

Lab #3: Matrix algebra and cross-validation

Biostat 216: Machine Learning in R for the Biomedical Sciences

The purpose of this lab is to get you manipulating vectors and matrices and to apply validation and cross-validation methods in R.

Vectors and matrices:

We will play around with specifying, manipulating and performing arithmetic on vectors and matrices in R. We will also do a little matrix algebra by hand!

1. Create the following matrix in R and call it X

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3.2 & 4.1 & 1.7 \\ 2.0 & 2.8 & -6.4 \\ 1.8 & 1.7 & -2.8 \\ -7.8 & -9.3 & 4.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Take a look at X to make sure you specified it correctly. Then examine some of its properties and specific elements using the following commands:

- i. `dim(X)`
- ii. `nrow(X)`
- iii. `ncol(X)`
- iv. `X[1, ]`
- v. `X[, 3]`
- vi. `X[3, 2]`
- vii. `X[1:2, 1]`
- viii. `X[, -1]`

Now let's work on changing X through various manipulations. After each command type X to look at the matrix and see what (if anything) changed

- ix. `X <- -X+1`
- x. `X <- t(X)`
- xi. `X <- diag(3) %*% X`
- xii. `X <- X %*% diag(4)`
- xiii. `X <- X %*% diag(3)`
- xiv. `X <- X[, 1:3]`

Finally, let's play around with X a little

- xv. `Xinv <- solve(X)`
- xvi. `X %*% Xinv`
- xvii. `Xinv %*% X`

2. Perform the following computations by hand and then confirm your results by performing the calculations in R

a. $\begin{pmatrix} -3.1 & 2.4 \\ 0.2 & -1.7 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3.5 & 3.4 \\ -0.8 & -6.2 \\ -3.0 & 4.5 \end{pmatrix}$

b. $\begin{pmatrix} -0.1 & 2.2 \\ 2.6 & 1.4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 3.5 \\ 2.1 & 4.2 \end{pmatrix}$

c. $3 \begin{pmatrix} -3.1 & 2.4 \\ 0.2 & -1.7 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 \end{pmatrix}$

d. $\begin{pmatrix} 4.2 & 3.7 \\ 3.6 & 4.1 \\ 2.9 & 5.7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3.5 \\ 4.0 \end{pmatrix}$

e. $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

f. $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0.5 & -2 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

g. $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

Validation and Cross-validation:

3. Let's try simulating an analysis and then perform training-test validation:
- `set.seed(5)`
 - Generate a vector of predictors `X1` of length 50, normally distributed with mean 3 and SD 4
 - Generate a second vector of predictors `X2` of length 50, uniformly distributed between 0 and 5 (see the `runif` command)
 - Generate some random noise `epsilon` of length 50, normally distributed with mean 0 and SD 2
 - Generate `trueY` as `X1+X2`
 - Generate `Y` as `X1+X2+epsilon`
 - `set.seed(3)`

- h. Generate `set` as a factor with 2 levels:
`set <- sample(c(rep("train", 25), rep("test", 25)))`
- i. Make a dataframe with `X1`, `X2`, `epsilon`, `trueY`, `Y`, and `set`
- j. Fit a linear model to the training data with `Y` as outcome and `X1`, `X2`, `X1*X2`, `X12` and `X22` as predictors (clearly this has the potential to overfit)
- k. Determine the mean square error (MSE) in the training data
- l. Determine the MSE in the test data
- m. Compare the training and test MSE – does this match your expectations?
- n. Now try rerunning the process with `set.seed(7)` in step g. What do you notice now when comparing MSE in training vs. test data? Can you explain what might be going on?

4. Cross-validation example

- a. `set.seed(5)`
- b. Generate a vector of predictors `X1` of length 50, normally distributed with mean 3 and SD 4
- c. Generate a second vector of predictors `X2` of length 50, uniformly distributed between 0 and 5 (see the `runif` command)
- d. Generate some random noise `epsilon` of length 50, normally distributed with mean 0 and SD 2
- e. Generate `trueY` as `X1+X2`
- f. Generate `Y` as `X1+X2+epsilon`
- g. `set.seed(3)`
- h. Generate `set` as a factor with 5 levels:
`set <- sample(rep(1:5, 10))`
- i. Make a dataframe with `X1`, `X2`, `epsilon`, `trueY`, `Y`, and `set`
- j. Fit a linear model to four of the levels of `set` with `Y` as outcome and `X1`, `X2`, `X1*X2`, `X12` and `X22` as predictors
- k. Calculate the MSE in the remaining level of `set`
- l. Repeat the process in j and k until each level has been the hold out set (recording the MSE each of the 5 times)
- m. Now combine the MSE estimates from the 5 test folds to produce a final MSE estimate