Kaggle Competition Entry

Here are some quick predictors I whipped up to do a bit better than the homeworks on the Kaggle competition; in the end, I tried a few simple things and then make a stacked ensemble.

Warning:

- (1) Don't use this as a guideline for your report, which should have a lot more discussion of how & why you tried these, and probably a lot more detailed exploration of how the performance progressed with each one (for example).
- (2) Your project should involve more effort to tune or iterative improve on the models. These show a first cut only, without even an attempt to set the parameters of the learning and evaluate their fit. A good project should involve *not only* properly setting the parameters, but ideally some iterative attempts to improve each model (feature design or selection or similar modification) along with assessment of whether those attempts worked. (As an example, you can view the neural network or clustered logistic regression examples below as attempts to improve on logistic regression by increasing the model complexity, but this needs discussion.)

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In [1]: import numpy as np
    np.random.seed(0)
    import mltools as ml
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # use matplotlib for plotting with inl.
%matplotlib inline

import mltools.linear
    import mltools.linearC
    import mltools.dtree
    import mltools.cluster
    import mltools.nnet
```

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In [2]: X = np.genfromtxt("../HW4/data/X_train.txt",delimiter=',')
Y = np.genfromtxt("../HW4/data/Y_train.txt",delimiter=',')
[Xt,Xv,Yt,Yv] = ml.splitData(X,Y,0.80)

Xe = np.genfromtxt('../HW4/data/X_test.txt',delimiter=',')

# Should rescale the data...
Xt,param = ml.transforms.rescale(Xt)
Xv,_ = ml.transforms.rescale(Xv,param)
Xe,_ = ml.transforms.rescale(Xe,param)
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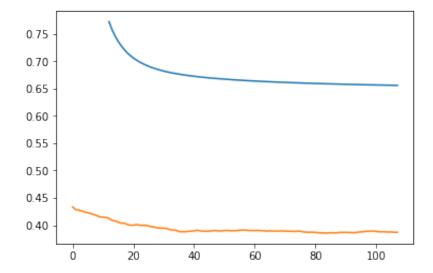
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In [14]: def toKaggle(filename, YeHat):
    fh = open(filename, 'w')  # open file for upload
    fh.write('ID,Predicted\n')  # output header line
    for i,yi in enumerate(YeHat.ravel()):
        fh.write('{},{}\n'.format(i,yi)) # output each prediction
        fh.close()  # close the file
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In [4]: class dummy(ml.classifier):
    def __init__(self,X,Y,P): self.P=P; self.classes=np.unique(Y);
    def predictSoft(self,X): return self.P
```

Basic Logistic Regression

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In [5]: from IPython import display
    fig = plt.figure()
    def myPlot(lc,X,Y,Js,J0):
        display.clear_output(wait=True); plt.cla();
        plt.plot(np.arange(len(Js)),Js,np.arange(len(J0)),J0)
        plt.show()
    linc = ml.linearC.linearClassify(Xt,Yt, initStep=.1, reg=1e-3, plot=myPlot
    Pv0 = linc.predictSoft(Xv)
    Pe0 = linc.predictSoft(Xe)

    toKaggle('Pv0.csv',Pv0[:,1])
    toKaggle('Pe0.csv',Pe0[:,1])
    print "0: Linear Regress: AUC ~",linc.auc(Xv,Yv)
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0: Linear Regress: AUC ~ 0.655878721859114

