

# ML Homework 1 Solution

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## Problem 1

Multi-dimensional regression with  $D$  as the degree of the polynomial:

$$f(x; \theta) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \dots + \theta_d x^d = \theta * \mathbf{X} \quad (1-1)$$

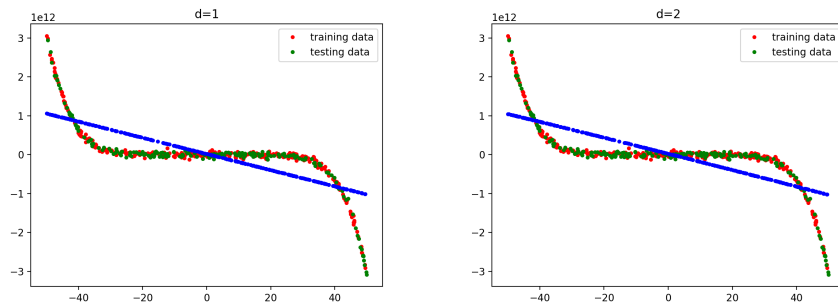
For  $\theta$  minimizes the empirical risk:

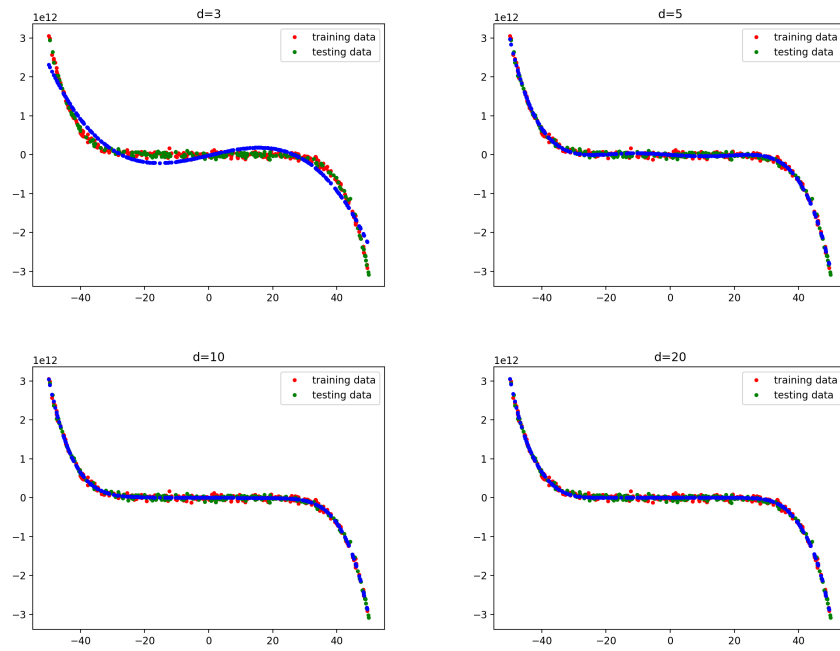
$$R_{emp}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{2} (y_i - f(x; \theta))^2 \quad (1-2)$$

When  $\nabla_{\theta} R(\theta) = 0$ , find  $\theta^*$

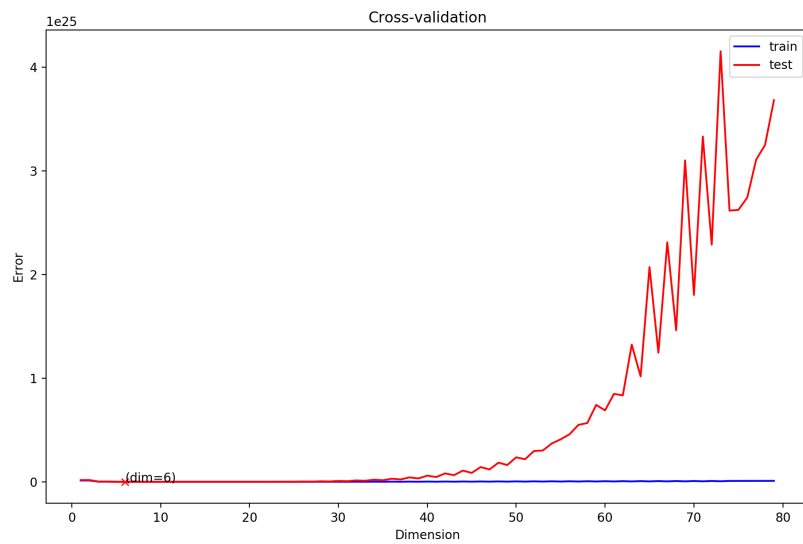
$$\theta^* = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T y \quad (1-3)$$

