

Logistic Regression

Machine Learning 10-601

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Logistic Regression

Idea:

- Naïve Bayes allows computing $P(Y|X)$ by learning $P(Y)$ and $P(X|Y)$
 - Essentially learns $P(Y)P(X|Y) = P(Y,X)$
- Why not learn $P(Y|X)$ directly?

- Consider learning $f: X \rightarrow Y$, where
 - Problem set-up:
 - X is a vector of real-valued features, $\langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$
 - Y is boolean
 - Naïve Bayes assumption: assume all X_i are conditionally independent given Y
 - model $P(X_i \mid Y = y_k)$ as Gaussian $N(\mu_{ik}, \sigma_i)$
 - model $P(Y)$ as Bernoulli (π)
- What does that imply about the form of $P(Y|X)$?

$$P(Y = 1 | X = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

Derive form for $P(Y|X)$ for continuous X_i

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \frac{P(Y = 1)P(X|Y = 1)}{P(Y = 1)P(X|Y = 1) + P(Y = 0)P(X|Y = 0)}$$

Bayes rule

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P(Y=0)P(X|Y=0)}{P(Y=1)P(X|Y=1)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\ln \frac{P(Y=0)P(X|Y=0)}{P(Y=1)P(X|Y=1)})}$$

Conditional Independence

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp((\ln \frac{1-\pi}{\pi}) + \sum_i \ln \frac{P(X_i|Y=0)}{P(X_i|Y=1)})}$$

$$P(x | y_k) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{ik}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_{ik})^2}{2\sigma_{ik}^2}}$$

$$\sum_i \left(\frac{\mu_{i0} - \mu_{i1}}{\sigma_i^2} X_i + \frac{\mu_{i1}^2 - \mu_{i0}^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right)$$

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i)}$$

Very convenient!

$$P(Y = 1|X = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

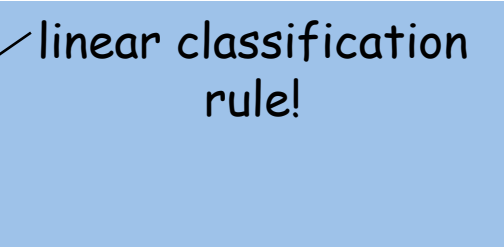
implies

$$P(Y = 0|X = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle) = \frac{\exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

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$$\frac{P(Y = 0|X)}{P(Y = 1|X)} = \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)$$

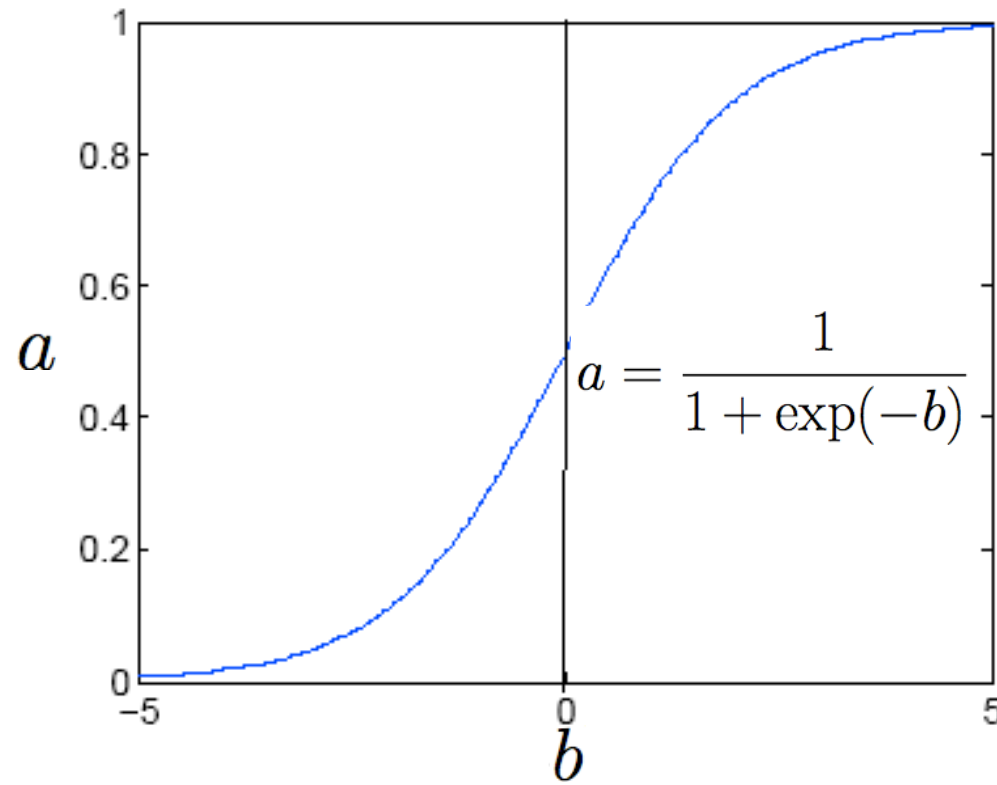
linear classification
rule!



