

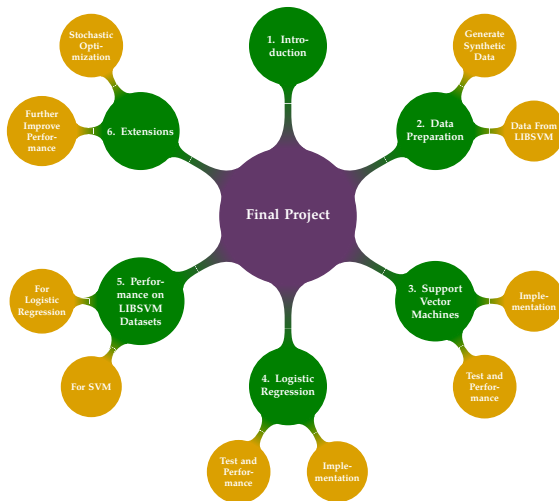


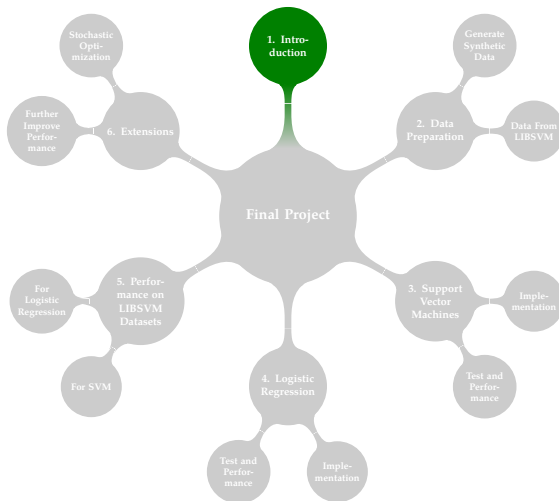
# MDS 6106: Introduction to Optimization

## Final Project

*Presentation*

*December 30th*

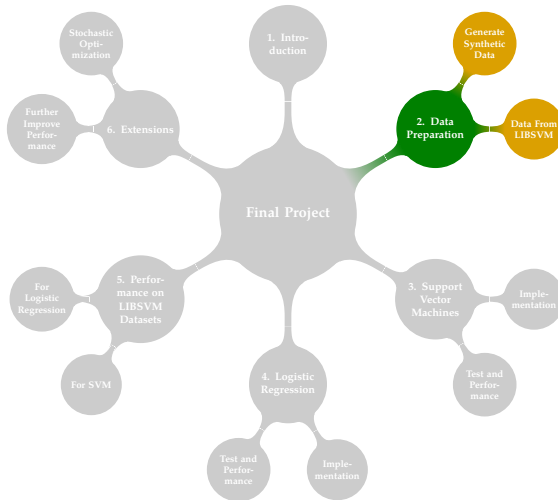






## Background

- ▶ **Binary Classification Problem:** Assume that our training data consists of feature vectors  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and corresponding class labels  $b_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ .
- ▶ **Goal:** Utilize minimization methodologies for solving support vector machine and logistic regression binary classification models



## Generate Synthetic Data:

### ► Formula:

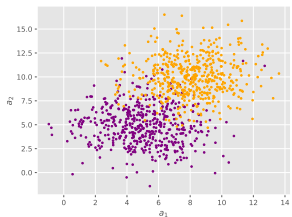
$$a_i = c_1 + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_j = c_2 + \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m_1, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \sim N(0, \sigma_1^2), \delta_1, \delta_2 \sim N(0, \sigma_2^2)$

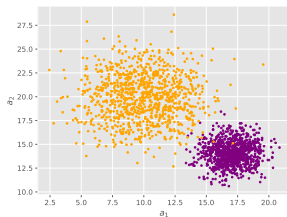
### ► Parameters:

- **Dataset1:**  $c_1 = (5, 5), c_2 = (8, 10), \sigma_1 = 2 \sigma_2 = 2$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = 500$
- **Dataset2:**  $c_1 = (17, 14), c_2 = (10, 20), \sigma_1 = 1.2 \sigma_2 = 2.5$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = 1000$
- **Dataset3:**  $c_1 = (0, 1), c_2 = (1, 0), \sigma_1 = 0.3 \sigma_2 = 0.3$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = 600$
- **Dataset4:**  $c_1 = (10, 15), c_2 = (15, 10), \sigma_1 = 3 \sigma_2 = 2$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = 1200$

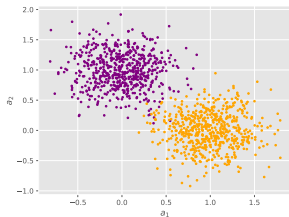
### ► Result: Four datasets generated by different parameters.



