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1. a) Technically can be used for both (as seen in lecture) but better for regression
b) Assumes a Gaussian distribution of errors in the output
c) Advantage: Differentiable, can be used for Gradient descent
Disadvantage: Sensitive to outliers, outliers may influence training too much
The squared loss function imposes equal importance of all data and the heavy penalization of all outliers
2. a) Again, technically can be used for both but better for regression
b) Does not make any assumptions about the output
c) Advantage: Less sensitive to outliers than Squared Loss, more robust
Disadvantage: Less efficient for optimization problems, gradient converges slower than Squared Loss
Like Squared loss, Mean absolute error imposes equal importance of all data but with outliers not penalized as much
3. a) Classification
b) Assumes output data represents probability
c) Advantage: Penalizes incorrect predictions heavily, gradient is not 0 for confident wrong predictions
Disadvantage: Limited application to classification, it relies on the assumption that the model is trying to predict probability for discrete classes
Binary Cross-Entropy error imposes a probabilistic representation of classification on the model true labels of the data
4. a) Regression
b) It assumes the presence of outliers and that outliers should not influence the model as much as other datapoints
c) Advantage: Balanced sensitivity to outliers, provides a compromise between mean squared and absolute error
Disadvantage: Introduces another hyperparameter that takes time to be chosen (δ -threshold)
The Huber error imposes robustness to outliers and balanced sensitivity between all data points