

CSC411 Project 1: Face Classification with Regression

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1 Problem 1

Dataset description

I have downloaded 1691 uncropped images of well-known actors and actresses from FaceScrub using the **get_data.py** script. Figures 1, 2 and 3 shows the uncropped images of Peri Gilpin, Steve Carell and Lorraine Bracco respectively. Figures 4, 5 and 6 show the cropped images of these individuals. In the **get_data.py** script I have transformed the raw images in the uncropped folder to grayscale, resized them to 32x32 and cropped them to the faces using the bounded box values.

Due to the unfortunate use of **imsave** function from the **pylab** library in the **get_data.py** script, the cropped images I got was of the shape (32, 32, 4) instead of (32, 32). As a result, when these images are opened using **imread** I got 4096 pixels instead of 1024 (32x32) due to the extra channel the cropped images has. To remedy the situation, whenever I read the cropped images, I always slice the images through `[:, :, 0]` in order to get rid of the extra channel and read the images as 32x32 for the purpose of this assignment.

As one can see, the cropped out images and the bounding boxes are fairly accurate in cropping out the faces. The bounding boxes values are slightly off in figure 6 because the person in the picture is not facing straight to the camera. The cropped out faces can be aligned with each other for figure 4 and figure 5. Figure 6, as mentioned, is slightly off to the left of the centre than those 2 images.



Figure 1: Peri Gilpin - uncropped



Figure 2: Steve Carell - uncropped



Figure 3: Lorraine Bracco - uncropped



Figure 4: Peri Gilpin - cropped



Figure 5: Steve Carell - cropped



Figure 6: Lorraine Bracco - cropped

2 Problem 2

Applying an algorithm: initial exploration.

I have used the `shuffle_images` function to separate the images into training set, validation set and test set. I have used dictionaries to store these images where the key is the actor or actress' last name and the value corresponding to the key is the list of his/her images. There are 70 images in the training set, 10 in validation set and 10 in the test set. My algorithm to achieve such a goal is to first put all the cropped image names into an array and then use **`np.random.shuffle()`** function to ensure they are out of order. Then I would iterate over all the actors/actresses, and for each actor/actress, I would iterate through all the images available and check if the actor/actress name is in each image's name. If it is, I would add the image to the list of images in the dictionaries with the actor/actress's last name being the dictionary key.

3 Problem 3

The cost function that I minimized

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^i) - y^i)^2$$

where θ is the vector of weights we seek to minimize x^i is the set of pixel features of the i^{th} image sample m is the number of image samples $h_{\theta}(x^i)$ is the hypothesis function with respect to x^i y^i is the label of the i^{th} image sample where $y^i = 1$ represents the image is Alec Baldwin and $y^i = 0$ represents the image is Steve Carell

The following values can be generated and seen in the **part_3_data_file.txt**:

The cost function value for the training set is 3.73786191455

The cost function value for the validation set is 2.41870583942

The performance of the classifier (percent accuracy) on the training set is 1.0

The performance of the classifier (percent accuracy) on the validation set is 0.85

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def binary_classify(performer_1_full, performer_2_full, training_samples_num=70,
    alpha=0.0000010, init_theta_coefficient=0):
    """Inputs are 2 actors' last names to classify
    Returns the trained thetas array for the hypothesis and the cost function
    values
    for the training and validation sets
    """
    performer_1 = performer_1_full.split(" ")[1].lower()
    performer_2 = performer_2_full.split(" ")[1].lower()
    if performer_1_full in actors:
        path_1 = "cropped/actors/"
    else:
        path_1 = "cropped/actresses/"

    if performer_2_full in actors:
        path_2 = "cropped/actors/"
    else:
        path_2 = "cropped/actresses/"

