

# Logistic Regression

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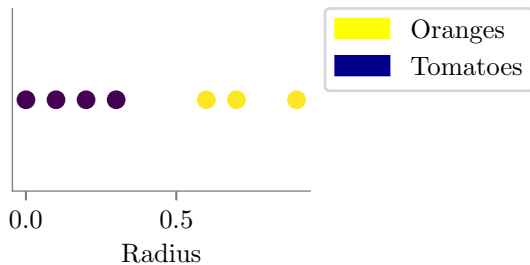
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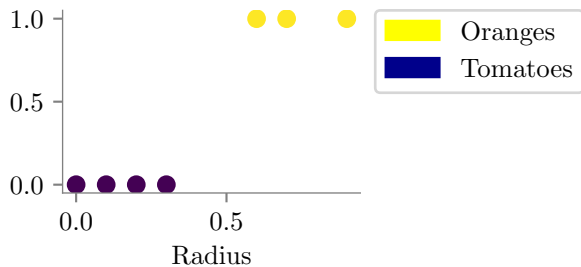
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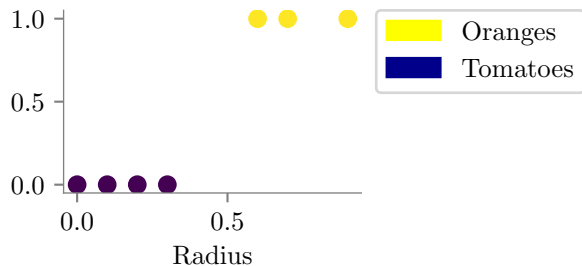
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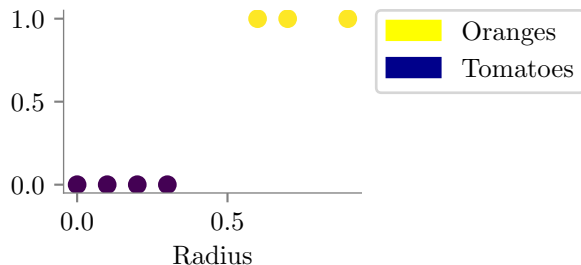


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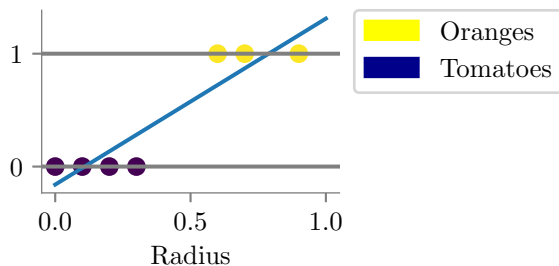
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More generally,  $P(y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$ ?

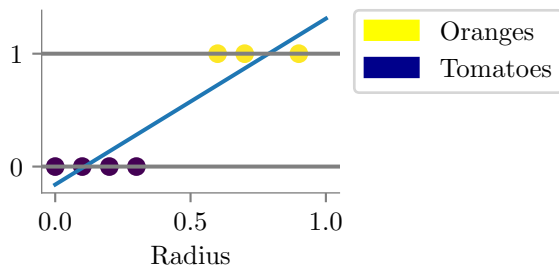
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Generally,

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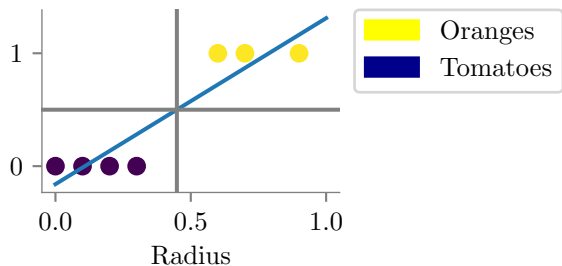
If  $\theta_0 + \theta_1 \times \text{Radius} > 0.5 \rightarrow \text{Orange}$   
Else  $\rightarrow \text{Tomato}$

Problem:

