

# CSC345/M45: Big Data & Machine Learning (logistic regression)

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# Recap: Linear Regression

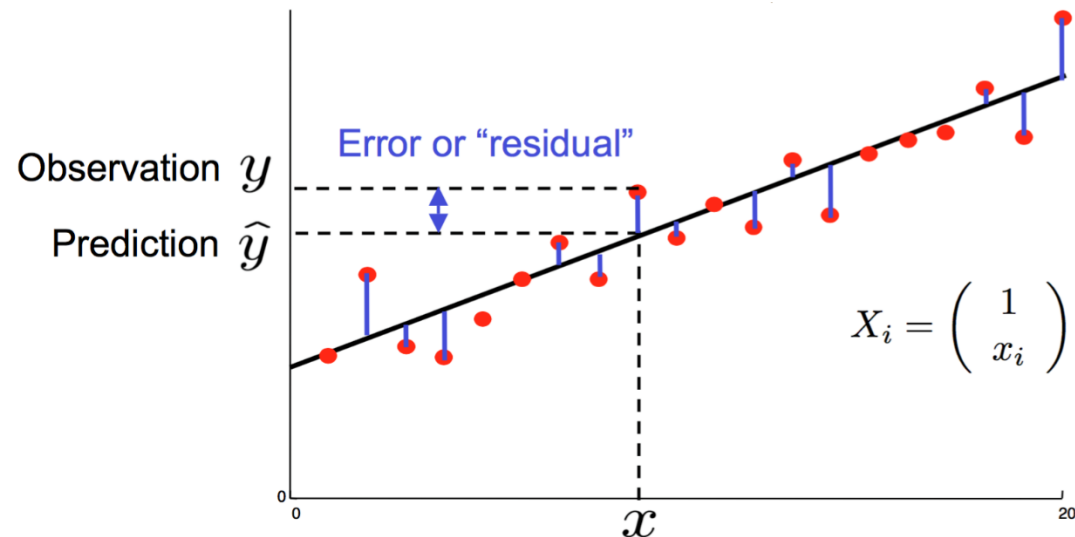
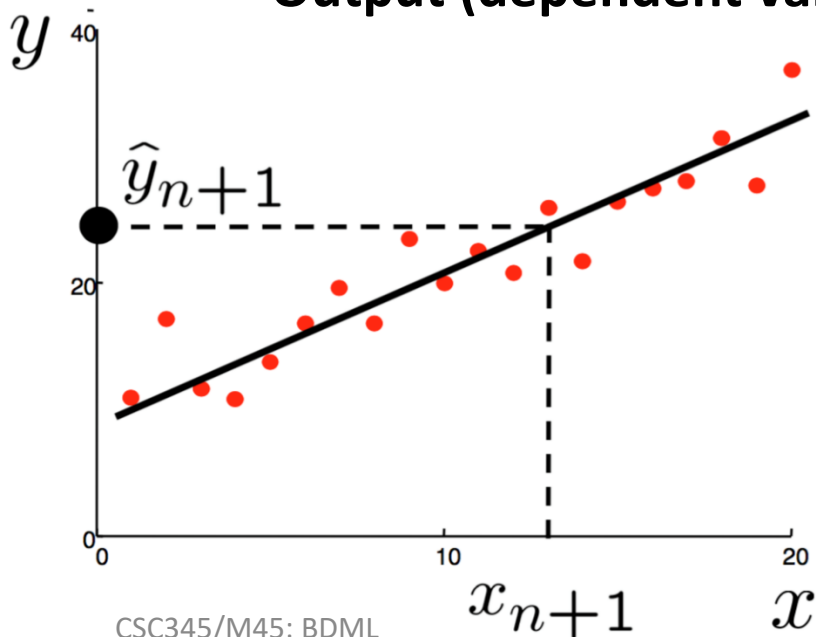
- We wish to estimate  $\hat{y}$  by a linear function of data  $x$ :

$$\hat{y}_{n+1} = \omega^T x_{n+1}$$

- where  $\omega = (\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots)^T$ ,  $x_{n+1} = (1, x_{n+1,1}, x_{n+1,2}, \dots)^T$
- Cost function: Least Mean Squares (LMS)

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i$$

- **Output (dependent variable): continuous**

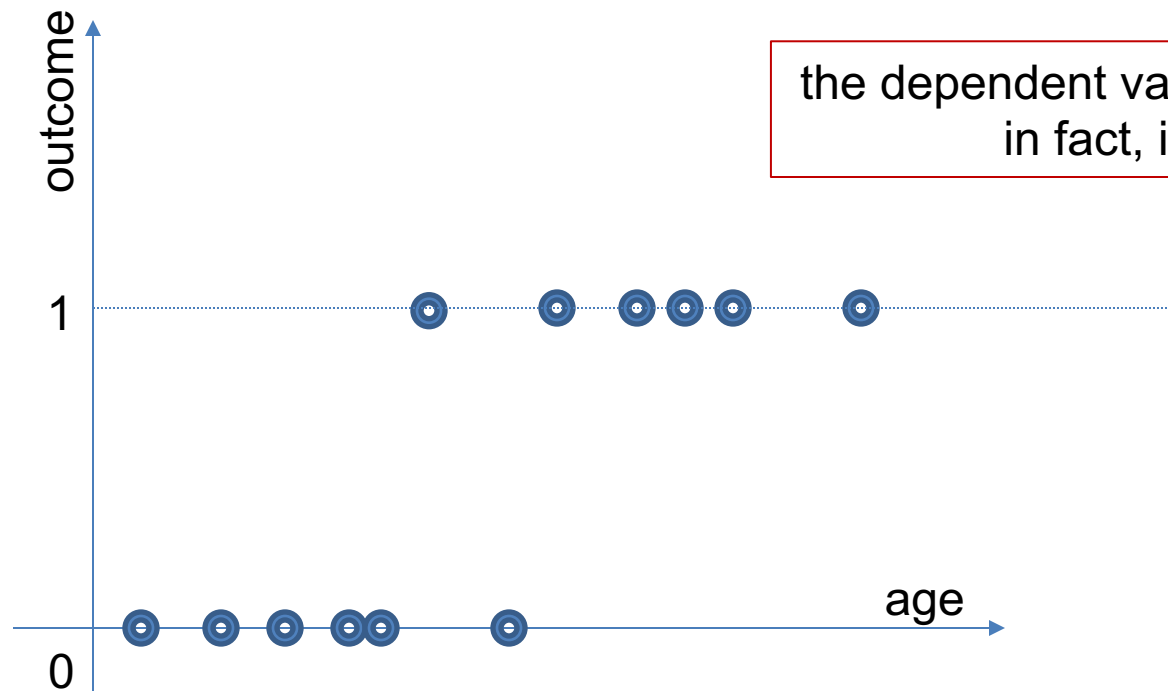


# Toy Problem

- Consider the following problem
  - Since 2001, European clinicians pioneered a novel clinical procedure to treat patients with aortic valve disease by inserting artificial valves through catheter (known as TAVI), rather than using open heart surgery. The procedure was introduced to UK in 2007.
  - Among many others factors, age is one key factor that impacts on the outcome of the procedure.
  - Clinicians try to determine the “safe age” to adopt this operation on patients
    - That is below this age, the benefit of this operation outweighs the risk compared to open heart surgery
  - The following data has been collected

