

**The Experiment Report of**

***Machine Learning***

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**1. Topic:** Linear Regression, Linear Classification and Gradient Descent

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**4. Purposes:**

1)Further understand of linear regression and gradient descent.

2)Conduct some experiments under small scale dataset.

3)Realize the process of optimization and adjusting parameters.

**5. Data sets and data analysis:**

Linear Regression uses Housing in LIBSVM Data, including 506 samples and each sample has 13 features. You are expected to download scaled edition. After downloading, you are supposed to divide it into training set, validation set.

Linear classification uses australian in LIBSVM Data, including 690 samples and each sample has 14 features. You are expected to download scaled edition. After downloading, you are supposed to divide it into training set, validation set.

**6. Experimental steps:**

**7. Code:**

(Fill in the contents of 8.1-12.1 respectively for linear regression and 8.2-12.2 for linear classification)

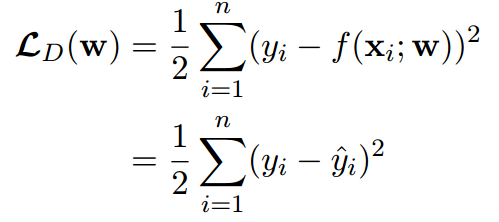
**8.1 Selection of validation (hold-out, cross-validation, k-folds cross-validation, etc.):**

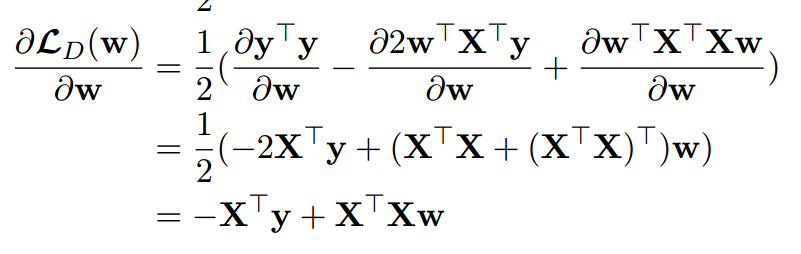
cross-validation, I divided dataset into training set and validation set using train\_test\_split function.

**9.1The initialization method of model parameters:**

all- zero initialation

**10.1 The selected loss function and its derivatives:**

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**11.1 Experimental results and curve:**

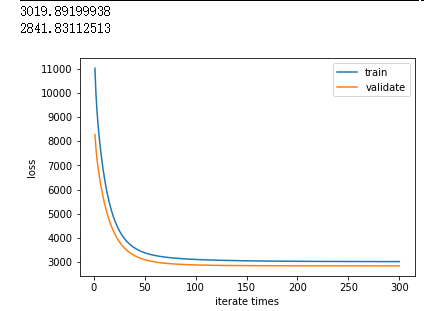
## Hyper-parameter selection (η, epoch, etc.):

I finally choose 0.0007 as my η, the learning rate. It’s not a difficult job, just change it more times, then find the min loss function value.

## Assessment Results (based on selected validation):

## Predicted Results (Best Results):

## Loss curve:



**12.1 Results analysis:**

Actually, the loss of the validation set should be larger than the loss of the training set. Because the *w* has been optimized a lot in the training data, it will fit the training data well, but the validation set which *w* is not familiar with should have a larger loss.

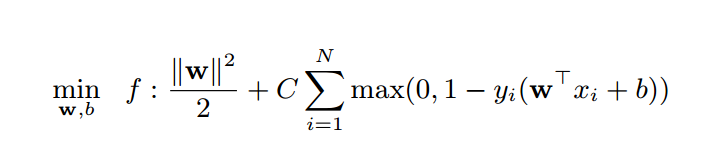
**8.2 Selection of validation (hold-out, cross-validation, k-folds cross-validation, etc.):**

cross-validation, I divided dataset into training set and validation set using train\_test\_split function.

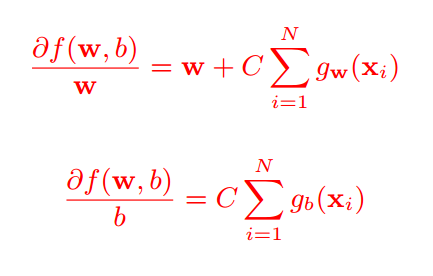
**9.2 The initialization method of model parameters:**

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**10.2 The selected loss function and its derivatives:**

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Derivative:

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**11.2 Experimental results and curve:**

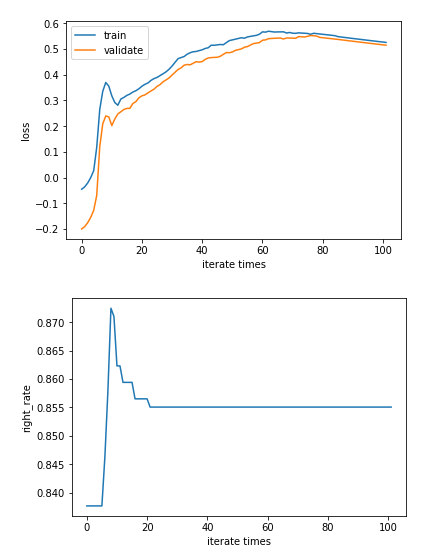
## Hyper-parameter selection (η, epoch, etc.):

When I first set the parameter as 0.5, the accuracy is rising, and then descend to a very low accuracy as 35.80%. Consider that the parameter is too large, I change a lot of time make it stay at 0.0002. Finally it get a good scores. When I get to the 0.00015 it has a little change, but the max accuracy is lower than 0.0002.

## Assessment Results (based on selected validation):

## Predicted Results (Best Results):

## Loss curve:



**12.2 Results analysis:**

The max accuracy is near 87.25%, and finally the accuracy is astringed to the 85.51%. The result is based on the whole data.

**13. Similarities and differences between linear regression and linear classification:**

Similarities: they used the same method called gradient descent to minimize the loss. Due to the minimize and maximize can be convert to each other, so the classification can change into a problem like regression using gradient descent.

Differences: ***w*** in the linear regression is going to fit the data, as 2-D function, trying to find a ***f*** to represent the discrete data. However, w in the linear classification is trying to divide the data into two part, and large the margin.

**14. Summary:**

In this experiment, I learned a lot about machine learning, especially the gradient descent. Gradient descent is a very valid method to minimize the loss function, so that we could get the best answer. Now I know the basic idea about machine learning. It’s quite interesting.

However, from the experiment, I find myself unfamiliar with python to solve the problem, it wasted a lot of my time. Hope to get improvement next time.