

# h1

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## 1 Homework 1

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Generate a dataset of two-dimensional points, and choose a random line in the plane as your target function  $f$ , where one side of the line maps to  $+1$  and the other side to  $-1$ . Let the inputs  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be random points in the plane, and evaluate the target function  $f$  on each  $\mathbf{x}_n$  to get the corresponding output  $y_n = f(\mathbf{x}_n)$ . Experiment with the perceptron algorithm in the following settings:

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#import matplotlib as mpl
#mpl.rcParams['figure.dpi'] = 300
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina'

pColor = 'b'
nColor = 'r'
```

```
[2]: def test_convergence(w, x, y):
    for x_n, y_n in zip(x, y):

        x_n = np.insert(x_n, 0, 1)

        if y_n > 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) < 0:
            return False

        if y_n < 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) >= 0:
            return False

    return True
```

### 1.0.1 a.

Generate a dataset of size 20. Plot the examples  $\{(\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}$  as well as the target function  $f$  on a plane.

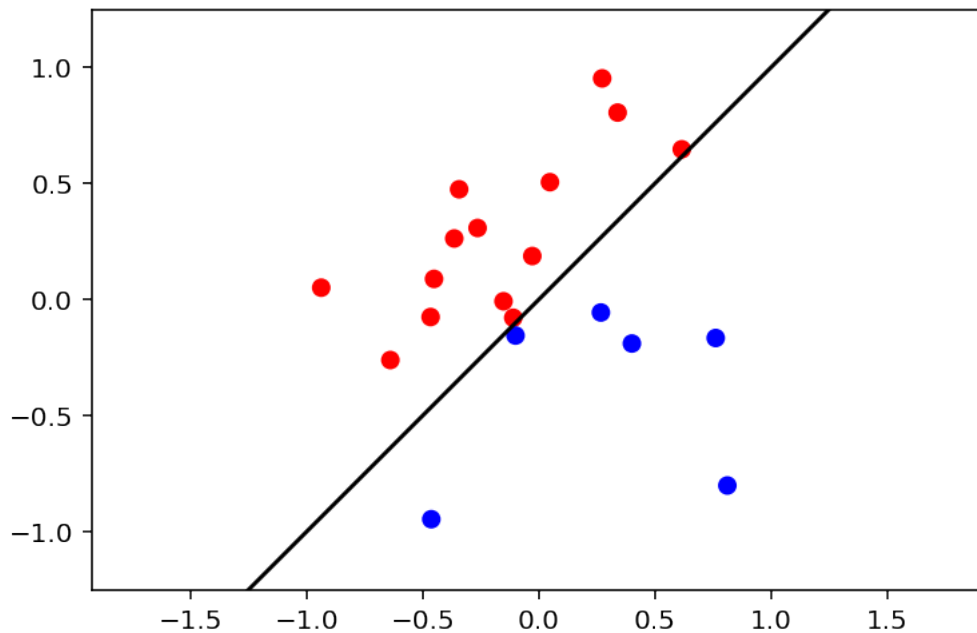
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[3]: # generate a dataset of points in 2D space from -1 to 1
N = 20
x = (np.random.rand(N,2) * 2) - 1

[4]: # create a "random" target function
w_t = [0, 0.5, -0.5]
def target(x_n):
    return 1 if np.dot(w_t,np.insert(x_n, 0, 1)) >= 0 else -1

[5]: # create vector of y values (labels) with target function
y = [target(x_n) for x_n in x]

[6]: plt.scatter(x[:,0], x[:,1], c=[pColor if y_n >= 0 else nColor for y_n in y]) #
    ↪ plot the points in the dataset
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w_t[1]/w_t[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50)
    ↪ -(w_t[0]/w_t[2])), c='k')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.axis([-1.25, 1.25, -1.25, 1.25])

[6]: [-1.25, 1.25, -1.25, 1.25]
```