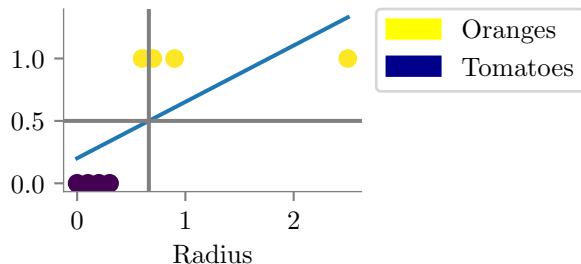
Range of  $\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is  $(-\infty, \infty)$

But  $P(y = 1 | \dots) \in [0, 1]$

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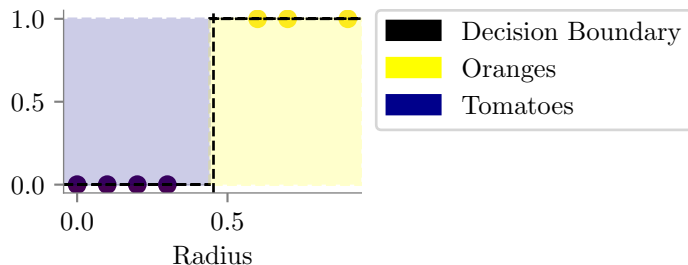


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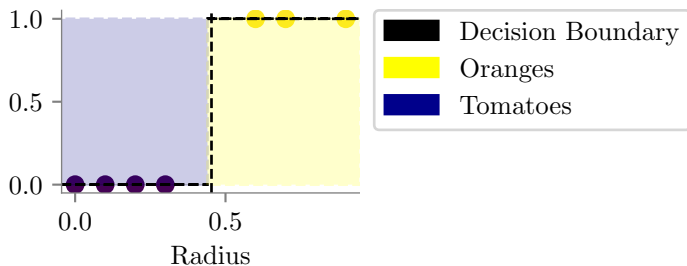
Linear regression for classification gives a poor prediction!

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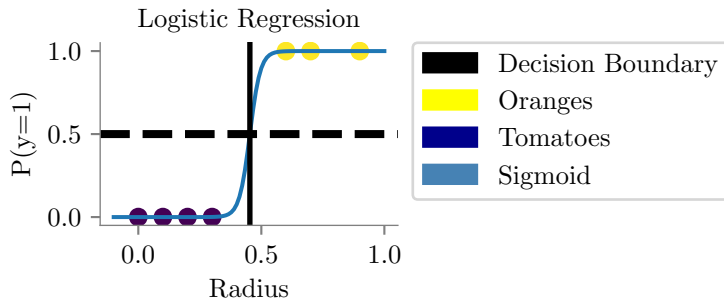
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Question. Can we still use Linear Regression?

Answer. Yes! Transform  $\hat{y} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

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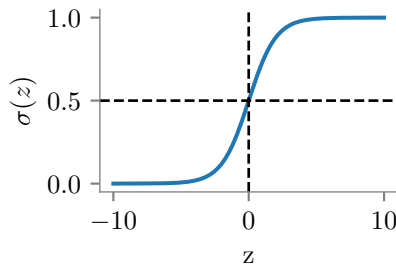
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$$\hat{y} \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$\phi = \text{Sigmoid / Logistic Function } (\sigma)$

$$\phi(\hat{y}) \in [0, 1]$$

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Question. Could you use some other transformation ( $\phi$ ) of  $\hat{y}$  s.t.

$$\phi(\hat{y}) \in [0, 1]$$

Yes! But Logistic Regression works.



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$$\therefore \frac{P(y = 1|X)}{1 - P(y = 1|X)} = e^{\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}} \implies \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta} = \log \frac{P(y = 1|X)}{1 - P(y = 1|X)}$$

## Odds (Used in betting)

$$\frac{P(win)}{P(loss)}$$

Here,

$$Odds = \frac{P(y = 1)}{P(y = 0)}$$

$$\log\text{-odds} = \log \frac{P(y=1)}{P(y=0)} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

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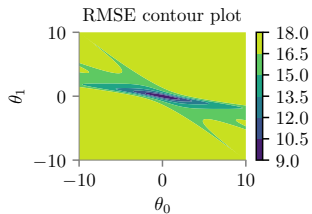
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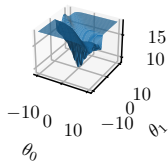
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- **This is why we need cross-entropy loss instead!**

