

CS229 Homework 1

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TOTAL POINTS

99.5 / 102.5

QUESTION 1

Question 1 35 pts

1.1 (a) 10 / 10

✓ - 0 pts Correct

1.2 (c) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

1.3 (d) 6 / 7

✓ - 1 pts Incorrect (or missing) expression for derivative with respect to the mean

1.4 (f) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 2.5 pts GDA graph correct

+ 2.5 pts Logreg graph correct

+ 0 pts Missing/Incorrect

1.5 (g) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

1.6 (h) 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts Correct, log(x)

+ 0 pts Unanswered

+ 1 pts Attempted

+ 3 pts Correct, x^{-1}

+ 3 pts Correct, x^z (for $0 < z \leq 0.5$)

+ 3 pts Correct x^z (for $2 \leq z$)

+ 2 pts Matched variances, but distributions not gaussian

+ 3 pts Correct, x^{-1}

QUESTION 2

Question 2 15 pts

2.1 (a) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 4 pts Minor error: set to $\frac{1}{\alpha}$.

+ 2 pts Major error: left α conditioned on $x^{(i)}$

+ 1 pts Attempt

+ 0 pts Blank

2.2 (b) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 2 pts Correct approach, missing/incorrect step

+ 0 pts Incorrect or blank

2.3 (e) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Plots correct

+ 0 pts Blank

+ 0 pts +1.5 - Parts c and d

+2 - Part e

QUESTION 3

Question 3 15 pts

3.1 (a) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

3.2 (b) 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts Correct

+ 0 pts No Answer

+ 1 pts Incorrect Answer

+ 2 pts Should be e^η instead of e^θ

+ 2 pts Missing a correct math formula for the expectation in terms of eta or theta

+ 2 pts Incorrect sign

3.3 (c) 6 / 7

✓ - 0.5 pts Did not index 'x' correctly

✓ - 0.5 pts Did not index 'y' correctly

💡 'x^(i)' and 'y^(i)' should be used instead of 'x' and 'y'

QUESTION 4

Question 4 15 pts

4.1 (a) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

- + **3 pts** Major error
- + **1 pts** Barely attempted
- + **0 pts** Not attempted
- + **4 pts** Minor error

4.2 (b) 5 / 5

✓ + **5 pts** Correct

- + **3 pts** Major error
- + **1 pts** Barely attempted
- + **0 pts** Not attempted

4.3 (c) 5 / 5

✓ + **5 pts** Correct

- + **3 pts** Major error
- + **1 pts** Barely attempted
- + **0 pts** Not attempted
- + **4 pts** Minor Error

QUESTION 5

Question 5 22.5 pts

5.1 (a) 9 / 10

- ✓ - **1 pts** (i)- Partially Correct/ No proof is shown
- ✓ - **0 pts** (ii) correct
- ✓ - **0 pts** (iii) Correct

5.2 (b) 10 / 10

✓ - **0 pts** Correct

5.3 (c) 2.5 / 2.5

✓ + **2.5 pts** Correct

+ **1.5 pts** Correct graphs but incorrect/missing tau value and MSE

+ **1 pts** Incorrect/Missing all graph but correct tau and MSE value

+ **2 pts** Correct graph but one of tau/MSE is incorrect or Test MSE was not provided

+ **0 pts** Unattempted

+ **0 pts** Wrong solution

+ **2 pts** No test MSE, everything else correct

+ **0.5 pts** Incorrect/missing graph and one of tau/MSE is incorrect

+ **2 pts** All values and plots correct but rounded off too coarsely

+ **2 pts** Some plots are missing

1. [40 points] Linear Classifiers (logistic regression and GDA)

In this problem, we cover two probabilistic linear classifiers we have covered in class so far. First, a discriminative linear classifier: logistic regression. Second, a generative linear classifier: Gaussian discriminant analysis (GDA). Both the algorithms find a linear decision boundary that separates the data into two classes, but make different assumptions. Our goal in this problem is to get a deeper understanding of the similarities and differences (and, strengths and weaknesses) of these two algorithms.

For this problem, we will consider two datasets, provided in the following files:

- i. `data/ds1_{train,valid}.csv`
- ii. `data/ds2_{train,valid}.csv`

Each file contains m examples, one example $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$ per row. In particular, the i -th row contains columns $x_0^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$, $x_1^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$, and $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$. In the subproblems that follow, we will investigate using logistic regression and Gaussian discriminant analysis (GDA) to perform binary classification on these two datasets.

- (a) [10 points] In lecture we saw the average empirical loss for logistic regression:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log(h_\theta(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)})),$$

where $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$, $h_\theta(x) = g(\theta^T x)$ and $g(z) = 1/(1 + e^{-z})$.

Find the Hessian H of this function, and show that for any vector z , it holds true that

$$z^T H z \geq 0.$$

Hint: You may want to start by showing that $\sum_i \sum_j z_i x_i x_j z_j = (x^T z)^2 \geq 0$. Recall also that $g'(z) = g(z)(1 - g(z))$.

Remark: This is one of the standard ways of showing that the matrix H is positive semi-definite, written " $H \succeq 0$." This implies that J is convex, and has no local minima other than the global one. If you have some other way of showing $H \succeq 0$, you're also welcome to use your method instead of the one above.

Answer:

- i. The hessian derivation

Take the derivative w.r.t. θ_j , $h'(x) = g'(\theta^T x) = g(\theta^T x)(1 - g(\theta^T x))x_j$ for the j th component.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_j} &= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y^{(i)} \frac{h_\theta(x^{(i)})(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))}{h_\theta(x^{(i)})} x_j + (1 - y^{(i)}) \frac{-h_\theta(x^{(i)})(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))}{h_\theta(x^{(i)})} x_j \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y^{(i)}(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))x_j - (1 - y^{(i)})h_\theta(x^{(i)})x_j \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))x_j \end{aligned}$$

The Hessian is just the second order derivative of the cost. Observe the above $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_j}$, only the $h_\theta(x^{(i)})x_j$ part is relevant.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h_\theta(x^{(i)})(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))x_j x_k \\ &= H_{jk}\end{aligned}$$

The diagonals where $j = k$ are also generalized by H_{jk} .

ii. Proof of Hessian's PSD.

