

# 1 High dimensional hi-jinx

1. Intra-class distance.

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X - X')^2] &= E[(X^2 + X'^2 - 2XX'] = E[X^2] + E[X'^2] - 2E[X]E[X'] \\ &= \mu_1^2 + \sigma^2 + \mu_1^2 + \sigma^2 - 2\mu_1^2 = 2\sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Inter-class distance.

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X - X')^2] &= E[(X^2 + X'^2 - 2XX'] = E[X^2] + E[X'^2] - 2E[X]E[X'] \\ &= \mu_1^2 + \sigma^2 + \mu_2^2 + \sigma^2 - 2\mu_1\mu_2 \end{aligned}$$

3. Intra-class distance, m-dimensions.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[\sum_{j=1}^m (X_j - X'_j)^2] &= \sum_{j=1}^m E[(X_j - X'_j)^2] \\ &= 2m\sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

4. Inter-class distance, m-dimensions.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[\sum_{j=1}^m (X_j - X'_j)^2] &= \sum_{j=1}^m E[(X_j - X'_j)^2] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m (\mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j})^2 + 2m\sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

5. The ratio of expected intra-class distance to inter-class distance is:  $2m\sigma^2 / (\mu_{11}^2 + \mu_{21}^2 + 2m\sigma^2)$ . As  $m$  increases towards  $\infty$ , this ratio approaches 1.

# 2 Double-counting the evidence

1. 5 parameters will be needed,  $P(Y=T)$ ,  $P(X_1 = T|Y = T)$ ,  $P(X_1 = T|Y = F)$ ,  $P(X_2 = T|Y = F)$ ,  $P(X_2 = T|Y = T)$ .

$X_1$	$X_2$	$Y$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

3. Naive Bayes error rate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } P(X_1 = T, X_2 = T, Y = F) &= P(X_1 = T|Y = F)P(X_2 = T|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.015 \\ P(X_1 = T, X_2 = F, Y = F) &= P(X_1 = T|Y = F)P(X_2 = F|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.135 \\ P(X_1 = F, X_2 = T, Y = F) &= P(X_1 = F|Y = F)P(X_2 = T|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.035 \\ P(X_1 = F, X_2 = F, Y = T) &= P(X_1 = F|Y = T)P(X_2 = F|Y = T)P(Y = T) = 0.05. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{error rate} &= \sum_{X_1, X_2, Y} 1(Y \neq f(X_1, X_2))P(X_1, X_2, Y) \\ &= P(X_1 = T, X_2 = T, Y = F) + P(X_1 = T, X_2 = F, Y = F) + P(X_1 = F, X_2 = T, Y = F) + P(X_1 = F, X_2 = F, Y = T) \\ &= 0.235 \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $P(X_1 = T, Y = F) = P(X_1 = T|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.15$   
 $P(X_1 = F, Y = T) = P(X_1 = F|Y = T)P(Y = T) = 0.1$   
 so, error rate is 0.25.
- (c)  $P(X_2 = T, Y = F) = P(X_2 = T|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.05$   
 $P(X_2 = F, Y = T) = P(X_2 = F|Y = T)P(Y = T) = 0.25$   
 so, error rate is 0.30.
- (d) The error rate is lower using  $X_1, X_2$  together, because we use more independent features to classify  $Y$ , which makes the classification more accurately.

4. KL divergence for Multinomials.

- (a) No,  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  are not conditionally independent given  $Y$ , since  $P(X_2, X_3|Y) = P(X_2|Y)$  and  $P(X_3|Y) = P(X_2|Y)$ , so apparently,  $P(X_2, X_3|Y) \neq P(X_2|Y)P(X_3|Y)$ .
- (b) After adding the  $X_2$ , the classification result becomes

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F

$$P(X_1 = T, X_2 = T, X_3 = T, Y = F) = P(X_1 = T|Y = F)P(X_2 = T, X_3 = T|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.015$$

$$P(X_1 = T, X_2 = F, X_3 = F, Y = T) = P(X_1 = T|Y = T)P(X_2 = F, X_3 = F|Y = T)P(Y = T) = 0.2$$

$$P(X_1 = F, X_2 = T, X_3 = T, Y = F) = P(X_1 = F|Y = F)P(X_2 = T, X_3 = T|Y = F)P(Y = F) = 0.035$$

$$P(X_1 = F, X_2 = F, X_3 = F, Y = T) = P(X_1 = F|Y = T)P(X_2 = F, X_3 = F|Y = T)P(Y = T) = 0.05$$

so, error rate is 0.3.

