

**COMP 9417**

**Machine Learning and Data Mining**

Homework 2

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**Question1**

(a)

From the question, we can get the information that the . This question aims to prove that . These 2 equations have the same part which is . Therefore, we can prove , which is also , instead of checking the whole equation. Also, from the question, we can get that in , as well as in , whereas . This means we can discuss in 2 situations. The first situation is when . The second situation is when .

For the first situation which is . Put both and into equations and .

After that, we can get 2 new equations as showing below.

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Use the same way in the second situation. For the second situation which is . Put both and into equations and .

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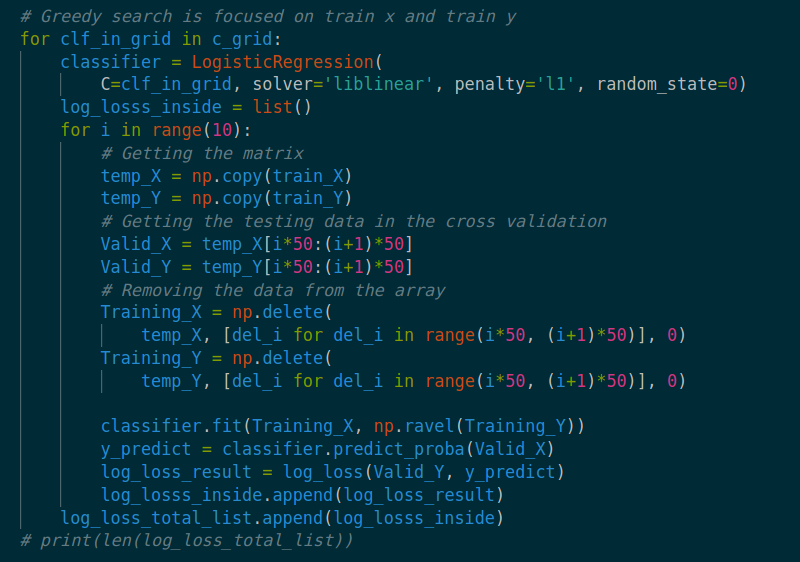
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Also, using the to simplify , we can get the following equation.

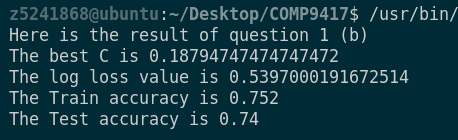
Compare these 2 equations and . Finally, we can get the result that and .

The parameter C in these equations is to balance the relationship between the complexity and accuracy of the model which is the same as the function of in LASSO. There are also different points between them. is the parameter of the penalty function in LASSO, which is . This means when goes larger, we focus more on the penalty function. However, question C is focused on . This means the function between C and is opposite, when C goes larger goes smaller. Otherwise, when C goes smaller goes larger.

