

**Instructions: (Please read carefully and follow them!)**

Try to solve all problems on your own. If you have difficulties, ask the instructor or TAs.

Please follow the instructions given below to prepare your solution notebooks:

- Please use different notebooks for solving different Exercise problems.
- The notebook name for Exercise 1 should be `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab8_Ex1.ipynb`.
- Similarly, the notebook name for Exercise 2 should be `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab8_Ex2.ipynb`, etc.
- Please post your doubts in MS Teams Discussion Forum channel so that TAs can clarify.

There are only 3 exercises in this lab. Try to solve all problems on your own. If you have difficulties, ask the Instructors or TAs.

Only the questions marked **[R]** need to be answered in the notebook. You can either print the answers using `print` command in your code or you can write the text in a separate text tab. To add text in your notebook, click **+Text**. Some questions require you to provide proper explanations; for such questions, write proper explanations in a text tab. Some questions require the answers to be written in LaTeX notation. Please see the demo video (posted in Lab 1) to know how to write LaTeX in Google notebooks. Some questions require plotting certain graphs. Please make sure that the plots are present in the submitted notebooks. Please include all answers in your `.pynb` files.

After completing this lab's exercises, click File → Download `.ipynb` and save your files to your local laptop/desktop. Create a folder with name `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab8` and copy your `.ipynb` files to the folder. Then zip the folder to create `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab8.zip`. Then upload only the `.zip` file to Moodle. There will be extra marks for students who follow the proper naming conventions in their submissions.

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## Binary Classification Problem

In the last lab, you might have recognized that decomposing a problem might help in coming up with optimization procedures to handle large data. In this lab, we will continue with this theme and try to develop procedures which are scalable and achieve reasonably accurate solutions.

Here, we will consider a different problem, namely the binary (or two-class) classification problem in machine learning. The problem is of the following form. For a data set  $D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $x_i \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y_i \in \{+1, -1\}$ , we solve:

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(w) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, w^\top x_i). \quad (1)$$

Note that we intend to learn a classification rule  $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{+1, -1\}$  by solving the problem (1). We will use the following prediction rule for a test sample  $\hat{x}$ :

$$h(\hat{x}) = \text{sign}(w^\top \hat{x}). \quad (2)$$

We will consider the following loss functions:

- $L_h(y_i, w^\top x_i) = \max\{0, 1 - y_i w^\top x_i\}$  (hinge)
- $L_\ell(y_i, w^\top x_i) = \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$  (logistic)
- $L_{sh}(y_i, w^\top x_i) = (\max\{0, 1 - y_i w^\top x_i\})^2$ . (squared hinge)
- **Exercise 0: [R]** For an example  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ , assume  $z = yw^\top x$ . Then, note that the loss functions  $L_h, L_\ell$  and  $L_{sh}$  can be equivalently written as  $G_h(z), G_\ell(z), G_{sh}(z)$ . Write the loss functions  $G_h(z), G_\ell(z)$  and  $G_{sh}(z)$  as functions of  $z$ . Plot these loss functions  $G_h(z), G_\ell(z)$  and  $G_{sh}(z)$  where  $z$  takes values on the real line  $[-\infty, \infty]$ . Distinguish the loss functions using different colors. Comment on the behavior of respective loss functions with respect to  $z$ .

### Exercise 1: Data Preparation

1. Use the following code snippet. Load the iris dataset from `scikit-learn` package using the following code. We will load the features into the matrix  $A$  such that the  $i$ -th row of  $A$  will contain the features of  $i$ -th sample. The label vector will be loaded into  $y$ .
    - (a) [R] Check the number of classes  $C$  and the class label values in iris data. Check if the class labels are from the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, C-1\}$  or if they are from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, C\}$ .
    - (b) When loading the labels into  $y$  do the following:
      - If the class labels are from the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, C-1\}$  convert classes  $0, 2, 3, \dots, C-1$  to  $-1$ .
      - If the class labels are from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, C\}$  convert classes  $2, 3, \dots, C$  to  $-1$ .
- Thus, you will have class labels eventually belonging to the set  $\{+1, -1\}$ .
- (c) Note that a shuffled index array `indexarr` is used in the code. Use this index array to partition the data and labels into train and test splits. In particular, use the first 80% of the indices to create the training data and labels. Use the remaining 20% to create the test data and labels. Store them in the variables `train_data`, `train_label`, `test_data`, `test_label`.