By randomly split the data into two halves, when  $d=(1,2,3,5,10,20)$ , the plot is as below:





After run a cross-validation on dimension in the range of (1,80)



According to the cross-validation chart, as degree of polynomial starts to grow, the training error basically remains low, while testing error grows with degree

tremendously.

When  $d=6$ , testing error reaches its lowest, which finds us the best  $\theta^*$ .

## Problem 2

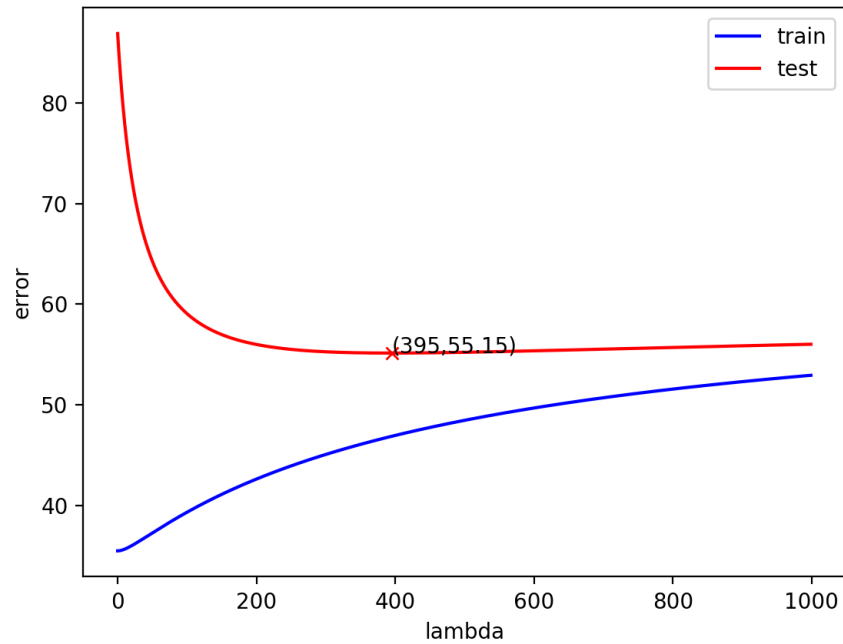
Polynomial regression with l2 regularization, which alternates the empirical risk into:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{reg}(\theta) &= R_{emp}(\theta) + Penalty(\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i, \theta)) + \frac{\lambda}{2N} \end{aligned} \quad (2-1)$$

When gradient=0, empirical risk reaches its lowest with  $\theta^*$  as:

$$\theta^* = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda I)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (2-2)$$

Apply two-fold cross-validation to find the best  $\lambda$ . The plot is as below:



According to the graph, when  $\lambda = 395$ , testing error is the lowest.

### Problem 3

Given  $g(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$ , proof for the property  $g(-z) = 1 - g(z)$  is as below:

$$\begin{aligned} g(-z) &= \frac{1}{1+e^z} \\ &= \frac{1+e^z - e^z}{1+e^z} \\ &= 1 - \frac{e^z}{1+e^z} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{e^z} + 1} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{e^{-z} + 1} \\ &= 1 - g(z) \end{aligned} \tag{3-1}$$

Proof for the inverse of logistic function is  $g^{-1}(y) = \ln \frac{y}{1-y}$  is given below:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{y}{1-y} &= \ln \frac{\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}}{1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}} \\ &= \ln \frac{\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}}{\frac{1+e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}} \\ &= \ln \frac{1}{1+e^{-z} - 1} \\ &= \ln \frac{1}{e^{-z}} \\ &= \ln(e^z) \\ &= z \end{aligned} \tag{3-2}$$

Thus,  $g^{-1}(g(z)) = z$ .