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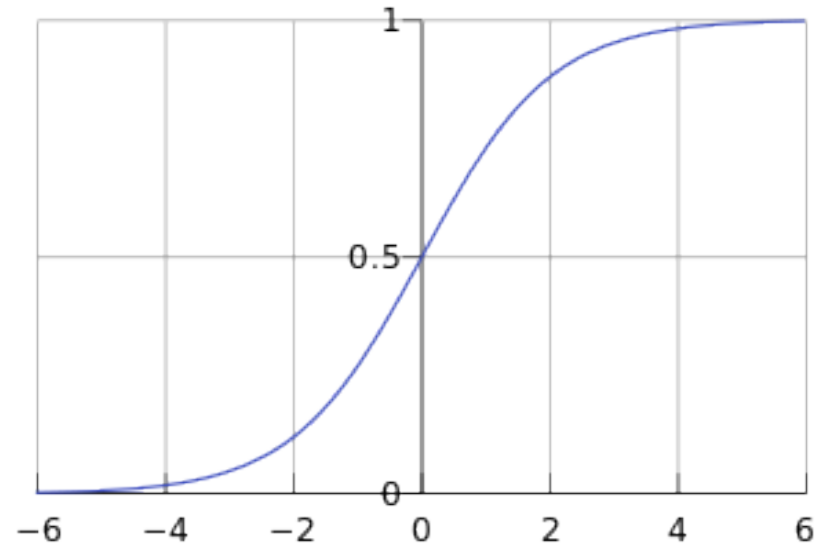
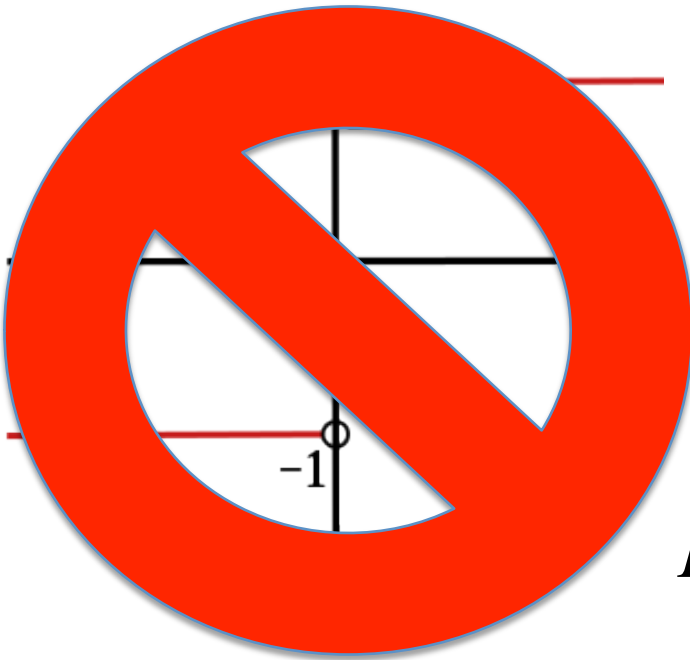
Logistic function



$$\underbrace{P(Y = 1|X)}_a = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\underbrace{w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i}_{-b})}$$

Logistic function for classifiers

1. Replace $\text{sign}(\mathbf{x} \bullet \mathbf{w})$ with something differentiable: e.g. the $\text{logistic}(\mathbf{x} \bullet \mathbf{w})$



$$\text{logistic}(u) \equiv \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u}}$$

$$P(Y = 1 \mid X = \mathbf{x}) \equiv \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}}}$$

Logistic regression more generally

- Logistic regression when Y not boolean (but still discrete-valued).
- Now $y \in \{y_1 \dots y_R\}$: learn $R-1$ sets of weights

$$\text{for } k < R \quad P(Y = y_k | X) = \frac{\exp(w_{k0} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ki} X_i)}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{R-1} \exp(w_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ji} X_i)}$$

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Training Logistic Regression: Maximum Conditional Likelihood Estimation (MCLE)

- we have L training examples: $\{\langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle\}$

- maximum likelihood estimate for parameters W

$$\begin{aligned} W_{MLE} &= \arg \max_W P(\langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle \dots \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle | W) \\ &= \arg \max_W \prod_l P(\langle X^l, Y^l \rangle | W) \end{aligned}$$

