

Multivariate Linear Regression

MLAI Lecture 5

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Outline

Multivariate Linear Regression

Multi-dimensional Inputs

- Multivariate functions involve more than one input.
- Height might be a function of weight and gender.
- There could be other contributory factors.
- Place these factors in a feature vector \mathbf{x}_i .
- Linear function is now defined as

$$y(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^q w_j x_{i,j} + c$$

Vector Notation

- Write in vector notation,

$$y(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + c$$

- Can absorb c into \mathbf{w} by assuming extra input x_0 which is always 1.

$$y(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i$$

Log Likelihood for Multivariate Regression

- The likelihood of a single data point is

$$p(t_i | \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(t_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

- Leading to a log likelihood for the data set of

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

- And a corresponding error function of

$$E(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

Expand the Brackets

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) &= \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{w} + \text{const.} \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{w}^\top \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i t_i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \mathbf{w}^\top \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \right] \mathbf{w} + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Multivariate Derivatives

- We will need some multivariate calculus.
- For now some simple multivariate differentiation:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w}}{d\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{a}$$

and

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}}{d\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T) \mathbf{w}$$

or if \mathbf{A} is symmetric (*i.e.* $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}}{d\mathbf{w}} = 2\mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}.$$

Differentiate

Differentiating with respect to the vector \mathbf{w} we obtain

$$\frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w}, \beta)}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i t_i - \beta \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \right] \mathbf{w}$$

Leading to

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \right]^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i t_i,$$

Rewrite in matrix notation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top = \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i t_i = \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}$$

Update Equations

- Update for \mathbf{w}^* .

$$\mathbf{w}^* = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}$$

- The equation for σ^{2*} may also be found

$$\sigma^{2*} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \mathbf{w}^{*\top} \mathbf{x}_i)^2}{N}.$$

Reading

- Section 1.3 of Rogers and Girolami.

References I

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