

CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

Linear and Logistic Regression

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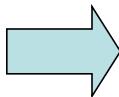
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Classification with Feature Vectors

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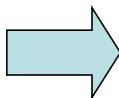
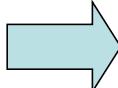
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cartridges? Why pay more
when you can get them
ABSOLUTELY FREE! Just

$f(x)$


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y

SPAM
or
+


$$\begin{cases} \text{PIXEL-7,12} & : 1 \\ \text{PIXEL-7,13} & : 0 \\ \dots \\ \text{NUM_LOOPS} & : 1 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$


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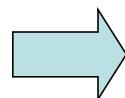
Regression with Feature Vectors

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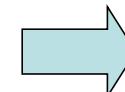
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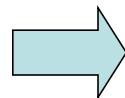
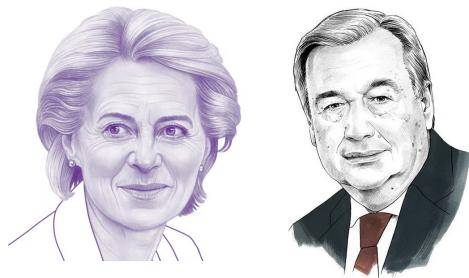
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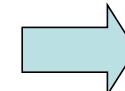
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Market rent:
84000



$\begin{cases} \text{CONST} & : 1 \\ \text{PIXEL-7,12} & : 1 \\ \text{PIXEL-7,13} & : 0 \\ \dots \\ \text{OUTSIDE?} & : 1 \\ \dots \end{cases}$



Compatibility:
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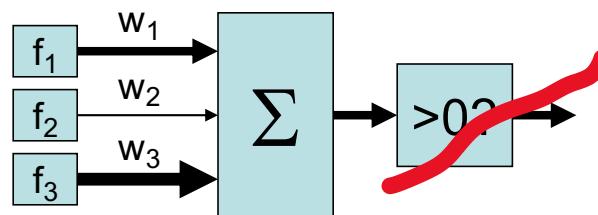
Linear Classifiers Regression

- Inputs are feature values
- Each feature has a weight
- Sum is the ~~activation~~ prediction

$$h_w \text{ activation}_w(x) = \sum_i w_i \cdot f_i(x) = w \cdot f(x)$$

- If the activation is:
 - Positive, output +1
 - Negative, output -1

Output h_w



Weights

Dot product $w \cdot f$ gives the prediction

$$w \cdot f(x_1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{CONST} & : 5000 \\ \text{Sq ft.} & : 0.8 \\ \text{Dist. BART} & : 100 \\ \# \text{ offices} & : 300 \\ \# \text{ views} & : 1000 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{CONST} & : 1 \\ \text{Sq ft.} & : 40000 \\ \text{Dist. BART} & : 0.1 \\ \# \text{ offices} & : 16 \\ \# \text{ views} & : 2 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w \cdot f(x_2)$$

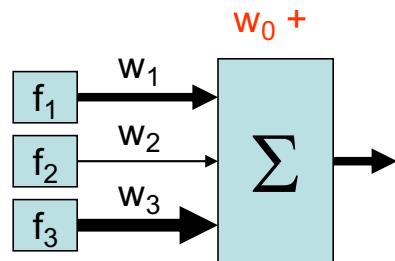
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Which weight makes the least sense for predicting office rent?

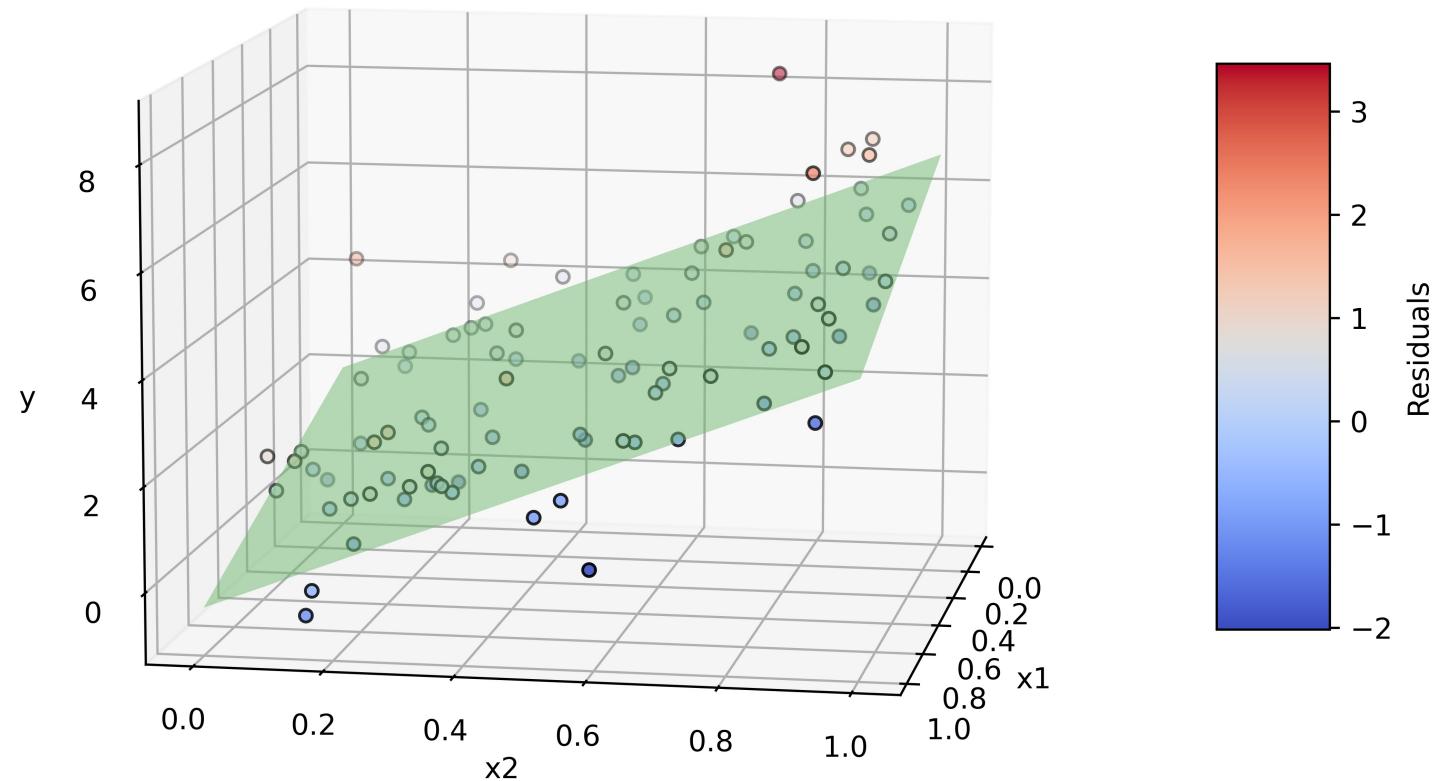
Linear Regression

- Inputs are **feature values**
- Each feature has a **weight**
- Sum is the **prediction**

Either make sure $h_w(x) = \sum_i w_i \cdot f_i(x) = w \cdot f(x) + w_0$
one of the
features is a
constant or add
this w_0 to the
equation
(equivalent)



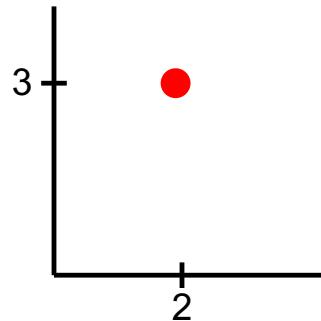
Linear Regression with 2d Feature Vector



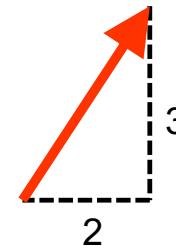
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Review: Vectors

- A tuple like $(2,3)$ can be interpreted two different ways:



A **point** on a coordinate grid



A **vector** in space. Notice we are
not on a coordinate grid.

