

Logistic regression: a simple ANN

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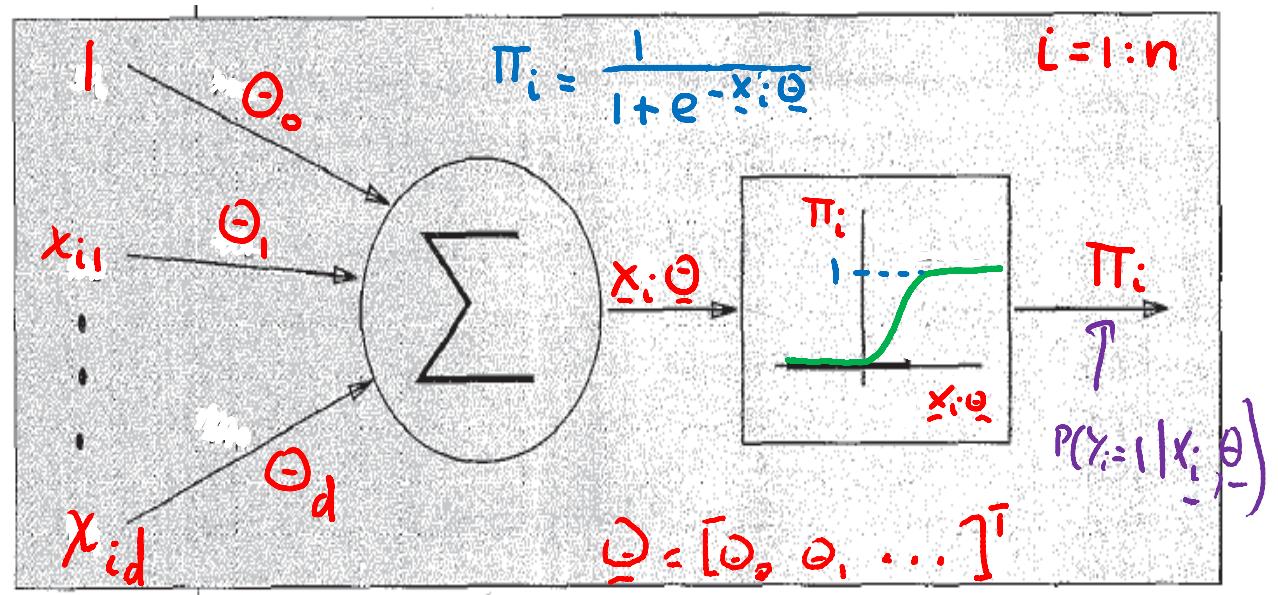
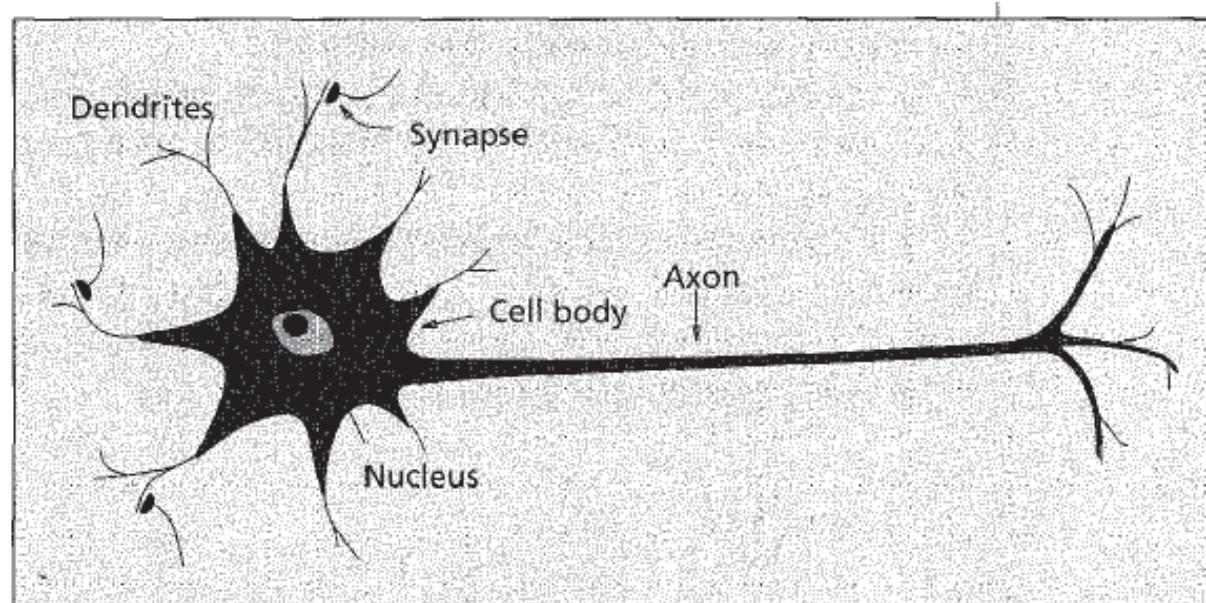
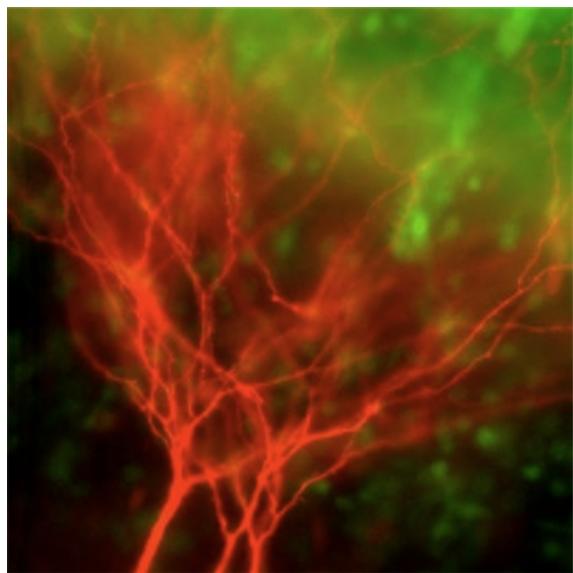
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Outline of the lecture

