

Binary classification problems

Logistic regression from a neural
networks perspective

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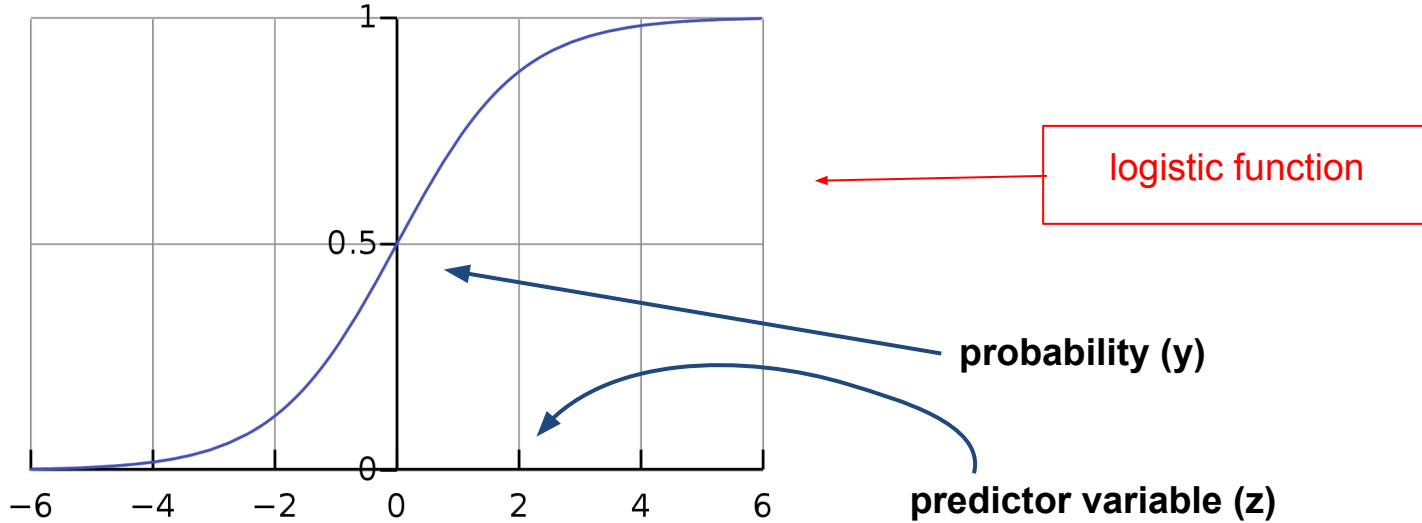


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- **Q1: if you have n examples with m features X_{nm} , what would $f(X_{nm})$ look like? (shape of \hat{y})**



Binary classification problems



$$\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{e^z}} = \frac{e^z}{1+e^z}$$



Logistic regression

- the logistic function is the basis for **logistic regression**

- $P(y=1|x)$

- $Z = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$

$$P(y = 1|x) = \sigma(z) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x}}$$

we see here the familiar **model coefficients** (from linear regression) to be estimated and then used for predictions (but now they're exponents!)



Logistic regression

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log(odds): logit

$$\log \left(\frac{\sigma(z)}{1 - \sigma(z)} \right) = \text{logit}(\sigma(z)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$



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our objective!

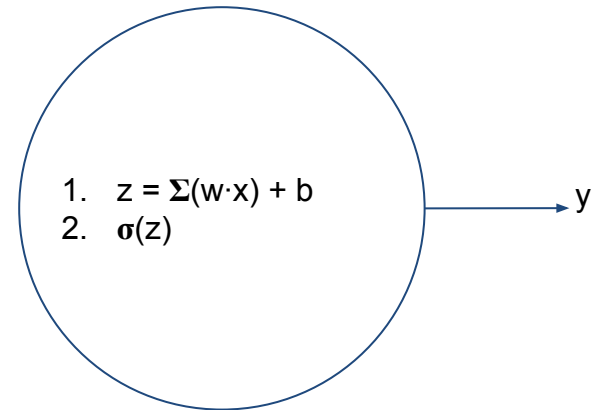


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Looks familiar!



Estimating the coefficients

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- We introduced this question yesterday, when talking of **supervised** learning
- Did you think of possible answers?



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- we need to define a **loss function** and then minimise it

observations	predictions
\mathbf{y}	$\hat{y} = \sigma(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)$

difference between observed and
predicted values



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- $\hat{y} = \sigma(z)$

$$J(\beta) = \text{loss}(\hat{y}, y) = \\ - (y \cdot \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$



