

# Discriminative classifiers: Logistic Regression, SVMs

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## Maximum A Posteriori: a quick review

- Likelihood:  $P(D|\theta) = P(D|p) = p^{|H|}(1-p)^{|T|}$
- Prior:  $P(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1}(1-\theta)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha,\beta)} = P(p) = \frac{p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha,\beta)}$ 
  - Choose  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to give the prior belief of Heads bias  $p \in [0, 1]$
  - Higher  $\alpha$ : Heads more likely
  - Higher  $\beta$ : Tails more likely
- Posterior Likelihood x prior =  $P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$
- MAP estimate:
  - $\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log P(D|\theta) + \log P(\theta)$
  - $\operatorname{argmax}_p \log P(D|p) + \log P(p)$
  - $$p = \frac{|H| + (\alpha - 1)}{|H| + (\alpha - 1) + |T| + (\beta - 1)}$$

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## Estimate each $P(X_i|Y)$ through MAP

Incorporating prior for each class  $\beta_j$

$$P(X_i = x_k | Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D(X_i = x_k \wedge Y = y_j) + (\beta_j - 1)}{\#D(Y = y_j) + \sum_m (\beta_m - 1)}$$

$$P(Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D(Y = y_j) + (\beta_j - 1)}{|D| + \sum_m (\beta_m - 1)}$$

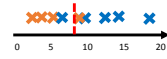
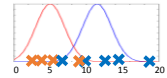
$(\beta_j - 1)$  – “frequency” of class  $j$   
 $\sum_m (\beta_m - 1)$  – “frequencies” of all classes

Note: both X and Y can take on multiple values (binary and beyond)

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## Classification strategy: generative vs. discriminative

- Generative, e.g., Bayes/Naïve Bayes:
  - Identify probability distribution for each class
  - Determine class with maximum probability for data example
- Discriminative, e.g., Logistic Regression:
  - Identify boundary between classes
  - Determine which side of boundary new data example exists on



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## Linear algebra: data features

- Vector – list of numbers: each number describes a data feature

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Monkey	14	11	1
Broker	0	occurrences	14
Analyst	1	0	10
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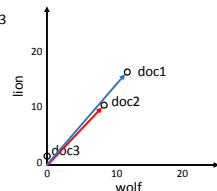
- Matrix – list of lists of numbers: features for each data point

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## Feature space

- Each data feature defines a dimension in space

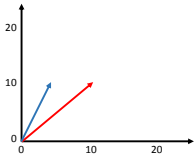
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### The dot product

The dot product compares two vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$$


$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \times 10 + 10 \times 10 = 50 + 100 = 150$$

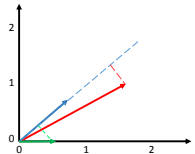
### The dot product, continued

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$

Magnitude of a vector is the sum of the squares of the elements

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{\sum_i a_i^2}$$

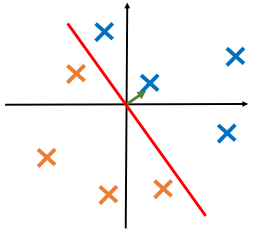
If  $\mathbf{a}$  has unit magnitude,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  is the "projection" of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.71 \\ 0.71 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = .71 \times 1.5 + .71 \times 1 \approx 1.07 + .71 = 1.78$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.71 \\ 0.71 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = .71 \times 0 + .71 \times 0.5 \approx 0 + .35 = 0.35$$

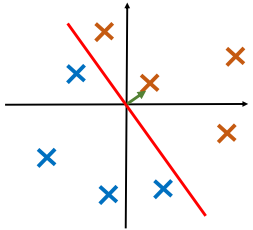
### Separating boundary, defined by $w$



- Separating **hyperplane** splits **class 0** and **class 1**
- Plane is defined by line  $w$  perpendicular to plan
- Is data point  $x$  in class 0 or class 1?  $w^T x > 0$  class 0  
 $w^T x < 0$  class 1

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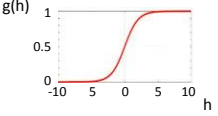
*More typically*



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### From real-number projection to 0/1 label

