

ML 540 Tutorial

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Outline

- Linear Programming
 - Some example
- MAP estimation with different distributions
- Fun with ML

Linear Programming

- Linear programming has two main components:
 - Linear Objective function
 - Linear constraints could include both equalities and inequalities

let $a_{ji}, c_i, x_i, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $x^T = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ $i \in [1..n]$
 $j \in [1..m]$

objective function: $\min_x \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i$

s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_i \leq b_j \quad \forall j \in [1..m]$

$x_i \geq 0$

- In matrix form

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $x, c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

then

$$\min c^T x$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax \leq b$$

$$x \geq 0$$

← This is extra
constraint on x !

- To deal with extra constraint on x
 - Divide x into positive and negative parts

$$x = x^+ - x^-$$

$$x_i^+ = \max(x_i, 0) \geq 0, \quad x_i^- = \max(-x_i, 0) \geq 0$$

$$\text{objective: } \min C^T x^+ - C^T x^-$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax^+ - Ax^- \leq b$$

$$x^+ \geq 0$$

$$x^- \geq 0$$

- A little geometry

- Hyperplane : $C'x=b$ is a hyperplane $C, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 - For example $2x+3y+5z=4$ is a hyperplane in 3D space.
 - Hyperplane is a convex set- if we connect two points of the set, the entire line is still in the set
- Each hyperplane divides the space into 2 half spaces: $C'x \leq b$ or $C'x > b$
 - Half space is a convex set
- Intersection of two convex set is still convex. (Why?)
- Polytope: intersection of some half spaces and hyperplane:
 - Polytope is a convex set

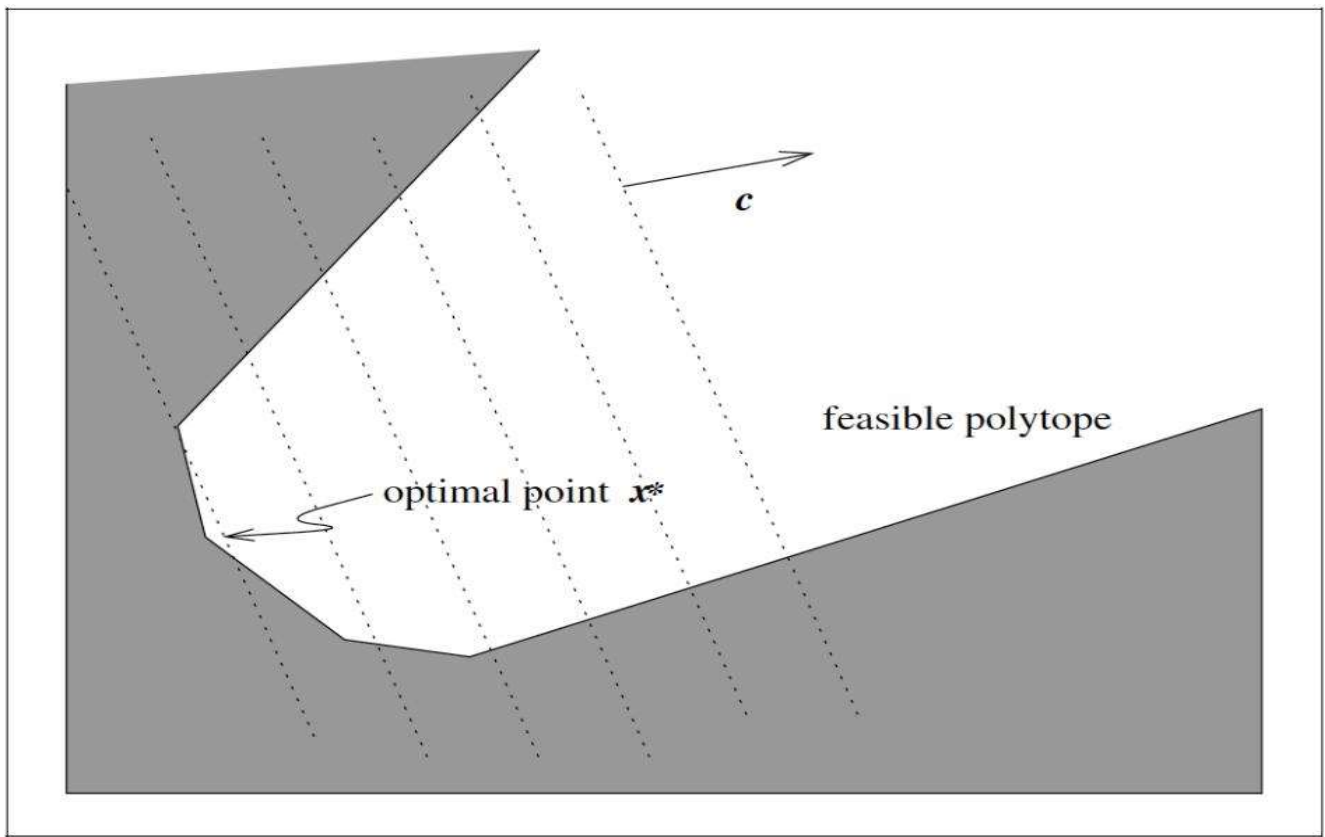
$$Ax \leq b$$
$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$
$$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

