












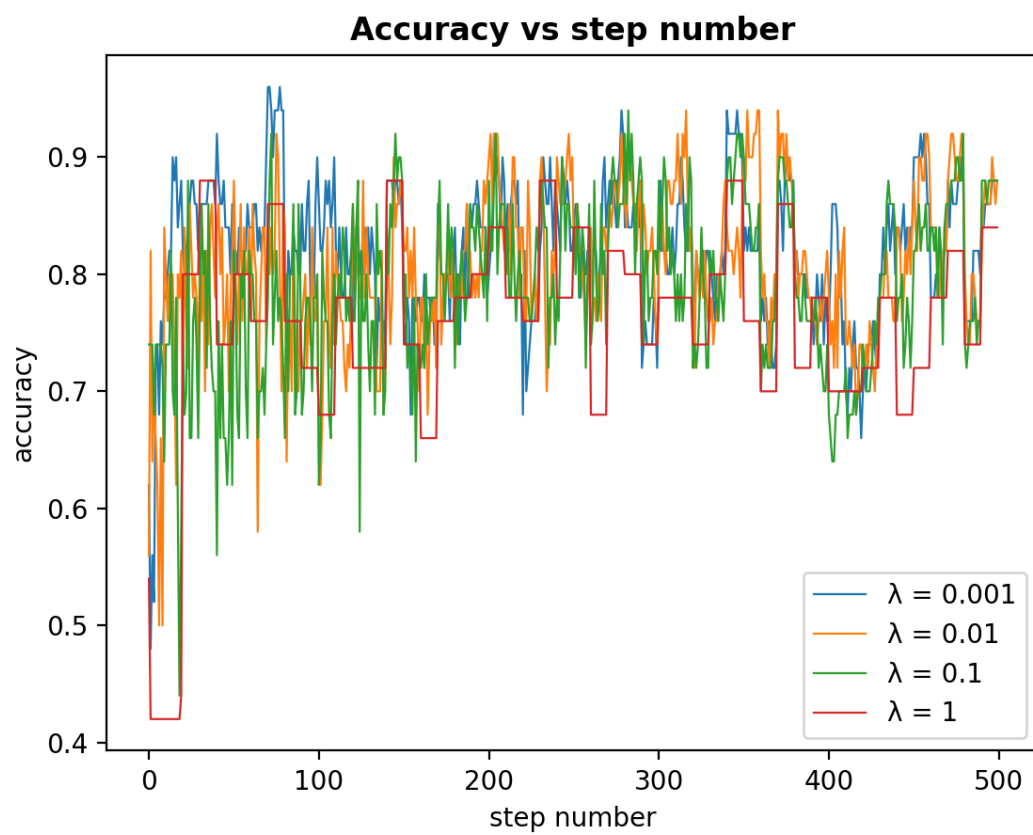
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Leaderboard accuracy

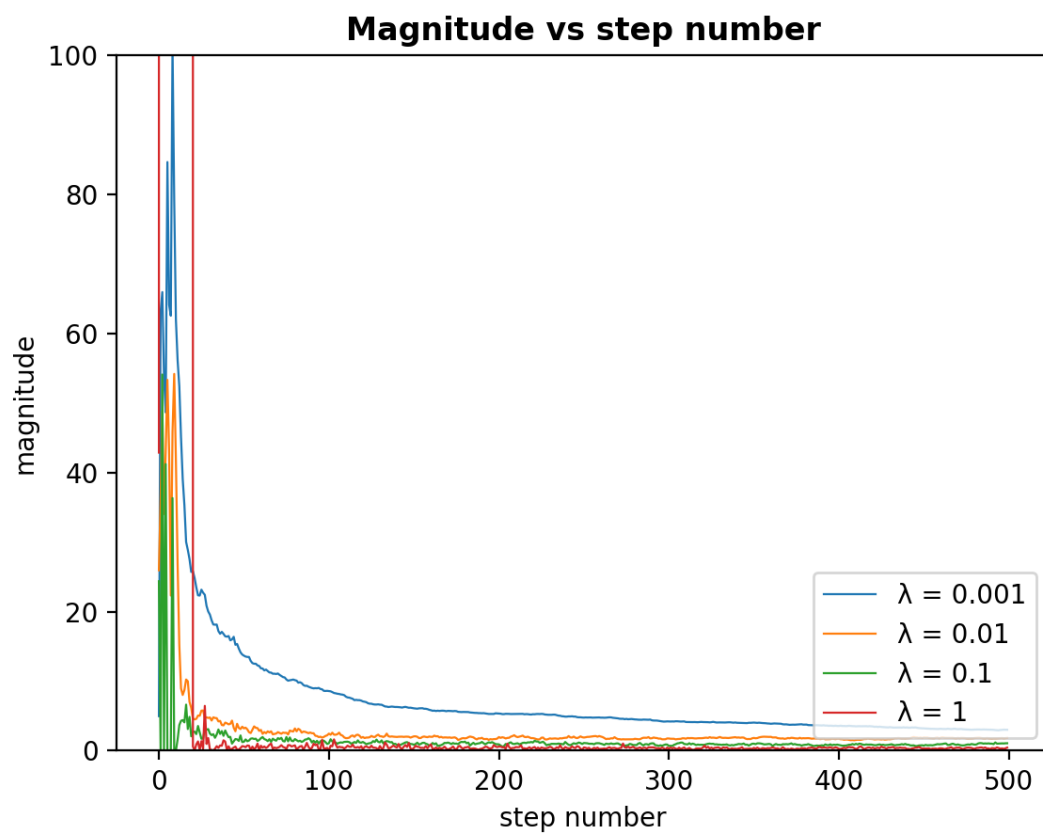
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Best test dataset accuracy: 0.82637

