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Topic 4

Linear Classification & Logistic Regression

- <http://cs229.stanford.edu/notes2020fall/notes2020fall/cs229-notes1.pdf>
- <https://eight2late.wordpress.com/2017/07/11/a-gentle-introduction-to-logistic-regression-and-lasso-regularisation-using-r/>

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Learning objectives

- Know how to use a hyperplane for binary classification
- Use the sigmoid function to scale a number in the range $[-\infty, \infty]$ into $[0,1]$
- Apply the principle of maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) to learn the parameters of a probabilistic model
- Derive the conditional log-likelihood
- How to apply gradient ascent to find the parameters of the the conditional log-likelihood
- Evaluate performance with different measures
- Create more complex models by feature transformation
- Understand how to add L1 and L2 regularization to the objective function
- Know how to interpret the output of soft-max

Outline

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Classification vs Regression

- Regression we were given:

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- Classification we are given:

$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad y \in \{0, 1\} \text{ or } y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, \dots$$

- Given attributes of a flower: (['sepal length (cm)', 'sepal width (cm)', 'petal length (cm)', 'petal width (cm)'])

$$\mathbf{x}^T = (5.1 \quad 3.5 \quad 1.4 \quad 0.2)$$

- If you knew a flower was either a setosa Iris or versicolor Iris can you determine which type it is?

1 - setosa

0 - versicolor



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_flower_data_set#/media/File:Kosaciec_szczecinkowaty_Iris_setosa.jpg



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Iris_versicolor_3.jpg#file

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If we have more than two categories we can use an encoding to represent the target. If the target could take be virginica, versicolor, setosa or we could represent virginica as [1,0,0], versicolor as [0,1,0], and setosa as [0,0,1]

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If we have two classes, for example: setosa Iris' and versicolor Iris' we can choose to call one class 1 and the other class 0. It doesn't matter which we choose.



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Intuition

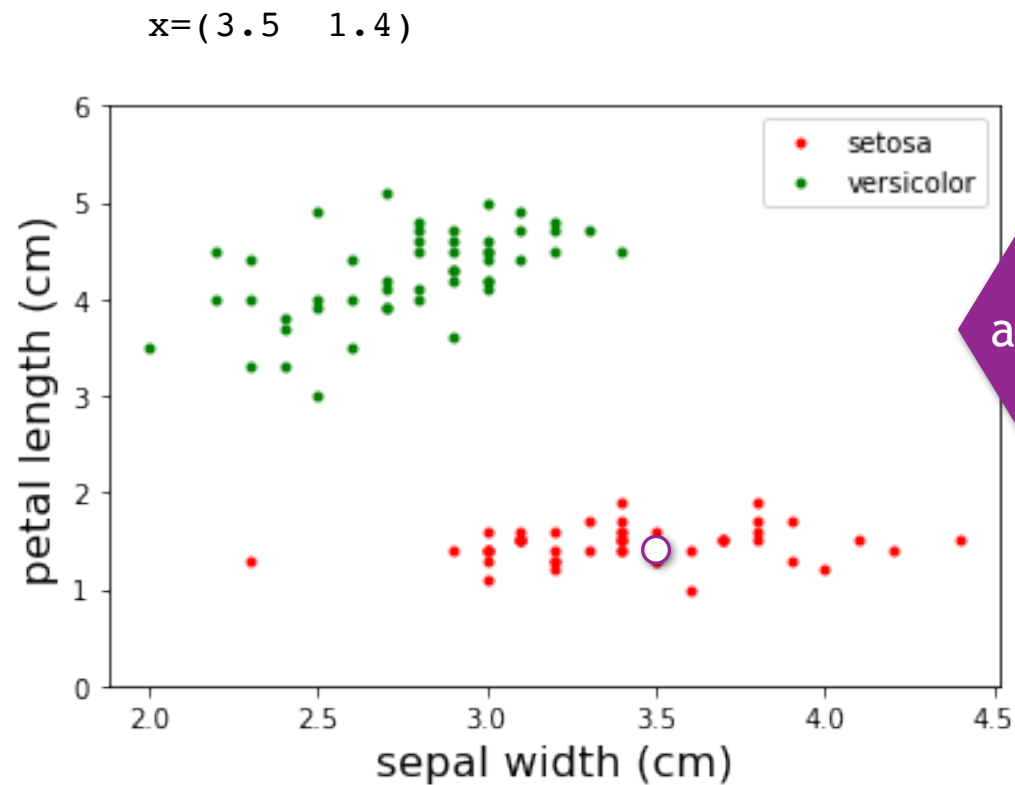
`x=(sepal width, petal length)`

setosa Iris

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versicolor Iris

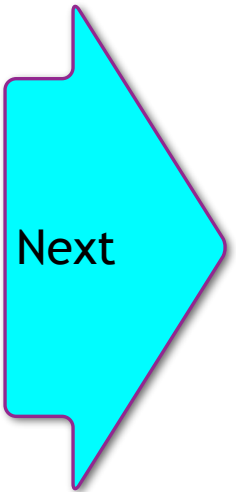
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The relationship separating the Irises using the features sepal width and petal length is very pronounced. Normally this relationship will not be so clean.

