

AD machine learning Project

From Bound Majorization to Stochastic Bound Majorization

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Outperforming state-of-the-art first- and second-order optimization methods on various learning tasks

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normalizer Z , prior $\Pr(y = k) = h(y)$, score $\theta_k^\top x_i \rightarrow \theta^\top \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y)$

Resulting soft-max partition function:

$$Z_{x_i}(\theta) = \sum_{y \in \Omega} h(y) \exp(\theta^\top \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y)) \quad (1)$$

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In order to construct the monotonicity we denote

$Z_i(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^i \alpha_j \exp(\lambda^\top \mathbf{f}_j)$, and a trivial bound holds for $i = 0$:

$$Z_0(\theta) = 0 \leq z_0 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda^\top \Sigma_0 \lambda + \lambda^\top \mu_0\right)$$

Where $z_0 = 0^+$, $\mu_0 = \mathbf{0}$, $\Sigma_0 = z\mathbf{I}$.

Construct bound

As we add another term $\alpha_1 \exp(\lambda^\top \mathbf{f}_1)$, on both side of the above inequality, the bound still holds,

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Same recurssive procedure for $Z_2(\theta), \dots, Z_n(\theta)$.

Algebra Work

Logarithmic transformation:

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seperate $\frac{1}{2}w^\top w = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0)$

$$\begin{aligned}RHS &= \log z_0 + \lambda^\top \mathbf{f}_1 - \frac{1}{2}w^\top w + \log \exp \frac{1}{2}w^\top w \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda^\top \Sigma_0 \lambda + \lambda^\top \mu_0\right) + \frac{\alpha_1}{z_0} \\ &= \log z_0 + \lambda^\top \mathbf{f}_1 - \frac{1}{2}w^\top w + \log\left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}u^\top u\right) + \gamma\right)\end{aligned}$$

Where $u^\top u = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0) + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^\top \Sigma_0 \lambda + \lambda^\top \mu_0$, and
 $\gamma = \frac{\alpha}{z_0} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}w^\top w\right)$

Useful Machinery

Lemma

For all $u \in R^d$ and $v \in R^d$ and any $\gamma \geq 0$, the bound

$$\log(\exp(\frac{1}{2} \|u\|^2) + \gamma) \leq$$

$$\log(\exp(\frac{1}{2} \|v\|^2) + \gamma) + \frac{v^T(u - v)}{1 + \gamma \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|v\|^2)} + \frac{1}{2}(u - v)^T(I + \Gamma v v^T)(u - v)$$

holds when the scalar term $\Gamma = \frac{\tanh(\frac{1}{2} \log(\gamma \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|v\|^2)))}{2 \log(\gamma \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|v\|^2))}$, equality is achieved when $u = v$.

Proof.

see T. Jebara. *Multitask sparsity via maximum entropy discrimination*. JMLR, 12:75110, 2011.



Applying Lemma

$$\begin{aligned}
\log Z_1(\theta) \leq & \log z_0 + \lambda^\top \mathbf{f}_1 - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0) \\
& + \log(\exp(\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{v}\|^2) + \gamma) + \\
& \frac{\mathbf{v}^\top (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})}{1 + \gamma \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{v}\|^2)} + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})^\top (\mathbf{I} + \Gamma \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^\top)(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})
\end{aligned}$$

Use undetermined coefficients method, recall the goal 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_1 &= Z_0 + \alpha_1 \\
\mu_1 &= \mu_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{Z_0 + \alpha_1} (\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0) \\
\Sigma_1 &= \Sigma_0 + \frac{\tanh(\frac{1}{2} \log(\frac{\alpha_1}{Z_0}))}{2 \log(\frac{\alpha_1}{Z_0})} (\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0)(\mathbf{f}_1 - \mu_0)^\top
\end{aligned}$$

Algorithm1

Algorithm 1: Compute Bound

Input: Parameters $\tilde{\theta}$, $\mathbf{f}(y)$, $h(y)$

Initialize: $z \leftarrow 0^+$, $\mu \leftarrow 0$, $\Sigma \leftarrow zI$;

for each $y \in \Omega$ **do**

$$\alpha = h(y) \exp(\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{f}(y))$$

$$\mu = \mu + \frac{\alpha}{z + \alpha} (\mathbf{f}(y) - \mu)$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma + \frac{\tanh(\frac{1}{2} \log(\frac{\alpha}{z}))}{2 \log(\frac{\alpha}{z})} (\mathbf{f}(y) - \mu)(\mathbf{f}(y) - \mu)^\top$$

$$z = z + \alpha$$

end

Output: z , μ , Σ

Going back to the loglikelihood of multi-class logistic regression:

