

1) Sigmoid function derivatives $\sigma(\eta)$

The sigmoid function is written as $\sigma(\eta) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\eta}} = \frac{e^\eta}{1+e^\eta}$, where $0 < \sigma(\eta) < 1$.

Show that $\frac{d\sigma(\eta)}{d\eta} = \sigma(\eta) [1 - \sigma(\eta)]$ and $\frac{d\log\sigma(\eta)}{d\eta} = 1 - \sigma(\eta)$.

2) Logistic Regression Likelihood & Cross-Entropy

Let $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, y_N)\}$, where $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$ and $y_n \in \mathbb{R}$, be the training data of a binary logistic regression model with weights $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^D$. The probability of sample (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n) belonging to class 1 is $p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$, while the probability of belonging to class 0 is $p(y = 0|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$. Compute the likelihood $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w})$ of data \mathcal{D} given the model parameters \mathbf{w} , as well as the cross-entropy error $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = -\log\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w})$.

3) Logistic Regression Optimization

3a) Show that the first order derivative (i.e., gradient vector) of the cross-entropy function is

$$\nabla \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \underbrace{(\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) - y_n)}_{\text{error}} \mathbf{x}_n$$

3b) Show that the Hessian of the cross-entropy function is $\mathbf{H} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial^2 \mathbf{w}} = \nabla \left((\nabla \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}))^T \right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \cdot (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n)) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_n \cdot \mathbf{x}_n^T)$ and show that it is positive semi-definite.