

MATH 567: Mathematical Techniques in Data  
Science  
Lab 4

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# Exercise 1

- 1 Use the command `read.table(file, header = FALSE, sep = " ")` to load the zip codes training and test sets (available on Sakai). Create 4 variables: `train.y`, `train.x`, `test.y`, `test.x`. Note: convert `train.y`, `test.y` to “factors” using the `factor` command.
- 2 Use the `knn` command to predict the labels on the test set using the training set with  $k = 5$  neighbors. Compute the prediction error.
- 3 Install the `caret` and `e1071` packages.
- 4 Use cross-validation to choose a `knn` parameter:

```
library(caret)

ctrl <- trainControl(method="repeatedcv", number=10,
                     repeats = 1)

fitKnn = train(train.x, train.y, method="knn",
              trControl = ctrl,
              tuneGrid=expand.grid(.k=1:10),
              metric="Accuracy")
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- 5 Compute the prediction error of the “best” `knn` model.

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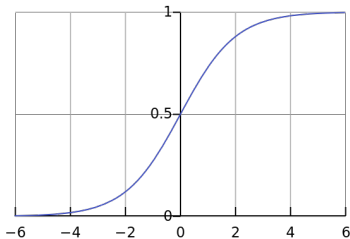
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Equivalently,

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{e^{x^T\beta}}{1 + e^{x^T\beta}}$$

$$P(Y = 0|X = x) = 1 - P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{x^T\beta}}$$

The function  $f(x) = e^x/(1 + e^x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$  is called the *logistic function*.



$\log \frac{P(Y=1|X=x)}{P(Y=0|X=x)}$  is the *log-odds ratio*.

- Larger positive values of  $x^T\beta \Rightarrow p \approx 1$ .
- Larger negative values of  $x^T\beta \Rightarrow p \approx 0$ .

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More generally, one can use a *generalized linear model* (GLM). A GLM consists of:

- A probability distribution for  $Y|X = x$  from the exponential family.
- A linear predictor  $\eta = x^T \beta$ .
- A *link function*  $g$  such that  $g(E(Y|X = x)) = \eta$ .

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Taking the logarithm, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} l(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log p(x_i, \beta) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p(x_i, \beta)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i (x_i^T \beta - \log(1 + e^{x_i^T \beta})) - (1 - y_i) \log(1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i x_i^T \beta - \log(1 + e^{x_i^T \beta})]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the derivative:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} l(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_i x_{ij} - x_{ij} \frac{e^{x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}} \right].$$

Needs to be solved using numerical methods (e.g. Newton-Raphson).

Logistic regression often performs well in applications.

As before, penalties can be added to regularize the problem or induce sparsity. For example,

$$\min_{\beta} -l(\beta) + \alpha \|\beta\|_1$$

$$\min_{\beta} -l(\beta) + \alpha \|\beta\|_2.$$

## Logistic regression with more than 2 classes

- Suppose now the response can take any of  $\{1, \dots, K\}$  values.
- Can still use logistic regression.
- We use the categorical distribution instead of the Bernoulli distribution.
- $P(Y = i|X = x) = p_i$ ,  $0 \leq p_i \leq 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^K p_i = 1$ .
- Each category has its own set of coefficients:

$$P(Y = i|X = x) = \frac{e^{x^T \beta^{(i)}}}{\sum_{i=1}^K e^{x^T \beta^{(i)}}.$$

- Estimation can be done using maximum likelihood as for the binary case.



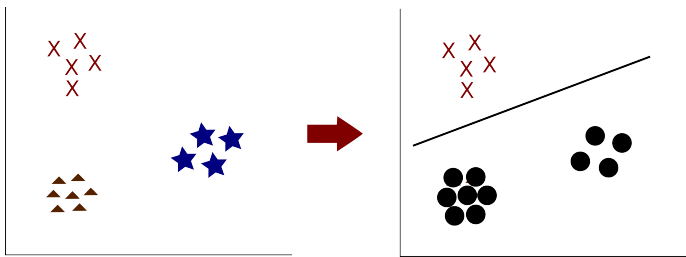
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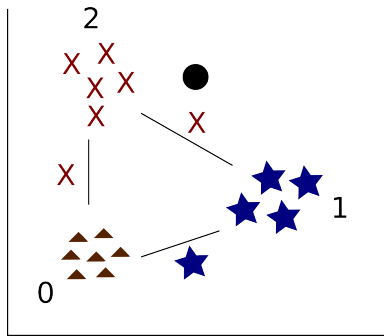
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