# Toy Problem

- The outcome of TAVI are classified as “successful” or “unsuccessful”
  - “1” denotes successful outcome (benefit over-weights risk),  $y=1$
  - “0” denotes unsuccessful outcome (risk over-weights benefit),  $y=0$



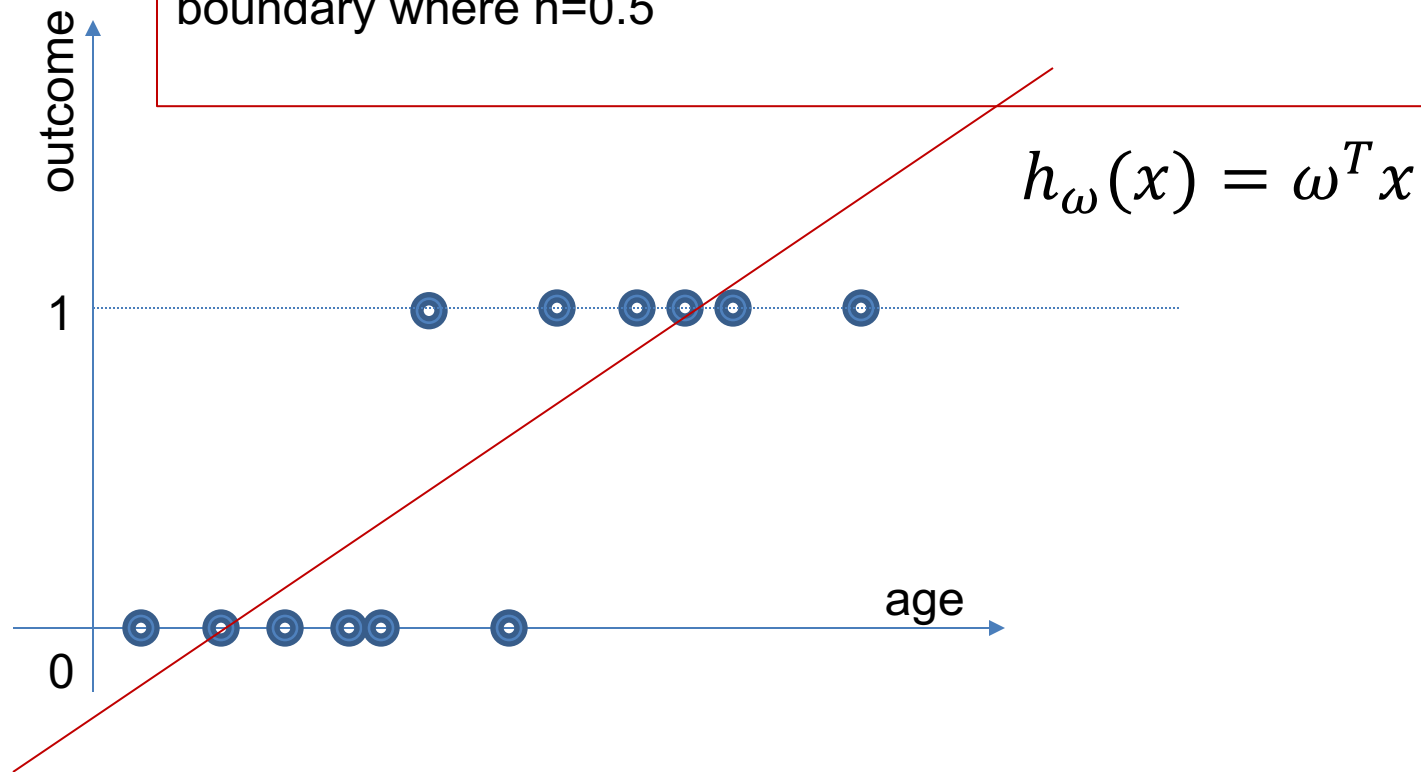
the dependent variable is not continuous;  
in fact, it's binary  $\{0,1\}$

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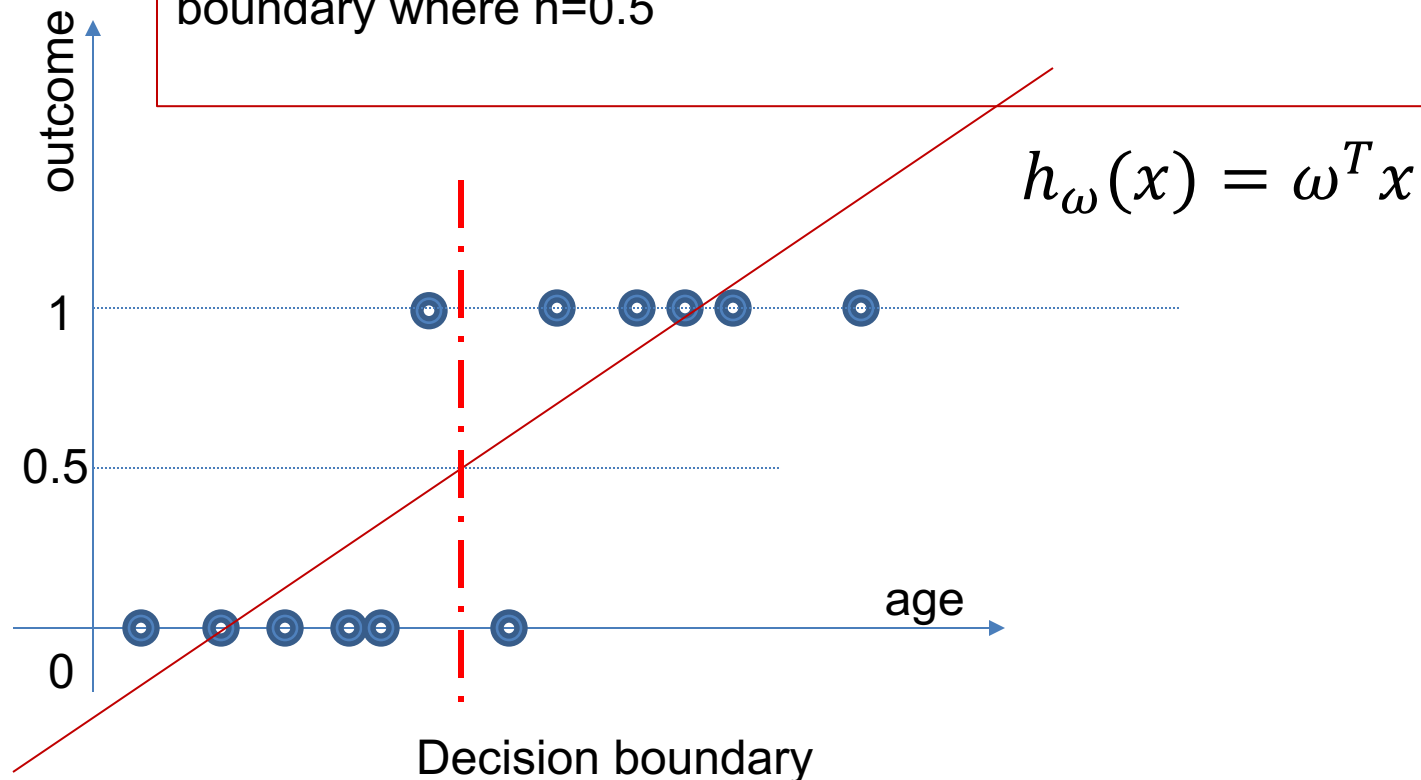


