Midterm next Wednesday

- **Time:** Tuesday, 10/28, 10:00am sharp to 11:20am
  - Please be seated 5 minutes beforehand.
- **Location:** CSE2 G20 (usual classroom)
- **Topics:** Everything up to and including this week's lectures.
- **Format:** Sample exams posted. More open-ended.
- **Cheat sheet:**
  - You may bring one 8.5x11 inch sheet of paper (can use front & back).
  - It may be handwritten or typeset.

Gradient Descent (continued^2)

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Convergence rate of gradient descent

$$T \geq \frac{2L\big(f(w_0) - f(w^*)\big)}{\epsilon}$$

Gradient descent requires

$T = O(1/\epsilon)$ iterations

to achieve $\|\nabla f(w_t)\|^2 \leq \epsilon$

Convergence rate of gradient descent

$$\|\nabla f(w_t)\| \leq \epsilon$$

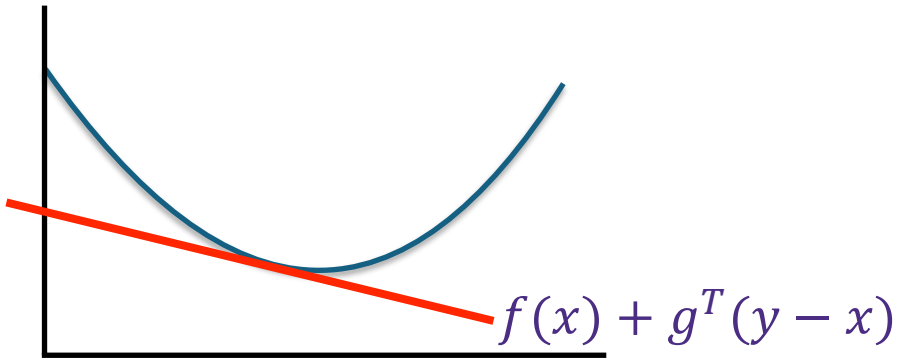
$$f(w_t) - f(w^*) \leq \epsilon$$

Lasso revisited

Subgradients

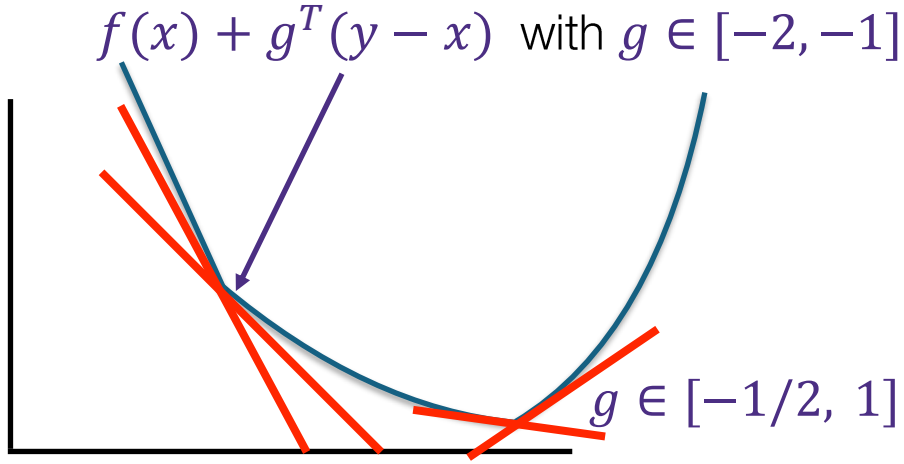
A vector $g \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a **subgradient** at x if it satisfies
$f(y) \geq f(x) + g^T(y - x)$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Smooth convex function



Gradient is unique sub-gradient
Minimum at points where gradient is 0

Non-smooth convex function

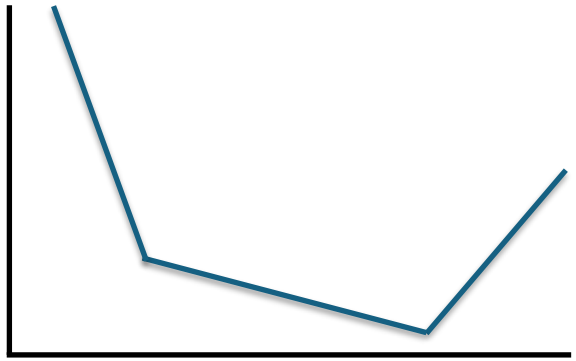


Minimum achieved at points where
subgradient set includes 0 vector

Subgradient descent for non-smooth functions

For each t,

Find any subgradient g_t, then set $w_{t+1} \leftarrow w_t - \eta_t g_t$



Works on non-smooth convex functions
Slower compared to smooth convex functions
Gradients don't get smaller near global minima

- Instead of last iterate w_t, keep track of best one
- Step size needs to decrease with t

Stochastic gradient descent (SGD)

$$\widehat{w} = \operatorname*{argmin}_{w} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell_i(w)$$

Gradient descent: $w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta \nabla_w \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell_i(w) \right) |_{w=w_t}$

Stochastic gradient descent: $w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta \nabla_w \ell_{I_t}(w) |_{w=w_t}$

I_t drawn uniformly at random from $\{1, \ldots, n\}$

n times faster per iteration!

And can even be better minimizer.

Minibatch stochastic gradient descent

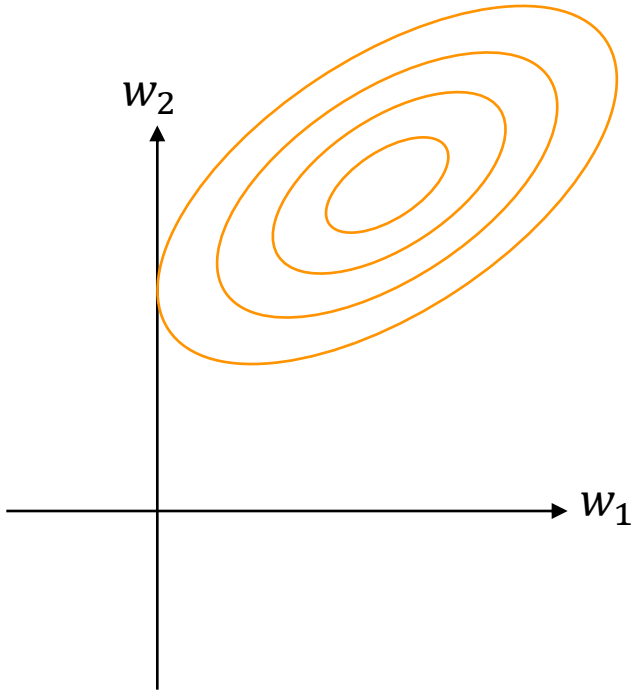
- Instead of one iterate, average B stochastic gradients together
- Advantages:
  - Smaller variance (by $1/B$)
  - Parallelization: Each gradient in the minibatch can be computed in parallel

- This is very widely used!

Summary

- Closed form -> iterative methods
- (Minibatch stochastic) gradient descent as a general-purpose optimizer
- Key theoretical tool: Convexity
- Many many variants. Highly active research area!
  - Schedulers
  - Adaptive step sizes
  - Momentum
  - Higher-order methods
  - Non-convex analysis
  - …

Bonus: Coordinate descent



Coordinate descent for lasso

$$\hat{w} = \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(y_i - x_i^\top w\right)^2 + \lambda\|w\|_1$$

$$\frac{d}{dw_k} f(w)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i^\top w - y_i\right)x_{ik} + \lambda \operatorname{sign}(w_k)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\sum_{j\neq k} x_{ij} w_j + x_{ik} w_k - y_i\right)x_{ik} + \lambda \operatorname{sign}(w_k)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\sum_{j\neq k} x_{ij} w_j - y_i\right)x_{ik} + w_k \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{ik} + \lambda \operatorname{sign}(w_k) \ni 0$$
...