**(a) Dataset1**



**(b) Dataset2**



**(c) Dataset3**



**(d) Dataset4**

## Data From LIBSVM

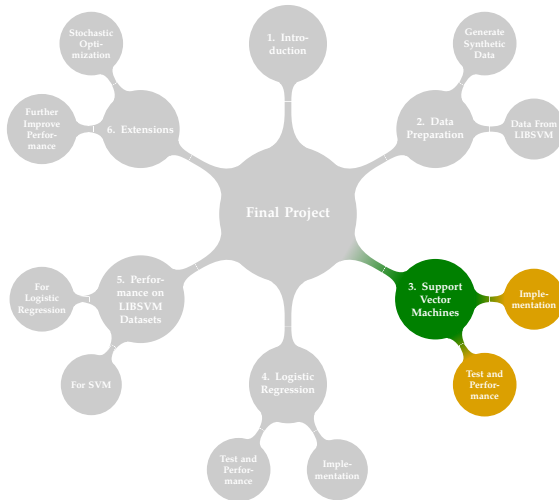
Table below are the description of the datasets from LIBSVM we used in later numerical comparison.

data set	$m$	$n$	data set	$m$	$n$
a9a	32561	122	mushrooms	8124	112
breast-cancer	683	10	news20	19996	1355191
covtype	581012	54	phishing	11055	68
gisette	6000	5000	rcv1	20242	47236

## Data Processing

- ▶ **Train Test Split:** from `sklearn.model_selection` import `train_test_split`
- ▶ **Normalization:** from `sklearn.preprocessing` import `MaxAbsScaler`





**Methodology:** Consider a smooth variant of the support vector machine:

$$\min_{x,y} f_{\text{svm}}(x,y) := \frac{\lambda}{2} \|x\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_+ \left( 1 - b_i \left( a_i^\top x + y \right) \right)$$

Here,  $\varphi_+(t)$  denotes a Huber-type version of the max-function  $\max\{0, t\}$  :

$$\varphi_+(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\delta} (\max\{0, t\})^2 & \text{if } t \leq \delta \\ t - \frac{\delta}{2} & \text{if } t > \delta \end{cases}$$

## Implementation

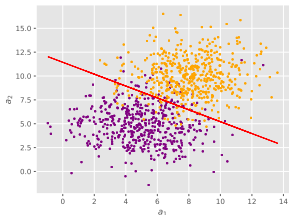
- ▶ **GM:** With backtracking ( $\gamma = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5$ , and  $s = 1$ )
- ▶ **AGM:** Follow the basic extrapolation strategy

$$\alpha_k = \frac{1}{L}, \quad \beta_k = \frac{t_{k-1} - 1}{t_k},$$
$$t_k = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + 4t_{k-1}^2} \right), \quad t_{-1} = t_0 = 1$$

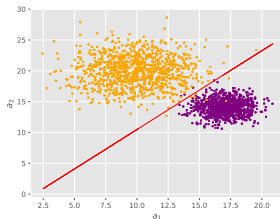
and use the adaptive version of Lipschitz constant.

- ▶ **BFGS:**
  - ▶ With backtracking ( $\gamma = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5$ , and  $s = 1$ ) and  $H_0 = I$  as initial matrix.
  - ▶ Use  $(s^k)^\top y^k > 10^{-14}$  to guarantee positive definiteness.

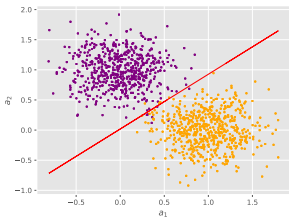
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(a) Dataset1



