## Question 1 Optimization.

(a) Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD).

1.1.1 Minimum Norm Solution. Show that SGD solution is identical to the minimum norm solution  $w^*$  obtained by gradient descent, i.e.,  $\hat{w} = w^*$ .

The unique minimum norm solution  $w^*$ , obtained by gradient descent, is

$$w^* = X^T (XX^T)^{-1}t$$

We just need to show that the SGD converged solution  $\hat{w}$  is identical to  $w^*$ , i.e.,

$$\hat{w} = X^T (XX^T)^{-1} t$$

As we can see,

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{n} ||X\hat{w} - t||_2^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_i(x_i, w) = ||\hat{w}^T x_i - t_i||^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial \hat{w}} = 2(\hat{w}^T x_i - t_i) x_i$$

$$\hat{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \hat{w}_t - 2\eta(\hat{w}_t^T x_i - t_i) x_i$$

Since  $x_i$  is  $d \times 1$ ,  $x_i$  can be written as  $x_i = X^T 1$ , where  $X^T$  is  $d \times n$  and 1 is  $n \times 1$ . Given i,  $1^T$  will become  $[0 \dots 1 \dots 0]$ , where the  $i_{th}$  entry is 1. Thus, we have

$$\hat{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \hat{w}_t - 2\eta X^T \mathbf{1}(\hat{w}_t^T x_i - t_i)$$

Then, we can use the same proof method applied on last homework to show that if  $w_0 = 0$ , we have

$$\hat{w} \propto X^T d$$

where d is  $n \times 1$  vector.

To show SGD from zero initialization finds a minimum norm unique minimizer:

$$X\hat{w} = t$$

$$XX^{T}d = t$$

$$d = (XX^{T})^{-1}t$$

$$\hat{w} = X^{T}(XX^{T})^{-1}t$$

## **Question 2** Gradient-based Hyper-parameter Optimization.

- (a) Computation Graph of Learning Rates.
- 2.1.1 *Draw the computation graph.*

The computation graph is shown as Figure 1.

2.1.2 What is the memory complexity for the forward-propagation to compute  $\mathcal{L}_t$  in terms of t? What is the

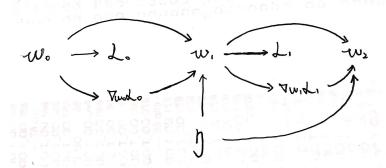


Figure 1: Computation graph.

memory complexity for using the standard back-propagation to compute the gradient w.r.t. the learning rate,  $\nabla_{\eta} \mathcal{L}_t$  in terms of t?

To compute  $\mathcal{L}_t$ , we need to store  $w_t$ ; to compute  $w_t$ , we need to store  $w_{t-1}$  and  $\nabla_{w_{t-1}}\mathcal{L}_{t-1}$ .

The shape of  $w_{t-1}$  and  $\nabla_{w_{t-1}} \mathcal{L}_{t-1}$  are both  $d \times 1$ .

Thus, the memory complexity for the forward-propagation to compute  $\mathcal{L}_t$  is O(d). In terms of t, the memory complexity for the forward-propagation is O(1).

$$\overline{\nabla_{\eta} \mathcal{L}_{t-1}} = \eta \overline{w_t} 
\overline{w_t} = \overline{w_{t+1}} + \frac{2}{n} X^T X \overline{\nabla_{\eta} \mathcal{L}_t}$$

The shape of  $\overline{w_t}$  and  $\overline{\nabla_{\eta} \mathcal{L}_t}$  are both  $d \times 1$ .

Thus, the memory complexity for using the standard back-propagation to compute a specific gradient is O(d). In terms of t, the memory complexity for using the standard back-propagation to compute a specific gradient is O(1).

For computing all the gradients and saving them, the memory complexity is O(t).

2.1.3 Explain one potential problem for applying gradient-based hyper-parameter optimization in more realistic examples where models often take many iterations to converge.

One potential problem can be that for a realistic example where models often take many iterations to converge, if the optimized learning rate  $\eta_t$  becomes less with the increase of iteration t, the decreasing rate of  $\mathcal{L}$  will also become less, which will drive the model for more iterations, i.e., take more time to converge.

- (b) Learning Learning Rates.
- 2.2.1 Write down the expression of  $w_1$  in terms of  $w_0$ ,  $\eta$ , t and X. Then, using the expression to derive the loss  $\mathcal{L}_1$  after single GD iteration in terms of  $\eta$ .

We have

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} = \frac{2}{n} X^T (Xw - t) \\ &w_1 \leftarrow w_0 - \frac{2\eta}{n} X^T (Xw_0 - t) = w_0 - \frac{2\eta}{n} X^T a \\ &\mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{1}{n} ||Xw_1 - t||_2^2 = \frac{1}{n} ||a - \frac{2\eta}{n} XX^T a||_2^2 \end{split}$$

2.2.2 Determine if this  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is convex w.r.t. the learning rate  $\eta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_1}{\partial \eta} &= \frac{4}{n^2} a^T X X^T (a - \frac{2\eta}{n} X X^T a) \\ &= \frac{4}{n^2} a^T X X^T a - \frac{8\eta}{n^3} a^T X X^T X X^T a \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_1^2}{\partial^2 \eta} &= \frac{8}{n^3} a^T X X^T X X^T a = \frac{8}{n^3} ||X X^T a||^2 \end{aligned}$$

As the second order derivative of  $\mathcal{L}$  is positive,  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is convex w.r.t. the learning rate  $\eta$ .

2.2.3 Write down the derivative of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  w.r.t.  $\eta$  and use it to find the optimal learning rate  $\eta^*$  that minimizes the loss after one GD iteration.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_1}{\partial \eta} = 0$$

$$\frac{4}{n^2} a^T X X^T a - \frac{8\eta}{n^3} a^T X X^T X X^T a = 0$$

$$\eta^* = \frac{n a^T X X^T a}{2 a^T X X^T X X^T a}$$

## **Question 3** Convolutional Neural Networks.

**(a)** Convolutional Filters. Write down the values of the resulting matrix. What feature does this convolutional filter detect?

$$\mathbf{I} * \mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(b)** Size of ConvNets. Calculate the number of parameters for this conv net including the bias units.

Layers	Output Units	Parameters
Image	112*112*3	-
Conv3-64	112*112*64	3*3*3*64+64=1,792
MaxPool	56*56*64	-
Conv3-128	56*56*128	64*3*3*128+128=73,856
MaxPool	28*28*128	-
Conv3-256	28*28*256	128*3*3*256+256=295,168
Conv3-256	28*28*256	256*3*3*256+256=590,080
MaxPool	14*14*256	-
FC-1024	1024	14*14*256*1024+1024=51,381,248
FC-100	100	1024*100+100=102,500
Soft-max	100	-
Total	-	52,444,644