Loss function for logistic regression

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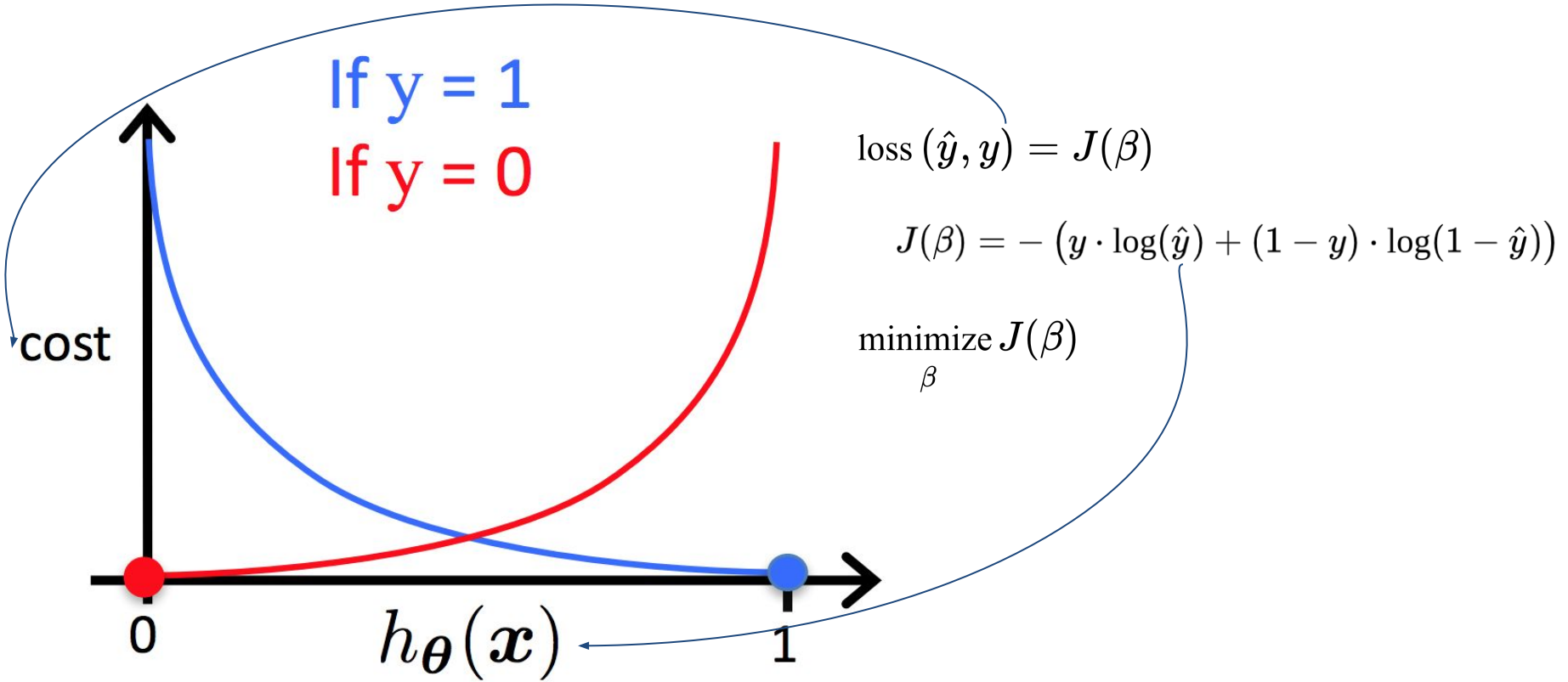
if $y = 1$

- $y_{\text{hat}} \rightarrow 1$, loss $\rightarrow 0$
- $y_{\text{hat}} \rightarrow 0$ (but $y = 1$!), loss $\rightarrow \text{infinity}$

the opposite holds if $y = 0$



Cost/loss function for logistic regression



From: <https://datascience.stackexchange.com/questions/40982/logistic-regression-cost-function>



Minimising the cost function

$$J(\beta) = - (y \cdot \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$

minimize $J(\beta)$
 β

OK: to obtain model coefficients we need to define and then minimise the cost function

How do we minimise the cost function?
Any ideas?

