Artificial Intelligence I 2023/2024 Week 4 Tutorial and Additional Exercises

Logistic Regression & kNN

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Part One: Logistic Regression...

In tutorial part one, we will be covering

- Univariate and multivariate logistic regression.
- Geometric concepts.
- Advanced theoretical exercises.

Univariate logistic regression

Recall the formal statement of univariate logistic regression:

- Given a training set $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$, where $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, train weights w_0, w_1 that minimise a loss function.
- Given this training set, and weights w_0 , w_1 , the *logistic loss* (or *cross-entropy loss*) function is given as

$$g(w_0, w_1) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y^{(i)} \ln(\sigma(w_0 + w_1 x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \ln(1 - \sigma(w_0 + w_1 x^{(i)})) \right)$$

• where $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$ is the *sigmoid* function.

Multivariate logistic regression

Recall the formal statement of multivariate logistic regression:

- Given a training set $\{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$, where $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, train a weight vector \mathbf{w} that minimizes a loss function.
- If we have d variables, then for all i = 1, ..., n, we write

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (1, x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots, x_d^{(i)})$$
 and $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d)$.

 Given this training set and a weight vector w, the logistic loss (or cross-entropy loss) function is given as

$$g(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y^{(i)} \ln(\sigma(\mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \ln(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right).$$

Exercise 1

• Consider a logistic regression model with 2 variables that given an instance $\mathbf{x}=(x_1,x_2)$ and weights w_0,w_1,w_2 , it predicts the label of \mathbf{x} to be

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 > 0 \\ 0 \text{ if } w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 < 0 \end{cases}$$

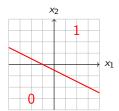
- For each of the following cases, draw the decision boundary in the x_1x_2 -plane. This is the line where $w_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 = 0$. Also draw the labels corresponding to the two resulting areas.

 - ② $w_0 = 0$, $w_1 = -3$, $w_2 = 1$.

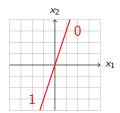
 - $w_0 = -2$, $w_1 = 0$, $w_2 = -1$.

Exercise 1: Solution

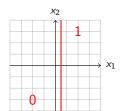
• $w_0 = 1, w_1 = 1, w_2 = 2.$



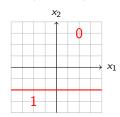
• $w_0 = 0, w_1 = -3, w_2 = 1.$



• $w_0 = -2, w_1 = 4, w_2 = 0.$



• $w_0 = -2$, $w_1 = 0$, $w_2 = -1$.

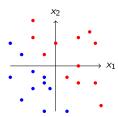


Exercise 2

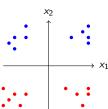
- Logistic regression creates a decision boundary (e.g. a line for two variables) and predicts the label of an instance according to which side of the boundary it falls into.
- Assume each instance has two variables (x_1, x_2) , and a label $y \in \{0, 1\}$. Design two training sets that logistic regression can separate with a line, and two training sets that logistic regression cannot separate with a line.
 - For each point, write the values of its two variables and its label; or plot the points of the training set in the x_1x_2 -plane to show whether a line can separate all instances.

Exercise 2: Solution

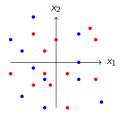
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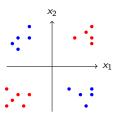
• Linearly separable.



 Non-linearly separable (overlapping).



Non-linearly separable.

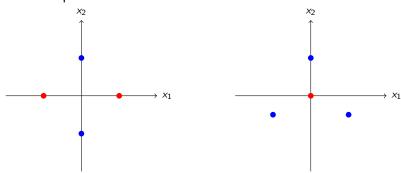


Exercise 3

- This exercise studies the power of a linear decision boundary, as the maximum number of instances it can separate.
- Reconsider the case where each instance has two variables (x_1, x_2) and a label of either 0 or 1.
- Can you plot three instances in the x₁x₂-plane, not all three in the same line, such that no line can separate the two labels?
 You can freely choose the label of each instance.
- Can you plot four instances in the x_1x_2 -plane, no three in the same line, such that no line can separate the two labels? You can freely choose the label of each instance.
- In learning theory, this notion is called the *VC-dimension* (out of the scope of this module).