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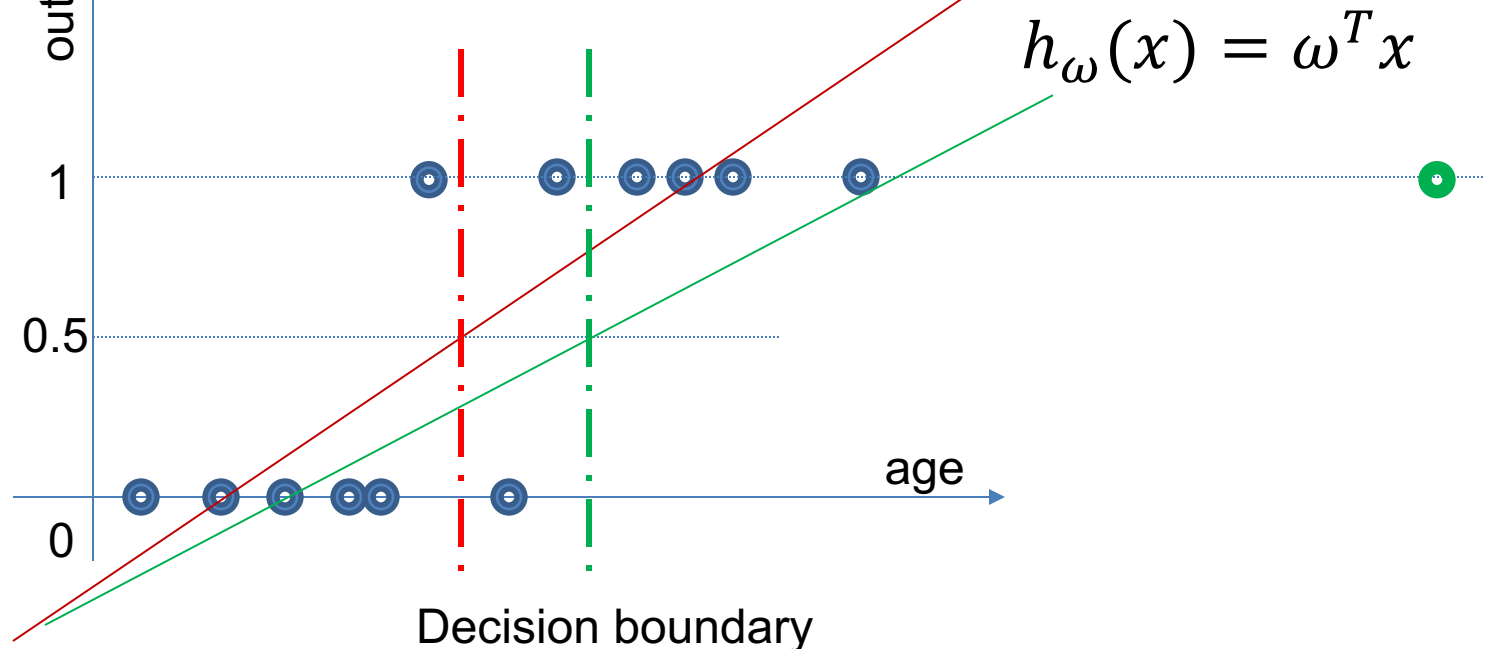


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2. The decision boundary is not stable/reliable



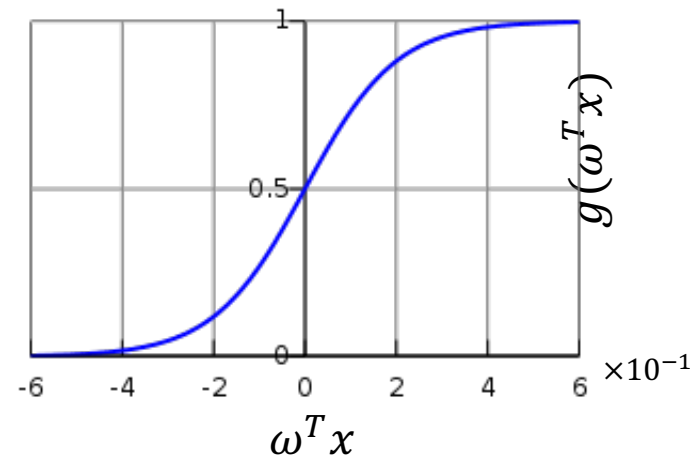
# Logistic Regression

- The dependent variable needs fall in  $[0,1]$ 
  - We commonly denote  $h$  as “hypothesis”

$$0 \leq h_{\omega}(x) \leq 1$$

- Apply **logistic function**
  - Also known as **sigmoid function**

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



- The regression (originally  $h_{\omega}(x) = \omega^T x$ ) now takes the following form:

$$h_{\omega}(x) = g(\omega^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\omega^T x}}$$



# Probability Interpolation

- $h_{\omega}(x)$  can be interpolated as probability that  $y = 1$  on input  $x$ .

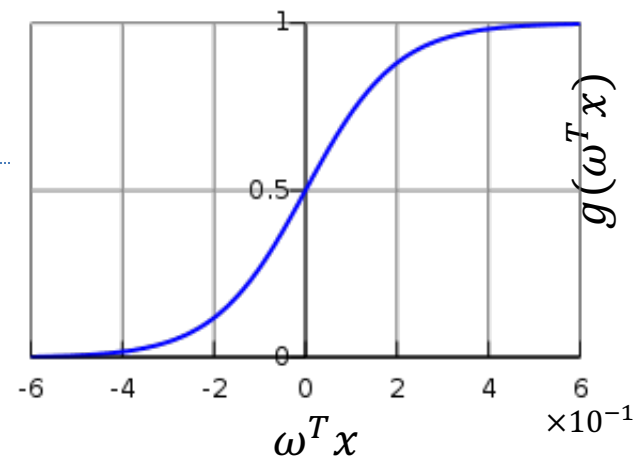
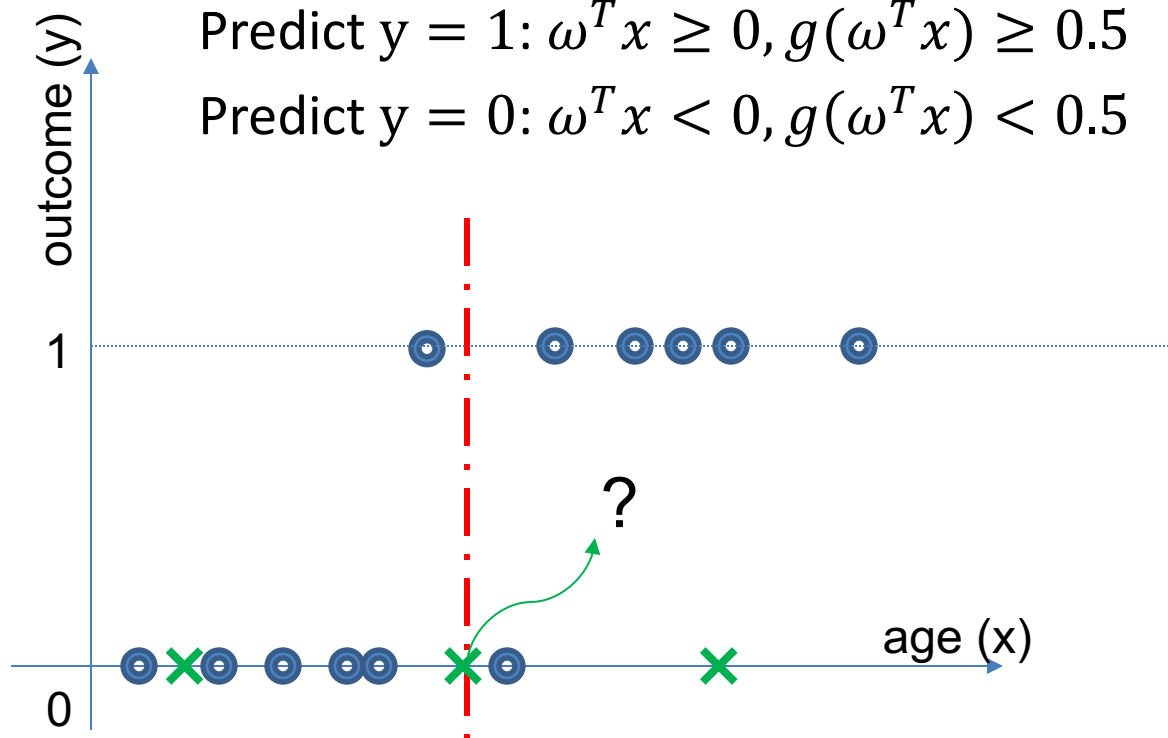
$$h_{\omega}(x) = g(\omega^T x) = p(y = 1|x; \omega)$$

