

# Review about Machine Learning

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## 1 Probability

### 1.1 Problem 1.1

1.  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{1, 3\}$ .

Consider:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(\{1\}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A) = P(\{1, 2\}) = P(\{1\}) + P(\{2\}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$P(B) = P(\{1, 3\}) = P(\{1\}) + P(\{3\}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ , thus,  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

2. Consider:

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Easy to verify  $P(A)P(B)P(C) = 1/8$ , thus  $A, B, C$  are not mutual independent.

3. Consider:

$$P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{p(C)} = 0$$

and  $P(A \cap B)P(B \cap C) = 1/16$ , then  $A, B$  are not conditional independent given  $C$ .

### 1.2 Problem 1.2

$$p(A|B, C) = \frac{p(A, B, C)}{p(B, C)} = \frac{p(B|A, C)p(A, C)}{p(B, C)} = \frac{p(B|A, C)p(A|C)}{p(B|C)}$$

### 1.3 Problem 1.3

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- 1.

$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, C)$ , then:

$$p(x) = \eta \exp(-0.5(x - \mu)^T C^{-1}(x - \mu)) \quad (1)$$

Since  $C$  is a symmetric positive definite matrix, we can write  $C = U\Lambda U^T$ , with  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix, and  $U$  is a orthogonal matrix ( $U^T = U^{-1}$ ). Note that:

$$(U\Lambda U^T)(U\Lambda^{-1}U^T) = U\Lambda(U^T U)\Lambda^{-1}U^T = UU^T = I$$

So we have:

$$C^{-1} = U\Lambda^{-1}U^T$$

Rewrite the distribution  $p(x)$  in (1):

$$p(x) = \eta \exp(-0.5(x - \mu)^T U\Lambda^{-1}U^T(x - \mu))$$

Change of variable, set  $u = U^T(x - \mu)$ , then the distribution of  $u$  is:

$$p(u) = \eta \exp(-0.5u^T \Lambda^{-1}u)$$

$$\implies U \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda)$$

2.

Consider:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$$

$U$  is a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  are determined by:

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0_{d \times d} \\ 0_{d \times d} & D \end{bmatrix}$$

The term:  $X + Y = [I_d, I_d]U$ . We apply the affine transform properties:

$$p(AX + b) = \mathcal{N}(A\mu + b, A\Sigma A^T) \quad (2)$$

with assumption:  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ .

$$p(U) = p([I_d, I_d][X, Y]^T) = \mathcal{N}(a + b, C + D)$$

## 2 Decision Theory

### 2.1 Problem 2.1

$y \in \{0, 1\}$ . Denote the predict of classifier:  $\hat{y} = f(x)$ . The loss function between  $y$  and  $\hat{y}$ :

$$\mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \hat{y} = y \\ 1, & \text{if } \hat{y} \neq y \text{ and } \hat{y} \in \{0, 1\} \\ \lambda, & \text{if } \hat{y} = \text{reject} \end{cases}$$

We compute the expectation of loss:

$$E(L(Y, f(x))|X = x) = p(y = 0|x)L(y = 0, \hat{y}) + p(y = 1|x)L(y = 1, \hat{y})$$

Denote:  $\alpha = p(y = 1|x)$ , then:  $p(y = 0|x) = 1 - \alpha$ . Then:

$$E[L(y, \hat{y})|x] = \alpha L(y = 1, \hat{y}) + (1 - \alpha)L(y = 0, \hat{y})$$

Then we have 3 decisions:

- Case 1:  $\hat{y} = 1$ , then  $E[L(y, \hat{y})|x] = 1 - \alpha$ .
- Case 2:  $\hat{y} = 0$ , then  $E[L(y, \hat{y})|x] = \alpha$ .
- Case 3:  $\hat{y} = \text{reject}$ , then  $E[L(y, \hat{y})|x] = \lambda$ .

