

Optimizing AUC directly

According to this paper [Optimizing Classifier Performance via an Approximation to the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney Statistic](#) I used **MultiMarginLoss** in pytorch to train logistic regression and feed forward network. The results look noisy and the AUC is less compared to that when I trained with cross entropy loss.

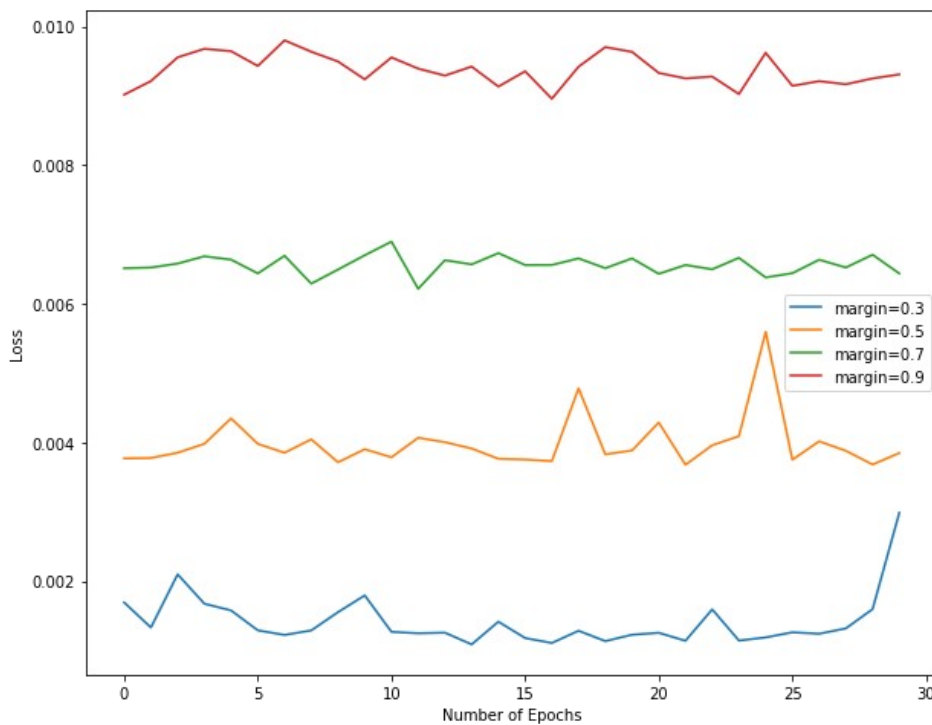
For each mini-batch sample, the loss in terms of the 1D input x and scalar output y is:

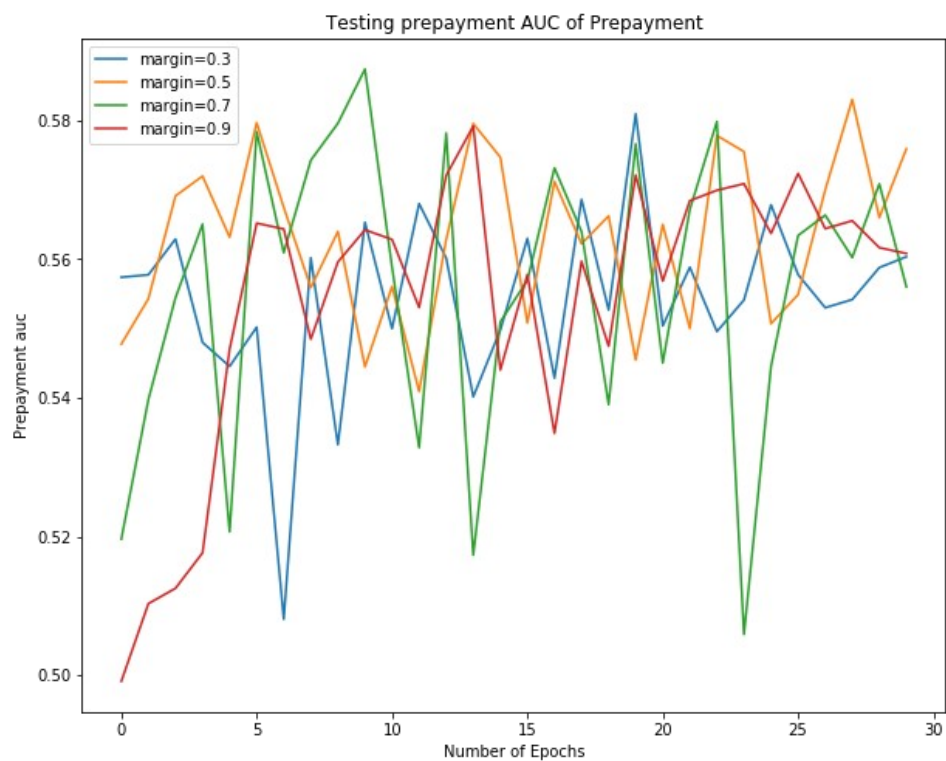
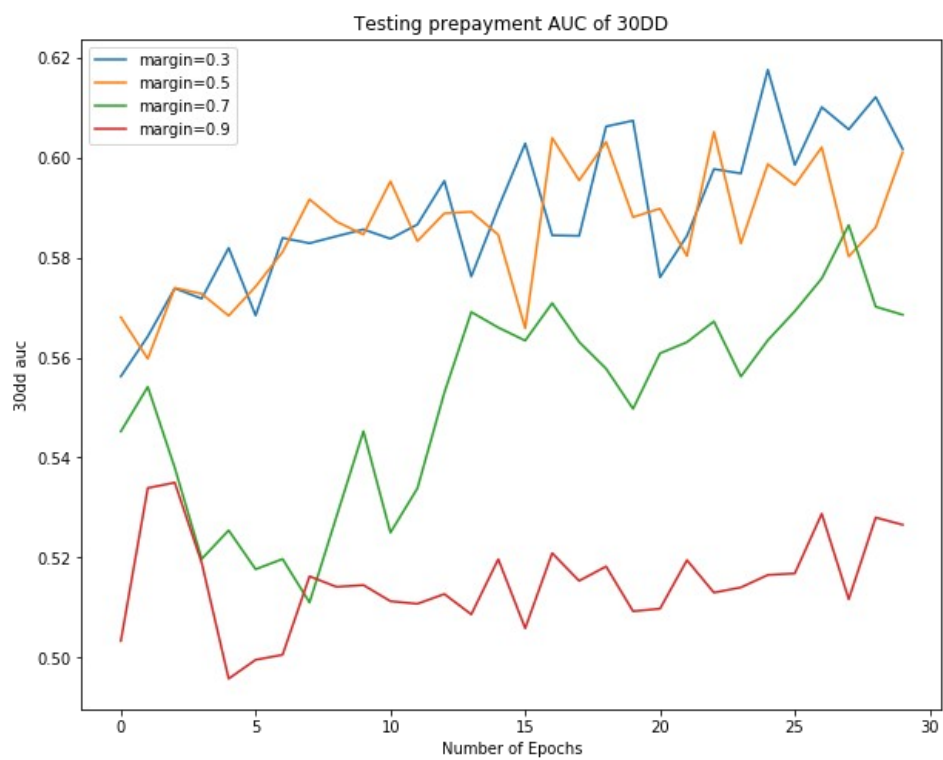
$$\text{loss}(x, y) = \frac{\sum_i \max(0, \text{margin} - x[y] + x[i]))^p}{x.size(0)}$$

where $i = 0$ to $x.size(0)$ and $i \neq y$.

This loss function has one hyper parameter **margin**, we plot the results for different values of margin.

Logistic Regression





Feed forward network