- A tuple with more elements like $(2, 7, -3, 6)$ is a point or vector in higher-dimensional space (hard to visualize)

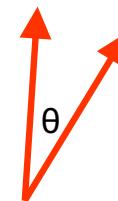
Review: Vectors

- Definition of dot product:

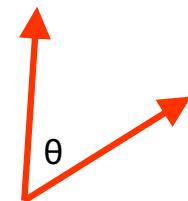
- $a \cdot b = \sum_i a_i b_i = |a| |b| \cos(\theta)$
- θ is the angle between the vectors a and b

- Consequences of this definition:

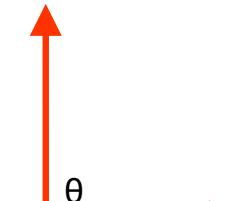
- Vectors closer together
= “similar” vectors
= smaller angle θ between vectors
= larger (more positive) dot product
- If $\theta < 90^\circ$, then dot product is positive
- If $\theta = 90^\circ$, then dot product is zero
- If $\theta > 90^\circ$, then dot product is negative



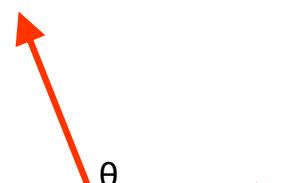
$a \cdot b$ large, positive



$a \cdot b$ small, positive

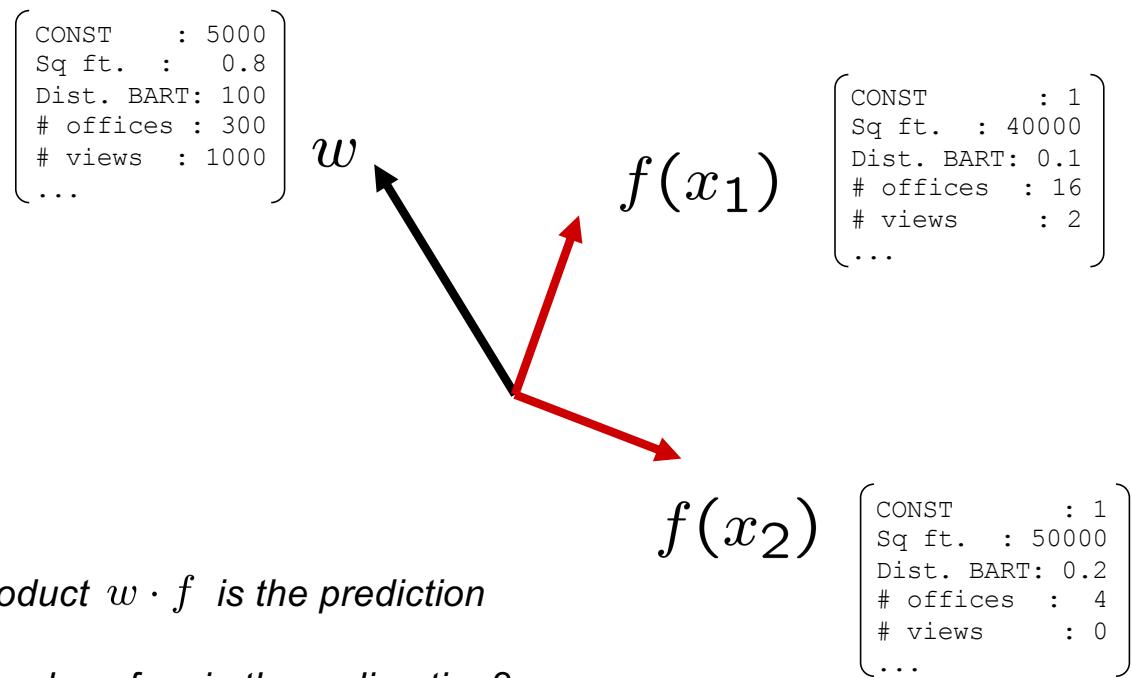


$a \cdot b$ zero

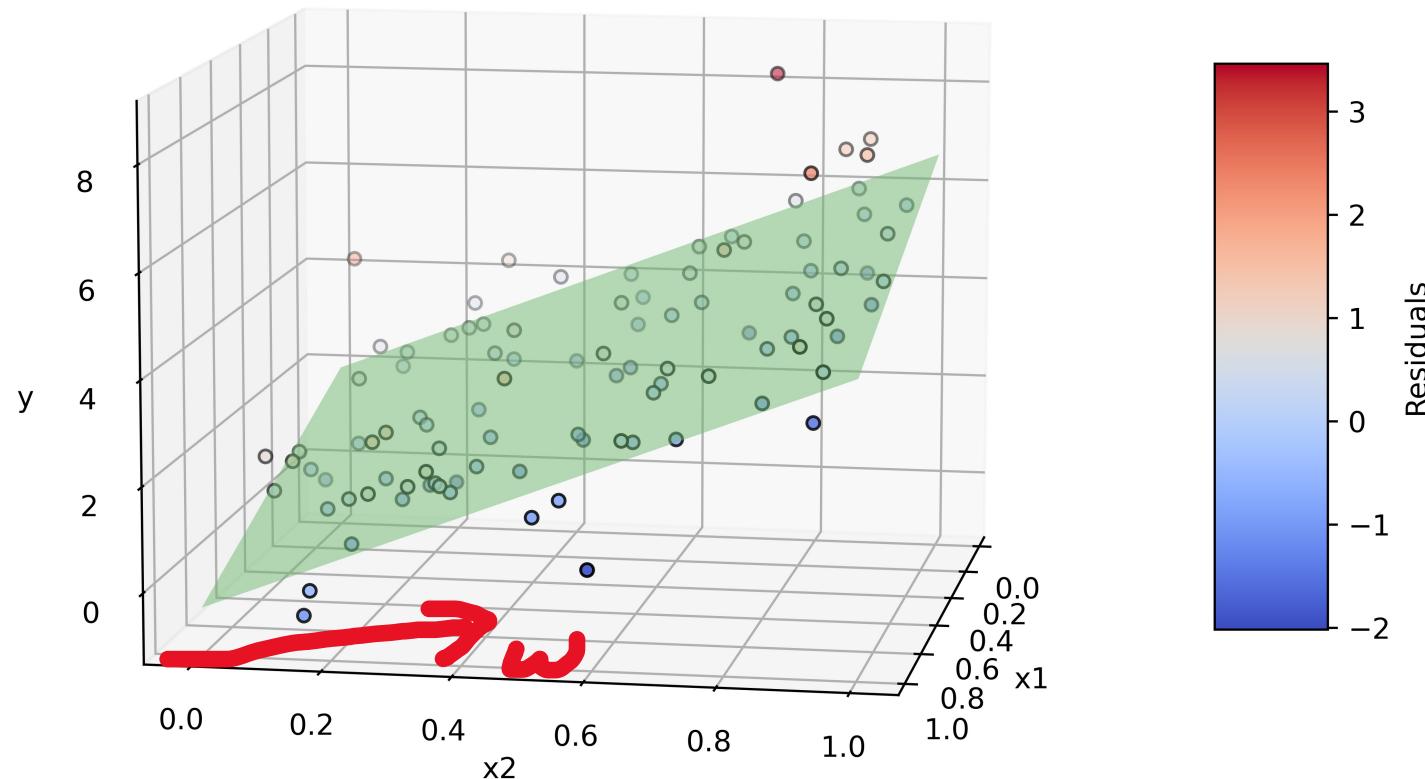


$a \cdot b$ negative

Weights



Linear Regression with 2d Feature Vector



w points in direction where best-fit plane is steepest

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How to find the weights?

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$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \cdots & x_n^1 \\ 1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_1^N & \cdots & x_n^N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

data point 



What does matrix product $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$ look like? Vector like \mathbf{w} and \mathbf{y}

What is the entry in the first row and first (and only) column of $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$?