Then the decision theory is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p(y = 1|x) \geq 0.5 \text{ and } \lambda > p(y = 0|x) \\ 0, & \text{if } p(y = 0|x) > 0.5 \text{ and } \lambda > p(y = 0|x) \\ \text{reject,} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 3 Maximum likelihood

### 3.1 Problem 3.3

1.

$$p(y = 1|x) = \frac{p(x, y = 1)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(x|y = 1)p(y = 1)}{p(x|y = 0)p(y = 0) + p(x|y = 1)p(y = 1)} \quad (3)$$

We have:

$$\begin{cases} p(y = 1) = \Phi \\ p(y = 0) = 1 - \Phi \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{cases} p(x|y = 1) = \lambda_1 \exp(-\lambda_1 x) \\ p(x|y = 0) = \lambda_0 \exp(-\lambda_0 x) \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Substitute (4),(5) to (3):

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y=1|x) &= \frac{\Phi \lambda_1 \exp(-\lambda_1 x)}{\Phi \lambda_1 \exp(-\lambda_1 x) + (1-\Phi) \lambda_0 \exp(-\lambda_0 x)} \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-\Phi}{\Phi} \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_1} \exp(-(\lambda_0 - \lambda_1)x)} \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x))}
\end{aligned}$$

We choose:

$$\begin{cases} \theta_1 = \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 \\ \theta_0 = \log\left(\frac{\Phi \lambda_1}{\lambda_0(1-\Phi)}\right) \end{cases}$$

2. Maximum likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\Phi, \lambda_0, \lambda_1) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log(p(x_i, y_i | \Phi, \lambda_0, \lambda_1)) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n [\log(p(x_i | y_i, \Phi, \lambda_0, \lambda_1)) + \log(y_i | \Phi, \lambda_0, \lambda_1)] \quad (6) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n [\log(p(x_i | y_i, \lambda_0, \lambda_1)) + \log(p(y_i | \Phi))]
\end{aligned}$$

We have:

$$p(x_i | y_i, \lambda_0, \lambda_1) = (\lambda_1 \exp(-\lambda_1 x_i))^{y_i} (\lambda_0 \exp(-\lambda_0 x_i))^{1-y_i}$$

$$p(y_i | \Phi) = \Phi^{y_i} (1 - \Phi)^{1-y_i}$$

Substitute to (6):

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\Phi, \lambda_0, \lambda_1) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i (\log(\lambda_1) - \lambda_1 x_i) + (1 - y_i) (\log(\lambda_0) - \lambda_0 x_i) + y_i \log(\Phi) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \Phi)] \\
&= N_1 \log(\lambda_1) + N_0 \log(\lambda_0) - \lambda_1 \sum_{i:y_i=1} x_i - \lambda_0 \sum_{i:y_i=0} x_i + N_1 \log(\Phi) + N_0 \log(1 - \Phi) \quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $N_1$  is the number of  $y_i = 1$  and  $N_0$  is the number of  $y_i = 0$ . We have the partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\Phi, \lambda_0, \lambda_1)}{\partial \Phi} &= \frac{N_1}{\Phi} - \frac{N_0}{1 - \Phi} \\
\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda_0} &= \frac{N_0}{\lambda_0} - \sum_{i:y_i=0} x_i
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda_1} = \frac{N_1}{\lambda_1} - \sum_{i:y_i=1} x_i$$

Second order derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \phi^2} = -\frac{N_1}{\Phi^2} - \frac{N_0}{(\Phi-1)^2} < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \lambda_1^2} = -\frac{N_1}{\lambda_1^2} < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \lambda_0^2} = -\frac{N_0}{\lambda_0^2} < 0$$

Then solving the derivative equation will help us to find the optimal value:

$$\begin{cases} \Phi = N_1/(N_1 + N_0) \\ \lambda_0 = \frac{N_0}{\sum_{i:y_i=0} x_i} \\ \lambda_1 = \frac{N_1}{\sum_{i:y_i=1} x_i} \end{cases}$$

### 3.2 Problem 3.4

1. MLE for  $\theta$ : Given  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim U(0, \theta)$ .  
Uniform distribution pdf:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} & \text{if } x \in [0, \theta] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Likelihood:

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | \theta)$$

Case 1: if  $\theta < \max_i \{x_i\}$ , then there exist a  $i$  index satisfies  $x_i > \theta$ . Then  $p(x_i | \theta) = 0$ . We conclude the likelihood  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = 0$ .

