Logistic Regression

Chapter 5

Classification

- **Learn**: $f:X\rightarrow Y$
  - $X$ – features
  - $Y$ – target classes
Generative vs. Discriminative Models

Generative

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- Examples: Naive Bayes, HMM

Discriminative

Naive Bayes Review

- Features = \{I hate love this book\}
- Training
  - I hate this book
  - Love this book
- Prior $p(Y)$
- Testing
  - hate book
- Different conditions
  - $a = 0$ (no smoothing)
  - $a = 1$ (smoothing)

$$P(Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(X|Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(Y|X) \propto [1/2 \times 1/4 \times 1/4 \ 1/2 \times 0 \times 1/3] = [1 \ 0]$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(X|Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 7/9 & 2/9 & 1/9 & 2/9 & 2/9 \\ 1/8 & 1/8 & 2/8 & 2/8 & 2/8 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(Y|X) \propto [1/2 \times 2/9 \times 2/9 \ 1/2 \times 1/8 \times 2/8] = [0.613 \ 0.387]$$
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**Discriminative**

- Model $p(c|d)$ directly
- Class is a function of document vector
- Find the exact function that minimizes classification errors on the training data
- Learn boundaries between classes
- Example: Logistic regression

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**Linear boundary**

Slide from Drago Radev
Discriminative vs. Generative Classifiers

- Discriminative classifiers are generally more effective, since they directly optimize the classification accuracy. But
  - They are sensitive to the choice of features
    - Plus: easy to incorporate linguistic information
    - Minus: until neural networks, features extracted heuristically
  - Also, overfitting can happen if data is sparse
- Generative classifiers are the “opposite”
  - They directly model text, an unnecessarily harder problem than classification

Review

- Multiclass NB and Evaluation
- NB tailored to sentiment
- Generative vs discriminative classifiers
Assumptions of Discriminative Classifiers

• Data examples (documents) are represented as vectors of features (words, phrases, ngrams, etc)
• Looking for a function that maps each vector into a class.
• This function can be found by minimizing the errors on the training data (plus other various criteria)
• Different classifiers vary on what the function looks like, and how they find the function

Linear Separators

\[ f(x) = \Theta X + b \]
where
\( \Theta \) is a vector of weights: \( w_1,...,w_n \)
\( X \) is the input vector
\( b \) is a constant

Two dimensional space:
\[ w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 = b \]
In n-dimensional spaces:
\[ \Theta X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i = b \]
One can also add \( w_0, x_0 = b \) to account for bias
Pass output of \( f(x) \) to the sign function, mapping negative values to -1 and positive values to 1
How to find the weights?

- Logistic regression is one method
- Training using optimization
  - Select values for w
  - Compute f(x)
  - Compare f(x) output to gold labels and compute loss
    - Cross-Entropy (Section 5.3)
  - Adjust w

What does a logistic regression model look like?

- Given document instance x and sentiment label y
- We can propose various features that we think will tell us whether y is + or -:
  - f1(x): Is the word “excellent” used in x?
  - f2(x): How many adjectives are used in x?
  - f3(x): How many words in x are from the positive list in our sentiment lexicon?
  - ...
- We then need some way to combine these features to help us predict y
A Feature Representation of the Input

But where did the feature representation (and interactions) come from?

Classification Decision

But where did the weights and bias come from?
Motivating Logistic Regression, continued

• if \( f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \ldots + f_n(x) > \text{thresh} \): return + else return -
  - Problem: not all features are equally important

• if \( w_0 + w_1f_1(x) + \ldots + w_nf_n(x) > 0 \): return + else return -
  - Problem: not probabilistic

• Apply sigmoid function

Using a loss function

• Training data
  - \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \) (input)
  - \( y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n \) (labels)

• Algorithm that returns \( f(x) \) with predictions \( \hat{y} \)

• Loss function \( L(\hat{y}, y) \)

• Parameters of the learned function \( (\Theta, b) \) set to minimize \( L \)
Logistic Regression

• An example of a discriminative classifier
• Input:
  – Training example pairs of $(\mathbf{x}, y)$ where $\mathbf{x}$ is the feature vector and $y$ is the label
• Goal:
  – Build a model that predicts the probability of the label
• Output:
  – Set of weights $\mathbf{w}$ that maximizes likelihood of correct labels on training examples

Logistic Regression

• Similar to Naive Bayes (but discriminative!)
  – Features don’t have to be independent
• Examples of features
  – Anything of use
  – Linguistic and non-linguistic
  – Count of “good”
  – Count of “not good”
  – Sentence length
Classification using LR

- Compute the feature vector \( x \)
- Multiply with weight vector \( w \)
  \[
  z = \sum w_l x_l
  \]
- Compute the logistic sigmoid function
  \[
  f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}
  \]

Examples

- Example 1
  \[
  x = (2,1,1,1) \\
  w = (1,-1,-2,3) \\
  z = 2-1-2+3 = 2 \\
  f(z) = 1/(1+e^{-2})
  \]

- Example 2
  \[
  x = (2,1,0,1) \\
  w = (0,0,-3,0) \\
  z = 0 \\
  f(z) = 1/(1+e^{0}) = 1/2
  \]
Why Sigmoid?  
First, Linear Regression

- Regression used to fit a linear model to data where the dependent variable is continuous:

\[ Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \ldots + \beta_n X_n + \epsilon \]

- Given a set of points \((X_i, Y_i)\), we wish to find a linear function (or line in 2 dimensions) that “goes through” these points.

