# DA5401 - Assignment 5

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[1]: # Importing necessary libraries

```
import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
[2]: # Ignoring any warnings that arise
     import warnings
     warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
    First, we download the nursery dataset from the UC Irvine Machine Learning Repository
    (https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/76/nursery).
[3]: # Installing the UCI ML Repository
     !pip install ucimlrepo
    Collecting ucimlrepo
      Downloading ucimlrepo-0.0.7-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (5.5 kB)
    Requirement already satisfied: pandas>=1.0.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
    packages (from ucimlrepo) (2.1.4)
    Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2020.12.5 in
    /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from ucimlrepo) (2024.8.30)
    Requirement already satisfied: numpy<2,>=1.22.4 in
    /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from pandas>=1.0.0->ucimlrepo) (1.26.4)
    Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.8.2 in
    /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from pandas>=1.0.0->ucimlrepo) (2.8.2)
    Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2020.1 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
    packages (from pandas>=1.0.0->ucimlrepo) (2024.1)
    Requirement already satisfied: tzdata>=2022.1 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
    packages (from pandas>=1.0.0->ucimlrepo) (2024.1)
    Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
    packages (from python-dateutil>=2.8.2->pandas>=1.0.0->ucimlrepo) (1.16.0)
```

```
Downloading ucimlrepo-0.0.7-py3-none-any.whl (8.0 kB) Installing collected packages: ucimlrepo Successfully installed ucimlrepo-0.0.7
```

```
[4]: # Loading the nursery dataset

from ucimlrepo import fetch_ucirepo

nursery = fetch_ucirepo(id=76)
df = pd.DataFrame(nursery.data.features) # Features
df["class"] = nursery.data.targets # Label
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[5]: df.head()
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```

In this case, class is the label to be predicted.

## 1 Task 1

We divide the dataset into features X and label y.

```
[6]: # Defining features and label

X = df.drop("class", axis=1)
y = df["class"]
```

We then import the necessary metrics and procedures to evaluate model performance.

```
[7]: # Importing metrics and cross-validation procedure

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_validate
```

We will test the performance of the following models:

1. Decision tree with categorical features

- 2. Decision tree with one-hot encoded features
- 3. Logistic regression with L1-regularization
- 4. k-nearest neighbors

## 1. Decision tree with categorical features

Currently, the features are in the form of strings:

```
[8]: X.head()
[8]:
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         usual
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```

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We use sklearn's LabelEncoder class to convert these categorical features into numbers. It should be noted that these numbers have no numerical significance, they are merely symbols/representations for the categorical features.

```
[9]: # Encoding the categorical features as numbers

from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

le = LabelEncoder()

categorical_X = pd.DataFrame()

for col in X.columns:
    categorical_X[col] = le.fit_transform(X[col])
```

```
[10]: categorical_X.head()
```

[10]:	parents	has_nurs	form	children	housing	finance	social	health
0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
4	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	1

We then divide the transformed dataset into a train dataset and a test dataset with a 80%-20%

split. The train dataset will be used for cross-validation to select the best model hyperparameters.

We import sklearn's DecisionTreeClassifier class and instantiate a model with default hyper-parameters. This is subjected to 3-fold cross-validation and the metrics are reported.

```
[12]: # Importing DecisionTreeClassifier

from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
```

Baseline validation accuracy: 0.9891975308641975 Baseline validation precision: 0.7814036076904091

Our goal is to use hyperparameter tuning to improve the performance. We can see that the accuracy is already fairly high. However, the precision can be improved. Thus, our target metric for improvement is the precision. We will test different combinations of hyperparameters and see which combination achieves the best cross-validation performance. This can be automated using sklearn's GridSearchCV.

```
[14]: # Importing GridSearchCV

from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
```

We wish to optimize the model by fine-tuning the following parameters:

- 1. max\_depth: This is the height of the decision tree. The default value is None and the algorithm allows the tree to grow to the required depth. We will test different depths in the range 1 (a stump) to 25.
- 2. min\_samples\_split: This is the minimum number of samples that must be present in a node in order to split it further. The default value is 2. We will test for higher values 3, 4, 5.
- 3. max\_leaf\_nodes: This is the maximum number of leaf nodes that are allowed to be present in the tree. The default value is None. Assuming the tree will be balanced, we will test different leaf node numbers from  $2^0, 2^1, ..., 2^{10}$ .

