

# HOMework 3 CLASSIFICATION AND REGRESSION<sup>1</sup>

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Homework 3 covers topics on decision trees,  $k$ -NN, perceptron, and linear regression, and gradient descent. The homework includes multiple choice, True/False, and short answer questions. The total number of points is 103.

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## Instructions for Specific Problem Types

For “Select One” questions, please fill in the appropriate bubble completely:

**Select One:** Who taught this course?

- ☒ Matt Gormley
- ☐ Marie Curie
- ☐ Noam Chomsky

If you need to change your answer, you may cross out the previous answer and bubble in the new answer:

**Select One:** Who taught this course?

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- ☒ Noam Chomsky

For “Select all that apply” questions, please fill in all appropriate squares completely:

**Select all that apply:** Which are scientists?

- ☐ Stephen Hawking
- ☒ Albert Einstein
- ☐ Isaac Newton
- ☐ None of the above

Again, if you need to change your answer, you may cross out the previous answer(s) and bubble in the new answer(s):

**Select all that apply:** Which are scientists?

- ☒ Stephen Hawking
- ☒ Albert Einstein
- ☒ Isaac Newton
- ☒ I don't know

For questions where you must fill in a blank, please make sure your final answer is fully included in the given space. You may cross out answers or parts of answers, but the final answer must still be within the given space.

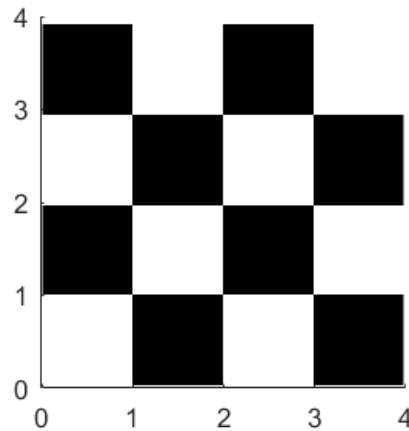
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## 1 Decision Tree (Revisited)

1. (2 points) Consider the following  $4 \times 4$  checkerboard pattern.

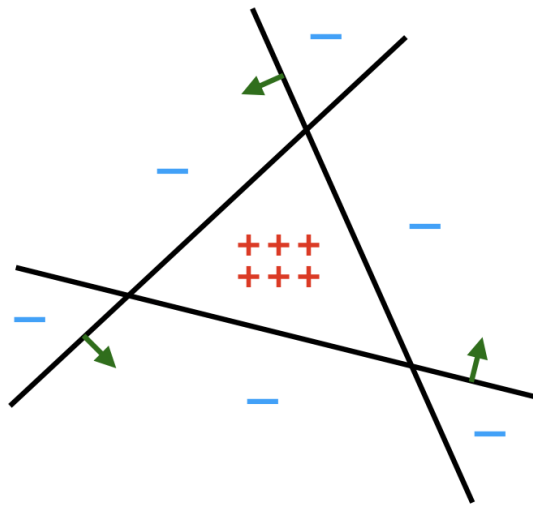


- (a) (1 point) What is the minimum depth of decision tree that perfectly classifies the  $4 \times 4$  colored regions, using  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates as separate features (how you use each of them is up to you)?
- ☐ 1
- ☒ 2
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 16
- (b) (1 point) What is the minimum depth of decision trees to perfectly classify the colored regions, using ANY features?
- ☒ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 16

2. (3 points) **Ensemble of Decision Tree.** Say we have a data set shown below. In total, there are 12 data points, with 6 in label "-" and 6 in label "+". We would like to use Decision Tree to solve this binary classification problem. However, in our problem setting, each Decision Tree has access to only ONE line. That is to say, our Decision Tree would have access to only one attribute, and so has max-depth of 1.

By accessing this line, the Decision Tree could know (and only know) whether the data point is on the right side of this line or the left side. (Unofficial definition: let's assume the right side of a line shares the same direction with the **green** normal vector of that line.)

Finally, please use majority vote strategy to make classification decision at each leaf.



