Assignment 1

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The goal of this assignment is to get you familiar with the basics of decision theory and gradient-based model fitting.

Decision theory [13pts]

One successful use of probabilistic models is for building spam filters, which take in an email and take different actions depending on the likelihood that it's spam.

Imagine you are running an email service. You have a well-calibrated spam classifier that tells you the probability that a particular email is spam:

p(\textnormalspam|\textnormalemail). You have three options for what to do with each email: You can show it to the user, put it in the spam folder, or delete it entirely.

Depending on whether or not the email really is spam, the user will suffer a different amount of wasted time for the different actions we can take,

L(\textnormalaction, \textnormalspam):

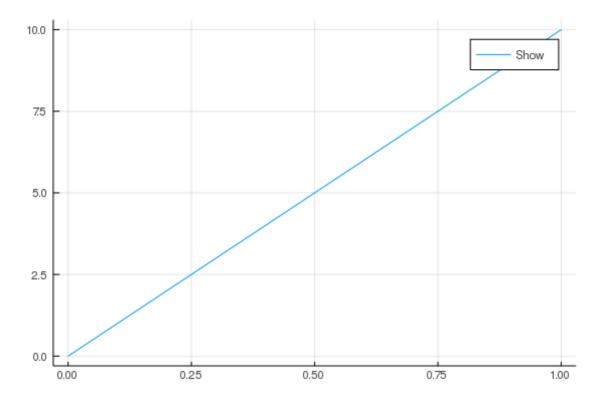
```
\begin{tabular}{c|cc}
Action & Spam & Not spam \\ \hline
Show & 10 & 0 \\
Folder & 1 & 50 \\
Delete & 0 & 200
\end{tabular}
```

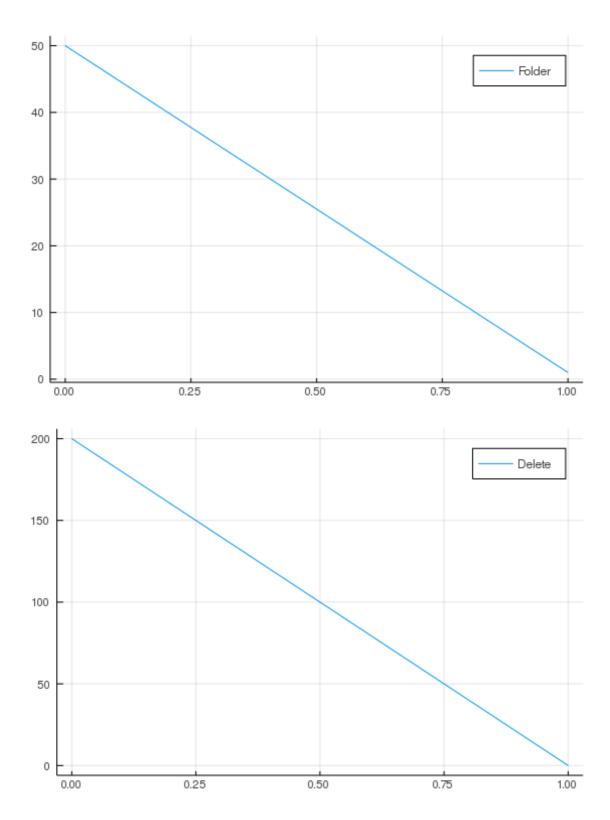
1. [3pts] Plot the expected wasted user time for each of the three possible actions, as a function of the probability of spam: *p*(\textnormalspam|\textnormalemail)

```
using Test
@testset "expected_loss_of_action correct" begin
  n = length(losses)
  @test expected_loss_of_action(0.4, 1) == [4]
  @test expected_loss_of_action([1,0], 2) == [1, 50]
end
```

```
Test Summary: | Pass Total expected_loss_of_action correct | 2 2
```

```
prob_range = range(0., stop=1., length=500)
action_names = ["Show","Folder","Delete"]
# Make plot
using Plots
for action in 1:num_actions
   display(plot(prob_range, expected_loss_of_action(prob_range, action),
   label = action_names[action]))
end
```





2. [2pts] Write a function that computes the optimal action given the probability of spam.

```
function optimal_action(prob_spam)
  #TODO: return best action given the probability of spam.
  # Hint: Julia's findmin function might be helpful.
  return findmin([expected_loss_of_action(prob_spam, action) for action in
  1:num_actions])[2]
end
```

