

Exercise 1: Preliminaries

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Linear Regression

(A) Solution

WLS objective function in terms of vectors and matrices:

$$\min_{\beta} f(\beta) \doteq \frac{1}{2}(y - X\beta)^T W(y - X\beta)$$

By first order condition, we have

$$\nabla f(\beta) = 0 \Rightarrow X^T W(y - X\beta) = 0 \Rightarrow (X^T W X)\hat{\beta} = X^T W y,$$

where W is the diagonal matrix of weights.

Generalized linear models

(A) Solution

Since $y_i \sim \text{Bin}(m_i, w_i)$, $p(y_i | \beta) = {}^n C_k w_i^{y_i} (1 - w_i)^{m_i - y_i}$.

Taking log, we have $\log p(y_i | \beta) = k + y_i \log w_i + (m_i - y_i) \log(1 - w_i)$, where k is a constant.

Plug into negative log likelihood, we have

$$\begin{aligned} l(\beta) &= -\log\left\{\prod_{i=1}^N p(y_i | \beta)\right\} \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y_i | \beta) \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log w_i + (m_i - y_i) \log(1 - w_i) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where we omit the constant term k since it does not include parameters β , and hence does not affect optimization.

Denote $w_i \doteq h_{\beta}(x_i) \doteq g(x_i^T \beta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$, where $g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$. Its derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} g'(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} (e^{-z}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})}\right) \\ &= g(z)(1 - g(z)) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Denote $l_i(\beta) \doteq y_i \log w_i + (m_i - y_i) \log(1 - w_i)$. By (1), we have $l(\beta) = -\sum_{i=1}^N l_i(\beta)$. Taking gradient of $l_i(\beta)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla l_i(\beta) &= (y_i \frac{1}{g(x_i^T \beta)} - (m_i - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - g(x_i^T \beta)}) \nabla g(x_i^T \beta) \\
&= (y_i \frac{1}{g(x_i^T \beta)} - (m_i - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - g(x_i^T \beta)}) g(x_i^T \beta) (1 - g(x_i^T \beta)) \nabla x_i^T \beta \\
&= (y_i (1 - g(x_i^T \beta)) - (1 - y_i) g(x_i^T \beta)) x_i \\
&= (y_i - m_i w_i) x_i \\
&= (y_i - \frac{m_i}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}) x_i
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The second equality is by (2). The gradient of $l(\beta)$ is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla l(\beta) &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \nabla l_i(\beta) \\
&= -\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \frac{m_i}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}) x_i
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

(C) Solution

The second order Taylor approximation of $l(\beta)$ at β_0 expands as follows

$$l(\beta) = l(\beta_0) + (\beta - \beta_0)^T \nabla l(\beta_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\beta - \beta_0)^T H(l)(\beta) (\beta - \beta_0) \tag{5}$$

As defined before, $g(x_i^T \beta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$. Then, the gradient $\nabla l(\beta_0)$ takes the form of

$$\nabla l(\beta_0) = X^T (m_i g(X \beta) - y) \tag{6}$$

The Hessian $H(l)(\beta)$ takes the form of

$$\begin{aligned}
H(l)(\beta) &= X^T \text{diag}(m_i g(x_i^T \beta) (1 - g(x_i^T \beta))) X \\
&= X^T D X
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with $D_{ii} = m_i g_i(x_i^T \beta) (1 - g_i(x_i^T \beta))$, where $g_i(x_i^T \beta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$. Plug equation (6) and (7) into (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\beta) &= l(\beta_0) + (\beta - \beta_0)^T X^T (m_i g(X^T \beta) - y) + \frac{1}{2} (\beta - \beta_0)^T X^T D X (\beta - \beta_0) \\
&= l(\beta_0) + (X\beta - X\beta_0)^T (m_i g(X^T \beta) - y) + \frac{1}{2} (X\beta - X\beta_0)^T D (X\beta - X\beta_0) \\
&= l(\beta_0) + (X\beta - X\beta_0)^T (m_i g(X^T \beta) - y) + \frac{1}{2} (X\beta_0 - X\beta)^T D (X\beta_0 - X\beta) \\
&= l(\beta_0) + (X\beta - X\beta_0)^T (m_i g(X^T \beta) - y) + \frac{1}{2} ((X\beta_0 - X\beta)^T D ((X\beta_0 - X\beta)
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

We want to transform it into the form of $\frac{1}{2}((z - X\beta)^T W((z - X\beta) + c)$. Here is the trick. Take a quadratic equation for a vector x , $a + b^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T C x$, and we want to convert it into the form $\frac{1}{2}(x - m)^T M(x - m) + v$. Assume C is symmetric, then $M = C$, $m = -C^{-1}b$, $v = a - \frac{1}{2} b^T C^{-1} b$. Therefore, in our case, we have

- $W = D$
- $z - X\beta = -D^{-1}(m_i g(X^T \beta) - y) \implies z = -D^{-1}(m_i g(X^T \beta) - y) + X\beta$