$$p(y = 0|x; \omega) + p(y = 1|x; \omega) = 1$$

## – E.g. one-dimensional feature

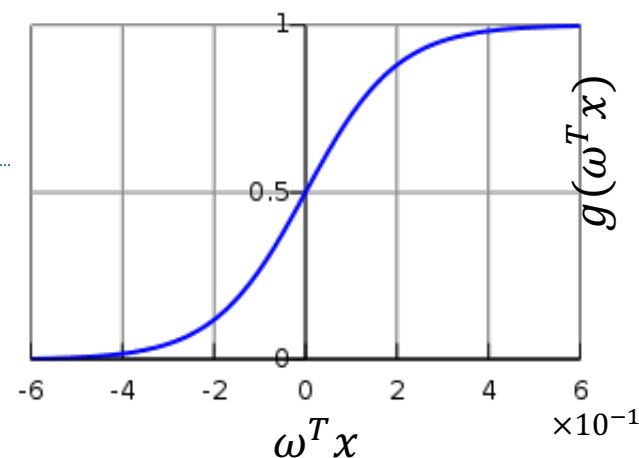
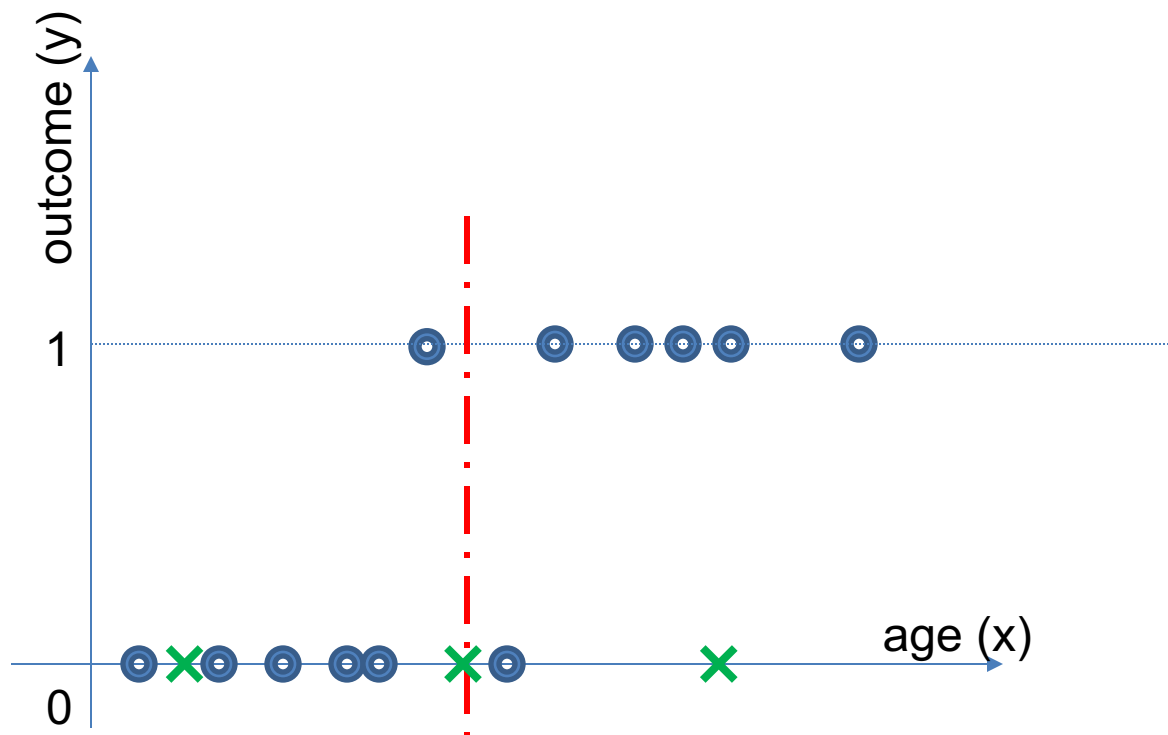
Predict  $y = 1$ :  $\omega^T x \geq 0, g(\omega^T x) \geq 0.5$

Predict  $y = 0$ :  $\omega^T x < 0, g(\omega^T x) < 0.5$



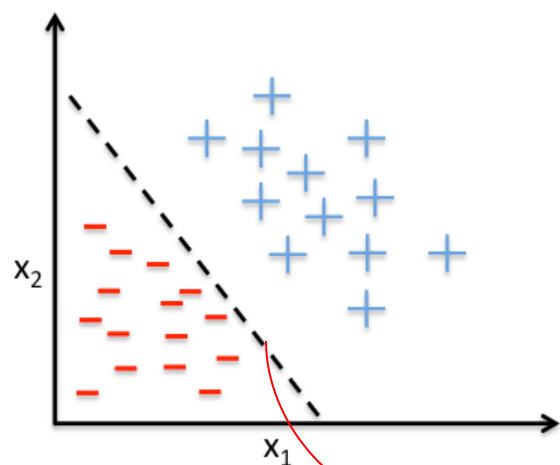
# Decision Boundary

- Decision boundary for one-dimensional feature
  - Is simply a threshold value
  - Or a vertical line in the illustrated example

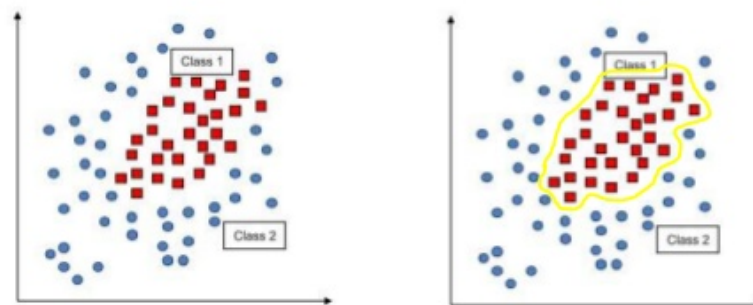


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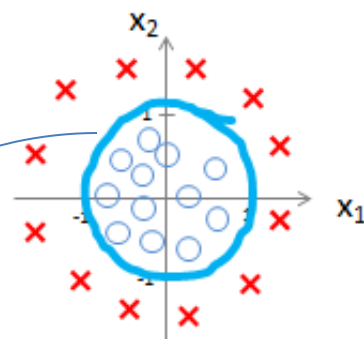
- In the case of more than one-dimensional feature
  - E.g. two-dimensional feature space:



Example of a linear decision boundary for binary classification.



