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# **MACHINE LEARNING**

## **CHAPTER 3: LOGISTIC REGRESSION**

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# LOGISTIC REGRESSION

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1. The concept of logistic regression
2. Optimizing-Newton method
3. Bayesian logistic regression

# Classification

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Learn a function:  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow p(t = k | \mathbf{x})$

- $\mathbf{x}$  - features
- $t$  - target classes

Suppose you know  $p(t | \mathbf{x})$  exactly, how should you classify?

$$\operatorname{argmax}_k p(t = k | \mathbf{x})$$

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# Logistic regression

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For two-class classification problems, a target coding scheme:

$$t = 1, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_1$$

$$t = 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_2$$

Target values is in  $\{0, 1\}$ .

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# Logistic regression

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Learn  $p(t|\mathbf{x})$  directly!

Assume a particular function form

Sigmoid applied to a linear function of the data:

$$p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x})) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}))}$$

$$p(t = 0|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - p(t = 1|\mathbf{x})$$

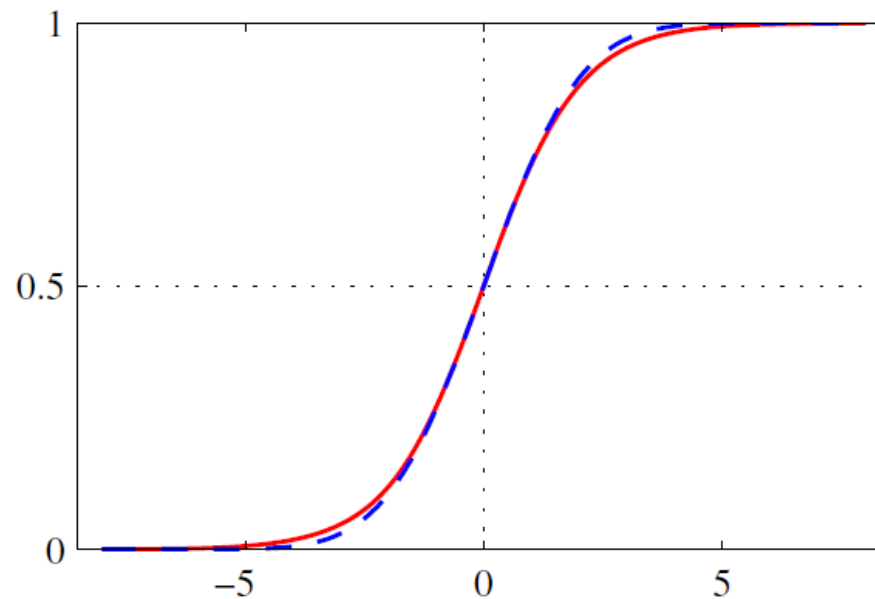
Features can be discrete or continuous!

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# Logistic sigmoid function

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$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$



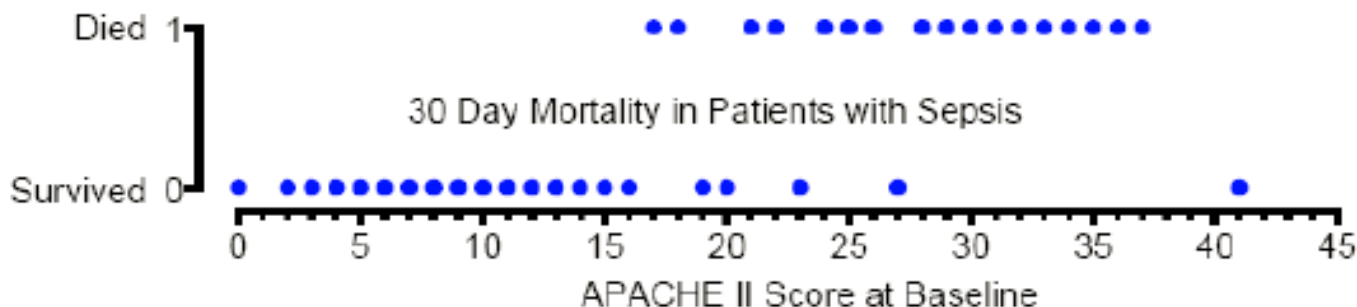
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## a) Example: APACHE II Score and Mortality in Sepsis

The following figure shows 30 day mortality in a sample of septic patients as a function of their baseline APACHE II Score.

Patients are coded as 1 or 0 depending on whether they are dead or alive in 30 days, respectively.



