

## CS 5135/6035 Learning Probabilistic Models

### Lecture 9: Multivariate Gaussian MLE, Logistic Regression, Newton's Method

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## Reading Material:

- Jordan, Chapter 13. The Multivariate Gaussian

<https://people.eecs.berkeley.edu/~jordan/courses/260-spring10/other-readings/chapter13.pdf>

- Engelhardt, Gaussian Models

[https://www.cs.princeton.edu/~bee/courses/scribe/lec\\_09\\_09\\_2013.pdf](https://www.cs.princeton.edu/~bee/courses/scribe/lec_09_09_2013.pdf)

- Shalizi, Chapter 12 Logistic Regression

<https://www.stat.cmu.edu/~cshalizi/uADA/12/lectures/ch12.pdf>

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## Learning a MV Gaussian using Maximum Likelihood

- Scenario:** Height (in cm.) and weight (in kg.) of 200 individuals are collected. Assuming they follow a MV Gaussian distribution, estimate the parameters  $(\mu, \Sigma)$  the MV Gaussian.

Row	Weight	Height
1	77.4	182.6
2	58.5	161.3
3	63.1	161.2
4	68.6	177.7
5	59.3	157.8
6	76.7	170.4

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## Learning a MV Gaussian using Maximum Likelihood

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- Given a training data  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  drawn *i.i.d* from a Gaussian  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma)$  with unknown mean  $\mu$  and covariance  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)}$$

What are the parameters with which a set of data points  $\mathcal{X}$  were generated from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ ?

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## Log-Likelihood for MV Gaussian

- First, we write the *likelihood*  
 $p(\mathcal{X}|\mu, \Sigma) = p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n|\mu, \Sigma) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mu, \Sigma)$  (from *i.i.d*)
- We write the log-likelihood  $\log p(\mathcal{X}|\mu, \Sigma) = \sum_i \log p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mu, \Sigma)$
- We know the pdf for each data point  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is

$$p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_i-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_i-\mu)}$$

- As the log-likelihood is a function of  $(\mu, \Sigma)$  we denote it as  $\ell(\mu, \Sigma)$

$$\ell(\mu, \Sigma) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu) - \frac{n}{2} \log \det(2\pi\Sigma)$$

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## MLE for MV Gaussian - determining $\mu$

- Log-likelihood

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- To find **optimal**  $\mu$ , take the partial derivative w.r.t. vector  $\mu$

$$\nabla_{\mu} \ell(\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (-2) \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)$$

- Equating this to zero and solve for  $\mu$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu) = 0$$

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## MLE for MV Gaussian - determining $\Sigma$

- To determine **optimal**  $\Sigma$ ...

$$\ell = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu) - \frac{n}{2} \log \det(2\pi \Sigma)$$

- It is convenient to isolate  $\Sigma^{-1}$

$$\ell = -\frac{1}{2} \text{trace} \left( \Sigma^{-1} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T}_{\equiv \mathbf{M}} \right) + \frac{n}{2} \log \det(2\pi \Sigma^{-1})$$

$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_i a_{ii}$$

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- To find **optimal**  $\Sigma$ , take partial derivative w.r.t matrix  $\Sigma^{-1}$
- Trace and matrix derivatives:**  $\nabla_A \text{tr}(AB) = B^T$ ;  $\nabla_A \log |A| = A^{-T}$
- using  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^T$ , we obtain

$$\nabla_{\Sigma^{-1}} \ell(\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{M} + \frac{n}{2} \Sigma$$

- Equating this to zero matrix and solving for  $\Sigma$  gives the sample covariance

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T$$

## Comparing Univariate and MV Gaussian ML estimates

Multivariate Gaussian

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T$$

Univariate Gaussian

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

## Logistic Regression

- Example
- Problem definition
- Assumption
- Conditional Likelihood
- Maximizing Conditional Likelihood

[<http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~cshalizi/uADA/13/lectures/ch12.pdf>]

## Logistic Regression: Example

- Widely used to model outcome of a categorical *dependent* variable, given the state of continuous *independent* variables
- Petal length of flowers from two different plant species are collected.

