

# Logistic Regression and Gradient Descent

## Logic and Python tutorial

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### 1 Shortcut

The logistic regression is used to solve binary classification problem by modelling the probability  $p$  of belonging to the class 0 (or 1) through logarithm transformation and linear combination of input variables such as  $(x_1, x_2)$  as follow:

$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = a + b_1 * x_1 + b_2 * x_2 = -f \Leftrightarrow p = \frac{e^{-f}}{1 + e^{-f}}$$

Also, we can estimate the coefficients  $(a, b_1, b_2)$  of the logistic regression through the gradient descent with, for example, the cost function  $C$  leading to the coefficient update for  $c \in (a, b_1, b_2)$  with  $\eta$  the learning rate and  $i$  the index of the set of the input and output values  $(x_1, x_2, y)_i$ :

$$C(i) = \frac{1}{2}(p - y_i)^2 \text{ leading to } c := c + \eta * \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} * (p - y_i) * p * (1 - p)$$

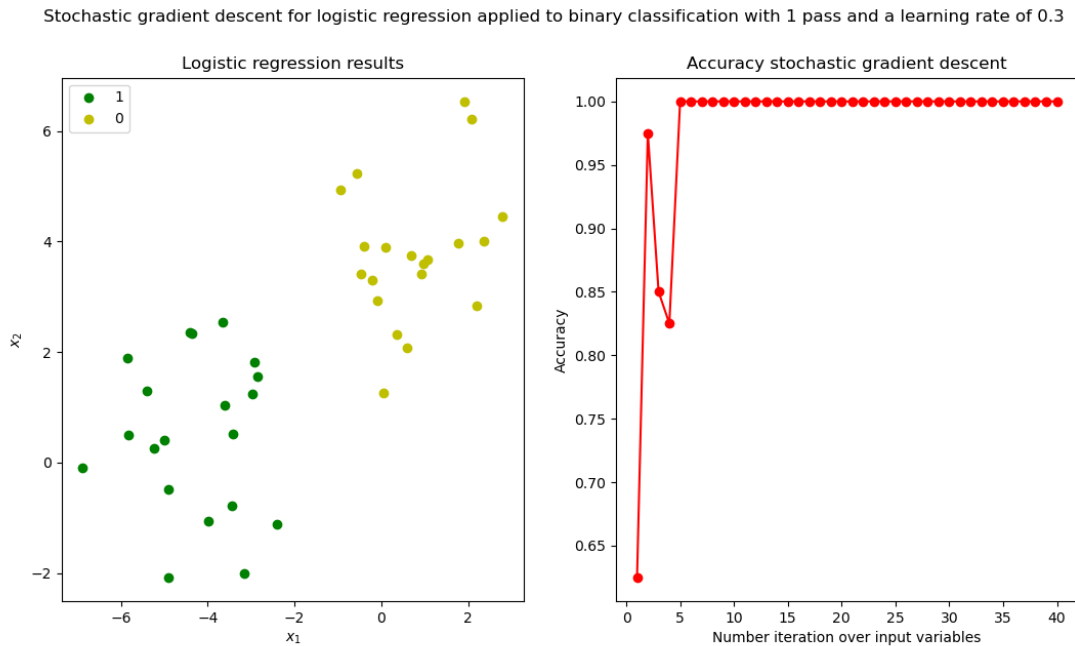


Figure 1: Output of the tutorial in section 3

## 2 Logic details

We present here the intuition behind the logistic regression algorithm and its resolution through stochastic gradient descent. The logistic regression is used to model the odds of belonging to the class 1 within a binary classification problem having the classes 0 and 1. We note  $p$  the probability to belong to the class 1, also the odds to belong to this class are defined as:

$$odds_1 = \frac{p}{1-p} \quad (1)$$

The idea of the logistic regression is to represent  $odds_1$  as a linear function of the input variables through a logarithmic transformation as presented in equation (2). For this demonstration, we have two input variables  $(x_1, x_2)$  and the linear coefficients are noted  $(a, b_1, b_2)$ .

$$\ln(odds_1) = \ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = a + b_1 * x_1 + b_2 * x_2 \quad (2)$$

By rearranging the equation (2), we obtain the equation (3) where  $f = -(a + b_1 * x_1 + b_2 * x_2)$  is the predicted output variable.

$$p = \frac{e^{a+b_1*x_1+b_2*x_2}}{1 + e^{a+b_1*x_1+b_2*x_2}} = \frac{e^{-f}}{1 + e^{-f}} \quad (3)$$

We remark that the form of expression (3) resembles the logistic function form  $\frac{1}{1+e^{-value}}$  and that is why, this method is called logistic regression. To compute the coefficients  $(a, b_1, b_2)$ , we use the stochastic gradient descent with the following cost function (4) and derivative (5). We note  $c$  the considered coefficient among  $(a, b_1, b_2)$  and  $y_i$  the output variable associated to the input variables  $(x_{1,i}, x_{2,i})$ .

$$C(i) = \frac{1}{2}(p - y_i)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C(i)}{\partial c} &= (p - y_i) * \frac{\partial p}{\partial c} = (p - y_i) * \frac{\partial\left(\frac{e^{-f}}{1+e^{-f}}\right)}{\partial c} = (p - y_i) * \frac{e^{-f}}{(1 + e^{-f})^2} * -\frac{\partial y}{\partial c} \\ &= -\frac{\partial y}{\partial c} * (p - y_i) * \frac{e^{-f}}{1 + e^{-f}} * \left(1 - \frac{e^{-f}}{1 + e^{-f}}\right) = -\frac{\partial y}{\partial c} * (p - y_i) * p * (1 - p) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

