This handout includes space for every question that requires a written response. Please feel free to use it to handwrite your solutions (legibly, please). If you choose to typeset your solutions, the README.md for this assignment includes instructions to regenerate this handout with your typeset LATEX solutions.

## 1.a

Since g'(z) = g(z)(1 - g(z)) and  $h(x) = g(\theta^T x)$ , it follows that  $\partial h(x)/\partial \theta_k = h(x)(1 - h(x))x_k$ . Letting  $h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) = g(\theta^T x^{(i)}) = 1/(1 + \exp(-\theta^T x^{(i)}))$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})}{\partial \theta_k} = \frac{\partial \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))}{\partial \theta_k} =$$

Substituting into our equation for  $J(\theta)$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k} =$$

Consequently, the (k, l) entry of the Hessian is given by

$$H_{kl} = \frac{\partial^2 J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k \partial \theta_l} =$$

Using the fact that  $X_{ij} = x_i x_j$  if and only if  $X = x x^T$ , we have

$$H =$$

To prove that H is positive semi-definite, show  $z^T H z \geq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$z^T H z =$$

## 1.c

For shorthand, we let  $\mathcal{H} = \{\phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1\}$  denote the parameters for the problem. Since the given formulae are conditioned on y, use Bayes rule to get:

$$p(y=1|x;\mathcal{H}) = \frac{p(x|y=1;\mathcal{H})p(y=1;\mathcal{H})}{p(x;\mathcal{H})}$$

$$= \frac{p(x|y=1;\mathcal{H})p(y=1;\mathcal{H})}{p(x|y=1;\mathcal{H})p(y=1;\mathcal{H}) + p(x|y=0;\mathcal{H})p(y=0;\mathcal{H})}$$

$$= \frac{p(x|y=1;\mathcal{H})p(y=1;\mathcal{H}) + p(x|y=0;\mathcal{H})p(y=0;\mathcal{H})}{p(x|y=1;\mathcal{H})p(y=1;\mathcal{H}) + p(x|y=0;\mathcal{H})p(y=0;\mathcal{H})}$$

## 1.d

First, derive the expression for the log-likelihood of the training data:

$$\ell(\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n p(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) p(y^{(i)}; \phi)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(y^{(i)}; \phi)$$

$$=$$

Now, the likelihood is maximized by setting the derivative (or gradient) with respect to each of the parameters to zero.

For  $\phi$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \phi} =$$

Setting this equal to zero and solving for  $\phi$  gives the maximum likelihood estimate.

For  $\mu_0$ :

**Hint:** Remember that  $\Sigma$  (and thus  $\Sigma^{-1}$ ) is symmetric.

$$\nabla_{\mu_0} \ell =$$

Setting this gradient to zero gives the maximum likelihood estimate for  $\mu_0$ .

For  $\mu_1$ :

**Hint:** Remember that  $\Sigma$  (and thus  $\Sigma^{-1}$ ) is symmetric.

$$\nabla_{\mu_1} \ell =$$

Setting this gradient to zero gives the maximum likelihood estimate for  $\mu_1$ .

For  $\Sigma$ , we find the gradient with respect to  $S=\Sigma^{-1}$  rather than  $\Sigma$  just to simplify the derivation (note that  $|S|=\frac{1}{|\Sigma|}$ ). You should convince yourself that the maximum likelihood estimate  $S_n$  found in this way would correspond to the actual maximum likelihood estimate  $\Sigma_n$  as  $S_n^{-1}=\Sigma_n$ .

Hint: You may need the following identities:

$$\nabla_{S}|S| = |S|(S^{-1})^{T}$$

$$\nabla_{S}b_{i}^{T}Sb_{i} = \nabla_{S}tr\left(b_{i}^{T}Sb_{i}\right) = \nabla_{S}tr\left(Sb_{i}b_{i}^{T}\right) = b_{i}b_{i}^{T}$$

$$\nabla_{S}\ell =$$

Next, substitute  $\Sigma = S^{-1}$ . Setting this gradient to zero gives the required maximum likelihood estimate for  $\Sigma$ .

1.f

1.g

1.h

2.c

2.d

2.e