To simplify we will only look at **two** features: sepal width and petal length

1. How can we find a line that separates the data



2. Given a line (hyperplane) how can we find which side of the line a point lies on?

Intuition: decision boundary

Data:

$\mathbf{x}_i = (\text{sepal width}_i, \text{petal length}_i)$

□ setosa Iris

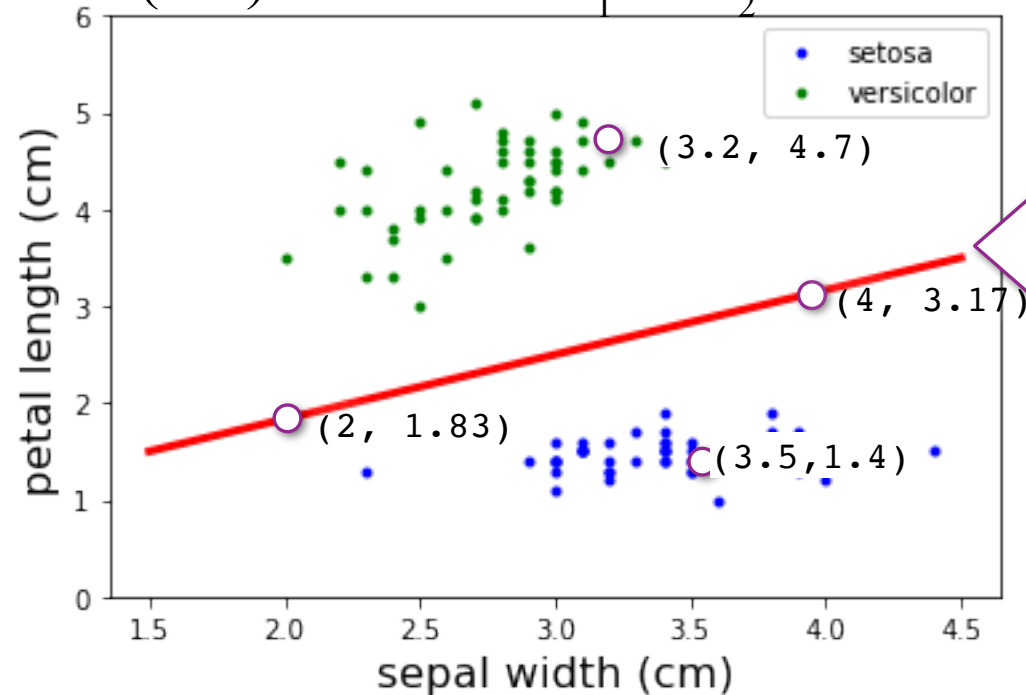
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The line is: $0.5 + 2/3 \text{ sepal width} - \text{petal length} = 0$

$$z(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = 0.5 + 2/3 x_1^{(i)} - x_2^{(i)}$$



Our line is a separating boundary between the positive and negative points

$$z(2, 1.83) = 0.5 + 2/3 \cdot 2 - 1.83 = 0$$

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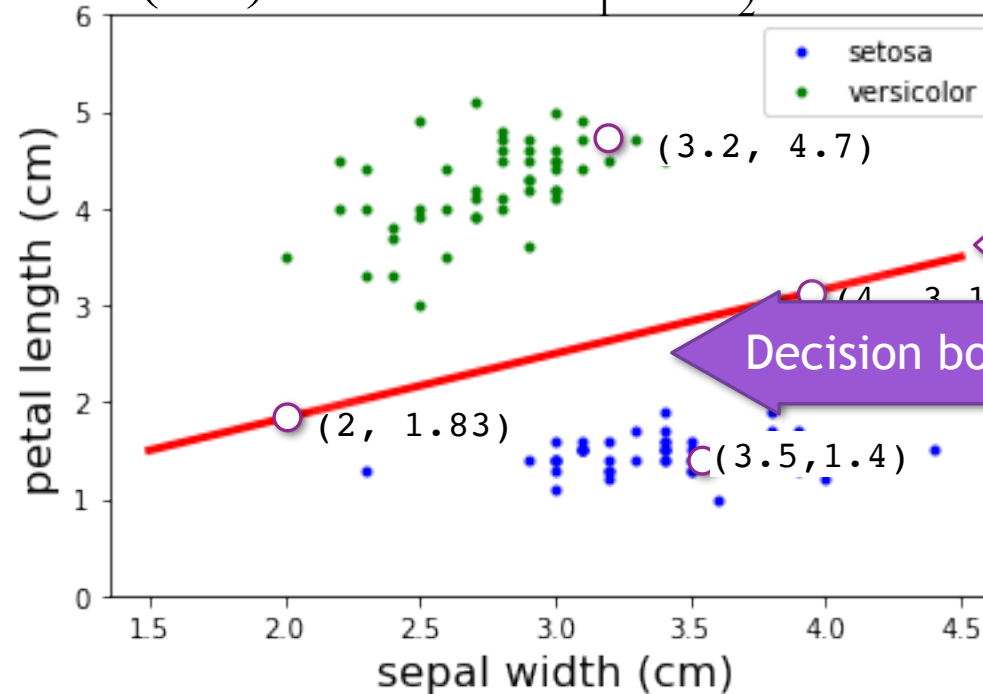
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Linear Classifier

