

HOMEWORK ONE

QUESTION 1

(a) .

After transformation, we have:

$$f(x) = (x_1 + x_2)^2 + (x_1 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + 2(x_2 - \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{3}{4} \quad (1)$$

We use $\|x\|_\infty$ as $\|x\|$ here, then it s.t. $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$. $f(x)$ is thus coercive.

$$\begin{array}{|l} \therefore f(x) \text{ is also continuous on } R^2 \\ \therefore f(x) \text{ has a global minimum.} \quad (\text{the Corollary of Extreme Value Theorem}) \end{array}$$

(b).

After transformation, we have:

$$2f(x) = (x_1 + 2x_2)^2 + (x_1 - 1)^2 + 2(x_2 - 1)^2 - 2 \quad (2)$$

We use $\|x\|_\infty$ as $\|x\|$ here, then it s.t. $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$. $f(x)$ is thus coercive.

$$\begin{array}{|l} \therefore f(x) \text{ is also continuous on } R^2 \\ \therefore f(x) \text{ has a global minimum.} \quad (\text{the Corollary of Extreme Value Theorem}) \end{array}$$

(c).

After transformation, we have:

$$f(x) = (x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{2})^2 - x_2 - \frac{1}{4} \quad (3)$$

$$(x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{2})^2 - x_2 - \frac{1}{4} \geq -x_2 - \frac{1}{4} \quad (4)$$

Equal could be made when $(x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{2}) = 0$

\therefore In this case, we then make $x_2 \rightarrow \infty$, $(-x_2 - \frac{1}{4}) \rightarrow -\infty$

$\therefore f(x)$ doesn't have a global minimum.

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Thanks to **Chongxuan Huang** for providing me the method for Q1.(c). 😊

QUESTION 2

(a).

Let $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \quad (5)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x})' = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = (f(\mathbf{x})')^T = \mathbf{x} \quad (6)$$

(b).

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} (X\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})^T (X\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T X^T - \mathbf{y}^T) (X\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T X^T X\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T X^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T X\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{w}^T X^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^T X\mathbf{w} \quad (scalar)}} \quad \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T X^T X\mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{y}^T X\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{w}) = X^T X\mathbf{w} - X^T \mathbf{y} + \lambda \mathbf{w} \quad (8)$$

QUESTION 3

(a).

Since there exists a \mathbf{w}_0 such that

$$y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_0 > 0, \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m. \quad (9)$$

We could make $\mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w}_0$, where $\lambda > 0$.

Notice that

$$f(\lambda \mathbf{w}_0) = \sum_{i=1}^m \log(1 + e^{-y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \lambda \mathbf{w}_0}) \quad (10)$$

decreases monotonically to zero as $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$, we can reach the conclusion that f doesn't have a global minimum.

(b).

i) Assume $k \in [1, m]$ s.t. $h(\mathbf{w}) = -y_k \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{w}$

\because

$$e^x + 1 > e^x, \ln(e^x + 1) > 0 \quad (11)$$

\therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \ln(1 + e^{-y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}}) \geq \ln(1 + e^{-y_k \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{w}}) \geq -y_k \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{w} = h(\mathbf{w}) \quad (12)$$

As a result, we have

$$f(\mathbf{w}) \geq h(\mathbf{w}) \quad (13)$$

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Thanks to **Mr. Jiang**, for let me know that "log" here actually means "ln".



ii)

$\therefore h(\mathbf{w})$ is continuous on the compact set S

$\therefore h(\mathbf{w})$ has a global minima \mathbf{w}_0 . (Extreme Value Theorem)

And according to the fact that for any \mathbf{w} , there exists an $i_0 = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ such that

$$y_{i_0} \mathbf{x}_{i_0}^T \mathbf{w} < 0 \quad (14)$$

We can include that

$$C \triangleq (\mathbf{w}_0) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} -y_i \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{w}_0 > 0 \quad (15)$$

iii)

Since $\forall \mathbf{w} \in S$,

$$h(\mathbf{w}) \geq h(\mathbf{w}_0) = C \quad (16)$$

$\|\mathbf{w}\| = 1$, therefore

$$h(\mathbf{w}) \geq C \|\mathbf{w}\| \quad (17)$$

Actually, if $\|\mathbf{w}\| \neq 1$, we could replace it by $\frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$, because

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} -y_i \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{w} &\geq C \|\mathbf{w}\| \\ &\iff \\ \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} -y_i \mathbf{x}_i \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} &\geq C \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Therefore, this holds for $\forall \mathbf{w}$.

iv)

Combined with Equation (9), we have

$$f(\mathbf{w}) \geq C \|\mathbf{w}\| \quad (19)$$

Since $f(\mathbf{w}) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|\mathbf{w}\| \rightarrow \infty$. $f(\mathbf{w})$ is thus coercive.

According to the Corollary of Extreme Value Theorem, $f(\mathbf{w})$ has a global minimum.

(c).

Let $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{w}) = ((f(\mathbf{w}))')^T = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{-y_i e^{-y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}}}{1 + e^{-y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}}} \mathbf{x}_i \quad (20)$$

(d).

The conclusion is $\tilde{f}(\mathbf{w})$ has a global minimum.

We have already proved that $h(\mathbf{w})$ has a global minimum in (b).(ii)

And according to (b).(iii) $\forall \mathbf{w}$, it holds that

$$h(\mathbf{w}) \geq C \|\mathbf{w}\| \quad (21)$$

Where C could be a negative number, but it won't subvert the conclusion, because we have already added a regularization term to the objective function.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(\mathbf{w}) &\geq C \|\mathbf{w}\| + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \\ \lambda &> 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Since $\tilde{f}(\mathbf{w}) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|\mathbf{w}\| \rightarrow \infty$. $\tilde{f}(\mathbf{w})$ is thus coercive.

According to the Corollary of Extreme Value Theorem, $\tilde{f}(\mathbf{w})$ has a global minimum.

This conclusion doesn't depend on whether the dataset is linearly separable or not.