

# Homework for “Algorithms For Big Data Analysis”

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## 1 Submission Requirement

1. Prepare a report including
  - detailed answers to each question
  - numerical results and their interpretation
2. The programming language can be either matlab, Python or c/c++.
3. Pack all of your codes named as "sto-ID-name.zip" and upload the file to send it to TA: pkuopt@163.com  
作业提交需要统一打包成压缩文件，命名格式为：sto-学号-姓名，文件类型随意。文件名中不要出现空格，最好不要出现中文。
4. 请勿大量将代码粘在报告中，涉及到实际结果需要打表或者作图，不要截图或者直接从命令行拷贝结果。
5. 提交word的同学需要提供word原文件并将其转换成pdf文件。
6. If you get significant help from others on one routine, write down the source of references at the beginning of this routine.

## 2 Variants of Stochastic Gradients Algorithms

Consider the nonconvex problem

$$(2.1) \quad \min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(w) + \lambda \|w\|_2^2,$$

where  $f_i(w) = 1 - \tanh(y_i w^\top x_i)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $(x_i, y_i)$  is the  $i$ -th data pair.

1. Write down and implement two of the following algorithms: Adagrad, adam, SVRG
2. You are encouraged to read the implementation in Pytorch, tensorflow as well as other packages. However, you should implement the codes by yourself.

3. Download the datasets covtype and gisette from

<https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/>.

The training and testing sets are divided the same way as Section 5 in:

References: Exact and Inexact Subsampled Newton Methods for Optimization, Raghu Bollapragada, Richard Byrd, Jorge Nocedal, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1609.08502>

4. Test a few choices of  $\lambda$  (for example, 10, 1, 0.1, 0.001. This value probably depends on the data sets). Generate figures similar to Figure A.7 in the above paper.
5. Extra-credit: propose, implement and test one of the following algorithms
  - (a) stochastic quasi-Newton method
  - (b) any other better idea