- (a) (1 point) If we train only one Decision Tree, what is the best/lowest error rate? Note that we have in total 12 data points. (Please round to 4 decimal.)

Best/Lowest Error Rate
0.25

- (b) (1 point) If we could use two Decision Trees, what is the best/lowest error rate? Let's say, if we have two Decision Trees, then each would predict each data point with label like '+' or '-'. Then we would like to combine these predictions as the final result. If these two all predict '+', then the result is '+'. The same with '-'. However, if one predicts '+' while one predicts '-', then to break tie, we always choose '-' as the final result. (Please round to 4 decimal.)

Best/Lowest Error Rate
0.0833

- (c) (1 point) Now let's train three Decision Trees as a forest, what is the best/lowest error rate? The ensemble strategy is now unanimous voting. That is, if every Decision Tree agree, then the final result is positive. However, if one of them has a different answer from the other two, then we predict negative. That means, we train each DT individually, with each DT choose one unique line as its decision boundary. Each DT would try its best to achieve high accuracy. And, next, if all DTs agrees, then it will give positive label. (Please round to 4 decimal.)

Best/Lowest Error Rate
0.0000

3. (2 points) Consider a binary classification problem using 1-nearest neighbors. We have  $N$  1-dimensional training points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  and corresponding labels  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$  with  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Assume the points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  are in ascending order by value. If there are ties during the 1-NN algorithm, we break ties by choosing the label corresponding to the  $x_i$  with lower value. Assume we are using the Euclidean distance metric. Is it possible to build a decision tree where the decision at each node takes the form of " $x \leq t$  or  $x > t$ ", where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  behaves exactly the same as the 1-nearest neighbor classifier?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If your answer is yes, please explain how you will construct the decision tree. If your answer is no, explain why it's not possible.

Your answer:

Since the data points are 1-dimensional, they lie on a straight line (in this case the real line). The decision boundaries are the middle of two consecutive samples and decision boundary itself bears the label of the sample to its left (i.e. the smaller sample).

Since the samples are ordered the decision tree is constructed as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(-\inf, \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}] \rightarrow y_1 & (\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{x_2 + x_3}{2}] \rightarrow y_2 \\
 &(\frac{x_{N-2} + x_{N-1}}{2}, \frac{x_{N-1} + x_N}{2}] \rightarrow y_{N-1} & (\frac{x_{N-1} + x_N}{2}, \inf) \rightarrow y_N
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the graph below analyzing the size of tree vs. accuracy for a decision tree which has been pruned back to the red line.

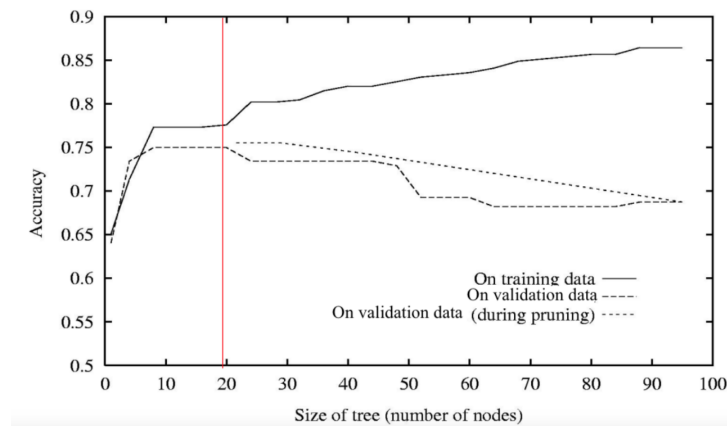


Figure 1.1: Pruned decision tree

4. (3 points) Refer to Figure 1.1. Let's say that we have a third dataset  $D_{new}$  (from the same data distribution), which is not used for training or pruning.

If we evaluate this new dataset, approximately what is the accuracy when the size of the tree is at 25 nodes, and why? Select one.