Further reading

- Example gradient descent code on class website
- Boyd and Vandenberghe, Convex Optimization https://stanford.edu/~boyd/cvxbook/
- Mark Schmidt's CPSC 540 notes: https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~schmidtm/Courses/540-W18/L4.pdf
- 3Blue1Brown

Classification

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Regression vs classification

- Regression: Given input x, predict continuous value $y \in \mathbb{R}$
- Classification: Given input x, predict discrete value $y \in \mathcal{Y}$

x

y

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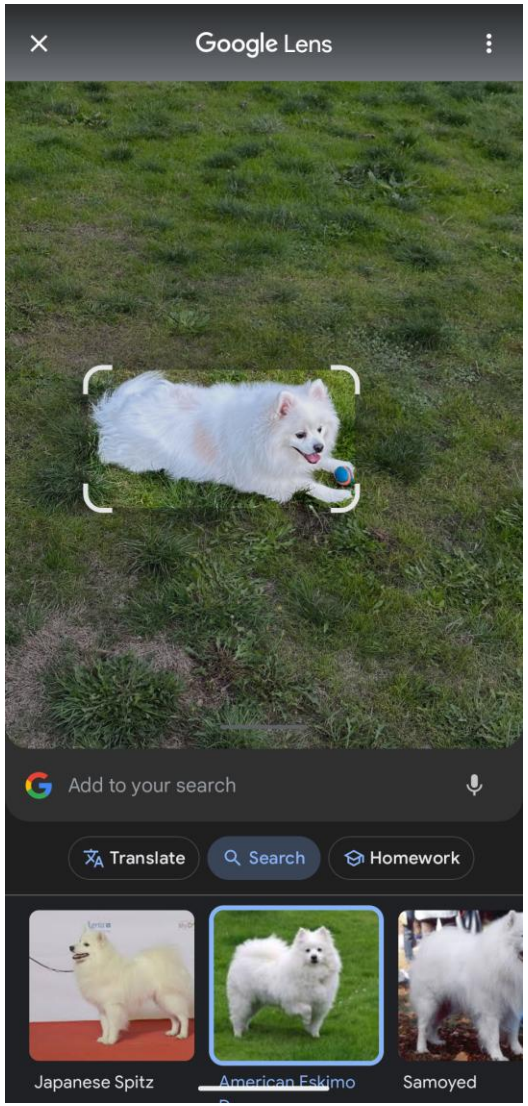
Classification problems are ubiquitous

x

y



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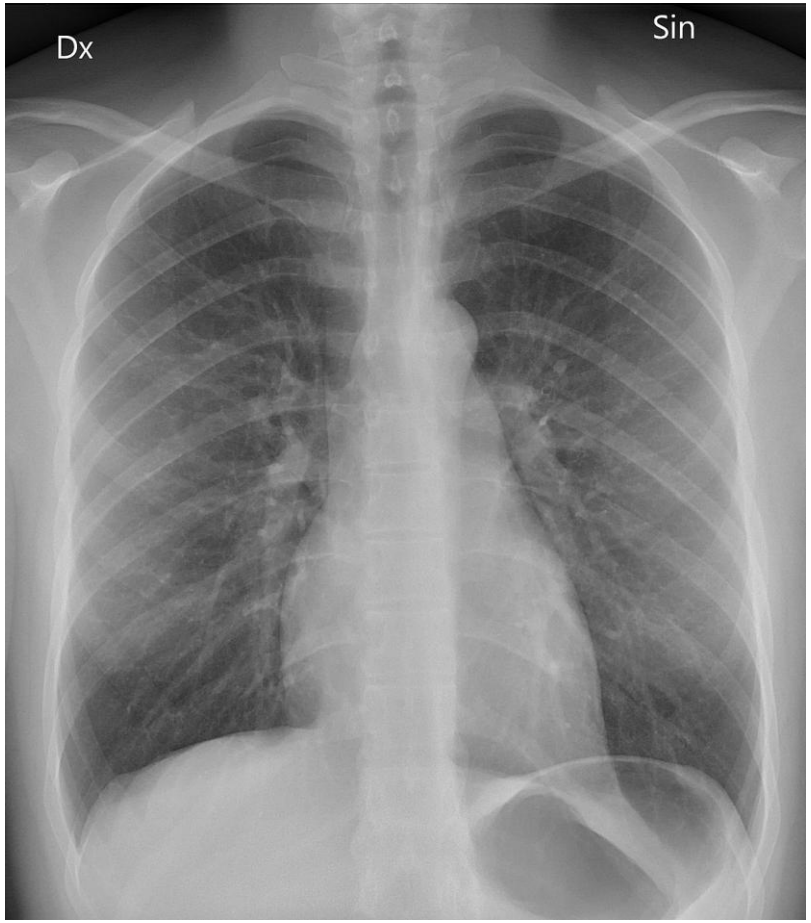

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Healthy
Pneumonia
Pneumothorax
Pleural Effusion
…

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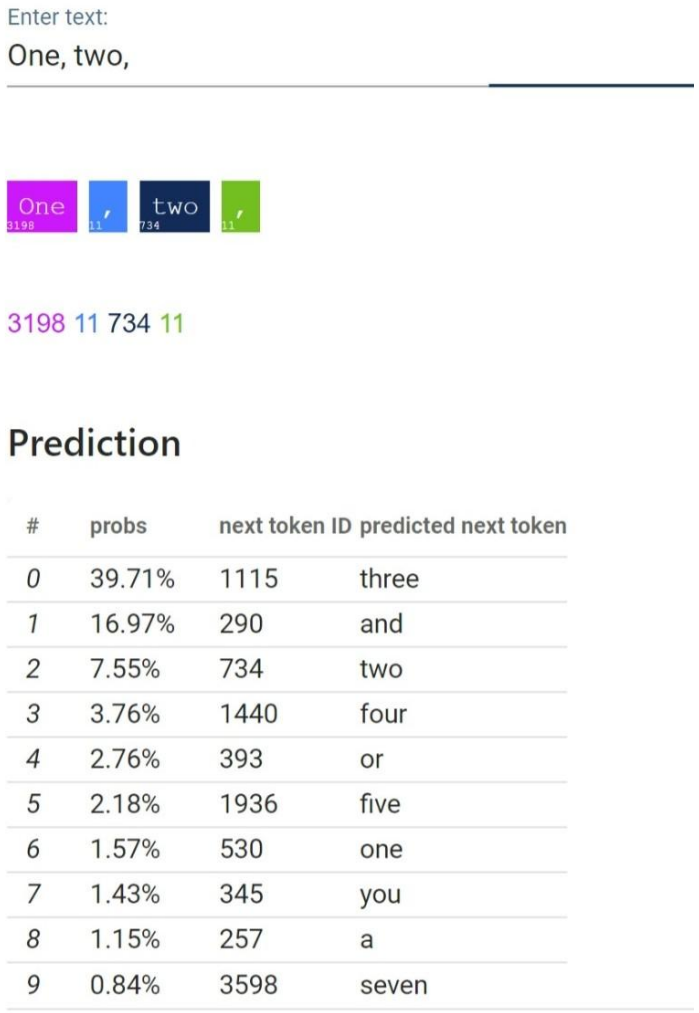
Text generation as classification



