# Logistic Regression & Discriminative Classifier

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#### Naïve Bayes Recap...

- Optimal Classifier:  $f^*(x) = \arg \max_{y} P(y|x)$
- NB Assumption:  $P(X_1...X_d|Y) = \prod_{i=1}^d P(X_i|Y)$
- NB Classifier:

$$f_{NB}(x) = \arg\max_{y} \prod_{i=1}^{d} P(x_i|y)P(y)$$

- Assume parametric form for  $P(X_i | Y)$  and P(Y)
  - Estimate parameters using MLE/MAP and plug in

#### Generative vs. Discriminative Classifiers

Generative classifiers (e.g. Naïve Bayes)

- Assume some functional form for P(X,Y) (or P(X|Y) and P(Y))
- Estimate parameters of P(X|Y), P(Y) directly from training data
- Use Bayes rule to calculate P(Y|X)

Why not learn P(Y|X) directly? Or better yet, why not learn the decision boundary directly?

Discriminative classifiers (e.g. Logistic Regression)

- Assume some functional form for P(Y|X) or for the decision boundary
- Estimate parameters of P(Y|X) directly from training data

### **Logistic Regression**

# **Example: Drug dose response experiments**

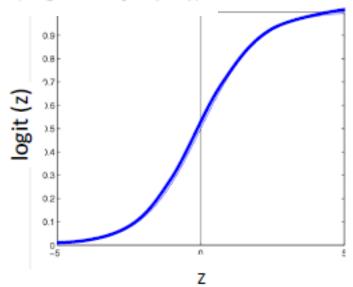
Assumes the following functional form for P(Y|X):

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$$P(Y = 1|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}{1 + exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

Logistic function applied to a linear function of the data

Logistic function  $\frac{1}{1 + exp(-z)}$ 



Features can be discrete or continuous!

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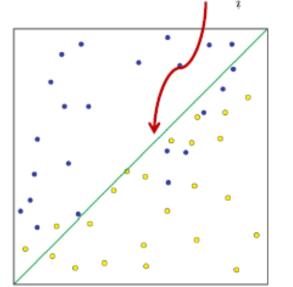
 $w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i = 0$ 

Decision boundary:

$$P(Y = \mathbf{0}|X) \overset{\mathbf{1}}{\underset{\mathbf{0}}{\gtrless}} P(Y = \mathbf{0}|X)$$

$$w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i \overset{\mathbf{1}}{\gtrless} 0$$

(Linear Decision Boundary)



# Logistic Regression is a Linear Classifier!

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$$P(Y = \mathbf{Q}X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Y = \mathbf{Q}|X) = \frac{\exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(Y = \mathbf{1}|X)}{P(Y = \mathbf{0}|X)} = \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i) \quad \stackrel{\mathbf{1}}{\gtrless} \quad \mathbf{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i \quad \stackrel{\mathbf{10}}{\gtrless} \quad 0$$

# Logistic Regression for more than 2 classes

Logistic regression in more general case, where
 Y ∈ {y<sub>1</sub>,...,y<sub>K</sub>}

for 
$$k < K$$
 
$$P(Y = y_k | X) = \frac{\exp(w_{k0} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} w_{ki} X_i)}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(w_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} w_{ji} X_i)}$$

for k=K (normalization, so no weights for this class)

$$P(Y = y_K | X) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{K-1} \exp(w_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} w_{ji} X_i)}$$

Is the decision boundary still linear?

#### Training Logistic Regression

We'll focus on binary classification:

$$P(Y = 0|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1 + exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$
$$P(Y = 1|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}{1 + exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

#### How to learn the parameters $w_0$ , $w_1$ , ... $w_d$ ?

$$\{(X^{(j)}, Y^{(j)})\}_{j=1}^n$$

Training Data 
$$\{(X^{(j)}, Y^{(j)})\}_{j=1}^n$$
  $X^{(j)} = (X_1^{(j)}, \dots, X_d^{(j)})$ 

Maximum Likelihood Estimates

$$\widehat{\mathbf{w}}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{w}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} P(X^{(j)}, Y^{(j)} | \mathbf{w})$$

#### But there is a problem ...

Don't have a model for P(X) or P(X|Y) - only for P(Y|X)

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Maximum (Conditional) Likelihood Estimates

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}_{MCLE} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{w}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} P(Y^{(j)} \mid X^{(j)}, \mathbf{w})$$

Discriminative philosophy – Don't waste effort learning P(X), focus on P(Y|X) – that's all that matters for classification!

