

CS229: Machine Learning

Logistic Regression

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Logistic Regression

Target variable is not quantitative?

- Logistic Regression

target variable is **categorical (nominal)**, e.g., married, single, divorced

- Ordinal Logistic Regression

target variable is **ordinal**, e.g., high, medium, low

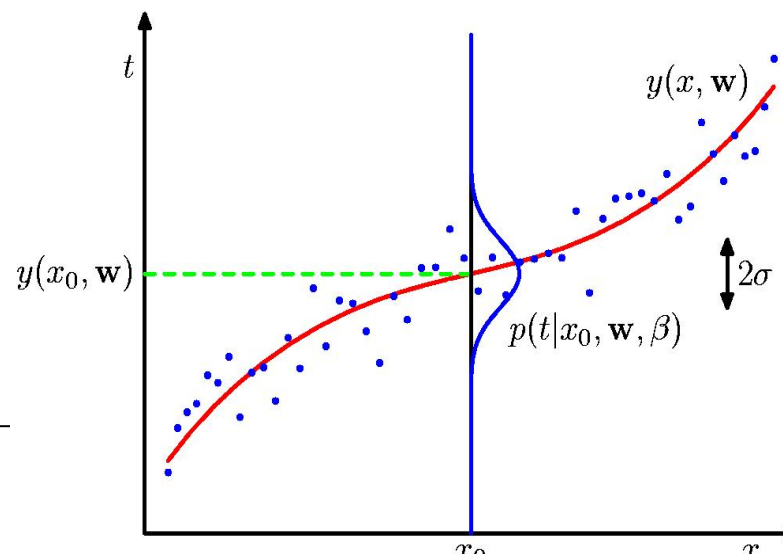
Revisit Regression

Target variable t is continuous

$$t = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) + \epsilon \quad \text{where} \quad p(\epsilon|\beta) = \mathcal{N}(\epsilon|0, \beta^{-1})$$

Then,

$$p(t|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1}).$$



Logistic Regression – binary variable

Target variable t is binary $t \in \{0,1\}$

$$p(t \mid x, w) = \text{Ber}(t \mid \mu(x))$$

where $\mu(x)$ is the parameter of Bernoulli distribution, $p(t = 1 \mid x)$.

