

INTRODUCTION TO LOGISTIC REGRESSION

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Build a Logistic regression classification model using the sklearn 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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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Read through the following questions and brainstorm answers for each:

- 1. What are the main differences between linear 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?
- 1. What would be the advantage of using a linear model like OLS to solve a classification problem, compared to KNN?
 - a. What are some challenges for using OLS to solve a classification problem (say, if the values were either 1 or 0)?

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Answers to the above questions

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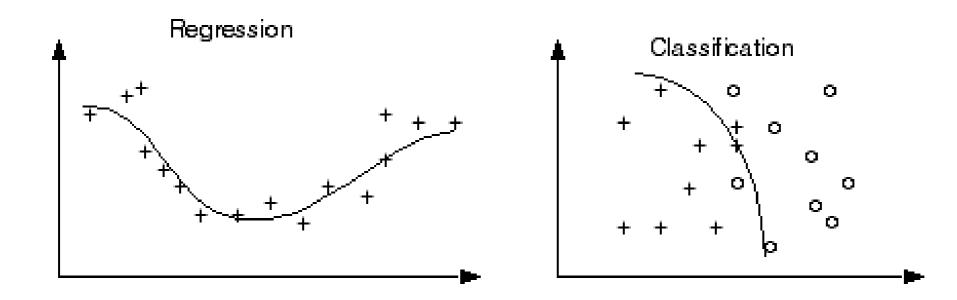
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- Logistic regression is a *linear* approach to solving a *classification* problem.
- That is, we can use a linear model, similar to Linear regression, in order to solve if an item *belongs* or *does not belong* to a class label.

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 (o or 1) and 1 is greater than o, 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.

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS



1. Recall the ordinary least squares formula.

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Answers to the above questions

- Another advantage to OLS is that it allows for *generalized* models using a *link function*.
- Link functions allow 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 response variable.

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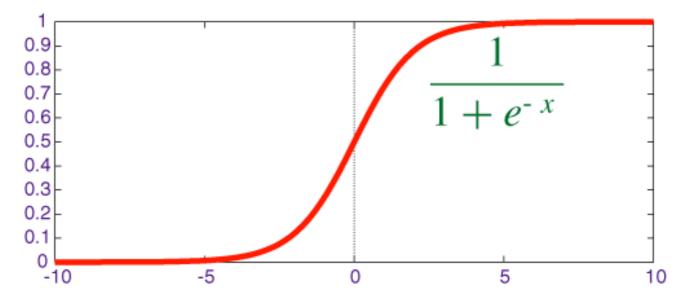
1. What was the distribution most aligned with OLS/Linear Regression?

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Answers to the above questions

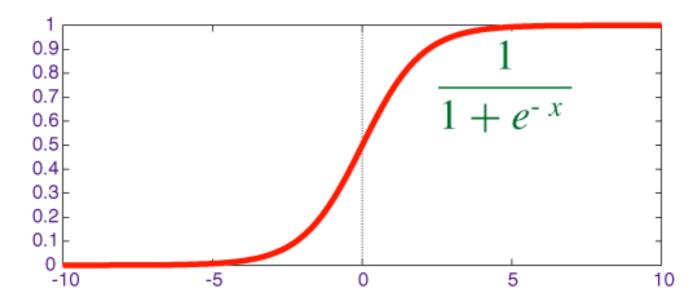
- For classification, we need a distribution associated with categories: given all events, what is the probability of a given event?
- The link function that best allows for this is the *logit* function, which is the inverse of the *sigmoid* function.

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



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

- 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.



- Since x decides how to 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.

PLOTTING A SIGMOID FUNCTION

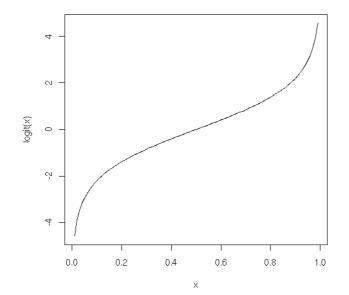
PLOTTING A SIGMOID FUNCTION

- 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?

