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## Learning Objectives

- Understand the concepts of classification problem
- Understand the theory and applications of Logistic Regression
- Understand the classification model evaluation
- Understand how to build classifier and conduct machine learning experiment using sklearn

- Classification is the task of categorization in which ideas or objects are
  - Recognizable
  - Differentiable
  - Understandable

- Churn Prediction
  - Will this customer decide to stay or leave our business



AccTypes	nComplaints
Premium	5

Disease Detection

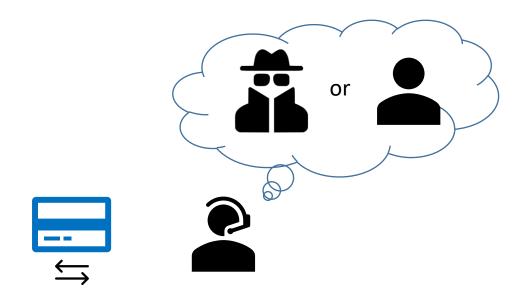
Is this patient healthy or having diabetes



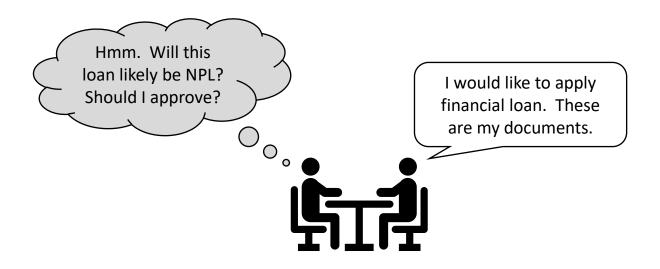
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- Fraud Detection
  - Is this a normal or fraudulent transaction



- Bank Loan
  - Is this application ended up with NPL



#### **Notations**

Let  $\mathcal{D} = \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$  be a dataset.

 $\mathbf{X} = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots \mathbf{x}_m \rangle$  be *n* feature vectors with dimension  $n \times m$ .

 $\mathbf{x}_{j}$  be a column vector with dimension  $n \times 1$  that represents the feature j where j = 1, 2, ..., m.

 $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the row vector with dimension  $1 \times m$  that represents the feature vector i where i = 1, 2, ..., n.

y be a column vector with dimension  $n \times 1$  than represents the target class

y be any possible value in y

	$\mathbf{x}_1$	$\mathbf{x}_2$	у		$\mathbf{x}_1$	<b>x</b> <sub>2</sub>	у	
	3	yes	no	X	3	yes	no	y
v	5	no	yes		5	no	yes	
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	0	yes	no		0	yes	no	

**Example**: Disease Detection Smoking Frequency Weekly  $(\mathbf{x}_1): x \in I^0$  or  $x \in I^+$ 

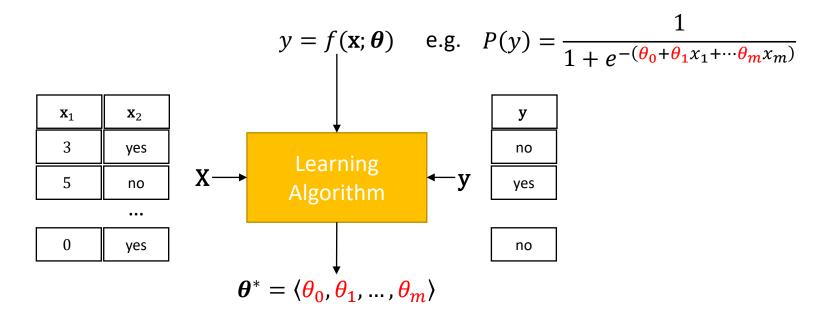
Chest pain  $(\mathbf{x}_2)$ :  $x \in \{\text{yes, no}\}$ Lung Cancer  $(\mathbf{y})$ :  $y \in \{\text{yes, no}\}$ 

- Goal: (For classification task) To learn a mapping function from  $\mathbf{x}$  to y
- Two types of machine learning
  - Parametric Machine Learning
  - Non-parametric Machine Learning

