

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

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

In this session, we will shift the theme of decomposing a problem with optimization procedures to handle large data to Classification problems.

The implementation of the optimization algorithms in this lab will involve extensive use of the `numpy` Python package. It would be useful for you to get to know some of the functionalities of `numpy` package. For details on `numpy` Python package, please consult <https://numpy.org/doc/stable/index.html>

For plotting purposes, please use `matplotlib.pyplot` package. You can find examples in the site <https://matplotlib.org/examples/>.

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_Lab08_Ex1.ipynb`.
- Similarly, the notebook name for Exercise 2 should be `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab08_Ex2.ipynb`, etc and so on.

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

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. **(Write the comments and observations with appropriate equations in LaTeX only.)** Some questions require plotting certain graphs. Please make sure that the plots are present in the submitted notebooks.

After completing this lab's exercises, click File → Download `.ipynb` and save your files to your local laptop/desktop. Create a folder with the name `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab08` and copy your `.ipynb` files to the folder. Then zip the folder to create `YOURROLLNUMBER_IE684_Lab08.zip`. Then upload only the `.zip` file to Moodle. **There will be some penalty for students who do not follow the proper naming conventions in their submissions.**

Please check the **submission deadline announced in moodle**.

In the last lab, we developed an optimization method to solve the optimization problem associated with binary classification problems. Recall that for a dataset  $D = \{(x^i, y^i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $x^i \in \mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y^i \in \{+1, -1\}$ , we solve:

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

where we considered the following loss functions:

- $L_h(y_i, w^T x_i) = \max\{0, 1 - y_i w^T x_i\}$  (hinge)
- $L_l(y_i, w^T x_i) = \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^T x_i))$  (logistic)
- $L_{sh}(y_i, w^T x_i) = (\max\{0, 1 - y_i w^T x_i\})^2$  (squared hinge)

Solving the optimization problem (1) facilitates in learning a classification rule  $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{+1, -1\}$ . We used the following prediction rule for a test sample  $\hat{x}$ :

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

In the last lab, we used a decomposition of  $f(w)$  and solved an equivalent problem of the following form:

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

In this lab, we will consider a constrained variant of the optimization problem (1).

For a dataset  $D = \{(x^i, y^i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $x^i \in \mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y^i \in \{+1, -1\}$ , we solve:

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(w) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, w^T x_i), \text{ s.t. } w \in \mathcal{C} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a closed convex set.

Hence we would develop an optimization method to solve the following equivalent constrained problem of (4):

$$\min_{w \in \mathcal{C}} f(w) = \min_{w \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(w) \quad (5)$$

Let's start coding now!

**Exercise 1 (Data Preparation)** Load the wine dataset from the *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  $y$ .

1. Check the number of classes  $C$  and the class label values in wine data. Check if the class labels are set from the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, C - 1\}$  or if they are from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, C\}$ .
2. 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  $\{+1, -1\}$ .

3. Normalize the columns of  $A$  matrix such that each columns has entries in range  $[-1, 1]$ .
4. Create an index array of size number of samples. 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`.
5. Write a Python function that implements the prediction rule.
6. Write a Python function that takes as input the model parameter  $w$ , data features, and labels and returns the accuracy of the data. (Use the `predict` function).

## Exercise 2 An Optimization Algorithm

1. To solve the problem (5), we shall use the following method (denoted by ALG-LAB8). Assume that the training data contains  $n_{train}$  samples.

For  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , do:

- (a) Sample  $i$  uniformly at random from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n_{train}\}$
- (b)  $w^{t+1} = \text{Proj}_C(w^t - \eta_t \nabla f_i(w^t))$ .

The notation  $\text{Proj}_C = \arg \min_{u \in C} \|u - z\|_2$  denotes the orthogonal projection of point  $z$  onto set  $C$ . In other words, we wish to find a point  $u^* \in C$  which is closest to  $z$  in terms of  $l_2$  distance. For specific examples of set  $C$ , the orthogonal projection has a nice closed form.

2. When  $C = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|w\|_\infty \leq 1\}$ , find an expression for  $\text{Proj}_C(z)$ . (**Recall:** For a  $w = [w_1 w_2 \dots w_d]^T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we have  $\|w\|_\infty = \max\{|w_1|, |w_2|, \dots, |w_d|\}$ .)
3. Consider the hinge loss function  $L_h$ . Use the python modules developed in the last lab to compute the loss function  $L_h$ , and objective function value. Also, use the modules developed in the last lab to compute the gradient (or sub-gradient) of  $f_i(w)$  for the loss function  $L_h$ . Denote the (sub-)gradient by  $g_i(w) = \nabla_w f_i(w)$ .
4. Define a module to compute the orthogonal projection onto the set  $C$ .
5. Modify the code template given in the last lab to implement ALG-Lab8. Use the following code 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  $\text{num\_epochs} = 500$ ,  $\text{step} = \frac{1}{t}$ . For each  $\lambda \in \{10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 0.1, 1, 10\}$ , perform the following tasks:
  - Plot the objective function value in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
  - Plot the test set accuracy in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
  - Plot the train set accuracy in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
  - Tabulate the final test set accuracy and train set accuracy for each  $\lambda$  value.
  - Explain your observations.
7. Repeat the experiments (with  $\text{num\_epochs}=500$  and with your modified stopping criterion) for different loss functions  $L_l$  and  $L_{sh}$ . Explain your observations.

**Exercise 3 A different constraint set**

1. When  $\mathcal{C} = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|w\|_1 \leq 1\}$ , find an expression for  $\text{Proj}_{\mathcal{C}}(z)$ . (**Recall:** For a  $w = [w_1 w_2 \dots w_d]^T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we have  $\|w\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^d |w_i|$ .)
  2. Consider the hinge loss function  $L_h$ . Use the python modules developed in the last lab to compute the loss function  $L_h$ , and objective function value. Also, use the modules developed in the last lab to compute the gradient (or sub-gradient) of  $f_i(w)$  for the loss function  $L_h$ . Denote the (sub-)gradient by  $g_i(w) = \nabla_w f_i(w)$ .
  3. Define a module to compute the orthogonal projection onto set  $\mathcal{C}$ .
  4. In *OPT1*, use `num_epochs = 500`, `step =  $\frac{1}{t}$` . For each  $\lambda \in \{10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 0.1, 1, 10\}$ , perform the following tasks:
    - Plot the objective function value in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
    - Plot the test set accuracy in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
    - Plot the train set accuracy in every epoch. Use different colors for different  $\lambda$  values.
    - Tabulate the final test set accuracy and train set accuracy for each  $\lambda$  value.
    - Explain your observations.
  5. Repeat the experiments (with `num_epochs=500` and with your modified stopping criterion) for different loss functions  $L_l$  and  $L_{sh}$ . Explain your observations
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