#	probs	next token ID	predicted next token
0	39.71%	1115	three
1	16.97%	290	and
2	7.55%	734	two
3	3.76%	1440	four
4	2.76%	393	or
5	2.18%	1936	five
6	1.57%	530	one
7	1.43%	345	you
8	1.15%	257	a
9	0.84%	3598	seven

https://huggingface.co/blog/alonsosilva/nexttokenprediction

Text generation as classification

Enter text:

One, two, three

3198 11 734 11 1115

Prediction

#	probs	next token ID	predicted next token
0	54.42%	11	,
1	5.45%	1399	...
2	4.82%	13	.
3	4.51%	290	and
4	2.72%	986	...
5	2.51%	25	:
6	1.50%	393	or
7	1.23%	3926	...
8	0.85%	553	,"
9	0.84%	960	—

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Text generation as classification

Enter text:

One, two, three,

3198 11 734 11 1115 11

Prediction

#	probs	next token ID	predicted next token
0	46.44%	1440	four
1	7.48%	290	and
2	7.31%	1936	five
3	2.66%	393	or
4	2.54%	2237	six
5	2.09%	1115	three
6	1.86%	3863	maybe
7	1.62%	345	you
8	1.23%	257	a
9	0.92%	530	one

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Text generation as classification

Enter text:

One, two, three, four

3198 11 734 11 1115 11 1440

Prediction

#	probs	next token ID	predicted next token
0	50.14%	11	,
1	6.66%	13	.
2	5.91%	1399	...
3	3.15%	25	:
4	2.63%	290	and
5	2.58%	986	...
6	1.42%	3926	...
7	1.17%	553	,"
8	1.09%	960	—
9	1.08%	526	."

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Classification

- Learn $f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$
  - $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$: features
  - $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, \ldots, k\}$: target classes

- 0-1 loss function: $\ell(f(x), y) = \mathbf{1}\{f(x) \neq y\}$
- Expected loss:

Bayes-optimal classifier

$$f^*(x) = \text{argmax}_y \, P(Y = y | X = x)$$

In practice, we don't know $P(Y = y|X = x)$, but have n i.i.d. examples:

$$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$$

Suppose $\mathcal{X}$ is discrete so that $x \in \{1, 2, \ldots, m\}$. What is a natural estimator for $P(Y = y|X = x)$?

$$\hat{f}(x) = \text{argmax}_y \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n 1\{x_i = x, y_i = y\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1\{x_i = x\}}$$

If $\mathcal{X}$ is continuous, we need a model to explain observations!

Maximum likelihood estimation for classification

$$f^*(x) = \text{argmax}_y \, P(Y = y|X = x)$$
$$\hat{f}_w(x) = \text{argmax}_y \, P_w(Y = y|X = x)$$

General MLE procedure:

1. Parameterize $P_w(Y = y|X = x)$ as a function of w
2. Learn w on i.i.d. training data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$

$$\widehat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmax}_w \prod_{i=1}^{n} P_w(y_i|x_i)$$
$$= \text{argmax}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P_w(y_i|x_i)$$

Modeling conditional probabilities

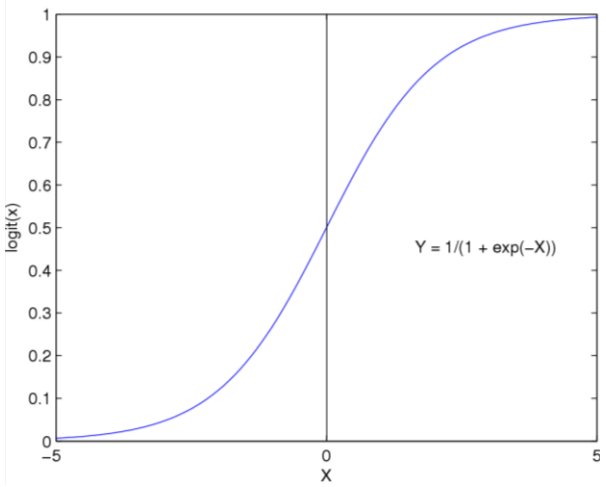
$$\hat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmax}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P_w(y_i|x_i)$$

- Recall linear regression: $P_w(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{(y-w^\top x)^2/2}$
  - Prediction: $E[Y|X = x] = w^\top x$

- Logistic regression uses a model specialized for (binary) classification:

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^\top x}}$$

$$P(Y = 0|X = x) = \frac{e^{-w^\top x}}{1 + e^{-w^\top x}}$$



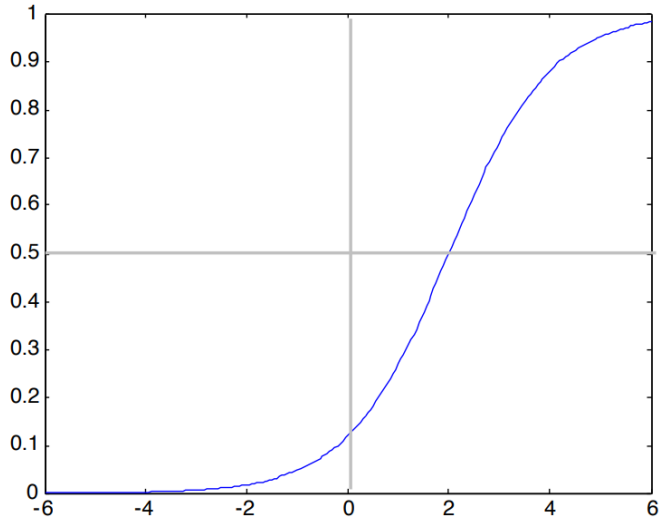
Understanding the sigmoid

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^\top x}} = \sigma(w^\top x)$$

$$\sigma\left(w_0 + \sum_k w_k x_k\right) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w_0 + \sum_k w_k x_k}}$$

$\sigma(w^\top x)$

$w_0 = -2, \mathrm{w}_1 = 1$



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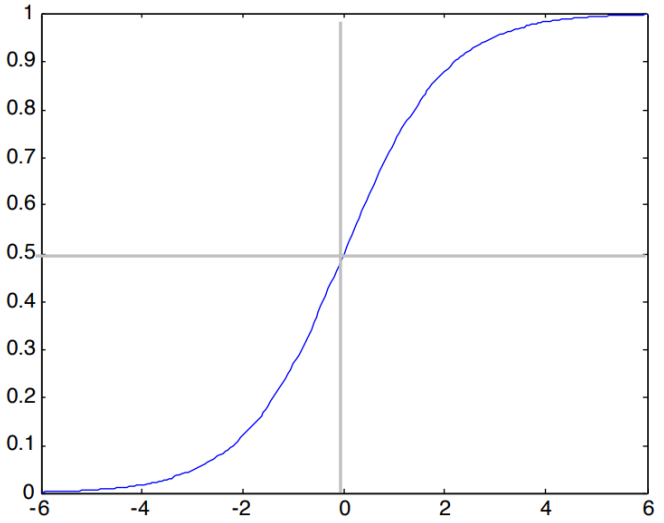
$w_0 = 0, \mathrm{w}_1 = 1$



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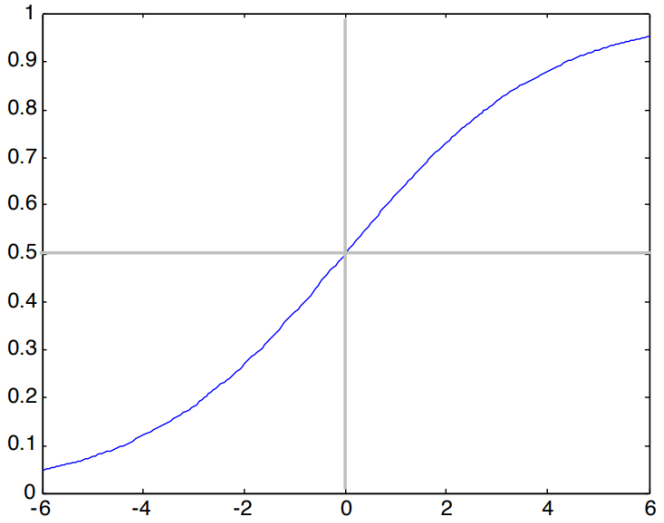
$w_0 = 0, \mathrm{w}_1 = 0.5$



