

Let $S(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$. We have $0 < S(x) \leq 1$, and $S'(x) = S(x)(1-S(x)) \geq 0$. Hence, $S(x)$ is monotonically increasing. Next, we have $0 \leq S'(x) \leq 2$. Then, based on the Lagrange mean value theorem, we have that $S(x)$ is Lipschitz function. Next, since $S''(x) = S(x)(1-S(x))(1-2S(x))$, we have $|S''(x)| \leq 6$. Then $S'(x)$ is Lipschitz function. Finally, let $f = \sum \sum [S(\tilde{r}_{ui} - r_{vi}) - S(r_{ui} - r_{vi})]^2 + \lambda \sum p_u^2$,

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \tilde{r}_{ui}} &= 2 \sum \sum [S(\tilde{r}_{ui} - r_{vi}) - S(r_{ui} - r_{vi})] S'(\tilde{r}_{ui} - r_{vi}) \\ &= 2 \sum [S(\tilde{r}_{ui} - r_{vi}) - S(r_{ui} - r_{vi})] S(\tilde{r}_{ui} - r_{vi}) (1 - S(\tilde{r}_{ui} - r_{vi})), \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tilde{r}_{ui} \partial \tilde{r}_{uj}} &= 2 S(\tilde{r}_{uj} - r_{vj}) [1 - S(\tilde{r}_{uj} - r_{vj})] \{ S(\tilde{r}_{uj} - r_{vj}) (1 - S(\tilde{r}_{uj} - r_{vj})) \\ &\quad + [S(\tilde{r}_{uj} - r_{vj}) - S(r_{uj} - r_{vj})] [1 - 2S(\tilde{r}_{uj} - r_{vj})] \}. \end{aligned}$$

As we can see from the above equations, $\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \tilde{r}_{ui}} \right)$ is Frechet derivative. Thus, it is also G-

differentiable, and $\nabla^2 f = \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tilde{r}_{ui} \partial \tilde{r}_{uj}} \right)$ satisfies $\|\nabla^2 f\| \leq M < \infty$. Consequently, we have ∇f is Lipschitz function (via Theorem 3.2.4 (p.70) in [1]).

[1] Ortega J. M., Rheinboldt W. C. Iterative Solution of Nonlinear Equations in Several Variables. Academic Press, New York, 1970.