

# Homework Assignment 1

## Perceptron and Logistic Regression

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**Submission Instruction** You must typeset the answers to the theory questions using LaTeX or Microsoft Word and compile them into a single PDF file. For the programming assignment, complete the two Jupyter notebooks. Create a ZIP file containing both the PDF file and the two completed Jupyter notebooks, and name it “ $\langle \text{Your-NetID} \rangle_{\text{hw1}}.zip$ ”. Email this file to `intro2ml@gmail.com` within two weeks since the announcement of the homework.

1. When defining a perceptron, we have augmented an input vector  $\mathbf{x}$  with an extra 1:

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{x}}),$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = [\mathbf{x}; 1]$ . Why is this necessary? Provide an example in which this extra 1 is necessary.

2. We used the following distance function for perceptron in the lecture:

$$D(M^*(\mathbf{x}), M, \mathbf{x}) = - (M^*(\mathbf{x}) - M(\mathbf{x})) (\mathbf{w}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{x}}).$$

This distance function has a problem of a trivial solution. What is the trivial solution? Propose a solution to this.

3. The distance function of logistic regression was defined as

$$D(y^*, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) = -(y^* \log M(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - y^*) \log(1 - M(\mathbf{x}))).$$

Derive its gradient with respect to the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  step-by-step.

**4. (Programming Assignment)** Complete the implementation of perceptron and logistic regression using Python and scikit-learn. The completed notebooks must be submitted together with the answers to the questions above.

**Perceptron** [https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro\\_to\\_ML\\_Lecture\\_Note/blob/master/notebook/Perceptron1.ipynb](https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro_to_ML_Lecture_Note/blob/master/notebook/Perceptron1.ipynb)

**Logistic Regression** [https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro\\_to\\_ML\\_Lecture\\_Note/blob/master/notebook/Logistic%20Regression%201.ipynb](https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro_to_ML_Lecture_Note/blob/master/notebook/Logistic%20Regression%201.ipynb)