

# Logistic Regression

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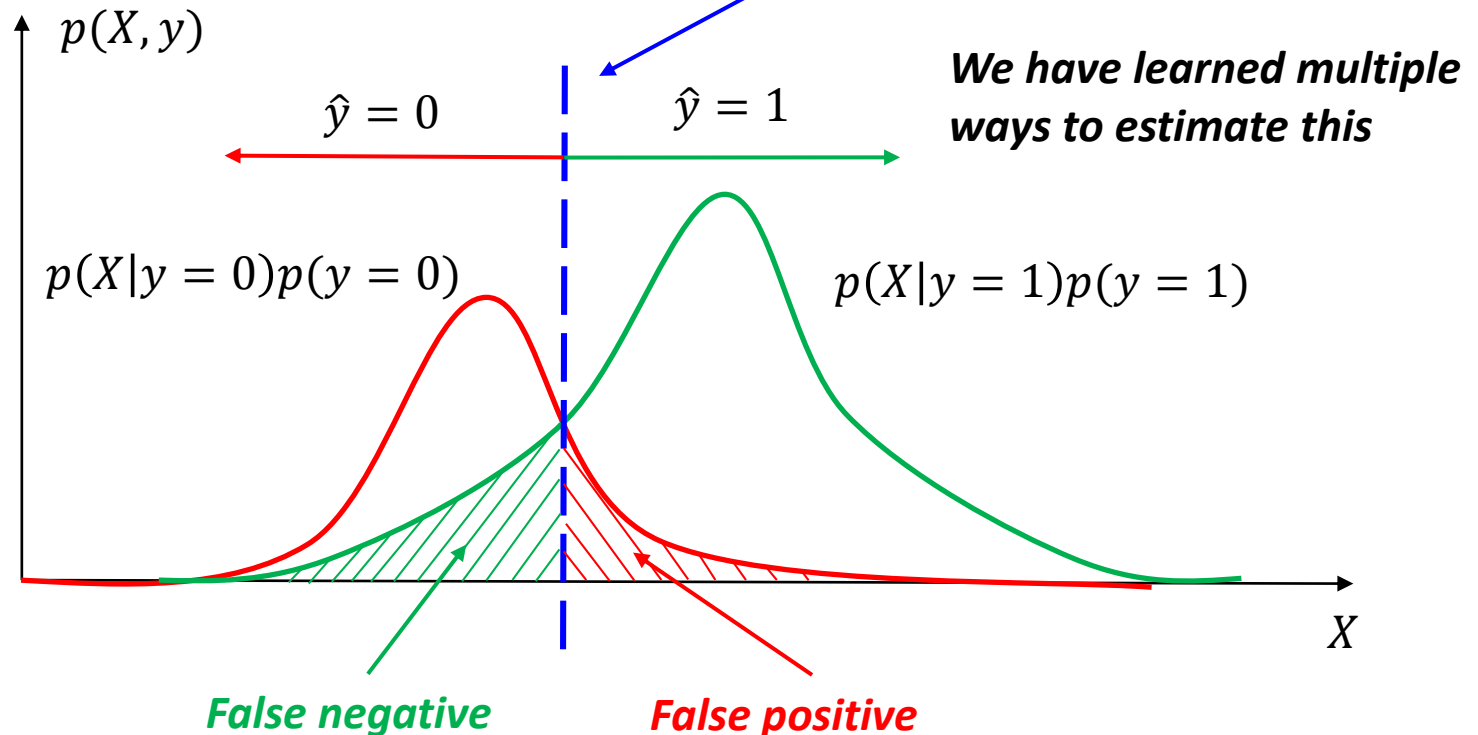
# Today's lecture

- Logistic regression model
  - A discriminative classification model
  - Two different perspectives to derive the model
  - Parameter estimation

# Review: Bayes risk minimization

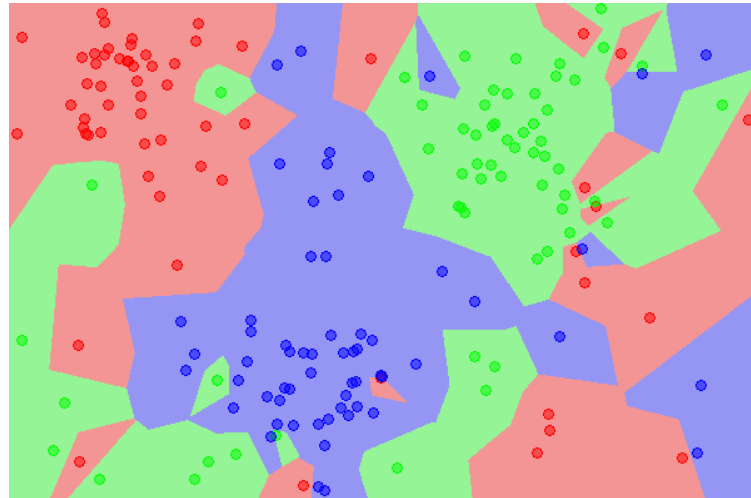
- Risk – assign instance to a wrong class

$$-y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(y|X) \quad \text{*Optimal Bayes decision boundary}$$



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- k nearest neighbors
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  - Let  $V$  be the volume of the  $m$  dimensional ball around  $x$  containing the  $k$  nearest neighbors for  $x$ , we have

$$p(x)V = \frac{k}{N} \Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{k}{NV} \quad p(x|y=1) = \frac{k_1}{N_1V} \quad p(y=1) = \frac{N_1}{N}$$

With Bayes rule:

$$p(y=1|x) = \frac{\frac{N_1}{N} \times \frac{k_1}{N_1V}}{\frac{k}{NV}} = \frac{k_1}{k}$$