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^t \left[\log \frac{h_{x_i}(y_i)}{Z_{x_i}(\theta)} + \theta^\top \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y_i) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\theta\|^2 \right] \quad (2)$$

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As we drop the terms unrelated to θ , the maximization problem becomes $\arg \min_{\theta} Q(\theta, \tilde{\theta})$:

$$Q(\theta, \tilde{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \tilde{\theta})^\top (\sum_i (\Sigma_i + \lambda I)) (\theta - \tilde{\theta}) + \sum_i \theta^\top (\mu_i - \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y_i) + \lambda \tilde{\theta}) - \text{const}$$

Bound Majorization

Algorithm 2: BM

Input: Input x_i, y_i and functions $h_{x_i}, \mathbf{f}_{x_i}$ for $i = 1, 1, \dots, t$,
regularizer $\lambda \in R^+$ and convex hull $\Lambda \subseteq R^d$, tolerance ϵ

Initialize: θ_0 anywhere inside Λ and set $\tilde{\theta} = \theta_0$;

while $\theta_{new} - \theta_{old} \geq \epsilon$ **do**

for $i = 1, \dots, t$ **do**

 | Get μ_i, Σ_i , from $h_{x_i}, \mathbf{f}_{x_i}, \tilde{\theta}$ via Algorithm 1

end

 Set $\tilde{\theta} =$

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \tilde{\theta})^\top (\sum_i \Sigma_i + \lambda I) (\theta - \tilde{\theta}) + \theta^\top (\sum_i \mu_i - \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y_i) + \lambda \tilde{\theta})$$

 Which means: $\tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta} - (\sum_i \Sigma + \lambda I)^{-1} (\sum_i \mu_i - \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y_i) + \lambda \tilde{\theta})$

end

Output: $\hat{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}$

Algorithm 3: Stochastic Bound Majorization

Input: prior $h(\cdot)$, function $\mathbf{f}(\cdot)$, regularizer $\lambda \in R^+$ and convex hull

$$\Lambda \subseteq R^d \in$$

Initialize: θ_0 anywhere inside Λ and set $\tilde{\theta} = \theta_0$;

while $\theta_{new} - \theta_{old} \geq \epsilon$ **do**

 randomly select p mini-batch x_i, y_i 's

for $i = 1, \dots, p$ **do**

 | Get μ_i, Σ_i , from $h_{x_i}, \mathbf{f}_{x_i}, \tilde{\theta}$ via Algorithm 1

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Can we do better? Yes.

Notice a linear system

$$\left(\sum_j \Sigma_j(\theta_{n-1}) + \lambda I\right)(\theta_n - \theta_{n-1}) = \sum_j \mu_j(\theta_{n-1}) \quad (3)$$

Applying Sherman-Morrison formula:

$$(\Sigma + (\sqrt{\beta}I)^\top(\sqrt{\beta}I))^{-1} = \Sigma^{-1} - \frac{\Sigma^{-1}(\sqrt{\beta}I)^\top(\sqrt{\beta}I)\Sigma^{-1}}{1 + (\sqrt{\beta}I)^\top\Sigma^{-1}(\sqrt{\beta}I)},$$

$$M_{n+1} = M_n - \frac{\beta M_n I^\top I M_n}{1 + \beta I^\top M_n I} \quad (4)$$

Algorithm 4: SBM

Input: $h(\cdot)$, $\mathbf{f}(\cdot)$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, η , ϵ

Initialize: $\theta_0 \in \Lambda$ and set $\tilde{\theta} = \theta_0$, $\phi = \mathbf{0}$, $M = \frac{1}{\lambda}I$, $\mu = \mathbf{0}$;

while $\theta_{\text{new}} - \theta_{\text{old}} \geq \epsilon$ **do**

 randomly select p mini-batch x_i, y_i 's

for $i = 1, \dots, p$ **do**

$z \leftarrow 0^+$; $g = 0$

for each $y \in \Omega$ **do**

$$\alpha = h(y) \exp(\tilde{\theta}^\top f(y)) \quad l = f(y) - g \quad \beta = \frac{\tanh(\frac{1}{2} \log(\frac{\alpha}{z}))}{2 \log(\frac{\alpha}{z})}$$

