

## Assignment 2

tldr: Perform binary classification on the spirals dataset using a multi-layer perceptron. You must generate the data yourself.

**Problem Statement** Consider a set of examples with two classes and distributions as in Figure 2. Given the vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  infer its target class  $t \in \{0, 1\}$ . As a model use a multi-layer perceptron  $f$  which returns an estimate for the conditional density  $p(t = 1 | x)$ :

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad (5)$$

parametrized by some set of values  $\theta$ . All of the examples in the training set should be classified correctly (i.e.  $p(t = 1 | x) > 0.5$  if and only if  $t = 1$ ). Impose an  $L^2$  penalty on the set of parameters. Produce one plot. Show the examples and the boundary corresponding to  $p(t = 1 | x) = 0.5$ . The plot must be of suitable visual quality. It may be difficult to find an appropriate functional form for  $f$ , write a few sentences discussing your various attempts.

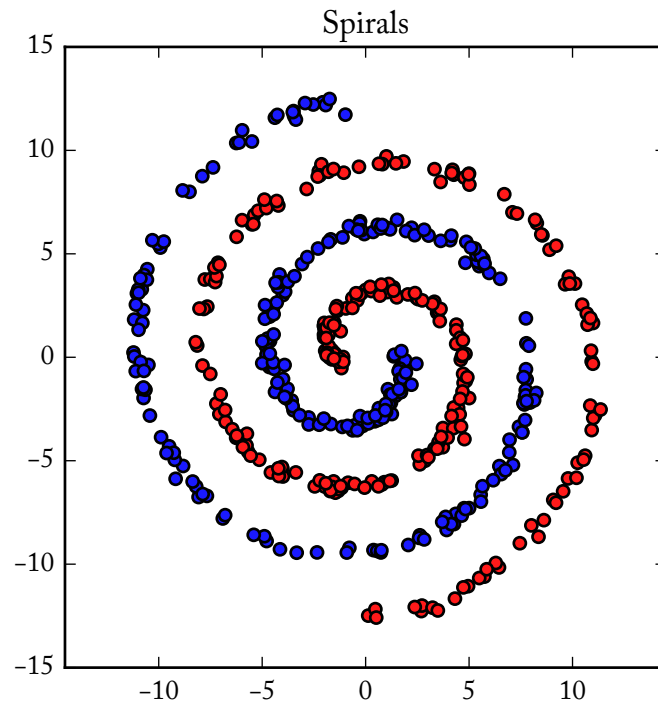


Figure 2: Sample spiral data.