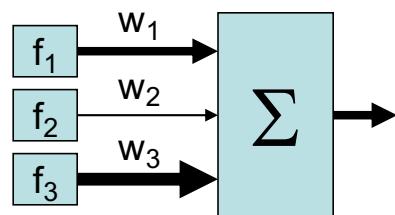
$$w_0 + w_1x_1^1 + \dots + w_nx_n^1$$

We want $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$ to look like \mathbf{y}

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Premise of linear regression

data point ↗

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \cdots & x_n^1 \\ 1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_1^N & \cdots & x_n^N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

For a proposed weight vector w , its badness is $|Xw - y|^2 / 2$

$|v|$ is the length of the vector; $|v|^2 = \sum_i v_i^2 = v^T v$

Loss

So ~~badness(w)~~ = $\sum_i (h_w(x^i)w - y_i)^2 / 2$

Solving for \mathbf{w}

data point 

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \cdots & x_n^1 \\ 1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_1^N & \cdots & x_n^N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} |\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}|^2 / 2$

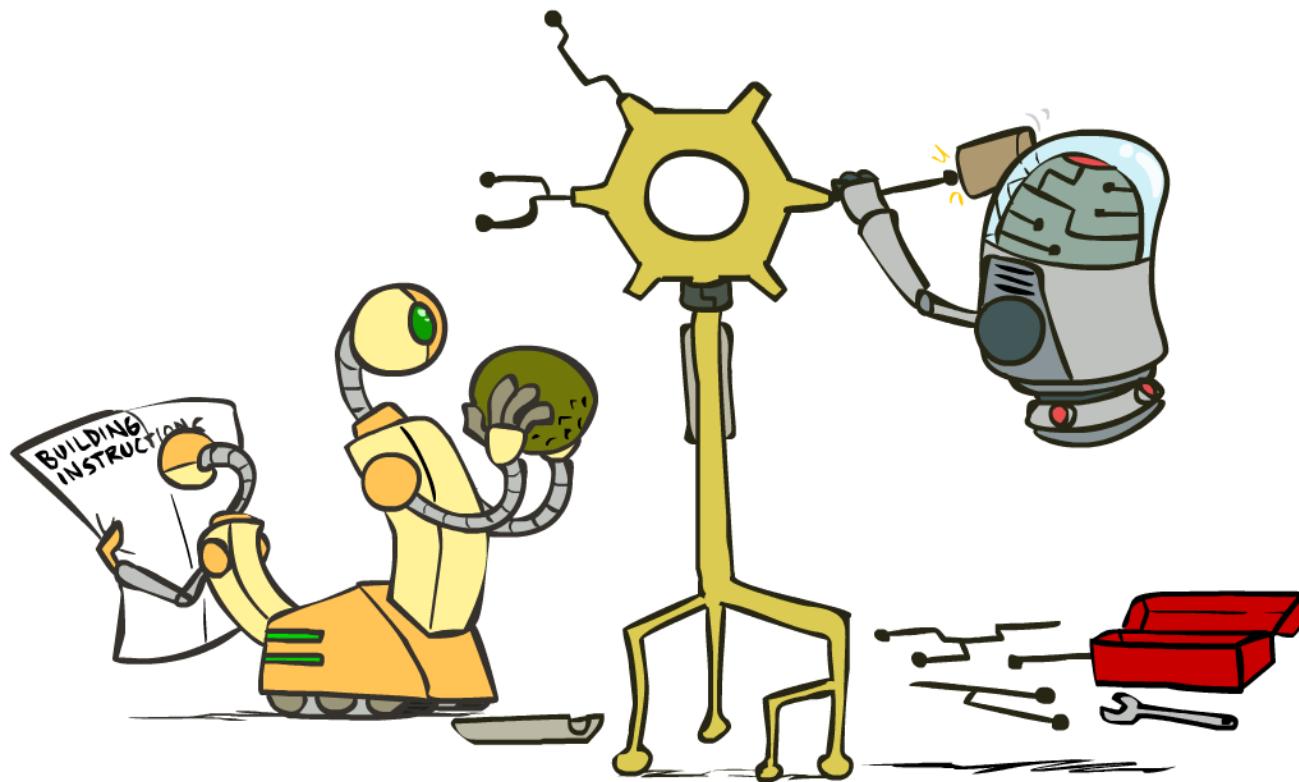
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$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

If you ever actually need to do this sort of stuff:

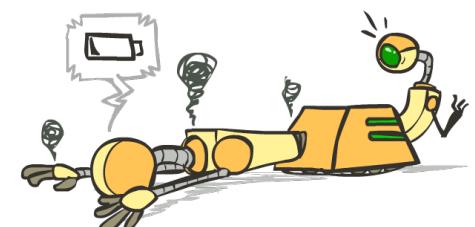
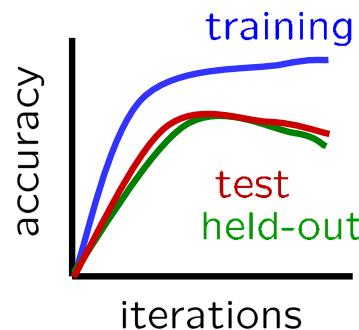
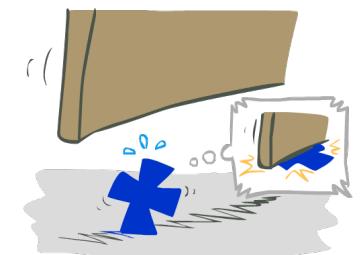
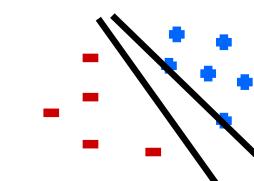
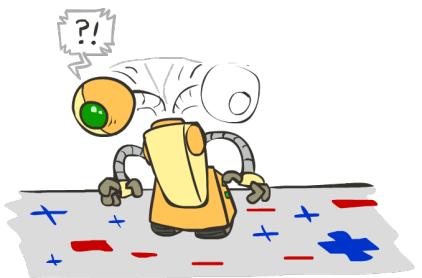
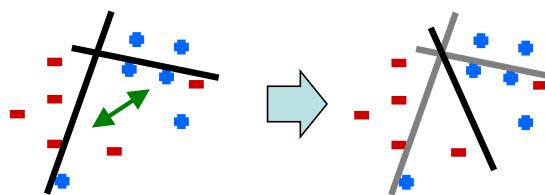
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Back to Classification: Improving the Perceptron

