Linear Regression for QSAR

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Comparative Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship Studies on Anti-HIV **Drugs**

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RNA virus is now called human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)^{3,4} and two genetically distinct subtypes, HIV-1 and HIV-2, have been characterized. $5-7$ of which the former has been found to be prevalent in causing the disease.

In the present review, the QSAR studies available or derivable on anti-HIV chemicals are discussed. We have compared the optimum Clog P values (log P_0) observed in correlation equations and then compared them with the Clog P values (calculated log P) of those anti-HIV chemicals which are in the market.

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From Narcosis to Hyperspace: The History of QSAR

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The Early Days

QSAR history has no clear starting point. Its roots developed over about a century, from the 1860s to the 1960s $[1-4]$. The earliest report on a relationship between molecular and biological properties seems to be documented in a thesis by A. F. A. Cros, University of Strasbourg, in 1863. He observed an increase in the toxicity of alcohols to mammals, with decreasing water solubility, up to a maximum potency [5].

In 1868, A. Crum Brown and T. Fraser studied the biological effects of certain alkaloids, prior to and after methylation of a basic nitrogen atom. They observed pronounced differences between the basic and the permanently charged quaternary compounds, which led them to the conclusion that "physiological activity" Φ should be a function of the chemical constitution C (Eq. 1) [6].

$$
\Phi = f(C) \tag{1}
$$

Of course, they had no chance to describe any specific example, using this relationship. There was no way to encode chemical structures in a quantitative manner. In addition, the chemical structures of most organic comrelationships), or by the corresponding changes of molecular properties (Hansch-type analyses).

 $\Delta \Phi = f(\Delta C)$ (2)

At about the same time as Crum Brown and Fraser formulated their general structure-activity relationship, B. J. Richardson showed that the narcotic activity of alcohols was proportional to their molecular weight [10]. In 1893, C. Richet observed that the toxicity of ethers, aldehydes, alcohols, ketones and other compounds was inversely related to their aqueous solubility: "Plus ils sont solubles, moins ils sont toxiques" [11].

More general theories to explain the mechanism of narcosis were independently formulated by H.H. Meyer [12, 13] and C. E. Overton [14, 15], at the turn of the $19th$ century. They proposed that the toxicity of neutral organic compounds is related to their ability to partition between water and a lipophilic biophase, where they exert their biological action. As a model system for partitioning they proposed the system olive oil/water.

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Linear Regression

Terminology:

- x_i descriptors, features $(i = 1..M)$
- y^{μ} responses $(i = 1..N)$
- \hat{y}^{μ} predicted responses ($\mu = 1..N$)
- \vec{x} data record
- X_{NM} data matrix
- N number of data patterns
- M number of features
- \vec{w} weight vector

$$
\hat{y} = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_M x_M
$$

$$
\hat{y} = \sum_{j=0}^{M} w_j x_j
$$

How to make a linear model?

 $\vec{v} - Y_{\dots} \vec{w}$ possible answer

$$
y = \Lambda_{NM} w
$$

$$
\vec{\boldsymbol{w}} = (\boldsymbol{X}_{NM}^T \boldsymbol{X}_{NM})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}_{NM}^T \vec{\boldsymbol{y}}
$$

How good is the model? \rightarrow Loss function

 $L_{MSE} =$ 1 \boldsymbol{N} \sum $\mu=0$ \boldsymbol{N} $y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2$ mean squared error loss function

Linear Regression Model

Prediction model for a single data pattern

$$
\hat{y} = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_M x_M
$$
\n
$$
\hat{y} = \sum_{i=0}^{M} w_i x_i
$$
\nModel for all data

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$$
\vec{y} = X_{NM} \vec{w}
$$
\nHow to find the weight vector?: solution

$$
\mathbf{X}_{NM}^T \vec{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{X}_{NM}^T \mathbf{X}_{NM}) \vec{\mathbf{w}}
$$

$$
\vec{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{X}_{NM}^T \mathbf{X}_{NM})^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{NM}^T \vec{\mathbf{y}}
$$

How good is the model? \rightarrow Loss function

mean squared error loss function

$$
L_{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=0}^{N} (y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2
$$

How good is the model? What can we learn from a model: XAI (explainable AI)? Is this the best possible model?