#### **Expressing Conditional log Likelihood**

$$P(Y = 0|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1 + exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$
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$$l(\mathbf{w}) \equiv \ln \prod_{j} P(y^{j} | \mathbf{x}^{j}, \mathbf{w})$$

$$= \sum_{j} \left[ y^{j} (w_{0} + \sum_{i}^{d} w_{i} x_{i}^{j}) - \ln(1 + exp(w_{0} + \sum_{i}^{d} w_{i} x_{i}^{j})) \right]$$

#### **MLE Estimate**

$$P(O|w) = \prod_{j=1}^{N} P(y^{j}|x^{j},w) = \prod_{j=1}^{N} P(y^{j}=1|x^{j},w)^{j} P(y^{j}=1|x^{j},w)^{1-y^{j}}$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^{N} \left( \frac{e \cdot p(w_{0}+\Sigma_{1}w_{1}x^{j})}{1+e \cdot p(w_{0}+\Sigma_{1}w_{1}x^{j})} \right)^{\sqrt{\delta}} \left( \frac{1}{1+e \cdot p(w_{0}+\Sigma_{1}w_{1}x^{j})} \right)^{1-y^{j}}$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^{N} \left( y^{j} ((w_{0}+\Sigma_{1}w_{1}x^{j})) - \ln(1+e \cdot p(w_{0}+\Sigma_{1}w_{1}x^{j})) \right)$$

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#### **Maximizing Conditional log Likelihood**

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{w}} \ l(\mathbf{w}) &\equiv & \ln \prod_{j} P(y^{j} | \mathbf{x}^{j}, \mathbf{w}) \\ &= & \sum_{j} y^{j} (w_{0} + \sum_{i}^{d} w_{i} x_{i}^{j}) - \ln(1 + exp(w_{0} + \sum_{i}^{d} w_{i} x_{i}^{j})) \end{aligned}$$

Good news:  $I(\mathbf{w})$  is concave function of  $\mathbf{w} \to \text{no locally optimal}$  solutions

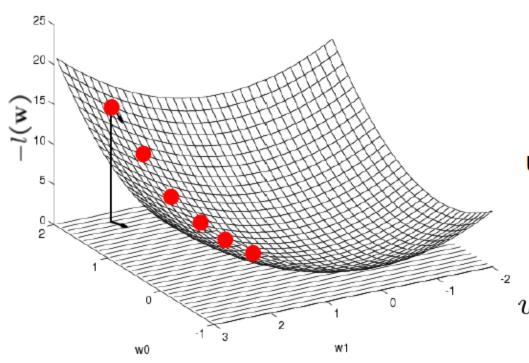
Bad news: no closed-form solution to maximize /(w)

Good news: concave functions easy to optimize (unique maximum)

### Optimizing concave/convex function

- Conditional likelihood for Logistic Regression is concave
- Maximum of a concave function = minimum of a convex function

#### Gradient Ascent (concave)/ Gradient Descent (convex)



**Gradient:** 

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} l(\mathbf{w}) = \left[\frac{\partial l(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_0}, \dots, \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_n}\right]'$$

Update rule:

te rule: Learning rate, 
$$\eta$$
>0 $\Delta {f w} = \eta 
abla_{f w} l({f w})$ 

$$w_i^{(t+1)} \leftarrow w_i^{(t)} + \eta \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_i} \bigg|_{t}$$