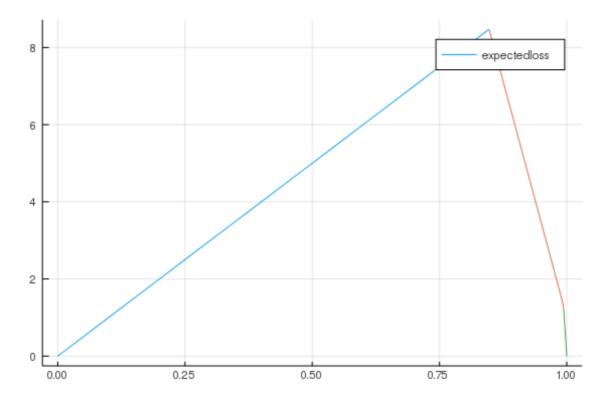
```
using Test
@testset "optimal_action() correct" begin
  @test optimal_action(0.5) == 1
  @test optimal_action(1) == 3
  @test optimal_action(0) == 1
end
```

3. [4pts] Plot the expected loss of the optimal action as a function of the probability of spam.

Color the line according to the optimal action for that probability of spam.

```
prob_range = range(0, stop=1., length=500)
  optimal_losses = []
  optimal_actions = []
  for p in prob_range
     # TODO: Compute the optimal action and its expected loss for
     # probability of spam given by p.
     opt = optimal_action(p)
     append!(optimal_actions, opt)
     append!(optimal_losses, expected_loss_of_action(p, opt))
  end

plot(prob_range, optimal_losses, linecolor=optimal_actions, label = "expectedloss")
```



4. [4pts] For exactly which range of the probabilities of an email being spam should we delete an email?

Find the exact answer by hand using algebra. Given probability of spam $p \in [0,1]$, the expected loss of deleting, foldering and showing such email are respectively 10p, p + 50(1-p), 200(1-p). Making a decision of deletion is equivalent to expected loss of deletion being smaller than expected loss of the other two actions. We have: $200(1-p) \le p + 50(1-p)$ and $200(1-p) \le 10p$, which implies $p \ge \frac{150}{151}$ and $p \ge \frac{20}{21}$. So when $\frac{150}{151} \le p \le 1$, we'll delete the mail.

Regression

Manually Derived Linear Regression [10pts]

Suppose that $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $n \geq m$ and $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and that $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(X^T \beta, \sigma^2 I)$.

In this question you will derive the result that the maximum likelihood estimate $\hat{\beta}$ of β is given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (XX^T)^{-1}XY$$

1. [1pts] What happens if n < m?

In this case $rank(X) = rank(X^T) = n$ so $rank(XX^T) \le n$ but XX^T is $m \times m$ thus not invertible.

2. [2pts] What are the expectation and covariance matrix of $\hat{\beta}$, for a given true value of β ?

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E((XX^T)^{-1}XY) = (XX^T)^{-1}XE(Y) = (XX^T)^{-1}XX^T\beta = I\beta = \beta$$

3. [2pts] Show that maximizing the likelihood is equivalent to minimizing the squared error $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - x_i \beta)^2$. [Hint: Use $\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 = a^T a$]

Since $Y \sim N(X^T \beta, \sigma^2 I)$, we have:

$$L(\beta) = f(Y|X,\beta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\sigma^2 I|^{1/2}} exp(-1/2(Y - X^T \beta)^T (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} (Y - X^T \beta))$$

Since exponential function is increasing, maximizing the likelihood function is equivalent to minimizing $(Y - X^T \beta)^T (Y - X^T \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i \beta)^2$ with respect to β , where x_i is the i^{th} column of X.

4. [2pts] Write the squared error in vector notation, (see above hint), expand the expression, and collect like terms. [Hint: Use $\beta^T x^T y = y^T x \beta$ and $x^T x$ is symmetric]

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - x_i \beta)^2 = (Y - X^T \beta)^T (Y - X^T \beta)$$
 (1)

$$= (Y^T - \beta^T X)(Y - X^T \beta) \tag{2}$$

$$= Y^{T}Y - \beta^{T}XY - Y^{T}X^{T}\beta + \beta^{T}X^{T}X\beta \tag{3}$$

$$= Y^{T}Y - 2Y^{T}X^{T}\beta + \beta^{T}X^{T}X\beta \qquad \text{because } Y^{T}X^{T}\beta \text{ is symmetric} \quad (4)$$

5. [3pts] Use the likelihood expression to write the negative log-likelihood. Write the derivative of the negative log-likelihood with respect to β , set equal to zero, and solve to show the maximum likelihood estimate $\hat{\beta}$ as above.

$$L(\beta) = f(Y|X,\beta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\sigma^2 I|^{1/2}} exp(-1/(2\sigma^2)I(Y^TY - 2\beta^TXY + \beta^TX^TX\beta))$$

