# Logistic Regression

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#### Outline

- Empirical Risk Minimization
- Binary Classification
- Logistic Regression
- Regularized Logistic Regression
- Hyperparameter Tuning
- Multiclass Classification
- Multi-class Logistic Regression

#### Empirical Risk Minimization – ERM

- ERM is a common framework for supervised learning
- Given:
  - some labelled training dataset  $D = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$
  - a loss function  $l: Y \times Y \to R$
  - a hypothesis class or set of functions F
- The goal is to find

$$\hat{f} = \underset{f \in F}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} l(f(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

with the hope that

$$E_{p(x,y)}[l(f(x),y)] \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} l(f(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

#### Empirical Risk Minimization – ERM

- ERM is a common framework for supervised learning
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• Depending on the choice of F and l, this objective function may be convex (easy to optimize) or non-convex (hard)

#### Binary Classification

- Classification is a type of supervised learning
- Given:
  - a labelled training dataset  $D = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$
  - a loss function  $l: Y \times Y \to R$ , where  $Y = \{0,1\}$
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## Binary Classification with 0/1 Loss

- Classification is a type of supervised learning
- Given:
  - a labelled training dataset  $D = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$
  - a loss function  $l(y, y') = \delta(y \neq y')$ , for  $y, y' \in \{0,1\}$   $\delta(p) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p \text{ is true} \\ 0, & \text{if } p \text{ is } false \end{cases}$
  - a hypothesis class or set of functions F
- The goal is to find

$$\hat{f} = \underset{f \in F}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} l(f(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

• This loss function is difficult to optimize (non-convex)

## A Probabilistic Approach to Binary Classification

- Suppose we have binary labels  $y \in \{0,1\}$  and (d+1)-dimensional inputs  $x = (1, x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_d)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$
- Assume

$$P(Y = 1|x) = \sigma(\theta^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x}} = \frac{e^{w^T x}}{1 + e^{w^T x}}$$

This implies two useful facts

$$P(Y = 0|x) = 1 - P(Y = 1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{w^T x}}$$

$$\frac{P(Y = 1|x)}{P(Y = 0|x)} = e^{w^T x} \Rightarrow \log \frac{P(Y = 1|x)}{P(Y = 0|x)} = w^T x$$

#### Logistic Function

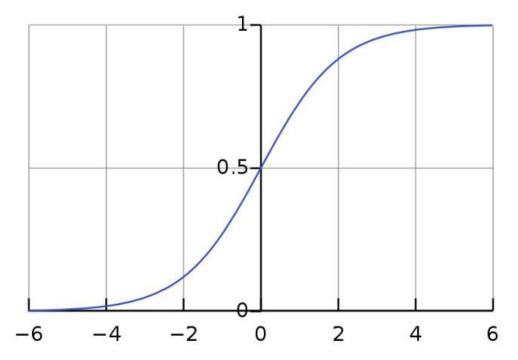
- Why use logistic function?
  - Differentiable everywhere
  - $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$
  - The decision boundary is linear in x

$$y = \begin{cases} 1, & P(Y = 1|x) \ge 0.5 \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

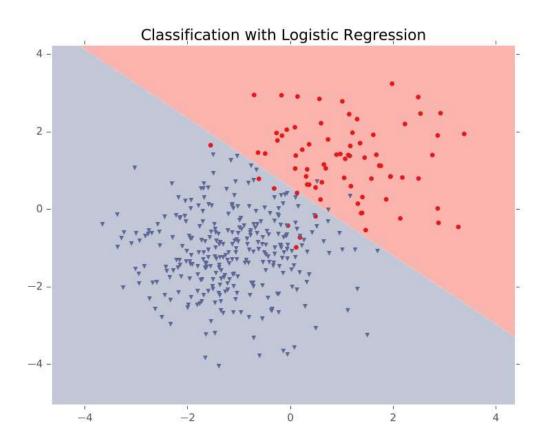
$$P(Y = 1|x) = \sigma(\theta^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x}} \ge \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \ge 1 + e^{-w^T x} \Rightarrow 1 \ge e^{-w^T x}$$
$$\Rightarrow 0 \ge -w^T x$$
$$\Rightarrow w^T x > 0$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} \in \{0, 1\}$$