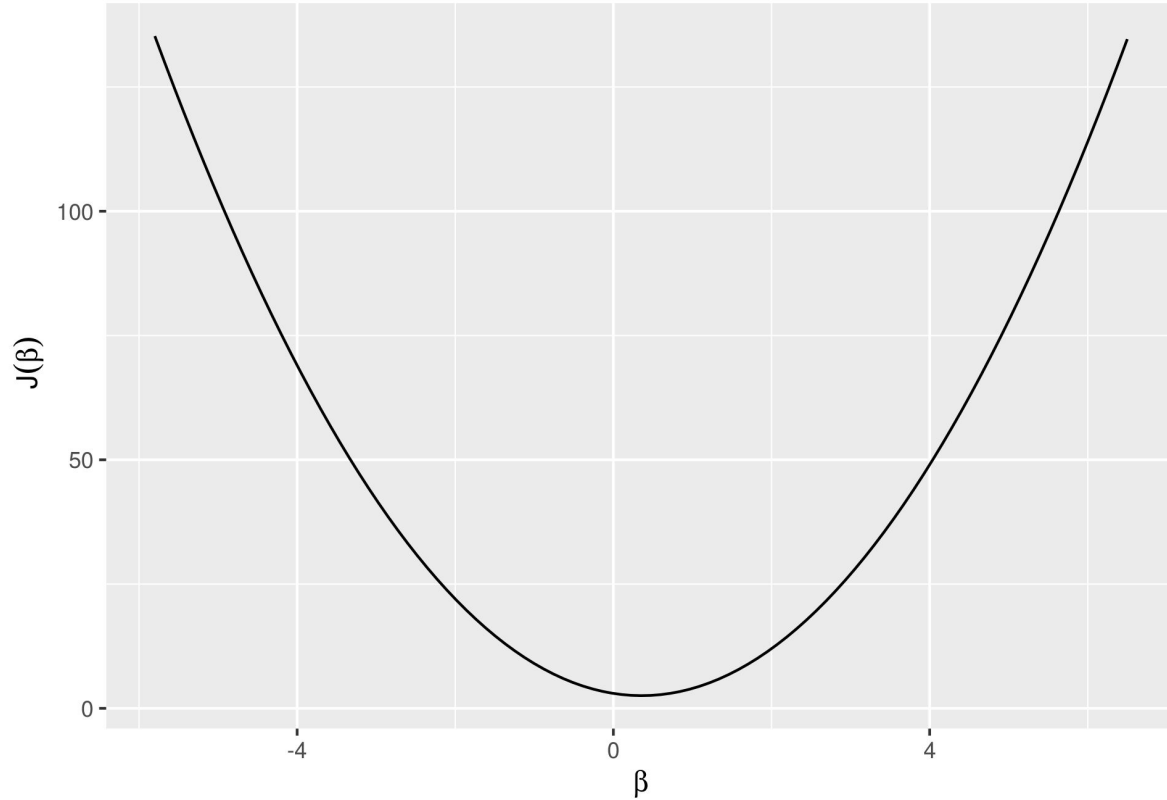


Minimising the cost function

- the defined cost function is convex
- can be minimised by **gradient descent**
- machine learning perspective: gradient descent is a general algorithm to solve models
- alternatively:
 - maximum likelihood
 - non-linear least squares



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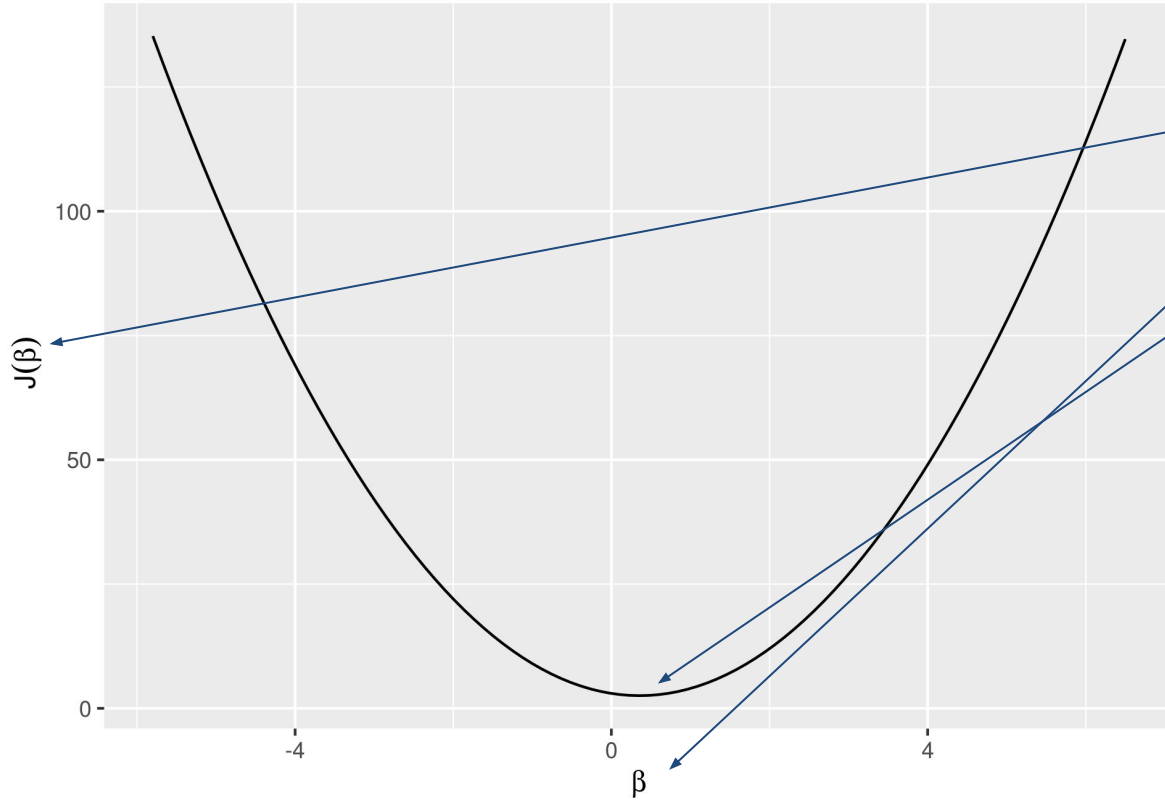


