Linear Classifiers

Linear Regression of 0/1 Response



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Classification vs. Regression

- Classification: for the example $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ predict the label y (e.g., face recognition)
- Regression: for the example $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ predict a real number y (e.g., house price prediction

Classification with two classes

- If there are only two classes, transform, e.g., orange => 1 blue => 0 to turn the classification problem into a regression problem
- Find the best

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta^T x$$

• Predict:

$$\begin{cases} 1, h_{\theta}(x) > .5 \\ 0, otherwise \end{cases}$$

Linear Regression of 0/1 Response



What is the equation of the decision boundary?

Decision boundary shapes



$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2)$$

Predict y = 1 if $-3 + x_1 + x_2 \ge 0$

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$$\begin{aligned} h_{\theta}(x) &= g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \\ &+ \theta_3 x_1^2 + \theta_4 x_2^2) \\ \mathbf{x}_1 \end{aligned}$$

 Predict $y = 1$ if $-1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 0$

What is the equation for a good decision boundary?



Multiclass Classification

Email foldering/tagging : Work, Friends, Family, Hobby y = 1 y = 2 y = 3 y = 4

Features: x_1 : 1 if "extension" is in the email, 0 otherwise x_2 : 1 if "dog" is in the email, 0 otherwise

Medical diagrams: Not ill, Cold, Flu

...

 $y = 1 \quad y = 2 \quad y = 3$

Features: temperature, cough presence, ...





Output the i such that $h_{\theta}^{i}(x)$ is the largest (Idea: a large $h_{\theta}^{i}(x)$ means that the classifier is "sure")