4. criterion: This is the criterion used to decide the best split. The default is gini. We will test entropy and log\_loss as well.

```
[15]: # Defining the hyperparameters to be fine-tuned
      decision_tree_param_grid = {"max_depth":list(range(1,25))+[None],
                                  "min samples split": [2,3,4,5],
                                  "max_leaf_nodes":[2**i for i in range(1,10)]+[None],
                                  "criterion":["gini","entropy","log_loss"]}
[16]: # Running GridSearchCV with 3-fold cross-validation
      grid model1 = GridSearchCV(model1, decision_tree_param_grid, cv=3,__
       ⇔scoring="precision_macro",verbose=1)
      grid model1.fit(X train, y train)
     Fitting 3 folds for each of 3000 candidates, totalling 9000 fits
[16]: GridSearchCV(cv=3, estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=5401),
                   param_grid={'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy', 'log_loss'],
                                'max_depth': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
                                             13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,
                                             23, 24, None],
                               'max_leaf_nodes': [2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512,
                                                  None],
                               'min_samples_split': [2, 3, 4, 5]},
                   scoring='precision macro', verbose=1)
[17]: # Obtaining the best hyperparameters
      grid_model1.best_params_
[17]: {'criterion': 'gini',
       'max depth': 12,
       'max_leaf_nodes': 256,
       'min_samples_split': 2}
```

We can see that the "discovered" hyperparameters for max\_depth and max\_leaf\_nodes are different from the default. Let us check the cross-validation performance of the optimized model.

Validation accuracy: 0.9833140432098766 Validation precision: 0.8390314633277068

Although the accuracy has reduced by 0.006, the precision has increased by 0.06. We can now test the improved model on the test set. To understand its performance for different random instantiations, we conduct 5 iterations of training and testing. This gives us the mean and standard deviation of its test performance.

Test accuracy:  $0.9885802469135803 \pm 0.0001890038381777016$ Test precision:  $0.8521414654271455 \pm 0.09505711793829567$ 

We can see that the accuracy and precision on the test set are high. The precision is much better than the baseline model.

#### 2. Decision tree with one-hot encoded features

An alternative approach to encode the categorical features is to use one-hot encoding. We will test if the model's performance improves when this approach is used.

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[20]: X.head()
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[21]: # Implementing one-hot encoding
      one_hot_encoded_X = pd.get_dummies(X)
[22]: one_hot_encoded_X.head()
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1	True	False
2	False	False
3	False	True
4	True	False

[5 rows x 27 columns]

We can evaluate the cross-validation performance of the DecisionTreeClassifier on this transformed data.

```
[23]: # Train-test split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(one_hot_encoded_X, y, u

→test_size=0.2, random_state=5401)
```

Baseline validation accuracy: 0.9915123456790124 Baseline validation precision: 0.9001928978524996

Both the baseline accuracy and precision are higher than when directly encoded data was used. Thus, one-hot encoding seems to be a good strategy. We can now fine-tune the hyperparameters of the model.

Fitting 3 folds for each of 3000 candidates, totalling 9000 fits

```
scoring='precision_macro', verbose=1)
```

```
[26]: # Obtaining the best hyperparameters
     grid_model2.best_params_
[26]: {'criterion': 'gini',
       'max_depth': 14,
       'max_leaf_nodes': None,
       'min_samples_split': 3}
     The optimized hyperparameters for max_depth and min_samples_split are different from the
     default.
[27]: # Evaluating the improved validation performance
     best_performance2 = cross_validate(grid_model2.best_estimator_, X_train,_
       print("Validation accuracy:", best_performance2["test_accuracy"].mean())
     print("Validation precision:", best_performance2["test_precision macro"].mean())
     Validation accuracy: 0.9912229938271605
     Validation precision: 0.9020106781256678
     There is only a moderate increase in performance.
[28]: # Evaluating the average test performance
     np.random.seed(5401)
     model2_accuracies = []
     model2_precisions = []
     for i in range(5):
       best_model2 = DecisionTreeClassifier(**grid_model2.best_params_)
       best_model2.fit(X_train, y_train)
       y_pred2 = best_model2.predict(X_test)
       model2_accuracies.append(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred2))
       model2_precisions.append(precision_score(y_test, y_pred2, average="macro"))
     print(f"Test accuracy: {np.mean(model2_accuracies)} ± {np.
       ⇔std(model2_accuracies)}")
     print(f"Test precision: {np.mean(model2_precisions)} ± {np.
```

Test accuracy:  $0.9954475308641977 \pm 0.0006172839506172866$ Test precision:  $0.989121789811405 \pm 0.000483551407722782$ 

⇔std(model2\_precisions)}")

We can see that the accuracy and precision on the test set are quite high.

