

Homework 1

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Analytical Part

1.

Let's assume that we have 3 weights for voted and averaged perceptron. We also give each weight count 1. So we have w_1, w_2, w_3 , with $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 1$.

a. Voted perceptron would be $f(x) = \text{Majority of } \text{Sign}(\langle w_1, x \rangle, \langle w_2, x \rangle, \langle w_3, x \rangle)$. As we can see, the equation takes the common space made by lines w_1, w_2, w_3 . Therefore, it's not linear.

b. Averaged perceptron in this case would be $f(x) = \text{Sign}(w_1 + w_2 + w_3, x)$. The decision boundary is combined by all three weights and their count. We can transform it to $f(x) = \text{Sign}((w_0 + y_0 x_0) + (w_1 + y_1 x_1) + (w_2 + y_2 x_2))$. The result is a vector, thus it's linear.

2.

In order to keep margin of 1, original equation is

$$w_{t+1} = \min_w \frac{1}{2} \|w - w_t\|^2 \quad s.t. y_t(w \cdot x_t) \geq 1$$

Instead of margin 1, we substitute it with margin M, we then have

$$w_{t+1} = \min_w \frac{1}{2} \|w - w_t\|^2 \quad s.t. y_t(w \cdot x_t) \geq M$$

The Lagrangian optimization becomes:

$$L(w, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \|w - w_t\|^2 + \tau(M - y_t(w \cdot x_t))$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = (w - w_t) - \tau y_t x_t$$

L global optimum when $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = 0$, therefore

$$0 = (w - w_t) - \tau y_t x_t$$

$$w = w_t + \tau y_t x_t$$

The original Lagrangian optimization looks like this with optimized w

$$L(\tau) = -\frac{1}{2} \|x_t\|^2 \tau^2 + \tau(M - y_t(w_t \cdot x_t))$$

$$\tau = \max\{0, \frac{M - y_t(w_t \cdot x_t)}{\|x_t\|^2}\}$$

Put learning rate τ back to the weight update function, we then get:

$$w_{t+1} = w_t + \frac{M - y_t(w_t \cdot x_t)}{\|x_t\|^2} y_t x_t$$

3.

a

In standard perceptron, we have $w_{t+1} = w_t + y_t x_t$. When an importance score h_t is provided, we can multiply the result y_t by h_t , which then becomes $w_{t+1} = w_t + h_t y_t x_t$.

b

Using answers from part a. we still use the strategy of multiplying importance score h_t to result y_t . In standard perceptron, h_t is always 1. Without changing the standard perceptron method, we have to reduce the problem. We can write

$$w_{t+1} = w_t + h_t y_t x_t$$

Instead of changing learning rate like part a. did, we can multiply the original dataset result by h_t . For example, the original dataset (x_0, y_0, h_0) has corresponding values $(0, 1, 10)$. We can modify the y_0 result value and remove h_0 by making $y'_0 = y_0 \cdot h_0 = 1 \cdot 10 = 10$.

4.

a

Since we care more about positive accuracy, we can deal with the problem by giving positive result more importance score like problem 3 did. For example, we consider positive examples are 5 times more important than negative scores, then $\forall y_t > 0, h_t = 5$, else $h_t = 1$.

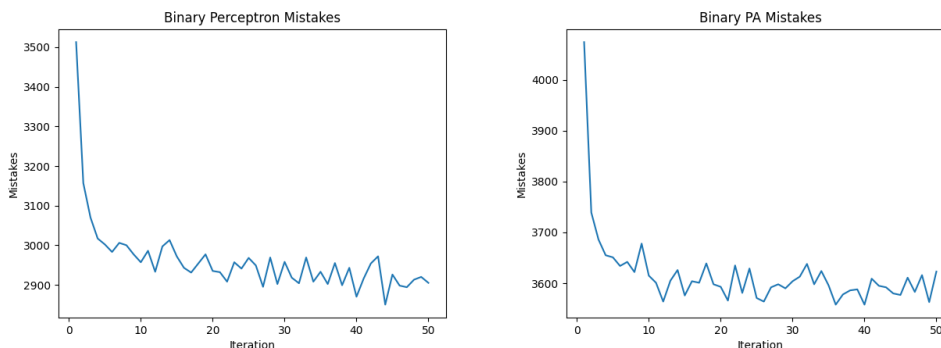
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Just like problem 3b, instead of using a weight factor h_t , we modify the input y_t by multiplying with h_t when $y_t > 0$ upon reading data, thus still remain integrity of original perceptron $w_{t+1} = w_t + y_t x_t$

