# Regression and Logistic Regression

#### Regression

- Linear regression
  - Objective : predict real values
  - Training set
    - $(x^1, y^1), ..., (x^N, y^N)$
    - $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}$ : single output regression
  - Linear model

$$F(x) = w. x = \sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i x_i \text{ with } x_0 = 1$$

- Loss function
  - ▶ Mean square error

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y^{i} - w. x^{i})^{2}$$

Steepest descent gradient (batch)

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}(t) - \epsilon \nabla_{w} C, \nabla_{w} C = (\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{n}})^{T}$$

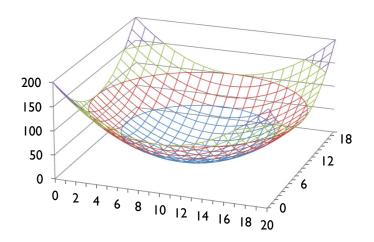
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_k} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial w_k} (y^i - \boldsymbol{w}. \boldsymbol{x}^i)^2 = -\sum_{i=1}^N (y^i - \boldsymbol{w}. \boldsymbol{x}^i) x_k^i$$

for component  $w_k$ 

in vector form

## Regression

Geometry of mean squares



- ▶ Regression with multiple outputs  $y \in R^p$ 
  - ▶ Simple extension: *p* independent linear regressions

#### **Probabilistic Interpretation**

- Statistical model of linear regression
  - $y = w \cdot x + \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  is a random variable (error term)
  - Hypothesis  $\epsilon$  is i.i.d. Gaussian

$$ho \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2), \qquad p(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp(-\frac{\epsilon^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

▶ The posterior distribution of *y* is then

$$p(y \mid x; w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp(-\frac{(y-w.x)^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

- Likelihood
  - $L(w) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(y^i | x^i; w)$ 
    - $\Box$  Likelihood is a function of w, it is computed on the training set
- Maximum likelihood principle
  - lacktriangle Choose the parameters  $m{w}$  maximizing  $L(m{w})$  or any incresing function of  $L(m{w})$
- In practice, one optimizes the log likelihood l(w) = log L(w)

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = Nlog\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y^i - \mathbf{w}. \mathbf{x}^i)^2$$

- This is the MSE criterion
- ▶ This provides a probabilistic interpretation of regression
  - Under a gaussian hypothesis max likelihood is equivalent to MSE minimization

## Logistic regression – 2 classes

- Linear regression can be used (in practice) for regression or classfication
- For classification a proper model is logistic regression

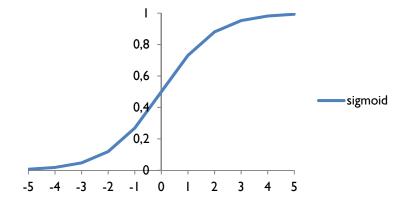
$$F_w(x) = \sigma(w.x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w.x)}$$

Logistic (or sigmoid) function

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

□ hint

▶ Hyp:  $y \in \{0,1\}$ 



## Logistic regression – 2 classes Probabilistic interpretation

- Since  $y \in \{0,1\}$ , we make a Bernoulli hypothesis for the posterior distribution
  - $p(y = 1|x; w) = F_w(x)$  et  $p(y = 0|x; w) = 1 F_w(x)$
  - In compact format
    - $p(y|x; w) = (F_w(x))^y (1 F_w(x))^{1-y} \text{ with } y \in \{0,1\}$
- Likelihood

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left( F_{w}(\mathbf{x}^{i}) \right)^{y^{i}} \left( 1 - F_{w}(\mathbf{x}^{i}) \right)^{1-y^{i}}$$

Log-likelihood

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} y^{i} log F_{w}(\mathbf{x}^{i}) + (1 - y^{i}) (\log(1 - F_{w}(\mathbf{x}^{i}))$$

- □ This is minus the cross-entropy between the target and the estimated posterior distribution
- Steepest descent algorithm (batch) for minimizing cross entropy

Componentwise: 
$$\frac{\partial l(w)}{\partial w_k} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( y^i - F_w(x^i) \right) x_k^i$$

**Vector** form: 
$$\nabla_{\!\! w} l = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y^i - F_{\!\! w}(x^i) \right) x^i$$

