

# Metric Perspective of Stochastic Optimizers

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# Overview

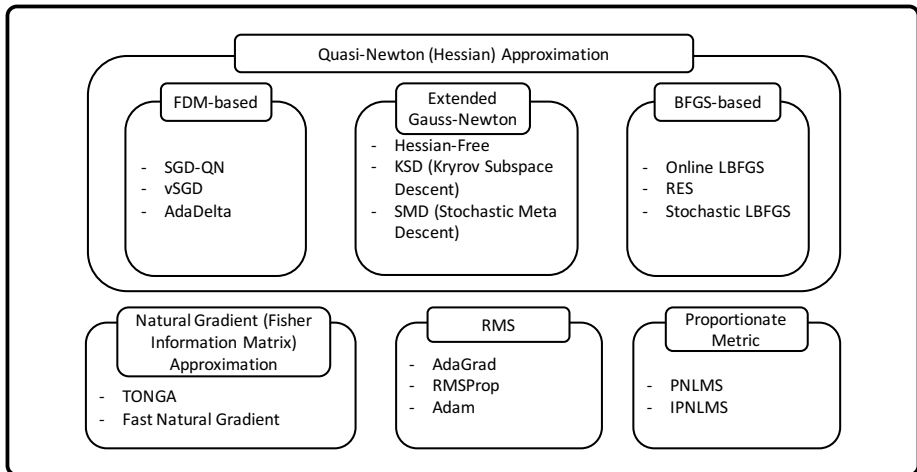
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# Outline

## Explanation of stochastic optimizers in machine learning, especially, from the perspective of each metric.

- Mostly, stochastic optimizers can be divided into three types of metric.
  - 1 Quasi-Newton Method Type
    - 1 Finite Difference Method (FDM): SGD-QN [1], AdaDelta [2], VSGD [3, 4]
    - 2 Extended Gauss-Newton: KSD [5], SMD [6], HF [7]
    - 3 LBFGS: stochastic LBFGS [8, 9], RES [10],
  - 2 Natural Gradient Type: Natural Gradient [11], TONGA [12, 13]
  - 3 Root Mean Square (RMS) Type: AdaGrad [14], RMSprop [15], Adam [16]

# Overview of Stochastic Algorithm



# Problem Setting

- **Model:** For an input  $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the output  $\hat{y}_t \in \mathbb{R}$  is derived by

$$\text{Activation : } \hat{y}_t = M(z_t) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Output : } z_t = N_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_t) \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

- **Loss:** With instantaneous loss function  $l_t(\mathbf{w})$  of parameter  $\mathbf{w}$ ,

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbb{E} [l_t(\mathbf{w})]_t. \quad (3)$$

Problem Setting	$M(z)$	$N_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})$	$l_t(\hat{y}_t)$	$y_t$
Regression	$z$	$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$	$\frac{\ \hat{y}_t - y_t\ ^2}{2}$	$y_t \in \mathbb{R}$
Classification	$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$	$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$	$-[y_t \log(\hat{y}_t) + (1 - y_t) \log(1 - \hat{y}_t)]$	$y_t \in \{0, 1\}$
Multi-Classification	$\frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}}$	$\mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{x}$	$-\sum_{i=1}^k y_{t,i} \log(\hat{y}_i)$	$y_{t,i} \in \{0, 1\}$

# Brief Illustration of Model

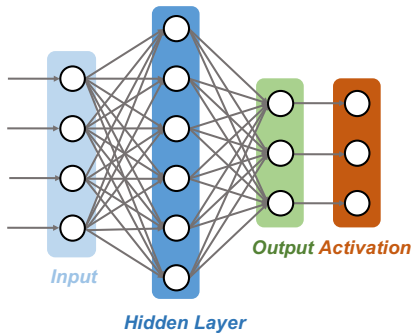


Figure: Neural Network

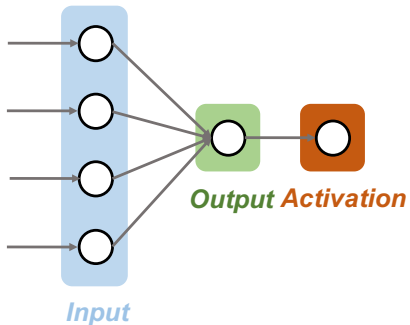


Figure: Linear Model

# Stochastic Optimization

- **Purpose:** Find  $\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w})$  by stochastic approximation.