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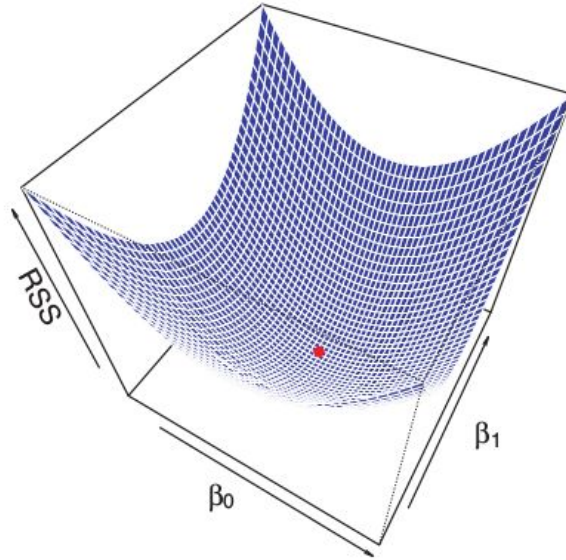
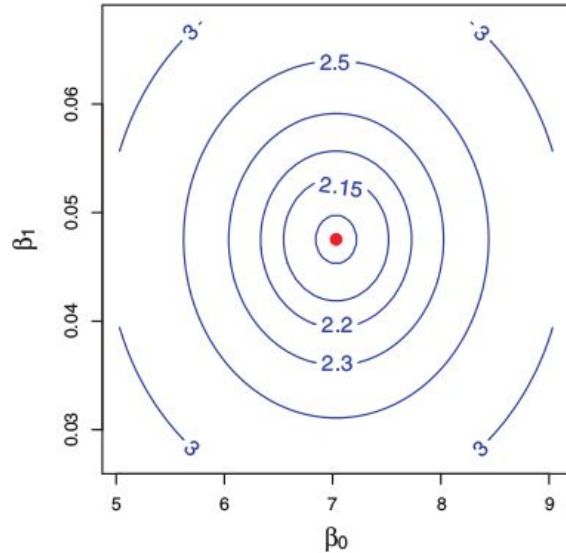
1. cost/loss function
2. model parameters
3. minimum

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Multiple logistic regression
(e.g. 2 parameters):

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x$$

Multiple logistic regression (> 2
parameters):

→ m-dimensional hyperspace



Cost function: finding the minimum?

Gradient Descent:

minimize $J(\beta)$
 β

1. Start with initial values for β : (initialisation)
2. Change β in the direction of reducing $J(\beta)$: (descent)
3. Stop when the minimum is reached : (minimisation)



Cost function: finding the minimum?

Why algorithmic solution (series of steps) and not analytical solution?

- not always a closed form solution is available
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- algorithms are easier to program than analytical calculations
- etc.



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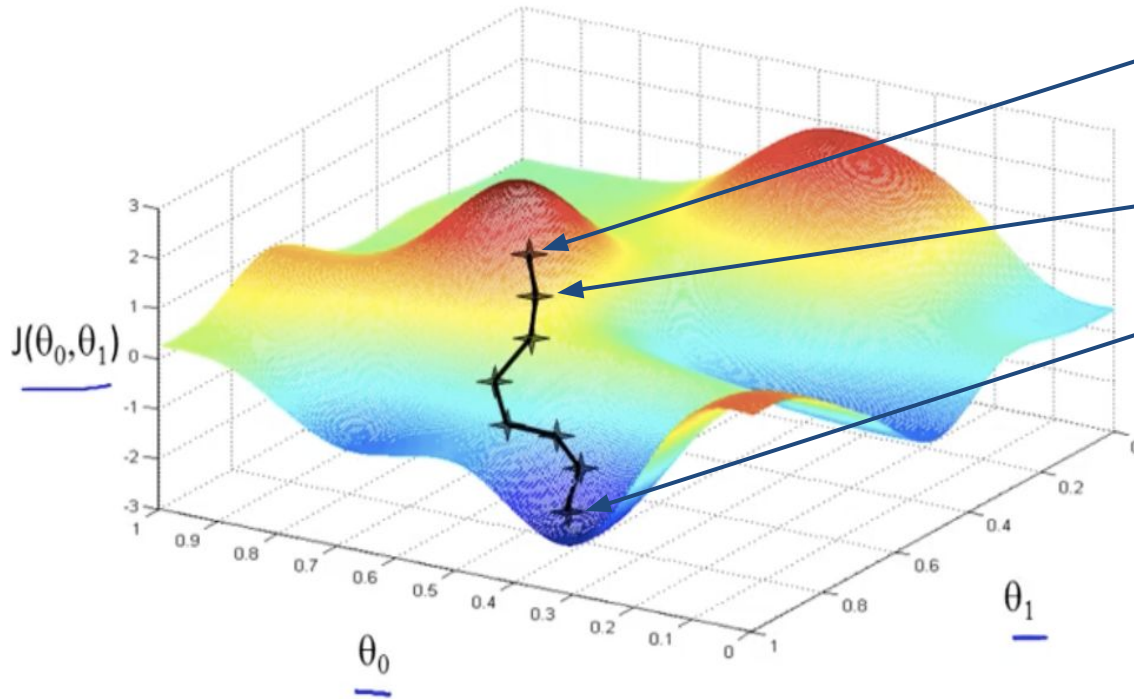
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Mind you: in the algorithmic solution (gradient descent & co.) you will still need to take derivatives (but partial derivatives at specific data points)