# Deriving Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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RMSE surface plot



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$$\text{Likelihood} = P(D|\theta)$$

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where  $y = 0$  or  $1$

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[Above: Similar to  $P(D|\theta)$  for Linear Regression;

Difference Bernoulli instead of Gaussian]

$-\log P(y|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \text{Negative Log Likelihood} = \text{Cost function will be minimized}$



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# Cross Entropy Cost Function



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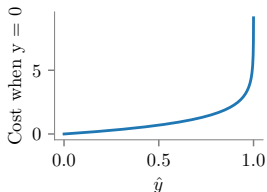
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Notebook: `logits-usage`

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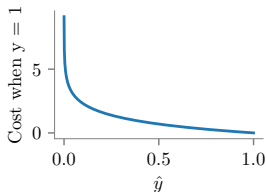
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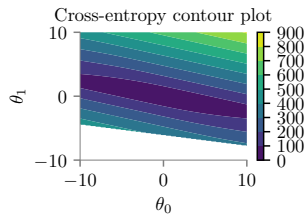
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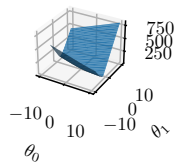
Now, assume  $y_i$  is 1, then if  $\hat{y}_i$  is 0, the loss is huge; but, if  $\hat{y}_i$  is 1, the loss is zero!



# Cost function convexity



Cross-entropy surface plot



# Learning Parameters

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Aside:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma(z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} = -(1 + e^{-z})^{-2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (1 + e^{-z}) \\ &= \frac{e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} = \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \right) \left( \frac{e^{-z}}{1 + e^{-z}} \right) = \sigma(z) \left\{ \frac{1 + e^{-z}}{1 + e^{-z}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \right\} \\ &= \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))\end{aligned}$$

# Learning Parameters

Resuming from (1)

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# Learning Parameters

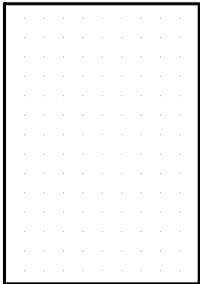
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Now, just use Gradient Descent!