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```
import numpy as np

#we will load the iris data from scikit-learn package
from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
iris = load_iris()
#check the shape of iris data
print(iris.data.shape)
A = iris.data
#check the shape of iris target
print(iris.target.shape)

#How many labels does iris data have?
#C=num_of_classes
#print(C)
n = iris.data.shape[0] #Number of data points
d = iris.data.shape[1] #Dimension of data points

#In the following code, we create a nx1 vector of target labels
y = 1.0*np.ones([A.shape[0],])
for i in range(iris.target.shape[0]):
    # y[i] = ??? # Convert class labels that are not 1 into -1

#Create an index array
indexarr = np.arange(n) #index array
np.random.shuffle(indexarr) #shuffle the indices
#print(indexarr) #check indexarr after shuffling

#Use the first 80% of indexarr to create the train data and the remaining 20% to
    create the test data
#train_data = ???
#train_label = ???
#test_data = ???
#test_label = ???
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- (d) Write a python function which implements the prediction rule in eqn. (2). Use the following code template.

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```
def predict(w,x):  
    #return ???
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- (e) Write a python function which takes as input the model parameter  $w$ , data features and labels and returns the accuracy on the data. (Use the predict function).

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```
def compute_accuracy(data,labels,model_w):  
    #Use predict function defined above  
    #return ???
```

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## Exercise 2: An Optimization Algorithm

1. Note that problem (1) can be written as

$$\min_w f(w) = \min_w \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(w). \quad (3)$$

[R] Find an appropriate choice of  $f_i(w)$ .

2. Consider the loss function  $L_h$ . Write a python module to compute the loss function  $L_h$ .

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```
def compute_loss_h(w,x,y):
    #return ???
```

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3. Write a python routine to compute the objective function value. Use the `compute_loss` function.

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```
def compute_objfnval(data,labels,model_w):
    #return ???
```

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4. Write an expression to compute the gradient (or sub-gradient) of  $f_i(w)$  for the loss function  $L_h$ . Denote the (sub-)gradient by  $g_i(w) = \nabla_w f_i(w)$ . Define a python function to compute the gradient.

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```
def compute_grad_loss_h(x,y,model_w):
    #return ???
```

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5. Write an optimization algorithm where you pass through the training samples one by one and do the (sub-)gradient updates for each sample. Recall that this is similar to ALG-LAB8. Use the following template.

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```
def OPT1(data,label,lambda, num_epochs):
    t = 1
    #initialize w
    #w = ???
    arr = np.arange(data.shape[0])
    for epoch in range(num_epochs):
        np.random.shuffle(arr) #shuffle every epoch
        for i in np.nditer(arr): #Pass through the data points
            # step = ???
            # Update w using w <- w - step * g_i (w)
            t = t+1
            if t>1e4:
                t = 1
    return w
```

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6. In OPT1, use `num_epochs=1000`, `step= $\frac{1}{t}$` . For each  $\lambda \in \{10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 0.1, 1, 10\}$ , perform the following tasks:
  - (a) [R] Plot the objective function value in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
  - (b) [R] Plot the test set accuracy in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.

- (c) [R] Plot the train set accuracy in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
  - (d) [R] Tabulate the final test set accuracy and train set accuracy for each  $\lambda$  value.
  - (e) [R] Explain your observations.
7. [R] Note that in OPT1, a fixed number of epochs is used. Can you think of some other suitable stopping criterion for terminating OPT1? Implement your stopping criterion and check how it differs from the one in OPT1. Use  $\text{step}=\frac{1}{t}$  and  $\lambda$  which achieved the best test set accuracy in the previous experiment.
8. [R] Repeat the experiments (with `num_epochs`=1000 and with your modified stopping criterion) for different loss functions  $L_\ell$  and  $L_{sh}$ . Explain your observations.