# ML2: The landscape of machine learning 2. Linear models for classification

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# The training set

Set of pairs of observations  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_n, t_n), 1 \leq n \leq N\}$  considered as i.i.d. random variables :

$$\begin{cases} x_n \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^D, \\ t_n \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \mathsf{card} \mathcal{T} = K \quad \text{(finite set)} \end{cases}$$

Typically  $t_n=0$  if  $x_n\in\mathcal{C}_1$ , and  $t_n=1$  if  $x_n\in\mathcal{C}_2$ . More generally if K>2:  $t_n=(0...1...0)$ , the 1 is at position k.

A classification rule is a function  $f: \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}$ . e.g. y(x) <threshold  $\Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{C}_1$ ,  $y(x) \ge$ threshold  $\Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{C}_2$ .

## Learning

To build a decision rule f from some training set  $\mathcal{D}$ .

▶ **Supervised** classification :  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_n, t_n), 1 \le n \le N\}$ ,

▶ **Unsupervised** classification :  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_n), 1 \leq n \leq N\}$ ,

▶ Semi-supervised classification :  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_1 \cup \mathcal{D}_2$ 

0-1 Loss function : 
$$L(a,b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{si} \quad a = b, \\ 1 & \text{si} \quad a \neq b \end{cases}$$

The real error rate

$$E(f) = \mathbf{E}_{t,x}[L(t, f(x))]$$

which becomes for a 0-1 Loss function :  $E(f) = P(f(x) \neq t)$ 

The empirical error rate (supervised classification)

$$E_N(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} L(t_n, f(x_n))$$

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Remark : one also uses the term of "empirical risk".



 $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in \{0,1\}$ : 2 regions of decision,

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{x : f(x) = 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{x : f(x) = 1\}$$

Then:

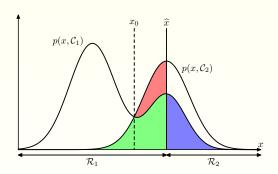
$$E(f) = P(x \in \mathcal{R}_1, t = 1) + P(x \in \mathcal{R}_2, t = 0)$$

$$E(f) = \int_{\mathcal{R}_1} p(x, t = 1) dx + \int_{\mathcal{R}_2} p(x, t = 0) dx$$

that we want to minimize.

Remark : for K classes, it may be simpler to maximize

$$P(correct) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \int_{\mathcal{R}_k} p(x, \mathcal{C}_k) dx$$



- $\hat{x} = \text{decision boundary}$
- ▶ error = blue + green + red
- ▶ optimum : if red region disappears  $\iff \hat{x} = x_0$
- possibility of using weights or a rejection region (no decision)

#### Objective

Estimate f minimizing E(f)

$$\iff$$

for all  $(x_n, t_n) \in \mathcal{D}$ , minimize  $P(f(x) \neq t|x)$ 

#### Bayes' rule for classification

$$f^*(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_k P(\mathcal{C}_k|x)$$

= maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimate.

## $E(f^*)$ is the **Bayesian error rate**.

Remark : 
$$P(C_k|x) = \frac{p(x|C_k)P(C_k)}{p(x)}$$

cf. proba a posteriori  $\propto$  likelihood  $\times$  prior



#### **Theorem**

Bayes' rule for classification is optimal.

Any other rule f is such that :

$$E(f^*) \leq E(f)$$

We assume that  $t \in \{0,1\}$  and  $x \in [0,5]$ . Moreover :

$$P(t = 0) = P(t = 1) = \frac{1}{2},$$
  
 $p(x|t = 0) = \mathcal{U}([0,2]),$   
 $p(x|t = 1) = \mathcal{U}([1,5]).$ 

**1** Determine the Bayesian classifier and its error rate.

- ▶ **inference** : determination of the  $p(C_k|x)$
- ▶ **decision** : use  $p(C_k|x)$  to affect classes
- **9 generative model** : use  $p(x|\mathcal{C}_k)$  and  $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$  to deduce  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|x)$ .

Rk :  $p(x) = \sum_k p(x|\mathcal{C}_k)p(\mathcal{C}_k)$ e.g. discriminant linear analysis... Easier interpretation, BUT the model can be badly adapted.