(b) Dataset2

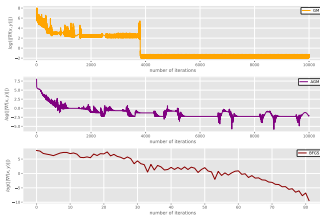


(c) Dataset3

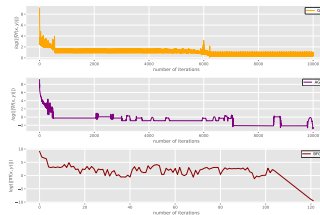


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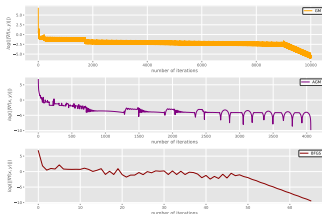
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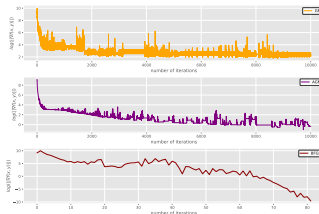
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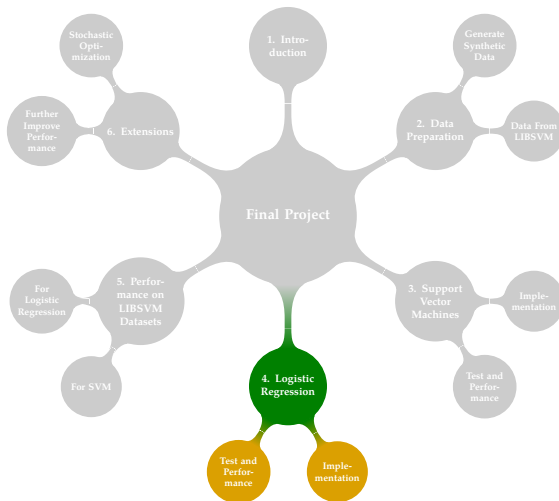
(d) Performance for Dataset4

## More performance index

datasets	methods	accuracy	iter	cpu-time	datasets	methods	accuracy	iter	cpu-time
dataset 1	GM	0.922	10000* <sup>1</sup>	329.54s	dataset 3	GM	0.992	10000*	271.28s
	AGM	0.923	10000*	20.11s		AGM	0.992	4061	10.23s
	BFGS	0.923	74	3.08s		BFGS	0.992	65	2.22s
dataset 2	GM	0.996	10000*	749.91s	dataset 4	GM	0.99	10000*	778.71s
	AGM	0.997	10000*	39.09s		AGM	0.995	10000*	46.21s
	BFGS	0.997	95	9.15s		BFGS	0.995	80	6.55s

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<sup>1</sup>\* means the max iteration times reached



**Methodology:** Consider logistic regression model, the corresponding optimization problem is given by:

$$\min_{x,y} f_{\log}(x,y) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left( 1 + \exp \left( -b_i \cdot \left( a_i^\top x + y \right) \right) \right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|x\|^2$$

- ▶ **The sigmoid function:**  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-a)}$
- ▶ **The linear model:**  $\ell_{(x,y)}(a) = a^\top x + y$

$$\sigma(\ell_{(x,y)}(a_i)) \approx \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a_i \text{ belongs to class } \mathcal{C}_1, \text{ i.e., } b_i = +1 \\ 0 & \text{if } a_i \text{ belongs to class } \mathcal{C}_2, \text{ i.e., } b_i = -1 \end{cases}$$

A new data point  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can then be classified via

$$\begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \sigma(\ell_{(x,y)}(a)) > \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \text{if } \sigma(\ell_{(x,y)}(a)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}_1 & \text{if } \sigma(\ell_{(x,y)}(a)) > \frac{1}{2} \\ \mathcal{C}_2 & \text{if } \sigma(\ell_{(x,y)}(a)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



## Implementation

- ▶ **GM:** With backtracking ( $\gamma = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5, s = 1$ )
- ▶ **AGM:** Follow the basic extrapolation strategy as before. But take  $L = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|a_i\|^2$  as the Lipschitz constant of  $\nabla f_{\log}$ .
- ▶ **L-BFGS:**
  - ▶ With backtracking ( $\gamma = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5$ , and  $s = 1$ ) and  $H_0 = I$  as initial matrix.
  - ▶  $s^{k-1} = x^k - x^{k-1}, \quad y^{k-1} = \nabla f(x^k) - \nabla f(x^{k-1}),$   
 $\rho_k = \left( (s^k)^\top y^k \right)^{-1}, \quad \gamma^k = \frac{(s^{k-1})^\top y^{k-1}}{\|y^{k-1}\|^2}, \quad H_k^0 = \gamma^k I.$  Here we set the memory parameter  $m_{L-BFGS} = 5$ . And in the two loop recursion, if  $k < m_{L-BFGS}$ , we choose to iterate  $k$  times instead of  $m_{L-BFGS}$  times.

