GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCTION TO LOGISTIC REGRESSION

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Build a Logistic regression classification model using the statsmodels library
- Describe a sigmoid function, odds, and the odds ratio as well as how they relate to logistic regression
- Evaluate a model using metrics such as classification accuracy/error, confusion matrix, ROC/AUC curves, and loss functions

COURSE

PRE-WORK

PRE-WORK REVIEW

- Implement a linear model (LinearRegression) with sklearn
- Understand what a coefficient is
- Recall metrics such as accuracy and misclassification
- Recall the differences between L1 and L2 regularization

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EXERCISE

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Read through the following questions and brainstorm answers for each:

1. What are the main differences between linear regression and KNN models? What is different about how they approach solving the problem?
   a. For example, what is *interpretable* about OLS compared to what's *interpretable* in KNN?

2. Can you apply linear regression to classification? How would you do it and what are the problems with the approach?

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Answers to the above questions

INTRODUCTION

LOGISTIC REGRESSION

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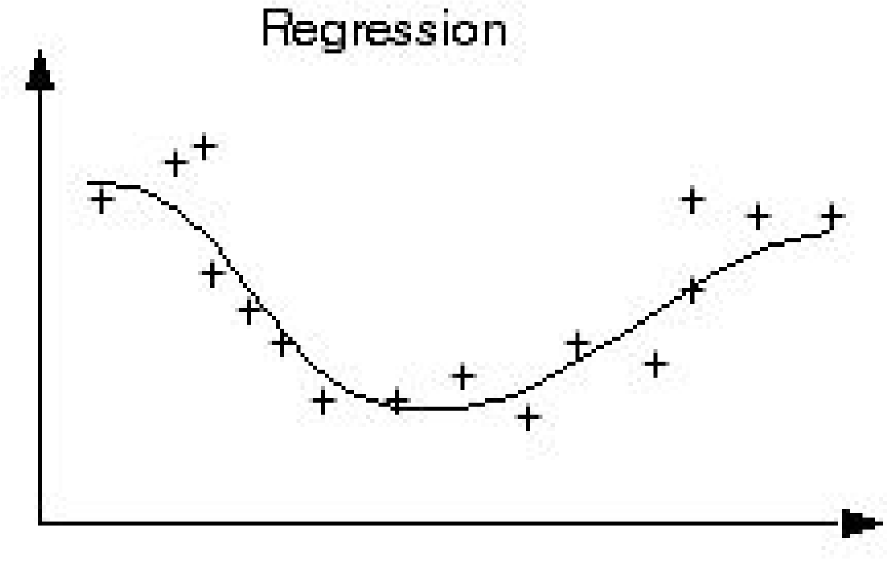
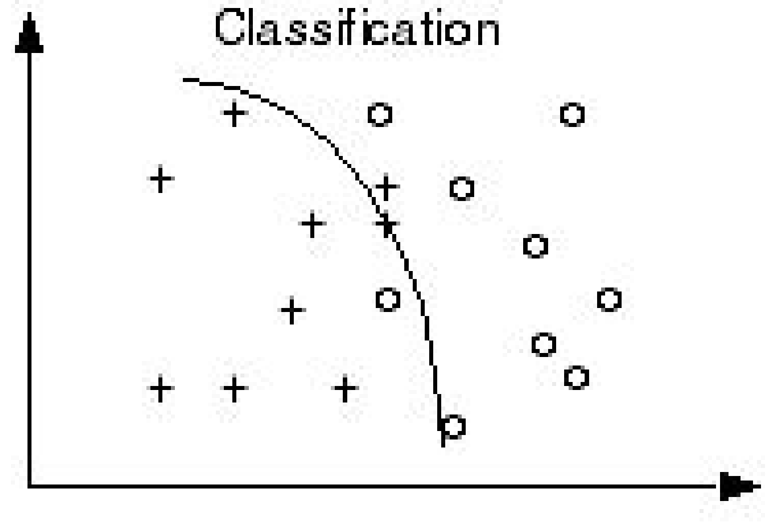
- Logistic regression is a *linear* approach to solving a *classification* problem.
- That is, we can use a linear model, similar to Linear regression, in order to solve if an item *belongs* or *does not belong* to a class label.

CHALLENGE! LINEAR REGRESSION RESULTS FOR CLASSIFICATION

- Regression results can have a value range from -∞ to ∞.

- Classification is used when predicted values (i.e. class labels) are not greater than or less than each other.





CHALLENGE! LINEAR REGRESSION RESULTS FOR CLASSIFICATION

- But, since most classification problems are binary (0 or 1) and 1 is greater than 0, does it make sense to apply the concept of regression to solve classification?

- How might we contain those bounds?

- Let’s review some approaches to make classification with regression feasible.

FIX 1: PROBABILITY

- One approach is predicting the probability that an observation belongs to a certain class.

- We could assume the *prior probability* (the *bias*) of a class is the class distribution.

FIX 1: PROBABILITY

- For example, suppose we know that roughly 700 of 2200 people from the Titanic survived. Without knowing anything about the passengers or crew, the probability of survival would be ~0.32 (32%).

- However, we still need a way to use a linear function to either increase or decrease the probability of an observation given the data about it.

FIX 2: LINK FUNCTIONS AND THE SIGMOID FUNCTION

- Another advantage to OLS is that it allows for *generalized* models using a *link function*.
- Link functions allows us to build a relationship between a linear function and the mean of a distribution.
- We can now form a specific relationship between our linear predictors and the distribution of the response variable.

ACTIVITY: KNOWLEDGE CHECK

EXERCISE

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. What is the distribution most aligned with OLS/Linear Regression?
2. What is the distribution most aligned with binary classification problems and multi category classification problems?