This lecture describes the construction of binary classifiers using a technique called **Logistic Regression**. The objective is for you to learn:

- How to apply logistic regression to **discriminate** between two classes.
- How to formulate the logistic regression likelihood.
- How to derive the gradient and Hessian of logistic regression.
- How to incorporate the gradient vector and Hessian matrix into Newton's optimization algorithm so as to come up with an algorithm for logistic regression, which we call **IRLS**.
- How to do logistic regression with the **softmax** link.

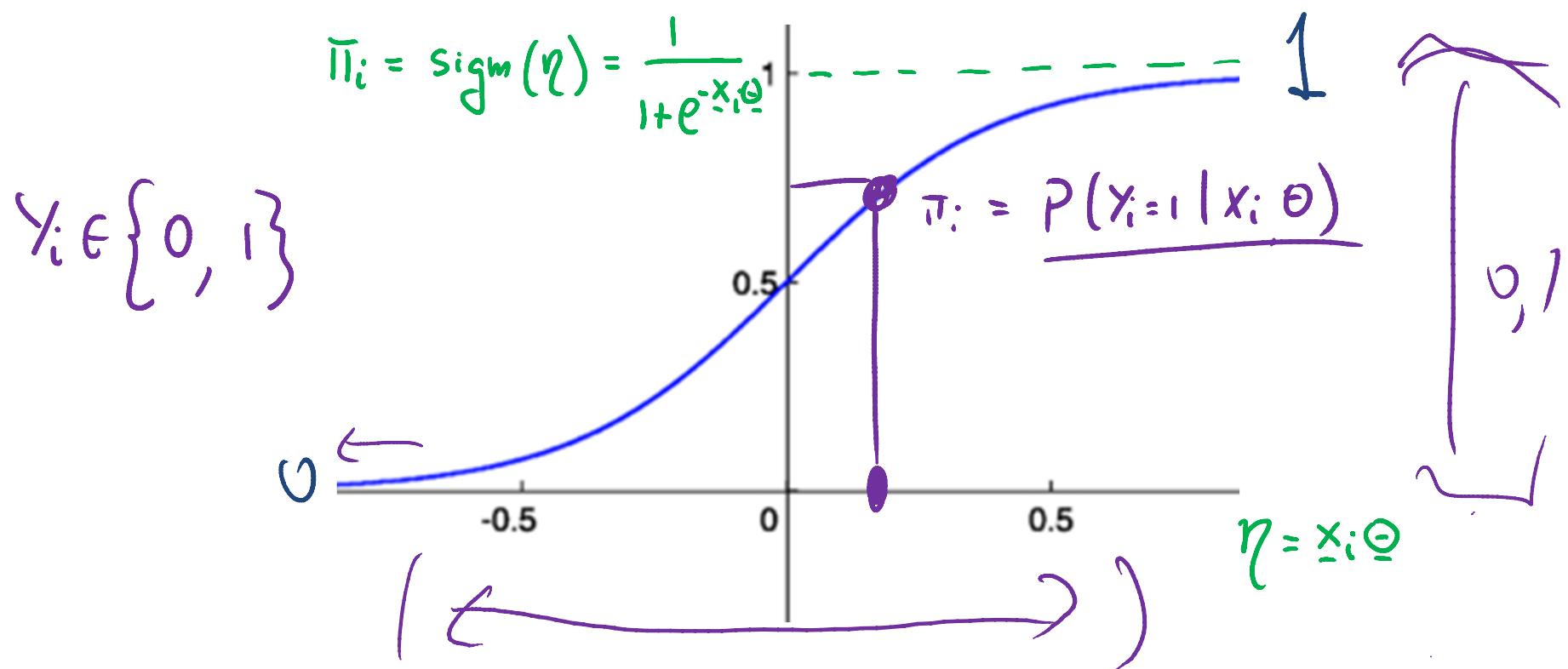
McCulloch-Pitts model of a neuron



