



How to implement custom loss function that has more parameters with XGBClassifier in scikit-learn?

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I have following problem with implementing custom loss function with scikit-learn:

I would like to implement Focal Loss as my objective function in XGBClassifier. However, I don't know how to pass additional arguments as a parameter(objective parameter):

```
def focal_loss(y_pred, y_true, alpha=0.25, gamma=1):
    a,g = alpha, gamma
    def fl(x,t):
        p = 1/(1+np.exp(-x))
        return -( a*t + (1-a)*(1-t) ) * (( 1 - ( t*p + (1-t)*(1-p) ) )**g) * ( t*np.log(p)+(1-t)*np.log(1-p) )
    partial_fl = lambda x: fl(x, y_true)
    grad = derivative(partial_fl, y_pred, n=1, dx=1e-6)
    hess = derivative(partial_fl, y_pred, n=2, dx=1e-6)
    return grad, hess
```

```
xgb = xgb.XGBClassifier(objective=focal_loss)
```

What should I do in following situation? Is there maybe ready version of Focal Loss ready to use? Thanks in advance.

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```
def focal_loss(alpha, gamma):
    def custom_loss(y_pred, y_true):
        a,g = alpha, gamma
        def fl(x,t):
            p = 1/(1+np.exp(-x))
            return -( a*t + (1-a)*(1-t) ) * (( 1 - ( t*p + (1-t)*(1-p) ) )**g) * (
                t*np.log(p)+(1-t)*np.log(1-p) )
        partial_fl = lambda x: fl(x, y_true)
```

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grad = derivative(partial_fl, y_pred, n=1, dx=1e-6)
hess = derivative(partial_fl, y_pred, n=2, dx=1e-6)
return grad, hess
return custom_loss
```



```
xgb = xgb.XGBClassifier(objective=focal_loss(alpha=0.25, gamma=1))
```

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