Gradient descent



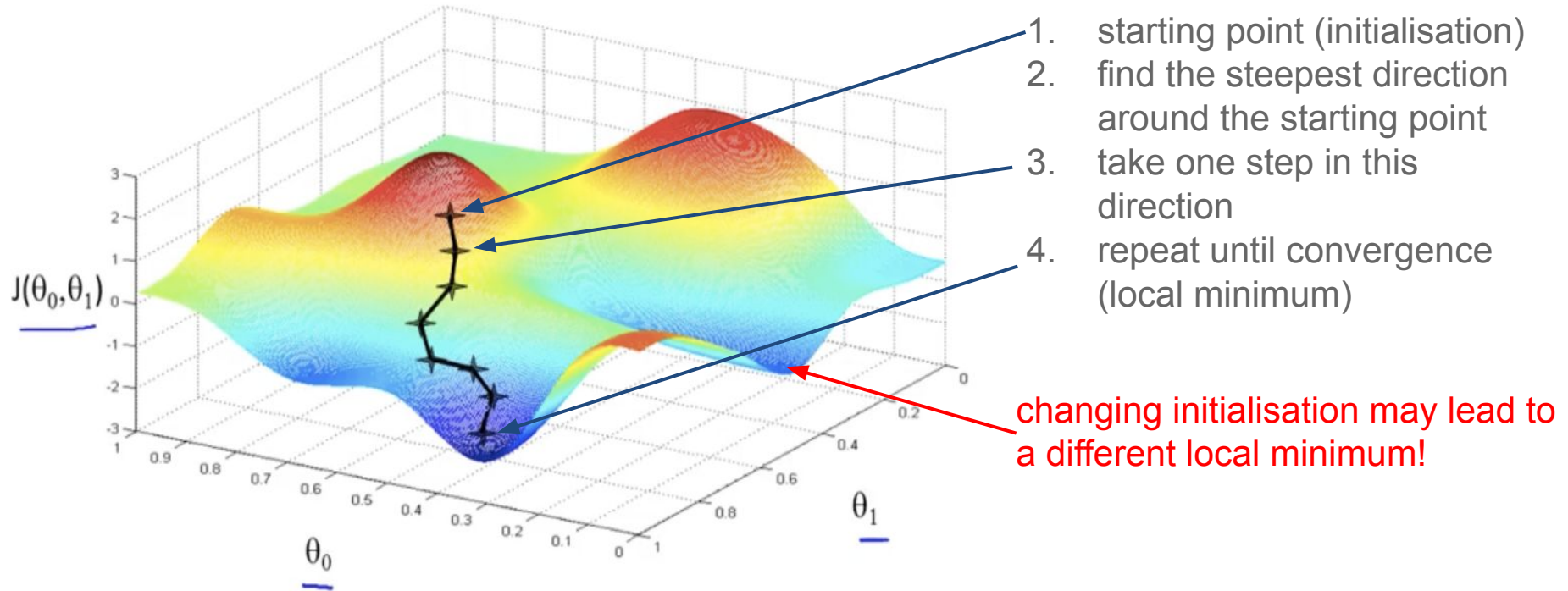
1. starting point (initialisation)
2. find the steepest direction around the starting point
3. take one step in this direction
4. repeat until convergence (local minimum)

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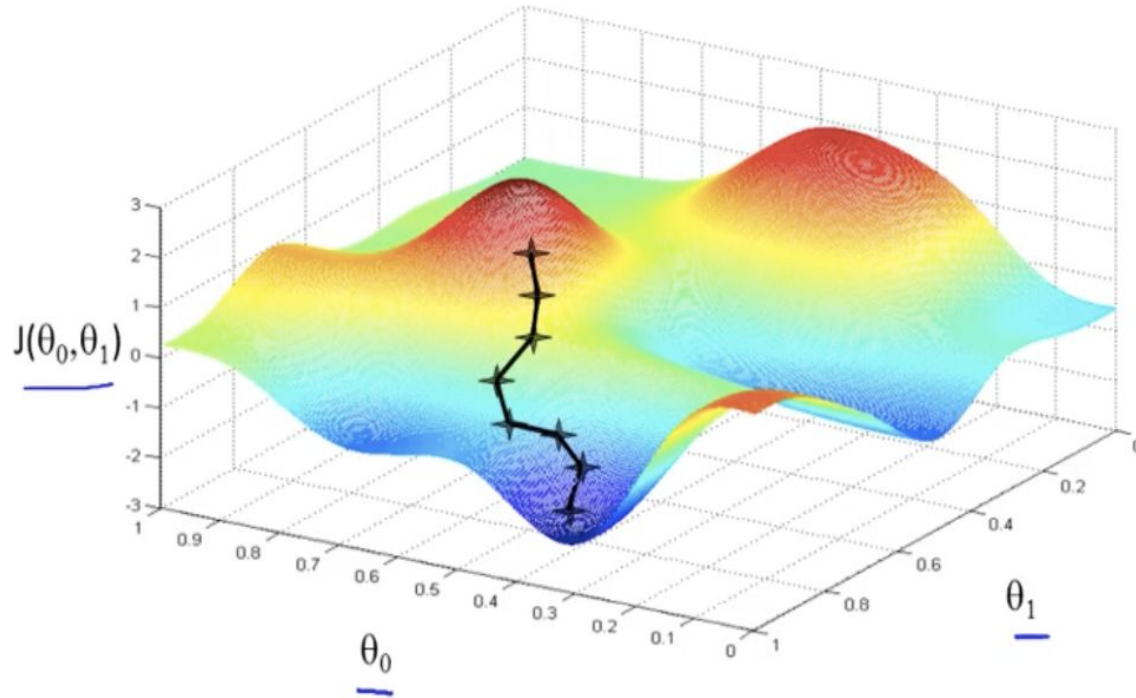
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How do we find the steepest direction?

