M L Supervised Learning 5 by ambedkar@IISc

- ► Probabilistic view of linear regression
- ► Logistic regression
- ► Hyperplane based classifiers and perceptron

Rewind

What we learning so far?

- ► Bayes Decision Theory
- Some foundational aspects of Machine learning and Generalizing capacity
- ► Linear Regression
- ► Regularization (very important)
- ► Gradient Descent

Probabilistic View of Linear

Regression

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Let $X=x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_N$, where $x_n\in\mathbb{R}^D$ be some data that is generated from $x_n\sim P(x|\theta)$

- ► Recall: In the statistical approach to machine learning, we assume that there is an underlying probability distribution from which the data is sampled.
- \blacktriangleright Hence θ denotes the parameters of the distribution.
- ▶ For example $x_n \sim \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma)$. That is $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$.

Assumption: The data in X is generated i.i.d. (independent and identically distributed). This is very important assumption and we see this very often.

Aim: Learn θ given the data $X = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$.

Diversion: Some Probability

- ▶ We say two random variables *X*, *Y* are identical that means that their probability distributions are the same
 - ▶ If two Gaussian random variables are same only if their means and variance (covariance matrices) are same.

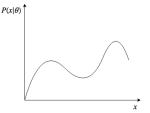
▶ We say two random variables *X*, *Y* are independent if

$$P(X,Y) = P(X)P(Y)$$

- Given $X = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$, and $x_n \sim P(x|\theta)$
 - ▶ Learn P so that likelihood of x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_N are sampled from P is maximum.
 - ▶ Equivalently learn or estimate θ so that likelihood of x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_N are sampled from P is maximum.
- ▶ By the iid assumption

$$P(X|\theta) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N|\theta)$$
$$= \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(x_n|\theta)$$

▶ $P(X|\theta)$ is the likelihood.



How do we estimate θ given the data X.

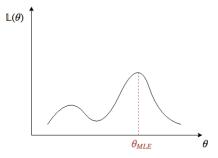


Find value of θ that makes observed data most probable.

Find θ that maximizes likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L} = \log P(X|\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log P(x_n|\theta)$$

$$\theta_{\mathsf{MLE}}^* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \, \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log P(x_n | \theta)$$



Example:

Suppose X_n is a binary random variable. Suppose it follows Bernoulli distribution

i.e.
$$P(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log P(x_n | \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n \log \theta + (1 - x_n) \log(1 - \theta)$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n + \frac{1}{1 - \theta} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (1 - x_n)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n + \frac{1}{1 - \theta} \left(N - \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n \right)$$

$$\implies \theta_{MLE}^* = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N x_n}{N}$$

[In a coin tossing experiment, it is just a fraction of heads]

Maximum a Posteriori Estimate

We will have a prior on parameter θ i.e. $P(\theta)$ Yes θ is no more a mere number, it is a Random Variable.

- \blacktriangleright One can have knowledge on θ
- ▶ It acts as a regularizer (We will see later)

Bayes Rule:

$$P(\theta|X) = \frac{P(X|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(X)}$$

 $P(\theta|X)$: Posterior

 $P(X|\theta)$: Likelihood

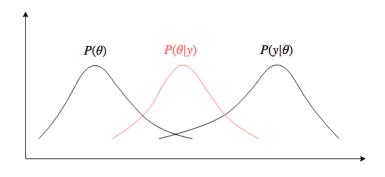
 $P(\theta)$: Prior

P(X): Evidence

Maximum a Posteriori Estimate (contd...)

Bayes Rule:

$$P(\theta|X) = \frac{P(X|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(X)}$$



Maximum a Posteriori Estimate (contd...)

$$\theta_{MAP}^* = \underset{\theta}{\arg \max} P(\theta|x)$$

$$= \underset{\theta}{\arg \max} \log P(x|\theta) + \log P(\theta)$$

$$= \underset{\theta}{\arg \max} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log P(x_n|\theta) + \log P(\theta)$$

Note that when $P(\theta)$ is a uniform distribution, it reduces to MLE.

Linear Regression: Probabilistic Setting

Each response is generated by a linear model + Gaussian noise

$$Y = W^{\mathsf{T}}X + E$$

That is, given N training samples $\{(x_n,y_n)_{n=1}^N\}$ i.i.d. $x_n\in\mathbb{R}^D$ and $y_n\in\mathbb{R}$

- \bullet $\epsilon_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
- $y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(w^{\mathsf{T}} x_n, \sigma^2)$

$$\implies P(Y|X,W) = \mathcal{N}(y|w^{\mathsf{T}}x,\sigma^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-w^{\mathsf{T}}x)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Linear Regression: ML Estimation

Log Likelihood

$$\log \mathcal{L}(w) = \log P(\mathcal{D}|w) = \log P(y|X, W)$$

$$= \log \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(y_n|x_n, w)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log P(y_n|x_n, w)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{(y_n - w^{\mathsf{T}}x_n)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$$

Linear Regression : ML Estimation (contd...)

