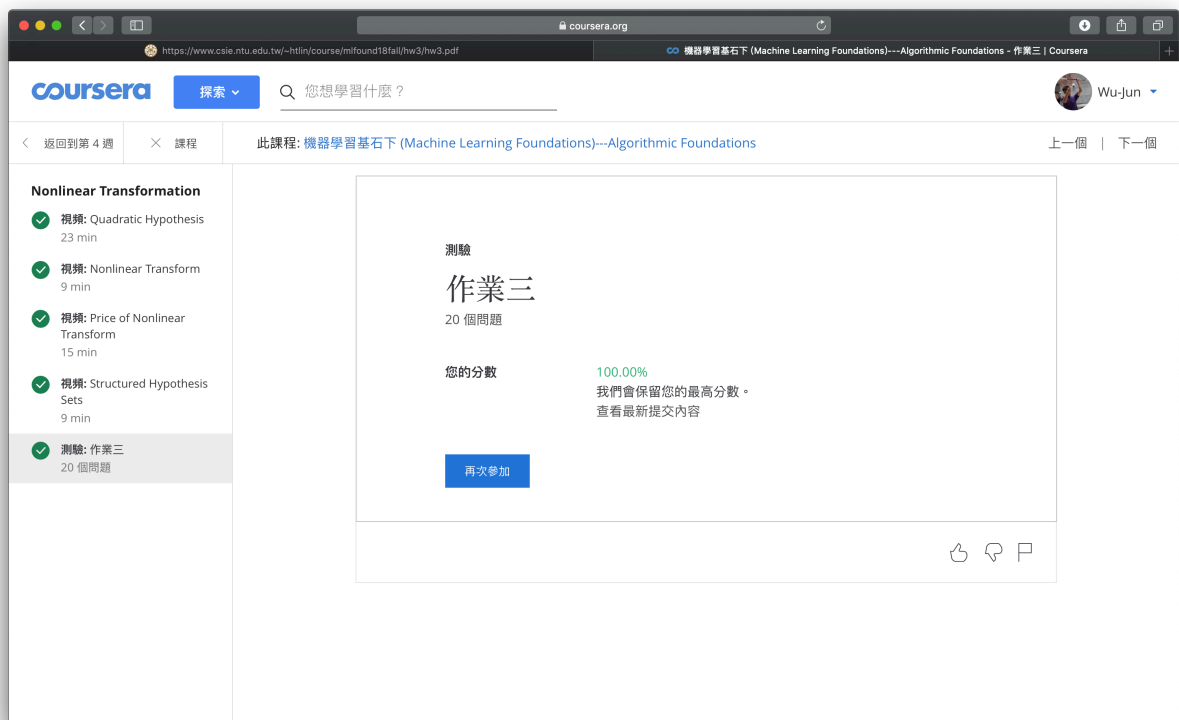


# MLF - HW3

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## Problem 1.



## Problem 2.

- PLA

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbb{I}[y_n \neq \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n)](y_n \mathbf{x}_n)$$

- SGD

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \eta(-\nabla \text{err}(\mathbf{w}))$$

When  $\text{err}(\mathbf{w}) = \max(0, -y\mathbf{w}^T x)$ ,

- If  $y\mathbf{w}^T x \geq 0$ , implies  $\text{sign}(y) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^T x)$ , the  $\text{err}$  is zero in this case. Since we ignore the points that are not differentiable, the  $\nabla \text{err}(\mathbf{w})$  is zero, the  $\mathbf{w}$  does not change.
- Otherwise,  $\text{sign}(y) \neq \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^T x)$ . The gradient of  $\text{err}$  is  $\nabla \text{err}(\mathbf{w}) = -y\mathbf{w}^T$ , the  $\mathbf{w}$  is going to be updated as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{w}_{t+1} &\leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \eta(-\nabla \text{err}(\mathbf{w})) \\
&= \mathbf{w}_t + \eta(-(-y\mathbf{w}^T)) \\
&= \mathbf{w}_t + \eta(y\mathbf{w}^T)
\end{aligned}$$

The SGD results the same as PLA when  $\eta = 1$ .