A plot of the accuracy every 30 steps, for each value of the regularization constant.



A plot of the magnitude of the coefficient vector every 30 steps, for each value of the regularization constant.



Brief explanation:

The classifier has highest performance when λ , the regularization constant, is 0.001 and 0.01 based on the plot of accuracy versus steps. From the plot of the magnitude of the coefficient vector versus steps, the stochastic gradient descent algorithm converges faster when λ is 0.01 than λ is 0.001. Thus, among 0.001 and 0.01, I chose **λ to be 0.01** for my classifier. In addition, I chose the learning rate to be $\frac{m}{n+epoch}$, where m is 1 and n is 0.1. The classifier has high performance in terms of accuracies when m is ranging from 0.1 to 10 and n ranging from 0.01 to 0.1.

Code:

Main function

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import pandas as pd
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from mlxtend.preprocessing import standardize
5 from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split
6 import random
7 import argparse
8 from process import *
9
10 parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
11 parser.add_argument('--num_epochs', default=50, type=int)
12 parser.add_argument('--num_steps', default=300, type=int)
13 parser.add_argument('--eval_steps', default=30, type=int, help='compute the accuracy')
14 parser.add_argument('--batch_size', default=1, type=int)
15 parser.add_argument('--m', default=1, type=float, help='parameter for learning rate')
16 parser.add_argument('--n', default=0.1, type=float, help='parameter for learning rate')
17 parser.add_argument('--lamda', default=0.001, type=float, help='regularization parameter')
18 parser.add_argument('--num_held_out', default=50, type=int)
19 parser.add_argument('--test', default=False, type=bool)
20 parser.add_argument('--path', default='yuchecw2_prediction.csv', type=str)
21 args = parser.parse_args()
22
23 train_data = pd.read_csv("train.data.csv")
24 label_list = [i for i in train_data['class']]
25 label = np.empty(len(label_list))
26 for i in range(label.shape[0]):
27     if (label_list[i] == ' >50K'):
28         label[i] = 1
29     else:
30         label[i] = -1
31
32 feature = pd.DataFrame.as_matrix(train_data[:, :-1])
33 # Preprocess the data
34 feature = preprocess(feature)
35 # Standardize columns in train feature
36 feature = standardize(feature)
37 # Train-validation split
38 train_feature, val_feature, train_label, val_label = train_test_split(
39     feature, label, test_size=0.1)
40
41 plt.figure()
42 for lamda in [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1]:
43     # Initialize a, b
44     a = np.random.randn(train_feature.shape[1], 1) # shape=(14, 1)
45     b = 0
46     accuracy_list = []
47     mag_list = []
48     loss_list = []
49     for epoch in range(args.num_epochs):
50         actual_train_feature, held_out_feature, actual_train_label, held_out_label =
51             train_test_split(train_feature, train_label, test_size=args.num_held_out/train_fe
52         actual_train_size = actual_train_feature.shape[0]
53         for step in range(args.num_steps):
54             lr = compute_lr(args.m, args.n, epoch)
55             batch_num = random.sample(range(actual_train_size), args.batch_size)
56             a = update_a(a, b, actual_train_feature, actual_train_label, batch_num, lr, lamda)
57             b = update_b(b, a, actual_train_feature, actual_train_label, batch_num, lr, lamda)
58             if (step%args.eval_steps == 0):
59                 eval_dict = evaluate(held_out_feature, held_out_label, a, b, lamda)
60                 accuracy_list.append(eval_dict['accuracy'])
61                 mag_list.append(eval_dict['mag'])
62                 loss_list.append(eval_dict['loss'])
63
64         if (args.test):
65             test_data = pd.read_csv("test.data.csv")
66             test_feature = pd.DataFrame.as_matrix(test_data)
67             test_feature = preprocess(test_feature)
68             test_feature = standardize(test_feature)
69             prediction = predict(test_feature, a, b)
70             prediction[prediction['Label'] == '>'] = ">50K"
71             prediction[prediction['Label'] == '<'] = "<=50K"
72             prediction.to_csv(args.path)
73
74         step_list = range(len(accuracy_list))
75
76         for step in step_list:
77             step += args.num_steps
78
79
80         label = '\lambda = {}'.format(lamda)
81         plt.plot(step_list, mag_list, label=label, linewidth=0.8)
82         plt.ylim(0, 100)
83
84         plt.xlabel('step number')
85         plt.ylabel('magnitude')
86         plt.title('Magnitude vs step number', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
87         plt.legend(loc='lower right')
88         plt.show()
```

Helper functions