- Binary classification: 0 is class A, 1 is class B
- Sigmoid function stands in for  $p(x|y)$
- Sigmoid:  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-h}}$
- $p(y = 0|x; \theta) = 1 - g(w^T x) = \frac{e^{-w^T x}}{1+e^{-w^T x}}$
- $p(y = 1|x; \theta) = g(w^T x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-w^T x}}$



$$w^T x = \sum_j w_j x_j$$

### Learning parameters for classification

- Similar to MLE for Bayes classifier
- "Likelihood" for data points  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  (different from Bayesian likelihood)
  - If  $y^i$  in class A,  $y^i = 0$ , multiply  $(1-g(x^i; w))$
  - If  $y^i$  in class B,  $y^i = 1$ , multiply  $g(x^i; w)$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_w L(y|x; w) = \prod_i (1 - g(x^i; w))^{(1-y^i)} g(x^i; w)^{y^i}$$

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i (1 - y^i) \log(1 - g(x^i; w)) + y^i \log(g(x^i; w))$$

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{g(x^i; w)}{1 - g(x^i; w)} + \log(1 - g(x^i; w))$$

Learning parameters for classification  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-h}}$

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$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}}} + \log \left( \frac{e^{-w^T x^i}}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}} \right)$$

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i} - 1} + \log \left( \frac{e^{-w^T x^i}}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}} \right)$$

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i w^T x^i - w^T x^i - \log(1 + e^{-w^T x^i})$$

Learning parameters for classification  $w^T x = \sum_j w_j x_j$

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i w^T x^i - w^T x^i + \log(g(w^T x^i))$$

$$g'(h) = \frac{e^{-h}}{(1 + e^{-h})^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i x_j^i - x_j^i + \frac{x_j^i e^{-w^T x^i}}{1 + e^{-w^T x^i}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - (1 - (1 - g(w^T x^i))))$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$$

Iterative gradient ascent  $y^i$  - true data label  
 $g(w^T x^i)$  - computed data label

- Begin with initial guessed weights  $w$
- For each data point  $(y^i, x^i)$ , update each weight  $w_j$

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j + \epsilon x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$$

- Choose  $\epsilon$  so change is not too big or too small - "step size"

**Intuition**

- $x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$ 
  - If  $y^i=1$  and  $g(w^T x^i)=0$ , and  $x_j^i > 0$ , make  $w_j$  larger and push  $w^T x^i$  to be larger
  - If  $y^i=0$  and  $g(w^T x^i)=1$ , and  $x_j^i > 0$ , make  $w_j$  smaller and push  $w^T x^i$  to be smaller

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But, where do we place the boundary?

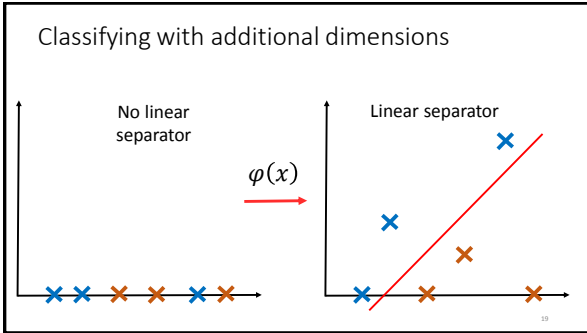
Logistic regression:

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i (y^i - 1) w^T x^i - \log(1 + e^{-w^T x^i})$$

- Each data point  $x^i$  considered for boundary  $w$
- Outlier data pulls boundary towards it

Max margin classifiers

- Focus on boundary points
- Find largest margin between boundary points on both sides
- Works well in practice
- We can call the boundary points "support vectors"



### Mapping function(s)

- Map from low-dimensional space  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  to higher dimensional space  $\varphi(x) = (x_1, x_2, x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2)$
- N data points guaranteed to be separable in space of N-1 dimensions or more

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i \varphi(x_i) y_i$$

Classifying  $x_j$ :

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i \varphi^T(x_i) \varphi(x_j) + b$$

### Discriminative classifiers

Find a separator to minimize classification error

- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machines

A scatter plot showing two classes of data points (blue 'x' and orange 'o') in a 2D space. A dashed red line represents a linear decision boundary that separates the two classes. The plot is used to illustrate the goal of finding a separator that minimizes classification error.

