

Problem Set 2 {Supervised Learning II}

1. Logistic Regression: Training Stability

Goal: Develop your skills debugging machine Learning Algorithms.

→ Implementation of Logistic Regression is provided in `src/pol_lr.py`.

→ Two labeled dataset:

① `data/ds1-a.txt`

② `data/ds1-b.txt`

① * On dataset A, the training converges in 2,78,103 iterations.

* On dataset B, the training did not converge until 50,00,00 iterations

↳ Maybe it never converges

② $x, red \rightarrow y = 0$
 $o, blue \rightarrow y = 1$

learning_rate = 1

$\|\Delta\theta\| < 10^{-15}$ for convergence

Observation

1) For dataset A ~~at algorithm~~ in the learning phase, θ tends to converge to a fixed point.

2) For dataset B, in the learning phase, θ tends to continuously increase.

⇒ If the dataset can be perfectly separated by a linear decision boundary, then the objective $J(\theta)$ can be arbitrarily ~~maximized~~ minimized by just scaling θ .

→ Multiplying θ by a factor does not change the decision boundary.

→ But probability being assigned to each data point can be arbitrarily changed

$$h_{\theta}(A) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T A}}$$

If $\theta \rightarrow k\theta$

$$h_{\theta}^*(A) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-k\theta^T A}}$$

$$h_{\theta}(A) < h_{\theta}^*(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty \quad h_{\theta}^*(A) \rightarrow 1$$

ds1-a.txt

→ Cannot be separated perfectly, so we are able to converge at some θ .

ds2-b.txt

→ Can be separated perfectly, so we are not able to converge at any θ .