### 1.0.2 b.

Run the perceptron algorithm on the dataset. Report the number of updates that the algorithm takes before converging. Plot the examples  $\{ \{(\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} \}$ , the target function  $f$ , and the final hypothesis  $g$  in the same figure.

```
[7]: # randomly initialize weights
w = np.zeros(3)
idx = 0

while not test_convergence(w, x, y):
    # pick a random sample
    n = np.random.randint(0, x.shape[0]-1)
    x_n = np.insert(x[n,:], 0, 1)
    y_n = y[n]

    if y_n > 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) < 0:
        w += x_n

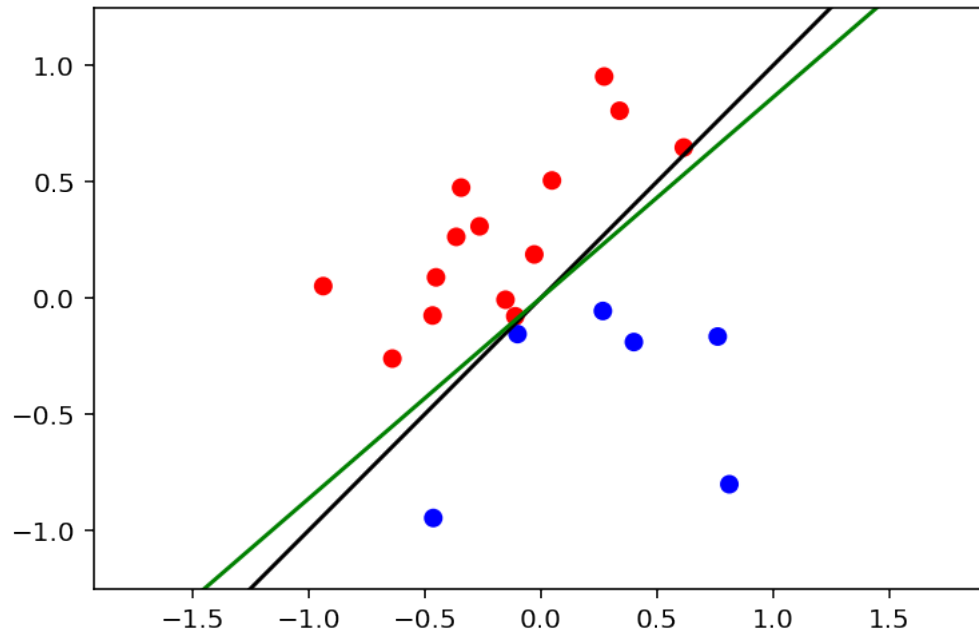
    if y_n < 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) >= 0:
        w -= x_n

    idx += 1

print(f"Converged in {idx} steps with w = {w}")
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Converged in 41 steps with w = [ 0. 1.01462309 -1.17561769]

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[8]: plt.scatter(x[:,0], x[:,1], c=[pColor if y_n >= 0 else nColor for y_n in y]) #
    ↪ plot the points in the dataset
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w_t[1]/w_t[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50)
    ↪ -(w_t[0]/w_t[2])), c='k')
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w[1]/w[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) -(w[0]/
    ↪ w[2])), c='g')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.axis([-1.25, 1.25, -1.25, 1.25])
plt.show()
```