Row	PetalLength	Species
1	1.6	setosa
2	1.4	setosa
3	1.3	setosa
4	5.2	virginica
5	5.0	virginica
6	5.2	virginica

- Dependent variable
  - Species
- Independent variable
  - PetalLength

- Determine the probabilities:

$$p(y = \text{setosa} | x = 1.5) = ? \quad p(y = \text{virginica} | x = 1.5) = ?$$

## Logistic Regression: Problem definition

### Problem 1: Univariate $x_i$ and Binary $y$

- Given a training set  $\{(x_i, y_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , and  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^1$
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### Problem 2: Multivariate $\mathbf{x}_i$ and Binary $y$

- Given a training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Define  $p(y = 0|\mathbf{x}_i)$  and  $p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}_i)$

### Problem 3: Multivariate $\mathbf{x}_i$ and Categorical $y$

- Given a training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $y_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Define  $p(y = 1|\mathbf{x}_i), \dots, p(y = k|\mathbf{x}_i)$

## Logistic regression: Assumption (for univariate $x$ )

- For a binary variable  $y$  (i.e., a Bernoulli outcome) and  $x$  a continuous variable, we assume

$$p(y = 1|x, \beta_0, \beta_1) = \sigma(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)]}$$

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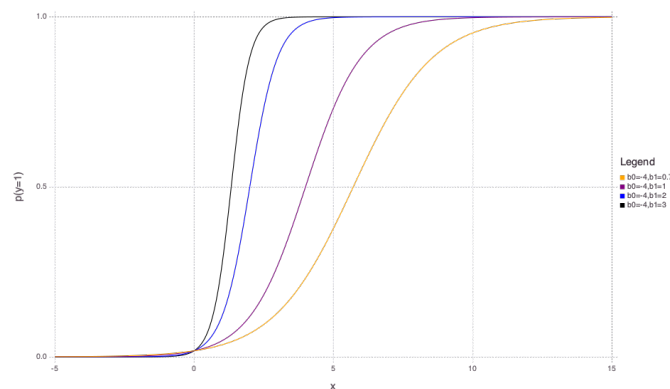
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- Alternatively

$$\log \frac{p}{1-p} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

- $p/(1-p)$  is called the odds of the event  $y = 1$  and  $x = x_i$ 
  - odds range between 0 and  $+\infty$
- $\log[p/(1-p)]$  is the log odds, also called *logit* function
  - log odds range between  $-\infty$  and  $+\infty$
- $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  is similar to *linear regression*
  - logistic regression is a generalization of regression to predict categorical variables

## Logistic regression: Visually



- Learning  $p(y = 1)$  for each value of  $x$

## Logistic regression: Assumption (for multivariate $\mathbf{x}$ )

- When  $\mathbf{x}$  a vector of  $d$  continuous variables, we assume

$$p(y=1|\mathbf{x}, \beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_d) = \sigma(\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i x_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-(\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i x_i)]}$$

where

- $\beta = [\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_d]$  are the parameters
  - $\sigma(z) = 1/(1 + e^{-z})$  is a nonlinear function
- Alternatively

$$\log \frac{p}{1-p} = \beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i x_i$$

## Likelihood for Logistic Regression

- Extension of the idea of likelihood
    - Likelihood is denoted as  $L(\theta|\mathbf{x})$  or  $L(\theta; \mathbf{x})$  or  $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  or  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ .
  - In our case we have data  $\{(x_i, y_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
  - The likelihood for this case is
- $$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}|\theta)$$
- From logistic regression  $p(y|\mathbf{x}, \beta) = \sigma(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)$ 
    - i.e.,  $y$  follows a probability distr. that is different for different  $\mathbf{x}$ .
    - All these functions share the same parameters  $\theta$ .
  - We can write the joint density of  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  as a product of conditional density of  $y|\mathbf{x}$  and marginal density of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

$$f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}|\theta) = f(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) \times f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$$

*Joint = Conditional  $\times$  Marginal*

## Conditional Likelihood

$$f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}|\theta) = f(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) \times f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$$

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### Conditional Likelihood

Conditional Likelihood of  $\theta$  given data  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is

$$L(\theta; \mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

### Principle of maximum conditional likelihood

Given data consisting of pairs  $\{(x_i, y_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , choose a parameter estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  that maximizes the joint conditional likelihood expressed as the product

$$\prod_i f(y_i|x_i; \theta)$$

- suffices to assume  $y_i$  are independent ( $x_i$ s need not be indep.)

