



Types of Learning

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Logistic Regression

- Logistic regression is a classifier.
- Classification is supervised learning problem.
 - ✓ Tumor: malignant or benign cancer
 - ✓ Email: Spam or Not spam
- In logistic regression the prediction values always between 0 and 1.

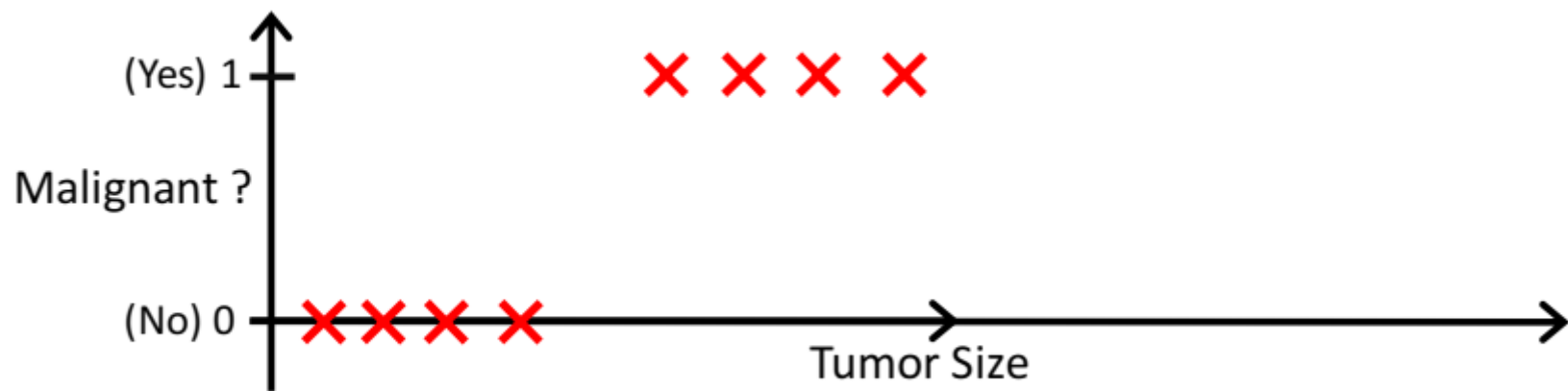
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Classification Problem

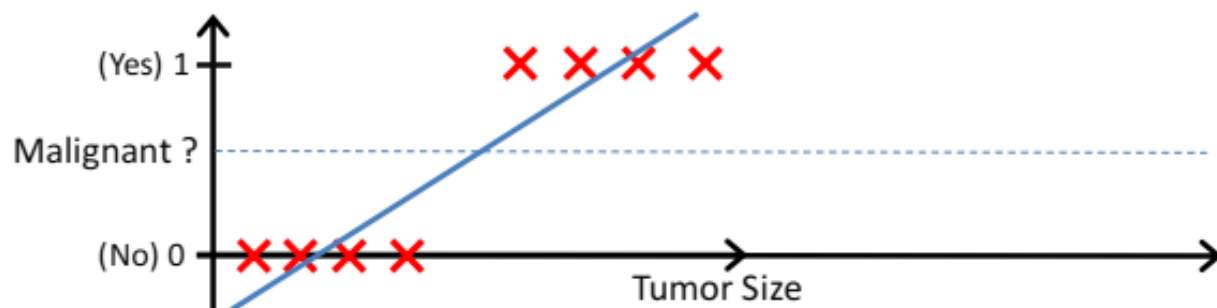
- Classification problem just like the regression problem, except that the values y . We now want to predict take only a small number of discrete values.
- For simplicity, we will focus here on the binary classification problem in which y can take only two values, 0 and 1.
- For instance, if we are trying to build a classifier for tumor, then y may be 1 if it is a malignant, and 0 otherwise.
- 0 is also called the **negative class**, and 1 the **positive class**.
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Classification Problem

- We could approach the classification problem ignoring the fact that y is discrete-valued, and use our old linear regression algorithm to try to predict y given x .
- However, it is easy to construct examples where this method performs very poorly.



