

# 4033/5033 Assignment: Logistic Regression

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In this assignment, we will implement logistic regression. Its definition is slightly different from the lectured version (with  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1$  swapped) but mathematically equivalent. After implementation, we will evaluate it on the Diabetes data set. Split the data set into a training set  $S$  and a testing set  $T$ .

Define posterior probabilities as:

$$\Pr(y_i = 0 \mid x_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)}$$

and

$$\Pr(y_i = 1 \mid x_i) = \frac{\exp(-x_i^T \beta)}{1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)}$$

The log-likelihood function is:

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \Pr(y_i \mid x_i)$$

Task 1. Derive the following form of  $L(\beta)$  based on the provided equations:

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta - \log[1 + \exp(x_i^T \beta)]$$

Starting with the log likelihood function:

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log (\Pr(y_i | x_i))$$

Now, we need to consider both cases:  $\Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i)$  and  $\Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i)$  in the likelihood function. We can do this using a common trick involving indicator functions:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n ((1 - y_i) \cdot \log(\Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i)) + y_i \cdot \log(\Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i))) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( (1 - y_i) \cdot \log \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)} \right) + y_i \cdot \log \left( \frac{\exp(-x_i^T \beta)}{1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, substitute the expressions for  $\Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i)$  and  $\Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i)$  from the provided equations:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n ((1 - y_i) \cdot (-\log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) + y_i \cdot (-x_i^T \beta - \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)))) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-\log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)) + y_i \cdot (x_i^T \beta + \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)))) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can simplify this expression further:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta) &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot (x_i^T \beta + \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot x_i^T \beta + y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) \end{aligned}$$

Now, observe that the third term  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)))$  is common in both the first and last terms:

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot x_i^T \beta - y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)))$$

Now, combine the terms with the same coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot x_i^T \beta - y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot x_i^T \beta - y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \cdot \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta))) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have derived the expression for  $L(\beta)$  in the form as given in equation (4):

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n ((1 - y_i) \cdot x_i^T \beta - \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \beta)))$$

This is the desired form of the log likelihood function  $L(\beta)$  based on equations (1), (2), and (3), matching equation (4).

Task 2. Derive the following derivative based on the modified  $L(\beta)$ :

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \Pr(y_i = 1 \mid x_i)) \cdot x_i = -X^T(Y - p),$$

where  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector with  $p_i = \Pr(y_i = 1 \mid x_i)$ .

To derive the derivative  $\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta}$  based on equation (4), we'll start by taking the partial derivative of  $L(\beta)$  with respect to  $\beta$ .

Recall equation (4):

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta - \log [1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)]$$

Now, let's find the derivative with respect to  $\beta$ :

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta - \log [1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)] \right)$$

We'll first find the derivative of the first term:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i^T \beta \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i$$

Now, let's find the derivative of the second term. We'll use the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (-\log [1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)]) &= -\frac{1}{1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)) \\ &= -\frac{1}{1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)} \cdot \exp (x_i^T \beta) \cdot x_i \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can combine both terms:

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i - \frac{1}{1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)} \cdot \exp (x_i^T \beta) \cdot x_i$$

To simplify further, we can rewrite the fraction as follows:

$$\frac{1}{1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)} \cdot \exp (x_i^T \beta) = \frac{\exp (x_i^T \beta)}{1 + \exp (x_i^T \beta)} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp (-x_i^T \beta)}$$

So, the derivative becomes:

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) x_i - \frac{1}{1 + \exp (-x_i^T \beta)} \cdot x_i$$

Now, we can define  $p$  as a vector with  $p_i = \Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i)$ , and  $Y$  as a vector with  $y_i$  values. Then, the derivative becomes:

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) \cdot x_i = -X^T (Y - p)$$

So, we have derived the derivative as given in equation (5).

Task 3. Derive the following derivative based on the previous result:

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T} = \sum_{i=1}^n [-\Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i) \Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i)] \cdot x_i x_i^T = -X^T W X,$$

where  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a diagonal matrix with  $W_{ii} = \Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i) \Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i)$ .

To derive the second derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T}$  based on equation (5), we'll start by taking the second partial derivative of  $L(\beta)$  with respect to  $\beta$ .

Recall equation (5):

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = -X^T(Y - p)$$

Now, let's find the second derivative with respect to  $\beta$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (-X^T(Y - p))$$

We'll find the derivative of the term  $-X^T(Y - p)$ :

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (X^T(Y - p)) = -X^T \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (Y - p) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (X^T)(Y - p)$$

Now, let's compute the derivatives separately:

Derivative of  $(Y - p)$  with respect to  $\beta$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (Y - p) = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta}$$

Now, we'll calculate the derivative of  $p$  with respect to  $\beta$  using the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i)) = -\Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i) \cdot \Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i) \cdot x_i x_i^T$$

So, the derivative of  $(Y - p)$  is:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (Y - p) = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} + \Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i) \cdot \Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i) \cdot x_i x_i^T$$

Derivative of  $X^T$  with respect to  $\beta$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (X^T) = 0$$

Since  $X$  is not a function of  $\beta$ , its derivative with respect to  $\beta$  is zero.

