

Logistic Regression with `Rmosek`

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Consider the simplest logistic regression.

$$\max_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i (x'_i \beta) - \log(1 + \exp(x'_i \beta))\} \quad (1)$$

Introduce t_i to replace the softplus function in the objective and $\phi_i = x'_i \beta$, we turned (1) to

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{t_i, \phi_i, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i \phi_i + t_i\} \\ & \text{s.t. } -\log(1 + \exp(\phi_i)) \geq t_i \\ & \quad \phi_i = x'_i \beta \end{aligned}$$

Further deal with the softplus function in the constraint by noting that

$$-\log(1 + \exp(\phi_i)) \geq t_i \Leftrightarrow \exp(\phi_i + t_i) + \exp(t_i) \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

Introduce u_i and v_i , (2) can be further transformed to

$$\begin{aligned} & u_i + v_i \leq 1 \\ & (u_i, 1, \phi_i + t_i) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \\ & (v_i, 1, t_i) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1 \geq x_2 \exp(x_3/x_2), x_2 > 0\} \cup \{(x_1, 0, x_3) : x_1 \geq 0, x_3 \leq 0\}$. We reach the standard format

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_n & y & 0_{1 \times (2n+p)} \end{bmatrix} \theta \\ \text{s.t. } & \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times n} & I_n & 0_{n \times 2n} & -X \\ 0_{n \times 2n} & I_n & I_n & 0_{n \times p} \end{bmatrix} \theta = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times 1} \\ \mathbf{1}_n \end{bmatrix} \\ & (u_i, 1, \phi_i + t_i) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ & (v_i, 1, t_i) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta = (t, \phi, u, v, \beta)$. However it seems that `Rmosek` accepts only the exact variables in the arguments of the exponential cones, which means we cannot have 1 and $\phi_i + t_i$ in the conic constraints as above. We need

to further introduce $\alpha = \mathbf{1}_{2n}$ and $\gamma = \phi + t$ to reach the final formulation with $\theta = (t, \phi, u, v, \beta, \alpha, \gamma)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_n & y & 0_{1 \times (2n+p)} \end{bmatrix} \theta \\
\text{s.t. } & \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times n} & I_n & 0_{n \times 2n} & -X & 0_{n \times (3n)} \\ 0_{n \times 2n} & I_n & I_n & 0_{n \times (p+3n)} & \\ I_n & I_n & 0_{n \times (4n+p)} & -I_n & \end{bmatrix} \theta \leq \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times 1} \\ \mathbf{1}_n \\ 0_{n \times 1} \end{bmatrix} \\
& (u_i, \alpha_i, \gamma_i) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\
& (v_j, \alpha_{n+j}, t_j) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \\
& \alpha = \mathbf{1}_{2n}
\end{aligned}$$