For any vector z , and any given sample $x^{(i)}$, consider only $H_{jk}^{(i)} = h_\theta(x^{(i)})(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))x_j x_k$:

$$\begin{aligned}z^T H^{(i)} z &= h_\theta(x^{(i)})(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)})) \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n z_j x_j x_k z_k \\ &= h_\theta(x^{(i)})(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))(z^T x)^2 \\ &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

The last step is true because the sigmoid function can only be (0,1). So $H^{(i)}$ is PSD.
The Hessian H is just the mean of all $H^{(i)}$, so it is still a Hessian.

Proved.

1.1 (a) 10 / 10

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- (c) [5 points] Recall that in GDA we model the joint distribution of (x, y) by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y) &= \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } y = 1 \\ 1 - \phi & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases} \\ p(x|y=0) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_0)\right) \\ p(x|y=1) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where ϕ , μ_0 , μ_1 , and Σ are the parameters of our model.

Suppose we have already fit ϕ , μ_0 , μ_1 , and Σ , and now want to predict y given a new point x . To show that GDA results in a classifier that has a linear decision boundary, show the posterior distribution can be written as

$$p(y=1 | x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\theta^T x + \theta_0))},$$

where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ are appropriate functions of ϕ , Σ , μ_0 , and μ_1 .

Answer:

Derive the posterior distribution from GDA model:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y=1 | x) &= \frac{p(x | y=1)p(y=1)}{p(x | y=0)p(y=0) + p(x | y=1)p(y=1)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)\right) \phi}{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} [\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)\right) \phi + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_0)\right) (1 - \phi)]} \\ &= \frac{\phi \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)\right)}{\phi \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)\right) + (1 - \phi) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_0)\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-\phi}{\phi} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1) - \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_0)\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left((\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1) + \log\left(\frac{1-\phi}{\phi}\right)\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Set parameters θ and θ_0 and rewrite the posterior:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= -(\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} \\ \theta_0 &= \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1) - \log\left(\frac{1-\phi}{\phi}\right) \\ p(y=1 | x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\theta^T x + \theta_0))} \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

1.2 (C) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- (d) [7 points] For this part of the problem only, you may assume n (the dimension of x) is 1, so that $\Sigma = [\sigma^2]$ is just a real number, and likewise the determinant of Σ is given by $|\Sigma| = \sigma^2$. Given the dataset, we claim that the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\} \\ \mu_0 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 0\}x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 0\}} \\ \mu_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\}x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\}} \\ \Sigma &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})(x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T\end{aligned}$$

The log-likelihood of the data is

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^m p(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^m p(x^{(i)} | y^{(i)}; \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) p(y^{(i)}; \phi).\end{aligned}$$

By maximizing ℓ with respect to the four parameters, prove that the maximum likelihood estimates of ϕ , μ_0 , μ_1 , and Σ are indeed as given in the formulas above. (You may assume that there is at least one positive and one negative example, so that the denominators in the definitions of μ_0 and μ_1 above are non-zero.)

Answer:

The bernoulli pdf can be written as $p(y) = \phi^y(1 - \phi)^{1-y}$, hence:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) &= \sum_{i=1, y^{(i)}=1}^m \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_1) + \log \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1, y^{(i)}=0}^m \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)} - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0) + \log \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log \phi + \sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \phi)\end{aligned}$$

i. Gradient w.r.t. parameter ϕ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log \phi + \sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \phi) \right) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)}}{\log \phi} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y^{(i)})}{\log(1 - \phi)}\end{aligned}$$

Set it to 0 vector:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)}}{\log \phi} = \frac{m - \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)}}{\log(1 - \phi)}$$

Which implies $\phi = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\}$

ii. Gradient w.r.t. parameter μ_1 , the same to μ_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_1} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_1} \sum_{i=1, y^{(i)}=1}^m \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_1) + \log \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \right) \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\} (x^{(i)} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The derivative w.r.t. μ_0 is the same. Set these to 0 vector and get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 0\} x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 0\}} \\ \mu_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\} x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1\{y^{(i)} = 1\}} \end{aligned}$$

iii. For the gradient w.r.t. the covariance matrix Σ , it is still a $n \times n$ matrix; it has the similar steps of math work. Here we can use $\mu_{y^{(i)}}$ for both 0 and 1 classes.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \Sigma} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}) + \log \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}) + \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})(x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T \Sigma^{-2} - m \Sigma^{-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Again set it to 0 matrix and right multiply by Σ^2 , get Σ :

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})(x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T$$

1.3 (d) 6 / 7

✓ - 1 pts Incorrect (or missing) expression for derivative with respect to the mean

- (f) [5 points] For Dataset 1, create a plot of the validation set with x_1 on the horizontal axis, and x_2 on the vertical axis. To visualize the two classes, use a different symbol for examples $x^{(i)}$ with $y^{(i)} = 0$ than for those with $y^{(i)} = 1$. On the same figure, plot the decision boundary found by logistic regression in part (b). Make an identical plot with the decision boundary found by GDA in part (e).

