Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (ENSIMAG) Intelligent Systems (MOSIG)

Some models for unsupervised and supervised learning

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Clustering	Dimensionality reduction	
K-means, the Apriori al- gorithm, Birch, Ward, Spectral Cluster	PCA, IC, word embedding	

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Supervised learning

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Which model? Which loss?

Classification

Let:

- X be an D-dimensional random variable,
- and Y binary (0/1) random variable.

X and Y are linked by some unknown *joint* distribution.

A predictor can be thought as a parametrized model $\mathcal{M}(\theta)$ of the conditional distribution Y|X.

The loss is usually chosen as the negative log-likelihood of the data:

$$-\sum_{i}\log p_{\theta}(Y=y_{i}|X=x_{i})$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\theta) = P(Y = 1|X, \theta)$$
$$P(Y = 1|X, \theta) + P(Y = 0|X, \theta) = 1$$

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[Source: Wikipedia]

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The probability to pass the exam can be modeled by

$$p(Y = 1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w \cdot x + b)}}$$

So we write

$$p(Y=1|x) = \sigma(w \cdot x + b)$$

where the function σ is the logistic sigmoid $\sigma: x \mapsto \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$



Exercice

Let f be the predictor $f_{w,b}(x) = p(Y = 1|x) = \sigma(w \cdot x + b)$. Consider the case where $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{D}}$ and interpret geometrically the role of parameters w and b.

To measure the goodness of a fit we use the likelihood function, given by the probability that the set is produced by a logistic function:

$$L = P(y_1, ..., y_N | x_1, ... x_N, w, b) = \prod_{i=1}^N P(y_i | x_i, w, b)$$
$$= \prod_{i:y_i=1}^N p_i \prod_{i:y_i=0}^N (1 - p_i)$$

We want to find $\theta = (w, b)$ such that $\mathcal{M}(\theta) = p$ maximizes L for the observed data.

Exercise

1. Let $f(x) = p(Y = 1|x) = \sigma(w \cdot x + b)$. Show that the *conditional* log-likelihood $LL = \log P(y_1, ..., y_N|x_1, ..., x_N, w, b)$ can be written as:

$$LL(w, b) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} [y_i \log f(x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - f(x_i))]$$

The name of the loss $\mathcal{L}(w, b; x) = -LL(w, b)$ is called the logistic loss, or binary cross-entropy.

2. Show that if $X|Y = i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma)$, then p(Y = 1|x) can be written as $\sigma(w \cdot x + b)$. Determine w and b. Hint: start by writing p(Y = 1|x) using the Bayes rule. The conditional negative log likelihood of the logistic regression is convex, having a unique minimum.



Can be optimized with gradient descent (first order)

Even speed up by a Newton-Raphson scheme (second order as we can compute the Hessian) \rightarrow leads to an algorithm [Rubin, 83] called *Iterative Reweighted Least Squares*.

Other linear methods exist:

- Perceptron (lectures about neural networks)
- Fisher's Linear Discriminant

Most of the time, points are not linearly separable (thus, cannot be learnt with logistic regression):



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The idea is to replace the terms x_i by a transformed version $\Phi(x_i)$ in a higher dimensional space (feature map chosen so that hopefully the data is more linearly separable), and learn a linear classifier there.

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Indeed, Φ can project to a high (possibly infinity) dimensional space, that make the parameters and the scalar product $\langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle$ costly/impossible to compute.



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Kernel trick

Instead of choosing a feature map, and computing the scalar product, we choose a *kernel* that computes from 2 low dimensional vectors their scalar product in high dimension **without explicitly** computing the feature map.

Formally, we have data $x_i,x_j\in\mathbb{R}^D$ and a map $\Phi:\mathbb{R}^D\to\mathbb{R}^E,$ then a kernel function is

$$k(\mathbf{x}_{i},\mathbf{x}_{j}) = \langle \Phi(\mathbf{x}_{i}), \Phi(\mathbf{x}_{j}) \rangle$$

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There are not established, general rules to know what kernel will work best for your particular data.

Solving kernel methods

The solution of the dual problem (formulation omitted for this unit)

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x_i}$$

The decision boundary for a new point is

$$\mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} + w_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} + w_0$$

The decision:

$$y = \operatorname{sign}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x_i^{\mathsf{T}}} \mathbf{x} + w_0\right]$$

Mapping to feature space we have the decision

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Due to the kernel, the prediction of the class of a point x cannot be written

$$\sigma(\langle w, \Phi(x) \rangle + b)$$

but it involves the computation of

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i k(x, x_i)$$

where N is the size of the training set...

SVMs to the rescue

SVM solves this.

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With a Support Vector set $SV \subset X$ we have

$$y = \operatorname{sign}\left[\sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i \langle \Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \rangle + w_0\right]$$





The blue line is a plane in higher dimensional space, projected in 2D.





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Even more



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Soft margins

- Allows for kernels (linear, polynomial, Gaussian, etc.) \rightarrow ideal for non-linearly separable data
- Can be tuned for "more robust inference" vs "more precise inference of boundary"
- Efficient when predicting: complexity proportional to number of support vectors.

Decision tree



- Can be used for classification or regression
- Simple algorithm: recursively decide on a variable to split that minimizes the expectation of a loss in the subsequent leaves (regression: variance, classification: entropy of the outcome)

Classification into two classes using entropy loss:

 $E = -P(class 1) \log(P(class 1)) - P(class 2)(\log P(class 2))$



High entropy if "data is mixed".

Example

In a dataset with 20 elements, 14 are class 1 and 6 are class 2, the entropy can be computed as:

$$E = -\frac{14}{20}\log(\frac{14}{20}) - \frac{6}{20}\log(\frac{6}{20}) = 0.880$$

Decision tree example

Information Gain (IG) is the decrease in entropy after the dataset is split:



 $IG = E - E_{split}$

Before split (5 blue, 5 green): $E = -0.5 \log(0.5) - 0.5 \log(0.5) = 1$.

After the split: $E_{left} = 0$, $E_{right} = -\frac{1}{6}\log(\frac{1}{6}) - \frac{5}{6}\log(\frac{5}{6}) = 0.65$

$$E_{split} = 0.4 \cdot E_{left} + 0.6 \cdot E_{right} = 0.39$$

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Possible way out: random forests.

Random forest

Simple idea:

- bootstrap the training set and learn a tree on each bootstrapped set
- for a prediction, run all decision tree and aggregate with a majority vote



For free, we get also uncertainty measure by looking at the variance of the predictions in each decision tree.