Machine Learning Cartoons

Notes from Andrew Ng Coursera Stanford Machine Learning course





Illustrated by Patrick Tran Q: What is machine learning?



OLDER INFORMAL DEFINITION

The field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed - Arthur Samuel

Example:

Computer **explicitly** programmed to recognize a bear



while plugged_in: pixel = image[360][368] if pixel["color"] === "#8B4513" #brown return "brown bear" else return "a different color bear"

Q: What is machine learning?

NEWER MORE MODERN DEFINITION

A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance P – IF ––– its performance at tasks T as measure by P improves with experience E - Tom Mitchell

Example: Computer program **learning** In plain English: More experience leads to higher performance at tasks

> way to learn from experience

experience experience

Experience

Example:

Computer Program playing checkers



- E (experience): playing many games of checkers (or data of games)
- T (tasks) : task of playing checkers
- p (performance): probability of winning

Example: Computer Program driving vehicles



- E (experience): driving many roads (real and simulated)
- T (tasks) : task of driving safely from A to B
- p (performance): number of accidents

This course covers supervised and unsupervised learning



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supervised learning

linear regression

predict results in a continuous space

classification

predicts results in a discrete space

prediction

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Example 1 given: house data predicts: house price

Example 2 given: photo of a person predicts: age of person

(Q)Age: 43.287





Example 1 given: email data predicts: spam or not spam

Example 2 given: photo of tumor predicts: malignant or benign

> discrete decision boundary SPAM NOT

SPAM

QQ ART IN LIFE PP

In an episode of HBO's Silicon Valley, the characters create an app called "Not Hot Dog" that detects whether an image is or isnt a hotdog.

The software engineers behind the show also created this app in real life using a total of 150,000 images to train their model to identify all types of hot dogs





This is a great example of logistic regression! Inputs are image pixels Output are the two discrete classes: 1. Hot dog 2. Not hot dog









what is "training set"?

data can be used for training our model...



training set & feature set & training data & training dataset & feature set & feature data & features

😻 data we decide to use for training is "training data"

from slides

this set of data, our "dataset" can be referred to as our "training set"

each individual data attribute of the data can be referred to as a "feature" (number of bedrooms and sq. feet are features of the data)

so sometimes the training dataset is also the feature dataset, feature data or simply our "features"



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Remember, our data can have one, two, three or even hundreds or thousands of inputs!

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Note: hypothesis functions dont need to be simple functions

Depending on our domain knowledge about the data and the problem, we can create complex hypothesis functions

Example: two inputs with a special relationship

$$\mathsf{Me} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 X_1 + \theta_2 X_1 X_2 + \theta_3 X_2$$

Example: two inputs and higher order relationships

 $h\theta = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \chi_1 + \theta_2 \chi^2 + \theta_3 \chi^3$

"whichever function we use will depend on our knowledge about the data"



PROTIP: we can try different functions to see which one fits the best



A: We evaluate a hypothesis function with a "cost function". Remember, in supervised learning our data includes the correct outputs we can use hypothesis funciton outputs. There are different cost functions but the most common one is "Average Squared Difference"*



Note: this function amplifies larger errors since an error of 1 is 1^2=1 while a diff of 5 is 5^2=25!



Gradient Descent Algorithm

(one input example)

This is the condensed version with two thetas: one input theta and one bias theta



week 2





Hypothesis Function Multi-variate + Vectorized



\Gradient Descent *↓*

Gradient Descent works similar going from one feature to multiple features

In essence, for a single feature, perform a simultaneously update for θ in order to minimize cost. Here, we only looked at θ₀ and θ₁



For multiple features, we are expanding to θ_2 , θ_3 , all the way up to θ_1

repeat until convergence

$$\theta_{0} := \theta_{0} - \alpha \lim_{t \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \\
\theta_{1} := \theta_{1} - \alpha \lim_{t \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

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we can more generally represent 0, ... n as j and create this concise function

more generally

$$\theta_{j:=} \theta_{j} - \alpha_{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_{j}^{(i)}$$

Feature Scaling

Gradient Descent in Practice |

 What: make sure our features are on a similar scale
 Why: our goal is to make gradient descent run much faster as θ will "descend" quickly on smaller ranges and slowly on long ranges



Two tricks are:

🕦 feature scaling 😰 🛛 mean normalization

Feature scaling involves dividing our \mathbf{O} feature value by its range in an attempt to shrink its range to

 $-1 \leq X \leq 1$

Note: every researcher has their own rule of thumb for this range. Ng suggests -3 <= x <=3 and $-1/3 \le x \cdot 1/3$ are also appropriate ranges

Mean normalization is an additional option that replaces the feature value with feature value minus the mean so the new mean is roughly 0



Video: Gradient Descent in Practice II

Debugging: How do you know gradient descent is working correctly?