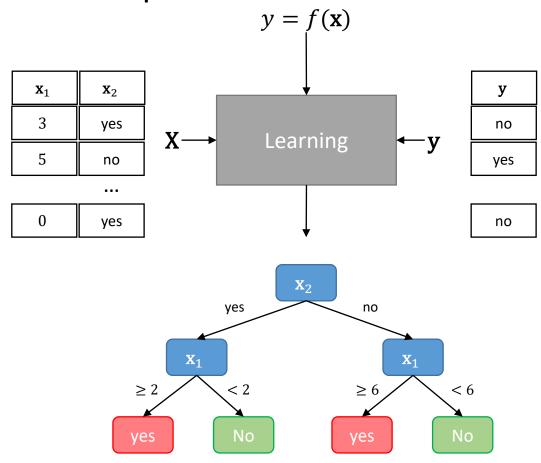
Parametric Machine Learning

Given  $\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ , learn the optimum parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$  of a model  $y = f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ 

## Example: Logistic Regression



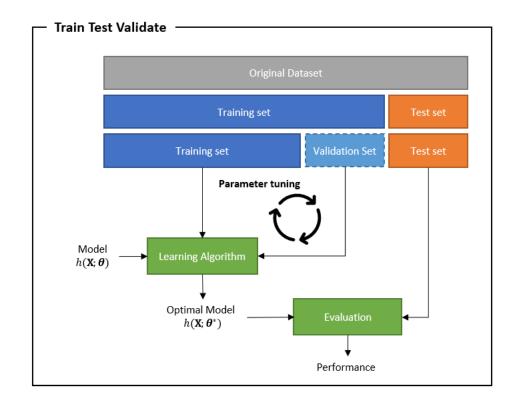
• Example: Decision Tree

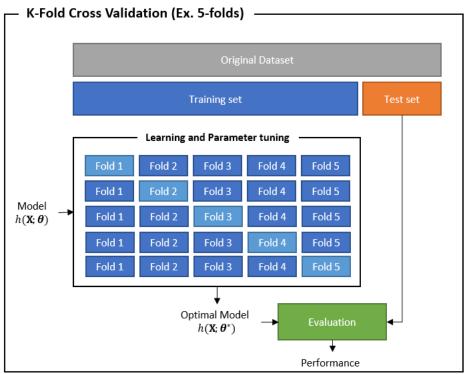


Non-parametric Machine Learning

Given  $\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ , learn the mapping function  $y = f(\mathbf{x})$ 

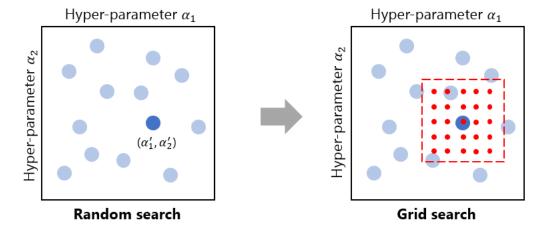
## Methodologies





# Tuning

Strategies



#### Prediction

- Given a sample  ${\bf x}$  and a decision threshold  $\tau$ 
  - Estimate the probability of target class  $P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$  for parametric ML
  - Estimate the probability of target class  $P(y|\mathbf{x})$  for non-parametric ML
  - Infer the most likely target class  $\hat{y}$

**Example:** Disease detection from Smoking frequency weekly  $(\mathbf{x}_1)$  and Chest pain or not  $(\mathbf{x}_2)$ 



<b>x</b> <sub>1</sub>	$x_2$
2	yes

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(0.1 + 0.45x_1 + 0.2x_2)}}$$

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(0.1 + 0.45(2) + 0.2(1))}}$$

$$= 0.769$$

Given decision threshold ( $\tau$ ): 0.5

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \ge \tau$$
$$\therefore \hat{y} = \text{yes}$$

**Inference**: This patient is highly likely to have lung cancer.

- There are 3 types of classification problem
  - $_{\circ}$  Binary Classification: There are 2 possible values for y which are **mutually** exclusive
  - $_{\circ}$  Multiclass Classification: There are more than 2 possible values for y which are **mutually exclusive**
  - Multilabel Classification: There are at least 2 possible values for y which are
     NOT mutually exclusive

## Binary Classification

$\mathbf{x}_1$	 $\mathbf{x}_{j}$	 $\mathbf{x}_m$	у
<i>x</i> <sub>1,1</sub>	 $x_{1,j}$	 $x_{1,m}$	$y_1$
$x_{i,1}$	 $x_{i,j}$	 $x_{i,m}$	$y_i$
$x_{n,1}$	 $x_{n,j}$	 $x_{n,m}$	$y_n$

**Example**: Disease detection

A customer decision is either sick or healthy, e.g.,  $\mathbf{y} = \langle y | y \in \{yes, no\} \rangle$ 