Can we solve the problem using linear regression?

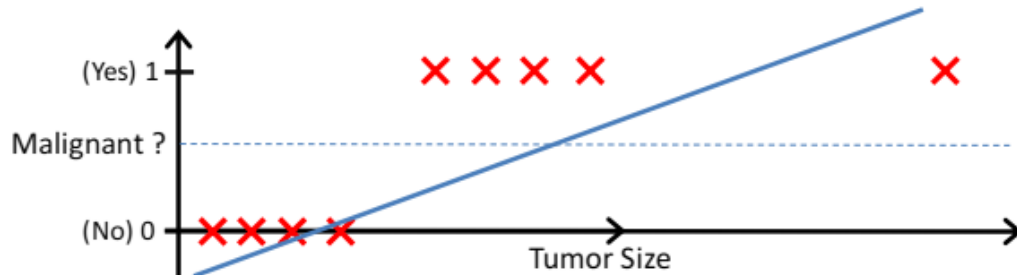


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Failure due to
adding a new point

Classification: $y = 0$ or 1

$h_{\theta}(x)$ can be > 1 or < 0

Another drawback
of using linear
regression for this
problem

What we need:

Logistic Regression: $0 \leq h_{\theta}(x) \leq 1$

Logistic Regression

- To fix this, let's change the form for our linear regression hypotheses $h_{\theta}(x)$ as

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta^T x) \\ = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$

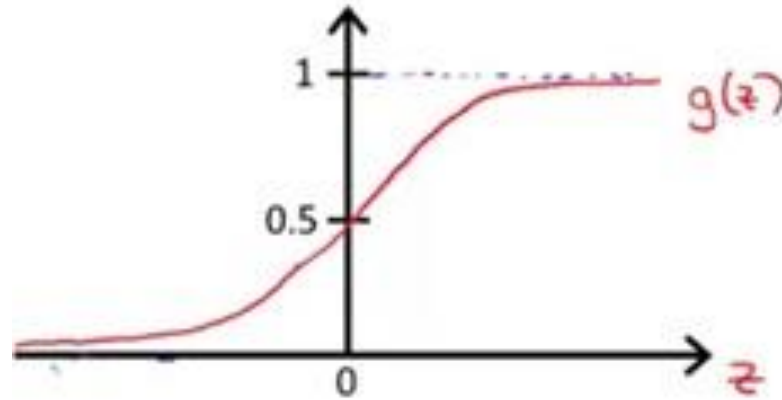
where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

is called the logistic function or the sigmoid function.

Sigmoid Function

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$



Interpretation of Hypothesis Output

- In logistic regression, we do not just predict +ve or -ve.
- We predict probability, how likely this is to be +ve or -ve.

$$h_{\theta}(x) = P(y=1 | x; \theta)$$

- $h_{\theta}(x)$ = estimated probability that $y = 1$ on input x
Example: If classifier for tumor gives $h_{\theta}(x) = 0.7$ means 70% chance of tumor being malignant.

Cost function for Logistic Regression

- Training Set: $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$

m examples $x \in \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad x_0 = 1, y \in \{0, 1\}$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$

How to choose parameters θ ?

Cost function

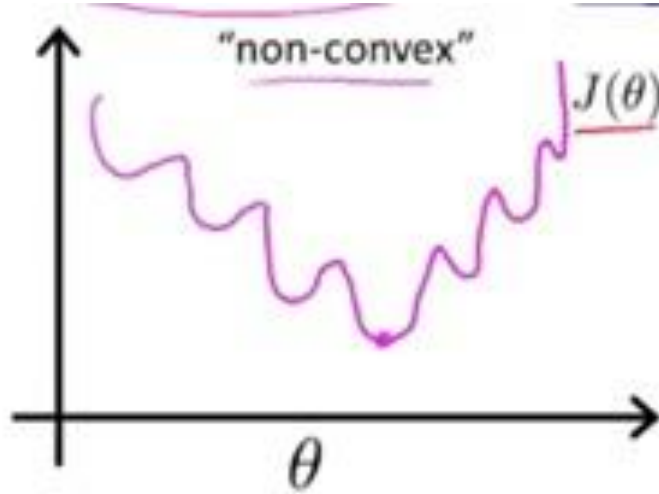
Linear Regression: $J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$