Sometimes GD <u>never</u> converges Sometimes GD has a <u>slow</u> convergence

Method I: plot of the cost function $J(\theta)$ to its number of iterations



This means each iteration is making our $J(\theta)$ cost larger. This could mean that in our convex curve...



the learning rate alpha is causing our us to overshoot the minimum and actually increasing $J(\theta)$

what if our graph looked like this?



Solution: Use a smaller learning rate alpha

Learning Rate (α)

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- for sufficiently small α, J(θ) should decrease on every iteration
- <u>BUT</u> if **α** is too small, gradient descent can be slow to converge

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 if alpha is too large, J(θ) may not decrease on every iteration AND it may never converge

To choose an alpha try different values:

..., 0.001, 0.003, 0.01, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3, 1, ... $\sim \times 3$ $\times 3$ $\times 3$ $\times 3$ $\times 3$

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 $size^3 = [-1,000,000,000]$

Parting words:

 * This may be bewildering! Which features do I use? which equation for the hypothesis function? Later in the course we talk about algorithms that will choose features.
 For now just know that you can choose different features and equations when your data calls for it Lecture: Normal Equation

we have been using gradient descent so far, alternatively we can use the "normal equation" to solve for theta analytically.



Note: this lecture does not prove why the normal eq works, just how to use it and when to use it





NORMAL EQUATION IN OCTAVE:

When should we use either?

	Gradient Descent	Normal Equation
Advantage	 Works well even when n is large 	 No need to choose learning rate α No need to iterate
Disadvantage	 Need to choose learning rate α Needs many iterations 	 Need to compute (X^TX)⁻¹ Slow if n is very large

Normal Equation and Non-invertibility

Q: What if $X^T X$ is non-invertible?

A: This should happen very rarely... But this may be possible because

 Redundant features
 Example: you have one feature size (in feet) and another feature size (in meters)
 Solution: delete one of these features

2 Too many featuressolution: delete features

week 3

Logistic Regression (Classification)

Classification (binary) Examples:

Email: spam, not spam Online transaction, fraud?: Yes, no Tumor: malignant, benign Photo: hot dog, not hot dog

More concisely, O or 1 Given features X, ho $(x) = \{1, 0\}$



Note:{1,0} is binary and can be interpreted as {Yes, No}, {SPAM, NOT SPAM}, {X, O} {HOT DOG, NOT HOT DOG}



Intuition: This was our linear regression hypothesis function

 $h\theta(x)=\theta^T X$

However for **logistic regression** h $\theta(x)$ should only return {0,1} so we use a "sigmoid" function (g) otherwise known as a "logistic" function to take $\theta^T x$ and fit it to an "S" curve



Logistic Regression Hypothesis Function

$$h\theta(x) = g(\theta^T x)$$

 $g(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$

one liner: $h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^{T} x}}$

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In logistic regression we can think of $h\theta(x)$ as the probability that y = 1so if $h\theta(x) = 0.7$ then there is a probability of 70% that y=1



More about probability algebra

There is a 100% probability that y = 1 or y = 0Therefore:

$$P(y=1) + P(y=0)=1$$

P(DO) + P(DO NOT) = | P(SPAM) + P(NOT SPAM) = | P() + P(NOT SPAM) = | P() + P(NOT) = | P() + P((NOT)) = | P() + P((NOT)) = |

Note: once you know P(y=1) or P(y=0) you can derive the other through algebra!



Q: How does $h\theta(x)$ represent a decision boundary?

Say we have...

this hypothesis function and this data



Linear regression $J\Theta = \frac{m}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{t}{2} \left(h\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}\right)^2$



Can we reuse the <u>linear</u> regression cost function as the <u>logistic</u> regression cost function?

A١ Q:

No

Why not?