#### Multiclass Classification

$\mathbf{x}_1$	 $\mathbf{x}_{j}$	 $\mathbf{x}_m$	у
<i>x</i> <sub>1,1</sub>	 $x_{1,j}$	 $x_{1,m}$	$y_1$
$x_{i,1}$	 $x_{i,j}$	 $x_{i,m}$	y <sub>i</sub>
$x_{n,1}$	 $x_{n,j}$	 $x_{n,m}$	$y_n$

Example: Flower classification

A flower is only one of k possible species, e.g.,  $\mathbf{y} = \langle y | y \in \{\text{Serosa, Versicolor, Virginica}\} \rangle$ 

#### Multilabel Classification

$\mathbf{x}_1$	 $\mathbf{x}_{j}$	 $\mathbf{x}_m$	$\mathbf{y}_1$	 $\mathbf{y}_k$
<i>x</i> <sub>1,1</sub>	 $x_{1,j}$	 $x_{1,m}$	y <sub>1,1</sub>	 <i>y</i> <sub>1,k</sub>
$x_{i,1}$	 $x_{i,j}$	 $x_{i,m}$	$y_{i,1}$	 $y_{i,k}$
$x_{n,1}$	 $x_{n,j}$	 $x_{n,m}$	$y_{n,1}$	 $y_{n,k}$

Example: Lesion detection

One chest X-ray is possible to detect up to k radiology findings, e.g., Fibrosis, Edema, Cardiomegaly, ..., etc.

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \langle y | y \in \{0, 1\} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \langle y | y \in \{0, 1\} \rangle$$
...
$$\mathbf{y}_k = \langle y | y \in \{0, 1\} \rangle$$

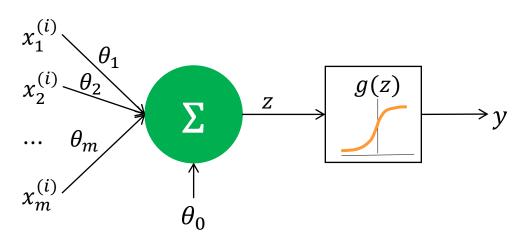
## Summary

- The key concepts to take away
  - Classification is the task to predict categorical values
  - Parametric Machine Learning Algorithm learns the optimum model parameters  $\theta^*$  for  $y = f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$
  - Non-parametric Machine Learning Algorithm learns the mapping function y = f(x)
  - Classification attempt to predict  $P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$
  - Use a decision threshold  $\tau$  to infer  $\hat{y}$  from  $P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$
  - The type of classification problem depends on the target class y

- Logistic Regression was originally designed to solve binary classification problems
  - Will this customer leave our business (Churn or Stay)
  - Is this patient healthy (Sick or Healthy)
  - Is this loan application profitable (NPL, non-NPL)
  - Etc.

#### Model

- A feature is either  $\mathbf{x}_i = \langle x | x \in \mathbb{R} \rangle$  or categorical variable
- The target class  $\mathbf{y} = \langle y | y \in \{0,1\} \rangle$
- $z = \theta \cdot x$  is the dot product between model parameters  $\theta$  and feature vector x
- $\circ$  g(z) is the logistic function (a.k.a sigmoid)

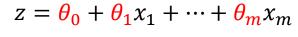


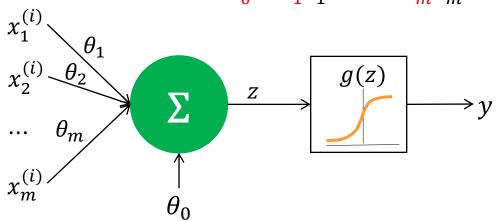
# Linear Combination $\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_m x_m$

Interception  $\theta_0$ 

**Parameters** 

$$\theta = \langle \theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m \rangle$$

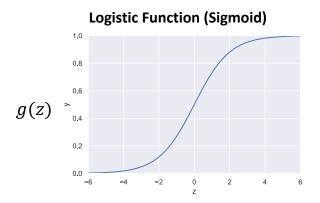




#### **Training Data**

$\mathbf{x}_{smk}$	$\mathbf{x}_{cp}$	$y_{lc}$			
3	1	0			
5	0	1			
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2	1	0			

$$P(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_{smk}\mathbf{X}_{smk} + \theta_{cp}\mathbf{X}_{cp})}}$$



## A sample use case

$$\begin{bmatrix}
\boldsymbol{\theta}^* \\
\theta_0 = 0.2 \\
\theta_{cmp} = 0.1 \\
\theta_{prm} = 0.5
\end{bmatrix}
P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(0.2 + 0.1\mathbf{X}_{smk} + 0.5\mathbf{X}_{cp})}}$$

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(0.2 + 0.1\mathbf{X}_{smk} + 0.5\mathbf{X}_{cp})}}$$

$$smk = 3$$

$$cp = yes$$

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$$cp = yes$$

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(0.2 + 0.1(3) + 0.5(1))}}$$

$$= 0.73$$

This patient is more likely to have lung cancer. Treatment must be given.

