## Problem Set 1 – Supervised Learning

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**Note:** Refer to the equations in the *Understanding Deep Learning* textbook to solve the following problems.

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## Problem 2.1

To walk "downhill" on the loss function (equation 2.5), we measure its gradient with respect to the parameters  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_1$ . Calculate expressions for the slopes  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_0}$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_1}$ .

Equation 2.5:

$$L[\phi] = \sum_{i=1}^{I} (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{I} (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)^2$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_0} \sum_{i=1}^{I} (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)^2$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_0} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{I} (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_0} (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_0} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{I} (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)$$

And derivation for the other parameter:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_1} \sum_{i=1}^{I} \left( \phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i \left( \phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i \right)$$

## Problem 2.2

Show that we can find the minimum of the loss function in closed-form by setting the expression for the derivatives from Problem 2.1 to zero and solving for  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_1$ .

Need to set the derivatives equal to 0 and solve.

$$0 = 2\sum_{i=1}^{I} (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)$$

$$I\phi_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{I} y_i - \phi_1 \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i$$
$$\phi_0 = \bar{y} - \phi_1 \bar{x}$$

And for the other parameter:

$$0 = 2\sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)$$

$$\phi_0 \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i + \phi_1 \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i y_i$$

$$(\bar{y} - \phi_1 \bar{x}) \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i + \phi_1 \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i y_i$$

$$\phi_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i^2 - I\bar{x}^2 \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{I} x_i y_i - I\bar{x}\bar{y}$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$