#### 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  $\lambda$ ?

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Training data 
$$Z_{train}$$
Val data  $Z_{val}$ Test data  $Z_{test}$ 

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

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

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

$$L_{val}^{1} \leftarrow L(\hat{\beta}_{1}; Z_{val})$$
$$L_{val}^{2} \leftarrow L(\hat{\beta}_{2}; Z_{val}) \quad L(\hat{\beta}_{t'}; Z_{test})$$
$$L_{val}^{3} \leftarrow L(\hat{\beta}_{3}; Z_{val})$$

$$t' \leftarrow \arg\min_{t} L_{val}^{t}$$

## **Recap:** Cross Validation

- Generally important for tuning design choices
  - Hyperparameters
  - Features in the feature map
  - Model family
  - ...
- 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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$$= \frac{2}{n} [\nabla_{\beta} (Y - X\beta)^{\mathsf{T}}] (Y - X\beta)$$
$$= -\frac{2}{n} X^{\mathsf{T}} (Y - X\beta)$$
$$= -\frac{2}{n} X^{\mathsf{T}} Y + \frac{2}{n} X^{\mathsf{T}} X\beta$$

#### Intuition on the Gradient

• By linearity of the gradient, we have

$$\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta; \mathbf{Z}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla_{\beta} (\mathbf{y}_i - \beta^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_i)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2(\mathbf{y}_i - \beta^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i$$

• The gradient for a single term is

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

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

• The gradient is

$$\nabla_{\beta}L(\beta; Z) = \nabla_{\beta} \frac{1}{n} \|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 = -\frac{2}{n} X^{\mathsf{T}}Y + \frac{2}{n} X^{\mathsf{T}}X\beta$$

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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  $X^{\top}X$  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  $d \le n$
- Solution: Collect more data until  $d \leq n$
- **Solution:** Use L<sub>1</sub> 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<sub>2</sub> 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  $X^{\top}X$  requires a lot of memory
- Numerical accuracy issues due to "ill-conditioning"
  - What if  $X^{\mathsf{T}}X$  is "barely" invertible?
  - Then,  $(X^{\top}X)^{-1}$  has large variance along some dimension
  - Regularization helps

# **Optimization Algorithms**

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$$L(\boldsymbol{\beta}; \boldsymbol{Z}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\boldsymbol{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_i)^2$$

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

# **Optimization Algorithms**

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

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

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

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

- Choose initial value for  $\beta$
- Until we reach a minimum:
  - Choose a new value for  $\beta$  to reduce  $L(\beta; \mathbb{Z})$



Figure by Andrew Ng

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Linear regression loss is convex, so no local minima

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For linear regression, know the gradient from strategy 1

 $0 \quad 0.5 \quad 1 \quad 1.5 \quad 2$   $\beta$ 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  $\beta$ 

 $L(\boldsymbol{\beta}; \boldsymbol{Z})$ 

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 $\beta_{t+1}$ 

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Minimizer of loss function

# Choice of Learning Rate $\alpha$



**Problem:**  $\alpha$  too small

•  $L(\beta; Z)$  decreases slowly

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

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



# Choice of Learning Rate $\alpha$

- $\alpha$  is a hyperparameter for gradient descent that we need to choose
  - Can set just based on training data
- Rule of thumb
  - *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  $\alpha$
- 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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- Setting  $\nabla_{\beta} L(\hat{\beta}; Z) = 0$ , we have  $(X^{\top}X + n\lambda I)\hat{\beta} = X^{\top}Y$
- Always invertible if  $\lambda > 0$ , so we have

$$\hat{\beta}(Z) = (X^{\mathsf{T}}X + n\lambda I)^{-1}X^{\mathsf{T}}Y$$

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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  $\beta$  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  $\left|\beta_{t,j}\right| \leq \lambda$ , just set it to zero
  - Good theoretical properties

# Loss Minimization View of ML

#### • Two design decisions

- Model family: What are the candidate models *f*? (E.g., linear functions)
- Loss function: How to define "approximating"? (E.g., MSE loss)

# Loss Minimization View of ML

#### • Three design decisions

- Model family: What are the candidate models *f*? (E.g., linear functions)
- Loss function: How to define "approximating"? (E.g., MSE loss)
- **Optimizer:** How do we minimize the loss? (E.g., gradient descent)

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

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 $\hat{\beta}(Z) = \arg \min_{\beta} L(\beta; Z)$   
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Label is a **discrete value**  $y_i \in \mathcal{Y} = \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$ 

# (Binary) Classification

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





Image: https://eyecancer.com/uncategorized/choroidalmetastasis-test/

**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  $Z = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$
- Regression:
  - Labels  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$
  - Predict  $y_i \approx \beta^{\top} x_i$
- Classification:
  - Labels  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$
  - Predict  $y_i \approx 1(\beta^{\mathsf{T}} x_i \ge 0)$
  - 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:

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

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



#### Loss Functions for Linear Classifiers

• Distance:

$$L(\beta; \mathbf{Z}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{dist}(\mathbf{x}_{i}, f_{\beta}) \cdot 1(f_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \neq \mathbf{y}_{i})$$

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

