# Logistic Regression

Machine Learning (AIM 5002-41)

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#### Classification

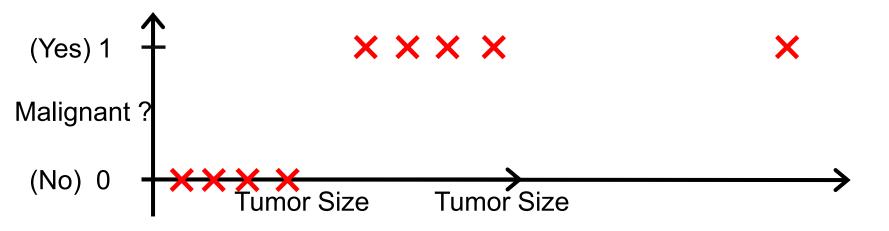
Email: Spam / Not Spam?

Online Transactions: Fraudulent (Yes / No)?

Tumor: Malignant / Benign?

 $y \in \{0,1\}$  0: "Negative Class" (e.g., benign tumor) 1: "Positive Class" (e.g., malignant tumor)

#### Classification



Threshold classifier output  $h_{\theta}(x)$  at 0.5:

If 
$$h_{\theta}(x) \ge 0.5$$
 , predict "y = 1"

If 
$$h_{\theta}(x) < 0.5$$
 , predict "y = 0"

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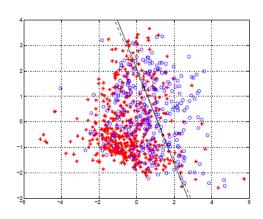
Classification: y = 0 or 1

 $h_{\theta}(x)$  can be > 1 or < 0

Logistic Regression:  $0 \le h_{\theta}(x) \le 1$ 

## Classification Based on Probability

- Instead of just predicting the class, give the probability of the instance being that class
  - i.e., learn p(y|x)
- Comparison to perceptron:
  - Perceptron doesn't produce probability estimate
  - Perceptron (and other discriminative classifiers) are only interested in producing a discriminative model
- Recall that:
  - $0 \le p(event) \le 1$
  - $p(event) + p(\neg event) = 1$



# Logistic Regression

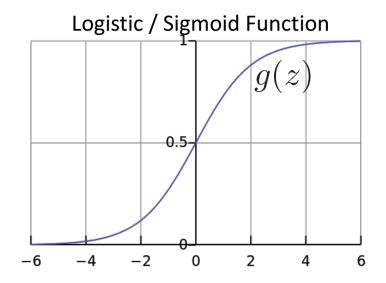
- Takes a probabilistic approach to learning discriminative functions (i.e., a classifier)
- $h_{\theta}(x)$  should give  $p(y = 1 \mid x; \theta)$ 
  - Want  $0 \le h_{\theta}(x) \le 1$

Can't just use linear regression with a threshold

• Logistic regression model:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta^{T}x)$$
$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^{\mathrm{T}}x}}$$



# Interpretation of Hypothesis Output

•  $h_{\theta}(x) = \text{estimated } p(y = 1 \mid x; \theta)$ 

Example: Cancer diagnosis from tumor size

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{tumorSize} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$h_{\theta}(x) = 0.7$$

- → Tell patient that 70% chance of tumor being malignant
- Note that:  $p(y = 0 \mid x; \theta) + p(y = 1 \mid x; \theta) = 1$ Therefore,  $p(y = 0 \mid x; \theta) = 1 - p(y = 1 \mid x; \theta)$

#### **Another Interpretation**

Equivalently, logistic regression assumes that

$$\log \frac{p(y=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(y=0 \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$$
odds of  $y=1$ 

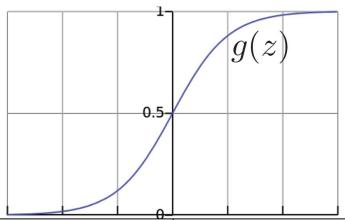
**Side Note**: the odds in favor of an event is the quantity p/(1-p), where p is the probability of the event

E.g., If I toss a fair dice, what are the odds that I will have a 6?