### Logistic Regression review

Logistic function  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-h}}$

- $p(y = 0|x; \theta) = 1 - g(w^T x) = \frac{e^{-w^T x}}{1 + e^{-w^T x}}$
- $p(y = 1|x; \theta) = g(w^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x}}$
- Maximize likelihood:
  - $\arg \max_w L(y|x; w) = \prod_i (1 - g(x^i; w))^{(1-y^i)} g(x^i; w)^{y^i}$
  - Likelihood is  $P(D|\theta) : D = \{(x^i, y^i)\}, \theta = w$
  - Update  $w : \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$

### MAP for discriminative classifier

- MLE:  $P(y=1|x; w) \sim g(w^T x), P(y=0|x; w) \sim 1-g(w^T x)$
- MAP:  $P(y=1, w|x) \propto P(y=1|x; w) P(w) \sim g(w^T x) ???$  (different from Bayesian posterior)
- $P(w)$  priors
  - L2 regularization – minimize all weights
  - L1 regularization – minimize number of non-zero weights

### MAP – L2 regularization

A small graph showing a Gaussian distribution curve representing the prior  $P(w)$  for the weights. The curve is centered at zero and is symmetric.

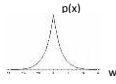
- $P(y=1, w|x) \propto P(y=1|x; w) P(w)$ :
 
$$L(y, w|x) = \prod_i (1 - g(x^i; w))^{(1-y^i)} g(x^i; w)^{y^i} \prod_j e^{-\frac{w_j^2}{2\lambda}}$$

$$LL(y, w|x) = \sum_i y^i w^T x^i - w^T x^i + \log(g(w^T x^i)) - \sum_j \frac{w_j^2}{2\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y, w|x) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i)) - \frac{w_j}{\lambda}$$

**Prevent  $w^T x$  from getting too large**

### MAP – L1 regularization



•  $P(y=1, w|x) \propto P(y=1|x, w) P(w)$ :

$$L(y, w|x) = \prod_i (1 - g(x^i; w))^{(1-y^i)} g(x^i; w)^{y^i} \prod_j e^{-\frac{|w_j|}{\lambda}}$$

$$LL(y, w|x) = \sum_i y^i w^T x^i - w^T x^i + \log(g(w^T x^i)) - \sum_j \frac{|w_j|}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y, w|x) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i)) - \frac{\text{sign}(w_j)}{\lambda}$$

**Force most dimensions to 0**

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### Parameters for learning

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j + \varepsilon \left[ x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i)) - \frac{w_j}{\lambda N} \right]$$

- Regularization: selecting  $\lambda$  influences the strength of your bias
- Gradient ascent: selecting  $\varepsilon$  influences the effect of individual data points in learning
- Bayesian: selecting  $\beta_j$  indicates the strength of the class prior beliefs
- $\lambda, \varepsilon, \beta_j$  are parameters controlling our learning

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### Multi-class logistic regression: class probability

Recall binary class:

- $p(y = 0|x; \theta) = 1 - g(w^T x) = \frac{e^{-w^T x}}{1 + e^{-w^T x}}$
- $p(y = 1|x; \theta) = g(w^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^T x}}$

Multi-class – m classes:

- $p(y = j|x; \theta) = \frac{1}{e^{-w_j^T x} + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} e^{-w_k^T x}}$
- $p(y = m|x; \theta) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} p(y = j|x; \theta)$

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### Multi-class logistic regression: likelihood

Recall binary class:

- $L(y|x; \theta) = \prod_i p(y^i = 0|x^i; \theta)^{(1-y^i)} p(y^i = 1|x^i; \theta)^{y^i}$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$

$$\delta(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Multi-class:

- $L(y|x; \theta) = \prod_{i,k} p(y^i = k|x^i; \theta)^{\delta(y^i - k)}$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_{i,k} x_j^i (\delta(y^i - k) - p(y^i = k|x^i; \theta))$

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### Multi-class logistic regression: update rule

Recall binary class:

- $w_j \leftarrow w_j + \varepsilon x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$

Multi-class:

- $w_{j,k} \leftarrow w_{j,k} + \varepsilon x_j^i (\delta(y^i - k) - p(y^i = k|x^i; \theta))$

$$\delta(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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### Logistic regression: how many parameters?

- N features
- M classes
- Learn  $w_k$  for each of M-1 classes: N (M-1) parameters
- Actually:  $w^T x = \sum_j w_j x_j$
- Would be better to allow offset from origin:  $w^T x + b$ : N+1 parameters per class
- Total (N+1) (M-1) parameters

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### Maximum margin definitions

Classify as +1 if  $w^T x + b \geq 1$   
 Classify as -1 if  $w^T x + b \leq -1$   
 Undefined if  $-1 \leq w^T x + b \leq 1$

- M is the margin width
- $x^+$  is a +1 point closest to boundary,  $x^-$  is a -1 point closest to boundary
- $x^+ = \lambda w + x^-$
- $|x^+ - x^-| = M$

