

Logistic Regression (Binary Classification)

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Outline



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Regression vs Classification

- Regression: Given input x , predict continuous value $y \in \mathbb{R}$
- Classification: Given input x , predict discrete value $y \in \mathcal{Y}$



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Classification

- The **classification** problem is just like the regression problem, except that the values **y** we now want to predict take on only a small number of discrete values.

Question	Answer " y "	
Is this email spam? Spam / Not spam	no	yes
Is the transaction fraudulent?	no	yes
Is the tumor malignant? Malignant/ Benign	no	yes

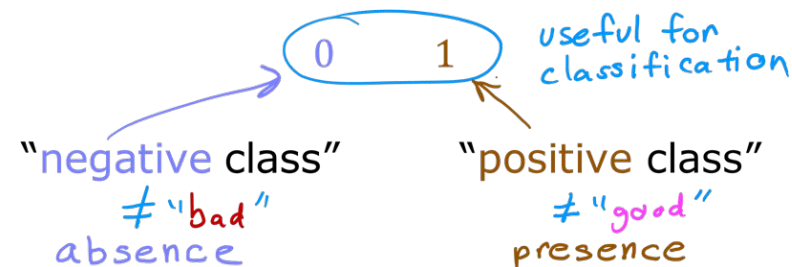
y can only be one of **two** values false

"**binary** classification"