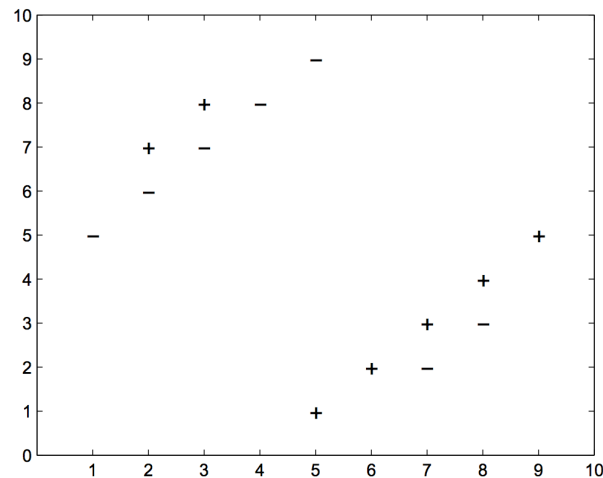
**Select one:**

- ☒ Around 0.76 (slightly higher than the accuracy for validation data at 25 nodes)
  - ☐ Around 0.73 (the same as the accuracy for validation data at 25 nodes)
  - ☐ Around 0.70 (slightly lower than the accuracy for validation data at 25 nodes)
  - ☐ None of the above
5. (3 points) Which of the following gives us the best approximation of the true error?
- ☐ Line corresponding to training data
  - ☐ Line corresponding to validation data
  - ☒ Line corresponding to new dataset  $D_{new}$
6. (3 points) Which of the following are valid ways to avoid overfitting? Select all that apply.

**Select all that apply:**

- ☐ Decrease the training set size.
- ☒ Set a threshold for a minimum number of samples required to split at an internal node.
- ☒ Prune the tree so that cross-validation error is minimal.
- ☐ Maximize the tree depth.

## 2 $k$ -Nearest Neighbors

Figure 2.1:  $k$ -NN Dataset

1. (3 points) Consider a  $k$ -nearest neighbors ( $k$ -NN) binary classifier which assigns the class of a test point to be the class of the majority of the  $k$ -nearest neighbors, according to a Euclidean distance metric. Using Figure 2.1 shown above to train the classifier and choosing  $k = 5$ , which is the classification error on the training set? Assume that a point can be its own neighbor.

Answer as a decimal with precision 4, e.g. (6.051, 0.1230, 1.234e+7)

Your answer:

0.2857

2. (3 points) Again using Figure 2.1, what is the value of  $k$  that minimizes the training error? Note that a point can be its own neighbor. Let's assume we use break ties by selecting one of the labels uniformly at random.

Your answer:

1

3. (2 points) Let's say that we have a new test point (not present in our training data)  $\mathbf{x}^{\text{new}} = [3, 9]^T$  that we would like to apply our  $k$ -NN classifier to, as seen in figure 2.2.

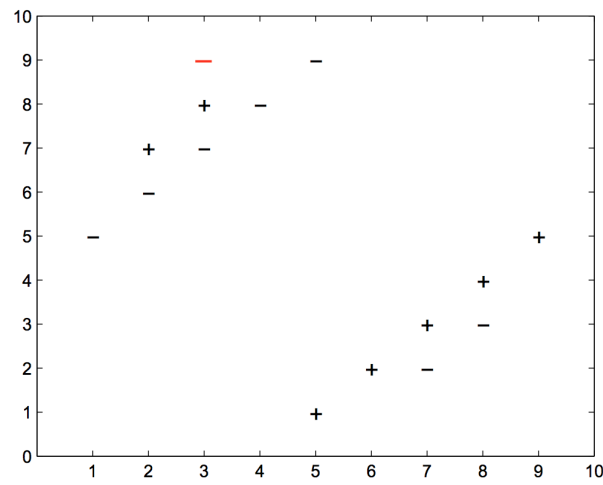


Figure 2.2: k-NN Dataset with Test Point

For which values of  $k$  is this test point correctly classified by the  $k$ -NN algorithm?