$$Z = Z + \alpha \quad \kappa = \frac{\alpha}{z}$$

$$M = M - \frac{\beta M l^\top l M}{1 + \beta l^\top M l}$$

$$\phi = \phi + M(\kappa l - \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y) + \frac{\lambda \tilde{\theta}}{t}) - \frac{\beta M l^\top l M}{1 + \beta l^\top M l} \mu$$

$$\mu = \mu + \kappa l - \mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y) + \frac{\lambda \tilde{\theta}}{t}$$

$$g = g + \kappa l$$

end

end

$$\tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta} - \eta \phi$$

end

Output: $\hat{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}$

Define mapping: $G(\theta) := \theta - \eta V(\theta)$ where $V(\theta) = \Sigma^{-1}(\theta)\mu(\theta)$,
 Fixed point equation: $\theta^* = G(\theta^*)$,
 which simply indicates: $\Sigma^{-1}(\theta^*)\mu(\theta^*) = 0$.

Lemma

Define a mapping $L(\theta) := \theta - \eta V(\theta^)$ which is equivalent to applying gradient operator $T(\theta) := \theta - \eta \nabla Q(\theta|\theta^*)$ z_θ times, i.e. $L(\theta) = T^{z_\theta}(\theta)$, where z_θ is a finite integer, and $\nabla Q(\theta|\theta^*)$ is the gradient w.r.t population, under strong convexity condition and smoothness assumption which already hold with stepsize $\eta = \frac{2}{\epsilon + l}$, and because $T(\theta)$ is contractive, we have:*

$$\|L(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \leq \left(\frac{l - \epsilon}{l + \epsilon}\right)^{z_\theta} \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \quad (5)$$

Proof.

To prove the lemma 2, leverage several truths:

- ▶ The standard result $\|T(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \leq (\frac{1-\epsilon}{1+\epsilon}) \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2$
- ▶ z_θ is the number of iteration that we perform to optimize a quadratic problem which is theoretically finite.
- ▶ $T^{z_\theta}(\theta_{z_\theta}) = TT^{z_\theta-1}(\theta_{z_\theta-1})$

Follows the inequality 8



Let's introduce this useful assumption analogous to gradient stability.

Definition

$V(\theta)$ stability

The functions $\{Q(\cdot|\theta), \theta \in \Omega\}$ satisfy $VS(\gamma)$ condition, where $\gamma \geq 0$, over Euclidean ball $B_2(d, \theta^*)$, if

$$\|\Sigma(\theta)^{-1}\mu(\theta) - \Sigma(\theta^*)^{-1}\mu(\theta^*)\|_2 \leq \gamma \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \quad (6)$$

for all $\theta \in B_2(d, \theta^*)$

Back to the update:

$$\begin{aligned}\|G(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 &= \|\theta - \eta V(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \\ &\leq \|\theta - \eta V(\theta^*) - \theta^*\|_2 + \eta \|V(\theta) - V(\theta^*)\|_2 \\ &= \|L(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 + \eta \|V(\theta) - V(\theta^*)\|_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\|G(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \leq \left(\left(\frac{l-\epsilon}{l+\epsilon}\right)^{z(\theta)} + \eta\gamma\right) \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \quad (7)$$

the term $\left(\frac{l-\epsilon}{l+\epsilon}\right)^{z(\theta)} + \eta\gamma < 1$ under a loose condition $\epsilon > \gamma$, resulting in the convergence of Bound Algorithm.

Theorem

For any $\theta_0 \in \Lambda$ all $\|\mathbf{f}_{x_i}(y)\| \leq r$ and all $|\Omega| \leq n$, Algorithm 2 outputs a θ s.t. $J(\theta_\tau) - J(\theta^*) \leq \epsilon(J(\theta^*) - J(\theta_\tau))$ with more than $\tau = \lceil \frac{\log(\epsilon)}{\log(\kappa-1) - \log \kappa} \rceil$ epochs of training. $\kappa = \frac{w+\lambda}{\lambda}$, and upper bound of Σ is $\omega I = (2r^2 \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\tanh(\frac{1}{2} \log i)}{\log i})I$.

Proof.

See Jebara, Tony, and Anna Choromanska. "Majorization for CRFs and latent likelihoods." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*. 2012.



This is a measure of how far we have to go to achieve some accuracy.

