

Exercices 2 solutions

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1 CONVEXITY

1.1 C1

1.1.1 Enoncé

Show that all norms are convex.

1.1.2 Solution

$$\alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y\| &\leq \|\alpha x\| + \|(1 - \alpha)y\| \\ &= \alpha\|x\| + (1 - \alpha)\|y\| \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

1.2 C2

1.2.1 Enoncé

$x \mapsto \theta^T x$ is convex on \mathbb{R}^d with $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ (linear form)

1.2.2 Solution

$$\theta^T(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) = \alpha \theta^T x + (1 - \alpha) \theta^T y \quad (2)$$

1.3 C3

1.3.1 Enoncé

if Q is a symmetric definite positive matrix (matrice définie positive) with smallest eigenvalue $\lambda_{\min} > 0$, then $x \mapsto x^T Q x$ is $2\lambda_{\min}$ - strongly convex.

1.3.2 Solution

Let $\mu = 2\lambda_{\min}$.

We want to show that

$$(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y)^T Q (\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha x^T Q x + (1 - \alpha)y^T Q y - \frac{\mu}{2} \alpha(1 - \alpha) \|x - y\|^2 \quad (3)$$

which means

$$(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y)^T Q (\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) - \alpha x^T Q x - (1 - \alpha)y^T Q y \leq -\frac{\mu}{2} \alpha(1 - \alpha) \|x - y\|^2 \quad (4)$$

We compute the left-hand side :

$$\begin{aligned} & (\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y)^T Q (\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) - \alpha x^T Q x + (1 - \alpha)y^T Q y \\ &= \alpha^2 x^T Q x + (1 - \alpha)^2 y^T Q y + \alpha(1 - \alpha)(x^T Q y + y^T Q x) - \alpha x^T Q x - (1 - \alpha)y^T Q y \\ &= \alpha(\alpha - 1)x^T Q x + (1 - \alpha)((1 - \alpha) - 1)y^T Q y + \alpha(1 - \alpha)(x^T Q y + y^T Q x) \\ &= \alpha(\alpha - 1)x^T Q x + \alpha(\alpha - 1)y^T Q y + \alpha(1 - \alpha)(x^T Q y + y^T Q x) \\ &= \alpha(1 - \alpha) \left(-x^T Q x - y^T Q y + x^T Q y + y^T Q x \right) \\ &= -\alpha(1 - \alpha) \left((x - y)^T Q (x - y) \right) \\ &\leq \lambda_{\min} \alpha(1 - \alpha) \|x - y\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

1.4 C4

1.4.1 Enoncé

If f is increasing and convex and g is convex, then $f \circ g$ is convex.

1.4.2 Solution

Since g is convex,

$$g(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha g(x) + (1 - \alpha)g(y) \quad (6)$$

Since f is increasing,

$$f(g(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y)) \leq f(\alpha g(x) + (1 - \alpha)g(y)) \quad (7)$$

Since f is convex,

$$f(\alpha g(x) + (1 - \alpha)g(y)) \leq \alpha f(g(x)) + (1 - \alpha)f(g(y)) \quad (8)$$

Finally,

$$(f \circ g)(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha(f \circ g)(x) + (1 - \alpha)(f \circ g)(y) \quad (9)$$

1.5 C5

1.5.1 Enoncé

Is f in convex and g is linear, then $f \circ g$ is convex.

1.5.2 Solution

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ g)(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) &= f(g(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y)) \\ &= f(\alpha g(x) + (1 - \alpha)g(y)) \\ &\leq \alpha f(g(x)) + (1 - \alpha)f(g(y)) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

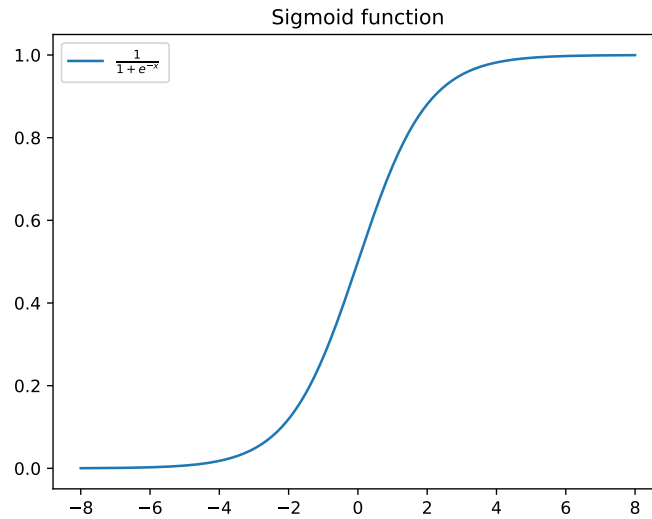
2 LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Definition 1. Cross entropy loss

$$\begin{aligned} l : \mathbb{R}^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ l(\hat{y}, y) &= y \log(1 + e^{-\hat{y}}) + (1 - y) \log(1 + e^{\hat{y}}) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Definition 2. Sigmoid function

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}. \\ \sigma(x) &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$



2.1 L1

2.1.1 Enoncé

Show that σ is differentiable and that

$$\forall z, \sigma'(z) = \sigma(z)\sigma(-z) \quad (13)$$

2.1.2 Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'(z) &= \left(-\frac{1}{(1+e^{-z})^2} \right) (-e^{-z}) \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \frac{e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \frac{e^{-z}e^z}{(1+e^{-z})e^z} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \frac{1}{1+e^z} \\ &= \sigma(z)\sigma(-z) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

2.2 L2

2.2.1 Enoncé

Show that $l(\hat{y}, y)$ is convex in its first argument, which means for fixed y , $\hat{y} \mapsto l(\hat{y}, y)$ is convex.

2.2.2 Solution

We compute the second order derivative.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \hat{y}}(\hat{y}, y) &= \frac{-ye^{-\hat{y}}}{1+e^{-\hat{y}}} + \frac{(1-y)e^{\hat{y}}}{(1+e^{\hat{y}})} \\ &= \frac{-ye^{-\hat{y}}}{1+e^{-\hat{y}}} + \frac{(1-y)e^{\hat{y}}e^{-\hat{y}}}{(1+e^{\hat{y}})e^{-\hat{y}}} \\ &= \frac{-ye^{-\hat{y}}}{1+e^{-\hat{y}}} + \frac{1-y}{1+e^{-\hat{y}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-\hat{y}}} - y \frac{1+e^{-\hat{y}}}{1+e^{-\hat{y}}} \\ &= \sigma(\hat{y}) - y \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \hat{y}^2}(\hat{y}, y) &= \sigma'(\hat{y}) \\ &= \sigma(\hat{y})\sigma(-\hat{y}) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Hence, the second-order derivative is strictly positive, and $l(\hat{y}, y)$ is strictly convex in its first argument.