReLU, ramp, hinge fn:

$$r'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



popular for many-layered networks w/ large training sets

# Lecture 19: Better Neural Network Training; Convolutional Neural Nets

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## Heuristics for Faster Training

- 1) Stochastic Gradient Descent: faster than batch on large, redundant data sets
- 2) Epoch: presents every training pt once
- 3) Normalizing: center mean at zero, scale so variance  $\approx 1$
- 4) Different learning rate for each layer of weights

## Heuristic to Avoid Overfitting

- 1) Fewer hidden units
- 2) Weight decay:  $\ell_2$  regularization

## Convolutional Neural Networks

Often overparametrized: too many weights, not enough

Convnet Ideas:

- 1) Local Connectivity: hidden layer to small patch of prev layer
- 2) Shared weight: hidden units share mask/filter, kernel
  - ↳ learn several masks, if one learns edges, all learn edges

Convolution: same linear transformation applied to diff parts of image by shifting

# Lecture 20: Unsupervised Learning and Principal Components Analysis

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## Unsupervised Learning

Sample points but no labels, want to discover structure in data

## Principal Component Analysis

Goal: Given sample points  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , find  $k$  directions to capture variance

Ex1  $X$  be  $n \times d$  design matrix, centered  $\mu_X = \text{mean}(X) = 0$

To get  $k$  Gaussian axes of greatest variance, fit a Gaussian to data w/ MLE

↳ Compute unit eigenvectors/values of  $X^T X$

Choose  $k$  best dimensional subspace

Compute  $k$  principal coordinates  $x \cdot v_i$  of each training point

Ex2 Find direction  $w$  that max sample variance of projected data

$$\text{Find } w \text{ max Var}(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \cdot \frac{w}{\|w\|})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\|xw\|^2}{\|w\|^2} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{w^T X^T X w}{w^T w}$$

# Lecture 21: Singular Value Decomposition; Clustering

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Every  $X$  has SVD  $X = UDV^T$  if  $n \geq d$

$$X = \begin{matrix} U \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} \\ n \times d \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} D \\ \boxed{\begin{matrix} \delta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{matrix}} \\ d \times d \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} V^T \\ \boxed{\begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{matrix}} \\ d \times d \end{matrix} = \sum_{i=1}^d \underbrace{\delta_i u_i v_i^T}_{\text{rank 1 outer product}}$$

$U^T U = I$   
↑ left singular vectors

$V^T V = I$   
↑ right singular vectors

$\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d$  are nonnegative singular values of  $X$

$v_i$  is an eigenvector of  $X^T X$  w/ eigenvalue  $\delta_i^2$

Find  $k$  greatest singular values & vectors in  $O(ndk)$

- Row  $i$  of  $UD$  gives principle coordinates of sample point  $x_i$

## Clustering

### K-means clustering (Lloyd's Algorithm)

Runtime:  $O(nk^n)$

Goal: partition  $n$  points into  $k$  disjoint clusters

Assign each input point  $x_i$  a cluster label  $y_i \in [1, k]$

$$\min y \text{ in } \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \|x_j - m_i\|^2$$

k-means heuristic, alternate between

(1) fix labels  $y_i$ , update cluster mean  $m_i$

(2) cluster mean  $m_i$  are fixed, update labels  $y_i$

finds a local min

### K-Medoid Clustering

Specify distance func  $d(x, y)$ , dissimilarity

Use medoid instead of mean, min distance to other pts in cluster

### Hierarchical Clustering

Creates a tree, every subtree is a cluster

Agglomerative Clustering: each point a cluster and combine

Hierarchical Clustering: all pts in one cluster, split

Dist func for clusters A, B

Complete Linkage:  $d(A, B) = \max \{ d(w, x) : w \in A, x \in B \}$

Single Linkage:  $d(A, B) = \min \{ d(w, x) : w \in A, x \in B \}$

Average Linkage:  $d(A, B) = \frac{1}{|A||B|} \sum_{w \in A} \sum_{x \in B} d(w, x)$

Centroid Linkage:  $d(A, B) = d(\mu_A, \mu_B)$   $\mu$  mean of S

# Lecture 22: High Dimensions; Random projection 4/18

## Pseudoinverse; personality

### Geometry of High Dimensional Spaces

In high dimension, most points are same dist from mean

$$\text{Pythagoras Theorem: } \|\mathbf{p}\|^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + \dots + p_d^2$$