## L-BFGS

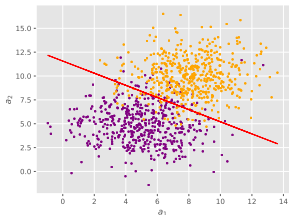
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### Algorithm 2: The L-BFGS Method

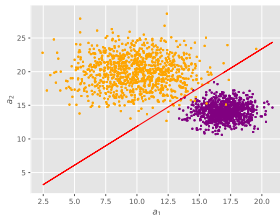
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- 1 Initialization: set  $\mathbf{x}^0 = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $d^0 = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^0)$ . And use backtracking ( $\gamma = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5, s = 1$ ) to decide  $\alpha_0$ .
  - for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, \text{maxiter}$  do
    - 2 set  $\mathbf{x}^k = \mathbf{x}^{k-1} + \alpha_{k-1} d^{k-1}$ ,  $s^{k-1} = \mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^{k-1}$ ,  $y^{k-1} = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{k-1})$
    - 3 Break when  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)\| \leq \text{tol}$
    - 4 if  $(s^k)^\top y^k > 10^{-14}$  then
      - |  $\gamma^k = \frac{(s^{k-1})^\top y^{k-1}}{\|y^{k-1}\|^2}$  ;
    - else
      - |  $\gamma^k = 1$  ;
    - 5 set  $q = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)$
    - for  $i = k-1, k-2, \dots, k - m_{L-BFGS}$  do
      - | set  $\alpha_i = \rho_i \cdot (s^i)^\top q$  and
      - | if  $(s^i)^\top y^i > 10^{-14}$  then
        - |  $q = q - \alpha_i y^i$  ;
      - else
        - |  $q = q$  ;
    - Set  $r = H_k^0 q$
    - 6 for  $i = k - m_{L-BFGS}, k - m_{L-BFGS} + 1, \dots, k-1$  do
      - | if  $(s^i)^\top y^i > 10^{-14}$  then
        - |  $\beta = \rho_i \cdot (y^i)^\top r$  and  $r = r + (\alpha_i - \beta) s^i$  ;
      - else
        - |  $r = r$  ;
    - 7 set  $r = H_k \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)$ ,  $d^k = -r$ , use backtracking ( $\gamma = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5, s = 1$ ) to decide  $\alpha_k$ .
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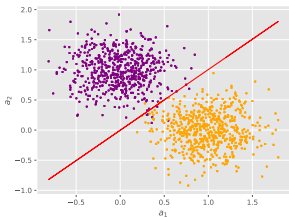
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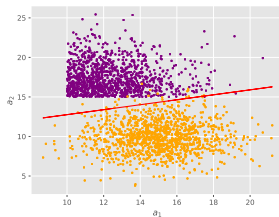
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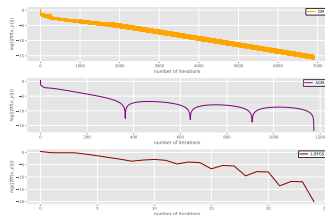


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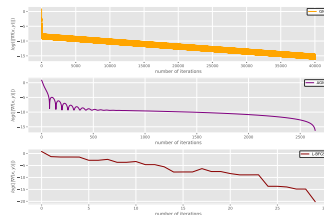