• The original form of logistic regression

$$P(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}$$
(1)

$$Odds(x) = \frac{P(x)}{1 - P(x)}$$

• The odds of an event x is defined as follows

Rewrite the original form of logistic regression

$$1 - P(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}$$
(2)

$$\frac{P(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})}{1 - P(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})} = \frac{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}}{\frac{e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}$$

• Divide (1) by (2)

$$Odds(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}}$$
$$= e^{(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}$$
(3)

$$\ln \text{Odds}(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln e^{(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m)}$$

$$logitP(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m$$
 (4)

Take the natural logarithmic function to (3)

- The model parameters of logistic regression are  $\theta_0$ ,  $\theta_1$ , ...,  $\theta_m$
- The  $\theta_0$  can be interpreted in 2 ways
  - $\theta_0$  indicates the  $\ln \mathrm{Odds}(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$  when all features are equal to zero
  - $\circ$   $\theta_0$  indicates the baseline natural log Odds when all features are unknown or ignored
- Interpretation of any  $\theta_j$  for j=1,2,...,m depends on the data type
  - If  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is a numerical feature, the  $\theta_i$  indicates its contribution to the change of  $\ln \mathrm{Odds}(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$
  - o If  $\mathbf{x}_j$  is a categorical feature, the  $\theta_j$  indicates the difference of  $\ln \mathrm{Odds}(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$  compared to the baseline of  $\mathbf{x}_j$

**Note:** The baseline of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is any value x encoded as zero for dummy variable of  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 

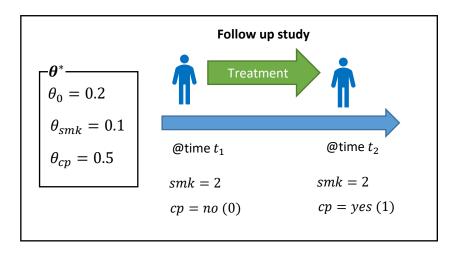
#### Risk Ratio

- $\bullet$  Given a feature  $\mathbf{x}_i$  while other features were known and fixed
  - $\circ$  Risk Ratio (RR) describes the difference contribution to the outcome for  $\mathbf{x}_j$

#### **Example:**

A patient without chest pain smokes 2 times a week

Recently this patient found himself with chest pain



#### Risk Ratio

• The risk of lung cancer at time  $t_1$  is

$$P(y = \text{yes}|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{0.2 - 0.1(2) - 0.5(0)}} = 0.598$$

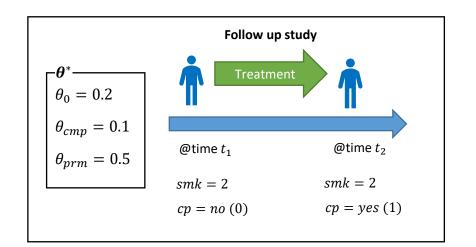
• The risk of lung cancer at time  $t_2$  is

$$P(y = \text{yes}|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{0.2 - 0.1(2) - 0.5(1)}} = 0.711$$

• The estimated risk ratio  $(\widehat{RR})$  is

$$\widehat{RR} = \frac{P(y = \text{yes}|\text{smk}=2, cp = 1)}{P(y = \text{yes}|\text{smk}=2, cp = 0)} = \frac{0.711}{0.598} = 1.189$$

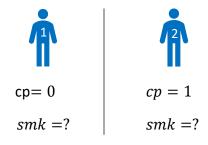
Therefore, the patient with chest pain have 1.189 times risk to lung cancer compared to patient without chest pain assuming all patients smokes 2 times a week



### Odds Ratio

• The odds ratio compares between 2 group based on a feature  $\mathbf{x}_j$  where **other features were** fixed but unspecified

**Example:** What is the effect of chest pain to lung cancer considering patients who have the same smoking frequency regardless its values?