```
4 # Input: feature matrix of shape (43958, 14)
5 def preprocess(train_feature):=
6
7 # Input
8 # a: numpy array of size (14, 1)
9 # feature: numpy array of size (14, 1)
10 # b: double
11 # Output
12 # gamma: double
13 def compute_gamma(a, feature, b):
14     gamma = np.matmul(np.transpose(a), feature).item() + b
15     return gamma
16
17 # Input
18 # gamma: numpy array of size (14, 1)
19 def cost_function(gamma, label):
20     cost = max(0, 1-label*gamma)
21     return cost
22
23 # Input
24 # batch_num: a list consists of indices of training feature, sup
25 # train_feature: numpy array of shape (43958, 14)
26 # train_label: numpy array of shape (43958, 1)
27 def hinge_loss(batch_num, train_feature, train_label, a, b):=
28
29 # Input
30 # lamda: regularization parameter
31 # a: numpy array of shape (14, 1)
32 def regularization_loss(lamda, a):=
33
34 # This is the loss we're going to minimize using stochastic grad
35 def total_loss(batch_num, train_feature, train_label, a, b, lamda):
36     return hinge_loss(batch_num, train_feature, train_label, a, b) + lamda*regularization_loss(lamda, a)
37
38 # Output
39 # u: numpy array of shape (15, 1)
40 def obtain_u(a, b):
41     b_arr = np.expand_dims(np.array([b]), axis=1)
42     u = np.concatenate((a, b_arr), axis=0)
43     return u
44
45 def compute_lr(m, n, epoch):
46     return m/(n+epoch)
47
48 # Input
49 # current_a: numpy array of shape (14, 1)
50 # current_b: double
51 def update_a(current_a, current_b, train_feature, train_label, batch_num, lr, lamda):
52     grad = np.zeros(current_a.shape)
53     for i in batch_num:
54         if (cost_function(compute_gamma(current_a, train_feature[i,:], current_b), train_label[i]) == 0):
55             grad += lamda*current_a
56         else:
57             grad = grad + (lamda*current_a - np.expand_dims(train_label[i]*train_feature[i, :], axis=1))
58     grad /= len(batch_num)
59     return current_a - lr*grad
60
61 def update_b(current_b, current_a, train_feature, train_label, batch_num, lr, lamda):
62     grad = 0
63     for i in batch_num:
64         if (cost_function(compute_gamma(current_a, train_feature[i, :], current_b), train_label[i]) == 0):
65             continue
66         else:
67             grad += (-train_label[i])
68     grad /= len(batch_num)
69     return current_b - lr*grad
70
71 def evaluate(held_out_feature, held_out_label, a, b, lamda):
72     n_correct = 0
73     for i in range(held_out_feature.shape[0]):
74         gamma_i = compute_gamma(a, held_out_feature[i,:], b)
75         if gamma_i*held_out_label[i] > 0:
76             n_correct += 1
77     accuracy = n_correct / held_out_feature.shape[0]
78     mag = math.sqrt(np.matmul(a.T, a).item() + b**2)
79     loss = total_loss(range(held_out_feature.shape[0]), held_out_feature, held_out_label, a, b, lamda)
80     return {'accuracy': accuracy, 'mag': mag, 'loss': loss}
81
82 def predict(test_feature, a, b):
83     test_label = np.empty((test_feature.shape[0]), dtype=str)
84     for i in range(test_feature.shape[0]):
85         gamma = compute_gamma(a, np.expand_dims(test_feature[i,:], axis=1), b)
86         if (gamma > 0):
87             test_label[i] = ">50K"
88         else:
89             test_label[i] = "<=50K"
90     return pd.DataFrame(data={'Label': test_label}, dtype=str)
```