Announcements

- Homework 1 due **today (Wednesday) at 8pm**
- Homework 2 will be released tonight
	- Covers linear regression
- Quiz 1 released tomorrow (Thursday) at 8pm

Recap: L_2 Regularization

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- How to choose λ ?

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Training data
$$
Z_{\text{train}}
$$

\nVal data Z_{val}

\nTest data Z_{test}

$$
\lambda_1 = 0.01 \qquad \qquad \hat{\beta}_1 \leftarrow \hat{\beta}(Z_{\text{train}}, \lambda_1)
$$

$$
\lambda_2 = 0.10 \qquad \qquad \hat{\beta}_2 \leftarrow \hat{\beta}(Z_{\text{train}}, \lambda_2)
$$

$$
\lambda_2 = 1.00 \qquad \qquad \hat{\beta}_3 \leftarrow \hat{\beta} (Z_{\text{train}}, \lambda_3)
$$

$$
L_{\text{val}}^{1} \leftarrow L(\hat{\beta}_{1}; Z_{\text{val}})
$$

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$$
L_{\text{val}}^{2} \leftarrow L(\hat{\beta}_{2}; Z_{\text{val}}) \quad L(\hat{\beta}_{t'}; Z_{\text{test}})
$$

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$$
L_{\text{val}}^{3} \leftarrow L(\hat{\beta}_{3}; Z_{\text{val}})
$$

$$
t' \leftarrow \argmin_t L_{val}^t
$$

Recap: Cross Validation

- Generally important for tuning design choices
	- Hyperparameters
	- Features in the feature map
	- Model family
	- \bullet …
- Alternative approaches exist for very small datasets
	- Re-train on $Z_{\text{train}} \cup Z_{\text{val}}$
	- k -fold cross validation

Lecture 3: Linear Regression (Part 3)

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Agenda

- **Minimizing the MSE Loss**
	- Closed-form solution
	- Gradient descent

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$$

$$
= \frac{2}{n} [\nabla_{\beta} (Y - X\beta)^{\top}] (Y - X\beta)
$$

$$
= -\frac{2}{n} X^{\top} (Y - X\beta)
$$

$$
= -\frac{2}{n} X^{\top} Y + \frac{2}{n} X^{\top} X\beta
$$

Intuition on the Gradient

• By linearity of the gradient, we have

$$
\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta; Z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla_{\beta} (y_i - \beta^{\top} x_i)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2(y_i - \beta^{\top} x_i) x_i
$$

• The gradient for a single term is

$$
\nabla_{\beta}(y_i - \beta^{\top} x_i)^2 = 2(y_i - \beta^{\top} x_i)x_i
$$

• I.e., the current error $y_i - \beta^\top x_i$ times the feature x_i

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- Assuming $X^{\top}X$ is invertible, we have

 $\hat{\beta}(Z) = (X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}Y$

Note on Invertibility

- Closed-form solution only **unique** if $X^T X$ is invertible
	- Otherwise, **multiple solutions exist** to $X^{\top} X \hat{\beta} = X^{\top} Y$
	- **Intuition:** Underconstrained system of linear equations
- **Example:**

$$
\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}
$$

• In this case, any
$$
\hat{\beta}_2 = 1 - \hat{\beta}_1
$$
 is a solution

When Can this Happen?

• **Case 1**

- Fewer data examples than feature dimension (i.e., $n < d$)
- **Solution:** Remove features so $d \leq n$
- **Solution:** Collect more data until $d \leq n$
- **Solution:** Use L_1 regularization
- **Case 2:** Some feature is a linear combination of the others
	- Special case (duplicated feature): For some j and j', $x_{i,j} = x_{i,j'}$ for all i
	- **Solution:** Remove linearly dependent features
	- **Solution:** Use L_2 regularization

Shortcomings of Closed-Form Solution

- Computing $\hat{\beta}(Z) = (X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}Y$ can be challenging when the number of features d is large
- **Computing** $(X^{\top}X)^{-1}$ is $O(d^3)$
	- $d = 10^4$ features $\rightarrow O(10^{12})$
	- Even storing X^TX requires a lot of memory
- **Numerical accuracy issues due to "ill-conditioning"**
	- What if $X^{\top}X$ is "barely" invertible?
	- Then, $(X^TX)^{-1}$ has large variance along some dimension
	- Regularization helps

Optimization Algorithms

• Recall that linear regression minimizes the loss

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- Iteratively optimize β
	- Initialize $\beta_1 \leftarrow \text{Init}(\dots)$
	- For some number of iterations T, update $\beta_t \leftarrow$ Step(...)
	- Return β_T

Optimization Algorithms

- Global search: Try random values of β and choose the best
	- I.e., β_t independent of β_{t-1}
	- Very unstructured, can take a long time (especially in high dimension d)!
- **Local search**: Start from some initial β and make local changes
	- I.e., β_t is computed based on β_{t-1}
	- What is a "local change", and how do we find good one?