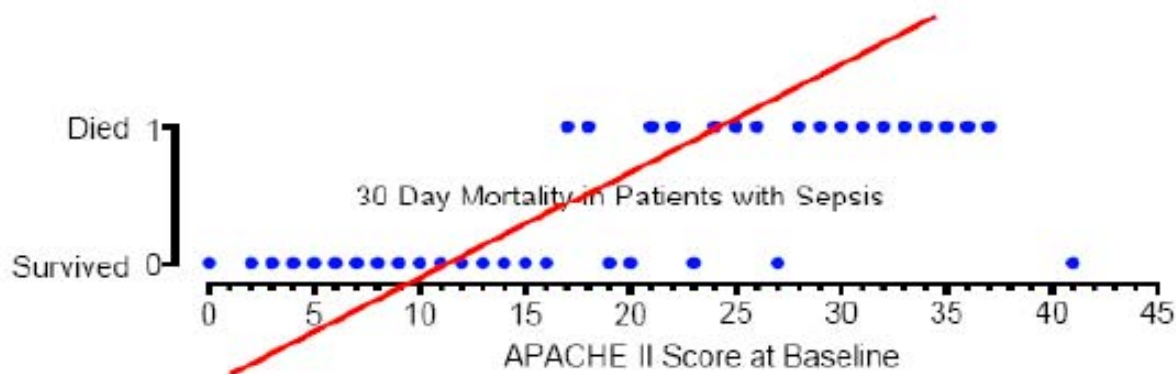
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We wish to predict death from baseline APACHE II score in these patients.

Let  $\pi(x)$  be the probability that a patient with score  $x$  will die.

Note that linear regression would not work well here since it could produce probabilities less than zero or greater than one.





# Examples

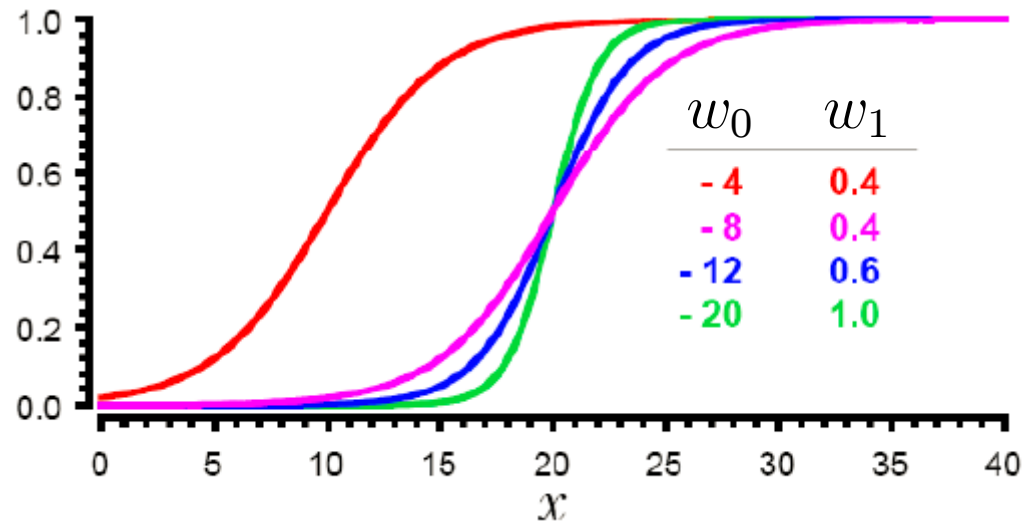
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Parameters control shape and location of sigmoid curve

–  $w_0$  controls location of midpoint

–  $w_1$  controls slope of rise

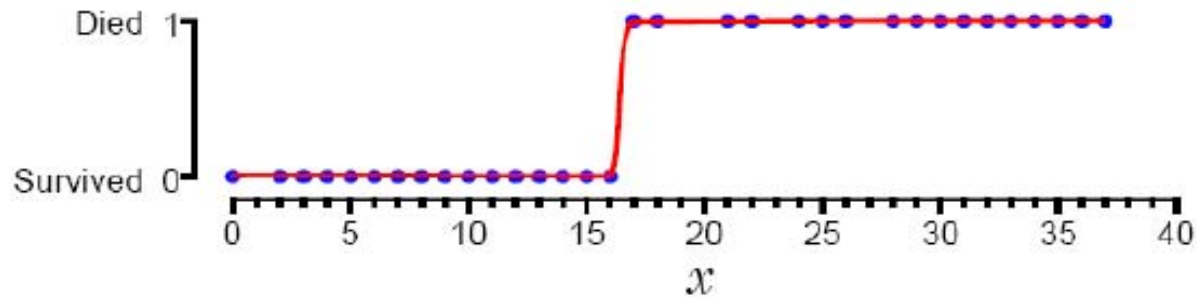
$$p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w_0 - w_1 x)}$$



