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# hw 2 Spam Classification

# Report

# • Program Overview

Different from the hw1, I modularized several parts of my program this time. All the functions are show as follows:

- 1. sigmoid
- 2. cross\_entropy
- 3. read data
- 4. logistic\_regression
- 5. gen\_model
- 6. read\_model
- 7. read test
- 8. gen\_ans

#### sigmoid (Fig. I)

It's a normal sigmoid function (support numpy array operation).

#### cross\_entropy (Fig. 2)

It will compute the cross-entropy for each weight. Since the predicted value may very close to either 0 or 1, which causing operation error to the numpy log function, I add a small value (1e-3) to the predicted value which is close to either 0 or 1 to avoid such runtime error. (Fig 2)

#### read\_data

It's a normal function to read the training data into the format of numpy array. (the data format is same with the hw1  $\rightarrow$  row: observation, col: variables)

#### logistic\_regression (Fig. 3)

It's similar with the linear regression version. The only differences are list below:

- 1. It replaces the results of inner product of weights and data with the same results but under the sigmoid function manipulation.
- 2. It changes the coefficients of computed gradient value of both weights and bias
- 3. It changes the way to calculate loss function (root-mean-square error to cross-entropy)
  Beyond these difference, I thought that the logistic one is almost the same with linear one.

#### • gen model

I used this function to write back the weights and bias to the model file via json format.

#### · read model

It's a basic and trivial function which load the generated model.

#### read\_test

It's almost the same with the function "read\_data" which read the testing data.

#### • gen\_ans (Fig. 4)

Like previous functions, this function is similar with the part of the codes in hw1. It calculates the predicted value of testing data and fills the corresponding answer to the array according to their probability.

Finally, I ran the different functions according to the length of the system parameters and generated the "prediction.csv".

# • Regularization

Same with the hw1, due to the features of the data, there still exists these 2 phenomena:

- 1. I proposed my function set to be multivariate linear equation, which has lower probability overfitting the training set than quadratic functions
- 2. The increment of the error rate of the public set may indicate that my model won't overfit the training data or the public set (which means it will be more adaptable to other data)

### • Learning Rate

Different from the hw1, in this homework, only the adagrad and adamgrad can converge in specific epochs. The results of using adagrad is similar with using adamgrad.

#### Discussion

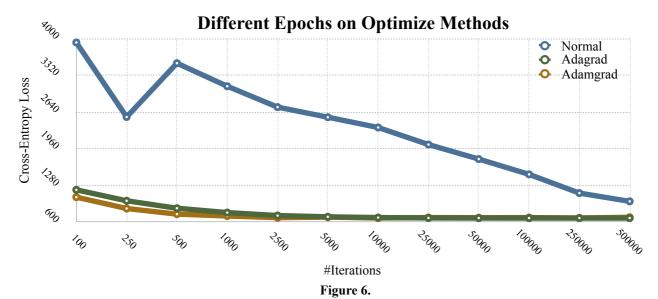
In this assignment, I have implemented 3 different methods:

- 1. Master → Logistic Regression
- 2. Method2 → Probabilistic Generative Model
- 3. Method3  $\rightarrow$  Linear Regression

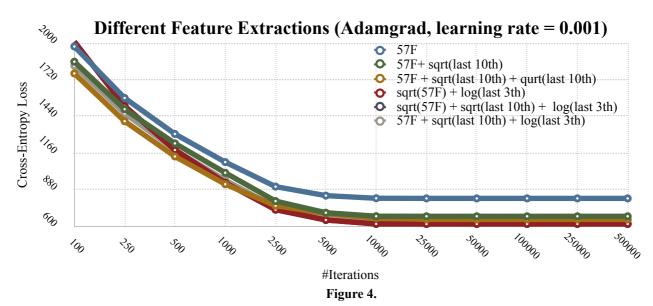
Under the same setting of both parameters and features, the logistic regression method defeats all the other methods and its correctness is about 93.667%.

I also did several experiments on different parameters, such as #iteration, lambda value, different extraction method of features, etc. All these experiments are show in several line charts on the next page. After doing these experiments, I was attracted by the different feature extraction methods' effect; in other words, the difference between feature scale and combinations could result in different accuracy. Since this difference is bigger than I expected, I decided to try other possible combinations and plotted in the line chart (I only try 3 different methods at first). The reason why I came up with this idea is that I noticed that the last several features represent the rare characters which may not appear in the normal email content.

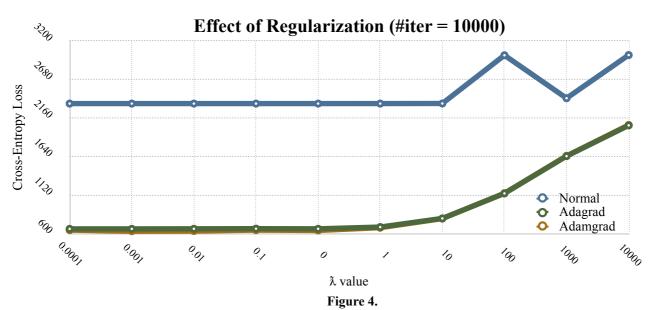
# • Figures



Experiment results of different epochs on different optimize methods



Experiment results of different feature extraction method (F = feature, Adamgrad, learning rate = 0.001)



Experiment results of the effect of regularization (#iter = 10000)

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#### Codes

```
4  def sigmoid(z):
5    return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-z))
```

Figure. 1

Sigmoid function implemented by numpy

Figure. 2

Compute the cross-entropy for each weight (they will be summed as the value of loss function)

Figure. 3
Logistic Regression (normal, adagrad, adamgrad)

Figure. 4

Generate the predicted results according to the probability