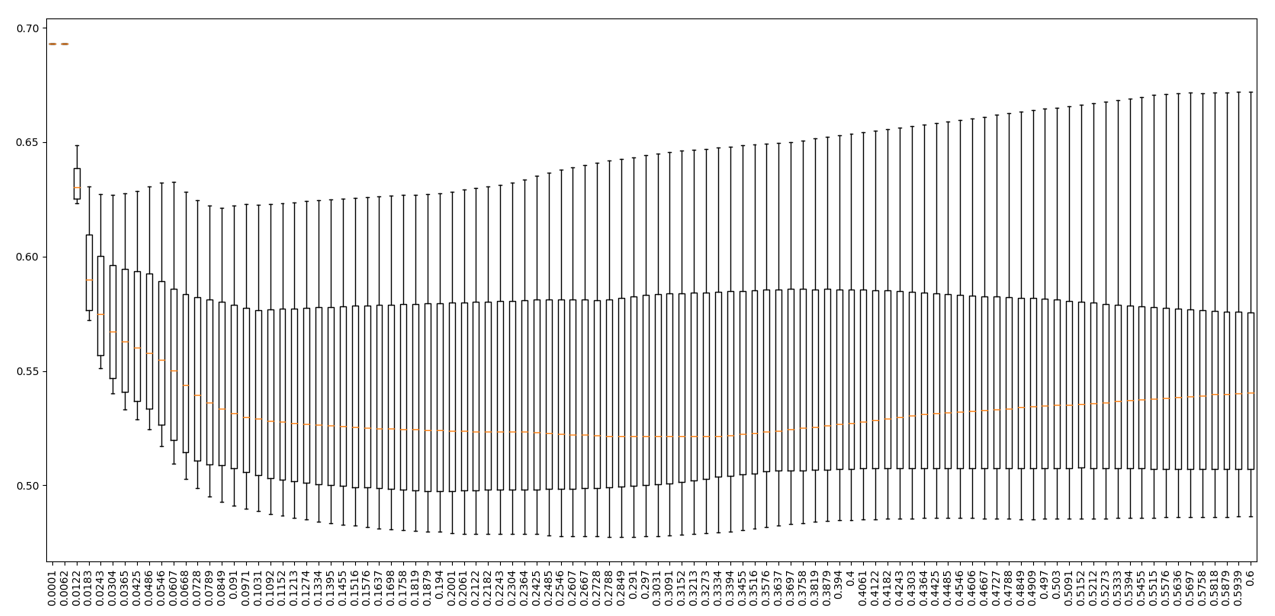
(b) This part of the picture of code contains the implementation of cross-validation and the model training. Some data processing and C list generation can also be found in the python files submitted. Here I will only show you the main part of the code in question1 (b) as the following picture given below.



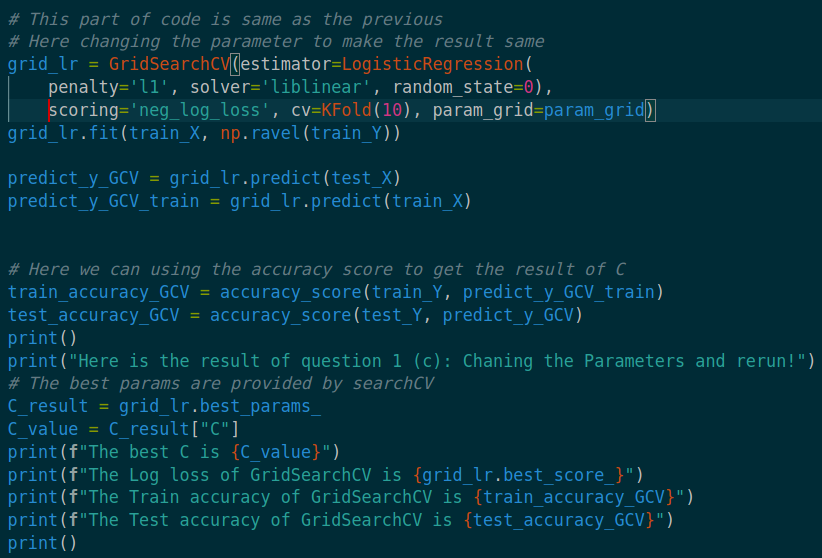
By running this part of the code, we can attain the log loss result from different C values. Therefore, we can not only generate the plot but also get the best C value. The best C is the minimum value in the result list. From the picture, the best C value is 0.18794747474747472. The log loss value is 0.5397000191672514. The Train accuracy is 0.752. The test accuracy is 0.74.



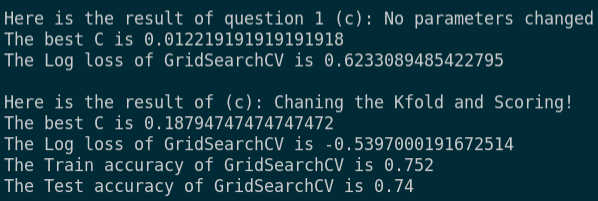
By using the log loss result list, we can finally generate the plot in question1 (b) as showing below.



