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Data Archive Book

Welcome to the Data Archive Book.

==Logistic regression models the log-odds of the probability as a linear function of the input features.==

It models the probability of an input belonging to a particular class using a logistic (sigmoid) function.

The model establishes a decision boundary (threshold) in the feature space.

Logistic regression is best suited for cases where the decision boundary is approximately linear in the feature space.

Logistic `[[Regression]]` can be used for `[[Binary Classification]]` tasks.

Related Notes:

- `[[Logistic Regression Statsmodel Summary table]]`
- `[[Logistic Regression does not predict probabilities]]`
- `[[Interpreting logistic regression model parameters]]`
- `[[Model Evaluation]]`
- To get `[[Model Parameters]]` use `[[Maximum Likelihood Estimation]]`

In `[[ML_Tools]]`, see:

- `[[Regression_Logistic_Metrics.ipynb]]`

Key Concepts of Logistic Regression

Logistic Function (Sigmoid Function)

Logistic regression models the probability that an input belongs to a particular class using the logistic (sigmoid) function. This function maps any real-valued input into the range (0,1), representing the probability of belonging to the positive class (usually class 1).

The sigmoid function is defined as:

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

where

$$z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

Thus, the logistic regression model is given by:

$$P(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(z)$$

Log odds: Transforming from continuous to 0-1

Logistic regression is based on the ==log-odds== (logit) transformation, which expresses probability in terms of odds:

$$\text{Odds} = \frac{P(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x})}{1 - P(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x})}$$

Taking the natural logarithm of both sides gives the logit function:

$$\log \left(\frac{P(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x})}{1 - P(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x})} \right) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

This equation shows that logistic regression models the log-odds of the probability as a linear function of the input features.

Decision Boundary

- Similar to [Support Vector Machines], logistic regression defines a decision boundary that separates the two classes.
- The logistic function determines the probability of a data point belonging to a specific class. If this probability exceeds a given threshold (typically 0.5), the model assigns the point to the positive class; otherwise, it is classified as negative.

[[Binary Classification]]

- Logistic regression is primarily used for binary classification tasks, where the target variable has only two possible values (e.g., "0" and "1").
- It can handle multiple independent variables (features) and assigns probabilities to the target classes based on the feature values.
- Examples include:
 - Predicting whether a tumor is malignant or benign (Breast Cancer dataset).
 - Determining whether a passenger survived the Titanic disaster (Titanic dataset).

No Residuals

- Unlike [Linear Regression], logistic regression does not compute standard residuals.
- Instead, [Model Evaluation] is performed by comparing predicted probabilities with actual class labels using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and the [Confusion Matrix].

Also see:

Related terms:

- Cost function for logistic regression
- Gradient computation in logistic regression
- Regularized logistic regression
- Cost function for regularized logistic regression

Logistic regression can be extended to handle non-linear decision boundaries through:

- Polynomial features to capture more complex relationships.
- Regularization techniques to improve generalization.

[Explaining logistic regression](#)

Statsmodel has this summary table unlike `[[Sklearn]]`

Explanation of summary

The dependent variable is 'duration'. The model used is a Logit regression (logistic in common lingo), while the method

- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (`[[MLE]]`). It has clearly converged after classifying 518 observations.
- The Pseudo R-squared is 0.21 which is within the 'acceptable region'.
- The duration variable is significant and its coefficient is 0.0051.
- The constant is also significant and equals: -1.70 (p value close to 0)
- High p value, suggests to remove from model, drop one by one, ie `[[Feature Selection]]`.

Specifically a graph such as, `![[Pasted image 20240124095916.png]]`

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