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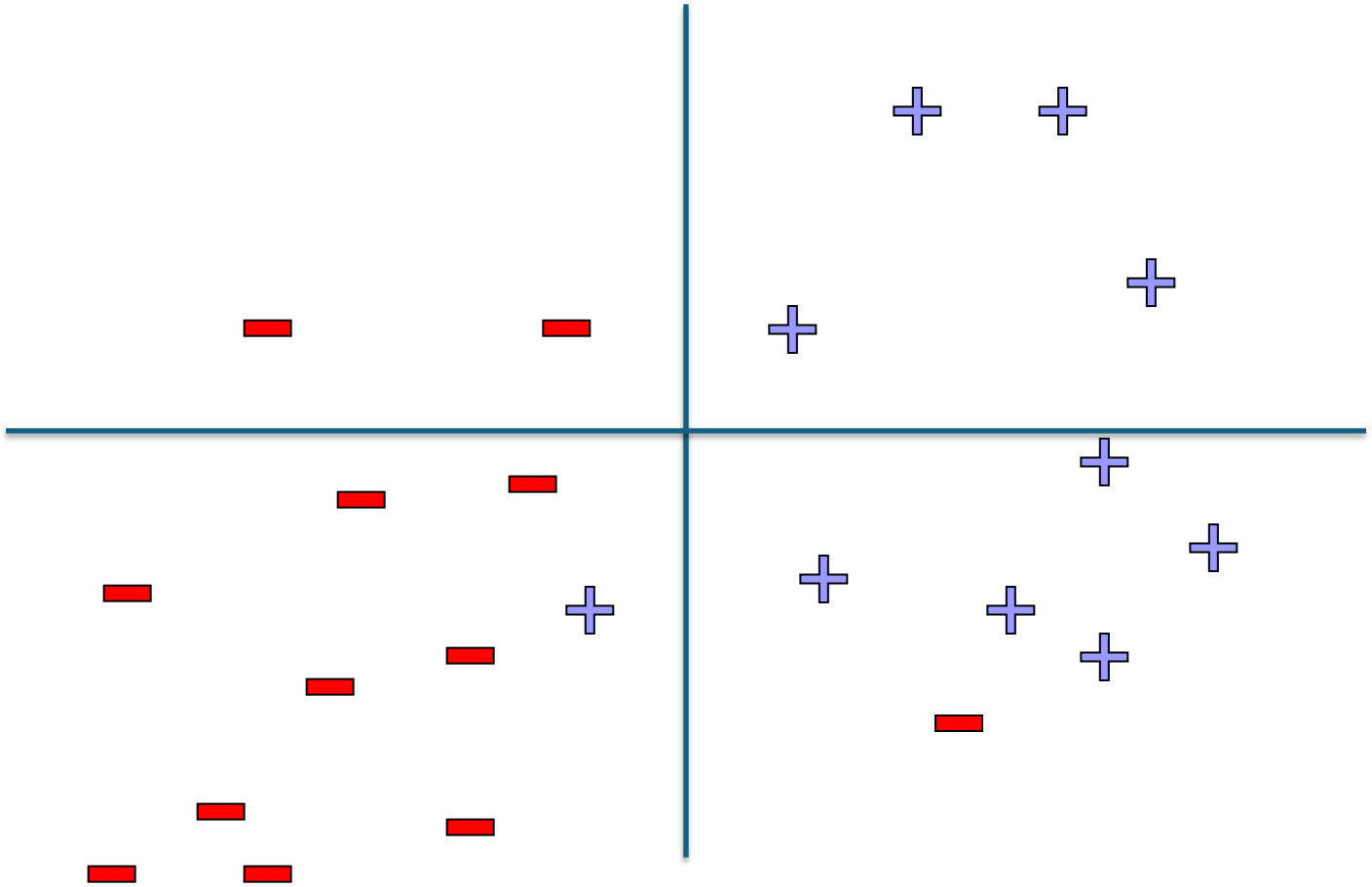
Sigmoid for binary classification

- What's the shape of the decision rule $P(Y = 1|X) \geq P(Y = 0|X)$?

Logistic regression – a linear classifier



Logistic regression for binary classification

$$\hat{w}_{\mathrm{MLE}} = \mathrm{argmax}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P_w(y_i|x_i)$$

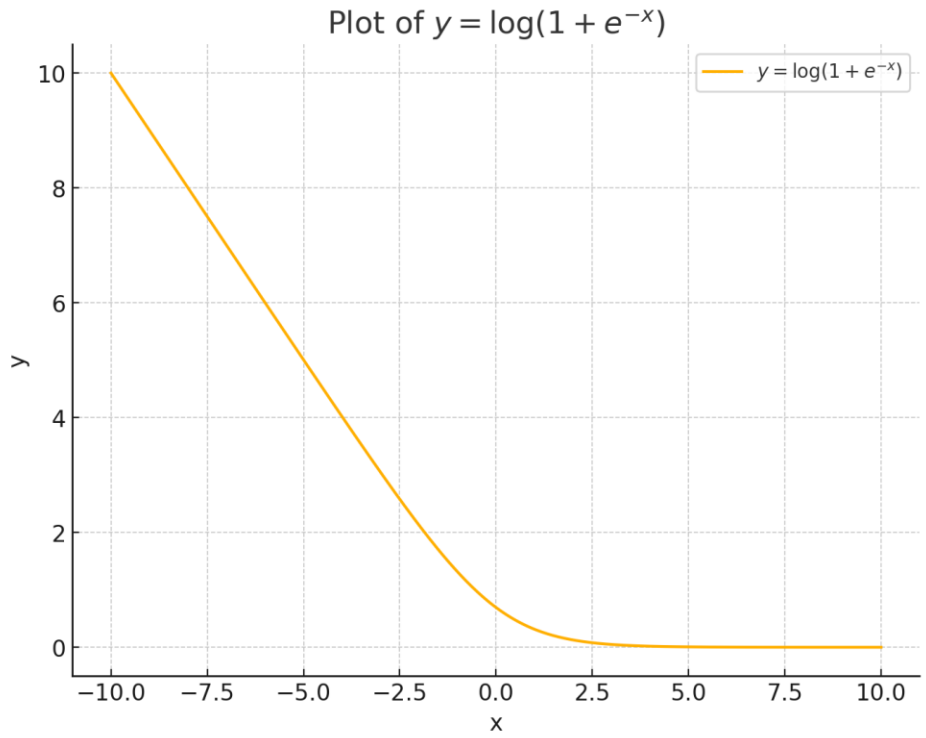
- We have i.i.d. training data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n,\ x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d,\ y_i \in \{-1,1\}$
- $P_w(y_i|x_i) = \sigma(y_i w^\top x_i) = 1/(1+\exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$
- $\ell_i(w) = -\log P_w(y_i|x_i) = \log(1+\exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$

$$\hat{w}_{\mathrm{MLE}} = \mathrm{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(1+\exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$$