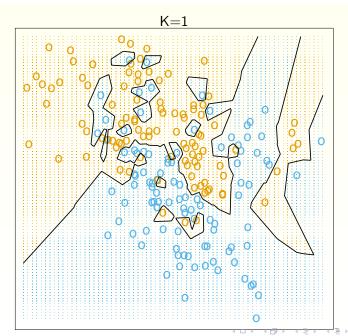
- **discriminant models**: estimate  $p(C_k|x)$  directly e.g. logistic regression... Easier interpretation, BUT sometimes limited model.
- discriminant functions: estimate f(x) directly e.g. K nearest neighbours...
   Often loosely interpretable, BUT can be very efficient.

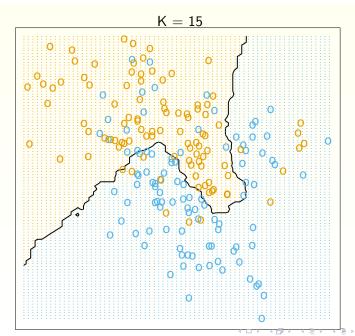
#### K-NN = K Nearest Neighbours

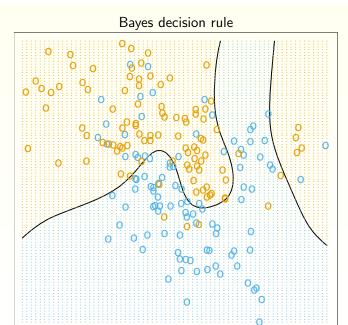
**Idea:** Birds of a feather flock together! (qui se ressemble s'assemble!)

- ▶ Data  $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{N}$  points avec  $N_k$  points  $\in \mathcal{C}_k$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^K N_k = \mathbb{N}$ .
- ► To classify x : put x in the class that has majority among its K nearest neighbours.
- ► Justification :

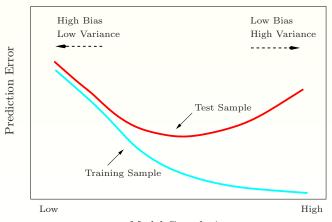
Let  $\nu_k$  the number of neighbours  $\in \mathcal{C}_k$  (among K). One shows that  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|x) \simeq \frac{\nu_k}{K}$  so that one chooses  $x \in \mathcal{C}_k$  such that  $\nu_k$  is maximal.



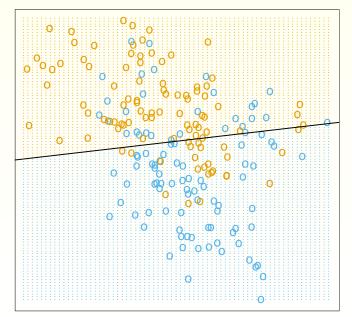




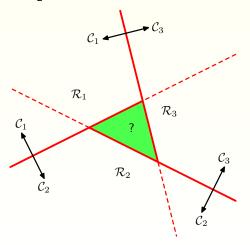
- ► Too simple ⇒ under-fitting (sous-apprentissage)
- ► Too complex (rich) ⇒ over-fitting (sur-apprentissage)
- ▶ The learning error (≠ test error) decreases with complexity; it cannot be used on its own to choose the best model.



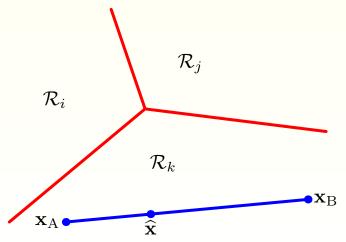
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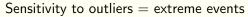


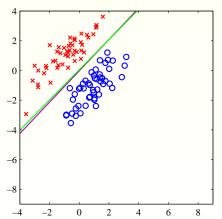
Combination of  $\frac{K(K-1)}{2}$  classifiers 1 against 1



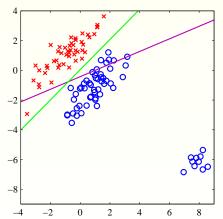
K linear classifiers and  $y_k(\mathbf{x}) \geq y_j(\mathbf{x}), \forall j \neq k \Longrightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_k$ 

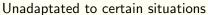


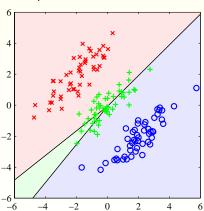


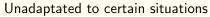


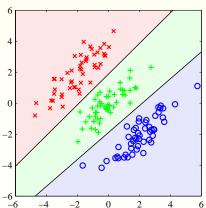
Sensitivity to outliers = extreme events

