

Multivariate Optimization 1

Exercise 1: Gradient Descent

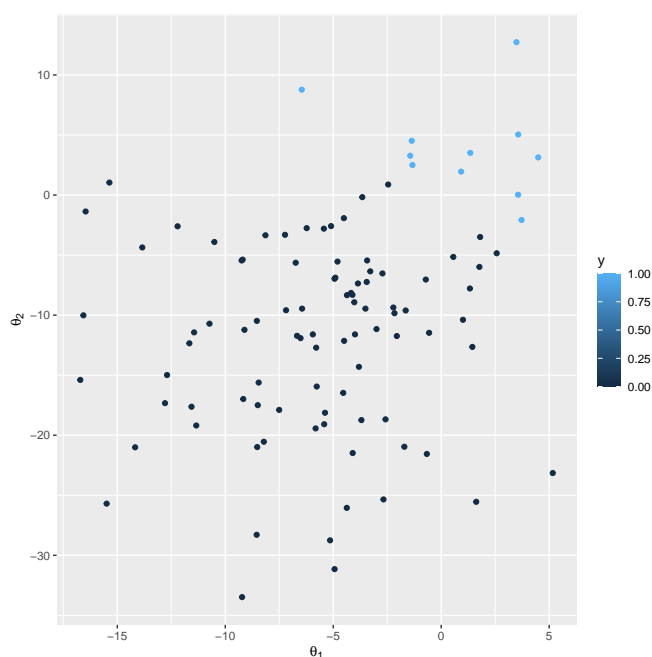
You are given the following data situation:

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library(ggplot2)

set.seed(314)
n <- 100
X = cbind(rnorm(n, -5, 5),
          rnorm(n, -10, 10))
X_design = cbind(1, X)

z <- 2*X[,1] + 3*X[,2]
pr <- 1/(1+exp(-z))
y <- as.integer(pr > 0.5)
df <- data.frame(X = X, y = y)

ggplot(df) +
  geom_point(aes(x = X[,1], y = X[,2], color=y)) +
  xlab(expression(theta[1])) +
  ylab(expression(theta[2]))
```



In the following we want to estimate a logistic regression without intercept via gradient descent¹.

- (a) First consider the derivative of $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, z \mapsto \log(1 + \exp(z)) - z$, i.e.,

$$g'(z) = \underbrace{\frac{\exp(z)}{1 + \exp(z)}}_{<1} - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow g \text{ is monotonically decreasing} \Rightarrow g(z) > g(\alpha z) \quad \forall z > 0 \text{ and } \alpha > 0.$$

¹We chose this algorithm for educational purposes; in practice, we typically use second order algorithms.

Second consider the derivative of $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, z \mapsto \log(1 + \exp(-z))$, i.e.,

$$h'(z) = - \underbrace{\frac{\exp(-z)}{1 + \exp(-z)}}_{>0} < 0 \Rightarrow h \text{ is monotonically decreasing} \Rightarrow h(z) > h(\alpha z) \quad \forall z > 0 \text{ and } \alpha > 0.$$

With this we get for $\alpha > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\tilde{\theta}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) - y^{(i)} \tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{y^{(i)}=1} (\log(1 + \exp(|\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|)) - |\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|) + \mathbb{1}_{y^{(i)}=0} (\log(1 + \exp(-|\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|)) - (-|\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|)) > \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{y^{(i)}=1} (\log(1 + \exp(\alpha |\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|)) - \alpha |\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|) + \mathbb{1}_{y^{(i)}=0} (\log(1 + \exp(-\alpha |\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|)) - (-\alpha |\tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}|)) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(\alpha \tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)})) - y^{(i)} \alpha \tilde{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \\ &= \mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\alpha \tilde{\theta}) \text{ since } \tilde{\theta} \text{ perfectly separates the data.} \end{aligned}$$

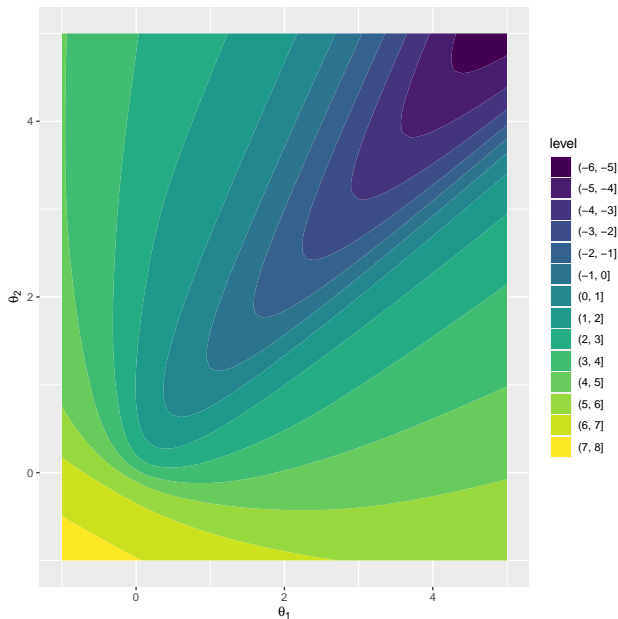
(b) lambda = 0

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f <- function(theta, lambda) lambda * theta %*% theta +
  sum(-y * X %*% theta + log(1 + exp(X %*% theta)))

x = seq(-1, 5, by=0.1)
xx = expand.grid(X1 = x, X2 = x)

fxx = log(apply(xx, 1, function(t) f(t, lambda)))
df = data.frame(xx = xx, fxx = fxx)

ggplot() +
  geom_contour_filled(data = df, aes(x = xx.X1, y = xx.X2, z = fxx)) +
  xlab(expression(theta[1])) +
  ylab(expression(theta[2]))
```