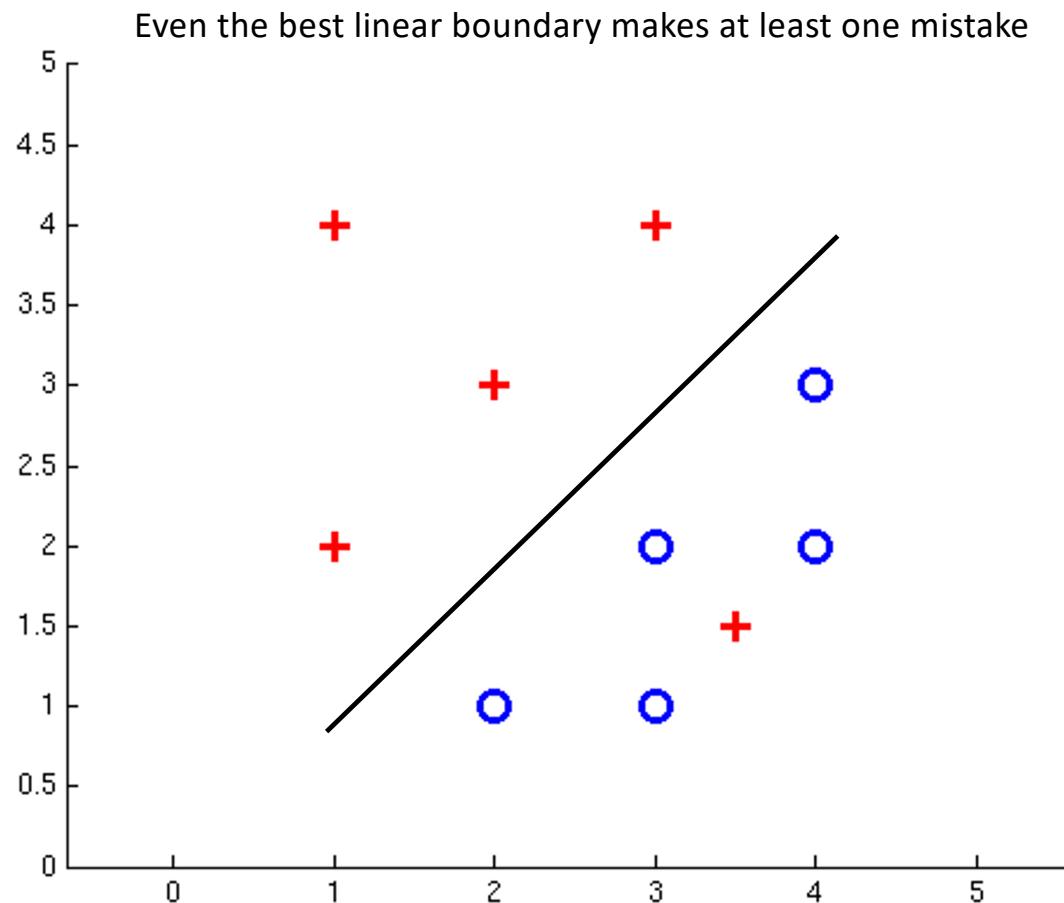


Problems with the Perceptron

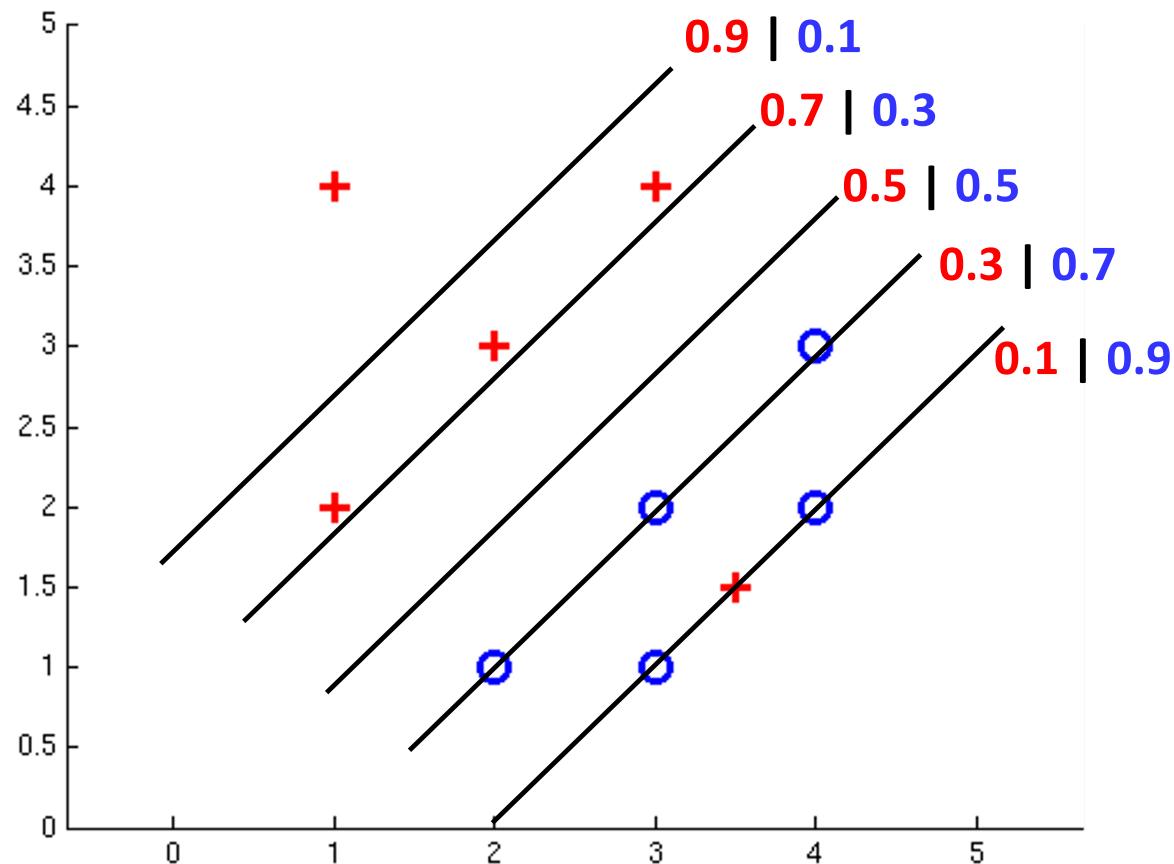
- Noise: if the data isn't separable, weights might thrash
 - Averaging weight vectors over time can help (averaged perceptron)
- Mediocre generalization: finds a “barely” separating solution
- Overtraining: test / held-out accuracy usually rises, then falls
 - Overtraining is a kind of overfitting



Non-Separable Case: Deterministic Decision



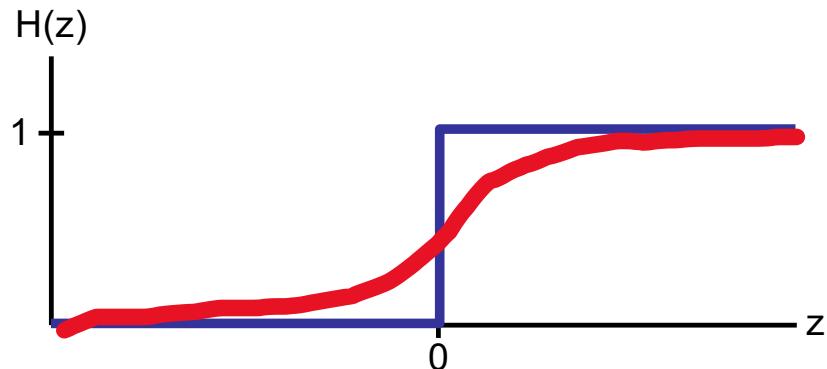
Non-Separable Case: Probabilistic Decision



Perceptrons give deterministic decisions

- Perceptron scoring: $z = w \cdot f(x)$
- If $z = w \cdot f(x)$ positive \rightarrow classifier says: 1.0 probability this is class +1
- If $z = w \cdot f(x)$ negative \rightarrow classifier says: 0.0 probability this is class +1
- Step function

$$H(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z > 0 \\ 0 & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

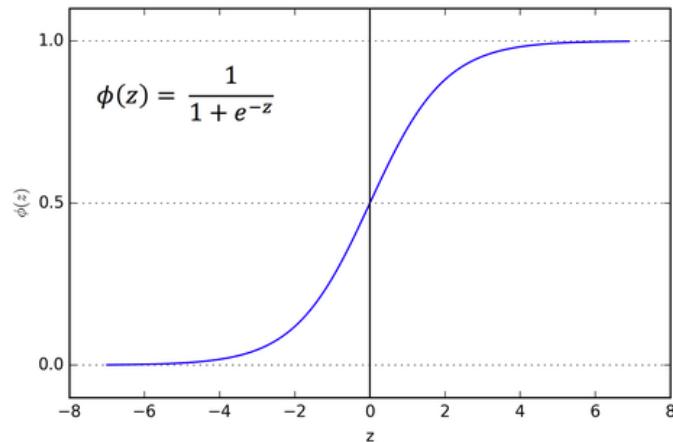


- z = output of perceptron
- $H(z)$ = probability the class is +1, according to the classifier

How to get probabilistic decisions?

- Perceptron scoring: $z = w \cdot f(x)$
- If $z = w \cdot f(x)$ very positive \rightarrow probability of class +1 should approach 1.0
- If $z = w \cdot f(x)$ very negative \rightarrow probability of class +1 should approach 0.0
- Sigmoid function

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$



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Probabilistic Decisions: Example

