Projects

- **3-4** person groups
- Deliverables: Poster, Report & main code (plus proposal, midterm slide)
- Topics: your own or chose form **suggested topics / kaggle**
- **Week 3 groups** due to TA Nima. Rearrangement might be needed.

- **May 2** proposal due. TAs and Peter can approve.
  - Proposal: One page: Title, A large paragraph, data, weblinks, references.
  - Something physical and data oriented.
- **May ~16** Midterm slides. Likely presented in 4 subgroups (3TA+Peter).
- **5pm 6 June** Jacobs Hall lobby, final poster session. **Snacks**

Alex net in matlab.
Logistic regression (page 205)

When there are only two classes we can model the conditional probability of the positive class as

$$p(C_1 \mid x) = \sigma(w^T x + w_0) \quad \text{where} \quad \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$

If we use the right error function, something nice happens: The gradient of the logistic and the gradient of the error function cancel each other:

$$E(w) = -\ln p(t \mid w), \quad \nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - t_n) x_n$$

$$w_{\text{new}} = w_{\text{old}} - \eta \nabla E$$
The natural error function for the logistic model is:

\[
E = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln p(t_n | y_n) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln (1 - y_n)
\]

if \( t = 1 \)

if \( t = 0 \)

The error derivative on training case \( n \) is:

\[
\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial y_n} = -\frac{t_n}{y_n} + \frac{1 - t_n}{1 - y_n} = \frac{y_n - t_n}{y_n (1 - y_n)}
\]
Using the chain rule to get the error derivatives

Logistic regression (Bishop 205)

\[ p(C_1|x) = \sigma(w^T x). \]

Observations \( \{x_n, t_n\} \quad t_n \in \{0, 1\} \)

Likelihood
\[ y = \sigma(w^T x) \]
\[ p(y|x, w) = \text{Bern}(y, \mu) = \mu^y (1-\mu)^{1-y} \]
\[ p(T|x, w) = \prod_{n} \frac{t_n^{y_n} (1-\mu)^{1-y_n}}{y_n!} \]

Log-likelihood
\[ E_w = -\ln(p(T|x, w)) = -\sum_{n} (t_n \ln y_n + (1-t_n) \ln (1-y_n)) \]

Minimize -log like

Derivative
\[ \nabla_w E_w = -\sum_{n} \left[ t_n \frac{1}{y_n} + \frac{1-t_n}{1-y_n} \right] y_n (1-y_n) x_n \]
\[ = \sum_{n} (t_n - y_n) x_n \]

\[ w_{lest} = w_t - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial w} E_w \]
### Softmax function

For the case of \( K > 2 \) classes, we have

\[
p(C_k | x) = \frac{p(x | C_k) p(C_k)}{\sum_j p(x | C_j) p(C_j)} = \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_j \exp(a_j)}
\]

(4.62)

\[
a_k = \ln p(x | C_k) p(C_k).
\]

(4.63)
Cross-entropy or "softmax" function for multi-class classification

The output units use a non-local non-linearity:

\[
y_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_j e^{z_j}}
\]

The natural cost function is the negative log prob of the right answer:

\[
E = -\sum_j t_j \ln y_j
\]

\[
\frac{\partial E}{\partial z_i} = \sum_j \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j} \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial z_i} = y_i - t_i
\]

\[
p(T | \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \prod_{k=1}^{K} \begin{pmatrix} p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n) \end{pmatrix}^{t_n} (1 - p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n))^{1-t_n}
\]
A special case of softmax for two classes

So the logistic is just a special case of softmax without redundant parameters:

Adding the same constant to both $z_1$ and $z_0$ has no effect.

The over-parameterization of the softmax is because the probabilities must add to 1.

$$y_1 = \frac{e^{z_1}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_0}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(z_1 - z_0)}}$$
4.3.3 Iterative reweighted least squares

In the case of the linear regression models discussed in Chapter 3, the maximum likelihood solution, on the assumption of a Gaussian noise model, leads to a closed-form solution. This was a consequence of the quadratic dependence of the log likelihood function on the parameter vector \( w \). For logistic regression, there is no longer a closed-form solution, due to the nonlinearity of the logistic sigmoid function. However, the departure from a quadratic form is not substantial. To be precise, the error function is concave, as we shall see shortly, and hence has a unique minimum. Furthermore, the error function can be minimized by an efficient iterative technique based on the Newton-Raphson iterative optimization scheme, which uses a local quadratic approximation to the log likelihood function. The Newton-Raphson update, for minimizing a function \( E(w) \), takes the form (Fletcher, 1987; Bishop and Nabney, 2008)

\[
    w^{(\text{new})} = w^{(\text{old})} - H^{-1} \nabla E(w). \tag{4.92}
\]

where \( H \) is the Hessian matrix whose elements comprise the second derivatives of \( E(w) \) with respect to the components of \( w \).

Let us first of all apply the Newton-Raphson method to the linear regression model (3.3) with the sum-of-squares error function (3.12). The gradient and Hessian of this error function are given by

\[
    \nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (w^T \phi_n - t_n) \phi_n = \Phi^T \Phi w - \Phi^T t \tag{4.93}
\]

\[
    H = \nabla \nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \phi_n \phi_n^T = \Phi^T \Phi \tag{4.94}
\]
Lecture 8: Backpropagation
Number of parameters

- $t = w^T x$, N measurement, M parameters
  - How large a $w$ can we determine?
    $\sim N$

- $t = \varphi(w, x)$
  - How large a $w$ can we determine?
    $\sim N$

- Consider a neural network, with one hidden layer, each layer having $N=M=100$ nodes
  - How large is $W$?
  - How many observations is needed to estimate $W$?
Why we need backpropagation

- Networks without hidden units are very limited in the input-output mappings they can model.
  - Fixed output non-linearities are not enough
- We need multiple layers of adaptive non-linear hidden units, giving a universal approximator. But how to train such nets?
  - We need an efficient way of adapting all the weights, not just the last layer. Learning the weights going into hidden units is equivalent to learning features.
  - Nobody is telling us directly what hidden units should do.
Learning by perturbing weights

Randomly perturb one weight. If it improves performance save the change.

- Very inefficient. We need to do multiple forward passes on a representative set of training data to change one weight.
- Towards the end of learning, large weight perturbations will nearly always make things worse.

Randomly perturb all weights in parallel and correlate the performance gain with the weight changes.

Not any better. We need lots of trials to “see” the effect of changing a weight through the noise created by all the others.

Learning the hidden to output weights is easy. Learning the input to hidden weights is hard.
Don’t know what the hidden units should be, but we can compute how fast the error changes as we change a hidden activity.

– Instead of using desired activities to train the hidden units, use error derivatives w.r.t. hidden activities.
– Each hidden activity affects many output units and have many separate effects on the error.
– Error derivatives for all the hidden units is computed efficiently.
– Once we have the error derivatives for the hidden activities, it’s easy to get the error derivatives for the weights going into a hidden unit.