Sigmoid function

$\text{sigm}(\eta)$ refers to the **sigmoid** function, also known as the **logistic** or **logit** function:

$$\text{sigm}(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\eta}} = \frac{e^\eta}{e^\eta + 1}$$
$$\eta = x_i \theta$$



Linear separating hyper-plane

$$P(y_i=1 | \underline{x}_i, \underline{\Theta}) = \text{Sigm}(\underline{x}_i \cdot \underline{\Theta}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\underline{x}_i \cdot \underline{\Theta}}}$$

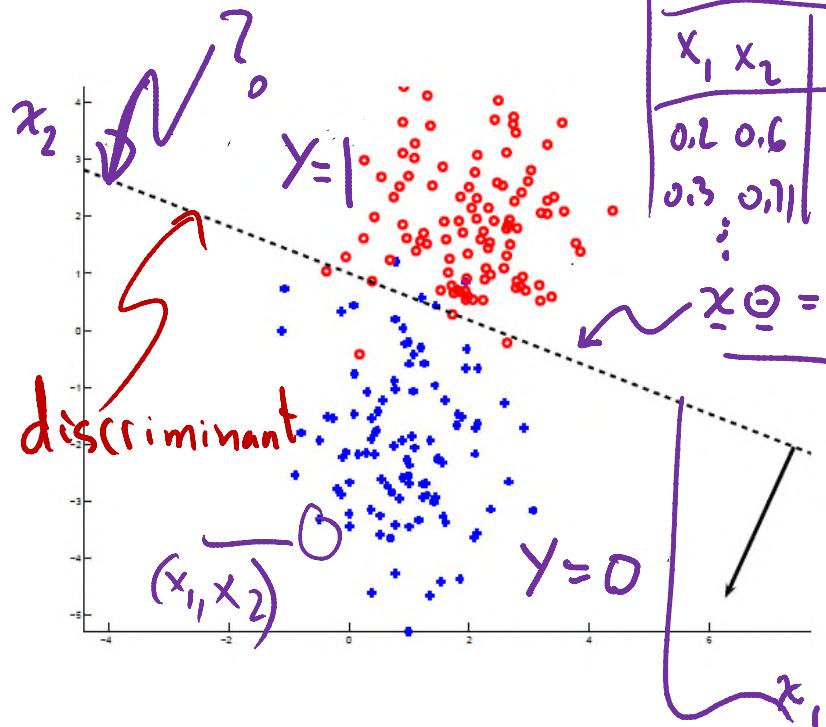
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$$\frac{1}{1+e^{-0}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

