# Problem Set 1, CS229(Machine Learning)

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## 1 Linear Classifiers (Logistic Regression and GDA)

#### 1.1

Let  $\mu$  be  $h_{\theta}(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-\theta^T x})$ . The gradient about  $\theta$  of loss function J is:

$$\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta) = \nabla_{\mu} L(\theta) \nabla_{\theta} \mu$$

$$= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} \frac{1}{h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})} \nabla_{\theta} \mu + (1 - y^{(i)}) \frac{-1}{1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})} \nabla_{\theta} \mu)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} - h(x^{(i)})) x^{(i)}$$
(1.1)

Since  $\nabla_{\theta}\mu = (1 - h_{\theta}(x))h_{\theta}(x)$ . For each component j

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_j} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} - h(x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}$$
(1.2)

$$\frac{\partial^{2} L}{\partial \theta_{j} \theta_{k}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\partial h(x^{(i)})}{\partial \theta_{k}} x_{j}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} h(x^{(i)}) (1 - h(x^{(i)})) x_{k}^{(i)} x_{j}^{(i)}$$
(1.3)

According to the definition of Hessian matrix,  $\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \theta_j \theta_k}$  is the element (row j,

column k) of  $H(\theta)$ . Thus,

$$z^{T}Hz = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} h(x^{(i)})(1 - h(x^{(i)})) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} z_{j} z_{k} x_{k}^{(i)} x_{j}^{(i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} h(x^{(i)})(1 - h(x^{(i)})) (\sum_{j=1}^{n} z_{j} x_{j}^{(i)})^{2}$$

$$> 0$$

$$(1.4)$$

since  $h(x^{(i)}) \in (0,1), \forall i \in \{1,2,...,m\}$ . By the definition of positive matrix, we know that  $z^T H z \ge 0$  holds true.

#### 1.2

Coding Problem. See related source code.

#### 1.3

By Beyesian formula,

$$P(y = 1|x; \Theta)$$

$$= \frac{P(x|y=1;\mu_{1},\Sigma)P(y=1;\phi)}{P(x|y=1;\mu_{1},\Sigma)P(y=1;\phi) + P(x|y=0;\mu_{0},\Sigma)P(y=0;\phi)}$$

$$= \frac{\phi exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_{1})^{T}\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{1})\right\}}{\phi exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_{1})^{T}\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{1})\right\} + (1-\phi)exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_{0})^{T}\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{0})\right\}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-\phi}{\phi}exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}[(x-\mu_{0})^{T}\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{0}) - (x-\mu_{1})^{T}\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{1})]\right\}}$$
(1.5)

Let  $\theta = \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_0)$ ,  $\theta_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1) + \log(\frac{\phi}{1 - \phi})$ . Then the posterior distribution can be written as the format of logistic regres-

sion:

$$p(y = 1|x; \Theta) = \frac{1}{1 + exp(-(\theta_0 + \theta^T x))}$$
(1.6)

#### 1.4

The log-likelihood of the data is:

$$l(\Theta) = \log \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; \Theta)$$
 (1.7)

By maximizing  $l(\phi)$  we have:

$$\begin{split} & argmax_{\Theta}l(\Theta) = argmax_{\Theta}log \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; \Theta) \\ &= argmax_{\Theta}log \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \Theta) P(y^{(i)}; \Theta) \\ &= argmax_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [(1-y)log(P(x|y=0; \mu_{0}, \Sigma) + ylog(P(x|y=1; \mu_{1}, \Sigma) + (1-y)log(1-\phi) + ylog(\phi)] \\ &= argmax_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [\frac{-1}{2}(1-y)(x-\mu_{0})^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{0}) + \frac{-1}{2}y(x-\mu_{1})^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu_{1}) + \\ &(1-y)log(1-\phi) + ylog(\phi) - log(|\Sigma|] \end{split}$$

Here  $\Theta = (\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma)$ . We take derivation of the equation above on these component respectively.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{y^{(i)} - 1}{1 - \phi} + \frac{y^{(i)}}{\phi} = 0 \tag{1.9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} I(y^{(i)} = 1)$$
 (1.10)

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu_0} = \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} - 1)(\mu_0 - x^{(i)}) = 0$$
 (1.11)

$$\Rightarrow \mu_0 = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m I(y^{(i)} = 0) x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=0}^m I(y^{(i)} = 0)}$$
(1.12)

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu_1} = \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y^{(i)} - 1)(\mu_1 - x^{(i)}) = 0$$
 (1.13)