## SGD (Stochastic Gradient Descent) and Variants

$$\mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \eta_t \mathbf{g}_t, \quad \eta_t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \eta_t = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^t \eta_i = \infty \quad (4)$$

Vanilla SGD :  $\mathbf{g}_t = \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_t(\mathbf{w}_{t-1})$

Momentum :  $\mathbf{g}_t = \gamma \mathbf{g}_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma) \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_t(\mathbf{w}_{t-1}), \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

NAG :  $\mathbf{g}_t = \gamma \mathbf{g}_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma) \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_t(\mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \gamma \mathbf{g}_{t-1})$

Minibatch :  $\mathbf{g}_t = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_{t-i}(\mathbf{w}_{t-1}), \quad I \in \mathbb{R}.$

- Suppose  $l_t(\mathbf{w})$  is differentiable.

# Quasi-Newton Method

- **Newton Method** employs Hessian matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_t &= \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - B_t \mathbf{g}_t \\ B_t &= H_t^{-1}, \quad H_t = \frac{d^2 L(\mathbf{w}_{t-1})}{d\mathbf{w}^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

- **Quasi-Newton** employs Hessian approximation  $\hat{H}_t$  instead of  $H_t$ .
  - 1 FDM (Finite Difference Method): SGD-QN [1], AdaDelta [2], VSGD [3, 4]
  - 2 Extended Gauss-Newton Approximation
  - 3 LBFGS
- Diagonal approximation is often used in stochastic optimization:

$$\hat{H}_t = \text{diag}(h_{1,t} \dots h_{n,t}) \tag{6}$$



# SGD-QN

- **SGD-QN** [1] employs instantaneous estimator of Hessian:

$$\frac{1}{h_{i,t}} := \frac{\eta}{t} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{h_{i,\tau}^{FDM}} \right]_{\tau=1}^t \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{h_{i,\tau}^{FDM}} \right]_{\tau=1}^t \approx \bar{h}_{i,t} := \alpha \frac{1}{h_{i,t}^{FDM}} + (1 - \alpha) \bar{h}_{i,t-1} \quad (8)$$

$$h_{i,t}^{FDM} := \frac{g_{i,t} - g_{i,t-1}}{w_{i,t-1} - w_{i,t-2}} \quad (9)$$

- The FDM approximation (9) is called secant condition in quasi-newton method context.

# AdaDelta

- SGD updates (5) can be reformulated

$$B_t = -(\mathbf{w}_t - \mathbf{w}_{t-1})\mathbf{g}_t^{-\top}. \quad (10)$$

- **AdaDelta** [2] approximates Hessian by (10) :

$$h_{i,t} := \mathbb{E} \left[ -\frac{g_{i,t}}{w_{i,t} - w_{i,t-1}} \right]_{\tau=1}^t \approx \frac{\text{RMS}[g_{i,t}]}{\text{RMS}[w_{i,t-1} - w_{i,t-2}]}. \quad (11)$$

Here  $w_{i,t} - w_{i,t-1}$  is not known at  $t$ , so approximated by  $w_{i,t-1} - w_{i,t-2}$ .

- With numerical stability parameter  $\epsilon$ : (sensitive parameter in practice)

$$\text{RMS}[g_t] := \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[g_\tau^2]_{\tau=1}^t + \epsilon} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g_\tau^2]_{\tau=1}^t \approx \bar{g}_t := \alpha g_t^2 + (1 - \alpha)\bar{g}_{t-1} \quad (13)$$

# VSGD: Quadratic Loss

## Quadratic Approximation of Loss

- Taylor expansion gives

$$l_t(\mathbf{w}) \approx l_t(\mathbf{a}) + \frac{dl_t(\mathbf{a})}{d\mathbf{w}}^\top (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{a}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{a})^\top \frac{d^2l_t(\mathbf{a})}{d\mathbf{w}^2} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{a}), \quad \forall \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- For  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_t = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n} l_t(\mathbf{w})$ ,

$$l_t(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_t) = 0, \quad \frac{dl_t(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_t)}{d\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (14)$$