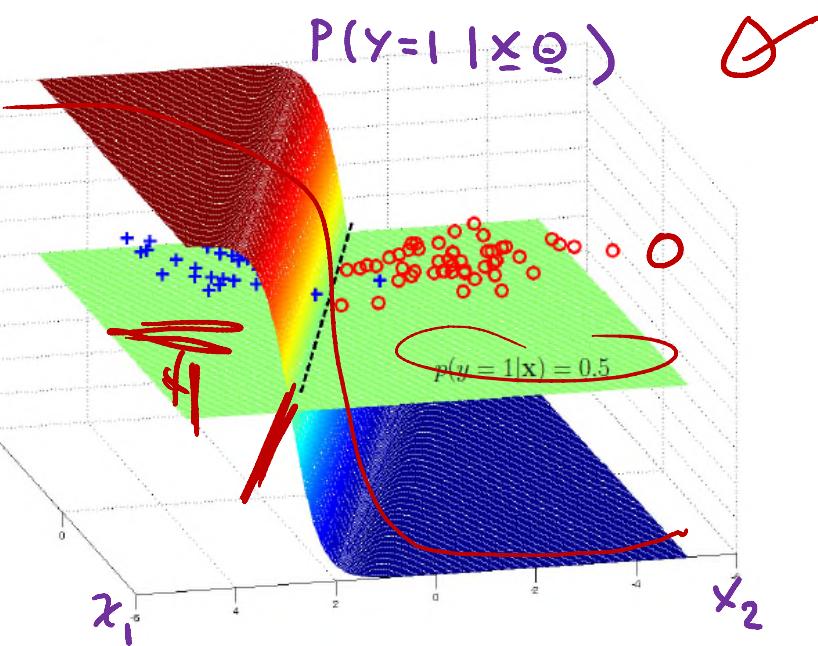
$$\underline{x}_i \cdot \underline{\Theta} = 0$$

EQUATION OF A
PLANE.



DATA		
x_1	x_2	y
0.2	0.6	0
0.3	0.7	1
⋮	⋮	⋮

$$\underline{x} \cdot \underline{\Theta} = 0$$



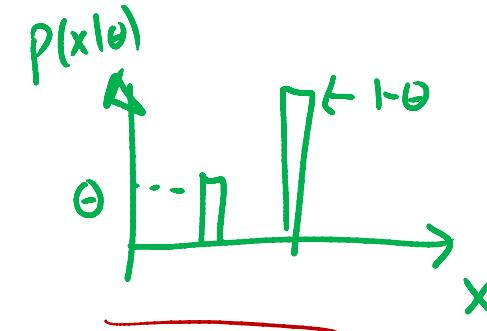
[Greg Shakhnarovich]

Bernoulli: a model for coins



A **Bernoulli random variable r.v.** X takes values in $\{0, 1\}$

$$p(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } x=1 \\ 1-\theta & \text{if } x=0 \end{cases}$$



Where $\theta \in (0, 1)$. We can write this probability more succinctly as follows:

$$P(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \theta & x=1 \\ 1-\theta & x=0 \end{cases}$$