# Generative solution

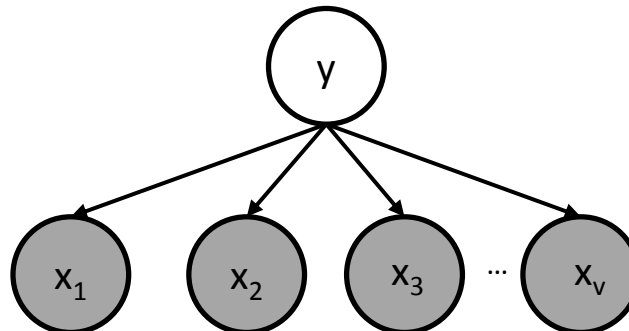
- Naïve Bayes classifier

$$- y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(y|X)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y P(X|y)P(y) \quad \text{By Bayes rule}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y \prod_{i=1}^{|d|} P(x_i|y) P(y)$$

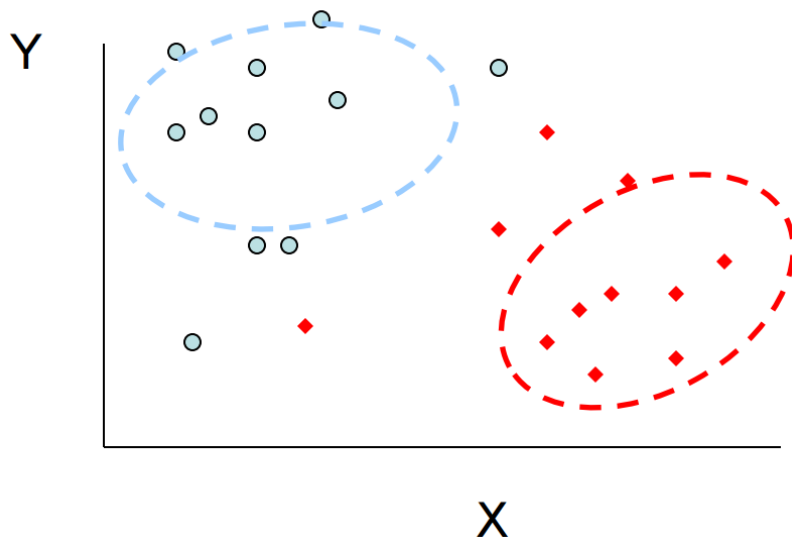
*By independence assumption*



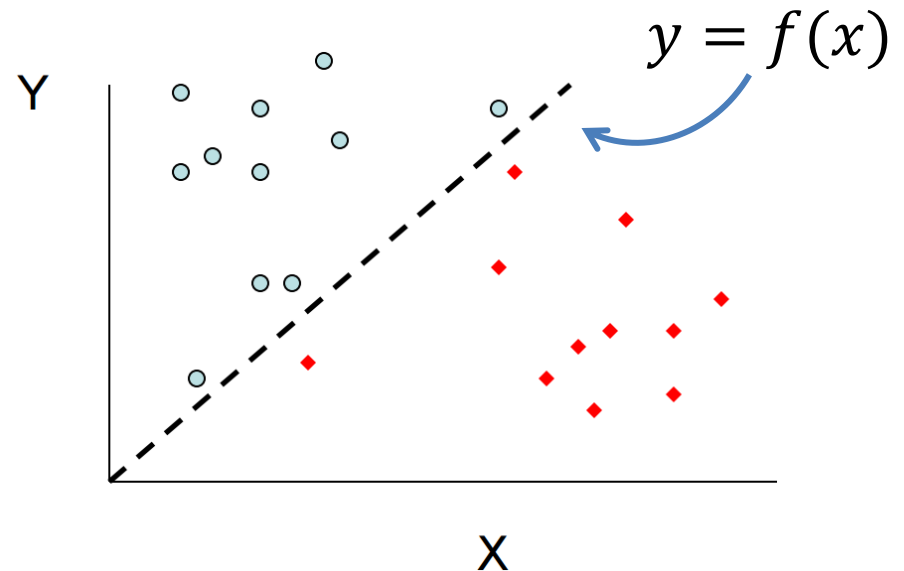
# Discriminative v.s. generative models

All instances are considered for probability density estimation

Generative model



Discriminative model



More attention will be put onto the boundary points

# Parametric form of decision boundary in Naïve Bayes

- For binary case

$$\begin{aligned} -f(X) &= \text{sgn}(\log P(y = 1|X) - \log P(y = 0|X)) \\ &= \text{sgn}\left(\log \frac{P(y = 1)}{P(y = 0)} + \sum_{i=1}^{|d|} c(x_i, d) \log \frac{P(x_i|y = 1)}{P(x_i|y = 0)}\right) \\ &= \text{sgn}(\boxed{w^T \bar{X}}) \end{aligned}$$

where

*Linear regression?*

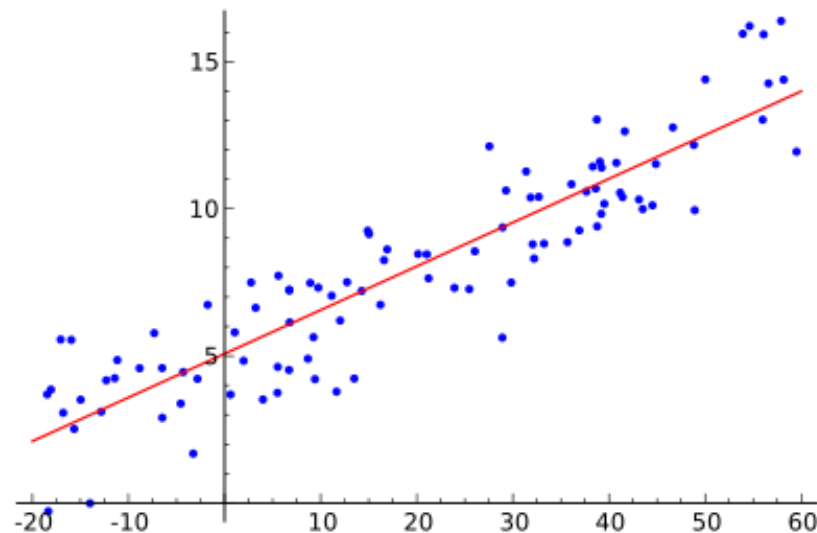
$$w = \left( \log \frac{P(y = 1)}{P(y = 0)}, \log \frac{P(x_1|y = 1)}{P(x_1|y = 0)}, \dots, \log \frac{P(x_v|y = 1)}{P(x_v|y = 0)} \right)$$

$$\bar{X} = (1, c(x_1, d), \dots, c(x_v, d))$$



# Regression for classification?

- Linear regression
  - $y \leftarrow w^T X$
  - Relationship between a scalar dependent variable  $y$  and one or more explanatory variables



