

# #1 Probability to Logits

*Key concept for understanding logistic regression*

$$\text{logit}(p) = \log \left( \frac{p}{1-p} \right)$$

$$p = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\text{logit}(p)}}$$

Terms:

- ▶ Probability ( $p$ ): Value in  $[0, 1]$
- ▶ Logit: Log of odds, maps  $[0, 1]$  to  $(-\infty, +\infty)$
- ▶ Odds: Ratio  $\frac{p}{1-p}$



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# #2 Conditional Independence

*Fundamental concept for understanding Causal Inference*

$$P(A \cap B \mid C) = P(A \mid C)P(B \mid C)$$

Terms:

- ▶ Conditional Independence:  $A$  and  $B$  are independent given  $C$
- ▶  $P(A \mid C)$ : Probability of  $A$  given  $C$
- ▶  $P(B \mid C)$ : Probability of  $B$  given  $C$
- ▶  $P(A \cap B \mid C)$ : Probability of both  $A$  and  $B$  given  $C$

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# #3 Convex Functions

*Important concept for understanding gradient descent algorithms*

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$$

Where  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$

Terms:

- ▶  $\lambda$ : Weight between 0 and 1
- ▶  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y$ : Weighted average of points

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# #4 Lagrange Multipliers

*Used to solve constrained optimization problems;  
fundamental in SVMs and PCA*

$$\nabla f(x) = \lambda \nabla g(x)$$

Subject to:  $g(x) = c$

Terms:

- ▶  $\nabla f(x)$ : Gradient of objective function
- ▶  $\lambda$ : Lagrange multiplier
- ▶  $g(x) = c$ : Constraint equation
- ▶  $\nabla g(x)$ : Gradient of constraint



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# #5 Hessian Matrix

*Describes function curvature; important concept for understanding Newton's gradient descent method*

$$H(f)_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

For  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ :

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Terms:

- ▶  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ : Second partial derivative
- ▶ Positive Definite: All positive eigenvalues  $\rightarrow$  local minimum
- ▶ Curvature: Direction and strength of function bending



# #6 Trapezoidal Rule

*Approximates integrals with linear segments; used for computing area under curves (AUC)*

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2n} \left[ f(a) + f(b) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f(a + k\Delta x) \right]$$

Where  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Terms:

- ▶  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ : Definite integral from  $a$  to  $b$
- ▶  $\Delta x$ : Width of each subinterval
- ▶  $n$ : Number of subintervals
- ▶  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1}$ : Sum over interior points



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# #7 Condition Number

*Used to detect multicollinearity in regression*

$$\kappa(A) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(A)}{\sigma_{\min}(A)}$$

Terms:

- ▶  $\kappa(A)$ : Condition number
- ▶  $\sigma_{\max}, \sigma_{\min}$ : Largest/smallest singular values
- ▶ High  $\kappa$ : Unstable solutions, ill-conditioned system

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# #8 Vector Norms

*Measures vector magnitude; essential for understanding regularization*

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

Common Norms:

- ▶  $\ell_1$ :  $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$  (Manhattan)
- ▶  $\ell_2$ :  $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$  (Euclidean)
- ▶  $\ell_\infty$ :  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$  (Chebyshev)



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# #9 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

*A fundamental inequality in statistics used to prove various results (e.g., why Pearson's correlation coefficient is bounded by  $\pm 1$ ).*

$$(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[X^2] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2]$$

Terms:

- ▶  $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ : Expected product of random variables
- ▶  $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$ : Second non-central moment
- ▶ Correlation: Limited to  $[-1, 1]$  by this inequality



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# #10 Adjacency Matrix

*Encodes graph connections; core to graph neural networks  
and multi-hop reasoning using knowledge graphs*

For an undirected graph:

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vertices } i \text{ and } j \text{ are connected} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Terms:

- ▶  $A_{ij}$ : Connection between vertices  $i$  and  $j$
- ▶ Undirected:  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$
- ▶ Powers:  $A^k$  reveals  $k$ -hop connections

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