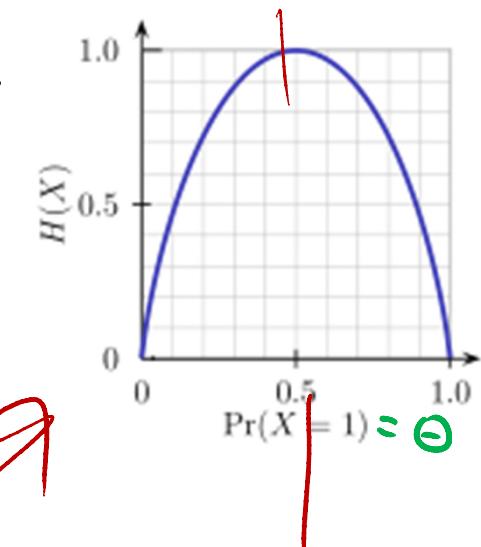
Entropy

In information theory, entropy H is a measure of the uncertainty associated with a random variable. It is defined as:

$$H(\mathbf{X}) = - \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}/\theta) \log p(\mathbf{x}/\theta)$$

Example: For a Bernoulli variable \mathbf{X} , the entropy is:

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= - \sum_{x=0}^1 \Theta^x (1-\Theta)^{1-x} \log [\Theta^x (1-\Theta)^{1-x}] \\ &= -[(1-\Theta) \log (1-\Theta) + \Theta \log \Theta] \end{aligned}$$



Logistic regression

The logistic regression model specifies the probability of a binary output $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ given the input \mathbf{x}_i as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\underline{\mathbf{y}} | \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Ber}(y_i | \text{sigm}(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta})) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta}}} \right]^{y_i} \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta}}} \right]^{1-y_i} \end{aligned}$$

$\pi_i = P(y_i = 1 | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

$1 - \pi_i = P(y_i = 0 | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta} = \theta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j x_{ij}$$

$$C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\log P(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log \pi_i + (1-y_i) \log (1-\pi_i)$$

cross-entropy

Gradient and Hessian of binary logistic regression

The gradient and Hessian of the negative loglikelihood, $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$, are given by:

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{d}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^T (\pi_i - y_i) = \mathbf{X}^T (\boldsymbol{\pi} - \mathbf{y})$$
$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{d}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^T = \sum_i \pi_i(1 - \pi_i) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T = \mathbf{X}^T \text{diag}(\pi_i(1 - \pi_i)) \mathbf{X}$$

where $\pi_i = \text{sigm}(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta})$

One can show that \mathbf{H} is positive definite; hence the NLL is **convex** and has a unique global minimum.

To find this minimum, we turn to batch optimization.

Iteratively reweighted least squares (IRLS)