## Problem 4

To minimize the empirical risk with logistic loss of logistic regression:

$$R_{emp}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - 1) \log(1 - f(x_i; \theta)) - y_i \log(f(x_i; \theta)). \quad (4-1)$$

The gradient of  $R_{emp}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\theta} R(\theta) &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i \frac{1}{f(x_i; \theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x_i; \theta) - (1 - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - f(x_i; \theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x_i; \theta) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i \frac{1}{f(x_i; \theta)} - (1 - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - f(x_i; \theta)} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x_i; \theta) \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i \frac{1}{g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} - (1 - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} g(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i \frac{1}{g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} - (1 - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} \right) g(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) (1 - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \theta^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i \frac{1}{g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} - (1 - y_i) \frac{1}{1 - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})} \right) g(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) (1 - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})) \mathbf{x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i (1 - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})) - (1 - y_i) g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})) \mathbf{x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y - g(\theta^T \mathbf{x})) \mathbf{x} \end{aligned} \quad (4-2)$$

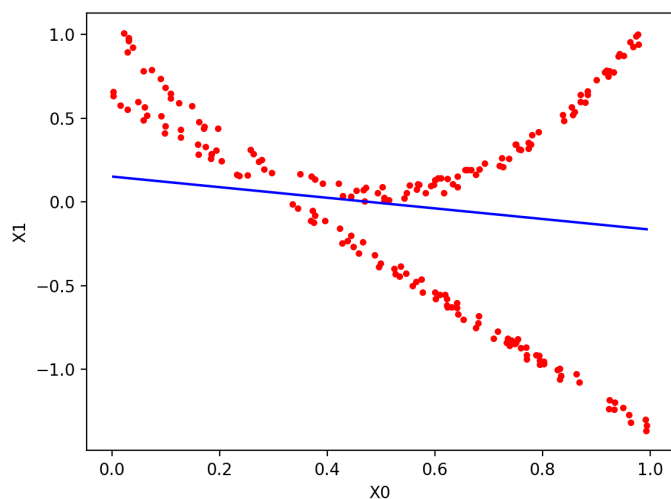
To minimize the gradient, apply batch gradient descent to solve  $\theta^*$ . While  $\theta^0$  is initiated as a small random parameter matrix. For each iteration,

$$\theta^{t+1} = \theta^t - \eta \nabla_{\theta} R(\theta^t) \quad (4-3)$$

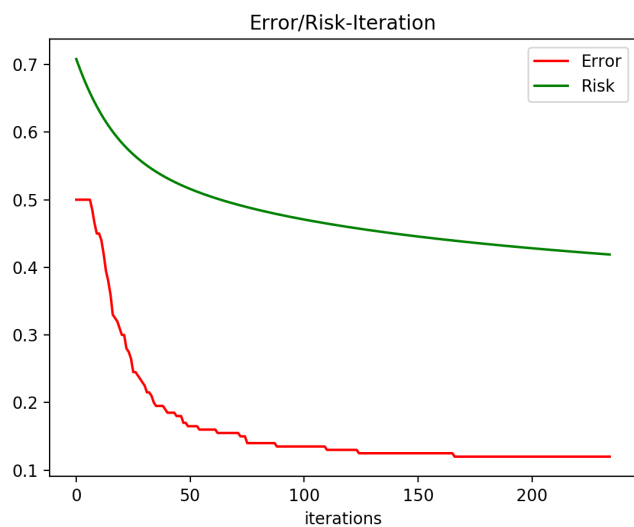
Where  $\eta$  denotes the learning rate of the gradient descent algorithm.

