

Math Review

**X** and **Y** are **independent** iff  $P(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = P(\mathbf{X})P(\mathbf{Y})$   
**X** and **Y** are **uncorrelated** iff  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X})\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y})$   
Expected value of  $g(\mathbf{X}) : E[g(\mathbf{X})] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx$   
**Variance**  $\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E[X^2] - \mu^2$   
Determinant of matrix is product of its eigenvalues.

$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \frac{df(\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}' + \mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{x}$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z}) = (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{z}) + (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{y})\mathbf{y} \qquad \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}f(\mathbf{y}) = (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{y})(\nabla_{\mathbf{y}}f(\mathbf{y}))$$
$$\nabla_w w^T A w = (A + A^T)w \qquad \mathbf{H}_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

Perceptron (Lecture 2)

$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i + \alpha$ ,  
**Goal:** find  $w$  s.t all constraints  $y_i \mathbf{X}_i \cdot w \geq 0$ . Define a risk function and optimize it, where the loss is defined as  $L(z, y_i) = -y_i z$  if  $y_i z < 0$ , else 0. Therefore risk  $R(w) = \sum_{i \in V} -y_i \mathbf{X}_i \cdot w$

**Decision boundary**, a **hyperplane** in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :  
 $H = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(\mathbf{x}) = 0\} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \alpha = 0\}$

**w** is the **normal** of the hyperplane,  
 $\alpha$  is the **offset** of the hyperplane from origin,  
 $\frac{f(\mathbf{x})}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$  is the **signed distance** from the **x** to hyperplane  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Perceptron algorithm**,  
Input:  $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \{\pm 1\}$   
while some  $y_i \neq \text{sign}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i)$   
    pick some misclassified  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$   
     $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y_i \mathbf{x}_i$

Given a **linearly separable data**, perceptron algorithm will take no more than  $\frac{R^2}{\gamma^2}$  updates to **converge**, where  $R = \max_i \|\mathbf{x}_i\|$  is the radius of the data,  
 $\gamma = \min_i \frac{y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$  is the margin.  
Also,  $\frac{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$  is the signed distance from H to **x** in the direction **w**.

**Gradient descent** view of perceptron, minimize margin cost function  
 $J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_i (-y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i))_+$  with  $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla J(\mathbf{w})$

Support Vector Machine (Lecture 3, 4)

**Hard margin SVM**,  
This method makes the margin as wide as possible. The signed distance from the hyperplane to  $X_i$  is  $\frac{f(\mathbf{x}_i)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$  Hence the margin is  $\min_i \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} |w \cdot X_i + \alpha| \geq \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \Rightarrow \min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$ , such that  $y_i \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \geq 1 (i = 1, \dots, n)$   
**Soft margin SVM**,  
 $\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$

**Regularization and SVMs:** Simulated data with many features  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ ; C controls trade-off between margin  $1/\|\mathbf{w}\|$  and fit to data; Large C: focus on fit to data (small margin is ok). More overfitting. Small C: focus on large margin, less tendency to overfit. Overfitting increases with: less data, more features.

Decision Theory (Lecture 6)

**Bayes Theorem:**  $\underbrace{P(Y = C|\mathbf{X})}_{\text{Poster. Prob}} = \frac{\overbrace{P(\mathbf{X}|Y=C)P(Y=C)}^{\text{Prior Prob}}}{P(\mathbf{X})}$  Assume **(X, Y)** are chosen i.i.d according to some probability distribution on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ . **Risk** is misclassification probability:  $R(r) = \mathbb{E}(L(r(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{Y})) = Pr(r(\mathbf{X}) \neq \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} [L(r(\mathbf{x}), 1)P(Y = 1|\mathbf{x}) + L(r(\mathbf{x}), -1)P(Y = -1|X = \mathbf{x})] \times P(\mathbf{x})$

$= P(Y = 1) \sum_x L(r(\mathbf{x}), 1)P(\mathbf{x}|Y = 1) + P(Y = -1) \sum_x L(r(\mathbf{x}), -1)P(\mathbf{x}|Y = -1)$

**Bayes Decision Rule** is  $r^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } L(-1, 1)P(\mathbf{Y} = 1|\mathbf{x}) > L(1, -1)P(\mathbf{Y} = -1|\mathbf{x}) \\ -1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ ,  
and the optimal risk (Bayes risk)  $R^* = \inf_r R(r) = R(r^*)$