Define

$$\mu(x) = \text{sigm}(w^T x)$$

where $\text{sigm}(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$

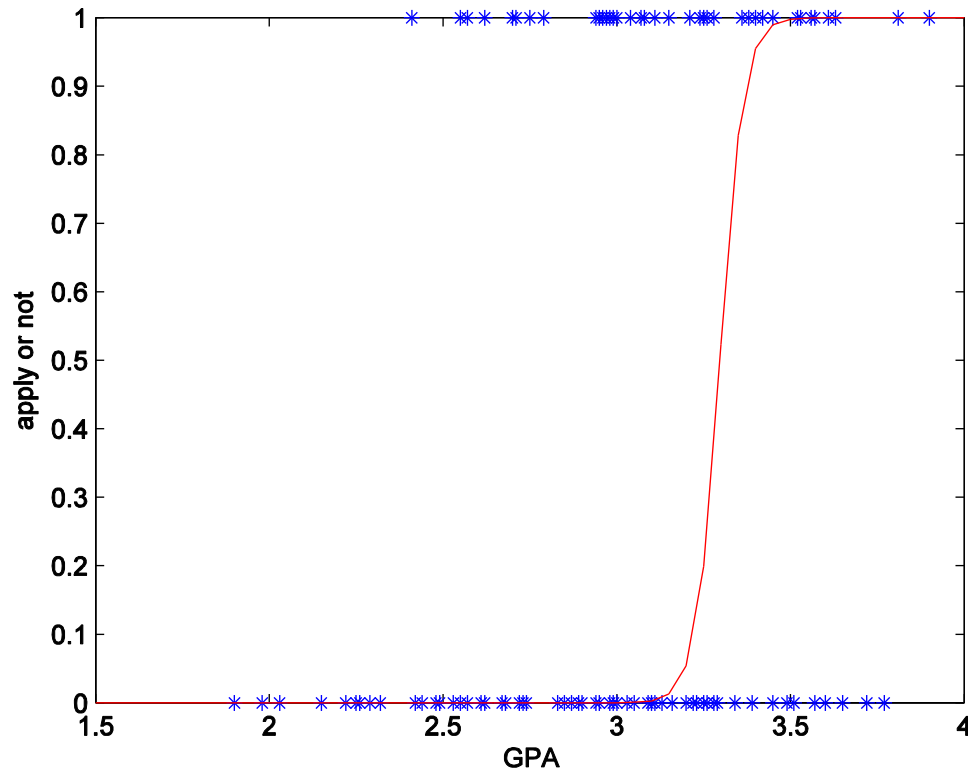
Then,

$$p(t \mid x, w) = \text{Ber}(t \mid \text{sigm}(w^T x))$$

NOTE: one more dimension with value 1 is added to x .

Logistic Regression – example

apply to graduate school or not



logit and interpretation

The *odds*

$$odds = \frac{p(t = 1)}{1 - p(t = 1)}$$

Logit: the log of the *odds*

$$\text{logit}(p(t = 1)) = \log\left[\frac{p(t = 1)}{1 - p(t = 1)}\right] = ?$$

According to the definition of $\mu(x)$

$$\text{logit}(p(t = 1)) = w_0 + w^T x$$

the odds of success is a linear function of x .

Likelihood

Likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mu_i^{is(t_i=1)} (1 - \mu_i)^{is(t_i=0)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mu_i^{t_i} (1 - \mu_i)^{(1-t_i)} \end{aligned}$$

The Negative Log-Likelihood (NLL)

$$NLL(w) = - \sum_{i=1}^N [t_i \ln \mu_i + (1 - t_i) \ln(1 - \mu_i)]$$

No closed form solution to w .

Gradient of NLL(w)

Derivative of NLL on w,

$$\frac{d \text{NLL}(\mathbf{w})}{d \mathbf{w}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{t_i}{\mu_i} + \frac{t_i - 1}{1 - \mu_i} \right] \frac{d\mu_i}{d\mathbf{w}}$$

where

$$\frac{d\mu_i}{d\mathbf{w}} = \frac{d(1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i})^{-1}}{d\mathbf{w}} = \mu_i(1 - \mu_i)\mathbf{x}_i$$

Then,

$$\frac{d \text{NLL}(\mathbf{w})}{d \mathbf{w}} = \sum_{i=1}^N [\mu_i - t_i] \mathbf{x}_i$$

Hessian matrix of NNL(w)

Hessian matrix (second-order partial derivatives)

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{d^2 NLL(w)}{d w^2} = \frac{d \sum_{i=1}^N [\mu_i - t_i] x_i}{d w} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{d \mu_i}{d w} x_i^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i (1 - \mu_i) x_i x_i^T \\ &= X^T S X \end{aligned}$$
$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1(1 - \mu_1) & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \mu_N(1 - \mu_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

H is positive definite.

Thus NLL(w) is convex, and has a unique global minimum.