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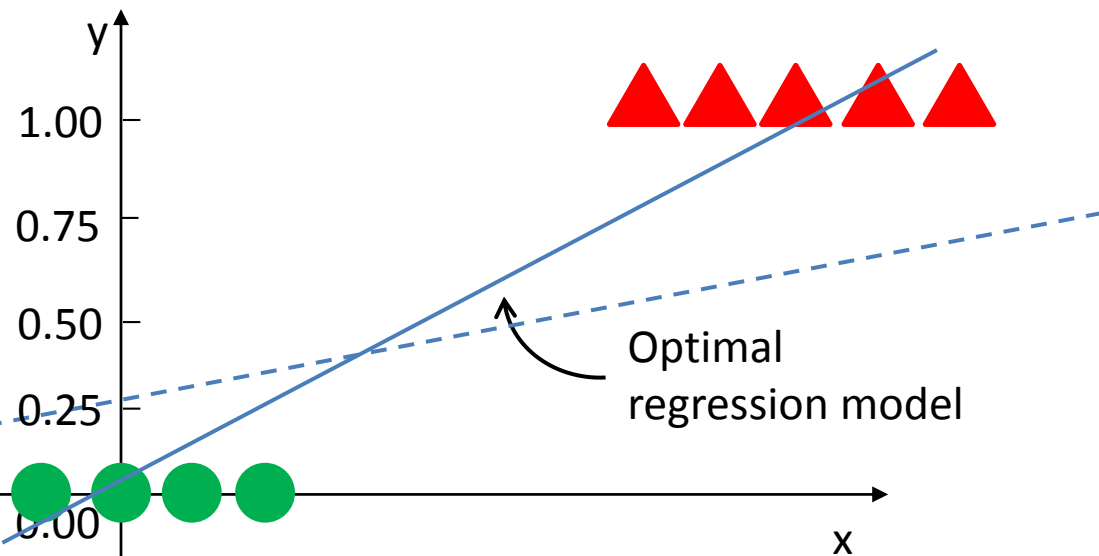
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- Relationship between a scalar dependent variable  $y$  and one or more explanatory variables

*$Y$  is discrete in a classification problem!*

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & w^T X > 0.5 \\ 0 & w^T X \leq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

What if we have an outlier?



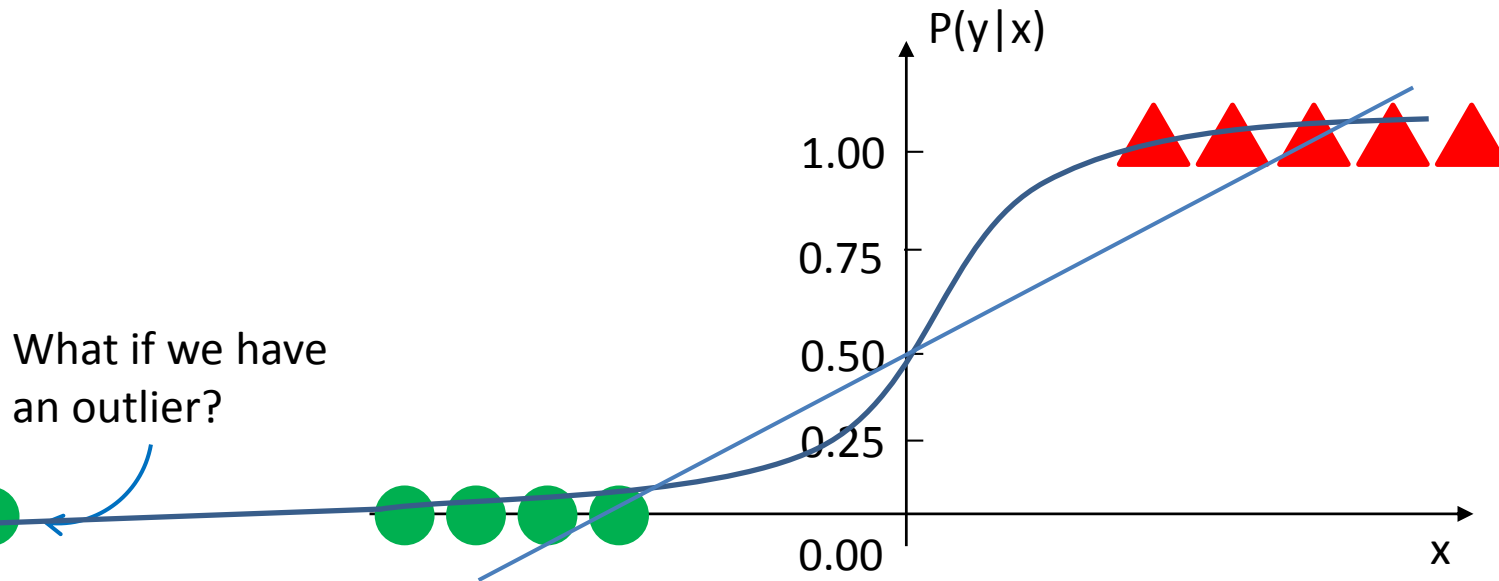
# Regression for classification?