First lets look at our linear regression cost function:



Since we have a higher order (non-linear) hypothesis function

 $\left(\log(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}} \right)$

IF we plugged it into this function our cost graph will be **<u>non-convex</u>**

NON CONVEX

This shape means many local optima; gradient descent will struggle to find the best option

CONVEX

Our goal is to get this pretty looking convex shape that gradient descent can help with
\mathbf{Q} : what should the shape of our cost function be?



Logistic Regression Cost Function

$$\mathsf{TLPR} \Rightarrow \\ \mathsf{cost}(\mathsf{h}\theta(\mathsf{x}), \mathsf{y}) = \begin{cases} -\mathsf{log}(\mathsf{h}\theta(\mathsf{x})) & \text{if } \mathsf{y}=1 \\ -\mathsf{log}(\mathsf{1}-\mathsf{h}\theta(\mathsf{x})) & \text{if } \mathsf{y}=0 \end{cases}$$



A TALE OF TWO HYPOTHESIS PREDICTIONS





Visualizing the cost graph

Logistic Regression Cost Function



Converting our cost function to one line for $J(\theta)$

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$$logistic Regression cost Function$$

$$logistic Regression cost Function for the function$$

We use this in J0 to measure average cost $J\theta = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} COST(h\theta(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$ $J\theta = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[y^{(i)} \log h\theta(x^{(i)}) + (1-y^{(i)}) \log(1-h\theta(x^{(i)})) \right]$



If the gradient step were a boat...





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If gradient descent were a group of gradient step boat...

Lecture: Advanced optimization

🖈 gradient descent alternatives

- 1. conjugate descent
- 2. BFGS
- 3. L-BFGS

* the details of these three are outside the scope of this course

Advantages

- no need to manually pick
 a learning rate (α) (these algo's will choose α for you)
- often faster than gradient descent

Disadvantages

- more complex

Recommendation:

Do not write these algos yourself you can use these algo's without fully understanding the implementation



We now have 3 classifiers and for predictions, we run all 3 classifiers and pick the highest score

Overfitting & Underfitting

Your model may be improperly fit to the data

(i) Underfitting:





- Q: What is over fitting?
- A: If we have too many features, the learned hypothesis may fit the training data <u>so well</u> that it fails to "generalize" to new example inputs



Addressing Overfitting

Its easy to plot data with only a couple features but we will encounter data with many features

Xi	size of house
X2	color of house
X3	# of bedrooms
: X100	cardinal direction of 2nd bedrooms 3rd window

Options

- () Reduce number of features
 - manually remove features
 - 🕞 choose a feature selection algo
- Regularization

Q: What is regularization?

The idea behind regularization is that having smaller values for our θ parameters creates a "simpler" hypothesis, smoother functions and is less prone to overfitting

Suppose we want to penalize and make θ values really small. We do this in our cost function by adding an additional term that magnifies the affect to θ



week 4



Neural Networks

Intuition

This week we learn about neural networks. We already have linear regression and logistic regression, so why do we need another learning algorithm?

There are situations we want to learn **complex nonlinear hypothesis**. Consider you have this data.



When you have only two features we can afford to add all these terms... **but** often you have many more than two features and this becomes computationally expensive so we need a better learning algorithm



How do we solve this?

If we used logistic regression, we would add non-linear terms that are complex enough to fit interesting datasets. Quadratic such as x1*x2 x1*x3 etc... Or cubic such as x1*x2*x3, x1*x2^2

However, that is a lot of features which leads to

- overfitting,
- computationally expensive

Complex non-linear hypothesis are hard to learn when n is large





) WAIT...

Q: Where does the nonlinearity come from? A: At each node, $\theta^T X$ is the linear combination of theta (weights) and x (inputs).

We call $\theta^T X$, "z"

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{0} \\ \theta_{1} \\ \theta_{2} \\ \theta_{3} \end{bmatrix} \times = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_{0} \\ \chi_{1} \\ \chi_{2} \\ \chi_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{0} & \theta_{1} & \theta_{2} & \theta_{3} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \chi_{0} \\ \chi_{1} \\ \chi_{2} \\ \chi_{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

The difference is that we put z through an "activation function" which is a nonlinear function "g"

In this course, g will be the sigmoid function.