$$(c) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\exp(\theta^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)})}{1 + \exp(\theta^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)})} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} - y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top}$$

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df_t <- function(theta, lambda) lambda * t(theta) - (t(y) %*% X) +
  t(1/(1 + exp(-X %*% theta))) %*% X

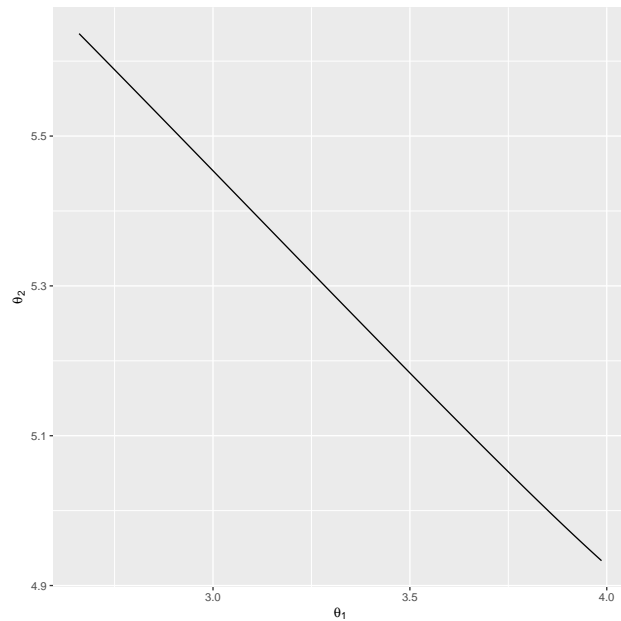
gd_step <- function(theta, alpha, lambda) return(theta - alpha * df_t(theta, lambda)[1,])
## Alpha = 0.5
theta = c(0,0)
alpha = 0.01
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thetas = NULL
for(i in 1:500){
  theta = gd_step(theta, alpha, lambda)
  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}

ggplot(as.data.frame(thetas), aes(x=V1, y=V2)) +
  geom_line() +
  xlab(expression(theta[1])) +
  ylab(expression(theta[2]))

