

# NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (PRACTICE)

NLP 242 - Lab 6: Linear - Logistic Regression



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# Linear Regression

# Supervise Learning

## Supervised Learning

- The training data consists of observations (*examples, observations*), where each observation is *associated with a desired output value*.
- The goal is to learn a function (e.g., a classifier, a regression function, etc.) that fits the given dataset and generalizes well.
- The learned function is then used to make predictions for new observations.
- *Classification*: If the output ( $y$ ) belongs to a finite and discrete set.
- *Regression*: If the output ( $y$ ) is a real number.

# Basic set-up for supervised learning

- **Data:**  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ , where  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $Y_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ 
  - In most slides,  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$ .
- **Loss:**  $\ell : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$
- **Assumption:**  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  are **i.i.d.** copies of  $(X, Y)$ .
- **Risk:**  $R(f) = \mathbb{E}\ell(Y, f(X))$
- **Goal:** To **estimate a function minimizing the risk.**

**Empirical:** We study the behavior of a minimizer

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta),$$

where  $\Theta$  is a (possibly constrained) parameter space. We hope the prediction error  $\mathbb{E}\ell(Y, f_{\hat{\theta}}(\mathbf{X}))$  is small enough.

# Regression

**Empirical Regression Problem:** The goal is to learn a function  $y = f(x)$  from a given training set:

$$D = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

such that  $y_i \approx f(x_i)$  for all  $i$ .

- Each observation is represented as an  $D$ -dimensional vector, for example:

$$x_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{iD})^T$$

- Each dimension represents an attribute (feature).

## Regression Problem:

- For squared error loss  $\ell(y, y') = (y - y')^2$ , The **regression function**, defined as  $f_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$ , minimizes the risk.
- In this sense, the regression model is often written as:

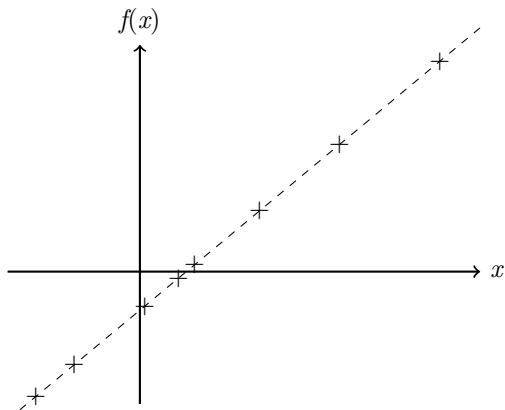
$$Y = f(\mathbf{X}) + \epsilon, \quad \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}) = 0.$$

# Linear Regression: Introduction

**Linear Model:** If the hypothesis function  $y = f(x)$  is linear, it has the form:

$$f(x) = b + w_1x_1 + \cdots + w_Dx_D$$

$b$  is called the **bias term**. Learning a linear regression function is equivalent to learning the weight:  $w = (b, w_1, \dots, w_D)^T$



$x$	$y$
0.13	-0.91
1.02	-0.17
3.17	1.61
-2.76	-3.31
1.44	0.18
5.28	3.36
-1.74	-2.46
7.93	5.56
...	...

# Empirical Risk Minimization

- A standard strategy for estimating  $f_0$  is the **empirical risk minimization**:

$$\hat{f} = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - f(\mathbf{X}_i))^2$$

- For squared error loss, the minimizer is called the least square estimator.
- Note that the original goal was to minimize the population loss:

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}(Y - f(\mathbf{X}))^2}_{\text{population loss}} \approx \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - f(\mathbf{X}_i))^2}_{\text{empirical loss}}$$

# Empirical Loss Function

- We only observe a dataset  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ :

$$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

The goal is to learn a function  $f$  from  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ .

- **Empirical Loss** (residual sum of squares, RSS):

$$RSS(f) = \sum_{i=1}^M (y_i - f(x_i))^2 = \sum_{i=1}^M (y_i - w_0 - w_1 x_{i1} - \dots - w_n x_{in})^2$$

- $RSS/M$  is an approximation of  $\mathbb{E}_x[r(x)]$  over the training set  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ .
- The term:

$$\left| \frac{1}{M} RSS(f) - \mathbb{E}_x[r(x)] \right|$$

is often referred to as the **generalization error** of function  $f$ .

- Many learning methods are typically associated with RSS.



# Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

Given  $D$ , we seek the function  $f$  that minimizes the RSS.

$$f^* = \arg \min_{f \in H} RSS(f) \Leftrightarrow w^* = \arg \min_w \sum_{i=1}^M (y_i - w_0 - w_1 x_{i1} - \dots - w_n x_{in})^2$$

This is called the least squares method: Find the solution  $w^*$  by taking the derivative of RSS and solving the equation  $RSS' = 0$ . We obtain:

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

Here,  $A$  is a data matrix of size  $M \times (n+1)$  where the  $i$ -th row is  $A_i = (1, x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in})$ ;  $B^{-1}$  is the inverse matrix;  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M)^T$ .

**Note:** The hypothesis that  $A^T A$  has an inverse.

# Regularization

**Ridge Regression (L2 Regularization):** This adds an L2 penalty to shrink the coefficients

$$\hat{W} = \arg \min_W \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - X_i W_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p W_j^2$$

**Lasso Regression (L1 Regularization):** This adds an L1 penalty, which can shrink some coefficients to zero.

$$\hat{W} = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - X_i W_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |W_j|$$

Would you like an explanation of when to use each one?

# Logistic Regression

# Objective function

For a data point:  $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle$ . The predicted probability is:

$$p(y_n|x_n, w) = \begin{cases} \hat{y}_n & \text{if } y_n = 1 \\ 1 - \hat{y}_n & \text{if } y_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

In compact form:

$$p(y_n|x_n, w) = \hat{y}_n^{y_n} (1 - \hat{y}_n)^{1-y_n} \quad (2.1)$$

The probability of observing  $N$  labels in the training set:

$$p(t|X, w) = \prod_{n=1}^N \hat{y}_n^{y_n} (1 - \hat{y}_n)^{1-y_n} \quad (2.2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Find  $w$  such that  $p(t|X, w)$  is maximized.

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Using **negative log-likelihood**:

$$\mathcal{L}(w) \triangleq -p(t|X, w) = \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \log \hat{y}_n + (1 - y_n) \log(1 - \hat{y}_n)$$

**Objective:** Find  $w$  such that  $L(w)^1$  is minimized. We have

$$\nabla_w \log(\mathcal{L}(w)) = - \left( \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{\hat{y}_i(1 - \hat{y}_i)} \right) (\nabla_w \hat{y}_i) = \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{\hat{y}_i(1 - \hat{y}_i)} (\nabla_w \hat{y}_i)$$

Let  $\hat{y}_i = f(wx)$  and  $s = wx$ , we have

$$\nabla_w \hat{y}_i = (\nabla_w s) \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial s}$$

Choose  $f$  such that  $\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial s} = \hat{y}_i(1 - \hat{y}_i)$  so  $f(x) = \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ .

# Chain rule method

**Principle:** It is difficult to use mathematical analysis to find a solution for the optimization problem with the objective function.

The problem of minimizing  $L(w)$  is an unconstrained optimization problem, and iterative methods can be used.

- Based on the **first derivative**: Gradient Descent
- Based on the **second derivative**: Newton-Raphson

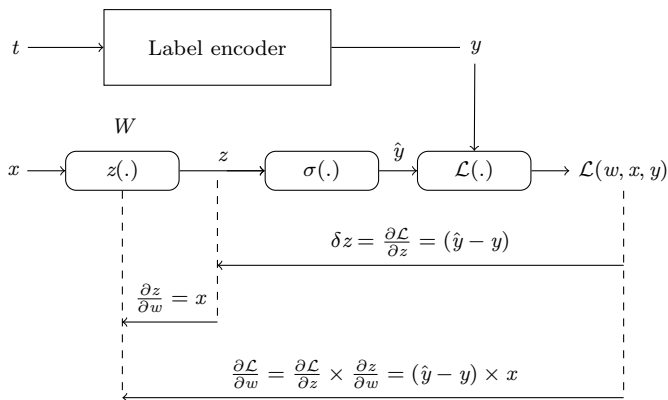
**Necessary:** Find the derivative of the loss function  $L$  with respect to the parameters  $w$ .

$$\Delta w = \frac{\partial L(w; x, y)}{\partial w}$$

**Use chain-rule method:**

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(w; x, y)}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$$

# Estimate Model Parameters



Parameter Computation and Update Process

# Estimate Model Parameters

Derivatives of some functions in the computational diagram

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}(w; x, y)}{dy} = \frac{\hat{y} - y}{\hat{y}(1 - \hat{y})} \quad \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} = \hat{y}(1 - \hat{y}) \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} = x$$

The derivative of the function  $\mathcal{L}(w; x, y)$  computed on a data point  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is:

$$\Delta w = \frac{\partial L(w; x, y)}{\partial w} = \frac{dL(w; x, y)}{d\hat{y}} \times \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \times \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} = (\hat{y} - y)x$$



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