

# HW4

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## 1 ONLY 561 HW

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### 1.1 Problem 1

Prove that

$$\nabla(f \circ g)(x, y) = Dg(x, y)^T \nabla f(g(x, y))$$

using the chain rule

$$(f \circ \gamma)'(t) = \nabla(f(\gamma(t)))^T \gamma'(t)$$

**PROOF:**

$$\nabla(f \circ g)(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial(f \circ g)(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial(f \circ g)(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(g(x, y))^T \frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \nabla f(g(x, y))^T \frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{Using the chain rule})$$

Since

$$\nabla f(g(x, y))^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} & \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial y} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(g(x, y))^T \frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \nabla f(g(x, y))^T \frac{\partial g(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} & \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} & \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

For the right side,

$$Dg(x, y)^T \nabla f(g(x, y)) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} \\ \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_1(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_1(x, y)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f(g(x, y))}{\partial g_2(x, y)} \frac{\partial g_2(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $\nabla(f \circ g)(x, y) = Dg(x, y)^T \nabla f(g(x, y))$ .

## 1.2 Problem 2

### 1.2.1 Part (a)

$$\ell_{lin}(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2$$

We can calculate  $\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}$  first, and then varify it's a positive definite matrix.

$$\nabla^2 \ell_{lin} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial^2 \beta_0} & \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} & \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial^2 \beta_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial^2 \beta_0} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \beta_0} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2 = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \beta_0} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} -2(y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} 2 = 2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial^2 \beta_1} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \beta_1} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2 = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \beta_1} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} -2x_i(y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} 2x_i^2 = \frac{7}{5} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{lin}}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2 = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_1} -2(y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} 2x_i = \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\nabla^2 \ell_{lin} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we calculate the determinant of  $\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}$  to prove  $\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}$  is a positive definite matrix.

$$\det(\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{14}{5} - \frac{1}{25} = \frac{69}{25} > 0$$

And obviously,  $2 > 0$ . Therefore, the Sum of Square Errors function,  $\ell_{lin}(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2$  is strictly convex by the Second Order Conditions for Convexity.

#### The unique minimizer

$\ell_{lin}(\beta_0, \beta_1)$  is strictly convex, so there is a unique minimizer  $(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*)$  must satisfy the condition

$$\nabla \ell_{lin}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_1 \ell_{lin}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) \\ \partial_2 \ell_{lin}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Then,

$$\partial_1 \ell_{lin}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} -2(y_i - \beta_1^* x_i - \beta_0^*) = 0$$

$$\partial_2 \ell_{lin}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} -2x_i(y_i - \beta_1^* x_i - \beta_0^*) = 0$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1^* + 10\beta_0^* &= 0 \\ 5 - 7\beta_1^* - \beta_0^* &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_0^* &= -\frac{5}{69} \\ \beta_1^* &= \frac{50}{69}\end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.2 Part (b)

$$\ell_{log}(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 \ell_{log}}{\partial^2 \beta_0} &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \beta_0} \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} -y_i + \frac{y_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{log}}{\partial^2 \beta_1} &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \beta_1} \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_1} -y_i x_i + \frac{y_i x_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_{log}}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_1} -y_i + \frac{y_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2}\end{aligned}$$

Let's denote that

$$\nabla^2 \ell_{log} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} & \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \\ \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} & \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{(1,1)} & a_{(1,2)} \\ a_{(1,2)} & a_{(2,2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Firstly, it is obvious that  $a_{(1,1)} > 0$  since  $y_i^2 = 1 > 0$  for all  $i$  and the range of exponential function is  $(0, \infty)$ .

Then we calculate the determinant of  $\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}$  to prove  $\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}$  is a positive definite matrix.

$$\det(\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} - \left( \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} - \frac{1}{100} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \right)^2$$

By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LEFT} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \right)^2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} \sqrt{\frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2}} \sqrt{\frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2}} \right)^2 \\ &< \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2} = \text{RIGHT} \end{aligned}$$

The LEFT = RIGHT equality doesn't hold because

$$\sqrt{\frac{y_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2}} \neq \sqrt{\frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}}{(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)})^2}} \text{ for all } i.$$

Hence

$$\det(\nabla^2 \ell_{lin}) > 0$$

Therefore,  $\ell_{log}(\beta_0, \beta_1)$  is strictly convex by the Second Order Conditions for Convexity.

#### The necessary and sufficient conditions for optimality

The necessary condition for optimality of  $(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*)$  is that if  $(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*)$  is a minimiser of  $\ell_{log}(\beta_0, \beta_1)$ , then  $\nabla \ell_{log}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$\frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} -y_i + \frac{y_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} -y_i x_i + \frac{y_i x_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = 0$$

The sufficient condition for optimality of  $(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*)$  is that if  $\ell_{log}$  is strictly convex, and  $\nabla \ell_{log}(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*) = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$\frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} -y_i + \frac{y_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} -y_i x_i + \frac{y_i x_i}{1 + e^{-y_i(\beta_1 x_i + \beta_0)}} = 0$$

Then  $(\beta_0^*, \beta_1^*)$  is the unique minimiser of  $\ell_{log}(\beta_0, \beta_1)$ .

### 1.3 Problem 3

if  $A$  is a symmetric 2 by 2 matrix, then any solution to

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1$$

is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Firstly, we know that

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$$

Let  $f(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ ,  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1$ , and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{(1,1)} & a_{(1,2)} \\ a_{(1,2)} & a_{(2,2)} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $f(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{1}{2}(a_{(1,1)}x_1^2 + 2a_{(1,2)}x_1x_2 + a_{(2,2)}x_2^2)$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{x}^* = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \end{pmatrix}$  is a minimizer of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  subject to the constraint  $g(\mathbf{x}^*) = \|\mathbf{x}^*\|^2 - 1 = 0$ .  
So  $\mathbf{x}^* \neq \mathbf{0}$  and

$$\nabla g(\mathbf{x}^*) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1^* \\ 2x_2^* \end{pmatrix} = 2\mathbf{x}^* \neq \mathbf{0}$$

By the Theorem (Lagrange Multipliers), there exists a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = \lambda \nabla g(\mathbf{x}^*)$ .

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -a_{(1,1)}x_1 - a_{(1,2)}x_2 \\ -a_{(1,2)}x_1 - a_{(2,2)}x_2 \end{pmatrix} = -A\mathbf{x}$$

Then

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = -A\mathbf{x}^* = \lambda \nabla g(\mathbf{x}^*) = 2\lambda\mathbf{x}^* - A\mathbf{x}^* = 2\lambda\mathbf{x}^* A\mathbf{x}^* = -2\lambda\mathbf{x}^*$$

So  $-2\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is its corresponding eigenvector.

Suppose that  $-2\lambda$  is not the largest eigenvalue of  $A$ , then there exist a  $\lambda' > -2\lambda$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  such that  $A\mathbf{x}' = \lambda'\mathbf{x}'$  and  $\|\mathbf{x}'\|^2 = 1$ .

Then

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^{*T}A\mathbf{x}^* = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^{*T}(-2\lambda\mathbf{x}^*) = -\lambda\|\mathbf{x}^*\|^2 = -\lambda\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}'^T A\mathbf{x}' = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}'^T(\lambda'\mathbf{x}') = \frac{\lambda'}{2}\|\mathbf{x}'\|^2 = \frac{\lambda'}{2}$$

Since  $\lambda' > -2\lambda$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^{*T}A\mathbf{x}^* < \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}'^T A\mathbf{x}'$ .

However, we know that  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a solution of  $\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ , so we get a contradiction.

Thus  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of  $A$ ,  $-2\lambda$ .