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Week 14: Lecture 2
Classification

How can we use logistic regression for classification?

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Announcements

- Please check Week 14 agenda on NYU Classes
  - Lab 13
    - Due on Friday May 1 at 11:59PM EST
  - Project 2
    - Due on Tuesday May 12 at 11:59PM EST

Review

- The observation take the value 1 or 0. The predictions take the value 1 or 0. So we have four possibilities
  - True Positive
  - False Positive
  - False Negative
  - True Negative

		Truth	
		1	**0**
Prediction	**1**	**TP**: True Positive	**FP**: False Positive
	0	**FN**: False Negative	**TN**: True Negative

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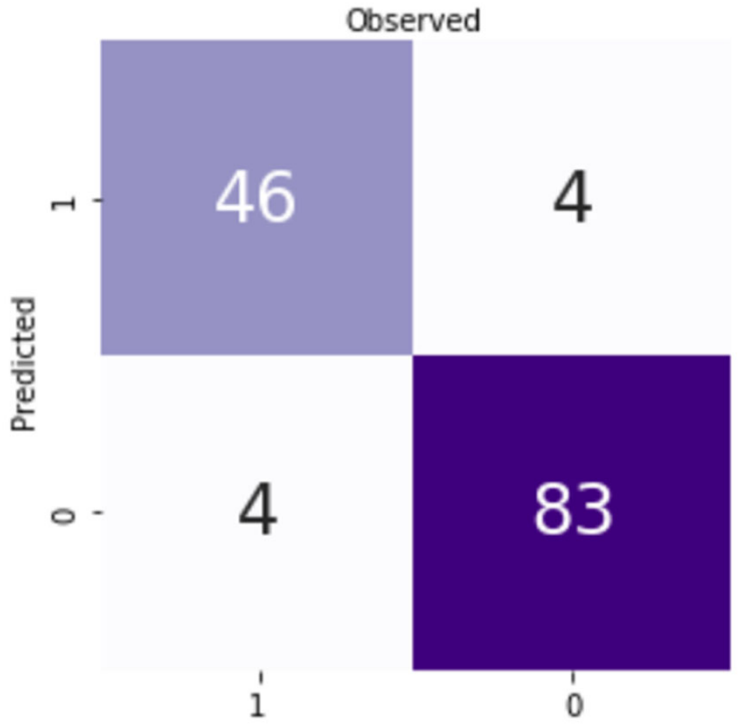
- We can visualize the number of each possibility for a dataset with a confusion matrix



Review

- We can determine metrics from different combinations of these four possibilities.

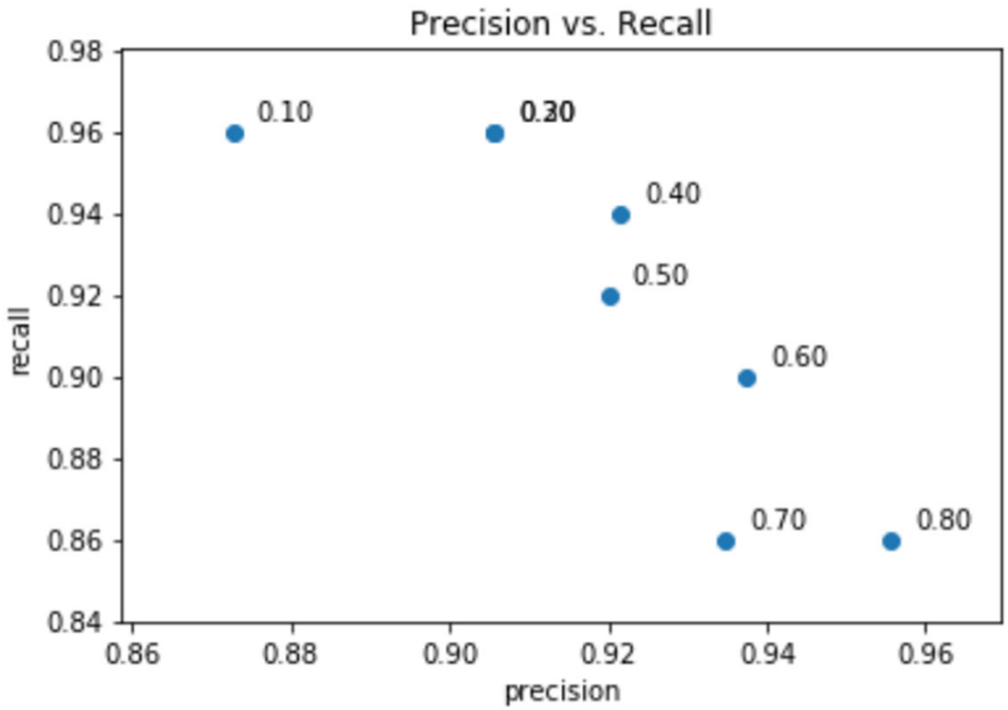
$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} = \frac{TP + TN}{n}$$

