

## Homework 3

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**HW 1** (1) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then compute the column space  $C(A)$  and null space  $N(A)$ .

(2) Prove that for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , it has

$$C(A) \perp N(A^T). \quad (1)$$

**HW 2** (1) Prove  $\ell_0$  norm is not a vector norm.

(2) Prove  $\sigma_1 = \sup_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2$ , where  $\sigma_1$  is the biggest singular value of  $A$ .

(3)  $\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\|_2 \|B\|_F$  for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ .

**HW 3** Let

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(\langle \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle)) - \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{Ax} \rangle$$

be the objective function of logistic regression, then

(1) please prove that  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is  $\beta$ -smooth;

(2) write down the iterative formulation of Gradient Descent algorithm for Logistic Regression.

**HW 4** (1) Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a convex set, with  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k \in C$ , and let  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $\theta_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_i \theta_i = 1$ . Show that  $\theta_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \theta_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \theta_k \mathbf{x}_k \in C$ .

(2) Prove that the ellipsoid  $E(\mathbf{x}_c) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_c)^T A (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_c) \leq 1, A \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^n\}$  is a convex set.

(3) Suppose that  $f$  is a convex function, and denote the set contains all the points which can achieve the global minimum of  $f$  is  $G$ . Please prove that  $G$  is convex.

**HW 5** (1) Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be distinct points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that the set of all points that are closer to  $\mathbf{a}$  than  $\mathbf{b}$  is a halfspace.

(2) What is the distance between two parallel hyperplanes  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = b_1\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = b_2\}$ ?

**HW 6** Prove the following functions are convex.

(1) Negative Entropy:  $f(x) = x \log(x)$ ,  $x > 0$ .

(2) Quadratic-over-linear function:  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{y}$  with  $\text{dom}(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y > 0\}$ .

(3)  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|$ .

(4) Supporting function:  $S_C(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\mathbf{b} \in C} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}$ .

(5) The distance of a point  $\mathbf{x}$  to a set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  defined as  $d(\mathbf{x}, S) = \inf_{\mathbf{b} \in S} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|$ .

**HW 7** Let  $A = U\Sigma V = \begin{bmatrix} -0.91 & 0.37 & -0.18 \\ 0.19 & 0.78 & 0.59 \\ 0.36 & 0.50 & -0.78 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & -0.73 & -0.62 \\ -0.74 & -0.56 & 0.35 \\ -0.61 & 0.37 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (-0.29, -2.09, -0.98)^\top$ , then consider a LS problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2. \quad (2)$$

- Implement gradient descent algorithm with the backtracking line search for solving the LS problem.
- Implement gradient descent for  $\beta$ -smooth function for solving the LS problem.
- Compare the convergence speed for different  $A$ .

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.91 & 0.37 & -0.18 \\ 0.19 & 0.78 & 0.59 \\ 0.36 & 0.50 & -0.78 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10^{-2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & -0.73 & -0.62 \\ -0.74 & -0.56 & 0.35 \\ -0.61 & 0.37 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

and

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.91 & 0.37 & -0.18 \\ 0.19 & 0.78 & 0.59 \\ 0.36 & 0.50 & -0.78 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10^{-6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & -0.73 & -0.62 \\ -0.74 & -0.56 & 0.35 \\ -0.61 & 0.37 & -0.69 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

**HW 8 (Additional Question)** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with its singular value decomposition as  $A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^\top$ ,  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq 0$ . Assume that  $A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^\top$ , where  $k \leq r$ . Then prove that

$$A_k = \arg \min_{B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \text{rank}(B) \leq k} \|A - B\|_F^2. \quad (5)$$

**HW 9 (Additional Question)** Logistic Regression for classifying digital numbers 0 and 1. Please see the readme file.

## References