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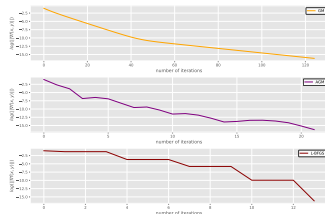
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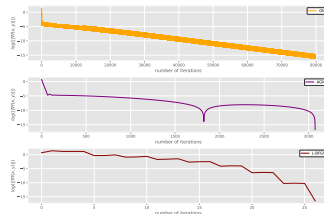
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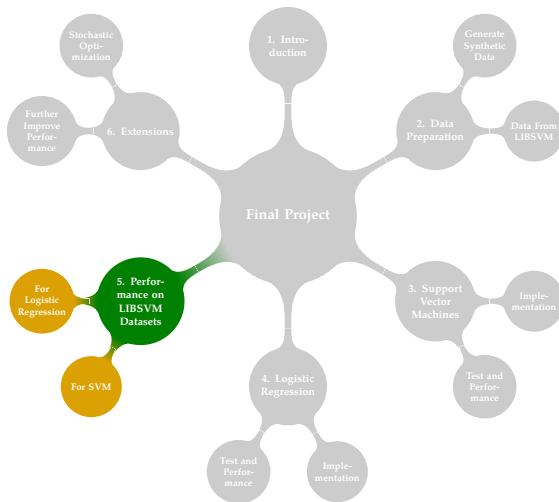
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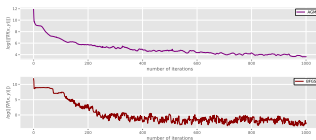
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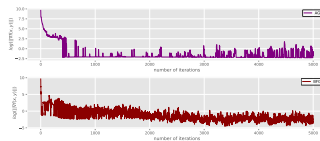
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	AGM	0.922	1173	0.63s		AGM	0.991	21	0.69S
	L-BFGS	0.922	24	0.52s		L-BFGS	0.991	13	0.52s
dataset 2	GM	0.994	40068	27.01s	dataset 4	GM	0.989	79722	62.91s
	AGM	0.994	2644	1.16s		AGM	0.989	3073	1.44s
	L-BFGS	0.944	29	0.86s		L-BFGS	0.989	26	0.72S



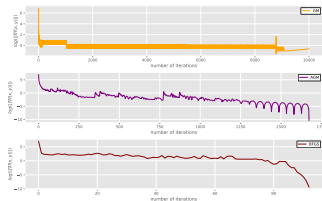
## For SVM



(a) Performance for a9a Dataset



(b) Performance for mushroom Dataset



(c) Performance for breast-cancer Dataset

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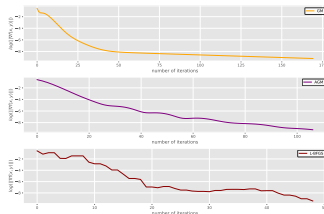
datasets	methods	accuracy	iter	cpu-time	datasets	methods	accuracy	iter	cpu-time
breast cancer	GM	0.956	10000	154.97s	a9a	GM	#	#	#
	AGM	0.956	1673	2.18s		AGM	0.850	1000*	51.91s
	BFGS	0.956	92	0.59 S		BFGS	0.850	1000*	176.33s
mushroom	GM	# <sup>2</sup>	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
	AGM	1.000	5000	53.31s					
	BFGS	1.000	5000	124.17s					

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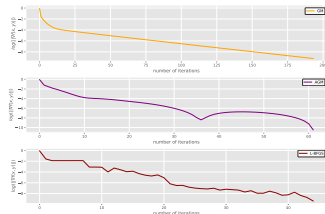
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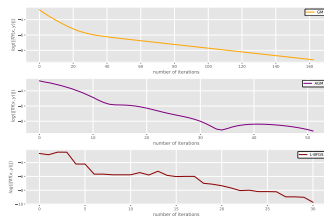
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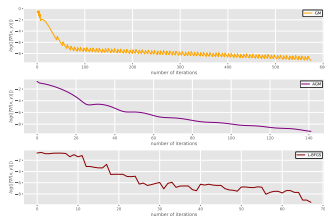
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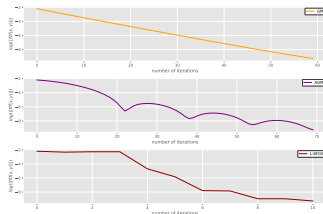


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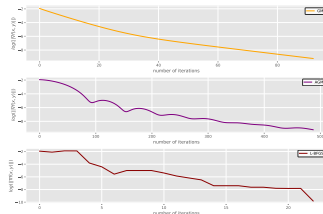


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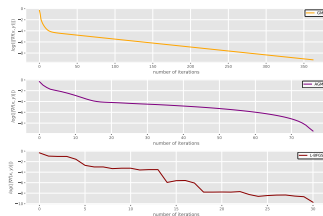
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(a) rcv1 Dataset