(c) Here is the code after changing parameters in the GridSearchCV function. Notice here, I adding the scoring parameter as log loss. Furthermore, for the cross-validation function, I used the K-fold method which K is 10 in part of code.



Here is the difference between changing parameters or not. In the following picture, the first part is no changes in the parameter. We can find that this result is different from question1 (b). After changing the parameter of scoring(log-loss) and cross-validation (K-fold, K=10), we can get the same result as question1 (b).



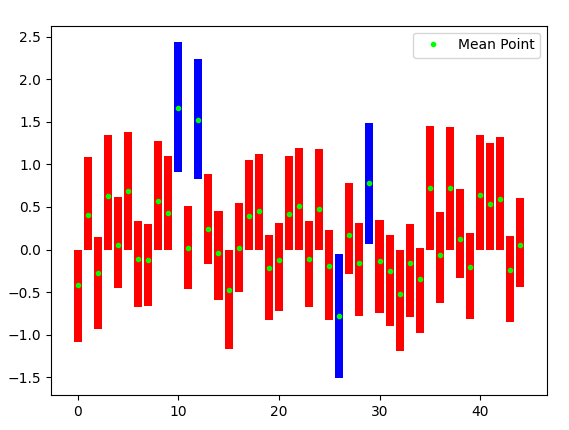
This part is to analyze the reason why they are different. This may cause by 2 factors, which are data segmentation standard and scoring standard. For the previous part in (b), we do the data segmentation without considering the label of the data. But the default method of parameter cross-validation is Stratified K-Fold. Stratified K-Fold standard is based on the data distribution. This can make the target proportion of the divided data set approximate to the original data set, which is different from the K-fold method divide the data directly. This is the first reason.

Consider the scoring standard, the default value is none, which means there is no scoring strategy. However, in question1 (b), we use the log loss function as the scoring standard. Therefore, to make it the same, we should take the same scoring standard with question1 (b) instead of using nothing. Therefore, here are 2 reasons which caused the different results with question1 (b).

(d) There is the code capture of quesion1 (d). This part of the code contains the implementation of the bootstrap method as well as the implementation of the logistic regression model.



After getting the coefficient list, we can draw the plot as showing below. The lime dot on the plot is the mean value of each bar. From this image, we can find that there are only four blue bars.



(e) Based on the bar plot given by question1 d, we can get the following results.

The number of red bars is more than the blue bar. Based on the theory of confidence interval, the red bar contains 0 points. This means the feature of the red bar is not important as the blue bar. In other words, the feature of blue bars is more important than the red bars. Also, if the bar is short and gathering near the zero points, this means these features are not useful than others.

As for the value C, this value is a kind of constraint of features. As for the value C, this value is a kind of constraint of features. If the current C value is small, this means for this feature we will add more penalties on it. This will cause a large number of features which are in red bars. Otherwise, for those features whose C value is large, this means the constraint is little. Furthermore, fewer constraints will cause fewer penalties. Finally, doing the regularization is important and necessary. This is because the number of red bars which are unimportant features is more than blue features. Therefore, reduce the influence brought by unimportant features is necessary to do the regularization.

