

## "Plug-in" approximation Lecture 7

Consider predictive prob. distribution:

$$p(\vec{y}|\vec{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \int d\vec{\theta} p(\vec{y}|\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}) p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}).$$

$\int d\vec{\theta}$  hard to compute in general

If we replace  $p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D})$  by  $\delta(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}^{\text{MAP}})$ ,  
[or even  $\delta(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}^*)$ ]  
we obtain:

$$p(\vec{y}|\vec{x}, \mathcal{D}) \approx p(\vec{y}|\vec{x}, \vec{\theta}^{\text{MAP}}).$$

Ex. binary classification, 1D inputs  
 $y \in \{0, 1\}$

$$p(y|x; \vec{\theta}) = \text{Ber}(y | \sigma(\omega x + b)).$$

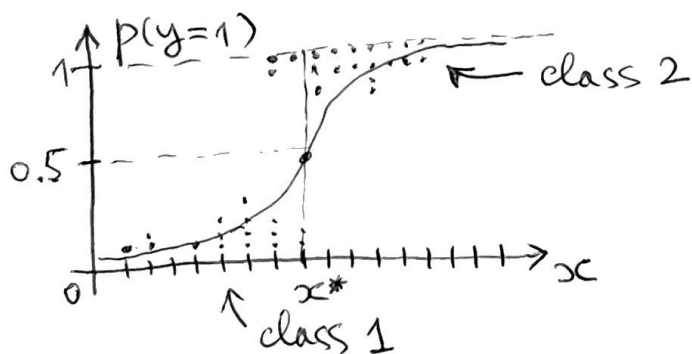
$$\vec{\theta} = \{\omega, b\}$$

In other words,

$$p(y=1|x; \vec{\theta}) = \sigma(b + \omega x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(b + \omega x)}}.$$

If we fit  $\vec{\theta}$  by ML on some data

$\mathcal{D} = \{x_n, y_n\}_{n=1}^N$ , we obtain:



Decision boundary (DB): value of  $x^*$  s.t.

$$p(y=1|x^*; \vec{\theta}^*) = p(y=0|x^*; \vec{\theta}^*) = 0.5$$

Here,  $\sigma(b^* + w^* x^*) = 0.5 \Rightarrow b^* + w^* x^* = 0$ , or

$$x^* = - \frac{b^*}{w^*}$$

A better approach would be to integrate over  $p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D})$ . In practice, this can be accomplished using Monte-Carlo (MC) approximation:

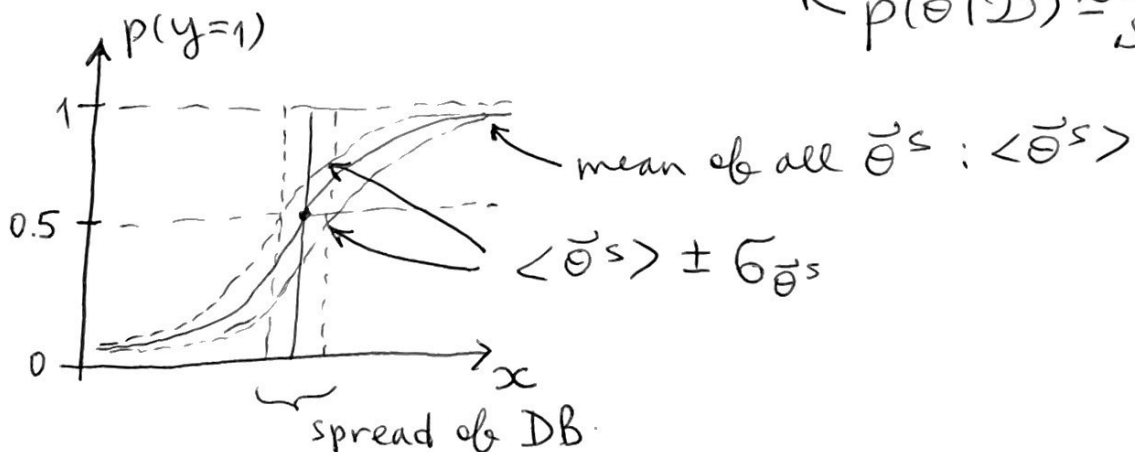
1. Draw  $S$  samples from the posterior:

$$\vec{\theta}^s \sim p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

2. Approx. pred. prob. as

$$p(y=1|x, \mathcal{D}) \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S p(y=1|x, \vec{\theta}^s)$$

$$\leftarrow p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \delta(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}^s)$$



