

Lecture 5: Wednesday January 19

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0.1 Learning Algorithms

1. $sign(w \bullet x)$
2. $sign(\sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i \sigma(w_i \bullet x))$
 Non-parametric models: $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f_i(x)$ where $f_i \in H$
 Given $(x_i, y_i) \dots (x_n, y_n)$, find $\min_{f \in H_n} (\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2)$ where $H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f_i = \sigma(w \bullet x)$ are linear combinations.
3. Kernel Based Methods

Example 0.1 Support Vector Machines, Least Squares Regularizaion

Definition 0.2 A Kernel K is defined as $K : (x \times x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Definition 0.3 K is (a) **symmetric** if $\forall_{x,y} K(x,y) = K(y,x)$ and (b) **positive semidefnite** if $\forall_{z_1, \dots, z_n \in X} K_{i,j} = K(z_i, z_j)$.

Definition 0.4 A **positive semidefnite matrix** is a Hermitian matrix all of whose eigenvalues are nonnegative.

Example 0.5 Examples of kernels:

$$(a) K(x, y) = e^{-\frac{\|x - y\|}{\sigma^2}}$$

Exercise 0.6 Check that it is positive-semidefnite.

$$(b) K(x, y) = x^T \bullet y$$

$$(c) K(x, y) = (x \bullet y)^d \exists_d$$

$$H = \{K(x, \bullet)\} \text{ where } K(x, \bullet) : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (0.1)$$

$$H = \{K_x | x \in x\} \text{ where } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K_{x_i} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\min_{f \in H_n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2 = \min_{f \in H_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j K(x_j, x_i) \right)^2 \quad (0.3)$$

Consider $y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Consider a vector $K\hat{\alpha}$ with n numbers where i^{th} element is $f(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n K(x_j, x_i)$.

$$\begin{aligned} J(\alpha) &= \min_{\alpha} \|y - K\alpha\|^2 \\ &= \min_{\alpha} (y - K\alpha)^T (y - K\alpha) \\ &= y^T y - 2\alpha^T K^T y + \alpha^T K^T K \alpha \end{aligned} \quad (0.4)$$

is minimized when $\frac{\delta}{\delta \alpha} = 0$.

Example 0.7 $-2K^T y = 2K^T K \alpha = 0$

Definition 0.8 If K is positive definite, K is *invertible*. So, $\alpha = K^{-1}y$, and $K\alpha = y$ is interpreted data.

0.2 Another Algorithm

Find α to fit data as closely as possible:

$$\min_{\alpha} \|y - K\alpha\|^2 \quad (0.5)$$

$$\min_{\alpha} \|y - K\alpha\|^2 + \gamma \|K\alpha\|^2 \quad (0.6)$$

where $\min_{\alpha} \|y - K\alpha\|^2$ is the fit to data, and $\gamma \|K\alpha\|^2$ controls complexity.

By using this method, the error of training data goes to 0. This framework is the most successful today, and $H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(x_i, \bullet)$ is called **Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS)**.

0.3 Decision Trees

The goal is to learn a function $f : x \rightarrow y$ where $y = \{-1, 1\}$. We are given a set $Q = \{\text{questions}\}$ of yes / no questions. Formally, each $q \in Q$ is $q : x \rightarrow y$. The data are labeled examples denoted as (x_i, y_i) . For building a decision tree, we want a good q , one that divides all the data into two classes: $y_i = +1$ and $y_i = -1$.

0.3.1 Purity of the Dataset

Given $D = \{(x_i, y_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$, $n_1 =$ number of data such that $y_i = +1$, $N - n_1 =$ number of data such that $y_i = -1$.

Definition 0.9 If $n_1 = 1$ or $n_1 = 0$ we have a **pure data set**, $n_1 = 1/2$ we have an **impure data set**.

Given a g, D , measure purity:

$$D_1 = \{(x_i, y_i) | q(x_i) = +1\} \quad (0.7)$$

$$D_2 = \{(x_i, y_i) | q(x_i) = -1\} \quad (0.8)$$

Corollary 0.10 The following hold: $D_1 \cap D_2 = \emptyset$ and $D_1 \cup D_2 = D$.

Definition 0.11 Then we have $g(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{|D_1|}{|D|}I(D_1) + \frac{|D_2|}{|D|}I(D_2)$.

where I is the **impurity function**.

Example 0.12 A possible impurity function:

$$p(1 - p) \quad (0.9)$$

Example 0.13 Another possible impurity function, the **entropy** of p :

$$H(p) = p \log \frac{1}{p} + (1 - p) \log \frac{1}{1 - p} \quad (0.10)$$

Proposition 0.14 $\min_{q \in Q} g(D, q)$ finds the best question.

Example 0.15 Common decision tree for real-valued data.

$$x = \mathbb{R}^k \quad (0.11)$$

$$(x_i, y_i) \text{ where } i = 1, \dots, n \quad (0.12)$$

$$Q = \{\text{look at a coordinate and threshold}\} \quad (0.13)$$

Pick $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $q(x, i, t, +) = +1 \Leftrightarrow x(i) > t$ and $q(x, i, t, -) = -1 \Leftrightarrow x(i) > t$.

Exercise 0.16 Convince yourself that an impure dataset always has a query that gives a nontrivial split.