- maximum conditional likelihood estimate

Training Logistic Regression: MCLE

- Choose parameters $W = \langle w_0, \dots, w_n \rangle$ to maximize conditional likelihood of training data, where

$$P(Y = 0|X, W) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

$$P(Y = 1|X, W) = \frac{\exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

- Training data $D = \{ \langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle \}$
- Data likelihood = $\prod_l P(X^l, Y^l | W)$
- Data conditional likelihood = $\prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$

$$W_{MCLE} = \arg \max_W \prod_l P(Y^l | W, X^l)$$

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$$= \sum_l Y^l (w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l) - \ln(1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l))$$

Maximizing Conditional Log Likelihood

$$P(Y = 0|X, W) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

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Good news: $l(W)$ is concave function of W

Bad news: no closed-form solution to maximize $l(W)$

Learning Logistic Regression with Gradient Descent

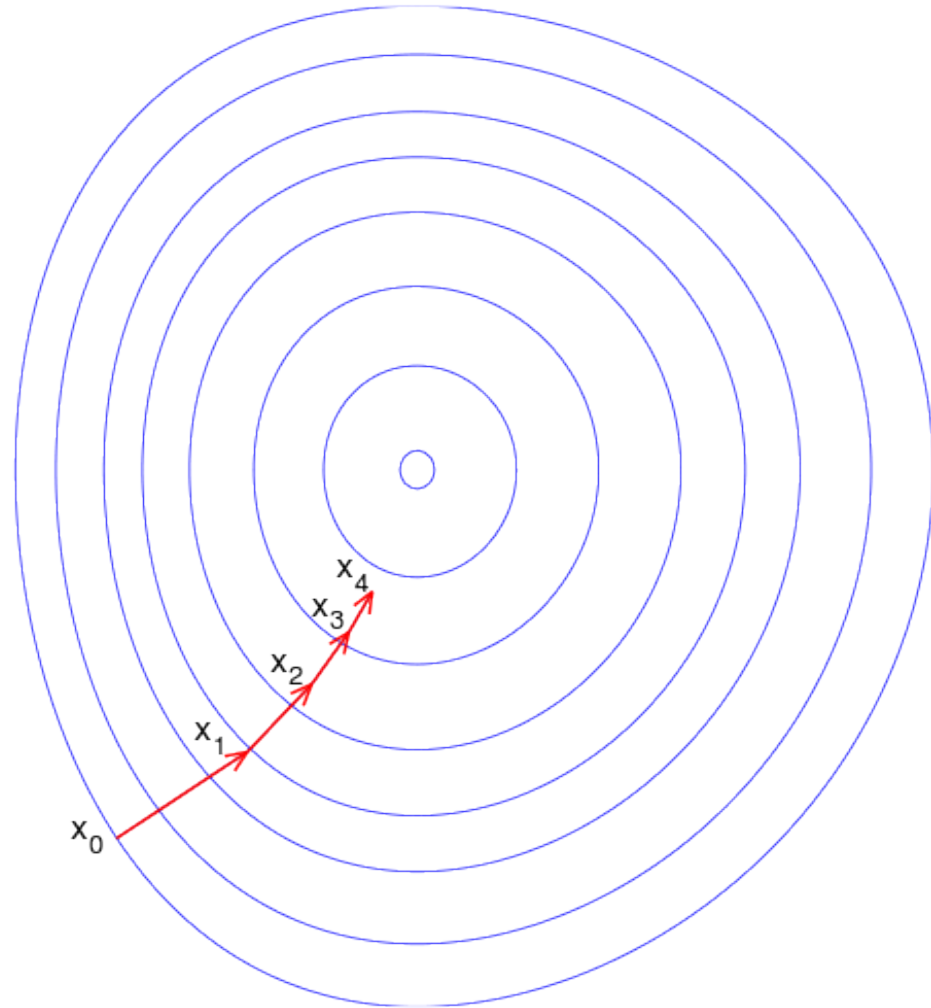
Learning as optimization: general procedure

- Goal: Learn the parameter \mathbf{w} of ...
- Dataset: $D = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$
- Write down a loss function
 - $\text{Loss}_D(\mathbf{w}) = \dots$
- Set \mathbf{w} to minimize Loss
 - Usually we use numeric methods to find the optimum
 - i.e., **gradient descent**: repeatedly take a small step in the direction of the gradient

