

Lecture 3 - surrogate losses

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today: energy based methods & surrogate losses
multiclass

energy based methods: [LeCun & al. 2006]

model: $h_w(x) = \arg \min_{y \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} E(x, y; w)$ "energy fct."

$= \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} S(x, y; w)$ "score / compatibility"



ingredients:

modeling

1) what is $E(x, y; w)$?

e.g. $S(x, y; w) = \langle w, \phi(x, y) \rangle$

or $E(x, y; w)$ out of a NN with x & y as input



2) how do you compute $\arg \min_{y \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} E(x, y; w)$? $\rightarrow$ "decoding" / "inference"

learning

3) how to evaluate $E(x, y; w)$ on a training set? $\rightarrow$ surrogate loss $\hat{J}(w)$

in general: $\hat{J}(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; E(\cdot, \cdot; w))$
"loss functional"

4) how to minimize $\hat{J}(w)$ to learn $\hat{w}$? $\rightarrow$ optimization tricks

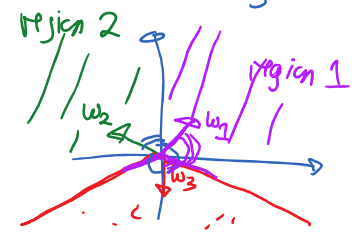
flat multiclass case

"flat" (ie. non structural) setting $h_w(y) = \arg \max_y \langle w_y, \phi(x) \rangle$

equivalent to $\phi(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \phi(x) \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \cdot k}$ $\leftarrow y^{\text{th}} \text{ position}$ $\uparrow$ # of classes
 $\langle w, \phi(x, y) \rangle = \langle w_y, \phi(x) \rangle$

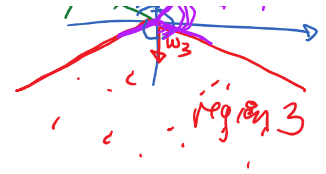
$\in \mathbb{R}^d$

visually: $\|w_y\| = 1$



$$\langle w, \phi(x, y) \rangle = \langle w_y, \phi(x) \rangle$$

contrast this flat case
with
structured case:



eg. OCR node feature map $\langle w, \phi(x, y) \rangle = \sum_p \langle w, \phi^{(node)}(x_p, y_p) \rangle$
 $\sum_{y_p} \mathbb{I}\{y_p, y\} \langle w_{y_p}, \phi(x) \rangle$

→ two "sharing" of parameters
between pieces of the joint label
→ "structure"

aside: in structured prediction, usually absorb "bias" in parameters $\tilde{\phi}(x)$
 standard binary classification $\text{sgn}(\langle w, x \rangle + b)$ $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \tilde{\phi}(x) \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right.$

$$\langle \tilde{w}, \tilde{\phi}(x) \rangle = \langle w, \phi(x) \rangle + b$$

$$\tilde{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

open question: regularizing or not the bias
does it matter in struct. pred.?

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surrogate losses

$$\hat{J}(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; w) + R(w)$$

I). perception loss [Collins & al. 2002 EMNLP]

$$\ell^{\text{perp.}}(x, y; w) = \left[\max_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} s(x, \tilde{y}, w) - s(x, y, w) \right]_+ \quad \begin{matrix} \text{score of ground truth} \\ \text{not needed if assume } y \in \mathcal{Y}(x) \end{matrix}$$

$$s(x, y; w) = \langle w, \phi(x, y) \rangle$$

$$\max_{\tilde{y}} \langle w, \underbrace{\phi(x, \tilde{y}) - \phi(x, y)}_{-a_f(\tilde{y})} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{by using } \tilde{y} = y \end{matrix}$$

observations: 1) degenerate solution to $\hat{J}(w)$ with $\underline{w=0}$ or constant score over y

2) averaged perception obj:

- amounts to running constant step-size stochastic subgradient method on $\hat{J}(w)$
- output $\hat{w}_T = \frac{1}{T+1} \sum_{t=0}^T w_t$ (Polyak avg.)

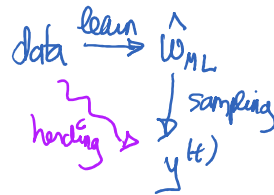
does not converge in general



→ will converge to $w^* = 0$
when data is not separable

Comments 1) Collins paper → he gives error bound
 and generalization error
 guarantees for perceptron

2) (aside) connection with the "harding" alg. by Welling & d.
 "3rd way to learn" [ICML 2012]



II) log-loss (CRF) (probabilistic interpretation)

suppose $p(y|x;w) \propto \exp(\beta s(x,y;w))$
 ↑
 "inverse temperature"
 parameter

Boltzmann dist.

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T_{temp}}$$

MCL → log-loss

$$\mathcal{J}(x, y; w) = -\log p(y|x; w) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log \left(\frac{\exp(\beta s(x, y; w))}{\sum_{\tilde{y}} \exp(\beta s(x, \tilde{y}; w))} \right)$$

partition function

$$= \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left(\sum_{\tilde{y}} \exp(\beta s(x, \tilde{y}; w)) \right) - \frac{1}{\beta} s(x, y; w)$$

"log-sum-exp" → "soft max." why?