#### 3. Logistic regression with L1 regularization

We will use the one-hot encoded data to train a logistic regression model that is subjected to L1 regularization.

```
[29]: # Importing LogisticRegression

from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
```

```
[30]: # Train-test split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(one_hot_encoded_X, y, u

→test_size=0.2, random_state=5401)
```

Baseline validation accuracy: 0.9139660493827161 Baseline validation precision: 0.5943107536319653

The precision in this case is quite poor compared to the DecisionTreeClassifer models. We will fine-tune the regularization parameter for this model in hopes of improving performance. The default value is 1. Smaller values lead to higher regularization.

```
[32]: # Defining the hyperparameter to be fine-tuned

logistic_regression_param_grid = {"C":np.linspace(0,1,100)}
```

```
[33]: # Running GridSearchCV with 3-fold cross-validation

grid_model3 = GridSearchCV(model3, logistic_regression_param_grid, cv=3,

⇒scoring="precision_macro", verbose=1)

grid_model3.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

Fitting 3 folds for each of 100 candidates, totalling 300 fits

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0.75757576, 0.76767677, 0.77777778, 0.78787879, 0.7979798 ,
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0.85858586, 0.86868687, 0.87878788, 0.88888889, 0.8989899 ,
0.90909091, 0.91919192, 0.92929293, 0.93939394, 0.94949495,
0.95959596, 0.96969697, 0.97979798, 0.98989899, 1. ])}
scoring='precision_macro', verbose=1)
```

```
[34]: # Obtaining the best hyperparameter
grid_model3.best_params_
```

[34]: {'C': 0.08080808080808081}

The strength of the regularization is higher than the default.

Validation accuracy: 0.9157986111111112
Validation precision: 0.5955419879006841

There is only marginal improvement in the performance.

```
[36]: # Evaluating the average test performance

model3_accuracies = []
model3_precisions = []

for i in range(5):
    best_model3 = LogisticRegression(penalty="11", ")
    solver="liblinear",**grid_model3.best_params_)
    best_model3.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred3 = best_model3.predict(X_test)
    model3_accuracies.append(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred3))
    model3_precisions.append(precision_score(y_test, y_pred3, average="macro"))

print(f"Test_accuracy: {np.mean(model3_accuracies)} ± {np.
    std(model3_accuracies)}")
```

Test accuracy:  $0.9182098765432098 \pm 0.0$ Test precision:  $0.6891480696421906 \pm 0.0$ 

The test precision is higher than the validation precision. However, this is still worse than the DecisionTreeClassifier. There is no variance in the performance as LogisticRegression is a deterministic model, unlike the DecisionTreeClassifier.

#### k-nearest neighbors

We also test the performance of the KNeighborsClassifier on the one-hot encoded data.

```
[37]: # Importing KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
```

```
[38]: # Train-test split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(one_hot_encoded_X, y,u)

-test_size=0.2, random_state=5401)
```

Baseline validation accuracy: 0.9288194444444445 Baseline validation precision: 0.8067285768776831

The baseline performance is better than LogisticRegression but not as good as DecisionTreeClassifier. We can fine-tune the number of neighbors being used by the algorithm. The default value is 5. We try different number of neighbors up to 100.

```
[40]: # Defining the hyperparameter to be fine-tuned

knn_param_grid = {"n_neighbors":[int(x) for x in np.linspace(0,100,101)]}
```

```
[41]: # Running GridSearchCV with 3-fold cross-validation

grid_model4 = GridSearchCV(model4, knn_param_grid, cv=3,□

⇒scoring="precision_macro",verbose=1)

grid_model4.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

Fitting 3 folds for each of 101 candidates, totalling 303 fits