□ setosa Iris

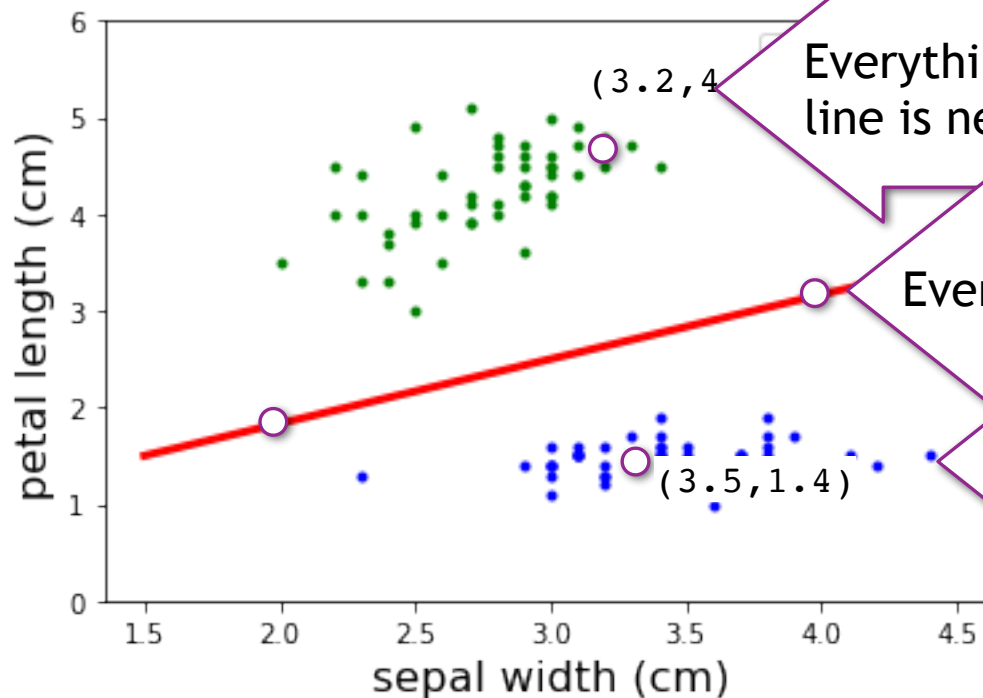
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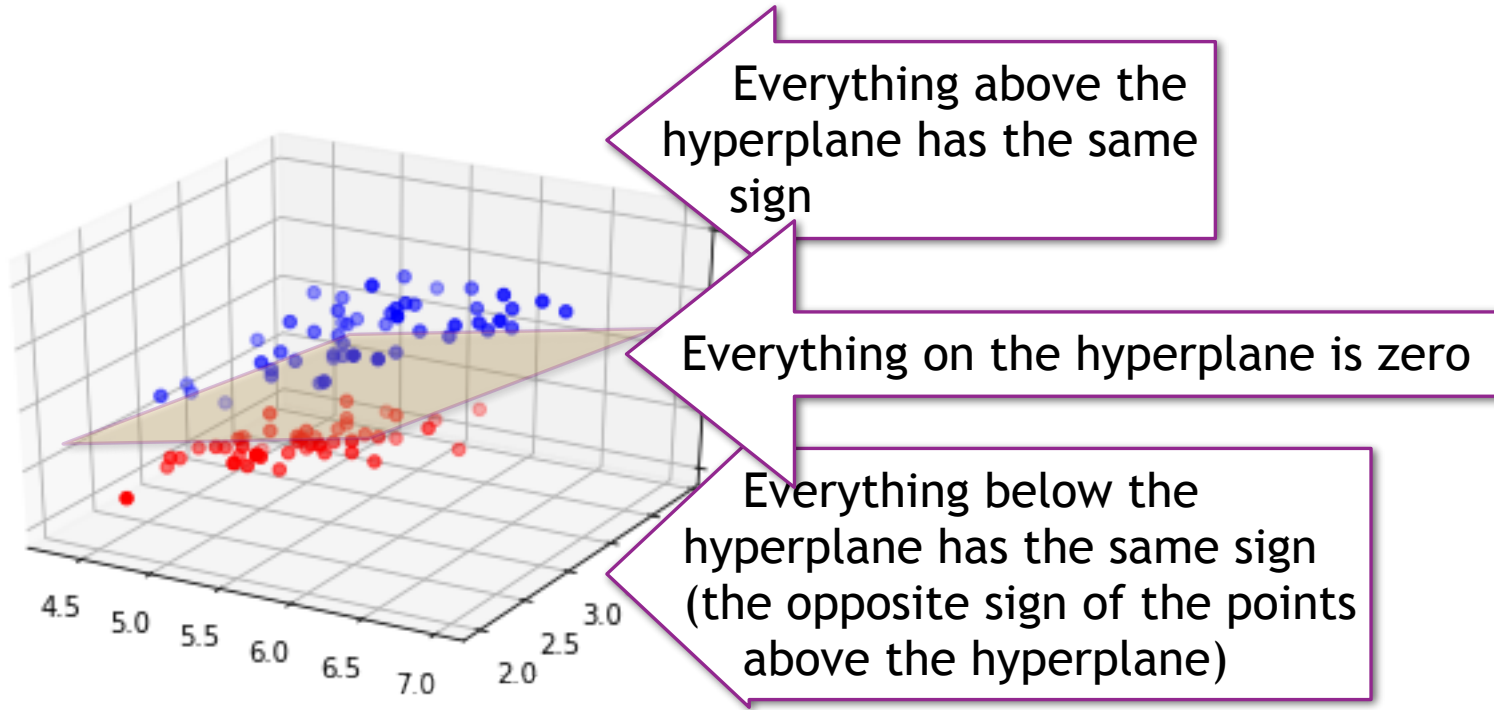
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We will now go back
to adding a 1 to every
example \mathbf{x}

