CS60010: Deep Learning Spring 2021

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Linear Models **Sudeshna Sarkar**

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- Class Test 1 on 19th Jan 2021 (Next Tuesday)
- Assignment 1 Uploaded (Due 22nd Jan Friday 12 pm)
- TA Session on 13th Jan 8 pm to 9 pm

ML Background and Linear Models

Based on Slides by Abir Das

Machine Learning Background


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V: space of "targets" or "labels"
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How the observations determine the targets?

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Data: Pairs \{(x^{(l)}, y^{(l)})\} with x^{(l)} \in \mathcal{X} and y^{(l)} \in \mathcal{Y}.
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Prediction: Given a new observation x , predict the corresponding y .

Prediction Problems

Prediction Functions

Assumption about the model $\widehat{P}(X, Y)$, namely that $y = f(x)$, i.e. *y* takes a single value given x.

Inputs often referred to as predictors and features;

Outputs are known as targets and labels.

- **1. Regression**: $y = f(x)$ is the predicted value of the output, and $y \in \mathcal{R}$ is a real value.
- **2. Classifier**: $y = f(x)$ is the predicted class of x, and $y \in \{1, ..., k\}$ is the class number.

Prediction Functions

Linear regression, $y = f(x)$ is a linear function. Examples:

- (Outside temperature, People inside classroom, target room temperature | Energy requirement)
- (Size, Number of Bedrooms, Number of Floors, Age of the Home | Price)

A set of N observations of y as $\left\{y^{(1)},...,y^{(m)}\right\}$ and the corresponding inputs $\left\{x^{(1)},...,x^{(m)}\right\}$

Regression

• The input and output variables are assumed to be related via a relation, known as hypothesis, $\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(x)$

 θ is the parameter vector.

• The goal is to predict the output variable $y = f(x)$ for an arbitrary value of the input variable x .

Loss Functions

Hypothesis: $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$

There may be no "true" target value y for an observation x There may also be noise or unmodeled effects in the dataset

So we try to predict a value that is "close to" the observed target values.

A **loss function** measures the difference between a target prediction and target data value.

e.g. squared loss $L_2(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$ where $\hat{y} = h_\theta(x)$ is the prediction,

Optimization objective: Find model parameters θ that will minimize the loss.

Linear Regression

Simplest case, $\hat{y} = h(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$

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The loss is the squared loss $L_2(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$

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Linear Regression

The total loss across all points is

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L = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\widehat{y^{(i)}} - y^{(i)})^2
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=
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\sum_{i=1}^{m} (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2
$$

$$
J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2
$$

We want the optimum values of θ_0 , θ_1 that will minimize the sum of squared errors. Two approaches:

- 1. Analytical solution via mean squared error
- 2. Iterative solution via MLE and gradient ascent

Linear Regression

Since the loss is differentiable, we set

$$
\frac{dL}{d\theta_0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dL}{d\theta_1} = 0
$$

We want the loss-minimizing values of θ , so we set

$$
\frac{dL}{d\theta_1} = 0 = 2\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x^{(i)})^2 + 2\theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)} y^{(i)}
$$

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\frac{dL}{d\theta_0} = 0 = 2\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^{N} x^{(i)} + 2\theta_0 N - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} y^{(i)}
$$

These being linear equations of θ, have a unique closed form solution

Univariate Linear Regression Closed Form Solution

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\theta_1 = \frac{m \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} x^{(i)} - (\sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)}) (\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)})}{m \sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)})^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)})^2}
$$

$$
\theta_0 = \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} - \theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)} \right)
$$

We found θ_0 , θ_1 which minimize the squared loss on data **we already have**. What we actually minimized was an averaged loss across a finite number of data points. This averaged loss is called **empirical risk.**

What we really want to do is predict the y values for points x we haven't seen yet.

i.e. minimize the expected loss on some new data:

 $E[(\hat{y}-y)^2]$

The expected loss is called **risk**.

Machine learning approximates risk-minimizing models with empirical-risk minimizing ones.

Risk Minimization

Generally minimizing empirical risk (loss on the data) instead of true risk works fine, but it can fail if:

- The **data sample is biased**. e.g. you cant build a (good) classifier with observations of only one class.
- There is **not enough data** to accurately estimate the parameters of the model. Depends on the complexity (number of parameters, variation in gradients, complexity of the loss function, generative vs. discriminative etc.).