Computing the logistic regression solution

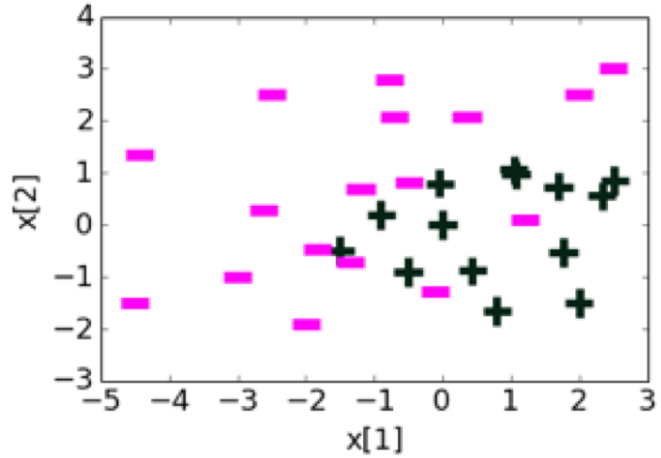
$$\hat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$$

- No closed form…
- But, this is a smooth convex problem!
- Optimize via gradient descent



Example: Adding more polynomial features

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^2, y \in \{-1, +1\}$
- Features: Polynomials
- Model: Linear on polynomial features

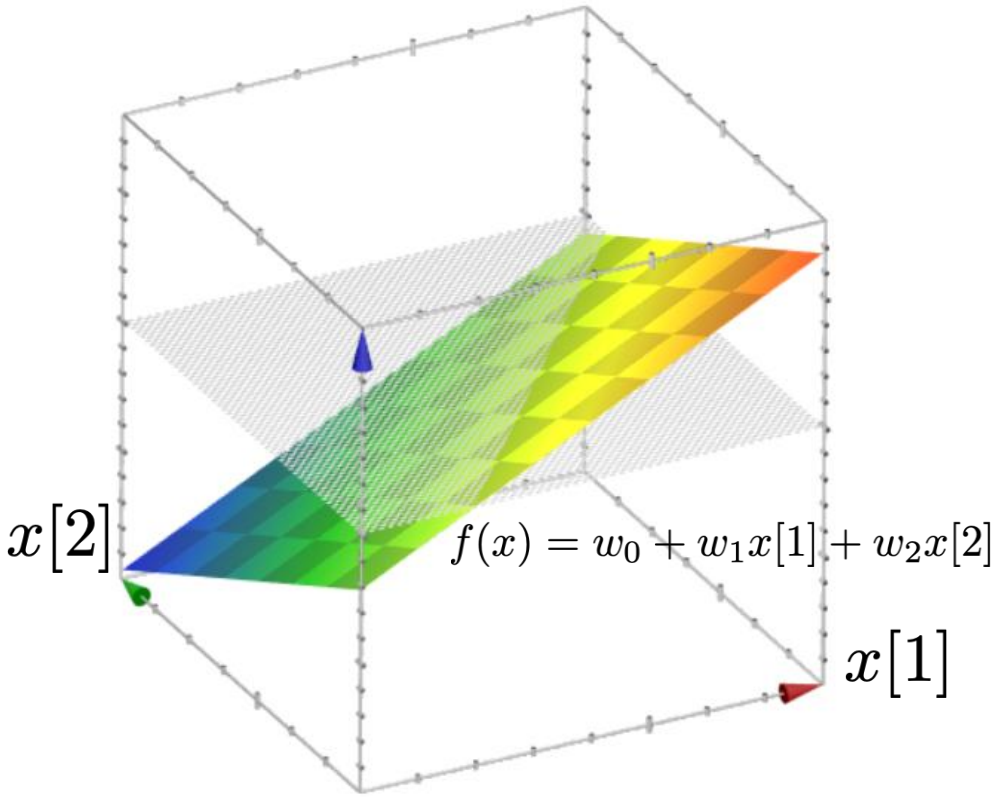


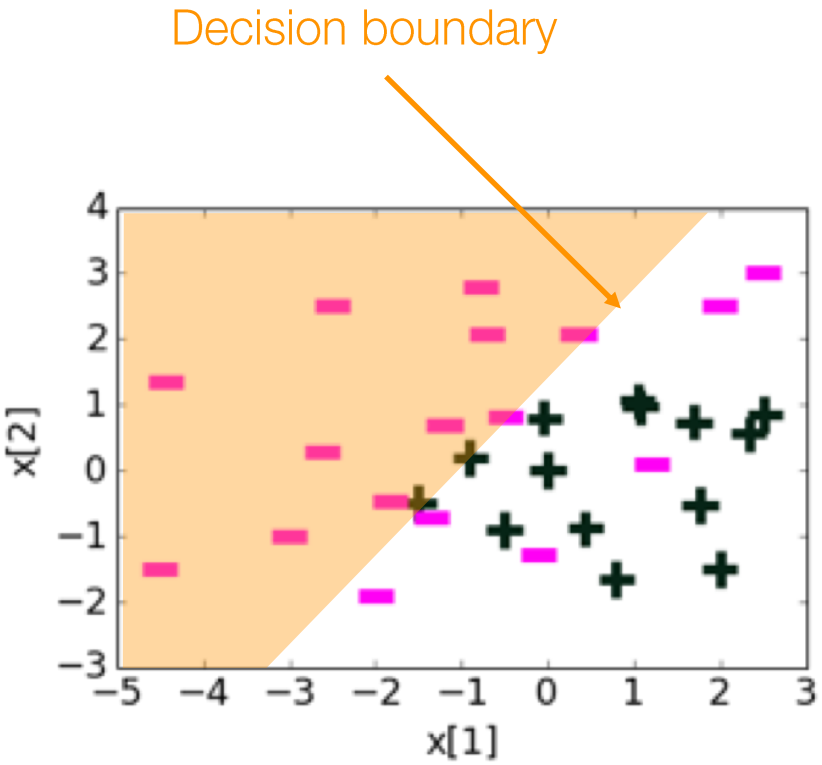
Polynomial features

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_0(x) = 1 \\ h_1(x) = x[1] \\ h_2(x) = x[2] \\ h_3(x) = x[1]^2 \\ h_4(x) = x[2]^2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x) = w_0 h_0(x) + w_1 h_1(x) + w_2 h_2(x) + \cdots$$

