

# Private Gradient Descent

Recap:

- (Projected) Gradient Descent  
Privacy, Convergence.
- Practical Aspects of Private Deep Learning (w/slides)

HW2 Due

# Projected Gradient Descent (PGD)

Constraint set

$$\text{PGD} (L, C, \eta) :$$

→ Init:  $w_0 \in C$  arbitrary

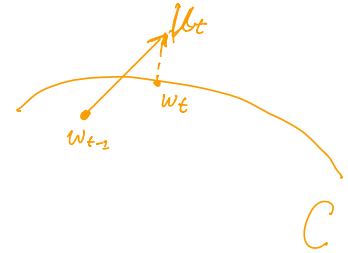
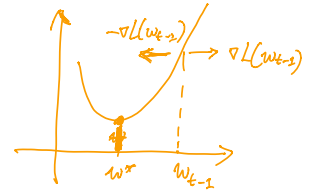
For  $t = 1, \dots, T$ :

$$g_t = \nabla L(w_{t-1}) \leftarrow \text{Gradient}$$

$$u_t \leftarrow w_{t-1} - \eta \cdot g_t$$

$$w_t \leftarrow \Pi_C (u_t).$$

→ Output  $\hat{w} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T w_t$



# Private SGD.

Private SGD ( $L, C, \overset{\text{learning rate}}{\eta}$ ) :

→ Init:  $w_0 \in C$  arbitrary

For  $t = 1, \dots, T$ :

Also . Subsampling  
a minibatch

→  $I_t \leftarrow \text{unif}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ ;  $g_t = \nabla \ell(w_{t-1}; x_{I_t})$

$$\tilde{g}_t = g_t + N(0, \delta^2 \text{Id})$$

$$u_t \leftarrow w_{t-1} - \eta \cdot \tilde{g}_t$$

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# Privacy Amplification

- Keep  $I_t$  secret
- Use their randomness.

In general:  $A = \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP.  
Computation at each step  $\rightarrow$  take one data point

• Consider:  $A' = \mathcal{X}^n \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I \leftarrow \text{unif}(\{1, \dots, n\}) \\ \text{Return } A(\mathcal{X}_I) \end{array} \right.$

•  $A'$  is  $(\epsilon', \delta')$ -DP where

$$\epsilon' = \ln\left(1 + \frac{e^\epsilon - 1}{n}\right) \approx \boxed{\frac{\epsilon}{n}} \text{ for } \epsilon \leq 1$$

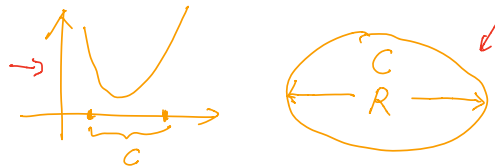
$$\delta' = \frac{\delta}{n}$$

Can generalize to subsample of size  $\boxed{m \leq n}$ .

$$\epsilon' \approx \frac{m}{n} \epsilon$$

$$\delta' \approx \frac{m}{n} \delta.$$

# Convergence / Optimality.



Theorem. Let  $L: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be convex and G-Lipschitz  
 $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be a closed and convex set  
 with diameter R

(Part a)

↓

$$w^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{w \in C} L(w)$$

• For regular PGD, set  $\eta = \frac{R}{G\sqrt{T}}$ , then  $L(\hat{w}) - L(w^*) \leq \boxed{\frac{RG}{\sqrt{T}}}$  ↓ 0  
 T ↑ ∞

• For noisy PGD, set  $\eta, T, \delta^2$  so that,  $\mathbb{E}[L(\hat{w}) - L(w^*)] \leq O\left(\frac{RG\sqrt{d \ln(1/\delta)}}{n\epsilon}\right)$

For theory:  $T \approx n^2$

"cost of privacy" Gap:  $\frac{\sqrt{d}}{n\epsilon}$  ← "tight" in the worst-case

Practices: Trial-&-error.