## Maximizing Conditional Likelihood

$$\text{Conditional Likelihood} = \prod_i f(y_i|x_i; \theta)$$

$$\text{Log Conditional Likelihood } \ell = \sum_i \log f(y_i|x_i; \theta)$$

- We can write,  $p(y_i=1|x_i)$  as  $p_i$  (success in a Bernoulli trial)

$$\ell = \sum_{i,y_i=1} \log p_i + \sum_{i,y_i=0} \log(1 - p_i)$$

- Partial derivative of  $\ell$  w.r.t. a parameter  $\beta_j$  is

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i,y_i=1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p_i + \sum_{i,y_i=0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p_i)$$

## Maximizing Conditional Likelihood

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i,y_i=1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p_i + \sum_{i,y_i=0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p_i)$$

- For an individual sample, if  $y = 1$ , then partial derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p = \frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta_j}$$

- For an individual sample, if  $y = 0$ , then partial derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p) = \frac{1}{1 - p} \left( - \frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta_j} \right)$$

Let  $e = \exp[-\sum_{j=0}^d \beta_j x_j]$ , so

$$p = \frac{1}{1 + e} \quad 1 - p = \frac{1 + e - 1}{1 + e} = \frac{e}{1 + e}$$

## Maximizing Conditional Likelihood

$$p = \frac{1}{1 + e} \quad 1 - p = \frac{e}{1 + e}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta_j} &= (-1)(1 + e)^{-2} \frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta_j} \\ &= (-1)(1 + e)^{-2} (e) \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} [-\sum_j \beta_j x_j] \\ &= (-1)(1 + e)^{-2} (e)(-x_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + e} \frac{e}{1 + e} x_j \\ &= p(1 - p)x_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p = (1 - p)x_j \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p) = -px_j$$

## Maximizing Conditional Likelihood

We have:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i: y_i=1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p_i + \sum_{i: y_i=0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p = \frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta_j} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p) = \frac{1}{1 - p} \left( -\frac{\partial p}{\partial \beta_j} \right)$$

Substituting:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p = (1 - p)x_j \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log(1 - p) = -px_j$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i: y_i=1} (1 - p_i)x_{ij} + \sum_{i: y_i=0} -p_i x_{ij} = \sum_i (y_i - p_i)x_{ij}$$

## Maximizing Conditional Likelihood

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_i (y_i - p_i)x_{ij}$$

We get one equation like this for each parameter  $\beta_j$ .

Not possible to solve for  $\beta_j$  by equating the above equation to 0.

We resort to numerical optimization techniques such as Gradient Descent or Newton's method.

## Newton's Method

- Overview
- General algorithm
- Newton's method for Logistic Regression
- Julia code

## Newton's method

- A numerical optimization technique used to find the parameter vector  $\mathbf{w}$  that minimizes an objective function  $E(\mathbf{w})$ .

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w})$$

- An iterative approach to estimate  $\mathbf{w}$ 
  - Starts with an initial estimate  $\mathbf{w}_1$  (often a random vector)
  - First and the second gradients  $\nabla E(\mathbf{w}_1)$  and  $\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_1)$  are computed at this point.
  - Next estimate  $\mathbf{w}_2$  is estimated as  $\mathbf{w}_2 \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_1 - \nabla E(\mathbf{w}_1) / \nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_1)$
  - Generally  $\mathbf{w}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{i-1} - \nabla E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}) / \nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})$
  - Stops after a given maxIter or when estimate  $\mathbf{w}$  or  $\ell$  converges