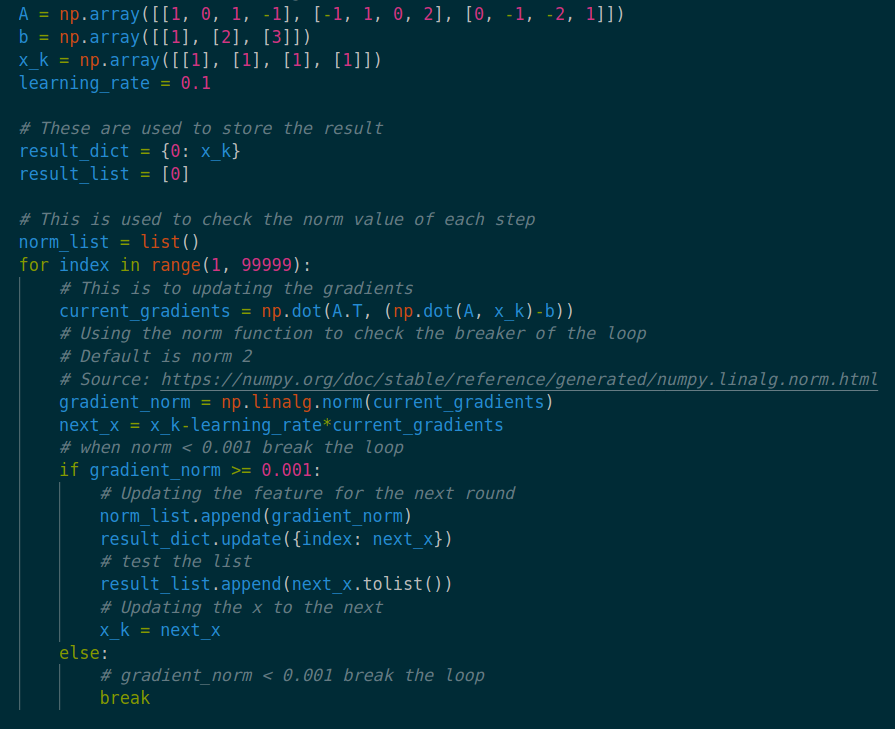
**Question2**

(a) In the question a, the learning rate . Based on the question, we can get the following equation to do the calculation.

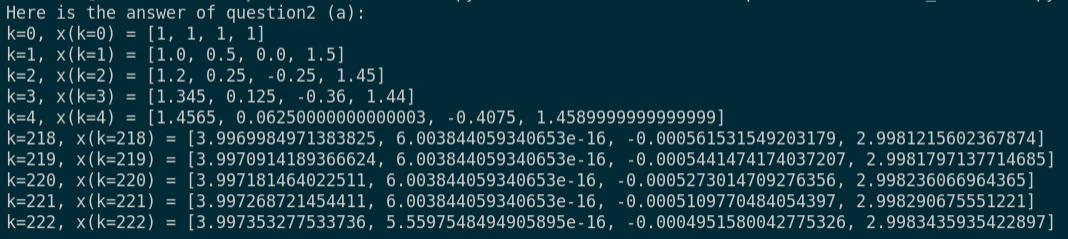
Therefore, for getting each gradient as the equation showing above.

Then, using the learning rate to update the as the equation showing below.

After getting this equation, we can set it up in the python code as showing below.



After running the code, we can get the following result. In this picture, we can find the first and the last 5 values of as showing below. From this image, we can find the index of the last value is k=222. This k value is also the steps of the gradient update.



(b) Question2 (b) is similar to question2 (a), the difference is the learning rate of question b needs to be updated. Therefore, using the given equation to get the learning rate equation. Using the gradient equation in the question 1 to simplify the .

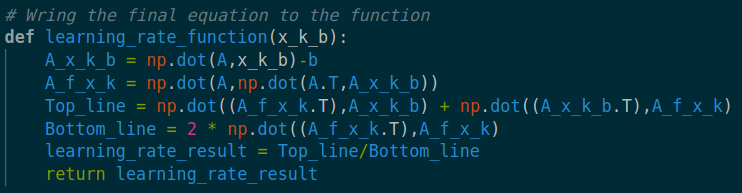
The previous simplify based on the size of the matrix. By doing this, we can get the function of . Then doing the derivative of this equation.

To simplify the equation of , then let the .

Using the equation we got, in the question2 (a).