5. This is because,  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  are actually not independent, but when using Naive Bayes to make decision, they are treated as independent.
6. No, logistic regression doesn't suffer from the same problem, since it calculate  $p(y|x)$  directly by estimating the weight.
7. Extra credit

- (a) Decision rule

$$\frac{P(Y = T|X_1 = T, X_2 = F, X_3 = F)}{P(Y = F|X_1 = T, X_2 = F, X_3 = F)} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{\frac{P(X_1=T|Y=T)P(X_2=F|Y=T)P(X_3=F|Y=T)P(Y=T)}{P(X_1)P(X_2)P(X_3)}}{\frac{P(X_1=T|Y=F)P(X_2=F|Y=F)P(X_3=F|Y=T)P(Y=F)}{P(X_1)P(X_2)P(X_3)}} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{\frac{P(Y=T|X_1=T)P(X_1=T)P(Y=T|X_2=F)P(X_2=F)P(Y=T|X_3=F)P(X_3=F)P(Y=T)}{P(Y=T)P(Y=T)P(Y=T)}}{\frac{P(Y=T|X_1=T)P(X_1=T)P(Y=T|X_2=F)P(X_2=F)P(Y=T|X_2=F)P(X_2=F)P(Y=F)}{P(Y=T)P(Y=T)}} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{P(Y = T|X_1 = T)P(Y = T|X_2 = F)P(Y = T|X_3 = F)P(Y = T)}{P(Y = F|X_1 = T)P(Y = F|X_2 = F)P(Y = F|X_3 = F)P(Y = F)} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{pq^2}{(1-p)(1-q)^2} \geq 1$$

$$pq^2 \geq (1-q)^2 - p(1-q)^2$$

$$p \geq \frac{(1-q)^2}{q^2 + (1-q)^2}$$

(b) Real decision rule

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{P(Y = T|X_1 = T, X_2 = F, X_3 = F)}{P(Y = F|X_1 = T, X_2 = F, X_3 = F)} &> 1 \\
\frac{P(Y = T|X_1 = T)P(Y = T|X_2 = F)P(Y = T)}{P(Y = F|X_1 = T)P(Y = F|X_2 = F)P(Y = F)} &> 1 \\
\frac{pq}{(1-p)(1-q)} &> 1 \\
pq &> (1-q) - p(1-q) \\
p &> 1-q
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Conditional independence in probability models

1. We can write  $p(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^k p(x_i|z_i = j)p(z_i = j) = \sum_{j=1}^k f_j(x_i)\pi_j$  because the probability of  $x$  take the value of  $x_{-i}$  equals the sum of probability of  $x = x_{-i}$  in every possible distribution, which is marginalization.
2. The formula for  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is  $\prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k f_j(x_i)\pi_j$  by the derivation below (simply by applying the chain rule).

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k f_j(x_i)\pi_j
\end{aligned}$$

3. The formula for  $p(z_u = v | x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is  $\frac{f_v(x_u)\pi_v}{\sum_{j=1}^k f_v(x_u)\pi_j}$  by the derivation below (simply by applying the bayes rule).

$$\begin{aligned}
p(z_u = v | x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{p(x_1, \dots, x_n | z_u = v)p(z_u = v)}{p(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \\
&= \frac{f_v(x_u) \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq u}^k f_j(x_i)\pi_j}{\prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k f_j(x_i)\pi_j} \\
&= \frac{f_v(x_u)\pi_v}{\sum_{j=1}^k f_v(x_u)\pi_j}
\end{aligned}$$

## 4 Boosting.

### 4.1 Analyzing the training error of boosting

1. Show,  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m I(H(x_i) \neq y_i) \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-f(x_i)y_i)$ .  
If  $H(x_i) = y_i, I(H(x_i) \neq y_i) = 0 \leq \exp(-f(x_i)y_i)$ ,  
if  $H(x_i) \neq y_i, -f(x_i)y_i > 0, I(H(x_i) \neq y_i) = 1 \leq \exp(-f(x_i)y_i)$   
so,  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m I(H(x_i) \neq y_i) \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-f(x_i)y_i)$ .