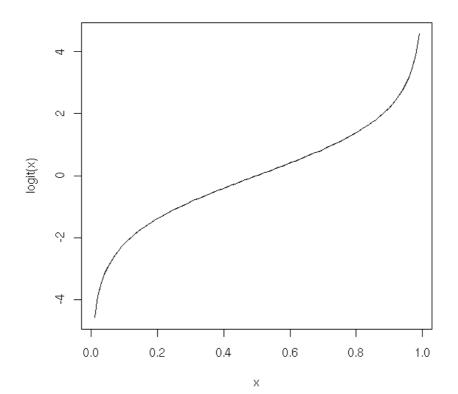
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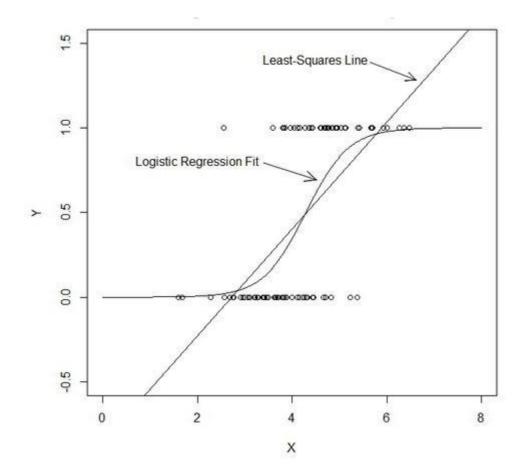
- The *logit* function is the inverse of the *sigmoid* function.
- This will act as our *link* function for logistic regression.
- Mathematically, the logit function is defined as $Ln\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right)$



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



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



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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS



- 1. Why is it important to take values between -∞ and ∞, but provide probabilities between 0 and 1?
- 2. What does this remind us of?

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Answers to the above questions

• For example, the logit value (log odds) of 0.2 (or odds of \sim 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.

$$1 / (1 + numpy.exp(-0.2))$$

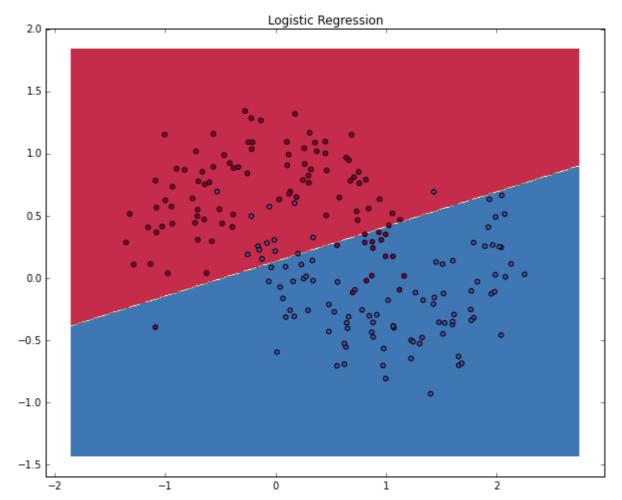
• While the logit value represents the coefficients in the logistic function, we can convert them into odds ratios that make them more easily interpretable.

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

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

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

• With these coefficients, we get our overall probability: the logistic regression draws a linear *decision line* which divides the classes.



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WAGER THOSE ODDS!

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DIRECTIONS (15 minutes)1. Given the odds below for some football games, use the *logit* function and the *sigmoid* function to solve for the *probability* that the "better" team would win.

a. Stanford : Iowa, 5:1

b. Alabama: Michigan State, 20:1

c. Clemson: Oklahoma, 1.1:1

d. Houston: Florida State, 1.8:1

e. Ohio State: Notre Dame, 1.6:1

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The desired probabilities

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STARTER CODE

```
def logit_func(odds):
# uses a float (odds) and returns back the log odds (logit)
return None
```

```
def sigmoid_func(logit):
# uses a float (logit) and returns back the probability
return None
```

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The desired probabilities

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

LOGISTIC REGRESSION IMPLEMENTATION

ACTIVITY: LOGISTIC REGRESSION IMPLEMENTATION



DIRECTIONS (15 minutes)

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

- 1. What is the bias, or prior probability, of the dataset?
- 2. Build a simple model with one feature and explore the coef_value. Does this represent the odds or logit (log odds)?
- 3. Build a more complicated model using multiple features. Interpreting the odds, which features have the most impact on admission rate? Which features have the least?
- 4. What is the accuracy of your model?

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Answers to the above questions