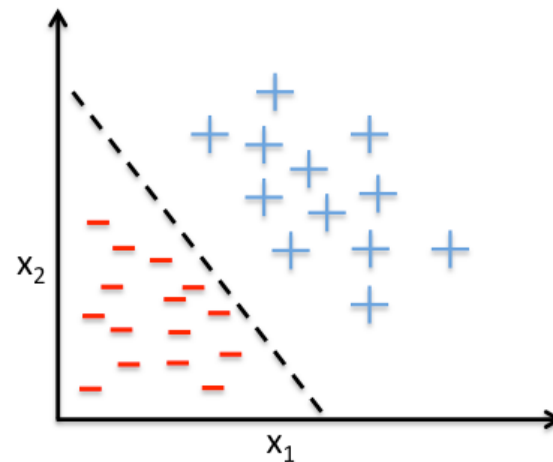
Non-linear decision boundaries



How to represent these decision boundaries?

# Linear Decision Boundary

- Take the two-dimensional feature space as an example:
  - The decision boundary is a straight line:
    - $\omega^T x = 0$
    - positive samples  $>0$  (but can be much higher than 0)
    - negative samples  $<0$  (can be much lower than 0)
  - Wrap the decision boundary (line) equation with logistic function:
    - $h_{\omega}(x) = g(\omega^T x) \in [0,1]$
    - Output is now bounded
    - Predict  $y = 1$ :  $\omega^T x \geq 0, g(\omega^T x) \geq 0.5$
    - Predict  $y = 0$ :  $\omega^T x < 0, g(\omega^T x) < 0.5$
    - e.g.  $\omega^T = (-2, 2, 1)$

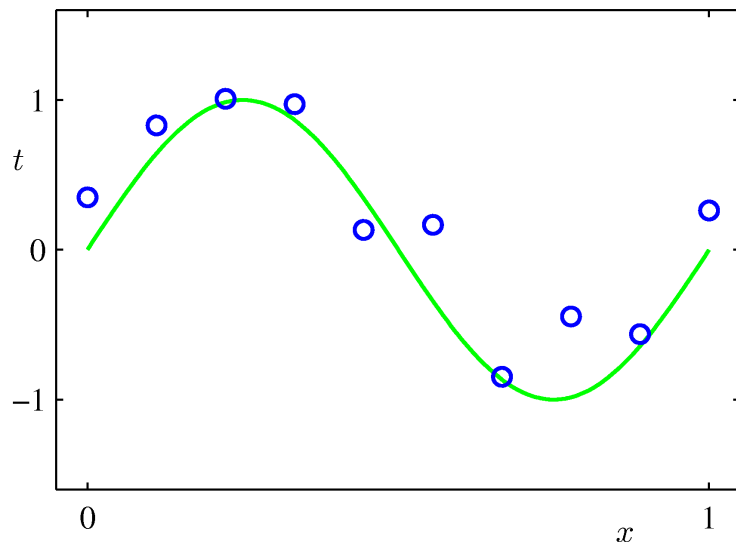


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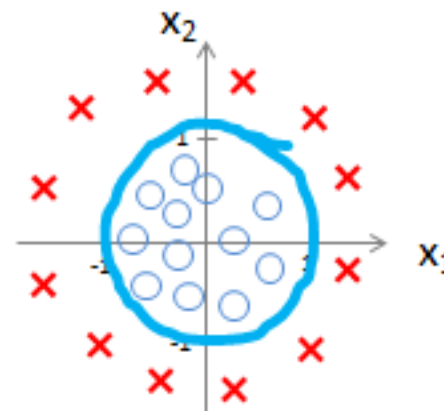
- Similar to the linear case, we try to fit the decision boundary
  - But with higher order polynomial functions

Recap: polynomial fitting  
(e.g. one-dimensional independent variable)



$$y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1x + w_2x^2 + \dots + w_Mx^M = \sum_{j=0}^M w_jx^j$$

## Non-linear decision boundaries



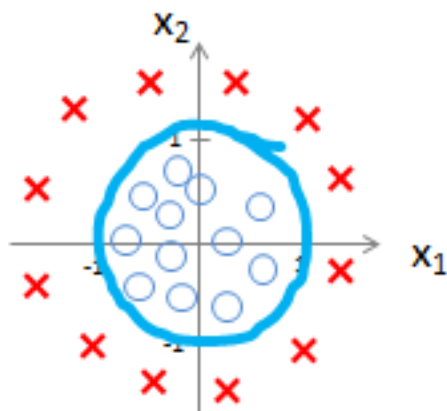
In the example above: two-dimensional independent variable

# Nonlinear Decision Boundary

- Example: 2-dimensional feature space
  - the decision boundary is  $\omega^T \phi(x) = 0$
  - except it involves nonlinear combinations of the features, **e.g.**

$$h_{\omega}(x) = g(\omega^T \phi(x)) = g(\omega_0 + \omega_1 x_1 + \omega_2 x_2 + \omega_3 x_1^2 + \omega_4 x_2^2)$$

Suppose  $\omega^T = (-1, 0, 0, 1, 1)$ ,  
thus  $h_{\omega}(x) = g(-1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)$

