

# Cross Entropy, Regularized Logistic Regression

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1. Consider two distributions  $p$  and  $q$  over a joint support with  $p = [0.75 \ 0.125 \ 0.125 \ 0]^T$  and  $q = [0.25 \ 0.25 \ 0.25 \ 0.25]^T$ .

a) Compute the cross entropy  $H(p, q)$  in bits.  $= \sum_{x \in X} -p(x) \log_2 q(x) = 4$

b) Show that in general,  $H(p, q) \geq H(p)$ .  $H(p) - H(p, q) = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \leq \log_2 \left[ \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \right]$

c) Under what conditions does  $H(p, q) = D(p||q)$ ?

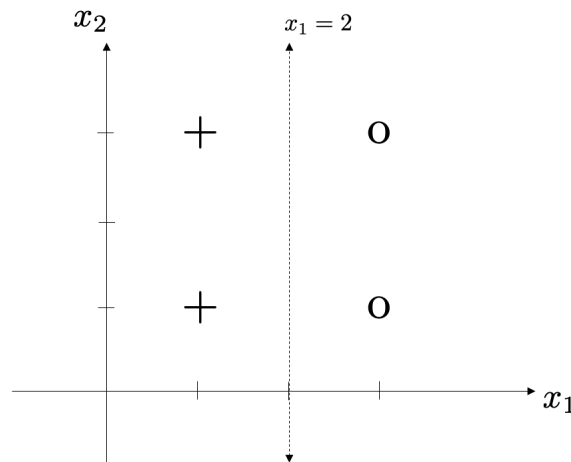
$H(p, q) = D(p||q) + H(p) \rightarrow$  they're equal if  $H(p) = 0$

d) Compute the softmax of  $p$ . Your answer should be a vector of length 4.

e) Compute the softmax of  $q$ . Your answer should be a vector of length 4.

$\text{softmax}(p) = [0.75 \ 0.125 \ 0.125 \ 0]$   $\text{softmax}(q) = [0.25 \ 0.25 \ 0.25 \ 0.25]$

2. This problem continues a previous activity. Consider the four data points shown below. The data points at (1, 1) and (1, 3) belong to the class labeled  $y = 1$ , while the data points at (3, 1) and (3, 3) belong to the class labeled  $y = -1$ .



A decision boundary at  $x_1 = 2$  can be expressed as the set of points that satisfy  $x^T w = 0$ , where

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } w = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Last time we concluded that the set of points  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} = 0$  with

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ -\frac{w_0}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

correspond to the vertical line at  $x_1 = 2$ . The starting point for motivating binary logistic regression is to assume that  $y \in \{-1, 1\}$  is a Bernoulli random variable with bias that depends on  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}}}$$

and

$$p(y = -1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}}}$$

Last time we concluded the log-likelihood  $\log L(\mathbf{w}) = \log p(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$  given the data in the figure resulted in a negative log likelihood of

$$\text{nnl}(\mathbf{w}) = -\log L(\mathbf{w}) = 4 \log \left( 1 + e^{-w_0/2} \right).$$

Since the data was separable, this resulted in an unstable solution, which increased as  $w_0 \rightarrow \infty$ .

- a) One way to ensure a unique solution is to add a regularizer term to the negative log likelihood. Find the solution to

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \text{nnl}(\mathbf{w}) + \frac{1}{10} \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$$

under the constraint that the decision boundary corresponds to the vertical line in the picture.

- b) Sketch a picture of the corresponding logistic surface.

a) Here, we minimize  $4 \log(1 + e^{-w_0/2}) + \frac{1}{10} \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$   
 $= 4 \log(1 + e^{-w_0/2}) + \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{3}{2} |w_0| \right)$   
the derivative suggests  $w_0 = -2 \ln \left( \frac{2}{97} \right) = -5.02$