LINEAR COMBO

$$h\theta(X) = g(z)$$
 sigmoid function $\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$

$$0 \longrightarrow h_{\theta}(x) \quad so \quad h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^{T} x}}$$

*In fact, without the network, this should look similar to logistic regression



A neural network is a collection of these neuron calculations.



vlaye layer 2 layer 3 layer 4

<u>Terminology</u> The first layer is called the input layer The last layer is the output layer All layers in between are "hidden" layers

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Note: Theta is now stored in a matrix L....

In the single neuron example (like in logistic regression), output to a single node means theta is a 1D vector. In the network,, each layer can output to 1+ nodes for the next layer so theta is a matrix of paramters (or "weights")





In matrix θ , each row will be the theta weights for a single neuron to multiply



Notice That these values determine what row in the theta matrix is used to calculate this neuron

Q: What are the dimensions of theta of a single layer?

A: If a network has

- k units in layer j and
- y units in layer j+1,
- then $\Theta(j)$ has dimensions (y * k+1).
- Where 1 is added to k to adjust for the bias term



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Model Representation 2

Q: How do we **calculate** the layers efficiently? A: Computers are extremely fast at vectorized and matrix multiplication so we solved with vector math.

"Forward Propagation": Vectorized Implementation



 $h_{\theta}(x) = q \left(\theta_{10} a_{0}^{(2)} + \theta_{11} a_{1}^{(2)} \theta_{12}^{(2)} a_{2}^{(2)} + \theta_{13}^{(2)} a_{3}^{(2)} \right)$



otherwise known as" layer 1'' or "activation layer 1" Say we have input vector x Our first goal is to find activation layer 2. Here we represent these vectors in shorthand a^(z)= $z_1^{(2)}$ $z_2^{(2)}$ $\alpha_2^{(z)}$ Solution: calculate the linear combination and take the sigmoid $\|$ Matrix $= \Theta^{(1)} = \Theta^{(1)} X$ X θω vector $a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$ vector sigmoid vectr 1/ this process (X) "feeds forward" 11

into all further

layers

> ho(x)

The input layer can also be called a⁽¹⁾ or activation layer 1

H

vector









NN's allow us to model complex relationships that cannot be easily modeled as linear combinations

Imagine how difficult it would be for a *linear function* to represent **XOR** (exclusive OR) or **XNOR** (inverse of XOR)



Q: How can we build XNOR?



Say we used parameters: -30,+20,+20















Multiple classes can be represented by one dimensional vectors where all values are 0 except for a single 1 value to represent the class





Neural Network Cost Function

Just like linear & logistic regression, we need a cost function, the derivative of which will allow us to fit parameters that will minimize cost



Introducing backpropagation and why

Through the feed forward mechanism our NN creates an output prediction layer



We have a cost function to evaluate our predictions.

Backpropagation: we calculate partial derivatives so we can nudge our theta (parameters/weights) by tiny amounts to minimize our cost " $J(\theta)$ "



*we dont create the proof of this partial derivative in the lectures

Backpropation Algorithm

Through the feed forward mechanism our NN creates an output prediction layer



This output can be directly compared to the actual label values from the training set. The output layer **error terms** are straightforward



("delta") to <u>propagate back</u> error terms to the other layers?

Calculating delta for layers

output layer delta = output layer - y labels

$$S(k) = Q(k) - \lambda$$

hidden layer delta is a function of θ , delta of the next layer and derivative of sigmoid(z) and values

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^{(n)} &= \left(\theta^{(n)}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} \xi^{(n+1)} \cdot * g'(z^{(n)}) \\ \text{where } g'(z^{(n)}) &= a^{(n)} \cdot * (1 - a^{(n)}) \end{aligned}$$

fully expanded:

multiple example

$$\delta^{(n)} = (\theta^{(n)})^{\mathsf{T}} \delta^{(n+1)} \cdot \ast (a^{(n)} \cdot \ast (1 - a^{(n)}))$$

 $\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_{i}(n)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{A_{i}(t)(n)}{A_{i}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (t)(n+1) \\ \theta_{i}(n) \end{array} \right\}$

* note: for simplicity we leave out the regularization term

These delta values are used in partial derivative to determine changes in theta "parameters"





"If this is difficult, you are not alone"

"I've actually used back propagation pretty successfully for many years and even today I still don't, sometimes, feel like I have a very good sense of just what it's doing or sort of intuition about what back propagation is doing"

- Andrew Ng