GEO5017 Machine Learning for the Built Environment



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Lecture Classification

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Today's Agenda



- Previous Lecture: Supervised Learning
- Bayes Classification
 - Probability Basics
 - Bayes Classifier
- Linear Classification
 - Standard Linear Classifier
 - Logistic Classifier

Learning Objective



- Bayes Classification
 - Reproduce the Bayes rule
 - Apply Bayes classifier to solve a binary classification problem
 - Understand the concept of Bayes error
- Linear Classifiers
 - Explain the principles of standard linear classifier and logistic regression
 - Reproduce the objective function of logistic regression
 - Analyze the pros and cons of the two linear classifiers

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Supervised Learning





Image source: https://www.wordstream.com/blog/ws/2017/07/28/machine-learning-applications

Supervised Learning



• An example: weather forecasting





Supervised Learning



• An example: image analysis





• Given a set of input data represented as feature vectors:

$$\boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_p)^T$$

 Classification aims to specify which category/class y some input data x belong to



$$\boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_p)^T$$

- P indicates the feature space dimension:
 - 1D feature space:





• An example of point cloud semantic classification



 $x = (x, y, z, r, g, b, intensity ...)^T$ y: High vegetation Low vegetation Building Road Grass land



- Two classification approaches:
 - Generative approach: model the probability distribution of feature x and label y
 - Bayes classifier
 - Gaussian mixture model
 - **Discriminant functions**: model a function that directly map from feature x to label y
 - Linear classifier (Logistic regression, SVM)
 - Non-linear classifier (Decision tree, Neural networks)

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Bayes Classification



• A simple scenario: A tree or a building?



Image source 1: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree#/media/File:Ash_Tree_-_geograph.org.uk_-_590710.jpg Image source 2: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilder_Building#/media/File:WilderBuildingSummerSolstice.jpg

Bayes Classification



- A simple scenario:
 - Buildings have planar surfaces
 - Trees have noisy, near round surfaces

• The machine detected that the input object has planar surfaces. What the object do you guess to be?



Bayes Classification



- It's very likely to be a building
- But how do machines interpretate the word "likely"?

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• Product rule:

P(X,Y) = P(X) P(Y|X)

• Bayes rule:

P(Y) P(X|Y) = P(X) P(Y|X)

$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(Y) P(X|Y)}{P(X)}$$



• Given feature *x* and label *y*

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(y) P(\mathbf{x}|y)}{P(\mathbf{x})}$$

- $P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$: class conditional probability
- P(y) : class prior probability
- P(y|x) : class posterior probability





$$P(y = b) = P(y = t) = 0.5$$







 Assume we have the class conditional probabilities as follows

$$P(x = planar | y = b) = 0.8$$

$$P(x = round | y = b) = 0.2$$

$$P(x = planar | y = t) = 0.25$$

$$P(x = round | y = t) = 0.75$$





• building:

$$P(y = b | x = planar) =$$

• tree:

$$P(y = t | x = planar) =$$



• building: $P(y = b | x = planar) = \frac{P(y = b) P(x = planar | y = b)}{P(x = planar)}$ $= \frac{0.5 * 0.8}{P(x = planar)}$

• tree:

$$P(y = t | x = planar) = \frac{P(y = t) P(x = planar | y = t)}{P(x = planar)}$$
$$= \frac{0.5 * 0.25}{P(x = planar)}$$



• Prior:

$$P(y=b) = P(y=t)$$

• Posterior:

$$P(y = t | x = planar) \ll P(y = b | x = planar)$$

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Bayes Classifier

• Step 1: estimate the class conditional probabilities

• Step 2: multiply with class priors

• Step 3: compute the class posterior probabilities





Bayes Classifier



• Step 4: find the classification boundary



Bayes Classifier



• The Bayes rule provides an approach of describing the uncertainty quantitatively, allowing for the optimal prediction given the observations present

Bayes serves as the foundation for the modern machine learning



• All models are wrong but some are useful...So where can the error happen?



- Where is the error?
 - All trees have spherical surfaces
 - All buildings have cube-shapes
 - All rabbits have long ears
 - All sheeps are black
 - •









• So where can the error happen?







• It's the minimum attainable error using any kinds of existing models (SVM, RF, Neural networks)

• It doesn't depend on the ML model that you apply, but only on the data distribution

 We cannot obtain it as we don't have true distributions of real world

Minimizing the Risk

- Healthy or ill?
 - Assigning "ill" to a healthy person will cause panic to the patient
 - Assigning "healthy" to an ill person has more severe outcome





Minimizing the Risk



- Assume: $y_1 = healthy$, $y_2 = ill$, λ_{ij} is the cost of assign "j" label to class i
- Classifying with risk we have:
 - Assign \mathbf{x} to y_1 if

 $\lambda_{21} p(\boldsymbol{x} | y_2) P(y_2) < \lambda_{12} p(\boldsymbol{x} | y_1) P(y_1)$

• Assign **x** to y_2 otherwise



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• Review Linear Regression:







- Review Linear Regression:
 - Model?
 - Solution?
 - How do you find the solution?



• Review Linear Regression:

$$y_i = \boldsymbol{w}^T \boldsymbol{x_i} + b$$

- Solution can be found by gradient descent searching
- A close form solution:

$$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$



• Link the output y to some classification codes

$$y = w^T x + b$$

- y = const determines a decision boundary
- A decision boundary is a (D-1) dimension hyperplane of D dimension input feature space

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• By fitting a linear line of $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_n, y_n)$ s.t.

$$y_i = \begin{cases} +1, if the class is positive \\ -1, if the class is negative \end{cases}$$

• We obtain the linear decision boundary of the input space



• Solution can also be given by least squares



• Minimizing square errors can be sensitive to data distribution



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• Also known as logistic regression, although it is a model for classification rather than regression.....

• Trick: link the probabilities to something linear

$$\log\left(\frac{P(y|\boldsymbol{x})}{1 - P(y|\boldsymbol{x})}\right) = \boldsymbol{w}^{T}\boldsymbol{x} + b$$



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• What is P(y|x) ?



$$P(y|\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{e^{-(\boldsymbol{w}^T\boldsymbol{x}+\boldsymbol{b})}+1}$$

• Can be rewritten as:

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b)$$
$$\sigma(f) = \frac{1}{e^{-f} + 1}$$





• Overall objective function: to maximize

$$P(\boldsymbol{y}|\boldsymbol{x}) = P(y_1|\boldsymbol{x_1})P(y_2|\boldsymbol{x_2}) \dots P(y_n|\boldsymbol{x_n})$$

• Which equals to maximizing:

$$logP(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} logP(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i)$$



$$P(y_i | x_i) = \frac{1}{e^{-f(x_i)} + 1}$$

• If
$$y_i$$
=-1,

$$P(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i) = 1 - \frac{1}{e^{-f(\mathbf{x}_i)} + 1} = \frac{1}{e^{f(\mathbf{x}_i)} + 1}$$



$$logP(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} log \frac{1}{e^{-y_i f(x_i)} + 1} = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} log(e^{-y_i f(x_i)} + 1)$$

• Therefore, the problem transfers to minimizing

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} log(e^{-y_i f(x_i)} + 1)$$



 $\sum_{i=1} \log(e^{-y_i f(x_i)} + 1)$

- Robust to outliers
- Can be solved by gradient descent
- No close form solution
- Solution depends on the initialization

Conclusions



- Many classification or regression problems can be specified as:
 - Find a suitable model / hypothesis
 - Define a loss function (i.e., least squares, maximum likelihood ...)
 - Feed the data samples into the model and find the model parameters that lead to the least loss