## Newton's method - $\nabla E$ and $\nabla^2 E$

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}) = \left[ \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_0}, \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_d} \right]$$

$$\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_0^2} & \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_d} \\ \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_1 \partial \beta_0} & \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_1 \partial \beta_d} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_d \partial \beta_0} & \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_d \partial \beta_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\partial \beta_d^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\frac{\nabla E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}{\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})}$ 
  - Numerator is a vector and a denominator is a matrix
- $(\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1}))^{-1} \nabla E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})$ 
  - Invert the Hessian matrix ( $\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})$ ) and multiply with the gradient  $\nabla E(\mathbf{w}_{i-1})$

## Newton's method

- Recall that, if  $E(\mathbf{w})$  is convex, it is equivalent to finding  $\mathbf{w}^*$  such that  $\nabla E|_{\mathbf{w}^*} = 0$

### Taylor series

It is a representation of a function as an infinite sum of terms that are calculated from the values of the function's derivatives at a single point'

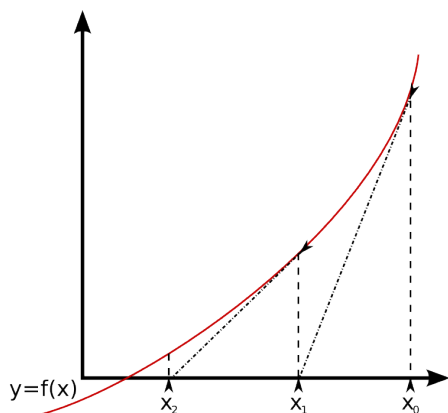
$$f(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

- Let  $F(\mathbf{w}) = \nabla E(\mathbf{w})$ . Taking Taylor expansion at the optimum solution  $\mathbf{w}^*$ 

$$F(\mathbf{w}^*) = F(\mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{w}^* - \mathbf{w}) \nabla F(\mathbf{w}^*) + \text{negligible terms}$$
- Because  $F(\mathbf{w}^*) = \nabla E(\mathbf{w}^*) = 0$ , we know

$$0 \approx F(\mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{w}^* - \mathbf{w}) \nabla F(\mathbf{w}^*) \implies \mathbf{w}^* \approx \mathbf{w} - \frac{F(\mathbf{w})}{\nabla F(\mathbf{w})} = \mathbf{w} - \frac{\nabla E(\mathbf{w})}{\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w})}$$

## Newton's method - interpretation



## Newton's method: a general algorithm

Step 1: Pick initial value  $w_1$   
 Step 2:  $maxIter = 10000$   
 Step 3: **for**  $i = 2 : maxIter$   
 Step 4:  $w_i \leftarrow w_{i-1} - \frac{\nabla E(w_{i-1})}{\nabla^2 E(w_{i-1})}$   
 Step 5: **if**  $|\ell_i - \ell_{i-1}| < \epsilon$  terminate; **end**  
 Step 6: **end for**

## Newton's method: an example

minimize  $(x - c)^2$  or  $\operatorname{argmin}_x (x - c)^2$

- $f(x) = 2(x - c)$
- $f'(x) = 2$
- $x_1 = x + 0 - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} \implies x_1 = x_0 - \frac{2(x_0 - c)}{2} = c$
- Newton's method may find the minimum solution in one step.
- Second derivative must exist

## Newton's method: Advantages and Disadvantages

### Advantages

- Converges quadratically towards a stationary point.

Comparison with Gradient Descent:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\nabla^2 E(w_{i-1})}$$

### Disadvantages

- Does not necessarily converge toward a minimizer
- Diverges if the starting approximation is too far
- Requires second-order information  $\nabla^2 E(w_{i-1})$
- Not suited if  $\nabla^2 E(w_{i-1})$  is not invertible

## Newton's Method for Logistic Regression

First derivatives

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_0} = \sum_i (y_i - p_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_1} = \sum_i (y_i - p_i) x_{i1}$$

Second derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta_0^2} = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (1 - p_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta_1^2} = - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i1}^2 p_i (1 - p_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta_0 \partial \beta_1} = - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i1} p_i (1 - p_i)$$

General case:

First derivative

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_i (y_i - p_i) x_{ij}$$

where  $x_{ij}$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  attribute in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  sample.