Then  $l_t(\mathbf{w})$  can be locally approximated by the quadratic function

$$l_t(\mathbf{w}) \approx \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}_t)^\top \frac{d^2l_t(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_t)}{d\mathbf{w}^2} (\mathbf{w} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}_t). \quad (15)$$

# VSGD: Noisy Quadratic Loss

## Noisy Quadratic Approximation of Loss with Diagonal Hessian Approximation

- Suppose  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}, \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2))$ :

$$\begin{aligned} l_t^q(\mathbf{w}) &:= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}_t)^\top \hat{H}_t(\mathbf{w} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}_t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n h_{i,t}(w_i - \hat{w}_{i,t})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

- SGD for  $l_t^q$  with element-wise learning rate  $\eta_{i,t}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} w_{i,t} &= w_{i,t-1} - \eta_{i,t} \frac{dl_t^q(\mathbf{w}_{t-1})}{dw_i} \\ &= w_{i,t-1} - \eta_{i,t} h_{i,t}(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_{i,t}) \\ &= w_{i,t-1} - \eta_{i,t} h_{i,t}(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_i + \mathbf{u}_i), \quad \mathbf{u}_{i,t} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_i^2). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

# VSGD: Adaptive Learning Rate

## Greedy Optimal Learning Rate

- **VSGD (variance SGD)** [3, 4] choose the learning rate, which minimize the conditional expectation of loss function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{i,t} &:= \arg \min_{\eta} \left\{ \mathbb{E} [l_t^q(w_{i,t}) | w_{i,t-1}]_t \right\} \\
 &= \arg \min_{\eta} \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( w_{i,t-1} - \frac{1}{\eta} h_{i,t}(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_i + u_i) - \hat{w}_{i,t} \right)^2 \right]_t \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{h_{i,t}} \frac{(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_i)^2}{(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_i)^2 + \sigma_i^2} \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

# VSGD: Variance Approximation

- In practice,  $\hat{w}$  is unknown so approximated by

$$\begin{aligned}(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_i)^2 &= \left( \mathbb{E} [w_{i,\tau} - \hat{w}_i]_{\tau=1}^{t-1} \right)^2 \\ &= \left( \mathbb{E} [g_{i,\tau}]_{\tau=1}^{t-1} \right)^2\end{aligned}\quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned}(w_{i,t-1} - \hat{w}_i)^2 + \sigma_i^2 &= \mathbb{E} [(w_{i,\tau} - \hat{w}_i)^2]_{\tau=1}^{t-1} \\ &= \mathbb{E} [g_{i,\tau}^2]_{\tau=1}^{t-1}\end{aligned}\quad (20)$$

where

$$\mathbb{E} [g_{i,\tau}]_{\tau=1}^t \approx \bar{g}_{i,t} := \alpha_{i,t} g_{i,t} + (1 - \alpha_{i,t}) \bar{g}_{i,t-1} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbb{E} [g_{i,\tau}^2]_{\tau=1}^t \approx \bar{v}_{i,t} := \alpha_{i,t} g_{i,t}^2 + (1 - \alpha_{i,t}) \bar{v}_{i,t-1}. \quad (22)$$

# VSGD: Hessian Approximation

- Hessian is approximated by  $h_{i,t} := \mathbb{E}[h_{i,\tau}]_{\tau=1}^t$ .
- Two approximation of  $\mathbb{E}[h_{i,\tau}]_{\tau=1}^t$  based on FDM:

$$\text{(Scheme 1)} \quad \bar{h}_{i,t} := \alpha_{i,t} \hat{h}_{i,t} + (1 - \alpha_{i,t}) \bar{h}_{i,t} \quad (23)$$

$$\text{(Scheme 2)} \quad \bar{h}_{i,t} := \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \hat{h}_{i,t} \right)^2 \right]}{\mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{h}_{i,t} \right]} \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \hat{h}_{i,t} \right)^2 \right] \approx v_{i,t} := \alpha_{i,t} \left( \hat{h}_{i,t} \right)^2 + (1 - \alpha_{i,t}) v_{i,t}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{h}_{i,t} \right] \approx m_{i,t} := \alpha_{i,t} \hat{h}_{i,t} + (1 - \alpha_{i,t}) m_{i,t}$$

where

$$\hat{h}_{i,t} := \frac{g_{i,t} - dl_t(w_{i,t} + \bar{g}_{i,t})/d\mathbf{w}}{\bar{g}_{i,t}}. \quad (25)$$