Exercise 3: Solution

- Three instances can always be separated by a line (proof omitted).
- Four instances cannot always be separated by a line. Two examples are:



Up next...

Advanced Material

(OPTIONAL) Advanced Exercise 1

Consider the sigmoid function

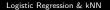
$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}.$$

- (1) Show that σ is an increasing function and only takes values in [0,1].
- (2) Can σ take on the values of 0 or 1 for some x?
- Hint: To show that σ is increasing, show that $\sigma'(x) > 0$, for all x. To show that σ takes values in [0,1], find the limits

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \sigma(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \sigma(x).$$

• Hint: To find whether σ takes on the values of 0 or 1, solve

$$\sigma(x) = 0$$
 and $\sigma(x) = 1$.



(OPTIONAL) Advanced Exercise 1: Solution

 \bullet First, σ is an increasing function since, for all x, we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}\right)' = -\frac{1}{(1+e^{-x})^2}(-e^{-x}) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1+e^{-x})^2} > 0.$$

ullet Also, σ only takes values in [0,1] since it is increasing and

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = 0 \quad \text{ and } \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = 1.$$

• Setting $\sigma(x) = 0$ and $\sigma(x) = 1$ gives respectively

$$1 = 0$$
 and $e^{-x} = 0$.

ullet Both are impossible, so σ cannot take on the values of 0 or 1.

Advanced Exercise 2

 Let (x, y) be a data point and w be the weight vector to be optimised in a multivariate logistic regression model with d variables. Assume that x and w are of the form¹

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_d) \text{ and } \mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_d).$$

• Let $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ and g be the logistic loss function

$$g(\mathbf{w}) = -\left(y\ln(\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x})) + (1-y)\ln(1-\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}))\right).$$

Use the derivative rules to prove that

$$\nabla g(\mathbf{w}) = -(y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))\mathbf{x}.$$

• Hint: $\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial w_i}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))x_i$, $i = 0, \dots, d$.

¹We usually take $x_0 = 1$, but we leave it as x_0 here.

Advanced Exercise 2: Solution

• The partial derivative of g with respect to w_i , $0 \le i \le d$, is

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial w_i}(\mathbf{w}) = -\left(\frac{y}{\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}\right) \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial w_i}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

$$= -\left(\frac{y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}{\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))}\right) \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))x_i$$

$$= -(y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))x_i.$$

• Therefore, the gradient vector of g is

$$\nabla g(\mathbf{w}) = (-(y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))x_0, \dots, -(y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))x_d)$$
$$= -(y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))(x_0, \dots, x_d)$$
$$= -(y - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))\mathbf{x}$$

Part Two: kNN...

In tutorial part 2, we will be covering

- Distance metrics.
- Normalisation.
- *k*-nearest neighbours.
- Advanced theoretical exercises.

Parametric and non-parametric models

- Parametric models are learning models that summarise data with a set of parameters.
- Linear and logistic regression are examples of parametric models.
- Non-parametric models are learning models that do not assume any parameters.
- kNN is a non-parametric model.

Distance metrics

- A distance metric is a way to quantify the similarity or dissimilarity between instances.
- There are many available distance metrics. We need to choose the one that best fits the problem at hand.
- A distance metric takes two vectors as inputs and outputs a non-negative number.
- Different notions of distance metrics are used for vectors of numerical variables and for vectors of categorical variables.

Distance metrics (continued)

- For numerical variables, we will use the Minkowski distance.
- Given a number $p \ge 1$ and two vectors with d numerical variables

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = (x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_d^{(1)})$$
 and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = (x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_d^{(2)})$

their Minkowski distance (or L^p -norm) is defined as

$$L^{p}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)},\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^{d} |x_{j}^{(1)} - x_{j}^{(2)}|^{p}}.$$

- For p = 2 we obtain the Euclidean distance.
- For p = 1 we obtain the Manhattan distance.