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1 = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m I(y^{(i)} = 1)x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=0}^m I(y^{(i)} = 1)}$$
(1.14)

The derivation of  $\Sigma$  is untrivial. For simplicity, we assume that  $\mu_0 = \mu_1 = \mu$ .

$$L(\Sigma) = -\frac{m}{2}log(|\Sigma|) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu)$$
 (1.15)

Then,

$$dL(\Sigma) = d(trL(\Sigma)) = tr\left[-\frac{m}{2|\Sigma|}d|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T}d\Sigma^{-1}(x^{(i)} - \mu)\right]$$

$$= tr\left[-\frac{m}{2|\Sigma|}|\Sigma|tr(\Sigma^{-1}d\Sigma) - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T}(-\Sigma^{-1}d\Sigma\Sigma^{-1})(x^{(i)} - \mu)\right] \quad (1.16)$$

$$= tr\left[\frac{1}{2}(-m\Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m}(x^{(i)} - \mu)(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T}\right]\Sigma^{-1})d\Sigma\right]$$

By  $dL = tr(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma} d\Sigma)$ , we know that:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma} = \frac{1}{2} P^{-1} (m \Sigma^{-1} - \Sigma^{-1} [\sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu)(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T}] \Sigma^{-1}) P$$
 (1.17)

where P is an invertible matrix. To maximize L, take  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}$  as 0:

$$\Rightarrow -m\Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu)(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T} \right] \Sigma^{-1} = 0$$
 (1.18)

$$\Rightarrow -m\Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu)(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T} \right] \Sigma^{-1} = 0$$
 (1.19)

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu)(x^{(i)} - \mu)^{T}$$
 (1.20)

Now, with two groups within which belongs to different gaussian distributions(mean), we have:

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{y^{(i)}=1} (x^{(i)} - \mu_1)(x^{(i)} - \mu_1)^T + \frac{1}{m_0} \sum_{y^{(i)}=0} (x^{(i)} - \mu_0)(x^{(i)} - \mu_0)^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})(x^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}})^T$$
(1.21)

#### 1.5

Coding Problem. See related source code.

#### 1.6

The samples of validation set in dataset 1 and the decision boundaries from logistic regression and GDA are plotted below.

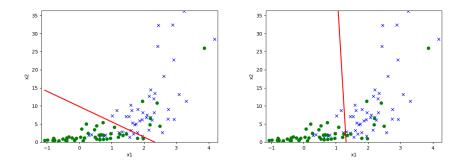


Figure 1.1: Scatter plot of dataset 1 Figure 1.2: Scatter plot of dataset 1 and decision boundary for LR  $\,$  and decision boundary for GDA

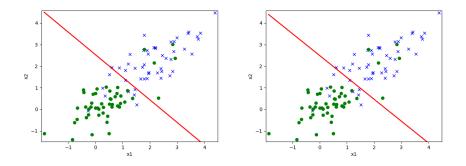


Figure 1.3: Scatter plot of dataset 2 Figure 1.4: Scatter plot of dataset 2 and decision boundary for LR  $\,$  and decision boundary for GDA

## 1.7

The samples of validation set in dataset 1 and the decision boundaries from logistic regression and GDA are plotted above. GDA performs worse on dataset 2 compared with dataset 1. Since GDA holds a stronger assumption that the data is generated by **Gaussian** distributions, it performs not well on non-gaussian data (such as data in set 1).

## 1.8

Observe that all data's  $x^{(2)}$  are non-negative in dataset 1. So we can take log-transformation on  $x^{(2)}$  axis.

# 2 Incomplete, Positive-Only Labels

## 2.1

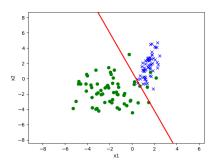


Figure 2.1: fully observed case

2.2

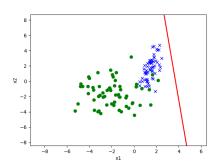


Figure 2.2: naive method on partial labels

2.3

By bayesian formula,

$$P(t^{(i)} = 1|y^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)})$$

$$= \frac{P(y^{(i)} = 1|t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)})P(t^{(i)} = 1|x^{(i)})}{P(y^{(i)} = 1|t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)})P(t^{(i)} = 1|x^{(i)}) + P(y^{(i)} = 1|t^{(i)} = 0, x^{(i)})P(t^{(i)} = 0|x^{(i)})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$$
(2.1)