    # Training images for alec baldwin and steve Carel
    performer_1_training_set = training_dictionary[performer_1]
    performer_2_training_set = training_dictionary[performer_2]
    performer_1_validation_set = validation_dictionary[performer_1]
    performer_2_validation_set = validation_dictionary[performer_2]
    training_set = []
    validation_set = []
    performer_1_num_images = 0
    performer_2_num_images = 0
    performer_1_num_images_validation = 0
    performer_2_num_images_validation = 0

    for image_name in performer_1_training_set:
        if performer_1_num_images > training_samples_num:
            break
        path = path_1 + image_name
        image_file = imread(path)[: , :, 0]
        # Get the flatten image of inputs
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35     flatten_image = image_file.flatten()
    flatten_image_processed = flatten_image / 255.0 # so that each input is
        between 0 and 1
    training_set.append(flatten_image_processed) # training set 2D array
    performer_1_num_images = performer_1_num_images + 1

40 for image_name in performer_2_training_set:
    if performer_1_num_images > training_samples_num:
        break
    path = path_2 + image_name
    image_file = imread(path)[: , : , 0]
45     # Get the flatten image of inputs
    flatten_image = image_file.flatten()
    flatten_image_processed = flatten_image / 255.0 # so that each input is
        between 0 and 1
    training_set.append(flatten_image_processed) # training set 2D array
    performer_2_num_images = performer_2_num_images + 1

50 for image_name in performer_1_validation_set:
    if performer_1_num_images_validation > training_samples_num:
        break
    path = path_1 + image_name
55     image_file = imread(path)[: , : , 0]
    # Get the flatten image of inputs
    flatten_image = image_file.flatten()
    flatten_image_processed = flatten_image / 255.0 # so that each input is
        between 0 and 1
    validation_set.append(flatten_image_processed) # training set 2D array
60     performer_1_num_images_validation = performer_1_num_images_validation + 1

    for image_name in performer_2_validation_set:
        if performer_2_num_images_validation > training_samples_num:
            break
65         path = path_1 + image_name
        image_file = imread(path)[: , : , 0]
        # Get the flatten image of inputs
        flatten_image = image_file.flatten()
        flatten_image_processed = flatten_image / 255.0 # so that each input is
            between 0 and 1
70         validation_set.append(flatten_image_processed) # training set 2D array
        performer_2_num_images_validation = performer_2_num_images_validation + 1

    x_matrix = np.vstack(training_set) # input x matrix for gradient descent. 70 rows
        = 70 images. 4096 columns = pixels
    x_matrix_validation = np.vstack(validation_set)
75     # print "sum of x_matrix is:", sum(x_matrix)
    # print "init_theta_coefficient", init_theta_coefficient
    initial_theta = init_theta_coefficient * np.ones(len(x_matrix[0])) # initial
        thetas for graident descent
    y_vector = np.ones(performer_1_num_images) # 1 for alec baldwin, 0 for Steve
        Carell
    y_vector = np.append(y_vector, np.zeros(performer_2_num_images))

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y_vector_validation = np.append(np.ones(performer_1_num_images_validation), np.  
    zeros(performer_2_num_images_validation))  
result_theta = grad_descent(f, df, x_matrix.T, y_vector, initial_theta, alpha)  
result_cost_training = f(x_matrix.T, y_vector, result_theta)  
result_cost_validation = f(x_matrix_validation.T, y_vector_validation,  
    result_theta)  
85 return result_theta, result_cost_training, result_cost_validation
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Description of the process to get the code to work

I am using the python functions f , df and *grad_descent* from the tutorial code. As I am building the classifier, there were dimension misalignment issues. I had to use the `x_matrix` transpose to solve the issue. At first, my alpha was 0.1. I run into the RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in multiply error. It seems to suggest that the alpha is too large and as a result gradient descent overshoots the minima multiple times and as a result it could not converge. I began to experiment with smaller alphas and eventually chose the alpha value of 0.0000010 as the default. I chose it because it is one of the smallest values for the code to not run forever and it gives a decent set of θ values for the prediction.

4 Problem 4

Part a)



Figure 7: Thetas obtained from training using the full training set



Figure 8: Thetas obtained from training using 2 samples from the training set



Figure 9: Thetas obtained from training using full training set



Figure 10: Thetas obtained from training using full training set but with different start thetas

In figure 10, I used a new set of initial θ values of 0.5 instead of zeros. In figure 10, I just followed the normal procedure to produce the image.