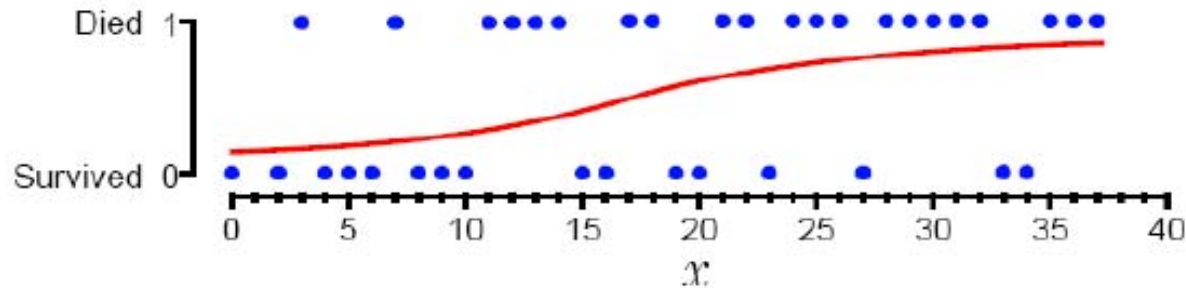
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Data that has a sharp survival cut off point between patients who live or die should have a large value of  $w_1$



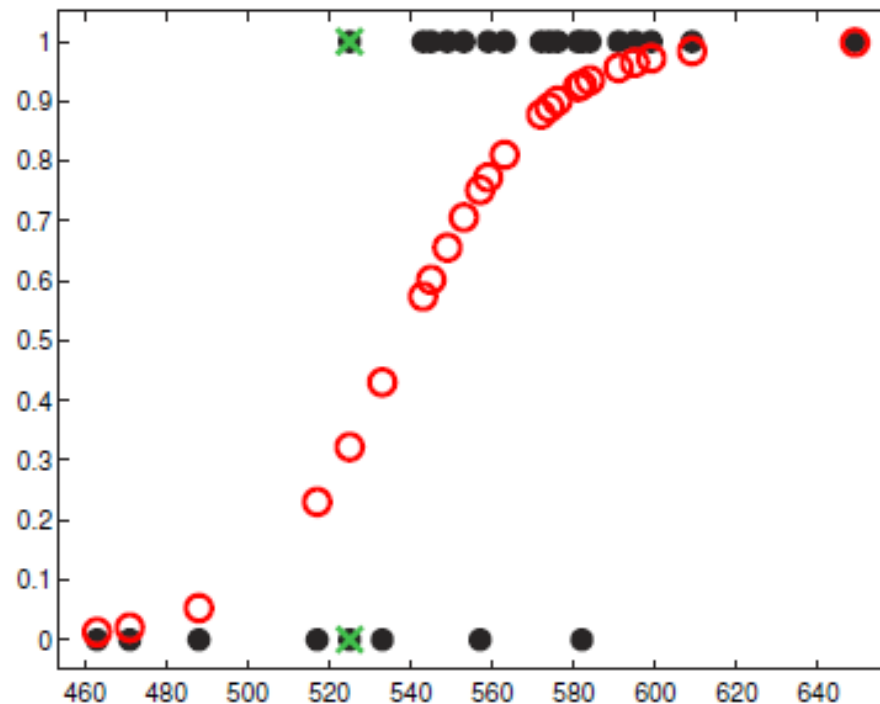
Data with a lengthy transition from survival to death should have a low value of  $w_1$



# Logistic regression

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SAT score vs. being admitted to MIT



# Logistic regression

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Given the SAT score  $x$

being admitted to MIT  $y=1$

Not being admitted to MIT  $y=0$

We choose

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) = w_0 + w_1 x$$

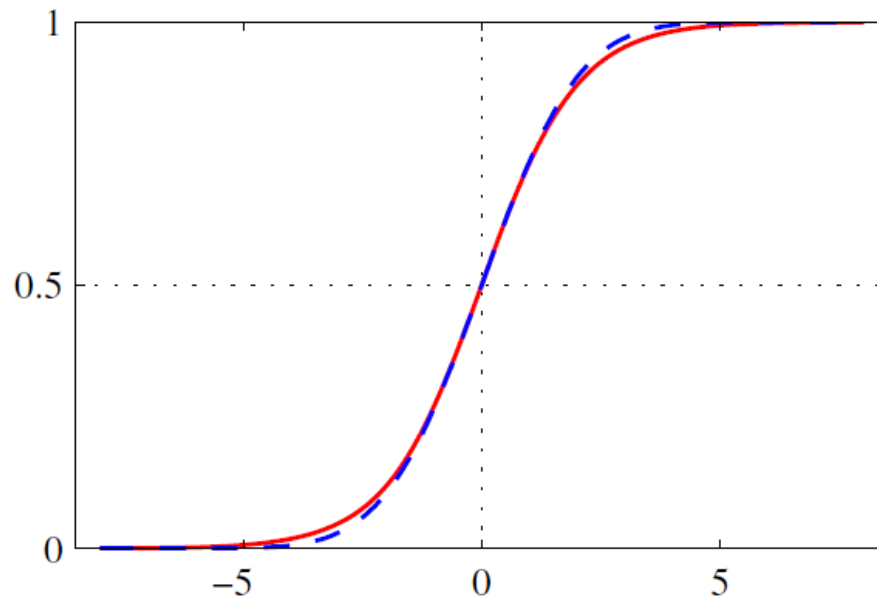
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# Logistic regression

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If  $w_0 + w_1x > 0$ ,  $\sigma(w_0 + w_1x) > 0.5$

we have  $p(t = 1|x) > 0.5$ ,  $x$  is prone to be admitted to MIT.