We have:

$$l(\beta) = -log(L(\beta)) \tag{5}$$

$$= -\log(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\sigma^2 I|^{1/2}}) - 1/(2\sigma^2)I(Y^T Y - 2\beta^T XY + \beta^T X^T X\beta))$$
 (6)

$$l'(\beta) = -1/(2\sigma^2)(0 - 2XY + (XX^T + (XX^T)^T)\beta)$$
(7)

$$= -1/(2\sigma^2)(-2XY + 2XX^T\beta)$$
 (8)

$$=0$$

$$2XX^T \beta = 2XY \tag{10}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (XX^T)^{-1}XY \tag{11}$$

And $l''(\beta) = -1/(2\sigma^2)(2X^TX) < 0$ so $\hat{\beta}$ indeed is a maximum.

Toy Data [2pts]

For visualization purposes and to minimize computational resources we will work with 1-dimensional toy data.

That is $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ where m = 1.

We will learn models for 3 target functions

- target_f1, linear trend with constant noise.
- o target_f2, linear trend with heteroskedastic noise.
- target f3, non-linear trend with heteroskedastic noise.

using LinearAlgebra

```
function target_f1(x, o_true=0.3)
  noise = randn(size(x))
  y = 2x .+ o_true.*noise
  return vec(y)
end

function target_f2(x)
  noise = randn(size(x))
  y = 2x + norm.(x)*0.3.*noise
  return vec(y)
end

function target_f3(x)
  noise = randn(size(x))
  y = 2x + 5sin.(0.5*x) + norm.(x)*0.3.*noise
  return vec(y)
end
```

```
target_f3 (generic function with 1 method)
```

1. [1pts] Write a function which produces a batch of data $x \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 20)$ and y = target f(x)

```
function sample_batch(target_f, batch_size)
  x = (20*rand(batch_size))'
  y = target_f(x)
  return (x,y)
end
```

```
sample_batch (generic function with 1 method)
```

```
using Test
@testset "sample dimensions are correct" begin

m = 1 # dimensionality
n = 200 # batch-size
for target_f in (target_f1, target_f2, target_f3)
    x,y = sample_batch(target_f,n)
    @test size(x) == (m,n)
    @test size(y) == (n,)
end
end
```

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Test Summary: | Pass Total sample dimensions are correct | 6 6
Test.DefaultTestSet("sample dimensions are correct", Any[], 6, false)
```

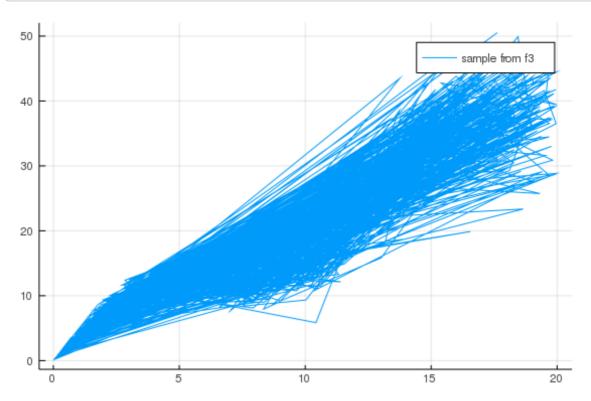
2. [1pts] For all three targets, plot a n=1000 sample of the data. Note: You will use these plots later, in your writeup display once other questions are

complete.

```
using Plots
n = 1000
x1,y1 = sample_batch(target_f1,n)
plot_f1 = plot(x1', y1, label = "sample from f1")

x2,y2 = sample_batch(target_f2,n)
plot_f2 = plot(x2', y2, label = "sample from f2")

x3,y3 = sample_batch(target_f3,n)
plot_f3 = plot(x3', y3, label = "sample from f3")
```



Linear Regression Model with $\hat{\beta}$ MLE [4pts]

1. [2pts] Program the function that computes the the maximum likelihood estimate given X and Y. Use it to compute the estimate $\hat{\beta}$ for a n=1000 sample from each target function.