2. Show  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-f(x_i)y_i) = \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_T &= \sum_{i=1}^m D_T(i) \exp(-\alpha_T y_i h_T(x_i)) \\
&= \frac{1}{Z_{T-1}} \sum_{i=1}^m D_{T-1}(i) \exp(-\alpha_{T-1} y_i h_{T-1}(x_i)) \exp(-\alpha_T y_i h_T(x_i)) \\
&= \frac{1}{Z_{T-1}} \sum_{i=1}^m D_{T-1}(i) \prod_{t=T-1}^T \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)) \\
&= \frac{1}{Z_{T-1} Z_{T-2}} \sum_{i=1}^m D_{T-2}(i) \prod_{t=T-2}^T \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)) \\
&= \frac{1}{\prod_{t=1}^{T-1} Z_t} \sum_{i=1}^m D_1(i) \prod_{t=1}^T \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)) \\
\Rightarrow \prod_{t=1}^T Z_t &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{m} \exp(-y_i \sum_{t=1}^T (\alpha_t h_t(x_i))) \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-f(x_i)y_i)
\end{aligned}$$

3. prove  $Z_t = \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) + (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_t &= \sum_{i=1}^m D_t(i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)) \\
&= \sum_{i \in \text{error}} D_t(i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)) + \sum_{i \in \text{correct}} D_t(i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)) \\
&= \sum_{i \in \text{error}} D_t(i) \exp(\alpha_t) + \sum_{i \in \text{correct}} D_t(i) \exp(-\alpha_t) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m D_t(i) I(h_t(x_i) \neq y_i) \exp(\alpha_t) + \sum_{i=1}^m D_t(i) I(h_t(x_i) = y_i) \exp(-\alpha_t) \\
&= \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) + (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t)
\end{aligned}$$

4. To minimize  $Z_t$ , differentiate it,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dZ_t}{d\alpha_t} &= \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) - (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t) = 0 \\
\Rightarrow \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) &= (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t) \\
\log \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) &= \log(1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t) \\
\log \epsilon_t + \alpha_t &= \log(1 - \epsilon_t) - \alpha_t \\
\Rightarrow \alpha_t^* &= \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

5. Replace the  $\alpha_t$  in equation  $Z_t = \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) + (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t)$  with  $\alpha_t^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_t &= \epsilon_t \exp(\alpha_t) + (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp(-\alpha_t) \\
&= \epsilon_t \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}\right)\right) + (1 - \epsilon_t) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}\right)\right) \\
&= \epsilon_t \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (1 - \epsilon_t) \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1 - \epsilon_t)}
\end{aligned}$$

6. Prove  $Z_t \leq \exp(-2\gamma_t^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_t &= 2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)} \\
&= \exp(\log 2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)}) \\
&= \exp(\log \sqrt{4(\frac{1}{2}-\gamma_t)(\frac{1}{2}+\gamma_t)}) \\
&= \exp(\frac{1}{2} \log(1-4\gamma_t^2)) \\
&\leq \exp(\frac{1}{2} * -4\gamma_t^2) \\
&= \exp(-2\gamma_t^2) \quad (0 < \epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2} - \gamma_t \leq 1)
\end{aligned}$$

7. Suppose not, suppose there doesn't exist such classifier, then there must be a classifier  $h'_t$  that its training error on the weighted dataset  $\epsilon'_t \geq 0.5$ , then we just set the  $h_t = -h'_t$ , the training error of which will achieve  $\epsilon_t \leq 0.5$ , generating contradiction, so there always exists such weak classifier.

8. Prove the training error may stuck.

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_t &= \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1-0.5}{0.5}\right) \\
&= 0 \\
D_{t+1}(i) &= \frac{D_t(i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))}{Z_t} \\
&= \frac{D_t(i) \exp(0)}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)}} \\
&= D_t(i)
\end{aligned}$$

As we can see, since  $D_t(i)$  sticks, then  $\epsilon_t = \sum_{i=1}^m D_t(i) I(h_t(x_i) \neq y_i)$  also sticks.

## 4.2 Adaboost on a toy dataset.

$\epsilon_t$	$\alpha_t$	$Z_t$	$D_t(1)$	$D_t(2)$	$D_t(3)$	$D_t(3)$
0.25	0.55	0.87	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
0.17	0.80	0.75	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.50
0.10	1.10	0.60	0.10	0.10	0.50	0.30
0.06	1.42	0.46	0.06	0.50	0.28	0.17

1. The training error is 0.

$$h = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t) = \text{sign}(-1.036, 1.672, 2.26, -2.77) = -1, 1, 1, -1$$

2. The dataset above is not linearly separable. Decision stump try to separate the dataset linearly which is not possible, so there must be training errors, but on the other hand, the Adaboost is trying to reweighting the dataset to make it linear separable, so that we can achieve 0 training error.