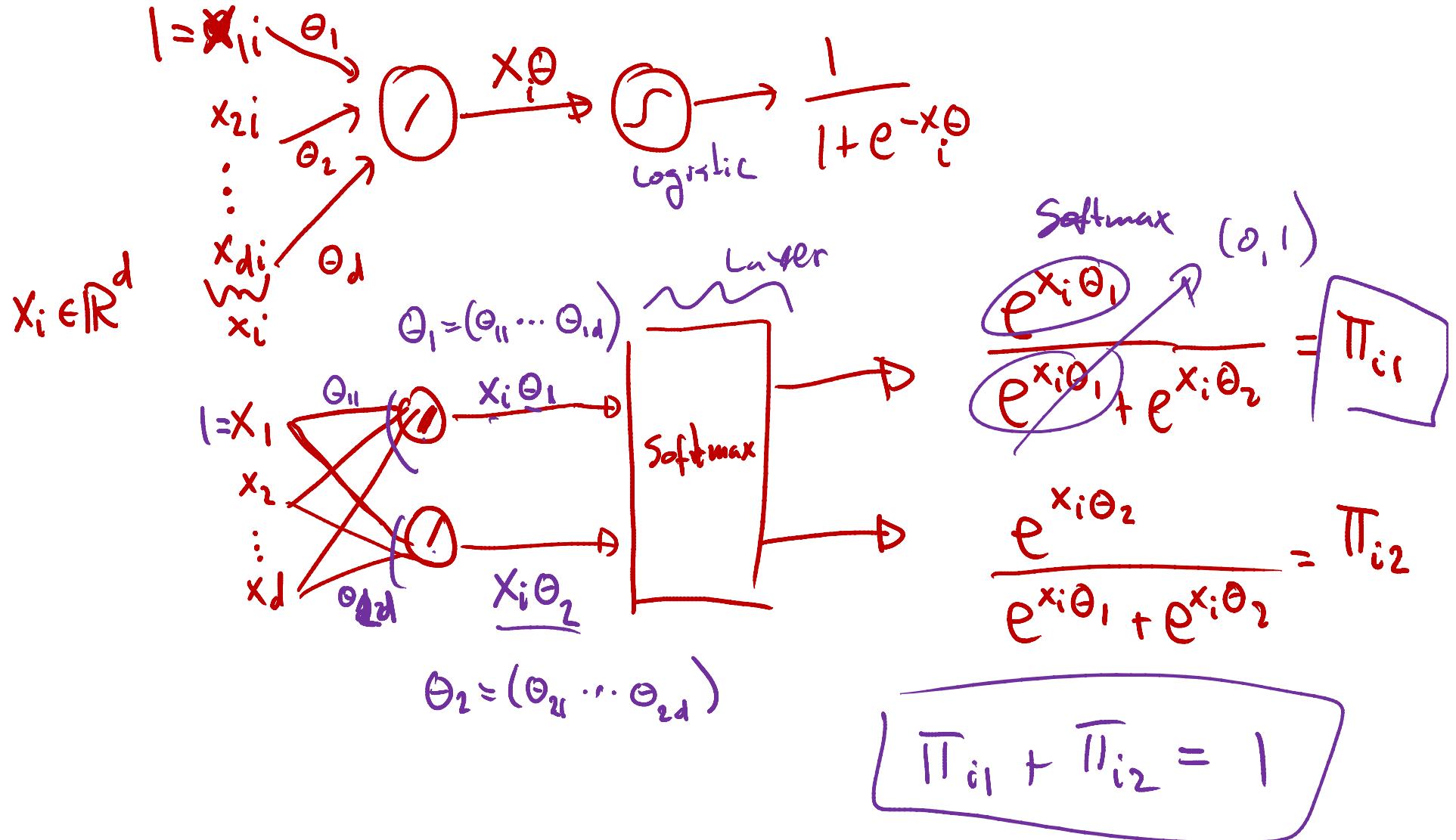
For binary logistic regression, recall that the gradient and Hessian of the negative log-likelihood are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{g}_k &= \mathbf{X}^T(\boldsymbol{\pi}_k - \mathbf{y}) \quad \checkmark \\ \mathbf{H}_k &= \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X} \quad \checkmark \\ \mathbf{S}_k &:= \text{diag}(\pi_{1k}(1 - \pi_{1k}), \dots, \pi_{nk}(1 - \pi_{nk})) \\ \pi_{ik} &= \text{sigm}(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\theta}_k)\end{aligned}$$

The Newton update at iteration $k + 1$ for this model is as follows (using $\eta_k = 1$, since the Hessian is exact):

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_k - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{g}_k \\ &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_k + (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_k) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X})^{-1} [(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X}) \boldsymbol{\theta}_k + \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_k)] \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T [\mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}_k + \mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_k]\end{aligned}$$

Softmax formulation



Likelihood function

INDICATOR:

$$\mathbb{I}_c(y_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i = c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(y|x, \Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_{i1}^{\mathbb{I}_0(y_i)} \pi_{i2}^{\mathbb{I}_1(y_i)}$$

$$P(y_i|x_i, \Theta) = \begin{cases} \pi_{i1} = \frac{e^{x_i \Theta_1}}{e^{x_i \Theta_1} + e^{x_i \Theta_2}} & \text{if } y_i = 0 \\ \pi_{i2} = \frac{e^{x_i \Theta_2}}{e^{x_i \Theta_1} + e^{x_i \Theta_2}} & \text{if } y_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

