

SDS 385: Exercises 2: Online Learning

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Problem 1

(A) From the previous exercise, we have the gradient of β

$$\nabla \ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i w_i - y_i) x_i. \quad (1)$$

We can think of $m_i w_i$ as the fitted value of y_i , or \hat{y}_i , when given β , so the gradient becomes

$$\nabla \ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - y_i) x_i \quad (2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(\beta) \quad (3)$$

$$g_i(\beta) = (\hat{y}_i - y_i) x_i. \quad (4)$$

(B)

$$\mathbb{E}(ng_i(\beta)) = n\mathbb{E}(g_i(\beta)) \quad (5)$$

In this expectation, the only random variable is i because the data X and y and the coefficients β are all fixed. The variable i is a random draw so it follows a discrete uniform distribution such that

$$P(i = j) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Then we can compute the expectation.

$$\mathbb{E}(g_i(\beta)) = \sum_{j=1}^n g_j(\beta) P(i = j) \quad (7)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n g_j(\beta) \frac{1}{n} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n g_j(\beta) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \nabla \ell(\beta), \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(ng_i(\beta)) = n\mathbb{E}(g_i(\beta)) = n \frac{1}{n} \nabla \ell(\beta) = \nabla \ell(\beta) \quad (11)$$

(C)

(D)

(E)


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    #' @return A matrix, each column is an iteration of computed betas.
    #
    #
110    # Create zero matrix to store iterative values of beta; initialize beta
    betaSGD <- matrix(rep(0, ncol(X) * (n.iterSGD+ 1)), nrow = ncol(X))
    betaSGD[, 1] <- beta.init
    #
    for (step in 1:n.iterSGD) {
115
        # Draw random sample of single row of data (with replacement)
        i <- sample(nrow(X), 1)

        # Compute w.i, fitted value of p-parameter of binomial
120        w.i <- 1 / (1 + exp(-crossprod(X[i, ], betaSGD[, step])))

        # Compute gradient, the descent direction
        grad <- nrow(X) * (m.i * w.i - y[i]) * X[i, ]

125        # Next set of betas
        betaSGD[, step + 1] <- betaSGD[, step] - step.size * grad
    }
    return(betaSGD)
}
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beta1 <- beta.N + (-1) ^ rbinom(ncol(X), 1, 0.5) * (10 + rexp(ncol(X), rate = 1))

135 sgd1 <- SGD(4e5, beta1, 0.0005, X, y, m.i)
graph.betatrace(sgd1, beta.N, "test.pdf")

trace <- loglik(sgd1, y, X, m.i)
140
# Plot exponential moving average of likelihood

plot(EMA(trace1, n = 100), type = "l", log = "xy")

145 # Decaying steps

SGD.decay <- function(n.iterSGD, beta.init, C, t.0, alpha, X, y, m.i) {
    #' Perform stochastic gradient descent for a binomial logistic regression
    #'
150    #' @param n.iterSGD Number of iterations to loop through
    #' @param beta.init Initial guess for coefficients
    #' @param C Constant C in Robbins-Monro rule
    #' @param t.0 Constant t.0 in Robbins-Monro rule
155    #' @param alpha Constant alpha in Robbins-Monro rule
    #' @param X N by P matrix of covariate data
    #' @param y P-vector of responses
    #' @param m.i n-parameter of binomial (1 for case of binary logistic)
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160  #' @return A matrix, each column is an iteration of computed betas.
    #
    #
    # Create NULL matrix to store iterative values of beta; initialize beta
    betaSGD.decay <- matrix(rep(0, ncol(X) * (n.iterSGD+ 1)), nrow = ncol(X))
165  betaSGD.decay[, 1] <- beta.init
    #
    for (step.decay in 1:n.iterSGD) {

        # Draw random sample of single row of data (with replacement)
170  i <- sample(nrow(X), 1)

        # Compute w.i, fitted value of p-parameter of binomial
        w.i <- 1 / (1 + exp(-crossprod(X[i, ], betaSGD.decay[, step.decay])))

175  # Compute gradient, the descent direction
        grad <- nrow(X) * (m.i * w.i - y[i]) * X[i, ]

        # Compute next step size
        stepsize.decay <- C * (step.decay + t.0) ^ -alpha

180  # Next set of betas
        betaSGD.decay[, step.decay + 1] <- betaSGD.decay[, step] - stepsize.decay * grad
    }

    return(betaSGD.decay)
185 }

beta1 <- beta.N + (-1) ^ rbinom(ncol(X), 1, 0.5) * (3 + rexp(ncol(X), rate = 1))

decay1 <- SGD.decay(1e5, beta1, C = 10, t.0 = 1, alpha = 0.75, X, y, m.i)
190 graph.betatrace(decay1[, 10000:1e5], beta.N, "decay1.pdf")

# Running average of beta with decaying steps

burn.in <- 3e5
195 beta.burn <- sgd1[, burn.in:4e5]
beta.burnbar <- apply(beta.burn, 1, mean)

while (TRUE) {
    if (A & A | j > 1000) {
200     break
    }
}

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