### Problem 3.

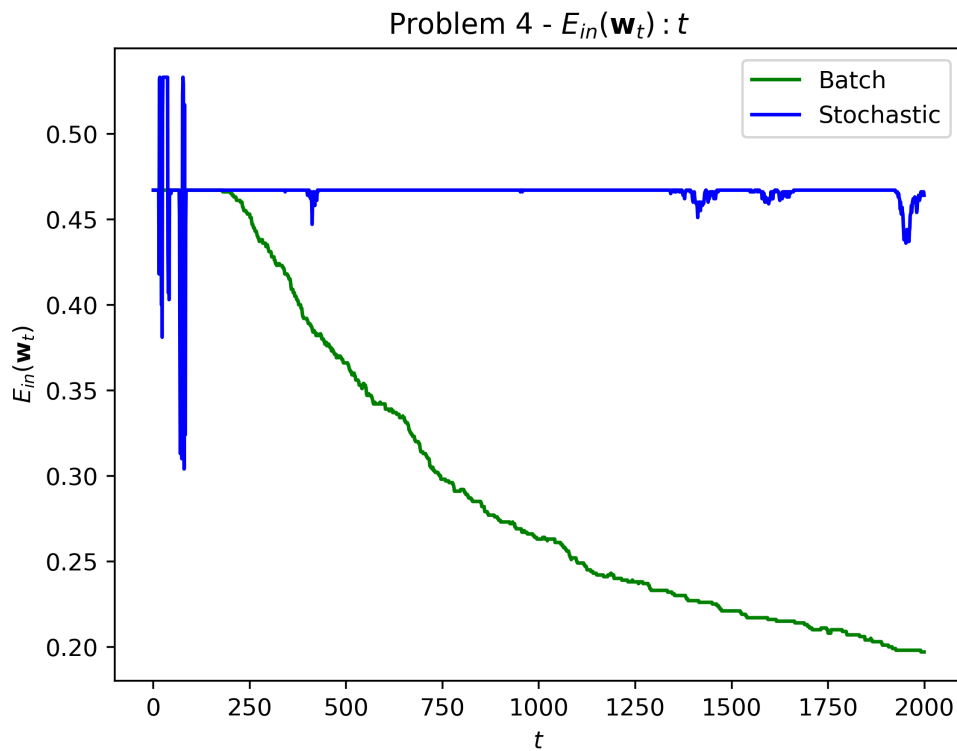
From problem 16 on Coursera, we've derived that

$$E_{in} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\ln(\sum_{i=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_i^T x_n)) - \mathbf{w}_{y_n}^T x_n)$$

Thus, we can have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E_{in}}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial \ln(\sum_{i=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_i^T x_n))}{\partial \sum_{i=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_i^T x_n)} \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_i^T x_n)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} - \mathbb{I}[y_n = i] x_n \right), & \text{by Chain Rule} \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_i^T x_n)} \exp(\mathbf{w}_i^T x_n) x_n - \mathbb{I}[y_n = i] x_n \right), & \text{Derivative} \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (h_i(x_n) x_n - \mathbb{I}[y_n = i] x_n) \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N ((h_i(x_n) - \mathbb{I}[y_n = i]) x_n)
\end{aligned}$$