# Logistic regression – a linear classifier

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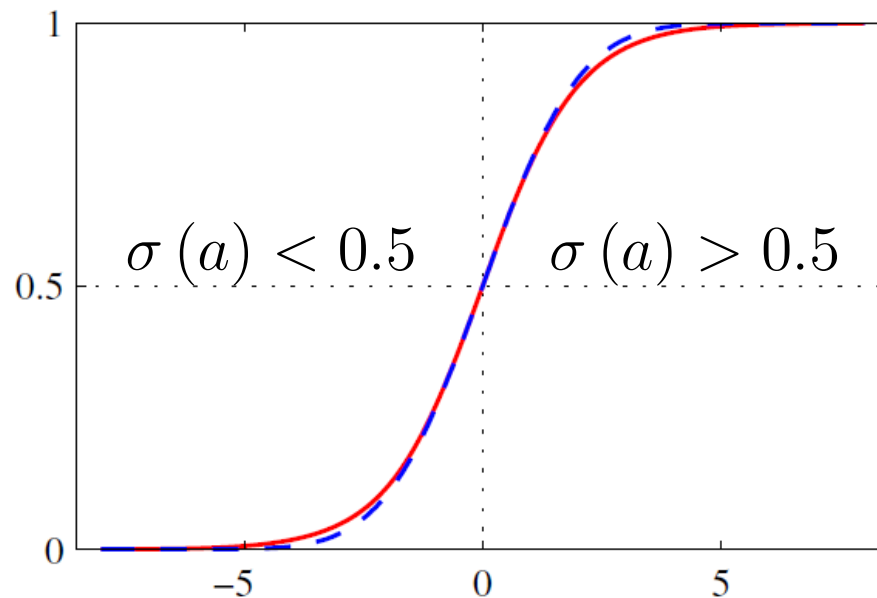
if  $p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) > 0.5$ ,  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_1$

if  $p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) < 0.5$ ,  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_2$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) &= \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x})) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}))} \end{aligned}$$

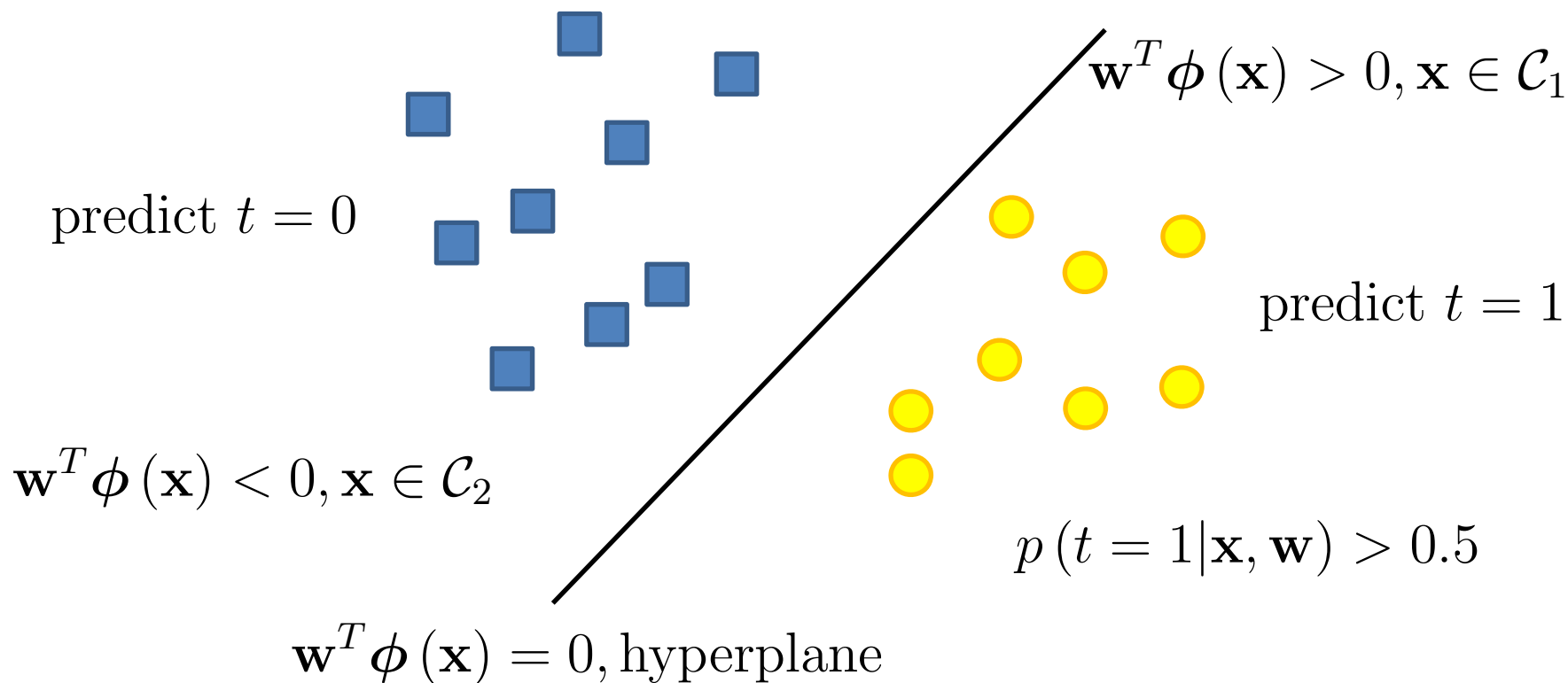
$$p(t = 0|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - p(t = 1|\mathbf{x})$$