- Logistic regression

–  $p(y|x) = \sigma(w^T X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^T X)}$

Sigmoid function

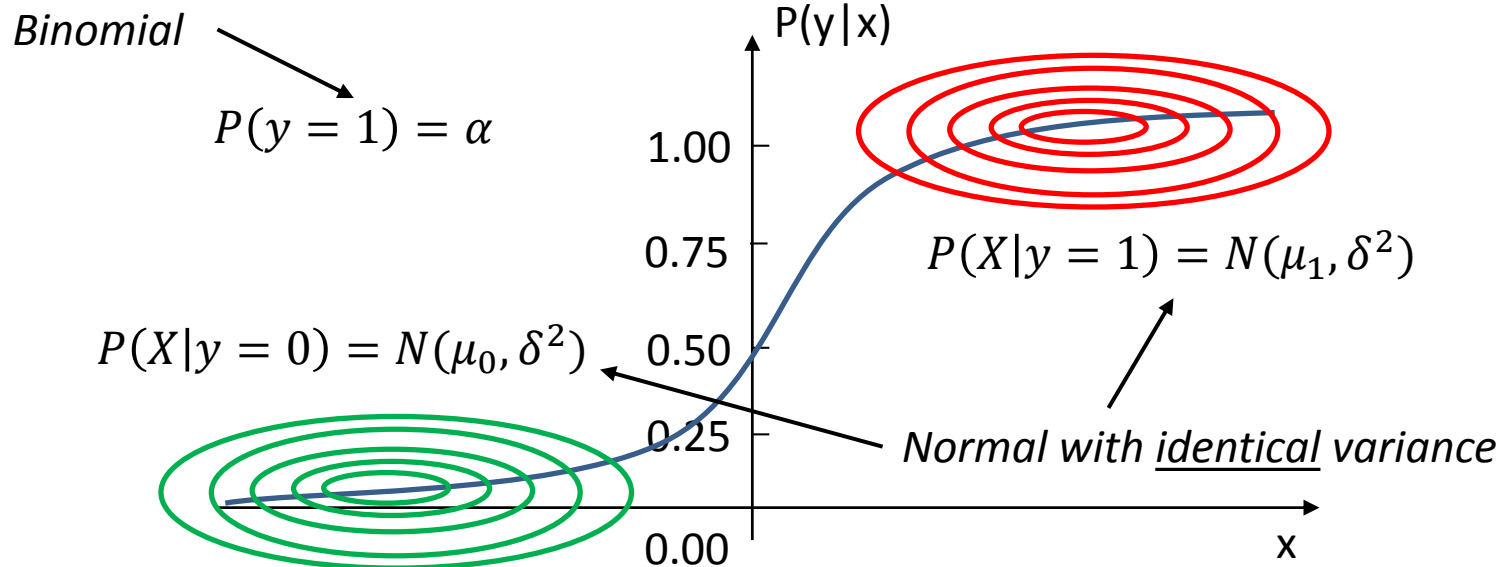
– Directly modeling of class posterior



# Logistic regression for classification

- Why sigmoid function?

$$\begin{aligned} - P(y = 1|X) &= \frac{P(X|y = 1)P(y=1)}{P(X|y = 1)P(y=1)+P(X|y = 0)P(y=0)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P(X|y = 0)P(y = 0)}{P(X|y = 1)P(y = 1)}} \end{aligned}$$



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# Logistic regression for classification

- Why sigmoid function?

$$P(x|y) = \frac{1}{\delta\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\delta^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \ln \frac{P(X|y=1)P(y=1)}{P(X|y=0)P(y=0)} &= \ln \frac{P(y=1)}{P(y=0)} + \sum_{i=1}^V \ln \frac{P(x_i|y=1)}{P(x_i|y=0)} \\
 &= \ln \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} + \sum_{i=1}^V \left( \frac{\mu_{1i} - \mu_{0i}}{\delta_i^2} x_i - \frac{\mu_{1i}^2 - \mu_{0i}^2}{2\delta_i^2} \right) \\
 &= w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^V \frac{\mu_{1i} - \mu_{0i}}{\delta_i^2} x_i \\
 &= w_0 + w^T X \\
 &= \bar{w}^T \bar{X}
 \end{aligned}$$

Origin of the name:  
logit function

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**Generalized Linear Model**

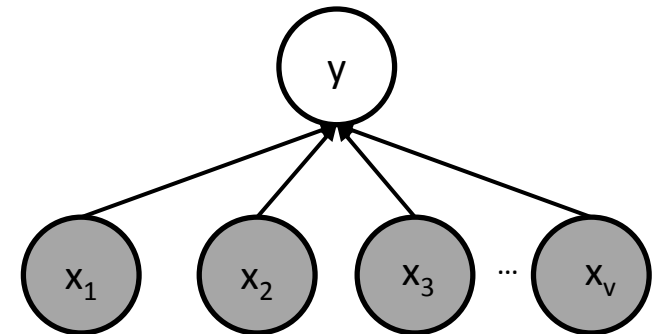
*Note: it is still a linear relation among the features!*

# Logistic regression for classification

- For multi-class categorization

$$- P(y = k|X) = \frac{\exp(w_k^T X)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(w_j^T X)}$$

$$- P(y = k|X) \propto \exp(w_k^T X)$$



*Warning: redundancy in model parameters,*

When  $K=2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(y = 1|X) &= \frac{\exp(w_1^T X)}{\exp(w_1^T X) + \exp(w_0^T X)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\underbrace{-(w_1 - w_0)^T X}_{\bar{w}})} \end{aligned}$$



# Logistic regression for classification

- Decision boundary for binary case

$$- \hat{y} = \begin{cases} 1, & p(y = 1|X) > 0.5 \\ 0, & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i.f.f.} \quad p(y = 1|X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^T X)} > 0.5$$

$$\exp(-w^T X) < 1$$

**i.f.f.**

$$w^T X > 0$$



$$- \hat{y} = \begin{cases} 1, & w^T x > 0 \\ 0, & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{A linear model!}$$

# Logistic regression for classification

- Decision boundary in general

$$\begin{aligned} - \hat{y} &= \operatorname{argmax}_y p(y|X) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_y \exp(w_y^T X) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_y w_y^T X \end{aligned}$$

