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Machine Learning Review 3

CS 287

## Review: Gradients for Softmax Regression

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# Gradient-Based Optimization: SGD

**procedure** SGD

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**return**  $\theta$

**end procedure**

## Quiz: Softmax Regression

Given bag-of-word features

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\text{The, movie, was, terrible, rocked, A}\}$$

and two training data points:

Class 1: The movie was terrible

Class 2: The movie rocked

Assume that we start with parameters  $\mathbf{W} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 0$ , and we train with learning rate  $\eta = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0$ . What is the loss and the parameters after one pass through the data in order?

## Answer: Softmax Regression (1)

First iteration,

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L(\mathbf{y}_1, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_1) = -\log 0.5$$

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Answer: Softmax Regression (2)

Second iteration,

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 = \text{softmax}([1.5 \quad -1.5]) \approx [0.95 \quad 0.05]$$

$$L(\mathbf{y}_2, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_2) = -\log 0.05$$

$$\mathbf{W} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.45 & -0.45 & 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.95 & 0 \\ 0.45 & 0.45 & -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.95 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = [0.5 \quad -0.5]$$

# Today's Class

So far

- ▶ Naive Bayes (Multinomial)
- ▶ Multiclass Logistic Regression (SGD)

Today

- ▶ Multiclass Hinge-loss
- ▶ More about optimization



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## Other Loss Functions

What if we just try to directly find  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ ?

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{b}$$

- ▶  $f(x) = x$
- ▶ No longer a probabilistic interpretation.
- ▶ Just try to find parameters that fit training data.

## 0/1 Loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n L_{0/1}(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

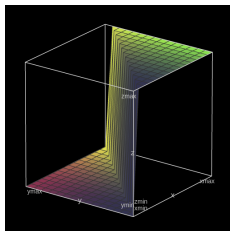
Just count the number of training examples we classify correctly,

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$$L_{0/1}([x \ y]) = \mathbf{1}(x > y)$$

# Hinge Loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n L_{\text{hinge}}(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

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Where

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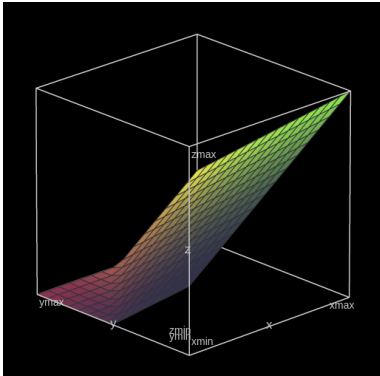
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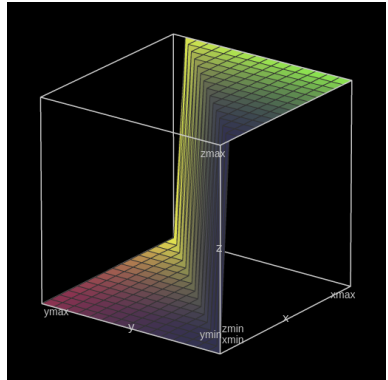
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$$\text{hinge}(\hat{y}) = \mathbf{1}(\max\{0, 1 - (y - x)\})$$



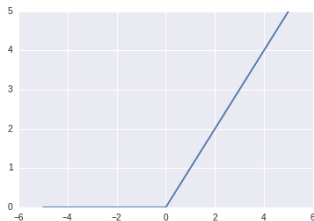
$$\arg \max([x \ y]) = \mathbf{1}(x > y)$$

## Important Case: Hinge-loss for Binary

$$L_{\text{hinge}}([0 \ 1], [x \ y]) = \max\{0, 1 - (y - x)\} = \text{ReLU}(1 - (y - x))$$