Algorithm

#### Multivariate logistic regression

- lacktriangle Consider a p class classification problem
- lacktriangleright Classes are encoded by "one hot" indicator vectors. Each vector is of dimension p
  - Class 1:  $\mathbf{y} = (1,0,...,0)^T$
  - ightharpoonup Class 2:  $\mathbf{y} = (0,1,...,0)^T$
  - **)** ...
  - ightharpoonup Class  $p: \mathbf{y} = (0,0,...,1)^T$
- $F_W(x)$  is a vector valued function with values in  $R^p$ 
  - Its component i is a softmax function (generalizes the sigmoid)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{y}}_i = F_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})_i = \frac{\exp(w_i \cdot \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^p \exp(w_j \cdot \mathbf{x})}$$

- $\square$  Note: here  $w_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector,  $\widehat{y}_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is the  $i^{th}$  component of  $\widehat{y}$
- The probabilistic model for the posterior is a multinomial distribution

$$p(Class = i | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^{p} \exp(\mathbf{w}_j \cdot \mathbf{x})} = softmax(\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

#### Multivariate logistic regression

#### Notations

- $s^i = Wx^i$  is the logit for input  $x^i$ 
  - $W = (w_1, ..., w_p)^T$  is a  $p \times n$  matrix of weights
  - $\mathbf{s}^i = \left(s_1^i, \dots, s_p^i\right)^T \in \mathbb{R}^p$
- $\hat{y}^i = softmax(s^i)$  is the output for input  $x^i$  (here  $\sigma$  applies component-wise, i.e.  $\hat{y}^i_j = softmax(s^i_j)$ )
  - $\widehat{\mathbf{y}}^i = (\widehat{y}_1^i, \dots, \widehat{y}_p^i)^T \in R^p$
- Let  $\hat{y}$  be a computed output for input x (we drop the index i for simplicity), then
- Likelihood
  - $L(W) = p(Y|X;W) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{p} (\hat{y}_{j}^{i})^{y_{j}^{i}}$ , X and Y are the column wise matrices of input and output vector
- Log likelihood
  - $l(W) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{p} y_{j}^{i} \ln \hat{y}_{j}^{i}$  again this is minus the cross entropy for the multiclass classification problem
- Gradient of the log likelihood
  - $\nabla_{w_k} l(W) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{y}_k^i y_k^i) x^i \quad \text{by using identity } (1)$
- Training algorithm
  - As before, one may use a gradient method for maximizing the log likelihood.
  - When the number of classes is large, computing the soft max is prohibitive, alternatives are required

#### Probabilistic interpretation for non linear models

- These results extend to non linear models, e.g. when  $F_w(x)$  is a NN
- Non linear regression
  - Max likelihood is equivalent to MSE loss optimization under the Gaussian hypothesis
    - For multivariate  $(y \in R, x \in R^n)$  non linear regression we have

$$y = F_w(x) + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$p(y \mid \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp(-\frac{(y - F(x))^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

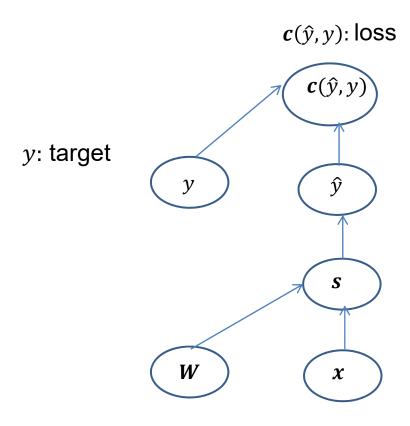
▶ log - likelihood l(w)

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = N \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( y^i - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^i) \right)^2$$

- Classification
  - Max likelihood is equivalent to cross entropy maximization under Bernoulli/ multinomial distribution
    - $\square$  2 classes: if y is binary and we make the hypothesis that it is conditionnally Bernoulli with probability F(x) = p(y = 1|x) we get the cross entropy loss
    - ☐ More than 2 classes: same as logistic regression with multiple outputs