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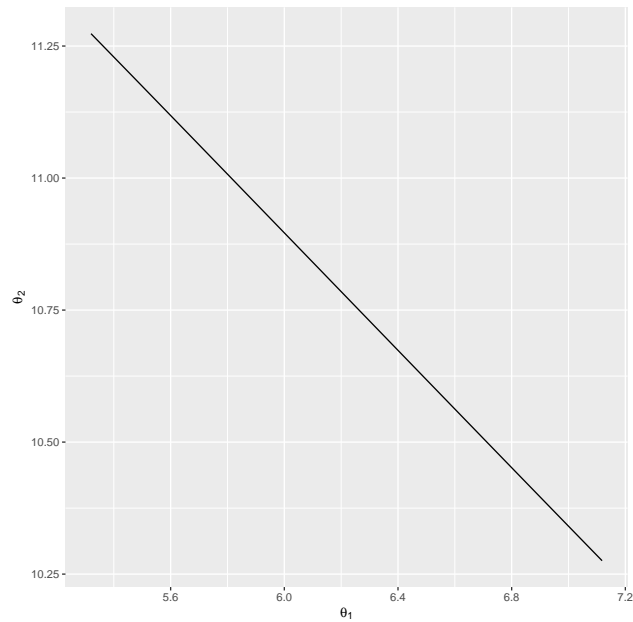
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## Alpha = 2
theta = c(0,0)
alpha = 0.02

thetas = NULL
for(i in 1:500){
  theta = gd_step(theta, alpha, lambda)
  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}

ggplot(as.data.frame(thetas), aes(x=V1, y=V2)) +
  geom_line() +
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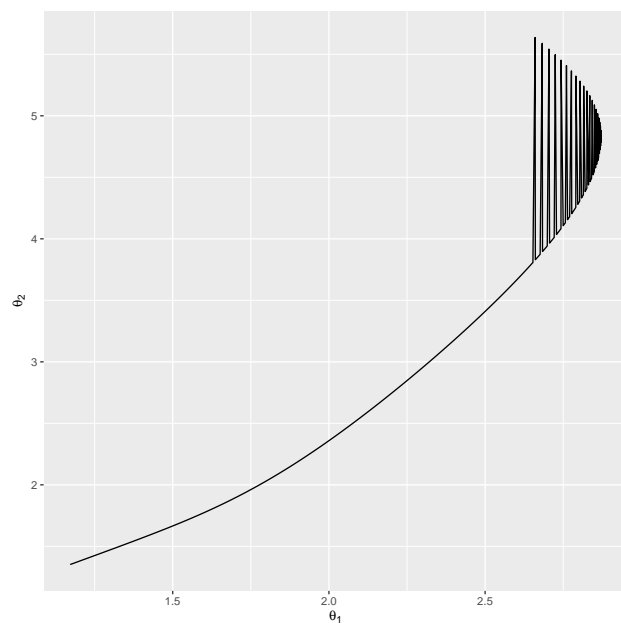


Gradient descent will in theory not converge since \mathcal{R}_{emp} has no minimum (a))

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(e) ## Lambda = 0.5, alpha = 0.5
theta = c(0,0)
alpha = 0.01

thetas = NULL
for(i in 1:500){
  theta = gd_step(theta, alpha, 0.5)
  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}

ggplot(as.data.frame(thetas), aes(x=V1, y=V2)) +
  geom_line() +
  xlab(expression(theta[1])) +
  ylab(expression(theta[2]))
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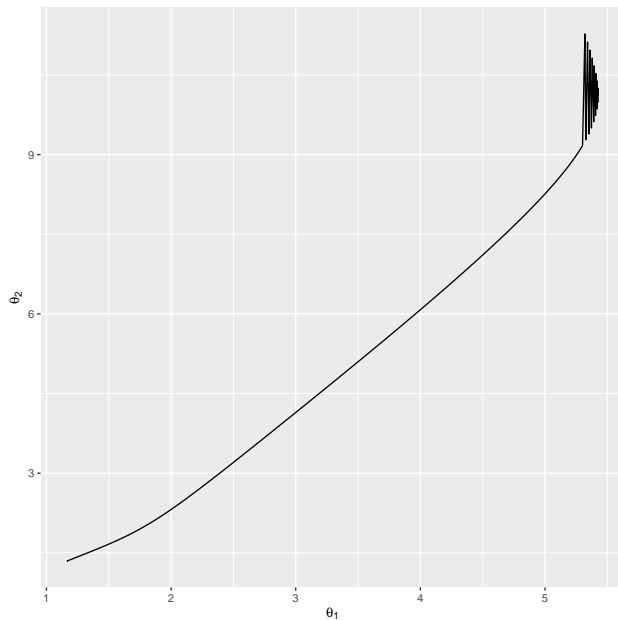
theta = c(0,0)
alpha = 0.02