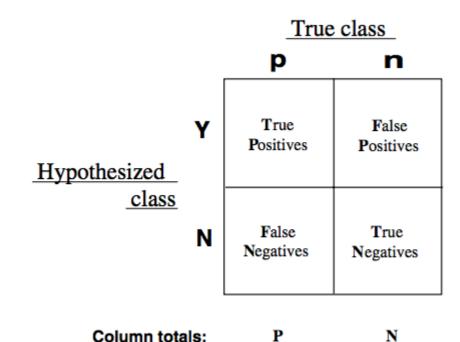
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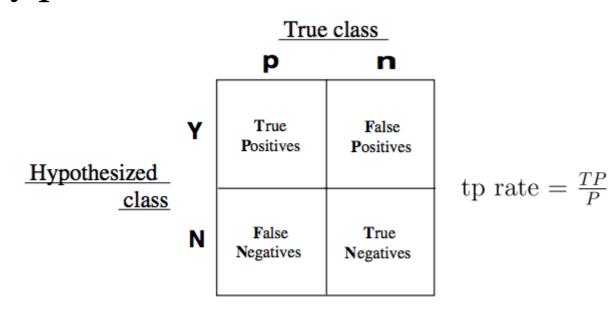
- Accuracy is only one of several metrics used when solving a classification problem.
- Accuracy = total predicted correct / total observations in dataset
- Accuracy alone doesn't always give us a full picture.
- If we know a model is 75% accurate, it doesn't provide *any* insight into why the 25% was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

- 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.

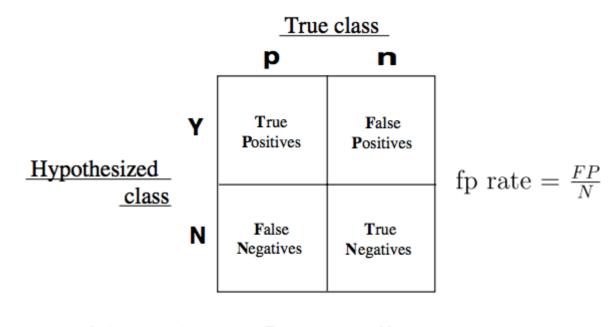
- We can split up the accuracy of each label by using the *true positive rate* and the *false positive rate*.
- For each label, we can put it into the category of a true positive, false positive, true negative, or false negative.



- True Positive Rate (TPR) asks, "Out of all of the target class labels, how many were accurately predicted to belong to that class?"
- For example, given a medical exam that tests for cancer, how often does it correctly identify patients with cancer?

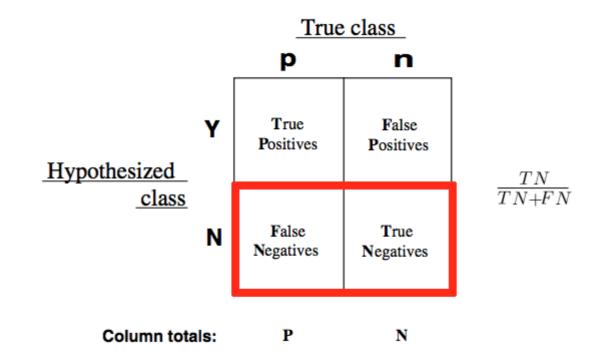


- False Positive Rate (FPR) asks, "Out of all items not belonging to a class label, how many were predicted as belonging to that target class label?"
- For example, given a medical exam that tests for cancer, how often does it trigger a "false alarm" by incorrectly saying a patient has cancer?

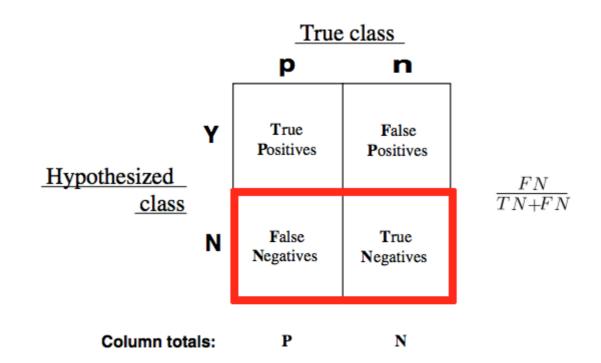


Column totals:

- These can also be inverted.
- How often does a test correctly identify patients without cancer?



• How often does a test incorrectly identify patient as cancer-free?



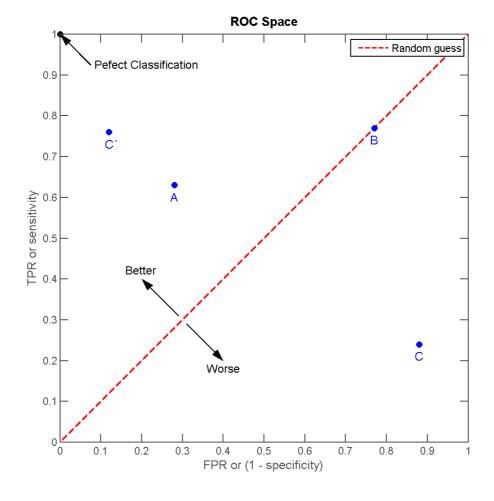
- The true positive and false positive rates gives us a much clearer pictures of where predictions begin to fall apart.
- This allows us to adjust our models accordingly.

