

a02_4

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1 4 Maximum A posteriori Estimation

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[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import sklearn

%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

from a02_helper import *
from a02_functions import l, l_l2, dl_l2, gd, gd_l2, logsigma, classify, u
    ↪ optimize

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import pandas as pd
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1.1 4a Gradient Descent

Implement the function returning the log-density of the posterior of logistic regression, regularized with parameter lambda, in a02_functions.py. Then test it below.

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[2]: # this should give:
# [-47066.641667825766, -47312.623810682911]
[l_l2(y, Xz, np.linspace(-5, 5, D), 0), l_l2(y, Xz, np.linspace(-5, 5, D), 1)]
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[2]: [-47066.64166782574, -47312.62381068288]
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Now implement the function to obtain its gradient and test it, in the same manner as above.

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[3]: # this should give:
# [array([ 551.33985842,  143.84116318,  841.83373606,  156.87237578,
#          802.61217579,  795.96202907,  920.69045803,  621.96516752,
#          659.18724769,  470.81259805,  771.32406968,  352.40325626,
#          455.66972482,  234.36600888,  562.45454038,  864.83981264,
#          787.19723703,  649.48042176,  902.6478154 ,  544.00539886,
#          1174.78638035,  120.3598967 ,  839.61141672,  633.30453444,
#          -706.66815087, -630.2039816 , -569.3451386 , -527.50996698,
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#         -359.53701083,  -476.64334832,  -411.60620464,  -375.11950586,
#         -345.37195689,  -376.22044258,  -407.31761977,  -456.23251936,
#         -596.86960184,  -107.97072355,  -394.82170044,  -229.18125598,
#         -288.46356547,  -362.13402385,  -450.87896465,  -277.03932676,
#         -414.99293368,  -452.28771693,  -167.54649092,  -270.9043748 ,
#         -252.20140951,  -357.72497343,  -259.12468742,   418.35938483,
#         604.54173228,    43.10390907,   152.24258478,   378.16731033,
#         416.12032881]),
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#         806.89789007,   800.06917193,   924.61902946,   625.71516752,
#         662.75867626,   474.20545519,   774.5383554 ,   355.43897054,
#         458.52686767,   237.04458031,   564.95454038,   867.16124121,
#         789.34009417,   651.44470748,   904.43352968,   545.61254171,
#        1176.21495178,   121.6098967 ,   840.68284529,   634.19739158,
#        -705.95386516,  -629.66826731,  -568.98799574,  -527.33139555,
#        -359.53701083,  -476.82191975,  -411.9633475 ,  -375.65522015,
#        -346.08624261,  -377.11329972,  -408.38904835,  -457.48251936,
#        -598.29817327,  -109.57786641,  -396.60741472,  -231.14554169,
#        -290.60642261,  -364.45545242,  -453.37896465,  -279.71789819,
#        -417.85007654,  -455.32343122,  -170.76077664,  -274.29723194,
#        -255.77283808,  -361.47497343,  -263.05325885,   414.25224198,
#         600.25601799,    38.63962335,   147.59972763,   373.34588176,
#         411.12032881)])
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Now define the (f,update) tuple handed to the `optimize` function for gradient descent on logistic regression with L2 regularization. Then run it below.

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[4]: # let's run!
lambda_ = 100
w0 = np.random.normal(size=D)
wz_gd_l2, vz_gd_l2, ez_gd_l2 = optimize(gd_l2(y, Xz, lambda_), w0, nepochs=500)
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Result after 500 epochs: f=988.5118396027028

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1.2 4b Effect of Prior

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[5]: # %% [markdown]
# ## 4b Effect of Prior

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# YOUR CODE HERE
# Compare training/test log-likelihood and accuracy for different lambda values

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# Parameters
lambdas = [0, 5, 10, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000]
nepochs = 300
eps0_init = 1e-3
max_retries = 3
use_zero_init = True # for fair comparisons

# Prepare scaled features (safe even if Xz already z-scored)
scaler = StandardScaler()
Xz_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(Xz)
Xtestz_scaled = scaler.transform(Xtestz)

# Storage
rows = []
results = [] # keep small result dicts for later use (4c can reuse if desired)

for lam in lambdas:
    print(f"\nRunning lambda = {lam}")
    if use_zero_init:
        w0 = np.zeros(Xz_scaled.shape[1])
    else:
        w0 = np.random.normal(size=Xz_scaled.shape[1])

    eps_try = eps0_init
    success = False
    for attempt in range(max_retries):
        print(f" attempt {attempt+1} with eps0={eps_try:.1e} ... ", end="",
↪flush=True)
        try:
            w_map, vals_map, eps_map = optimize(gd_l2(y, Xz_scaled, lam), w0,
↪nepochs=nepochs, eps0=eps_try, verbose=False)
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"exception: {e}. reduce eps and retry.")
            eps_try *= 0.1
            continue

        if np.any(np.isnan(vals_map)) or np.any(np.isnan(w_map)):
            print("FAILED (nan). Reducing eps and retrying.")
            eps_try *= 0.1
            continue

        print("OK")
        success = True
        break

    if not success:
        print(f" All retries failed for lambda={lam}. Marking as failed.")