**Select all that apply:**

☐  $k = 1$

☒  $k = 5$

☒  $k = 9$

☐  $k = 11$

4. (3 points) Assume we have a training set and a test set drawn from the same distribution, and we would like to classify points in the test set using a  $k$ -NN classifier.

- (a) (1 point) In order to minimize the classification error on this test set, we should always choose the value of  $k$  which minimizes the training set error.

**Select one:**

☐ True

☒ False



- (b) (2 points) Instead of choosing the hyper-parameters by merely minimizing the training set error, we instead consider splitting the training-all data set into a training and a validation data set, and choose the hyper-parameters that lead to lower validation error. Is choosing hyper-parameters based on validation error better than choosing hyper-parameters based on training error? Justify your opinion with no more than 3 sentences.

**Select one:**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

**Your answer:**

Our end goal is to optimize the performance of our model on previously unseen data. In order to facilitate this, we fine-tune the parameters of our model using data on which it was not trained on. This reduces over-fitting.

- (c) (2 points) Your friend Sally suggests that instead of splitting the training set into separate training and validation sets, we should instead use the test set as the validation data for choosing hyper-parameters. Is this a good idea? Justify your opinion with no more than 3 sentences.

**Select one:**

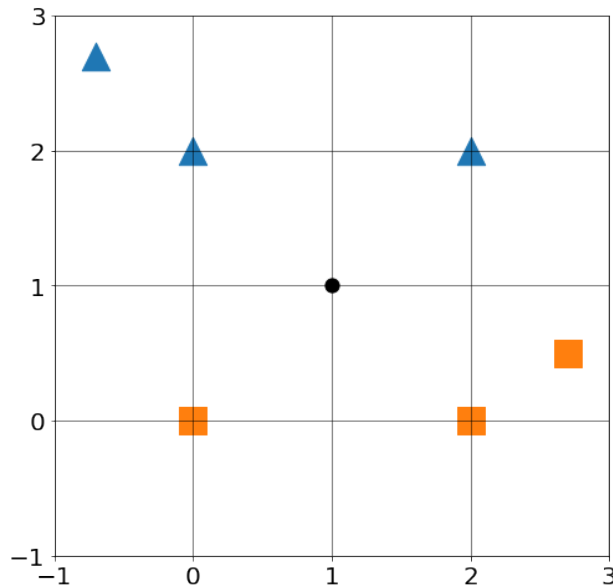
- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

**Your answer:**

By doing so, we will be forced to evaluate the model on data which was used to fine-tune the model. This evaluation is not representative of the model's true performance and yields better metrics than that should be expected from the model.

5. (3 points) Consider a binary  $k$ -NN classifier where  $k = 4$  and the two labels are “triangle” and “square”.

Consider classifying a new point  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 1)$ , where two of the  $\mathbf{x}$ ’s nearest neighbors are labeled “triangle” and two are labeled “square” as shown below.



Which of the following methods can be used to break ties or avoid ties on this dataset?

1. Assign  $\mathbf{x}$  the label of its nearest neighbor
2. Flip a coin to randomly assign a label to  $\mathbf{x}$  (from the labels of its 4 closest points)
3. Use  $k = 3$  instead
4. Use  $k = 5$  instead

Select one:

- ☐ 1 only
- ☐ 2 only
- ☐ 2, 3, 4
- ☒ 2, 4
- ☐ 4 only
- ☐ 1, 2, 3, 4
- ☐ None of the above

6. (2 points) The value of  $k$  in a  $k$ -NN classifier and the size of a tree in a Decision Tree are both factors that affect the degree of overfitting in the respective models. When are these models prone to overfitting?

Select one:

- ☐ Large  $k$ , Large trees  
☒ Small  $k$ , Large trees  
☐ Large  $k$ , Small trees  
☐ Small  $k$ , Small trees
7. (2 points) Consider the following data concerning the relationship between academic performance and salary after graduation. High school GPA and university GPA are two numerical variables (predictors) and salary is the numerical target. Note that salary is measured in thousands of dollars per year.