- 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.

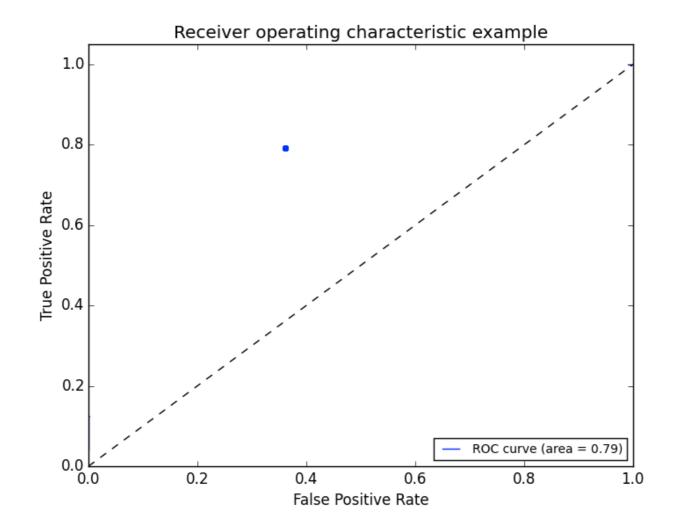
- We can vary the classification threshold for our model to get different predictions. But how do we know if a model is better overall than other model?
- We can compare the FPR and TPR of the models, but it can often be difficult to optimize two numbers at once.
- Logically, we like a single number for optimization.
- Can you think of any ways to combine our two metrics?

- 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.

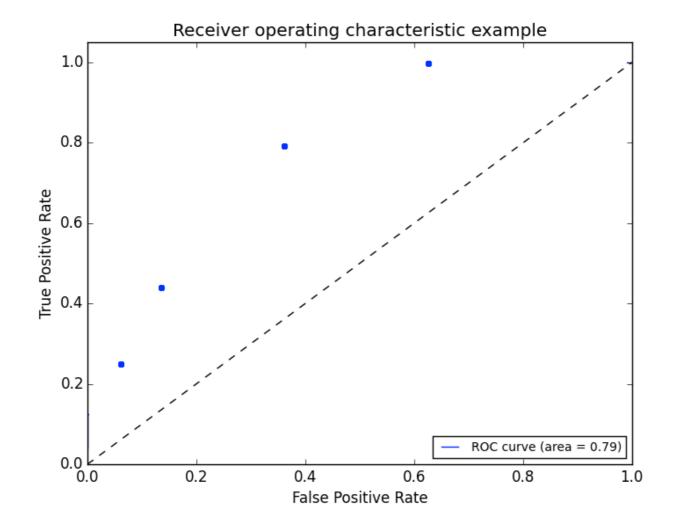
• There can be a variety of points on an ROC curve.



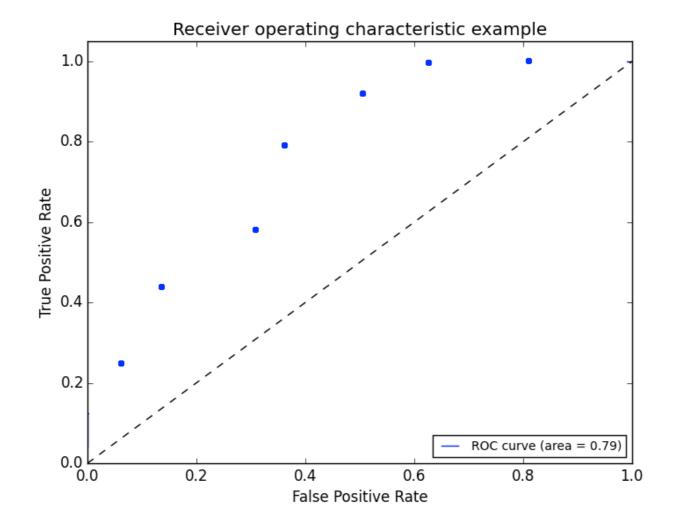
• We can begin by plotting an individual TPR/FPR pair for one threshold.