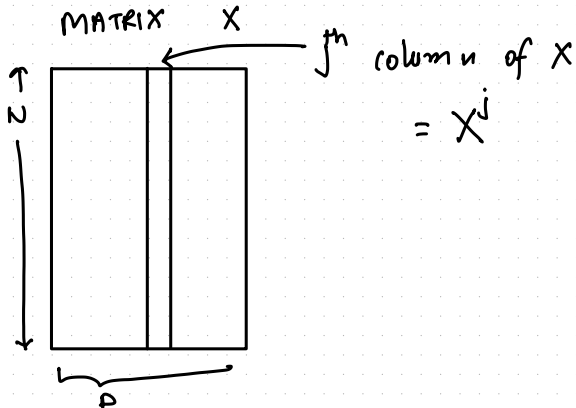
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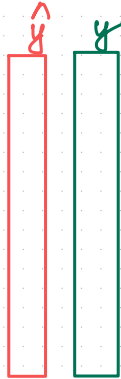
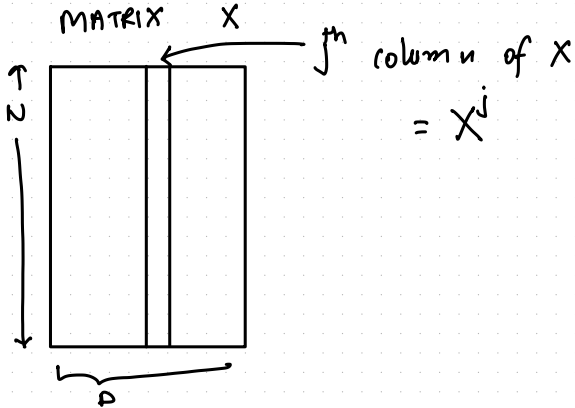
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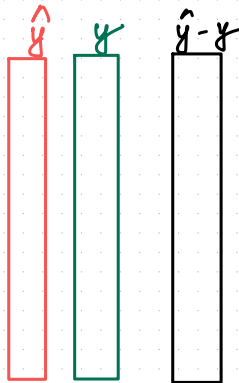
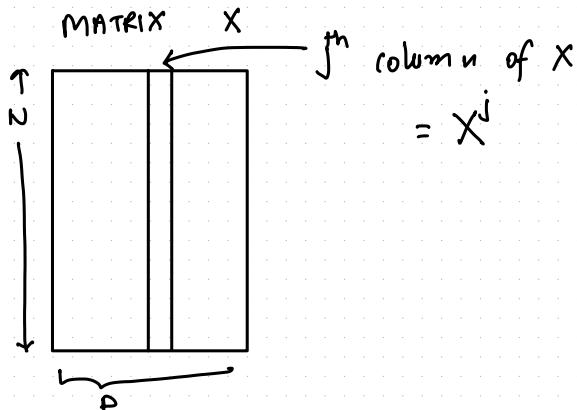
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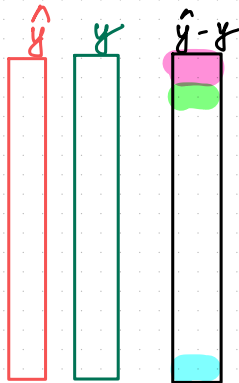
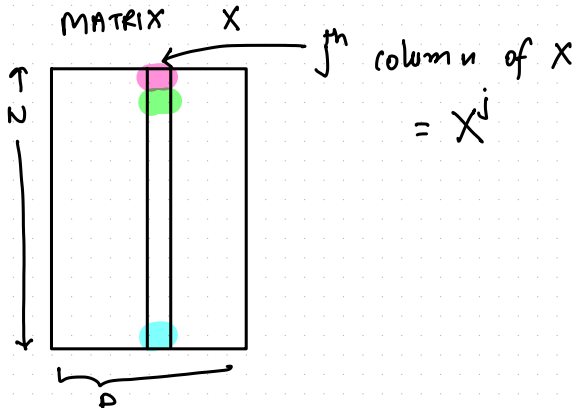
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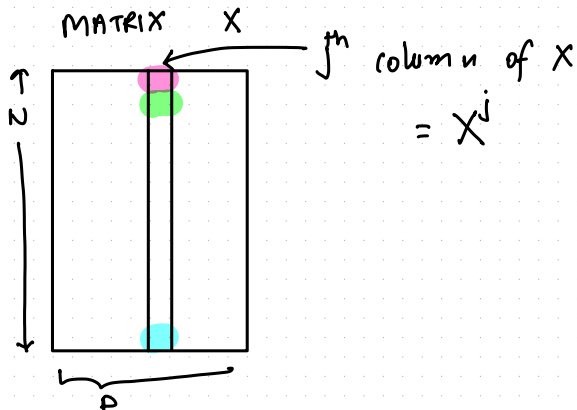
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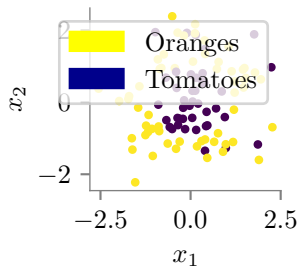
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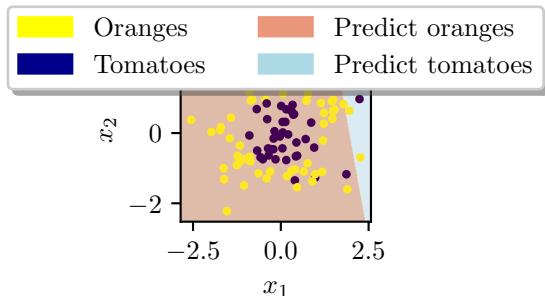
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# Logistic Regression with feature transformation



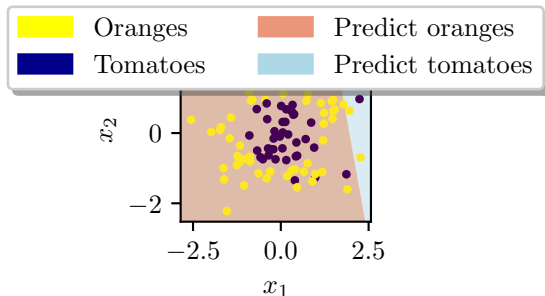
What happens if you apply logistic regression on the above data?