```
[42]: # Obtaining the best hyperparameter
grid_model4.best_params_
```

[42]: {'n neighbors': 11}

Using 11 neighbors seems to achieve the best performance. This is different from the default value of 5.

Validation accuracy: 0.9556327160493828 Validation precision: 0.8362386377976203

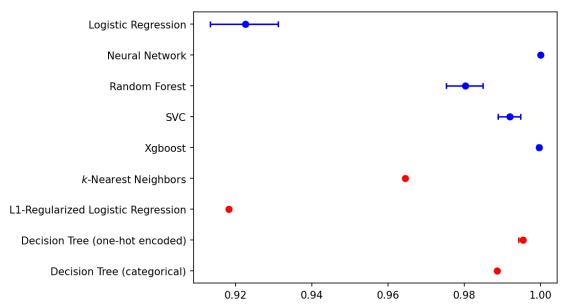
There is some improvement from the baseline performance.

Test accuracy:  $0.9645061728395061 \pm 0.0$ Test precision:  $0.9738101738351427 \pm 0.0$  The performance on the test set is quite good. Again, there is no variance is this is a deterministic model.

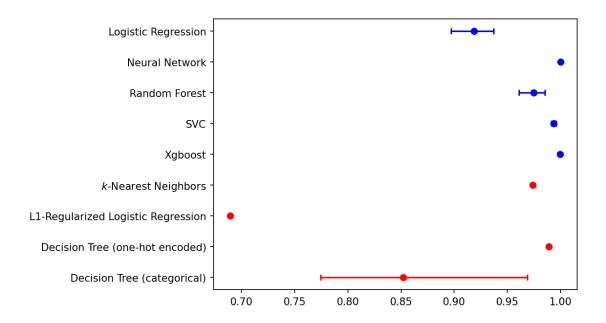
#### Visualizing the metrics

We can visualize the test performance metrics of these new models and compare them with the baseline performance metrics given in the UCI Repository.

```
[45]: # Visualizing the model's accuracies
      plt.figure(dpi=150)
      new_accuracies_mean = {"Decision Tree (categorical)":np.mean(model1_accuracies),
                            "Decision Tree (one-hot encoded)":np.
       →mean(model2_accuracies),
                            "L1-Regularized Logistic Regression":np.
       →mean(model3_accuracies),
                            "$k$-Nearest Neighbors":np.mean(model4 accuracies)}
      new_accuracies_high = {"Decision Tree (categorical)":max(model1_accuracies),
                            "Decision Tree (one-hot encoded)":max(model2 accuracies),
                            "L1-Regularized Logistic Regression":
       →max(model3_accuracies),
                            "$k$-Nearest Neighbors":max(model4_accuracies)}
      new_accuracies_low = {"Decision Tree (categorical)":min(model1_accuracies),
                            "Decision Tree (one-hot encoded)":min(model2_accuracies),
                            "L1-Regularized Logistic Regression":
       →min(model3_accuracies),
                            "$k$-Nearest Neighbors":min(model4_accuracies)}
      plt.scatter(new_accuracies_mean.values(),new_accuracies_mean.keys(),c="r")
      plt.scatter(new_accuracies_high.values(),new_accuracies_high.
       ⇔keys(),c="r",marker="|")
      plt.scatter(new_accuracies_low.values(),new_accuracies_low.
       ⇔keys(),c="r",marker="|")
      for model in new_accuracies_mean.keys():
        values =
       → [new_accuracies_mean[model], new_accuracies_high[model], new_accuracies_low[model]]
       plt.plot(values, [model] *3, c="r")
      existing_baseline_accuracies_mean = {"Xgboost":0.99969, "SVC":0.99198, "Random_
       Grest":0.98025, "Neural Network":1.00, "Logistic Regression":0.92253}
      existing_baseline_accuracies_high = {"Xgboost":1.00, "SVC":0.99475, "Random_
       Grest":0.98488, "Neural Network":1.00, "Logistic Regression":0.93117
      existing_baseline_accuracies_low = {"Xgboost":0.99907, "SVC":0.98889, "Random_
       →Forest":0.97531, "Neural Network":1.00, "Logistic Regression":0.91327}
```