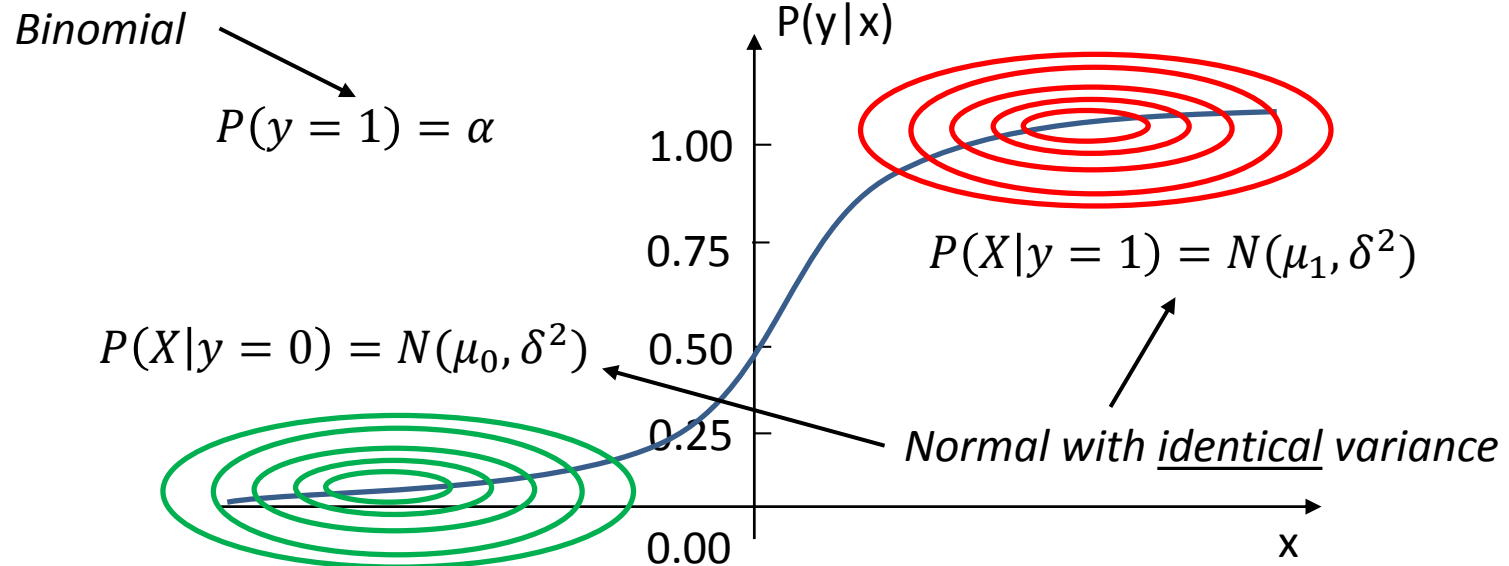


***A linear model!***

# Logistic regression for classification

- Summary

$$\begin{aligned} - P(y = 1|X) &= \frac{P(X|y = 1)P(y=1)}{P(X|y = 1)P(y=1)+P(X|y = 0)P(y=0)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P(X|y = 0)P(y = 0)}{P(X|y = 1)P(y = 1)}} \end{aligned}$$



# A different perspective

- Imagine we have the following

**Documents**

*"happy", "good", "purchase", "item", "indeed"*

**Sentiment**

positive

$$p(x = \text{"happy"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"good"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"purchase"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"item"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"indeed"}, y = 1) = 1$$

Question: find a distribution  $p(x, y)$  that satisfies this observation.

Answer1:  $p(x = \text{"item"}, y = 1) = 0$ , and all the others 0

Answer2:  $p(x = \text{"indeed"}, y = 1) = 0.5$ ,  $p(x = \text{"good"}, y = 1) = 0.5$ , and all the others 0

*We have too little information to favor either one of them.*

# Occam's razor

- A problem-solving principle
  - “among competing hypotheses that predict equally well, the one with the fewest assumptions should be selected.”
    - William of Ockham (1287–1347)
  - Principle of Insufficient Reason: "when one has no information to distinguish between the probability of two events, the best strategy is to consider them equally likely"
    - Pierre-Simon Laplace (1749–1827)

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Question: find a distribution  $p(x, y)$  that satisfies this observation.

As a result, a *safer* choice would be:

$$p(x = \cdot, y = 1) = 0.2$$

Equally favor every possibility

# A different perspective

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Observations	Sentiment
<i>"happy", "good", "purchase", "item", "indeed"</i>	positive
<i>30% of time "good", "item"</i>	positive

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$$p(x = \text{"good"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"item"}, y = 1) = 0.3$$

Question: find a distribution  $p(x, y)$  that satisfies this observation.

Again, a **safer** choice would be:

$$p(x = \text{"good"}, y = 1) = p(x = \text{"item"}, y = 1) = 0.15, \text{ and all the others } \frac{7}{30}$$

Equally favor every possibility

# A different perspective

- Imagine we have the following

Observations	Sentiment
<i>"happy", "good", "purchase", "item", "indeed"</i>	positive
<i>30% of time "good", "item"</i>	positive
<i>50% of time "good", "happy"</i>	positive
$p(x = \text{"happy"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"good"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"purchase"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"item"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"indeed"}, y = 1) = 1$	
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$p(x = \text{"good"}, y = 1) + p(x = \text{"happy"}, y = 1) = 0.5$	

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Time to think about:

- 1) what do we mean by equally/uniformly favoring the models?*
- 2) given all these constraints, how could we find the most preferred model?*

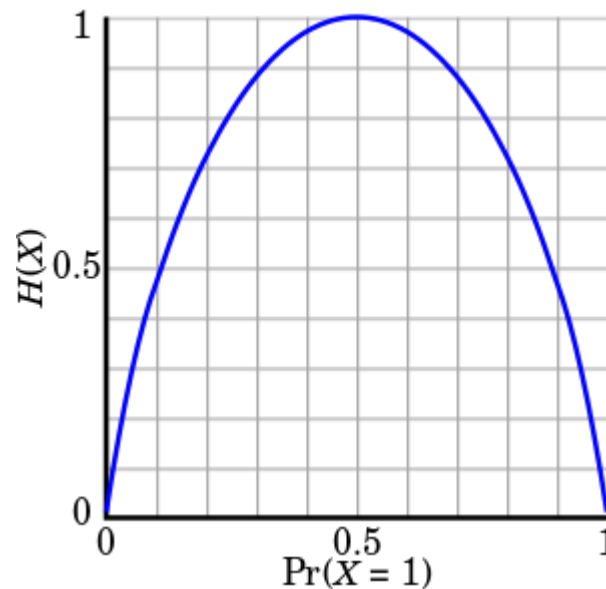


# Maximum entropy modeling

- A measure of uncertainty of random events

$$-H(X) = E[I(X)] = -\sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log P(x)$$