Programming and Empirical Analysis Part

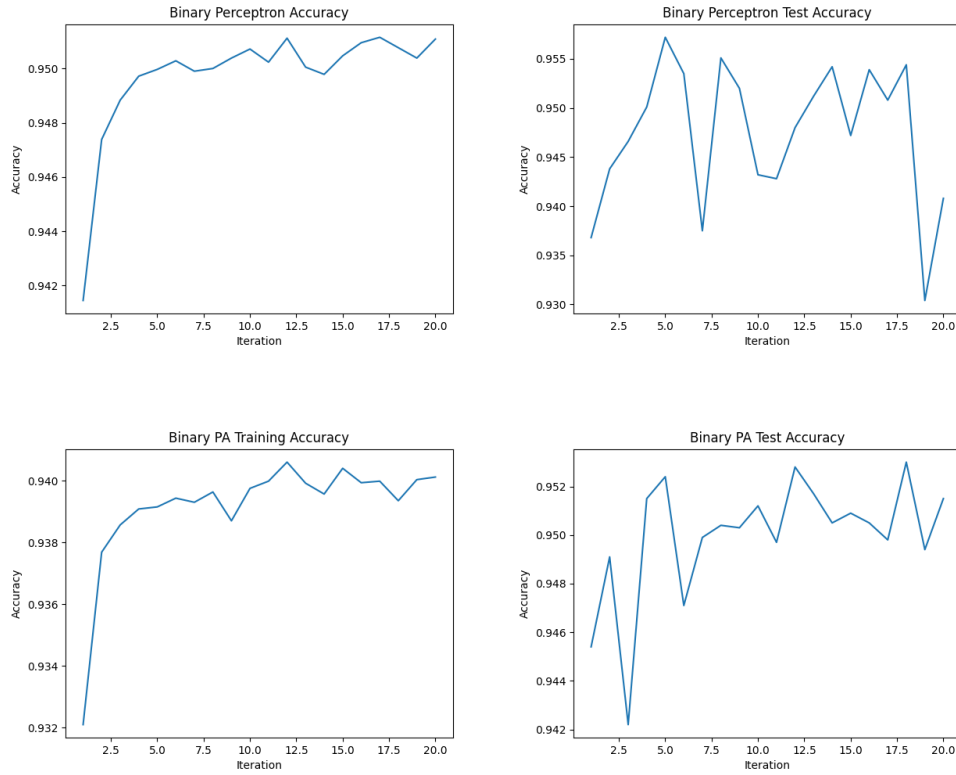
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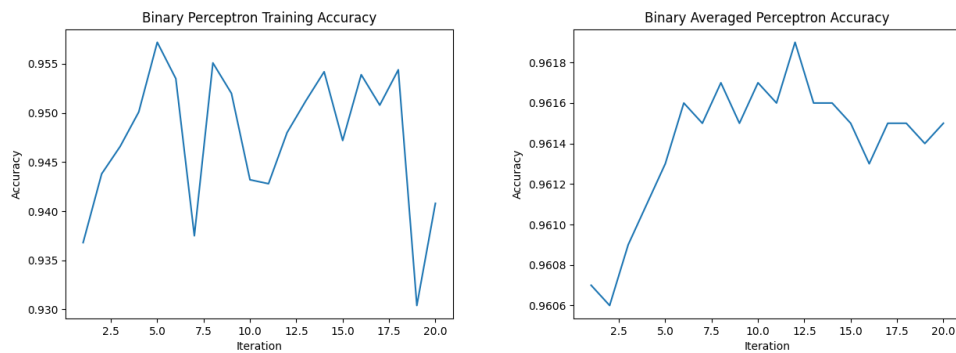
As we can see from the graph, perceptron has lower mistakes than PA. Both graph show that the algorithm hits optimum at roughly 10 iterations.

b

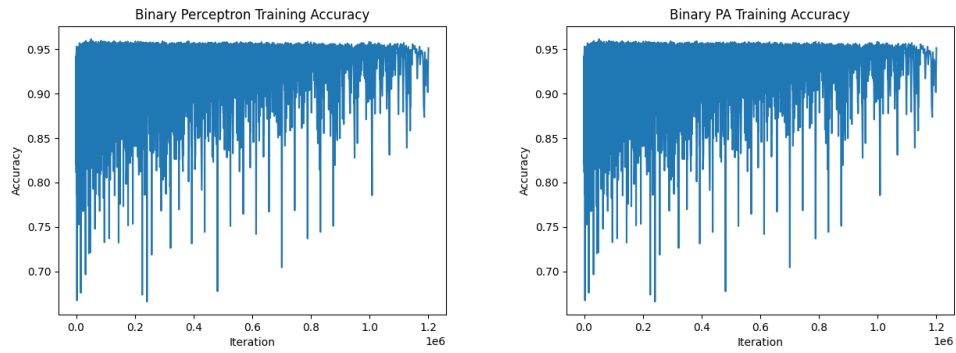


Perceptron has higher accuracy in training set, but PA has higher overall accuracy in test set. Also, PA's deviation of accuracy becomes narrower as iteration goes further.

c



According to the graphs, the lowest accuracy of averaged perceptron is higher than the highest of standard perceptron. Also, averaged perceptron reaches optimal after about 5 iterations whereas standard perceptron has no optimal point.

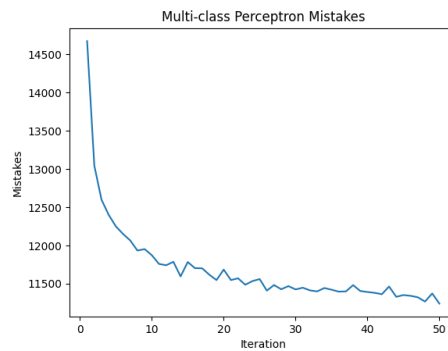


d

These are graphs for training on increments of 100. We can see that as increments become bigger, accuracy becomes higher and more consistent. Also these two graphs look very similar to each other.

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a



This is as far as I can get because my computer doesn't have enough time to run through the data. The implementations are complete, but no graph are present. More information are in README.