Gradient descent

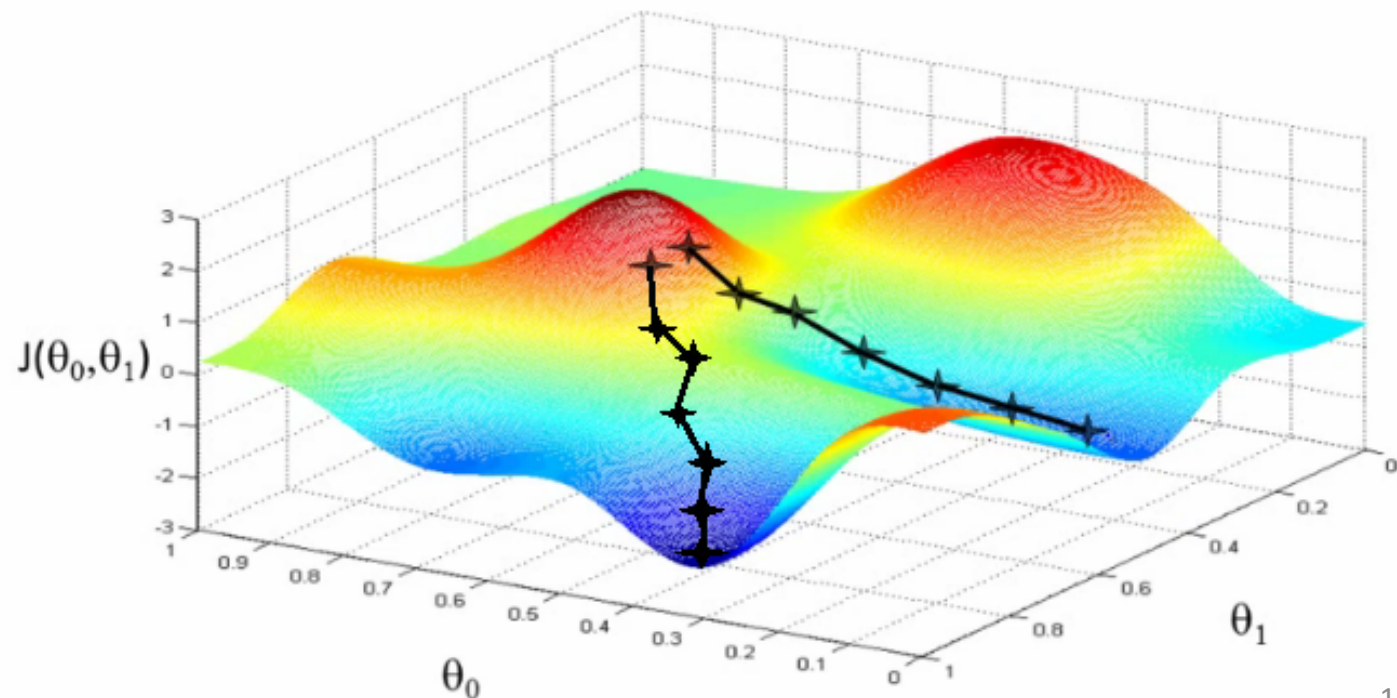
To find $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$:

- Start with \mathbf{x}_0
- For $t=1, \dots$
 - $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t + \lambda f'(\mathbf{x}_t)$
where λ is small