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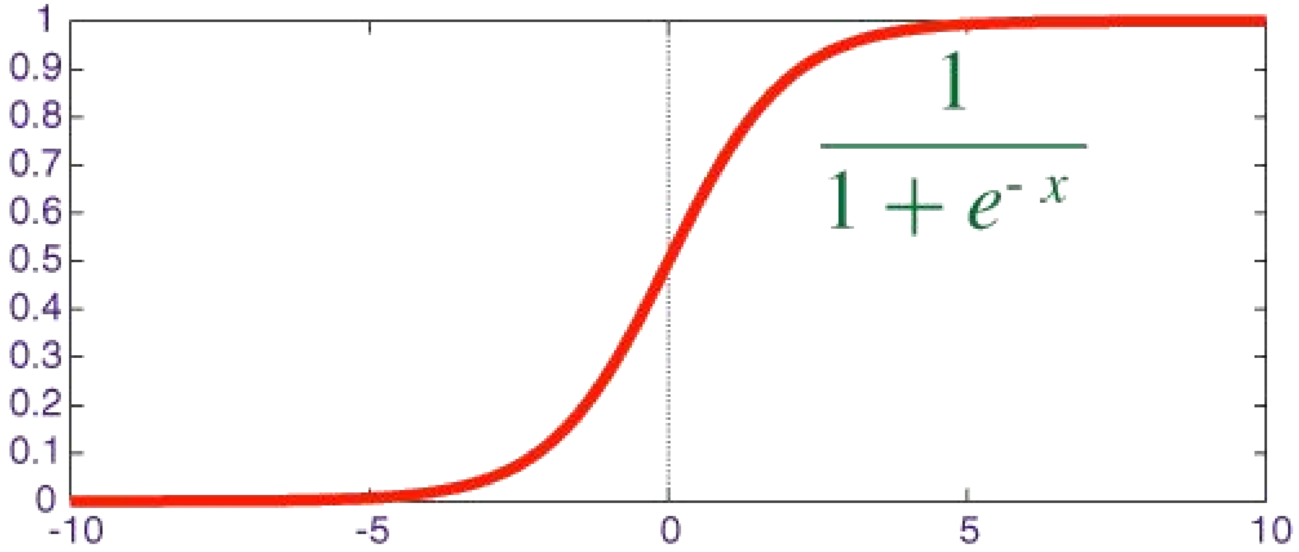
Answers to the above questions

FIX 2: LINK FUNCTIONS AND THE SIGMOID FUNCTION

- For classification, we need a distribution associated with categories: given all events, what is the probability of a given event?
- The link function that best allows for this is the *logit* function, which is the inverse of the *sigmoid* function.

FIX 2: LINK FUNCTIONS AND THE SIGMOID FUNCTION

- A *sigmoid function* is a function that visually looks like an s.



- Mathematically, it is defined as $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+\mathrm{e}^{-x}}$

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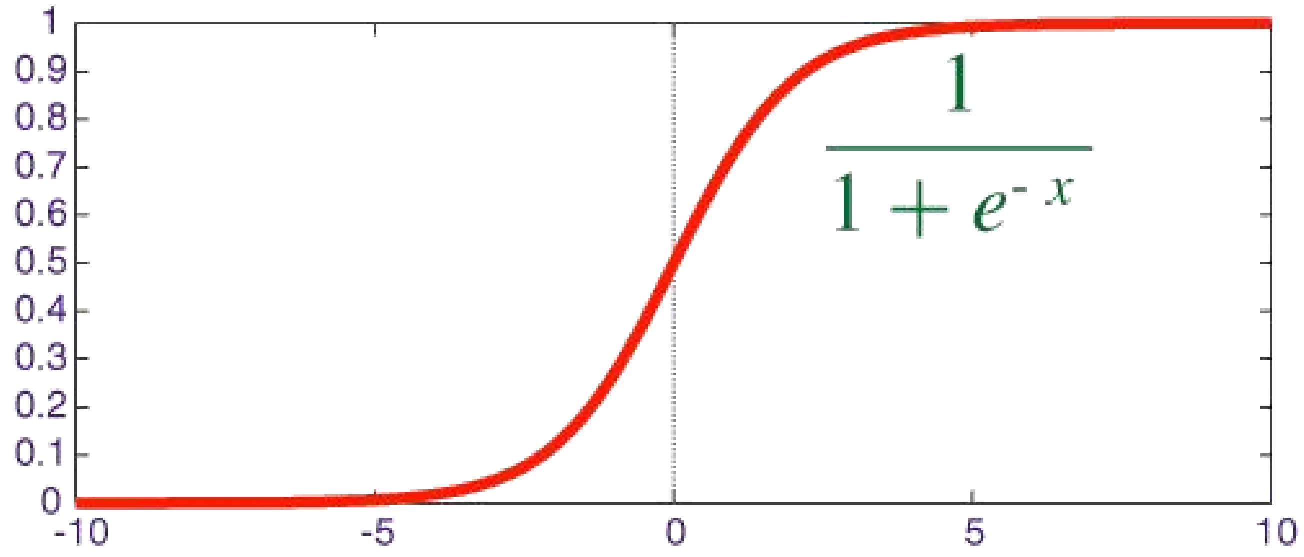
- Recall that e is the *inverse* of the natural log.
- As x increases, the results is closer to 1. As x decreases, the result is closer to 0.
- When x = 0, the result is 0.5.



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- Since x decides how much to increase or decrease the value away from 0.5, x can be interpreted as something like a coefficient.

- However, we still need to change its form to make it more useful.

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PLOTTING A SIGMOID FUNCTION

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- Use the sigmoid function definition with values of x between -6 and 6 to plot it on a graph.

- Do this by hand or write Python code to evaluate it.