## Laplace approximation

Consider  $p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|\vec{\theta}) p(\vec{\theta})}{\underbrace{p(\mathcal{D})}_{=Z}} = \frac{p(\vec{\theta}, \mathcal{D})}{Z} =$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\xi(\vec{\theta})}, \text{ where } \xi = -\log p(\vec{\theta}, \mathcal{D}).$$

Now, expand

$$\xi(\vec{\theta}) \approx \xi(\hat{\vec{\theta}}) + (\vec{\theta} - \hat{\vec{\theta}})^T \cdot \vec{g} + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\theta} - \hat{\vec{\theta}})^T \cdot H \cdot (\vec{\theta} - \hat{\vec{\theta}}),$$

where

$$i, j = 1, \dots, D \begin{cases} g_i = \frac{\partial \xi(\vec{\theta})}{\partial \theta_i}, & \leftarrow \text{gradient} \\ H_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 \xi(\vec{\theta})}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} & \leftarrow \text{Hessian} \end{cases}$$

If we expand around the minimum of  $\xi(\vec{\theta})$ , we have  $g_i = 0, \forall i$  and

$$p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) \approx \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\xi(\hat{\vec{\theta}})} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\vec{\theta} - \hat{\vec{\theta}})^T \cdot \underbrace{H}_{\Sigma^{-1}} \cdot (\vec{\theta} - \hat{\vec{\theta}})}$$

$\int d\vec{\theta} p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) = 1$  yields

$$\frac{e^{-\xi(\hat{\vec{\theta}})}}{Z} = \left[ (2\pi)^{D/2} |H|^{-1/2} \right]^{-1}, \text{ or}$$

$$Z = e^{-\xi(\hat{\vec{\theta}})} (2\pi)^{D/2} |H|^{-1/2}.$$

Finally,  $p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{N}(\vec{\theta}|\hat{\vec{\theta}}, \underline{\underline{H^{-1}}})$ .

# Bayesian decision theory

Classification: decide the optimal class label to predict, given an observed input  $\vec{x}$ .

Class labels:  $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, \dots, C\}$

If  $C=2$ , we can define a zero-one loss

$$l_{01}(y, \hat{y}) = \mathbb{I}(y \neq \hat{y})$$

$\uparrow$  observation       $\uparrow$  model

|       | $\hat{y}=0$ | $\hat{y}=1$ |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| $y=0$ | 0           | 1           |
| $y=1$ | 1           | 0           |

Then the posterior expected loss

$$\begin{aligned} R(\hat{y}|\vec{x}) &= 1 \times p(\hat{y} \neq y|\vec{x}) + 0 \times p(\hat{y} = y|\vec{x}) = \\ &= 1 - p(\hat{y} = y|\vec{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, to minimize  $R(\hat{y}|\vec{x})$  we need to maximize  $p(\hat{y} = y|\vec{x})$ :

$$\underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(y|\vec{x})$$

← choose the most probable value of  $y$   
(the MAP estimate)

Now, consider the following loss matrix:

|       | $\hat{y}=0$ | $\hat{y}=1$ |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| $y=0$ | $l_{00}$    | $l_{01}$    |
| $y=1$ | $l_{10}$    | $l_{11}$    |

$\swarrow$  prob. to pick  $\hat{y}=0$        $\swarrow$  prob. to pick  $\hat{y}=1$   
 If  $p_0 = p(\hat{y}=0|\vec{x})$  and  $p_1 = 1 - p_0$ ,

$$R(\hat{y}=0|\vec{x}) = l_{00} p_0 + l_{10} p_1,$$

$$R(\hat{y}=1|\vec{x}) = l_{01} p_0 + l_{11} p_1$$

Then we choose  $\hat{y}=0$  if

$$l_{00} p_0 + l_{10} p_1 < l_{01} p_0 + l_{11} p_1.$$

If  $l_{00}=0$ ,  $l_{11}=0$  (no penalty for correct decisions),

$$l_{10} p_1 < l_{01} (1 - p_1), \text{ or}$$

$$p_1 < \frac{l_{01}}{l_{10} + l_{01}}$$

$l_{01}$  = false positive  
( $\hat{y}=1$  but  $y=0$ )

$l_{10}$  = false negative  
( $\hat{y}=0$  but  $y=1$ )

If, in addition,  $l_{10} = c l_{01}$ , we pick

$$\hat{y}=0 \text{ if } p_1 < \frac{1}{1+c}.$$

For ex., if  $c=2 \Rightarrow p_1 < \frac{1}{3}$ , or  $p_0 > \frac{2}{3}$ .