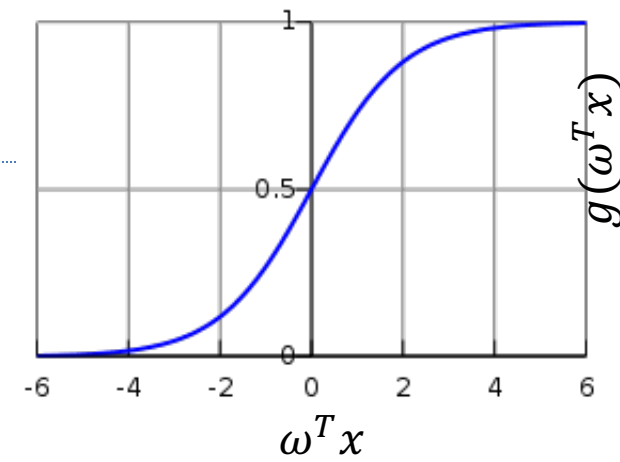
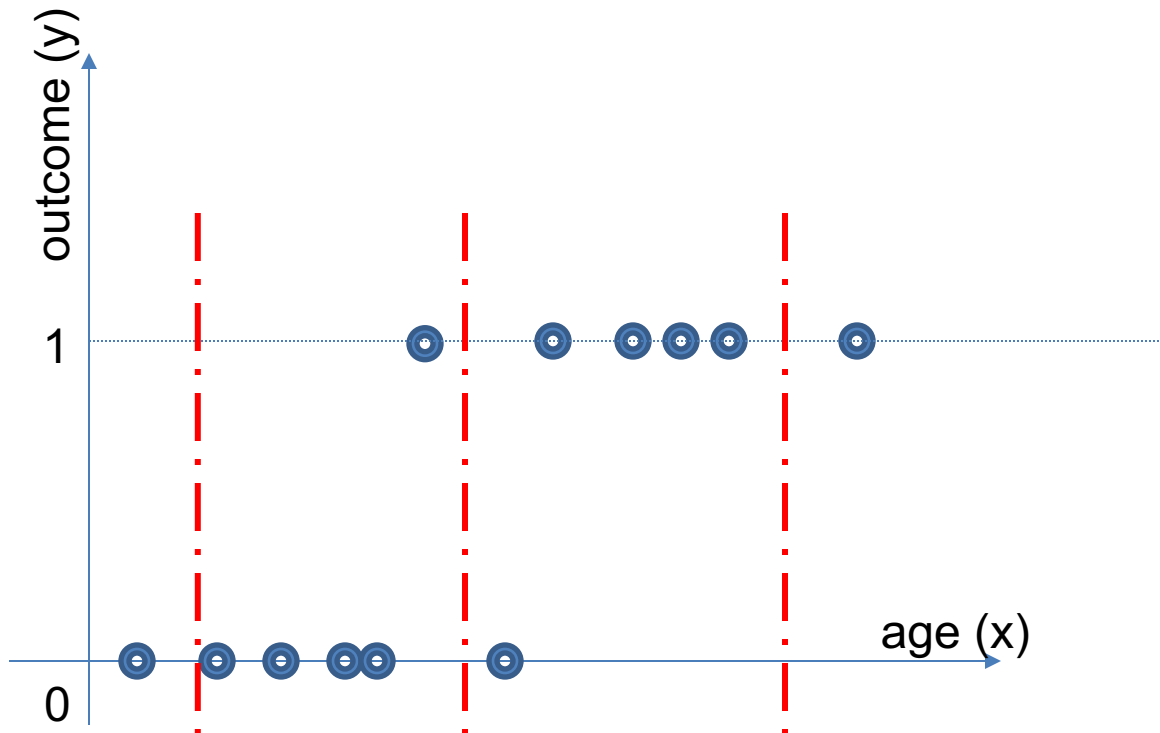


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In practice, more complex polynomials can be used to represent complex decision boundaries.

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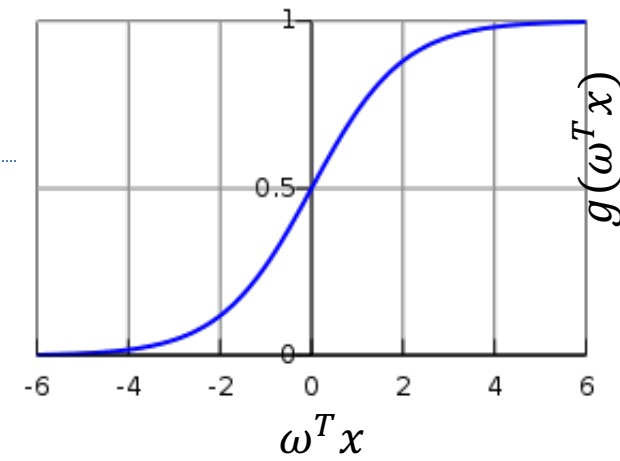
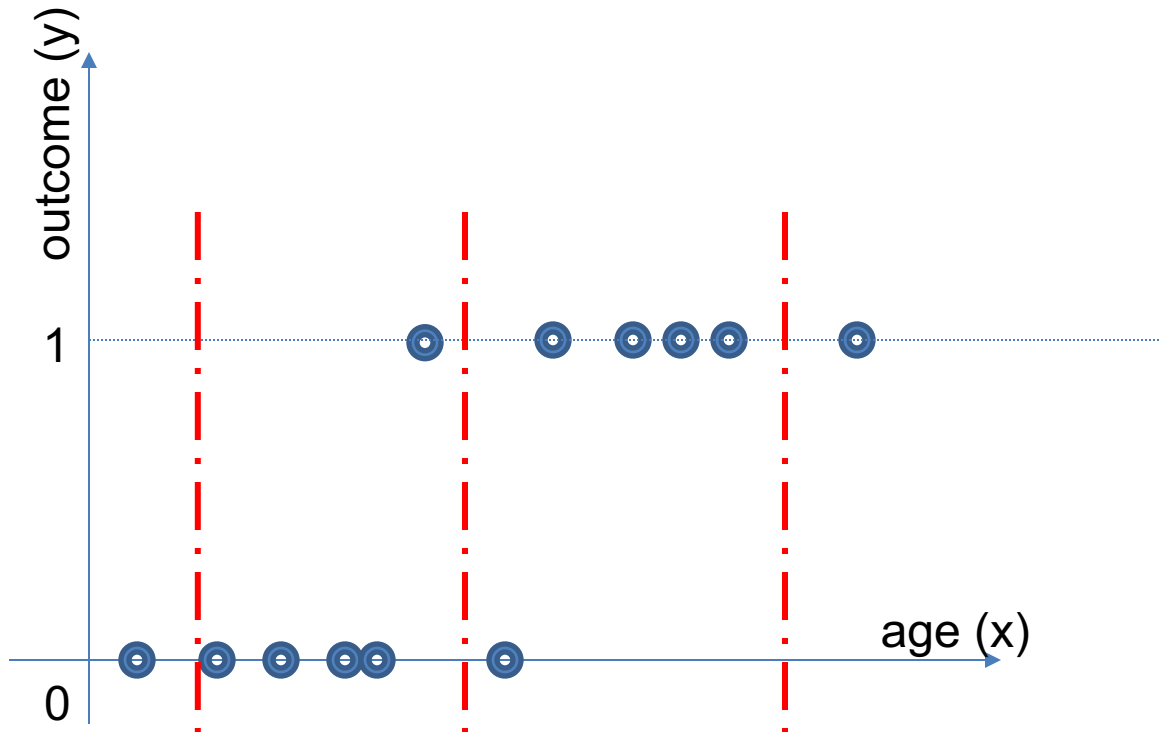
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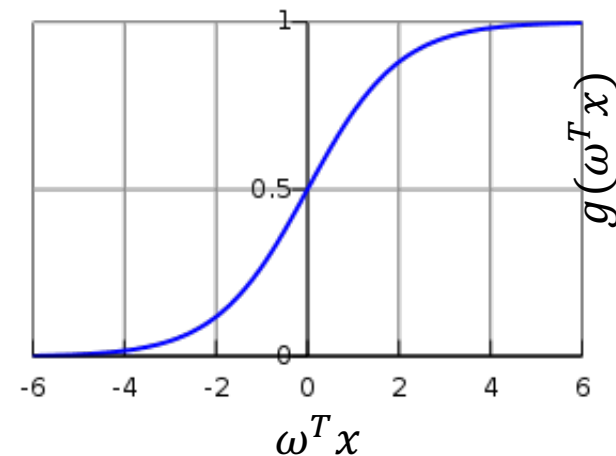