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        rows.append({"lambda": lam, "train_ll": np.nan, "test_ll": np.nan,
↪ "train_acc": np.nan, "test_acc": np.nan})
        results.append({"lambda": lam, "w": None, "objective": None, "eps":
↪ None})
        continue

    # compute plain data log-likelihoods (no prior) and accuracies
    tr_ll = l(y, Xz_scaled, w_map)
    te_ll = l(ytest, Xtestz_scaled, w_map)
    ypred_tr = classify(Xz_scaled, w_map)
    ypred_te = classify(Xtestz_scaled, w_map)
    tr_acc = np.mean(ypred_tr == y)
    te_acc = np.mean(ypred_te == ytest)

    rows.append({"lambda": lam, "train_ll": tr_ll, "test_ll": te_ll,
↪ "train_acc": tr_acc, "test_acc": te_acc})
    results.append({"lambda": lam, "w": w_map, "objective": vals_map, "eps":
↪ eps_map})

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Running lambda = 0
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 5
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 10
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 50
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 100
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 200
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 500
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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Running lambda = 1000
attempt 1 with eps0=1.0e-03 ... OK

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[6]: # Summary DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame(rows).set_index("lambda")
pd.set_option("display.float_format", "{: .4f}".format)

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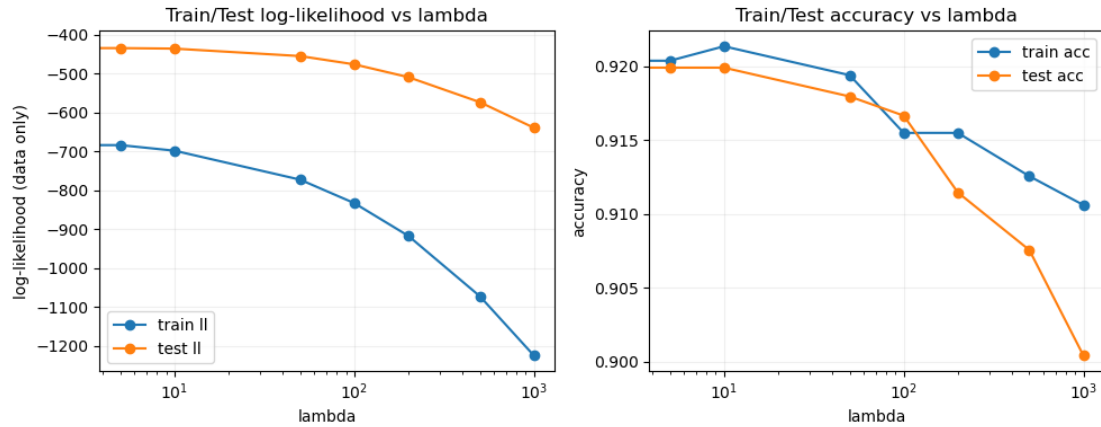
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print("\nSummary (data log-likelihood and accuracies):")
display(df)
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Summary (data log-likelihood and accuracies):

	train_ll	test_ll	train_acc	test_acc
lambda				
0	-661.5186	-430.3692	0.9214	0.9173
5	-684.1570	-435.0073	0.9204	0.9199
10	-698.4214	-436.3227	0.9214	0.9199
50	-772.8450	-455.4549	0.9194	0.9180
100	-833.0105	-476.7408	0.9155	0.9167
200	-917.1361	-509.5574	0.9155	0.9115
500	-1072.2064	-573.8156	0.9126	0.9076
1000	-1224.7230	-639.6407	0.9106	0.9004

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[7]: # Plot plain train/test log-likelihood (no prior)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
plt.plot(df.index, df["train_ll"], marker='o', label="train ll")
plt.plot(df.index, df["test_ll"], marker='o', label="test ll")
plt.xscale("log")
plt.xlabel("lambda")
plt.ylabel("log-likelihood (data only)")
plt.title("Train/Test log-likelihood vs lambda")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(alpha=0.2)

