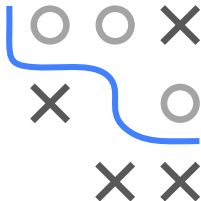


MULTIVARIATE LOSS FUNCTIONS

- In MTP: For a feature vector \mathbf{x} , predict a tuple of scores $f(\mathbf{x}) = (f(x)_1, f(x)_2, \dots, f(x)_l)^\top$ for l targets with a function (hypothesis) $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{g_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{g_l}$.
- Following loss minimization in machine learning, we need a *multivariate loss function*

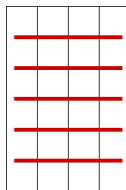
$$L : (\mathcal{Y}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{Y}_l) \times (\mathbb{R}^{g_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{g_l}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

- In multi-target regression: $\mathcal{Y}_1 = \dots = \mathcal{Y}_l = \mathbb{R}$, and $g_1 = \dots = g_l = 1$.
- In multi-label binary classification: $\mathcal{Y}_1 = \dots = \mathcal{Y}_l = \{0, 1\}$, and $g_1 = \dots = g_l = 1$.

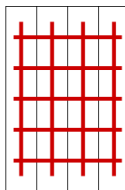


MULTIVARIATE LOSS FUNCTIONS

- We treat two categories: Decomposable and instance-wise



Instance-wise



Decomposable

- L is decomposable over targets if

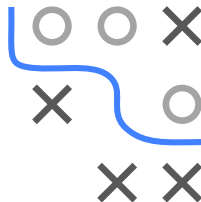
$$L(\mathbf{y}, f) = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{m=1}^I L_m(y_m, f(\mathbf{x})_m)$$

with single-target losses L_m .

- Example: *Squared error loss* (in multivariate regression):

$$L_{\text{MSE}}(\mathbf{y}, f) = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{m=1}^I (y_m - f(\mathbf{x})_m)^2.$$

- Can also be used for cases with missing entries.



INSTANCE-WISE LOSSES

- *Hamming loss* averages over mistakes in single targets:

$$L_H(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{m=1}^I \mathbb{1}_{[y_m \neq h_m(\mathbf{x})]},$$

where $h_m(\mathbf{x}) := [f(\mathbf{x})_m \geq c_m]$ is the threshold function for target m with threshold c_m .

- Hamming loss is identical to the average *0/1 loss* and is decomposable.
- The *subset 0/1 loss* checks for entire correctness and is not decomposable:

$$L_{0/1}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \mathbb{1}_{[\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{h}]} = \max_m \mathbb{1}_{[y_m \neq h_m(\mathbf{x})]}$$