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$$\|L(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \leq \left(1 - \frac{2\eta l \epsilon}{l + \epsilon}\right)^{z_\theta} \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \quad (8)$$

Similarly using the exactly the same technique as before we can get:

$$\|G(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \leq \left(\left(1 - \frac{2\eta l \epsilon}{l + \epsilon}\right)^{z_\theta} + \eta \gamma\right) \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \quad (9)$$

Denote $\Delta_{t+1} := \theta_{t+1} - \theta^*$, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2 - \|\Delta_t\|_2^2 &\leq (\eta_t)^2 \|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t \|\hat{V}(\theta_t) \cdot \Delta_t\|_2 \\ \implies E[\|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2] &\leq E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] + (\eta_t)^2 E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2] + 2\eta_t E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t) \cdot \Delta_t\|_2] \end{aligned}$$

Since $\hat{V}(\theta^*) = 0$, we have: $E[\|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2] \leq E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] + (\eta_t)^2 E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2] + 2\eta_t E[\|(\hat{V}(\theta_t) - \hat{V}(\theta^*)) \cdot \Delta_t\|_2]$

Then we upper bound the last term using

$(\|G(\theta) - \theta^*\|_2 \leq (1 - \frac{2\eta l \epsilon}{l + \epsilon})^{z_\theta} + \eta \gamma) \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2$, which is:
 $2\eta_t E[\|(\hat{V}(\theta_t) - \hat{V}(\theta^*)) \cdot \Delta_t\|_2] \leq (1 - \frac{2\eta l \epsilon}{l + \epsilon})^{z_\theta} + \eta \gamma - 1) \|\theta_t - \theta^*\|_2$
 and we get:

$$\begin{aligned} E[\|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2] &\leq E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] + (\eta_t)^2 E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2] \\ &\quad - 2((1 - \frac{2\eta l \epsilon}{l + \epsilon})^{z_\theta} + \eta_t \gamma - 1) E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity it's safe to set $z(\theta) = 1$ as the inequality still holds and we get:

$$E[\|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2] \leq E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] + (\eta_t)^2 E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2] - 2\eta_t \xi E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2]$$

where $\xi = \frac{2l\epsilon}{l+\epsilon} - \gamma$, combining all the previous results and upper bounding the second term $\sup_{\theta \in \Lambda} E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2] = \sigma_V^2$:

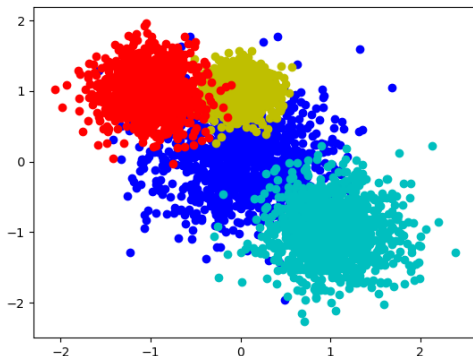
$$\begin{aligned} E[\|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2] &\leq (1 - 2\eta_t \xi) E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] + (\eta_t)^2 E[\|\hat{V}(\theta_t)\|_2^2] \\ &\leq (1 - \eta_t \xi) E[\|\Delta_t\|_2^2] + (\eta_t)^2 \sigma_V^2 \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\eta_t = \frac{3}{2\xi(t+2)}$ and unwrapping the recursion, after some algebra work including summation, multiplication, contraction and upper bounding,

$$E[\|\Delta_{t+1}\|_2^2] \leq \frac{9\sigma_V^2}{\xi^2} \frac{1}{t+2} + \left(\frac{2}{t+2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Delta_0\|_2^2 \quad (10)$$

Which summarize the guarantee of convergence.

$t = 4000$ and $n = 4$, We simply choose $h(y) = \frac{\mathbb{1}(y=k)}{\sum_{k=1}^4 \mathbb{1}(y=k)}$ to be the prior, and $f_x(y) = [\mathbb{1}(y=1)x^\top, \mathbb{1}(y=2)x^\top, \mathbb{1}(y=3)x^\top, \mathbb{1}(y=4)x^\top]^\top$ to be the mapping.



Explored SBM, BM, LBFGS, GD and SGD whose parameter settings are tuned and shown in table 1

Table 1: parameter setting

p : batch size		m : number of vectors in LBFGS		
BM	SBM	LBFGS	GD	SGD
$\lambda = 1e-2$	$p = 40$	η : line search	$\lambda = 1e-2$	$p = 40$
$\epsilon = 1e-6$	$\epsilon = 1e-6$	$\epsilon = 1e-5$	$\epsilon = 1e-5$	$\epsilon = 1e-5$
$\eta = 1$	$\eta = 1e-2$	$m = 4$	$\eta = 1e-2$	$\eta = 1e-2$

