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## Machine learning models

Some machine learning approaches make strong assumptions about the data

- If the assumptions are true it can often lead to better performance
$\square$ If the assumptions aren't true, the approach can fail miserably

Other approaches don't make many assumptions about the data

- This can allow us to learn from more varied data
$\square$ But, they are more prone to overfitting
$\square$ and generally require more training data


## Admin

Assignment 1 grading

Assignment 2 due Sunday at midnight

Slack (I think everyone is on the channel)

## Data generating distribution

We are going to use the probabilistic model of learning

There is some probability distribution over example/label pairs called the data generating distribution

Both the training data and the test set are generated based on this distribution

> What is a probability distribution?

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## Model assumptions

If you don't have strong assumptions about the model, it can take you a longer to learn

Assume now that our model of the blue class is two circles

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## Machine learning models

What are the model assumptions (if any) that $k$-NN
and decision trees make about the data?
Are there data sets that could never be learned
correctly by either?

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Bias

The "bias" of a model is how strong the model assumptions are.
low-bias classifiers make minimal assumptions about the data ( $k-\mathrm{NN}$ and DT are generally considered low bias)
high-bias classifiers make strong assumptions about the data

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Defining a line

Any pair of values $\left(w_{1}, w_{2}\right)$ defines a line through the origin:
$0=w_{1} f_{1}+w_{2} f_{2}$
$0=1 f_{1}+2 f_{2}$
$\begin{array}{ll}-2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -0.5 \\ 2 & -1\end{array}$


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## Linear models

A linear model in $n$-dimensional space (i.e. $n$ features) is define by $n+1$ weights:

In two dimensions, a line:

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0=w_{1} f_{1}+w_{2} f_{2}+b \quad(\text { where } \mathrm{b}=-\mathrm{a})
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In three dimensions, a plane:

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0=w_{1} f_{1}+w_{2} f_{2}+w_{3} f_{3}+b
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In n-dimensions, a hyperplane

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0=b+\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} f_{i}
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## Classifying with a linear model

We can classify with a linear model by checking the sign:
$f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n} \quad \square$ classifier
$b+\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} f_{i}>0$ Positive example $b+\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} f_{i}<0$ Negative example


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## Perceptron learning algorithm

repeat until convergence (or for some \# of iterations):
for each training example ( $f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}$, label):
check if it's correct based on the current model
if not correct, update all the weights:
if label positive and feature positive:
increase weight (increase weight = predict more positive) else if label positive and feature negative: decrease weight (decrease weight = predict more positive) else if label negative and feature positive: decrease weight (decrease weight = predict more negative) else if label negative and feature negative: increase weight (increase weight = predict more negative)


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| A trick... |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| if label positive and feature positive: <br> increase weight (increase weight = predict more positive) <br> else if label positive and feature negative: <br> decrease weight (decrease weight = predict more positive) <br> else if label negative and feature positive: <br> decrease weight (decrease weight = predict more negative) <br> else if label negative and negative weight: <br> increase weight (increase weight = predict more negative) | $\begin{gathered} \text { label } * \boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{i}} \\ \hline 1 * 1=1 \\ 1 *-1=-1 \\ -1 * 1=-1 \\ -1 *-1=1 \end{gathered}$ |

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How do we check if it's correct?

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Would this work for non-binary features, i.e. real-valued?

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Handling non-separable data


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## Ordering

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What order should we traverse the examples? Does it matter?

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Voted perceptron learning

## Training

every time a mistake is made on an example: store the weights (i.e. before changing for current example) store the number of examples that set of weights got correct

## Classify

calculate the prediction from ALL saved weights multiply each prediction by the number it got correct (i.e., a weighted vote) and take the sum over all predictions said another way: pick whichever prediction has the most votes

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Voted perceptron learning

Works much better in practice

Avoids overfitting, though it can still happen

Avoids big changes in the result by examples examined at the end of training

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Any issues/concerns?
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1. Can require a lot of storage
2. Classifying becomes very, very expensive

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Why is it called the "perceptron" learning algorithm if what it learns is a line? Why not "line learning" algorithm?


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$w$ is the strength of signal sent between $A$ and $B$.

If $A$ fires and $w$ is positive, then $A$ stimulates $B$.

If $A$ fires and $w$ is negative, then $A$ inhibits $B$.

If a node is stimulated enough, then it also fires.

How much stimulation is required is determined by its threshold.


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