

Notes of Machine Learning

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Part I

Supervised Learning

Chapter 1

Linear Regression

1.1 Matrix Derivatives

1.1.1 trace fact

1. $trAB = trBA$

proof:

Let A be a m -by- n matrix, let B be a n -by- m matrix.

$$trAB = \sum_{i=1}^m (AB)_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ji} \right) \quad (1.1)$$

$$trBA = \sum_{i=1}^n (BA)_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^m B_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} trBA &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^m B_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n B_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ji} B_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ji} \right) \\ &= trAB \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

2. $\nabla_A trAB = B^T$

proof:

Let A be a m -by- n matrix, let B be a n -by- m matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_A \text{tr} AB &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{1n}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{m1}} & \cdots & \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} \cdots B_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ B_{1m} \cdots B_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= B^T
\end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

$$3. \nabla_{A^T} f(A) = (\nabla_A f(A))^T$$

proof:

Let A be a m -by- n matrix.

$$\nabla_{A^T} f(A) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla_A f(A))^T &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix}^T \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \nabla_{A^T} f(A)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

Chapter 2

Boosting

2.1 Boosting

2.1.1 Reference

<http://www.cnblogs.com/wentingtu/archive/2011/12/15/2289550.html>

[Wikipedia: Boosting](#)

2.1.2 Definition

Boosting is a family of machine learning algorithms which convert **weak learners** to **strong ones**.

2.2 Gradient boosting

2.2.1 Reference

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2.2.2 Definition

Gradient boosting is a method of boosting. It is a machine learning technique for regression and classification problems, which produces a prediction model in the form of an ensemble of weak prediction models, typically decision trees.

It builds the model in a stage-wise fashion like other boosting methods do, and it generalizes them by allowing optimization of an arbitrary differentiable loss function.