### 2.4

For points with true labels,

$$P(t^{(i)} = 1|X^{(i)}) = 1 (2.2)$$

$$P(y^{(i)} = 1|X^{(i)})$$

$$= P(y^{(i)} = 1|t^{(i)} = 1, x^{(i)}) + P(y^{(i)} = 1|t^{(i)} = 0, x^{(i)})$$

$$= \alpha + 0 = \alpha$$
(2.3)

For points with false labels,

$$P(t^{(i)} = 1|X^{(i)}) = 0, P(y^{(i)} = 1|X^{(i)}) = 0,$$
 (2.4)

In summary, we have  $P(t^{(i)}=1|X^{(i)}=\frac{1}{\alpha}P(y^{(i)}=1|X^{(i)}$ 

## 2.5

Assume that we have magically obtained a function h(x) that perfectly predicts the value of  $p(y^{(i)} = 1|x^{(i)})$ . That is,  $h(x^{(i)}) = p(y^{(i)} = 1|x^{(i)})$ .

- If  $y^{(i)}=1$ , we have  $h(x^{(i)})=p(y^{(i)}=1|x^{(i)})$  as stated above, then,  $h(x^{(i)})=\alpha$ .
- If  $y^{(i)}=0$ , we still have  $h(x^{(i)})=p(y^{(i)}=1|x^{(i)})$  as stated above, then  $h(x^{(i)})=0$ .

Therefore,  $\alpha = E[h(x^{(i)})|y^{(i)} = 1]$ 

## 2.6

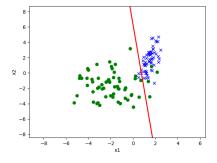


Figure 2.3: naive method on adjusted labels

## 3 Poisson Regression

#### 3.1

The definition of exponential family distribution:

$$p(y;\eta) = b(y)exp\left\{\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)\right\}$$
(3.1)

We can re-write the p.d.f. of poisson distribution:

$$p(y;\eta) = \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} exp \{-\lambda\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{y!} exp \{-\lambda + y \log(\lambda)\}$$
(3.2)

Then b(y) = 1/y!, T(y) = y,  $\eta = log(\lambda)$ ,  $a(\eta) = \lambda = exp(\eta)$ .

## 3.2

Our goal is to predict the expected value of y given x, which means we would like the canonical response function h(x) satisfying h(x) = E[y|x]. Therefore,

$$h(x) = E[y|x] = \lambda = exp(\eta) \tag{3.3}$$

#### 3.3

The natural parameter  $\eta$  and the inputs x are related linearly:  $\eta = \theta^T x$ . So we have:

$$P(y|x;\theta) = \frac{1}{y!} exp \left\{ -\lambda + y log(\lambda) \right\}$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{y!} exp \left\{ -exp(\theta^T x) + y \theta^T x \right\}$  (3.4)

The NLL function:

$$logP = \sum_{i=1}^{m} exp\left\{\theta^{T} x^{(i)}\right\} - y^{(i)} \theta^{T} x^{(i)} + log(y^{(i)})$$
 (3.5)

Maximizing it:

$$\frac{\partial log P}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} [exp \left\{ \theta^{T} x^{(i)} \right\} x^{(i)} - y^{(i)} x^{(i)}]$$
 (3.6)

So the updating rule is:

$$\theta = \theta - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{m} [exp\{\theta^{T}x^{(i)}\} - y^{(i)}]x^{(i)}$$
(3.7)

#### 3.4

Apply poisson regression on dataset provided. Draw scatte plot about true count and predition count by poisson regression.

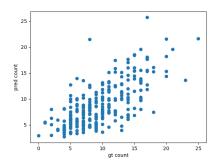


Figure 3.1: true count v.s pred count

## 4 Convexity of Generalized Linear Models

#### 4.1

By the definition of exponential distribution family, we have

$$exp\{a(\eta)\} = b(y)exp\{\eta y\} \tag{4.1}$$

Take derivation on  $\eta$ :

$$exp\left\{ a(\eta)\right\} a^{'}(\eta)=b(y)exp\left\{ \eta y\right\} y \tag{4.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a'(\eta) \int 1 dy = \int y[b(y)exp\{\eta y - a(\eta)\}] dy$$
 (4.3)

$$\Rightarrow a'(\eta) = E[y] \tag{4.4}$$

## 4.2

Similarly,

$$(a^{''}(\eta) + a^{'}(\eta)^{2})exp\{a(\eta)\} = b(y)exp\{\eta y\}y^{2}$$
 (4.5)

$$\Rightarrow a^{''}(\eta) \int 1 dy = \int y^{2} [b(y) exp \{ \eta y - a(\eta) \}] dy - a^{'}(\eta)^{2} \int 1 dy$$
 (4.6)

$$\Rightarrow a^{''}(\eta) = E[y^2] - E^2[y] = Var[y]$$
 (4.7)

