## Optimization Theory and Algorithm

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 $\mathbf{HW} \ \mathbf{1} \quad \textit{(1) Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \ \textit{then compute the column space $C(A)$ and null space $N(A)$.}$ 

(2) Prove that for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , it has

$$C(A) \perp N(A^{\top}). \tag{1}$$

**HW 2** (1) Prove  $\ell_0$  norm is not a vector norm.

- (2) Prove  $\sigma_1 = \sup_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2$ , where  $\sigma_1$  is the biggest singular value of A.
- (3)  $||AB||_F \le ||A||_2 ||B||_F$  for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ .

HW 3 Let

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \log(1 + \exp(\langle \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle)) - \langle \mathbf{b}, A\mathbf{x} \rangle$$

be the objective function of logistic regression, then

- (1) please prove that  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is  $\beta$ -smooth;
- (2) write down the iterative formulation of Gradient Descent algorithm for Logistic Regression.

**HW 4** (1) Let  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a convex set, with  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k \in C$ , and let  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $\theta_i \geq 0, \sum_i \theta_i = 1$ . Show that  $\theta_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \theta_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \theta_k \mathbf{x}_k \in C$ .

- (2) Prove that the ellipsoid  $E(\mathbf{x}_c) = \{\mathbf{x} | (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}_c)^{\top} A(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}_c) \leq 1, A \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^n \}$  is a convex set.
- (3) Suppose that f is a convex function, and denote the set contains all the global minimums of f is G. Please prove that G is convex.

**HW** 5 (1) Let **a** and **b** be distinct points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that the set of all points that are closer to **a** than **b** is a halfspace.

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(2) What is the distance between two parallel hyperplanees  $\{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{a}^{\top}\mathbf{x}=b_1\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{a}^{\top}\mathbf{x}=b_2\}$ ?

**HW 6** Prove the following functions are convex.

- (1) Negative Entropy:  $f(x) = x \log(x), x > 0$ .
- (2) Quadratic-over-linear function:  $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2}{y}$  with  $dom(f) = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | y > 0\}$ .
- (3)  $f(\mathbf{x}) = ||A\mathbf{x} b||$ .
- (4) Supporting function:  $S_C(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\mathbf{b} \in C} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{x}$ .

(5) The distance of a point  $\mathbf{x}$  to a set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  defined as  $d(\mathbf{x}, S) = \inf_{\mathbf{b} \in S} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|$ .

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} ||A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}||^2. \tag{2}$$

- Implement gradient descent algorithm with the backtracking line search for solving the LS problem.
- Implement gradient descent for  $\beta$ -smooth function for solving the LS problem.
- Compare the convergence speed for different A.

$$A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.91 & 0.37 & -0.18 \\ 0.19 & 0.78 & 0.59 \\ 0.36 & 0.50 & -0.78 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10^{-2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & -0.73 & -0.62 \\ -0.74 & -0.56 & 0.35 \\ -0.61 & 0.37 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix},$$
(3)

and

$$A_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.91 & 0.37 & -0.18 \\ 0.19 & 0.78 & 0.59 \\ 0.36 & 0.50 & -0.78 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10^{-6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & -0.73 & -0.62 \\ -0.74 & -0.56 & 0.35 \\ -0.61 & 0.37 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(4)

**HW 8** (Additional Question) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with its singular value decomposition as  $A = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sigma_i u_i v_i^{\top}, \sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2 \ge \cdots \ge \sigma_r \ge 0$ . Assume that  $A_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sigma_i u_i v_i^{\top}$ , where  $k \le r$ . Then prove that

$$A_k = \arg \min_{B \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}, rank(B) < k} ||A - B||_F^2.$$
 (5)

**HW 9** (Additional Question) Using Logistic Regression for classifying digital numbers 0 and 1. In this project, you need to implement a gradient descent algorithm for training a logistic regression and then using the obtained model to predict 0 or 1 for the digital image. Please download the attachment file and see demo codes in the read me file.

## References