Case 2: if  $\theta \geq \max_i \{x_i\}$ , then for each value  $x_i$ :  $p(x_i | \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ . The likelihood becomes:

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} \leq \frac{1}{x_{max}^n}$$

where  $x_{max} = \max_i \{x_i\}$ .

Then the solution for MLE is  $\theta = x_{max}$ .

2. Pareto prior and posterior distribution.

We choose the prior for  $\theta$ :

$$p(\theta) = \alpha \beta^\alpha \theta^{-\alpha-1} I_{\beta, \infty}(\theta)$$

where:

$$I(\theta, \infty)(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta > \beta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The posterior distribution can be computed as:

$$p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} \quad (8)$$

Case 1: if  $\theta < \max_i\{x_i\}$ , then  $p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$ .

Case 2: if  $\theta \geq \max_i\{x_i\}$ :

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} = \theta^{-n}$$

$$p(\theta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta \leq \beta \\ \alpha\beta^\alpha\theta^{-\alpha-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \int p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta \\ &= \int_{u=\max\{\beta, x_{max}\}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\theta^n} \alpha\beta^\alpha\theta^{-\alpha-1} d\theta \\ &= \int_u^{\infty} \alpha\beta^\alpha\theta^{-\alpha-1-n} d\theta \\ &= \alpha\beta^\alpha u^{-\alpha-n}/(\alpha+n) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The the posterior distribution:

$$p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\theta^{-\alpha-n-1}(\alpha+n)}{u^{-\alpha-n}} \text{ if } \theta \geq u$$

the we have the positerior distribution form:

$$p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta < u \\ \theta^{-\alpha-n-1}(\alpha+n)u^{\alpha+n} & \text{if } \theta \geq u \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

with  $u = \max\{x_{max}, \beta\}$ .

3. MAP for  $\theta$

If  $\theta < u$ , then  $p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$ .

If  $\theta \geq u$ , then  $p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \theta^{-\alpha-n-1}(\alpha+n)u^{\alpha+n}$ . Then the solution

for MAP is  $\theta = u$ . Then we have two cases:

Case1:  $\beta \leq x_{max}$ , then  $\theta = x_{max}$ . This is also the solution using MLE.

Case2:  $\beta > x_{max}$ , then  $\theta = \beta$ .

4. Optimal  $\theta$  under square loss.

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\theta \sim p(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n)}[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] &= \int p(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n)(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2 d\theta \\
&= (\alpha + n)u^{\alpha+n} \int_u^\infty \theta^{-\alpha-n-1}(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2 d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

We will drop the constant term  $(\alpha + n)u^{\alpha+n}$  here since it doesn't contribute to find the optimal value of  $\hat{\theta}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\theta} &= \arg \min_{\hat{\theta}} F(\hat{\theta}) \\
&= \arg \min_{\hat{\theta}} \hat{\theta}^2 \int_u^\infty \theta^{-\alpha-n-1} d\theta - 2\hat{\theta} \int_u^\infty \theta^{-\alpha-n} d\theta \\
&= \arg \min_{\hat{\theta}} a\hat{\theta}^2 - 2b\hat{\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

with  $a = \int_u^\infty \theta^{-\alpha-n-1} d\theta$  and  $b = \int_u^\infty \theta^{-\alpha-n} d\theta$ .

This is a quadratic function of  $\hat{\theta}$  and the optimal value of  $\hat{\theta}$  is:

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{b}{a}$$

(the computation of  $b$  and  $a$  is left for the readers).

## 4 Bayesian Inference

### 4.1 Problem 4.1

The distribution:

$$p(x|\theta, \lambda) = \mathcal{N}(x|\theta, \lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}(x - \theta)^2\right)$$

the prior:

$$p(\theta) = \mathcal{N}(\theta|\mu_0, \lambda_0) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}(\theta - \mu_0)^2\right)$$

then the posterior distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} \\
&= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} \\
&= \eta \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 - \frac{\lambda_0}{2}(\theta - \mu_0)^2\right)
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

The inner exp term in (11) is a square term of  $\theta$ .