$$\text{precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\text{recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Review

- Accuracy might not capture the differences between observations and prediction with an imbalance between categories
  - Precision penalizes false positives
  - Recall penalizes false negative
- We can visualize the trade-off between recall and precision through a precision-recall curve



Agenda

- Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression
- True Positive Rate and False Negative Rate
- Multiple Categories

ROC Curve

- The phrase true positive rate means recall

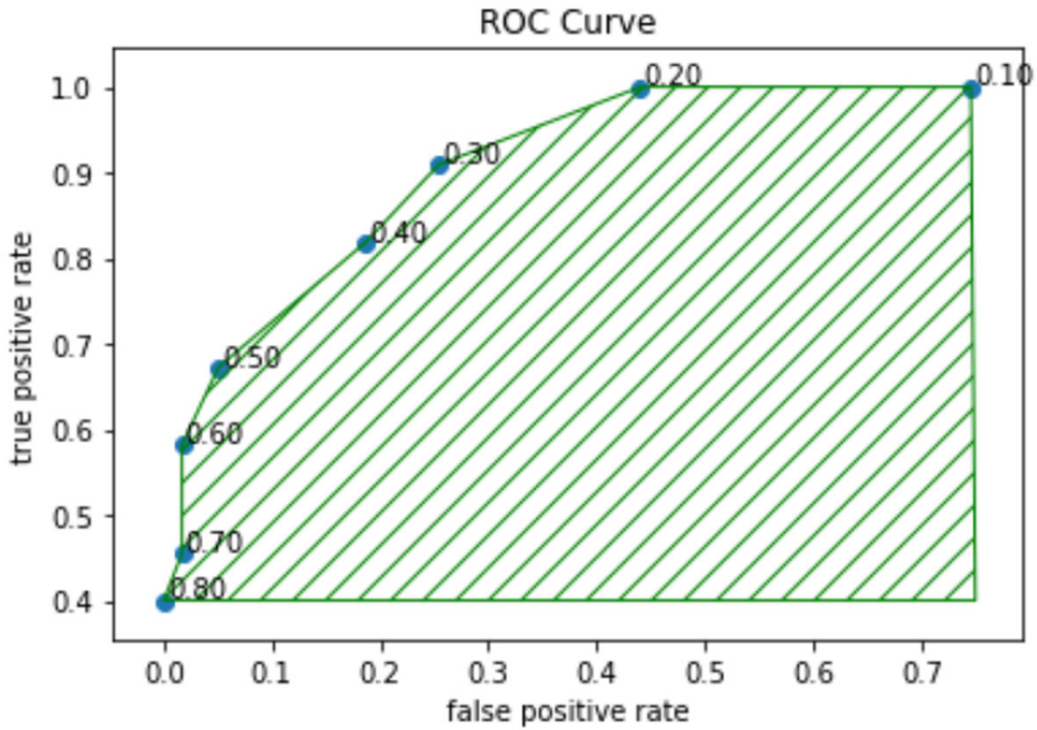
$$\text{True Positive Rate} = \frac{\#\text{True Positive}}{\#\text{True Positive} + \#\text{False Negative}}$$

- The false positive rate complements the true positive rate.

$$\text{False Positive Rate} = \frac{\#\text{False Positive}}{\#\text{True Negative} + \#\text{False Positive}}$$

ROC Curve

- A ROC curve plots the true positive rate and the false positive rate
- The acronym ROC stands for Receiver Operating Characteristic.
- We can summarize the ROC curve with the area under the curve. We abbreviate the area under the curve as AUC.