Student ID	High School GPA	University GPA	Salary
1	2.2	3.4	45
2	3.9	2.9	55
3	3.7	3.6	91
4	4.0	4.0	142
5	2.8	3.5	88
6	3.5	1.0	2600
7	3.8	4.0	163
8	3.1	2.5	67
9	3.5	3.6	unknown

Among Students 1 to 8, who is the nearest neighbor to Student 9, using Euclidean distance?

Answer the Student ID only.

Your answer:

3

8. (3 points) In the data set shown above, our task is to predict the salary Student 9 earns after graduation. We apply  $k$ -NN to this regression problem: the prediction for the numerical target (salary in this example) is equal to the average of salaries for the top  $k$  nearest neighbors.

If  $k = 3$ , what is our prediction for Student 9's salary?

Round your answer to the nearest integer. Be sure to use the same unit of measure (thousands of dollars per year) as the table above.

Your answer:

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9. (3 points) Suppose that the first 8 students shown above are only a subset of your full training data set, which consists of 10,000 students. We apply  $k$ -NN regression using Euclidean distance to this problem and we define training loss on this full data set to be the mean squared error (MSE) of salary.

Now consider the possible consequences of modifying the data in various ways. Which of the following changes **could** have an effect on training loss on the full data set as measured by mean squared error (MSE) of salary?

**Select all that apply:**

- ☒ Rescaling only “High School GPA” to be a percentage of 4.0
- ☒ Rescaling only “University GPA” to be a percentage of 4.0
- ☐ Rescaling both “High School GPA” and “University GPA”, so that each is a percentage of 4.0 (scale by the same percentage).
- ☐ None of the above.

10. (2 points) In this question, we would like to compare the differences among  $k$ -NN, the perceptron algorithm, and linear regression.

**Select all that apply:**

- ☒ For classification tasks, both  $k$ -NN and the perceptron algorithm can have linear decision boundaries.
- ☐ For classification tasks, both  $k$ -NN and the perceptron algorithm always have linear decision boundaries.
- ☒ All three models can be susceptible to overfitting.
- ☐ In all three models, after the training is completed, we must store the training data to make predictions on the test data.
- ☐ None of the above.

11. (3 points) Please select all that apply about  $k$ -NN in the following options.

**Select all that apply:**

- ☒ A larger  $k$  gives a smoother decision boundary.
- ☒ To reduce the impact of noise or outliers in our data, we should increase the value  $k$ .
- ☐ If we make  $k$  too large, we could end up overfitting the data.
- ☒ We can use cross-validation to help us select the value of  $k$ .
- ☐ We should never select the  $k$  that minimizes the error on the validation dataset.
- ☐ None of the above.

### 3 Perceptron

1. (1 point) Consider running the online perceptron algorithm on some sequence of examples  $S$  (an example is a data point and its label). Let  $S'$  be the same set of examples as  $S$ , but presented in a different order.

True or False: the online perceptron algorithm is guaranteed to make the same number of mistakes on  $S$  as it does on  $S'$ .

**Select one:**

☐ True

☒ False

2. (3 points) Suppose we have a perceptron whose inputs are 2-dimensional vectors and each feature vector component is either 0 or 1, i.e.,  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$ . The prediction function  $y = \text{sign}(w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b)$ , and

$$\text{sign}(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following functions can be implemented with the above perceptron? That is, for which of the following functions does there exist a set of parameters  $w, b$  that correctly define the function.

**Select all that apply:**

☒ AND function, i.e., the function that evaluates to 1 if and only if all inputs are 1, and 0 otherwise.

☒ OR function, i.e., the function that evaluates to 1 if and only if at least one of the inputs are 1, and 0 otherwise.

☐ XOR function, i.e., the function that evaluates to 1 if and only if the inputs are not all the same. For example

$$\text{XOR}(1, 0) = 1, \text{ but } \text{XOR}(1, 1) = 0.$$

☐ None of the above.

3. (2 points) Suppose we have a dataset  $\{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $y^{(i)} \in \{+1, -1\}$ . We would like to apply the perceptron algorithm on this dataset. Assume there is no intercept term. How many parameter values is the perceptron algorithm learning?