# Plot accuracies
plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.plot(df.index, df["train_acc"], marker='o', label="train acc")
plt.plot(df.index, df["test_acc"], marker='o', label="test acc")
plt.xscale("log")
plt.xlabel("lambda")
plt.ylabel("accuracy")
plt.title("Train/Test accuracy vs lambda")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(alpha=0.2)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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1.3 4c Composition of Weight Vector

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[8]: # %%
# YOUR CODE HERE
# PARAMETERS
try:
    results # noqa: F821
except NameError:
    # Recompute (same safe logic as in 4b but shorter)
    results = []
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    Xz_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(Xz)
    for lam in lambdas:
        w0 = np.zeros(Xz_scaled.shape[1])
        eps_try = eps0_init
        success = False
        for attempt in range(max_retries):
            try:
                w_map, vals_map, eps_map = optimize(gd_l2(y, Xz_scaled, lam),
                ↪w0, nepochs=nepochs, eps0=eps_try, verbose=False)
            except Exception:
                eps_try *= 0.1
                continue
            if np.any(np.isnan(w_map)) or np.any(np.isnan(vals_map)):
                eps_try *= 0.1
                continue
            success = True
            break
        if not success:
            results.append({"lambda": lam, "w": None, "objective": None, "eps":
            ↪None})
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        else:
            results.append({"lambda": lam, "w": w_map, "objective": vals_map,
↪ "eps": eps_map})

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[9]: # Parameters for display
k = 12 # top-k per lambda to consider
union_idx = set()
for r in results:
    if r["w"] is None:
        continue
    order = np.argsort(np.abs(r["w"]))[::-1][:k]
    union_idx.update(order)
union_idx = sorted(list(union_idx))
if len(union_idx) == 0:
    raise RuntimeError("No successful runs to inspect. Try lowering eps0 or_
↪ lambdas list.")

feat_names = [features[i] for i in union_idx]

# Build DataFrame (rows = features, cols = lambdas)
df_plot = pd.DataFrame(index=feat_names, columns=[f"={r['lambda']}" for r in_
↪ results], dtype=float)
for r in results:
    lam = r["lambda"]
    col = f"={lam}"
    if r["w"] is None:
        df_plot[col] = np.nan
    else:
        df_plot[col] = [r["w"][i] for i in union_idx]

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[10]: pd.set_option("display.float_format", "{: .4f}".format)
print("\nTop features (union across lambdas) - numeric table:")
display(df_plot)

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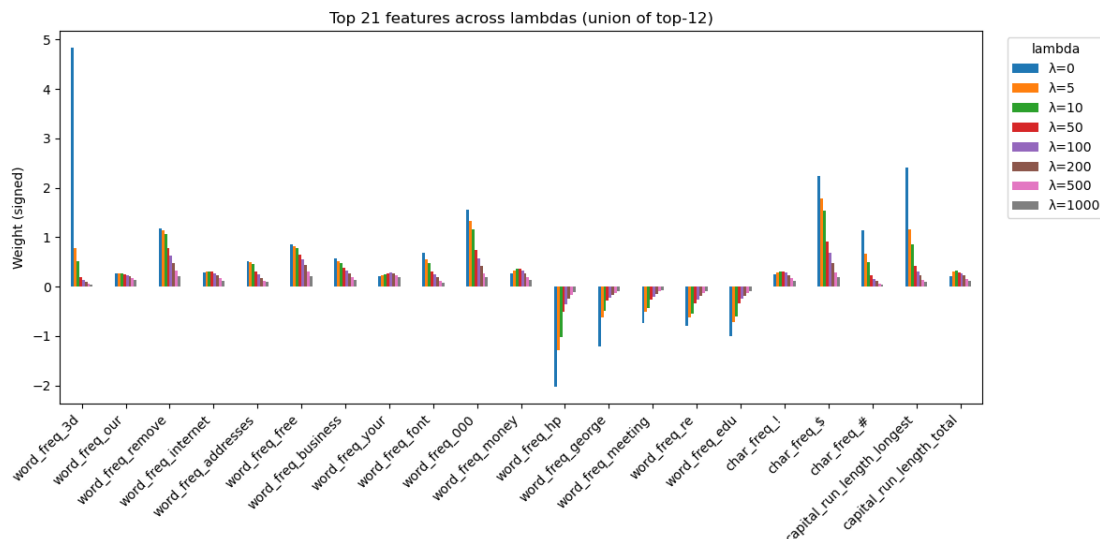
Top features (union across lambdas) - numeric table:

