

Machine Learning

Section 3: From Logic to Probabilities

第3节：从逻辑到概率

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Today:

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- ▶ i.e. when is $A \wedge B$ true, when is it false?

这些字符串是什么意思？

即：A, B何时为真，何时为假？

Propositional logic (1) — syntax

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- 一个公式A是一个有限长度的符号串，沿着以下的归纳定义建立。
V中的所有符号都是公式

Definition 3.2 (formula)

A formula A is a finite-length string of symbols build along the following inductive definition:

- ▶ all symbols in \mathcal{V} are formulas
- ▶ if A and B are formulas then $\neg A, A \wedge B, A \vee B, A \rightarrow B$ and (A) are also formulas

\mathcal{F} 是所有公式的集合。 \mathcal{F} 是所有字符串的一个子集，

\mathcal{F} is the set of all formulas. \mathcal{F} is a subset of all strings, i.e. $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{A}^*$.

In the theory of formal grammars, \mathcal{F} is a context-free language, i.e. definition 2 is a context-free grammar (type II of Chomsky's hierarchy).

Propositional logic (2) — semantics

Definition 3.3 (boolean assignment)

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$$\omega : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

where 0 represents false and 1 represents true.

定义3.3（布尔赋值

一个布尔赋值 ω 给 \mathcal{V} 中的每个命题变量分配一个真值，即

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Definition 3.4 (entailment)

A boolean assignment ω induces a truth function $q : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ that maps all formulas onto truth values as follows:

- ▶ $q(X) := \omega(X)$ for propositional variables $X \in \mathcal{V}$
- ▶ $q(\neg A) := 1 - q(A)$ and $q(A \wedge B) := q(A)q(B)$ and $q((A)) = q(A)$
- ▶ $q(A \vee B) := q(\neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B))$ and $q(A \rightarrow B) := q(\neg A \vee B)$

If $q(A) = 1$ we say that ω entails A and write $\omega \models A$.

如果 $q(A)=1$ ，我们就说 ω 包含了 A ，并写成 $\omega \models A$ 。

From propositional logic to probabilities (1)

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从命题逻辑到概率 (1)

定义3.5 (样本空间)

所有布尔赋值的集合 Ω 被称为样本空间。注意，对于 n 个命题变量，它有 2^n 个元素。

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定义3.6 (概率质量函数)

概率质量函数 $f : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ 为每个布尔赋值分配了一个概率, 从而

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一个事件 $E \subseteq \Omega$ 是样本空间 Ω 的一个子集。每个公式 A 自然会诱导出一个事件 E_A 。

Definition 3.7 (event)

An event $E \subseteq \Omega$ is a subset of the sample space Ω . Each formula A naturally induces an event E_A :

$$E_A := \{\omega \in \Omega \text{ such that } \omega \models A\} \subseteq \Omega$$

Different formulas can induce the same event. Note that $\Omega = E_{A \vee \neg A}$.

From propositional logic to probabilities (2)

Definition 3.8 (probability)

The probability $p(E)$ of some event E is the probability mass of E , i.e.

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The probability $p(A)$ of some formula A is defined as the probability $p(E_A)$ of the induced event E_A , i.e.

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某个事件 E 的概率 $p(E)$ 是 E 的概率质量，即

某个公式 A 的概率 $p(A)$ 被定义为诱发事件 E_A 的概率 $p(E_A)$ ，也就是说。

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Definition 3.9 (joint probability)

The joint probability $p(A, B)$ of several formulas A and B is the probability of their conjunction, i.e. $p(A, B) := p(A \wedge B)$, similarly for more than two. The joint probability of several events is the probability of their intersection (remember events are subsets of Ω).

定义3.9 (联合概率)

几个公式 A 和 B 的联合概率 $p(A, B)$ 是它们结合的概率, 即 $p(A, B)=p(A \wedge B)$, 对于两个以上的公式也是如此。几个事件的联合概率是它们相交的概率 (记住事件是 Ω 的子集)。

From propositional logic to probabilities (3)

Theorem 3.10 (Kolmogorov's axioms and more)

1. $0 \leq p(A) \leq 1$
2. $p(\Omega) = 1$
3. $p(A \vee B) = p(A) + p(B)$ if $E_A \cap E_B = \emptyset$
4. $p(A \vee B) = p(A) + p(B) - p(A, B)$
5. $p(A) = p(A, B) + p(A, \neg B)$
6. $p(A) + p(\neg A) = 1$
7. $p(A \vee B) = p(\neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B))$, $p(A \rightarrow B) = p(\neg A \vee B)$

The first three are Kolmogorov's axioms which imply 4., 5., 6.

Proof of **3**:

$$p(A \vee B) = \sum_{\omega \in E_{A \vee B}} f(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in E_A} f(\omega) + \sum_{\omega \in E_B} f(\omega) = p(A) + p(B)$$

The second equality holds because of $E_A \cap E_B = \emptyset$.

From propositional logic to probabilities (4)

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对于某个概率不为零的公式或事件 B ，即 $p(B)>0$ ，条件概率 $p(A|B)$ 是联合概率 $p(A, B)$ 和 $p(B)$ 的比率，即
对于 $p(B)=0$ ，定义 $p(A|B)=1$ （这看起来像“ex falso quod libet”），怎么样？

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Theorem 3.12 (Kolmogorov's axioms, Bayes' rule and more)

- ▶ *For fixed B , the conditional probability $p(A|B)$ fulfills Kolmogorov's axioms.*
- ▶ *Bayes' theorem: $p(B|A) = p(A|B)p(B)/p(A)$*

Note that Bayes' theorem is often falsely called “Bayes' rule”. I also call it Bayes' rule ;).

From propositional logic to probabilities (5)

Lemma 3.13 (implication vs. conditional probability)

Are $p(A \rightarrow B)$ and $p(B|A)$ the same thing? Assume $p(A) > 0$, otherwise $p(B|A)$ is not defined.

1. $p(B|A) = \frac{p(A) - (1 - p(A \rightarrow B))}{p(A)}$
2. $p(A) = 1$ implies $p(B|A) = p(A \rightarrow B)$
3. $p(A \rightarrow B) \geq p(B|A) \geq p(B, A)$
4. $p(A \rightarrow B) \geq 1 - p(A)$
5. $p(A \rightarrow B) = 1$ if and only if $p(B|A) = 1$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} p(B|A) &= \frac{p(A, B)}{p(A)} = \frac{p(A) - p(A, \neg B)}{p(A)} = \frac{p(A) - (1 - p(\neg A \vee B))}{p(A)} \\ &= \frac{p(A) - (1 - p(A \rightarrow B))}{p(A)} \end{aligned}$$

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Events as inputs

- ▶ events E are subsets of Ω (the set of all events)
- ▶ $p(E)$ is the probability that event E happens

事件 E 是 Ω （所有事件的集合）的
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$p(E)$ 是事件 E 发生的概率

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公式A-B诱发了一个事件E_{A-B}

$p(A \vee B)$ 是公式A-B为真的概率（通过事件集定义）。

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We can use anything that is either true or false as input for p .

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Probability notation

- ▶ p is a function of events. Also a function of formulas, since they induce events.
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... with some variations:

$$p(A, B) = p(A|B) p(B) \quad \text{product rule}$$

$$p(B) = p(A, B) + p(\neg A, B) \quad \text{sum rule}$$

$$1 = p(A) + p(\neg A)$$

$$p(A, B) = p(B|A) p(A)$$

$$p(B|A) = p(A|B) p(B)/p(A) \quad \text{Bayes rule}$$

$$\vdots$$