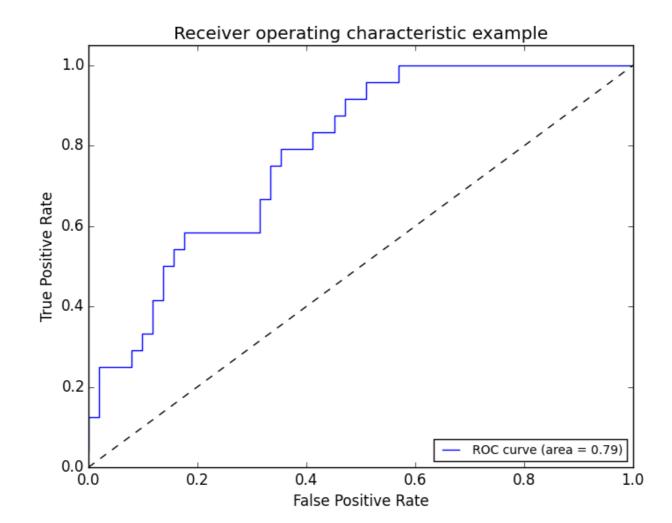
We can continue adding pairs for different thresholds



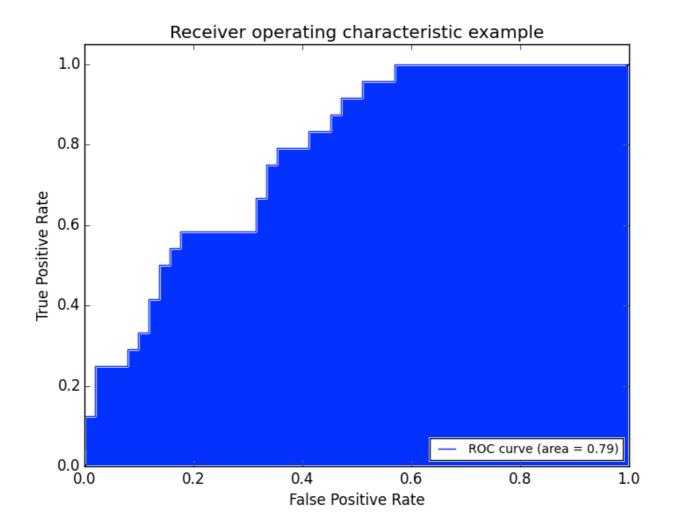
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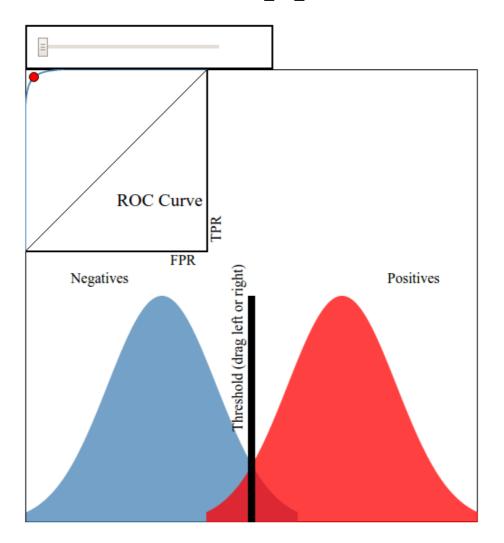
• Finally, we create a full curve that is described by TPR and FPR.



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

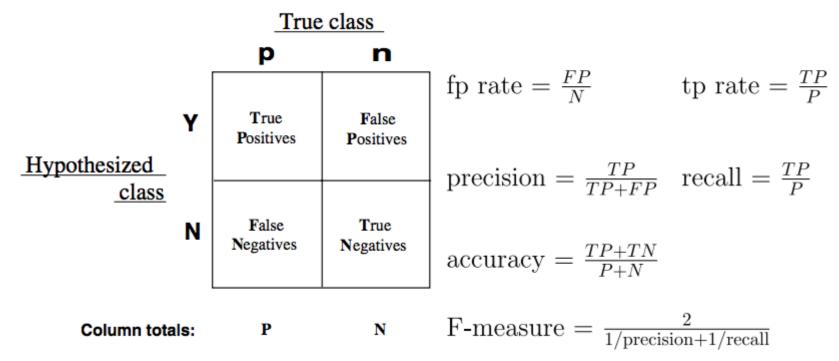


- This <u>interactive visualization</u> can help practice visualizing ROC curves.



- 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 o (all positives are not marked positive) and an FPR of 1 (all negatives are marked positive), we'd have an AUC of o. 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?).

• There are several other common metrics that are similar to TPR and FPR.



Sklearn has all of the metrics located on <u>one convenient page</u>.

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WHICH METRIC SHOULD I USE?

ACTIVITY: WHICH METRIC SHOULD I USE?



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 how to optimize TPR, FPR, and AUC.

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Answers for each example

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DIRECTIONS (15 minutes)



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.

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Answers for each example

EVALUATING LOGISTIC REGRESSION WITH ALTERNATIVE METRICS

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DIRECTIONS (35 minutes)

<u>Kaggle's common online exercise</u> 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

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?
- 1. 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.

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