```
function beta_mle(X,Y)
    beta = inv(X*X')*X*Y
    return beta
    end

using Test
    @testset "beta_mle computes correctly" begin
    X = [3 4]
```

```
Y = [1, 2]
@test beta_mle(X,Y) == [11/25]
end
```

```
Test Summary: | Pass Total
beta_mle computes correctly | 1 1
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```
n=1000 # batch_size

x_1, y_1 = sample_batch(target_f1,n)
β_mle_1 = beta_mle(x_1,y_1)

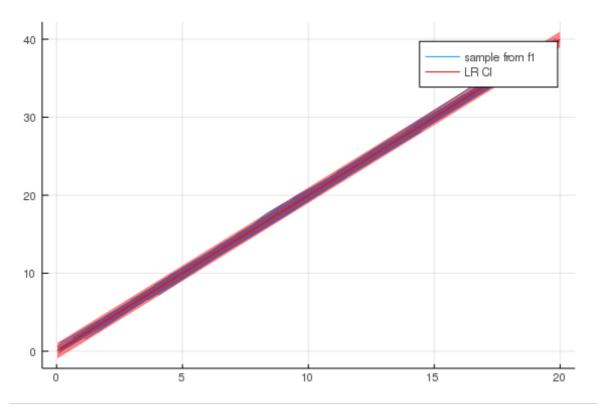
x_2, y_2 = sample_batch(target_f2,n)
β_mle_2 = beta_mle(x_2,y_2)

x_3, y_3 = sample_batch(target_f2,n)
β_mle_3 = sample_batch(target_f3,n)
```

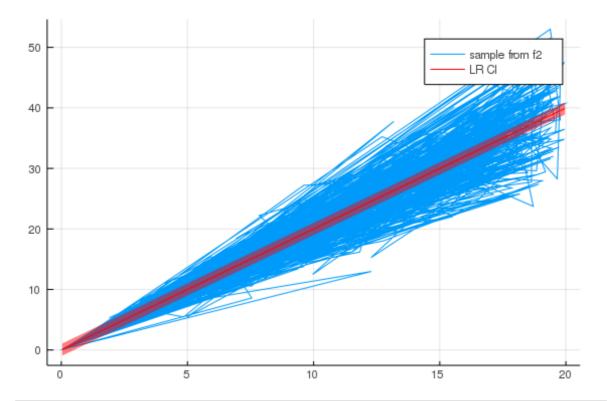
```
([14.260948854266701 10.722549455026424 ... 13.849667628918612 1.7723043000 54 2926], [38.47144209603627, 12.075127609109, 32.103677439234886, 35.053252 32 163048, 54.48153679061453, 8.01851751878531, 20.118763825299354, 14.04295 67 90615733, 9.720755041714336, 29.585363355099066 ... 3.222014625029063, 12 .2 48829815925092, 27.16716340852801, 30.85397211443513, 10.83000418692313, 27 .780332862741847, 33.963594416567844, 11.339237288725244, 30.554740990584 86 , 6.113399697528932])
```

2. [2pts] For each function, plot the linear regression model given by $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(X^T \hat{\beta, \sigma^2} I) \text{ for } \sigma = 1.. \text{ This plot should have the line of best fit given by the maximum likelihood estimate, as well as a shaded region around the line corresponding to plus/minus one standard deviation (i.e. the fixed uncertainty <math>\sigma = 1.0$). Using Plots.jl this shaded uncertainty region can be achieved with the ribbon keyword argument. Display 3 plots, one for each target function, showing samples of data and maximum likelihood estimate linear regression model

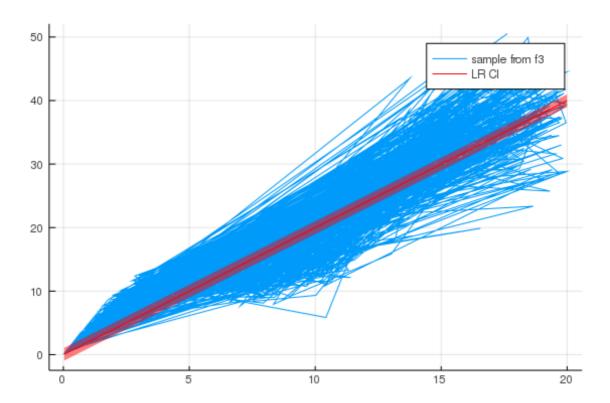
```
sort!(x_1')
plot!(plot_f1, x_1', (x_1)'*β_mle_1,color = "red",ribbon = 1, label = "LR
CI")
```



```
sort!(x2')
plot!(plot_f2, x2', (x2)'*β_mle_1,color = "red",ribbon = 1, label = "LR CI")
```



sort!(x3')
plot!(plot_f3, (x3)', (x3)'*β_mle_1 ,color = "red", ribbon = 1, label = "L
R CI")



Log-likelihood of Data Under Model [6pts]

1. [2pts] Write code for the function that computes the likelihood of x under the Gaussian distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$. For reasons that will be clear later, this function should be able to broadcast to the case where x, μ, σ are all vector valued and return a vector of likelihoods with equivalent length, i.e., $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i)$.

gaussian_log_likelihood (generic function with 1 method)