### 1.0.3 c.

Repeat everything in b) with another randomly generated dataset of size 20, and compare the result to b).

```
[9]: # generate a dataset of points in 2D space from -1 to 1
N = 20
x = (np.random.rand(N,2) * 2) - 1

# create vector of y values (labels) with target function
y = [target(x_n) for x_n in x]

# randomly initialize weights
w = np.zeros(3)
idx = 0

while not test_convergence(w, x, y):
    # pick a random sample
    n = np.random.randint(0,x.shape[0]-1)
    x_n = np.insert(x[n,:], 0, 1)
    y_n = y[n]

    if y_n > 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) < 0:
        w += x_n

    if y_n < 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) >= 0:
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w -= x_n

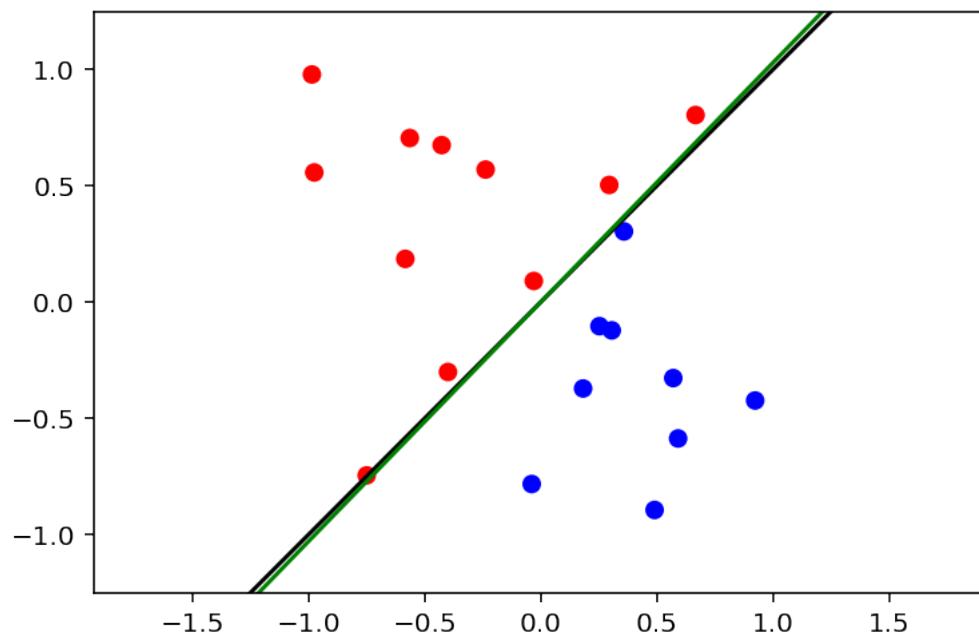
idx += 1

print(f"Converged in {idx} steps with w = {w}")

plt.scatter(x[:,0], x[:,1], c=[pColor if y_n >= 0 else nColor for y_n in y]) #
    ↪ plot the points in the dataset
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w_t[1]/w_t[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) -
    ↪ (w_t[0]/w_t[2])), c='k')
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w[1]/w[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) - (w[0]/
    ↪ w[2])), c='g')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.axis([-1.25, 1.25, -1.25, 1.25])
plt.show()

```

Converged in 380 steps with w = [ 0. 3.27839009 -3.18511226]