So, we declare  $\hat{y}=0$  if  $p_0 > \frac{2}{3}$ , otherwise we declare  $\hat{y}=1$ .

Note that the 'old' rule (take the  $\hat{y}$  with max prob.) corresponds to  $c=1$ .

Consider thresholding  $p(\hat{y}=1|\vec{x})$ :

$$p(\hat{y}=1|\vec{x}) \geq 1-\tau, \text{ and define}$$

$$\hat{y}_\tau(\vec{x}) = \mathbb{I}(p(\hat{y}=1|\vec{x}) \geq 1-\tau).$$

Next, for binary data  $\{y_n, \vec{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N$  (target)

define  $FP_\tau = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{I}(\hat{y}_\tau(\vec{x}_n)=1, y_n=0),$

and similarly  $TP_\tau, TN_\tau, FN_\tau.$

|                                       |   | Estimate $\hat{y}$ |           | Row sum | } normalization<br>for $p(\hat{y} y)$ |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------|
|                                       |   | 0                  | 1         |         |                                       |
| y<br>Data                             | 0 | $TN_\tau$          | $FP_\tau$ | $N$     |                                       |
|                                       | 1 | $FN_\tau$          | $TP_\tau$ | $P$     |                                       |
| Column sum                            |   | $\hat{N}$          | $\hat{P}$ |         |                                       |
| } normalization<br>for $p(y \hat{y})$ |   |                    |           |         |                                       |

|           |   | Estimate $\hat{y}$   |                      | ' $p(\hat{y} y)$ estimates'                                                                              |  |
|-----------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|           |   | 0                    | 1                    |                                                                                                          |  |
| Data<br>y | 0 | $\frac{TN}{N} = TNR$ | $\frac{FP}{N} = FPR$ | R stands for<br>'rate'<br>$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} TNR + FPR = 1, \\ FNR + TPR = 1 \end{array} \right.$ |  |
|           | 1 | $\frac{FN}{P} = FNR$ | $\frac{TP}{P} = TPR$ |                                                                                                          |  |

Alternatively, we can focus on 'p(y|ŷ) estimates':

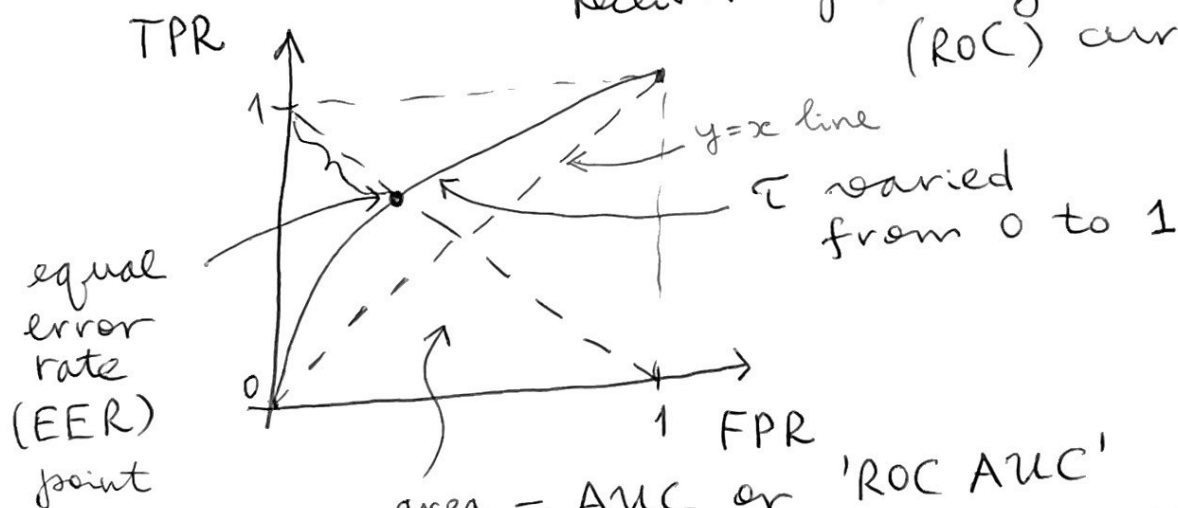
|           |   | Estimate $\hat{y}$         |                            |
|-----------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|           |   | 0                          | 1                          |
| Data<br>y | 0 | $\frac{TN}{\hat{N}} = NPV$ | $\frac{FP}{\hat{P}} = FDR$ |
|           | 1 | $\frac{FN}{\hat{N}} = FOR$ | $\frac{TP}{\hat{P}} = PPV$ |

