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## Regularized Logistic Regression

We can regularize logistic regression in a similar way that we regularize linear regression. As a result, we can avoid overfitting. The following image shows how the regularized function, displayed by the pink line, is less likely to overfit than the non-regularized function represented by the blue line:

## Regularized logistic regression.

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2 + \theta_3 x_1^2 x_2 + \theta_4 x_1^2 x_2^2 + \theta_5 x_1^2 x_2^3 + \dots)$$
Cost function:

$$\Rightarrow J(\theta) = -\left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))\right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{n} S_{i}^{(i)}}_{j^{*}} \bigotimes_{j}^{*} \underbrace{S_{i}^{(i)}}_{j^{*}}$$

## **Cost Function**

Recall that our cost function for logistic regression was:

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

We can regularize this equation by adding a term to the end:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [y^{(i)} \log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_{j}^{2}$$

The second sum,  $\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$  means to explicitly exclude the bias term,  $\theta_0$ . I.e. the  $\theta$  vector is indexed from 0 to n (holding n+1 values,  $\theta_0$  through  $\theta_n$ ), and this sum explicitly skips  $\theta_0$ , by running from 1 to n, skipping 0. Thus, when computing the equation, we should continuously update the two following equations:

## **Gradient descent**

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$$\Theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$$

$$\Theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} + \frac{\lambda}{m} \Theta_j\right]}_{\{j = \mathbf{X}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}}$$
}
$$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda \Theta_j} \underbrace{\mathcal{I}(\Theta)}_{[j = \mathbf{X}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n]}_{[j = \mathbf{X}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n]}$$

✓ Complete