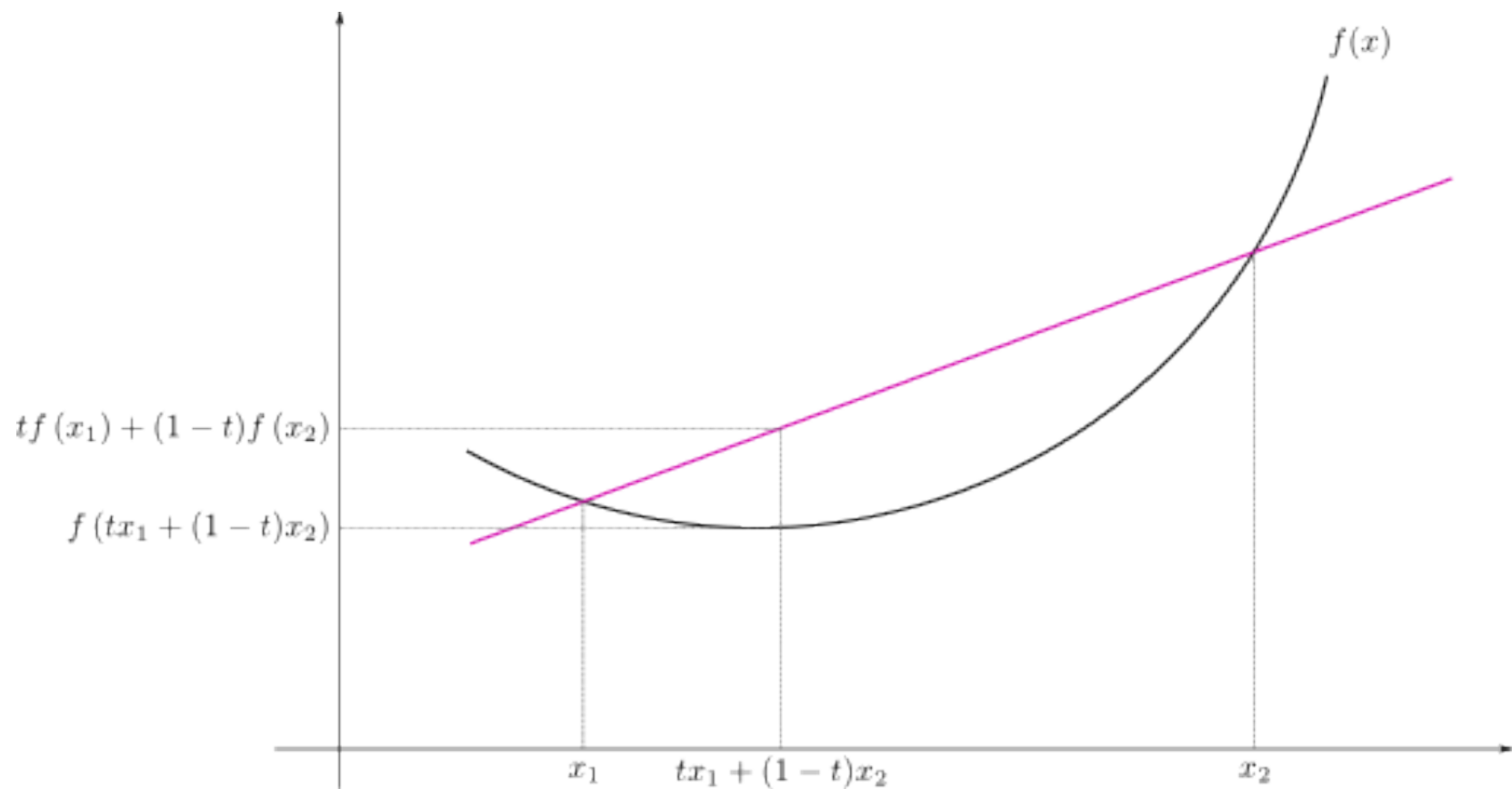
Pros and cons of gradient descent

- Simple and often quite effective on ML tasks
- Only applies to smooth functions (differentiable)
- Might find a local minimum, rather than a global one



Pros and cons of gradient descent

There is only one local optimum if the function is *convex*



Gradient Descent:

Batch gradient: use error $E_D(\mathbf{w})$ over **entire training set** D

Do until satisfied:

1. Compute the gradient $\nabla E_D(\mathbf{w}) = \left[\frac{\partial E_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_0} \cdots \frac{\partial E_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_n} \right]$
2. Update the vector of parameters: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla E_D(\mathbf{w})$

Stochastic gradient: use error $E_d(\mathbf{w})$ over **single examples** $d \in D$

Do until satisfied:

1. Choose (with replacement) a random training example $d \in D$
2. Compute the gradient just for d : $\nabla E_d(\mathbf{w}) = \left[\frac{\partial E_d(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_0} \cdots \frac{\partial E_d(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_n} \right]$
3. Update the vector of parameters: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla E_d(\mathbf{w})$

Stochastic approximates Batch arbitrarily closely as $\eta \rightarrow 0$

Stochastic can be much faster when D is very large

Intermediate approach: use error over subsets of D

Maximize Conditional Log Likelihood: Gradient Ascent

$$l(W) \equiv \ln \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

$$= \sum_l Y^l (w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l) - \ln(1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l))$$

$$\frac{\partial l(W)}{\partial w_i} = \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (\log f)' &= \frac{1}{f} f' \\ (e^f)' &= e^f f' \end{aligned}$$

Gradient ascent algorithm: iterate until change $< \epsilon$

For all i , repeat

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \eta \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$$

MAP Estimation with Regularization

That's all for M(C)LE. How about MAP?

- MAP estimate

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln P(W) \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

- One common approach is to define priors on W
 - Normal distribution, zero mean, identity covariance
- Helps avoid very large weights and overfitting
- let's assume Gaussian prior: $W \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) = 1/Z (w^j)^{-2}$
(where Z is a constant)

MLE vs MAP

- Maximum conditional likelihood estimate

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$$\lambda = 1/(2\sigma^2)$$

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called a “regularization” term

- helps reduce overfitting, especially when training data is sparse
- keep weights nearer to zero (if $P(W)$ is zero mean Gaussian prior), or whatever the prior suggests
- used very frequently in Logistic Regression

The Bottom Line

- Consider learning $f: X \rightarrow Y$, where
 - X is a vector of real-valued features, $\langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$
 - Y is boolean
- assume all X_i are conditionally independent given Y
 - model $P(X_i | Y = y_k)$ as Gaussian $N(\mu_{ik}, \sigma_i)$
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Generative vs. Discriminative Classifier

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Training classifiers involves estimating $f: X \rightarrow Y$, or $P(Y|X)$

Generative classifiers (e.g., Naïve Bayes)

- Assume some functional form for $P(X|Y)$, $P(X)$ (i.e., $P(X,Y)$)
- Estimate parameters of $P(X|Y)$, $P(X)$ directly from training data
- Use Bayes rule to calculate $P(Y|X=x_i)$

- Find $\theta = \operatorname{argmax}_w \prod_i \Pr(y_i, x_i | \theta)$
- Different assumptions about *generative process* for the data: $\Pr(X,Y)$, priors on θ ,...