```
# Test Gaussian likelihood against standard implementation
@testset "Gaussian log likelihood" begin
using Distributions: pdf, Normal
# Scalar mean and variance
x = randn()
μ = randn()
σ = rand()
@test size(gaussian_log_likelihood(μ,σ,x)) == () # Scalar log_likelihood
@test gaussian_log_likelihood.(μ,σ,x) ≈ log.(pdf.(Normal(μ,σ),x)) # Correc
```

```
t Value
# Vector valued x under constant mean and variance
x = randn(100)
\mu = randn()
\sigma = rand()
@test size(gaussian log likelihood.(\mu,\sigma,x)) == (100,) # Vector of log-like
@test gaussian_log_likelihood.(\mu,\sigma,x) \approx log.(pdf.(Normal(\mu,\sigma),x)) # Correc
t Values
# Vector valued x under vector valued mean and variance
x = randn(10)
\mu = randn(10)
\sigma = rand(10)
@test size(gaussian_log_likelihood.(\mu,\sigma,x)) == (10,) # Vector of log-likel
@test gaussian_log_likelihood.(\mu,\sigma,x) \approx log.(pdf.(Normal.(\mu,\sigma),x)) # Corre
ct Values
end
```

```
Test Summary: | Pass Total

Gaussian log likelihood | 6 6

Test.DefaultTestSet("Gaussian log likelihood", Any[], 6, false)
```

2. [2pts] Use your gaussian log-likelihood function to write the code which computes the negative log-likelihood of the target value Y under the model $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(X^T \beta, \sigma^2 * I)$ for a given value of β .

```
function lr_model_nll(β,x,y;σ = 1)
    return -sum(gaussian_log_likelihood.(x'*β, σ, y))
    end
```

```
lr_model_nll (generic function with 1 method)
```

3. [1pts] Use this function to compute and report the negative-log-likelihood of a $n \in \{10, 100, 1000\}$ batch of data under the model with the maximum-likelihood estimate $\hat{\beta}$ and $\sigma \in \{0.1, 0.3, 1., 2.\}$ for each target function.

	10	
	target_f1	
	0.1	
_	Log-Likelihood:	6.148952499748012
Negative	-	-0.38529149271061536
	-	9.396544215505536
	-	16.208496993767056
	target_f2	
		5047.600566641601
	0.3	
	1.0	
Negative		127 . 93116364837448
Negative	Log-Likelihood:	46.20738450813294
	target_f3	
Negative		6268.822163738381
	0.3	
Negative		954 . 5128766044058
Negative	-	110.04274597533399
	2.0	
Negative	Log-Likelihood:	49.63749972540195
	target_f1	
Negotivo	0.1	
negative		369 . 9345827448195
_	Log-Likelihood: 1.0	28.029805589769623
Negative		96.34930732336086
Negative	Log-Likelihood:	162.18528814274373
	target_f2	
	0.1	 69835.4850987314
	0.3	
Negative	-	5502.330626964081
		668.9728226091892
	2.0	
	<pre>Log-Likelihood: target_f3</pre>	314.93945599078467
	0.1	
	Log-Likelihood: 0.3	102503.57895022973
		12825.921110950843
	1.0	

```
Negative Log-Likelihood: 1102.0738150190136
 ----- 2.0 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 440.13565818412553
----- 1000 -----
----- target_f1 -----
----- 0.1 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 3364.0068663156503
----- 0.3 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 235.52988526931057
----- 1.0 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 962.1958699029625
----- 2.0 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 1623.289418676548
----- target_f2 -----
----- 0.1 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 652440.9388845653
----- 0.3 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 68009.12404613444
----- 1.0 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 7043.566193212158
----- 2.0 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 3308.00199662571
 ----- 0.1 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 1.1554648911550445e6
----- 0.3 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 131631.3356157521
Negative Log-Likelihood: 13204.708287004929
----- 2.0 -----
Negative Log-Likelihood: 4607.046543386995
```

4. [1pts] For each target function, what is the best choice of σ ?

Please note that σ and batch-size n are modelling hyperparameters. In the expression of maximum likelihood estimate, σ or n do not appear, and in principle shouldn't affect the final answer. However, in practice these can have significant effect on the numerical stability of the model. Too small values of σ will make data away from the mean very unlikely, which can cause issues with precision. Also, the negative log-likelihood objective involves a sum over the log-likelihoods of each datapoint. This means that with a larger batch-size n, there are more datapoints to sum over, so a larger negative log-likelihood is not necessarily worse. The take-home is that you cannot directly compare the negative log-likelihoods achieved by these models with different hyperparameter settings. The best choice of σ for f_1 is 0.3; The best choice of σ for f_2 is 2.0; The best choice of σ for f_1 is 2.0.

Automatic Differentiation and Maximizing

Likelihood [3pts]

In a previous question you derived the expression for the derivative of the negative log-likelihood with respect to β . We will use that to test the gradients produced by automatic differentiation.

1. [3pts] For a random value of β , σ , and n=100 sample from a target function, use automatic differentiation to compute the derivative of the negative log-likelihood of the sampled data with respect β . Test that this is equivalent to the hand-derived value.