#### Calculate Partial Derivative - A Beautiful Result

$$\frac{\partial l(w)}{\partial w_i} = \sum_j y^j x_i^j - \frac{\exp(w_o + \sum_1^d w_i x_i^j) x_i^j}{1 + \exp(w_o + \sum_1^d w_i x_i^j)} = \sum_j x_i^j (y^j - \frac{\exp(w_o + \sum_1^d w_i x_i^j)}{1 + \exp(w_o + \sum_1^d w_i x_i^j)})$$

$$\frac{\partial l(w)}{\partial w_i} = \sum_j x_i^j (y^j - P(y^j = 1 | x^j, w))$$

### Gradient Ascent for Logistic Regression

Gradient ascent algorithm: iterate until change  $< \epsilon$ 

$$w_0^{(t+1)} \leftarrow w_0^{(t)} + \eta \sum_j [y^j - \hat{P}(Y^j = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{w}^{(t)})]$$

For i=1,...,d,

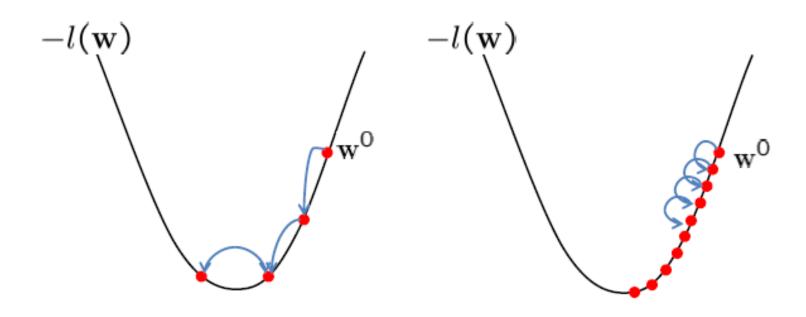
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repeat

Predict what current weight thinks label Y should be

- Gradient ascent is simplest of optimization approaches
  - e.g., Newton method, Conjugate gradient ascent, IRLS (see Bishop 4.3.3)

# Effect of step-size η



Large η => Fast convergence but larger residual error
Also possible oscillations

Small  $\eta$  => Slow convergence but small residual error

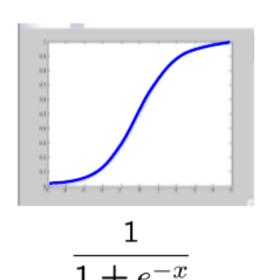
#### That's all M(C)LE. How about MAP?

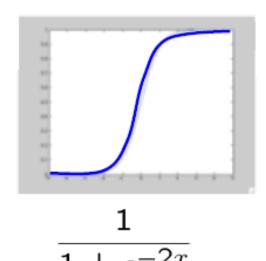
$$p(\mathbf{w} \mid Y, \mathbf{X}) \propto P(Y \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w})$$

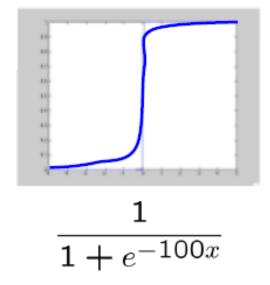
- One common approach is to define priors on w
  - Normal distribution, zero mean, identity covariance
  - "Pushes" parameters towards zero
- Corresponds to Regularization
  - Helps avoid very large weights and overfitting
  - More on this later in the semester
- M(C)AP estimate

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{w}} \ln \left[ p(\mathbf{w}) \prod_{j=1}^n P(y^j \mid \mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{w}) \right]$$

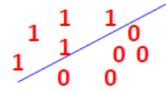
### Large weights → Overfitting







Large weights lead to overfitting:



- Penalizing high weights can prevent overfitting...
  - again, more on this later in the semester

# M(C)AP – Regularization

Regularization

$$\arg\max_{\mathbf{w}}\ln\left[p(\mathbf{w})\prod_{j=1}^{n}P(y^{j}\mid\mathbf{x}^{j},\mathbf{w})\right]$$

$$p(\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i} \frac{1}{\kappa \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-w_i^2}{2\kappa^2}}$$

Zero-mean Gaussian prior

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg\max_{\mathbf{w}} \sum_{j=1}^n \ln P(y^j \mid \mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{w}) - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{w_i^2}{2\kappa^2}$$

Penalizes large weights

#### Calculate Partial Derivative – A Beautiful Result

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