# Modern Machine Learning Regression Methods

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Topless: M < N/5 for good models

# Mistery of the "Rule of 5"



J.H.Topliss & R.L.Costello, JMC, 1972, Vol. 15, No. 10, P. 1066-1068.

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C.Hansch, K.W.Kim, R.H.Sarma, JACS, 1973, Vol. 95, No.19, 6447-6449  $\log \frac{1}{K_{\text{ER,I}}} = 0.453(\pm 0.28)\pi - 4 - 0.804(\pm 0.30)\sigma - 0.232(\pm 0.17)E_{\text{s}} - 4 - 2.369(\pm 0.20)$ 14 0.953 0.168

Topliss and Costello<sup>2</sup> have pointed out the danger of finding meaningless chance correlations with three or four data points per variable.

The correlation coefficient is good and there are almost five data points per variable.

#### Model Overfitting for the Multiple Linear Regression



Model complexity ~ the number of descriptors

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#### Partial Least Squares (PLS) Projection to Latent Structures



 $y \propto c_0 + c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_M x_M$ 

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

$$\begin{cases} \vec{l}_i = \arg\max\left\{\operatorname{var}(\vec{l}_i^T X)\right\} \\ (\vec{l}_i, \vec{l}_k) = 0, \ i \neq k \\ (\vec{l}_i, \vec{l}_i) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Partial Least Squares (PLS)

$$\begin{cases} \vec{l}_i = \arg\max\left\{\operatorname{cov}(\vec{y}, \vec{l}_i^T X)\right\} \\ (\vec{l}_i, \vec{l}_k) = 0, \ i \neq k \\ (\vec{l}_i, \vec{l}_i) = 1 \end{cases}$$

# Dependence of *R*<sup>2</sup>, *Q*<sup>2</sup> upon the Number of Selected Latent Variables *A*



PLS (A<sub>opt</sub>=5)

MLR(A=rank(X))



Herman Wold (1908-1992)



#### Swante Wold







Model Overfitting for the Partial Least Squares



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## Support Vector Regression. ε-Insensitive Loss Function



Only the points outside the  $\epsilon$ -tube are penalized in a linear fashion

$$\left| \boldsymbol{\xi} \right|_{\varepsilon} \coloneqq \begin{cases} 0 & if \left| \boldsymbol{\xi} \right| \leq \varepsilon \\ \left| \boldsymbol{\xi} \right| - \varepsilon & otherwise \end{cases}$$

## Linear Support Vector Regression. Primal Formulation



### Linear Support Vector Regression. Dual Formulation

 $\arg\min_{\alpha,\alpha^{*}} \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} (\alpha_{i} - \alpha_{i}^{*})(\alpha_{j} - \alpha_{j}^{*}) < x_{i}, x_{j} > \\ -\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\alpha_{i} + \alpha_{i}^{*}) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_{i}(\alpha_{i} - \alpha_{i}^{*}) \\ -\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\alpha_{i} - \alpha_{i}^{*}) = 0 \end{cases}$ these parameters should be optimized

Task for QP

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\alpha_{i} - \alpha_{i}^{*}) < x_{i}, x > +b$$

In reality, only several objects, for which  $\alpha_i - \alpha_i^* > 0$  take part in this summation. Such points are called **support vectors**.

### **Dualism of QSAR/QSPR Models**

Ordinary method

**Primal formulation** 

 $f(x) = \langle w, x \rangle + b$ 

**Dual formulation** 

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\alpha_{i} - \alpha_{i}^{*}) < x_{i}, x > +b$$

Similarity-based method

#### Dualism of QSAR/QSPR Approaches

Vector-Based Methods	Similarity-Based Methods
Multiple linear regression, partial least squares, backpropagation neural networks, regression trees, etc.	K nearest neighbours, RBF neural networks
Support vector regression in primal formulation	Support vector regression in dual formulation

The Lagrange's methods builds a bridge between both types of approaches

#### Kernel Trick



Any <u>non-linear</u> problem (classification, regression) in the original input space can be converted into <u>linear</u> by making <u>non-linear</u> mapping  $\phi$  into a feature space with higher dimension

## Kernel Trick

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\alpha_{i} - \alpha_{i}^{*}) < x_{i}, x > +b$$

i=1

In high-dimensional feature space —

$$<\Phi(x), \Phi(x') > = K(x, x')$$
 In low-dimensional  
Input space  
 $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) K(x_i, x) + b$  Kernel

