# EECS545 Machine Learning Homework #2 Solutions

#### 1 [25 points] Logistic Regression

(a) **Answer** [5 points]: Recall that we have g'(z) = g(z)(1 - g(z)) where  $g(z) = \sigma(z)$ , and thus for  $h(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{x})$ , we have  $\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k} \partial h(\mathbf{x}) = h(\mathbf{x})(1 - h(\mathbf{x}))x_k$ .

Remember we have shown in class:

$$\frac{\partial l(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y^{(i)} - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) x_k^{(i)}$$

By taking second derivative, we get

$$H_{kl} = \frac{\partial^2 l(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k \partial \mathbf{w}_l}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_l} x_k^{(i)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N -h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})(1 - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) x_l^{(i)} x_k^{(i)}$$

In a matrix form,

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) (1 - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top}$$

(b) **Answer [6 points]:** To prove H is negative semidefinite, we show  $\mathbf{z}^{\top}H\mathbf{z} \leq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{z}$ .

$$\mathbf{z}^{\top} H \mathbf{z} = -\mathbf{z}^{\top} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) (1 - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} \right) \mathbf{z}$$

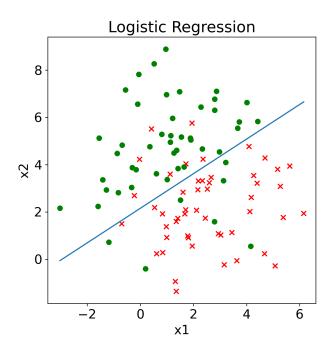
$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{N} h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) (1 - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \mathbf{z}^{\top} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} \mathbf{z}$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{N} h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) (1 - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \left( \mathbf{z}^{\top} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right)^{2}$$

$$< 0$$

with the last inequality holding, since  $0 \le h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \le 1$ , which implies  $h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})(1 - h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \ge 0$ , and  $(\mathbf{z}^{\top}\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^2) \ge 0$ .

- (c) **Answer [2 points]:** (note: the answer is in the lecture note)  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} H^{-1} \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k}$
- (d) Answer [8 points]: See attached logistic\_regression.py.
- (e) **Answer [2 points]:**  $\mathbf{w} = (-1.8492, -0.6281, 0.8585)$  with the first entry corresponding to the intercept term.
- (f) **Answer [2 points]:** As shown in the figure, the data sample  $x^{(i)}$  with label  $y^{(i)} = 0$  is plotted as red cross, and the data sample  $x^{(i)}$  with label  $y^{(i)} = 1$  is plotted as green dot.



### 2 [27 points] Softmax Regression via Gradient Ascent

(a) **Answer** [11 points] Derive the gradient ascent update rule for the log-likelihood of the training data. We have:

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \log \left[ p(y^{(i)} = k | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{w}) \right]^{\mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k)}$$

Taking gradient with respect to  $\mathbf{w}_m$   $(p \le m \le K - 1)$ :

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} l(\mathbf{w}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \log \left[ p(y^{(i)} = k | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{w}) \right]^{\mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k)} \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \log \left[ p(y^{(i)} = k | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{w}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \log \left[ p(y^{(i)} = k | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{w}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \left[ \log \left( \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_k^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_j^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \left[ \log \left( \exp(\mathbf{w}_k^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right) - \log \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_j^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \left[ \mathbf{w}_k^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \log \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_j^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_m} \left( \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \mathbf{w}_k^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \log \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_j^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right) \right] \right) \end{split}$$

As the log term on the right does not contain k, it can be taken out of the summation and since  $\sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) = 1$ , we obtain the following:

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_{m}} \left( \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \mathbf{w}_{k}^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] - \log \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_{j}^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_{m}} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = k) \mathbf{w}_{k}^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right] - \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_{m}} \log \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_{j}^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right)$$

The left term contains  $\mathbf{w}_m$  iff  $m = y^{(i)}$ . Second term contains  $\mathbf{w}_m$  (produced by summation)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = m)\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_{m}^{\top}\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(\mathbf{w}_{j}^{\top}\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})[\mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = m) - p(y^{(i)} = m|\mathbf{x}^{(i)})]$$

- (b) Answer [14 points] See gda.py.
- (c) **Answer [2 points]** Instructor solution achieves 92.0% accuracy; students should be able to get an accuracy above 90%. SciKit-Learn gets an accuracy of 2 94%, depending on the version.