Maximized when  $P(X)$  is uniform distribution



*Question 1 is answered, then how about question 2?*

# Represent the constraints

- Indicator function
  - E.g., to express the observation that word ‘good’ occurs in a positive document
    - $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = 1 \text{ and } x = \text{‘good’} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
  - Usually referred as feature function

# Represent the constraints

- Empirical expectation of feature function over a corpus

$$- \tilde{p}(f) = \sum_{x,y} \tilde{p}(x, y) f(x, y)$$

where  $\tilde{p}(x, y) = \frac{c(f(x,y))}{N}$  *i.e., frequency of observing  $f(x, y)$  in a given collection.*

- Expectation of feature function under a given statistical model

$$- p(f) = \sum_{x,y} \tilde{p}(x) p(y|x) f(x, y)$$

*Empirical distribution of  $x$   
in the same collection.*

*Model's estimation of  
conditional distribution.*

# Represent the constraints

- When a feature is important, we require our preferred statistical model to accord with it
  - $\mathcal{C} := \{p \in P | p(f_i) = \tilde{p}(f_i), \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$
  - $p(f_i) = \tilde{p}(f_i)$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x,y} \tilde{p}(x,y) f_i(x,y) = \sum_{x,y} \tilde{p}(x) \boxed{p(y|x)} f_i(x,y)$$

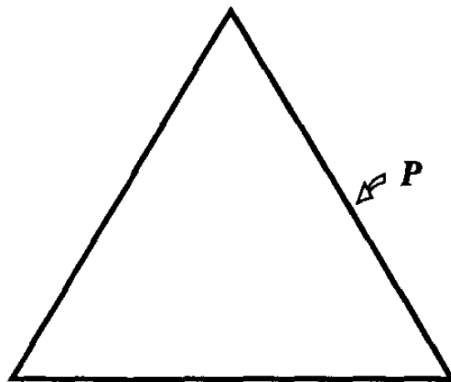


*Is Question 2 answered?*

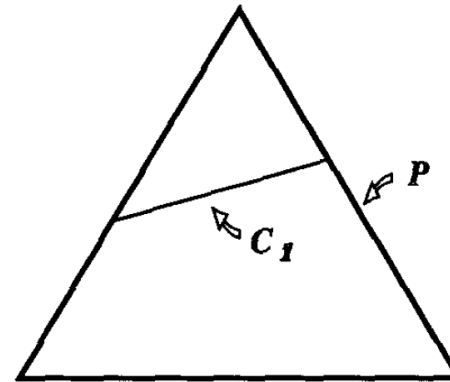
*We only need to specify this in our preferred model!*

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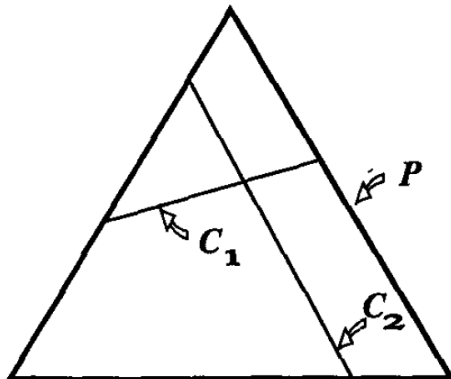
- Let's visualize this



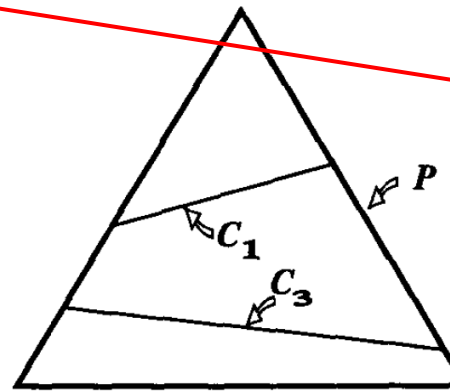
(a) No constraint



(b) Under constrained



(c) Feasible constraint



(d) Over constrained

*How to deal with these situations?*

# Maximum entropy principle

- To select a model from a set  $\mathcal{C}$  of allowed probability distributions, choose the model  $p^* \in \mathcal{C}$  with maximum entropy  $H(p)$

$$p^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} H(p)$$



$p(y|x)$

*Both questions are answered!*

# Maximum entropy principle

- Let's solve this constrained optimization problem with Lagrange multipliers


Primal:

$$p^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} H(p)$$

Lagrangian:

$$L(p, \lambda) = H(p) + \sum_i \lambda_i (p(f_i) - \tilde{p}(f_i))$$

a strategy for finding the local  
maxima and minima of a function  
subject to equality constraints



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Dual:

$$p_\lambda(y|x) = \frac{1}{Z_\lambda(x)} \exp \left( \sum_i \lambda_i f_i(x, y) \right)$$

$$\Psi(\lambda) = - \sum_x \tilde{p}(x) \log Z_\lambda(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i \tilde{p}(f_i)$$



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# Maximum entropy principle

- Primal: maximum entropy

$$- p^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} H(p)$$

- Dual: logistic regression

$$- p_{\lambda}(y|x) = \frac{1}{Z_{\lambda}(x)} \exp(\sum_i \lambda_i f_i(x, y))$$

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$\lambda^*$  is determined by  $\Psi(\lambda)$

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*Maximum likelihood estimator!*

# Maximum entropy principle

- The maximum entropy model subject to the constraints  $C$  has the parametric form  $p_{\lambda}^*(y|x)$  where the parameter values  $\lambda^*$  can be determined by maximizing the likelihood function of  $p_{\lambda}(y|x)$  over a training set



Features follow  
Gaussian distribution

*With a Gaussian distribution, differential entropy is maximized for a given variance.*



Maximum entropy  
model



Logistic regression

# Parameter estimation

- Maximum likelihood estimation

- $L(\lambda) =$

- $\sum_{d \in D} y_d \log p(y_d = 1|X_d) + (1 - y_d) \log p(y_d = 0|X_d)$

- Take gradient of  $L(w)$  with respect to  $w$

$$\frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial w} = \sum_{d \in D} y_d \frac{\partial \log p(y_d = 1|X_d)}{\partial w} + (1 - y_d) \frac{\partial \log p(y_d = 0|X_d)}{\partial w}$$