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### $\lambda$ derivation

- $w^T x^- + b = -1$
- $w^T x + b = 1$
- $w^T x + b = 0$
- $w^T x + b = -1$
- $w^T x^+ + b = +1$
- $w^T (\lambda w + x^-) + b = +1$
- $\lambda w^T w + w^T x^- + b = +1$
- $\lambda w^T w - 1 - b + b = +1$
- $\lambda = \frac{2}{w^T w}$
- $x^+ = \lambda w + x^-$

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### M derivation

- $w^T x^- + b = -1$
- $w^T x + b = 1$
- $w^T x + b = 0$
- $w^T x + b = -1$
- $w^T x^+ + b = +1$
- $x^+ = \lambda w + x^-$
- $|x^+ - x^-| = M$

•  $M = |\lambda w + x^- - x^-| = |\lambda w| = \lambda |w|$   
 •  $M = \lambda \sqrt{w^T w}$   
 •  $M = \frac{2}{w^T w} \sqrt{w^T w} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$

maximize M                      minimize  $w^T w$

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### Support vector machine (SVM) optimization

•  $\operatorname{argmax}_{w,b} M = \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$

$\operatorname{argmin}_{w,b} w^T w$   
 subject to

$w^T x + b \geq 1$  for x in class +1  
 $w^T x + b \leq -1$  for x in class -1

Optimization with constraints:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} f(w_j) = 0$  with Lagrange multipliers.

- Gradient descent
- Matrix calculus

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### Alternate SVM formulation

$w = \sum_i \alpha^i x^i y^i$

Support vectors  $x^i$  have  $\alpha^i > 0$   
 $y_i$  are the data labels +1 or -1

To classify sample  $x^j$ , compute:  
 $w^T x^j + b = \sum_i \alpha^i y^i (x^i)^T x^j + b$

$\alpha^i \geq 0 \forall i$                        $\sum_i \alpha^i y^i = 0$

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### Support vector machine (SVM) optimization with slack variables

What if data not linearly separable?

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w,b} w^T w + C \sum_i \varepsilon_i$$
 subject to
 
$$w^T x + b \geq 1 - \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } x \text{ in class 1}$$

$$w^T x + b \leq -1 + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } x \text{ in class -1}$$

$$\varepsilon_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$

Each error  $\varepsilon_i$  is penalized based on distance from separator

### Classifying with additional dimensions

**Note:** More dimensions makes it easier to separate N training points: training error minimized, may risk over-fit

No linear separator  $\rightarrow$  Linear separator

### Quadratic mapping function

$$w^T x' + b = \sum_i a^i y^i(x^i)^T x' + b$$

- $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \rightarrow x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2, x_4^2, x_1 x_2, x_1 x_3, x_1 x_4, \dots, x_2 x_4, x_3 x_4$
- $N$  features  $\rightarrow N + N + \frac{N \times (N-1)}{2} \approx N^2$  features
- $N^2$  values to learn for  $w$  in higher-dimensional space  $v$  with  $N$  elements operating in quadratic space
- Or, observe:  $(v^T x + 1)^2 = v_1^2 x_1^2 + \dots + v_N^2 x_N^2 + 2v_1 v_2 x_1 x_2 + \dots + 2v_{N-1} v_N x_{N-1} x_N + v_1 x_1 + \dots + v_N x_N$

### Kernels

$$w^T x' + b = \sum_i a^i y^i(x^i)^T x' + b$$

Classifying  $x^j$ :

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i \varphi(x^i)^T \varphi(x^j) + b$$

Kernel trick:

- Estimate high-dimensional dot product with function
- $K(x^i, x^j) = \varphi(x^i)^T \varphi(x^j)$
- E.g.,  $K(x^i, x^j) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x^i - x^j)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

### The power of SVM (+kernels)

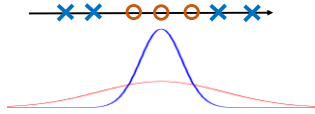
- Boundary defined by a few support vectors
  - Caused by: maximizing margin
  - Causes: less overfitting
  - Similar to: regularization
- Kernels keep number of learned parameters in check

### Multi-class SVMs

- Learn boundary for class  $k$  vs all other classes
- Find boundary that gives highest margin for data point  $x^i$

### Benefits of generative methods

- $P(D|\theta)$  and  $P(\theta|D)$  can generate non-linear boundary
- E.g.: Gaussians with multiple variances



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