**Select one:**

☐  $N$

☐  $N \times M$

☒  $M$

4. (2 points) Which of the following are true about the perceptron algorithm?

**Select all that apply:**

- ☐ The number of mistakes the perceptron algorithm makes is proportional to the number of points in the dataset.
- ☐ The perceptron algorithm converges on any dataset.
- ☒ The perceptron algorithm can be used in the context of online learning.
- ☐ For linearly separable data, the perceptron algorithm always finds the separating hyperplane with the largest margin.
- ☐ None of the above.

5. (2 points) The following table shows a data set and the number of times each point is misclassified during a run of the perceptron algorithm. What is the separating plane  $w$  found by the algorithm, i.e.  $w = [b, w_1, w_2, w_3]$ ? Assume that the initial weights are all zero.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y$	Times Misclassified
2	3	1	1	12
2	4	0	1	0
3	1	1	-1	3
1	1	0	-1	6
1	2	1	-1	11

**Select one:**

- ☒  $[-8, -2, 5, -2]$
- ☐  $[5, -3, -11, -1]$
- ☐  $[-4, -6, 3, 9]$
- ☐  $[2, 6, -5, 4]$

6. (3 points) Please select the correct statement(s) about the mistake bound of the perceptron algorithm.

**Select all that apply:**

- ☐ If the minimum distance from any data point to the separating hyperplane is increased, without any other change to the data points, the mistake bound will also increase.
- ☒ If the whole dataset is shifted away from origin, then the mistake bound will also increase.
- ☐ If the size of the data set (i.e., the maximum pair-wise distance between data points) is increased, then the mistake bound will also increase.
- ☐ The mistake bound is linearly inverse-proportional to the minimum distance of any data point to the separating hyperplane of the data.
- ☐ None of the above.

7. (2 points) Given a zero-centered 3-dimensional dataset, the coordinate of the point with the highest L2 norm is  $(2, 2, 2)$ . Assuming that the dataset is linearly separable with margin 2, what is the greatest number of mistakes that Perceptron could make?

Select one:

- ☐ 1  
☐ 2  
☒ 3  
☐ 4

8. (2 points) Suppose we have data whose elements are of the form  $[x_1, x_2]$ , where  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$ . We do not know the label for each element. Suppose the perceptron algorithm starts with  $\theta = [3, 5]$ , which of the following values will  $\theta$  never take on in the process of running the perceptron algorithm on the data?

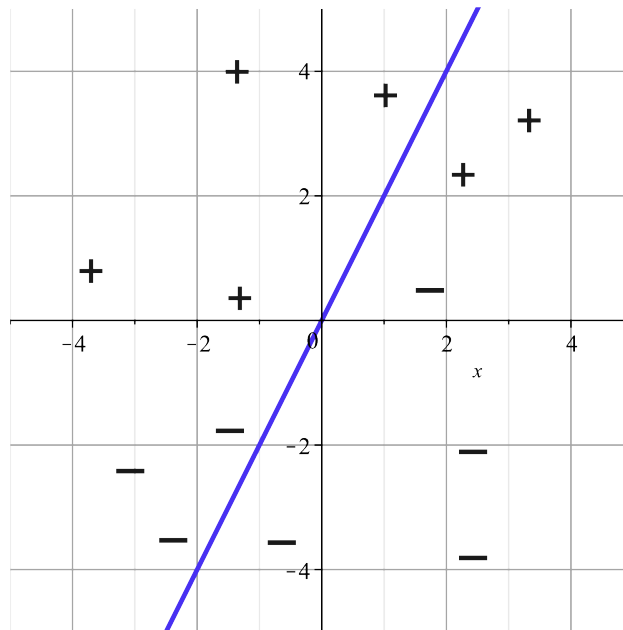
Select one:

- ☐  $[-1, 1]$   
☐  $[4, 6]$   
☐  $[-3, -1]$   
☒  $[5, 5]$

9. (2 points) Consider the linear decision boundary below and the training dataset shown. Which of the following are valid weights  $\theta$  and its corresponding training error? (Note: Assume the decision boundary is fixed and does not change while evaluating training error.)