$\mathbf{p}$ : sampled from univariate normal dist w/ mean 0, variance 1

$$p_i \sim N(0, 1) \quad p_i^2 \sim \chi^2(1) \quad E[p_i^2] = 1 \quad \text{Var}(p_i^2) = 2$$

$$E[\|\mathbf{p}\|^2] = d \quad E[p_i^2] = 1 \quad \text{Var}(\|\mathbf{p}\|^2) = d \text{Var}(p_i^2) = 2d \quad \text{SD}(\|\mathbf{p}\|^2) = \sqrt{2d}$$

Angles between Vectors

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}}{\|\mathbf{p}\| \|\mathbf{q}\|} = \frac{p_i}{\|\mathbf{p}\|} \quad E[\cos\theta] = 0 \quad \text{SD}(\cos\theta) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}$$

Random Projection Project onto random subspace, could preserve dist better

Choose small  $t$ , small  $s$ , random subspace  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  dimension  $k$ ,  $k = \left\lceil \frac{2 \ln(\frac{1}{\delta})}{\frac{s^2}{2} - \frac{s^2}{3}} \right\rceil$

For pt  $\mathbf{q}$ , let  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}$  be orthogonal proj  $\mathbf{q}$  onto  $S$ , multiplied by  $\sqrt{\frac{d}{k}}$

### Pseudoinverse and the SVD

For  $D$  diagonal  $n \times d$  matrix

Pseudoinverse  $D^+$  by transposing  $D$  and replacing nonzero w/ reciprocal

$$DD^+D = D \quad D^+DD^+ = D^+ \quad D^2D^+ = D$$

$X$  is  $n \times d$  matrix  $X = UDV^T$   $\text{rank}(D) = \text{rank}(X)$

Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse  $X$  is  $X^+ = VD^+U^T$

$$1) \quad XX^+ = UDV^TVD^+U^T = U(DD^+)U^T \quad \text{symmetric, PSD}$$

$$2) \quad X^+X = VD^+U^TUDV^T = V(D^+D)V^T \quad \text{symmetric, PSD}$$

$$3) \quad \text{same rank: } D, D^+, DD^+, D^+D, X, X^+, XX^+, X^+X$$

$$4) \quad XX^+X = X$$

$$5) \quad X^+XX^+ = X^+$$

Solution to normal eq  $X^T X w = X^T y$  is  $w = X^T y$

# Lecture 23: Learning Theory

Generalization: if we want to generalize, constrain hypotheses we allow learner to consider Range Space (set system): pair  $(P, H)$ ,  $P$  set of all possible test/training  $H$ : hypotheses class, set of hypotheses

Examples:

- 1) Power set classifiers:  $P$  set of  $k$  numbers,  $H$  power set of  $P$ ,  $2^k$  subsets of  $P$
- 2) Linear classifier:  $P = \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $H$  set of all halfspaces, form  $\{x : w \cdot x \geq -\alpha\}$

Hoeffding's inequality: prob of bad estimate, how likely number drawn from binomial dist far from mean

$$\Pr(|\hat{R}(h) - R(h)| > \epsilon) \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 n}$$

Dichotomy:  $X$  is  $X \cap h$ ,  $h \in H$ , function that assigns training point to C or not-C

Shatter func:  $\Pi_H(n) = \max_{|X|=n, X \subseteq P} \Pi_+(X)$  most dichotomies of any point set size  $n$

Vapnik-Chervonenkis dimension:  $VC(H) = \max \{n : \Pi_H(n) = 2^n\}$  VC dimension is upper bound on exponent of polynomial

- For generalizations, limit expressiveness of your hypothesis class to limit the num of possible dichotomies

# Lecture 24: Boosting; Nearest Neighbor Classification 4/25

## AdaBoost

Ada Boost: "adaptive Boosting" ensemble method for classification

- trains multiple learners on weighted sample points
- diff weights for each learner
- increases weights of misclassified training pts
- bigger vote to accurate learners

Input: design matrix  $X$  nxd, labels  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y_i = \pm 1$

- Train  $T$  classifiers  $g_1, \dots, g_T$ ,
- Weight for sample point  $x_i$  in  $g_t$  increases depending on how many misclassify
- Train  $g_t$  to correctly classify sample pts w/ larger weights
- Metalearner: linear combination of learners,  $M(z) = \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t g_t(z)$

$$\min_{G_T, \beta_T} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(M(x_i), y_i), \quad M(x_i) = \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t g_t(x_i), \quad L(p, l) = e^{-pl} = \begin{cases} e^{-p} & l=+1 \\ e^p & l=-1 \end{cases}$$

