

# Machine Learning, 2019-20

## Coursework Part 2

### Description

The final part of your coursework will be an implementation of logistic regression. This is based on the data provided by the Wikipedia example “Probability of passing an exam versus hours of study” ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logistic\\_regression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logistic_regression)).

*Plagiarism: please make sure that the material you submit has been created by you. Any sources you use for code should be properly referenced. Your code will be checked for plagiarism using appropriate software.*

### Deliverables

The deliverables for your coursework should include:

1. A single jupyter notebook, including:
  - a. Working, fully documented, code for the assignment
  - b. A brief report detailing the workings of your solution (in markdown)
  - c. Answers to the questions below (in markdown)

### Notes

All functions should include docstrings and be well commented. Docstring should describe what each function does and how it can be used, highlighting the inputs and outputs. Hint: your docstring should appear when a new user types **shift+tab** over your function name. For more info on docstrings, see here: <https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/docstrings>.

### Data

This data is based on the example given in the Wikipedia entry.

<pre>X = np.asarray([[0.50], [0.75], [1.00], [1.25], [1.50], [1.75], [3.00], [4.75], [1.75], [3.25], [5.00], [2.00], [2.25], [2.50], [2.75], [3.50], [4.00], [4.25], [4.50], [5.50]])</pre>
<pre>y = np.asarray([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1])</pre>

## **Tasks**

The following details the list of tasks you need to complete for the assignment. You do not need to implement cross-validation in this coursework, simply fit the data.

1. **[code]** Implement logistic regression in python using batch gradient descent. Use your code to fit the data given above. Make sure you save the value of your loss function on each iteration in a data structure (e.g., list).
2. **[writeup]** In a markdown box, write a short report (no more than 400 words) that describes the workings of your code.
3. **[question 1]** After how many iterations, and for which learning rate ( $\alpha$ ) did your algorithm converge? Plot the loss function with respect to iterations to illustrate this point.
4. **[question 2]** What happens if  $\alpha$  is too large? How does this affect the loss function? Plot the loss function with respect to iterations to illustrate this point.
5. **[question 3]** Assume that you are applying logistic regression to the iris (flower) dataset, as in the previous assignment. Answer the following questions:
  - (a) How would your hypothesis function change in this case and why?
  - (b) How would you utilize your implementation of logistic regression in order to perform (multi-class) classification on the iris dataset? Include some pseudocode while discussing your approach.

*Remember to **save** your notebook as “**username\_CW2.ipynb**”. It is a good idea to re-run the whole thing before saving and submitting.*