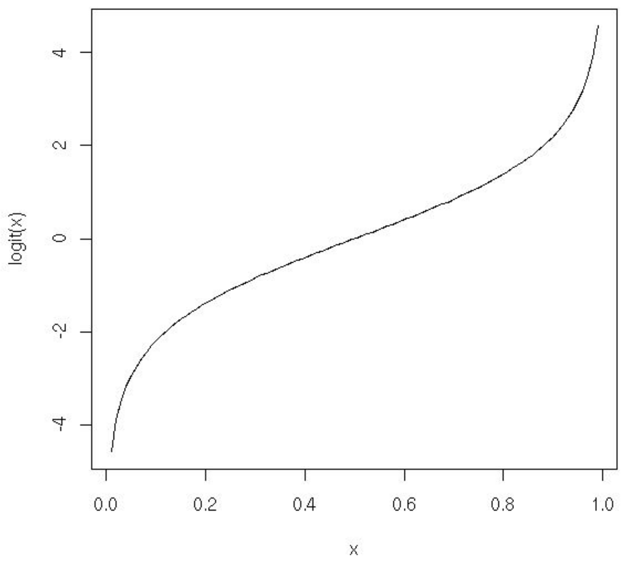
- Recall that e = 2.71.

- Do we get an the “S” shape we expect?

LOGISTIC REGRESSION

FIX 3: ODDS AND LOG-ODDS

- The *logit* function is the inverse of the *sigmoid* function.
- This will act as our *link* function for logistic regression.
- Mathematically, the logit function is defined as $$Ln\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right)$$



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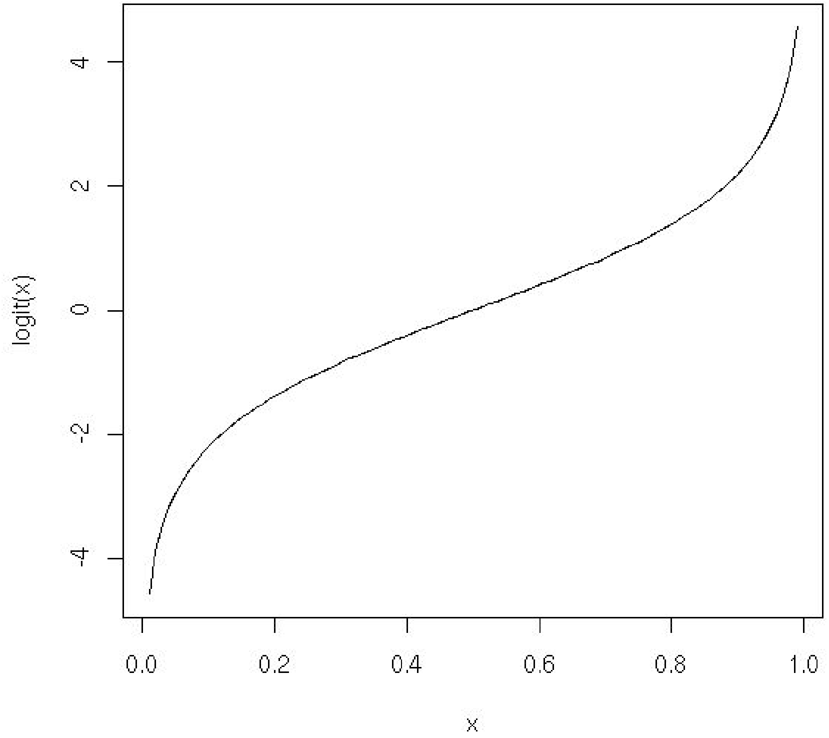
- The value within the natural log, p / (1-p) represents the *odds*. Taking the natural log of odds generates *log odds*.



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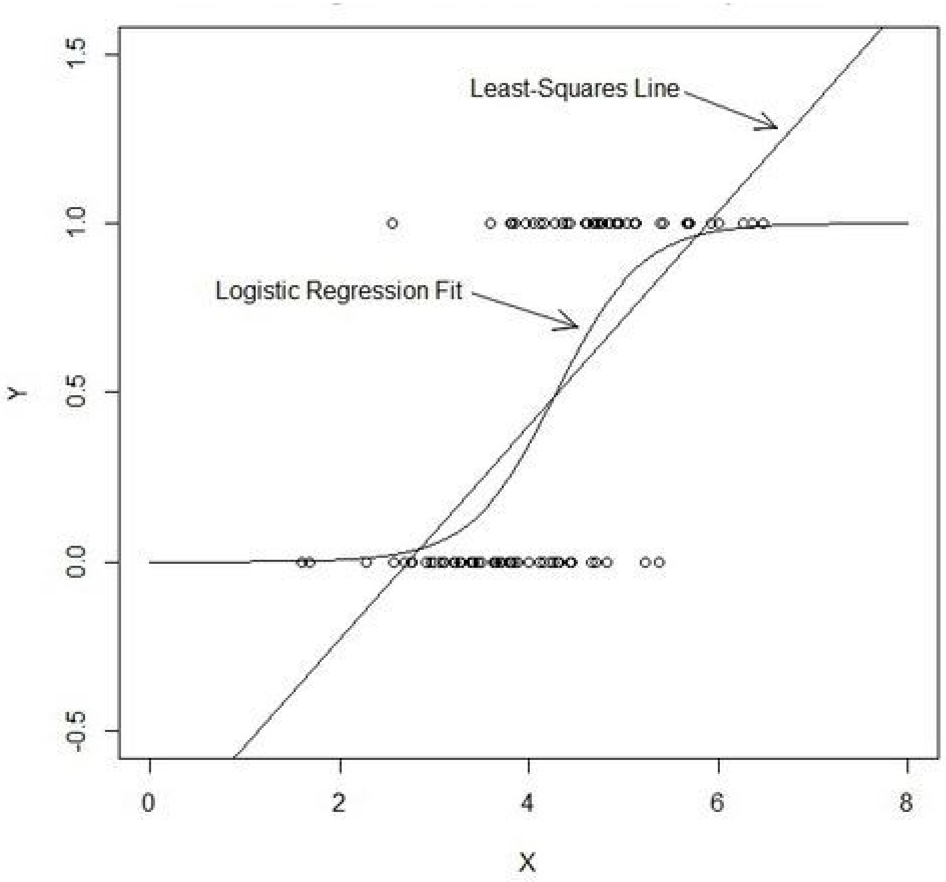
- The logit function allows for values between -∞ and ∞, but provides us probabilities between 0 and 1.