Squared error cost function:

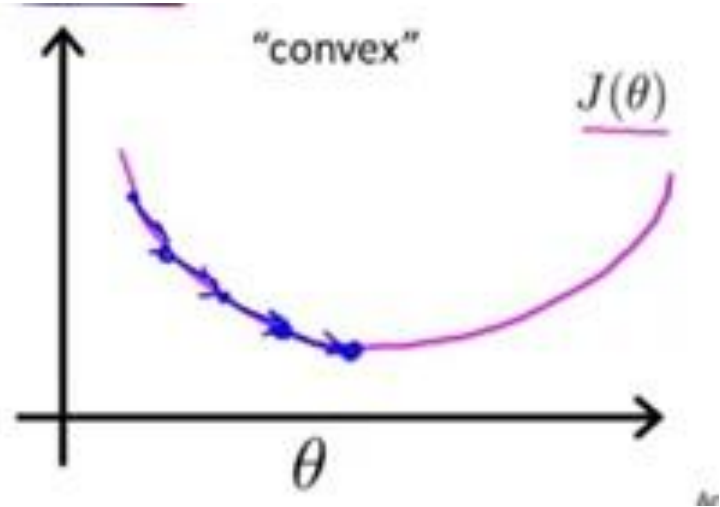
$$\text{Cost}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{2} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

However, this cost function is non-convex for the hypothesis of logistic regression.

Cost function



Logistic regression

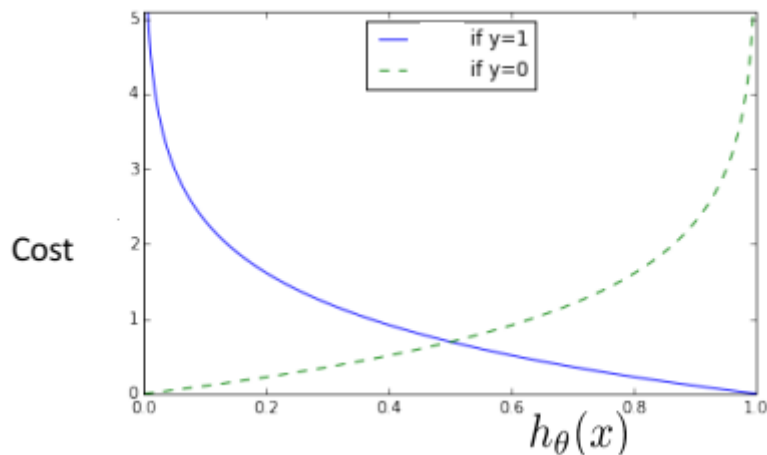


Linear regression

Logistic regression cost function

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Cost}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

$$\text{Cost}(h_{\theta}(x), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_{\theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - h_{\theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$



Logistic regression cost function

This cost function is convex

$$\begin{aligned} J(\theta) &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Cost}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right] \end{aligned}$$

To fit parameters θ :

$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$$

Gradient Descent:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right]$$

Want $\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

}

(simultaneously update all θ_j)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right) = \frac{-1}{(1+e^{-z})^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} e^{-z} \\ &= \frac{+1}{(1+e^{-z})} \left(\frac{e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(z) = g(z)(1 - g(z))}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \ell(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y^{(i)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log(h_{\theta} x^{(i)}) \right) \\ + (1 - y^{(i)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log(1 - h_{\theta} x^{(i)}) \Bigg)$$

Apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log x = \frac{1}{x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(z) = g(z)(1 - g(z))$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \ell(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta} x^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}}$$

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Algorithm looks identical to linear regression, but the hypothesis function is different for logistic regression.