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If AUC is close to 1, then we have high true positive rate and low false positive rate

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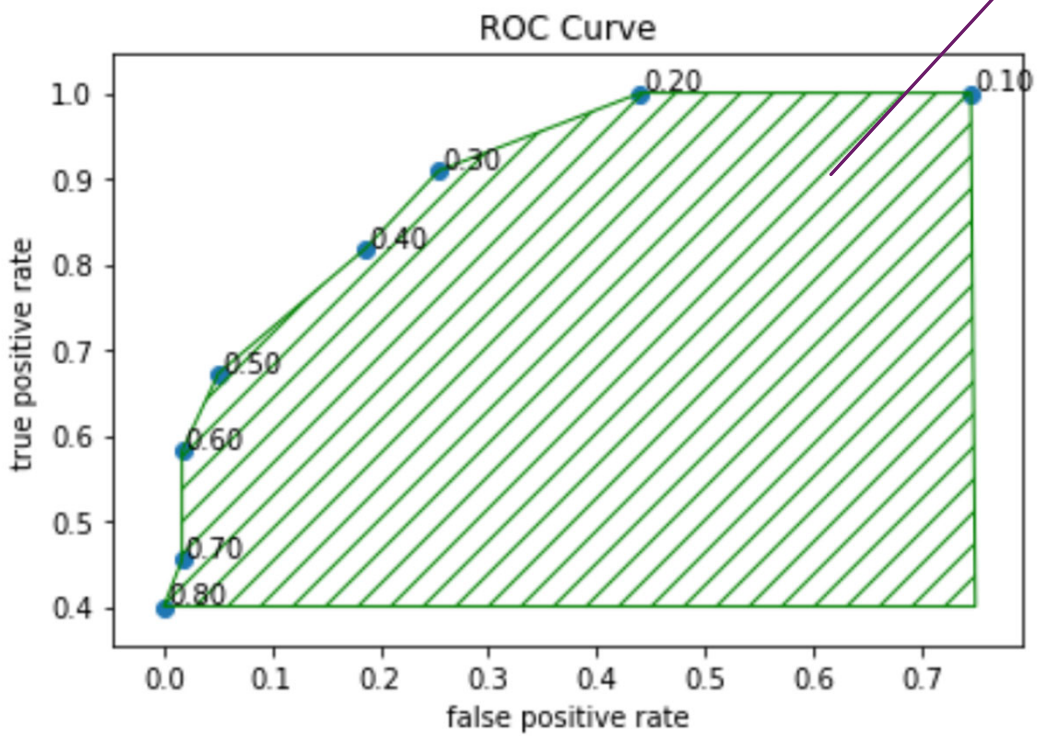

Gradient Descent

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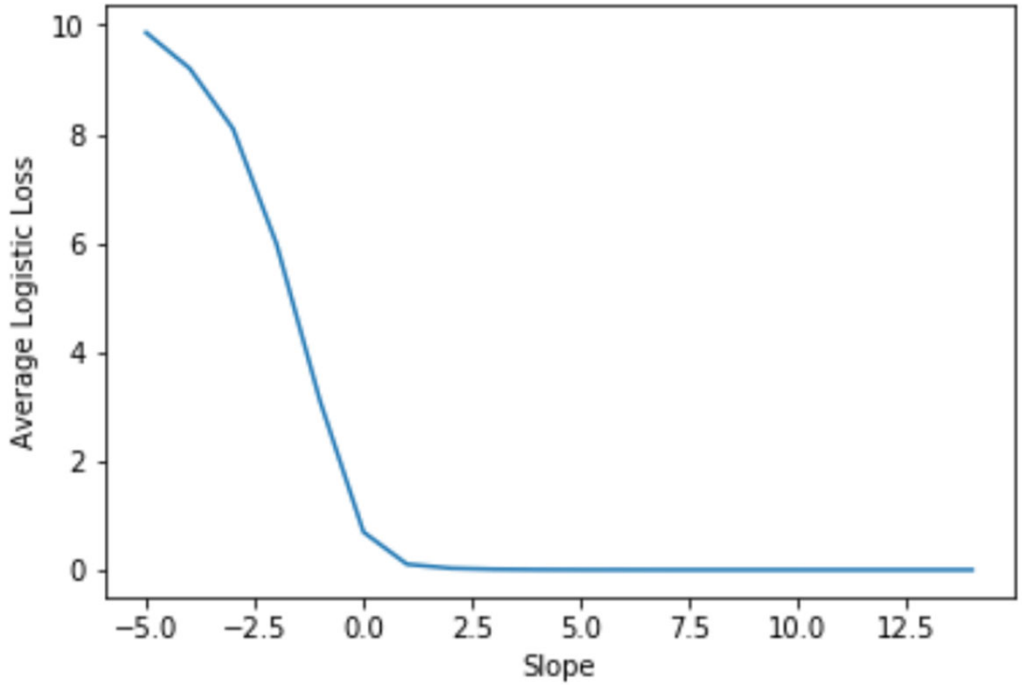

