

# CS6190: Probabilistic Modeling Homework 3 MCMC

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2. Say you are given data  $(X, Y)$ , with  $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ . The goal is to train a classifier that will predict an unknown class label  $\tilde{y}$  from a new data point  $\tilde{x}$ . Consider the following model:

$$Y \sim \text{Ber}\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-X^T \beta}}\right),$$

$$\beta \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I).$$

This is a **Bayesian logistic regression** model. Your goal is to derive and implement a Hamiltonian Monte Carlo sampler for doing Bayesian inference on  $\beta$ .

(a) Write down the formula for the unnormalized posterior of  $\beta|Y$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\beta|y; x, \sigma) &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\beta; x_i) p(\beta; \sigma) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \left[ \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right]^{y_i} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right]^{1-y_i} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\sigma^2 I|}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \beta^T (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} \beta\right)} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Show that this posterior is proportional to  $\exp(-U(\beta))$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} U(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta + \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\beta\|^2 \\ p(\beta|y; x, \sigma) &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \left[ \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right]^{y_i} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right]^{1-y_i} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\sigma^2 I|}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \beta^T (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} \beta\right)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \left[ \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right]^{y_i} \left[ \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right]^{1-y_i} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\sigma^2 I|}} e^{\left(-\frac{\|\beta\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)} \\ \log(p(\beta|y; x, \sigma)) &\propto - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) \cdot -x_i^T \beta - \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\beta\|^2 \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) - \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) - \frac{\|\beta\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\beta\|^2 \\ \Rightarrow p(\beta|y; x, \sigma) &\propto \exp(-U(\beta)), \text{ where} \\ U(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\beta\|^2 \end{aligned}$$