smk were the same but unspecified

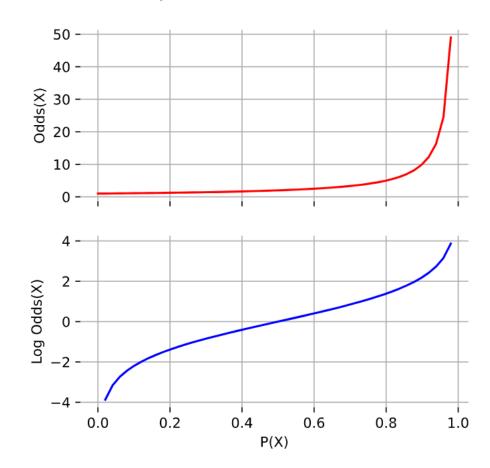
## Odds Ratio

## Relationship between Odds and Probability

Let x be an event

$$Odds(x) = \frac{P(x)}{1 - P(x)}$$

$$P(x) = \frac{\text{Odds}(x)}{1 + \text{Odds}(x)}$$



#### Odds Ratio

Recall the logit transformation

$$logitP(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_m x_m$$

ullet Each  $heta_j$  indicates the different of natural log odds compared to the baseline

**Example:** 
$$logitP(y|\mathbf{x}; \theta) = 0.2 + 0.1\mathbf{x}_{smk} + 0.5\mathbf{x}_{cp}$$

• The odd ratio of premium users to the ordinary users is

$$\widehat{OR} = e^{\theta_{cp}}$$
$$= e^{0.5}$$
$$= 1.648$$

Therefore, the odds to lung cancer of patient with chest pain is 1.648 times higher than patient without chest pain assuming those patient have the same smoking frequency.

• Consider a coin flipping problem, flipping a coin one time is called an **experiment** 



- Let  $\theta$  be a parameter of getting Head (H) from a single experiment
- Let X be a random variable that represents the outcome of coin flipping
- $P(x; \theta)$  represents the probability of outcome  $x \in \{H, T\}$  based on the coin parameter

- If a coin is fair  $(\theta = 0.5)$ 
  - The probability of getting Head  $P(x = H; \theta) = 0.5$
  - Simplify version for the probability notation is  $P(H; \theta) = 0.5$

- If a coin is unfair, e.g.,  $\theta = 0.7$ 
  - The probability of getting Tail  $P(x = T; \theta) = 1 0.7 = 0.3$
  - Simplify version for the probability notation is  $P(T; \theta) = 0.3$

• Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)$  be the likelihood of parameter  $(\theta)$  given observations  $(\mathbf{x})$ 

Example: Flipping a coin 5 times yields H, H, T, H, T

Q: How much likely does that coin bias to H

Let x = 1 be the Head, x = 0 be the Tail

The likelihood function of flipping a coin 1 time follows Bernoulli Distribution as follows

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = P(x; \theta)$$
$$= \theta^{x} (1 - \theta)^{1 - x}$$

- Assume that each flipping is independent each other
  - $\circ$  The likelihood function of flipping a coin n times is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = P(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

$$= P(x_1; \theta)P(x_2; \theta) \dots P(x_n; \theta)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i; \theta)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \theta^{x_i} (1 - \theta)^{(1 - x_i)}$$

• The likelihood function of observations H, H, T, H, T is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = \theta^{1}(1 - \theta)^{(1-1)} \cdot \theta^{1}(1 - \theta)^{(1-1)} \cdot \theta^{0}(1 - \theta)^{(1-0)} \cdot \theta^{1}(1 - \theta)^{(1-1)} \cdot \theta^{0}(1 - \theta)^{(1-0)}$$

$$= \theta \cdot \theta \cdot (1 - \theta) \cdot \theta \cdot (1 - \theta)$$

$$= \theta^{3}(1 - \theta)^{2}$$

- Apply logarithmic function on both side does not change the  $\theta$  that maximizes  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)$
- Let  $L_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)$  be the log-likelihood of  $\theta$

$$\ln \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = \ln \theta^{3} (1 - \theta)^{2}$$
$$L_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = 3 \ln \theta + 2 \ln(1 - \theta)$$

• Finding the  $\theta$  that maximize  $L_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)$  requires the 1<sup>st</sup> order derivative with respect to  $\theta$  and set it to zero

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} L_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} 3 \ln \theta + \frac{d}{d\theta} 2 \ln(1 - \theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{\theta} - \frac{2}{1 - \theta} = 0$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

