ENGR 421/DASC 521: Introduction to Machine Learning

Homework 2: Discrimination by Regression Deadline: March 26, 2025, 11:59 PM

In this homework, you will implement a discrimination by regression algorithm for multiclass classification using Python. Here are the steps you need to follow:

- 1. Your discrimination by regression algorithm will be developed using the following modifications to the linear discrimination algorithm with the softmax function we discussed in the lectures.
 - a. Instead of the softmax function, you are going to use K sigmoid functions to generate \hat{y}_{ic} values. Please note that, in such a case, the summation of \hat{y}_{ic} values is not guaranteed to be 1. However, you are going to pick the largest value to predict the class label.
 - b. Instead of minimizing the negative log-likelihood (i.e., $-\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{c=1}^{K}y_{ic}\log(\hat{y}_{ic})$), you are going to use the sum squared errors as the error function to minimize (i.e., $0.5\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{c=1}^{K}(y_{ic}-\hat{y}_{ic})^2$). Please note that you need to find the correct update equations for this modified model.
- 2. You are given a multivariate classification data set, which contains 70000 clothing images of size 28 pixels × 28 pixels (i.e., 784 pixels). These images are from ten distinct classes, namely, t-shirt/top, trouser, pullover, dress, coat, sandal, shirt, sneaker, bag, and ankle boot. You are given two data files:
 - a. fashionmnist_data_points.csv: clothing images,
 - b. fashionmnist_class_labels.csv: corresponding class labels.
- 3. Divide the data set into two parts by assigning the first 60000 images to the training set and the remaining 10000 images to the test set. (10 points)
- 4. Implement a sigmoid function that calculates K sigmoid outputs for the given data points using the model parameters. (10 points)
- 5. Implement a one-hot encoding function that converts the given class labels into binary vectors of size K. (10 points)
- 6. Implement two gradient functions that calculates the partial derivatives of the error function with respect to the model parameters. (20 points)
- 7. Implement the discrimination by regression algorithm using the implemented sigmoid and gradient functions. (30 points)

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8. Calculate the predicted class labels for the data points in your training and test sets using the learned model parameters. (10 points)

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y_hat_train = calculate_predicted_class_labels(X_train, W, w0)
print(y_hat_train)
y_hat_test = calculate_predicted_class_labels(X_test, W, w0)
print(y_hat_test)

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9. Calculate the confusion matrices for the data points in your training and test sets using the true and predicted class labels. (10 points)

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confusion_train = calculate_confusion_matrix(y_train, y_hat_train)
print(confusion_train)
confusion_test = calculate_confusion_matrix(y_test, y_hat_test)
print(confusion_test)
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What to submit: You need to submit your source code in a single file (.py file). You are provided with a template file named as 0099999.py, where 99999 should be replaced with your 5-digit student number. You are allowed to change the template file between the following lines.

- # your implementation starts below
- # your implementation ends above

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