Decision Tree based methods

Bagged Random Forest

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In [6]: nUse = 50
        M = Xt.shape[0]
        Mv= Xv.shape[0]
        Pv1 = np.zeros((Xv.shape[0],2))
        Pe1 = np.zeros((Xe.shape[0],2))
        np.random.seed(0)
        for 1 in range(nUse):
                                                        # draw this member's rai
            Xi,Yi = ml.bootstrapData(Xt,Yt, M)
            tree = ml.dtree.treeClassify()
                                                             and train the model
            tree.train(Xi,Yi,minLeaf=10,maxDepth=30,nFeatures=40)
            Pv1 += tree.predictSoft(Xv)
                                                        validation data
                                                    #
            Pe1 += tree.predictSoft(Xe)
                                                        test data
            if (1 & (1-1) == 0): print "Train {}; est AUC {}".format(1, dummy(Xv
        Pv1 /= nUse
        Pel /= nUse
        toKaggle('Pv1.csv',Pv1[:,1])
        toKaggle('Pel.csv', Pel[:,1])
        print "1: Random forest ({} members): Est AUC: {}".format(nUse,dummy(Xv,))
        Train 0; est AUC 0.621823710966
        Train 1; est AUC 0.655132534495
        Train 2; est AUC 0.669537944808
        Train 4; est AUC 0.687276688453
        Train 8; est AUC 0.698667392883
        Train 16; est AUC 0.722240377633
        Train 32; est AUC 0.737412854031
        1: Random forest (50 members): Est AUC: 0.743790849673
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Gradient Boosted Trees

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In [7]: nUse= 100
        mu = Yt.mean()
        step = 0.5
        Ft = np.zeros((Xt.shape[0],)) + np.log(mu/(1-mu))
        Fv = np.zeros((Xv.shape[0],)) + np.log(mu/(1-mu))
        Fe = np.zeros((Xe.shape[0],)) + np.log(mu/(1-mu))
        def sigma(z): return 1./(1.+np.exp(-z))
        Pv2 = np.zeros((Xv.shape[0],2)); Pv2[:,0]=1-mu; Pv2[:,1]=mu;
        Pe2 = np.zeros((Xe.shape[0],2)); Pe2[:,0]=1-mu; Pe2[:,1]=mu;
        np.random.seed(0)
                                          # this is a lot faster than the baggin
        for 1 in range(nUse):
            dJ = 1.*Yt - sigma(Ft)
            tree = ml.dtree.treeRegress(Xt,dJ, maxDepth=3) # train and save pre
            Ft += step*tree.predict(Xt)
            Fv += step*tree.predict(Xv)
            Fe += step*tree.predict(Xe)
            Pv2[:,1] = sigma(Fv); Pv2[:,0] = 1-Pv2[:,1]
            Pe2[:,1] = sigma(Fe); Pe2[:,0] = 1-Pe2[:,1]
            if (1 & (1-1) == 0): print "Train {}; est AUC {}".format(1, dummy(Xv))
            #print " {} trees: MSE ~ {}".format(l+1, ((Yv-Pv2)**2).mean())
        toKaggle('Pv2.csv',Pv2[:,1])
        toKaggle('Pe2.csv',Pe2[:,1])
        print "2: GradBoost, {} trees: AUC ~ {}".format(nUse, dummy(Xv,Yv,Pv2).at
        Train 0; est AUC 0.693312454611
        Train 1; est AUC 0.697066993464
        Train 2; est AUC 0.702275780683
        Train 4; est AUC 0.705679920116
        Train 8; est AUC 0.730291394336
        Train 16; est AUC 0.743021968046
        Train 32; est AUC 0.741257262164
        Train 64; est AUC 0.744903776325
        2: GradBoost, 100 trees: AUC ~ 0.742964778504
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Clustering and "local" features

Suppose that we decide our linear classifier is *underfitting*, i.e., we want to add additional complexity to the model. (NOTE: This may not be true for your data!)

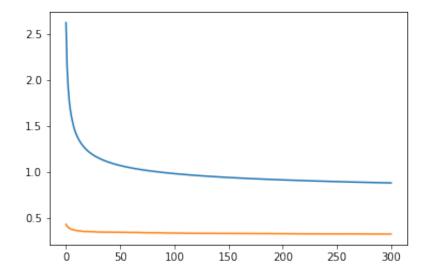
To do so, let's make a collection of "local" classifiers, i.e.,:

- Cluster our data in feature space
- For each cluster, learn a "local" linear predictor