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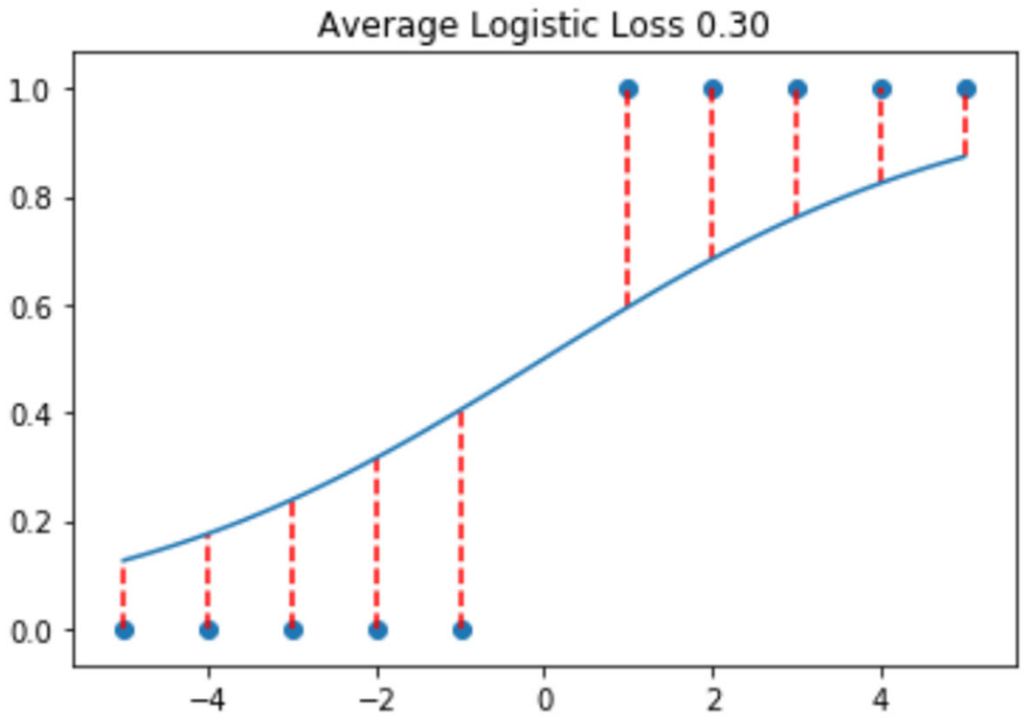
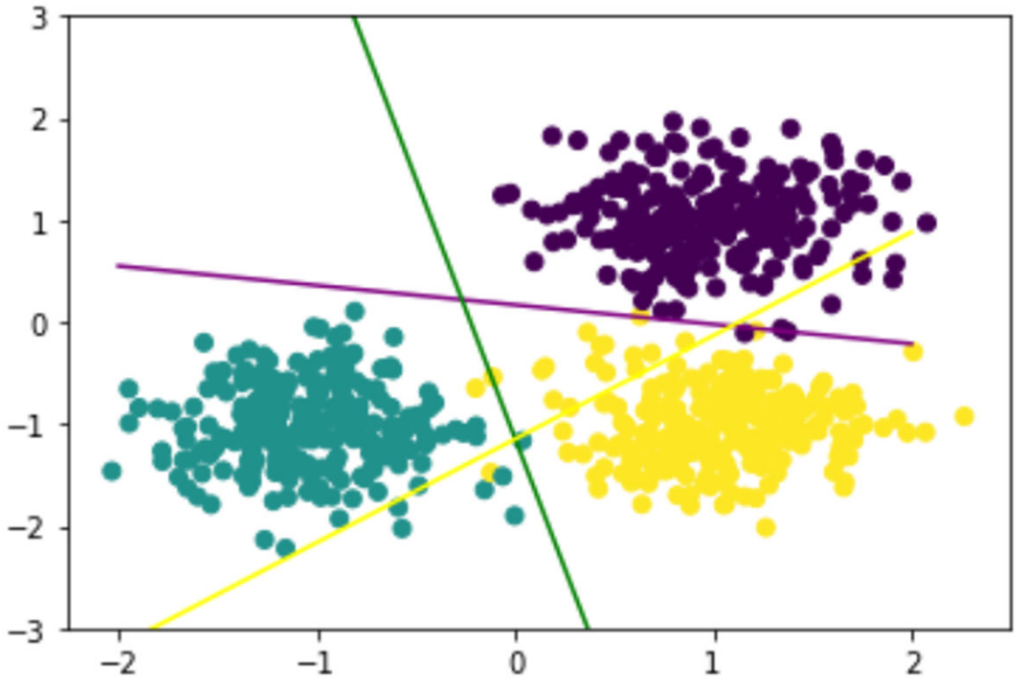