#### 1.0.4 d.

Repeat everything in b) with another randomly generated dataset of size 100, and compare the result to b).

```

[10]: # generate a dataset of points in 2D space from -1 to 1
N = 100
x = (np.random.rand(N,2) * 2) - 1

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# create vector of y values (labels) with target function
y = [target(x_n) for x_n in x]

# randomly initialize weights
w = np.zeros(3)
idx = 0

while not test_convergence(w, x, y):
    # pick a random sample
    n = np.random.randint(0,x.shape[0]-1)
    x_n = np.insert(x[n,:], 0, 1)
    y_n = y[n]

    if y_n > 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) < 0:
        w += x_n

    if y_n < 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) >= 0:
        w -= x_n

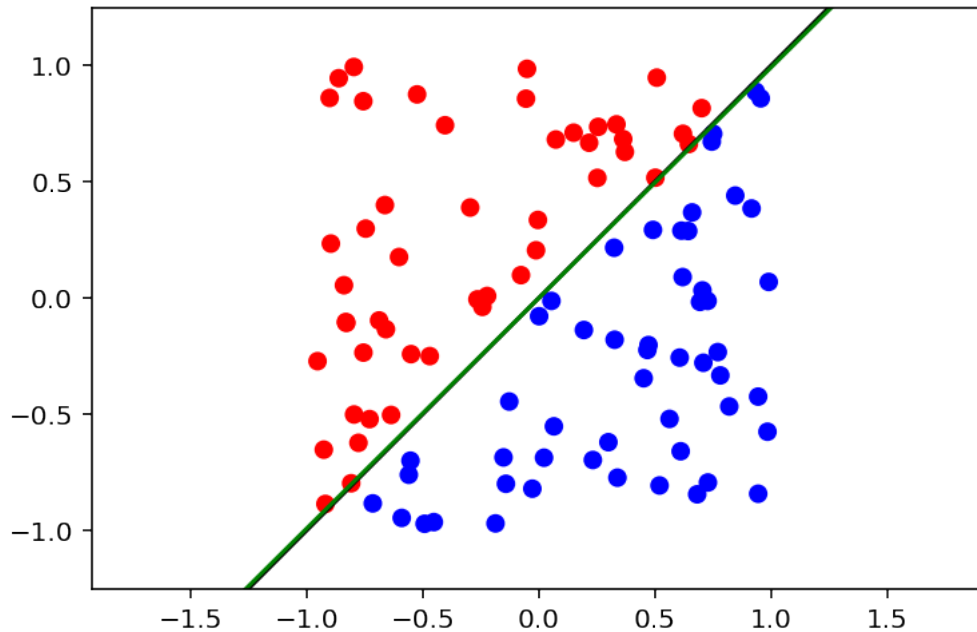
    idx += 1

print(f"Converged in {idx} steps with w = {w}")

plt.scatter(x[:,0], x[:,1], c=[pColor if y_n >= 0 else nColor for y_n in y]) #
    ↳ plot the points in the dataset
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w_t[1]/w_t[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) -
    ↳ (w_t[0]/w_t[2])), c='k')
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w[1]/w[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) - (w[0]/
    ↳ w[2])), c='g')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.axis([-1.25, 1.25, -1.25, 1.25])
plt.show()

```

Converged in 68 steps with w = [ 0.                      2.2265524   -2.24598608]



#### 1.0.5 e.

Repeat everything in b) with another randomly generated dataset of size 1000, and compare the result to b).

```
[11]: # generate a dataset of points in 2D space from -1 to 1
N = 1000
x = (np.random.rand(N,2) * 2) - 1

# create vector of y values (labels) with target function
y = [target(x_n) for x_n in x]

# randomly initialize weights
w = np.zeros(3)
idx = 0

while True:
    # pick a random sample
    n = np.random.randint(0,x.shape[0]-1)
    x_n = np.insert(x[n,:], 0, 1)
    y_n = y[n]

    if y_n > 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) < 0:
        w += x_n

    if y_n < 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) >= 0:
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w -= x_n

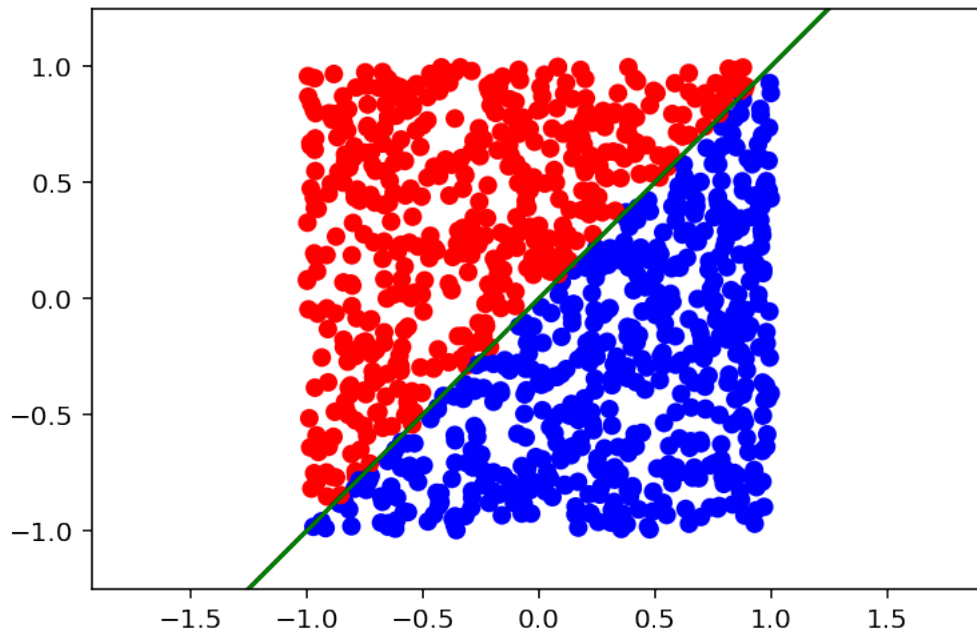
# check for convergece every 100 steps
if idx % 100 == 0:
    if test_convergence(w, x, y):
        break
idx += 1

print(f"Converged in {idx} steps with w = {w/np.linalg.norm(w, ord=1)}")

plt.scatter(x[:,0], x[:,1], c=[pColor if y_n >= 0 else nColor for y_n in y]) #
    ↳plot the points in the dataset
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w_t[1]/w_t[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) -
    ↳(w_t[0]/w_t[2])), c='k')
plt.plot(np.linspace(-2,2,50), -(w[1]/w[2]) * (np.linspace(-2,2,50) - (w[0]/
    ↳w[2])), c='g')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.axis([-1.25, 1.25, -1.25, 1.25])
plt.show()

