

# Machine Learning Foundations

## (機器學習基石)



### Lecture 11: Linear Models for Classification

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# Roadmap

- 1 When Can Machines Learn?
- 2 Why Can Machines Learn?
- 3 **How** Can Machines Learn?

## Lecture 10: Logistic Regression

**gradient descent** on **cross-entropy error**  
to get good **logistic hypothesis**

## Lecture 11: Linear Models for Classification

- Linear Models for Binary Classification
- Stochastic Gradient Descent
- Multiclass via Logistic Regression
- Multiclass via Binary Classification

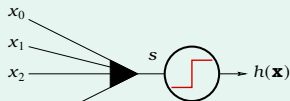
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# Linear Models Revisited

linear scoring function:  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$

## linear classification

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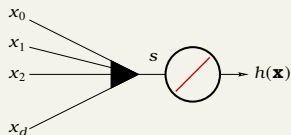


plausible err = 0/1

discrete  $E_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{w})$ :  
NP-hard to solve

## linear regression

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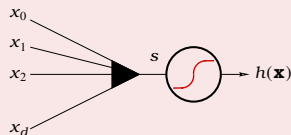


friendly err = squared

quadratic convex  $E_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{w})$ :  
closed-form solution

## logistic regression

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \theta(\mathbf{s})$$



plausible err = cross-entropy

smooth convex  $E_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{w})$ :  
gradient descent

can linear regression or logistic regression  
help linear classification?

# Error Functions Revisited

linear scoring function:  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$

for binary classification  $y \in \{-1, +1\}$

## linear classification

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$$\text{err}(h, \mathbf{x}, y) = \mathbb{I}[h(\mathbf{x}) \neq y]$$

$$\text{err}_{0/1}(\mathbf{s}, y)$$

$$= \mathbb{I}[\text{sign}(\mathbf{s}) \neq y]$$

$$= \mathbb{I}[\text{sign}(ys) \neq 1]$$

## linear regression

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{s}$$

$$\text{err}(h, \mathbf{x}, y) = (h(\mathbf{x}) - y)^2$$

$$\text{err}_{\text{SQR}}(\mathbf{s}, y)$$

$$= (\mathbf{s} - y)^2$$

$$= (ys - 1)^2$$

由于y是1或者-1

## logistic regression

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \theta(\mathbf{s})$$

$$\text{err}(h, \mathbf{x}, y) = -\ln h(y\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{err}_{\text{CE}}(\mathbf{s}, y)$$

$$= \ln(1 + \exp(-ys))$$

$(ys)$ : classification correctness score

正确性

分数

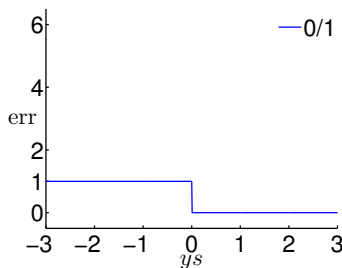
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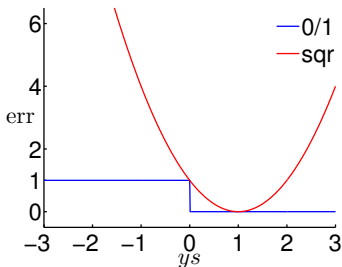
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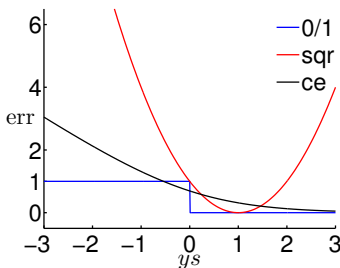
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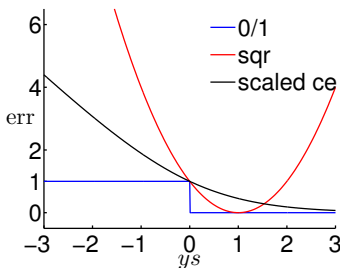
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# Theoretical Implication of Upper Bound

For any  $\mathbf{y}$ s where  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$

