

Q₂ Explain the general of logistic regression and the importance of feature selection

- Statistical method for binary classification tasks predicting the probability that something belongs in a class.
- Binary classification ($y \in \{0, 1\}$): $P_{Y|X, W}(1|x, w) = \sigma(w^T \phi(x))$ probability for $Y=1$
 $P_{Y|X, W}(0|x, w) = 1 - \sigma(w^T \phi(x))$ prob
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T \phi(x)}}$$
- Decision boundary: Predict 1 if $\sigma \geq 0.5$ else 0 for σ , provides class probabilities instead hard labels
- We use MLE for probability for weights to better classify, log-likelihood good for computation $\ell(w) = \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n \ln \sigma(w^T \phi(x_n)) + (1 - y_n) \ln (1 - \sigma(w^T \phi(x_n)))]$
Likelihood for N (i.i.d)
- Cross-Entropy Loss: $-\ell(w)$ which we minimize with gradient descent. Maximize Likelihood.
- Use gradient of log-likelihood tells direction weights increase likelihood.

① - We want to find weights for each classifier, get weights ^(converge) so data linearly separable.

- If data is not linearly separable in original, then select basis functions such that is in feature space.

- Converge weights \rightarrow no miss classified data

feature = f