We consider:

$$f(\theta) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta - x_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\theta - \mu_0)^2 = a\theta^2 + b\theta + c$$

and  $a$  can be solved by finding:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta - x_i) + \lambda_0 (\theta - \mu_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2} = n\lambda + \lambda_0 > 0$$

then  $a > 0$ , then (11) is a normal distribution. The mean of that normal can be found by solving the derivative equation:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

then

$$\theta = \frac{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \lambda_0 \mu_0}{\lambda_0 + n\lambda}$$

Then the posterior distribution is:

$$p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mathcal{N}(\theta|M, L^{-1})$$

where:

$$L = n\lambda + \lambda_0$$

and

$$M = \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\lambda_0 + n\lambda}$$

Now after computing  $p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , we can use it to compute  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} \quad (12)$$

We compute each term in the first stage:

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n|\theta) = \eta \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2\right)$$

$$p(\theta) = \eta \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\theta - \mu_0)^2\right)$$

$$p(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \eta \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2L} (\theta - M)^2\right)$$



## 4.2 Problem 4.2

$X_i \sim W_d(X_i|S^{-1}, \nu)$  implies:

$$p(X_i|S^{-1}, \nu) = \frac{|S|^{n/2}|X_i|^{(\nu-d-1)/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\text{trace}(SX_i))}{2^{\nu d/2}\Gamma_d(\frac{\nu}{2})}$$

The prior:  $p(S) = W_d(S|S_0^{-1}, \nu_0)$ :

$$p(S) = \frac{|S_0|^{n/2}|S|^{(\nu_0-d-1)/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\text{trace}(S_0S))}{2^{\nu_0 d/2}\Gamma_d(\frac{\nu_0}{2})}$$

The distribution:

$$p(S|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \frac{p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n|S)p(S)}{p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)} = \eta p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n|S)p(S) \quad (13)$$

The likelihood can be computed as:

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n|S) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i|S) \\ &= \frac{|S|^{n^2/2}(\prod_{i=1}^n |X_i|)^{(\nu-d-1)/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\text{trace}(S \sum_{i=1}^n X_i))}{2^{n\nu d/2}(\Gamma_d(\nu/2))^n} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Then, replace (14) to (13), we can compute the posterior distribution:

$$p(S|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \eta \frac{|S|^{n^2/2+(\nu-d-1)/2}|S_0|^{n/2}(\prod_{i=1}^n |X_i|)^{(\nu-d-1)/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\text{trace}(S(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i + S_0)))}{2^{n\nu d/2+\nu_0 d/2}\Gamma_d(\frac{\nu}{2})^n \Gamma_d(\frac{\nu_0}{2})}$$

We choose:

$$\begin{cases} S' = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + S_0 \\ \nu' = n^2/2 + \nu \end{cases}$$

then we have:

$$p(S|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \eta \frac{|S'|^{n/2}|S|^{(\nu'-d-1)/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\text{trace}(S'S))}{2^{\nu' d/2}\Gamma_d(\nu'/2)} \beta = \eta \beta W_d(S|S', \nu') \quad (15)$$

with  $\beta$  is a constant term and does not depend on  $S$ .

We make the integral of (15), then:

$$\int_S p(S|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) dS = \eta \beta = 1$$

then:  $p(S) = W_d(S|S', \nu')$   
 with:

$$\begin{cases} S' = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + S_0 \\ \nu' = n^2/2 + \nu \end{cases}$$

## 5 Linear Regression

1. Solving linear regression problem.

Model:  $y_i = \sum_{k=0}^m c_k \cos(2\pi k x_i) + \epsilon_i$   
 with  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

Set  $u_i = [\cos(2\pi k x_i)]_{k=0, \dots, m}^T$

Then  $y_i = c^T u_i + \epsilon_i$ .

$p(y_i | x_i, c) = \mathcal{N}(y_i | c^T u_i, \sigma^2)$ .

This problem here is quite simple, and we can use the approach in the slide to solve it.