Answer:

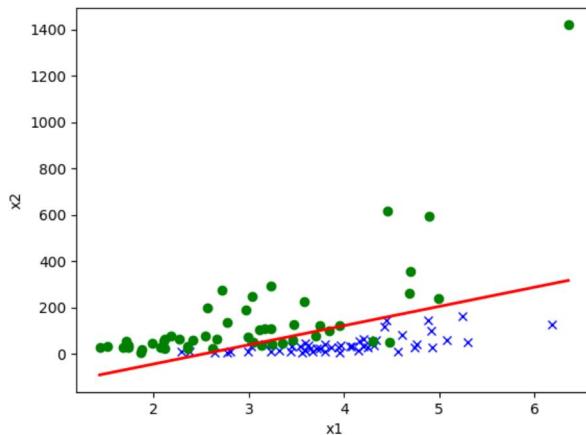


Figure 1: Logistic Regression on Dataset 1

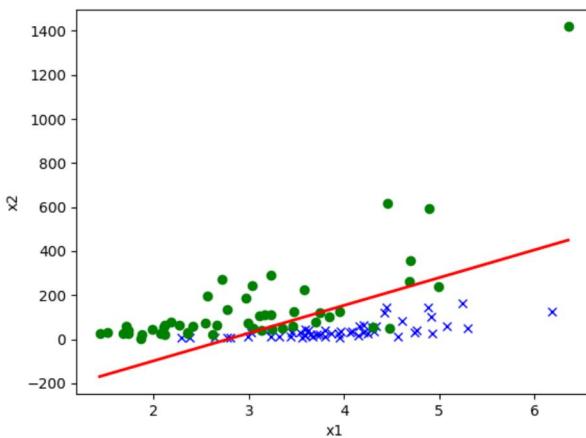


Figure 2: GDA on Dataset 1

1.4 (f) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 2.5 pts GDA graph correct

+ 2.5 pts Logreg graph correct

+ 0 pts Missing/Incorrect

- (g) [5 points] Repeat the steps in part (f) for Dataset 2. On which dataset does GDA seem to perform worse than logistic regression? Why might this be the case?

Answer:

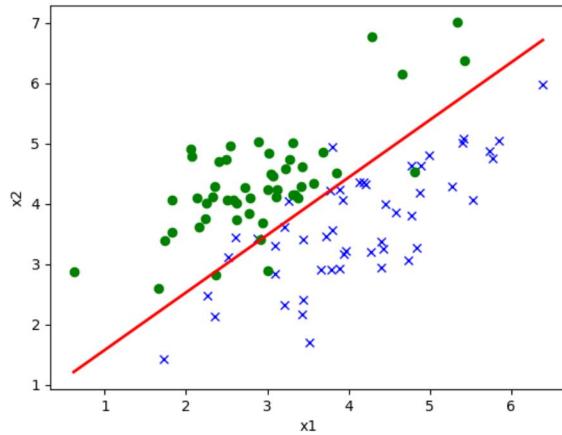


Figure 3: Logistic Regression on Dataset 2

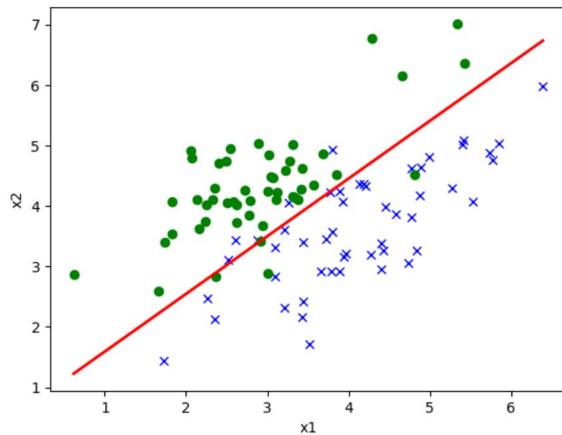


Figure 4: GDA on Dataset 2

On Dataset 1 GDA seem to perform worse than Logistic Regression, this is because dataset 1 doesn't look like Gaussian.

1.5 (g) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- (h) [3 extra credit points] For the dataset where GDA performed worse in parts (f) and (g), can you find a transformation of the $x^{(i)}$'s such that GDA performs significantly better? What is this transformation?

Answer:

Observe the plot of dataset 1, on x_1 axis the data points roughly follow a Gaussian, but on x_2 axis the point density looks like a exponential distribution which has a big head and small a tail. It can also be seen as χ^2 distribution, which can be seen as the sum of square of k Gaussians (degree $k \chi^2$), which leads to the first two transformations; the third log transformation also looks pretty good.

