

4.4 Loss Function in Predictive Model.

4.4.1. In Regression:

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{y} - y)^2 \quad : \text{Square loss}$$

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = |\hat{y} - y| \quad : \text{Absolute loss}$$

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (\hat{y} - y)^2 & \text{if } |\hat{y} - y| < \delta \\ \delta (y - \hat{y}) - \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad : \text{Huber loss}$$

4.4.2 In Classification:

4.4.2.1 Non-differentiable loss function

Assume k different classes, loss function $L(\hat{y}, y)$ can be represented as $k \times k$ matrix.

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} L(1,1) & L(1,2) & \dots & L(1,k) \\ L(2,1) & L(2,2) & \dots & L(2,k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L(k,1) & L(k,2) & \dots & L(k,k) \end{bmatrix}$$

• the diagonal $L(i,i)$ are zero as correct prediction.

• the off-diagonal $L(i,j)$ are positive: loss incurred when predicting " i " instead of " j ".

Zero-one loss

• If $L(i,j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$, 0 otherwise: $L(i,j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i \neq j \\ 0 & i = j \end{cases}$

• The expected $J(h) = E_{x,y}[L(h(x), y)]$

$$= \sum_{i,j} L(i,j) P(i,j) \quad , \text{ where } P(i,j) = P(\hat{y}=i, y=j)$$

$$= \sum_{i \neq j} P(i,j) \quad \text{misclassification or error rate.}$$

Binary Classification

Meaning	\hat{y}	y	conditional prob.	other names	meaning	joint probability
True-positive rate	1	1	$P(\hat{y}=1 y=1)$	sensitivity, hit rate	true positive	$P(\hat{y}=1, y=1)$
true-negative rate	-1	-1	$P(\hat{y}=-1 y=-1)$	specificity	true negative	$P(\hat{y}=-1, y=-1)$
false-positive rate	1	-1	$P(\hat{y}=1 y=-1)$	type 1 error	false positive	$P(\hat{y}=1, y=-1)$
false-negative rate	-1	1	$P(\hat{y}=-1 y=1)$	type 2 error	false negative	$P(\hat{y}=-1, y=1)$