 In other words, logistic regression assumes that the log odds is a linear function of x

# Logistic Regression

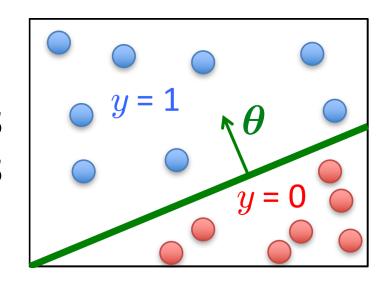
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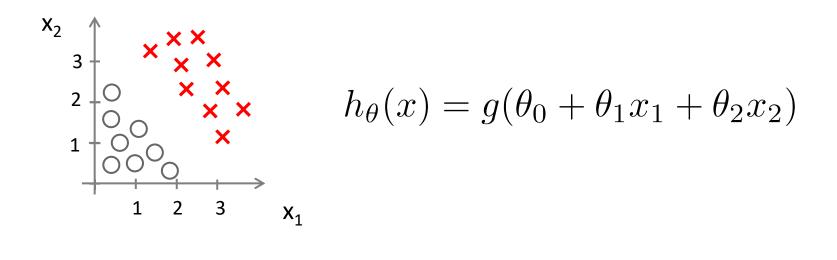
 $\theta^{T}x$  should be large <u>negative</u> values for negative instances

 $\theta^{T}x$  should be large <u>positive</u> values for <u>positive</u> instances

- Assume a threshold and...
  - Predict y = 1 if  $h_{\theta}(x) \ge 0.5$
  - Predict y = 0 if  $h_{\theta}(x) < 0.5$

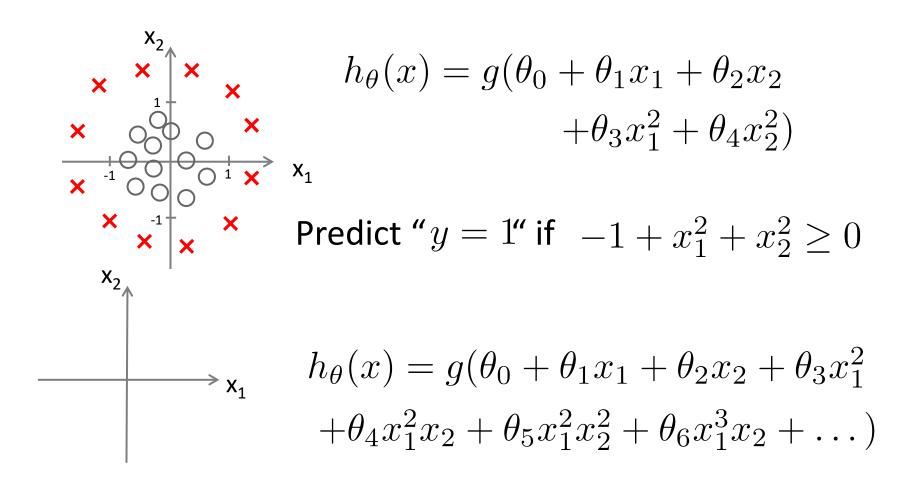


## **Decision Boundary**



Predict "
$$y = 1$$
" if  $-3 + x_1 + x_2 \ge 0$ 

## Non-linear Decision Boundary



# Logistic Regression

• Given  $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$ where  $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$ 

#### Model:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta^{T}x)$$
$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_d \end{bmatrix} \qquad \boldsymbol{x^T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \cdots & x_d \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Logistic Regression Objective Function

Can't just use squared loss as in linear regression:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^{2}$$

Using the logistic regression model

$$h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}}}$$

results in a non-convex optimization

# Deriving the Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Likelihood of data is given by:  $l(m{ heta}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y^{(i)} \mid m{x}^{(i)}; m{ heta})$
- So, looking for the  $oldsymbol{ heta}$  that maximizes the likelihood

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Can take the log without changing the solution:

$$\theta_{\text{MLE}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$
$$= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log p(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

# Deriving the Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Expand as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{MLE}} &= \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log p(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y^{(i)} \log p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \left(1 - y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1 - p(y^{(i)} = 1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta})\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Substitute in model, and take negative to yield

#### Logistic regression objective:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log \left( 1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) \right) \right]$$

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Cost of a single instance:

$$cost(h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) & \text{if } y = 1\\ -\log(1 - h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

