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| **Module/framework/package** | **Name and brief description of algorithm** | **An example of a situation where using the provided GLM implementation provides superior performance compared to that of base R or its equivalent in Python (identify the equivalent in Python)** |
| Base R | The iterative algorithm Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares (IWLS) solves weighted least squares problems in successive iterations until it reaches convergence. The Fisher scoring method substitutes the Hessian with its expected model value to enhance stability. | The IWLS implementation in Base R includes extensive statistical diagnostics (deviance residuals and influence measures and others) which make its traditional inference and hypothesis testing abilities superior to Python's statsmodels framework. The model's thorough output enables statisticians to interpret their analysis results when performing detailed data analysis. |
| Big Data version of R | Users can benefit from out-of-memory data handling through biglm's incremental computations and satisfactory cluster processing with snow together with foreach/doParallel. | Big genomic data analysis that needs rigid statistics improves with HPC extensions through both disk-based storage solutions and partitioned processing. The biglm package empowers users to examine data collections exceeding RAM capacity by 10 times with native R statistical capabilities that deliver superior performance as compared to Python pandas for extensive statistical models. |
| Dask ML | ADMM (Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers) breaks down optimization problems into separate sub-problems which operate independently before uniting their solutions. The system uses Proximal Gradient Methods to solve non-smooth regularization problems. | Within the 10-100GB data size range that exceeds memory capacity but falls beneath full Spark deployment requirements Dask ML outperforms scikit-learn. The out-of-core processing capabilities of Dask ML together with its scikit-learn API compatibility make it the best choice for users moving from laptop-scale to larger workloads. |
| Spark R | A Spark cluster implements Distributed L-BFGS which functions as a quasi-Newton method. The method calculates Hessian matrix approximations through gradient evaluation history which enables efficient optimization of large-scale problems without needing explicit second derivatives. | In enterprise environments analyzing customer behavior across terabytes of data, SparkR outperforms both base R and Python pandas by orders of magnitude. Insurance companies that use SparkR can analyze their millions of policies through its capability to work with distributed data stored on HDFS or S3 systems. |
| Spark optimization | The Multi-algorithm Framework includes three algorithms: Gradient Descent with distributed full data chunks, Stochastic Gradient Descent with adjustable miniBatchFraction sampling, and L-BFGS with distributed operations. | For large-scale recommendation systems processing billions of user interactions, Spark MLlib's optimization framework outperforms scikit-learn's SGD implementation. The miniBatchFraction parameter enables users to balance speed of iterations against convergence quality to achieve optimal performance in distributed cluster environments. |
| Scikit-Learn | The Solver Suite encompasses four different specialized solvers namely 'lbfgs' (default) for most problems and 'liblinear' for L1 regularization, 'newton-cg/cholesky' for exact Hessian solutions and 'sag/saga' for large-scale datasets that utilize stochastic averaging. | Text classification with sparse high-dimensional features achieves its best performance through the SAGA solver. The SAGA solver from the glmnet package in R performs L1-regularized logistic regression on datasets with 1M+ documents more efficiently than the glmnet package since it converges faster yet remains memory-efficient while enabling complex regularization patterns. |