Iterations stops when the decrement  $\theta^t - \theta^{t-1}$  is small than the tolerance  $\epsilon$ . In this case, Both learning rate  $\eta$  and tolerance value  $\epsilon$  are hyperparameters.

When set  $\eta = 0.1, \epsilon = 0.005$ , the logistic regression model takes 235 iterations until convergence, its final accuracy is 80%. The graph showing the decision boundary is :

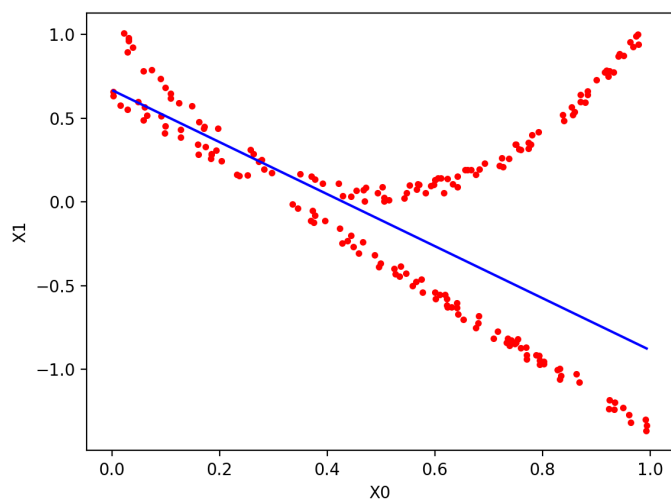


The graph plotting the binary error and the empirical risk along iterations is as below:

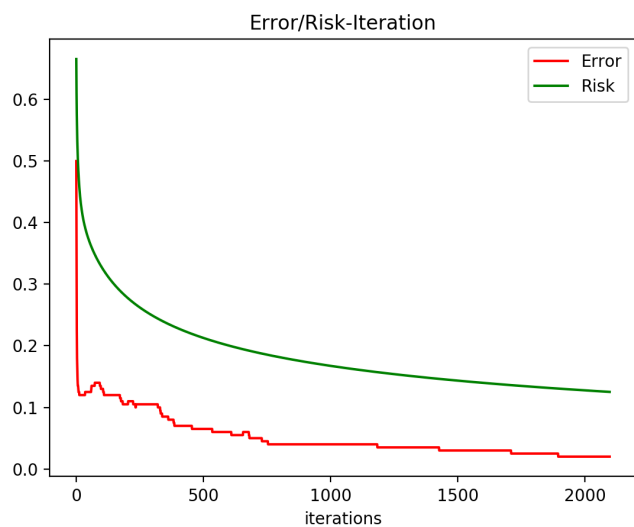


Where the performance is quite pool, for the current learning rate is small to tolerance so that iteration stops easily.

When set  $\eta = 1, \epsilon = 0.005$ , it takes 2098 iterations until convergence at the accuracy of 98%. The graph showing the decision boundary is as below:



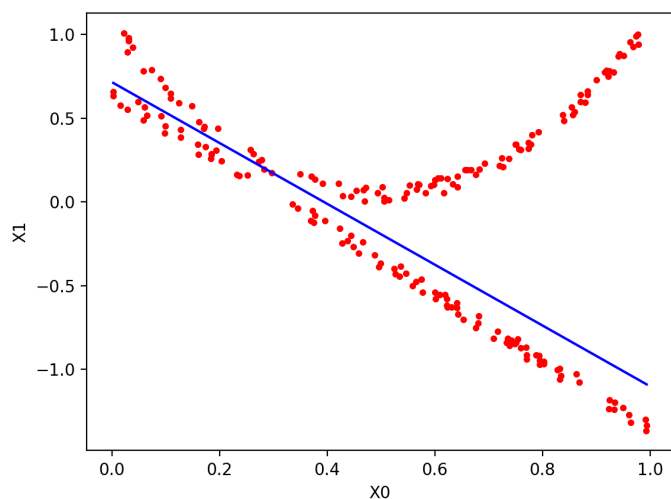
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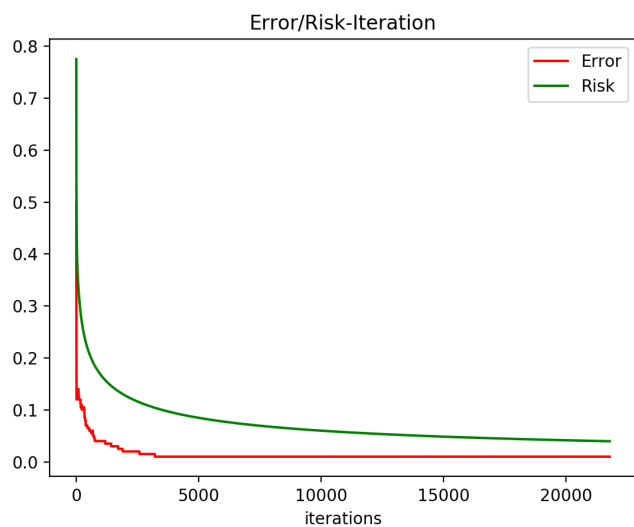
Where the total accuracy is good, though the decision boundary may not seem perfect.



