

# Machine Learning

## Personal Formula Collection

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## 1 Linear Regression

### 1.1 One Variable

Prediction:

$$y = h(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x = \theta^T x$$

Cost Function (Squared Error):

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

Gradient Descent:

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

### 1.2 Multiple Variables

Prediction:

$$y = h(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n = \theta^T x$$

Cost Function:

$$J(\theta_j) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x_j^{(i)}) - y_j^{(i)})^2$$

Gradient Descent:

$$\theta_j = \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}, j := 0 \dots n$$

An additional feature  $x_0 = 1$  is introduced, so that the vector  $x$  becomes  $n + 1$  dimensional, which simplifies the matrix calculations.

Normal Equation:

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

Octave (Complexity with  $n$  features:  $O(n^3)$ ):

```
theta = pinv(X'*X)*X'*y
```

## 1.3 Normalization

$$x_i = \frac{x_i - \mu_i}{s_i}$$

Octave:

```
X = (X - mean(X)) ./ std(X)
```

## 2 Classification

Binary Classification:  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ , where 0 signifies negative or absent, and 1 signifies positive or present.

### 2.1 Logistic Regression

$$0 \leq h_{\theta}(x) \leq 1$$

Sigmoid Activation Function  $g$  (with asymptotes at  $y$  0 and 1, to be interpreted as probabilities):

$$h_{\theta} = g(\theta^T x), g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

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

Cost Function:  $-\log(h_{\theta}(x))$  for  $y = 1$  and  $-\log(1 - h_{\theta}(x))$  for  $y = 0$ , combined:

$$C(h_{\theta}(x), y) = -y \cdot \log(h_{\theta}(x)) - (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x))$$

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

With maximum likelihood estimation:

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

Prediction:

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

Gradient Descent (for each  $j$  in  $\theta$ ):

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

Vectorized:

$$\theta := \theta - \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x^{(i)} \right]$$

$$\theta := \theta - \frac{\alpha}{m} X^T (g(X\theta) - \vec{y})$$

### 2.1.1 Regularization (Gradient Descent)

Regularization mitigates the problem of overfitting for higher-order polynomials.  
Regularization term (only regularize  $\theta_j$  for  $j \geq 1$ , but not  $\theta_0$ ):

$$\lambda \sum_{j=1}^m \theta_j^2$$

Regularized Cost Function:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \cdot \log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \cdot \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

Regularized Gradient Descent (for  $\theta_j$  with  $j \geq 1$ ):

$$\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} \right]$$

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} \right) + \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_j \right]$$

### 2.1.2 Regularization (Normal Equation)

To regularize using the normal equation,  $(n+1)(n+1)$  matrix  $L$  with  $i$  rows and  $j$  columns and the values 1 (for  $i = j \wedge i \geq 1 \wedge j \geq 1$ ) and 0 (all the other indices), respectively, has to be created. (This is an identity matrix of size  $n+1$  with the value at  $(0,0)$  set to 0.)

$$\theta = (X^T X + \lambda L)^{-1} X^T y$$

With regularization, the matrix is always invertible.

## 3 Neural Networks

Definitions:

- $x_0$ : bias unit
- $a_i^{(j)}$ : activation unit  $i$  of layer  $j$

- $\Theta^{(j)}$ : weight matrix between layer  $j$  and  $j + 1$

Given layer  $j$  with  $s_j$  units, and layer  $j + 1$  with  $s_{j+1}$  units, the matrix  $\Theta^{(j)}$  has the dimensions  $s_{j+1} \times (s_j + 1)$ .

### 3.1 Activation

Neural network with three units in the one hidden layer:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{10}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{11}^{(1)} x_1 + \dots) \\ a_2^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{20}^{(2)} x_0 + \Theta_{21}^{(2)} x_1 + \dots) \\ a_3^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{30}^{(3)} x_0 + \Theta_{31}^{(3)} x_1 + \dots) \\ h_{\Theta}(x) &= a_1^3 = g(\Theta_{10}^{(2)} a_0^{(2)} + \Theta_{11}^{(2)} a_1^{(2)} + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

#### 3.1.1 Vectorization

With (forward propagation):

$$a_1^{(2)} = g(\Theta_{10}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{11}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{12}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{13}^{(1)} x_3)$$

And:

$$z_1^{(2)} = \Theta_{10}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{11}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{12}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{13}^{(1)} x_3$$

Follows:

$$a_1^{(2)} = g(z_1^{(2)})$$

So that:

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} x = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

Output layer:

$$h_{\Theta} = a^{(3)} = g(z^{(3)})$$

### 3.2 Cost Function

$$J(\Theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^K y_k^{(i)} \log(h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}))_k + (1 - y_k^{(i)}) \log(1 - (h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}))_k) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \sum_{i=1}^{s_l} \sum_{j=1}^{s_{l+1}} (\Theta_{ji}^{(l)})^2$$

With  $(h_{\Theta}(x))_i$  being the  $i^{th}$  output. Note that regularization is *not* added to the bias unit, i.e. only for  $j \geq 1$ .

