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Lecture 7: Logistic regression

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# Administrivia

- HW2 is out
- Grading issues for HW1

# Learning Objectives

- Understand probabilistic classification
- Understand logistic regression
- Understand generative models vs. discriminative models

*Naive Bayes*

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### Perceptron

- Learn weights  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $b$  via the perceptron algorithm
- Predict  $\hat{y}$  via  $\hat{y} = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b)$
- Has no probabilistic interpretation

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In this special case, we define  $h$  based on estimating a probabilistic model  $\underline{P(X, Y)}$ .  $P(Y|X)$

## Probabilistic Classification

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**Input:**  $S_{\text{train}} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$  training examples

$$y_i \in \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_J\}$$

**Goal:**  $h : X \rightarrow Y$

For each class  $c_j$ , estimate

$$P(y = c_j \mid \mathbf{x}, S_{\text{train}})$$

$P(y|x)$

Assign to  $\mathbf{x}$  the class with the highest probability

$$\hat{y} = h(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_c P(y = c \mid \mathbf{x}, S_{\text{train}})$$

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## What are we talking about?

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- Probabilistic classification:  $p(y|x)$
- Classification uses: ad placement, spam detection
- Building block of other machine learning methods

## Logistic Regression: Definition

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- Observations  $X_i$
- “Bias”  $\beta_0$  (like intercept in linear regression)

$$P(y|x)$$

$$P(y=0|x) + P(y=1|x) = 1$$

$$\sum_{c \in \mathcal{Y}} P(y=c|x) = 1$$

$$P(Y = 0|X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp [\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i]} \quad (1)$$

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$$P(Y=1|X) = P(Y=0|X) = \frac{1}{2}$$

What is the decision boundary?

$$\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i = 0$$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i > 0 \\ 0 & \beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i < 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$P(Y = 1|X) = \sigma\left(\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)} \quad (3)$$

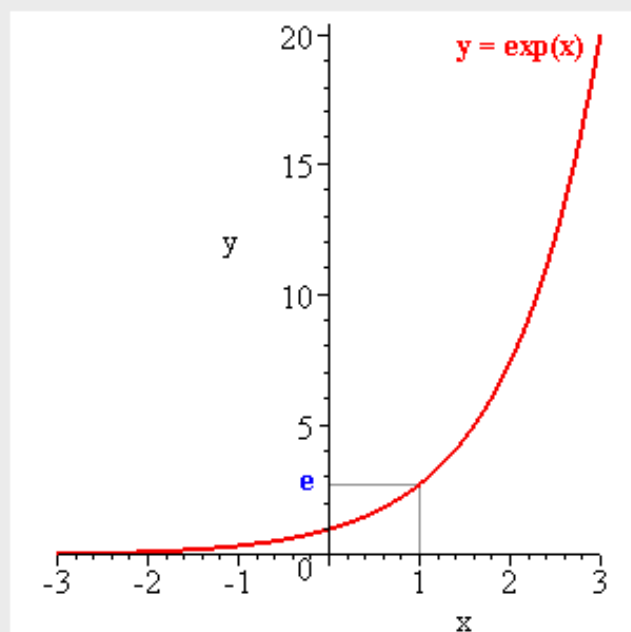
$$P(Y = 0|X) = 1 - \sigma\left(\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i\right) = \sigma(-\beta_0 - \sum_i \beta_i X_i) \quad (4)$$

- Where  $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-z]}$



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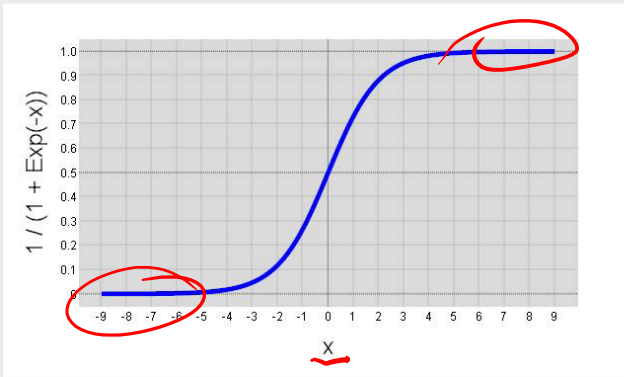
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  - Allows us to model probabilities
  - Different from **linear** regression

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"work"	$\beta_3$	-0.5
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- What does  $Y = 1$  mean?

