# Multiclass Classification: One-vs-all (OvR) & All-pairs (OvO) using Binary Logistic Regression

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## Mathematical Background & Numerical Techniques

## Binary Logistic Regression Representation

#### Sigmoid Function:

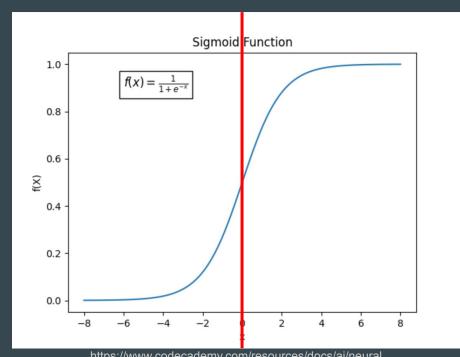
$$\sigma(z) = rac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$
  $z = <_{W,X}>$ 

Input:  $X = \mathbf{R}^{d}$ 

Output:  $[0, 1] \rightarrow \text{probabilities}$ 

$$Y = [-1, 1]$$

**Decision Boundary**:  $\langle w, x \rangle = 0$ 



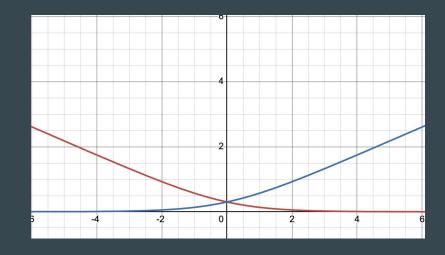
https://www.codecademy.com/resources/docs/ai/neural -networks/sigmoid-activation-function

## Loss

$$\ell(h_{\mathbf{w}}, (\mathbf{x}, y)) = \log(1 + \exp(-y\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle))$$

## Log loss is convex!

Penalizes degree of incorrectness



y = 1 v = -1

## **Optimization**

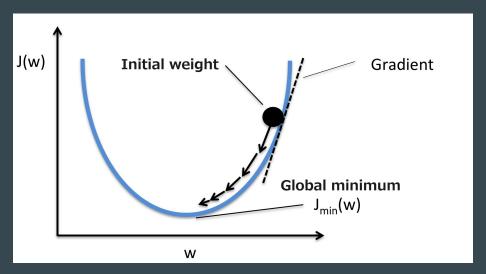
- Empirical Risk Minimization → minimize expected loss over *all* available data
- Log loss is convex  $\rightarrow$  at most one global minima
- Use **Stochastic Gradient Descent** to update weights:

$$w_j = w_j - lpha rac{\partial L}{\partial w_j}$$

- where  $\alpha$  is learning rate, which is multiplied by gradients of L(w) with respect to each weight
- $\bullet$   $\alpha = 0.01$

## Convergence Criteria

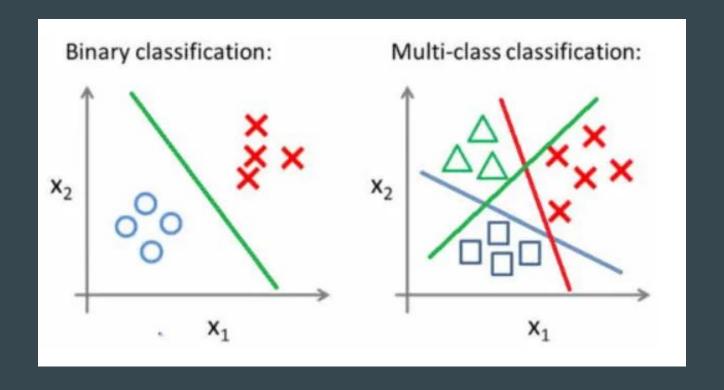
- Max epoch limit = 1000
- Convergence Threshold = 1e-4



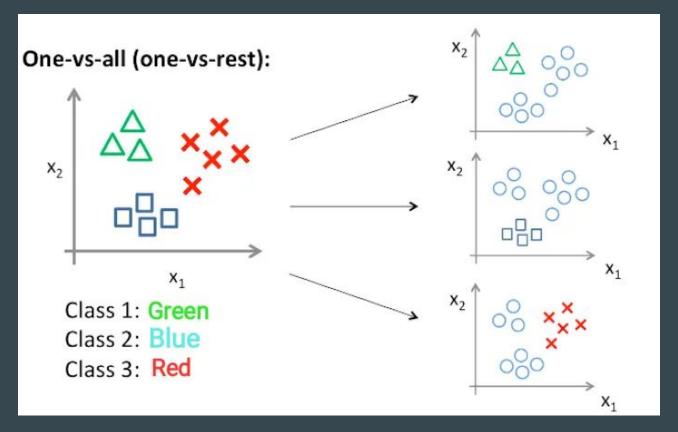
https://ai.stackexchange.com/questions/16348/what-isconvergence-in-machine-learning

## One-vs-all & All-Pairs Approaches

## Binary Classification → Multiclass Classification



## One-vs-All Visualization



#### Musa: One-vs-All

Training data:  $\mathbf{X}$  (features),  $\mathbf{y}$  (labels) with k classes Logistic regression model for binary classification

- 1. Initialize an empty list, models, to store each class's logistic regression model
- 2. For each class i in range 1 to k:
  - a. Create a new binary label vector  $y_i$  where:
    - $-y_i[j] = 1$  if y[j] = i (current class)
    - $-y_i[j] = 0$  otherwise (all other classes)
  - b. Train a logistic regression model  $model_i$  using **X** and  $y_i$
  - c. Store  $model_i$  in the list models
- 3. For a given input  $\mathbf{x}$ :