本页说明的是，可以用线性回归和逻辑斯蒂回归可以用在分类上！

$$\text{err}_{0/1}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}) \leq \text{err}_{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \text{err}_{\text{CE}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}).$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{in}}^{0/1}(\mathbf{w}) \leq E_{\text{in}}^{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} E_{\text{in}}^{\text{CE}}(\mathbf{w})$$

$$E_{\text{out}}^{0/1}(\mathbf{w}) \leq E_{\text{out}}^{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} E_{\text{out}}^{\text{CE}}(\mathbf{w})$$

无限个做平均？

VC on 0/1:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{out}}^{0/1}(\mathbf{w}) &\leq E_{\text{in}}^{0/1}(\mathbf{w}) + \Omega^{0/1} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\ln 2} E_{\text{in}}^{\text{CE}}(\mathbf{w}) + \Omega^{0/1} \end{aligned}$$

VC-Reg on CE :

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small  $E_{\text{in}}^{\text{CE}}(\mathbf{w}) \Rightarrow$  small  $E_{\text{out}}^{0/1}(\mathbf{w})$ :  
**logistic/linear reg.** for **linear classification**

# Regression for Classification

- 1 run **logistic/linear reg.** on  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $y_n \in \{-1, +1\}$  to get  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{REG}}$
- 2 return  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}_{\text{REG}}^T \mathbf{x})$

## PLA

- pros: **efficient + strong guarantee if lin. separable**
- cons: works only if lin. separable, otherwise needing **pocket** heuristic

## linear regression

- pros: **'easiest' optimization**
- cons: loose bound of  $\text{err}_{0/1}$  for large  $|y_s|$

## logistic regression

- pros: **'easy' optimization**
- cons: loose bound of  $\text{err}_{0/1}$  for very negative  $y_s$

- **linear regression** sometimes used to set  $\mathbf{w}_0$  for **PLA/pocket/logistic regression**
- **logistic regression** often preferred over **pocket**

把线性回归的那个结果设为  $\mathbf{w}_0$ ，再从这个结果出发去运行比如 PLA 什么的

# Fun Time

Following the definition in the lecture, which of the following is not always  $\geq \text{err}_{0/1}(y, s)$  when  $y \in \{-1, +1\}$ ?

- ①  $\text{err}_{0/1}(y, s)$
- ②  $\text{err}_{\text{SQR}}(y, s)$
- ③  $\text{err}_{\text{CE}}(y, s)$
- ④  $\text{err}_{\text{SCE}}(y, s)$

Reference Answer: ③

**Too simple, uh? :-)** Anyway, note that  $\text{err}_{0/1}$  is surely an upper bound of itself.

# Two Iterative Optimization Schemes

For  $t = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \eta \hat{\mathbf{v}}$$

when stop, return last  $\mathbf{w}$  as  $g$

## PLA

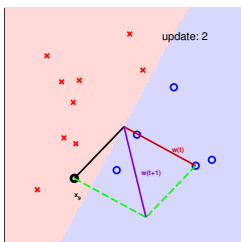
pick  $(\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$  and decide  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  by  
**the one example**

$O(1)$  time per iteration :-)

## logistic regression (pocket)

check  $\mathcal{D}$  and decide  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  (or  
new  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$ ) by **all examples**

$O(N)$  time per iteration :-)



**logistic regression with  
 $O(1)$  time per iteration?**

# Logistic Regression Revisited

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \underbrace{\eta \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \theta \left( -y_n \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n \right) (y_n \mathbf{x}_n)}_{-\nabla E_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{w}_t)}$$

- want: update direction  $\mathbf{v} \approx -\nabla E_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{w}_t)$

while computing  $\mathbf{v}$  by one single  $(\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$

10000个数相加做平均，想用随机抽取100个数做平均

- technique on removing  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N$ :

view as expectation  $\mathcal{E}$  over uniform choice of  $n$ !

stochastic gradient: 随机梯度，似乎现在要只取一个数？

$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \text{err}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$  with random  $n$

true gradient:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{E}_{\text{random } n} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \text{err}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$$

# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

stochastic gradient = true gradient + zero-mean 'noise' directions

## Stochastic Gradient Descent

- idea: replace true gradient by stochastic gradient
- after enough steps,  
average true gradients  $\approx$  average stochastic gradient
- pros: **simple & cheaper computation :-)**  
—useful for **big data** or **online learning**
- cons: less stable in nature

查一查随机梯度算法 (SGD)

SGD logistic regression **looks familiar? :-)**:

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \eta \underbrace{\theta \left( -y_n \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n \right) (y_n \mathbf{x}_n)}_{-\nabla \text{err}(\mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{x}_n, y_n)}$$

# PLA Revisited

SGD logistic regression:

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \eta \cdot \theta \left( -y_n \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n \right) (y_n \mathbf{x}_n)$$

PLA:

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + 1 \cdot \left[ y_n \neq \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] (y_n \mathbf{x}_n)$$

有错就更新，没错就不更新

- SGD logistic regression  $\approx$  'soft' PLA 与PLA相比，不是看有没有错，而是看错的多少
- PLA  $\approx$  SGD logistic regression with  $\eta = 1$  when  $\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n$  large

two practical rule-of-thumb:

- stopping condition?  $t$  large enough
- $\eta$ ? 0.1 when  $\mathbf{x}$  in proper range

# Fun Time

Consider applying SGD on linear regression for big data. What is the update direction when using the negative stochastic gradient?

- ①  $\mathbf{x}_n$
- ②  $y_n \mathbf{x}_n$
- ③  $2(\mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n - y_n) \mathbf{x}_n$
- ④  $2(y_n - \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n) \mathbf{x}_n$

Reference Answer: ④

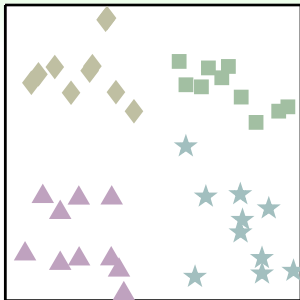
**Go check lecture 9 if you have forgotten about the gradient of squared error. :-)**

Anyway, the update rule has a nice physical interpretation: improve  $\mathbf{w}_t$  by ‘correcting’ proportional to the residual  $(y_n - \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}_n)$ .



# Multiclass Classification

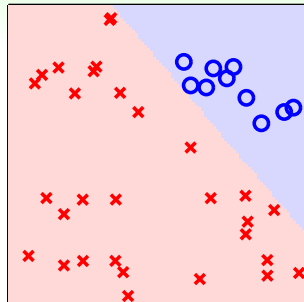
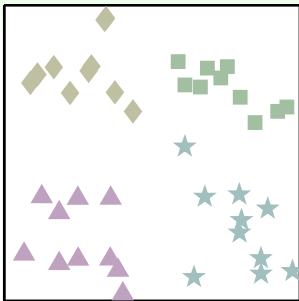
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- $\mathcal{Y} = \{\square, \diamond, \triangle, \star\}$   
(4-class classification)
- **many applications** in practice, especially for ‘recognition’

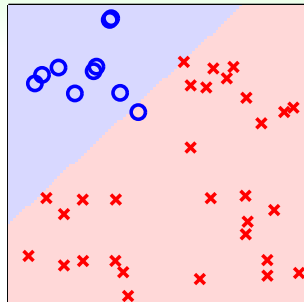
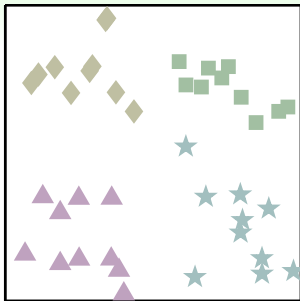
next: use **tools for  $\{\times, \circ\}$  classification** to  
 $\{\square, \diamond, \triangle, \star\}$  classification

