

Exercise 04

1.

For the Bernoulli model, we have:

$$p(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \omega) = \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i)^{y_i} (1 - \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i))^{1-y_i}.$$

The log-likelihood is then given by:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\omega) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^N \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i)^{y_i} (1 - \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i))^{1-y_i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i \log \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log (1 - \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i))) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i \log \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log \sigma(-\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i)) \\ &= \left(\sum_{y_i=1} + \sum_{y_i=0} \right) (y_i \log \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log \sigma(-\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i)) \\ &= \sum_{y_i=1} \log \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i) + \sum_{y_i=0} \log \sigma(-\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i). \end{aligned}$$

2.

(a)

Easy to show by noticing that $-\partial^2 L(\omega) \geq 0$ always holds. (The computation is not easy though)

Convexity is the solid guarantee that we can find the global minimality.

(b)

This is also trivial, since $\mathcal{L}_{\text{BCE}}(\omega)$ is only different from the task by a negative constant $-\frac{1}{N}$, which indicates the equivalence between maximizing binary cross-entropy and minimizing log-likelihood function.

3.

(a)

As $k \rightarrow \infty$, $\log \sigma(\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i)$ becomes $\log(1)$ which is zero, whereas $\log \sigma(-\omega^T \mathbf{x}_i)$ turns into infinity, hence preventing the convergence for linearly separable data.

(b)

We can introduce regularization term to make the new objective function strictly convex.