$$w_{\mathsf{MLE}}^* = \arg\max_{w} -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - w^{\mathsf{T}} x_n)^2$$
$$= \arg\min_{w} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - w^{\mathsf{T}} x_n)^2$$

i.e. ML Estimation in the case of Gaussian environment $\equiv \mbox{Least}$ square objective for regression

Linear Regression: MAP Estimate

- ► Here we introduce prior on the parameter w. This will lead to regularization of model.
 - ▶ Remember we treat parameters as Random Variables in MAP.

$$P(w) = \mathcal{N}(w|\underbrace{0}_{\text{Mean Variance}}, \underbrace{\lambda^{-1}I}_{\text{Variance}})$$

▶ We have multivariate Gaussian

$$\mathcal{N}(x:\mu,\Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^D |\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^{\mathsf{T}} \Sigma^{-1} (X-\mu)\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{\frac{D}{2}} (\frac{1}{\lambda})^{\frac{D}{2}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} w^{\mathsf{T}} w\right)$$

Linear Regression: MAP Estimate (contd...)

▶ log posterior probability

$$\log(w|\mathcal{D}) = \log \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|w)P(w)}{P(\mathcal{D})}$$
$$= \log P(w) + \log P(w|\mathcal{D}) - \log P(\mathcal{D})$$

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$$\begin{split} w^*_{\mathsf{MAP}} &= \operatorname*{arg\,max} \log P(w|\mathcal{D}) \\ &= \operatorname*{arg\,max} \left\{ \log P(w) + \log P(\mathcal{D}|w) + \log P(\mathcal{D}) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname*{arg\,max} \left\{ \log P(w) + \log P(\mathcal{D}|w) \right\} \end{split}$$

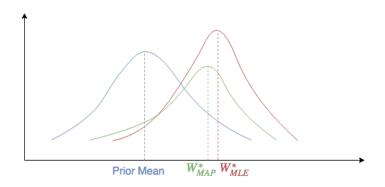
Linear Regression : MAP Estimate (contd...)

$$W_{MAP}^* = \arg\max_{w} \log P(w|\mathcal{D})$$

$$= \arg\max_{w} \left[-\frac{D}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{(x_n - w^T x_n)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \arg\max_{w} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - w^T x_n)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w$$

MAP estimate in the case of Gaussian environment \equiv Least square objective with L_2 regularization.



MAP estimate shrinks the estimate of w towards the prior.

Optimization is the Key

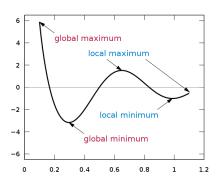
- ► Almost all problems in machine learning leads to optimization problems
- ► The following two factors decides the fate of any method:
 - ▶ What kind of optimization problem that we are led to
 - ▶ What are all optimization methods that are available to us
- ► There are several methods that are available for optimization, among these gradient descent methods are most popular

Gradient Descent methods are Used in

- ► Linear Regression
- ► Logistic Regression
 - It is just classification, but instead of labels it gives us class probability
- ► Support Vector Machines
- ► Neural Networks
 - ► The backbone of neural networks is Back-propagation algorithm

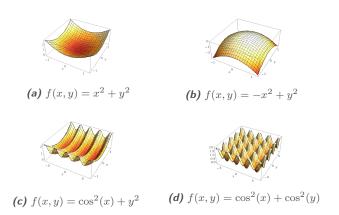
Example of an objective

- Most often, we do not even have functional form of the objective.
 - Given x, we can only compute f(x)
 - Sometime this may involve a simulating a system
 - ► Computing each f(x) can be time consuming



▶ This becomes even more difficult as x is a D-dimensional vector and D is very large

Multivariate Functions



Partial Derivatives



(a) Surface given by $f(x,y) = 9 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{2}$

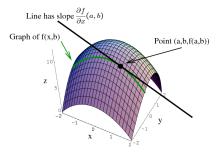


(b) Plane
$$y = 1$$



(c) $f(x,1)=8-\frac{x}{2}$ denotes a curve, and f'(x)=-2x denotes derivative (or slope) of that curve

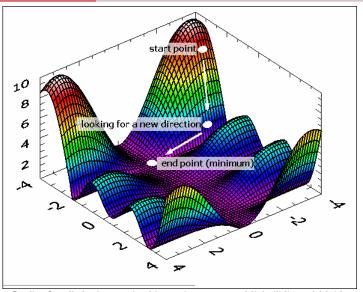
Partial Derivatives (contd...)



Idea of Gradient Descent Algorithm

- Start at some random point (of course final results will depend on this)
- ► Take steps based on the gradient vector of the current position till convergence
 - Gradient vector give us direction and rate of fastest increase any point
 - Any point x if the gradient is nonzero, then the direction of gradient is the direction in which the function most quickly from x
 - ► The magnitude of gradient is the rate of increase in that direction

Idea of Gradient Descent Algorithm¹



 ${}^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}\text{Credits}$ for all the images in this sections goes to Michailidis and Maiden