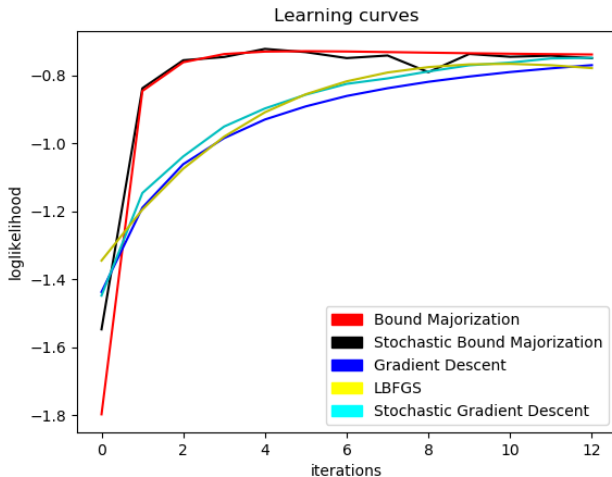


Figure 1: iteration comparison

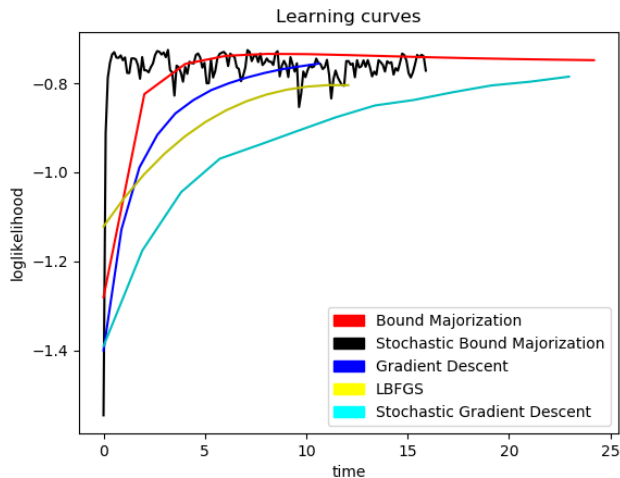


Figure 2: time comparison

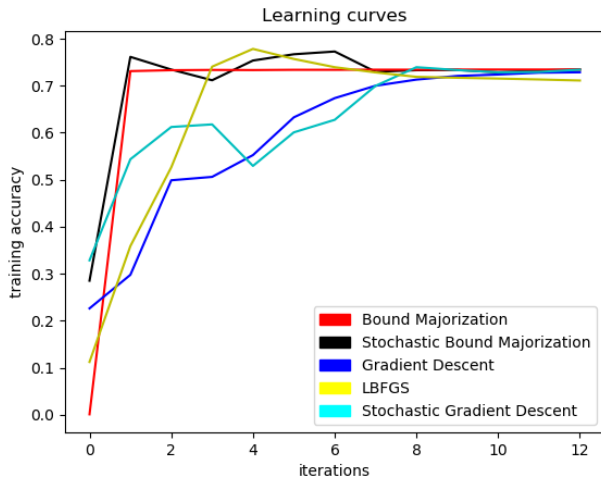


Figure 3: training accuracy comparison

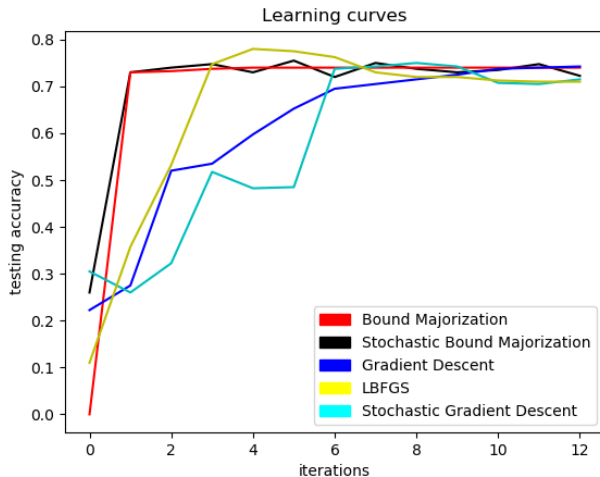


Figure 4: testing accuracy comparison

Conclusion

- ▶ Requiring very few parameters tuning, (stepsize η or convex hull Λ);
- ▶ Bound is very tight, which makes it extremely efficient;
- ▶ Only applicable to log-linear models, CRFs, Latent Likelihoods etc.
- ▶ The assumptions and conditions has to be satisfied properly, otherwise it may diverge.

Thank You!