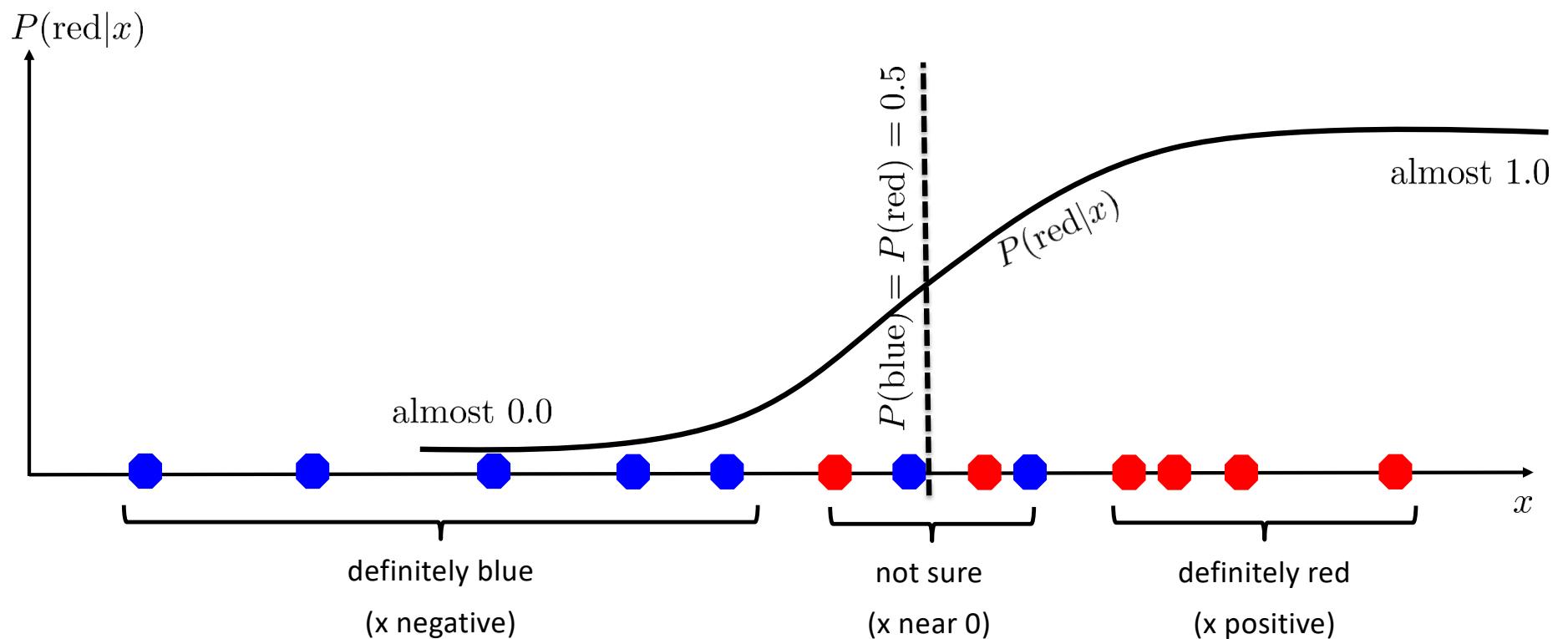
$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-wx}}$$
 where w is some weight constant (vector) we have to learn,
and wx is the dot product of w and x

- Suppose $w = [-3, 4, 2]$ and $x = [1, 2, 0]$
- What label will be selected if we classify deterministically?
 - $wx = -3+8+0 = 5$
 - 5 is positive, so the classifier guesses the positive label
- What are the probabilities of each label if we classify probabilistically?
 - $1 / (1 + e^{-5}) = 0.9933$ probability of positive label
 - $1 - 0.9933 = 0.0067$ probability of negative label

A 1D Example

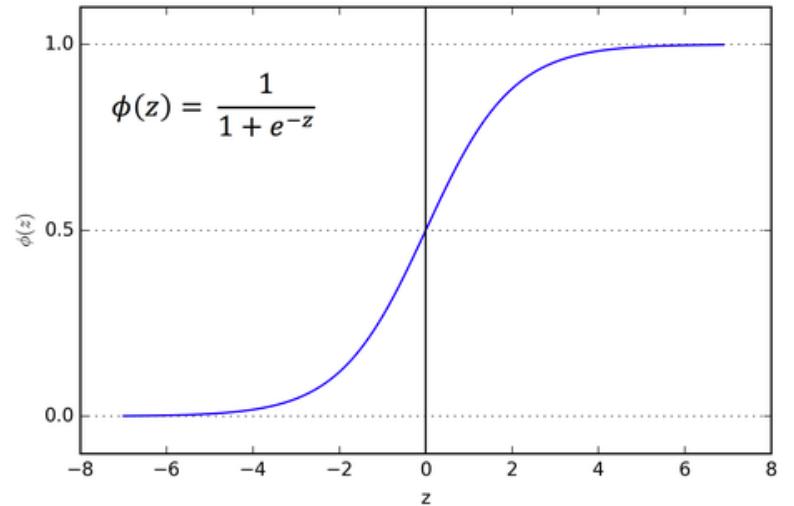
$$P(\text{red}|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-wx}}$$

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Where does the sigmoid function come from?

- Suppose we have two hypotheses:
 - A: $P(\text{heads}) = 2/3$
 - B: $P(\text{heads}) = 1/3$
- Each heads we see is a “bit” or factor of 2 of evidence for Hypothesis A
- Each tails we see is a “bit” of evidence for B
- If we have n more heads than tails:
 - A is 2^n times more likely than B
 - $P(A) = 2^n / (1 + 2^n)$
 - $= 1 / (1 + 2^{-n})$
 - ... but we like e better than 2



Best w ?

- Recall maximum likelihood estimation: Choose the w value that maximizes the probability of the observed (training) data

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Likelihood} &= P(\text{training data}|w) \\ &= \prod_i P(\text{training datapoint } i \mid w) \\ &= \prod_i P(\text{point } x^{(i)} \text{ has label } y^{(i)}|w) \\ &= \prod_i P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Log Likelihood} = \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{point } x^{(i)} \text{ has label } y^{(i)} = -1 \mid w) \\ = & P(y^{(i)} = -1 \mid x^{(i)}; w) \\ = & 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot x^{(i)}}} \end{aligned}$$

Best w?

- Maximum likelihood estimation:

$$\max_w \text{ll}(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

with:

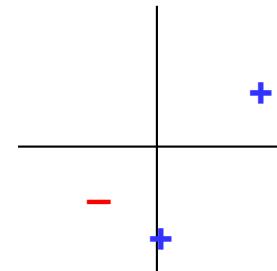
$$P(y^{(i)} = +1 | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$
$$P(y^{(i)} = -1 | x^{(i)}; w) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

That's Logistic Regression Loss(w) = -log likelihood(w)

Logistic Regression Example

- What function are we trying to maximize for this training data?

- Data point $[2, 1]$ is class +1
- Data point $[0, -2]$ is class +1
- Data point $[-1, -1]$ is class -1