**Risk in Regression** is expected squared error:  
 $R(f) = \mathbb{E} L(f(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbb{E} [f(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{Y}]^2 | \mathbf{X}]$

**Bias-variance decomposition:**  $R(f) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(f(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}])^2]}_{\text{bias}^2} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}] - \mathbf{Y})^2]}_{\text{variance}}$   
 $R(f) = \mathbb{E}[(f(\mathbf{X}) - f^*(\mathbf{X}))^2] + \mathbb{E}[(f^*(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{Y})^2]$   
 $R(f) = \mathbb{E}[(f(\mathbf{X}) - f^*(\mathbf{X}))^2] + R(f^*)$   
 $R(f) - R(f^*) = \mathbb{E}[(f(\mathbf{X}) - f^*(\mathbf{X}))^2], f^*(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}]$

Generative and Discriminative Models (Lecture 6)

**Discriminative models:**  $P(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = P(\mathbf{X})P(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$ .  
Estimate  $P(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$ , then pretend out estimate  $\hat{P}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$  is the actual  $P(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$  and plug in bayes rule expression.

**Generative model:**  $P(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = P(\mathbf{Y})P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y})$ .  
Estimate  $P(\mathbf{Y})$  and  $P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y})$ , then use bayes theorem to calculate  $P(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$  and use discriminative model.

**Gaussian** class conditional densities  $P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y} = +1), P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y} = -1)$  (with the same variance), the posterior probability is **logistic**:  
 $P(Y = +1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} - \beta_0)}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{w} = \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_0), \beta_0 = \frac{\mu_0' \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1' \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1}{2} + \log \frac{P(Y=1)}{P(Y=0)}$

Multivariate Normal Distribution (Lecture 7)

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu))}$

**QDA:** Class-conditional densities  $X_C \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_C, \Sigma_C)$ . Optimal decision rule  $r^*(x)$  for 0-1 loss: Choose class **C** that maxes  $P(Y = C|X) \propto f_C(x)\pi_C$ . Parameters estimated via MLE:

**LDA:** Assumes equal covariance matrices across classes ( $\Sigma_C = \Sigma$ ), simplifying to linear decision surfaces.

$\Sigma = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} - \mu)(\mathbf{X} - \mu)'$   
Symmetric:  $\Sigma_{i,j} = \Sigma_{j,i}$   
Non-negative diagonal entries:  $\Sigma_{i,i} \geq 0$   
Positive semidefinite:  $\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{v}' \Sigma \mathbf{v} \geq 0$

Given a  $d$ -dimensaional Gaussian  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ , matrix **A**  $\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  and vector **b**  $\in \mathbb{R}^m$ , define **Y** = **AX** + **b**.

Then **Y**  $\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mu + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\Sigma\mathbf{A}')$

Given a  $d$ -dimensaional Gaussian  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ , with  $\Sigma$  positive definite,  
 $\mathbf{Y} = \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{X} - \mu) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

MLE's

**Maximum a posterior probability:** the mode of the posterior. If uniform prior, MAP is MLE; if not uniform prior, MAP is Penalized MLE.

**Prior:**  $\hat{\pi}_C = P(Y = C) = \frac{N_C}{n}$   
**Mean:**  $\hat{\mu}_C = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}|Y = C] = \frac{1}{N_C} \sum_{i: Y_i=C} X_i$   
**Covariance:**  $\hat{\Sigma}_C = \frac{1}{N_C} \sum_{i: Y_i=C} (X_i - \hat{\mu}_C)(X_i - \hat{\mu}_C)^\top$   
**Pooled Cov:**  $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{C_k} \sum_{i: Y_i=C_k} (X_i - \hat{\mu}_{C_k})(X_i - \hat{\mu}_{C_k})^\top$

Discriminant Analysis (Lecture 7)

**Discriminant Fn (For LDA and QDA):**  $Q_C(\mathbf{x}) = \ln \left( (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} f_{\mathbf{X}|Y=C}(\mathbf{x}) \pi_C \right) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_C)^T \Sigma_C^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu_C) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_C| + \ln \pi_C$ .

