**CSE/ISyE 6740 Computational Data Analysis** 

# Naive Bayes, KNN and Logistic Regression

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#### **Outline**

- Supervised Learning
  - Bayes and Naïve Bayes

K-nearest neighbors

Logistic regression

Support Vector Machine (Wednesday!!)

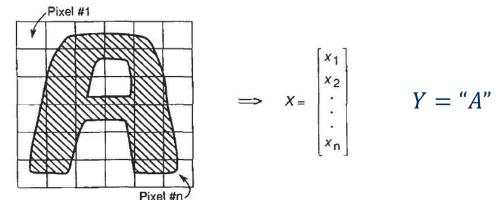


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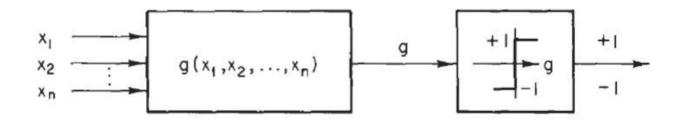


#### Classification

• Given a dataset  $D = \{(x^1, y^1), (x^2, y^2), \dots, (x^n, y^n)\}$ , can we learn a classifier  $f: X \to Y$ ?



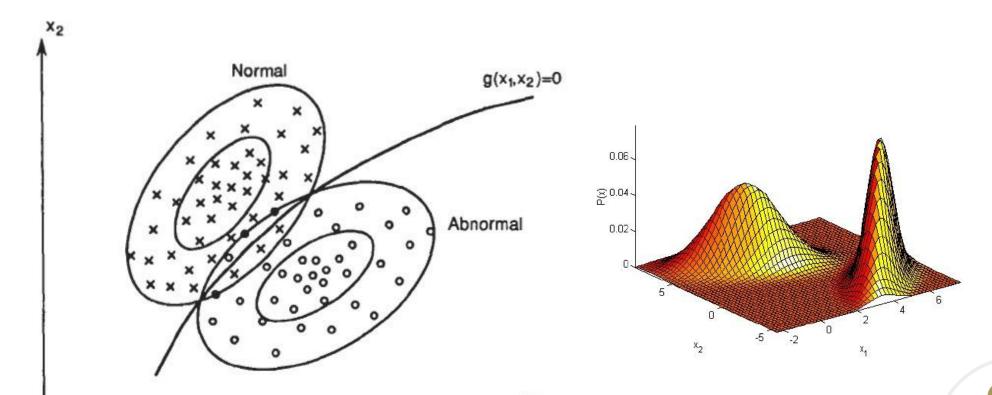
• Classifier:





# Decision-making: Divide High-dimensional Space

- Distributions of sample from normal (positive class) and abnormal (negative class) tissues
  - How to construct the classifier  $f: X \to Y$ ?





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# **Use Bayes Rule**

P(y|x) = 
$$\frac{P(x|y)P(y)}{P(x)} = \frac{P(x,y)}{\sum_{y'} P(x,y')}$$
posterior

Normalization constant

- Prior: P(y)
- Likelihood (class conditional distribution):  $P(x|y) = N(x; \mu_y, \Sigma_y)$  (e.g., Gaussian)

• Posterior: 
$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(y)N(x;\mu_y,\Sigma_y)}{\sum_{y'}P(y')N(x;\mu_{y'},\Sigma_{y'})}$$



# **Bayes Decision Rule**

- Learning:
  - prior: P(y)
  - Compute class conditional distribution: P(x|y)
- The posterior probability of a test point:

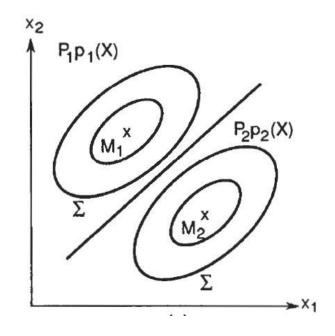
$$q_i(y) \coloneqq P(y = i|x) = \frac{P(x|y = i)P(y = i)}{P(x)}$$