```
using Zygote: gradient
using Test
@testset "Gradients wrt parameter" begin
β_test = randn()

σ_test = rand()
x,y = sample_batch(target_f1,100)
ad_grad = gradient((β -> lr_model_nll(β,x,y;σ = σ_test)), β_test)
hand_derivative = 1/(2*σ_test^2)*(-2*x*y + 2*x*x'*β_test)
@test ad_grad[1] ≈ hand_derivative
end
```

Train Linear Regression Model with Gradient Descent [5pts]

In this question we will compute gradients of of negative log-likelihood with respect to β . We will use gradient descent to find β that maximizes the likelihood.

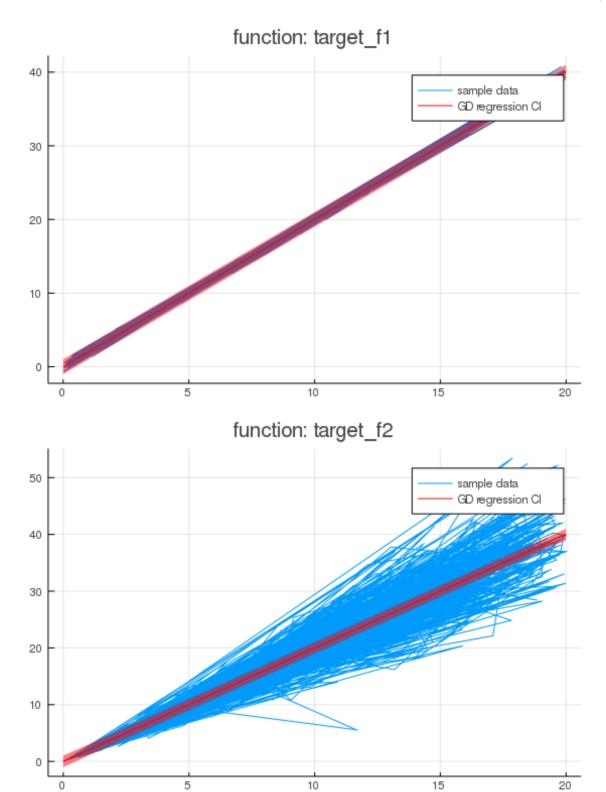
- 1. [3pts] Write a function train_lin_reg that accepts a target function and an initial estimate for β and some hyperparameters for batch-size, model variance, learning rate, and number of iterations. Then, for each iteration:
 - sample data from the target function
 - \circ compute gradients of negative log-likelihood with respect to eta
 - update the estimate of β with gradient descent with specified learning rate

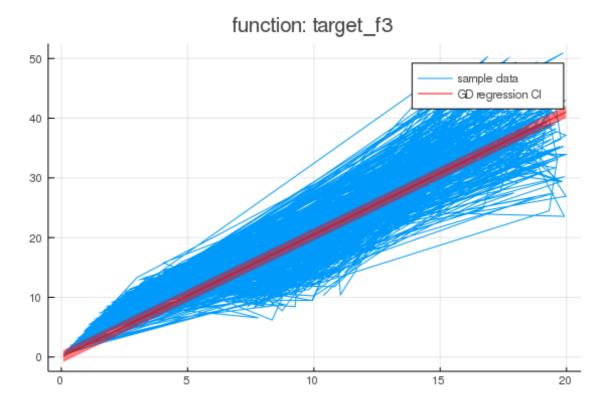
and, after all iterations, returns the final estimate of β .