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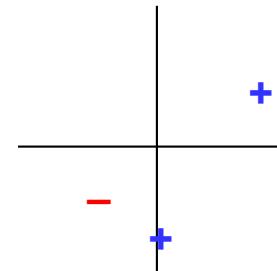
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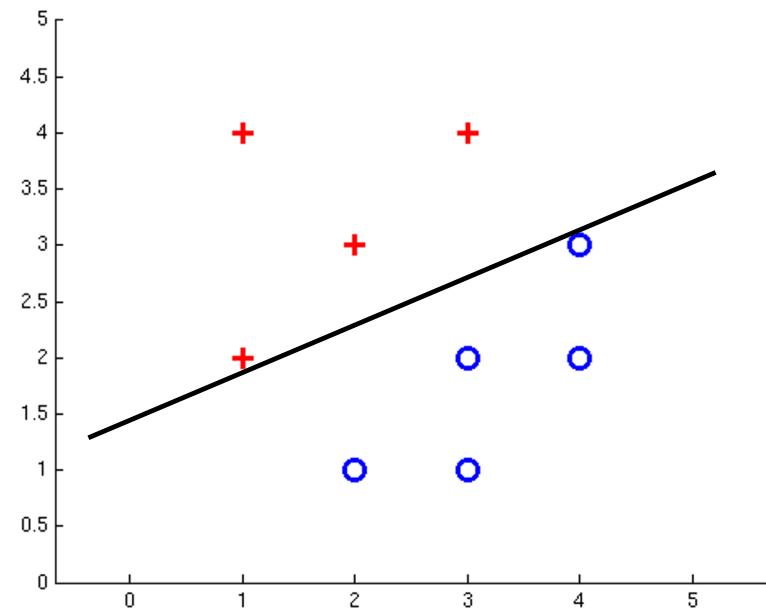
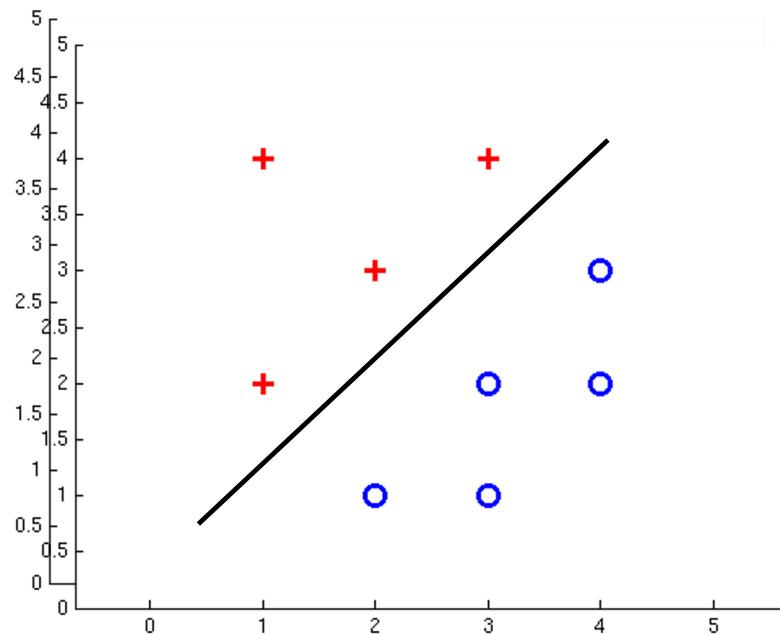
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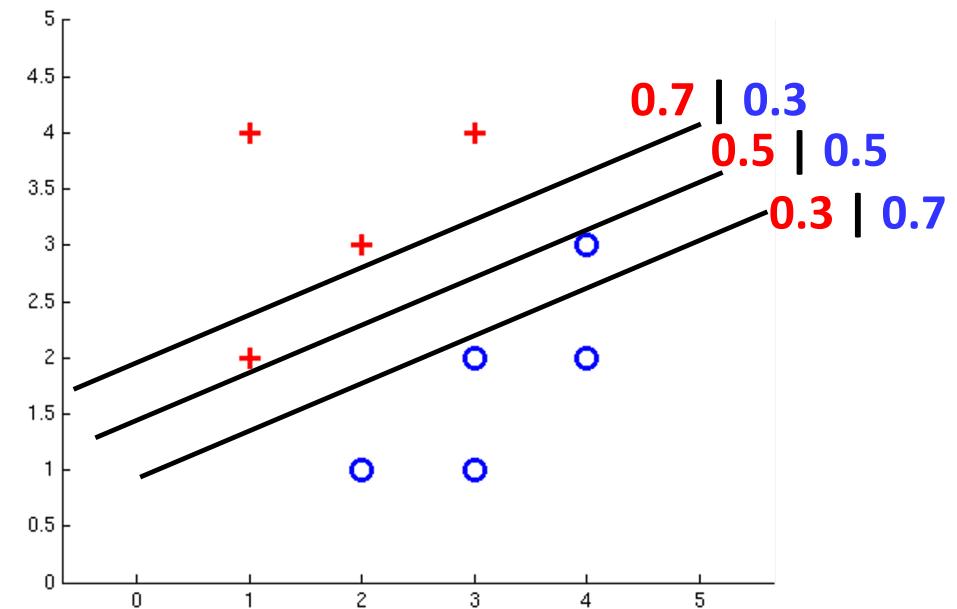
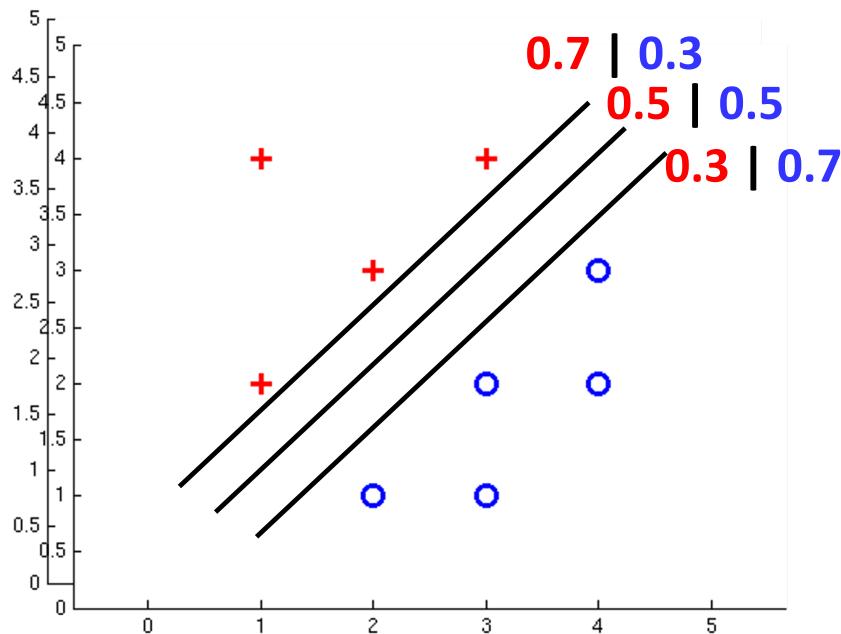


$$\operatorname{argmax}_w \left[\log \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(2w_1+w_2)}} \right) + \log \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(-2w_2)}} \right) + \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_1+w_2)}} \right) \right]$$

Separable Case: Deterministic Decision – Many Options



Separable Case: Probabilistic Decision – Clear Preference



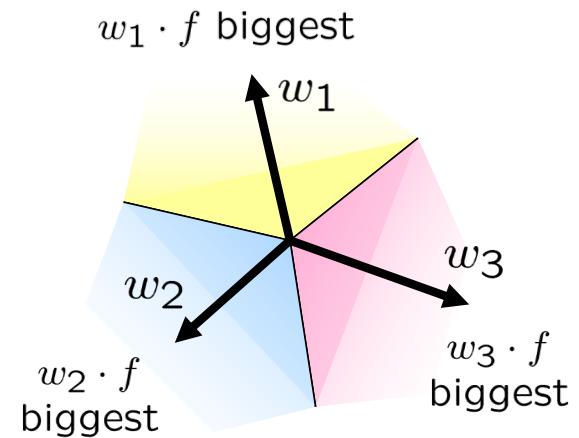
Multiclass Logistic Regression

- Recall Perceptron:

- A weight vector for each class: w_y

- Score (activation) of a class y : $w_y \cdot f(x)$

- Prediction highest score wins $y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$



- How to make the scores into probabilities?

$$z_1, z_2, z_3 \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{e^{z_1}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}, \frac{e^{z_2}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}, \frac{e^{z_3}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}}_{\text{softmax activations}}$$

original activations

Multi-Class Probabilistic Decisions: Example

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- Suppose $w_1 = [-3, 4, 2]$, $w_2 = [2, 2, 7]$, $w_3 = [0, -1, 0]$, and $x = [1, 2, 0]$
- What label will be selected if we classify deterministically?
 - $w_1 \cdot x = 5$, and $w_2 \cdot x = 6$, and $w_3 \cdot x = -2$
 - $w_2 \cdot x$ has the highest score, so the classifier guesses class 2
- What are the probabilities of each label if we classify probabilistically?
 - Probability of class 1: $e^5 / (e^5 + e^6 + e^{-2}) = 0.2689$
 - Probability of class 2: $e^6 / (e^5 + e^6 + e^{-2}) = 0.7310$
 - Probability of class 3: $e^{-2} / (e^5 + e^6 + e^{-2}) = 0.0002$

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Best w?