ACTIVITY: KNOWLEDGE CHECK

EXERCISE

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to take values between -∞ and ∞, but provide probabilities between 0 and 1?

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Answers to the above questions

FIX 3: ODDS AND LOG-ODDS

- For example, the logit value (log odds) of 0.2 (or odds of ~1.2:1):

$$0.2 = \ln(p / (1-p))$$

- With a mean probability of 0.5, the adjusted probability would be ~0.55.

$$1 / (1 + e^{-0.2})$$

- To calculate this in python, we could use the following.

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1 / (1 + numpy.exp(-0.2) )
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FIX 3: ODDS AND LOG-ODDS

- While the logit value represents the *coefficients* in the logistic function, we can convert them into odds ratios that make them more easily interpretable.

$$Ln\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1$$

$$\mathrm{OR} = \frac{\mathrm{odds}(x+1)}{\mathrm{odds}(x)} = \frac{\frac{F(x+1)}{1-F(x+1)}}{\frac{F(x)}{1-F(x)}} = \frac{e^{\beta_0+\beta_1(x+1)}}{e^{\beta_0+\beta_1 x}} = e^{\beta_1}$$

- The odds multiply by e^{B_1} for every 1-unit increase in x.

LOSS FUNCTION

- Cant use the same min of mean square error due to non-linearity and non-convexity
- Need a loss/cost function that is high when the prediction is wrong and close to 0 when prediction is accurate

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathrm{Cost}(h_\theta(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

$$\mathrm{Cost}(h_\theta(x), y) = -\log(h_\theta(x)) \qquad \text{if y = 1}$$

$$\mathrm{Cost}(h_\theta(x), y) = -\log(1 - h_\theta(x)) \qquad \text{if y = 0}$$

Compose both together by multiplying y and (1-y). Note that this is convex is you examine it carefully.

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

LOGISTIC REGRESSION IMPLEMENTATION

ACTIVITY: LOGISTIC REGRESSION IMPLEMENTATION

EXERCISE

DIRECTIONS (15 minutes)

Use the data `collegeadmissions.csv` and the `LogisticRegression` estimator in sklearn to predict the target variable `admit`.

1. Follow along in the starter code notebook

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Answers to the above questions

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

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- Accuracy is only one of several metrics used when solving a classification problem.
- Accuracy = total predicted correct / total observations in dataset
- Accuracy alone doesn’t always give us a full picture.
- If we know a model is 75% accurate, it doesn’t provide *any* insight into why the 25% was wrong.

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- Was it wrong across all labels?
- Did it just guess one class label for all predictions?
- It’s important to look at other metrics to fully understand the problem.

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- Let's refer to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precision_and_recall

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{tp}{tp + fp}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{tp}{tp + fn}$$

$$\text{TPR} = \frac{\text{TP}}{P} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{N} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}} = 1 - \text{TNR}$$

		True class	
		p	n
Hypothesized class	Y	True Positives	False Positives
	N	False Negatives	True Negatives
Column totals:		P	N

- Sklearn has all of the metric functions located on one convenient page.

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- The true positive and false positive rates gives us a much clearer pictures of where predictions begin to fall apart.

- This allows us to adjust our models accordingly.

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- A good classifier would have a true positive rate approaching 1 and a false positive rate approaching 0.

- In our smoking problem, this model would accurately predict *all* of the smokers as smokers and not accidentally predict any of the nonsmokers as smokers.

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- We can vary the classification threshold for our model to get different predictions. But how do we know if a model is better overall than other model?

- We can compare the FPR and TPR of the models, but it can often be difficult to optimize two numbers at once.

- Logically, we like a single number for optimization.

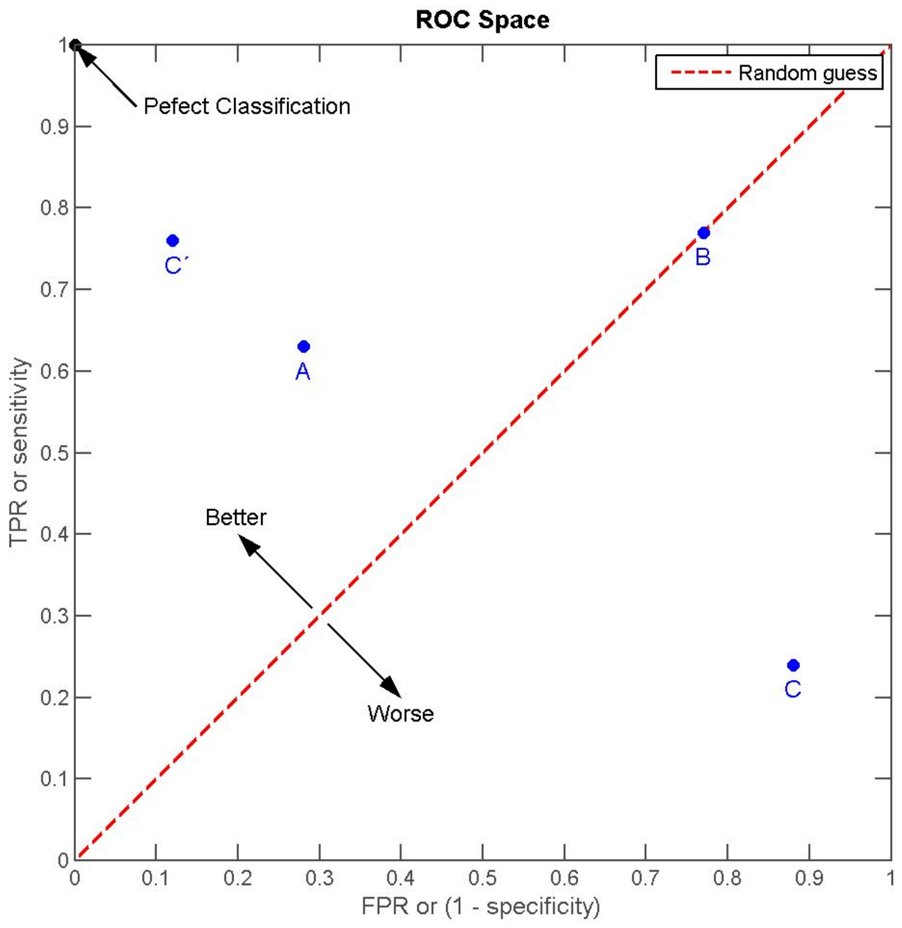
- Can you think of any ways to combine our two metrics?