Gap for EM:  $\frac{d}{n\epsilon}$

(-so is learning rate)

Proof (for regular PGD).

$$w^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{w \in C} L(w)$$

Claim. (Measure of Progress)

$$\underbrace{L(w_t) - L(w^*)}_{\text{Excess Risk}} \leq \frac{\eta \cdot \|g_t\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \underbrace{\|w_t - w^*\|^2}_{\text{Reduction on Squared distances}} - \underbrace{\|w_{t+1} - w^*\|^2}_{\text{Reduction on Squared distances}} \right)$$

2 Key Quantities

Excess Risk

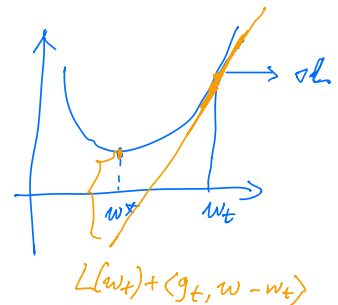
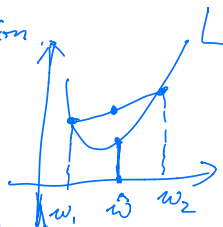
Distance to  $w^*$

Proof for  $\hat{w} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T w_t$

By Jensen Inequality, for convex function,

$$L(\hat{w}) \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_t L(w_t)$$

Compare w/  $\frac{1}{T} (T \cdot L(w^*))$



$$L(\hat{w}) - L(w^*) \leq \frac{1}{T} \left( \sum_t (L(w_t) - L(w^*)) \right) \leftarrow \text{use "Progress Claim"}$$

$$\leq \frac{\eta}{2} \cdot \max_t \|g_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\eta T} \left( \|w_1 - w^*\|^2 - \|w_{T+1} - w^*\|^2 \right)$$

$$\leq \frac{\eta}{2} \cdot G^2 + \frac{1}{2\eta T} \left( \|w_1 - w^*\|^2 \right)$$

$$\leq \frac{\eta}{2} G^2 + \frac{R^2}{2\eta T} = \frac{GR}{\sqrt{T}}$$

Equalize

$$\stackrel{\text{Set } \eta}{=} \frac{R}{G} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$$

# Noisy / Private PGD.

$$\tilde{g}_t = \underline{g}_t + N(0, \beta^2 I)$$

"New" Progress Claim.

$$\mathbb{E}[L(w_t) - L(w^*)] \leq \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{g}_t\|^2] + \frac{1}{2\eta} \mathbb{E}[\|w_t - w^*\|^2 - \|w_{t+1} - w^*\|^2]$$

Proof.  $\mathbb{E}[L(w_t) - L(w^*)] \leq \mathbb{E}[\langle \eta g_t, w_t - w^* \rangle]$

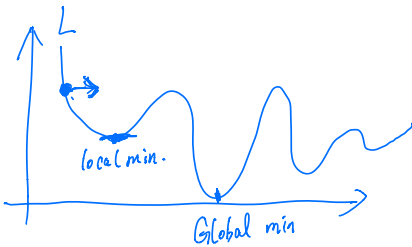
$$= \mathbb{E}[\langle \eta \mathbb{E}[\tilde{g}_t | w_t], w_t - w^* \rangle]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\langle \eta \tilde{g}_t, w_t - w^* \rangle]$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \|a\|_2^2 + \|b\|_2^2 - \|a - b\|_2^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{g}_t\|_2^2] \leq \|g_t\|_2^2 + \boxed{d\beta^2}$$

What about Nonconvex Case?



Smoothness.

(Lipschitz Gradient)

$$\|\nabla L(w) - \nabla L(w')\|_2 \leq \beta \|w - w'\|_2$$

$$L(w') \leq L(w) + \nabla L(w)^T (w' - w) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|w - w'\|_2^2.$$

Can Show:  $w_1, \dots, w_T$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum \|\nabla L(w_t)\|_2^2 \rightarrow O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right). \quad (\text{non-DP})$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\beta d}{n \epsilon} \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)} \quad (\text{DP})$$