# Logistic Regression Decision Boundary



## Logistic Regression – Maximum Likelihood (1)

- Goal: find the  $\theta$  that maximizes the (conditional) probability of the training dataset  $\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)},\theta)$
- This is equivalent to finding the  $\theta$  that minimizes the negative log of this probability

$$L_{D}(\theta) = -\log\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}, \theta)\right) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log\left(P(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}, \theta)\right)$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log\left(P(Y = 1|x^{(i)}, \theta)^{y^{(i)}} P(Y = 0|x^{(i)}, \theta)^{1-y^{(i)}}\right)$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y^{(i)} \log(\sigma(\theta^{T}x)) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^{T}x)\right)\right)$$

## Logistic Regression – Maximum Likelihood (2)

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$$\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( y^{(i)} log(\sigma(\theta^{T} x)) + (1 - y^{(i)}) log(1 - \sigma(\theta^{T} x)) \right)$$

$$= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( y^{(i)} log\left( \frac{\sigma(\theta^{T} x)}{1 - \sigma(\theta^{T} x)} \right) + log(1 - \sigma(\theta^{T} x)) \right)$$

$$= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( y^{(i)} \theta^{T} x^{(i)} - log\left( 1 + e^{\theta^{T} x^{(i)}} \right) \right)$$

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## Logistic Regression – Maximum Likelihood (3)

$$L_D(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y^{(i)} \theta^T x^{(i)} - \log \left( 1 + e^{\theta^T x^{(i)}} \right) \right)$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} L_{D}(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( y^{(i)} \nabla_{\theta} \left( \theta^{T} x^{(i)} \right) - \nabla_{\theta} \log \left( 1 + e^{\theta^{T} x^{(i)}} \right) \right)$$

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Note: 
$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z)}{\partial z} = \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))$$

$$=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}\right) x^{(i)}$$

## Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

- Dataset  $D = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$
- 1. Initialize  $\theta^{(0)} = 0$  (zero vector) and set t = 0
- 2. While not converged
  - Compute the gradient

$$\nabla_{\theta} L_D(\theta^{(t)}) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sigma \left( \theta^{(t)^T} x^{(i)} \right) - y^{(i)} \right) x^{(i)}$$

• Update the weights

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} - \eta \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \sigma \left( \theta^{(t)^{T}} x^{(i)} \right) - y^{(i)} \right) x^{(i)}$$

- Increment t: t = t + 1
- Output  $\theta^{(t)}$

## Regularized Logisitic Regression

Logistic regression

$$L_D(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sigma(\theta^T x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}\right) x^{(i)}$$

Ridge logistic regression (L<sub>2</sub> regularization)

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \left( L_D(\theta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\theta\|_2^2 \right)$$

Lasso logistic regression (L<sub>1</sub> regularization)

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \left( L_D(\theta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\theta\|_1 \right)$$

• ElasticNet logistic regression ( $L_1 + L_2$  regularization)

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \left( L_D(\theta) + \lambda \left( \alpha \|\theta\|_1 + \frac{1-\alpha}{2} \|\theta\|_2^2 \right) \right)$$

 $\lambda$  and lpha are hyperparameters

#### Hyperparameter Tuning

- Suppose we want to compare multiple hyperparameter settings  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \cdots, \lambda_k$
- For i = 1, 2, ..., k
  - Train a model on  $D_{train}$  using  $\lambda_i$
- Evaluate each model on  $D_{val}$  and find the best hyperparameter setting,  $\lambda_{i^*}$
- Compute the error of a model trained with  $\lambda_{i^*}$  on  $D_{test}$

 $D_{train}$ 

 $D_{val}$ 

 $D_{test}$ 

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## Multi-class Logistic Regression

- Suppose we have k classes  $y \in \{1,2,\cdots,k\}$  and (d+1)-dimensional inputs  $x = (1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$
- For each class i, we have a binary classifier with parameter  $\theta^{(i)}$
- Then

$$P(Y = i | x) = \frac{e^{\theta^{(i)}^T x}}{\sum_{j=1}^k e^{\theta^{(j)}^T x}} = \frac{e^{\theta_0^{(i)} + \theta_1^{(i)} x_1 + \dots + \theta_d^{(i)} x_d}}{\sum_{j=1}^k e^{\theta_0^{(j)} + \theta_1^{(j)} x_1 + \dots + \theta_d^{(j)} x_d}}$$

Assign x to the class that maximizes the (conditional) probability

$$\underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(Y = i|x) = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} \theta^{(i)^{T}} x$$

 $\mathop{argmax}_{i} P(Y=i|x) = \mathop{argmax}_{i} \theta^{(i)^{T}} x$  • Multi-class logistic regression is also called multinomial logistic regression or softmax regression

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