CLASSIFICATION

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- Objective: predict the class of an item
- Methods for regression can be reused with some adaptations
  - Binary Classification is usually simple
  - Multiclass Classification might require more changes
- Evaluation is different

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MSE 0.06361520558572538 RMSE 0.2522205494913636 MAE 0.20506852857512292 R2 0.7455391776570985

• Weaknesses: Outliers



Weaknesses: Class imbalance



- More generally, inadapted objective:
  - The relation is not linear
  - We minimize a cost function (MSE) which is not meaningful:
    - Some predictions go *beyond* possible values (prediction less than 0 or more than 1 adding error



#### SIGMOID FUNCTION



# LOGISTIC REGRESSIONLogisitic (Sigmoid) function: $Sig(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$

Linear regression:  $\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_2 + \ldots + \beta_n x_n$ 

Logistic  
Regression:  
$$P(y = 1) = Sig(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)$$
$$P(y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n}}$$

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#### LOGISTIC REGRESSION

$$ln(\frac{P(y=1)}{1 - P(y=1)}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

Problem to solve similar to a linear regression. We minimize the error between true  $y \in \{0,1\}$  and estimated probability of being 1

#### LOGISTIC REGRESSION

/!\ log transform of the target variable => multiplicative relation between variables Interpretation as **odd ratios:** +1in  $x_i$  =>prediction multiplied by  $e^{\beta_i}$ 

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https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/logistic.html

## MULTICLASS LOGISTIC REGRESSION

- In many cases, we have more than 2 classes
  - e.g.: {house, apartment, office, industrial}. {cat,dog,horse,...}
  - Categories are unordered=> conversion to numeric would be <u>catastrophic</u>
- Simple solution (often used): one VS all
  - Train a logistic classifier on one class VS all other classes.
  - Pick the class with the largest confidence
    - e.g.: house: 20%. Apartment: 30%. Office: 70%. Industrial: 80%=>Industrial.
  - Rather a heuristic than principled method.
- Alternative approach: softmax regression

#### SOFTMAX

- Softmax is a generalization of Logistic/Sigmoid to Multiclass
  - Takes several outputs with arbitrary values  $\in (-\infty, +\infty)$
  - Convert into a set of (positive) probabilities summing to 1.

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} e^{z_j}}$$

- z: vector of real numbers
- Exponential convert <u>Real</u> into  $(0, +\infty)$
- Division by the sum normalizes (sum of values = I).

#### SOFTMAX

• Define the cost function to minimize as:

$$J(\theta) = -\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} 1\left\{y^{(i)} = k\right\} \log \frac{e^{f(x^{(i)})}}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} e^{f(x^{(i)})}}\right]$$

- I{x}=I if x:True, 0 if x:False
- Sum for each observation and each class of the error, defined as {0,1}-proba of the class
- =>No analytical solution, optimization, e.g., gradient descent

#### CLASSIFICATION WITH DECISION TREE

- Trees can be easily adapted to the classification task
  - It is even more natural than for regression
- The principle is to divide observations in term of class homogeneity
  - We want items in the same branch/leaf to belong to the same class

- Most common homogeneity/diversity/inequality/purity scores
  - $p_i$ : fraction of items of class i

Gini Coefficient: 
$$1 - \sum p_j^2$$

Entropy: 
$$-\sum_{j} p_{j} \cdot log_{2}p_{j}$$

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- Min: 0: 1 class only
- Max: 0.5: (2 classes), 0.66(3classes), 0.75 (4classes), 0.875(8classes)
- Interpretation:

- If we classify by taking an element at random, probability to be wrong.

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- Min: 0: 1 class only
- Max: I (2 classes), I.584(3 classes), 2 (4 classes), 3 (8 classes), etc.
- Interpretation: average # of bits required to encode the information of the class of each item

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CLASSIFICATION EVALUATION

### CLASSIFICATION: EVALUATION

		Actual	
		Positive	Negative
Predicted	Positive	True Positive	False Positive
	Negative	False Negative	True Negative

/!\ Positive=1, not 0. Results change according to which class Is 1.