	=0	=5	=10	=50	=100	=200 \
word_freq_3d	4.8299	0.7814	0.5049	0.1973	0.1359	0.0967
word_freq_our	0.2595	0.2624	0.2633	0.2531	0.2365	0.2104
word_freq_remove	1.1758	1.1353	1.0718	0.7876	0.6324	0.4828
word_freq_internet	0.2912	0.3080	0.3124	0.2985	0.2723	0.2316
word_freq_addresses	0.5172	0.4930	0.4533	0.3084	0.2404	0.1803
word_freq_free	0.8470	0.8176	0.7870	0.6436	0.5482	0.4409
word_freq_business	0.5697	0.5135	0.4836	0.3869	0.3319	0.2706
word_freq_your	0.2156	0.2328	0.2430	0.2715	0.2781	0.2726
word_freq_font	0.6824	0.5458	0.4756	0.3066	0.2426	0.1854
word_freq_000	1.5633	1.3370	1.1663	0.7343	0.5680	0.4238

word_freq_money	0.2620	0.3319	0.3524	0.3577	0.3202	0.2634
word_freq_hp	-2.0325	-1.2908	-1.0322	-0.5080	-0.3577	-0.2525
word_freq_george	-1.2220	-0.6153	-0.4969	-0.2829	-0.2201	-0.1724
word_freq_meeting	-0.7349	-0.5166	-0.4399	-0.2604	-0.1981	-0.1489
word_freq_re	-0.7933	-0.6224	-0.5417	-0.3357	-0.2569	-0.1910
word_freq_edu	-1.0132	-0.7159	-0.6043	-0.3417	-0.2540	-0.1873
char_freq_!	0.2404	0.2812	0.2992	0.3081	0.2815	0.2376
char_freq_\$	2.2336	1.7888	1.5457	0.9132	0.6759	0.4820
char_freq_#	1.1374	0.6678	0.5022	0.2285	0.1599	0.1105
capital_run_length_longest	2.4013	1.1502	0.8529	0.4161	0.3039	0.2196
capital_run_length_total	0.2095	0.3037	0.3163	0.2939	0.2630	0.2221

	=500	=1000
word_freq_3d	0.0613	0.0418
word_freq_our	0.1640	0.1248
word_freq_remove	0.3150	0.2166
word_freq_internet	0.1657	0.1183
word_freq_addresses	0.1198	0.0871
word_freq_free	0.3018	0.2119
word_freq_business	0.1902	0.1375
word_freq_your	0.2364	0.1903
word_freq_font	0.1208	0.0814
word_freq_000	0.2728	0.1884
word_freq_money	0.1830	0.1305
word_freq_hp	-0.1625	-0.1168
word_freq_george	-0.1243	-0.0939
word_freq_meeting	-0.0998	-0.0716
word_freq_re	-0.1247	-0.0872
word_freq_edu	-0.1240	-0.0884
char_freq_!	0.1695	0.1219
char_freq_\$	0.2943	0.1963
char_freq_#	0.0663	0.0442
capital_run_length_longest	0.1391	0.0961
capital_run_length_total	0.1614	0.1184

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[11]: # Plot grouped bar chart for the union-top features
ax = df_plot.plot(kind="bar", figsize=(12, 6))
ax.set_ylabel("Weight (signed)")
ax.set_title(f"Top {len(feats_names)} features across lambdas (union of_
↳top-{k})")
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")
plt.legend(title="lambda", bbox_to_anchor=(1.02, 1), loc="upper left")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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[12]: # print textual top-10 for smallest and largest successful lambda
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successful = [r for r in results if r["w"] is not None]
if successful:
    lam_small = successful[0]["lambda"]
    lam_large = successful[-1]["lambda"]
    w_small = successful[0]["w"]
    w_large = successful[-1]["w"]
    print(f"\nTop 10 features for lambda={lam_small}:")
    for idx in np.argsort(np.abs(w_small))[:, -1][:10]:
        print(f" {features[idx]:30s} {w_small[idx]:.4f}")
    print(f"\nTop 10 features for lambda={lam_large}:")
    for idx in np.argsort(np.abs(w_large))[:, -1][:10]:
        print(f" {features[idx]:30s} {w_large[idx]:.4f}")
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Top 10 features for lambda=0:

word_freq_3d	4.8299
capital_run_length_longest	2.4013
char_freq_\$	2.2336
word_freq_hp	-2.0325
word_freq_000	1.5633
word_freq_george	-1.2220
word_freq_remove	1.1758
char_freq_#	1.1374
word_freq_edu	-1.0132
word_freq_free	0.8470

Top 10 features for lambda=1000:

word_freq_remove	0.2166
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word_freq_free	0.2119
char_freq_\$	0.1963
word_freq_your	0.1903
word_freq_000	0.1884
word_freq_business	0.1375
word_freq_money	0.1305
word_freq_our	0.1248
char_freq_!	0.1219
capital_run_length_total	0.1184