```
new_precisions_low = {"Decision Tree (categorical)":min(model1_precisions),
                      "Decision Tree (one-hot encoded)":min(model2_precisions),
                      "L1-Regularized Logistic Regression":
 →min(model3_precisions),
                      "$k$-Nearest Neighbors":min(model4_precisions)}
plt.scatter(new_precisions_mean.values(),new_precisions_mean.keys(),c="r")
plt.scatter(new precisions high.values(), new precisions high.
 →keys(),c="r",marker="|")
plt.scatter(new_precisions_low.values(),new_precisions_low.
 ⇔keys(),c="r",marker="|")
for model in new_precisions_mean.keys():
 values =
 → [new_precisions_mean[model], new_precisions_high[model], new_precisions_low[model]]
 plt.plot(values, [model] *3, c="r")
existing baseline precisions mean = {"Xgboost":0.99976, "SVC":0.99367, "Random, |
 Grest":0.97473, "Neural Network":1.00, "Logistic Regression":0.91868
existing_baseline_precisions_high = {"Xgboost":1.00, "SVC":0.99595, "Random_
 →Forest":0.98547, "Neural Network":1.00, "Logistic Regression":0.93710}
existing baseline precisions low = {"Xgboost":0.99926, "SVC":0.99120, "Random, |
 ⇔Forest":0.96113,"Neural Network":1.00,"Logistic Regression":0.89713}
plt.scatter(existing_baseline_precisions_mean.
 ⇒values(), existing_baseline_precisions_mean.keys(), c="b")
plt.scatter(existing baseline precisions high.
 avalues(), existing_baseline_precisions_high.keys(), c="b", marker="|")
plt.scatter(existing baseline precisions low.
 -values(),existing_baseline_precisions_low.keys(),c="b",marker="|")
for model in existing_baseline_precisions_mean.keys():
 → [existing_baseline_precisions_mean[model], existing_baseline_precisions_high[model], existing
 plt.plot(values,[model]*3,c="b")
```



The new models do not achieve performance as high as the existing baselines. However, they come quite close to it, especially the DecisionTreeClassifer trained on one-hot encoded data. LogisticRegression with L1-regularization has the worst performance.

## 2 Task 2

#### 1.

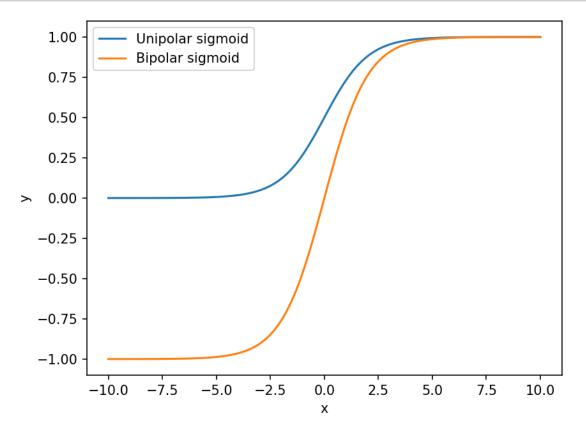
The unipolar sigmoid is given by  $\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$  which has the range [0,1]. Multiplying this by 2 will change the range to [0,2]. Subtracting 1 from this will bring the range to [-1,1]. Thus, the bipolar sigmoid is given by  $\frac{2}{1+e^{-x}}-1=2$ (UnipolarSigmoid) -1.

```
[47]: # Defining the unipolar sigmoid
    def unipolar_sigmoid(x,a=1):
        return 1/(1+np.exp(-a*x))

[48]: # Defining the bipolar sigmoid in terms of the unipolar sigmoid
    def bipolar_sigmoid(x,a=1):
        return 2*unipolar_sigmoid(a*x)-1

[49]: # Visualizing the two sigmoid curves
    x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
    plt.figure(dpi=150)
    plt.plot(x,unipolar_sigmoid(x),label="Unipolar sigmoid")
```

```
plt.plot(x,bipolar_sigmoid(x),label="Bipolar sigmoid")
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("y")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



#### 2.

We then compare the response of the bipolar sigmoid with the hypertangent function.

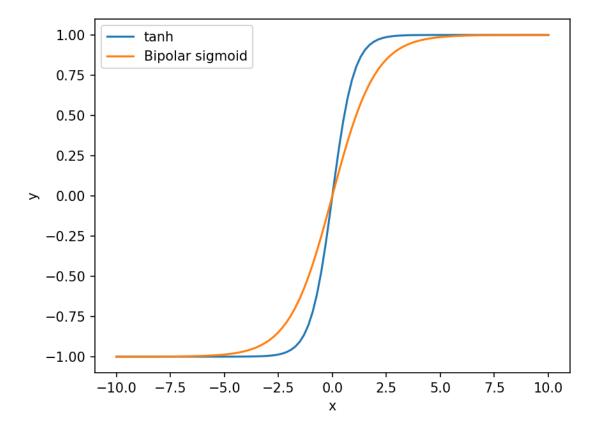
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[50]: # Defining the tanh function

def tanh(x,a=1):
   return np.tanh(a*x)
```

```
[51]: # Visualizing the responses of the bipolar sigmoid and the tanh function

plt.figure(dpi=150)
 plt.plot(x,tanh(x),label="tanh")
 plt.plot(x,bipolar_sigmoid(x),label="Bipolar sigmoid")
 plt.xlabel("x")
 plt.ylabel("y")
```

```
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



Both the functions have similar responses. The tanh function saturates faster than the bipolar sigmoid.