# Parameter estimation

- Maximum likelihood estimation

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare \quad \frac{\partial \log p(y_d=1|X_d)}{\partial w} &= - \frac{\partial \log(1+\exp(-w^T X_d))}{\partial w} \\ &= \frac{\exp(-w^T X_d)}{1 + \exp(-w^T X_d)} X_d \\ &= (1 - p(y_d = 1|X_d))X_d \\ \blacksquare \quad \frac{\partial \log p(y_d=0|X_d)}{\partial w} &= (1 - p(y_d = 0|X_d))X_d \end{aligned}$$

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Can be easily generalized  
to multi-class case



# Gradient-based optimization

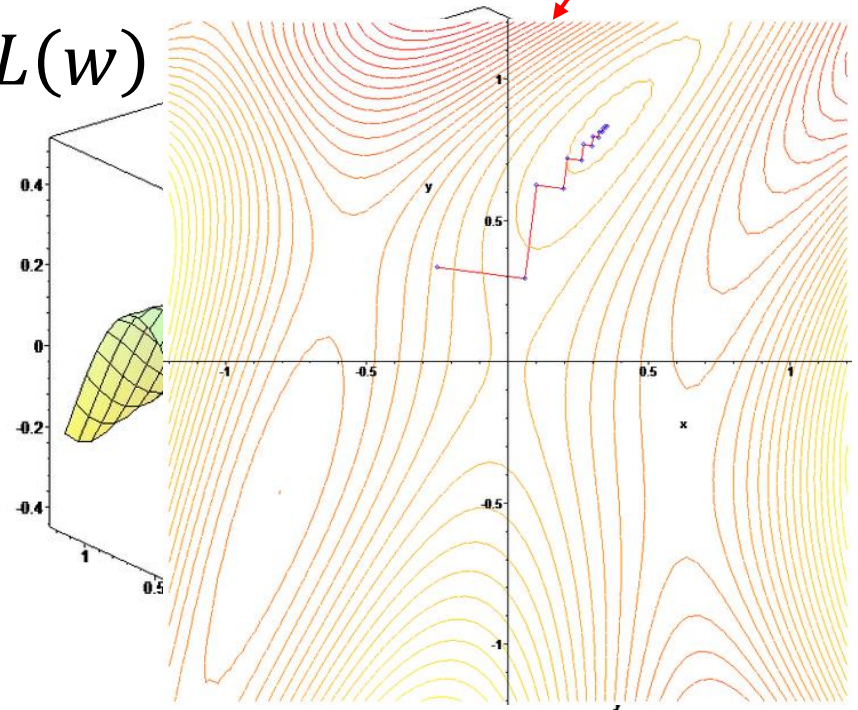
- Gradient descent

- $\nabla L(w) = \left[ \frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial w_0}, \frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial w_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial w_V} \right]$

- $w^{(t+1)} = w^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)} \nabla L(w)$

Step-size, affects  
convergence

Iterative updating



# Parameter estimation

- Stochastic gradient descent

while not converge

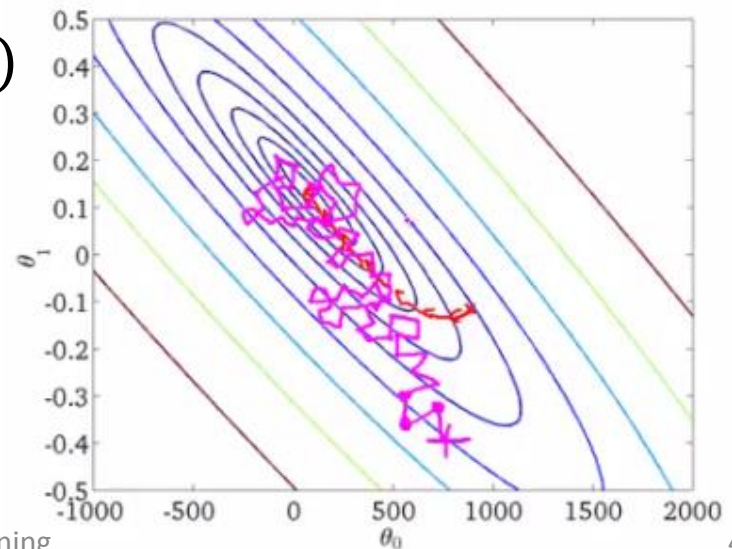
randomly choose  $d \in D$

$$\nabla L_d(w) = \left[ \frac{\partial L_d(w)}{\partial w_0}, \frac{\partial L_d(w)}{\partial w_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial L_d(w)}{\partial w_V} \right]$$

$$w^{(t+1)} = w^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)} \nabla L_d(w)$$

$$\eta^{(t+1)} = a\eta^{(t)}$$

Gradually shrink the step-size



# Parameter estimation

- Batch gradient descent

while not converge

Compute gradient w.r.t. all training instances

$$\nabla L_D(w) = \left[ \frac{\partial L_D(w)}{\partial w_0}, \frac{\partial L_D(w)}{\partial w_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial L_D(w)}{\partial w_V} \right]$$

Compute step size  $\eta^{(t)}$

$$w^{(t+1)} = w^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)} \nabla L_d(w)$$

Line search is required to ensure sufficient decent

First order method



*Second order methods, e.g., quasi-Newton method and conjugate gradient, provide faster convergence*

# Model regularization

- Avoid over-fitting
  - We may not have enough samples to well estimate model parameters for logistic regression
  - Regularization
    - Impose additional constraints over the model parameters
    - E.g., sparsity constraint – enforce the model to have more zeros

# Model regularization

- L2 regularized logistic regression
  - Assume the model parameter  $w$  is drawn from Gaussian:  $w \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$
  - $p(y_d, w|X_d) \propto p(y_d|X_d, w)p(w)$
  - $L(w) = \sum_{d \in D} [y_d \log p(y_d = 1|X_d) + (1 - y_d) \log p(y_d = 0|X_d)] - \frac{w^T w}{2\sigma^2}$



