

1a) Consider the log likelihood function for logistic regression

$l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^m y^i \log h(x^i) + (1 - y^i) \log (1 - h(x^i))$  find the Hessian H of this function, and show that for any vector  $z$  it holds true that  $z^T H z \leq 0$

To find the Hessian

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$

$$l(\theta) = y^i \log(g(\theta^T x)) + (1 - y^i) \log(1 - g(\theta^T x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} &= y^i \frac{\frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j}}{g(\theta^T x)} + (1 - y^i) \frac{\partial \log(1 - g(\theta^T x))}{\partial \theta_j} = y^i \frac{\frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j}}{g(\theta^T x)} + (1 - y^i) \frac{\frac{\partial(1 - g(\theta^T x))}{\partial \theta_j}}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} \\ &= y^i \frac{\frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j}}{g(\theta^T x)} - (1 - y^i) \frac{\frac{\partial(g(\theta^T x))}{\partial \theta_j}}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\theta^T x) &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}; g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}; \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial(1 + e^{-z})^{-1}}{\partial z} = (-1)(1 + e^{-z})^{-2} \frac{\partial(1 + e^{-z})}{\partial z} = \frac{-1}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} (-1)e^{-z} dz \\ &= \frac{e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} = \frac{1 - 1 + e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})}\right) = g(z)(1 - g(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Now we can apply this to computing the Hessian:

$$\begin{aligned} y^i \frac{\frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j}}{g(\theta^T x)} - (1 - y^i) \frac{\frac{\partial(g(\theta^T x))}{\partial \theta_j}}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} &= \left[ \frac{y}{g(\theta^T x)} - \frac{(1 - y)}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} \right] \frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} \\ &= \left[ \frac{y}{g(\theta^T x)} - \frac{(1 - y)}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} \right] g(\theta^T x)(1 - g(\theta^T x)) \frac{\partial(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} \\ &= \left[ \frac{y}{g(\theta^T x)} g(\theta^T x) - \frac{(1 - y)}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} g(\theta^T x) \right] (1 - g(\theta^T x)) \frac{\partial(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} \\ &= \left[ y - \frac{(1 - y)}{1 - g(\theta^T x)} g(\theta^T x) \right] (1 - g(\theta^T x)) \frac{\partial(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [y(1 - g(\theta^T x)) - (1 - y)g(\theta^T x)] \frac{\partial(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} = [(y - yg(\theta^T x)) - (g(\theta^T x) - yg(\theta^T x))] \frac{\partial(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} \\
&= [y - g(\theta^T x)] \frac{\partial(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} = [y - h_\theta(x)]x_j
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial \theta_k} &= \frac{\partial [y - h_\theta(x)]x_j}{\partial \theta_k} = x_j \frac{\partial [-h_\theta(x)]}{\partial \theta_k} = -x_j \frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_k} = -x_j g(z)(1 - g(z)) \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta_k} \\
&= -x_j h_\theta(x)(1 - h_\theta(x))x_k = Xh_\theta(x)(1 - h_\theta(x))X^T
\end{aligned}$$