

## Classification

- Is a discrete categorization of an output variable, e.g.  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ 
  - Can also have multiple classes, so some set  $S \mid \text{len}(S) > 2$
- Linear regression  $\rightarrow$  threshold classifier output
  - E.g. if  $h_\theta(x) \geq 0.5$  do  $y = 1$  else  $y = 0$
  - However is not effective when there are  $> 2$  clusters  $\rightarrow$  DNU
- Classification -  $y = 0$  or  $y = 1$ 
  - $0 \leq h_\theta(x) \leq 1$
  - Binary classification

## Hypothesis Representation

- Need  $0 \leq h_\theta(x) \leq 1$
- $h_\theta(x) = g(\theta^T x)$  where  $g = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$  is the sigmoid = logistical function and  $z = \theta^T x$ 
  - $h_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}}$
- Interpretation
  - $h_\theta(x)$  is estimated probability that  $y = 1$  on input  $x$
  - $h_\theta(x) = P(y = 1|x; \theta)$  is probability of  $y = 1$  given  $x$  parameterized by  $\theta$ 
    - \* Due to total sum probability  $\rightarrow P(y = 0|x; \theta) = 1 - P(y = 1|x; \theta)$

## Decision Boundary

- Prediction boundary - If  $h_\theta(x) \geq 0.5$  do  $y = 1$  else  $y = 0$ 
  - Thus  $y = 0 \implies \theta^T x < 0$  and  $y = 1 \implies \theta^T x \geq 0$
  - Graph the equation  $\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n \geq 0$  (higher order planes of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ )
- Nonlinear decision boundaries
  - Have polynomial terms in features
  - Ex.  $-1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 0 \implies$  unit circle

## Logistic cost function

- Setup/prime
  - Training set  $S = \{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$ 
    - \*  $m$  examples
  - A feature vector  $x \in \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$
  - $h_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}}$
- Cost  $(h_\theta(x), y) = \frac{1}{2} (h_\theta(x) - y)^2$ 
  - Is non-convex - many local extrema which may hinder gradient descent
- Cost function for logistic regression

$$\text{Cost}(h_\theta(x), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_\theta(x)) & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - h_\theta(x)) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Cost function behavior
  - Cost is 0 if  $y = 1, h_\theta(x) = 1$
  - As  $h_\theta(x) \rightarrow 0$ , Cost  $\rightarrow \infty$
  - If  $h_\theta(x) = 0$  **but**  $y = 1$ , then learning algorithm penalized heavily