### 3 [25 points] Gaussian Discriminate Analysis

#### (a) Answer [6 points]

Note, parameters can be omitted.

$$\begin{aligned} & p(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1) = p(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x}) \\ & p(\mathbf{x} \mid y=1; \phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1) = p(\mathbf{x} \mid y=1) \\ & p(\mathbf{x}=1; \phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1) = p(\mathbf{x}=1) \\ & p(y=1; \phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1) = p(y=1) \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{split} p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1) &= p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 1)p(y = 1)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 1)p(y = 1)}{p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 1)p(y = 1)} \\ &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 1)p(y = 1) + p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 0)p(y = 0)}{p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 1)p(y = 1) + p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = 0)p(y = 0)} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1\right)\right) \phi}{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_0\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_0\right)\right)\left(1 - \phi\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\log\left(\frac{(1 - \phi)}{\phi}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_0\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_0\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}\left(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1\right)\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\log\left(\frac{1 - \phi}{\phi}\right) + \mathbf{x}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mathbf{x}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_0^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 + \frac{1}{2}\mu_1^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\log\left(\frac{1 - \phi}{\phi}\right) + \mathbf{x}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_0 - \mu_1) - \frac{1}{2}\mu_0^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 + \mu_1^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1\right)} \end{split}$$

By setting

$$\mathbf{w}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mu_0^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 \right) - \log \frac{1 - \phi}{\phi},$$
  

$$\mathbf{w} = -\Sigma^{-1} \left( \mu_0 - \mu_1 \right),$$
  
A constant intercept term  $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1$ ,

We get: 
$$p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}_0\mathbf{x}_0))} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{x})}$$
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(b) **Answer** [14 points] Let us derive the general case directly:

$$\ell(\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = \log \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mid y^{(i)}; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) p(y^{(i)}; \phi)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mid y^{(i)}; \phi, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log p(y^{(i)}; \phi)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ \log \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{M}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}} \right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}} \right) + \log \phi^{y^{(i)}} + \log (1 - \phi)^{(1 - y^{(i)})} \right]$$

$$\simeq \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}} \right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}} \right) + y^{(i)} \log \phi + \left( 1 - y^{(i)} \right) \log (1 - \phi) \right]$$

(the constant term is independent of the parameters, thus removed.)

Then, the likelihood is maximized by setting the derivative with respect to each parameter to zero:

(1) with respect to  $\phi$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \phi} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \frac{y^{(i)}}{\phi} - \frac{1 - y^{(i)}}{1 - \phi} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1(y^{(i)} = 1)}{\phi} + \frac{N - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = 1)}{1 - \phi}$$

Therefore,  $\phi = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} 1(y^{(i)} = 1)$ , i.e. the percentage of the training examples such that  $y^{(i)} = 1$ .

(2) with respect to  $\mu_0$ :

$$\nabla_{\mu_0} \ell = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=0} \nabla_{\mu_0} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_0 \right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_0 \right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=0} \nabla_{\mu_0} \left[ -2\mu_0^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + \mu_0^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 \right]$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=0} \left[ -2\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + 2\Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 \right]$$

By setting the gradient to zero,

$$\sum_{i:y^{(i)}=0} \left[ \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 \right] = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I} \left\{ y^{(i)} = 0 \right\} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I} \left\{ y^{(i)} = 0 \right\} \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 = 0$$

Thus we obtain  $\mu_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)}=0\}\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)}=0\}}$ 

(3) with respect to  $\mu_1$ :

The calculations are similar for  $\mu_1$ . The resulting maximum likelihood estimate is:  $\mu_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)}=1\}\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)}=1\}}$ 

#### (c) **Answer** [5 points] With respect to $\Sigma$ :

The last step is to calculate the gradient with respect to  $\Sigma$ . Here, we assume M=1, i.e.,  $|\Sigma|=\sigma^2$ . The log-likelihood of the data then can be written:

$$\ell\left(\phi, \mu_{0}, \mu_{1}, \Sigma\right) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \log|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}\right) + y^{(i)} \log \phi + \left(1 - y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1 - \phi\right) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ -\log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}\right)^{\top} \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}\right) + y^{(i)} \log \phi + \left(1 - y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1 - \phi\right) \right]$$

By taking derivative with respect to  $\sigma$  and set it to zero:

$$\nabla_{\sigma} \ell = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ -\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}} \right) \right] = 0$$

You obtain: 
$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}\right)^{\top} \left(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_{y^{(i)}}\right)$$

Elaborated above.