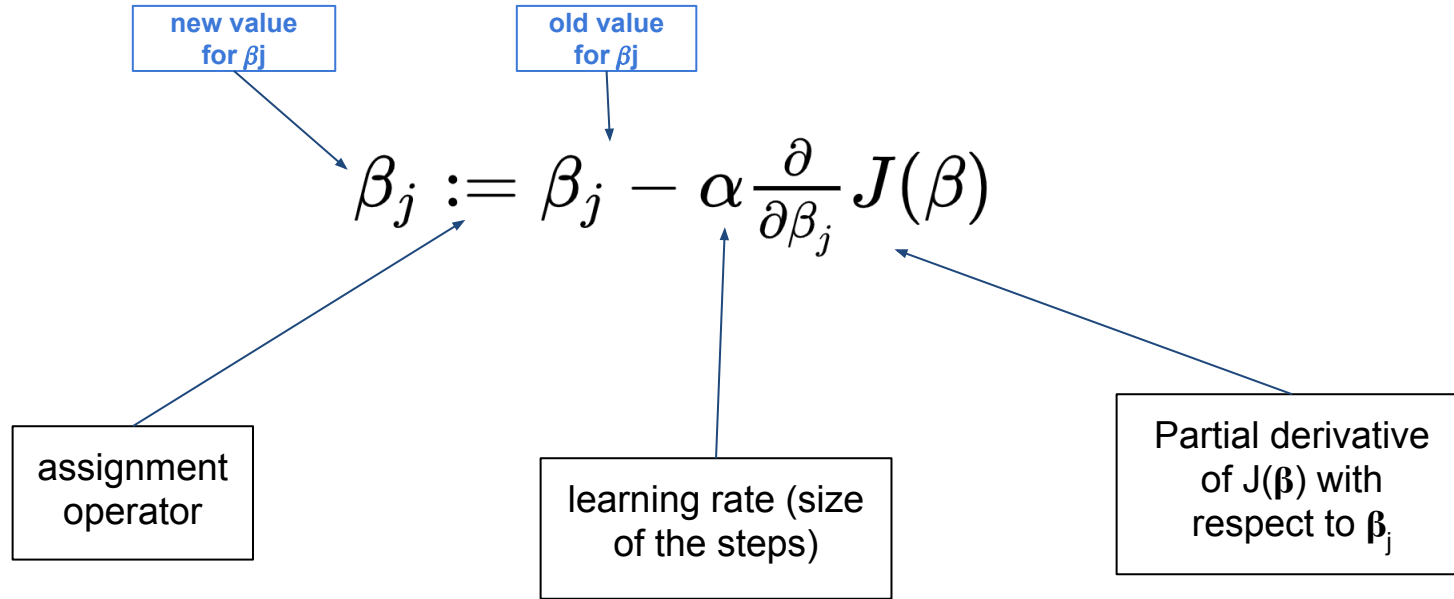


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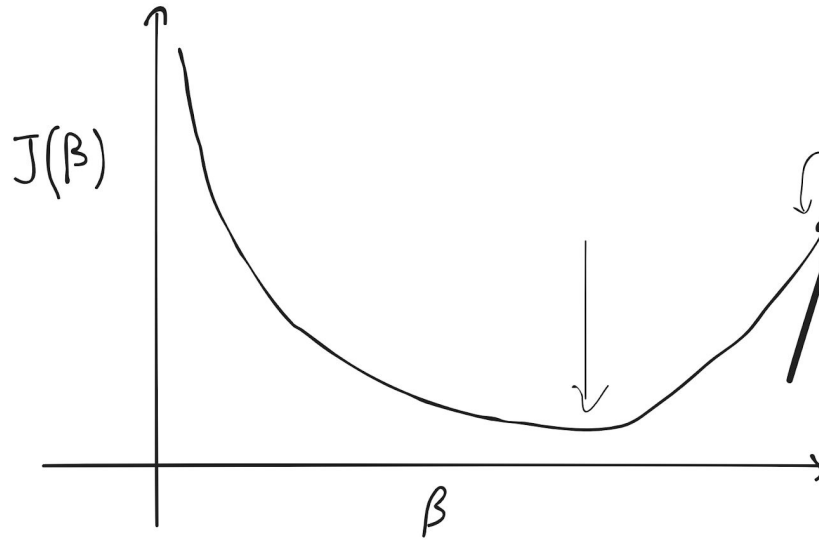
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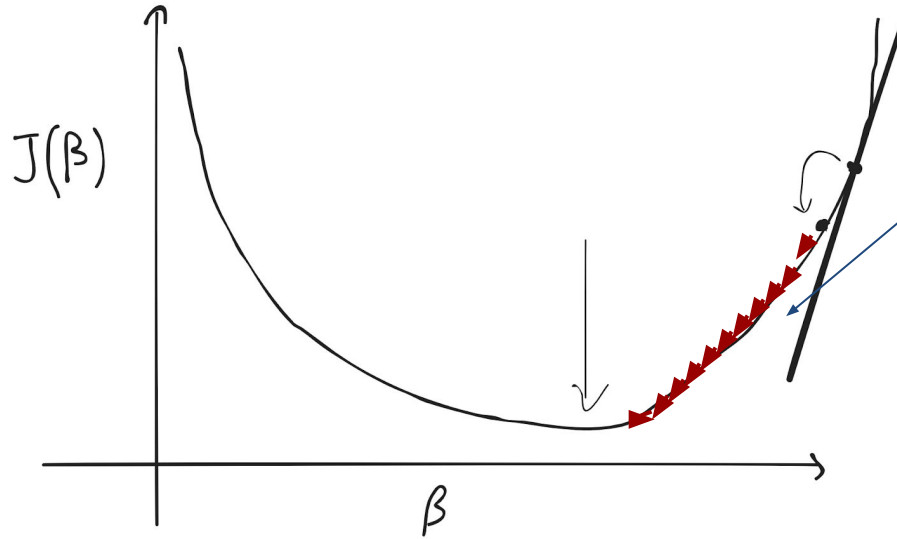
- starting point (initial value for β)
- calculate the (partial) derivative in that point
- \rightarrow positive slope
- **update** the value for β
- repeat