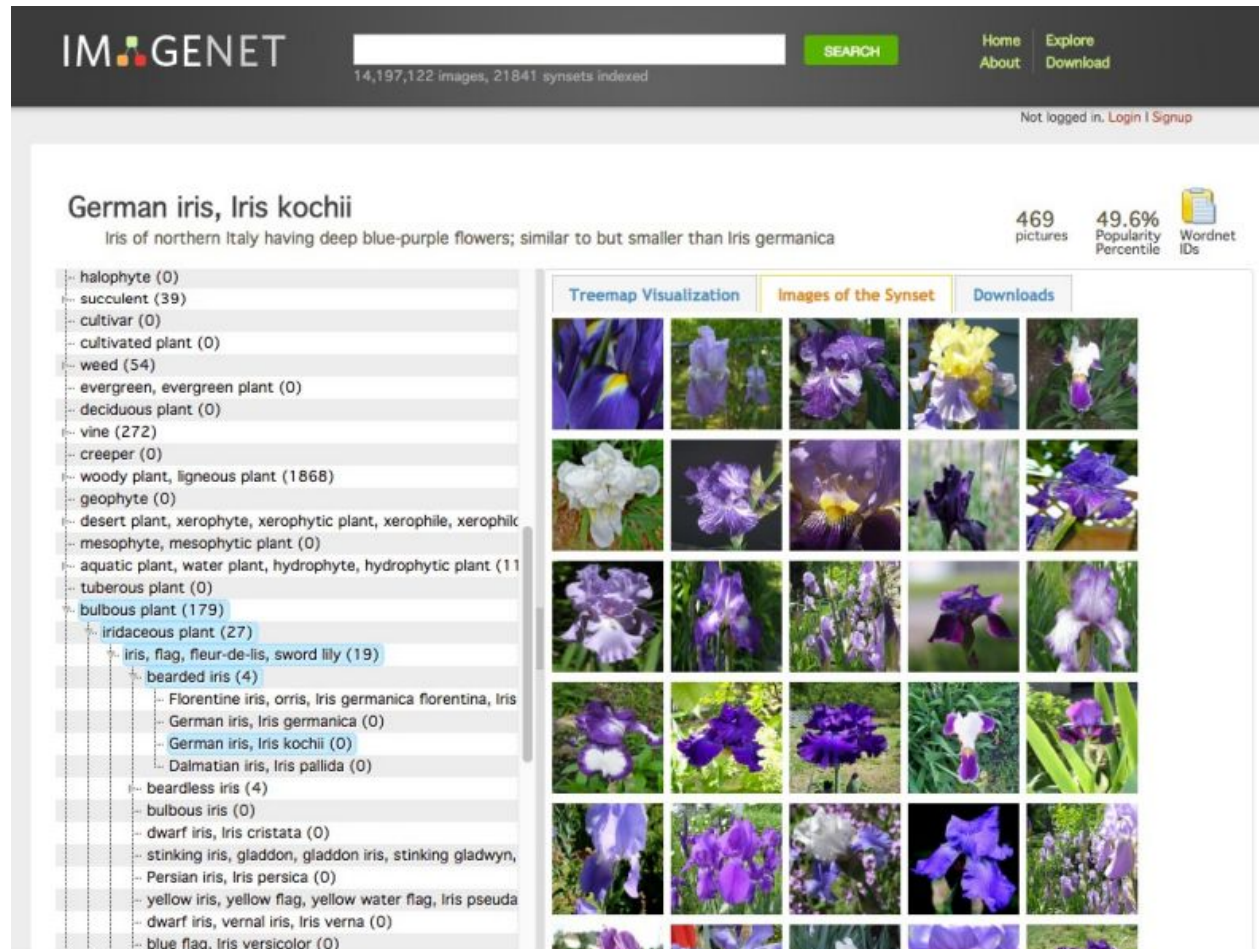
$$y \in \{0, 1\}$$

0: "Negative Class" (e.g., benign tumor)

1: "Positive Class" (e.g., malignant tumor)



Example: Image Classification



The screenshot displays the ImageNet website interface. At the top, the 'IMAGENET' logo is visible alongside a search bar and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the logo, it states '14,197,122 images, 21841 synsets indexed'. Navigation links for 'Home', 'About', 'Explore', and 'Download' are present, along with a 'Not logged in. Login | Signup' notice.

The main content area features the title 'German iris, *Iris kochii*' and a descriptive sentence: 'Iris of northern Italy having deep blue-purple flowers; similar to but smaller than *Iris germanica*'. To the right of the title, statistics are shown: '469 pictures', '49.6% Popularity Percentile', and a 'Wordnet IDs' icon.

Below the title, there are three tabs: 'Treemap Visualization', 'Images of the Synset', and 'Downloads'. The 'Images of the Synset' tab is active, displaying a grid of 20 images of German irises. To the left of the image grid, a hierarchical list of synsets is shown, with 'German iris, *Iris kochii*' highlighted in blue. The list includes various plant categories such as 'halophyte', 'succulent', 'cultivar', 'cultivated plant', 'weed', 'evergreen', 'deciduous plant', 'vine', 'creeper', 'woody plant', 'geophyte', 'desert plant', 'mesophyte', 'aquatic plant', 'tuberous plant', 'bulbous plant', 'iridaceous plant', 'iris', 'bearded iris', 'beardless iris', 'dwarf iris', 'stinking iris', 'Persian iris', 'yellow iris', 'dwarf iris', and 'blue flag'.