2. Conjugacy for coefficient in Linear Regression Problem

I think we can see the exercise 4.1 for more details.

## 6 Logistic Regression

### 6.1 Problem 6.1

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

$$\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(a)(1 - \sigma(a))$$

2. Objective function for binary logistic regression:

$$\mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}) = -y \log(\hat{y}) - (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

where  $\hat{y} = \sigma(w^T x + b) = \sigma(u)$ .

Gradient computing:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial w} \\ &= -\left(\frac{y}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1-y}{1-\hat{y}}\right) \sigma(u)(1 - \sigma(u))x \\ &= -(y - \hat{y})x \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} &= -(y - \hat{y}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Compute the Hessian:

We denote the weight vector here is:  $w = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d]$ , where  $d$  is the dimension of  $w$  plus 1 (count  $b$ ).

We have:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_i} = \sum_{k=1}^n (\hat{y}^{(k)} - y^{(k)}) x_i^{(k)}$$

where  $y^{(j)}, x^{(j)}$  denotes label and sample  $j$ .  
Second order derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_i \partial w_j} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_j} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (\hat{y}^{(k)} - y^{(k)}) x_i^{(k)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{y}^{(k)} (1 - \hat{y}^{(k)}) x_i^{(k)} x_j^{(k)} \end{aligned}$$

Denote:

$$X = [x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n)}] \in R^{n \times d}$$

$$Y = \text{diag}(y^{(1)}(1 - y^{(1)}), y^{(2)}(1 - y^{(2)}), \dots, y^{(n)}(1 - y^{(n)}))$$

Then the Hessian matrix  $H$  is:

$$H = X^T Y X$$

since  $y^{(k)} = \sigma(w^T x^{(k)} + b) \in (0, 1)$   
then:

$$u^T H u = u^T X^T Y H u = (H u)^T Y (H u) = v^T Y v$$

Since  $Y$  is a positive-definite metric, so  $u^T H u \geq 0$ , then  $H$  also is a positive definite matrix.

## 7 Estimators

### 7.1 Problem 7.1

Derive of biased estimator of variance:

We consider:

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \tag{16}$$

First of all, if  $n$  random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  follows the same distribution as variable  $X$ , then we have:

$$E\left[\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right] = E[\bar{X}] = E[X] = \mu$$

we find another representation of (16):

$$\begin{aligned}
S^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu + \mu - \bar{X})^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \mu)^2 + (\mu - \bar{X})^2 + 2(X_i - \mu)(\mu - \bar{X})] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)(\mu - \bar{X}) + (\mu - \bar{X})^2
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

We have the term:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)(\mu - \bar{X}) &= \frac{2}{n} (\mu - \bar{X}) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu \right) \\
&= -2(\bar{X} - \mu)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Substitute to (17):

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - (\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \tag{18}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^2 &= E[(X - \mu)^2] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} (X_i - \mu)^2\right] \\
E[(\bar{X} - \mu)^2] &= E[(\bar{X} - E[\bar{X}])^2] = V[\bar{X}] = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

Substitute to (18):

$$E[S^2] = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2$$

## 8 Empirical Risk minimization

Let's finish 3 examples of A Toan's slide:

1. Binary classifier:

The risk:

$$R(f) = E_{(X,Y) \sim P}[l(f(X), Y)]$$

For a value  $x$ , we consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
R(f(x)) &= E_{y \sim p(y|x)}[l(f(x), y)] \\
&= E_{y \sim p(y|x)}[l(\hat{y}, y)] \\
&= p(y=0|x)l(\hat{y}, y=0) + p(y=1|x)l(\hat{y}, y=1)
\end{aligned}$$

Consider two cases:

**Case 1:** If  $p(y = 1|x) \geq p(y = 0|x)$ .

Then, if  $\hat{y} = 0$ ,  $R(f(x)) = p(y = 1|x)$ .

if  $\hat{y} = 1$ , then  $R(f(x)) = p(y = 0|x)$ .

It's easy to find that: with  $\hat{y} = 1$ , the risk has lower value. So in this case, we choose:  $\hat{y} = 1$ .

