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Fitting Additive Models



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The traditional linear model has the form

$$E(Y|X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_p) = a + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \cdots + \beta_p X_p$$

In the regression setting, a generalized additive model has the form

 $E(Y|X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_p) = a + f_1(X_1) + f_2(X_2) + \cdots + f_p(X_p)$

We relate the mean of the binary response $\mu(X) = Pr(Y = 1|X)$ to the predictors via a linear regression model and the logit link function:

$$\log(\frac{\mu(x)}{1-\mu(x)}) = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \cdots + \beta_p X_p$$

The additive logistic regression model replaces each linear term by a more general functional form

$$\log(\frac{\mu(x)}{1-\mu(x)}) = \alpha + f_1(X_1) + f_2(X_2) + \cdots + f_p(X_p)$$



 $g[\mu(\mathbf{x})] = \alpha + f_1(X_1) + f_2(X_2) + \cdots + f_p(X_p)$

Examples of classical link functions are the following:

• $g(\mu) = \mu$ is the identity link, used for linear and additive models for Gaussian response data.

• $g(\mu) = logit(\mu)$ as above, or $g(\mu) = probit(\mu)$, the probit link function , for modeling binomial probabilities. The probit function is the inverse Gaussian cumulative distribution function: probit(μ) = $\Phi^{-1}(\mu)$

• $g(\mu) = \log(\mu)$ for log-linear or log-additive models for Poisson count data.



$$f(X) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \beta_m h_m(X),$$

$h_m(X) : IR^p \to IR$ the mth transformation of X, m = 1, ..., M.

Some simple and widely used examples of the h_m are the following:

• $h_m(X) = X_m$, m = 1, ..., p recovers the original linear model.

• $h_m(X) = X_j^2$ or $h_m(X) = X_j \cdot X_k$ allows us to augment the inputs with polynomial terms to achieve higher-order Taylor.

• $h_m(X) = log(X_j)$, $\sqrt{X_j}$, ..., permits other nonlinear transformations of single inputs.

• $h_m(X) = I(L_m < X_k < U_m)$, an indicator for a region of X_m .





We add Three additional basis functions :

 $h_{m+3}(X) = \overline{h_m}(X) \cdot X$, m = 1, ..., 3.

Piecewise Linear



Piecewise Polynomials



Then we add two constraint conditions: $f(\xi_1)=f(\xi_1) \iff \beta_1+\xi_1\beta_4=\beta_2+\xi_1\beta_5$

 $f(\xi_2^{-})=f(\xi_2^{+}) \iff \beta_2+\xi_2\beta_5=\beta_3+\xi_2\beta_6$

Continuous Piecewise Linear





A more direct way to proceed in this case is to use a basis that incorporates the constraints:

 $h_1(X) = 1, h_2(X) = X, h_3(X) = (X - \xi_1)_+, h_4(X) = (X - \xi_2)_+,$

$$(X-\xi_1)_{+} = \{ \begin{array}{c} X - \xi_1 , X > \xi_1 \\ 0 , X \le \xi_1 \end{array}$$

We often prefer smoother functions, and these can be achieved by increasing the order of the local polynomial.

Discontinuous

Continuous







The function in this figure is continuous, and has continuous first and second derivatives at the knots.



Continuous Second Derivative





cubic spline

The function has two continuous derivatives at the knots. It is known as a cubic spline. It is not hard to show that the basis represents a cubic spline with knots at 1 and 2:

$$h_1(X) = 1, \quad h_3(X) = X^2, \quad h_5(X) = (X - \xi_1)^3_+,$$

 $h_2(X) = X, \quad h_4(X) = X^3, \quad h_6(X) = (X - \xi_2)^3_+.$



More generally, an order M spline with knots j, j = 1, ..., Kis a piecewise-polynomial of order M, and has continuous derivatives up to order M – 2. Likewise the general form for the truncated-power basis set would be:

$$h_j(X) = X^{j-1}, j = 1, \dots, M,$$

 $h_{M+\ell}(X) = (X - \xi_\ell)_+^{M-1}, \ell = 1, \dots, K$



The additive model has the form

$$Y = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^{p} f_j(x_j) + \varepsilon$$

Consider the following problem : among all functions $f_1, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p$ with two continuous derivatives, find one that minimizes the penalized residual sum of squares

 $PRSS(\alpha, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^{p} f_j(x_{ij}))^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \lambda_j \int f_i^{"}(t_j)^2 d_{t_j}$

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The Backfitting Algorithm for Additive Models

- 1. Initialize: $\widehat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i, \ \widehat{f}_j \equiv 0, \forall i, j.$
- 2. Cycle: j=1,2, · · · ,p.

$$\widehat{f}_{j} \leftarrow S_{j}[\{y_{i} - \widehat{\alpha} - \sum_{k \neq j} \widehat{f}_{k}(x_{ik})\}_{1}^{N}],$$
$$\widehat{f}_{j} \leftarrow \widehat{f}_{j} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{f}_{j}(x_{ij})$$

until the functions \hat{f}_j change less than a prespecified threshold.