$$\beta_j := \beta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} J(\beta)$$

- positive slope \rightarrow reducing the value of β (and the other way around)



Gradient descent

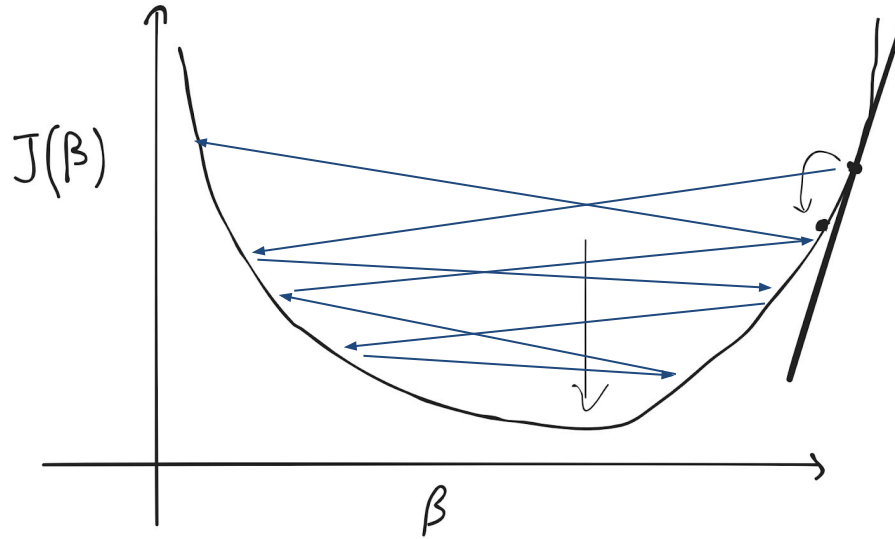


- α controls the size of the updating step
- small $\alpha \rightarrow$ slow descent

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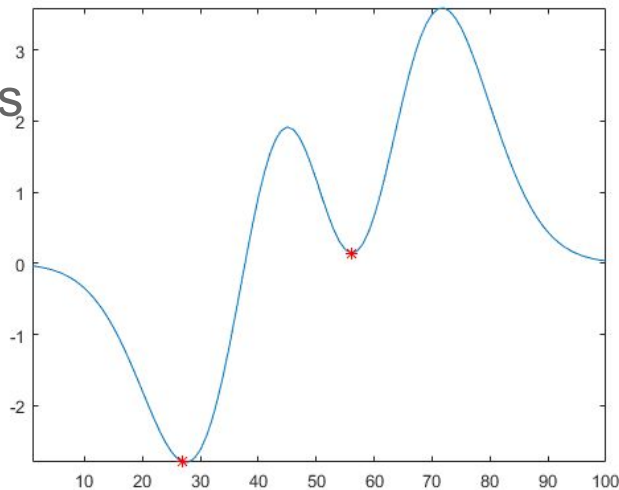
- α controls the size of the updating step
- large $\alpha \rightarrow$ overshooting: failure to converge

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Gradient descent - recap

- general method to **solve machine learning models** (e.g. multiple linear regression)
- optimise (minimise) the cost function → **optimiser**
- importance of the **learning rate**
- local minimum → **momentum** (intuition: the moving average of previous updates is weighed in into the calculations)
- **initialization** values



Logistic regression - recap

$$1) \quad z = w \cdot x + b$$

introduce \mathbf{w} (weight) as
parameter (+ b): NN notation

$$2) \quad \hat{y} = \sigma(z)$$

$$3) \quad J(w) = - (y \cdot \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$