Does the model predict well on new data?

Generating Descriptors (features/attributes) for Molecules in QSAR: unstructured data \rightarrow structured data

Working with standardized (scaled) data in Linear Regression

scaling

(structured) raw data (structured) scaled data

D. W. Marquardt [1948] You should standardize the predictor variables in your regression Models. Journal of the American Statistical Association, Vol. 75, pp.87-91.

Working with training and validation (test) sets in QSAR

- Split data in training set and validation (test) set
- Training set (80% of data patterns): to build the model
- Validation (test) set (20% of data patterns): to see how well model works on new data
- Error metrics for a regression model: L_{MSE} , r^2 and R^2 , q^2 and Q^2
- How well does the model generalize? r^2 and R^2 on validation data set

$$
L_{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=0}^{N} (y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2
$$

$$
r^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{y}_{i} - \bar{\hat{y}}) (y_{i} - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{y}_{i} - \bar{\hat{y}})^{2}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}}}
$$

\n
$$
R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}}
$$

\n
$$
Q^{2} = 1 - q^{2}
$$

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- Error metrics for a regression model: L_{MSE} , r^2 and R^2 , q^2 and Q^2
- How well does model generalize? Evaluate r^2 and R^2 on validation data set

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Applying linear regression for QSAR on Hansch HIV data

- Structure data: Make descriptors for Hansch data (e.g., MOE descriptors)
	- 64 data records (N)
	- 184 descriptors (M)
- Standardize (scale) data
- Split data in training data and validation (test) data
- Apply linear model on training data
- See how well linear model works on validation (test) data
- What can we learn from a model?

→ Factor Analysis: To determine most important descriptors

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Problem: III-conditioned matrix because $M > N$ (i.e., Matrix inverse does not exist)

 $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{W}} = (\boldsymbol{X}_{NM}^T\boldsymbol{X}_{NM})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}_{NM}^T\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{y}}$

Solution: 1. Use less descriptors (make $M < N$)

2. Get more data

3. Mathematical tricks

Math Solution #1: Tikhanov regularization

 $\overrightarrow{\bm{w}} = (X_{NM}^T X_{NM} + \lambda I_{MM})^{-1} X_{NM}^T \overrightarrow{y}$ (λ is a small regularization or ridge parameter)

Math Solution #2: Partial Least Squares (PLS) methods Math Solution #3: Principal Component regression (PCR) Math Solution #4: Iterative methods (e.g., stochastic gradient descent) More math solutions: Support Vector Machines (SVMs), Lasso, ...

QSAR Model for Hansch's HIV Data: Linear Regression $\overrightarrow{\bm{W}} = (\bm{X}_{NM}^T\bm{X}_{NM})^{-1} \ \bm{X}_{NM}^T\overrightarrow{\bm{y}} = (\bm{X}_{NM}^T\bm{X}_{NM})^{-1}\bm{X}_{NM}^T\overrightarrow{\bm{y}}$

- 64 data records, 184 MOE descriptors (features)
- Random split into 50 training data and 14 validation (test) data
- Build model: Apply linear regression on training data with small ridge parameter
- Test model performance on validation (test) data
- Results

Conclusion: Works perfect on training data. Does not work well on validation data. Can we do better?

What is PLS? Projection to Latent Structures

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PLS-regression: a basic tool of chemometrics

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Abstract

PLS-regression (PLSR) is the PLS approach in its simplest, and in chemistry and technology, most used form (two-block predictive PLS). PLSR is a method for relating two data matrices, X and Y, by a linear multivariate model, but goes beyond traditional regression in that it models also the structure of X and Y . PLSR derives its usefulness from its ability to analyze data with many, noisy, collinear, and even incomplete variables in both X and Y. PLSR has the desirable property that the precision of the model parameters improves with the increasing number of relevant variables and observations.