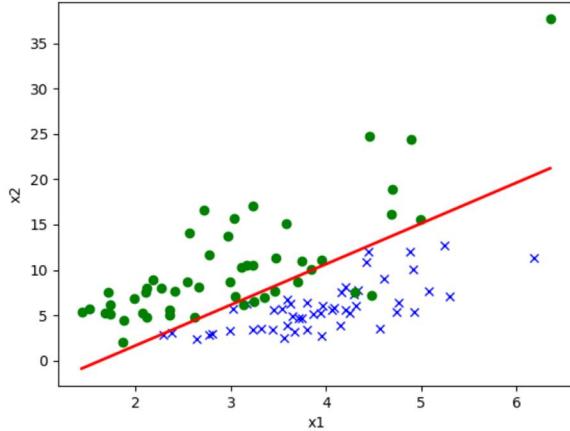


Figure 5: $x_2 = \sqrt{x_2}$ on validation set

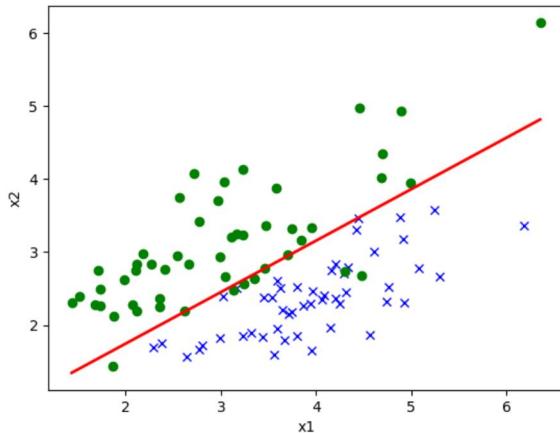
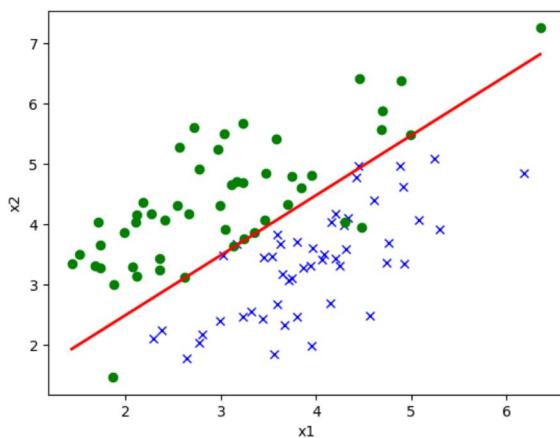


Figure 6: $x_2 = (x_2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ on validation set

Figure 7: $x_2 = \log(x_2)$ validation set

1.6 (h) 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts Correct, $\log(x)$

+ 0 pts Unanswered

+ 1 pts Attempted

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+ 2 pts Matched variances, but distributions not gaussian

+ 3 pts Correct, x^{-1}

2. [30 points] Incomplete, Positive-Only Labels

In this problem we will consider training binary classifiers in situations where we do not have full access to the labels. In particular, we consider a scenario, which is not too infrequent in real life, where we have labels only for a subset of the positive examples. All the negative examples and the rest of the positive examples are unlabelled.

That is, we assume a dataset $\{(x^{(i)}, t^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^m$, where $t^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$ is the “true” label, and where

$$y^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1 & x^{(i)} \text{ is labeled} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

All labeled examples are positive, which is to say $p(t^{(i)} = 1 | y^{(i)} = 1) = 1$, but unlabeled examples may be positive or negative. Our goal in the problem is to construct a binary classifier h of the true label t , with only access to the partial labels y . In other words, we want to construct h such that $h(x^{(i)}) \approx p(t^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)})$ as closely as possible, using only x and y .

Real world example: Suppose we maintain a database of proteins which are involved in transmitting signals across membranes. Every example added to the database is involved in a signaling process, but there are many proteins involved in cross-membrane signaling which are missing from the database. It would be useful to train a classifier to identify proteins that should be added to the database. In our notation, each example $x^{(i)}$ corresponds to a protein, $y^{(i)} = 1$ if the protein is in the database and 0 otherwise, and $t^{(i)} = 1$ if the protein is involved in a cross-membrane signaling process and thus should be added to the database, and 0 otherwise.

(a) [5 points] Suppose that each $y^{(i)}$ and $x^{(i)}$ are conditionally independent given $t^{(i)}$:

$$p(y^{(i)} = 1 | t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)}) = p(y^{(i)} = 1 | t^{(i)} = 1).$$

Note this is equivalent to saying that labeled examples were selected uniformly at random from the set of positive examples. Prove that the probability of an example being labeled differs by a constant factor from the probability of an example being positive. That is, show that $p(t^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}) = p(y^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)})/\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Answer:

PROOF: The model can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} t &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi_t) \\ y &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi_y) \end{aligned}$$

Given input $x^{(i)}$, the conditional marginal probability of $y^{(i)}$ given $x^{(i)}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} p(y^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}) &= p(y^{(i)} = 1 | t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)})p(t^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}) \\ &+ p(y^{(i)} = 1 | t^{(i)} = 0, x^{(i)})p(t^{(i)} = 0 | x^{(i)}) \\ &= p(y^{(i)} = 1 | t^{(i)} = 1)p(t^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{p(y^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)})}{p(t^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)})} = p(y^{(i)} = 1 | t^{(i)} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

The last equality uses the conditional independence and the fact that when $t = 0$, the probability

of $y = 1$ is 0. The scale constant is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid t^{(i)} = 1) \\ &= \frac{p(t^{(i)} = 1 \mid y^{(i)} = 1)p(y^{(i)} = 1)}{p(t^{(i)} = 1)} \\ &= \frac{p(y^{(i)} = 1)}{p(t^{(i)} = 1)} \\ &= \frac{\phi_y}{\phi_t}\end{aligned}$$

2.1 (a) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 4 pts Minor error: set to $\frac{1}{\alpha}$.

+ 2 pts Major error: left α conditioned on $x^{(i)}$

+ 1 pts Attempt

+ 0 pts Blank

- (b) [5 points] Suppose we want to estimate α using a trained classifier h and a held-out validation set V . Let V_+ be the set of labeled (and hence positive) examples in V , given by $V_+ = \{x^{(i)} \in V \mid y^{(i)} = 1\}$. Assuming that $h(x^{(i)}) \approx p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)})$ for all examples $x^{(i)}$, show that

$$h(x^{(i)}) \approx \alpha \quad \text{for all } x^{(i)} \in V_+.$$

You may assume that $p(t^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)}) \approx 1$ when $x^{(i)} \in V_+$.

Answer:

PROOF: according to the above results,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)})}{p(t^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)})} &= p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid t^{(i)} = 1) \\ &= \alpha \end{aligned}$$

This implies that:

$$\begin{aligned} h(x^{(i)}) &\approx p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)}) \\ &\approx \alpha p(t^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)}) \\ &\approx \alpha \end{aligned}$$

The last step uses the assumption that $p(t^{(i)} = 1 \mid x^{(i)}) \approx 1$ when $x^{(i)} \in V_+$.