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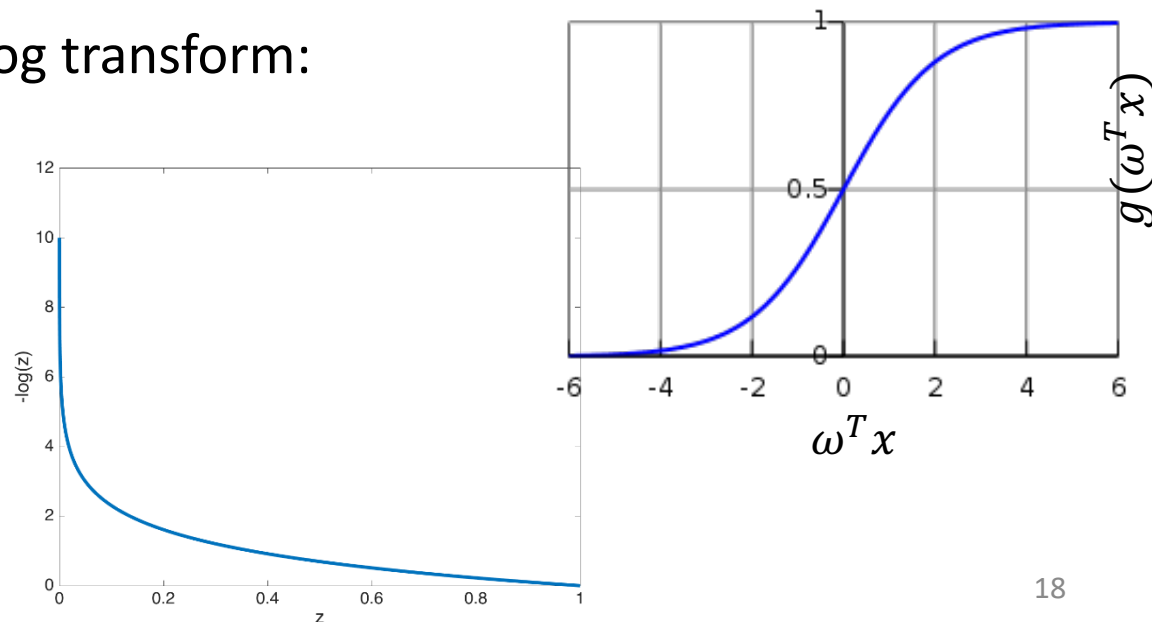
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- we apply negative log transform:

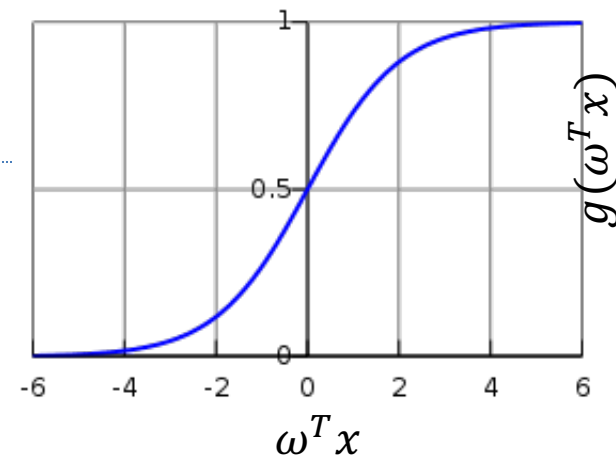
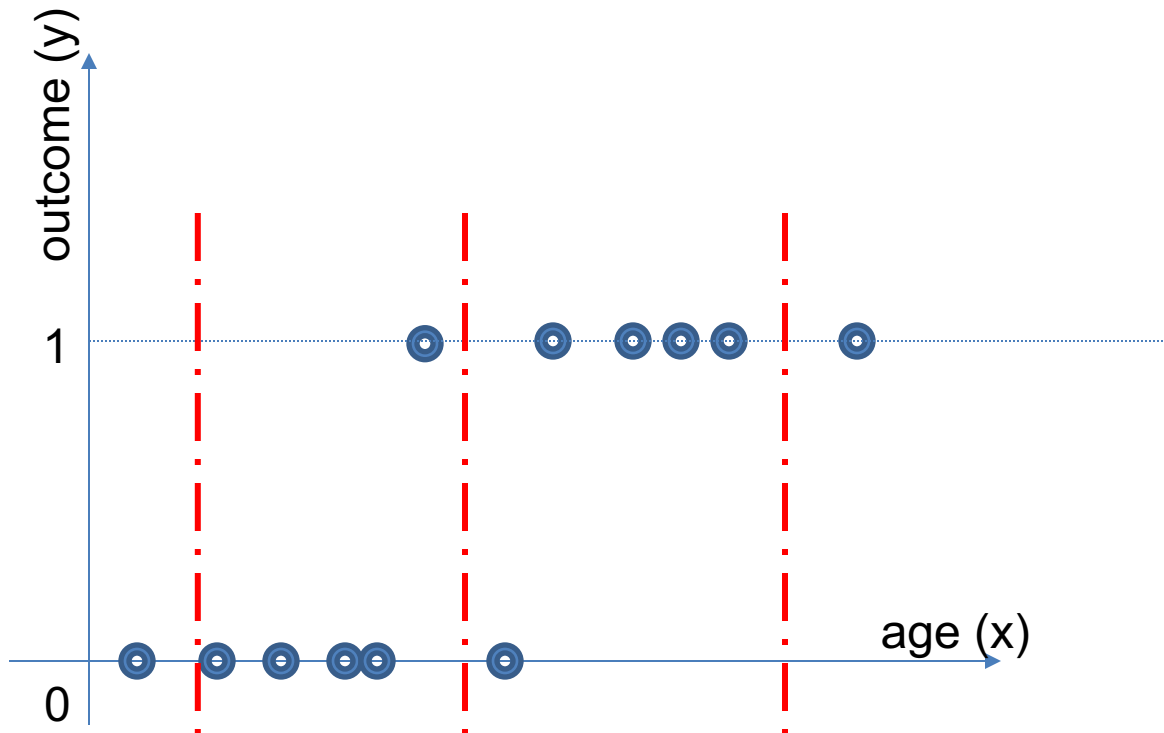
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This value  
needs to be  
lower or higher?