## 4.3

Write out the NLL function:

$$l(\eta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} log P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} a(\theta^{T} x^{(i)}) - \theta^{T} x^{(i)} y^{(i)} - log(b(y^{(i)}))$$
(4.8)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} = \sum_{i=1}^m a''(\theta^T x^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} x_k^{(i)}$$
(4.9)

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\theta} l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} a''(\theta^{T} x^{(i)}) x^{(i)} x^{(i)^{T}}$$
(4.10)

By proved above,  $a''(\theta x^{(i)}) = Var[y^{(i)}] \ge 0$ . Thus

$$\Rightarrow z^{T} \nabla_{\theta} z l(\theta) = z^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{m} a''(\theta^{T} x^{(i)}) x^{(i)} x^{(i)^{T}} z$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} a''(\theta^{T} x^{(i)}) (z_{j} x_{j}^{(i)}) (z_{k} x_{k}^{(i)})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} a''(\theta^{T} x^{(i)}) (\sum_{j=1}^{n} z_{j} x_{j}^{(i)})^{2} \ge 0$$

$$(4.11)$$

So  $\nabla_{\theta} l(\theta)$  is PSD matrix.

## 5 Locally Weighted Linear Regression

#### 5.1

#### 5.1.1

By the definition of matrix quadratic form, we have:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} w^{(i)} (\theta^{T} x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^{2} = (X\theta - Y)^{T} W (X\theta - Y)$$
 (5.1)

#### 5.1.2

$$\nabla J(\theta) = 2X^T W X \theta - 2X^T W y = 0 \tag{5.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^T W X \theta = X^T W y \tag{5.3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W y \tag{5.4}$$

#### 5.1.3

Write out the NLL function:

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{m} -\log(\sigma^{(i)} - \frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^{T} x^{(i)})^{2}}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^{2}}$$
 (5.5)

Since  $\sigma^{(i)}$ 's are constant, we have:

$$argminL = argmin \sum_{i=1}^{m} -\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^{T} x^{(i)})^{2}}{2(\sigma^{(i)})^{2}}$$
$$= argmin(Y - X\theta)^{T} W(Y - X\theta)$$
(5.6)

where 
$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1/(\sigma^{(1)})^2 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ & \ddots & 1/(\sigma^{(2)})^2 & \cdots & \cdots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & \cdots & \cdots & 1/(\sigma^{(m)})^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 5.2

The results of model with  $\tau=0.5$  are plotted below: The MSE value on validation set is 0.293 and the data seems to be under-fitting.

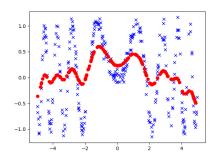


Figure 5.1: Prediction result ( $\tau = 0.5$ )

## 5.3

We will now tune the hyperparameter  $\tau$ . The MLE results are shown as below. The best  $\tau$  on validation set is 0.1. And the model with this tau gets 0.167 MSE

Table 5.1: MSE results of different  $\tau$ 's

au	MSE
0.03	0.369
0.05	0.038
0.1	0.136
0.5	0.293
1.0	0.396
10.0	0.438

value on test set.

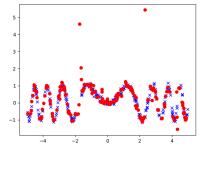
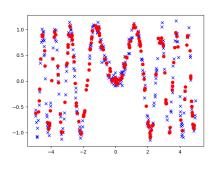


Figure 5.2:  $\tau = 0.03$ 

Figure 5.3:  $\tau = 0.05$ 



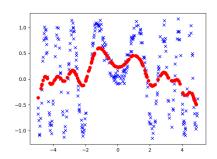
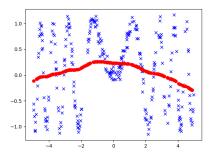


Figure 5.4:  $\tau = 0.1$ 

Figure 5.5:  $\tau = 0.5$ 



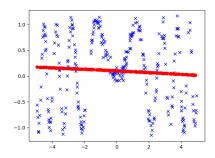


Figure 5.6:  $\tau = 1.0$ 

Figure 5.7:  $\tau = 10.0$