# One Class at a Time



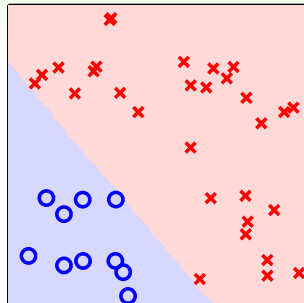
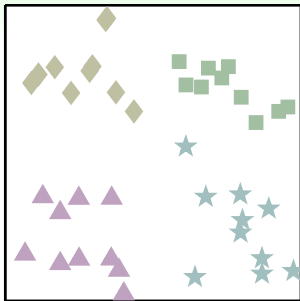
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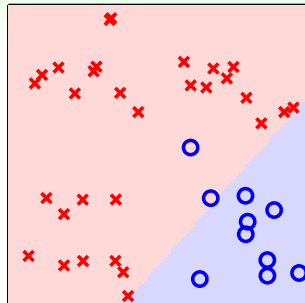
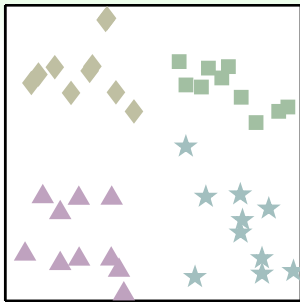
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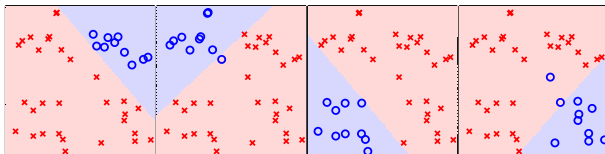
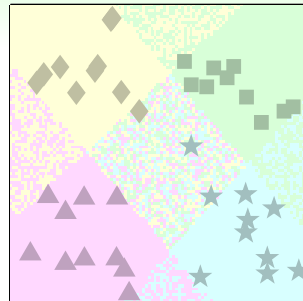
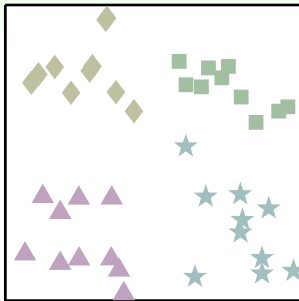
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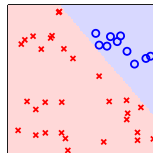
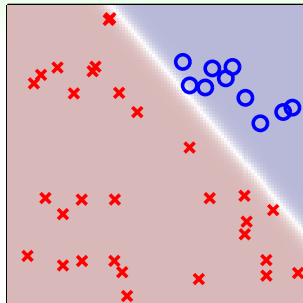
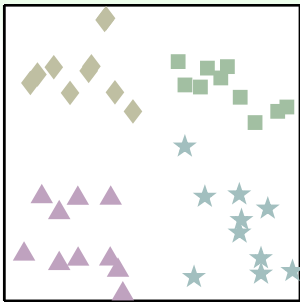
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# Multiclass Prediction: Combine Binary Classifiers



but **ties?** :-)

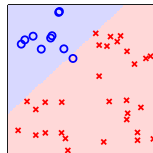
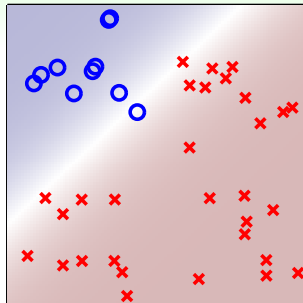
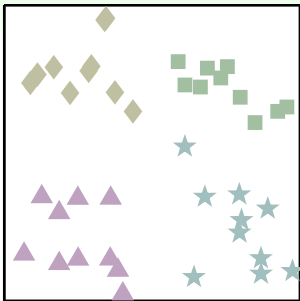
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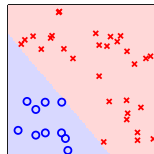
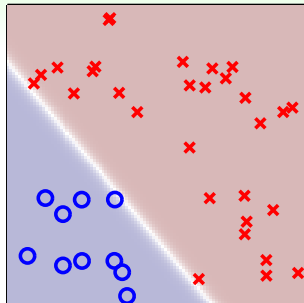
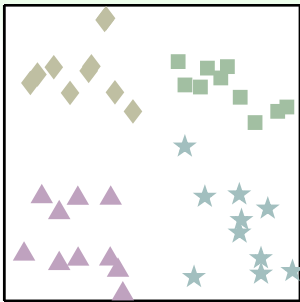
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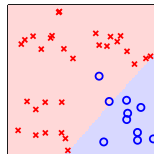
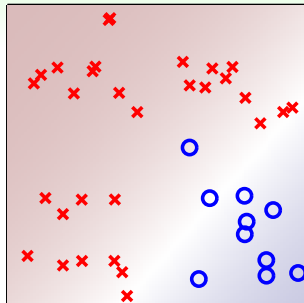
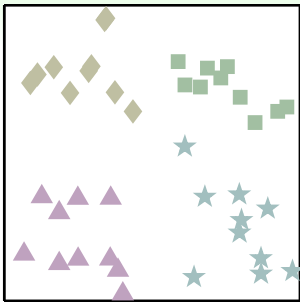