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## CLASSIFICATION: EVALUATION

• Precision= $\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$ 

 Among those predicted as True, fraction of really True

$$. \text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- Among those really true, what fraction did we identity correctly
- Non-symmetric
  - Precision success != Precision failure.

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ACCURACY

• Accuracy: 
$$\frac{TP + TN}{P + N}$$

- Fraction of correct prediction, among all predictions
  - Simple to interpret, <u>symmetric</u>
- Main drawback: class imbalance
  - Test whole city, I 000 people, for Covid
    - 95% don't have covid, i.e., 50 people have covid, 950 don't have it
  - Our test (ML algorithm) is pretty good:TP: 45 FN: 5 TN: 900 FP: 50
    - Accuracy= (45+900)/1 000=0.945
  - Dumb classifier: Always answer: not covid
    - Accuracy: (0+950)/1 000 = 0.95

#### FI SCORE

# . FI score: $F_1 = 2 \frac{precision * recall}{precision + recall}$

- Harmonic mean between precision and recall
  - Harmonic mean more adapted for rates.
  - Gives more importance to the lower value
  - Not symmetric
- Scores for the covid predictor:
  - <u>Precision</u>=45/95=0.47
  - <u>Recall</u> = 45/50=0.9
  - ► FI=0.65
- Score for the naive predictor impossible to compute...
  - You need at least some TP !
  - Assuming I ''free''TP (Precision=I, Recall=I/50)

#### RANKING-BASED EVALUATION SCORES

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- Most classification methods assign a probability, or score, to their prediction.
- If our objective is not really to answer a yes/no question, but rather to find some positives, we can use ranking-based approaches
  - Typical example: recommendation. Will user X buy product Z?
    - We are not really interested in having a correct classification (impossible problem), but of <u>ranking</u> correctly items.

#### PRECISION@K

- If we know that we will do exactly k recommendations, compute the precision among the k highest scores: <u>Precision@k</u>
  - Typically, search engine-like evaluation
- If we don't know the exact k-value, but we know we care more about the first ones: <u>Average Precision@k</u>
  - Compute the precision for each value of k, weighted by the gain in recall  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (R_i R_{i-1})P_i$ 
    - It can also be understood as the <u>area under the Precision/Recall Curve</u>

Decreasing Classifier Confidence

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- Interpretation:
  - I: all class | ranked first
- Pros:
  - No need to arbitrarily decide k
- Cons:
  - Results still depend on the fraction of real positive in the test set:
    - The more positive, the easier it is to have a good score
    - Imagine 90% of class I : random order => value of 0.9
    - If 10% of class 1, random order => value of 0.1

#### AUC - AUROC

- AUC: Area Under the Curve. Short name for AUROC (Area under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve)
- Similar idea than AP, but analyzing the relationship between

True positives rate (recall): 
$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} = Recall$$
  
- Among all really positives, those we labelled correctly  
False positives rate :  $FPR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN}$ 

- Among all really negatives, fraction we mislabelled.

#### AUC

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#### AUC

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Decreasing Classifier Confidence

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#### Top5

TP=3 FP=2

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AUC

45

#### AUC - AUROC

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#### AUC - AUROC

- Probabilistic interpretation:
  - If we pick a random positive example and a random negative example, probability that the positive one has a higher score
- Pros:
  - Independent on the fraction of positive examples, i.e., an unbalanced test set can be used
    - If at random we got 30% of all positives, we have also 30% of all negatives
- Cons:
  - Often high values, (>0.95), thus small (relative) improvements

#### KNN K nearest neighbors

#### K-NN

- Extremely simple approach, yet very powerfull in certain cases
- Principle: to classify (or regress) a new observation, we search for the closest one(s) in the training set, and assign the same class/value average.
  - K is obviously a parameter

K-NN

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https://helloacm.com/a-short-introduction-to-k-nearest-neighbors-algorithm/