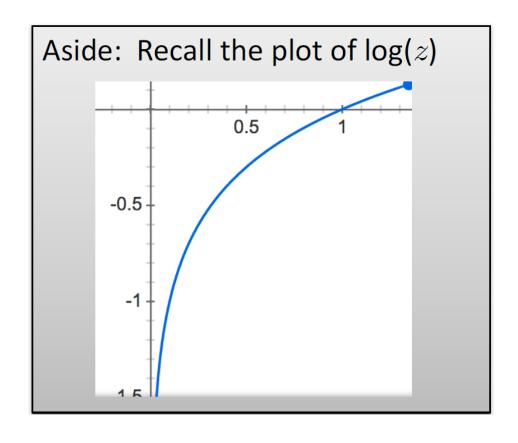
Can re-write objective function as

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{cost}(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

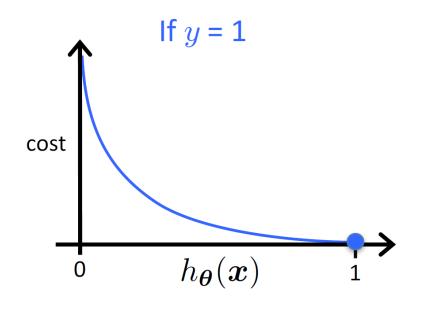
Compare to linear regression:

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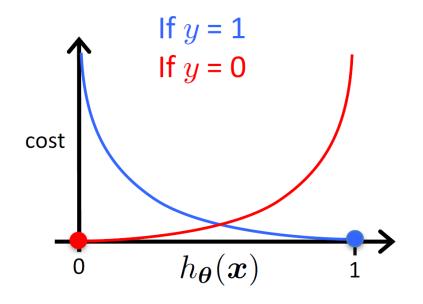
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If y = 1

- Cost = 0 if prediction is correct
- As  $h_{\theta}(x) \to 0$ , cost  $\to \infty$
- Captures intuition that larger mistakes should get larger penalties
  - e.g., predict  $h_{\theta}(x) = 0$ , but y = 1

$$cost(h_{\theta}(x), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_{\theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 1\\ -\log(1 - h_{\theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$



If 
$$y = 0$$

- Cost = 0 if prediction is correct
- As  $(1 h_{\theta}(x)) \rightarrow 0$ , cost  $\rightarrow \infty$
- Captures intuition that larger mistakes should get larger penalties

# Regularized Logistic Regression

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y^{(i)} \log \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) \right) + \left( 1 - y^{(i)} \right) \log \left( 1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) \right) \right]$$

We can regularize logistic regression exactly as before:

$$J_{\text{regularized}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \theta_{i}^{2}$$
$$= J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1:d]}\|_{2}^{2}$$

#### **Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression**

$$J_{\text{reg}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y^{(i)} \log \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) \right) + \left( 1 - y^{(i)} \right) \log \left( 1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}) \right) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left\| \boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1:d]} \right\|_{2}^{2}$$

Want  $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ 

- Initialize  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Repeat until convergence

(simultaneous update for  $j = 0 \dots d$ )

$$\theta_0 \leftarrow \theta_0 - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)$$

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right) x_j^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_j \right]$$

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This looks IDENTICAL to linear regression!!!

- Ignoring the 1/n constant
- However, the form of the model is very different:

$$h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}}}$$

#### Stochastic Gradient Descent

#### Consider Learning with Numerous Data

Logistic regression objective:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y_i \log(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_i)) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \right] \frac{\cos(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i))}{\cos(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i))}$$

Fit via gradient descent:

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) x_{ij}$$

What is the computational complexity in terms of n?

#### **Gradient Descent**

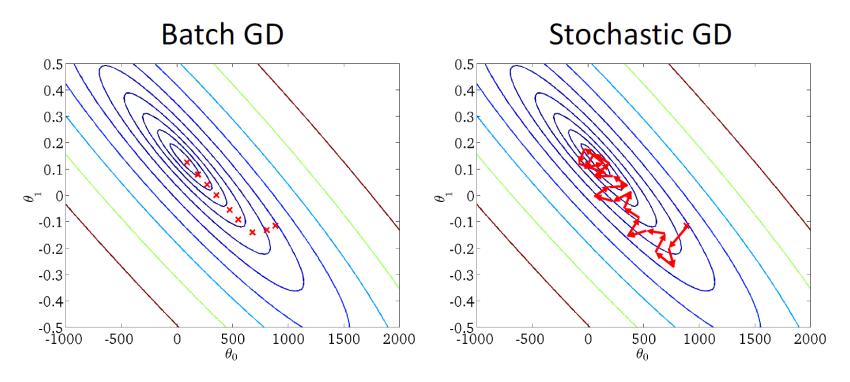
#### **Batch Gradient Descent**

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Initialize \theta Repeat { \theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) \, x_{ij} \qquad \text{for } j = 0, \dots, d } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)
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#### **Stochastic Gradient Descent**