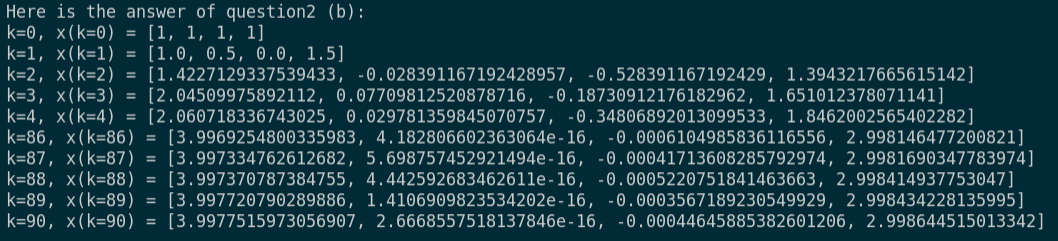
Finally, we can get the equation which contains as showing below.

Then, setting up this equation in the python code. The following picture is the implementation of the equation.

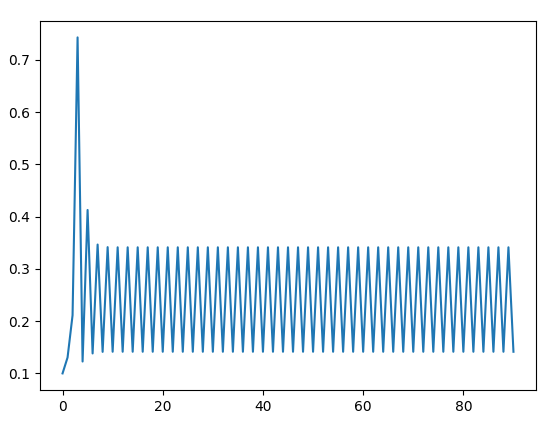


Other parts of the code are similar to question2 (a), you can also find it in the python files.

In this picture, we can find the first and the last 5 values of in the following picture.

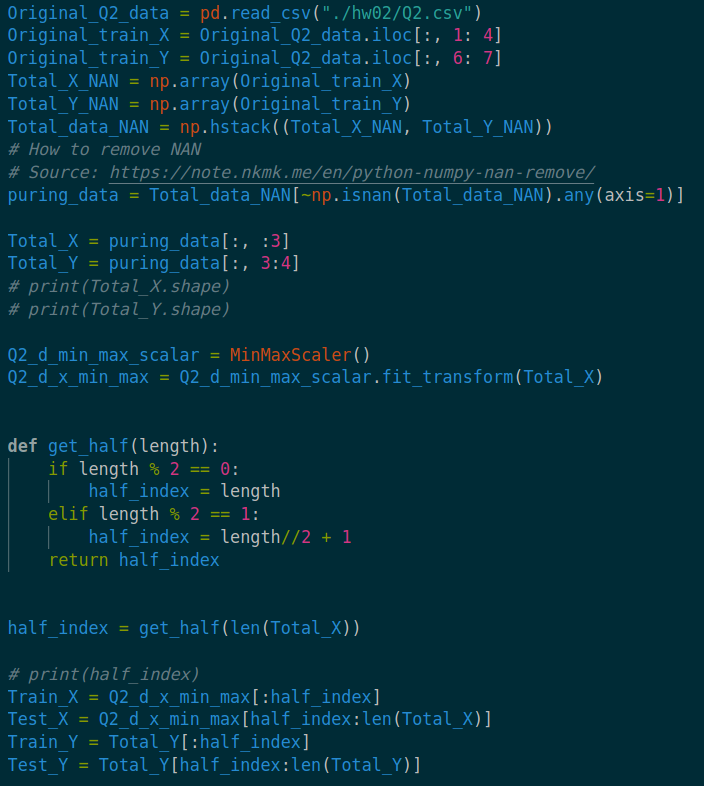


By running the code, the program can generate a list to store each alpha value for each step. Using the list, we can finally get the line graph of question2 (b).

