MF850

Problem Set 5

Due date: See Blackboard.

Instructions: You submit on Blackboard. You may solve this assignment in groups of two. A submission is constituted by answers to the problems along with the code used. A file called hw5.py should contain your code, or your entry point if you separate your code into multiple files. This file should run without errors from a fresh instance/REPL. In other words, submissions in notebook format are not accepted (but you may of course develop in them before creating the submission).

Please contact the instructor or a TA if you have questions regarding these instructions or if you find the problem formulation unclear.

Problem 5.1 The goal of this problem is to accomplish overfitting to get a feeling for how it can happen.

- (a) Train a neural network on a dataset | hw.make_dataset() to ≥ 98% accuracy.
 What is the test set performance? You can get a test set by | hw.make_dataset(test=True) .
 Hint: You can reuse your or my code from the previous homework.
 - *Hint:* You can call $hw.make_dataset(version=x)$ for values x in range(3). This gives a consistent dataset for consistent choices of x.
- (b) Illustrate which points in the training and test sets that are correctly classified using a scatter plot.
- (c) Illustrate the decision boundary, i.e., the line separating the two predictions by your model. Hint: Using numpy.meshgrid to create points in which to evaluate your model. Classify each of the points as 0 or 1 and plot using pyplot.contourf.
- (d) Can you create a better classifier manually?

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