Select all that apply:

- ☐  $\theta = [2, 1]$ , error = 5/13
- ☒  $\theta = [-2, 1]$ , error = 5/13
- ☒  $\theta = [2, -1]$ , error = 8/13
- ☐  $\theta = [2, -1]$ , error = 5/13
- ☐  $\theta = [-2, 1]$ , error = 8/13
- ☐  $\theta = [-2, -1]$ , error = 8/13





## 4 Linear Regression

1. (4 points) Suppose you have data  $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$  and the solution to linear regression on this data is  $y = w_1x + b_1$ . Now suppose we have the dataset  $(x^{(1)} + \alpha, y^{(1)} + \beta), \dots, (x^{(n)} + \alpha, y^{(n)} + \beta)$  where  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $w_1\alpha \neq \beta$ . The solution to the linear regression on this dataset is  $y = w_2x + b_2$ . Please select the correct statement about  $w_1, w_2, b_1, b_2$  below. Note that the statement should hold no matter what values  $\alpha, \beta$  take on within the specified constraints.

Select one:

- ☐  $w_1 = w_2, b_1 = b_2$   
☐  $w_1 \neq w_2, b_1 = b_2$   
☒  $w_1 = w_2, b_1 \neq b_2$   
☐  $w_1 \neq w_2, b_1 \neq b_2$

2. (4 points) We would like to fit a linear regression estimate to the dataset

$$D = \left\{ \left( \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)} \right), \left( \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)} \right), \dots, \left( \mathbf{x}^{(N)}, y^{(N)} \right) \right\}$$

with  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^M$  by minimizing the ordinary least square (OLS) objective function:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^M w_j x_j^{(i)} \right)^2$$

Specifically, we solve for each coefficient  $w_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq M$ ) by deriving an expression of  $w_k$  from the critical point  $\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_k} = 0$ . What is the expression for each  $w_k$  in terms of the dataset  $(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(N)}, y^{(N)})$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_{k-1}, w_{k+1}, \dots, w_M$ ?

Select one:

- ☒  $w_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_k^{(i)} (y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^M w_j x_j^{(i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_k^{(i)})^2}$   
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3. (3 points) Continuing from the above question, how many coefficients do you need to estimate? When solving for these coefficients, how many equations do you have?

Select one:

- ☐  $N$  coefficients,  $M$  equations  
☐  $M$  coefficients,  $N$  equations  
☒  $M$  coefficients,  $M$  equations  
☐  $N$  coefficients,  $N$  equations

4. (3 points) Consider the following 3 data points for linear regression:  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = [0, 1, 2]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = [1, 0, 2]^T$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{(3)} = [2, 1, 0]^T$ . The corresponding  $y$  values are  $y^{(1)} = 3$ ,  $y^{(2)} = 6$ ,  $y^{(3)} = 9$ .

Assume the intercept to be 0. Find the weights  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3]^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that the mean squared error  $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is minimized on this training set.  $\mathbf{X}$  is the design matrix where  $\mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}$ .

$\theta_1$ :	$\theta_2$ :	$\theta_3$ :
4	1	1

5. (2 points) Assume that a data set has  $M$  data points and  $N$  variables, where  $M > N$ . Different loss functions would return the same sets of solutions as long as they are convex.

Select one:

- ☐ True  
☒ False

6. (2 points) Suppose we are working with datasets where the number of features is 3. The optimal solution for linear regression is always unique regardless of the number of data points that are in this dataset.

Select one:

- ☐ True  
☒ False

7. (1 point) Consider the following dataset:

$x_1$	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
$x_2$	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0
$y$	4.0	7.0	8.0	11.0	17.0

We want to carry out a multiple-linear regression between  $y$  (dependent variable) and  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  (independent variables). The closed-form solution given by  $\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$  will return the unique solution.