Linear features

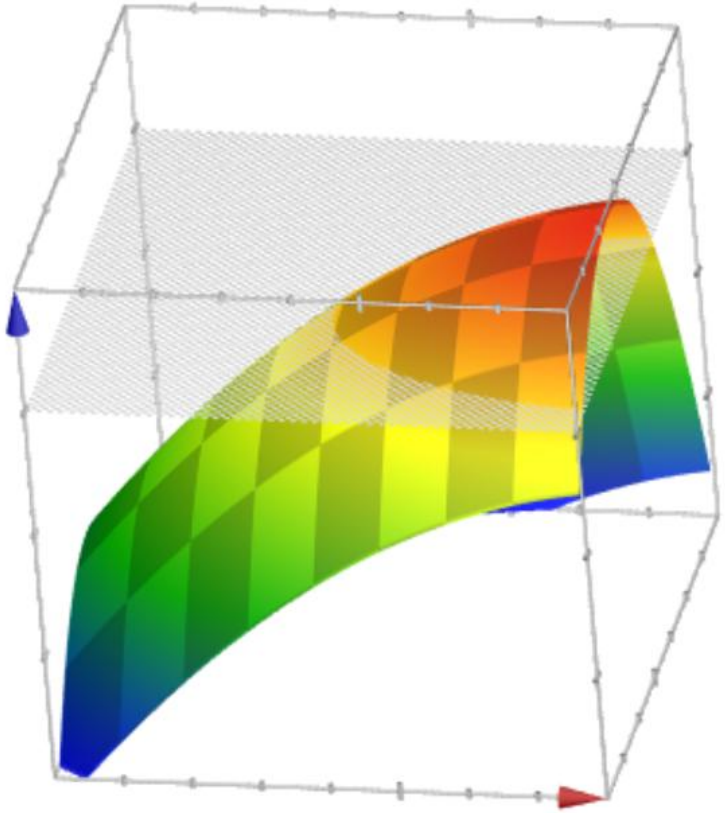


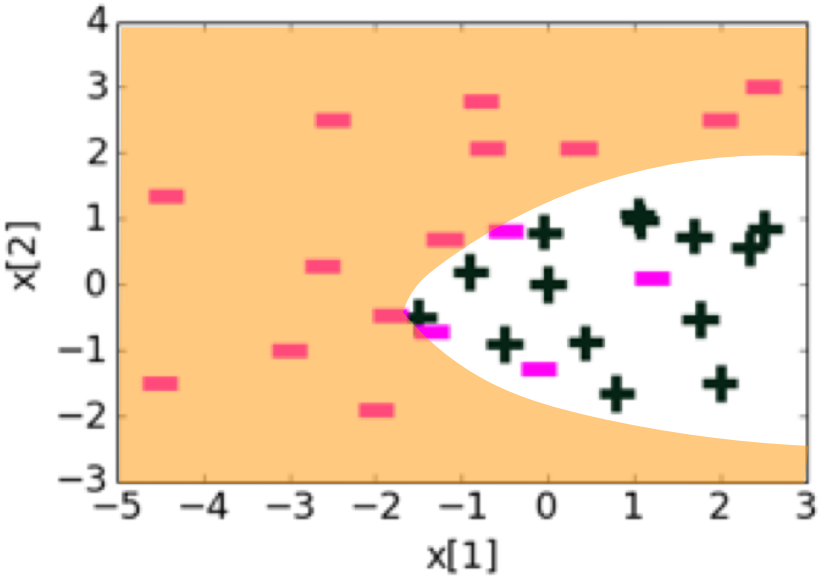


Feature	Value	Coefficient
$h_0(x)$	1	0,23
$h_1(x)$	x[1]	1,12
$h_2(x)$	x[2]	-1,07

- Simple regression models → smooth predictors
- Simple classifier models → smooth decision boundaries

Quadratic features

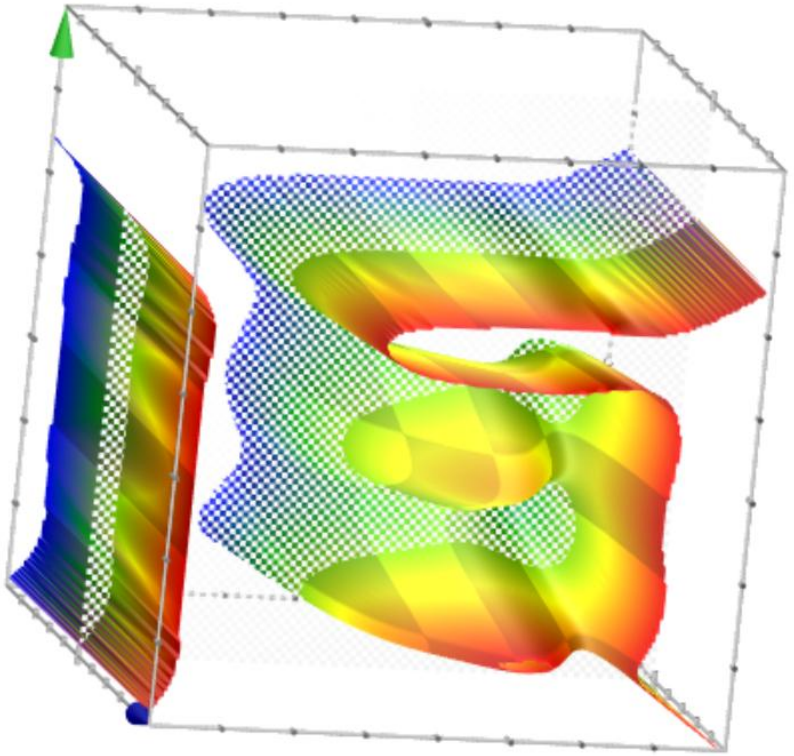


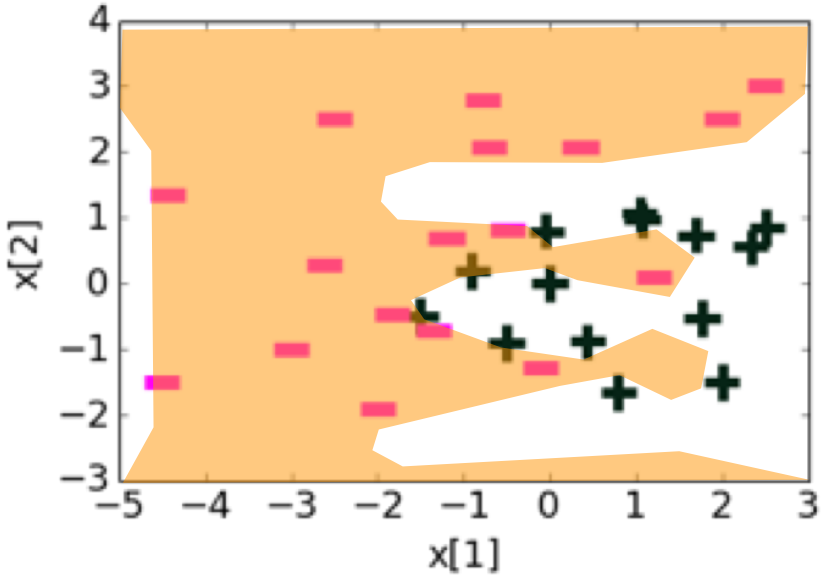


Feature	Value	Coefficient
$h_0(x)$	1	1,68
$h_1(x)$	x[1]	1,39
$h_2(x)$	x[2]	-0,59
$h_3(x)$	$(x[1])^2$	-0,17
$h_4(x)$	$(x[2])^2$	-0,96
$h_5(x)$	x[1]x[2]	Omitted

- Adding more features gives more complex models
- Decision boundary becomes more complex

Higher-degree polynomial features





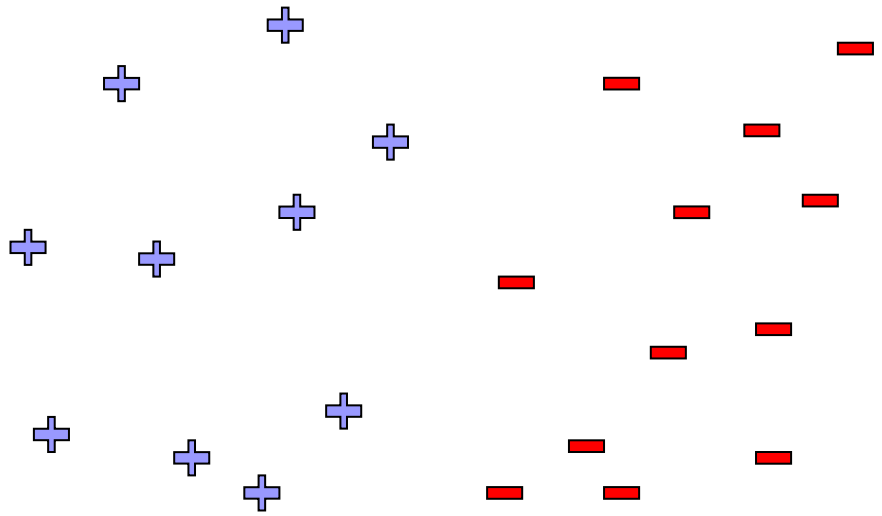
Feature	Value	Coefficient learned
$h_0(x)$	1	21.6
$h_1(x)$	x[1]	5.3
$h_2(x)$	x[2]	-42.7
$h_3(x)$	$(x[1])^2$	-15.9
$h_4(x)$	$(x[2])^2$	-48.6
$h_5(x)$	$(x[1])^3$	-11.0
$h_6(x)$	$(x[2])^3$	67.0
$h_7(x)$	$(x[1])^4$	1.5
$h_8(x)$	$(x[2])^4$	48.0
$h_9(x)$	$(x[1])^5$	4.4
$h_{10}(x)$	$(x[2])^5$	-14.2
$h_{11}(x)$	$(x[1])^6$	0.8
$h_{12}(x)$	$(x[2])^6$	-8.6