In order to convert a linear statistical method to a powerful non-linear kernel-based counterpart it is sufficient to substitute all dot products in the dual formulation of the linear method for a kernel

# **Common Kernel Functions**

Gaussian RBF 
$$K(x, x') = \exp(\frac{-\|x - x'\|^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

Polynomial 
$$K(x, x') = (\langle x, x' \rangle + \theta)^d$$

Sigmoidal 
$$K(x, x') = \tanh(\kappa < x, x' > +\theta)$$

Inverse multi-quadratic 
$$K(x, x') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x - x')^2 + c^2}}$$

So, all these kernel functions are functions of dot products or distance between points.

Therefore, kernels can be viewed as **nonlinear similarity measures** between objects

# Function Approximation with SVR with Different Values of $\varepsilon$





So, the number of support vectors increases with the decrease of  $\varepsilon$ 

#### Model Overfitting for the Support Vector Regression



Model complexity ~  $1/\epsilon$  ~ the number of support vectors

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## **Artificial Neuron**

Transfer function



# **Multilayer Neural Network**



Neurons in the input layer correspond to *descriptors*, neurons in the output layer – to *properties* being predicted, neurons in the hidden layer – to *nonlinear latent variables* 

# **Generalized Delta-Rule**

This is application of the steepest descent method to training backpropagation neural networks

$$\Delta w_{ij} = -\eta \frac{\partial R_{emp}}{\partial w_{ij}} = -\eta y_i \delta_j \frac{df_j(e)}{de} = -\eta y_i \delta'_j$$

 $\eta$  – learning rate constant

1974



Paul Werbos

1986



David Rummelhard



James McClelland



**Geoffrey Hinton** 

# Multilayer Neural Network



The number of weights corresponds to the number of adjustable parameters of the method

# Origin of "Rule of 2"

The number of weights (adjustable parameters) for the case of one hidden layer

W = (I+1)H + (H+1)O

Parameter p: 
$$\rho = \frac{N}{W}$$

 $1.8 \le \rho \le 2.2$ 

T.A. Andrea and H. Kalayeh, J. Med. Chem., 1991, 34, 2824-2836.

#### End of "Rule of 2"

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Baskin, I.I. et al. Foundations Comput. Decision. Sci. 1997, v.22, No.2, p.107-116.

# **Overtraining and Early Stopping**



#### Model Overfitting for the Backpropagation Neural Network



Model complexity ~ number of epochs & weights

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# **K** Nearest Neighbours



 $j \in k$ -neighbours

 $\mathbf{K}_{j \in k-neighbour}$ 

### Overfitting by Variable Selection in *k*NN



Golbraikh A., Tropsha A. Beware of q<sup>2</sup>! *JMGM*, **2002**, *20*, 269-276

Model Overfitting for the k Nearest Neighbours



Model complexity ~ selection of descriptors ~1/k

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A decision tree splits a set of objects into subsets (usually 2 subsets in so-called binary trees) that are purer in composition. After that splitting is applied recursively to these subsets. Splitting starts from a root, and the tree growth continues while some statistical criterion allows it.

Overfitting and Early Stopping of Tree Growth



Decision trees can overfit data. So, it is necessary to use an external test set in order to stop tree growth at the optimal tree size

## **Decision Tree for Biodegradability**



JCICS, 2004, 44, 862-870

# **Tasks for Decision Trees**

- Classification in accordance with the class of objects dominating at the leaves of decision trees (classification trees)
- Regression in accordance with the average values of properties or MLR model built at the leaves of decision trees (regression trees)

#### Model Overfitting for the Decision Trees Regression



#### Model complexity ~ the number of nodes

# Conclusions

- There are many machine learning methods
- Different problems may require different methods
- All methods could be prone of overfitting
- But all of them have facilities to tackle this problem

# Exam. Question 1



#### What is it?

- 1. Support Vector Regression
- 2. Backpropagation Neural Network
- 3. Partial Least Squares Regression

# Exam. Question 2

#### Which method is not prone to overfitting?

- 1. Multiple Linear Regression
- 2. Partial Least Squares
- 3. Support Vector Regression
- 4. Backpropagation Neural Networks
- 5. K Nearest Neighbours
- 6. Decision Trees
- 7. Neither