

# BINARY INSTANCE-SPECIFIC COST LEARNING

- Assumes instance-specific costs for every observation:  
 $\mathcal{D}^{(n)} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$ , where  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- Define "true class" as cost minimal class
- Define observation weights:  $|\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1] - \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[0]|$

Confusion matrix

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[0]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$y^{(i)}$	$w^{(i)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1	1	0	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	2	0	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	7	3	1	4

- Now solve weighted ERM: **Learning goals**

Cost matrix

	True class	
	$y = 1$	$y = -1$
Pred. $\hat{y} = 1$	$C(1, 1)$	$C(1, -1)$
class $\hat{y} = -1$	$C(-1, 1)$	$C(-1, -1)$

$$\mathcal{R}_{emp}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{(i)} L(y^{(i)}, f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta))$$

Instance specific costs

- NB: Instances with equal costs are effectively ignored.



# MULTICLASS COSTS SPECIFIC COST LEARNING

- Consider  $n$  instances  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^2$ . Vanilla CST is special case of instance specific, use  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}$  (same for all  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  of the same class)

- Define "true class" as cost minimal class

- Define observation weights:  $w^{(i)} = |y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)}|$   $y = 3$

Pred. class	$\hat{y}$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}$	$y^{(i)}$	$w^{(i)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1	0	3	2
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	2	1	3	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	3	7	3	0

- For two  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  with  $y = 2$  and  $y = 3$ :

- Now solve weighted ERM:

$$\mathcal{R}_{emp}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{(i)} L(y^{(i)}, f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} | \theta))$$

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$	$y^{(i)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	1	2	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	3	2
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	7	0	0	3

- NB: Instances with equal costs are effectively ignored.

- Set  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[y^{(i)}] = 0$ , i.e. zero-cost for correct prediction.



# CSOVO CLASS COSTS

- Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_S(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q$
- Cost  $c^{(i)}$  same for all  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  of the same class

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	1	0

Pred. class  $\hat{y} = 3$

- Idea: Reduction principle to binary case (weighted fit) by one-versus-one (OVO).
- For two  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  with  $y = 2$  and  $y = 3$ :
- For class  $j$  vs.  $k$ :

- How to deal with the label  $y^{(i)}$ ?  $y^{(i)}$  can be neither  $j$  nor  $k$ .

- How to deal with the costs  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[j]$  and  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[k]$ ?
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|--------------------|---|---|---|
| $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| $\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 |

- Set  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[y^{(i)}] = 0$ , i.e. zero-cost for correct prediction.



- When training a binary classifier  $f^{(j,k)}$  for class  $j$  vs.  $k$ ,
- Choose cost min class from pair  $\arg \min_{l \in \{j,k\}} c^{(i)}[l]$  as ground truth

- Sample weight is simply diff between the 2 costs

$x^{(i)}$	$c^{(i)}[1]$	$c^{(i)}[2]$	$c^{(i)}[3]$
$x^{(1)}$	0	2	3
$x^{(2)}$	1	0	1
$x^{(3)}$	2	0	3

- Idea: Reduction principle to binary case (weighted fit) by one-versus-one (OVO).

- For class  $j$  vs.  $k$ :
 

$x^{(i)}$	$c^{(i)}[1]$	$c^{(i)}[2]$	$c^{(i)}[3]$	$c^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$	$\tilde{y}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$	$w^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$
$x^{(1)}$	0	2	3	0/2	1	2
$x^{(2)}$	1	0	1	1/0	2	1
$x^{(3)}$	2	0	3	2/0	2	2

- How to deal with the data  $y^{(i)}$  can be either  $j$  or  $k$ ?
 

$x^{(i)}$	$c^{(i)}[1]$	$c^{(i)}[2]$	$c^{(i)}[3]$	$c^{(i)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$	$\tilde{y}^{(i)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$	$w^{(i)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$
$x^{(1)}$	0	2	3	2/3	2	1
$x^{(2)}$	1	0	1	0/1	2	1
$x^{(3)}$	2	0	3	0/3	2	3
- How to deal with the costs  $c^{(i)}[j]$  and  $c^{(i)}[k]$ ?



- Example continued: binary classifier  $f^{(j,k)}$  for class  $j$  vs.  $k$ ,

- Choose cost matrix  $\mathbf{c}^{(j,k)}$  for class  $j$  vs.  $k$ , compare  $\tilde{y}^{(j,k)}$  with  $\mathbf{c}^{(j,k)}$  as

	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$	$\tilde{y}^{(1)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$	$w^{(1)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	0/3	1	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	-/-	-	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3	2/3	1	1

- Sample weight is simply diff between the 2 costs

$$w^{(j,k)} = \mathbf{c}^{(j)}[j] - \mathbf{c}^{(j)}[k]$$

- Wrap everything up:

- Example continued:

- For class  $j$  vs.  $k$ , transform all  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)})$  to

$$(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \arg \min_{l \in \{j,k\}} \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[l]) \text{ with sample-wise weight } w^{(i)}[j \text{ vs } k]$$

	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$	$\tilde{y}^{(1)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$	$w^{(1)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	0/2	1	2
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	1/0	2	1

- Train a weighted binary classifier  $f^{(j,k)}$  using the above

- Repeat step 1 and 2 for different  $(j,k)$ .

- Predict using the votes from all  $f^{(j,k)}$ .

	$\mathbf{c}^{(2)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(2)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(2)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(2)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$	$\tilde{y}^{(2)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$	$w^{(2)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	2/3	2	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	0/1	2	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3	0/3	2	3

- Theoretical guarantee:

$$\text{test costs of final classifier} \leq 2 \sum_{j < k} \text{test cost of } f^{(j,k)}.$$



- Example continued

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$	$\tilde{y}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$	$w^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	0/3	1	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	-/-	-	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3	2/3	1	1

- Wrap everything up:

- 1 For class  $j$  vs.  $k$ , transform all  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)})$  to  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \arg \min_{l \in \{j, k\}} \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[l])$  with sample-wise weight  $|\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[j] - \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[k]|$ .
  - 2 Train a weighted binary classifier  $f^{(j,k)}$  using the above
  - 3 Repeat step 1 and 2 for different  $(j, k)$ .
  - 4 Predict using the votes from all  $f^{(j,k)}$ .
- Theoretical guarantee:  
test costs of final classifier  $\leq 2 \sum_{j < k} \text{test cost of } f^{(j,k)}$ .

