# Logistic Regression

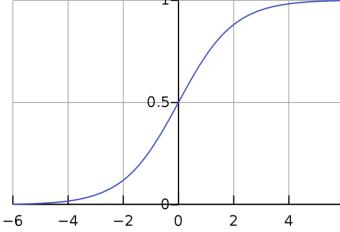
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#### Introduction

- If the dataset is linear separable, then the dataset can be separate perfectly. But how about the noisy data?
- Suppose a data x, the correct probability is P(1|x) = 0.9, incorrect probability is P(-1|x) = 0.1

• The score is not 0 or 1, instead of  $0 \le \text{score} \le 1$ , so we use a flexible function to determine, it's logistic regression.

$$h(s = w^{T}x) = \frac{e^{w^{T}x}}{1 + e^{w^{T}x}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^{T}x}}$$



# Property

• Here we also want to do binary classification, but use a probability to determine it is 1 or 0. Suppose f(x) = P(1|x), then f(y) = P(-1|x) = 1 - P(1|x), and use logistic function

$$P(1|x) = \frac{e^{w^{T}x}}{1 + e^{w^{T}x}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^{T}x}}$$

$$P(0|x) = 1 - P(1|x) = 1 - \frac{e^{w^{T}x}}{1 + e^{w^{T}x}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{w^{T}x}} = -P(-1|x)$$

# Property

• Consider a dataset D =  $\{(x_1,0), (x_2,x),..., (x_i,x)\}, f(x_i) = 0$  or 1, suppose  $f(s_i) \sim h(s_i)$ , is called likelihood, so the probability is

$$P(x_1)f(s_1) \times P(s_2)(1 - f(s_2)) \times ... \times P(x_n) (1 - f(s_n))$$

$$\sim P(x_1)f(s_1) \times P(s_2)(1 - h(s_2)) \times ... \times P(x_n) (1 - h(s_n))$$

$$= P(x_1)f(s_1) \times P(s_2)h(-s_2) \times ... \times P(x_n)h(-s_n)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i)h(y_i x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i)h(y_i w^T x_i)$$

• Next step is to maximize w

• But it's hard to calculate the maximum, so we take log before it

$$\max_{w} \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_{i})\theta(y_{i}x_{i}) \to \max_{w} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \theta(y_{i}w^{T}x_{i}) \to \max_{w} \left( \ln \prod_{i=1}^{n} \theta(y_{i}w^{T}x_{i}) \right)$$

$$\max_{w} \left( \ln \prod_{i=1}^{n} \theta(y_{i}w^{T}x_{i}) \right) = \max_{w} \left( \ln \theta(y_{1}w^{T}x_{1})\theta(y_{2}w^{T}x_{2})...\theta(y_{n}w^{T}x_{n}) \right)$$

$$= \max_{w} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln \theta(y_{i}w^{T}x_{i}) \right) = \min_{w} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} -\ln \theta(y_{i}w^{T}x_{i}) \right)$$

$$= \min_{w} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln \left( 1 + \exp(-y_i w^T x_i) \right) \right) = \min_{w} E_{in}(w, x_i, y_i)$$

$$\nabla_{i} E_{in}(w_{i}, x_{i}, y_{i}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{i}} \ln(1 + \exp(-y_{i} w_{i}^{T} x_{i})) = \frac{\exp(-y_{i} w_{i}^{T} x_{i})}{1 + \exp(-y_{i} w_{i}^{T} x_{i})} (-y_{i} x_{i})$$

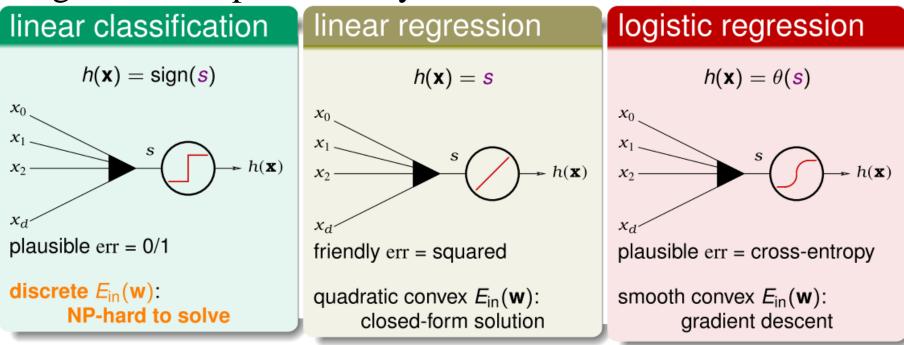
$$\nabla E_{in}(w_{i}, x_{i}, y_{i}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \theta(-y_{i} w^{T} x_{i}) (-y_{i} x_{i}) = 0$$

- It's hard to prove that there is only one extreme value and it's minimum the, but it's a truth, so I just use it and find the w such that the  $E_{in}$  is minimized.
- So we can apply gradient descent on this problem.

- Let's see where the gradient will equal to 0, by the property of exp, only when  $y_i w^T x_i >> 0$ , then  $\exp(-y_i w^T x_i) \sim 0$ , this means the dataset is linear separable.
- The other possibility is the summation equals to 0, but this means the dataset is not linear separable, and it's not the linear function, so that we can just find the approximated solution.

#### Regression for classification

• So far I've introduced linear classification, linear regression, and logistic regression, what I want to do is classification, so can regression help us classify?



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# Regression for classification

• Let's plot *error* versus *ys*, so that we can see the error of logistic regression is smaller as *ys* is bigger, by using gradient descent, we can find the error approach to 0.

#### Regression for classification

• So in practical problems, dataset is usually not linear separable, so logistic regression is most using for classification.

#### **PLA**

- pros: efficient + strong guarantee if lin. separable
- cons: works only if lin. separable, otherwise needing pocket heuristic

#### linear regression

- pros: 'easiest' optimization
- cons: loose bound of err<sub>0/1</sub> for large |ys|

#### logistic regression

- pros: 'easy' optimization
- cons: loose bound of err<sub>0/1</sub> for very negative ys

- Someone may see the error is defined  $||y-y_i||$ , but the absolute value, so-called  $L_1$  regularization, it may not differentiate at  $y_i$ . So here we use the square error, so-called  $L_2$  regularization.

• So the total error is
$$E_{in} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - w^T x)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (w^T x - y_i)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} w^T x_1 - y_1 \\ w^T x_2 - y_2 \\ \vdots \\ w^T x_N - y_N \end{bmatrix}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \|w^T X - Y\|^2$$

• We observe that it's the parabola, and the leading coefficient is positive, so there is a minimum.

• So let's take the 1<sup>st</sup> derivative and equals to 0, then we find the minimum

$$\nabla E_{in} = \nabla \frac{1}{N} \| w^T X - Y \|^2 = \nabla \frac{1}{N} (w^T X X^T w - 2 w^T X Y + Y^T Y) = \left[ \frac{2}{N} (X X^T w - X Y) = 0 \right]$$

$$w = (X X^T)^{-1} X Y = X^{-T} X^{-1} X Y = X^{-T} Y$$

• So that we get the optimize solution.