Exercise 1

• Consider the following vectors with 3 numerical variables.

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Compute the Euclidean and Manhattan distance matrices for these vectors.
- Hint: You need to compute 6 distances on total.

Exercise 1: Solution

• The Euclidean distance matrix is the following:

	$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	$x^{(2)}$	$x^{(3)}$	x ⁽⁴⁾
$x^{(1)}$	0	2.000	4.583	3.162
$x^{(2)}$	2.000	0	5.385	3.742
$x^{(3)}$	4.583	5.385	0	1.732
$x^{(4)}$	3.162	3.742	1.732	0

• The Manhattan distance matrix is the following:

	$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	$x^{(2)}$	$x^{(3)}$	x ⁽⁴⁾
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	7	4
$x^{(2)}$	2	0	9	6
$x^{(3)}$	7	9	0	3
$x^{(4)}$	4	6	3	0

Distance metrics (continued)

- For categorical variables, we will use the *Hamming distance*.
- Given two vectors with *d* categorical variables

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = (x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_d^{(1)})$$
 and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = (x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_d^{(2)}),$

their Hamming distance is defined as

$$H(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(x_j^{(1)} \neq x_j^{(2)})$$

where ${\bf 1}$ is the indicator function. For all $j=1,\ldots,d$, we have

$$\mathbf{1}(x_j^{(1)} \neq x_j^{(2)}) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x_j^{(1)} \neq x_j^{(2)} \\ 0 \text{ if } x_j^{(1)} = x_j^{(2)}. \end{cases}$$

Exercise 2

• Consider the following vectors with 1 ordinal variable (the first attribute) and 3 categorical variables (the remaining 3 attributes). For the ordinal attribute, simply transform it into numerical values: yes \rightarrow 1 and no \rightarrow 0. For the categorical ones, use the hamming distance.

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} yes \\ red \\ FR \\ \triangle \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} yes \\ blue \\ FR \\ \square \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} no \\ green \\ UK \\ \bigcirc \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} yes \\ red \\ DE \\ \triangle \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the distance matrix for these vectors.
- Hint: You need to compute 6 distances on total. Each distance can be at most 4.

Exercise 2: Solution

• The Hamming distance matrix is the following:

	$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	$x^{(3)}$	$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$
$x^{(1)}$	0	2	4	1
$x^{(2)}$	2	0	4	3
$x^{(3)}$	4	4	0	4
$x^{(4)}$	1	3	4	0

- Notice that each distance is at most 4.
- Do you know the difference between ordinal and categorical attributes?

Normalisation

- Normalisation is used to restrict numerical variables in [0, 1].
- Given a set of n vectors $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(n)}$, with d numerical variables, for all $j = 1, \dots, d$, we write

$$\min_{j} = \min\{x_{j}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{j}^{(n)}\} \text{ and } \max_{j} = \max\{x_{j}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{j}^{(n)}\}.$$

• Then, the j-th variable of the i-th vector is normalised as

normalise
$$(x_j^{(i)}) = \frac{x_j^{(i)} - \min_j}{\max_j - \min_j}$$
.

• We calculate the above formula for all i = 1, ..., n and for all j = 1, ..., d and normalise all variables in all vectors.

Exercise 3

• Consider the following vectors with 3 numerical variables.

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 300 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -100 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -200 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Normalise all variables in all vectors, using the methodology we just described.
- Hint: First compute min and max for all j = 1, 2, 3. Then use the normalisation formula.

Exercise 3: Solution

We first find that

$$\min_1 = -2, \qquad \min_2 = 1, \qquad \min_3 = -200$$

and

$$\max_1=2,\qquad \max_2=3,\qquad \max_3=300.$$

We then normalise all variables in all vectors as follows:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 \\ 0.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Notice that all numerical variables are now in [0,1].