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- This is where the Receiver Operation Characteristic (ROC) curve comes in handy.
- The curve is created by plotting the true positive rate against the false positive rate at various model threshold settings.
- Area Under the Curve (AUC) summarizes the impact of TPR and FPR in one single value.

ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- There can be a variety of points on an ROC curve.



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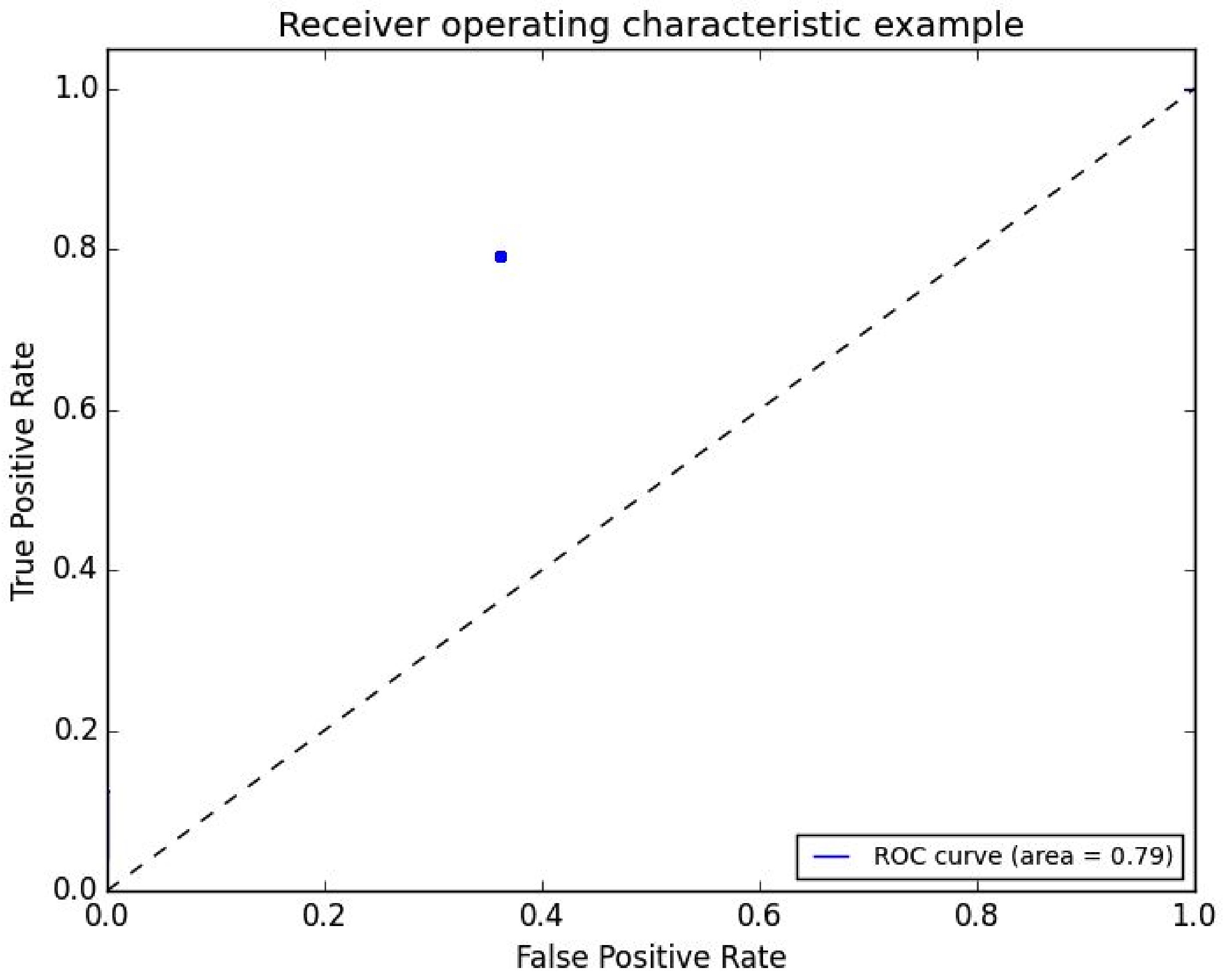
- We can begin by plotting an individual TPR/FPR pair for one threshold.



