Lab: Optimisation

ACTL3143 & ACTL5111 Deep Learning for Actuaries

As you have learned, a neural network consists of a set of weights and biases, and the network learns by adjusting these values so that we minimise the network's loss. Mathematically, we aim to find the optimum weights and biases $(\boldsymbol{w}^*, \boldsymbol{b}^*)$:

$$(\boldsymbol{w}^*, \boldsymbol{b}^*) = \underset{\boldsymbol{w},\boldsymbol{b}}{\arg\min}\ \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}, (\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b}))$$

where $\mathcal{D}$ denotes the training data set and $\mathcal{L}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the user-defined loss function.

Gradient descent is the method through which we update the weights and biases. We introduce two types of gradient descent: **stochastic** and **batch**.

- **Stochastic** gradient descent updates the weights and biases once for each observation in the data set.
- **Batch** gradient descent updates the values repeatedly by averaging the gradients across all the observations.
- **Mini-Batch** gradient descent updates the values repeatedly by averaging the gradients across a group of the observations (the 'mini-batch', or just 'batch').

Example: Mini-Batch Gradient Descent for Linear Regression

Notation:

- $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}, (\boldsymbol{w}, b))$ denotes the loss function.
- $\hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_i)$ denotes the predicted value for the ith observation $\boldsymbol{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1\times p}$, where p represents the dimension of the input.
- $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{p\times 1}$ denotes the weights.
- N denotes the batch size.

The model is

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) = \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{w} + b, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Let's set $p = 2$ and consider the true weights and bias as

$$\boldsymbol{w}_{\text{True}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix}, b_{\text{True}} = 0.1.$$

Let's just make some toy dataset (batch) to train on:

```
import numpy as np

# Make up (arbitrarily) 12 observations with two features.
X = np.array([[1, 2],
              [3, 1],
              [1, 1],
              [0, 1],
              [2, 2],
              [-2, 3],
              [1, 2],
              [-1, -0.5],
              [0.5, 1.2],
              [2, 1],
              [-2, 3],
              [-1, 1]
              ])

w_true = np.array([[1.5], [1.5]])
b_true = 0.1

y = X @ w_true + b_true
print(X); print(y)
```

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[[ 1.   2. ]
 [ 3.   1. ]
 [ 1.   1. ]
 [ 0.   1. ]
 [ 2.   2. ]
 [-2.   3. ]
 [ 1.   2. ]
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 [-1.   -0.5]
 [ 0.5   1.2]
 [ 2.    1. ]
 [-2.    3. ]
 [-1.    1. ]]
[[ 4.6 ]
 [ 6.1 ]
 [ 3.1 ]
 [ 1.6 ]
 [ 6.1 ]
 [ 1.6 ]
 [ 4.6 ]
 [-2.15]
 [ 2.65]
 [ 4.6 ]
 [ 1.6 ]
 [ 0.1 ]]
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If the batch size is $N = 3$, the first batch of observations is

$$\boldsymbol{X}_{1:3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \boldsymbol{y}_{1:3} = \begin{pmatrix} 4.6 \\ 6.1 \\ 3.1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For simplicity, we will denote $\boldsymbol{X}_{1:3}$ as $\boldsymbol{X}$ and $\boldsymbol{y}_{1:3}$ as $\boldsymbol{y}$.

Step 1: Write down $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}, (\boldsymbol{w}, b))$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}, (\boldsymbol{w}, b)) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) - y_i\right)^2 = \frac{1}{N} (\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y})^\top (\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y}), \tag{1}$$

where

$$\hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) = \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{w} + b, \tag{2}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{w} + b\mathbf{1} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_1) \\ \hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_2) \\ \hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_3) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

with $\mathbf{1}$ is a length 3 column vector of ones.

Step 2: Derive $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}$, $\frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}}$, and $\frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial b}$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}} = \frac{2}{N}(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y}), \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}} = \boldsymbol{X}, \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial b} = \mathbf{1}. \tag{6}$$

Step 3: Derive $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}}$ and $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b}$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}\right)^\top \frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}} = \left(\frac{2}{N}(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y})\right)^\top \boldsymbol{X} = \frac{2}{N}\boldsymbol{X}^\top(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y}), \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}\right)^\top \frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}{\partial b} = \left(\frac{2}{N}(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y})\right)^\top \mathbf{1} = \frac{2}{N}\mathbf{1}^\top(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{y}). \tag{8}$$

Step 4: Initialise the weights and biases. Evaluate the gradients.