# Logistic regression – a linear classifier

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$$p(t = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) < 0.5$$



# Logistic regression – a linear classifier

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The goal of logistic regression is to learn the weights of a linear classifier!

if  $p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) > 0.5$ ,  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_1$

if  $p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) < 0.5$ ,  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_2$

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# Logistic regression for more than 2 classes

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Logistic regression in more general cases,  
where  $t \in \{1, \dots, K\}$

3 classes:  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$

$$p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) \propto \exp \{ \mathbf{w}_1^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) \}$$

$$p(t = 2|\mathbf{x}) \propto \exp \{ \mathbf{w}_2^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) \}$$

$$p(t = 3|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - p(t = 1|\mathbf{x}) - p(t = 2|\mathbf{x})$$

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# Logistic regression more generally

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Logistic regression in more general case,  
where  $t \in \{1, \dots, K\}$

For  $k < K$

$$p(t = k | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp \{ \mathbf{w}_k^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) \}}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp \{ \mathbf{w}_j^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) \}}$$

For  $k = K$  (normalization, so no weights for this class)

$$p(t = K | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp \{ \mathbf{w}_j^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) \}}$$

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# Loss function: conditional likelihood

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Data likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(\mathbf{x}_n, t_n|\mathbf{w}) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(t_n|\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) + \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{w})\end{aligned}$$

Discriminative model can not compute  $p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{w})$ .

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# Loss function: conditional likelihood

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Conditional data likelihood:

$$\ln p(D_Y | D_X, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(t_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w})$$

Doesn't waste effort learning  $p(D_X)$

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# Loss function: conditional likelihood

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The conditional likelihood:

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_n \ln p(t_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w})$$

As we know:

$$p(t_n = 1 | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n))}$$

$$p(t_n = 0 | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n))}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n))}$$

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# Loss function: conditional likelihood

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The conditional likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathbf{w}) &= \sum_n t_n \ln p(t_n = 1 | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) + (1 - t_n) \ln p(t_n = 0 | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) \\ &= \sum_n -(1 - t_n) (\mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)) - \ln (1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n))) \end{aligned}$$

$E(\mathbf{w}) = -l(\mathbf{w})$  is a convex function of  $\mathbf{w}$ !

No closed-form solution to maximize  $E(\mathbf{w})$

Convex function is easy to optimize.

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# Optimizing-Newton method

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The Newton-Raphson method:

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla E(\mathbf{w})$$

Where  $\mathbf{H}$  is the Hessian matrix whose element comprise the second derivatives of  $E(\mathbf{w})$

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# Linear regression model revisited

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The objective function of linear regression model:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{ \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) - t_n \}^2$$

can be rewritten as

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{t} - \Phi\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

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# Linear regression model revisited

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The gradient and Hessian of the objective function in linear regression are given by

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}) = \Phi^T \Phi$$

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# Linear regression model revisited

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## The Newton-Raphson update

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} &= \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \{ \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \Phi^T \mathbf{t} \} \\ &= (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}\end{aligned}$$

which is the same as the standard least-squares solution.