According to the gradient descent equations (see [GitHub](#)) and the equation (5), we have the following expressions for the coefficients update of the logistic regression with  $\eta$  the learning rate:

$$\begin{cases} a := a - \eta \frac{\partial C(i)}{\partial a} = a - \eta * (p - y_i) * p * (1 - p) \\ b_1 := b_1 - \eta \frac{\partial C(i)}{\partial b_1} = b_1 - \eta * (p - y_i) * p * (1 - p) * x_{1,i} \\ b_2 := b_2 - \eta \frac{\partial C(i)}{\partial b_2} = b_2 - \eta * (p - y_i) * p * (1 - p) * x_{2,i} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Finally, using the stochastic gradient descent with 1-to-10 passes based on the equations (6), we will obtain the optimal coefficients  $(a, b_1, b_2)$  of the logistic regression. In order to identify the class of the input variables  $(x_1, x_2)$ , we can define a threshold  $p_{th}$  such as:

$$\begin{cases} \text{class} = 1 \text{ for } p \geq p_{th} \\ \text{class} = 0 \text{ for } p < p_{th} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

### 3 Python tutorial

The code source displayed below can be found on [GitHub](#) under Python\_LogisticRegressionGradientDescent

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1 """
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4 Author: Sophie Marchand
5 """
6 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
7 import numpy as np
8 import sklearn.datasets as skd
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11 # Function initialization parameters, update parameters and compute error
12 def init_parameters():
13     return 0, 0, 0
14
15
16 def randomized_training_data(x_1, x_2, y):
17     index_array = np.arange(len(x_1))
18     np.random.shuffle(index_array)
19     return x_1[index_array], x_2[index_array], y[index_array]
20
21
22 def update_parameters_stochastic(a, b_1, b_2, x_1, x_2, y, learning_rate, iteration):
23     x_1_it = x_1[iteration]
24     x_2_it = x_2[iteration]
25     y_it = y[iteration]
26     f = -(a + b_1 * x_1_it + b_2 * x_2_it)
27     p = np.exp(-f) / (1 + np.exp(-f))
28     a_update = a - learning_rate * (p - y_it) * p * (1 - p)
29     b_1_update = b_1 - learning_rate * (p - y_it) * p * (1 - p) * x_1_it
30     b_2_update = b_2 - learning_rate * (p - y_it) * p * (1 - p) * x_2_it
31     return a_update, b_1_update, b_2_update
32
33
34 def compute_accuracy(a, b_1, b_2, x_1, x_2, y, p_th):
35     f = -(a + b_1 * x_1 + b_2 * x_2)
36     p_pred = np.exp(-f) / (1 + np.exp(-f))
37     y_pred = (p_pred > p_th).astype(int)
38     accuracy_pred = sum(y_pred == y) / len(y)
39     return accuracy_pred
40
41
42 # Create data for binary classification with two input variables
43 X, y = skd.make_blobs(n_samples=40, n_features=2, centers=2,
44                       cluster_std=1.2, random_state=3)
45 x_1 = np.asarray([X[i, 0] for i in range(0, len(X))])
46 x_2 = np.asarray([X[i, 1] for i in range(0, len(X))])
47 p_th = 0.5
48 learning_rate = 0.3
49 number_batch = 1
50 accuracy = []
51
52 # Workflow stochastic gradient descent
53 a, b_1, b_2 = init_parameters()
54 for batch in range(number_batch):
55     x_1_rand, x_2_rand, y_rand = randomized_training_data(x_1, x_2, y)
56     for iteration in range(len(x_1_rand)):
57         a_update, b_1_update, b_2_update = \
58             update_parameters_stochastic(a, b_1, b_2, x_1_rand, x_2_rand, y_rand,
59                                         learning_rate, iteration)
60         a, b_1, b_2 = a_update, b_1_update, b_2_update
61         accuracy.append(compute_accuracy(a, b_1, b_2, x_1, x_2, y, p_th))
62 a_final, b_1_final, b_2_final = a, b_1, b_2
63 # Print results
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64 f = -(a_final + b_1_final * x_1 + b_2_final * x_2)
65 p_pred = np.exp(-f) / (1 + np.exp(-f))
66 y_pred = (p_pred > p_th).astype(int)
67
68 fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2)
69 fig.suptitle('Stochastic gradient descent for logistic regression applied to binary
    classification with '
70             + str(number_batch) + ' pass and a learning rate of ' + str(learning_rate),
    fontsize=12)
71 label_legend = [0, 1]
72 for color in ['g', 'y']:
73     if color == 'g':
74         index = np.where(y_pred == 1)
75         label = label_legend[1]
76     else:
77         index = np.where(y_pred == 0)
78         label = label_legend[0]
79     ax1.scatter(x_1[index], x_2[index], c=color, label=label)
80 ax1.set(xlabel='$x_{1}$', ylabel='$x_{2}$', title='Logistic regression results')
81 ax1.legend()
82 ax2.plot(range(1, len(accuracy) + 1), accuracy, 'ro-')
83 ax2.set(xlabel='Number iteration over input variables', ylabel='Accuracy',
84         title='Accuracy stochastic gradient descent')
85 plt.show()

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