Note: The  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $\mathbf{X}$  contains the  $i^{\text{th}}$  data point  $(x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)})$  while the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $\mathbf{Y}$  contains the  $i^{\text{th}}$  data point  $y^{(i)}$ .

Select one:

☐ True

☒ False

8. (3 points) Order the following different formulations of the regression cost function according to sensitivity to outliers from the most sensitive to the least sensitive.

1.  $J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_i |(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^T \mathbf{w} - y^{(i)}|^2$

2.  $J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_i |(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^T \mathbf{w} - y^{(i)}|^4$

3.  $J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_i |(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^T \mathbf{w} - y^{(i)}|$

Order the cost functions here:

1:

$$\sum_i |(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^T \mathbf{w} - y^{(i)}|^4$$

2:

$$\sum_i |(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^T \mathbf{w} - y^{(i)}|^2$$

3:

$$\sum_i |(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^T \mathbf{w} - y^{(i)}|$$

9. (3 points) Identifying whether a function is a convex function is useful because a convex function's local minimum has the nice property that it has to be the global minimum. Please select all functions below that are convex functions. Note  $\text{dom}(f)$  denotes the domain of the function  $f$ .

**Select all that apply:**

- ☐  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x + 9, \text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}$
- ☒  $f(x) = -\log x, \text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}_{++}$  (the set of positive real numbers)
- ☒  $f(x) = |x|, \text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $f(x) = -x^2, \text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}$
- ☒  $f(x) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2, \text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- ☐ None of the above.

10. (2 points) Typically we can solve linear regression problems in two ways. One is through direct methods, e.g. solving the closed form solution, and the other is through iterative methods (gradient descent). Consider a linear regression on data  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y})$ . We assume each row in  $\mathbf{X}$  denotes one input in the dataset. Please select all correct options.

**Select all that apply:**

- ☐ If the matrix  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  is invertible, the exact solution is always preferred for solving the solution to linear regression as computing matrix inversions and multiplications are fast regardless of the size of the dataset.
- ☐ Assume  $N$  is the number of examples and  $M$  is the number of features. The computational complexity of  $N$  iterations of batch gradient descent is  $\mathcal{O}(MN)$ .
- ☐ The computational complexity of the closed form solution is linear in number of parameters/features.
- ☒ None of the above.

11. (2 points) Consider the following dataset:

x	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
y	3.0	8.0	9.0	12.0	15.0

Let  $x$  be the vector of datapoints and  $y$  be the label vector. Here, we are fitting the data using gradient descent. If we initialize the weight as 2.0 and intercept as 0.0, what is the gradient of the loss function with respect to the weight  $w$ , calculated over all the data points, in the first step of the gradient descent update? Note that we do not introduce any regularization in this problem and our objective function looks like  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (wx_i + b - y_i)^2$ , where  $N$  is the number of data points,  $w$  is the weight, and  $b$  is the intercept. Round to 2 decimal places after the decimal point.

Gradient:
-23.6

12. (4 points) Based on the data of the previous question, please compute the direct solution of the weight and the intercept for the objective function defined in the previous question, rounded to 2 decimal places after the decimal point.

Weight:	Intercept:
2.8	1

13. (2 points) Using the dataset and model given in question 11, perform two steps of batch gradient descent on the data. Fill in the blank with the value of the weight after two steps of batch gradient descent. Let the learning rate be 0.01. Round to 2 decimal places after the decimal point.

Weight:
2.42

14. (2 points) Using the dataset and model given in question 11, which of the following learning rates leads to the most optimal weight and intercept after performing two steps of batch gradient descent? (Hint: The most optimal learned parameters are the parameters that lead to the lowest value of the objective function.)

Select one:

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 0.1
- ☒ 0.01
- ☐ 0.001

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After you have completed all other components of this assignment, report your answers to the collaboration policy questions detailed in the Academic Integrity Policies found [here](#).

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1:

No

2. Did you give any help whatsoever to anyone in solving this assignment? If so, include full details.

2:

No

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3:

No