This article reviews PLSR as it has developed to become a standard tool in chemometrics and used in chemistry and engineering. The underlying model and its assumptions are discussed, and commonly used diagnostics are reviewed together with the interpretation of resulting parameters.

Two examples are used as illustrations: First, a Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR)/Quantitative Structure-Property Relationship (QSPR) data set of peptides is used to outline how to develop, interpret and refine a PLSR model. Second, a data set from the manufacturing of recycled paper is analyzed to illustrate time series modelling of process data by means of PLSR and time-lagged X-variables. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

Keywords: PLS; PLSR; Two-block predictive PLS; Latent variables; Multivariate analysis

PLS: Partial Least Squares PLS: Projection to Latent Structures PLS: Please Listen to Svante

PLS: Partial Least Squares (Hansch HIV data)

Linear Model with matrix inverse and $\lambda = 0.001$ Linear PLS Model with 2 latent variables

Logistic Regression (Hansch HIV data)

Logistic Regression: Basic Idea

Logistic Regression Model

$$
z = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_M x_M
$$

$$
z = \sum_{j=0}^{M} w_j x_j \qquad \hat{y} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}
$$

How to make a logistic regression model?

Gradient Descent

$$
\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{w}}^{(I+1)} = \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{w}}^{(I)} - \eta \frac{dE}{d\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{w}}}
$$

$$
\Delta w_j = \eta (y_j - \hat{y}_j) x_j
$$

How good is the model? \rightarrow Loss (error) function

Cross-entropy loss function

$$
L_{Entropy} = -\sum_{\mu=1}^{N} y^{\mu} log(\hat{y}^{\mu}) + (1 - y^{\mu}) log(1 - \hat{y}^{\mu})
$$

Why a cross-entropy loss function? Answer: Predictions are now class probabilities

TRAINING AND TEST ERROR VERSUS ITERATION

ERROR

Working with scripts (logistic regression example)

REM MAKE LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL REM SCALE DATA mje han --SCALE_LOGISTIC REM SPLIT DATA mje han.txt --SPLITT_BIG REM MAKE LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL mje han.pat --IRS2 pause REM ERROR PROGRESSION mje han.pat --ERR REM DO METRICS mje resultss.ttt --DESCALE_LOGISTIC mje results.ttt --METRICS mje results.ttt --RESIDUAL mje results.ttt --SCATTER_PLOT REM FACTOR ANALYSIS mje han.pat --FAC_LR2

Regularization in a Linear Regression Model: Split data into: training set, tuning set, validation set

- How many principal components to include in a PCR model?
- How many latent variables to consider in a PLS model?
- What is a good value for the regularization parameter or λ ?
- Early stopping point?

Principal Component Regression (PCR)

Correlation Matrix

$$
R_{MM} = \frac{1}{N-1} X_{NM}^T X_{NM}
$$

Eigenvector Decomposition of data matrix

 $X_{NM} = T_{NH}B_{HM}$ $T_{NH} = X_{NM} B_{NH}^T$

 $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{W}} = (\boldsymbol{T}_{HN}^T\boldsymbol{T}_{NH})^{-1}T_{NH}^T\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{y}}$ Problem Reformulation

Key Question: How many principal components?

Basic Idea: Orthogonal coordinate transformation Project data on eigenvectors of the correlation matrix Question: How many eigenvectors to consider?