```
using Logging # Print training progress to REPL, not pdf
function train_lin_reg(target_f, β_init; bs= 100, lr = 1e-6, iters=1000, σ
```

```
train_lin_reg (generic function with 1 method)
```

2. [2pts] For each target function, start with an initial parameter β , learn an estimate for β_{learned} by gradient descent. Then plot a n=1000 sample of the data and the learned linear regression model with shaded region for uncertainty corresponding to plus/minus one standard deviation.





Non-linear Regression with a Neural Network [9pts]

In the previous questions we have considered a linear regression model

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(X^T \beta, \sigma^2)$$

This model specified the mean of the predictive distribution for each datapoint by the product of that datapoint with our parameter.

Now, let us generalize this to consider a model where the mean of the predictive distribution is a non-linear function of each datapoint. We will have our non-linear model be a simple function called neural_net with parameters θ (collection of weights and biases).

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\text{neural}\setminus \text{net}(X, \theta), \sigma^2)$$

1. [3pts] Write the code for a fully-connected neural network (multi-layer perceptron) with one 10-dimensional hidden layer and a tanh nonlinearity. You must write this yourself using only basic operations like matrix multiply and tanh, you may not use layers provided by a library.

This network will output the mean vector, test that it outputs the correct shape for some random parameters.

Neural Network Function
#x:1*n

```
function neural_net(x, \theta)
  W1 = \theta[1]
  b1 = \theta[2]
  W2 = \theta[3]
  b2 = \theta[4]
  H = tanh.(W1*x' + b1)
  return W2*H + b2
end
# Random initial Parameters
n = 100
\theta = [randn(10,n), randn(10,), randn(n,10), randn(n,)]
x,y = sample_batch(target_f1,n)
@testset "neural net mean vector output" begin
x,y = sample_batch(target_f1,n)
\mu = neural net(x, \theta)
\text{@test size}(\mu) == (n,)
end
```

2. [2pts] Write the code that computes the negative log-likelihood for this model where the mean is given by the output of the neural network and $\sigma=1.0$

```
nn_model_nll (generic function with 1 method)
```

- 3. [2pts] Write a function $train_n_reg$ that accepts a target function and an initial estimate for θ and some hyperparameters for batch-size, model variance, learning rate, and number of iterations. Then, for each iteration:
 - sample data from the target function
 - \circ compute gradients of negative log-likelihood with respect to θ
 - \circ update the estimate of θ with gradient descent with specified learning rate

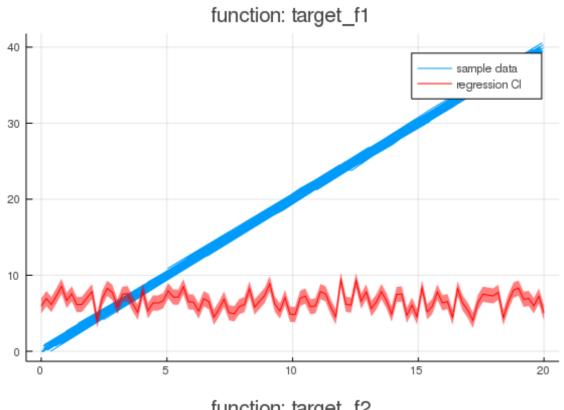
and, after all iterations, returns the final estimate of θ .

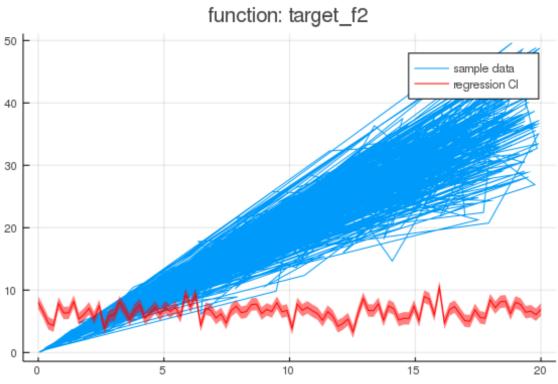
```
θ_curr = θ_init
for i in 1:iters
    x,y = sample_batch(target_f, bs)
    log_loss = nn_model_nll(θ_curr, x, y)
    @info "loss: $log_loss" #TODO: log loss, if you want to montior trai
ning
    grad_θ = gradient((θ -> nn_model_nll(θ,x,y; σ = σ_model)), θ_curr)[1]

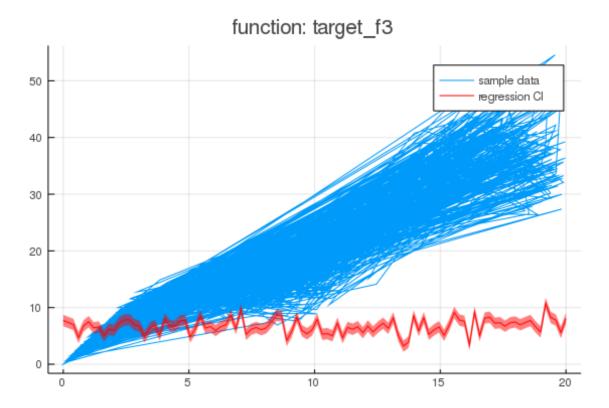
#: compute gradients
for j in 1:4
    θ_curr[j] = θ_curr[j] - lr .* grad_θ[j]#:gradient descent
    end
end
return θ_curr
end
```

