

Homework 1

Solution 1. If a multivariate function is convex, its Hessian Matrix is positive semi-definite.

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

$$\frac{dy}{dw} = \frac{-xe^{-(w^T x + b)}}{1 + e^{-(w^T x + b)}} = x(y - y^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dw^T} \left(\frac{dy}{dw} \right) = x(1 - 2y) \left(\frac{dy}{dw} \right)^T = xx^T y(y - 1)(1 - 2y)$$

Because xx^T is congruent to identity matrix, xx^T is positive definite matrix. The range of y is $(0, 1)$, when $y \in (0.5, 1)$, $y(y-1)(1-2y) < 0$, leading to $\frac{d}{dw^T} \left(\frac{dy}{dw} \right)$ not positive definite. So $y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w^T x + b)}}$ is non-convex.

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^m (-y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) + \ln(1 + e^{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b}))$$

$$\frac{d}{dw^T} \left(\frac{dl}{dw} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^m xx^T p_i(x|w)(1 - p_i(x|w))$$

Obviously, $p_i \in (0, 1)$, $p_i(x|\mathbf{w})(1 - p_i(x|\mathbf{w})) \geq 0$, so $l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^m (-y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) + \ln(1 + e^{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b}))$ is a convex function.

Solution 2. We can rewrite $\sum_{j=1}^M |w_j|^q \leq \eta$ as

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^M |w_j|^q - \eta \right) \leq 0$$

where we have incorporated the $\frac{1}{2}$ scaling factor for convenience. Clearly this does not affect the constraint. We can combine this with $E_D(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n - w^T \phi(x_n)\}^2$ to obtain the Lagrangian function

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n)\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^M |w_j|^q - \eta \right)$$

and by comparing this with $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n)\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M |w_j|^q$ we see immediately that they are identical in their dependence on \mathbf{w} .

Now suppose we choose a specific value of $\lambda > 0$ and minimize $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n)\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M |w_j|^q$. Denoting the resulting value of \mathbf{w} by $\mathbf{w}^*(\lambda)$, and using the KKT condition, we see that the value of η is given by

$$\eta = \sum_{j=1}^M |w_j^*(\lambda)|^q.$$

Solution 3. If we define $\mathbf{R} = \text{diag}(r_1, \dots, r_N)$ to be a diagonal matrix containing the weighting coefficients, then we can write the weighted sum-of-squares cost function in the form

$$E_D(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w})^T \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}).$$

Setting the derivative with respect to \mathbf{w} to zero, and re-arranging, then gives

$$\mathbf{w}^* = (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{t}$$

which reduces to the standard solution for the case $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$.

Solution 4. Let $\mu_{ic} = P(y_i = c | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{W})$, $y_{ic} = \mathbf{1}\{y_i = c\}$.

(a)

$$l(W) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{c=1}^C \mu_{ic}^{y_{ic}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^C y_{ic} \log \mu_{ic} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{c=1}^C y_{ic} \mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}_i - \log \sum_{c=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}_i) \right)$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} g_c(W) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{c=1}^C y_{ic} \mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}_i - \log \sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} \sum_{c=1}^C y_{ic} \mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} \log \sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_{ic} \mathbf{x}_i - \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} \sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i)}{\sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_{ic} \mathbf{x}_i - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_{c'=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_{ic} - \mu_{ic}) \mathbf{x}_i \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\delta_{cc'}$ denotes the Dirac delta function and is equal to one if $c = c'$ and zero otherwise.

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{c,c'}(W) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} g_{c'}(W) \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_{ic'} \mathbf{x}_i - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_{c''=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c''}^T \mathbf{x}_i)} \right) \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_c} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum_{c''=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c''}^T \mathbf{x}_i)} \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta_{cc'} \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \sum_{c''=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c''}^T \mathbf{x}_i) - \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \exp(\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}_i)}{\left(\sum_{c''=1}^C \exp(\mathbf{w}_{c''}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \right)^2} \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^n (\delta_{cc'} \mu_{ic} - \mu_{ic'} \mu_{ic}) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_{ic} (\mu_{ic'} - \delta_{cc'}) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T
\end{aligned}$$