Principal Component and PLS-Score Plots for Hansch Dataset

How to deal with small data sets? Cross-Validation

Basic idea of 5-fold cross-validation

Svante Wold's cartoon QSAR data: $N = 19$ data records, $M = 7$ features

Alternatives:

- K-fold cross-validation
- Leave-one-out validation
- Bootstrapping

Active Learning

Active Learning

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Stochastic Gradient Descent: Delta Rule

 L_{MS}

(b) Path from $w_M^{(0)}$ to $w_M^{(4)}$ in the w_1w_2 -plane

$$
E = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=1}^{N} (y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2
$$

$$
E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^{N} (y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2
$$

$$
w^{(I+1)} = w^{(I)} - \eta \frac{dE}{dw}
$$

$$
\Delta w_j = \eta (y - \hat{y}) x_j
$$

$$
\Delta w_j = \eta \delta x_j
$$

Update weights according to: $\Delta w_j = \eta (y_i - \hat{y}_i)x_i$ Initialize weights (random) Apply one pattern

 (I) is the iteration index η is the learning parameter a good choice is $\eta = \frac{1}{M}$ MN

Stochastic Gradient Descent **Batch Gradient Descent** Batch Gradient Descent

$$
w_j^{(I+1)} = w_j^{(I)} - \eta \frac{dL_{ENT}}{dw}
$$

$$
w_j^{(I+1)} = w_j^{(I)} + \Delta w_j
$$

$$
\Delta w_j = \eta (y - \hat{y}) x_j = \eta \delta x_j
$$

• Update weights after each pattern

• Learning rate $\eta = \frac{1}{M}$ NM $\mathbf{w}^{(I+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(I)} - \eta \nabla L_{ENT}$ $\Delta \bm{w} = \eta \bm{X}_{MN}^T \ \bm{\delta}$ $w^{(I+1)} = w^{(I)} + \Delta w$ $\delta = (y - \hat{y})$

- Update weights
	- after showing all patterns (epoch)
	- after showing mini-batch of patterns
- Learning rate $\eta = \frac{1}{N}$ \boldsymbol{N}

Mean Squared Error Loss Function \boldsymbol{N}

$$
L_{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=0}^{N} (y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2
$$

Mean Squared Error Loss Function with regularization

$$
L_{SVM} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{M} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + \lambda ||\vec{w}||_2
$$

Second objective: Keep weights small

weight regularization objective: minimize $\|\vec{w}\|_2$

What is a good value for λ ? Requires tuning for λ

This is similar to the maximum margin principle in support vector machines (SVM)

Learning from Data: Factor Analysis

Consider Boston housing data (506 data, 13 features or attributes) The features associated with the weights in a linear model \rightarrow importance factors

How can we obtain better predictions (generalization)?

- Get more data: if possible?
- Get better data: active learning
- Use better descriptors
- K-fold cross-validation for small data sets
- Use better loss functions (e.g., regularization)
- Use better models by using advanced math
	- better linear models: regularization, PLS, SVM, lasso, ...
	- better nonlinear model: logistic regression, neural networks, deep learning

- 1. Linear regression with regularization is a powerful tool for small data sets
- 2. The weights in a linear regression model reflect the most important attributes
- 3. Keeping the weights small is a powerful regularization tool
- 4. PLS has inherent regularization and is a powerful linear method
- 5. PLS can also be used for data visualization
- 6. Neural networks might not work well on small data sets
- 1. Logistic regression can also be used for regression rather than classification
- 2. Traditionally logistic regression uses the IRLS algorithm (second-order method)
- 3. Gradient descent (a neural network method) can also be use for logistic regression
- 4. Gradient descent is not as aggressive as IRLS for logistic regression \rightarrow allows for early stopping

Linear Regression: Summary

- Data record (data pattern), attributes (features, descriptors), response
- Structuring QSAR data (with descriptors)
- Standardization (scaling), bias
- Training set, validation set (test set), tuning set
- Loss function (MSE)
- Error metrics: r2, R2, q2, Q2
- Improving generalization (on the validation data)
- Preventing overfitting with regularization and early stopping
- K-fold Cross-Validation (for small datasets)
- Factor Analysis (feature detection)
- Active Learning
- Methods
	- Matrix inverse method
	- Partial Least Squares (PLS)
	- Principal Component Regression (PCR)
	- Gradient Descent
	- Logistic Regression

