

# KDAG tasks

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## 1 First subtask

**Problem:** Find the Hessian matrix  $H$  of the empirical loss function with respect to  $\theta$ , and show that the Hessian  $H$  is positive semi-definite in nature.

**Solution:** The empirical loss function is given as,

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

Now defining  $J(\theta) \cdot m$  as  $L(\theta)$  and writing the loss expression for a single entry  $i$ , we get,

$$L_{(i)}(\theta) = -[y^{(i)} \log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))] \quad (2)$$

The Hessian matrix  $H$  is composed of double derivatives of each of the elements, thus we find the double derivatives of the general element  $L_{(i)}(\theta)$  we just calculated above. Note that we first differentiate w.r.t  $\theta^T$  and then  $\theta$  to get our desired value  $\nabla_{\theta\theta^T} L_{(i)}(\theta)$

Now before we proceed further, we need to keep in mind an important relation, i.e,

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z)}{\partial z} = \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z)) \quad (3)$$

where  $\sigma(z)$  is defined as,

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \quad (4)$$

In eq(2), our points of interest are  $\log(h_\theta(x^{(i)}))$  and  $\log(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))$ , because the rest of eq(2) are constants. Labeling them as  $L$  and  $M$  respectively, we first find the gradient of these two functions.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta^T} &= \frac{\partial \log h_\theta(x^{(i)})}{\partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{\partial \log \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})}{\partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{\partial \log \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})}{\partial \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})}{\partial (\theta^T x^{(i)})} \cdot \frac{\partial (\theta^T x^{(i)})}{\partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{1}{\cancel{\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})}} \cdot \cancel{\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})} (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})) \cdot x^{(i)} \\
&= (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})) x^{(i)}
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Similarly for  $M$ , we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial M}{\partial \theta^T} &= \frac{\partial \log(1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)}))}{\partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{\partial \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}))}{\partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{\partial \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}))}{\partial \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})}{\partial (\theta^T x^{(i)})} \cdot \frac{\partial (\theta^T x^{(i)})}{\partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{-1}{\cancel{1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})}} \cdot \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \cancel{(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}))} \cdot x^{(i)} \\
&= -\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) x^{(i)}
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Putting all the values obtained, we get

$$\nabla_{\theta^T} L_{(i)}(\theta) = x^{(i)}(\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \tag{7}$$

Evaluating further,

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\theta \theta^T} L_{(i)}(\theta) &= \frac{\partial^2 L_{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^T} \\
&= \frac{\partial \nabla_{\theta^T} L_{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \\
&= \frac{\partial x^{(i)}(\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})}{\partial \theta} \\
&= x^{(i)} [x^{(i)}]^T \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}))
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Thus, the Hessian matrix for  $L_{(i)}(\theta)$  is given by the above expression. We can now find the Hessian matrix for our original empirical loss function  $J_{(i)}(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{(i)}(\theta) &= m \cdot J_{(i)}(\theta) \\ \Rightarrow \nabla^2 L_{(i)}(\theta) &= m \cdot \nabla^2 J_{(i)}(\theta) \\ \Rightarrow \nabla^2 J_{(i)}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot x^{(i)} [x^{(i)}]^T \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)})) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Note that the quantity  $\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}))$  is *always*  $> 0$  as  $\sigma(z) \in (0, 1)$ .

Considering each entry to be composed of  $n$  features, we take  $X$  as a matrix of dimensions  $n \times m$ , where every column represents  $x^{(i)}$ , which is the vector corresponding to a given entry, and every row represents a feature of that entry. Formally,  $\sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)} [x^{(i)}]^T = XX^T$ . The number of columns is  $m$ , as it's the number of entries for the particular data-set. For the factor of probability, we define a diagonal matrix  $D$  of size  $m \times m$ , with  $D_{ii}$  as  $\frac{1}{m} \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) (1 - \sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}))$  for each set of inputs.

Therefore, using  $X$  and  $D$ , we finally define our Hessian  $H$  as,

$$H(\theta) = XDX^T \tag{10}$$

To prove that  $H$  is a positive semi-definite matrix, we need to show that the quantity  $z^T H z$ , a scalar, is positive, where  $z$  is any arbitrary matrix of dimensions  $1 \times n$ , where  $n$  is the number of features.

$$z^T H z = z^T XDX^T z = (z^T X) D (z^T X)^T \tag{11}$$

Since  $D$  is a positive contributing entity and  $z^T X$  is being multiplied with itself, the whole scalar turns out to be non-negative.

Hence, the Hessian matrix  $H$  has been proved to be positive semi-definite in nature.

## 2 Third subtask

**Problem:** In order to show that Gaussian Discriminant Analysis results in a classifier that has a linear decision boundary, show that the following

expression is true.

$$p(y = 1|x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\theta^T x + \theta_0))} \quad (12)$$

where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  are appropriate functions of  $\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1$  and  $\Sigma$ .

**Solution:** To show that the classifier has a linear decision boundary, we need to show that it has behavior like that of a logistic regression, as LR makes use of a straight line to divide the whole dataset into two classes.

Before we begin, we list the formulas that we have been given,

$$p(y) = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } y = 1 \\ 1 - \phi & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

$$p(x|y = 0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_0)\right) \quad (14)$$

$$p(x|y = 1) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1)\right) \quad (15)$$

To keep the calculations straightforward, we denote  $p(y = 1|x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma)$  as  $p(y = 1|x)$ . From Bayes theorem we know that,

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{p(x)} \quad (16)$$

where,  $p(x) = p(x|y = 1)p(y = 1) + p(x|y = 0)p(y = 0)$ .

Putting the value of  $p(x)$  and using eq(16) for finding  $p(y = 1|x)$ , we get,

$$\begin{aligned} p(y = 1|x) &= \frac{p(x|y = 1)p(y = 1)}{p(x|y = 1)p(y = 1) + p(x|y = 0)p(y = 0)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p(x|y=0)p(y=0)}{p(x|y=1)p(y=1)}} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Using the values of  $p(x|y = 0)$ ,  $p(x|y = 1)$  and  $p(y)$  from eq(13) to eq(15) we get,

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(Z)\left(\frac{1-\phi}{\phi}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(Z')} \quad (18)$$

where  $Z'$  is defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} Z' &= -\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_0) + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1) + \log\left(\frac{1 - \phi}{\phi}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(x^T - \mu_0^T) \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_0) + \frac{1}{2}(x^T - \mu_1^T) \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1) + \log\left(\frac{1 - \phi}{\phi}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

As  $\mu_0, \mu_1, x$  have the same dimensions i.e  $n \times 1$  and the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  has dimensions  $n \times n$ ,  $(\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}x = x^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_0 - \mu_1)$ . Using this expression and simplifying, we finally get,

$$\begin{aligned} Z' &= -(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}x + \left[\log\left(\frac{1 - \phi}{\phi}\right) + \frac{1}{2}(\mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_1 - \mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_0)\right] \\ &= -(\theta^T x + \theta_0) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Note that the terms in the square bracket simplifies to a scalar  $-\theta_0$  and  $\theta^T = (\mu_1 - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}x$ . Putting this in eq(18), we finally get our desired expression,

$$p(y = 1|x; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\theta^T x + \theta_0))} \quad (21)$$

As discussed earlier, this proves that GDA takes the form of logistic regression and hence, has a linear decision boundary.