

**Please write a report for this project.**

Consider training the following regularized logistic regression model

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} F(\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda R(\mathbf{x}),$$

where

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-b_i \mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x})),$$

with  $n$  being the sample size and  $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d = 50$ ) is a training data,  $b_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  be the label of  $\mathbf{a}_i$ . Here, we consider two different regularization functions i.e.  $\ell_1$ -regularization ( $R(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ ) and  $\ell_2$ -regularization ( $R(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ ).

Please use the code in the zip file to generate 1000 data-label pairs  $\{\mathbf{a}_i, b_i\}_{i=1}^{1000}$ .

- Derive  $\text{prox}_{\lambda\|\mathbf{x}\|_1}(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\text{prox}_{\lambda\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- For  $\lambda = 0.001$ , numerically solve the problem  $\min_{\mathbf{x}} F(\mathbf{x})$  using subgradient method, proximal gradient method, accelerated proximal gradient method with heavy-ball momentum and Nesterov's acceleration. Plot  $F(\mathbf{x}^k) - F(\mathbf{x}^*)$  over the iteration  $k$  for each method, where  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is in the code that used to generate the training data.
- Test different  $\lambda$ , e.g. 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1 and see how  $\mathbf{x}^k$  changes after you run enough number of iterations.
- Can you propose any approach to further accelerate the training process?