# VSGD: Weight Decay

**Weight Sequence:** Weight is update by following heuristic rule

$$\alpha_{i,t} := \left(1 - \frac{\bar{g}_{i,t}^2}{\bar{v}_{i,t}}\right) \alpha_{i,t-1} + 1. \quad (26)$$



# RMS: AdaGrad, RMSprop, Adam

- **AdaGrad** [14], **Adam** [16], **RMSProp** [15] can be summarized as

$$B_t = \eta_t R_t \quad (27)$$

$$R_t := \text{diag}(1/r_{1,t} \dots 1/r_{n,t}) \quad (28)$$

$$r_{i,t} := \text{RMS}[g_{i,t}] = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[g_{i,t}^2]} \quad (29)$$

- Approximation of expectation and learning rate is different:

$$(\text{AdaGrad}) \quad \mathbb{E}[g_{i,t}^2] \approx \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\tau=1}^t g_{i,\tau}^2, \quad \eta_t = \eta/\sqrt{t} \quad (30)$$

$$(\text{RMSProp}) \quad \mathbb{E}[g_{i,t}^2] \approx \bar{v}_{i,t}, \quad \eta_t = \eta \quad (31)$$

$$(\text{Adam}) \quad \mathbb{E}[g_{i,t}^2] \approx \hat{v}_{i,t} := \frac{\bar{v}_{i,t}}{1 - \alpha^t}, \quad \eta_t = \eta \frac{1}{1 - \gamma^t} \quad (32)$$

where  $\bar{v}_{i,t} := \alpha g_{i,t}^2 + (1 - \alpha)\bar{v}_{i,t-1}$ .

# Adam

## Moment Bias

- For the momentum sequence:

$$\mathbf{g}_t := \gamma \mathbf{g}_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma) \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_t(\mathbf{w}_{t-1}) = (1 - \gamma) \sum_{i=1}^t \gamma^{t-i} \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_i(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}),$$

the expectation of  $\mathbf{g}_t$  includes **moment bias**  $(1 - \gamma^t)$  such as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{g}_t]_t &= \mathbb{E} \left[ (1 - \gamma) \sum_{i=1}^t \gamma^{t-i} \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_i(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}) \right]_t \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_t(\mathbf{w}_{t-1}) \right]_t (1 - \gamma) \sum_{i=1}^t \gamma^{t-i} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} l_t(\mathbf{w}_{t-1}) \right]_t (1 - \gamma^t). \end{aligned}$$

- Adam's learning rate is aimed to reduce the moment bias.

# Extended Gauss-Newton

## Relation to the Gauss-Newton

- Gauss-Newton is an approximation of Hessian, which is limited to the squared loss function.
- **Extended Gauss-Newton** is an extension of Gauss-Newton by [6].
  - 1 Applicable to any loss function.

## Multilayer Perceptron Model

- The loss function (3) can be seen as

$$L(\hat{y}) = \mathbb{E} [l_t(\hat{y}_t)]_t \quad (33)$$

where

$$\text{Activation : } \hat{y}_t = M(z_t) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Output : } z_t = N_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_t). \quad (2)$$

# Extended Gauss-Newton: Hessian Derivation

- Hessian of (33) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \frac{d^2 L(\hat{y})}{d\mathbf{w}^2} \\
 &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}} \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right)^{\top} + \frac{d^2 z}{d\mathbf{w}^2} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}} \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}}^{\top} \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) + \frac{d^2 z}{d\mathbf{w}^2} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) \\
 &= J_N J_N^{\top} \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) + \frac{d^2 z}{d\mathbf{w}^2} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) \tag{34}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $J_N = \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}}$  is Jacobian.