Discriminative classifiers (e.g., Logistic regression)

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Use Naïve Bayes or Logistic Regression?

Consider

- Restrictiveness of modeling assumptions
- Rate of convergence (in amount of training data) toward asymptotic hypothesis

Naïve Bayes vs Logistic Regression

Consider Y boolean, X_i continuous, $X = \langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$

Number of parameters:

- NB: $4n + 1$ ($3n + 1$ if we assume $\sigma_{ik} = \sigma_i$)

- LR: $n + 1$

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Estimation method:

- NB parameter estimates are uncoupled
- LR parameter estimates are coupled

G.Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

[Ng & Jordan, 2002]

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Consider three learning methods:

- GNB (assumption 1 only) -- decision surface can be non-linear
- GNB2 (assumption 1 and 2) – decision surface linear
- LR -- decision surface linear, trained differently

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- (1) is satisfied, but not (2) : $GNB > LR$

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What if we have only finite training data?

They converge at different rates to their asymptotic (∞ data) error

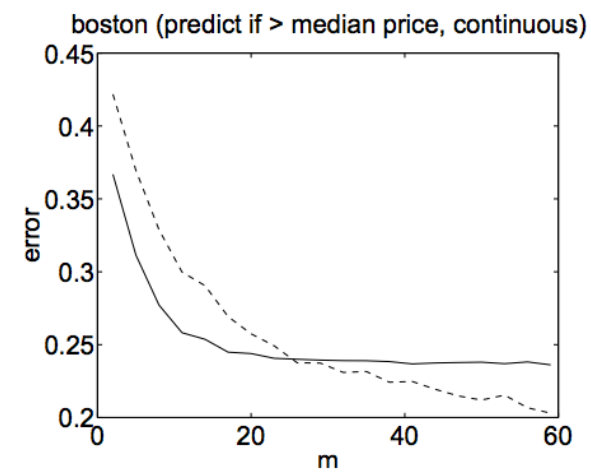
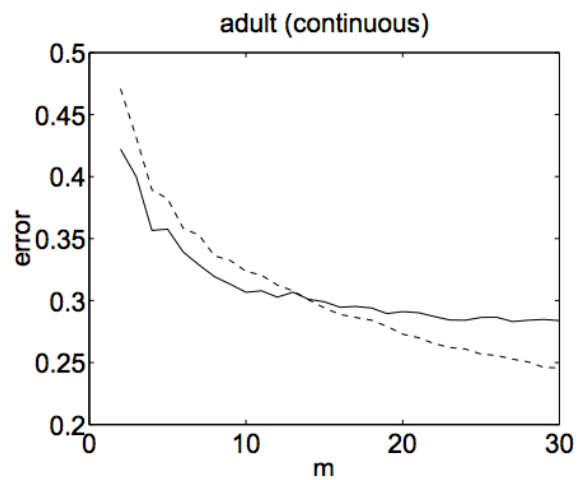
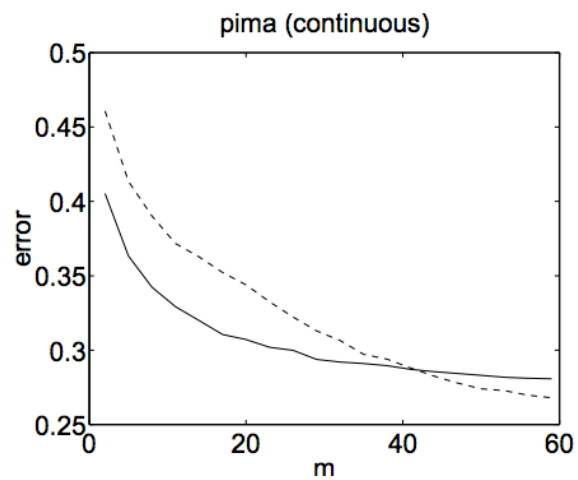
Let $\epsilon_{A,n}$ refer to expected error of learning algorithm A after n training examples

