Coresets for Logistic Regression

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Beyond Worst Case?

Define a notion of overlap μ between the two classes.

Show that the total sensitivity may be bounded in terms of μ .

If μ is large, a suitable sensitivity distribution yields a small coreset.

Works in Streaming, MapReduce, etc.



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Algorithm computes a coreset of size $\tilde{O}(\mu^3 d^3 \varepsilon^{-4} \log^4 \mu n d)$.

It Even Works In Practice!



Conclusion and Open Problems

Summary of Results

- Impossibility result for coresets for logistic regression
- Beyond-Worst Case analysis for coreset construction

Open Questions

- Direct sampling scheme that avoids recursion?
- Is μ-complexity the correct measure?
- What other problems admit coresets in "reasonable" cases?