# Extended Gauss-Newton: General Case and Regression

## Extended Gauss-Newton

- Ignore the 2nd order derivation in (34),

$$H_{GN} = J_N J_N^T \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right). \quad (35)$$

- Regression:** Since  $\frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} = 1$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \frac{d}{d\hat{y}} l_t(\hat{y}) \right] = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{d}{dz} (\hat{y} - y_t) \right] = 1. \quad (36)$$

- Extended Gauss-Newton approximation is

$$H_{GN} = J_N J_N^T \quad (37)$$

# Extended Gauss-Newton: Classification

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{dL(\hat{y})}{d\hat{y}} \right) &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{d}{d\hat{y}} l_t(\hat{y}) \right) \right] = -\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( (\hat{y} - \hat{y}^2) \left( \frac{y_t}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y_t}{1 - \hat{y}} \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{d}{dz} (\hat{y} - y_t) \right] = \hat{y} - \hat{y}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} &= \frac{e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} - \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} = \hat{y} - \hat{y}^2 \\ \frac{d}{d\hat{y}} l_t(\hat{y}) &= - \left( \frac{y_t}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y_t}{1 - \hat{y}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Extended Gauss-Newton approximation is

$$H_{GN} = (\hat{y} - \hat{y}^2) J_N J_N^T \quad (39)$$

# Extended Gauss-Newton: Multi-class Classification

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dz_i} \left( \frac{d\hat{y}_i}{dz_i} \frac{d}{d\hat{y}_i} l_t(\hat{y}) \right) &= \frac{d}{dz_i} \left[ \left\{ \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}} - \left( \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}} \right)^2 \right\} \left( -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}}{e^{z_i}} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{d}{dz_i} \left[ \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}} - 1 \right] \\
 &= \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}} - \left( \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{z_i}} \right)^2 = \hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

- Extended Gauss-Newton approximation is

$$H_{GN,i} = (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i^2) J_{N,i} J_{N,i}^T \tag{41}$$

# Natural Gradient

## Fisher Information Matrix

- Suppose the observation  $y$  is sampled via

$$y \sim p(\hat{y}). \quad (42)$$

- Then **fisher information matrix** becomes

$$F = \frac{d \log p(y|\hat{y})}{d\mathbf{w}} \frac{d \log p(y|\hat{y})}{d\mathbf{w}}^T. \quad (43)$$

## Natural Gradient

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_t &= \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - B_t \mathbf{g}_t \\ B_t &= F^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$



# Natural Gradient: Regression

- **Regression:** Suppose gaussian distribution,

$$p(y|\hat{y}, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\hat{y}-y)^2}{2\sigma^2}}. \quad (45)$$

- Fisher information matrix:

$$F = \frac{(\hat{y} - y)^2}{\sigma^4} J_N J_N^\top \quad (46)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \log p(y|\hat{y}, \sigma)}{d\mathbf{w}} &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \left\{ -\frac{(\hat{y} - y)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{\hat{y} - y}{\sigma^2} \frac{d\hat{y}}{d\mathbf{w}} \\ &= -\frac{\hat{y} - y}{\sigma^2} \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}} \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} = -\frac{\hat{y} - y}{\sigma^2} J_N \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

# Natural Gradient: Classification

- **Classification:** Suppose binomial distribution,

$$p(y|\hat{y}) = \hat{y}^y (1 - \hat{y})^{1-y}. \quad (48)$$

- Fisher information matrix:

$$F = (y - \hat{y})^2 J_N J_N^\top \quad (49)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \log p(y|\hat{y}, \sigma)}{d\mathbf{w}} &= \frac{dz}{d\mathbf{w}} \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \frac{d}{d\hat{y}} \{y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log (1 - \hat{y})\} \\ &= J_N \frac{d\hat{y}}{dz} \left( \frac{y}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{y}} \right) \\ &= J_N (1 - \hat{y}) \hat{y} \left( \frac{y}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{y}} \right) = J_N (y - \hat{y}) \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