2.2 (b) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 2 pts Correct approach, missing/incorrect step

+ 0 pts Incorrect or blank

- (e) [10 points] **Coding problem.** Using the validation set, estimate the constant α by averaging your classifier's predictions over all labeled examples in the validation set:

$$\alpha \approx \frac{1}{|V_+|} \sum_{x^{(i)} \in V_+} h(x^{(i)}).$$

Add code in `src/p02cde_posonly.py` to rescale your classifier's predictions from part (d) using the estimated value for α .

Finally, using a threshold of $p(t^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}) = 0.5$, make three separate plots with the decision boundaries from parts (c) - (e) plotted on top of the test set. Plot x_1 on the horizontal axis and x_2 on the vertical axis, and use two different symbols for the positive ($t^{(i)} = 1$) and negative ($t^{(i)} = 0$) examples. In each plot, indicate the separating hyperplane with a red line.

Answer:

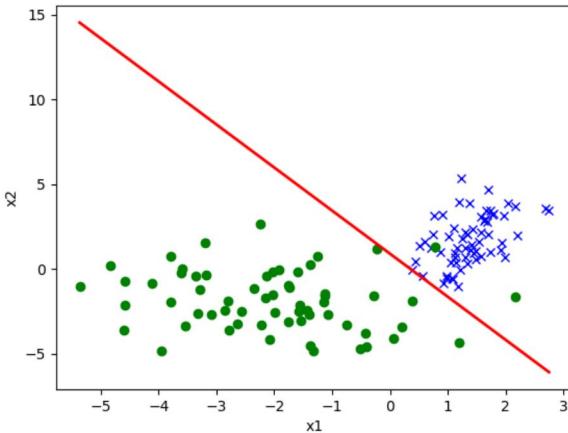


Figure 8: (c) Train with T

Remark: We saw that the true probability $p(t | x)$ was only a constant factor away from $p(y | x)$. This means, if our task is to only rank examples (*i.e.* sort them) in a particular order (e.g. sort the proteins in order of being most likely to be involved in transmitting signals across membranes), then in fact we do not even need to estimate α . The rank based on $p(y | x)$ will agree with the rank based on $p(t | x)$.

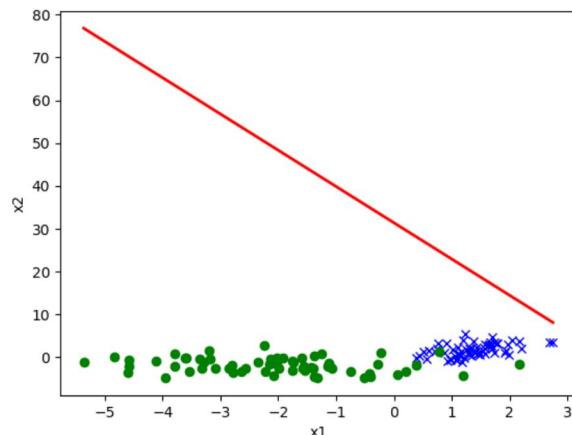


Figure 9: (d) Train with Y

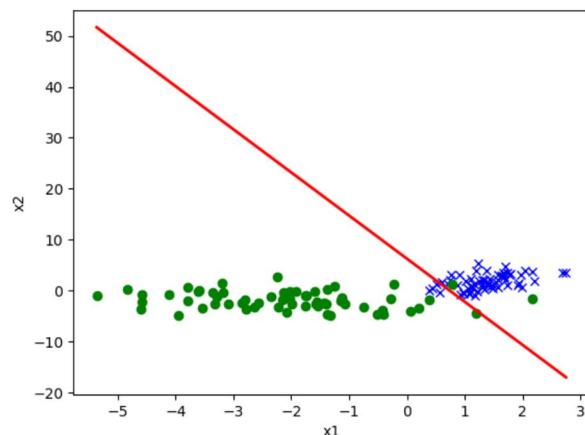


Figure 10: (e) Train with Y + correction

2.3 (e) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Plots correct

+ 0 pts Blank

+ 0 pts +1.5 - Parts c and d

+2 - Part e

3. [25 points] Poisson Regression

- (a) [5 points] Consider the Poisson distribution parameterized by λ :

$$p(y; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!}.$$

Show that the Poisson distribution is in the exponential family, and clearly state the values for $b(y)$, η , $T(y)$, and $a(\eta)$.

Answer:

Rewrite Poisson pdf in a GLM way:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y; \lambda) &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!} \\ &= \frac{1}{y!} \exp(y \log \lambda - \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

This implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \log \lambda \\ T(y) &= y \\ a(\eta) &= \lambda \\ b(y) &= \frac{1}{y!} \end{aligned}$$

It is in the exponential family.

3.1(a) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- (b) [3 points] Consider performing regression using a GLM model with a Poisson response variable. What is the canonical response function for the family? (You may use the fact that a Poisson random variable with parameter λ has mean λ .)

Answer:

The canonical response function for Poisson is just:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(y|\eta) &= \lambda \\ &= \exp(\eta)\end{aligned}$$

where $\eta = \theta^T x$ is the natural parameter. The last step above uses previous derived result for the natural parameter: $\eta = \log \lambda$.

3.2 (b) 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts Correct

+ 0 pts No Answer

+ 1 pts Incorrect Answer

+ 2 pts Should be e^{η} instead of e^{θ}

+ 2 pts Missing a correct math formula for the expectation in terms of eta or theta

+ 2 pts Incorrect sign

- (c) [7 points] For a training set $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}); i = 1, \dots, m\}$, let the log-likelihood of an example be $\log p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; \theta)$. By taking the derivative of the log-likelihood with respect to θ_j , derive the stochastic gradient ascent update rule for learning using a GLM model with Poisson responses y and the canonical response function.