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear classifier in higher dimensions



Hyperplane:

$$\mathcal{H} = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0\}$$

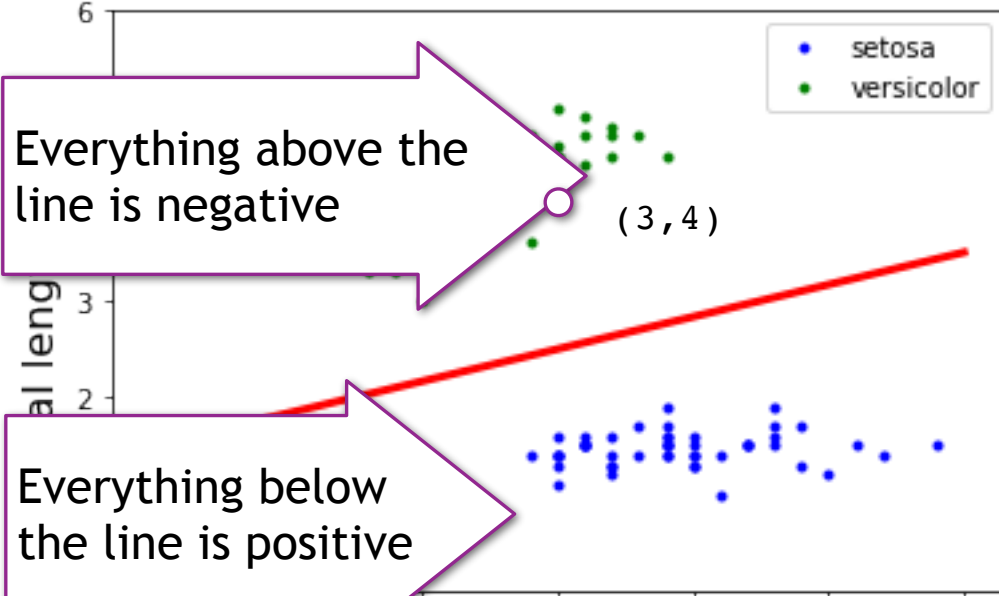
Half-spaces:

$$\mathcal{H}^+ = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}^- = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0\}$$

Prediction using a decision boundary

The line is $0 = 0.5 + 2/3 \text{ sepal width} - \text{petal length}$



How can we predict the label of a new example when $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 2/3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$?

1. Suppose you found an iris with sepal width = 3 and petal length = 4.

If you knew it was either a setosa iris or a versicolor iris, could you predict which type it was?

☐ setosa iris

☐ versicolor

☐ cannot predict using the information that is given

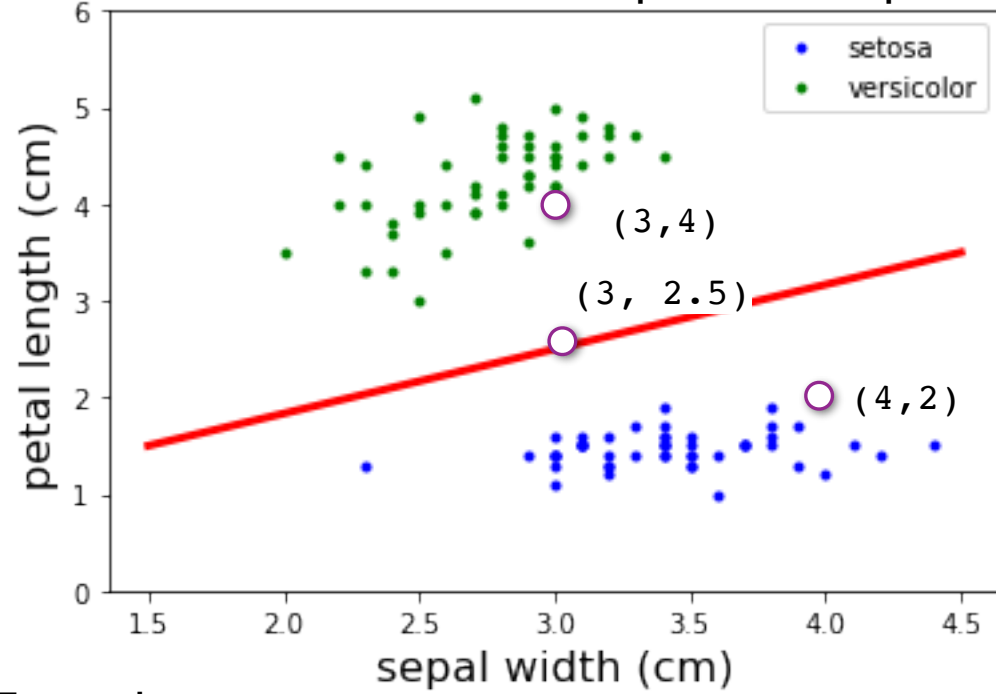
$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Setosa