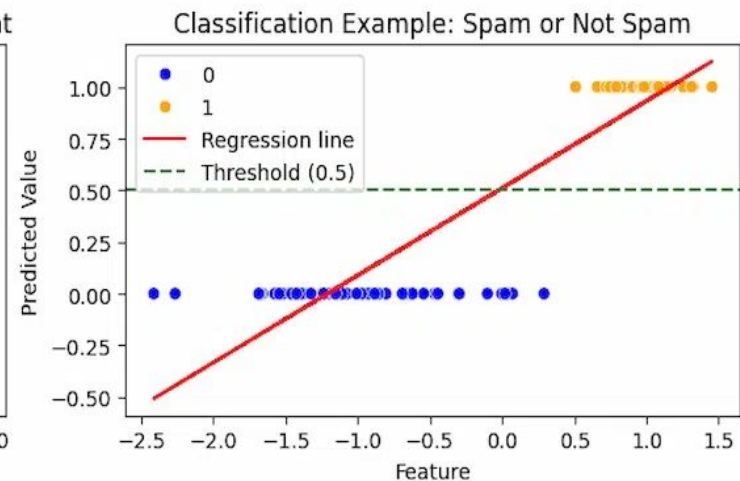
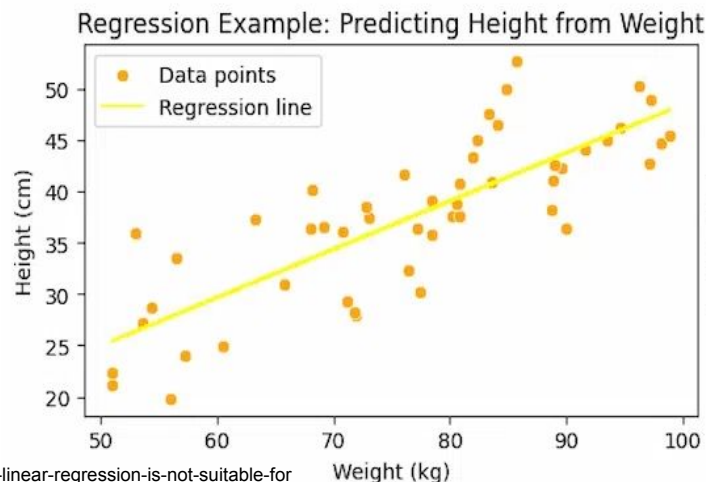
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Why Linear Regression is not suitable for classification?

There are three things that explain why Linear Regression is not suitable for classification.

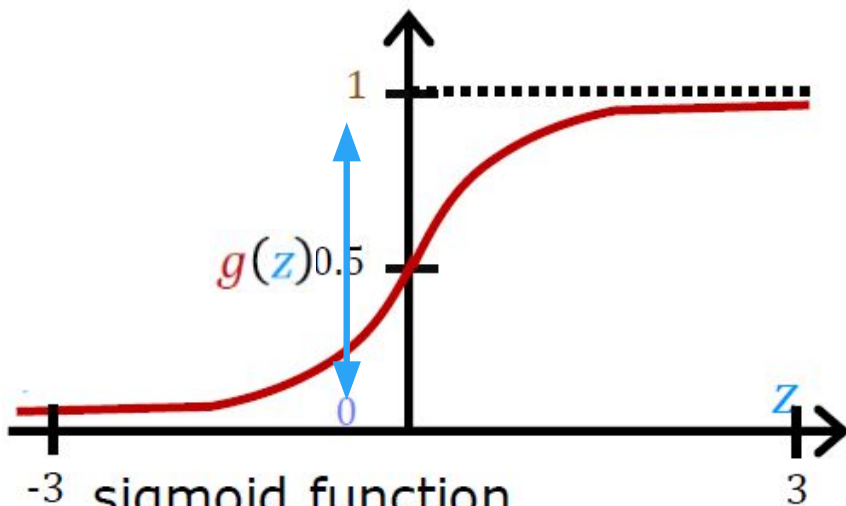
1. The first one is that Linear Regression deals with continuous values whereas classification problems mandate discrete values.
2. Linear regression assumes a linear relationship between the independent variables and the target variable. In classification, the decision boundaries that separate different classes are rarely linear.
3. Linear regression is sensitive to outliers, meaning that a single extreme data point can significantly affect the slope and intercept of the line. In classification, outliers are common and might belong to either class, so we need a model that's more robust to such variations.

Why Linear Regression is Not Suitable for Classification



Logistic Regression

Want outputs between 0 and 1



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$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \quad 0 < g(z) < 1$$

$$f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x})$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b$$

z

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$$

$$f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = g(\underbrace{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b}_z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b)}}$$

"logistic regression"

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\vec{w}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_i \vec{w}^T x_i}} \right)$$