Answer:

The log likelihood of a Poisson sample is:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\lambda) &= \log p(y) \\ &= -\log(y!) + y \log \lambda - \lambda \\ &\Rightarrow \\ \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \lambda_j} &= \left(\frac{y}{\exp(\theta^T x)} - 1 \right) \exp(\theta^T x) x_j \\ &= (y - \exp(\theta^T x)) x_j\end{aligned}$$

Here $h_\theta(x) = \exp(\theta^T x)$. The update rule is just the same as all the GLM models:

$$\theta_j := \theta_j + \alpha(y - h_\theta(x))x_j$$

3.3 (C) 6 / 7

✓ - 0.5 pts Did not index 'x' correctly

✓ - 0.5 pts Did not index 'y' correctly

 'x^(i)' and 'y^(i)' should be used instead of 'x' and 'y'

- (a) [5 points] Derive an expression for the mean of the distribution. Show that $\mathbb{E}[Y; \eta] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} a(\eta)$ (note that $\mathbb{E}[Y; \eta] = \mathbb{E}[Y | X; \eta]$ since $\eta = \theta^T x$). In other words, show that the mean of an exponential family distribution is the first derivative of the log-partition function with respect to the natural parameter.

Hint: Start with observing that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \int p(y; \eta) dy = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} p(y; \eta) dy$.

Answer:

The following derivatives w.r.t. η is obvious:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} p(y; \eta) &= y b(y) \exp(\eta y - a(\eta)) - a'(\eta) b(y) \exp(\eta y - a(\eta)) \\ &= y p - a'(\eta) p\end{aligned}$$

The equation implies:

$$y p(y; \eta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} p(y; \eta) + a'(\eta) p(y; \eta)$$

Sum over y gives the expectation of Y given X :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(Y|X; \eta) &= \int y p(y; \eta) dy \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \int p(y; \eta) dy + a'(\eta) \int p(y; \eta) dy \\ &= a'(\eta)\end{aligned}$$

4.1(a) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 3 pts Major error

+ 1 pts Barely attempted

+ 0 pts Not attempted

+ 4 pts Minor error

- (b) [5 points] Next, derive an expression for the variance of the distribution. In particular, show that $\text{Var}(Y; \eta) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} a(\eta)$ (again, note that $\text{Var}(Y; \eta) = \text{Var}(Y | X; \theta)$). In other words, show that the variance of an exponential family distribution is the second derivative of the log-partition function w.r.t. the natural parameter.

Hint: Building upon the result in the previous sub-problem can simplify the derivation.

Answer:

Again it is obvious that:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} p(y; \eta) &= y(y - a'(\eta))b(y) \exp(\eta y - a(\eta)) - b(y)a''(\eta) \exp(\eta y - a(\eta)) \\ &- a'(\eta)(y - a'(\eta))b(y) \exp(\eta y - a(\eta)) \\ &= ((y - a'(\eta))^2 - a''(\eta))p\end{aligned}$$

Now consider the variance of Y:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{V}(Y) &= \mathbb{V}(Y - a'(\eta)) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(Y - a'(\eta))^2 - \mathbb{E}^2(Y - a'(\eta)) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(Y - a'(\eta))^2 \\ &= \int (y - a'(\eta))^2 p(y; \eta) dy \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} \int p(y; \eta) dy + a''(\eta) \int p(y; \eta) dy \\ &= a''(\eta)\end{aligned}$$

The second to third step holds because $\mathbb{E}(Y - a'(\eta)) = 0$ as proved in (a).

The 4th to 5th step is from the above derived $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} p(y; \eta)$ equation.

Q.E.D.

4.2 (b) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 3 pts Major error

+ 1 pts Barely attempted

+ 0 pts Not attempted

- (c) [5 points] Finally, write out the loss function $\ell(\theta)$, the NLL of the distribution, as a function of θ . Then, calculate the Hessian of the loss w.r.t θ , and show that it is always PSD. This concludes the proof that NLL loss of GLM is convex.

Hint 1: Use the chain rule of calculus along with the results of the previous parts to simplify your derivations.

Hint 2: Recall that variance of any probability distribution is non-negative.

Answer:

The negative log likelihood of the GLM pdf is:

$$\ell(\theta) = -\log p(y; \theta^T x) = -\log(b(y)) - \theta^T x y + a(\theta^T x)$$

The derivative w.r.t. θ_j is just given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \ell(\theta) &= (a'(\theta^T x) - y)x_j \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} \ell(\theta) &= a''(\theta^T x)x_j x_k \\ &= \mathbb{V}(Y|X; \theta)x_j x_k \\ &\Rightarrow \\ H_{jk} &= \mathbb{V}(Y|X; \theta)x_j x_k \end{aligned}$$

Hessian H is PSD in that for any given sample x and vector z ,

$$z^T H z = \mathbb{V}(Y|X; \theta)(z^T x)^2 \geq 0.$$

Remark: The main takeaways from this problem are:

- Any GLM model is convex in its model parameters.
- The exponential family of probability distributions are mathematically nice. Whereas calculating mean and variance of distributions in general involves integrals (hard), surprisingly we can calculate them using derivatives (easy) for exponential family.

4.3 (C) 5 / 5

✓ + 5 pts Correct

+ 3 pts Major error

+ 1 pts Barely attempted

+ 0 pts Not attempted

+ 4 pts Minor Error

5. [25 points] Locally weighted linear regression

- (a) [10 points] Consider a linear regression problem in which we want to “weight” different training examples differently. Specifically, suppose we want to minimize

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)} \left(\theta^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2.$$

In class, we worked out what happens for the case where all the weights (the $w^{(i)}$'s) are the same. In this problem, we will generalize some of those ideas to the weighted setting.