- In general, the points are not exactly aligned:
  - Find line that best fits the points

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Error

- Error:
  - Observed value - Predicted value

![Chart Title](chart.png)
Logistic Regression

- Regression used to fit a curve to data in which the dependent variable is binary, or dichotomous
- Example application: Medicine
  - We might want to predict response to treatment, where we might code survivors as 1 and those who don’t survive as 0

Example

Observations:
For each value of SurvRate, the number of dots is the number of patients with that value of NewOut

Regression:
Standard linear regression

Problem: extending the regression line a few units left or right along the X axis produces predicted probabilities that fall outside of [0,1]
A Better Solution

Regression Curve: Sigmoid function!
(bounded by asymptotes $y=0$ and $y=1$)

Logistic Regression

$P(y = C | x)$
Constructing a Learning Algorithm

- The conditional data likelihood is the probability of the observed Y values in the training data, conditioned on their corresponding X values. We choose parameters w that satisfy

\[ w = \arg \max_{w} \prod_{l} P(y_l' | x_l', w) \]

- where \( w = <w_0, w_1, \ldots, w_n> \) is the vector of parameters to be estimated, \( y_l' \) denotes the observed value of Y in the \( l \) th training example, and \( x_l' \) denotes the observed value of X in the \( l \) th training example.

Constructing a Learning Algorithm

- Equivalently, we can work with the log of the conditional likelihood:

\[ w = \arg \max_{w} \sum_{l} \ln P(y_l' | x_l', w) \]

- This conditional data log likelihood, which we will denote \( l(W) \) can be written as

\[ l(w) = \sum_{l} y_l' \ln P(y_l' = 1 | x_l', w) + (1 - y_l') \ln P(y_l' = 0 | x_l', w) \]

- Note here we are utilizing the fact that Y can take only values 0 or 1, so only one of the two terms in the expression will be non-zero for any given \( y_l' \)
Fitting LR by Gradient Descent

• Unfortunately, there is no closed form solution to maximizing \( l(w) \) with respect to \( w \). Therefore, one common approach is to use gradient descent
  – Beginning with initial weights of zero, we repeatedly update the weights
  – Details optional, see text, but should understand following concepts
    • Loss function
    • Gradient descent
      – Gradient, learning rate, mini-batch training
    • Regularization
      – Overfitting

Gradient Descent

Learning Rate:
• the magnitude of the amount to move is the slope (more generally, the gradient) weighted by the learning rate
• if too high, overshoot minimum
• if too low, take too long to learn
• common to begin high, then decrease
Some Practical Issues

- Feature representation
  - want all features to have similar value ranges
  - too many features? feature selection

- Efficiency
  - Stochastic Gradient Descent / Batching

- Over-fitting
  - Regularization

- Classifying more than two categories

Mini-batch training

- Stochastic gradient descent chooses a random example at a time

- To make movements less choppy, compute gradient over batches of training instances from training set of size m
  - If batch size is m, batch training
  - If batch size is 1, stochastic gradient descent
  - Otherwise, mini batch training (for efficiency)
Regularization

• Weight training can yield models that don’t generalize well to test data (i.e., that overfit to training data)
• To avoid overfitting, a regularization term (various options) is used to penalize large weights
  – L2 quadratic function of the weight values
  – L1 linear function of the weight values

Multinomial Logistic Regression

• More than two classes
• AKA softmax regression, maxent classifier
  – Instead of sigmoid, use “softmax function”
  – Instead of having just one set of weights and one set of features, different set of weights and feature vectors for each class label
  – Loss function changes too
Summary of Logistic Regression

- Learns the Conditional Probability Distribution $P(y|x)$
- Local Search.
  - Begins with initial weight vector.
  - Modifies it iteratively to maximize an objective function.
  - The objective function is the conditional log likelihood of the data – so the algorithm seeks the probability distribution $P(y|x)$ that is most likely given the data.

Two Phases

- Training
  - we train the system (specifically the weights $w$ and $b$), e.g., using stochastic gradient descent and the cross-entropy loss
- Test
  - Given a test example $x$ we compute $p(y \mid x)$ and return the higher probability label $y = 1$ or $y = 0$
Final Comments

- In general, NB and LR make different assumptions
  - NB: Features independent given class $\rightarrow$ assumption on $P(X|Y)$
  - LR: Functional form of $P(Y|X)$, no assumption on $P(X|Y)$
- LR is optimized
  - no closed-form solution
- LR is interpretable

Summary

- Logistic regression is a supervised machine learning classifier (discriminative)
- Use: LR extracts real-valued features from the input, multiplies each by a weight, sums them, and passes the sum through a sigmoid function to generate a probability. A threshold is used to make a decision
- Learning: The weights (vector $w$ and bias $b$) are learned from a labeled training set via a loss function that must be minimized, e.g., by using (iterative) gradient descent to find the optimal weights, and regularization to avoid overfitting