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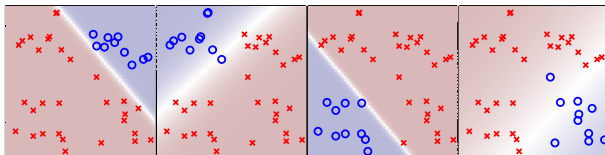
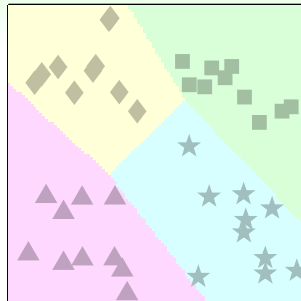
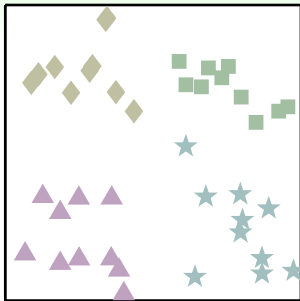
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# Multiclass Prediction: Combine **Soft** Classifiers



$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in \mathcal{Y}} \theta \left( \mathbf{w}_{[k]}^T \mathbf{x} \right)$$

由于是单调的所以其实不用代入逻辑斯蒂里面

# One-Versus-All (OVA) Decomposition

1 for  $k \in \mathcal{Y}$

obtain  $\mathbf{w}_{[k]}$  by running **logistic regression** on

$k$ 是指类别

$$\mathcal{D}_{[k]} = \{(\mathbf{x}_n, y'_n = 2 \mathbb{I}[y_n = k] - 1)\}_{n=1}^N$$

2 return  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in \mathcal{Y}} (\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^T \mathbf{x})$

- pros: efficient,  
can be coupled with any **logistic regression-like approaches**
- cons: often **unbalanced**  $\mathcal{D}_{[k]}$  when  $K$  large
- extension: **multinomial ('coupled') logistic regression**

如果类别很多， $K$ 很大，那么叉叉将会特别多，每次逻辑斯蒂都会猜叉叉，效果不一定好

OVA: a simple multiclass **meta-algorithm**  
to keep in your toolbox

# Fun Time

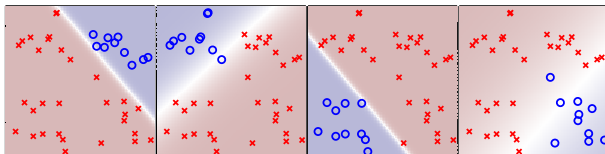
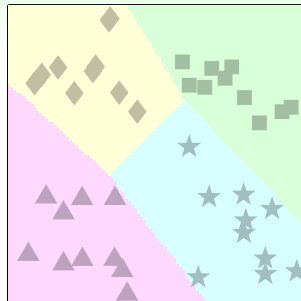
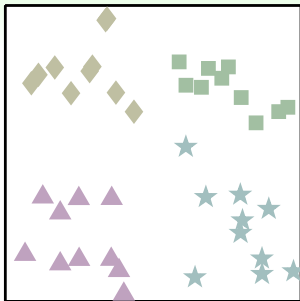
Which of the following best describes the training effort of OVA decomposition based on logistic regression on some  $K$ -class classification data of size  $N$ ?