Gradient Descent

Search w^* by

$$w^{k+1} = w^k - \eta g^k$$

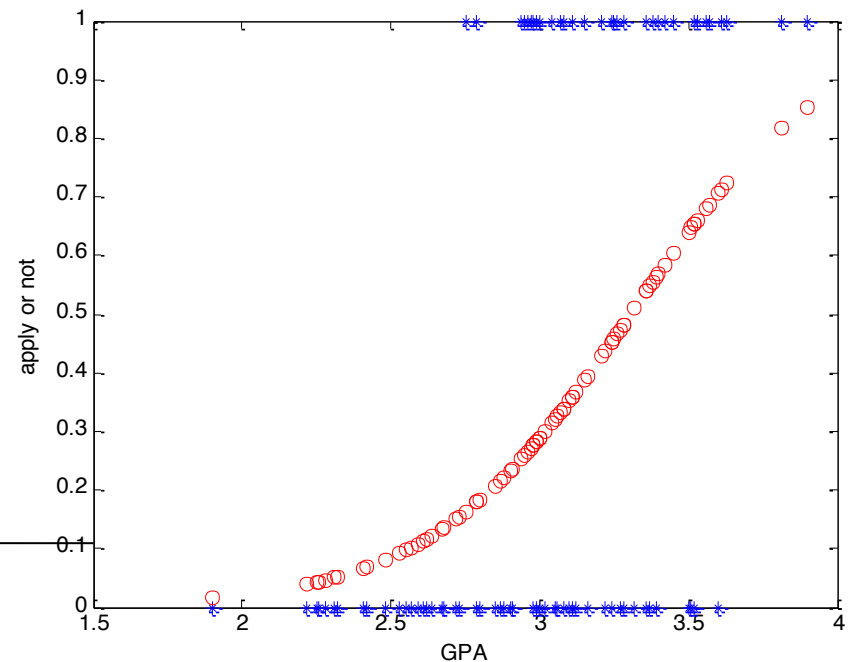
where

$$g^k = \frac{d \text{ NLL}(w^k)}{d w^k} = \sum_{i=1}^N [\mu_i - t_i] x_i$$

Prediction

Predict the target

$$t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu = \text{sigm}(w^T x) > 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



See a Demo

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Multi-class logistic regression

Target variable t has C nominal values ($C > 2$)

$$p(t = c \mid x, W) = \frac{\exp(w_c^T x)}{\sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(w_{c'}^T x)}$$

where columns of W are $w_{c'}^T$, $c' = 1 \dots C$

Multi-class logistic regression - Likelihood

Let $\mu_{ic} = p(t_i = c | x_i, W)$ and $t_{ic} = \{0,1\}$ for each i , $\sum_{c=1}^C t_{ic} = 1$

The likelihood is

$$\prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{c=1}^C \mu_{ic}^{t_{ic}}$$

The negative log-likelihood (NLL) is

$$\begin{aligned} NLL(W) &= - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C t_{ic} \log \mu_{ic} \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\sum_{c=1}^C t_{ic} w_c^T x_i - \log \sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(w_{c'}^T x_i) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Multi-class logistic regression - Gradient

The gradient of $NLL(w)$ w.r.t. w_c

$$\begin{aligned} g(w_c) &= \frac{\partial NLL(W)}{\partial w_c} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{\exp(w_c^T x_i)}{\sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(w_{c'}^T x_i)} x_i - t_{ic} x_i \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N [\mu_{ic} - t_{ic}] x_i \end{aligned}$$

Multi-class logistic regression - Hessian

The Hessian matrix has a submatrix (one $d \times d$ block)

$$H_{ck} = \frac{dg(w_c)}{\partial w_k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{d\mu_{ic}}{dw_k} x_i^T$$

since $\frac{d\mu_{ic}}{dw_k} = \begin{cases} \mu_{ic}(1 - \mu_{ic})x_i & \text{when } c = k \\ -\mu_{ic}\mu_{ik}x_i & \text{when } c \neq k \end{cases}$

Then

$$H_{cc} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_{ic}(1 - \mu_{ic})x_i x_i^T$$

$$H_{ck} = \sum_{i=1}^N -\mu_{ic}\mu_{ik}x_i x_i^T$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & \cdots & H_{1C} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_{C1} & \cdots & H_{CC} \end{bmatrix}$$

Positive definite $H \rightarrow \text{NLL}(W)$ has unique minimum

Multi-class logistic regression – learning and prediction

Learn by Gradient descent, for each w_c

$$w_c^{k+1} = w_c^k - \eta g^k(w_c)$$

where

$$g^k(w_c) = \sum_{i=1}^N [\mu_{ic} - t_{ic}] x_i$$

Predict the target label for x_i by

$$t_i = \arg \max_c \{\mu_{ic}\} = \arg \max_c \left\{ \frac{\exp(w_c^T x_i)}{\sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(w_{c'}^T x_i)} \right\}$$