*L2-norm of  $w$*

# Generative V.S. discriminative models

## Generative

- Specifying joint distribution
  - Full probabilistic specification for all the random variables
- Dependence assumption has to be specified for  $p(X|y)$  and  $p(y)$
- Flexible, can be used in unsupervised learning

## Discriminative

- Specifying conditional distribution
  - Only explain the target variable
- Arbitrary features can be incorporated for modeling  $p(y|X)$
- Need labeled data, only suitable for (semi-) supervised learning

# Naïve Bayes V.S. Logistic regression

## Naive Bayes

- Conditional independence
  - $p(X|y) = \prod_i p(x_i|y)$
- Distribution assumption of  $p(x_i|y)$
- # parameters
  - $k(V + 1)$
- Model estimation
  - Closed form MLE
- Asymptotic convergence rate

$$- \epsilon_{NB,n} \leq \epsilon_{NB,\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log V}{n}}\right)$$

## Logistic Regression

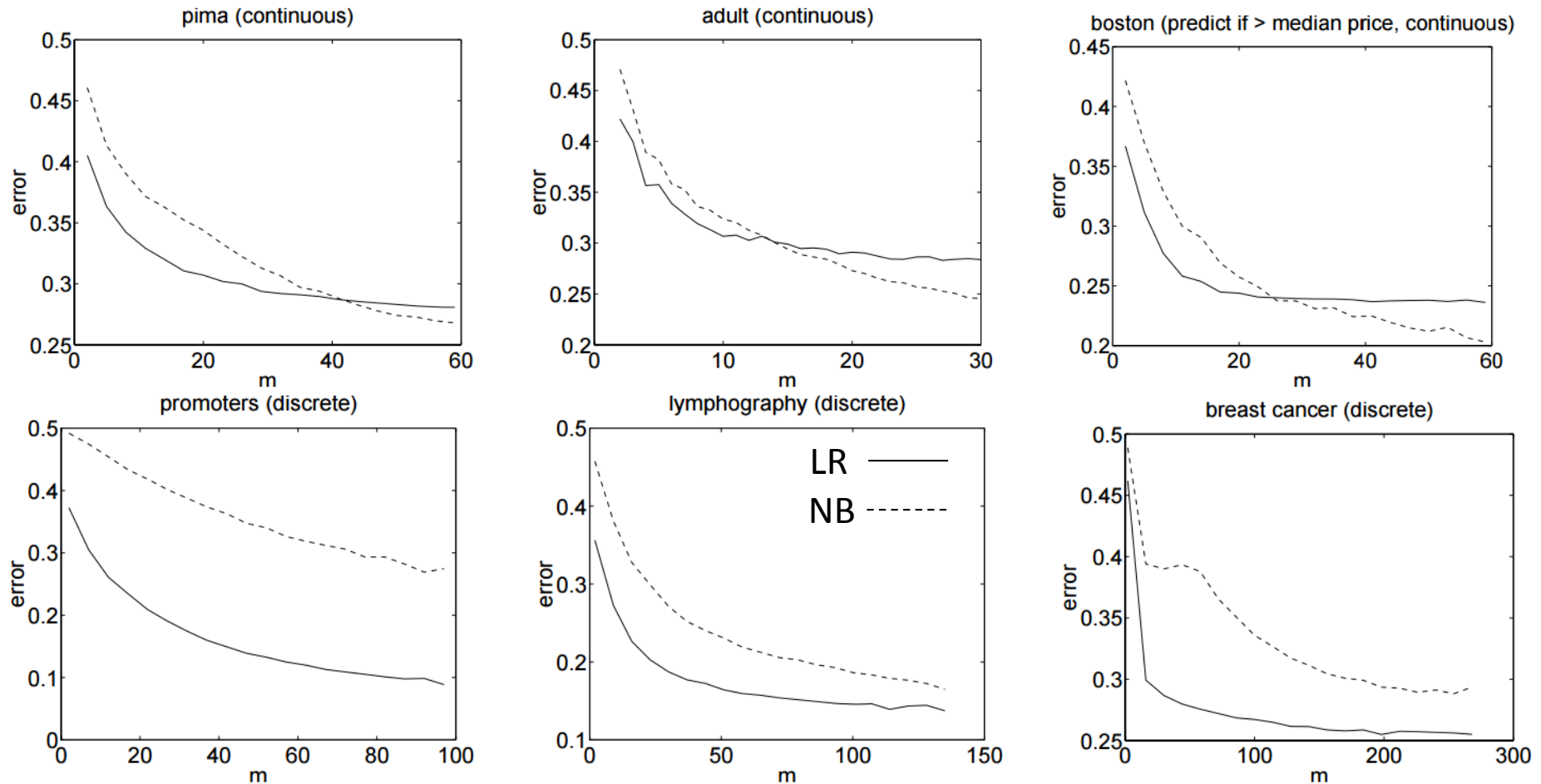
- No independence assumption
- Functional form assumption of  $p(y|X) \propto \exp(w_y^T X)$
- # parameters
  - $(k - 1)(V + 1)$
- Model estimation
  - Gradient-based MLE
- Asymptotic convergence rate

$$- \epsilon_{LR,n} \leq \epsilon_{LR,\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}}\right)$$

Need more training data



# Naïve Bayes V.S. Logistic regression



*"On discriminative vs. generative classifiers: A comparison of logistic regression and naive bayes." – Ng, Jordan NIPS 2002, UCI Data set*



# What you should know

- Two different derivations of logistic regression
  - Functional form from Naïve Bayes assumptions
    - $p(X|y)$  follows equal variance Gaussian
    - Sigmoid function
  - Maximum entropy principle
    - Primal/dual optimization
  - Generalization to multi-class
- Parameter estimation
  - Gradient-based optimization
  - Regularization
- Comparison with Naïve Bayes

# Today's reading

- Speech and Language Processing
  - Chapter 6: Hidden Markov and Maximum Entropy Models
    - 6.6 Maximum entropy models: background
    - 6.7 Maximum entropy modeling