**For Multi-class LDA: choose C that maxes linear**  $Q_C$ :  
 $\mu_C^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \mu_C^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_C + \ln \pi_C$

Linear Regression (Lecture 10)

**Empirical risk minimization**  
**Empirical risk** is the sample average of squared error:  
 $\hat{R}(r) = \mathbb{E}_n L(r(\mathbf{X}), Y) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n n(r(\mathbf{X}_i) - Y_i)^2$   
Choose  $\hat{f} := \arg \min_{f \in F_{\text{lin}}} \mathbb{E}_n L(f(\mathbf{X}), Y)$

Find  $\hat{r} : \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{x}^T \hat{\mathbf{w}}$ , such that  
 $\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}'_i \mathbf{w} - Y_i)^2 = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|^2}_{\text{RSS}}$   
where **design matrix** **X**  $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  and **response vector** **y**  $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Normal equations:**  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$

**Projection Theorem** also leads to normal equations:  
 $(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})^{-1} \mathbf{X} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$

Linear model with additive Gaussian noise

Typical model of reality:  $y_i = g(X_i) + \epsilon_i : \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2)$ . The goal of regression is to find  $h$  that estimates  $g$ , the ground truth.  
Ideal  $h$ :  $h(x) = E_Y\{Y|X = x\} = g(x) + E[\epsilon] = g(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(g(X_i), \sigma^2)$   
 $\Rightarrow P(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2)$

Equivalently:  $Y = \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{w} + \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2)$

**Maximum likelihood** is least square, fix **X**. Provided  $\mathbb{E} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$  and  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$

**Bayesian analysis:** Treat **w** as a r.v. with prior distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \tau^2 \mathbf{I})$ , then compute posterior distribution  $P(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ .

$P(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{X}_1, Y_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n, Y_n) \propto P(Y_1, \dots, Y_n|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n)P(\mathbf{w})$

$$P(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{X}_1, Y_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n, Y_n) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(Y_i - \mathbf{X}'_i \mathbf{w})^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2\right)\right)$$

## Logistic Regression (Lecture 10, 11)

$$P(Y = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{x})} = \sigma(\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{x})$$

Given data  $(\mathbf{X}_1, Y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{X}_n, Y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \{0, 1\}$ , estimate  $\mathbf{w}$  with maximum likelihood.

**Log likelihood:**

$$\ell(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log s_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - s_i),$$

where  $s_i = P(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{x}_i)} = \sigma(\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{x}_i)$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} s_i &= s_i(1 - s_i)\mathbf{x}_i \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell(\mathbf{w}) &= \mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{y}) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{w}}^2 \ell(\mathbf{w}) &= \mathbf{X}' \text{diag}(\mu(1 - \mu))\mathbf{X}\end{aligned}$$

**Gradient ascent:**

$$\mathbf{w}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(t)} - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R(\mathbf{w}^{(t)}) : O(nd) \text{ per step}$$

**Stochastic gradient ascent:**

$$\mathbf{w}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(t)} - \eta \nabla R_t(\mathbf{w}^{(t)}) : O(d) \text{ per step}$$

**Newton's method:**

$$\mathbf{w}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(t)} - [\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}^2 R(\mathbf{w}^{(t)})]^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R(\mathbf{w}^{(t)})$$

**Linear Decision Function:**

$$Q_C(\mathbf{x}) - Q_D(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{(\mu_C - \mu_D)^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mu_C^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_C - \frac{1}{2} \mu_D^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_D + \ln \pi_C - \ln \pi_D}_{\alpha}.$$

## Linear Regression Regularization (Lecture 13)

**Trading off bias and variance:** some increase in bias can give a big decrease in variance

**Ridge regression** is like  $L2$  regularization:

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} (\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{w})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p p \beta_j^2)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{\text{ridge}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y}$$

**Lasso regression** is like  $L1$  regularization:

$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} (\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{w})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p p |\beta_j|)$  While ridge regression leads to reduced, but rare non-zero values of the weights, Lasso regression forces some weights to be zero.

**Bayesian analysis:** Ridge regression is equivalent to a MAP estimate with a gaussian prior. Lasso regression is equivalent to a MAP estimate with a Laplace prior.

## Misc

**Centering X:** This involves subtracting  $\mu^T$  from each row of  $\mathbf{X}$ . Symbolically,  $\mathbf{X}$  transforms into  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ .

**Decorrelating X:** This process applies a rotation  $\mathbf{Z} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{V}$ , where  $\text{Var}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^T$ . This step rotates the sample points to the eigenvector coordinate system.

**Sphering:**  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ : applying transform  $\mathbf{W} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\text{Var}(\mathbf{R})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

**whitening X:** centering + sphering,  $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$

## ROC Curves