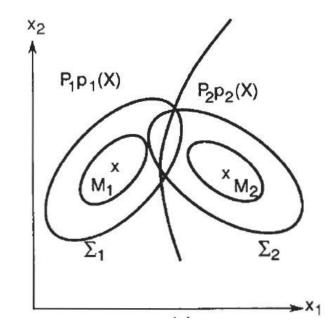
- Two classes  $(y \in \{0,1\})$ 
  - If ratio  $g(x) = \frac{q_1(x)}{q_0(x)} = \frac{P(x|y=1)P(y=1)}{P(x|y=0)P(y=0)} > 1$ , then y=1, otherwise y=0
  - Or look at the log-likelihood ratio:  $h(x) = log \frac{q_1(x)}{q_0(x)}$
- Multiple classes
  - Find the *i* with the largest  $q_i(y)$



# **Example: Gaussian Class Conditional Distribution**

Depending on the Gaussian distributions, the decision boundary can be very different





• Decision boundary:  $h(x) = log \frac{q_1(x)}{q_0(x)} = 0$ 



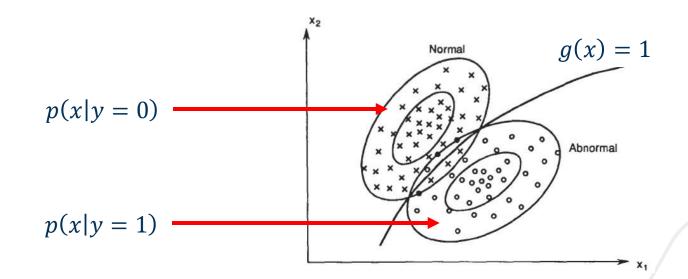
# **Classification Using Density Estimation**

- Simple binary classifier for input  $x^i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and label  $y^i \in \{0,1\}$ 
  - Step 1: use label to estimate p(y = 1) and p(y = 0)
  - Step 2: divide your data according to the value of y, and estimate

$$p(x|y=1)$$
 and  $p(x|y=0)$ 

• **Step 3**: classify a new test point *x* as:

$$\begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } g(x) \coloneqq \frac{p(y=1|x)}{p(y=0|x)} = \frac{p(x|y=1)p(y=1)}{p(x|y=0)p(y=0)} > 1 \\ & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





# **Naïve Bayes Classifier**

Use Bayes decision rule for classification

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x|y)P(y)}{P(x)}$$

- In general, density estimation of P(x|y) is difficult for high-dimensional x...
- Assume all features  $x = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_d)$  are fully independent, i.e.,

$$P(x|y = 1) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} P(x_i|y = 1)$$



# **Naïve Bayes Classifier**

Example No.	Color	Type	Origin	Stolen?
1	Red	Sports	Domestic	Yes
2	Red	Sports	<b>Domestic</b>	No
3	Red	Sports	<b>Domestic</b>	Yes
4	Yellow	Sports	<b>Domestic</b>	No
5	Yellow	Sports	<b>Imported</b>	Yes
6	Yellow	SUV	Imported	No
7	Yellow	<b>SUV</b>	Imported	Yes
8	Yellow	SUV	Domestic	No
9	Red	SUV	<b>Imported</b>	No
10	Red	Sports	Imported	Yes

What is  $P(stolen \mid red, SUV, domestic)$ ?

$$P(stolen \mid red, SUV, domestic)$$

$$\propto P(red, SUV, domestic \mid stolen) * P(stolen)$$

$$= P(red \mid stolen) * P(SUV \mid stolen)$$

$$* P(domestic \mid stolen) * P(stolen)$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} * \frac{1}{5} * \frac{2}{5} * \frac{5}{10}$$

$$= \frac{3}{125}$$

- Features are assumed to be independent
  - None of the features are irrelevant and assumed to be contributing equally to the outcome

• Decision: 
$$y = \arg \max_{y} p(y) \prod_{i=1}^{d} p(x_i|y)$$



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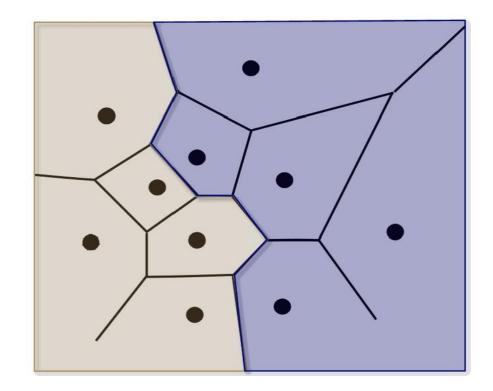
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# **Nearest Neighbor Classifier**

