Lab 03 - Applied Machine Learning

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In this lab, we focus on applying machine learning techniques, specifically logistic regression, to predict passenger survival based on the widely known Titanic dataset. This dataset contains demographic and travel-related information for passengers aboard the Titanic, offering a structured platform to explore classification problems.

1. Select independent and dependent variables. Split the data into training and testing sets, and then create a logistic regression classifier to fit the model.

The Titanic dataset documents information about passengers aboard the Titanic, commonly used for survival prediction. As the aim of this task is to predict whether a person has survived or not, column "Survived" will be the dependent variable. For independent variables, I choose the following columns:

- Pclass
- Sex
- Age
- SibSp
- Parch
- Fare
- Embarked

I chose these columns as independent variables because they are likely to influence the survival status "Survived" based on logical reasoning and domain knowledge. After choosing the features and target, I start to split the dataset into training and testing, then train a simple Logistic Regression model with the "Scikit-learn" library. Below is the code for this task:

2. Utilize your model to make predictions on the testing data, calculate evaluation metrics such as accuracy and recall, and print the results

After having a trained model, we can validate whether it works well or not. "Scikit-learn" provides many effective built-in functions that we can use to evaluate the efficiency of the model. Here, with the given dataset and settings (80/20 for training and testing, 1000 as max-iter), we receive an accuracy of about 83%.

3. Display the theta parameter values

Theta parameters are all model attributes, meaning we can get it directly from the model itself.

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Display the theta parameter values.

print(f"Intercept: {model.intercept_}")
print(f"Coeficient: {model.coef_}")

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Intercept: [4.79799044]
Coeficient: [[-9.86723918e-01 -2.50140567e+00 -3.64974779e-02 -3.09892307e-01
-5.35845281e-02 1.68774488e-03 -1.97888084e-01]]
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4. Create a DataFrame with 3 records (for 3 persons), use your model to make predictions, and print the predicted results using text descriptions such as 'survived' and 'not survived'.

In the 4th step, it is required to create a sample record with "Pandas" to make predictions and print the predicted outcome. As the required record is relatively small (only 3 records), I choose to hard-code them instead of randomly creating or similar methods.

5. Alter the training/testing split fraction and the maximum iteration of the logistic regression model, observe and print the different outcomes.

For the final task, it's like we are playing around with the model by setting different configurations. We can see that when I change the split fraction and reduce the max-iter, the model now only has an accuracy around 76%.

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      X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2)
      model = LogisticRegression(max_iter=300)
      model.fit(X_train, y_train)
      y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
      accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
      print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
      print("\nClassification Report:\n", classification report(y test, y pred))
  Accuracy: 0.7653631284916201
   Classification Report:
                precision recall f1-score support
                   0.77 0.83 0.80
                                                  99
             0
                   0.76 0.69
                                      0.72
                                                  80
                                       0.77
      accuracy
   macro avg 0.77 0.76 weighted avg 0.77 0.77
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