- ① learn  $K$  logistic regression hypotheses, each from data of size  $N/K$
- ② learn  $K$  logistic regression hypotheses, each from data of size  $N \ln K$  很容易并行计算
- ③ learn  $K$  logistic regression hypotheses, each from data of size  $N$
- ④ learn  $K$  logistic regression hypotheses, each from data of size  $NK$

Reference Answer: ③

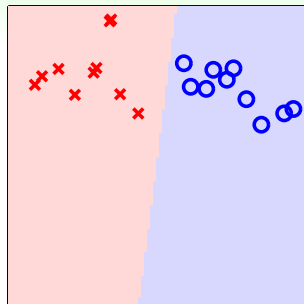
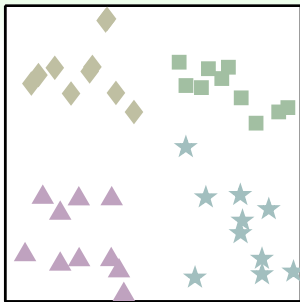
Note that the **learning part can be easily done in parallel**, while the data is essentially of the same size as the original data.

# Source of **Unbalance**: One versus **All**



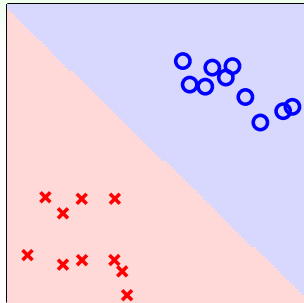
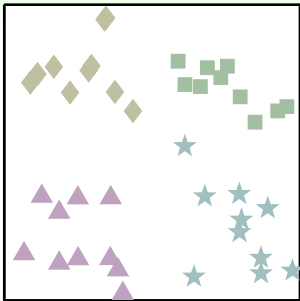
idea: make binary classification problems  
more **balanced** by one versus **one**

# One versus One at a Time



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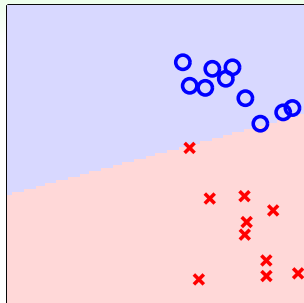
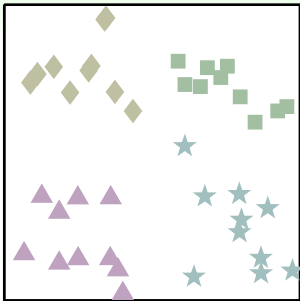
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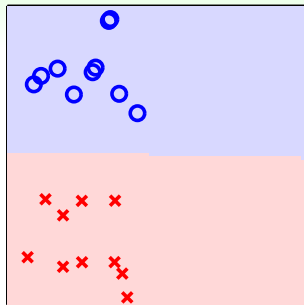
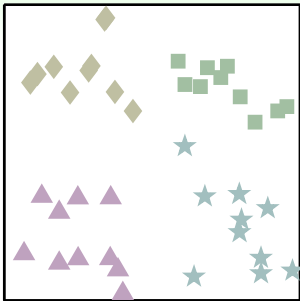