- The **nearest neighbor classifier**: assign x the same label as the closest training point  $x_i$
- The nearest neighbor rule defines a Voronoi partition of the input space



- Parametric or non-parametric?
- Linear or nonlinear?
- Easy to kernelize

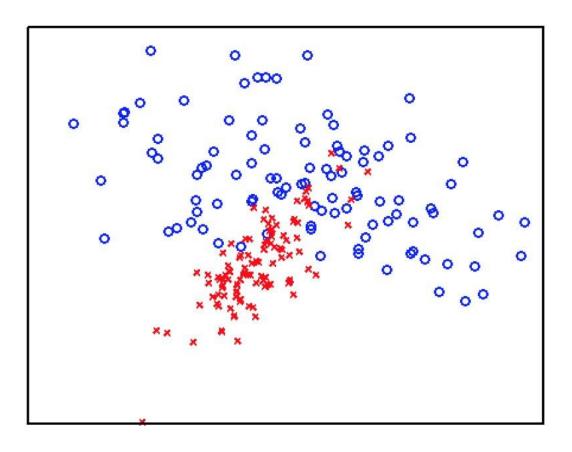


# k-nearest Neighbor Classifier

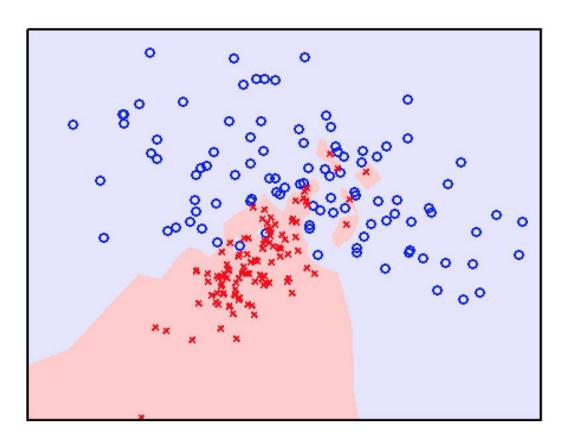
- The nearest neighbor classifier: assign x a label by taking a majority vote over the k training point  $x_i$  closest to x
- For  $k \ge 1$ , the k-nearest neighbor rule generalizes the nearest neighbor rule
- To define this more mathematically:
  - $I_k(x) :=$  indices of the k nearest training points closest to x
  - If  $y_i = \pm 1$ , then we can write the k-nearest neighbor classifier as:

$$f_k(x) \coloneqq sign\left(\sum_{i \in I_k(x)} y_i\right)$$



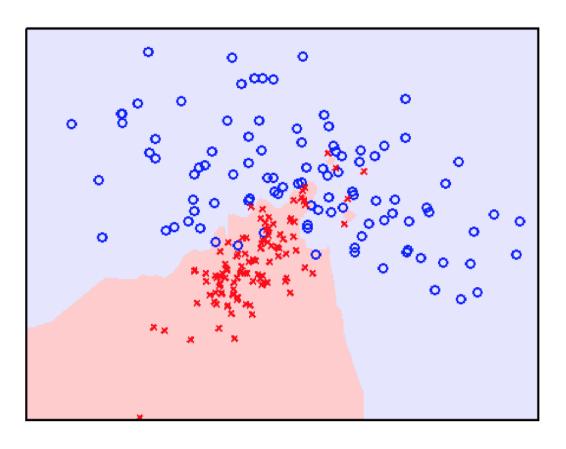






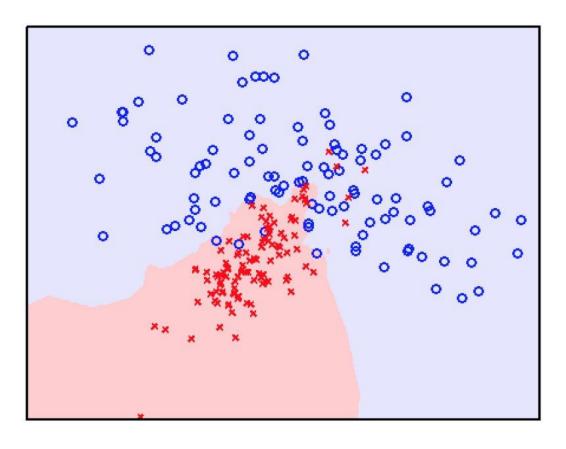
$$k = 1$$





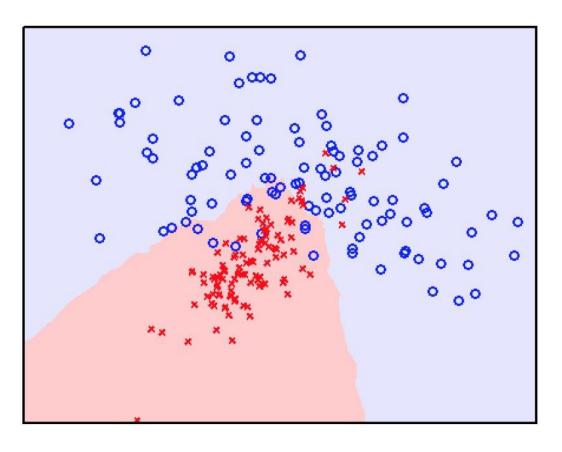
$$k = 3$$





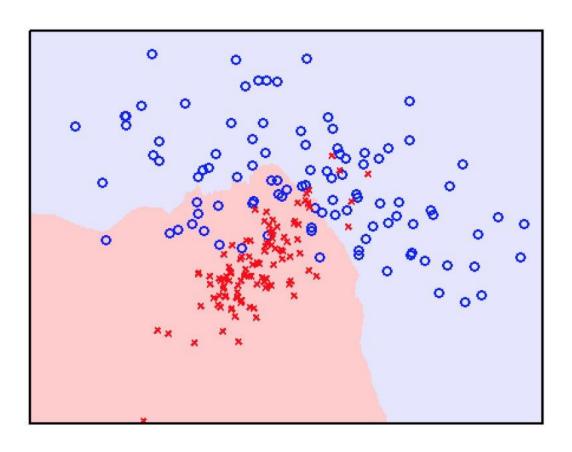
$$k = 5$$





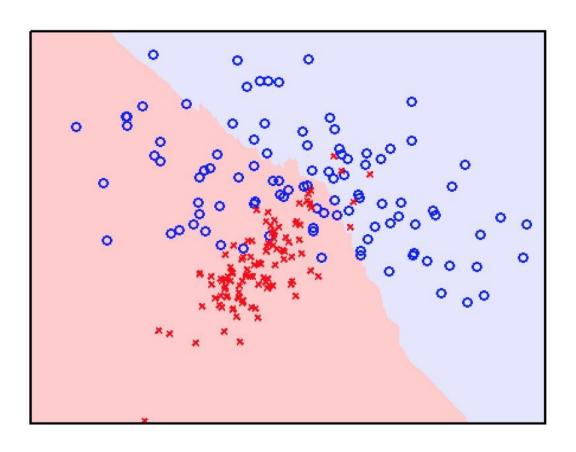
$$k = 25$$





$$k = 51$$





$$k = 101$$



# **Choosing the Size of the Neighborhood**

- Setting the parameter k is a problem of model selection
- Choosing k with the smallest training error is NOT a good idea:

$$\widehat{R}_n(f_k) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{\{f_k(x_i) \neq y_i\}}$$

- By choosing k=1, we always have training error  $\widehat{R}_n(f_1)=0$
- Not much practical guidance from the theory, so we typically must rely on estimates based on holdout sets or more sophisticated model selection techniques.