Separate classified correctly and misclassified

$$n \cdot \text{Risk} = e^{-\beta_T} \sum_{y_i = g_t(x_i)} w_i^{(t)} + e^{\beta_T} \sum_{y_i \neq g_t(x_i)} w_i^{(t)}$$

$$\text{optimal } \beta_T \text{ after } \frac{d}{d \beta_T} \text{Risk} = 0, \quad \beta_T = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 - \text{err}_T}{\text{err}_T} \right)$$

AdaBoost Alg:

1. Initialize Weights  $w_i \leftarrow \frac{1}{n}, \forall i \in [1, n]$
2. for  $t \leftarrow 1$  to  $T$ 
  - a. Train  $g_t$  w/ weights  $w_i$
  - b. Weighted error  $\text{err} \leftarrow \frac{\sum \text{misclassified } w_i}{\sum \text{all } w_i}$ , coeff  $\beta_t \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 - \text{err}}{\text{err}} \right)$
  - c. reweight pts:  $w_i \leftarrow w_i \cdot \begin{cases} e^{\beta_t} & g_t \text{ misclassifies } x_i = w_i \cdot \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \text{err}}{\text{err}} & \text{err} < \text{err} \\ \frac{\text{err}}{1 - \text{err}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ e^{-\beta_t} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
3. return metalearner  $(h(z) = \text{sign}(\sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t g_t(z)))$

Boosting Benefits ↑

- fast, no hyperparameter, subset selection,

## Nearest Neighbor Classification

Idea: query point  $q$ , find  $k$  sample pts nearest  $q$   
distance metric

Regression: return avg label of  $k$  pts

Classification: return class w most votes from  $k$  pts

as  $n \rightarrow \infty, k \rightarrow \infty, \frac{k}{n} \rightarrow 0$  k-NN converges to  $B$

# Lecture 25: Nearest Neighbor Algorithms Voronoi Diagrams and k-D Trees

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## Nearest Neighbor Algorithms

Exhaustive k-NN Alg

query pt  $q$

- Scan through all pts and find squared dist to  $q$
- keep max-heap w/  $k$  shortest dist found so far

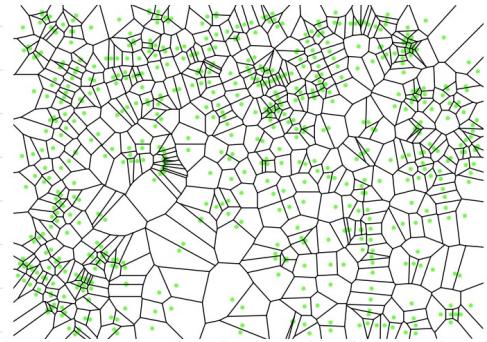
Preprocess training pts,

Voronoi Diagrams, kd-tree, exhaustive k-NN, PCA, random projection

Voronoi cell:  $w \in X$  is  $\text{Vor } w = \{p \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|p-w\| \leq \|p-v\|\}$  where  $v \in X$

Point location: for query point  $q \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , find point  $w \in X$  where  $q \in \text{Vor } w$

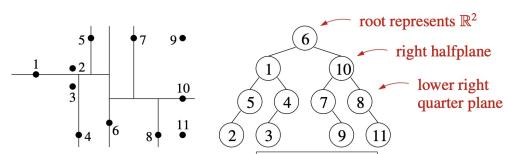
↳ good for 1-NN in 2 or 3 dimensions



k-d Trees: Decision Trees for NN search

- choose splitting feature: w/ greatest width

↳ splitting value: median point for feature  $i$



Goal: given query  $q$ , find pt  $w$  st

$$\|q-w\| \leq (1+\epsilon) \|q-s\| \quad s: \text{closest}$$

Maintain: nearest neighbor found so far,  
binary min-heap of unexplored subtrees, dist from  $q$

1-NN query

$Q \leftarrow$  heap containing root node w/ key zero

$r \leftarrow \infty$

while  $Q$  not empty and  $(1+\epsilon) \cdot \text{minkey}(Q) < r$

$B \leftarrow \text{remove min}(Q)$

$w \leftarrow B$ 's sample pt

$r \leftarrow \min \{r, \text{dist}(q, \omega)\}$

$B', B'' \leftarrow$  child boxes of  $B$

if  $(1+\varepsilon) \cdot \text{dist}(q, B') < r$  then insert  $(Q, B', \text{dist}(q, B'))$

if  $(1+\varepsilon) \cdot \text{dist}(q, B'') < r$  then insert  $(Q, B'', \text{dist}(q, B''))$