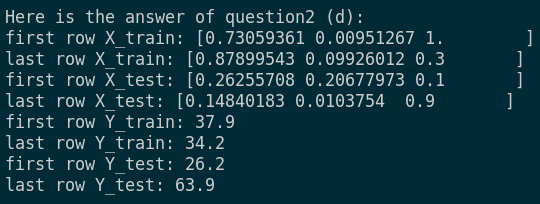


(c) Compare the result between question2 (a) and question2 (b), we can find the normal gradient descent algorithm using 222 steps to stop. Furthermore, the steepest gradient descent algorithm using 90 steps to stop. Therefore, we can find that the steepest descent algorithm is faster than the gradient descent. From the result given by question2 (b), we can find that the learning rate change sharply, which start at 0.1 then goes to more than 0.7. Then after several steps, the learning rate goes stable. Finally, the steepest descent algorithm can find the most suitable learning rate for the current model to make it converge in a fast way.

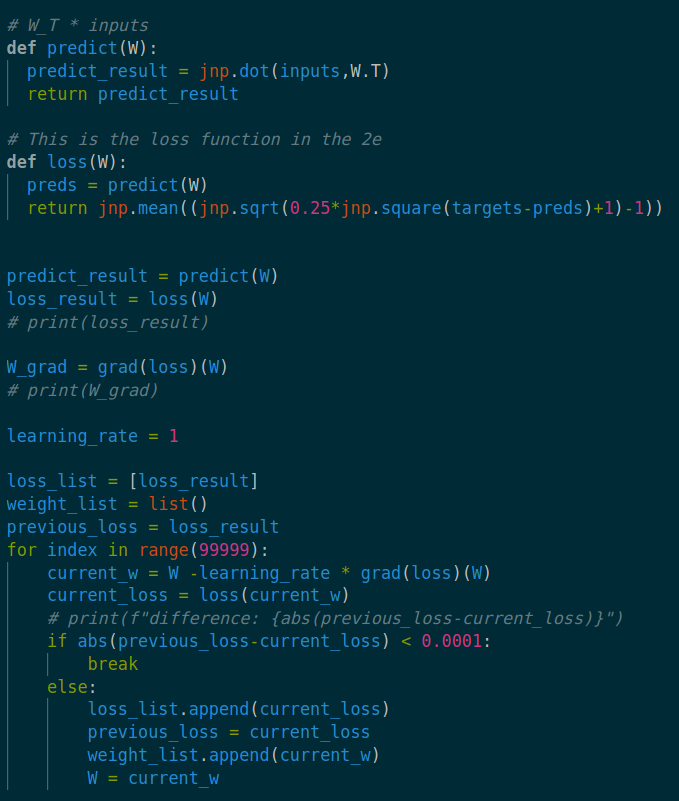
(d) Here is the data processing code in question2 (d).



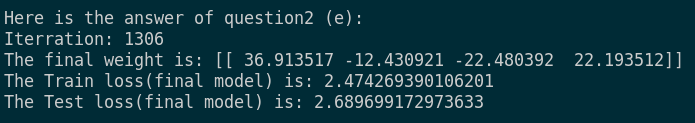
By running this part of the code, we can get the first row and last row of training data and testing data. You can find the result in the following picture showing below.



(e) The code capture of question2 (e) is showing below.

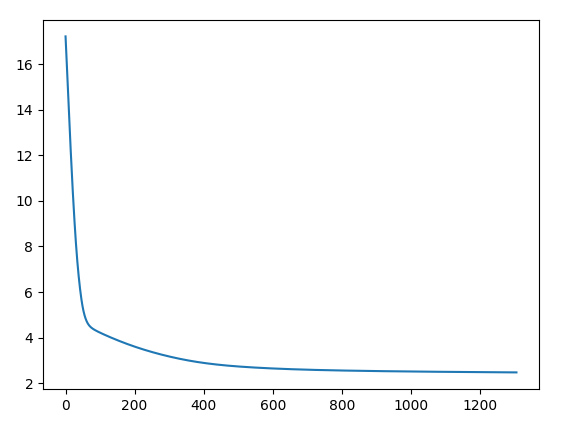


By running the code given above, we can generate the result of the iterations and loss values.