Rectified linear unit:

$$\text{ReLU}(t) = \max\{0, t\}$$





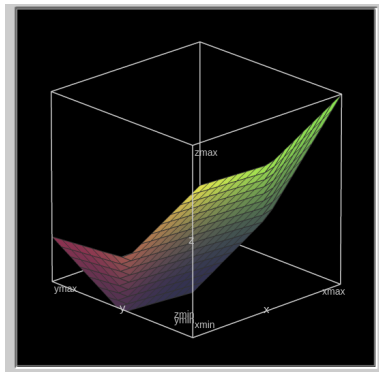
# Hinge-Loss Properties

Complete objective:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{hinge}(\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \max\{0, 1 - (\hat{y}_c - \hat{y}_{c'})\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \max\{0, 1 - (\hat{y}_c - \max_{c' \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \{c\}} \hat{y}_{c'})\}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Apply convexity rules: Linear  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is convex, max of convex functions is convex, linear + convex is convex, sum of convex functions is convex (Boyd and Vandenberghe, 2004 p. 72-74)
- ▶ However, non-differentiable because of max.

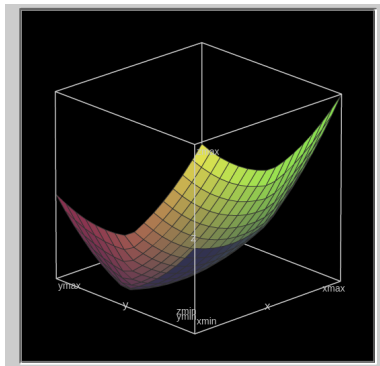
# Piecewise Linear Objective



$$10 * \max\{0, 1 - (y - x)\} + 5 * \max\{0, 1 - (x - y)\}$$

## Objective with Regularization

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \max\{0, 1 - (\hat{y}_c - \hat{y}_{c'}) * \lambda ||\theta||^2\}$$



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## (Sub)Gradient Rule

- ▶ Technically is non-differentiable.
- ▶ Only an issue at 0, generally for “ties”.
- ▶ We informally use subgradients,

$$\frac{d \operatorname{ReLU}(x)}{dx} = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 \text{ or } 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

Generally,

$$\frac{d \max_{v'} (f(x, v'))}{dx} = f'(x, \hat{v}) \text{ for any } \hat{v} \in \arg \max_{v'} f(x, v')$$

# Symbolic Gradients

- ▶ Let  $c$  be defined as true class
- ▶ Let  $c'$  be defined as the highest scoring non-true class

$$c' = \arg \max_{i \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \{c\}} \hat{y}_i$$

- ▶ Partial of  $L(y, \hat{y})$

$$\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \hat{y}_j} = \begin{cases} 0 & \hat{y}_c - \hat{y}_{c'} > 1 \\ 1 & j = c' \\ -1 & j = c \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Intuition: If wrong or close to wrong, improve correct and lower closest incorrect.

## Notes: Hinge Loss: Regularization

- ▶ Many different names,
  - ▶ Margin Classifier
  - ▶ Multiclass Hinge
  - ▶ Linear SVM
- ▶ Important to use regularization.

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}) + \|\theta\|_2^2$$

- ▶ Can be much more efficient to train than LR. (No partition).

## Results: Longer Reviews

| <b>Our results</b>    | RT-2k        | IMDB                | Subj.               |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| MNB-uni               | 83.45        | 83.55               | <b>92.58</b>        |
| MNB-bi                | 85.85        | 86.59               | <b><u>93.56</u></b> |
| SVM-uni               | 86.25        | 86.95               | 90.84               |
| SVM-bi                | 87.40        | <b>89.16</b>        | 91.74               |
| NBSVM-uni             | 87.80        | 88.29               | 92.40               |
| NBSVM-bi              | <b>89.45</b> | <b><u>91.22</u></b> | <b>93.18</b>        |
| BoW (bnc)             | 85.45        | 87.8                | 87.77               |
| BoW (b $\Delta t'$ c) | 85.8         | 88.23               | 85.65               |
| LDA                   | 66.7         | 67.42               | 66.65               |
| Full+BoW              | 87.85        | 88.33               | 88.45               |
| Full+Unlab'd+BoW      | <b>88.9</b>  | 88.89               | 88.13               |

IMDB (longer movie review), Subj (longer subjectivity)

- NBSVM is hinge-loss interpolated with Naive Bayes.