- How can we interpret LP with geometrical objects?
- We can set $C'x=z$ in our LP so
- We want to find a hyperplane which its intersection with a polytope is minimum among all other hyperplanes

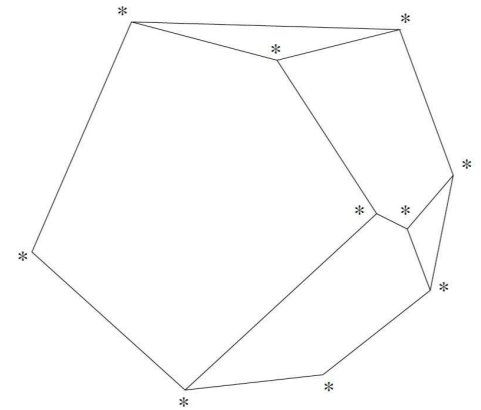
$$\begin{array}{l}
 \min \quad Z \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Ax \leq b \\ x \geq 0 \\ \hline C^T x = Z \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

The diagram includes the following annotations:

- A blue arrow points from the word "Polytope" to the constraint set $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Ax \leq b \\ x \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$.
- A blue arrow points from the word "half-space" to the constraint $x \geq 0$.
- A blue arrow points from the word "hyperplane" to the objective function constraint $C^T x = Z$.



- How to solve LP?
 - Simplex Method
 - All feasible solutions are vertices of the feasible polytope
 - Cost in worst case: exponential
 - Interior point methods
 - formulate as non-linear problem
 - Polynomial time in worst case e.g. $O(n^4L)$ for ellipsoid method
 - MATLAB uses Interior-Point-Legacy Algorithm



- MATLAB command for LP

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } & Ax \leq b \\ & A_{eq} x = b_{eq} \\ & lb \leq x \leq ub \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \text{linprog}(C, A, b)$$

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e.g. 1. $\arg \min_x |a^T x + b|$ $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$

1 - Introduce new variable $r \in \mathbb{R}$

$$r \geq \{ax + b, -ax - b\}$$

2 - re write the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_r \quad & r \\ & ax - r \leq -b \\ & -r - ax \leq b \end{aligned}$$

3- find appropriate parameters for lin prog: C, A, b ?

$$\min_{r, x} r \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{r} = \vec{0} \cdot x + 1 \cdot r \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = \underbrace{[0 \dots 0]}_d \quad 1 \quad]_{1 \times (d+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax - r &\leq -b \\ -r - ax &\leq b \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & -1 \\ -a & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ r \end{bmatrix}}_{d+1 \times 1} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -b \\ b \end{bmatrix}}_b \quad 2 \times 1$$

e.g. 2: $\min_x |a_1 x + b| + |a_2 x + b| + |a_3 x + b|$

$$a_i x \in \mathbb{R}^d, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

1- Introduce r_i corresponding to each $|a_i x + b|$ s.t. $r_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{and } r_i \geq \max\{a_i x + b, -a_i x - b\}$$

2- rewrite LP

$$\min_{r_i, x} r_1 + r_2 + r_3$$

$$-r_i - a_i x \leq b_i \quad \forall i$$

$$-r_i + a_i x \leq -b_i$$

3 - find c, A, b

$$r_1 + r_2 + r_3 = \vec{0}^T x + 1 \cdot r \Rightarrow C = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{0}_{1 \times d} & \vec{1}_{1 \times 3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-r_i - a_i^T x \leq b_i \quad \forall i$$

$$-r_i + a_i^T x \leq -b_i$$

\Rightarrow

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_1^T & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_2^T & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ a_3^T & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -a_1^T & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a_2^T & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -a_3^T & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -b_1 \\ -b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