```

Converged in 15300 steps with w = [ 0. 0.50046361 -0.49953639]



### 1.0.6 f.

Modify the experiment such that  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$  instead of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Run the algorithm on a randomly generated dataset of size 1000. How many updates does the algorithm take to converge?



```
[12]: # generate a dataset of points in 10D space from -1 to 1
N = 1000
x = (np.random.rand(N,10) * 2) - 1

# make a new target function in  $R^{10}$ 
# create a "random" target function
w_t = np.random.rand(11)
def target(x_n):
    return 1 if np.dot(w_t,np.insert(x_n, 0, 1)) >= 0 else -1

# create vector of y values (labels) with target function
y = [target(x_n) for x_n in x]

# initialize weights to 0
w = np.zeros(11)
idx = 0

while True:
    # pick a random sample
    n = np.random.randint(0,x.shape[0]-1)
    x_n = np.insert(x[n,:], 0, 1)
    y_n = y[n]

    if y_n > 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) < 0:
        w += x_n

    if y_n < 0 and np.dot(w, x_n) >= 0:
        w -= x_n

    if idx % 5000 == 0:
        if test_convergence(w, x, y):
            break
    idx += 1

print(f"Converged in {idx} steps with w = {w}")
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Converged in 575000 steps with w = [18.          5.38726124 52.73765854
 1.84783473 30.13083923 61.95136501
 12.56436539  7.0658414  14.5939084  57.73783528  7.7278204 ]
```

### 1.0.7 g.

Summarize your conclusions regarding the accuracy and running time of the algorithm as a function of  $N$  (the number of data points) and  $d$  (the number of dimensions).

As we increase the number of data points,  $N$ , we are able to more closely learn the target function. This is shown when we compare the results from the examples with  $N=20$  vs  $N=100$ . In the cases where  $N=20$ , once we reach convergence, there is often still a significant difference between the

true target function and the function we learn. With  $N=100$  we get fairly close to the true target function, and at  $N=1000$ , we learn nearly the same function.

We also note, that as we increase  $N$  and  $d$ , run time, or the steps required for convergence increases. This can result in a significant slow down if we check for convergence by iterating over all data points at every step. For this reason we opt to only check for convergence every  $k$  steps (in the larger models), since a single step is much less costly than checking for convergence.