In this model,

 $y = \begin{cases} 0, & no \ event \\ 1, & event \ happen \end{cases}$

We wish to model Pr(Y = 1|X), the probability of an event given values of the prognostic factors

$$X^T = (x_1, ..., x_p).$$



The generalized additive logistic model has the form:

$$\log \frac{P_r(Y=1|X)}{P_r(Y=0|X)} = \alpha + f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_p(x_p)$$

The functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p are estimated by a back fitting algorithm with in a Newton-Raphson procedure, shown in Algorithm.

Additive Logistic Regression



Algorithm Local Scoring Algorithm for the Additive Logistic Regression Model.

1. Compute starting values: $\hat{\alpha} = \log[\bar{y}/(1-\bar{y})]$, where $\bar{y} = ave(y_i)$, the sample proportion of ones, and set $\hat{f}_j \equiv 0$, $\forall j$

2. Define
$$\widehat{\eta}_i = \widehat{\alpha} + \sum_j \widehat{f}_j(x_{ij})$$
 and $\widehat{p}_i = 1/[1 + \exp(-\widehat{\eta}_i)]$.

Iterate:

(a) Construct the working target variable $z_i = \hat{\eta}_i + \frac{(y_i - \hat{p}_i)}{\hat{p}_i(1 - \hat{p}_i)}$.

(b) Construct weights $\omega_i = \widehat{p}_i (1 - \widehat{p}_i)$

(c) Fit an additive model to the targets z_i with weights ω_i , using a weighted back fitting algorithm. This gives new estimates $\hat{\alpha}$, \hat{f}_j , $\forall j$

Continue step2 until the change in the functions falls below a prespecified threshold.

Additive Logistic Regression



Example : Predicting Email Spam

We apply a generalized additive model to the spam data. The data consists of information from 4601 email messages, in a study to screen email for "spam" (i.e. junk email).

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The response variable is binary, with values email or spam, and there are 57 predictors as described below: ♦ 48 quantitative predictors—the percentage of words in the email that match a given word. Examples include business, address, internet, free and george. The idea was that these could be customized for Individual users. ♦ 6 quantitative predictors—the percentage of characters in the email That match a given character. The characters are ch;, ch(, ch[, ch!, ch\$, and ch#. The average length of uninterrupted sequences of capital letters:CAPAVE. The length of the longest uninterrupted sequences of capital letters: CAPMAX. The sum of the length of uninterrupted sequences of capital letters: CAPTOT.

Additive Logistic Regression



In this model:

 $y = \begin{cases} 0, & email \\ 1, & spam \end{cases}$

A test set of size 1536 was randomly chosen, leaving 3065 observations in the training set. A generalized additive model was fit, using a cubic smoothing spline with a nominal four degrees of freedom for each predictor.

The test error rates are shown in Table1; the over all error rate is 5.3%. By comparison, a linear logistic regression has a test error rate of 7.6%.



Table 1

| | Predicted Class | | | |
|------------|-----------------|----------|--|--|
| True Class | email (0) | spam (1) | | |
| email (0) | 58.3% | 2.5% | | |
| spam (1) | 3.0% | 36.3% | | |

Table2 shows the predictors that are highly significant in the additive model.

Additive Logistic Regression



Table2

| Name | Num. | df | Coefficient | Std. Error | Z Score | Nonlinear | |
|------------------|------|-----|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|--|
| | | | | | | P-value | |
| Positive effects | | | | | | | |
| our | 5 | 3.9 | 0.566 | 0.114 | 4.970 | 0.052 | |
| over | 6 | 3.9 | 0.244 | 0.195 | 1.249 | 0.004 | |
| remove | 7 | 4.0 | 0.949 | 0.183 | 5.201 | 0.093 | |
| internet | 8 | 4.0 | 0.524 | 0.176 | 2.974 | 0.028 | |
| free | 16 | 3.9 | 0.507 | 0.127 | 4.010 | 0.065 | |
| business | 17 | 3.8 | 0.779 | 0.186 | 4.179 | 0.194 | |
| hpl | 26 | 3.8 | 0.045 | 0.250 | 0.181 | 0.002 | |
| ch! | 52 | 4.0 | 0.674 | 0.128 | 5.283 | 0.164 | |
| ch\$ | 53 | 3.9 | 1.419 | 0.280 | 5.062 | 0.354 | |
| CAPMAX | 56 | 3.8 | 0.247 | 0.228 | 1.080 | 0.000 | |
| CAPTOT | 57 | 4.0 | 0.755 | 0.165 | 4.566 | 0.063 | |
| Negative effects | | | | | | | |
| hp | 25 | 3.9 | -1.404 | 0.224 | -6.262 | 0.140 | |
| george | 27 | 3.7 | -5.003 | 0.744 | -6.722 | 0.045 | |
| 1999 | 37 | 3.8 | -0.672 | 0.191 | -3.512 | 0.011 | |
| re | 45 | 3.9 | -0.620 | 0.133 | -4.649 | 0.597 | |
| edu | 46 | 4.0 | -1.183 | 0.209 | -5.647 | 0.000 | |

Additive Logistic Regression



The figure shows the estimated functions for the significant predictors appearing in Table2.