Second derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} = - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} x_{ik} p_i (1 - p_i)$$

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## Julia code - log likelihood and probability computation

```
# compute p(y=1|x_i)
function compute_p(x,b)
    p = 1./(1.+e.^(-x*b));
    return p;
end
```

```
## compute_p (generic function with 1 method)
```

```
function compute_l(x,y,b)
    p = compute_p(x,b);
    prob = y.*log.(p) + (1-y).*log.(1-p);
    l = sum(prob[.!isnan.(prob)]);
    return l;
end
```

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## Julia code - first and second derivatives

```
function compute_first_derivatives(x,y,p)
    d1 = zeros(2);
    d1[1] = sum(y.-p);
    d1[2] = sum((y.-p).*x[:,2]);
    return d1;
end
```

## compute\_first\_derivatives (generic function with 1 method)

```
function compute_second_derivatives(x,y,p)
    d2 = zeros(2,2);
    d2[1,1] = sum(p.*(1.-p));
    d2[2,2] = sum((x[:,2].^2).*p.*(1.-p));
    d2[1,2] = sum(x[:,2].*p.*(1.-p));
    d2[2,1] = d2[1,2];
    return d2;
end
```

## compute\_second\_derivatives (generic function with 1 method)

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## Julia code - Newton's method

```
function newtons_lr(x,y)
    max_itr = 20; # maximum num. iterations
    b = [-4 1]'; # random initialization
    l = compute_l(x,y,b); # compute log-likelihood
    for i=1:max_itr
        p = compute_p(x,b); #compute prob.
        d1 = compute_first_derivatives(x,y,p);
        d2 = compute_second_derivatives(x,y,p);
        b_new = b.+inv(d2)*d1; #update betas
        l_new = compute_l(x,y,b_new);
        if(abs(l-l_new)<0.00001) break; end;
        l = l_new;
        b = b_new;
    end
    return b;
end
```

## newtons\_lr (generic function with 2 methods)

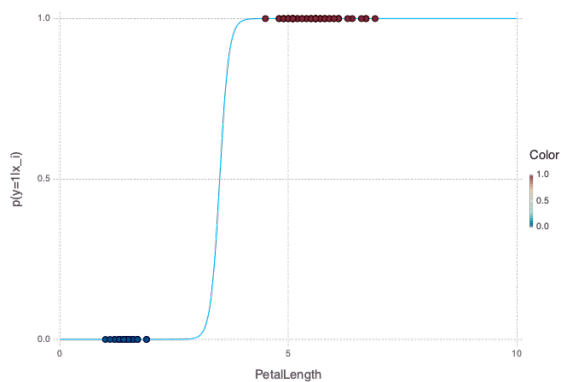
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## Julia code - Newton's method (result)



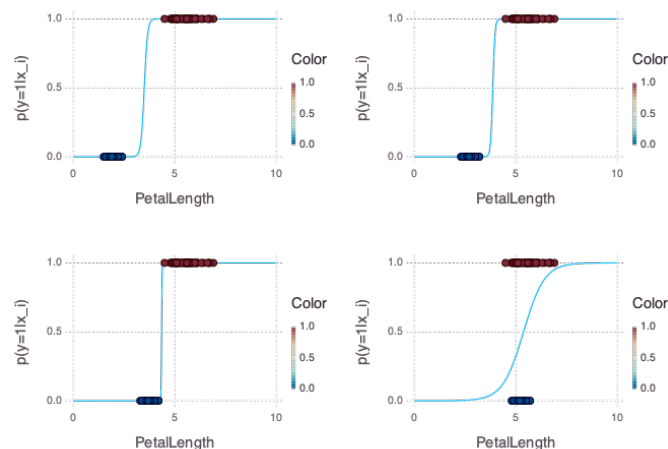
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## Other scenarios



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