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1 (a)

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial E(w)}{\partial w_j} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (x_j)^{(i)} y^{(i)} (1 - \sigma(w^T x^{(i)})) - (x_j)^{(i)} \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) + (x_j)^{(i)} y^{(i)} \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (x_j)^{(i)} y^{(i)} - (x_j)^{(i)} \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) \\ &\frac{\partial^2 E(w)}{\partial (w_j)^2} = -\sum_{i=1}^N (x_j)^{(i)} \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) (1 - \sigma(w^T x^{(i)})) (x_j)^{(i)} \\ &\frac{\partial^2 E(w)}{\partial w_j w_k} = -\sum_{i=1}^N (x_j)^{(i)} \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) (1 - \sigma(w^T x^{(i)})) (x_k)^{(i)} \end{split}$$

Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  be the design matrix and  $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be the weight vector, where n is the number of observations and m is the number of features. Let  $\odot$  express the Hadamard product of its operands. We can express the second-order partial derivatives in matrix form as

$$X^T diag[-\sigma(Xw) \odot (1 - \sigma(Xw))]X$$

which gives us our Hessian matrix.

1 (b) Let  $x, z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then

$$(x^T z)(x^T z) = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i x_i \sum_{j=1}^N x_j z_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N z_i x_i x_j z_j = (x^T z)^2$$

Consider

$$z^T X^T diag[\sigma(Xw) \odot (1 - \sigma(Xw))] X z$$

Let D represent  $X^T diag[\sigma(Xw)(1-\sigma(Xw))]X$ .  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ . Let  $D_i$  be a column of D and  $D^{(j)}$  be a row of D. we can now express the above as

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{m} z_j (D_i)^{(j)}\right] z_i$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{m} z_j((D_i)^{(j)})^{\frac{1}{2}}((D_i)^{(j)})^{\frac{1}{2}}\right] z_i = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} z_j((D_i)^{(j)})^{\frac{1}{2}}((D_i)^{(j)})^{\frac{1}{2}} z_i$$

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Since in general  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} z_i x_i x_j z_j = (x^T z)^2 \ge 0$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} z_j ((D_i)^{(j)})^{\frac{1}{2}} ((D_i)^{(j)})^{\frac{1}{2}} z_i \ge 0$$

therefore

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{m} [\sum_{j=1}^{m} z_j(D_i)^{(j)}] z_i \le 0 \square$$

The Hessian matrix is negative semi-definite, and our original log-likelihood function is concave.

1 (c) We can invert the sign of the log-lihelihood function to get a loss function. This gives us the Hessian matrix  $X^T diag[\sigma(Xw) \odot (1 - \sigma(Xw))]X$ . For the gradient of the loss function with respect to w, we can take the partial derivative expression from 1 (a)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_j)^{(i)} y^{(i)} - (x_j)^{(i)} \sigma(w^T x^{(i)})$$

invert the sign, and express it in matrix form:

$$\nabla_w E = X^T \sigma(Xw) - X^T y$$

So we the update for Newton's method is

$$w_{new} = w_{old} - H^{-1} \nabla_w E$$

$$w_{new} = w_{old} - \{X^T diag[\sigma(Xw) \odot (1 - \sigma(Xw))]X\}^{-1} [X^T \sigma(Xw) - X^T y]$$