Versicolor

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Examples

(3,4)

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(4,2)

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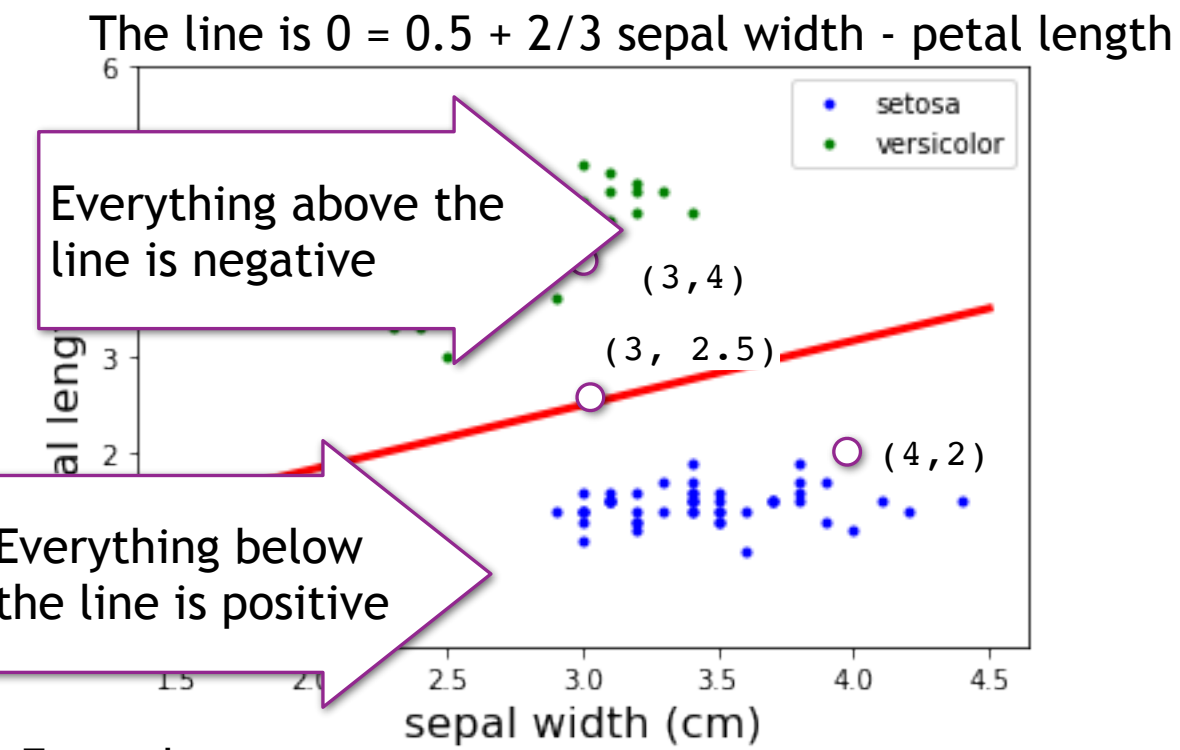
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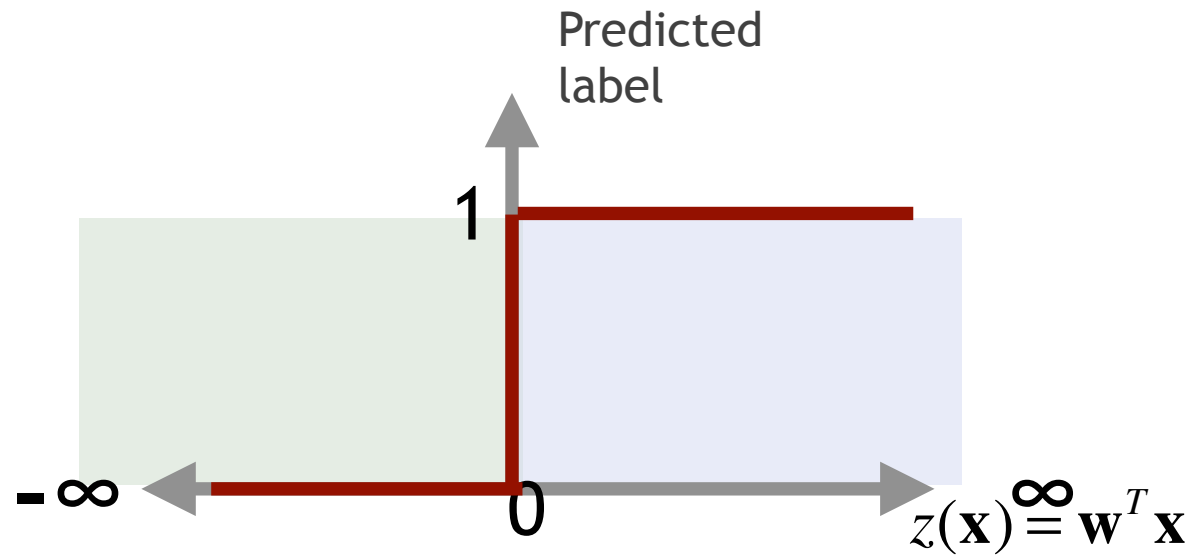
Visualizing a linear classifier