```
train_nn_reg (generic function with 1 method)
```

4. [2pts]







Non-linear Regression and Input-dependent Variance with a Neural Network

$$\mu, \log \sigma = \text{neural} \setminus \text{net}(X, \theta)$$

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \exp(\log \sigma)^2)$$

1. [1pts]

```
# Neural Network Function
function neural_net_w_var(x,θ)
  W11 = \theta[1]
  b11 = \theta[2]
  W12 = \theta[3]
  b12 = \theta[4]
  W21 = \theta[5]
  b21 = \theta[6]
  W22 = \theta[7]
  b22 = \theta[8]
  H1 = tanh.(W11*x' + b11)
  \mu hat = W12*H1 + b12
  H2 = tanh.(W21*x' + b21)
  log_\sigma = W22*H2 + b22
  return (μ_hat, log_σ)
end
@testset "neural net mean and logsigma vector output" begin
\theta = [rand(10,n), randn(10,), rand(n,10), randn(n,),
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rand(10,n), randn(10,),rand(n,10),randn(n,)]
x,y = sample_batch(target_f1,n)

μ, logσ = neural_net_w_var(x,θ)
@test size(μ) == (n,)
@test size(logσ) == (n,)
end
```

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Test Summary: | Pass Total neural net mean and logsigma vector output | 2 2 Test.DefaultTestSet("neural net mean and logsigma vector output", Any[], 2, false)
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2. [2pts]

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#input size:θ = [rand(10,n), randn(10,),rand(n,10),randn(n,),
# rand(10,n), randn(10,),rand(n,10),randn(n,)]
#x:1*n
#y:n*1
function nn_with_var_model_nll(θ,x,y)
    μ,log_σ = neural_net_w_var(x, θ)
    σ = exp.(log_σ)
    return -sum(gaussian_log_likelihood.(μ, σ, y))
end
```

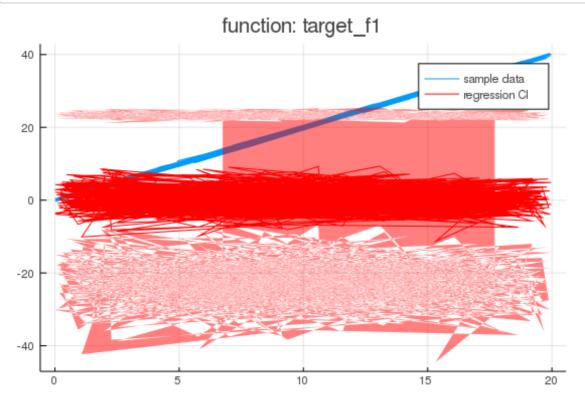
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nn_with_var_model_nll (generic function with 1 method)
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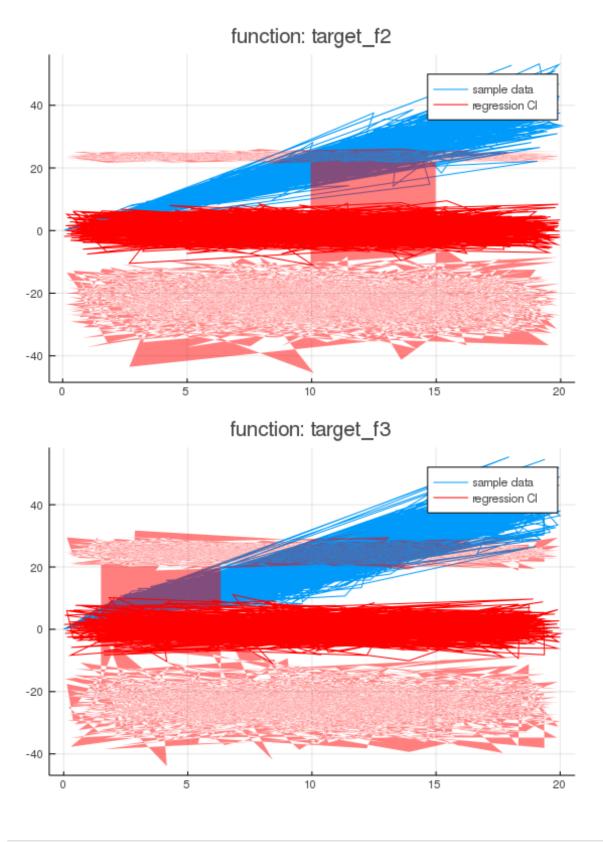
3. [1pts]

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train_nn_w_var_reg (generic function with 1 method)
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4. [4pts]

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N = 1000
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