## Logistic regression – Computational graph -SGD

## Forward pass



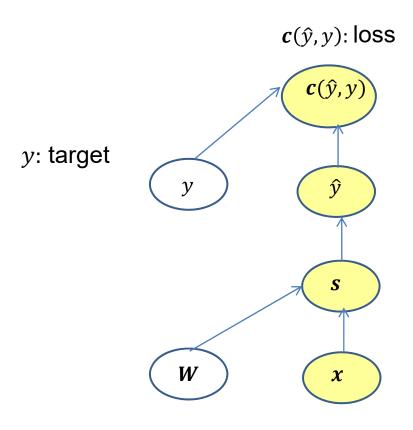
Forward propagation:

$$s = w.x$$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(s)$$

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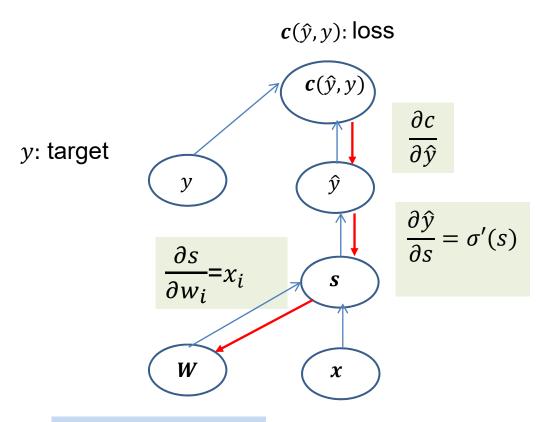
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#### Logistic regression – Computational graph - SGD

#### Backward pass



Backward propagation:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial s}$$
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial w_i}$$

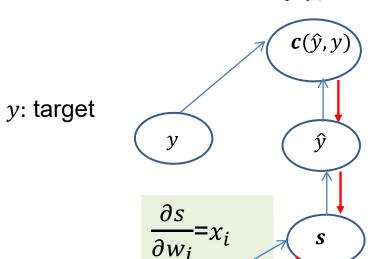
Chain Rule

## Logistic regression – Computational graph - SGD

▶ Backward pass For the cross entropy loss 
$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} y^{i} log \hat{y}^{i} + (1 - y^{i}) log (1 - \hat{y}^{i}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{c}(\hat{y}^{i}, y^{i})$$

 $c(\hat{y}, y)$ : loss

 $\boldsymbol{x}$ 



$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial \hat{v}} = \frac{y}{\hat{v}} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{v}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial s} = \sigma'(s)$$

Backward propagation:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial \hat{y}} = \frac{y}{\hat{y}} - \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{y}}$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \hat{y}} \sigma'(s)$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial s} x_i$$

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# Probabilistic interpretation of NN outputs Mean Square loss

- Derived here for multivariate regression (1 output), trivial extension to multiple outputs
- Holds for any continuous functional (regression, logistic regression, NNs, etc)
- Risk  $R = E_{x,y} \left[ \left( y h(x) \right)^2 \right]$
- The minimum of R,  $Min_h R$ , is obtained for  $h^*(x) = E_y[y|x]$
- The risk R pour the family of functions  $F_w(x)$  decomposes as follows:

$$R = E_{x,y}[(y - F_w(x))^2]$$

$$R = E_{x,y} \left[ (y - E_y[y|x])^2 \right] + E_{x,y} \left[ (E_y[y|x] - F_w(x))^2 \right]$$

- Let us consider  $E_y \left[ \left( y E_y[y|x] \right)^2 \right]$ 
  - This term is independent of the model  $F_w(.)$  and only depends on the problem characteristics (the data distribution).
  - It represents the min error that could be obtained for this data distribution
  - $h^*(x) = E_y[y|x]$  is the optimal solution to  $Min_h R$
- Minimizing  $E_{x,y}[(y-F_w(x))^2]$  is equivalent to minimizing  $E_{x,y}[(E_y[y|x]-F_w(x))^2]$ 
  - The optimal solution  $F_{w*}(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_w E_{x,y} \left[ (E_y[y|x] F_w(x))^2 \right]$  is the best mean square approximation of E[y|x]

#### Probabilistic interpretation of NN outputs

#### Classification

- Let us consider multi-class classification with one hot encoding of the target outputs
  - i.e.  $y = (0, ..., 0, 1, 0, ..., 0)^T$  with a 1 at position i if the target is class i and zero everywhere else
  - $h_i^* = E_y[y|x] = 1 * P(C_i|x) + 0 * (1 P(C_i|x)) = P(C_i|x)$
  - i.e.  $F_{w^*}()$  is the best LMS approximation of the Bayes discriminant function (which is the optimal solution for classification with 0/1 loss)
- More generally with binary targets
  - $h_i^* = P(y_i = 1|x)$

#### Note

- Similar results hold for the cross entropy criterion
- Precision on the computed outputs depends on the task
  - Classification: precision might not be so important (max decision rule, one wants the correct class to be ranked above all others)
  - Posterior probability estimation: precision is important