

Reading: Sec 7.3, Sec 8.3

1. (MLE for Linear Regression)

(a) Consider the model $y_i - \beta' \mathbf{z}_i = \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, where $\mathbf{z}_i = (1, \mathbf{x}_i)'$. Write down the following:

- The likelihood function
- The likelihood equations
- Maximum likelihood estimates

2. (MLE for Logistic Regression)

(a) Consider the model

$$\mathbb{P}(y_i = 0) = p_0(\beta, \mathbf{z}_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\beta' \mathbf{z}_i)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(y_i = 1) = p_1(\beta, \mathbf{z}_i) = 1 - p_0(\beta, \mathbf{z}_i)$$

Write down the following:

- The likelihood function and the log-likelihood function
 - likelihood equation (denoted by $g(\beta) = 0$)
- (b) Note that we can not derive the closed form of the MLE here. We need to solve it through numerical methods. One such way is called the Newton-Raphson method. The following problems are somewhat hard, you can skip them if you want.

i. Find

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'}$$

- ii. Let $\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = (p_1(\beta^{(k)}, \mathbf{z}_1), \dots, p_1(\beta^{(k)}, \mathbf{z}_n))'$, $W^{(k)} = \text{diag } p_1(\beta^{(k)}, \mathbf{z}_i) (1 - p_1(\beta^{(k)}, \mathbf{z}_i))$. Use this to simplify

$$g(\beta^{(k)}), \quad \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} \right\}_{\beta = \beta^{(k)}}$$

iii. Simplify the following expression using previous results.

$$\beta^{(k+1)} = \beta^{(k)} - \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} \right\}_{\beta = \beta^{(k)}}^{-1} \cdot g(\beta^{(k)}),$$

What can you find?

(c) So, actually, steps in (b) are doing:

$$\tilde{\theta}_0 \longrightarrow \hat{\theta}_0 = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log f_{\theta}(x_i) \right\}$$

Is the RHS of this equation what we want? What are we missing?