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Logistic Regression (Example)

$$Z=5X + 10$$

$$\hat{Y} = \frac{1}{1+e^{-Z}}$$

X	-9	-8	0	8	9
Z	-35	-30	10	50	55
\hat{Y}	0	0	1	1	1

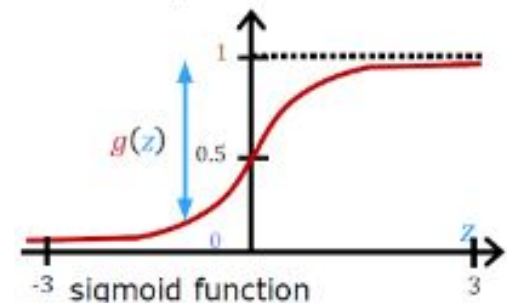
$\hat{Y} \geq 0.5$ threshold then =1

$\hat{Y} < 0.5$ threshold then =0

Inference:

If Z value is a large positive number, $\hat{Y} = 1$

If Z value is a large negative number, $\hat{Y}=0$



Loss Function and Cost Function for Logistic Regression

Loss function measures how far an estimated value is from its true value.

Let us remember the loss function of Linear Regression; we used Mean Square Error as a loss function

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum \underbrace{\left(y - \hat{y} \right)^2}_{\substack{\text{The square of the difference} \\ \text{between actual and} \\ \text{predicted}}}$$

But in the case of **Logistic Regression**, we cannot use **Mean Squared Error** as a loss function because the hypothesis function of logistic is **non-linear**.

Another reason for not using Mean Squared Error in Logistic Regression is that our output lies between 0 - 1. In classification problems, the target value is either 1 or 0. The output of the Logistic Regression is a probability value between 0 to 1.

Loss Function for Logistic Regression

Binary Cross Entropy Loss Function (or) Log Loss:

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = - (y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log (1 - \hat{y}))$$

When $y=1$, $\implies L(1, \hat{y}) = - (1 \log \hat{y} + (1 - 1) \log (1 - \hat{y})) = -\log \hat{y}$

When $y=0$ $\implies L(0, \hat{y}) = - (0 \log \hat{y} + (1 - 0) \log (1 - \hat{y})) = -\log (1 - \hat{y})$

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Example:

- $-\log(0.9) = -0.045757$ while $-\log(1-0.1) = -0.045757$

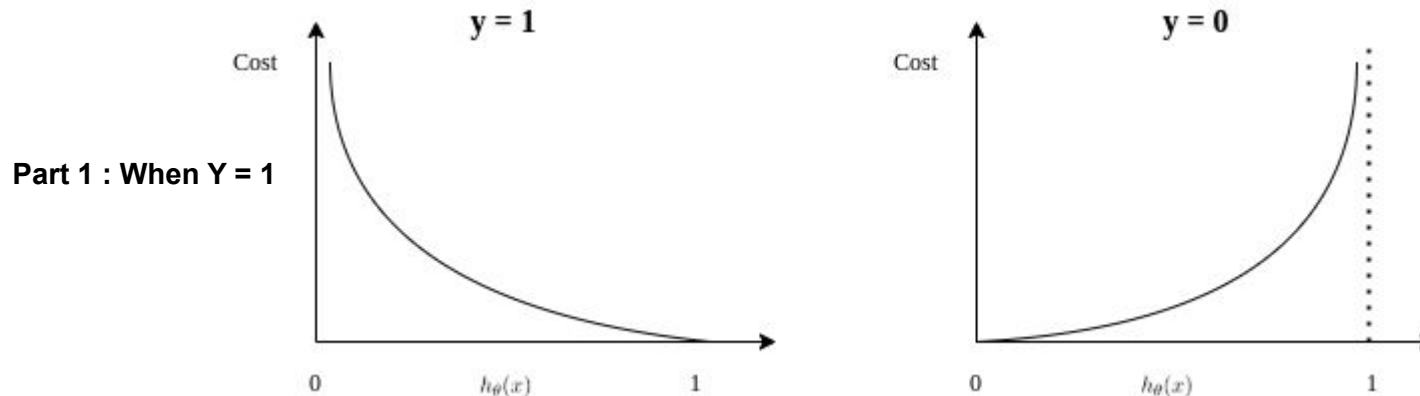
Loss Function for Logistic Regression



We can define the cost for two cases separately:

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

Which then results in:



Because when the actual outcome $y = 1$, the cost is 0 for $h_{\theta}(x) = 1$ and takes the maximum value for $h_{\theta}(x) = 0$. Similarly, if $y = 0$, the cost is 0 for $h_{\theta}(x) = 0$.