*Spam*

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- Bias  $\beta_0$  encodes the prior probability of a class

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$$-1 + -0.5 + 2 + 7 + 0.1 = -0.4$$

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- Multiply feature presence by weight

## How is Logistic Regression Used?

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- Given a set of weights  $\vec{\beta}$ , we know how to compute the conditional likelihood  $P(y|\beta, x)$
- Find the set of weights  $\vec{\beta}$  that maximize the conditional likelihood on training data (next week)
- **Intuition:** higher weights mean that this feature implies that this feature is a good feature for the positive class

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## Generative vs. Discriminative Models

### Discriminative

Model only conditional probability  $p(y|x)$ , excluding the data  $x$ .

#### Logistic regression

- Logistic: A special mathematical function it uses
- Regression: Combines a weight vector with observations to create an answer
- General cookbook for building conditional probability distributions

### Generative

Model joint probability  $p(x, y)$  including the data  $x$ .

#### Naïve Bayes

- Uses Bayes rule to reverse conditioning  $p(x|y) \rightarrow p(y|x)$
- Naïve because it ignores joint probabilities within the data distribution

$$\sum_y p(x, y) = p(x)$$

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$$\frac{P(c) P(d|c)}{\prod_{1 \leq i \leq n_d} P(w_i|c)}$$

the class is happening  
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$$\begin{aligned} P(d|c) &= P(w_1, \dots, w_{n_d} | c) \\ &= P(w_1|c) \dots P(w_{n_d}|c) \\ &= \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n_d} P(w_i|c) \end{aligned}$$

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- ~~$n_d$  is the length of the document. (number of tokens)~~
- $P(w_i|c)$  is the conditional probability of term  $w_i$  occurring in a document of class  $c$
- $P(w_i|c)$  as a measure of how much evidence  $w_i$  contributes that  $c$  is the correct class.
- $P(c)$  is the prior probability of  $c$ .
- If a document's terms do not provide clear evidence for one class vs. another, we choose the  $c$  with higher  $P(c)$

## Maximum a posteriori class

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- Our goal is to find the “best” class.
- The best class in Naïve Bayes classification is the most likely or *maximum a posteriori (MAP) class*  $c_{\text{MAP}}$ :

$$c_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{c_j \in \mathbb{C}} \hat{P}(c_j|d) = \arg \max_{c_j \in \mathbb{C}} \hat{P}(c_j) \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n_d} \hat{P}(w_i|c_j)$$

- We write  $\hat{P}$  for  $P$  since these values are *estimates* from the training set.

## Naive Bayes Classifier: More examples

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This works because the coin flips are independent given the coin parameter. What about this case:

- want to identify the type of fruit given a set of features: color, shape and size
- color: red, green, yellow or orange (discrete)
- shape: round, oval or long+skinny (discrete)
- size: diameter in inches (continuous)



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But computing conditional probabilities is hard! There are many combinations of (*color, shape, size*) for each fruit.

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Conditioned on type of fruit, these features are not necessarily independent:



Given category “apple,” the color “green” has a higher probability given “size < 2”:

$$P(\text{green} \mid \text{size} < 2, \text{apple}) > P(\text{green} \mid \text{apple})$$



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Logistic

$$c = \arg \max_c \hat{P}(c|d) \stackrel{\arg \max}{=} c - P(c=1|d) + (1-c) P(c=0|d)$$

$$= (\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i x_i) > 0$$

$$c_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c_j \in \mathbb{C}} \log \hat{P}(c_j) + \sum_{i=1}^d \log \hat{P}(w_i|c_j)$$

$$\underline{\beta_0} = \log \hat{P}(c_j)$$

$$\max_{c_j} \log \hat{P}(c_j)$$

$$\beta_0 = \log \hat{P}(1) - \log \hat{P}(0) = \log \frac{\hat{P}(1)}{\hat{P}(0)}$$

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