# Logistic Regression with feature transformation



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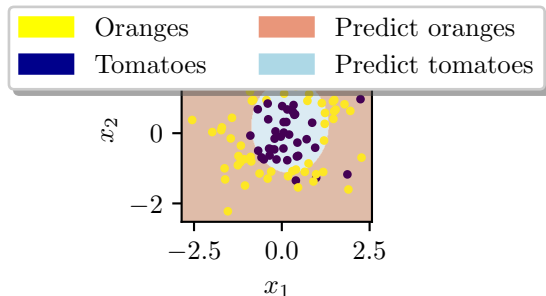


Linear boundary will not be accurate here. What is the technical name of the problem? Bias!

# Logistic Regression with feature transformation

$$\phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_0(x) \\ \phi_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{K-1}(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \\ \vdots \\ x^{K-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

# Logistic Regression with feature transformation



Using  $x_1^2, x_2^2$  as additional features, we are able to learn a more accurate classifier.

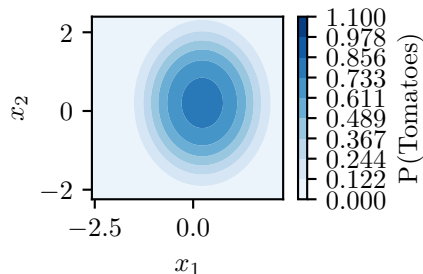
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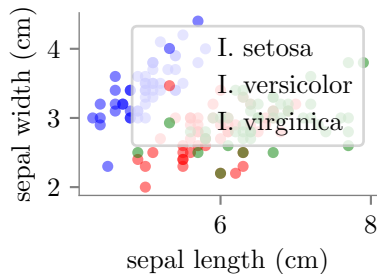


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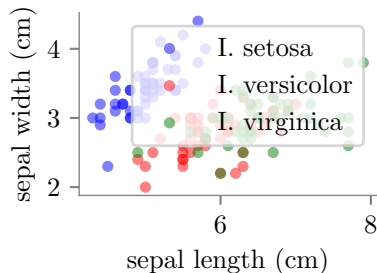
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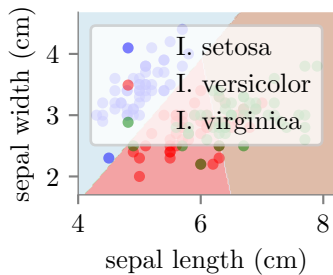


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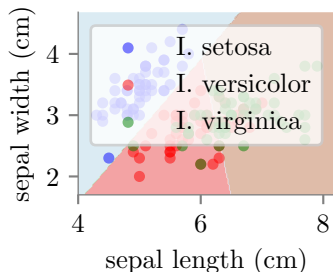


How would you learn a classifier? Or, how would you expect the classifier to learn decision boundaries?

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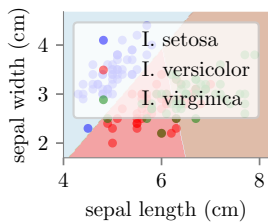


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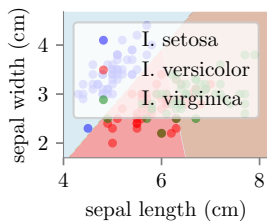


1. Use one-vs.-all on Binary Logistic Regression
2. Use one-vs.-one on Binary Logistic Regression
3. Extend Binary Logistic Regression to Multi-Class Logistic Regression

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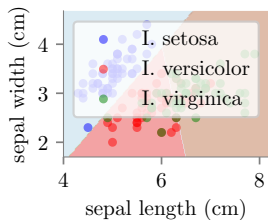