5 Problem 5

Performance of the gender classifiers on the training and validation sets vs the size of the training set.

Note: For this training problem, I use $y = 1$ to denote the performer in the image is male and $y = 0$ to denote the image is female.

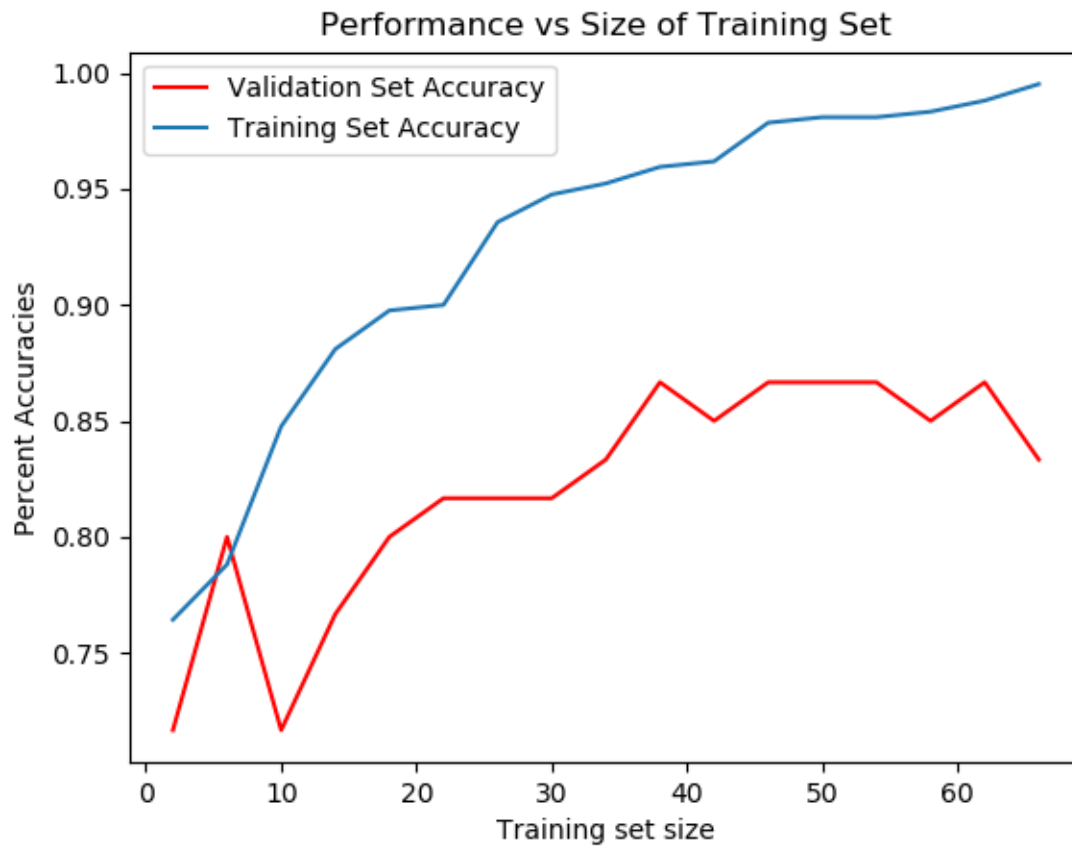


Figure 11: performance of the classifiers on the training and validation sets vs the size of the training set.

The following is the performance of the 6 actors who are not included in the original **act** set. The results are generated and seen in **part_5_different_performer accuracies.txt** file.

Gerard Butler Accuracy is: 0.992857142857
 Fran Drescher Accuracy is: 0.882352941176
 Michael Vartan Accuracy is: 0.68085106383
 America Ferrera Accuracy is: 0.955801104972
 Daniel Radcliffe Accuracy is: 0.795918367347
 Kristin Chenoweth Accuracy is: 0.766081871345

As one can see, there are clear signs of overfitting as the accuracies go down when one test the hypothesis on different actors and actresses that were not in the original actors and actresses sets for training.