$\vec{0}^T x (d+3)$ $(d+3) \times 1$ 6×1

- let I_n to be $n \times n$ identity matrix

$$\text{let } \begin{bmatrix} a_{1T} \\ a_{2T} \\ a_{3T} \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \quad \beta = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -I \\ -\alpha & -I \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -\beta \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{In Matlab: } A = [\alpha \quad -\text{eye}(3); -\alpha \quad -\text{eye}(3)], \quad b = [-\beta; \beta]$$

e.g. $\arg \min_x \max_{\hat{i}} \{ |a_i x + b_i| \} \quad i \in [1..n]$

Let r be the minimum of the LP so for all i we have:

$$r \geq |a_i x + b_i| \quad \text{since } r = \max_i \{ |a_i x + b_i| \}$$

so the LP would be

$$\begin{aligned} \min r \\ \text{s.t. } r &\geq a_i x + b_i \quad \forall i \\ r &\geq -a_i x - b_i \end{aligned}$$

and from previous examples we can solve this one too!

MAP Estimation

Let $y_i \sim N(\mu_i, 1)$ & $\mu_i \sim N(0, \eta_i)$ $i \in [1..n]$

MAP for μ ?

For MAP we need likelihood \times prior

$$\text{So } \prod_{i=1}^n N(\mu_i, 1) \cdot N(0, \eta_i) = L(\mu)$$

now taking the Log ($\log \prod = \sum \log$)

$$l(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log N(\mu_i, 1) + \log N(0, \eta_i)$$

$$\log \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, 1) = -\frac{1}{2} (y_i - \mu_i)^2$$

$$\log \mathcal{N}(0, \eta_i) = -\frac{1}{2} \eta_i^{-1} \mu_i^2$$

$$\text{so } \ell(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2} (y_i - \mu_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \eta_i^{-1} \mu_i^2$$

if $y^T = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, $\mu^T = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ and $\eta^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1^{-1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & \eta_n^{-1} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$

$$\ell(\mu) = -\frac{1}{2} \|y - \mu\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu^T \eta^{-1} \mu$$

Let $y_i \sim \mathcal{L}(\mu_i, 1) = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-|y_i - \mu_i|)$, $\mu_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \eta)$

MAP for μ ?

$$\text{likelihood} \times \text{prior} = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(\mu_i, 1) \times \mathcal{N}(0, \eta) = \mathcal{L}(\mu)$$

$$-\log \mathcal{L}(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \mu_i| + \frac{\eta^{-1}}{2} \mu_i^2 + C \rightarrow \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{MAP} := \underset{\mu}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \|y - \mu\| + \frac{\eta^{-1}}{2} \|\mu\|_2^2$$

Consider y_i comes from a Student t with ν degree of freedom. And the mean of r.v. y_i is $w^T x_i$ & w is the parameter of the model and $w \sim N(0, \gamma I)$. Student t distribution function with 0 mean i.e. $E[\theta] = 0$ is:

$$P(\theta | \nu) = c \left(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\nu} \right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}$$

Find MAP for w ?

$E[y_i] = w^T x_i \neq 0$ so to use Student t PDF we set $\theta_i = y_i - w^T x_i$ and let scale parameter to be 1

$$\text{So } P(\theta_i | \nu) = c \left(1 + \frac{|y_i - w^T x_i|^2}{\nu} \right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}$$

$$\text{likelihood} \times \text{prior} = \prod_{i=1}^n c \left(1 + \frac{|y_i - w^T x_i|^2}{\nu} \right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}} \times \mathcal{N}(0, \eta) = L(w)$$

$$-\log L(w) = \sum \frac{\nu+1}{2} \log \left(1 + \frac{|y_i - w^T x_i|^2}{\nu} \right) + \frac{\eta^{-1}}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

Fun Time

- Assume a start up company hired you as a data scientist to design and implement a recommendation system for them. This company like Youtube allows its users to upload videos. So your job is to build a simple recommendation system considering the list of watched videos and given number of views by each user, recommend new videos to users.

Set-based approach

- Ignore watching number!
- For each video build a set of users
- Find the intersections of these user sets for all videos
- Recommend the video to the users who watched another video whose intersection with this one is big enough.
- What do you think about this model? (population effect?)

Cosine based

- Assume each video as a vector in user space.
- Each dimension shows the number times that video is watched by corresponding user.
- Find the cosine between vectors.
- Rank related videos based on cosine for each videos.
- What is the problem?
 - Ignoring the overall activity of each user- more selective users versus listening to everything

TF-IDF based

- Treat each user as term
- Treat each video as document
- TF: how many times each user watched a video
- IDF: how many times a user watched videos on the site
- Now build a vector of TF-IDF weight for each video
- Find the cosine 😊