Cost Function for Logistic Regression

- **Loss Function (L)** mainly applies for a single training set as compared to the
- **Cost Function (J)** which deals with a penalty for a number of training sets or the complete batch.

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = - (y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log (1 - \hat{y}))$$

$$J(w, b) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (L(y^{(i)}, \hat{y}^{(i)})) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - \hat{y}^{(i)}))$$

m denotes the number of data points in the training set.

Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

Gradient Descent is an optimization algorithm used for minimizing the cost function in various machine learning algorithm. It is used for updating the parameters of the learning model.

$$w_2 = w_1 - L \cdot dw$$

$$b_2 = b_1 - L \cdot db$$

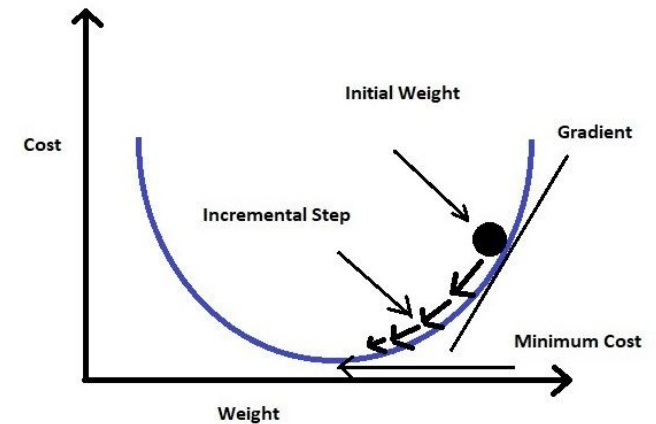
$W \rightarrow$ weight

$b \rightarrow$ bias

$L \rightarrow$ Learning Rate

$dw \rightarrow$ Partial Derivative of cost function with respect to w

$db \rightarrow$ Partial Derivative of cost function with respect to b



$$dw = \frac{1}{m} \cdot (\hat{y} - y) \cdot X$$

$$db = \frac{1}{m} \cdot (\hat{y} - y)$$

Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

$$J(w, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum (L(y^{(i)}, \hat{y}^{(i)})) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum (y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - \hat{y}^{(i)}))$$

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[y^{(i)} \log (f_{\vec{w}, b}(\vec{x}^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - f_{\vec{w}, b}(\vec{x}^{(i)})) \right]$$

repeat {

$$w_j = w_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} J(\vec{w}, b)$$

$$b = b - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(\vec{w}, b)$$

} simultaneous updates

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} J(\vec{w}, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (f_{\vec{w}, b}(\vec{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(\vec{w}, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (f_{\vec{w}, b}(\vec{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})$$

Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

- The formula for gradient descent for logistic regression is the same as that for linear regression

repeat {

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} simultaneous updates

Same concepts:

- Monitor gradient descent (learning curve)
- Vectorized implementation
- Feature scaling

Linear regression $f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b$

Logistic regression $f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b)}}$

Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

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■ in Linear Regression

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

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

}

(simultaneously update all θ_j)

■ in Logistic Regression

We can now use gradient ascent to maximize $j(\theta)$ The update rule will be:
repeat until convergence

{

$$\theta_j = \theta_j + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y_i - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^t x_i}} \right) x_{ij}$$

}

Logistic Regression

Data: Inputs are continuous vectors of length M . Outputs are discrete.

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N \text{ where } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M \text{ and } y \in \{0, 1\}$$

Model: Logistic function applied to dot product of parameters with input vector.

$$p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(y = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x})}$$

Learning: finds the parameters that minimize some objective function. $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

Prediction: Output is the most probable class.

$$\hat{y} = \underset{y \in \{0, 1\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(y|\mathbf{x})$$