Mixed distance

- When vectors have both numerical and categorical variables, we need to use some combination of distance metrics.
- One way is to use the *mixed distance*.
- Given a number $p \ge 1$ and two vectors with d variables

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = (x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_d^{(1)})$$
 and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = (x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_d^{(2)}),$

their mixed distance is defined as

$$D^p(\mathbf{x}^{(1)},\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^d |ar{x}_j|^p}$$

where

$$\bar{x}_j = \begin{cases} \textit{normalise}(x_j^{(1)}) - \textit{normalise}(x_j^{(2)}), \text{ if } j \text{ is numerical} \\ \mathbf{1}(x_j^{(1)} \neq x_j^{(2)}), \text{ if } j \text{ is categorical.} \end{cases}$$

k-nearest neighbours

- k-nearest neighbours (k-NN) is one of the most popular classification algorithms.
- Given a labeled training set, we predict the labels of future instances depending on their distance from the labeled ones.
- *k* determines how many of the closest labeled instances to consider. We need to choose its value ourselves.
- Different notions of distance can be used, depending on the types of variables.
- In our examples we will use *mixed Euclidean distance*, which is mixed distance for p=2.

Exercise 4

• Consider the following data set.

	gen	age	bmi	city	ill
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	male	33	28.8	Bristol	no
$x^{(2)}$	female	45	23.8	London	no
$x^{(3)}$	female	68	21.3	Edinburgh	yes
$x^{(4)}$	male	21	22.6	London	yes
$x^{(5)}$	male	71	18.3	Birmingham	no
$x^{(6)}$	female	27	28	Birmingham	yes
$\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$	female	26	20	Birmingham	?

- Use k-NN to find the missing value of $\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$.
- Use k = 3 and the mixed Euclidean distance. Use the majority vote to determine the label for $\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$.

Exercise 4: Solution

- We first normalise all numerical variables of all instances.
- The new table is the following:

	gen	age	bmi	city	ill
$x^{(1)}$	male	0.24	1	Bristol	no
$x^{(2)}$	female	0.48	0.524	London	no
$x^{(3)}$	female	0.94	0.286	Edinburgh	yes
$x^{(4)}$	male	0	0.410	London	yes
$x^{(5)}$	male	1	0	Birmingham	no
$x^{(6)}$	female	0.12	0.924	Birmingham	yes
$\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$	female	0.1	0.162	Birmingham	?

 We next find the squared distances of x^(new) with all other instances, for each variable separately.

Exercise 4: Solution (continued)

• The squared distances for each variable are:

	gen	age	bmi	city	$D^2(\cdot)$	$y^{(i)}$
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)},\mathbf{x}^{(1)})$	1	0.0196	0.70	1	1.65	no
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)},\mathbf{x}^{(2)})$	0	0.1444	0.13	1	1.13	no
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)},\mathbf{x}^{(3)})$	0	0.7056	0.015	1	1.31	yes
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(4)})$	1	0.01	0.06	1	1.44	yes
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)},\mathbf{x}^{(5)})$	1	0.81	0.026	0	1.36	no
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(6)})$	0	0.0004	0.58	0	0.76	yes

- The 3-nearest neighbours of $\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$ are $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$, $\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(6)}$.
- We finally classify $\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$ using the distances we found.
- Therefore, $y^{(new)}$ is predicted to be yes.

Up next...

Advanced Material

Weighted k-NN

- In k-NN, ties can occur that need to be broken somehow.
- One way is to use a version of k-NN called weighted k-NN.
- \bullet First, we convert each label as $\{\mathsf{no},\mathsf{yes}\} \to \{0,1\}.$
- Then, each point $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ is given a weight w_i using a function called *kernel function*. We then calculate a weighted sum:

$$S = \frac{1}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_k} w_i} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_k} w_i y^{(i)}$$

where \mathcal{N}_k is the set of indices of the k closest points to $\mathbf{x}^{(new)}$.

• The label $y^{(new)}$ is then predicted using the formula:

$$\hat{y}^{(new)} = \begin{cases} \text{yes, if } S > 0.5 \\ \text{no, if } S \leq 0.5. \end{cases}$$

• The most straightforward kernel function is the inverse of the mixed Euclidean distance, that is, $w_i = 1/Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$.