 $x \in \mathcal{R}^d$

$$
y = h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_d x_d
$$

Define $x_0 = 1$

 $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \theta^T \mathbf{x}$

Cost Function:

$$
J(\mathbf{\Theta}) = J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_d) = \frac{1}{m} (\mathbf{\Theta}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mathbf{y}^{(i)})^2
$$

 $\ddot{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\theta}$

$$
J(\mathbf{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} (\mathbf{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 = \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2
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= \frac{1}{m} ||\hat{y} - y||_2^2 = \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y} - y)^T (\hat{y} - y)
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= \frac{1}{m} (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{y})^T (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{y})
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= \frac{1}{m} {\theta^T (X^T X) \theta - (\theta^T X^T y - y^T X \theta + y^T Y)}
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= \frac{1}{m} {\theta^T (X^T X) \theta - (X^T y)^T \theta - (X^T y)^T \theta + y^T Y}
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= \frac{1}{m} {\theta^T (X^T X) \theta - 2(X^T y)^T \theta + y^T Y}
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\nabla_{\theta} J(\mathbf{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} \{ 2\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - 2\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} + 0 \} = 0
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\nabla_{\theta} J(\mathbf{\theta}) = \frac{2}{m} \{ \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} \} = 0
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\mathbf{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y}
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• Equating the gradient of the cost function to 0,

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\mathbf{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}
$$

This gives a closed form solution, but another option is to use iterative solution

$$
\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right) x_j^{(i)}
$$

Iterative Gradient Descent

- Iterative Gradient Descent needs to perform many iterations and need to choose a stepsize parameter judiciously. But it works equally well even if the number of features (d) is large.
- For the least square solution, there is no need to choose the step size parameter or no need to iterate. But, evaluating $(X^T X)^{-1}$ can be slow if d is large.

Considers the following

- $y^{(i)}$ are generated from the $x^{(i)}$ following a underlying hyperplane.
- But we don't get to "see" the generated data. Instead we "see" a noisy version of the $y^{(\iota)}$'s.
- Maximum likelihood models this uncertainty in determining the data generating function.

Data assumed to be generated as

 $y^{(i)} = h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + \epsilon^{(i)}$

where $\epsilon^{(i)}$ is an additive noise following some probability distribution.

- Assume a parameterized probability distribution on the noise (e.g., Gaussian with 0 mean and covariance σ^2)
- Then find the parameters (both θ and σ^2) that is "most likely" to generate the data.

Loss Function Optimization Maximum Likelihood

Maximum Likelihood for Linear Regression

• Assume that the noise is Gaussian distributed with mean 0 and variance σ^2

$$
y^{(i)} = h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + \epsilon^{(i)} = \theta^T x^{(i)} + \epsilon^{(i)}
$$

- Noise $\epsilon^{(l)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
- \bullet Thus $y^{(\iota)} {\sim} \mathcal{N}\big(\theta^T x^{(\iota)}, \sigma^2\big)$

Maximum Likelihood for Linear Regression

$$
y^{(i)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\theta^T x^{(i)}, \sigma^2\right)
$$

Compute the likelihood.

$$
p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(y^{(i)}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2)
$$

=
$$
\prod_{i=1}^{m} (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})^2}
$$

=
$$
(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{m}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})^2}
$$

=
$$
(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{m}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})}
$$

$$
p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{m}{2}} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})
$$

• The log likelihood is

$$
l(\mathbf{\theta}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{m}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\theta})
$$

- Likelihood: $p(y|X; \theta, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{m}{2}}(y X\theta)^T(y X\theta)$
- The log likelihood: $l(\theta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{m}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)(y X\theta)^T(y X\theta)$
- Maximizing the likelihood w.r.t. θ means *maximizing* $-(y X\theta)^T(y X\theta)$ which in turn means *minimizing* $(y - X\theta)^T (y - X\theta)$
- Note the similarity with what we did earlier.
- Thus linear regression can be equivalently viewed as minimizing error sum of squares as well as maximum likelihood estimation under zero mean Gaussian noise assumption.

In a similar manner, the maximum likelihood estimate of σ^2 can also be calculated.