- Overfitting leads to poor generalization

Overfitting

$$\hat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$$

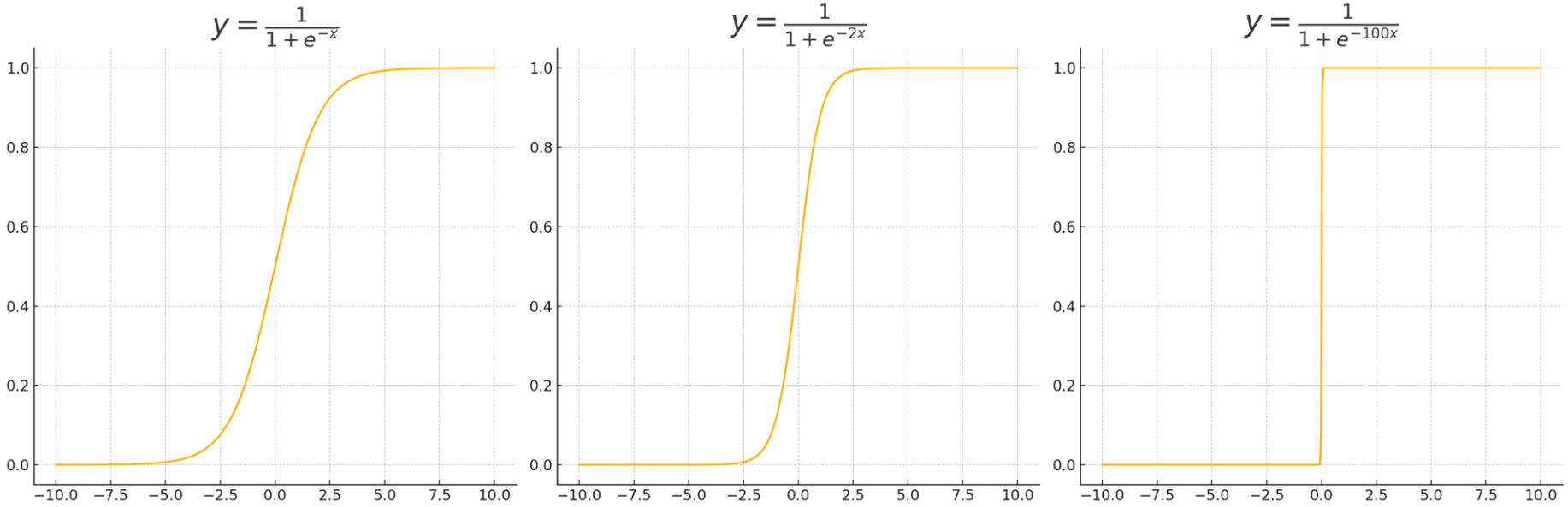
- What happens in this case?



Overfitting and linear separability

$$\hat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$$

- When data is linearly separable, $\|w\| \to \infty$

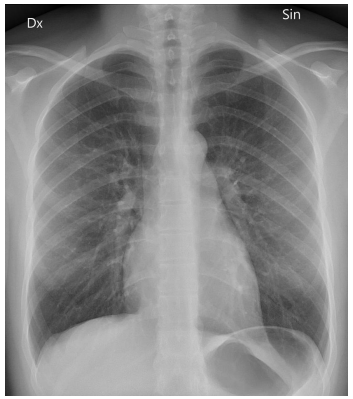


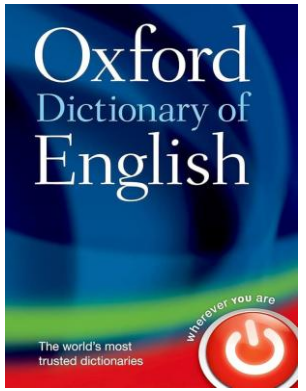
Regularized logistic regression

$$\hat{w}_{\text{reg}} = \text{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))$$

Multi-class classification

- So far: binary $y \in \{-1, +1\}$
- In general: $y \in \{c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k\}$
- c_j's are called classes or labels

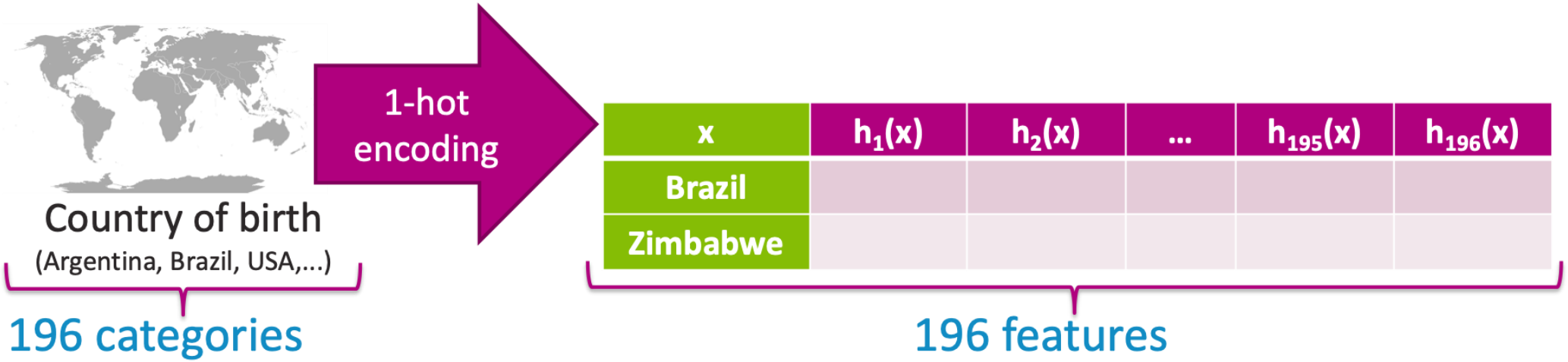




- A k-class classifier predicts y given x

Encoding categorical labels c_j

- For optimization, we need to embed raw c_j into real-valued vectors
- We typically use one-hot embeddings (a.k.a. one-hot encodings)
  - Each class is a standard basis vector in $\mathbb{R}^k$



Multi-class logistic regression (aka softmax classification)

- Data: features $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, categorical $y \in \{c_1, \ldots c_k\}$
- One-hot encoding $\in \mathbb{R}^k$ s.t. $y = [1,0,0, \ldots]$ implies $y = c_1$
- Model: linear prediction $\hat{y}_i = f(x_i) = \mathbf{softmax}(w^\top x) \in \mathbb{R}^k$
- Parameter matrix $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$