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# Optimizing-Newton method

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$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_n (1 - t_n) (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)) + \ln(1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)))$$

The gradient of the error function in logistic regression

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_n \{\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)) - t_n\} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

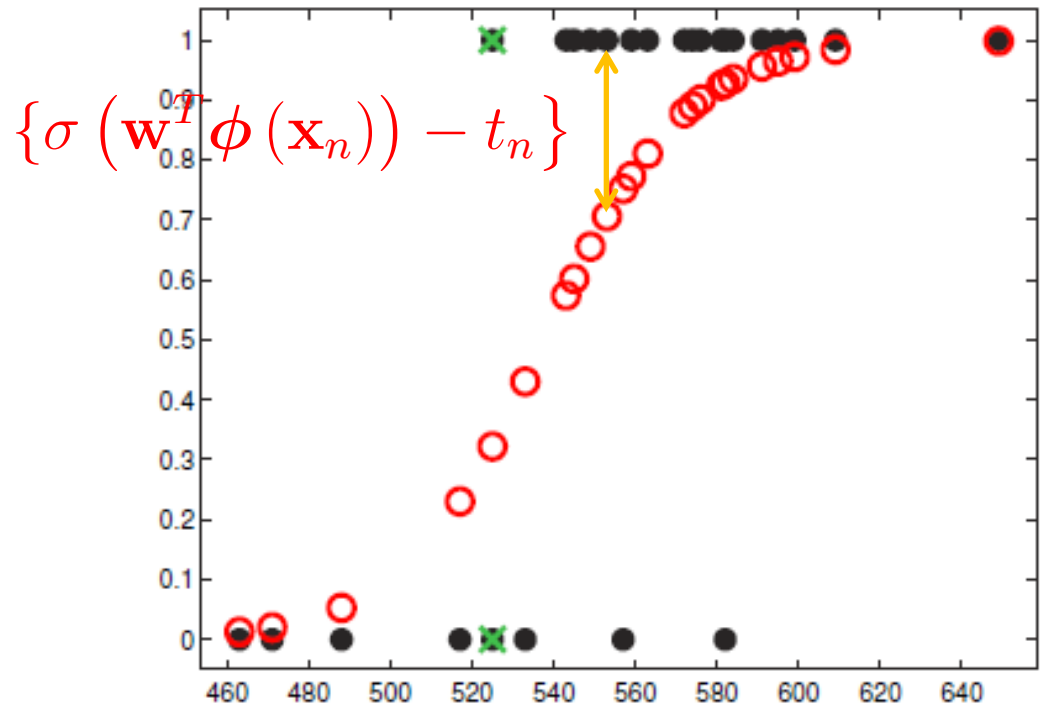
$\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)) - t_n$  is the difference between target value and the prediction of the model.

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# Optimizing-Newton method

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the difference between target value and the prediction of the model



# Optimizing-Newton method

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The gradient of the error function in logistic regression

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) &= \sum_n \{y_n - t_n\} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= \Phi^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})\end{aligned}$$

Where  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_N]^T$  and  $y_n = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))$

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# Optimizing-Newton method

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The Hessian of the error function in logistic regression

$$\mathbf{H} = \nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w})$$

$$= \sum_j y_n \{1 - y_n\} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T$$

$$= \Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi$$

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# Optimizing-Newton method

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**R** is a  $N \times N$  diagonal matrix with elements

$$R_{nn} = y_n (1 - y_n)$$

Using the property that  $0 < y_n < 1$ , the Hessian matrix **H** is positive definite.

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# Optimizing-Newton method

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The update rule

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - (\Phi^T \mathbf{R} \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t})$$

Because the weight matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  is not constant but depends on the parameter vector  $\mathbf{w}$ , each time using the new weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  to compute a revised weighting matrix  $\mathbf{R}$ .

