

## QUESTION 4

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(I) Knowing the maximum likelihood function,

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{t_n} (1 - y_n)^{1-t_n}$$

we can obtain the cross-entropy error function by taking negative logarithm:

$$(1) \quad E(\mathbf{w}) = - \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n))$$

Taking gradients of 1 with respect to  $\mathbf{w}$ , we have

- Gradient of the error:

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) \phi_n = \Phi^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})$$

- The Hessian:

$$\nabla \nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N y_n (1 - y_n) \phi_n \phi_n^T = \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi$$

where  $\mathbf{R}$  is the diagonal matrix given by  $R_{nn} = y_n(1 - y_n)$

- Update function:

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^{(new)} &= \mathbf{w}^{(old)} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla E(\mathbf{w}) \\ \mathbf{w}^{(new)} &= \mathbf{w}^{(old)} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla E(\mathbf{w}) \\ &= \mathbf{w}^{(old)} - (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t}) \\ &= (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \left( \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi \mathbf{w}^{(old)} - \Phi^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t}) \right) \\ &= (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathbf{z} = \Phi \mathbf{w}^{(old)} - \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})$$

where  $\Phi$  is the  $N \times M$  design matrix, whose  $n$ 'th row is given by  $\phi_n^T$ , and  $y_n = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi_n)$ .

The algorithm for update, implemented in python:

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import numpy as np
def update(w, Phi, t):
    y = np.array([sigmoid(p @ w) for p in Phi])
    R = np.diag(y * (1 - y))
    z = Phi @ w - np.linalg.inv(R) @ (y - t)
    return np.linalg.inv(Phi.T @ R @ Phi) @ Phi.T @ R @ z

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(II) • Modifying 2, we get

$$(\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi) \mathbf{w} = \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{z}$$

which is the normal equation for weighted least squares. Thus, the new weight vector  $\mathbf{w}^{(new)}$  is the solution to the weighted least squares problem with  $\mathbf{z}$  and the weighing matrix  $\mathbf{R}$ .

- The weighing matrix  $R$  is not constant, but depends on the parameter vector  $\mathbf{w}$ .

Thus, we must apply the normal equations iteratively, each time using the new weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  to compute a revised weighing matrix  $R$ . So, the algorithm is known as iterative reweighted least squares (IRLS).

(III) With the Hessian:

$$\mathbf{H} = \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi$$

We know that a function is concave if it's Hessian is positive definite. Thus, it is sufficient to prove positive-definiteness of the Hessian.

Expanding  $u^T \mathbf{H} u$ , we can prove positive-definiteness

$$\begin{aligned}
 u^T \mathbf{H} u &= u^T \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi u \\
 &= (u^T \Phi^T) \mathbf{R} (\Phi u) \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^N u^T \phi_{\mathbf{n}}^T R_{nn} \phi_{\mathbf{n}} u \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^N R_{nn} (\phi_{\mathbf{n}} u)^2 \\
 &> 0
 \end{aligned}
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