thetas = NULL
for(i in 1:500){
  theta = gd_step(theta, alpha, 0.5)
  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}
## Lambda = 0.5, alpha = 0.02
theta = c(0,0)
alpha = 0.02

thetas = NULL
for(i in 1:500){
  theta = gd_step(theta, alpha, 0.5)
  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}

ggplot(as.data.frame(thetas), aes(x=V1, y=V2)) +
  geom_line() +
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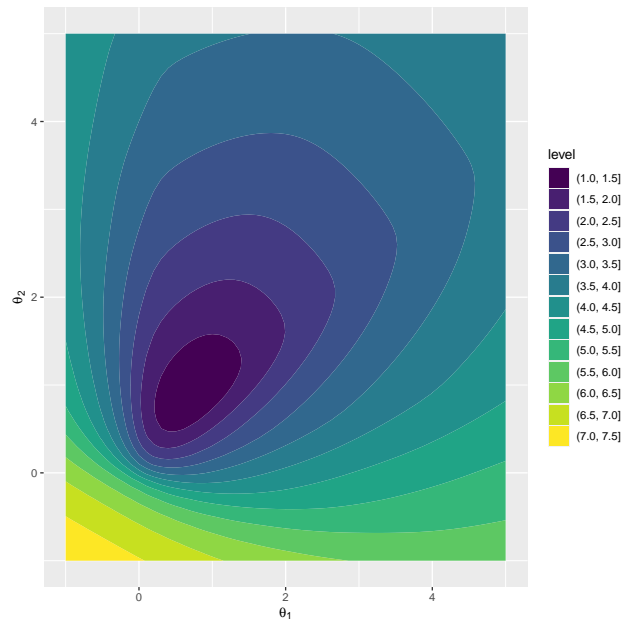
(f) `lambda = 1`

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fxx_reg = log(apply(xx, 1, function(t) f(t, lambda)))
df_reg = data.frame(xx = xx, fxx = fxx_reg)

ggplot() +
  geom_contour_filled(data = df_reg, aes(x = xx.X1, y = xx.X2, z = fxx)) +
  xlab(expression(theta[1])) +
  ylab(expression(theta[2]))

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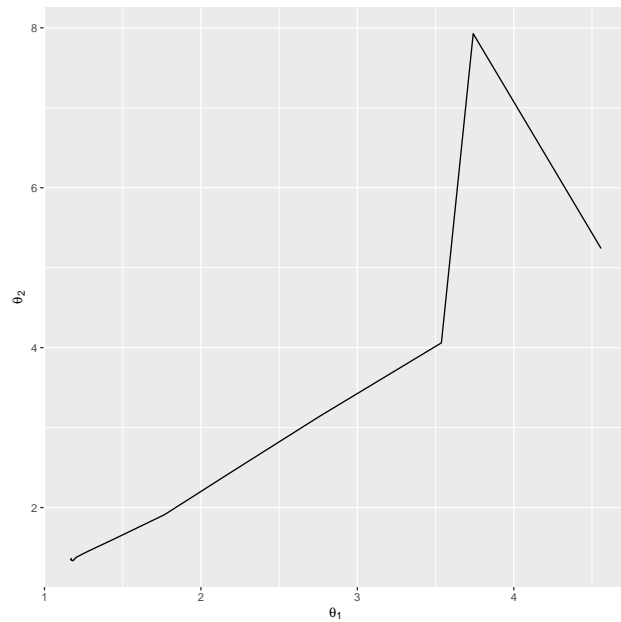
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(g) gd_backtracking_step <- function(theta, alpha, gamma, tau, lambda){
  ftheta = f(theta, lambda)
  for(i in 1:1000){
    theta_prop = theta - alpha * gamma * df_t(theta, lambda)[1,]
    if(f(theta_prop, lambda) < ftheta){
      return(theta_prop)
    }else{
      alpha = tau * alpha
    }
  }
  return(theta)
}

## Lambda = 0.5, alpha = 0.5

theta = c(0,0)
alpha = 0.5

thetas = NULL
for(i in 1:500){
  theta = gd_backtracking_step(theta, alpha, 0.9, 0.5, 0.5)
  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}

ggplot(as.data.frame(thetas), aes(x=V1, y=V2)) +
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  thetas = rbind(thetas, theta)
}

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  geom_line() +
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