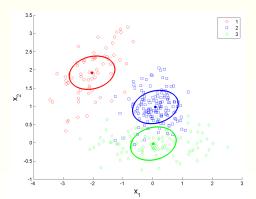


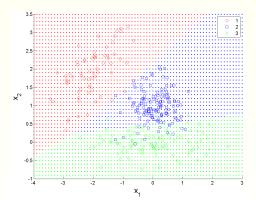






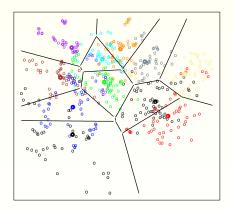






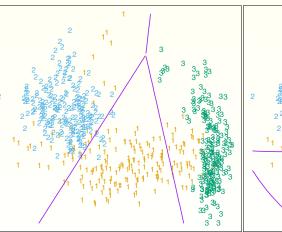
Application to vowel recognition

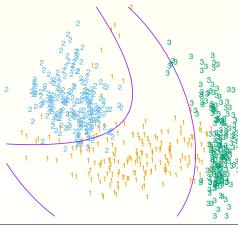
11 vowels  $\Rightarrow K = 11$  classes described by D = 10 characteristics

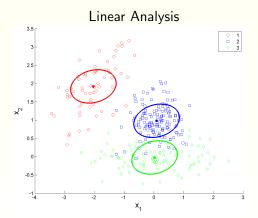


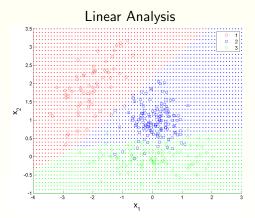
Classification based on sur 2 discriminant components (Fisher) (see later on, Dimension Reduction)

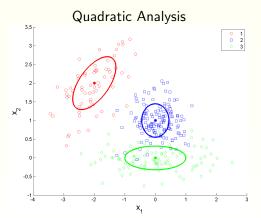
Application to  $\phi_j(\mathbf{x})$ : example,  $x_1, x_2, x_1^2, x_1x_2, x_2^2$ 

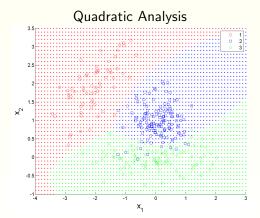




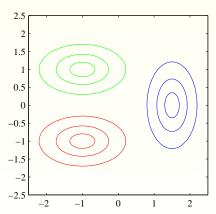


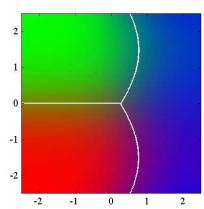






3 Gaussian classes,  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 \neq \Sigma_3$ 





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$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{k} \ln \widehat{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_{k})} + \ln \widehat{p(\mathcal{C}_{k})}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{k} \sum_{i=1}^{D} \ln \widehat{g_{ki}(x_{i})} + \ln \frac{N_{k}}{N}$$

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General case : laws  $g_{ki}$  such that  $\ln g_{ki}(x_i)$  = non linear function  $(x_i)$ 

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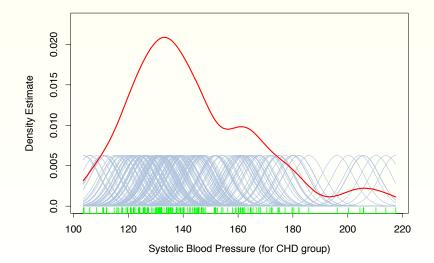
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▶ Classification method **naive** = ignoring correlations between  $x_i$ 

$$\forall 1 \leq k \leq K, \quad p(x_1, ..., x_D | \mathcal{C}_k) \simeq \prod_{i=1}^{D} p(x_i | \mathcal{C}_k)$$

#### Main advantages :

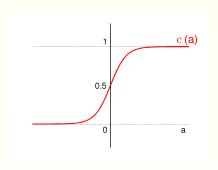
- $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$  is rich but complex & difficult to access,
- $p(x_i|\mathcal{C}_k)$  is rough but simple to estimate

#### Case of binary variables :

- joint proba.  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k) \Rightarrow K \cdot 2^D$  quantities to estimate,
- marginal proba.  $p(x_i|\mathcal{C}_k) \Rightarrow K \cdot D$  quantities to estimate,
- ▶ **Interest** : very useful simplification if *D* is very large
- ▶ Can generalize to any kind of laws  $p(x_i|C_k)$
- ► Example : EDF counters...