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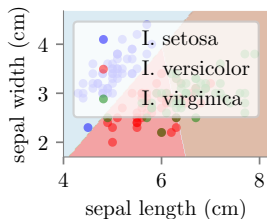
1. Learn  $P(\text{setosa (class 1)}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}_1)$
2.  $P(\text{versicolor (class 2)}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$
3.  $P(\text{virginica (class 3)}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}_3)$
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2. Property:  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}_i) = 1$
3. Also  $\mathcal{F}(z) \in [0, 1]$
4. Also,  $\mathcal{F}(z)$  has squashing properties:  $R \mapsto [0, 1]$

# Softmax

$$Z \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\mathcal{F}(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^d e^{z_i}}$$

$$\therefore \sum \mathcal{F}(z_i) = 1$$

$\mathcal{F}(z_i)$  refers to probability of class  $i$

# Softmax for Multi-Class Logistic Regression

$k = \{1, \dots, K\}$  classes

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \theta_1 \theta_2 \cdots \theta_K \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(y = k | X, \theta) = \frac{e^{X\theta_k}}{\sum_{k=1}^K e^{X\theta_k}}$$

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High number! Huge penalty for misclassification!

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# Multi-Class Logistic Regression Cost

Now:

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ x_i \left\{ I(y_i = k) - P(y_i = k | x_i, \theta) \right\} \right]$$

# Hessian Matrix

The Hessian matrix of  $f(\cdot)$  with respect to  $\theta$ , written  $\nabla_{\theta}^2 f(\theta)$  or simply as  $\mathbb{H}$ , is the  $d \times d$  matrix of partial derivatives,

$$\nabla_{\theta}^2 f(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2 \partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2 \partial \theta_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_n \partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_n \partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Newton's Algorithm

The most basic second-order optimization algorithm is Newton's algorithm, which consists of updates of the form,

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - \mathbb{H}_k^{-1} g_k$$

where  $g_k$  is the gradient at step  $k$ . This algorithm is derived by making a second-order Taylor series approximation of  $f(\theta)$  around  $\theta_k$ :

$$f_{quad}(\theta) = f(\theta_k) + g_k^T(\theta - \theta_k) + \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \theta_k)^T \mathbb{H}_k (\theta - \theta_k)$$

differentiating and equating to zero to solve for  $\theta_{k+1}$ .

# Learning Parameters

Now assume:

$$g(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \sigma_{\theta}(x_i) - y_i \right] x_i^j = \mathbf{X}^{\top} (\sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{X}) - y)$$

$$\pi_i = \sigma_{\theta}(x_i)$$

Let  $\mathbb{H}$  represent the Hessian of  $J(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{H} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} g(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \sigma_{\theta}(x_i) - y_i \right] x_i^j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sigma_{\theta}(x_i) x_i^j - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} y_i x_i^j \right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{\theta}(x_i) (1 - \sigma_{\theta}(x_i)) x_i x_i^T \\ &= \mathbf{X}^{\top} \text{diag}(\sigma_{\theta}(x_i) (1 - \sigma_{\theta}(x_i))) \mathbf{X} \end{aligned}$$

# Iteratively reweighted least squares (IRLS)

For binary logistic regression, recall that the gradient and Hessian of the negative log-likelihood are given by:

$$g(\theta)_k = \mathbf{X}^\top (\pi_k - y)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_k = \text{diag}(\pi_{1k}(1 - \pi_{1k}), \dots, \pi_{nk}(1 - \pi_{nk}))$$

$$\pi_{ik} = \text{sigm}(\mathbf{x}_i \theta_k)$$

The Newton update at iteration  $k + 1$  for this model is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{k+1} &= \theta_k - \mathbb{H}^{-1} g_k = \theta_k + (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top (y - \pi_k) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X})^{-1} [(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X}) \theta_k + \mathbf{X}^\top (y - \pi_k)] = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top [\mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{X} \theta_k + y - \pi_k] \end{aligned}$$

# Regularized Logistic Regression

Unregularised:

$$J_1(\theta) = - \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log(\sigma_{\theta}(x_i)) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma_{\theta}(x_i)) \right\}$$

L2 Regularization:

$$J(\theta) = J_1(\theta) + \lambda \theta^T \theta$$

L1 Regularization:

$$J(\theta) = J_1(\theta) + \lambda |\theta|$$

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