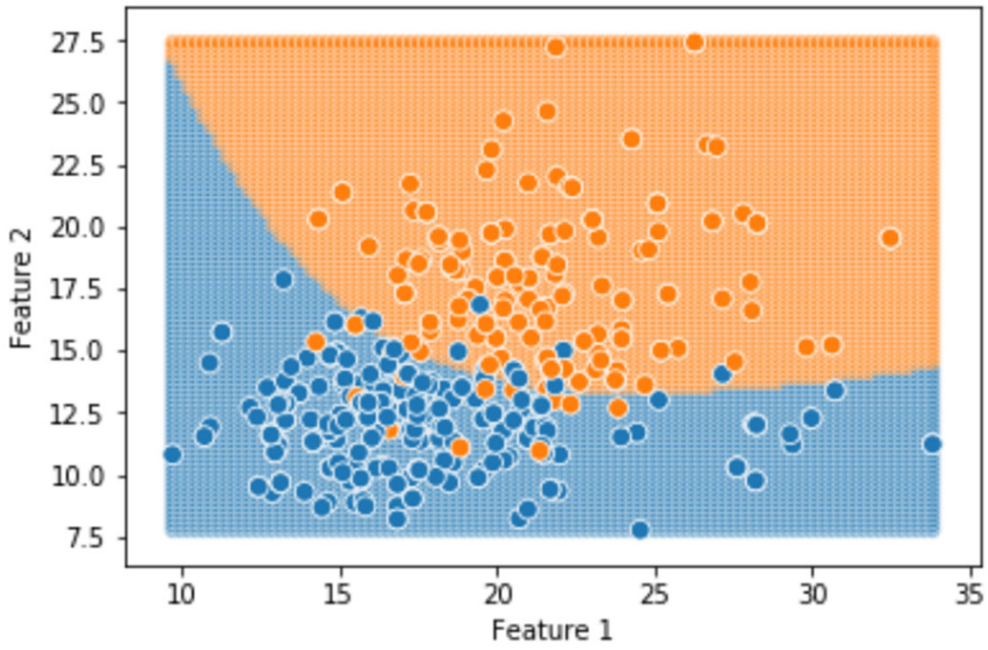
Multiple Categories

- If we have three or more categories, then we can split the classification problem into multiple problems with two categories.
- Each problem try to classify one category versus the other categories. We call the approach One-versus-Rest.



Decision Boundaries

- Remember that we can transform the features in a linear regression model to fit data with a nonlinear shape
- Similarly we can transform the features in a logistic regression model to obtain a curved decision boundary.
- Sometimes we want the decision boundary to bend around the regions containing the two categories



Summary

- Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression
- True Positive Rate and False Negative Rate
- Multiple Categories

Goals

- Understand the need for regularization in logistic regression
- Generate a ROC curve
- Use One-versus-Rest approach for classification into three or more categories