NPV = negative predictive value  
 PPV = pos. pred. value, or precision  
 FDR = false discovery rate  
 FOR = false omission rate

Consider

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} TPR_{\tau} &= p(\hat{y}=1 | y=1, \tau) = \frac{TP_{\tau}}{TP_{\tau} + FN_{\tau}} \\ FPR_{\tau} &= p(\hat{y}=1 | y=0, \tau) = \frac{FP_{\tau}}{FP_{\tau} + TN_{\tau}} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve



area = AUC or 'ROC AUC'

-7- ROC AUC = 1.0 is the best value

EER is defined as  $FPR = FNR$ :

$$FPR = 1 - TPR \Rightarrow TPR = 1 - FPR.$$

EER = distance between top left corner and the EER point; 0 is the best value.

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### Precision-recall curves

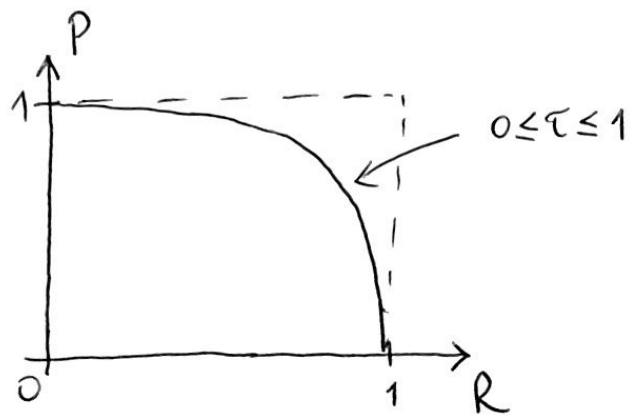
Sometimes, the notion of "negative observation" is not well-defined: e.g. in detecting objects in images the <sup>total</sup> number of ~~image~~ patches is a patch by patch hyperparameter, so the number of negative observations is user-defined.

In such situations, it may be useful to replace FPR with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{precision} &= PPV \equiv P(\tau) = \\ &= P(y=1 | \hat{y}=1, \tau) = \frac{TP_{\tau}}{TP_{\tau} + FP_{\tau}}. \end{aligned}$$

Likewise,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{recall} &= TPR \equiv R(\tau) = P(\hat{y}=1 | y=1, \tau) = \\ &= \frac{TP_{\tau}}{TP_{\tau} + FN_{\tau}}. \end{aligned}$$



The precision-recall curve can be summarized as:

(1) area under the curve  
(1.0 is the max)

(2) precision of the first  $K$  entities recalled  
"precision at  $K$ " score

# [ Precision - recall curve revisited ]

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

FP = # negative class instances  
mistakenly identified as positive

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

FN = # positive class instances  
mistakenly identified as negative

Thus, Precision =  $\frac{\text{Correctly predicted pos.}}{\text{Total predicted pos.}}$

Recall =  $\frac{\text{Correctly pred. pos.}}{\text{Truly pos. instances}}$   
( $\tau = \frac{1}{2}$ , say)

| Ex.               | Document | Grand truth | Prediction |    |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|------------|----|
|                   |          |             |            |    |
| Sports/Not sports | 1        | S           | S          | TP |
|                   | 2        | S           | S          | TP |
|                   | 3        | N           | S          | FP |
|                   | 4        | S           | N          | FN |
|                   | 5        | N           | N          | FN |
|                   | 6        | S           | S          | FP |
|                   | 7        | N           | N          |    |
|                   | 8        | N           | N          |    |

$$TP = 2, FP = 2, FN = 2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} Pr = \frac{1}{2} \\ Rc = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

To produce the PR curve, just change the value of the threshold  $\tau$ .