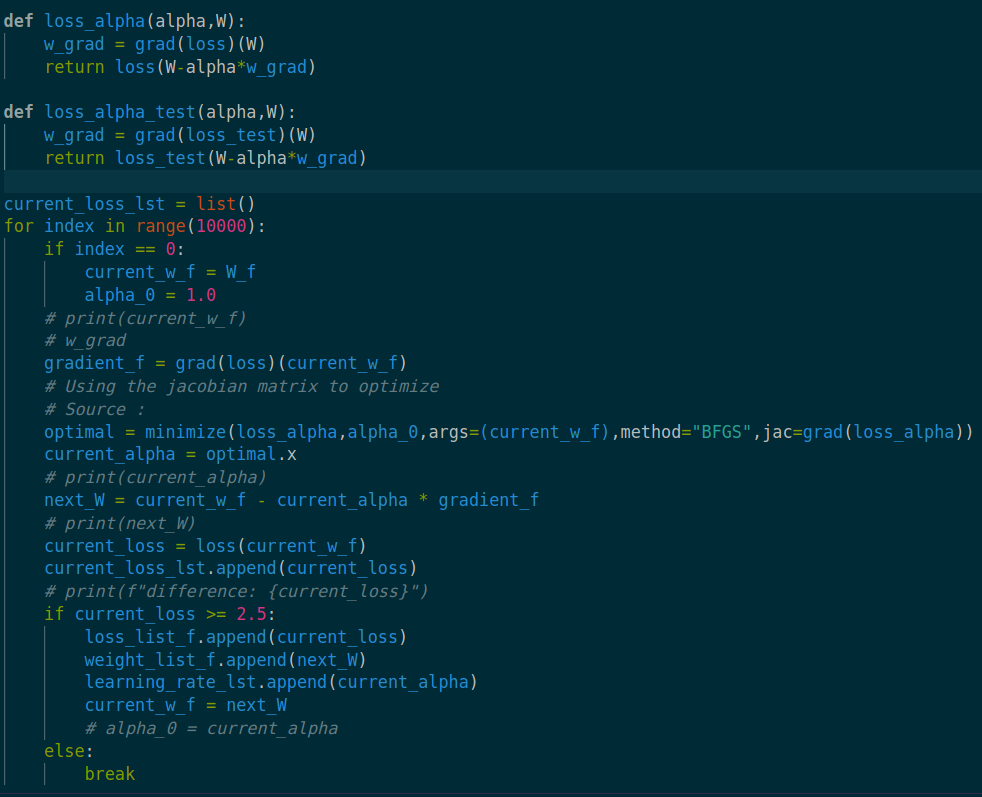
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From this picture, we can find that the total number of iterations is 1306. The final weight is [36.913517, -12.430921, -22.480392, 22.193512]. Also, the training loss of the final model is 2.474269390106201 and the testing loss of the final model is 2.689699172973633.

Based on the loss data generated by the code, we can finally draw the plot of the loss value. The plot of the loss value for question2 (e) is showing below.

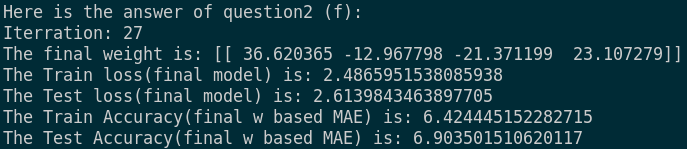


(f) The question2 (f), I used the minimize function provided by SciPy to update the learning rate, then implementing the steepest gradient descent algorithm. Here is the capture of code implementation of this part.