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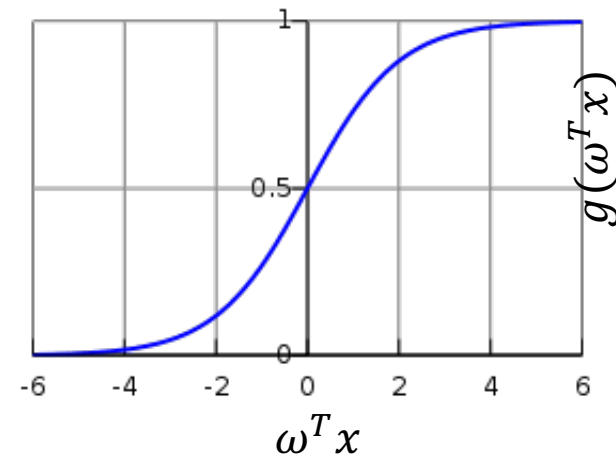
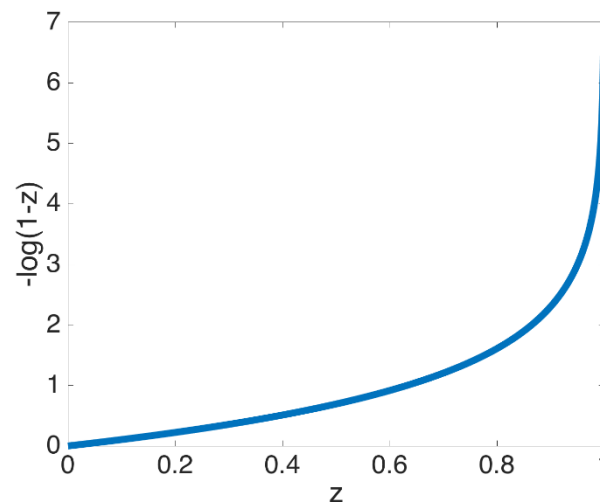
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  - After applying the same negative log transform, we have the following:

$$-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 - h_{\omega}(x_i))$$



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- These two terms can be combined together
  - N: number of total samples

$$E(\omega) = -\frac{1}{N} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log h_{\omega}(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_{\omega}(x_i)) \right]$$

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- **Regularised** logistic regression cost function:

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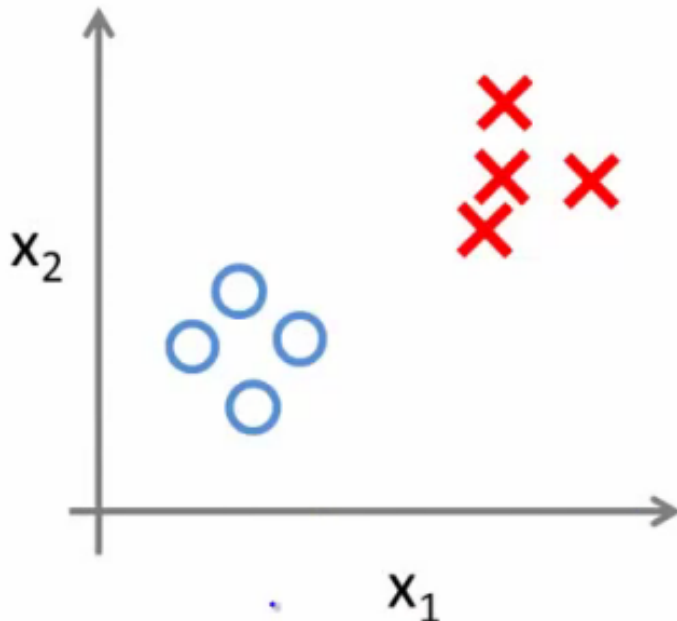
- To make a prediction for a new data  $x_{N+1}$ :

$$\text{Calculate } h_{\omega}(x_{N+1}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\omega^T x_{N+1}}}$$

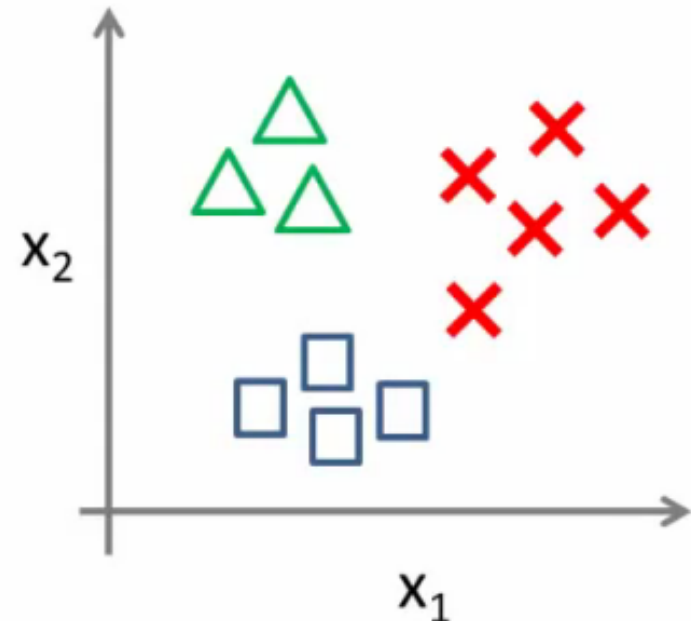
# Multi-class Classification

- E.g. weather forecast: sunny, cloudy, rain, snow ...

Binary classification:

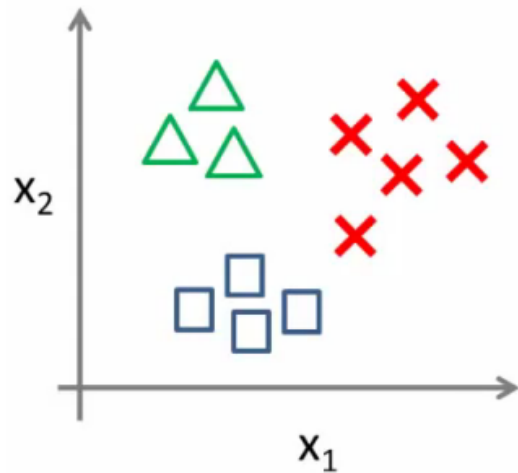


Multi-class classification:



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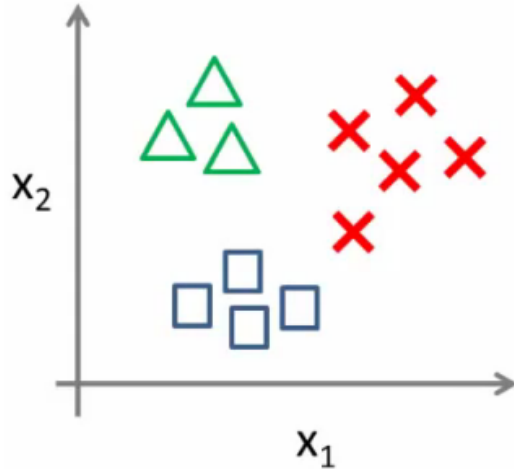
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- At the testing stage: for new data  $x$ , pick the class  $i$  that maximises:

$$\max_i h_{\omega}^{(i)}(x)$$

# Example

Case Summaries <sup>a</sup>					
	Cured?	Intervention	Number of Days with Problem before Treatment	Predicted probability	Predicted group
1	Not Cured	No Treatment	7	.42857	Not Cured
2	Not Cured	No Treatment	7	.42857	Not Cured
3	Not Cured	No Treatment	6	.42857	Not Cured
4	Cured	No Treatment	8	.42857	Not Cured
5	Cured	Intervention	7	.71930	Cured
6	Cured	No Treatment	6	.42857	Not Cured
7	Not Cured	Intervention	7	.71930	Cured
8	Cured	Intervention	7	.71930	Cured
9	Cured	No Treatment	8	.42857	Not Cured
10	Not Cured	No Treatment	7	.42857	Not Cured
11	Cured	Intervention	7	.71930	Cured
12	Cured	No Treatment	7	.42857	Not Cured
13	Cured	No Treatment	5	.42857	Not Cured
14	Not Cured	Intervention	9	.71930	Cured
15	Not Cured	No Treatment	6	.42857	Not Cured
Total N	15	15	15	15	15

a. Limited to first 15 cases.