Let X be training data matrix with additional column of 1s on the first column, β be the coefficient matrix. $\vec{x}_i = (1, x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{im})$ is a datum on row i in X. $\overrightarrow{\beta_k} = (\beta_{0k}, \beta_{1k}, \dots, \beta_{mk})$ is a vector in β of class k in which there are K classes in response y. Let \hat{y}_{ik} be the prediction (or probability) of \vec{x}_i on class k, then $\hat{y}_k = (\hat{y}_{1k}, \hat{y}_{2k}, \dots, \hat{y}_{nk})^T$. Since

$$\begin{split} \hat{y_{ik}} &= P[Y = k \,|\, X = \vec{x_i}] = \frac{e^{\vec{\beta}_k \cdot \vec{x_i}}}{\sum_{l=1}^K e^{\vec{\beta}_l \cdot \vec{x_i}}} \\ &\rightarrow \ln(\hat{y_{ik}}) = \vec{\beta}_k \cdot \vec{x_i} - \ln(\sum_{l=1}^K e^{\vec{\beta}_l \cdot \vec{x_i}}) \\ &\rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla_{\vec{\beta}_k} \ln(\hat{y_{ik}}) = \vec{x_i} - \frac{\nabla_{\vec{\beta}_k} [\sum_{l}^K e^{\vec{\beta}_l \cdot \vec{x_i}}]}{\sum_{l}^K e^{\vec{\beta}_l \cdot \vec{x_i}}} = \vec{x_i} - \frac{e^{\vec{\beta}_k \cdot \vec{x_i}}}{\sum_{l}^K e^{\vec{\beta}_l \cdot \vec{x_i}}} \vec{x_i} = \vec{x_i} - \hat{y_{ik}} \vec{x_i} = (1 - \hat{y_{ik}}) \vec{x_i} \\ \nabla_{\vec{\beta}_j} \ln(\hat{y_{ik}}) = -\frac{e^{\vec{\beta}_j \cdot \vec{x_i}}}{\sum_{l}^K e^{\vec{\beta}_l \cdot \vec{x_i}}} \vec{x_i} = -\hat{y_{ij}} \vec{x_i} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Now we use likelihood function l to build loss function and try to maximize it to find matrix β in which

$$l = \prod_{i_1:Y=1} \hat{y_{i_1}} \prod_{i_2:Y=2} \hat{y_{i_2}} \dots \prod_{i_K:Y=K} \hat{y_{i_K}} K$$

$$\to \ln(l) = \sum_{i_1} \ln(\hat{y_{i_1}}) + \sum_{i_2} \ln(\hat{y_{i_2}}) + \dots + \sum_{i_K} \ln(\hat{y_{i_K}})$$

To maximize l is to maximize ln(l), then the goal is to find β for which

$$\nabla_{\overrightarrow{\beta_k}} \ln(l) = 0$$
 for $k = 1...K$

Let I_k be a n x 1 array where

$$I_k = \begin{cases} 1 & Y=k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\overrightarrow{\beta_k}} \ln(l) &= -\sum_{i_1} \hat{y_{i_1k}} \vec{x}_{i_1} - \sum_{i_2} \hat{y_{i_2k}} \vec{x}_{i_2} - \ldots + \sum_{i_k} (1 - \hat{y_{i_kk}}) \vec{x}_{i_k} - \ldots - \sum_{i_K} \hat{y_{i_Kk}} \vec{x}_{i_K} \\ &= \sum_{i_k} \vec{x}_{i_k} - \sum_{i_1} \hat{y_{i_1k}} \vec{x}_{i_1} - \sum_{i_2} \hat{y_{i_2k}} \vec{x}_{i_2} - \ldots - \sum_{i_K} \hat{y_{i_Kk}} \vec{x}_{i_K} \\ &= \sum_{i_k} \vec{x}_{i_k} - \sum_{i} \hat{y_{i_k}} \vec{x}_{i} \\ &= \sum_{i} (l_k - \hat{y_{i_k}}) \vec{x}_{i} \\ &= X^T \cdot (l_k - \hat{y_k}) \end{split}$$

So

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\vec{\beta}_{1}} \ln(l) &= \sum_{i}^{n} (I_{1} - \hat{y_{i1}}) \vec{x}_{i} = X^{T} \cdot (I_{1} - \hat{y}_{1}) \\ \nabla_{\vec{\beta}_{2}} \ln(l) &= \sum_{i}^{n} (I_{2} - \hat{y_{i2}}) \vec{x}_{i} = X^{T} \cdot (I_{2} - \hat{y}_{2}) \\ &\vdots \\ \nabla_{\vec{\beta}_{K}} \ln(l) &= \sum_{i}^{n} (I_{K} - \hat{y_{iK}}) \vec{x}_{i} = X^{T} \cdot (I_{K} - \hat{y}_{K}) \\ &\to \nabla_{\vec{\beta}} \ln(l) = X^{T} \cdot (1 - \hat{y}) \end{cases}$$

Now we know which direction to renew matrix β via $\nabla_{\vec{\beta}} \ln(l)$, and with the help of learning rate α , we then have

$$\beta_{new} = \beta_{old} + \alpha X^T \cdot (1 - \hat{y})$$

Below are matrices definition used in this document

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [x_1] [x_2] \dots [x_m]$$

$$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{01} \\ \beta_{11} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{m1} \end{bmatrix} [\beta_2] \dots [\beta_K]$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \end{bmatrix} [I_2] \dots [I_K] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{y} = \begin{bmatrix} [\hat{y}_1] [\hat{y}_2] \dots [\hat{y}_K] \end{bmatrix}$$