Now, we can substitute these derivatives back into our original expression:

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T} = -X^T \left( \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} + \Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i) \cdot \Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i) \cdot x_i x_i^T \right)$$

Simplifying the expression:

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T} = -X^T \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} - X^T W X$$

Now, define the matrix  $W$  as a diagonal matrix with  $W_{ii} = Pr(y_i = 1|x_i) \cdot Pr(y_i = 0|x_i)$ :

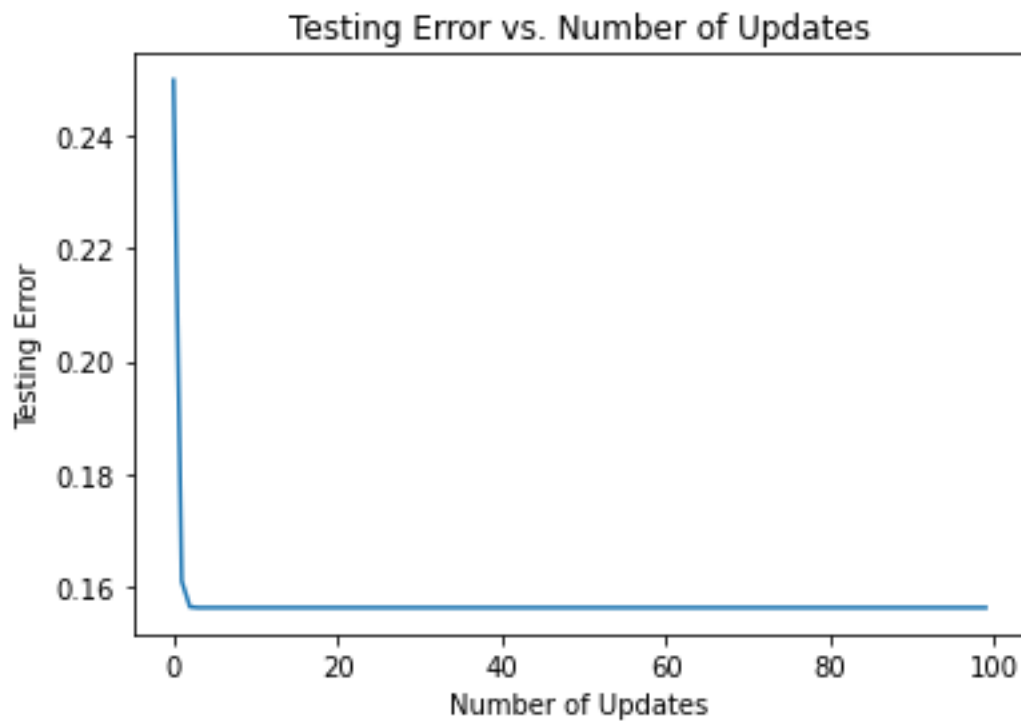
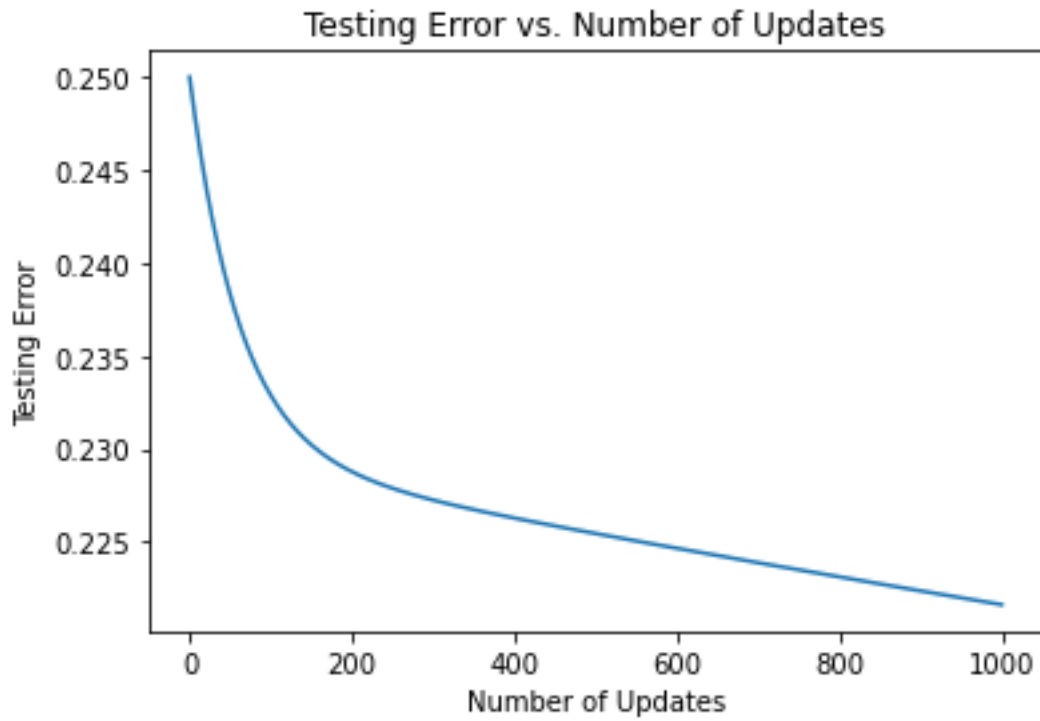
$$W_{ii} = Pr(y_i = 1|x_i) \cdot Pr(y_i = 0|x_i)$$

So, the second derivative becomes:

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^T} = -X^T \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \beta} - X^T W X$$

This is the desired form of the second derivative as given in equation (6).

Task 4. Implement the above logistic regression based on two methods separately: (i) gradient descend and (ii) Newton's method. For each method, train the model on  $S$ , evaluate it on  $T$  and report testing error versus the number of updates in Figure 1. For gradient descend, pick a proper learning rate yourself. Figure 1 should contain two curves. One is the error of gradient descend versus update number and the other is error of Newton's method versus update number. (y-axis is error, x-axis is the number of updates)



**Fig. 1.** Testing Error versus Updates (Gradient Descent)

**Fig. 2.** Testing Error versus Updates (Newton's Method)