- i. [2 points] Show that $J(\theta)$ can also be written

$$J(\theta) = (X\theta - y)^T W (X\theta - y)$$

for an appropriate matrix W , and where X and y are as defined in class. Clearly specify the value of each element of the matrix W .

- ii. [4 points] If all the $w^{(i)}$'s equal 1, then we saw in class that the normal equation is

$$X^T X \theta = X^T y,$$

and that the value of θ that minimizes $J(\theta)$ is given by $(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$. By finding the derivative $\nabla_\theta J(\theta)$ and setting that to zero, generalize the normal equation to this weighted setting, and give the new value of θ that minimizes $J(\theta)$ in closed form as a function of X , W and y .

- iii. [4 points] Suppose we have a dataset $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}); i = 1 \dots, m\}$ of m independent examples, but we model the $y^{(i)}$'s as drawn from conditional distributions with different levels of variance $(\sigma^{(i)})^2$. Specifically, assume the model

$$p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^{(i)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^2}\right)$$

That is, each $y^{(i)}$ is drawn from a Gaussian distribution with mean $\theta^T x^{(i)}$ and variance $(\sigma^{(i)})^2$ (where the $\sigma^{(i)}$'s are fixed, known, constants). Show that finding the maximum likelihood estimate of θ reduces to solving a weighted linear regression problem. State clearly what the $w^{(i)}$'s are in terms of the $\sigma^{(i)}$'s.

Answer:

- i. The value of weight matrix W is given by:

$$W = \text{diag}(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m)/2$$

- ii. Similar to linear regression, the gradient of the loss function is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla J(\theta) &= \nabla (X\theta - y)^T W (X\theta - y) \\ &= \nabla \text{tr}(\theta^T X^T W X \theta - \theta^T X^T W y - y^T W X \theta + y^T W y) \\ &= \nabla \text{tr}(\theta^T X^T W X \theta) - 2 \text{tr}(X \theta^T W y) \\ &= 2 X^T W X \theta - 2 X^T W y \end{aligned}$$

Set it to 0 and get the normal equation:

$$X^T W X \theta = X^T W y$$

The value of θ that minimizes $J(\theta)$ is:

$$\theta = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W y$$

iii. PROOF: The joint probability of all samples is:

$$\begin{aligned} L(Y|X; \theta) &= \prod_1^m p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; \theta) \\ &= \prod_1^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^{(i)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

The log likelihood of the joint probability:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(Y|X; \theta) &= \sum_1^m \log p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; \theta) \\ &= \sum_1^m \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^{(i)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^2}\right)\right) \\ &= -\sum_1^m \frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^2} - \log \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

Maximize the log likelihood is just minimize the loss function:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)} \left(\theta^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2.$$

where $w^{(i)} = \frac{1}{(\sigma^{(i)})^2}$

5.1 (a) 9 / 10

- ✓ - 1 pts (i)- Partially Correct/ No proof is shown
- ✓ - 0 pts (ii) correct
- ✓ - 0 pts (iii) Correct

- (b) [10 points] **Coding problem.** We will now consider the following dataset (the formatting matches that of Datasets 1-4, except $x^{(i)}$ is 1-dimensional):

`data/ds5_{train,valid,test}.csv`

In `src/p05b_lwr.py`, implement locally weighted linear regression using the normal equations you derived in Part (a) and using

$$w^{(i)} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x^{(i)} - x\|_2^2}{2\tau^2}\right).$$

Train your model on the `train` split using $\tau = 0.5$, then run your model on the `valid` split and report the mean squared error (MSE). Finally plot your model's predictions on the validation set (plot the training set with blue 'x' markers and the validation set with a red 'o' markers). Does the model seem to be under- or overfitting?

Answer:

PS5.b mean square error is: 0.330531

Plot the predictions on the validation set:

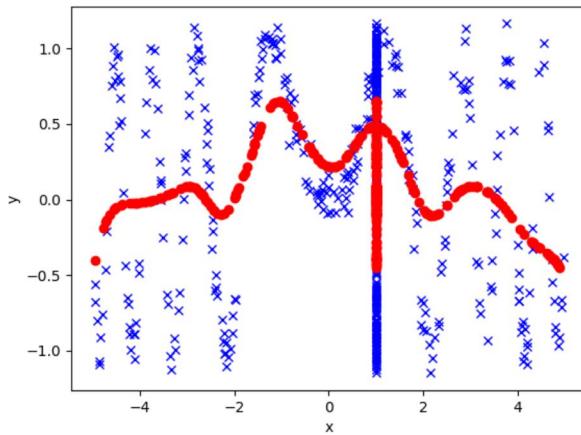


Figure 11: PS5.b

From the plot it is obvious that the prediction is underfit.

5.2 (b) 10 / 10

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- (c) [5 points] **Coding problem.** We will now tune the hyperparameter τ . In `src/p05c_tau.py`, find the MSE value of your model on the validation set for each of the values of τ specified in the code. For each τ , plot your model's predictions on the validation set in the format described in part (b). Report the value of τ which achieves the lowest MSE on the `valid` split, and finally report the MSE on the `test` split using this τ -value.

Answer:

The best τ in the tests is 0.05, which achieves the least MSE in validation set:

MSE = 0.012400;

With the best τ , the MSE for test set is:

MSE = 0.016990.

Different τ s and their plot.