- Maximum likelihood estimation:

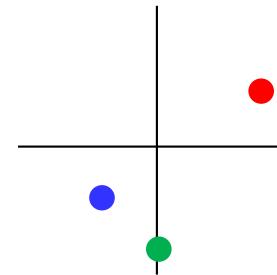
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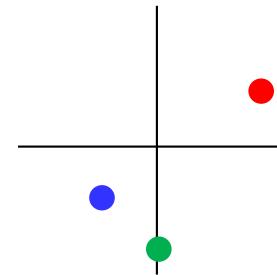
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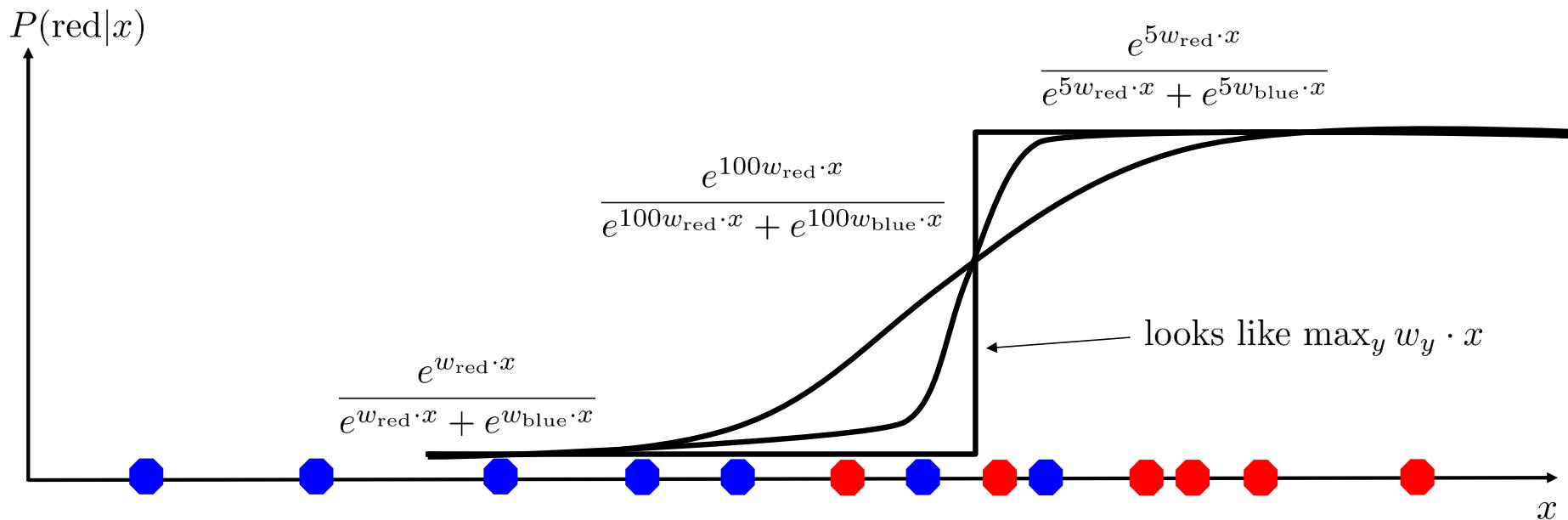
$$\operatorname{argmax}_w \left[\begin{array}{l} \log \left(\frac{e^{2w_1+w_2}}{e^{2w_1+w_2} + e^{2w_1+w_2} + e^{-2w_2} + e^{-w_1-w_2}} \right) \\ + \log \left(\frac{e^{-2w_2}}{e^{-2w_2} + e^{-2w_2} + e^{-2w_2} + e^{-w_1-w_2}} \right) \\ + \log \left(\frac{e^{-w_1-w_2}}{e^{-w_1-w_2} + e^{-w_1-w_2} + e^{-2w_2} + e^{-w_1-w_2}} \right) \end{array} \right]$$

Log probability of $[2, 1]$ being red

Log probability of $[0, -2]$ being green

Log probability of $[-1, -1]$ being blue

Softmax with Different Bases



$$P(\text{red}|x) = \frac{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x}}{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x} + e^{w_{\text{blue}} \cdot x}}$$

Softmax and Sigmoid

- Binary perceptron is a special case of multi-class perceptron
 - Multi-class: Compute $w_y \cdot f(x)$ for each class y, pick class with the highest activation
 - Binary case:
Let the weight vector of +1 be w (which we learn).
Let the weight vector of -1 always be 0 (constant).
 - Binary classification as a multi-class problem:
Activation of negative class is always 0.
If $w \cdot f$ is positive, then activation of +1 ($w \cdot f$) is higher than -1 (0).
If $w \cdot f$ is negative, then activation of -1 (0) is higher than +1 ($w \cdot f$).

Softmax

$$P(\text{red}|x) = \frac{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x}}{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x} + e^{w_{\text{blue}} \cdot x}}$$

with $w_{\text{red}} = 0$ becomes:

Sigmoid

$$P(\text{red}|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-wx}}$$

Next Up

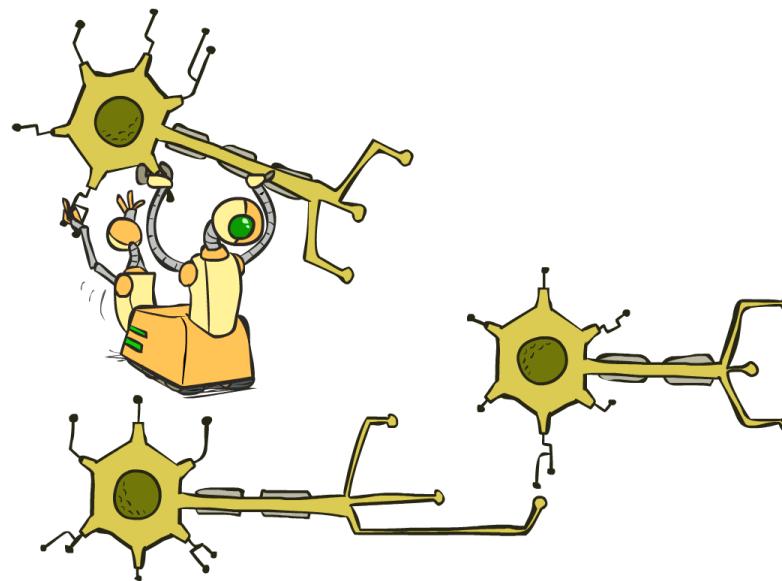
- Optimization

- i.e., how do we solve:

$$\max_w \text{ll}(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

Optimization



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Review: Derivatives and Gradients

- What is the derivative of the function $g(x) = x^2 + 3$?

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = 2x$$

- What is the derivative of $g(x)$ at $x=5$?

$$\frac{dg}{dx}|_{x=5} = 10$$

Review: Derivatives and Gradients

- What is the gradient of the function $g(x, y) = x^2y$?
 - Recall: Gradient is a vector of partial derivatives with respect to each variable

$$\nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2xy \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What is the derivative of $g(x, y)$ at $x=0.5, y=0.5$?

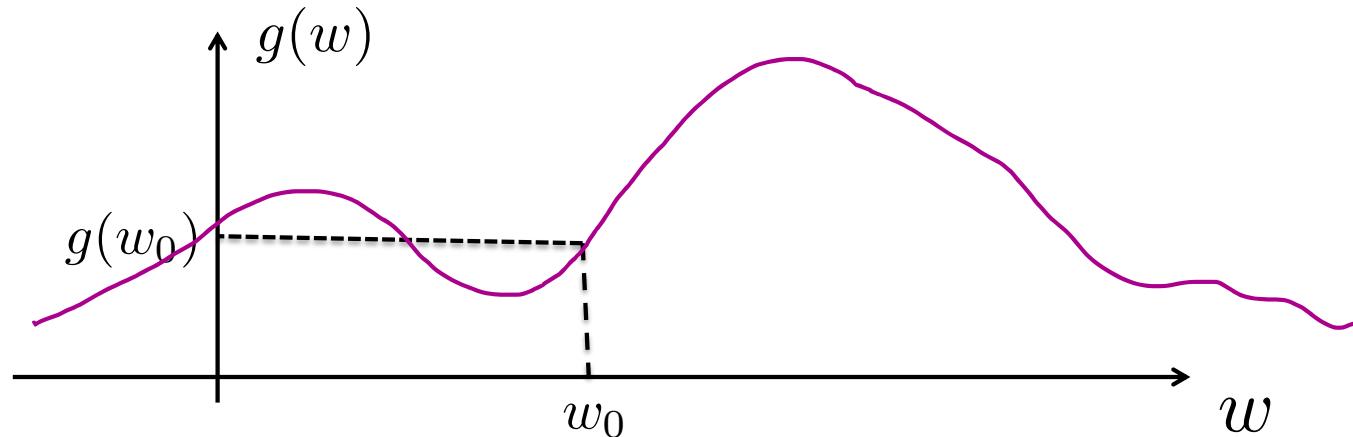
$$\nabla g|_{x=0.5, y=0.5} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(0.5)(0.5) \\ (0.5^2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hill Climbing

- Recall from local search: simple, general idea
 - Start wherever
 - Repeat: move to the best neighboring state
 - If no neighbors better than current, quit
- What's particularly tricky when hill-climbing for multiclass logistic regression?
 - Optimization over a continuous space
 - Infinitely many neighbors!
 - How to do this efficiently?