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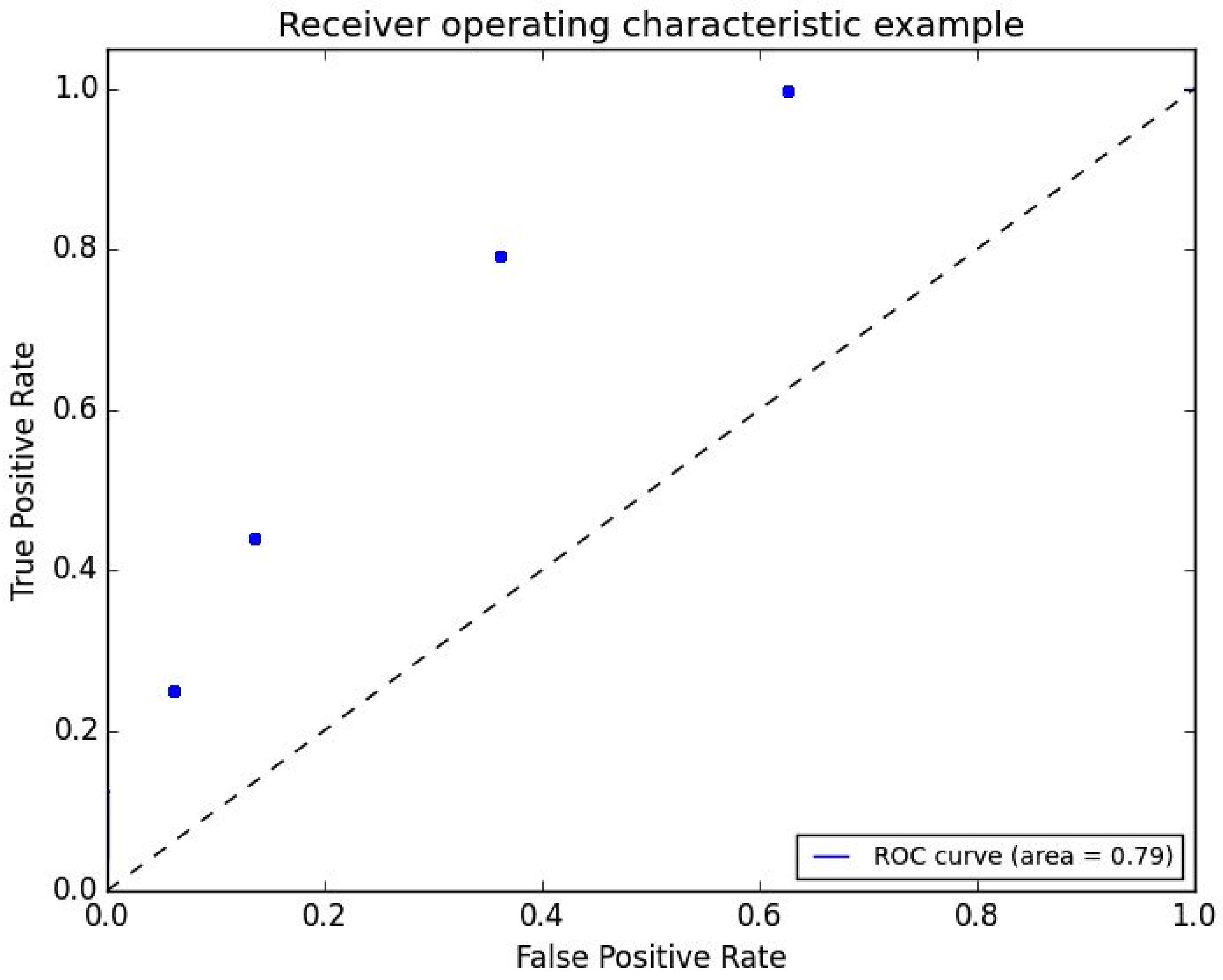
- We can continue adding pairs for different thresholds