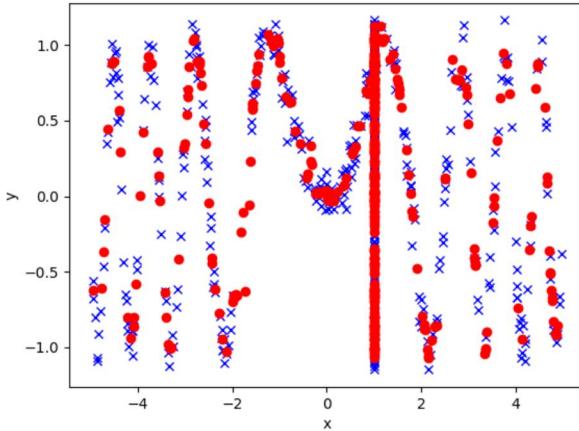
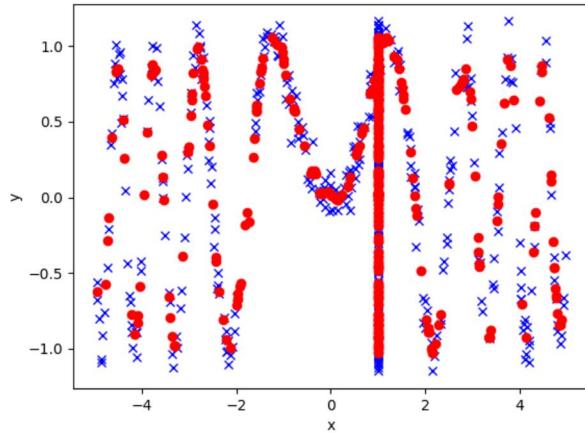
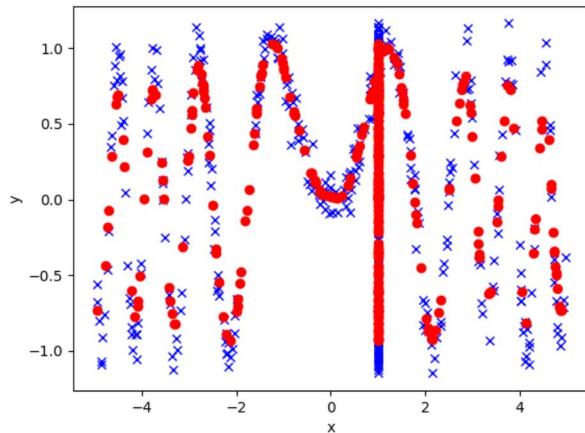
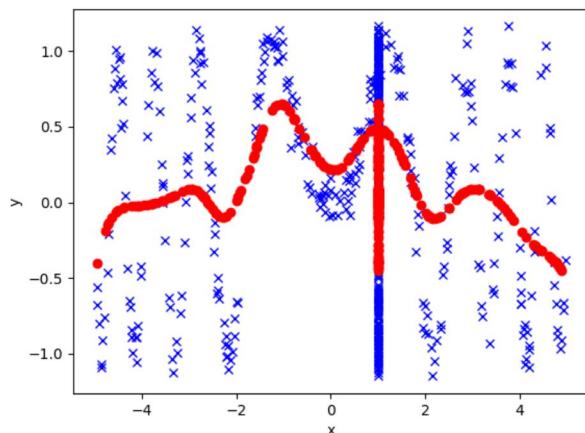
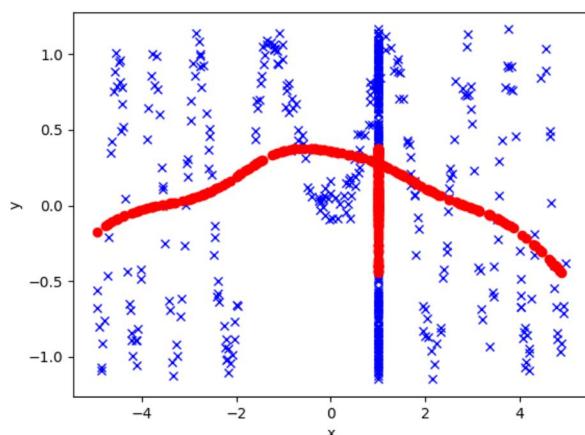
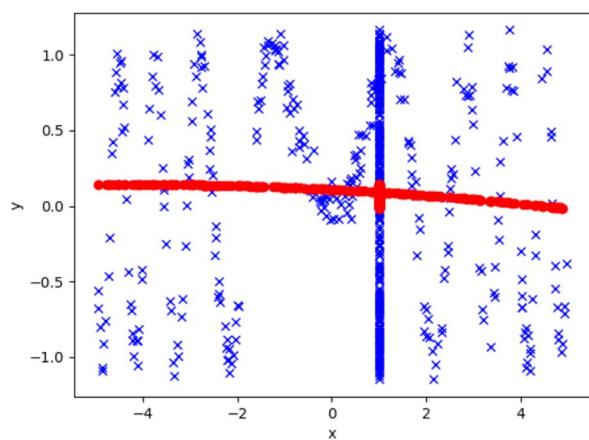


Figure 12: PS5.c $\tau=0.030000$, MSE = 0.018096

Figure 13: PS5.c $\tau=0.050000$, MSE = 0.012400, best tauFigure 14: PS5.c $\tau=0.100000$, MSE = 0.024225

Figure 15: PS5.c $\tau=0.500000$, MSE = 0.330531Figure 16: PS5.c $\tau=1.000000$, MSE = 0.400096

Figure 17: PS5.c $\tau=10.000000$, MSE = 0.433744

5.3 (C) 2.5 / 2.5

✓ + **2.5 pts** Correct

+ **1.5 pts** Correct graphs but incorrect/missing tau value and MSE

+ **1 pts** Incorrect/Missing all graph but correct tau and MSE value

+ **2 pts** Correct graph but one of tau/MSE is incorrect or Test MSE was not provided

+ **0 pts** Unattempted

+ **0 pts** Wrong solution

+ **2 pts** No test MSE, everything else correct

+ **0.5 pts** Incorrect/missing graph and one of tau/MSE is incorrect

+ **2 pts** All values and plots correct but rounded off too coarsely

+ **2 pts** Some plots are missing