

Inf2b Learning and Data

Lecture 16: Review

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Today's Schedule

- 1 Topic revision
- 2 Maths formulae to memorise
- 3 Methods/derivations to understand
- 4 Exam technique

Topics dealt within the course

- Distance and similarity measures (collaborative filtering)
- Clustering (K-means clustering)
- Classification
 - *K*-NN classification
 - Naive Bayes
 - Gaussian classifiers (maximum-likelihood estimation, discriminant functions)
 - Neural networks (Perceptron error correction algorithm, sum-of-squares error cost function, gradient descent, error back propagation)
- Statistical pattern recognition theories
 - Bayes theorem, and Bayes decision rule
 - Probability distributions and parameter estimation
 - Bernoulli distribution / Multinomial distribution
 - Gaussian distribution
 - Discriminant functions
 - Decision boundaries/regions
 - Evaluation measures and methods

Maths formulae to memorise

- Euclidean distance:

$$r_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^D (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

cf. $\text{sim}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{1+r_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}$ as a similarity measure

- Pearson correlation coefficient:

$$\rho(x, y) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(x_n - \mu_x)}{\sigma_x} \frac{(y_n - \mu_y)}{\sigma_y}$$

- Bayes Theorem

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

$$P(C_k|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|C_k)P(C_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|C_k)P(C_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{x}|C_k)P(C_k)}$$

Maths formulae to memorise (cont.)

- Bayes decision rule (cf. MAP decision rule)

$$k^* = \arg \max_k P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_k P(\mathbf{x} | C_k) P(C_k)$$

- Naive Bayes for document classification

(vocabulary: $V = \{w_1, \dots, w_{|V|}\}$, test document: $D = (o_1, \dots, o_L)$)

- Likelihood by Bernoulli document model

$$P(\mathbf{b} | C_k) = \prod_{t=1}^{|V|} [b_t P(w_t | C_k) + (1 - b_t)(1 - P(w_t | C_k))]$$

- Likelihood by Multinomial document model

$$p(\mathbf{x} | C_k) \propto \prod_{t=1}^{|V|} P(w_t | C_k)^{x_t} = \prod_{i=1}^L P(o_i | C_k)$$

Maths formulae to memorise (cont.)

- Univariate Gaussian pdf:

$$p(x | \mu, \sigma^2) = N(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

- Multivariate Gaussian pdf:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

Parameter estimation from samples:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n, \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^T$$

NB: N in case of MLE

- Correlation coefficient:

$$\rho(x_i, x_j) = \rho_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj}}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (\sigma_{ij})$$

- Logistic sigmoid function:

$$y = g(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$

$$g'(a) = g(a)(1 - g(a))$$

- Softmax activation function (for multiple output nodes):

$$y_k = \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_{\ell=1}^K \exp(a_\ell)}$$

- and basic maths rules (e.g. differentiation)

Methods/derivations to understand (non exhaustive)

- Clustering and classification
- Discriminant functions of Gaussian Bayes classifiers
- Learning as an optimisation problem
 - Maximum likelihood estimation
 - Gradient descent and back propagation algorithm (neural networks) for minimising the sum-of-squares error

NB: Learning is a difficult problem by nature — generalisation from a limited amount of training samples.

→ need to assume some structures (constraints):

- Naive Bayes
- Diagonal covariance matrix rather than a full covariance for each class, shared covariance matrix among classes, regularisation.

Machine learning as optimisation problems

- Euclidean-distance based classification

$$k^* = \arg \min_k \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_{C_k}\|$$

- K-means clustering

$$\min_{\{z_{kn}\}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N z_{kn} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{m}_k\|^2$$

- Bayes decision rule

$$k^* = \arg \max_k P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_k P(\mathbf{x} | C_k) P(C_k)$$

- Maximum likelihood parameter estimation

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathcal{D})$$

- Least squares error training of neural networks

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \|\mathbf{y}_n - \mathbf{t}_n\|^2$$

Exam revision

Look at lecture notes, slides, tutorials, and past papers.

Early exam papers: many (useful) multiple choice Qs

- No longer the exam format
- Syllabus has changed slightly

Recent exam papers since 2008/09

- Solutions are available only for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14 (no plans to release those of missing years)
- NB: error in the solution for 5 (c) of 2008/09: square root is not taken in computing standard deviations.

Don't overfit!

Anything that appears in the notes, slides, or tutorial sheets is examinable, unless marked non-examinable, extra topics, or (†)

Don't trust unofficial solutions

- There will be an [Inf2b Revision Meeting](#) in April before the exam
 - Date: TBC
 - Send me questions/requests that you want me to discuss at the meeting.

Time in the exam

- Half an hour per question (minus time to pick questions)
- Don't panic!
- Go for easy marks first
- Don't spend a long time on any small part
- Know the standard stuff:
 - there's not time to work everything out from scratch

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