# Optional Lab: Logistic Regression, Decision Boundary

## Goals

In this lab, you will:

 Plot the decision boundary for a logistic regression model. This will give you a better sense of what the model is predicting.

## **Dataset**

Let's suppose you have following training dataset

- The input variable X is a numpy array which has 6 training examples, each with two features
- The output variable y is also a numpy array with 6 examples, and y is either 0 or 1

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In [3]: X = np.array([[0.5, 1.5], [1,1], [1.5, 0.5], [3, 0.5], [2, 2], [1, 2.5]])
y = np.array([0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]).reshape(-1,1)
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#### Plot data

Let's use a helper function to plot this data. The data points with label y=1 are shown as red crosses, while the data points with label y=0 are shown as blue circles.

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In [4]: fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(4,4))
    plot_data(X, y, ax)

    ax.axis([0, 4, 0, 3.5])
    ax.set_ylabel('$x_1$')
    ax.set_xlabel('$x_0$')
    plt.show()
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# Logistic regression model

• Suppose you'd like to train a logistic regression model on this data which has the form

$$f(x) = g(w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + b)$$

where  $g(z)=rac{1}{1+e^{-z}},$  which is the sigmoid function

• Let's say that you trained the model and get the parameters as  $b=-3, w_0=1, w_1=1$ . That is,

$$f(x) = g(x_0 + x_1 - 3)$$

(You'll learn how to fit these parameters to the data further in the course)

Let's try to understand what this trained model is predicting by plotting its decision boundary

## Refresher on logistic regression and decision boundary

· Recall that for logistic regression, the model is represented as

$$f_{\mathbf{w},b}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = g(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \tag{1}$$

where g(z) is known as the sigmoid function and it maps all input values to values between 0 and 1:

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \tag{2}$$

and  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  is the vector dot product:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1$$

- We interpret the output of the model  $(f_{\mathbf{w},b}(x))$  as the probability that y=1 given  $\mathbf{x}$  and parameterized by  $\mathbf{w}$  and b.
  - lacktriangledown Therefore, to get a final prediction (y=0 or y=1) from the logistic regression model, we can use the following heuristic -

if 
$$f_{{f w},b}(x)>=0.5$$
, predict  $y=1$ 

if 
$$f_{\mathbf{w},b}(x) < 0.5$$
, predict  $y = 0$ 

- Let's plot the sigmoid function to see where  $g(z)>=0.5\,$ 

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In [5]: # Plot sigmoid(z) over a range of values from -10 to 10
z = np.arange(-10,11)

fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(5,3))
# Plot z vs sigmoid(z)
ax.plot(z, sigmoid(z), c="b")

ax.set_title("Sigmoid function")
ax.set_ylabel('sigmoid(z)')
ax.set_xlabel('z')
draw_vthresh(ax,0)
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- As you can see, g(z)>=0.5 for z>=0
- For a logistic regression model,  $z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$ . Therefore,

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if \mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}+b>=0, the model predicts y=1 if \mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}+b<0, the model predicts y=0
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# Plotting decision boundary

Now, let's go back to our example to understand how the logistic regression model is making predictions.

· Our logistic regression model has the form

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(-3 + x_0 + x_1)$$

• From what you've learnt above, you can see that this model predicts y=1 if  $-3+x_0+x_1>=0$ 

Let's see what this looks like graphically. We'll start by plotting  $-3+x_0+x_1=0$ , which is equivalent to  $x_1=3-x_0$ .

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In []: # Choose values between 0 and 6
    x0 = np.arange(0,6)

x1 = 3 - x0
    fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(5,4))
# Plot the decision boundary
ax.plot(x0,x1, c="b")
ax.axis([0, 4, 0, 3.5])

# Fill the region below the line
ax.fill_between(x0,x1, alpha=0.2)

# Plot the original data
plot_data(X,y,ax)
ax.set_ylabel(r'$x_1$')
ax.set_xlabel(r'$x_0$')
plt.show()
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- In the plot above, the blue line represents the line  $x_0 + x_1 3 = 0$  and it should intersect the x1 axis at 3 (if we set  $x_1 = 3$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ) and the x0 axis at 3 (if we set  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_0 = 3$ ).
- The shaded region represents  $-3+x_0+x_1<0$ . The region above the line is  $-3+x_0+x_1>0$ .
- Any point in the shaded region (under the line) is classified as y=0. Any point on or above the line is classified as y=1. This line is known as the "decision boundary".

As we've seen in the lectures, by using higher order polynomial terms (eg:  $f(x) = g(x_0^2 + x_1 - 1)$ , we can come up with more complex non-linear boundaries.

# Congratulations!

You have explored the decision boundary in the context of logistic regression.

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