#### Dataset (2D, 3 classes)

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I-NN

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5-NN

#### K-NN

- Strength
  - Extremely efficient with large training set and good covering of the feature space
    - Shown to outperforms more advanced methods in many applications
  - Few parameters, simple to understand
  - No training time (possible precomputation)
- Weaknesses
  - Finding neighbors is done at evaluation time, which can be a problem with large datasets
    - Solutions: K-D tree, Ball tree... but keep dataset in memory. Hashing...
  - Curse of dimensionality=>dimensionality reduction first.
  - Choice of a proper distance

- As KNN, a simple yet powerful approach for classification
- Imagine you want to classify fruits/vegatables
  - You have features: color, height, sweetness, weight...
  - Make the <u>naive</u> assumptions that variables are uncorrelated
  - You want to know if product X,{red, I0cm,sweet,200g} is of class:Tomato.
     Compute independently:
    - If a product is a tomato, probability to be red?=> among tomatoes, fraction of red
    - If a product is a tomato, probability to be 10cm?=> among tomatoes, fraction of 10cm

- ...

Combine all independent predictions as a product of probabilities.

General case: 
$$\hat{y} = \underset{k \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(C_k) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i \mid C_k).$$

- *K* are possible classes to predict
- $p(C_k)$  probability to observe class k
- $p(x_i | C_k)$ : Probability to have property x if we have class k

- Why Bayes?
  - Solution comes from Bayes theorem
- We want to find:  $p(C_k \mid \mathbf{x})$ 
  - **x**: vector of observed features for an item

Bayes theorem: 
$$p(C_k | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C_k) p(\mathbf{x} | C_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$
  
, posterior =  $\frac{\text{prior} \times \text{likelihood}}{\text{evidence}}$ 

$$p(x_1, ..., x_n | C_k) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | C_k)$$

$$\ln p(C_k \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C_k) p(\mathbf{x} \mid C_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

• p(x) is a constant and can be ignored

Thus => 
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- How to compute  $p(x_i | C_k)$  with continuous features?
- Make an assumption about the variable distribution
  - Typically, normal distribution.

$$p(x = v \mid C_k) = p(x = v \mid N(\mu_k, \sigma_k^2)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}} e^{-\frac{(v - \mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}}$$

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#### MLADVANCED

### ML: OLD-STYLEVS NEW GENERATION

#### • Old style machine learning:

- I)Define a set of intuitive rules to solve a problem
  - Not necessarily with mathematical justification (e.g., decision tree, KNN, DBSCAN...)
- Vell defined mathematical objective without realistic assumption
  - Linear regression...
- More recent trend:
  - Design methods with 1)clearly defined objectives and 2)good properties:
    - Expressive enough to go beyond underfit and allow non-linearity
    - Integrate protections agains overfit

#### MACHINE LEARNING: GENERAL FORMALIZATION

#### MACHINE LEARNING

i=1

- Start by defining the objective:
- Loss functions

. . .

$$MSE, L2 \text{ loss} : L(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$MAE, L1 \text{ loss} L(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$$

$$K\text{-means loss} : L(S, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_j} (\mathbf{x} - m_j)^2$$

$$Softmax \text{ logistic Regression Loss} : L(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} y_j \log(\hat{y}_j)$$

#### MACHINE LEARNING

- Once we have define our loss function, the ML task to solve can simply be expressed as minimizing it over some parameters:
  - E.g., for Linear Regression: Detailed way:  $\underset{\beta_0,\beta_1,...,\beta_n}{\operatorname{reg}} \sum_{i}^{n} (y^i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1^{(i)} + \beta_2 x_2^{(i)} + ... + \beta_n x_n^{(i)}))^2$ Simplified way:  $\underset{\beta}{\operatorname{reg}} \underset{i}{\operatorname{reg}} \sum_{i}^{n} (y^i - f(\beta, x))^2$ Generic way:  $\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{reg}} \underset{i}{\operatorname{reg}} \underset{i}{\operatorname{reg}} L_2(f(\theta, x))$