## 4 [23 points] Naive Bayes for Classifying SPAM

(a) Answer [6 points] Naive Bayes with Bayesian Smoothing. Recall that the likelihood from lecture is:

$$P(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}, \phi) = \prod_{i} P(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}, \phi) = \prod_{s=1}^{K} \left[ \left( \prod_{i:y^{(i)}=s}^{N} \prod_{k=1}^{\operatorname{len}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)} \prod_{j=1}^{M} \left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{j}^{s}\right)^{\mathbb{I}\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{k}^{(i)}="j" \operatorname{th word}\right)} \right) \left( \prod_{i:y^{(i)}=1}^{N} \phi_{s} \right) \right]$$

$$= \prod_{s=1}^{K} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^{M} \left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{j}^{s}\right)^{N_{j}^{s}} \right) \phi_{s}^{N^{s}} \right]$$

Then, the MAP objective is:

$$P(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}, \phi) P(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_{s=1}^{K} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^{M} (\mu_j^s)^{N_j^s} \right) \phi_s^{N^s} \right] \left( \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{s=1}^{K} \prod_{j=1}^{M} (\mu_j^s)^{\alpha} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{s=1}^{K} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^{M} (\mu_j^s)^{N_j^s} \right) \phi_s^{N^s} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{M} (\mu_j^s)^{\alpha} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{s=1}^{K} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^{M} (\mu_j^s)^{N_j^s + \alpha} \right) \phi_s^{N^s} \right]$$

Note this MAP objective is the same as the likelihood, but we added  $\alpha$  to each  $N_j^s$  count! Using the MLE derivation from lecture (which can still be applied for K > 2. See  $\diamondsuit$ ), we maximize the likelihood w.r.t.  $\mu$ 's and we get the final objective:

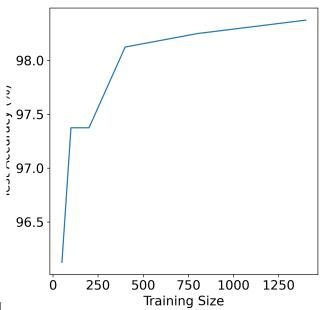
$$P(x_j \mid C_i) = \mu_j^i = \frac{N_j^{C_i} + \alpha}{\sum_{j'} N_{j'}^{C_i} + \alpha M}.$$

 $\diamondsuit$  Why does the derivation from lecture still hold for K > 2? We use the fact that  $\mu_j^a$  and  $\mu_j^b$  are independent if  $a \neq b$  (they come from two independent multinomial distributions from the Naive Bayes assumption). This is also (implicitly) used in the lecture derivation. Notice then that this implies:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_j^a} \log \mu_j^b = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu_j^a} & a = b \\ 0 & a \neq b \end{cases}$$

After removing all independent variables from the gradient calculations results in an equation similar to the equation derived in the lecture (Lecture 6 slide 26-28). Note that this does **not** apply for  $\mu_a^i$  and  $\mu_b^i$  for  $a \neq b$ . These are dependent, as they are parameters of the same multinomial distribution, from the constraint  $\sum_{j}^{M} \mu_j^i = 1$ . These can substituted using the trick shown in lecture (Lecture 6 slide 27).

- (b) i. Answer [9 points] See naive\_bayes\_spam.py for instructor solution.
  - ii. Answer [2 points] Top 5 spam tokens are ['httpaddr' 'spam' 'unsubscrib' 'ebai' 'valet'].
  - iii. Answer [2 points] These should be the accuracy breakdowns.
    - Training set size 50: Test set accuracy = 96.1250%
    - Training set size 100: Test set accuracy = 97.3750%
    - Training set size 200: Test set accuracy = 97.3750%
    - Training set size 400: Test set accuracy = 98.1250%
    - Training set size 800: Test set accuracy = 98.2500%
    - Training set size 1400: Test set accuracy = 98.3750%



iv. Answer [2 points]

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v. **Answer [2 points]** The training set of size 1400 gives the best accuracy. A model trained with a

smaller size of data could be more subject to noise.