

Regression / Classification

Data comes in the form

$$(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$$

Ex.



$Y_1 = \text{"cat"}$



$Y_2 = \text{"dog"}$

\vdots

\vdots

Ex. $X_i =$ age, GPA, exam scores, gender, class list, etc.

$Y_i \in \{ \text{"interview"}, \text{"reject"} \}$

Ex. $X_i = \{ \text{home team record, salaries, etc.}, \text{away team record, salaries, etc.} \}$

$Y_i = \text{point margin}$

We will view (X, Y) as an iid sample from some distribution $F_{X, Y}$

We would like $y = r(x)$, but this is not possible, because same input might result in different outputs.

Instead, we might try to compute sth like

$$r(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y | X=x] \quad (\text{regression function})$$

Note

Even if we had a perfect algorithm to compute $r(x)$, our regression function will reflect biases in the data

- Ex. - Biases in hiring (names)
- Biases in allocating resources
- Etc.

Solving the math problem \neq solving real world problem...

How do we find an approximate regression function?

Let $\hat{r}_\beta(x)$ be a function dependent on parameters β

Ex. $\hat{r}_\beta(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\hat{r}_\beta(x) = \sigma(wx + b)$ $\beta = (w, b)$

we want to find parameters β which minimize

$$R(\beta) = \mathbb{E}[L(\hat{r}_\beta(X), Y)]$$

where $L(\hat{y}, y)$ is a "loss function"

Ex. $L(\hat{r}_\beta(x), y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \hat{r}_\beta(x) \neq y \\ 0 & \hat{r}_\beta(x) = y \end{cases}$

$$L(\hat{r}_\beta(x), y) = |\hat{r}_\beta(x) - y|^2$$

We can't compute this expectation bc.

we don't know $F_{X,Y}$

But, given data $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ we

can compute empirical risk

$$R_n(\beta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(\hat{r}_\beta(X_i), Y_i)$$

Linear regression

$$\hat{r}_\beta(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x \quad L(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$

Minimize $R_n(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i - Y_i)^2$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)(Y_i - \bar{Y}_n)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y}_n + \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}_n$$