Advanced Exercise 1

• Reconsider this distance table with $y^{(i)}$ converted to $\{0,1\}$.

	gen	age	bmi	city	$D^2(\cdot)$	$y^{(i)}$
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)},\mathbf{x}^{(1)})$	1	0.0196	0.70	1	1.65	0
$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)},\mathbf{x}^{(2)})$	0	0.1444	0.13	1	1.13	0
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$Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \ \mathbf{x}^{(6)})$	0	0.0004	0.58	0	0.76	1

- What will weighted k-NN predict for $y^{(new)}$ with k=4 and the mixed Euclidean distance as the kernel function?
- Hint: Calculate

$$S = \frac{1}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_k} 1/Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_k} \frac{y^{(i)}}{Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})} \text{ where }$$

$$k = 4 \text{ and } \mathcal{N}_4 = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}. \text{ Predict yes if } S > 0.5 \text{ or no if }$$

$$S < 0.5.$$

Advanced Exercise 1: Solution

• We calculate the weighted sum *S* as follows:

$$S = \frac{1}{\sum_{i \in \{2,3,5,6\}} 1/Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})} \sum_{i \in \{2,3,5,6\}} \frac{y^{(i)}}{Dist(\mathbf{x}^{(new)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1.13} + \frac{1}{1.31} + \frac{1}{1.36} + \frac{1}{0.76}} \left(\frac{0}{1.13} + \frac{1}{1.31} + \frac{0}{1.36} + \frac{1}{0.76} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.562 > 0.5.$$

- Since S > 0.5, we predict that $\hat{y}^{(new)} = 1$.
- Try using the weighted k-NN rule for k = 2 and k = 6.
- Weighted k-NN can also be used when k is odd, in place of the majority vote. Try to use it for k = 3 and k = 5.

(OPTIONAL) Advanced Exercise 2

$\overline{\mathsf{Definition}\ 1\ (\mathsf{Distance}\ \mathsf{metric})}$

A function $f: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$ can be used to define a *distance metric*, if and only if, for all vectors $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{X}$, the following hold:

- - Show that the Minkowski distance L^p , (for any $p \ge 1$) and the Hamming distance H, are distance metrics.
 - Hint: Use *Minkowski's inequality*: for all $a_1, a_2 ..., a_d \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b_1, b_2 ..., b_d \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \ge 1$, we have

$$\sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^{d}|a_j+b_j|^p} \leq \sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^{d}|a_j|^p} + \sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^{d}|b_j|^p}.$$

(OPTIONAL) Advanced Exercise 2: Solution

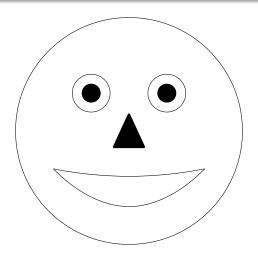
- For the Minkowski distance, let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{X}$ be arbitrary vectors with d numerical variables, and $p \geq 1$. We have
 - 1 If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, then $L^p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^d |x_j y_j|^p} = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^d 0} = 0$. If $L^p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$, then $\sqrt[p]{\sum_{j=1}^d |x_j - y_j|^p} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1, \dots, x_d = y_d \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$.
- Therefore, Minkowski distance is a distance metric.

(OPTIONAL) Advanced Exercise 2: Solution (continued)

- For the Hamming distance, let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{X}$ be arbitrary vectors with d variables. We have
 - **1** If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, then $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(x_j \neq y_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} 0 = 0$. If $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$, then $\sum_{i=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(x_i \neq y_i) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1, \dots, x_d = y_d \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$.
 - **2** $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(x_j \neq y_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(y_j \neq x_j) = H(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}).$
 - **3** $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(x_j \neq z_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{d} (\mathbf{1}(x_j \neq y_j) + \mathbf{1}(y_j \neq z_j)) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(x_j \neq y_j) + \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mathbf{1}(y_j \neq z_j) = H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + H(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}).$
- Therefore, Hamming distance is a distance metric.

Any questions?

Until the next time...



Thank you for your attention!