#### **Computations in KNN**

- Similar to KDE, essentially no "training" or "learning" phase. Computation is needed when applying the classifier
  - Memory: O(nd)
- Finding the nearest neighbors out of a set of millions of examples is still pretty hard
  - Test computation: O(nd)
- Use smart data structures and algorithms to index training data
  - Memory: O(nd)
  - Training computation (preprocessing):  $O(n \log n)$
  - Test computation:  $O(\log n)$
  - K-D tree, ball tree



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#### **Discriminative Classifier**

- Directly estimate decision boundary  $h(x) = -\log \frac{q_1(x)}{q_0(x)}$  or posterior p(y|x)
  - Logistic regression, neural networks
  - Do NOT estimate p(x|y) and p(y)
- Model h(x) or f(x) := P(y = 1|x) as a function of x, and
  - Do not have probabilistic meaning
  - Hence can not be used to sample data points
- Why discriminative classifier?
  - Avoid difficult density estimation problem
  - Empirically achieve better classification results

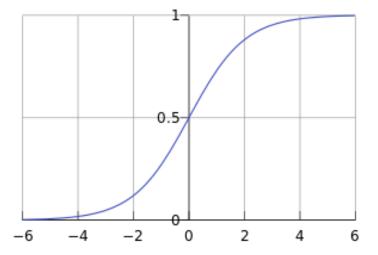


# What is Logistic Regression Model

• Assume that the posterior distribution P(y = 1|x) take a particular form:

$$P(y = 1|x, \theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\mathsf{T}}x)}$$

• Logistic function  $f(u) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-u)}$ 



The larger  $\theta^T x$ , the higher the chance it is y = 1



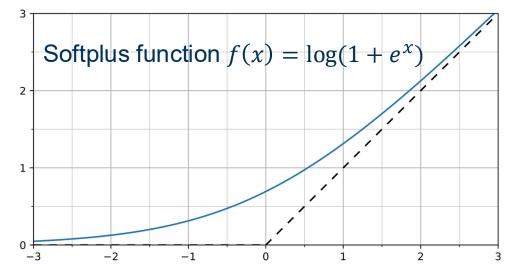
# **Learning Parameters in Logistic Regression**

• Find  $\theta$ , such that the conditional likelihood of the labels is maximized

$$\max_{\theta} l(\theta) \coloneqq \log \prod_{i=1} P(y^i | x^i, \theta)$$

• Good news:  $l(\theta)$  is a concave function of  $\theta$ , and there is a single global optimum

(if it exists).



• Bad news: no closed form solution (we need to use numerical method)



# The Objective Function $l(\theta)$

Logistic regression model

$$p(y = 1|x, \theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\mathsf{T}}x)}$$

Note that

$$p(y = 0|x, \theta) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\top}x)} = \frac{\exp(-\theta^{\top}x)}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\top}x)}$$

• Plug in

$$l(\theta) \coloneqq \log \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(y^{i}|x^{i}, \theta).$$
$$= \sum_{i} (y^{i} - 1)\theta^{\mathsf{T}} x^{i} - \log(1 + \exp(-\theta^{\mathsf{T}} x^{i}))$$



# The Gradient of $l(\theta)$

$$l(\theta) \coloneqq \log \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(y^{i}|x^{i}, \theta)$$
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Gradient

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i} (y^{i} - 1)x^{i} + \frac{\exp(-\theta^{\mathsf{T}}x^{i})x^{i}}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\mathsf{T}}x^{i})}$$

But setting it to 0 does not lead to closed form solution

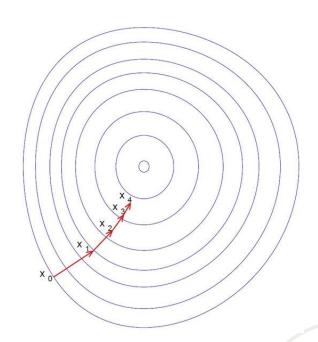


#### **Gradient Descent**

- Gradient descent is a popular and general method to solve optimization problems
- Given an initial guess, we iteratively refine the guess by taking the direction of the negative gradient
- Think about going down a hill by taking the steepest direction at each step
- Update rule

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \gamma_k \nabla_x f(x_k)$$

 $\gamma_k$  is called the step size or learning rate



# **Gradient Ascent/Descent Algorithm**

• Initialize parameter  $\theta^0$ 

Do

$$\theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta^t + \eta \sum_{i} (y^i - 1)x^i + \frac{\exp(-\theta^\top x^i)x^i}{1 + \exp(-\theta^\top x^i)}$$

• While  $\|\theta^{t+1} - \theta^t\| > \epsilon$ 



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