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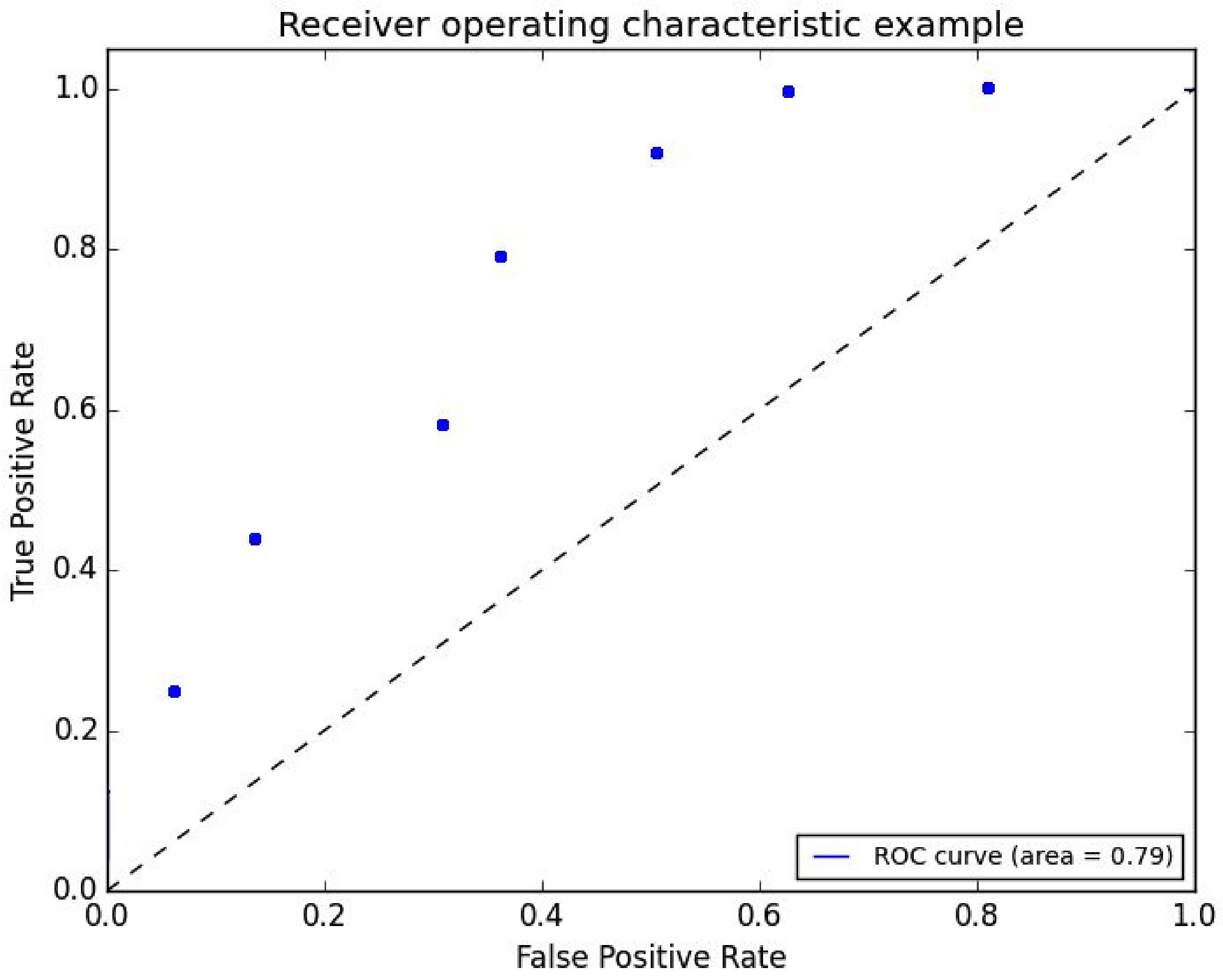
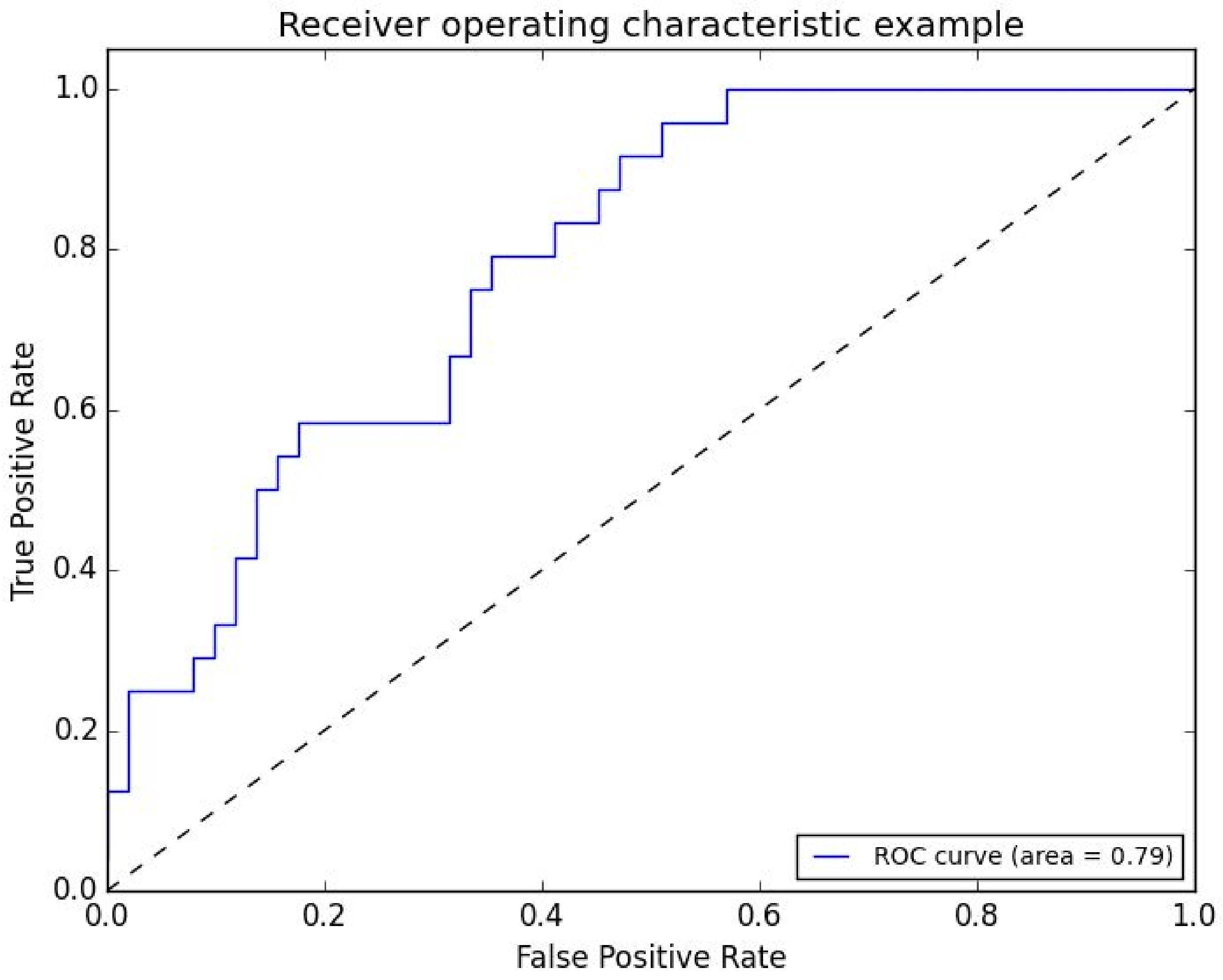


ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- Finally, we create a full curve that is described by TPR and FPR.