#### 3.

We then evaluate the responses of the two functions for different values of the multiplicative factor a.

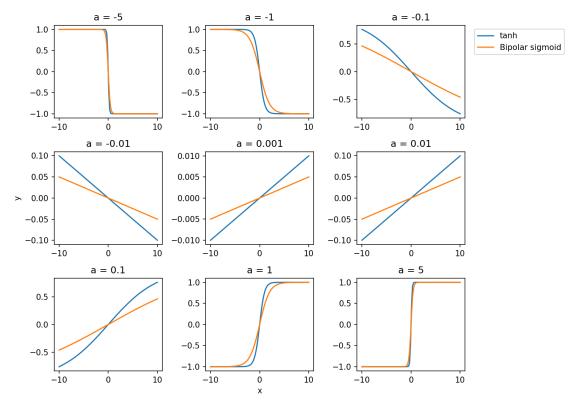
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[52]: # Visualizing the two functions for different values of a

a = [-5, -1, -0.1, -0.01, 0.001, 0.01, 1, 5]

fig, ax = plt.subplots(3,3,dpi=150,figsize=(10,7))

for i in range(3):
    for j in range(3):
        ax[i,j].plot(x,tanh(x,a=a[i*3+j]),label="tanh")
        ax[i,j].plot(x,bipolar_sigmoid(x,a=a[i*3+j]),label="Bipolar sigmoid")
        ax[i,j].set_title(f"a = {a[i*3+j]}")
```

```
ax[2,1].set_xlabel("x")
ax[1,0].set_ylabel("y")
ax[0,2].legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.05,1))
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



We can see that when |a| is small, the functions are highly linear for  $x \in [-10, 10]$ . As |a| increases, the sigmoidal behaviour emerges.

#### 4.

To evaluate the range of values of x for which the bipolar sigmoid has a linear response, we find those points at which  $f'(x) \approx f'(0)$ , within some tolerance. We can do this because the linear range will be symmetric about x=0. The first derivative of the bipolar sigmoid can be computed to be  $\frac{ae^{-ax}}{(e^{-ax}+1)^2}$ .

```
[53]: # Defining the first derivative of the bipolar sigmoid

def first_derivative(x,a):
    return np.round((a*np.exp(-a*x))/(np.exp(-a*x)+1)**2,4)
```

```
[54]: # Obtaining the linear range for different values of a based on the strategy.
      \hookrightarrow described above
     linear ranges = dict()
     for a_val in [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5]:
       derivative_at_zero = first_derivative(0,a_val)
       tolerance = a val/10 # Tolerance for comparing first derivative at x and at_{11}
      →0
       linear_range = 0
       i = -5
       linear_ranges[a_val] = i
       while abs(first_derivative(2**i,a_val) - derivative_at_zero) <= tolerance:</pre>
         linear ranges[a val] = i
         i += 0.5
     all_linear_ranges = {a_val:
      ranges = pd.DataFrame(all_linear_ranges).T
     ranges.columns = ["Lower bound", "Upper bound"]
     ranges
```

```
[54]:
            Lower bound Upper bound
     -5.000
              -0.250000
                           0.250000
     -1.000
              -1.414214
                            1.414214
     -0.100 -11.313708
                         11.313708
     -0.010 -128.000000
                        128.000000
      0.001 -2048.000000 2048.000000
                        128.000000
      0.010 -128.000000
      0.100 -11.313708 11.313708
      1.000
              -1.414214
                           1.414214
      5.000
              -0.250000
                          0.250000
```

We can see that as |a| decreases, the linear range increases.

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(3,3,dpi=150,figsize=(10,7))

for i in range(3):
    for j in range(3):
        upper_bound = linear_ranges[abs(a[i*3+j])]
        x = np.linspace(-2**(upper_bound+2),2**(upper_bound+2),1000)
        ax[i,j].plot(x,bipolar_sigmoid(x,a=a[i*3+j]))
        ax[i,j].axvline(2**upper_bound,c="r")
        ax[i,j].axvline(-2**upper_bound,c="r")
        ax[i,j].set_title(f"a = {a[i*3+j]}")
```

```
ax[2,1].set_xlabel("x")
ax[1,0].set_ylabel("y")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

