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ex3 tutorial for predict()



Tom Mosher · Mentor · Week 4 · 3 years ago · Edited

Here is an outline for forward propagation using the vectorized method. This is an implementation of the formula in Figure 2 on Page 11 of ex3.pdf.

1. Add a column of 1's to X (the first column), and it becomes 'a1'.
2. Multiply by Theta1 and you have 'z2'.
3. Compute the sigmoid() of 'z2', then add a column of 1's, and it becomes 'a2'
4. Multiply by Theta2, compute the sigmoid() and it becomes 'a3'.
5. Now use the max(a3, [], 2) function to return two vectors - one of the highest value for each row, and one with its index. Ignore the highest values. Keep the vector of the indexes where the highest values were found. These are your predictions.

Note: When you multiply by the Theta matrices, you'll have to use transposition to get a result that is the correct size.

Note: The predictions must be returned as a column vector - size (m x 1). If you return a row vector, the script will not compute the accuracy correctly.

Note: Not getting the correct results? In the hidden layer, be sure you use sigmoid() first, then add the bias unit.

----- dimensions of the variables -----



a_1 is $(m \times n)$, where 'n' is the number of features including the bias unit



Θ_1 is $(h \times n)$ where 'h' is the number of hidden units

a_2 is $(m \times (h + 1))$

Θ_2 is $(c \times (h + 1))$, where 'c' is the number of labels.

a_3 is $(m \times c)$

p is a vector of size $(m \times 1)$

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Krishnang Dalal · 2 years ago



I get test case oneVSall correct. I get 94.62% prediction accuracy for predictoneVSall. But when I am submitting the entire assignment it does not calculate scores for the regularized Logistic Regression and One-vs-All Classifier Training. It even doesn't give wrong feedback. What could be the issue?

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 2 years ago



The issue is that your code does not work correctly for the test case that the submit grader uses. Your code must work correctly for any data set.

I recommend you read the Tutorials and use the additional test cases in the Resources menu.

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H

Harpreet · 2 years ago



How do I calculate Θ_1 and Θ_2 , if it was not provided to us.

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 2 years ago



That is what we learn in Week 5.

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L

L.L. · 2 years ago · Edited by moderator

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Thanks for your reply, but I have a little question, you said that a_1 is $m \times n$, and Θ_1 is $(h \times n)$, so I think they can not be multiplied, because maybe $n \neq h$ or $m \neq n$, so it should be **{mentor edit: code removed}**

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 2 years ago



Perhaps you overlooked this line in the tutorial:

Note: When you multiply by the Theta matrices, you'll have to use transposition to get a result that is the correct size.

The tutorial leaves a few things for the student to figure out. Otherwise, it would be merely a cookbook.

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A

Alexandr · 2 years ago



Hi Tom,

Thanks for helpful tutorials. I finished assignment but did not understand why we use indices instead of max values of a_3 .

Thanks,

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 2 years ago



We don't really care what the maximum value is.

We want to find which classifier gives us the maximum value.

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JJ

Julius Jacobson · 2 years ago



My result for this test is off by one value. My vector returns the correct values save for the last number of my vector p . I get a '1' instead of a '2'. Any ideas as to what could be causing this miscalculation?



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JJ

Julius Jacobson · 2 years ago



Here is the offending row of a3:

0.633861 0.582628 0.522118 0.458987

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Tom Mosher Mentor · 2 years ago



Here are my results for that test case:

```
1 >> p = predict(Theta1, Theta2, X)
2 stopped in C:\Users\Tom\ml-od\machine-learning
   -ex3\ex3\predict.m at line 29
3 29: [v p] = max(a3, [], 2);
4 m = 8
5 debug> a3
6 a3 =
7
8     0.53036    0.54588    0.55725    0.56352
9     0.54459    0.54298    0.53754    0.52875
10    0.49979    0.49616    0.49288    0.49024
11    0.41357    0.42199    0.43736    0.45844
12    0.37321    0.40368    0.44349    0.48911
13    0.42073    0.45935    0.50210    0.54464
14    0.50962    0.53216    0.55173    0.56659
15    0.54882    0.55033    0.54738    0.54021
```

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JJ

Julius Jacobson · 2 years ago



Thanks again for the reply! I figured out what was wrong with my code. I am sure there is a place in Machine Learning heaven reserved for you!

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Tom Mosher Mentor · 2 years ago



Good news!

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XL

Xinghou Liu · 2 years ago





Hi Tom,



I am working on the predict.m, following you steps, I got the correct output:

'Training Set Accuracy: 97.520000'

I couldn't find any errors from the codes and I am pretty sure they are logically correct with your tips.

But after I submit the codes, they don't passed the assignment.

Any ideas on how can this happen?

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 2 years ago



There is an error in your code. It does not work correctly with the test case that the submit grader uses.

Try the additional test case, in this thread:

https://www.coursera.org/learn/machine-learning/discussions/iyd75Nz_EeWBhgpcuSlffw

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LL

lennie leong · 2 years ago



Hi Tom / mentors,

I am working on predict.m currently.

Using Tom's tutorial as a guide for the assignment, In Tom's tutorial guide, it mentions " Add a column of 1's to X (the first column), and it becomes 'a1'."

Currently, I have X that's a 16x2 matrix. By adding a column of 1's to X, does this mean that it still remains as 16x2 matrix with the first column filled with 1's.

Or, is it a matrix with 16x3 with the first column filled with 1's?

Thank you mentors for help in advanced!

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 2 years ago



Add a column of 1's. Don't overwrite an existing feature with 1's.

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IC

Irena Chanis · 3 years ago



Hi Tom,

i don't understand exactly how the size of the hidden layer (h) is determined (25 in the example). it seems it's arbitrary & not connected to input or output data. Couldn't understand it through the course videos also...