Let d be the number of features: $\langle X_1 \dots X_d \rangle$

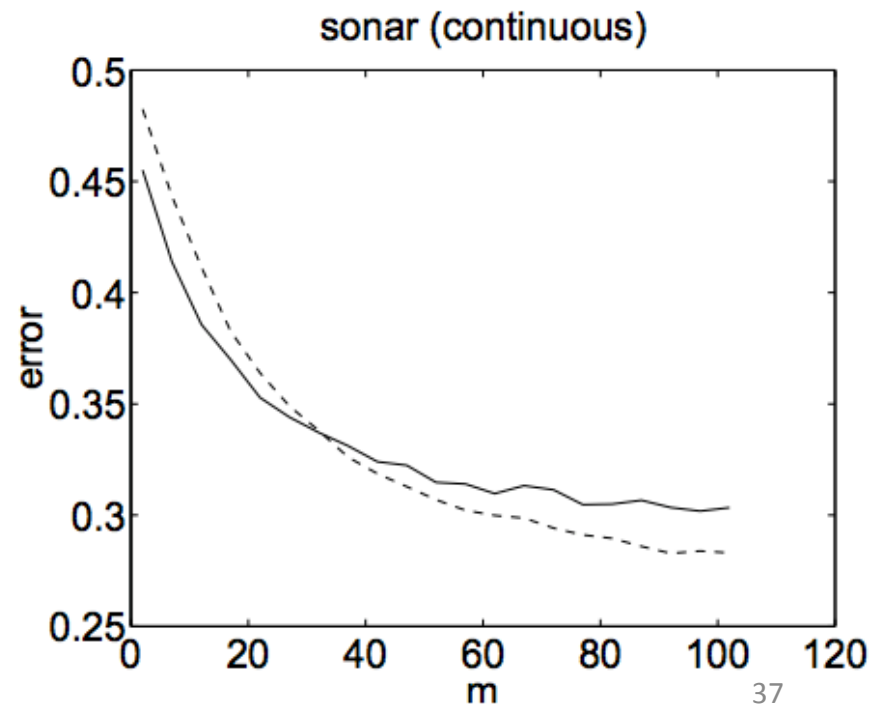
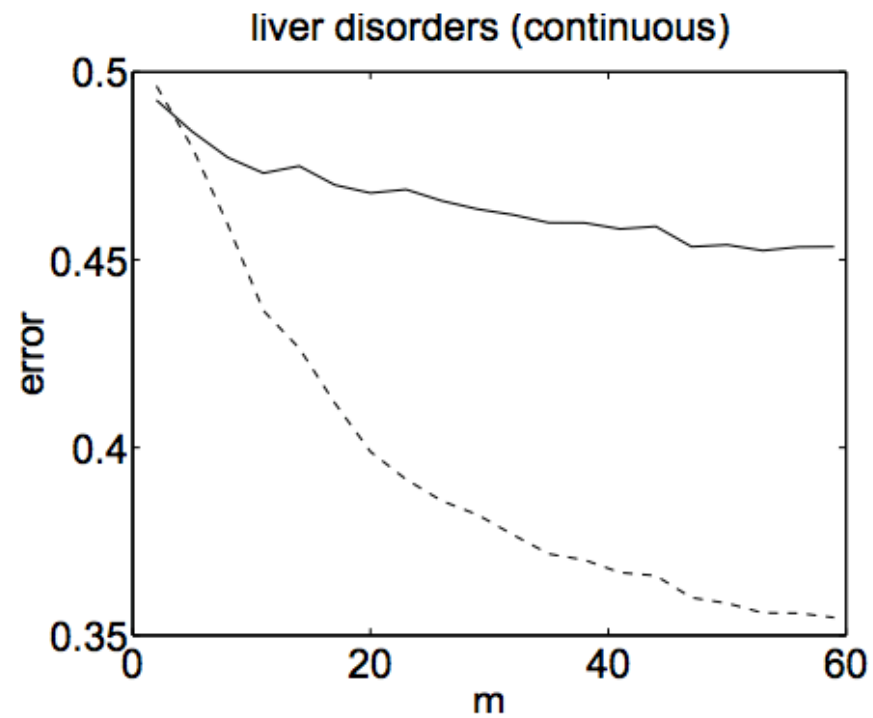
$$\epsilon_{LR,n} \leq \epsilon_{LR,\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}\right)$$