$$\text{let } \hat{y} = \arg \max_{\tilde{y}} s(x, \tilde{y}; w)$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \log \left(\exp(\beta s(x, \hat{y}; w)) \left[\sum_{\tilde{y}} \exp(\beta (s(x, \tilde{y}; w) - s(x, \hat{y}; w))) \right] \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta} \beta s(x, \hat{y}; w) + \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left(\sum_{\tilde{y}} \exp(\beta (s(x, \tilde{y}; w) - s(x, \hat{y}; w))) \right) \leq |\mathcal{Y}|$$

as $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e. zero temp. limit) $\frac{1}{\beta} \log \left(\sum_{\tilde{y}} \exp(\beta s(x, \tilde{y}; w)) \right) \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\tilde{y}} s(x, \tilde{y}; w)$

Note:
 in deep learning book,
 they call "soft-max"

$$\left(\frac{\exp(s(y))}{\sum_{\tilde{y}} \exp(s(\tilde{y}))} \right)_{y \in \mathcal{Y}}$$

I call this "soft-max" thus $\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \log\text{-loss}(p) \rightarrow \text{perceptron loss}$

III) structured hinge loss

$$\hat{f}(x, y; w) = \max_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} [s(x, \tilde{y}; w) + l(y, \tilde{y})] - s(x, y; w)$$

↳ loss-augmented decoding

a) carban. $\Rightarrow l(y, y_{\text{next}}) = \begin{cases} s(y) \\ s(y_{\text{next}}) \\ \vdots \end{cases} \Rightarrow \hat{f}^{\text{svm}}(x, y; w) = 0$

b) $\hat{f}^{\text{svm}}(x, y; w) \geq l(y, h_w(x))$

why? $\hat{f}(x, y; w) = \max_{\tilde{y}} [s(\tilde{y}) + l(y, \tilde{y})] - s(y)$
 $\Rightarrow s(\hat{y}) + l(y, \hat{y}) - s(y)$ let $\hat{y} = \underset{\tilde{y}}{\text{argmax}} s(\tilde{y}) = h_w(x)$
 if $y \in \mathcal{Y}(x) \Rightarrow s(\hat{y}) \geq s(y)$
 $\Rightarrow l(\hat{y}) = l(y, h_w(x))$ //

binary case: for structured hinge loss $\rightarrow$ see notes from last year

$$y \in \{-1, +1\} \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} w_+ \\ w_- \end{pmatrix} \quad \varphi(x, +1) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h_w(x) = \underset{y}{\text{argmax}} \{ \langle w_+, \varphi(x) \rangle, \langle w_-, \varphi(x) \rangle \}$$

$$\text{predict } +1 \text{ if } \langle w_+, \varphi(x) \rangle \geq \langle w_-, \varphi(x) \rangle$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle w_+ - w_-, \varphi(x) \rangle \geq 0$$

(see notes to show)

$$\hat{f}^{\text{svm}}(x, y; w) = [1 - y \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle]_+$$

$$\tilde{w} \triangleq w_+ - w_-$$

$$h_w(x) = \text{sgn}(\langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle)$$

(recopied from last year:)

structured hinge loss

$$\tilde{w} = w_+ - w_- \quad h_w(x) = \text{sgn}(\langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle)$$

$$f_{\text{SUM}}(x, y; w) = \max \left\{ \langle w_+, x \rangle + \underbrace{\ell(y, +)}_{\mathbb{1}\{y \neq +1\}}, \langle w_-, x \rangle + \underbrace{\ell(y, -)}_{1 - \mathbb{1}\{y \neq +1\}} \right\} - \langle w_y, x \rangle$$

$w_+ = \tilde{w} + w_-$

$$= \max \left\{ \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle + \langle w_-, x \rangle + \mathbb{1}\{y \neq +1\}, \langle w_-, x \rangle + 1 - \mathbb{1}\{y \neq +1\} \right\} - \langle w_y, x \rangle$$

$$= \max \left\{ \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle + 1, 1 - 1 \right\} + \langle w_-, x \rangle - \langle w_y, x \rangle$$

(for $y = +1$): $\max \{ \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle, 1 \} - \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle = [1 - \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle]_+$

(for $y = -1$): $\max \{ \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle + 1, 0 \} + 0 = [1 - \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle]_+$

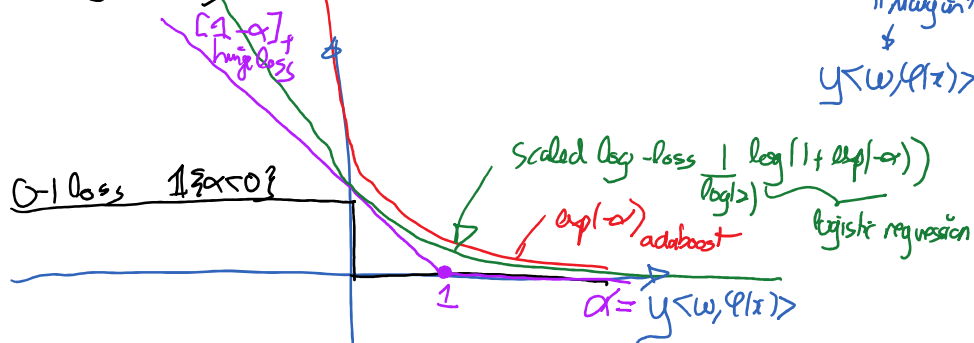
overall: $[1 - y \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle]_+$

$$f_{\text{SUM}}(x, y; w) = [1 - y \langle \tilde{w}, x \rangle]_+$$

where $\tilde{w} = w_+ - w_-$

i.e. structured hinge loss
reduces to binary SVM hinge loss
when using $\ell(y, y') = \mathbb{1}\{y \neq y'\}$
and $y = \{-1, +1\}$

Binary surrogate losses



[Bartlett & al. 2006] $\rightarrow$ showed all these methods are consistent