### 3.3 Forward Propagation

With a single training example  $(x, y)$ . The first activation is the input (a bias unit  $a_0^{(1)} = 1$  must be added before):

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

The second activation is computed using  $\Theta$  and the sigmoid function  $g(z)$ :

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(2)} a^{(2)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

The bias unit  $a_0^{(2)} = 1$  must be added again, then the further activations ( $l$ ) are computed:

$$z^{(l)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l)} = g(z^{(l)})$$

Finally, the output (layer  $L$ ) is computed:

$$z^{(L)} = \Theta^{(L)} a^{(L)}$$

$$a^{(L)} = g(z^{(L)}) = h_{\Theta}(x)$$

### 3.4 Backpropagation

The  $\delta$  for the rightmost layer  $L$  is computed as:

$$\delta^L = a^{(L)} - y$$

The further  $\delta$  values are computed from right to left, down to  $l = 2$  (no  $\delta$  for the input layer):

$$\delta^{(l)} = \delta^{(l+1)} \Theta^{(l)} g'(z^{(l)})$$

With (bias unit included in  $a^{(l)}$ ):

$$g'(z^{(l)}) = a^{(l)}(1 - a^{(l)})$$

The  $\Delta$  values are computed as ( $a^{(l)}$  *without* bias unit):

$$\Delta^{(l)} = (\delta^{(l+1)})^T a^{(l)}$$

Finally, the gradients  $D$  for  $j \geq 1$  are computed as follows:

$$D_{ij}^{(l)} = \frac{1}{m} (\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + \lambda \Theta_{ij}^{(l)})$$

And without regularization for  $j = 0$ , respectively:

$$D_{ij}^{(l)} = \frac{1}{m} \Delta_{ij}^{(l)}$$

Which is the partial derivative of the cost function:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_{ij}^{(l)}} J(\Theta) = D_{ij}^{(l)}$$

### 3.5 Gradient Checking

Estimate the derivative of  $J(\Theta)$  with  $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-4}$  (two-sided difference):

$$\frac{d}{d\Theta} J(\Theta) \approx \frac{J(\Theta + \varepsilon) - J(\Theta - \varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon}$$

The result should only deviate from the  $D$  values by a rounding margin.

### 3.6 Random initialization

When working with neural networks,  $\Theta$  must be initialized to a random value symmetrically around 0. A  $(10 \times 11)$  matrix is initialized as follows (Octave):

```
init_epsilon = 0.1;
Theta = rand(10,11) * (2 * init_epsilon) - init_epsilon;
```

## 4 Error Metrics

Confusion Matrix:

		actual	
		1	0
prediction	1	true positive	false positive
	0	false negative	true negative

Precision ( $0 \leq P \leq 1$ ):

$$P = \frac{tp}{tp + fp}$$

Recall ( $0 \leq R \leq 1$ ):

$$R = \frac{tp}{tp + fn}$$

$F_1$  Score ( $0 \leq F_1 \leq 1$ ):

$$F_1 = 2 \frac{PR}{P + R}$$

Some rules of thumb:

- A higher classification threshold leads to a higher precision and a lower recall.
- A lower classification threshold leads to a lower precision and a higher recall.
- Many features can help to lower the bias.
- Many training examples can help to lower the variance.
- If a human expert can predict  $y$  based on  $x$ , more training data can help.

## 5 Support Vector Machines

The prediction yields 0 and 1 rather than probabilities. Cost Functions with Safety Margins (*Large Margin Classifier*):

$$\text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) : 1 \quad \text{if } \theta^T x \leq -1, \quad \text{else } 0$$

$$\text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) : 1 \quad \text{if } \theta^T x \geq +1, \quad \text{else } 0$$

Minimize  $\theta$  ( $C = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ ):

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

### 5.1 Kernels

Calculate features depending on proximity (similarity function) using landmarks ( $l^{(i)} = x^{(i)}$ ) with the *Gaussian kernel* (squared euclidian distance  $\|x - l^{(i)}\|^2$ ):

$$f_1 = \text{sim}(x, l^{(i)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(i)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

### 5.2 Choice of Parameters

- $C$ 
  - large  $C$ : low bias, high variance (small  $\lambda$ )
  - small  $C$ : high bias, low variance (large  $\lambda$ )
- $\sigma^2$ 
  - large  $\sigma^2$ : high bias, low variance (flat gaussian curve)
  - small  $\sigma^2$ : low bias, high variance (abrupt gaussian curve)



## 6 K-Means

Input: Training Set  $(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}, x \in \mathbb{R}^n)$ , number of clusters ( $K$ ); Algorithm:

1. initialize centroids  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (pick random training examples)
2. for  $i = 1..m$ : set  $c^{(i)}$  by proximity to  $\mu$  ( $\min_k \|x^{(i)} - \mu_k\|$ ) (assign index of closest centroid)
3. for  $j = 1..K$ : move  $\mu_j$  to mean of  $x$ s with  $c = k$
4. repeat steps 1 to 3

Repeat the algorithm with different random initializations in order to find a global rather than just a local minimum of the cost function ("Distortion of K-Means Algorithm"):

$$J(c^{(1)}, c^{(2)}, \dots, c^{(m)}, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - \mu_{c^{(i)}}\|^2$$

## 7 Principal Component Analysis

Idea: Reduce input matrix  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $z \in \mathbb{R}^k$  with  $k < n$  to reduce amount of features while retaining as much variance as possible to save storage, memory, processing power and for easier visualization. Algorithm:

1. preprocess data: mean normalization and feature scaling:  $x_j := \frac{x_j - \mu_j}{\sigma}$
2. compute covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)})(x^{(i)})^T$  (Octave: `Sigma=(1/m)*X'*X;`)
3. compute eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$  (Octave: `[U, S, V]=svd(Sigma);`)
4. take first  $k$  vector (i.e. columns) of  $U$  (Octave: `Ureduce=U(:, 1:k);`)
5. compute  $z = U_{\text{reduce}}^T x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  (Compression, Octave: `z=Ureduce'*X;`)
6. reconstruct  $x_{\text{approx}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  from  $z \in \mathbb{R}^k$ :  $x_{\text{approx}} = U_{\text{reduce}} z \approx x$  (Octave: `Xapprox=Ureduce*z`)

The bias unit  $x_0 = 1$  is omitted.

### 7.1 Choosing the Number of Principal Components

Squared Projection Error:

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}\|^2$$

Total variation in the data:

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ||x^{(i)}||^2$$

In order to retain 99% of the variance, choose  $k = 1..(n - 1)$  to be the smallest value, so that:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ||x^{(i)} - x_{\text{approx}}^{(i)}||^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ||x^{(i)}||^2} \leq 0.01$$

Algorithm (for  $k = 1..(n - 1)$ ):

1. compute  $U_{\text{reduce}}, z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(m)}, x_{\text{approx}}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{\text{approx}}^{(m)}$
2. compute variance thus retained (see formula above)
3. finish if variance  $\leq$  threshold

In Octave, the  $S$  in  $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(\text{Sigma})$  is a diagonal matrix that can be used to compute the variance retained:

$$1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k S_{ii}}{\sum_{i=1}^n S_{ii}} \leq 0.01 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k S_{ii}}{\sum_{i=1}^n S_{ii}} \geq 0.99$$

PCA should not be used to address the issue of overfitting; use regularization instead. PCA should only be introduced if really needed.

## 8 Anomaly Detection

Given a dataset  $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ ,  $x_{\text{test}}$  is anomalous if:

$$p(x_{\text{test}}) < \varepsilon$$

or *not* anomalous (i.e. normal) if:

$$p(x_{\text{test}}) \geq \varepsilon$$

With  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  (Gaussian):

$$p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

The parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  can be guessed from the dataset:

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_j^{(i)} \quad \sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j)^2$$

Given an *unlabeled* training set  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :

$$p(x) = p(x_1; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) p(x_2; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \dots p(x_n; \mu_n, \sigma_n^2) = \prod_{j=1}^n p(x_j; \mu_j, \sigma_j^2) = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_j - \mu_j)^2}{2\sigma_j^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_j}$$

Algorithm:

1. choose indicative features
2. fit parameters  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  and  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$
3. calculate  $p(x)$
4. mark as anomaly if  $p(x) < \varepsilon$

For the evaluation using labeled training data, move all anomalous ( $y = 1$ ) examples to the cross validation and test set; only retain normal examples ( $y = 0$ ) in the training set (split usually 60/20/20). Evaluate using precision, recall and F1 Score (accuracy is not indicative due to the skewed distribution of  $y$ ). Consider finding parameter  $\varepsilon$  using cross validation (usually 0.05 or 0.01).

The features being used should be normal distributed (plot with Octave: `hist(x, nBins)`). Consider deriving new ( $x_3 = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$ ) or transforming existing features ( $x_i = \log(x_i + C)$ ) in order to get normally distributed features.

## 8.1 Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

If single variables do not qualify a training example as an outlier, but only a combination thereof, using a multivariate Gaussian distribution can help to detect those correctly. With  $\Sigma$  being the covariance matrix,  $|\Sigma|$  its determinant, and  $\Sigma^{-1}$  its inverse, the model is defined as:

$$p(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^n} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$

If the projection of a two-dimensional univariate Gaussian distribution from the top looks like a circle, a multivariate Gaussian distribution enables to model correlations (elliptic shape denoting the positive or negative correlation).