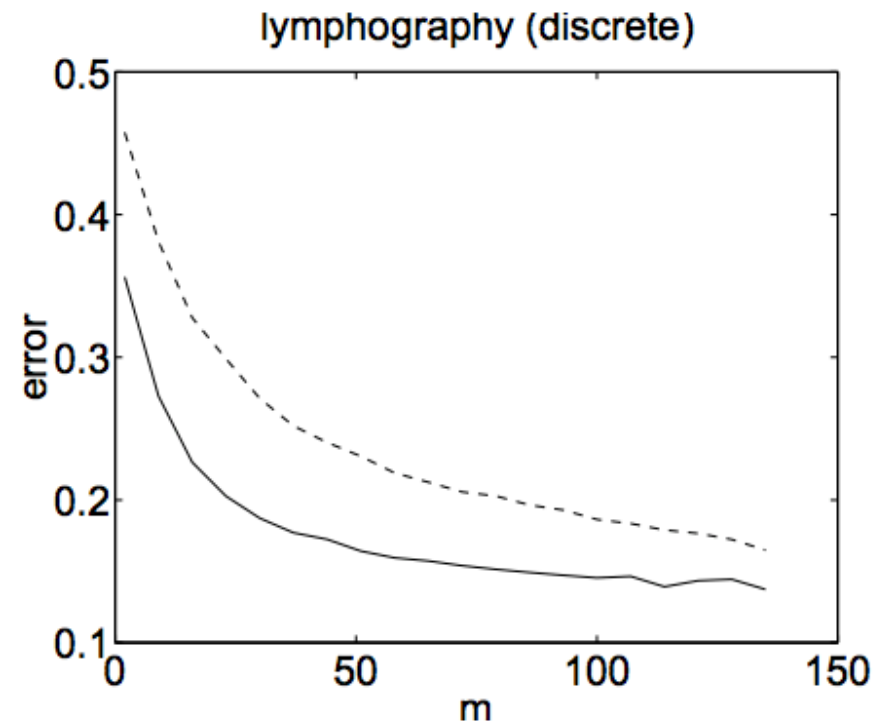
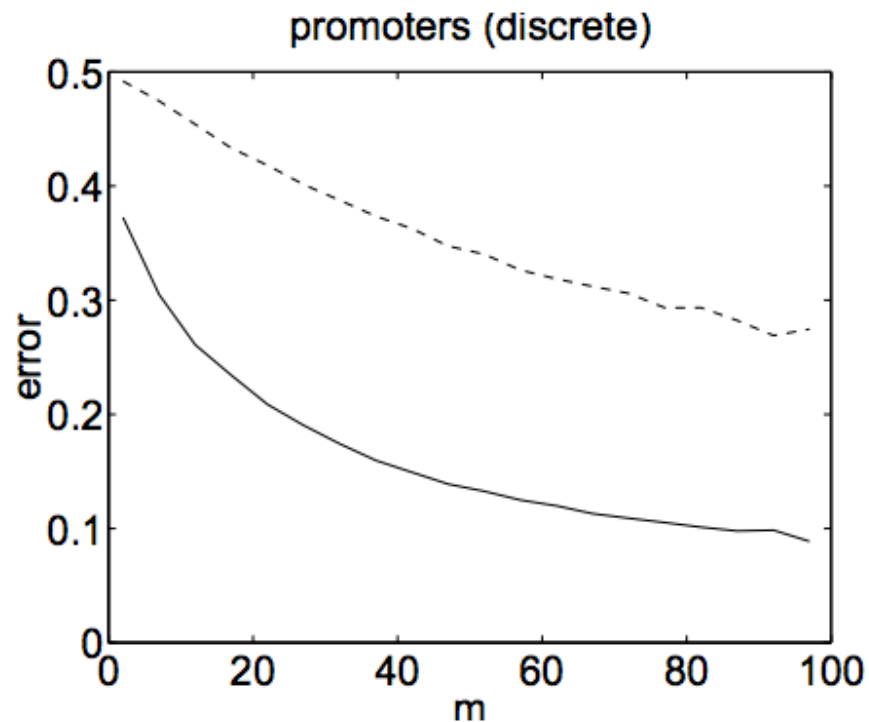
$$\epsilon_{GNB,n} \leq \epsilon_{GNB,\infty} + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log d}{n}}\right)$$

So, GNB requires $n = O(\log d)$ to converge, but LR requires $n = O(d)$



solid: NB dashed: LR





Naïve Bayes makes stronger assumptions about the data but needs fewer examples to estimate the parameters

“On Discriminative vs Generative Classifiers:” Andrew Ng and Michael Jordan, NIPS 2001.

Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

The bottom line:

GNB2 and LR both use linear decision surfaces, GNB need not

Given infinite data, LR is better or equal to GNB2 because *training procedure* does not make assumptions 1 or 2 (though our derivation of the form of $P(Y|X)$ did).

But GNB2 converges more quickly to its perhaps-less-accurate asymptotic error

And GNB is both more biased (assumption1) and less (no assumption 2) than LR, so either might beat the other

What you should know:

- Logistic regression
 - Functional form follows from Naïve Bayes assumptions
 - For Gaussian Naïve Bayes assuming variance $\sigma_{i,k} = \sigma_i$
 - For discrete-valued Naïve Bayes too
 - But training procedure picks parameters without making conditional independence assumption
 - MLE training: pick W to maximize $P(Y | X, W)$
 - MAP training: pick W to maximize $P(W | X, Y)$
 - ‘regularization’
 - helps reduce overfitting
- Gradient ascent/descent
 - General approach when closed-form solutions unavailable
- Generative vs. Discriminative classifiers