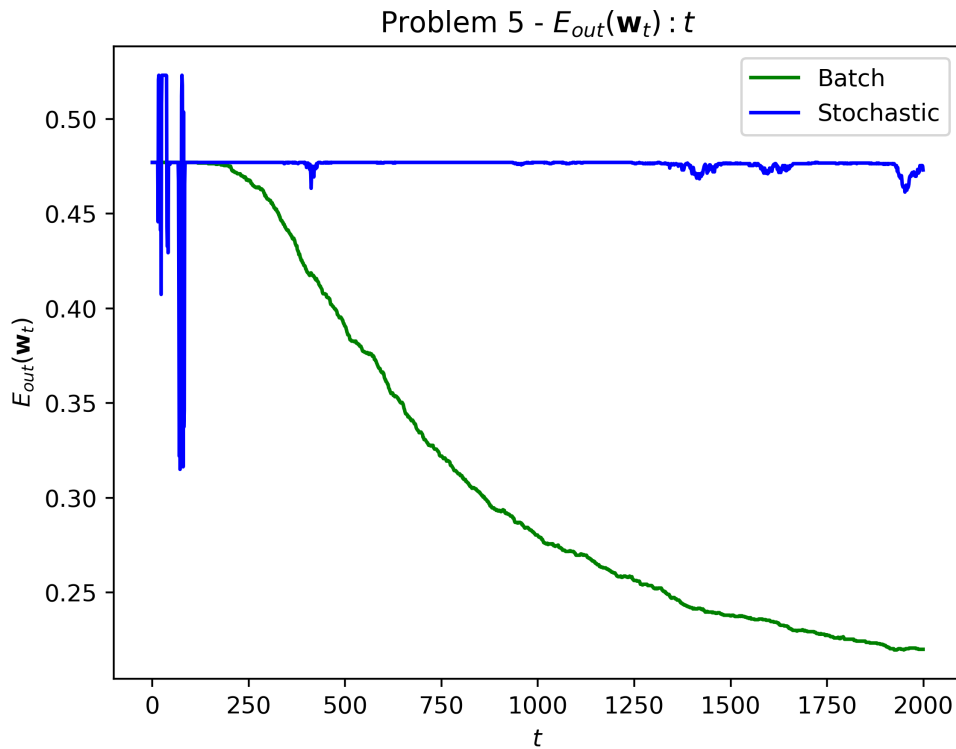
## Problem 4.



## My findings

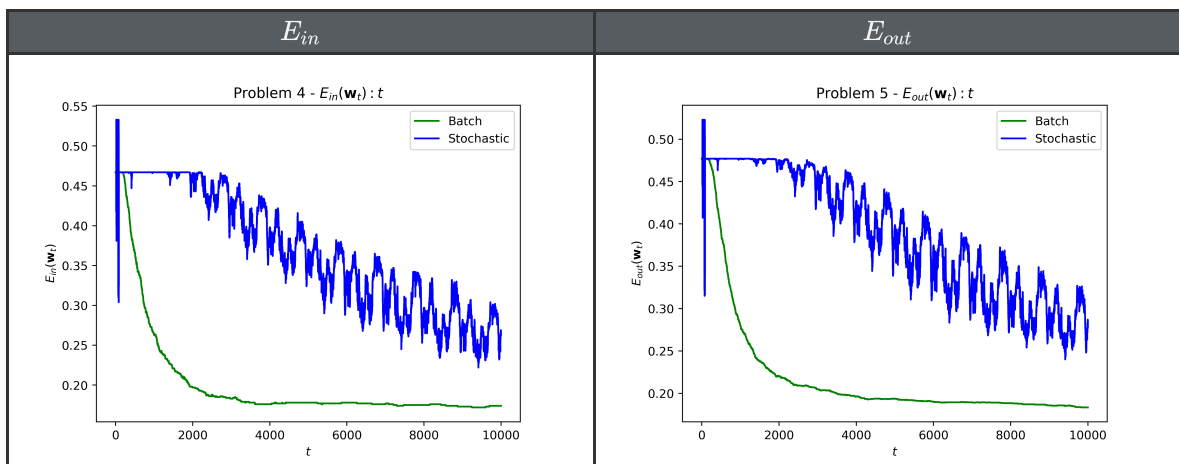
1. The  $E_{in}$  of Fixed rate Gradient Descent is monotonic while  $E_{in}$  of SGD is not.
2. Generally speaking, the  $E_{in}$  of Fixed rate Gradient Descent is smaller than the  $E_{in}$  of SGD.
3. I think both (1) and (2) result from the fact that Fixed rate Gradient Descent takes much more computational resource ( $O(N)$  time to update  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  with all the testdata) than SGD takes ( $O(1)$  time to update  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  with one testdata).

## Problem 5.



## My findings

1. The  $E_{out}$  of both the two versions for Gradient Descent are highly correlated with the  $E_{in}$  but bigger than  $E_{in}$ . It is not a new news because we have the same finding in PLA/pocket algorithm we've learned.
2. I also conducted an experiment by increasing  $T$  from 2000 to 10000. The following figures are the result of the experiment



1. Both  $E_{in}$  and  $E_{out}$  of Fixed rate Gradient Descent converges to around 0.20.
2. The  $E_{in}$  and  $E_{out}$  of SGD finally start to fall. And the curve seems to be periodic, I think the period interval might be the size of the training data (1000).