For a feature vector $\mathbf{x} = [1, x_1, x_2]^T$

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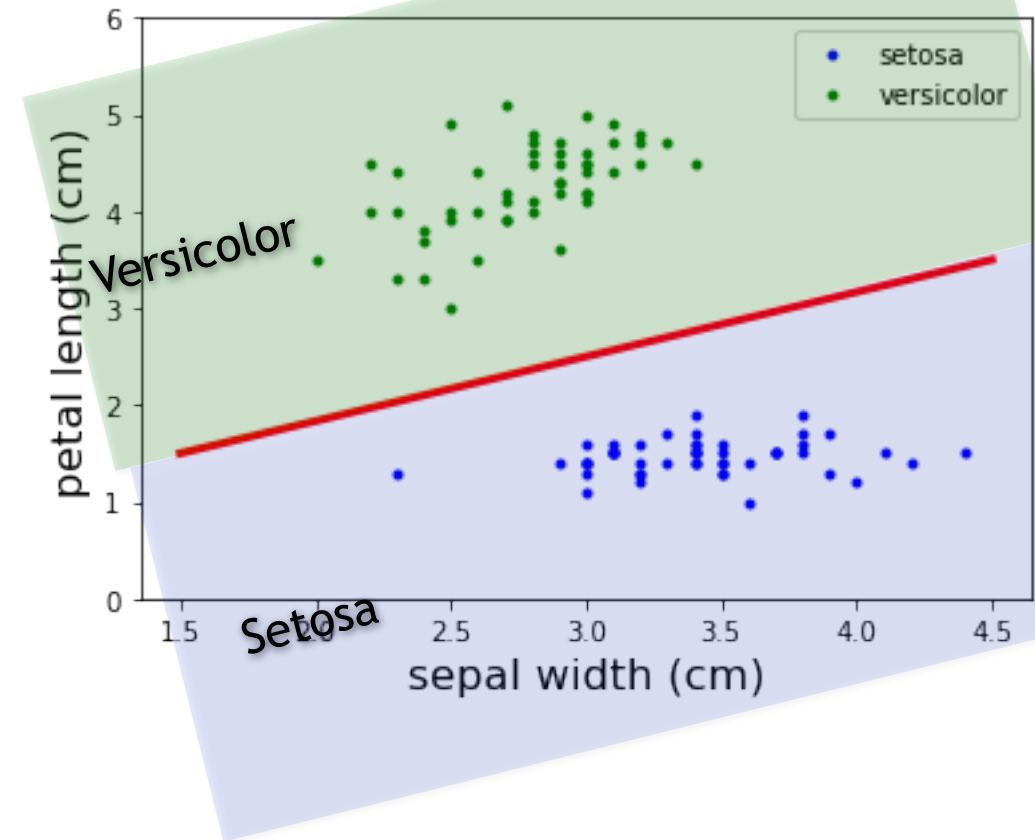
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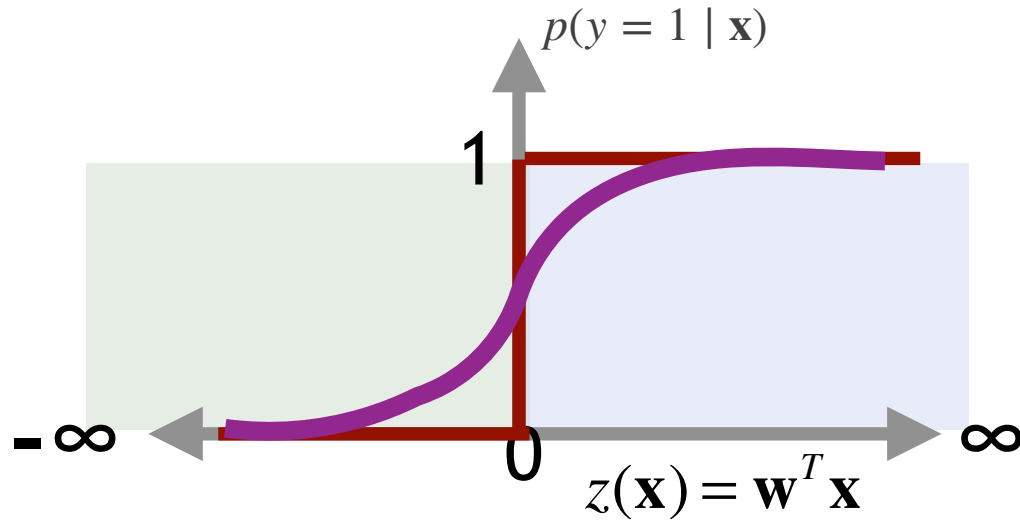


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Could we modify the hypothesis to give more information about how confident we are in our prediction....

Intuition: Logistic Regression



How confident are we of our prediction?