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, b^{(0)} = 0.$$

Subsequently,

$$\left.\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}}\right|_{\boldsymbol{w}^{(0)}} = \frac{2}{3} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{X}^\top} \left[\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}} - \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 4.6 \\ 6.1 \\ 3.1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{y}} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} -6.000 \\ -4.267 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{9}$$

$$\left.\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b}\right|_{b^{(0)}} = \frac{2}{3} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{1}^\top} \left[\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}} - \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 4.6 \\ 6.1 \\ 3.1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{y}} \right] = -3.200. \tag{10}$$

```
#number of rows == number of observations in the batch
X_batch = X[:3]
y_batch = y[:3]
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```python
N = X_batch.shape[0]
w = np.array([[1], [1]])
b = 0

#Gradients
y_hat = X_batch @ w + b
dw = 2/N * X_batch.T @ (y_hat - y_batch)
db = 2/N * np.sum(y_hat - y_batch)
print(dw); print(db)
```

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[[-6.        ]
 [-4.26666667]]
-3.1999999999999993
```

Step 5: Pick a learning rate η and update the weights and biases.

$$\eta = 0.1, \tag{11}$$

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{w}^{(0)} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{w}}\bigg|_{\boldsymbol{w}^{(0)}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.600 \\ 1.427 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{12}$$

$$b^{(1)} = b^{(0)} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b}\bigg|_{b^{(0)}} = 0.320 \tag{13}$$

```python
#specify a learning rate to update
eta = 0.1
w = w - eta * dw
b = b - eta * db
print(w); print(b)
```

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[[1.6       ]
 [1.42666667]]
0.31999999999999995
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Next Step: Update until convergence.

```python
#loss function
def mse(y_pred, y_true):
  return(np.mean((y_pred-y_true)**2))
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```
def lr_gradient_descent(X, y, batch_size=32, eta=0.1, w=None, b=None, max_iter=100, tol=1e-08
    """
    Gradient descent optimization for linear regression with random batch updates.

    Parameters:
    eta: float - learning rate (default=0.1)
    w: numpy array of shape (p, 1) - initial weights (default=ones)
    b: float - initial bias (default=zero)
    max_iter: int - maximum number of iterations (default=100)
    tol: float - tolerance for stopping criteria (default=1e-08)

    Returns:
    w, b - optimized weights and bias
    """
    N, p = X.shape

    if w is None:
        w = np.ones((p, 1))
    if b is None:
        b = 0

    prev_error = np.inf
    batch_size = min(N, batch_size)
    num_batches = N//batch_size

    for iteration in range(max_iter):
        indices = np.arange(N)
        np.random.shuffle(indices)
        X_shuffled = X[indices]
        y_shuffled = y[indices]


        for batch in range(num_batches):
            start = batch * batch_size
            end = start + batch_size
            X_batch = X_shuffled[start:end]
            y_batch = y_shuffled[start:end]

            y_hat = X_batch @ w + b
            error = mse(y_hat.squeeze(), y_batch.squeeze())

            if np.abs(error - prev_error) < tol:
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                return w, b

            prev_error = error

            dw = 2 / batch_size * X_batch.T @ (y_hat - y_batch)
            db = 2 / batch_size * np.sum(y_hat - y_batch)

            w -= eta * dw
            b -= eta * db

    return w, b

#Default initialisation
w_updated, b_updated = lr_gradient_descent(X, y, batch_size = 3, max_iter = 1000)
print(w_updated)
print(b_updated)
```

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[[1.49983835]
 [1.49949908]]
0.10108743536694893
```

Different Learning Rates and Initialisations

See more details in maths-of-neural-networks.ipynb.

Exercises

1. Apply stochastic gradient descent for the example given above.
2. Apply batch gradient descent for logistic regression. Follow the steps and information above.