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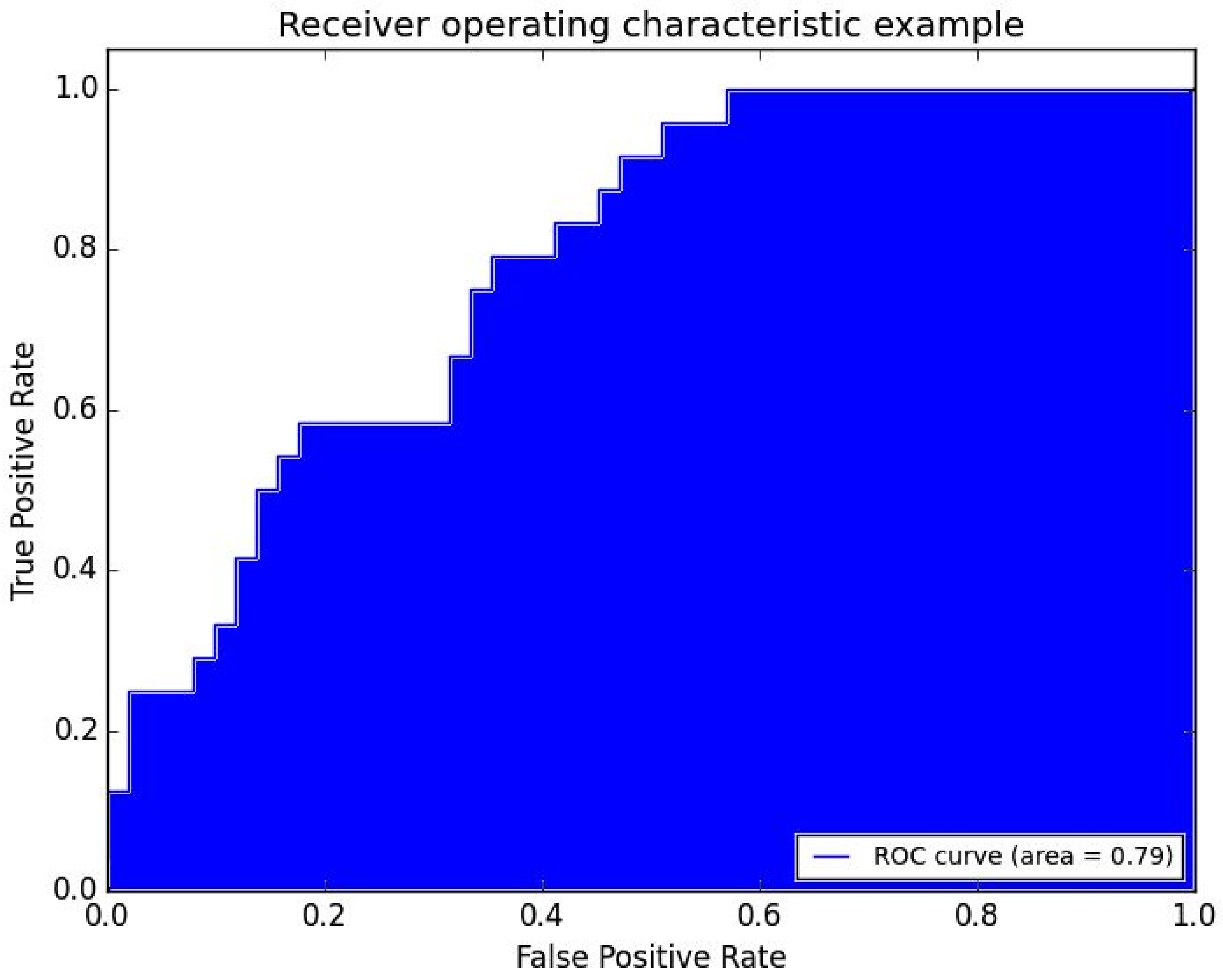
- With this curve, we can find the Area Under the Curve (AUC).



ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION METRICS

- If we have a TPR of 1 (all positives are marked positive) and FPR of 0 (all negatives are not marked positive), we'd have an AUC of 1. This means everything was accurately predicted.

- If we have a TPR of 0 (all positives are not marked positive) and an FPR of 1 (all negatives are marked positive), we'd have an AUC of 0. This means nothing was predicted accurately.

- An AUC of 0.5 would suggest randomness (somewhat) and is an excellent benchmark to use for comparing predictions (i.e. is my AUC above 0.5?).

GUIDED PRACTICE

WHICH METRIC SHOULD I USE?

ACTIVITY: WHICH METRIC SHOULD I USE?

EXERCISE

DIRECTIONS (15 minutes)

While AUC seems like a “golden standard”, it could be *further* improved depending upon your problem. There will be instances where error in positive or negative matches will be very important. For each of the following examples:

1. Write a confusion matrix: true positive, false positive, true negative, false negative. Then decide what each square represents for that specific example.
2. Define the *benefit* of a true positive and true negative.
3. Define the *cost* of a false positive and false negative.
4. Determine at what point does the cost of a failure outweigh the benefit of a success? This would help you decide which metric to optimize.

Examples:

1. A test is developed for determining if a patient has cancer or not.
2. A newspaper company is targeting a marketing campaign for "at risk" users that may stop paying for the product soon.
3. You build a spam classifier for your email system.

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

EVALUATING LOGISTIC REGRESSION WITH ALTERNATIVE METRICS

ACTIVITY: EVALUATING LOGISTIC REGRESSION

EXERCISE

DIRECTIONS (35 minutes)

Kaggle's common online exercise is exploring survival data from the Titanic.

1. Spend a few minutes determining which data would be most important to use in the prediction problem. You may need to create new features based on the data available. Consider using a feature selection aide in sklearn. For a worst case scenario, identify one or two strong features that would be useful to include in this model.

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Answers to the above question and a Logistic model on the Titanic data

ACTIVITY: EVALUATING LOGISTIC REGRESSION

EXERCISE

DIRECTIONS (35 minutes)

1. Spend 1-2 minutes considering which *metric* makes the most sense to optimize. Accuracy? FPR or TPR? AUC? Given the business problem of understanding survival rate aboard the Titanic, why should you use this metric?

2. Build a tuned Logistic model. Be prepared to explain your design (including regularization), metric, and feature set in predicting survival using any tools necessary (such as a fit chart). Use the starter code to get you going.

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Answers to the above question and a Logistic model on the Titanic data

CONCLUSION

TOPIC REVIEW

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- What's the link function used in logistic regression?
- What kind of machine learning problems does logistic regression address?
- What do the *coefficients* in a logistic regression represent? How does the interpretation differ from ordinary least squares? How is it similar?

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- How does True Positive Rate and False Positive Rate help explain accuracy?
- What would an AUC of 0.5 represent for a model? What about an AUC of 0.9?
- Why might one classification metric be more important to tune than another? Give an example of a business problem or project where this would be the case.

LESSON

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LESSON

EXIT TICKET

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