# 06\_hw\_optimization\_logistic\_regression\_v2

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# 1 Programming assignment 6: Optimization: Logistic regression

#### 1.1 Your task

In this notebook code skeleton for performing logistic regression with gradient descent is given. Your task is to complete the functions where required. You are only allowed to use built-in Python functions, as well as any numpy functions. No other libraries / imports are allowed.

For numerical reasons, we actually minimize the following loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} NLL(\mathbf{w}) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||_2^2$$

where  $NLL(\mathbf{w})$  is the negative log-likelihood function, as defined in the lecture (Eq. 33)

### 1.2 Load and preprocess the data

In this assignment we will work with the UCI ML Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic) dataset https://goo.gl/U2Uwz2.

Features are computed from a digitized image of a fine needle aspirate (FNA) of a breast mass. They describe characteristics of the cell nuclei present in the image. There are 212 malignant examples and 357 benign examples.

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In [3]: X, y = load_breast_cancer(return_X_y=True)

# Add a vector of ones to the data matrix to absorb the bias term
X = np.hstack([np.ones([X.shape[0], 1]), X])

# Set the random seed so that we have reproducible experiments
np.random.seed(123)
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# Split into train and test
test_size = 0.3
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=test_size)
```

## 1.3 Task 1: Implement the sigmoid function

```
In [4]: def sigmoid(t):
    """
    Applies the sigmoid function elementwise to the input data.

Parameters
------
t: array, arbitrary shape
    Input data.

Returns
-----
t_sigmoid: array, arbitrary shape.
    Data after applying the sigmoid function.
"""
# TODO
t_sigmoid = 1/ (1+np.exp(-t))
return t_sigmoid
```

## 1.4 Task 2: Implement the negative log likelihood

As defined in Eq. 33

```
In [5]: def negative_log_likelihood(X, y, w):
            Negative Log Likelihood of the Logistic Regression.
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
                Classification targets.
            w : array, shape [D]
                Regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
            Returns
            _____
            nll:float
                The negative log likelihood.
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            # TODO
            sig = sigmoid(np.matmul(X, w))
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nll = -np.sum(y * np.log(sig+1e-15) + (1 - y) * np.log(1 - sig+1e-15))
return nll
```

#### 1.4.1 Computing the loss function $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$ (nothing to do here)

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In [6]: def compute_loss(X, y, w, lmbda):
            Negative Log Likelihood of the Logistic Regression.
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
                Classification targets.
            w : array, shape [D]
                Regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
            lmbda : float
                L2 regularization strength.
            Returns
            _____
            loss : float
                Loss of the regularized logistic regression model.
            # The bias term w[0] is not regularized by convention
            return negative_log_likelihood(X, y, w) / len(y) + lmbda * np.linalg.norm(w[1:])**2
```

# 1.5 Task 3: Implement the gradient $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$

lmbda: float

Make sure that you compute the gradient of the loss function  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$  (not simply the NLL!)

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Regularization strentgh. lmbda = 0 means having no regularization.
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#### 1.5.1 Train the logistic regression model (nothing to do here)

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In [8]: def logistic_regression(X, y, num_steps, learning_rate, mini_batch_size, lmbda, verbose)
            Performs logistic regression with (stochastic) gradient descent.
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
                Classification targets.
            num\_steps: int
                Number of steps of gradient descent to perform.
            learning\_rate:\ float
                The learning rate to use when updating the parameters w.
            mini_batch_size: int
                The number of examples in each mini-batch.
                If mini_batch_size=n_train we perform full batch gradient descent.
            lmbda: float
                Regularization strentgh. lmbda = 0 means having no regularization.
            verbose : bool
                Whether to print the loss during optimization.
            Returns
            _____
            w : array, shape [D]
                Optimal regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
            trace: list
                Trace of the loss function after each step of gradient descent.
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trace = [] # saves the value of loss every 50 iterations to be able to plot it later
n_train = X.shape[0] # number of training instances
w = np.zeros(X.shape[1]) # initialize the parameters to zeros
# run gradient descent for a given number of steps
for step in range(num_steps):
    permuted_idx = np.random.permutation(n_train) # shuffle the data
    # go over each mini-batch and update the paramters
    # if mini_batch_size = n_train we perform full batch GD and this loop runs only
    for idx in range(0, n_train, mini_batch_size):
        # get the random indices to be included in the mini batch
        mini_batch_indices = permuted_idx[idx:idx+mini_batch_size]
        gradient = get_gradient(X, y, w, mini_batch_indices, lmbda)
        # update the parameters
        w = w - learning_rate * gradient
    # calculate and save the current loss value every 50 iterations
    if step % 50 == 0:
        loss = compute_loss(X, y, w, lmbda)
        trace.append(loss)
        # print loss to monitor the progress
        if verbose:
            print('Step {0}, loss = {1:.4f}'.format(step, loss))
return w, trace
```

# 1.6 Task 4: Implement the function to obtain the predictions

```
y_pred[y_pred<0] = 0
y_pred[y_pred>0] = 1
return y_pred
```

#### 1.6.1 Full batch gradient descent

plt.legend()
plt.show()

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In [10]: # Change this to True if you want to see loss values over iterations.
         verbose = False
In [11]: n_train = X_train.shape[0]
         w_full, trace_full = logistic_regression(X_train,
                                                   y_train,
                                                   num_steps=8000,
                                                   learning_rate=1e-5,
                                                   mini_batch_size=n_train,
                                                   lmbda=0.1,
                                                   verbose=verbose)
In [12]: n_train = X_train.shape[0]
         w_minibatch, trace_minibatch = logistic_regression(X_train,
                                                              y_train,
                                                              num_steps=8000,
                                                              learning_rate=1e-5,
                                                              mini_batch_size=50,
                                                              lmbda=0.1,
                                                              verbose=verbose)
```

Our reference solution produces, but don't worry if yours is not exactly the same.