• **Gradient descent:** Update β based on gradient $\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta; Z)$ of $L(\beta; Z)$:

$$
\beta_{t+1} \leftarrow \beta_t - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\beta} L(\beta_t; Z)
$$

- **Intuition:** The gradient is the direction along which $L(\beta; Z)$ changes most quickly as a function of β
- $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is a hyperparameter called the **learning rate**
	- More on this later

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Figure by Andrew Ng

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Linear regression loss is convex, so no local minima

- Initialize $\beta_1 = \vec{0}$
- Repeat until convergence:

 $\beta_{t+1} \leftarrow \beta_t - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\beta} L(\beta_t, Z)$

• For linear regression, know the gradient from strategy 1

For in-place updates $\beta \leftarrow \beta - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\beta} L(\beta; Z)$, compute all components of $\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta; Z)$ before modifying β

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Minimizer of loss function

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Problem: α too large • $L(\beta; Z)$ increases!

 $L(\beta; Z)$

Plot $L(\beta_t; Z_{\text{train}})$ vs. t to diagnose these problems

Choice of Learning Rate α

- \cdot α is a hyperparameter for gradient descent that we need to choose
	- Can set just based on training data

• **Rule of thumb**

- \cdot α too small: Loss decreases slowly
- α too large: Loss increases!
- Try rates $\alpha \in \{1.0, 0.1, 0.01, ...\}$ (can tune further once one works)

Comparison of Strategies

• **Closed-form solution**

- No hyperparameters
- Slow if n or d are large

• **Gradient descent**

- Need to tune α
- Scales to large n and d
- For linear regression, there are better optimization algorithms, but gradient descent is very general
	- Accelerated gradient descent is an important tweak that improves performance in practice (and in theory)

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- Always invertible if $\lambda > 0$, so we have

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- Same algorithm as vanilla linear regression (a.k.a. OLS)
- **Intuition:** The extra term $\lambda \beta$ in the gradient is weight decay that encourages β to be small

What About L_1 Regularization?

- Gradient descent still works!
- Specialized algorithms work better in practice
	- **Simple one:** Gradient descent + soft thresholding
	- Basically, if $|\beta_{t,j}| \leq \lambda$, just set it to zero
	- Good theoretical properties

Loss Minimization View of ML

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Lecture 5: Logistic Regression

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Supervised Learning

Data $Z = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ $\hat{\beta}(Z) = \arg\min_{\beta} L(\beta; Z)$ L encodes $y_i \approx f_\beta(x_i)$

Model $f_{\widehat{\beta}(Z)}$

Regression

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Label is a real value $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$

Classification

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Label is a **discrete value** $y_i \in \mathcal{Y} = \{c_1, ..., c_k\}$

(Binary) Classification

- **Input:** Dataset $Z = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_n, y_n)\}\$
- **Output:** Model $y_i \approx f_\beta(x_i)$

Image: https://eyecancer.com/uncategorized/choroidal-

Example: Malignant vs. Benign Ocular Tumor

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- **Optimizer:** How do we optimize the loss? (E.g., gradient descent)
- How do we adapt to classification?

Linear Functions for (Binary) Classification

- **Input:** Dataset $Z = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_n, y_n)\}\$
- **Regression:**
	- Labels $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$
	- Predict $y_i \approx \beta^\top x_i$
- **Classification:**
	- Labels $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$
	- Predict $y_i \approx 1 (\beta^T x_i \ge 0)$
	- \bullet 1(C) equals 1 if C is true and 0 if C is false
	- How to learn β ? **Need a loss function!**

Loss Functions for Linear Classifiers

• (In)accuracy:

$$
L(\beta; Z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 \left(y_i \neq f_{\beta}(x_i) \right)
$$

- Computationally intractable
- Often, but not always the "true" loss (e.g., imbalanced data)

Loss Functions for Linear Classifiers

• **Distance:**

$$
L(\beta; Z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \text{dist}(x_i, f_{\beta}) \cdot 1(f_{\beta}(x_i) \neq y_i)
$$

- If $L(\beta; Z) = 0$, then 100% accuracy
- Variant of this loss results in SVM
- But, we will consider a more general strategy