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Initialize \theta
Randomly shuffle dataset
Repeat { (Typically 1 - 10x)}
For i = 1, ..., n do
\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \ (h_{\pmb{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) \ x_{ij}
for j = 0, ..., d
}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \mathrm{cost}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)
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#### Batch GD vs Stochastic GD



- Learning rate  $\alpha$  is typically held constant
- Can slowly decrease  $\alpha$  over time to force  $\theta$  to converge:

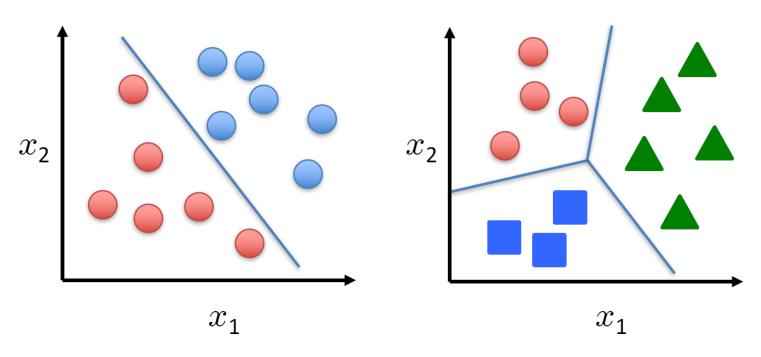
e.g., 
$$\alpha_t = \frac{\text{constant1}}{\text{iterationNumber + constant2}}$$

#### Multi-Class Classification

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Binary classification:

Multi-class classification:



Disease diagnosis: healthy / cold / flu / pneumonia

Object classification: desk / chair / monitor / bookcase

#### Multi-Class Logistic Regression

For 2 classes:

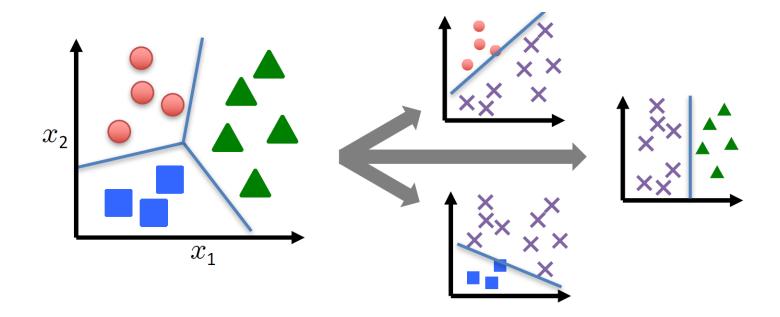
$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{T}x)} = \frac{\exp(\theta^{T}x)}{1 + \exp(\theta^{T}x)}$$
weight assigned to  $y = 0$  weight assigned to  $y = 1$ 

• For C classes {1, ..., *C*}:

$$p(y = c \mid x; \boldsymbol{\theta_1}, ..., \boldsymbol{\theta_c}) = \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta_c^T} x)}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta_c^T} x)}$$

- Called the **softmax** function

#### Multi-Class Logistic Regression



• Train a logistic regression classifier for each class i to predict the probability that y=i with

$$h_c(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_c^T \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_c^T \mathbf{x})}$$

# Implementing Multi-Class Logistic Regression

• Use 
$$h_c(x) = \frac{\exp(\theta_c^T x)}{\sum_{c=1}^C \exp(\theta_c^T x)}$$
 as the model for class  $c$ 

- Gradient descent simultaneously updates all parameters for all models
  - Same derivative as before, just with the above  $h_c(x)$
- Predict class label as the most probable label  $\max_{c} h_c(\mathbf{x})$

#### Reference

- https://www.seas.upenn.edu/~cis519
- Andrew NG's slides