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In [8]: |nClust = 15
        ssd = np.inf
        np.random.seed(0)
        for it in range(2):
            Zi, mui, ssdi = ml.cluster.kmeans(Xt[:10000,:41], K=nClust, init='k++')
            if ssdi < ssd:</pre>
                print ssdi
                Z,mu,ssd = Zi,mui,ssdi
        Cluster KNN = ml.knn.knnClassify(mu,np.array(range(nClust)),1)
        XtC = ml.tolofK( Cluster KNN.predict(Xt[:,:41]) , np.array(range(nClust))
        XvC = ml.tolofK( Cluster KNN.predict(Xv[:,:41]) , np.array(range(nClust)
        XeC = ml.tolofK( Cluster KNN.predict(Xe[:,:41]) , np.array(range(nClust)
        print XtC.sum(0)
                           # show cluster sizes...
        132714.8480207021
        129868.43713290115
        [ 370 253 273
                                49 1235
                                           7
                                               21 308 1923 640
                                                                  548
                                                                         54 229
                          26
```

One way to do this is to create local feature copies, which are zero if the data point is not in cluster c, and copy the original features if it is:

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3: Clustered LinClassify: AUC ~ 0.6242302106027596

This didn't seem to work too well, but demonstrates the basic concept of a local model.

Simple Neural Network

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it 2 : Jsur = 0.500833867903, J01 = 0.532670932974
it 4: Jsur = 0.50218995715, J01 = 0.496968676322
it 8 : Jsur = 0.650583746627, J01 = 0.520040417649
it 16 : Jsur = 0.664054272748, J01 = 0.519703603907
it 32 : Jsur = 0.821853747772, J01 = 0.477770293028
it 64: Jsur = 0.982262761249, J01 = 0.513640956551
it 128 : Jsur = 0.89525362095, J01 = 0.465139777703
it 256 : Jsur = 0.915684758302, J01 = 0.475581003705
it 512 : Jsur = 0.892150868516, J01 = 0.484506567868
it 1024: Jsur = 0.767602923626, J01 = 0.469181542607
it 2048: Jsur = 0.693209407303, J01 = 0.490232401482
it 4096: Jsur = 0.514527044419, J01 = 0.414617716403
it 8192 : Jsur = 0.491140058489, J01 = 0.393735264399
it 16384: Jsur = 0.443384874577, J01 = 0.352812394746
it 32768: Jsur = 0.421344363097, J01 = 0.334792859549
it 65536 : Jsur = 0.40862254414, J01 = 0.316099696868
4: Neural Net (500,1): AUC: 0.6595352214960057
```

That doesn't seem like it worked too well (compare training err/auc to validation, and to other models), but maybe with some effort it could be improved.

Stacked

Reload the saved validation predictions and test data predictions from the previous learners:

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In [19]: Pv0 = np.genfromtxt('Pv0.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pv1 = np.genfromtxt('Pv1.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pv2 = np.genfromtxt('Pv2.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pv3 = np.genfromtxt('Pv3.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pv4 = np.genfromtxt('Pv4.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pe0 = np.genfromtxt('Pe0.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pe1 = np.genfromtxt('Pe1.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pe2 = np.genfromtxt('Pe2.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pe3 = np.genfromtxt('Pe3.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
Pe4 = np.genfromtxt('Pe4.csv',delimiter=',',skip_header=1)[:,1:2]
```

Now, learn a simple linear combination of the models' outputs on the validation data:

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In [21]: Sv = np.hstack((Pv0,Pv1,Pv2,Pv3,Pv4))
    stack = ml.linearC.linearClassify(Sv,Yv, reg=1e-3)
    print "** Stacked AUC: ",stack.auc(Sv,Yv)

Se = np.hstack((Pe0,Pe1,Pe2,Pe3,Pe4))
    PeS = stack.predictSoft(Se)
    toKaggle('Ex_Stack.csv',PeS[:,1])
```

** Stacked AUC: 0.7516412490922295

So, I would estimate my AUC in the competition to be about this value.

This is very slightly optimistic, since it's estimated from the data I did the stacking with; but thats a few thousand data and only fitting 6 parameters, so it's probably not too far off. (The leaderboard reports 0.738 public and 0.749 private values for the stacked model.)

Note that, if one of your models is much better than the others, it is likely you will just end up with that model; so you would like for your stacked model to take in collections of (different) predictions that all obtain "reasonable" / approximately equivalent performance.