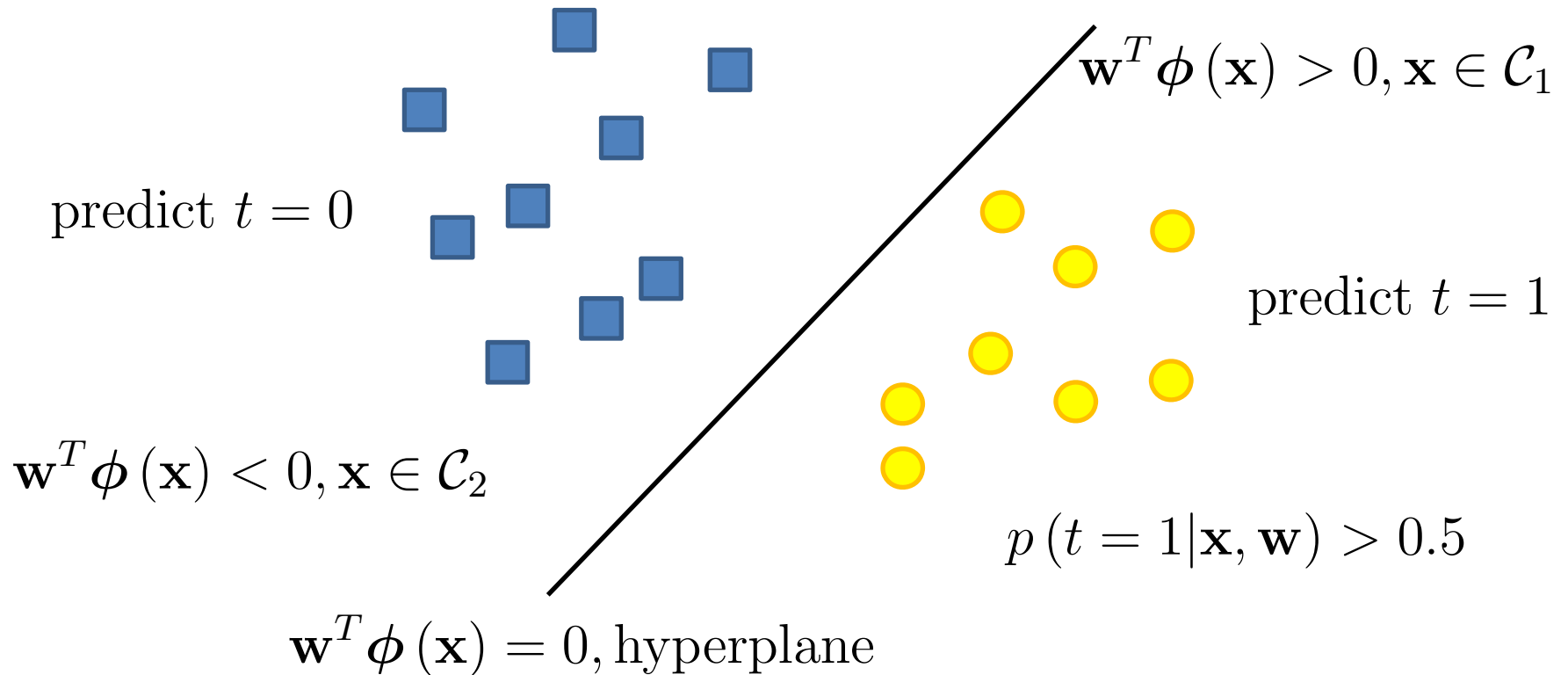
Iterative reweighted least squares (IRLS)

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# Logistic regression result

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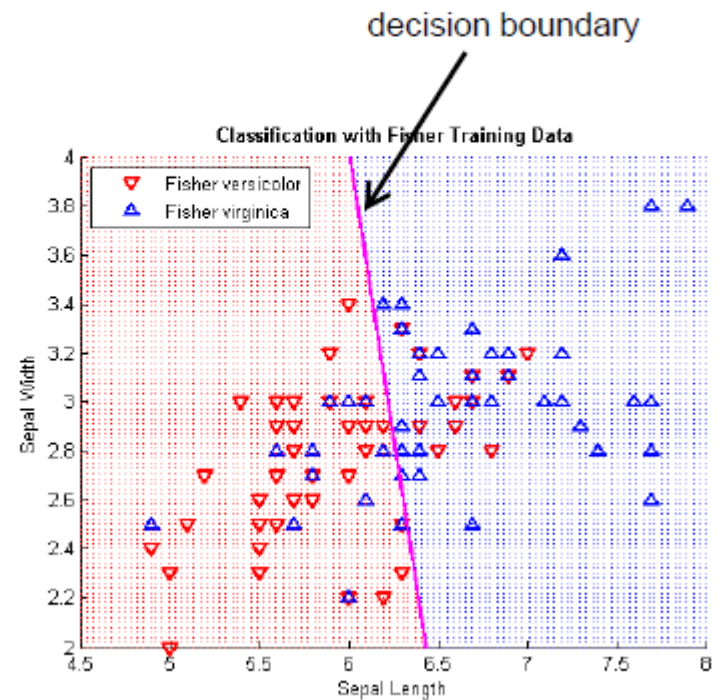
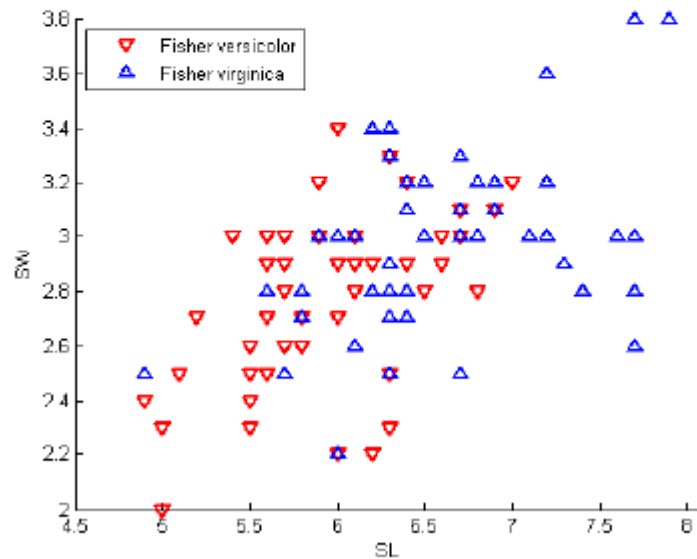
$$p(t = 0 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) < 0.5$$