**Case 2:** If  $p(y = 1|x) < p(y = 0|x)$ .

Then if  $\hat{y} = 0$ ,  $R(f(x)) = p(y = 1|x)$ .

if  $\hat{y} = 1$ , then  $R(f(x)) = p(y = 0|x)$ .

Then in this case,  $\hat{y} = 0$  gives lower cost.

We conclude:

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p(y = 1|x) \geq p(y = 0|x) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2. Regression with L1-loss.

The solution for this problem is quite complex, so if you can find a simpler solution, please let me know.

For a sample  $x$  (we only consider in the continous case). The risk for this sample:

$$\begin{aligned} R(f(x)) &= E_{y \sim p(y|x)}[l(\hat{y}, y)] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y|x)|\hat{y} - y|dy \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

For simplicity, just in this section, i will denote  $p(y) = p(y|x)$ .

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} R(\hat{y}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y)|\hat{y} - y|dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\hat{y}} p(y)(\hat{y} - y)dy + \int_{\hat{y}}^{\infty} p(y)(y - \hat{y})dy \\ &= \hat{y} \int_{-\infty}^{\hat{y}} p(y)dy - \hat{y} \int_{\hat{y}}^{\infty} p(y)dy - \int_{-\infty}^{\hat{y}} yp(y)dy + \int_{\hat{y}}^{\infty} yp(y)dy \\ &= 2\hat{y} \int_{-\infty}^{\hat{y}} p(y)dy - \hat{y} + 2 \int_{\hat{y}}^{\infty} yp(y)dy - E[y] \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Since  $E[y]$  is a constant term and not depends on  $\hat{y}$ , we can ommit it in the optimization procedure of (20). We denote:

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t p(y)dy$$

is the CDF function of  $p(y)$ . Denote:  $u = Med(y)$ , then  $F(u) = 0.5$ .

We will prove:

$$R(\hat{y}) \geq R(u)$$

It is equivalent to:

$$2\hat{y}F(\hat{y}) - \hat{y} + 2 \int_{\hat{y}}^{\infty} yp(y)dy \geq 2 \int_u^{\infty} yp(y)dy \quad (21)$$

We consider 2 cases:

**Case 1:**  $\hat{y} < u$ , then (21) is equivalent to:

$$2\hat{y}F(\hat{y}) - \hat{y} + 2 \int_{\hat{y}}^u yp(y)dy \geq 0 \quad (22)$$

The integral term can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\hat{y}}^u yp(y)dy &= yF(y) \Big|_{\hat{y}}^u - \int_{\hat{y}}^u F(y)dy \\ &= uF(u) - \hat{y}F(\hat{y}) - \int_{\hat{y}}^u F(y)dy \end{aligned}$$

Plug into (22), it is equivalent to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\hat{y}F(\hat{y}) - \hat{y} + u - 2\hat{y}F(\hat{y}) - 2 \int_{\hat{y}}^u F(y)dy \\ = u - \hat{y} - 2 \int_{\hat{y}}^u F(y)dy \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

We also have:  $F(y) \leq 0.5$  for all  $y \in [\hat{y}, u]$ . Then:

$$\int_{\hat{y}}^u F(y)dy \leq \frac{1}{2}(u - \hat{y})$$

Substitute to (23), it turns out a true states.

We conclude:  $R(\hat{y}) > R(u)$  for all  $\hat{y} < u$ .

Similar prove, we also conclude:  $R(\hat{y}) > R(u)$  for all  $\hat{y} > u$ .

Then we conclude:

$$R(\hat{y}) \geq R(u)$$

and the optimal value for  $\hat{y}$  is:  $\hat{y} = Med(y)$ .

3. L2 loss:

This is easier than L1-loss, for each sample  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E_{y \sim p(y|x)}[l(\hat{y}, y)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y|x)(\hat{y} - y)^2 dy \\ &= \hat{y}^2 - 2\hat{y} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y|x)y dy + E[y^2] \end{aligned}$$

This is a quadratic form of  $\hat{y}$ , then  $\hat{y}$  for optimal risk can be found by:

$$\hat{y} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} yp(y|x)dy = E[y|x]$$