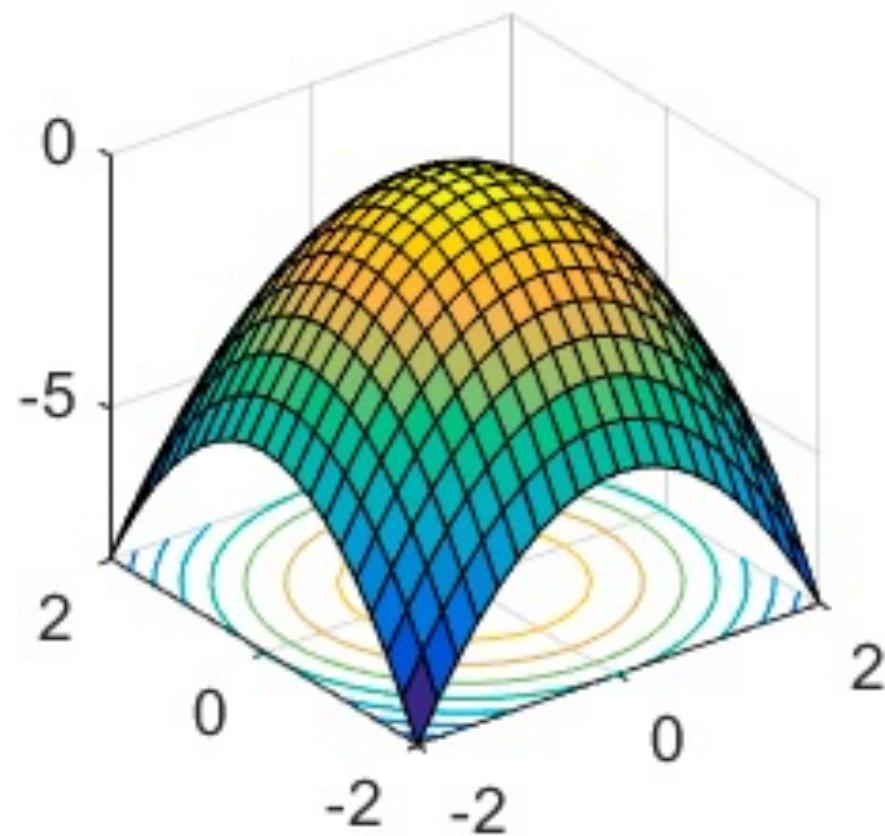


1-D Optimization



- Could evaluate $g(w_0 + h)$ and $g(w_0 - h)$
 - Then step in best direction
- Or, evaluate derivative: $\frac{\partial g(w_0)}{\partial w} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(w_0 + h) - g(w_0 - h)}{2h}$
 - Tells which direction to step into

2-D Optimization



Source: offconvex.org

Gradient Ascent

- Perform update in uphill direction for each coordinate
- The steeper the slope (i.e. the higher the derivative) the bigger the step for that coordinate
- E.g., consider: $g(w_1, w_2)$

- Updates:

$$w_1 \leftarrow w_1 + \alpha * \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1}(w_1, w_2)$$

$$w_2 \leftarrow w_2 + \alpha * \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2}(w_1, w_2)$$

- Updates in vector notation:

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla_w g(w)$$

with: $\nabla_w g(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1}(w) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2}(w) \end{bmatrix}$ = **gradient**

Gradient Ascent

- Idea:
 - Start somewhere
 - Repeat: Take a step in the gradient direction

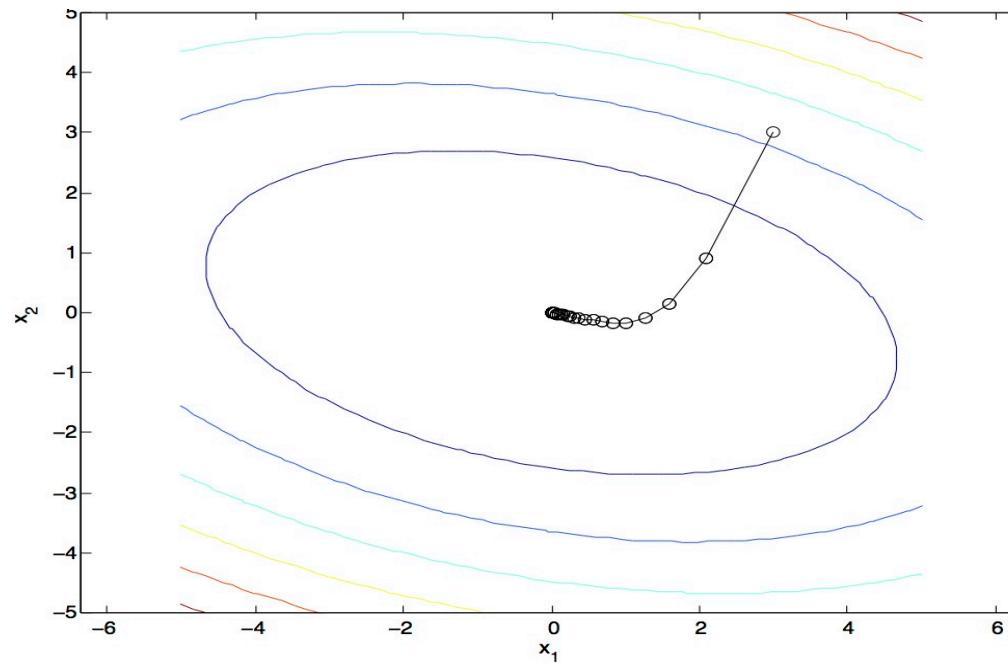


Figure source: Mathworks

What is the Steepest Direction?*

$$\max_{\Delta: \Delta_1^2 + \Delta_2^2 \leq \varepsilon} g(w + \Delta)$$



- First-Order Taylor Expansion:
$$g(w + \Delta) \approx g(w) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1} \Delta_1 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2} \Delta_2$$
- Steepest Descent Direction:
$$\max_{\Delta: \Delta_1^2 + \Delta_2^2 \leq \varepsilon} g(w) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1} \Delta_1 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2} \Delta_2$$
- Note:
$$\max_{\Delta: \|\Delta\| \leq \varepsilon} \Delta^\top a \rightarrow \Delta = \varepsilon \frac{a}{\|a\|}$$
- Hence, solution:
$$\Delta = \varepsilon \frac{\nabla g}{\|\nabla g\|}$$
 Gradient direction = steepest direction
$$\nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Gradient in n dimensions

$$\nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Optimization Procedure: Gradient Ascent

- init w
- for iter = 1, 2, ...

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla g(w)$$

- α : learning rate --- tweaking parameter that needs to be chosen carefully
- How? Try multiple choices
 - Crude rule of thumb: update changes w about 0.1 – 1 %

What was the point again?

- We want to set w to maximize the log likelihood that logistic regression assigns to the data

$$\max_w \text{ll}(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

$$P(y^{(i)} = +1 | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

with:

$$P(y^{(i)} = -1 | x^{(i)}; w) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

So we (repeatedly) calculate $\nabla_w \text{ll}(w)$ and then use that do gradient ascent

Batch Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w \text{ll}(w) = \max_w \underbrace{\sum_i \log P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w)}_{g(w)}$$

- `init w`
- `for iter = 1, 2, ...`

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_i \nabla \log P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; w)$$

Stochastic Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w \text{ll}(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

Observation: once gradient on one training example has been computed, might as well incorporate before computing next one

- `init w`
- `for iter = 1, 2, ...`
 - `pick random j`

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla \log P(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}; w)$$

Mini-Batch Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w \text{ll}(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

Observation: gradient over small set of training examples (=mini-batch) can be computed in parallel, might as well do that instead of a single one

- `init w`
- `for iter = 1, 2, ...`
 - pick random subset of training examples J

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_{j \in J} \nabla \log P(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}; w)$$