- Applying the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) to Logistic Regression
  - $\circ$  For any sample  $\mathbf{x}_i$  that has training label equals to 1

$$P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

 $\circ$  For any sample  $\mathbf{x}_i$  that has training label equals to 0

$$P(y = 0 | \mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = 1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

where

$$f(\theta^T \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$$

For any training label y

$$P(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \cdot \mathbf{x})^y \cdot (1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}))^{(1-y)}$$

- For the dataset of *n* samples, assume that each sample is independent
  - The likelihood function is defined as

$\mathbf{x}_1$	 $\mathbf{x}_{j}$	 $\mathbf{x}_m$	у
<i>x</i> <sub>1,1</sub>	 $x_{1,j}$	 $x_{1,m}$	y <sup>(1)</sup>
$x_{i,1}$	 $x_{i,j}$	 $x_{i,m}$	$y^{(i)}$
$x_{n,1}$	 $x_{n,j}$	 $\chi_{n,m}$	$y^{(n)}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X};\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x})^{y^{(i)}} \cdot (1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x}))^{(1-y^{(i)})}$$

From the likelihood function, the log-likelihood function is

$$L_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x})^{y^{(i)}} \cdot (1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x}))^{(1-y^{(i)})}$$

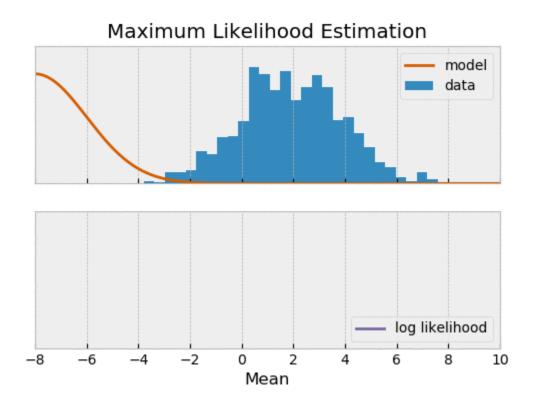
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln \left[ f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x})^{y^{(i)}} \cdot (1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x}))^{(1-y^{(i)})} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \ln f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x})^{y^{(i)}} + \ln(1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x}))^{(1-y^{(i)})} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y^{(i)} \ln f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \ln(1 - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{x})) \right]$$

• Learning any  $\theta_i$  requires partial derivative of  $L_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)$  with respect to  $\theta_i$  and set to zero

Fitting the model to data using MLE shows improvement of the log-likelihood

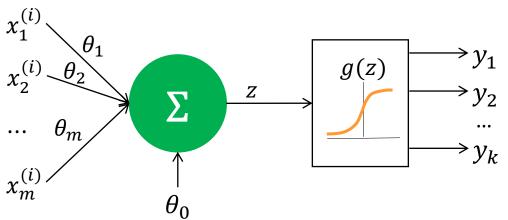


## Multinomial Logistic Regression

- ullet The original logistic regression is applicable when y is dichotomous
- Multinomial Logistic Regression (a.k.a. Softmax Regression) is designed for categorical target class

# Multinomial Logistic Regression

#### Model



$$z = \theta \cdot x$$

$$t = e^{z}$$

$$a = g(z)$$

$$= \frac{e^{z}}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} t_{i}}$$

**Example:** Suppose there are 4 classes (k = 4)

Assume that we get **z** as follows

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^5 \\ e^2 \\ e^{-1} \\ e^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad = \begin{bmatrix} 148.4 \\ 7.4 \\ 0.4 \\ 20.1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore \sum_{i=1}^k t_i = 176.3$$

Note: Summation of a is always equal to 1

 $\hat{y}$  is inferred from the maximum probability

## Summary

- The key concepts to take away
  - Original logistic regression is applicable for dichotomous outcome
  - $\circ$  A model parameter  $\theta_0$  can be interpreted as
    - $\ln \text{Odds}(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$  when all features are equal to zero
    - Baseline natural log Odds when all features are unknown or ignored
  - $\circ$  A model parameter  $heta_j$  where j=1,2,...,m can be interpreted as
    - Numerical feature: Contribution of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to the change of  $\ln \mathrm{Odds}(y|\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$
    - Categorical feature: Difference of  $\ln Odds(y|\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^*)$  compared to the baseline of  $\mathbf{x}_i$

## Summary

- The risk ratio describes the difference contribution to the outcome for  $\mathbf{x}_j$  when other features were known and fixed
- The odds ratio compares between 2 group based on a feature  $\mathbf{x}_j$  where other features were fixed but unspecified