# Examples

## Subset of Fisher iris dataset

- Two classes
- First two columns (SL, SW)



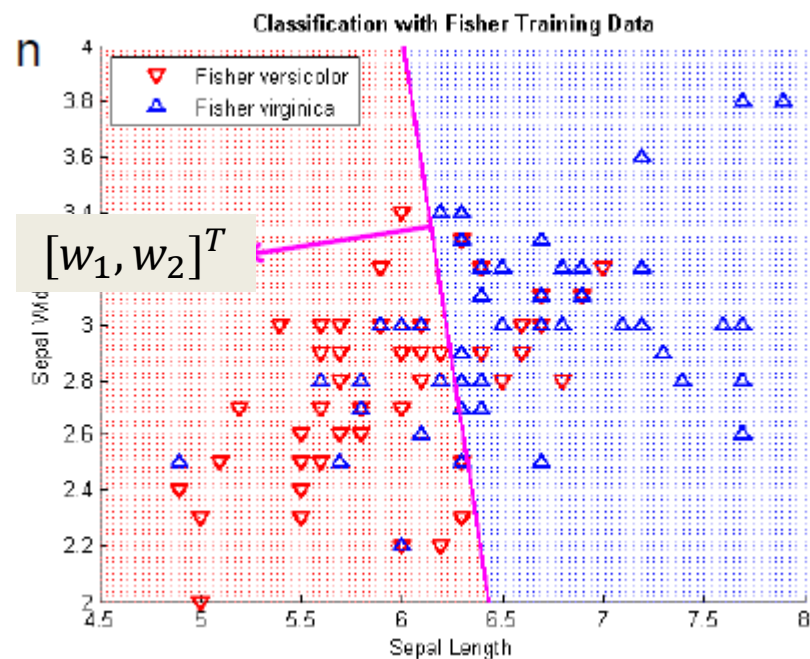
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From MATLAB:  $\mathbf{w} = [13.0460 \ -1.9024 \ -0.4047]$

$w_0$  determines the  
distance of decision  
boundary from origin

The decision boundary is  
perpendicular to  $[w_1, w_2]^T$



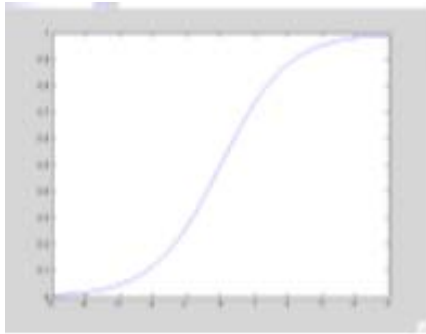
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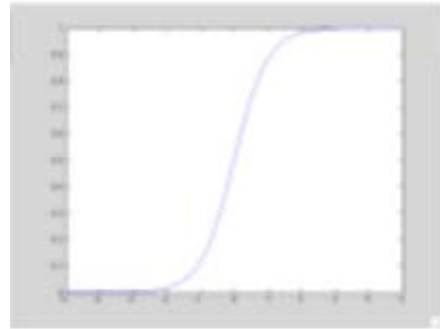
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# Large parameter, overfitting

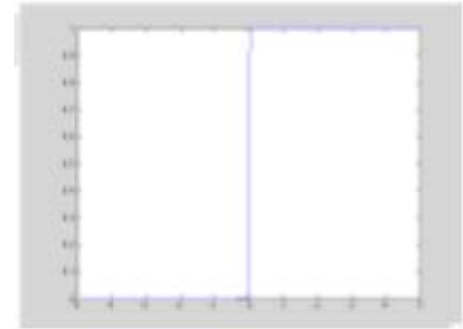
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$$\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



$$\frac{1}{1+e^{-2x}}$$



$$\frac{1}{1+e^{-100x}}$$

If data is linearly separable, weights go to infinity

Leads to overfitting

Penalizing high weights can prevent overfitting

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# Bayesian logistic regression

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Maximum conditional likelihood estimate

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \ln \prod_n p(t_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}), \mathbf{w}^* = \operatorname{argmax} l(\mathbf{w})$$

Maximum conditional a posteriori estimate

$$l(\mathbf{w}) = \ln \prod_n p(\mathbf{w}) p(t_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}), \mathbf{w}^* = \operatorname{argmax} l(\mathbf{w})$$

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