(b) news20 Dataset



(c) a9a Dataset

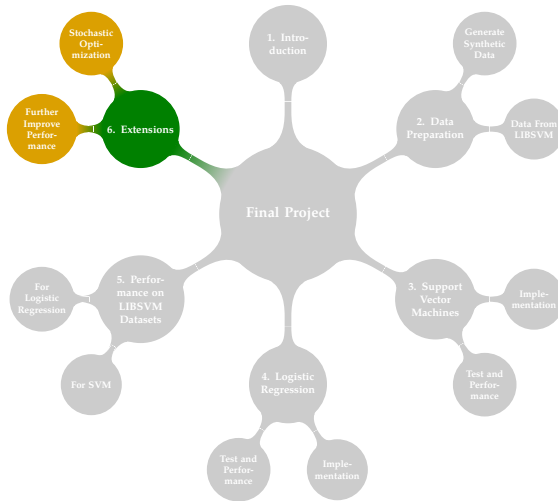


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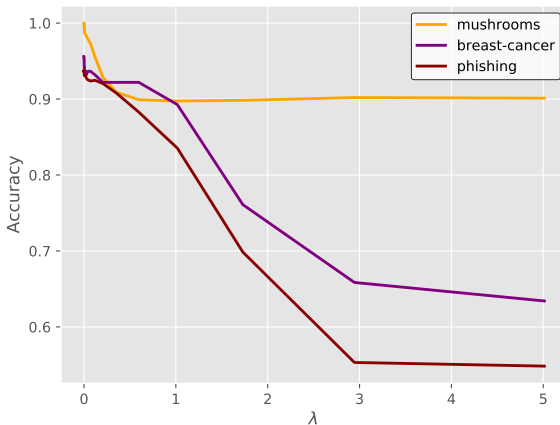
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	AGM	0.93	61	0.27s		AGM	0.96	106	0.37s
	L-BFGS	0.93	44	0.41s		L-BFGS	0.96	48	0.93s
a9a	GM	0.80	362	4.34s	covtype	GM	0.63	162	16.79s
	AGM	0.80	76	0.76s		AGM	0.63	51	3.54s
	L-BFGS	0.80	30	1.36s		L-BFGS	0.63	30	12.52s
Phishing	GM	0.92	574	3.08s	news20	GM	0.89	92	38.54s
	AGM	0.92	141	0.55s		AGM	0.89	487	190.98s
	L-BFGS	0.92	67	1.06s		L-BFGS	0.89	22	107.54s
Rcv1	GM	0.84	59	8.18s	gisette	GM	# <sup>3</sup>	#	#
	AGM	0.84	69	6.64s		AGM	0.97	2712	953.09s
	L-BFGS	0.84	10	5.53s		L-BFGS	0.97	393	605.16s

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**Further Improve Performance:** Take Logistic Regression model with L-BFGS method as the example to adjust the regularization parameter  $\lambda$ .





## Stochastic Optimization

### ► Methodology:

- Empirical risk minimization problem:

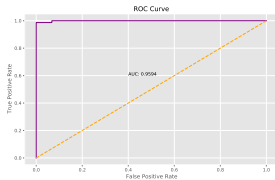
$$\min_{x,y} f(x,y) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x,y)$$

- Update Rule:

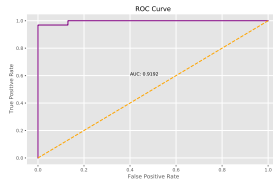
$$\begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} \\ y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^k \\ y^k \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\alpha_k}{|\mathcal{S}_k|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}_k} \nabla f_i(x^k, y^k)$$

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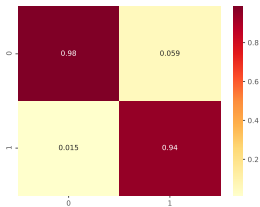
### ► Implementation and Performance:



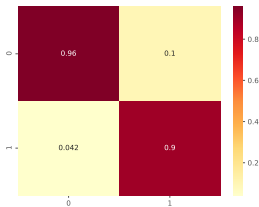
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(b) phishing Dataset



(c) mushroom Dataset



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## Main Observations

- ▶ Logistic Regression Model performs better than SVM model in terms of convergence and speed
- ▶ L-BFGS performs quite well on large-scale datasets.
- ▶ SGD performs quite well in spite of high randomness and bad convergence.

## Future Works

- ▶ There are many other strategies can be applied to improve the performance of the models and algorithms.
- ▶ More principles should be investigated in order to have better interpretation of the results.
- ▶ All of our works are done via github, we will keep updating and optimizing this project in the future via our repository (<https://github.com/Yihang-Li/MDS6106Project>).



Happy New Year!  
Frohes neues Jahr!