Another question: is it OK that i get the all history cost details of each iteration (attached Pic) for both NN and Multi class classification sections? (was able to submit all the tasks).

thanks,

```
Iteration      5 | Cost: 3.611087e-01
Iteration      6 | Cost: 3.598573e-01
Iteration      7 | Cost: 3.598359e-01
Iteration      8 | Cost: 3.598130e-01
Iteration      9 | Cost: 3.598122e-01
Iteration     10 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration     11 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration     12 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
```

Irena.

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago



The course doesn't discuss how to set the number of hidden layer units. It is more art than science. There are lots of rules-of-thumb and no general agreement, other than it is typically a value between the number of input features and the number of output classifications. Experimentation is a good idea.

The iteration and cost values from `fmincg()` are supposed to all be printed on one line. It doesn't matter if they are on separate lines, but perhaps it is being caused by a missing semicolon somewhere in your cost function.

Just guessing, but it might also be due to how your command console is configured. You didn't mention whether you were using MATLAB or Octave, or what version, or if you're using the GUI or the CLI interface. You may be able to adjust some configuration setting.

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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago

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The screenshot shows the MATLAB R2015b interface. The Command Window displays the following output:

```
Iteration 26 | Cost: 1.002636e-01
Iteration 27 | Cost: 1.002636e-01
Iteration 28 | Cost: 1.002636e-01
Iteration 29 | Cost: 1.002636e-01
Iteration 30 | Cost: 1.002636e-01
Iteration 31 | Cost: 1.002636e-01

Iteration 1 | Cost: 4.202132e-01
Iteration 2 | Cost: 3.970889e-01
Iteration 3 | Cost: 3.673914e-01
Iteration 4 | Cost: 3.642254e-01
Iteration 5 | Cost: 3.611087e-01
Iteration 6 | Cost: 3.598573e-01
Iteration 7 | Cost: 3.598359e-01
Iteration 8 | Cost: 3.598130e-01
Iteration 9 | Cost: 3.598122e-01
Iteration 10 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration 11 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration 12 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration 13 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration 14 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration 15 | Cost: 3.598119e-01
Iteration 16 | Cost: 3.598119e-01

!! Submission failed: unexpected error: Error using horzcat
Dimensions of matrices being concatenated are not consistent.
!! Please try again later.
```

This is what I got when I tried to submit my code

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Tom Mosher Mentor · 3 years ago

Don't add bias to the Theta matrices - just to the input and hidden layer features.

The horzcat() error means you are not adding the columns of 1's correctly - it means "horizontal concatenation".

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Tom Mosher Mentor · 3 years ago · Edited

I recommend you study the tutorial. It tells you exactly what to do.

All you need to figure out is the order of operands and where to use transposition.

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Tom Mosher Mentor · 3 years ago

Also try testing your code using the test cases in this thread:



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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago



Thanks. So, z_2 equals a_1 multiplied by Θ_1 right ?

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago



Yes. You will need to use the correct order of the operands and add a transposition.

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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago



1.Thanks. All I had was a minor error in using parantheses. Thanks for the help Tom!.

2. The pdf suggested that some interaction session will launch the images. I didn't find any.

3. We wrote a code similar to the predictOnevsAll function. But, I didn't get the prediction result(Training Set Accuracy) as expected.

Again Thanks for the help.

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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago



Do we need to add bias unit to theta and theta as well?

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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago



How man hidden units are there ?



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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago · Edited



Everything you need to know is provided via the Theta matrices.

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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago



Ok. I wrote the code for predict.m as instructed and ran it in Matlab. But, It just stops after the prediction results for the previous function.

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago



Per the tutorial, we're just doing a couple of matrix multiplications and running the sigmoid function. There's nothing there that should cause execution to stop.

If you're using for-loops, all sorts of havoc can occur.

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Sunil Skanda · 3 years ago



Yea, That's what I thought. I think I must have made a mistake in adding ones to the matrix X and the others. Can you tell me how to do that?

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago



Add a column of 1's to a matrix:

```
1 Q = magic(3)
2 m = size(Q,1)
3 Q = [ones(m,1) Q]
```

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Remi Bernadberoy · 3 years ago



I think there is a small error at point 2. Should be:

2. Multiply by Theta1 and it becomes 'z2'. Take the sigmoid and it becomes 'a2'.



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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago · Edited



I disagree. It is not a_2 until you add the bias units, just as X becomes a_1 after you add its bias unit.

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Remi Bernadberoy · 3 years ago



Ok but $z_2 = \theta_1 * a_1$ without sigmoid. We take the sigmoid afterward, don't we?

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago



Add the bias unit after computing the sigmoid. Otherwise, $\text{sigmoid}(1)$ would turn it into 0.73106.

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jeevesh sharma · 2 years ago



Thnx this comment got me out of my agony, i was adding the bias before calculating sigmoid.

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AG

Atul Kumar Gupta · 2 years ago



Your comment helped me too . Thanks

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Hyatt Baker · 3 years ago



Well that was very helpful, thanks!

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CJ

Carsten Just · 3 years ago

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Hi Tom a matlab technical question that i have had trouble with: when i, in the EX3 assignment, perform the predictOneVsAll function, from where do i get the all_theta input? when i run the OneVsAll funtion, the output is not stored anywhere.... Can you help?

Best

Carsten

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Tom Mosher · Mentor · 3 years ago



Read the ex3.m script. It calls your oneVsAll() function, saves the return value, and passes it to the prediction function.

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CJ

Carsten Just · 3 years ago



Oki thanks. Tried to just run the function itself... thanks!

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