When set  $\eta = 1, \epsilon = 0.001$ , it takes 21768 iterations until convergence at the accuracy of 100%. The graph showing the decision boundary is as below:



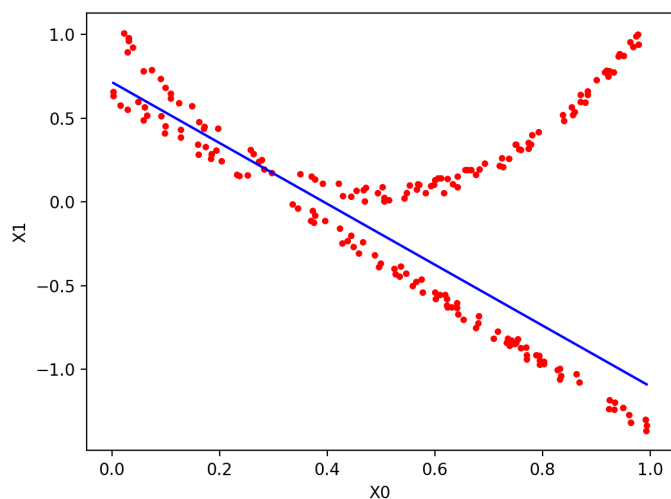
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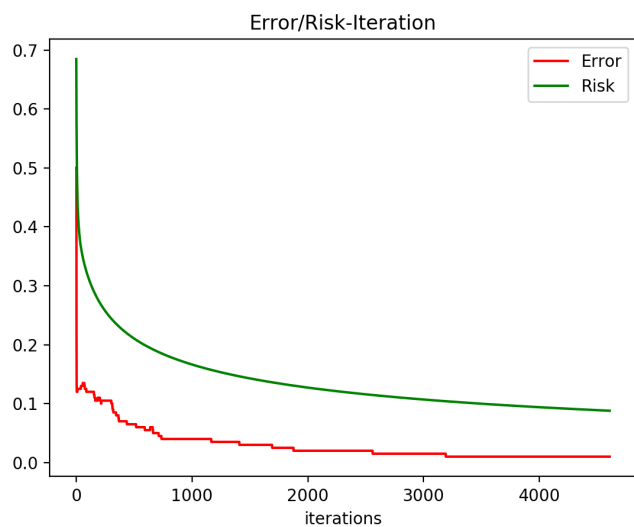
Where the total accuracy is excellent. But the error reaches zero way before convergence, the tolerance might be set a little bit too low.

According to the graph, for this learning rate, it reaches zero error after roughly around 4000 iterations.

When set  $\eta = 1, \epsilon = 0.003$ , it takes 4608 iterations until convergence at the accuracy of 100%. The graph showing the decision boundary is as below:



The graph plotting the binary error and the empirical risk along iterations is as below:



Where the total performance is excellent, iteration stops just after binary error gets to the value zero.