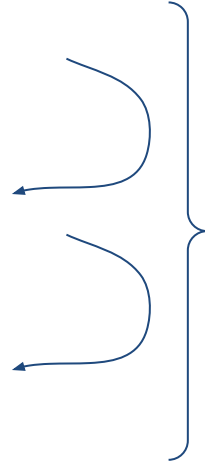


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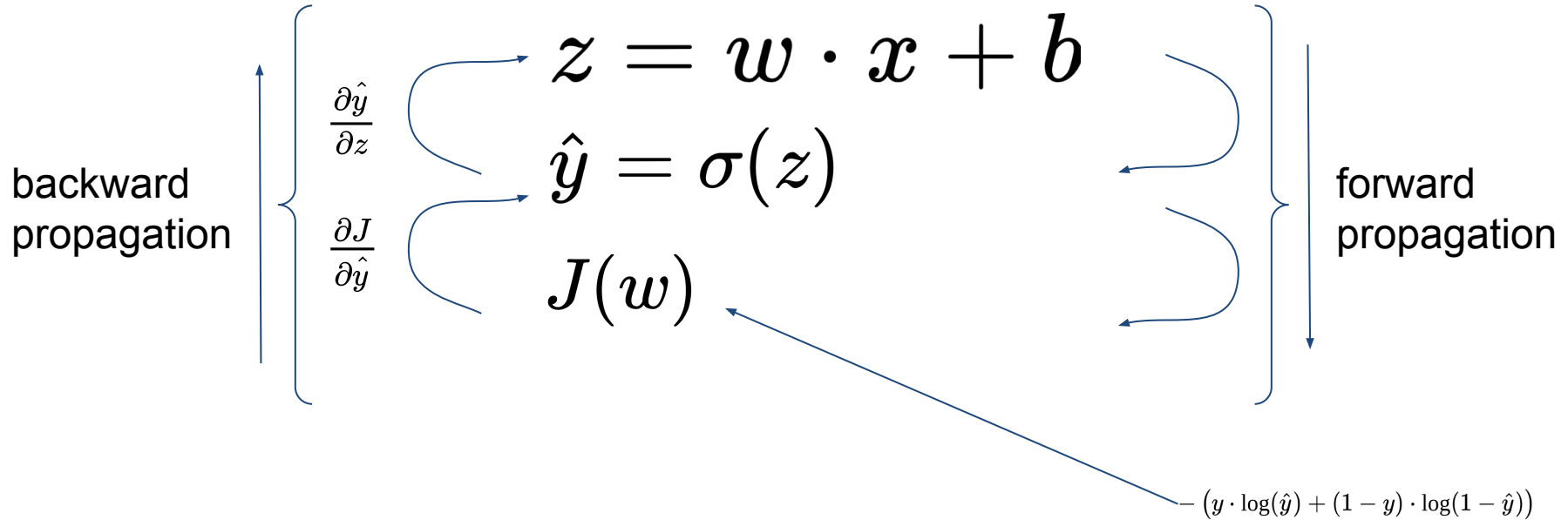
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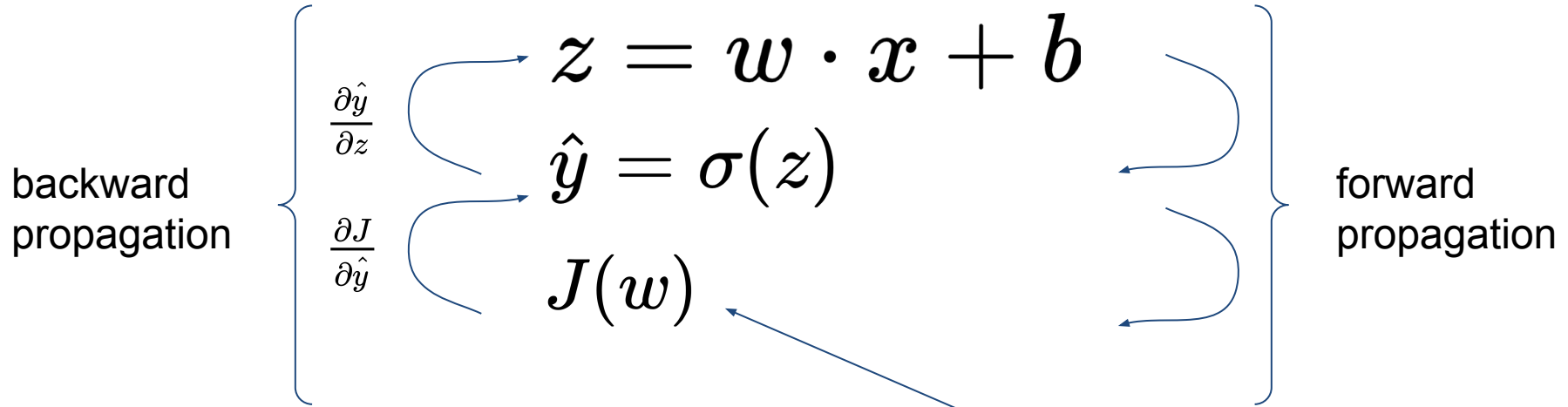
forward propagation



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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial z} \quad \leftarrow \text{chain rule} \quad (y \cdot \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$



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our objective!

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z} \cdot x_1$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z} \cdot x_2$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z}$$

$$w_1 := w_1 - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1}$$

$$w_2 := w_2 - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2}$$

$$b := b - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial b}$$

updating step



Take away message

- **back propagation** is a way (algorithm) to calculate partial derivatives (of the cost function with respect to the parameters) easily and efficiently
- partial derivatives are then used to **update** the values of the **parameters**
- in this way **gradient descent** can work to **minimise** the **cost function** and **estimate** the best values for the **parameters**
- this is very important to efficiently learn the weights (parameters) of deep neural networks
- detailed illustration of backpropagation: [in our blog](#)



Binary classification metrics



Binary classification: measuring performance

- the most common metric to measure the performance of a binary classifier is the **error rate**:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(y \neq \hat{y})$$



Confusion matrix

		True observation	
		1	0
Prediction	1	TP	FP
	0	FN	TN

- **FPR** = $FP / (FP + TN)$
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Not only total error rate!

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Logistic regression

- lab 4

→ day2_code01 logistic regression iris.ipynb