Instead of returning a label, let us return a probability.

We need a function that takes $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$ and returns a number between 0 and 1.

Note: We still have to find \mathbf{w}

$\sigma(\cdot)$ Logistic function (**sigmoid** function)

Other functions could be used - but this works well

$$-\infty < z(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < \infty$$


$-\infty$ 0 ∞

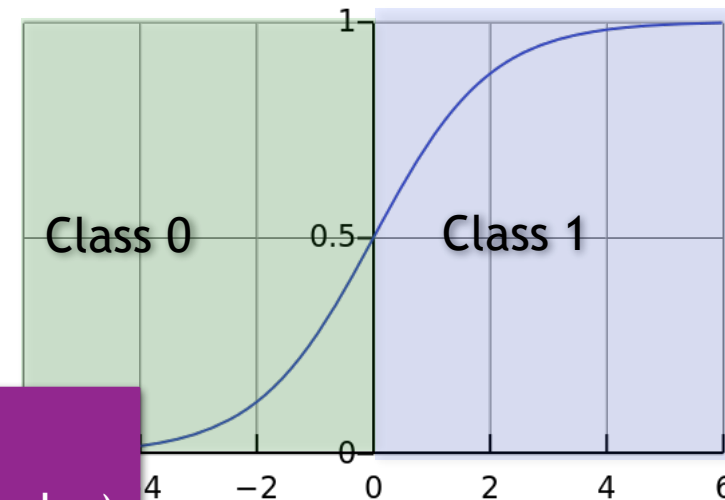
$$\sigma(z(\mathbf{x})) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z(\mathbf{x})}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}}$$

0 1

Monotonically increasing
Thus we can derive classification rules)

$\sigma(z)$ bounded between 0 and 1
Thus we can interpret as probability

Squashing function



$$\sigma(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\infty}} = 1$$

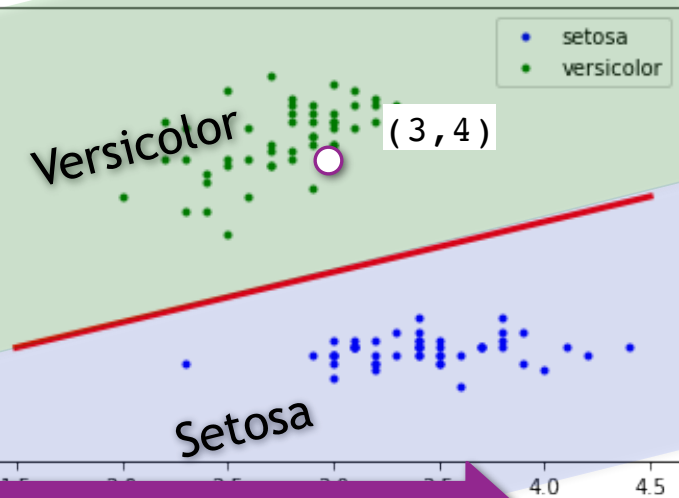
$$\sigma(-\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\infty}} = 0$$

$$\sigma(0) = \frac{1}{1 + e^0} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Note that:

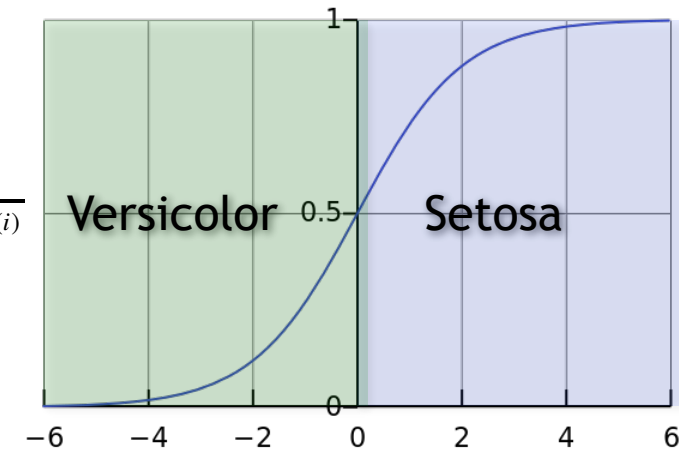
$$\sigma(-z) = 1 - \sigma(z)$$

Example of estimating the prob. of (\mathbf{x}, y) belonging to class 1 using $\sigma(\cdot)$



$$z(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \mathbf{w}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ x_d^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}}}$$



Probability of the label

$$p(y^{(i)} | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \mathbf{w}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})^{y^{(i)}} (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^{1-y^{(i)}} = \begin{cases} \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) & \text{for } y^{(i)} = 1 \\ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) & \text{for } y^{(i)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

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(3,4)

