
CS 541 a3

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Gradient Calculation:

Suppose $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}$ are known.

Calculate the gradient of the following functions.

o Sigmoid function: $f(w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x \cdot w}}$

Since $\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)' = \frac{-u'}{u^2}$

Using Chain Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f(w)}{\partial w} &= \frac{-e^{-xw} \cdot (-x)}{(1 + e^{-xw})^2} = \frac{x \cdot e^{-xw}}{(1 + e^{-xw})(1 + e^{-xw})} \\ &= \frac{x}{(1 + e^{-xw})} \cdot \frac{1 + e^{-xw} - 1}{(1 + e^{-xw})} = x \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-xw}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-xw}}\right) \\ &= x \cdot f(w) \cdot (1 - f(w))\end{aligned}$$

° Logistic loss, $F(w) = \log(1 + e^{y \cdot x \cdot w})$

Since $(\log u)' = \frac{1}{u}$

Using Chain Rule :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \log(1 + e^{y \cdot x \cdot w})$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{y \cdot x \cdot w}} \cdot e^{-y \cdot x \cdot w} \cdot (-y \cdot x)$$

$$= \frac{-y \cdot x}{e^{y \cdot x \cdot w} + 1}$$

Linear Regression:

1. Since we have, for vector $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $z^T \cdot z = \sum_{i=1}^d z_i^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \bar{F}(w) &= \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (y - Xw)^T \cdot (y - Xw)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \bar{F}(w) &= \nabla \frac{1}{2} (y^T \cdot y - y^T \cdot Xw - w^T \cdot X^T \cdot y + w^T X^T \cdot X \cdot w) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (0 - y^T X - X^T \cdot y + X^T X \cdot w + w^T X^T X) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-2X^T y + 2X^T X \cdot w) \\ &= X^T X \cdot w - X^T y\end{aligned}$$

Let $\nabla \bar{F}(w) = 0$, we have:

$$X^T X \cdot w = X^T y$$

When $n > d$, $(X^T X)^{-1}$ exists:

$$\Rightarrow w = (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot X^T y$$

For Hessian matrix of $F(w)$:

$$H(F) = \frac{\partial^2 F(w)}{\partial w \cdot \partial w^T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w^T} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial F(w)}{\partial w} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w^T} \cdot \nabla F(w)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial w^T} (X^T X \cdot W - X^T \cdot y) = X^T X$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i1}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i1} \cdot x_{i2} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i1} \cdot x_{id} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i2} \cdot x_{i1} & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i2}^2 & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i2} \cdot x_{id} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_{id} \cdot x_{i1} & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{id} \cdot x_{i2} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{id}^2 \end{bmatrix}_{d \times d}$$

The matrix $X^T X \geq 0$, is positive semidefinite,
which shows that $F(w)$ is a convex program.

2.

When we using the least squares formulation, it is equal to calculate the maximum likelihood estimation for the samples.

We can prove it:

The samples are (x_i, y_i) , the prediction is $\hat{y}_i|w$, then we have $y = \hat{y} + \varepsilon$

We assume $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

$$\therefore y - \hat{y} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \sim N(\hat{y}, \sigma^2)$$

The likelihood function is:

$$L(w) = P(y|x; w) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - \hat{y})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log L(w) = n \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

If we want the maximum of $\log L(w)$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (y - \hat{y})^2$ is minimal.

2. The least squares formulation will larger progress for getting to the optimum w . Then $\|y - \hat{y}\|_2$.
So the least squares will faster when we iterate $w^t = w^{t-1} - \eta \cdot \nabla(w^{t-1})$ to get w_{opt} .

3.

When the rank of $X^T X$: $\text{Rank}(X^T X) = d$, then $H(\bar{F}) = X^T X \geq m$ ($m > 0$). $\bar{F}(w)$ is strongly-convex.
Otherwise, is not strongly-convex.