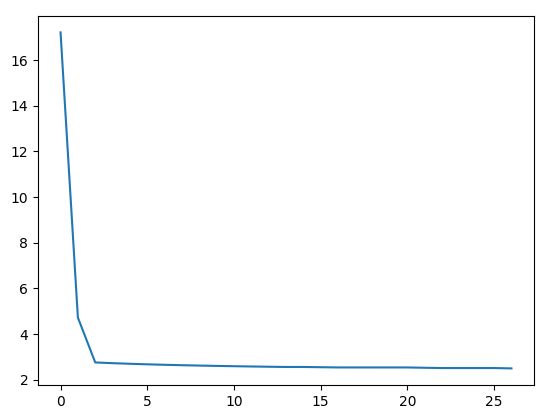


In this part of code, using the parameter provided by the Jacobian matrix to do the minimization, can speed up the iterations.

Here is the result of running the code. From this capture, we can find that the iteration is 27, as well as the final weight is [[ 36.620365 -12.967798 -21.371199 23.107279]]. From the picture, we can also get the training loss is 2.4865951538085938 and the testing loss is 2.6139843463897705. Finally, In this part, I decided to use the MAE to compute the training accuracy and testing accuracy. The Training accuracy is 6.424445152282715. The testing accuracy is 6.903501510620117. You can also find the same result from the picture given below.

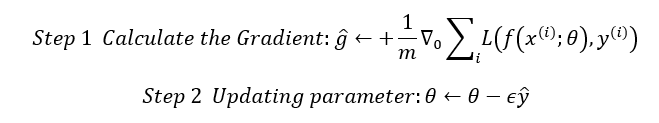


Finally, we can use the loss list to generate the plot of question2 (f). From the picture, we can find that the iteration is less than question2 (e). Also, the structure of this line graph is steep. One important thing that should be mentioned here is that when we do the training without using the Jacobian matrix, we can find the learning rate is still 1. To get a good iteration result and solving this problem without using the Jacobian matrix, we can change the parameters in the JAX function. Here is the reason. Although the speed of JAX is faster than NumPy, the accuracy is not better than NumPy. We can change the type of the parameter to NumPy array to make the result more accurate.

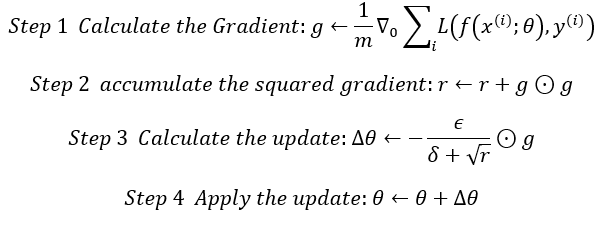


(g) This part is going to introduce a new gradient-based algorithm which is called Adagrad. Compared with the SGD, the Adagrad has higher robustness [1]. Also, this algorithm has been used in large-scale neural networks training. For the Adagrad algorithm, it adds constraints to the learning rate [5].

Using the step to check the difference between SGD and Adagrad. Here are the steps of the traditional SGD method [4].



Here are the steps of Adagrad, which is different from SGD [2][4]:



Here in these equations, is the global learning rate, which needs to be set manually. is a constant, this value is to avoid the situation of value 0. The value r is used to accumulate the gradient, the default value of r is 0.

With the step increase, the value r goes larger. This will cause the learning rate to go smaller. Therefore, in the previous training Adagrad encourage convergence. However, with the time and training step grows, the learning rate to go smaller. This means the Adagrad finally will punish the converge. This is the reason why the training step goes slower and slower. Also, due to the accumulated value r, the Adagrad is good at dealing with the sparse gradient, which will give a better performance than SGD [3].

However, this method still has disadvantages. This method still needs us to set a global learning rate. If the global learning rate is too large, the adjustment of the gradient will be influenced. Furthermore, if the value r which adds the gradient will go very large, this will cause the training process to stop prematurely [5].

Although the Adagrad increases the robustness and efficiency, it still has problems that need to be optimized.

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