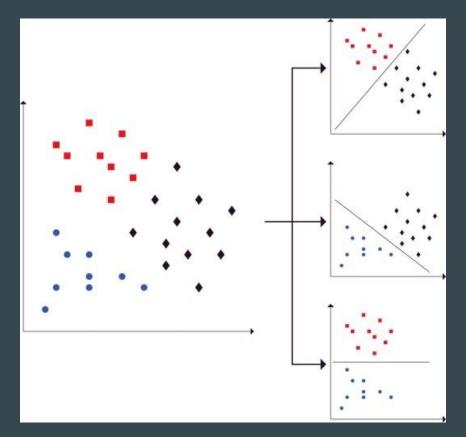
For each model i in range 1 to k:

- Use each model in *models* to predict the probability that  $\mathbf{x}$  belongs to each class
- Store the probabilities in a list *probabilities*

Select the class with the highest probability from *probabilities* as the predicted class

4. Return the predicted classes

## All-Pairs Visualization



#### Erica: All-Pairs

#### Train method

Input training data **X** features and **Y** labels Binary logistic regression model

- Validate input data
- Create all possible class pairs (class\_i, class\_j) where class\_i < class\_j</li>
- For each pair of classes :
  - Create mask [Y==class\_i | class\_j]
  - Filter X and Y to get SX and SY
  - Convert SY to binary values [1,0]
  - Initialize binary classifier
  - Train with SX and SY
  - Store trained classifier

#### Predict method

Input training data **X** features and **Y** labels Binary logistic regression model

- Validate input data
- Initialize vote array with zeros to store votes for each class for each sample
- For each pair of classes (class\_i, class\_j) and their classifiers:
  - Use classifier to predict binary labels [1,0]
  - If 1, add vote to class\_i
  - If 0, add vote to class\_j
- For each sample in X, assign class\_label with highest vote count
- Return **predicted class label**

## Previous Work

## Dataset: Obesity Risk Prediction

#### Obesity Risk Prediction

Target variable: NObeyesdad (obesity level)

- 7 distinct obesity categories ranging from insufficient weight to severe obesity
  - o 0: Insufficient Weights
  - o 1: Normal Weight
  - o 2: Overweight Level 1
  - o 3: Overweight Level 2
  - o 4: Obesity Type 1
  - o 5: Obesity Type 2
  - o 6: Obesity Type 2

#### Categorical and quantitative data

Obesity Risk Prediction Cleaned | Kaggle



### Previous Work: Scikit-learn & Kaggle Notebook





Mr. Amine

OvR\_LR: 0.7508143567369544 OvO LR: 0.9578617970056797

## Mia: Preliminary Results

#### One-vs-all

#### Our

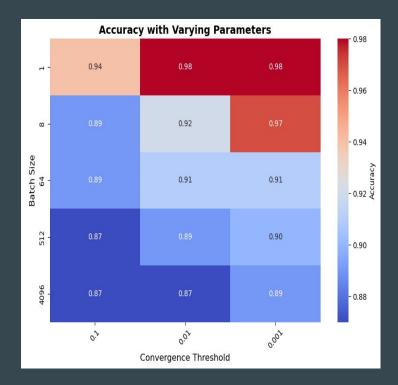
- training accuracy: 73.26%

- test accuracy: 73.21%

#### Kaggle Data Scientist:

- training accuracy: 73.5%

- test accuracy: 71.53%



Heatmap
- Peak at 98% for batch size 1 and convergence threshold 0.001 and 0.01

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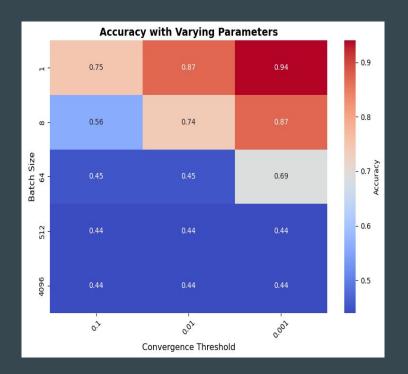
- training accuracy: 96.4%

- test accuracy: 95.22%

#### Kaggle Data Scientist:

- training accuracy: 94.42%

- test accuracy: 94%



Heatmap
- Peak at 94% for batch size 1 and convergence threshold 0.001

## Mia: Summary

#### Strengths of the Algorithms:

- One-vs-all simplifies implementation and interpretation, excelling with smaller datasets and fewer classes
- **All-pairs** offers a more granular view of inter-class relationships, particularly for datasets with complex boundaries

#### <u>Challenged Encountered:</u>

Fine-tuning convergence

#### What Stood Out:

• Trade-off between simplicity and scalability

## Why All-Pairs Excels

#### More robust voting system

- All-Pairs takes into account many more pairwise classifiers that combine to make arguably a more informed decision
- One-vs-all is less robust, since the decision for each class depends on a single classifier's input, which may be biased due to noise or overlapping features

#### • Simpler Decision Boundaries

- All-pairs trains models to distinguish between just two features at a time, which makes it easier to learn precise
   decision boundaries between two closely related classes (e.g. normal weight, overweight)
- One-vs-all must learn more complicated decision boundaries that may not be feasible for data that isn't linearly separable (using binary logistic regression)

## Convergence Criteria

- Convergence Threshold = 1e-4
- Max epoch limit = 1000

#### **Avoid overfitting!**

• L2 Regularization

$$R(\mathbf{w}) = \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \qquad \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2$$

 $\lambda \rightarrow controls$  contribution

• Implemented with SGD

$$\frac{\partial L_S(h_{\mathbf{w}}) + R(h_{\mathbf{w}})}{\partial w_{st}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \lambda \sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2}{\partial w_j} = 2\lambda w_j$$

### Factors Influencing Minor Differences

- Regularization techniques (e.g. L1, L2)
- Hyperparameter settings (e.g. convergence thresholds)
- Weight Initialization
- Data Preprocessing