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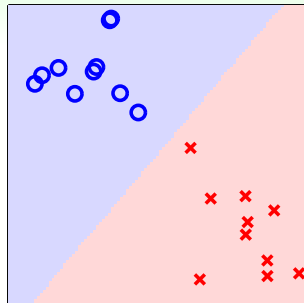
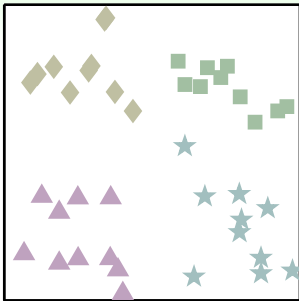
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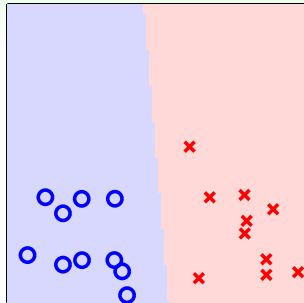
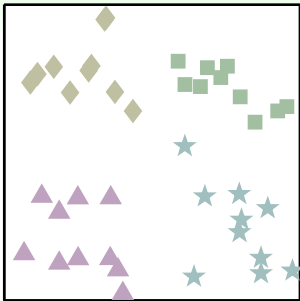
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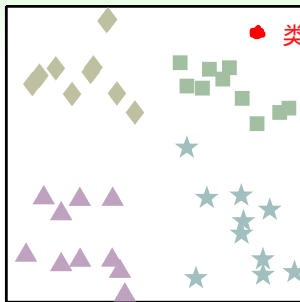
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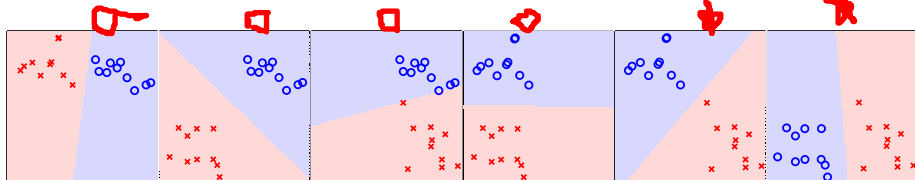
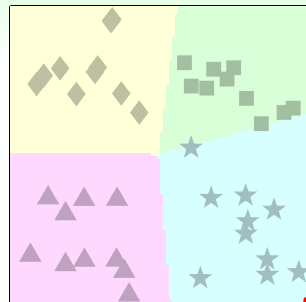


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# Multiclass Prediction: Combine Pairwise Classifiers



类似循环赛



$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{tournament champion} \left\{ \mathbf{w}_{[k,\ell]}^T \mathbf{x} \right\}$$

(voting of classifiers)

类似于投票

# One-versus-one (OVO) Decomposition

① for  $(k, \ell) \in \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y}$

obtain  $\mathbf{w}_{[k, \ell]}$  by running **linear binary classification** on

$$\mathcal{D}_{[k, \ell]} = \{(\mathbf{x}_n, y'_n = 2 \mathbb{I}[y_n = k] - 1) : y_n = k \text{ or } y_n = \ell\}$$

② return  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{tournament champion } \left\{ \mathbf{w}_{[k, \ell]}^T \mathbf{x} \right\}$

使用OVO的目的是什么，实际上的好处是什么，是为了防止数据不平衡吗？

每次需要的data较少

- pros: efficient ('smaller' training problems), stable, can be coupled with any **binary classification approaches**
- cons: use  $O(K^2)$   $\mathbf{w}_{[k, \ell]}$   
— **more space, slower prediction, more training**

OVO: another simple multiclass  
**meta-algorithm** to keep in your toolbox

## Fun Time

为什么？

Assume that some binary classification algorithm takes exactly  $N^3$  CPU-seconds for data of size  $N$ . Also, for some 10-class multiclass classification problem, assume that there are  $N/10$  examples for each class. Which of the following is total CPU-seconds needed for OVO decomposition based on the binary classification algorithm?

- ①  $\frac{9}{200} N^3$
- ②  $\frac{9}{25} N^3$  为什么？
- ③  $\frac{4}{5} N^3$
- ④  $N^3$

## Reference Answer: ②

There are 45 binary classifiers, each trained with data of size  $(2N)/10$ . Note that OVA decomposition with the same algorithm would take  $10N^3$  time, much worse than OVO.

# Summary

- 1 When Can Machines Learn?
- 2 Why Can Machines Learn?
- 3 **How** Can Machines Learn?

## Lecture 10: Logistic Regression

## Lecture 11: Linear Models for Classification

- Linear Models for Binary Classification  
**three models useful in different ways**
- Stochastic Gradient Descent  
**follow negative stochastic gradient**
- Multiclass via Logistic Regression  
**predict with maximum estimated  $P(k|\mathbf{x})$**
- Multiclass via Binary Classification  
**predict the tournament champion**

- **next: from linear to nonlinear**

- 4 How Can Machines Learn Better?