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# Black-Box Optimization Methods

Brief tour of optimization methods used in ML and NLP.

**Goal:** Minimize function  $L : \mathbb{R}^{|\theta|} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

First-order Methods

- ▶ Require computing  $L(\theta)$  and gradient  $L'(\theta)$ .

Second-order Methods

- ▶ Require computing  $L(\theta)$  and gradient  $L'(\theta)$  and Hessian  $L''(\theta)$ .

## First-Order: Gradient Descent

**while** training criterion is not met **do**

$k \leftarrow 0$

$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $i = 1$  to  $n$  **do**

    Compute the loss  $L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i, \mathbf{y}_i; \theta)$

    Compute gradients  $\mathbf{g}'$  of  $L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i, \mathbf{y}_i; \theta)$  with respect to  $\theta$

$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{g}} + \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{g}'$

**end for**

$\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k - \eta_k \hat{\mathbf{g}}$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

**end while**

**return**  $\theta$



# Gradient Descent with Momentum

Standard Gradient Descent:

$$\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k - \eta_k \hat{\mathbf{g}}$$

Momentum terms:

$$\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k - \eta_k \hat{\mathbf{g}} + \mu_k (\theta_k - \theta_{k-1})$$

- ▶ Also known as “Heavy ball method”

## Second-Order

Assume we also compute Hessian  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$

Second order update becomes:

$$\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k - \eta_k \hat{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{g}}$$

- ▶ Gives the correct second-order approximation to Taylor series
- ▶ Used for strictly convex functions (although there are variants)
- ▶ Also known as “Newton’s Method”

## Second-Order Methods

- ▶ In practice, second-order methods are often infeasible.
- ▶ Simply storing the Hessian is  $O(|\theta|^2)$ .
- ▶ However, first-order methods are quite slow.

# Quasi-Newton Methods ()

Construct an approximate Hessian from first-order information

- ▶ BFGS
  - ▶ construct approx.
  - ▶ Hessian directly  $O(|\theta|^2)$
- ▶ L-BFGS;
  - ▶ limited-memory BFGS, only save last  $m$  gradients
  - ▶ can often set  $m < 20$
  - ▶  $O(m|\theta|)$

Details are beyond scope of course. Method of choice for batch convex optimization in ML.



# Stochastic Methods

- ▶ Minimize function  $L(\theta)$
- ▶ Require computing  $\mathbb{E}(L(\theta))$  and  $\mathbb{E}(L'(\theta))$
- ▶ Typically, we do this by sampling a subset of the data. computing a gradient, and updating
- ▶ Other first-order optimizers (like momentum) can be used.

## Gradient-Based Optimization: Minibatch SGD

**while** training criterion is not met **do**

Sample a minibatch of  $m$  examples  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{y}_m)$

$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $i = 1$  to  $m$  **do**

Compute the loss  $L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i, \mathbf{y}_i; \theta)$

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$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{g}} + \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{g}'$

**end for**

$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta_k \hat{\mathbf{g}}$

**end while**

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# Tricks On Using SGD

- ▶ Bottou (2012) is highly-readable (on website)
- ▶ Discusses how to handle various regularizers and loss functions.

# Optimization in NLP

- ▶ For convex batch-methods:
  - ▶ L-BFGS is easy to use and effective.
  - ▶ Nice for verifying results.
  - ▶ Sometimes even  $m$ -times the parameters is a lot though.
- ▶ For both convex, and especially, non-convex problems:
  - ▶ SGD and variants are dominant.
  - ▶ Trade-off of speed vs. exact optimization.
  - ▶ Also see notes on AdaGrad, another popular method.