Negative log-likelihood criterion

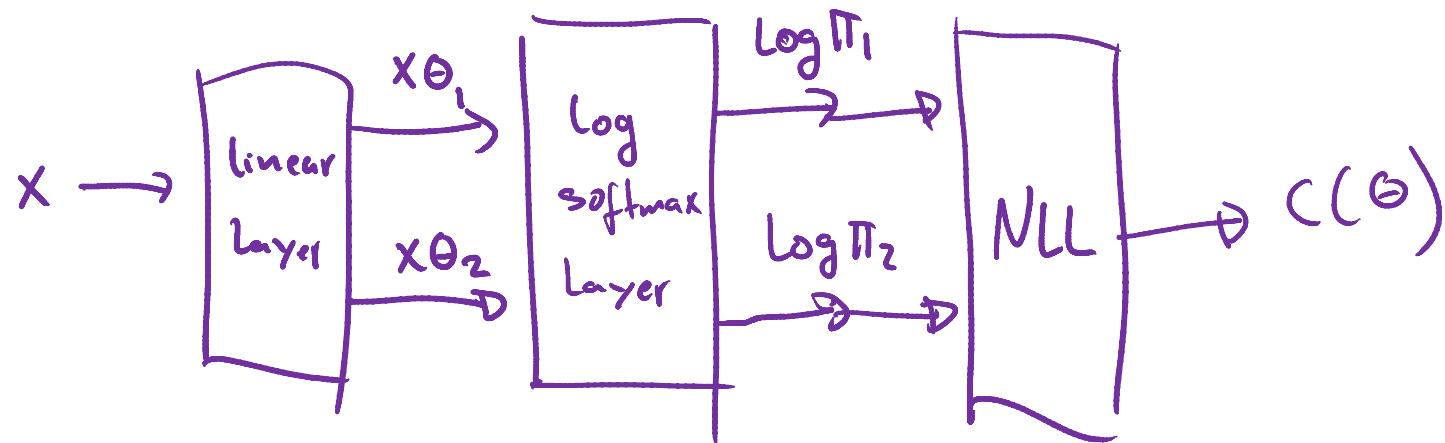
$$P(y|x,\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_{i1}^{y_i} \pi_{i2}^{1-y_i}$$

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$$C(\theta) = -\log P(y|x,\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \underbrace{\log \pi_{i1}}_{\text{Logsoftmax}} + (1-y_i) \log \pi_{i2}$$

Logsoftmax
Lsf

Neural network representation of loss



Manual gradient computation

$$\frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \left(- \sum_{i=1}^n \Pi_0(y_i) \log \Pi_{i1} + \Pi_1(y_i) \log \Pi_{i2} \right)$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\Pi_0(y_i) \frac{\partial \log \Pi_{i1}}{\partial \theta_2} + \Pi_1(y_i) \frac{\partial \log \Pi_{i2}}{\partial \theta_2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} (\log \Pi_{i1}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \log \left(\frac{e^{x_i \theta_1}}{e^{x_i \theta_1} + e^{x_i \theta_2}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \left(x_i \overset{\theta_1}{\cancel{\theta_1}} - \log (e^{x_i \theta_1} + e^{x_i \theta_2}) \right) \\ &= 0 - \frac{x_i e^{x_i \theta_2}}{e^{x_i \theta_1} + e^{x_i \theta_2}} = -x_i \Pi_{i2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \log \Pi_{i2} = x_i (1 - \Pi_{i2})$$

Manual gradient computation

$$\frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2} = - \sum_{i=1}^n I_o(y_i) x_i \pi_{i2} + I_1(y_i) x_i (1 - \pi_{i2})$$

$y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ $\underline{\pi_{i2} = P(y_i=1 | x_i, \theta)} = \pi_i$

Check

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) (-x_i) \pi_{i2} + y_i x_i (1 - \pi_{i2})$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i \pi_{i2} + \cancel{y_i x_i \pi_{i2}} + y_i x_i - \cancel{y_i x_i \pi_{i2}}$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - \pi_{i2})$$

Next lecture

In the next lecture, we develop an automatic **layer-wise** way of computing all the necessary derivatives known as **back-propagation**.

This is the approach used in **Torch**. We will review the torch **nn** class.