Exploiting the fact that $y^{(i)}$ is 0 or 1

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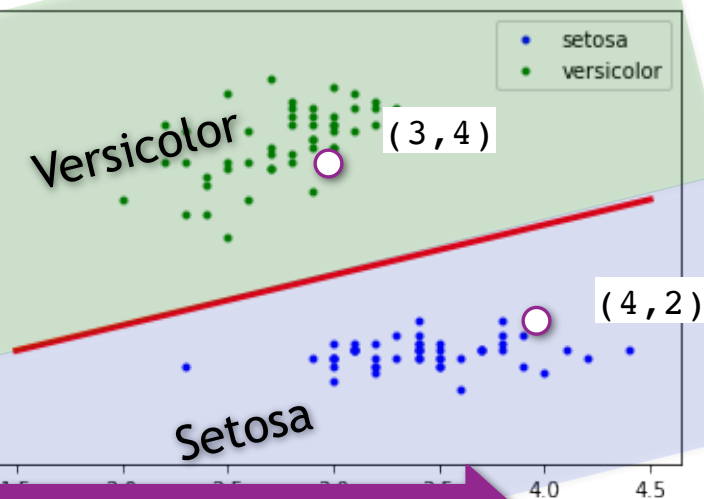
$$p(y = 1 | [1,3,4]^T; \mathbf{w}) = .182 = (.182)^1 (1 - .182)^{1-1}$$

$$p(y = 0 | [1,3,4]^T; \mathbf{w})$$

Pair share

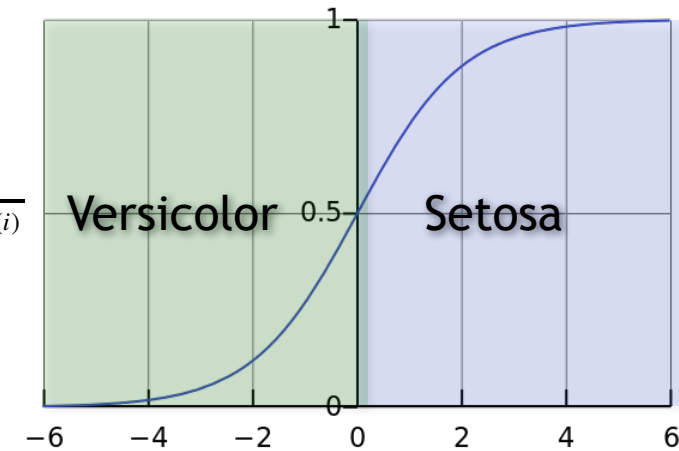
“Notational note: In the expression $p(y|\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$ the semicolon indicates that \mathbf{w} is a parameter, not a random variable that is being conditioned on, even though it is to the right of the vertical bar. “

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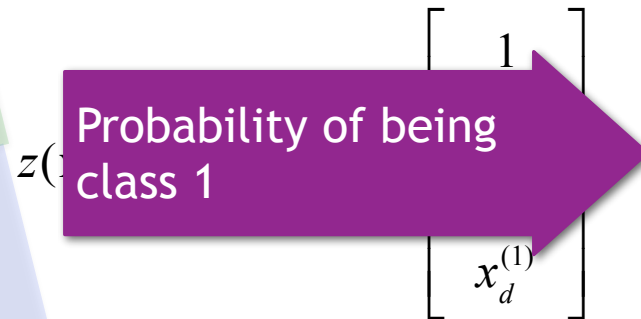
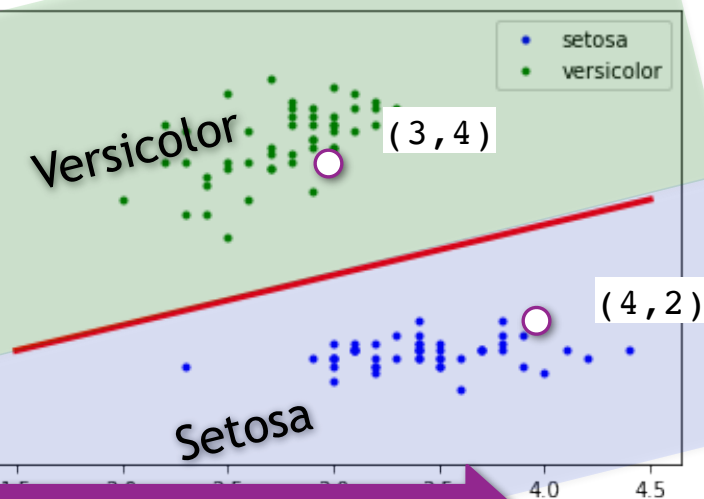
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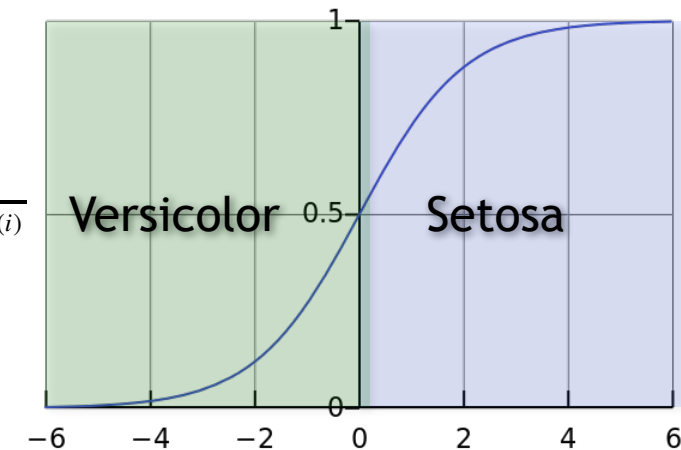
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