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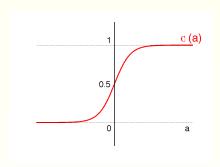


Sigmoid logistic function :

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

▶ Inverse = function  $logit : a = ln\left(\frac{\sigma}{1-\sigma}\right) = logit(\sigma)$ 

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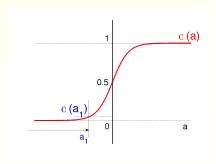


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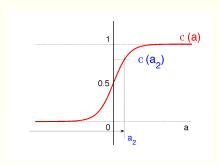


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Example: recognition of manuscript figures



► Recognition of manuscript figures 5 & 6 :

 $t_n \in 5, 6$ 

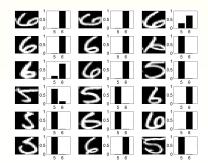
- Extraction of significant pixels : with standard deviation greater than 0,5
- ▶  $\mathcal{D} = \{X_n \in \mathbb{R}^{173}, t_n \in 5, 6\}, N = 345 \text{ examples,}$
- ▶ Estimate of  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{174}$  using logistic regression

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### Probability of belonging to a class on test set :

$$p(t = 5|\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$$
(1)  
$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}})}$$
(2)

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w_0 - \sum_{i=1}^{173} w_i x_i)}$$
 (3)



### Iterated Reweighted Least Squares (IRLS)

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X = \text{matrix of features for learning (} + \text{col. of 1)}, \text{ dim. } D + 1,
t =vector of targets for the training set,
  \tilde{\mathbf{w}}^{(old)} = \tilde{\mathbf{w}}
                                          = zeros(D+1,1)
  \mathbf{y} = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ones}(N_{train}, 1)
  R = \operatorname{diag}(v_n(1-v_n)) = \overline{\operatorname{diag}}(1/4)
z = X\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^{(old)} - R^{-1}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{t})
\tilde{\mathbf{w}} = (X^T R X)^{-1} X^T R \mathbf{z}
While ( (||\tilde{\mathbf{w}} - \tilde{\mathbf{w}}^{(old)}||/||\tilde{\mathbf{w}}|| > \varepsilon) and (max number of iterations) )
         \mathbf{v} = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}})
         R = \operatorname{diag}(v_n(1-v_n))
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End of While
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 ${\sf Example: analysis\ of\ risks\ of\ heart-attack}$ 

## Target variable : presence or absence of myocard failure

#### Features:

sbp systolic blood pressure tobacco cumulative tobacco (kg)

ldl low density lipoprotein cholesterol

adiposity index

famhist family history of heart disease (yes/no)

typea type-A behavior

obesity index

alcohol current alcohol consumption

age age at onset

chd response, coronary heart disease

from the example South African Heart Disease, Hastie & Tibshirani

Logistic regression Example : analysis of risks of heart-attack

	Coefficient	Std. Error	Z Score
(Intercept)	-4.130	0.964	-4.285
sbp	0.006	0.006	1.023
tobacco	0.080	0.026	3.034
ldl	0.185	0.057	3.219
famhist	0.939	0.225	4.178
obesity	-0.035	0.029	-1.187
alcohol	0.001	0.004	0.136
age	0.043	0.010	4.184

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	Coefficient	Std. Error	Z score
(Intercept)	-4.204	0.498	-8.45
tobacco	0.081	0.026	3.16
ldl	0.168	0.054	3.09
famhist	0.924	0.223	4.14
age	0.044	0.010	4.52

e.g. tobacco = in kg consumed 
$$+ 1 \text{kg} \Longrightarrow \frac{p(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x})} \times \exp(0,081) = 1,084$$
 that is an increase in risk of 8.4%.

Taking into account the uncertainty at level 95% :  $exp(0.081 \pm 2 \times 0.026) = [1,03,1.14].$ 

In summary

 Classification method (decision) as a function of an activation:



 $a \Rightarrow \sigma(a)$  conviction degree

- $\mathbf{a} = \tilde{\mathbf{w}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  linear combination of features,
- ▶ Interpretation of weights  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}} = \text{influence of features}$ ,
- Often used in biology, medecine, human sciences...
- ▶ Generalizes to K classes and features  $\phi_i(\mathbf{x})$ ,
- ► Logistic regression vs Discriminant Analysis (LDA, QDA) :
  - results are often comparable,
  - LDA/QDA: more sensitive to extreme events,
  - Warning: if the data are linearly separable,

log. reg. 
$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{w}} \rightarrow \infty$$
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