# Natural Gradient: Multi-class Classification

- **Multi-class Classification:** Suppose multinomial distribution

$$p(y_1, \dots, y_k | \hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k \hat{y}_i^{y_i} \quad (51)$$

- Fisher information matrix:

$$F_i = \{(1 - \hat{y}_i)y_i\}^2 J_{N,i} J_{N,i}^\top \quad (52)$$

where

$$\frac{d \log \{p(y_1, \dots, y_k | \hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}_k)\}}{d\mathbf{w}_i} = \frac{dz_i}{d\mathbf{w}_i} \frac{d\hat{y}_i}{dz_i} \frac{d \sum_{i=1}^k y_i \log(\hat{y}_i)}{d\hat{y}_i} \quad (53)$$

$$= J_{N,i} \left\{ (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i^2) \frac{y_i}{\hat{y}_i} \right\} = J_{N,i} (1 - \hat{y}_i) y_i \quad (54)$$

# Experiment: Settings

## Data

- **Regression:** Synthetic data, 1000 features.
- **Classification:** MNIST (hand written digits), 764 features, 1 ~ 9 labels.

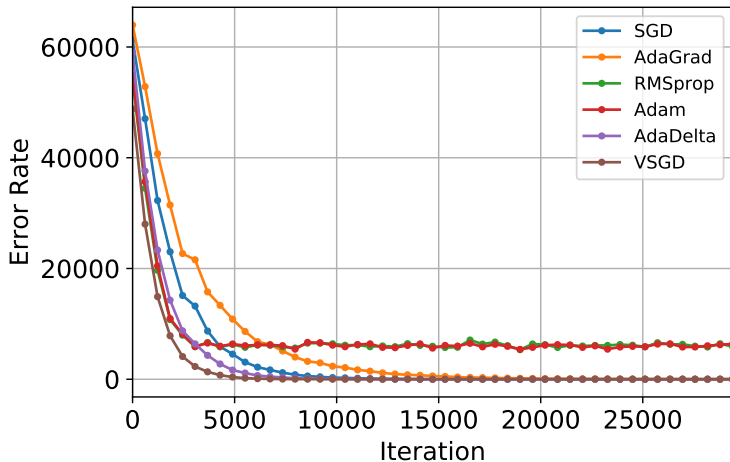
## Hyperparameters

- **Grid Search:** Employ the best performed hyperparameters.
  - 1 Learning rate.
  - 2 Weight of RMS.

## Evaluation

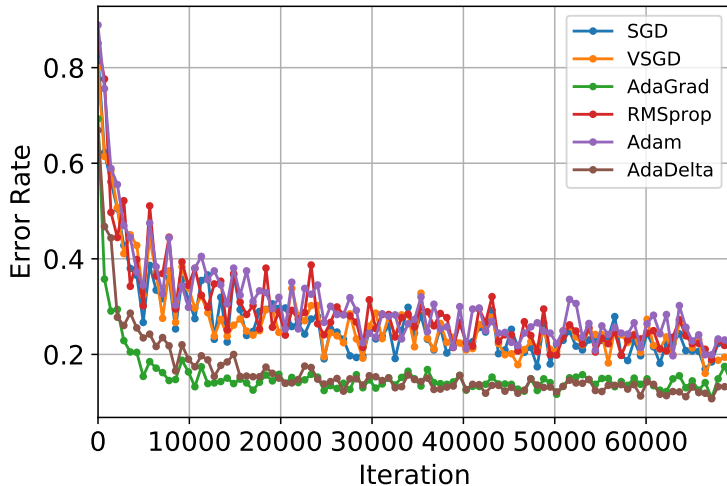
- **Regression:** Mean square error.
- **Classification:** Misclassification rate.

# Experiment: Regression



- **VSGD is the best even though tuning free.**

# Experiment: Classification



- **AdaDelta is the best even though tuning free.**






# Conclusion & Future Work





## Conclusion

- **Summarize stochastic optimizers from the view of its metric.**
  - Quasi-Newton type, RMS type and Natural Gradient type.
- **Conduct brief experiments (classification and regression).**
  - See the efficacies of tuning free algorithm.

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