Softmax classification

without loss of generality, set $\mathrm{k} = 2$, $w_1 = 0$

2 classes ← k classes

Conditional probabilities

$$P(y = 1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w^\top x}} = \frac{e^{w^\top x}}{1 + e^{w^\top x}}$$

$$P(y = -1|x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{w^\top x}}$$

$$P(y = c_j|x) = \frac{e^{w_j^\top x}}{\sum_{j'} e^{w_{j'}^\top x}}$$

MLE

$$\mathrm{argmax}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + \mathrm{e}^{-y_i w^\top x_i}}\right)$$

$$\mathrm{argmax}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{k} 1\{y_i = c_j\} \log\left(\frac{\mathrm{e}^{w_j^\top x_i}}{\sum_{j'=1}^{k} e^{w_{j'}^\top x_i}}\right)$$

Regression and classification

- ML paradigm: define prediction $f_w(x)$ and loss $\ell(f_w(x), y)$
- Then optimize:

$$\hat{w} = \text{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell(f_w(x_i), y_i)$$

- Squared error loss: $\ell(f_w(x), y) = \big(y - f_w(x)\big)^2$
- Logistic loss: $\ell(f_w(x), y) = \log(1 + \exp\big(-y f_w(x)\big))$

Regression and classification

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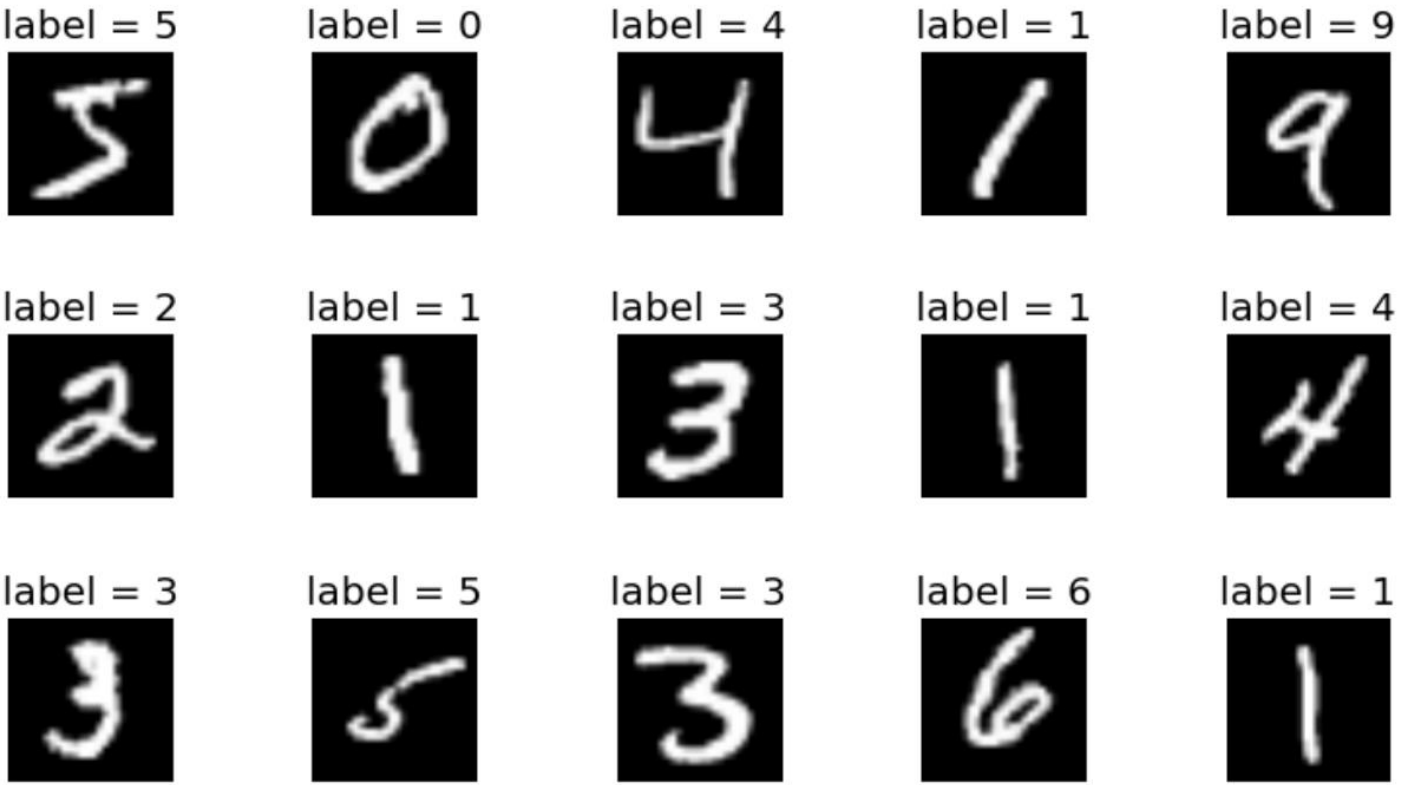
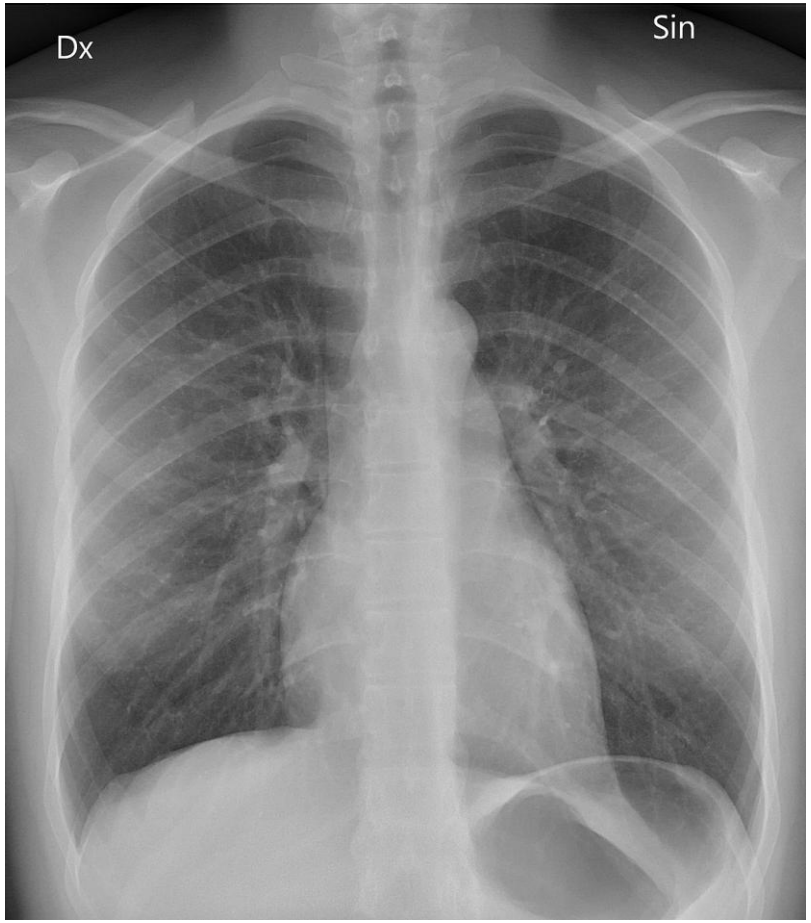


Multi-class vs multi-label classification



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Summary

- Classification problems (where y is categorical) are everywhere
- Regression losses are not typically appropriate
- Logistic regression: model conditional probability $\mathrm{P}(y|x)$ as sigmoid (then apply usual MLE machinery)
- Softmax classification: generalized to $k > 2$ classes
- Regularization is still important

Recap: The ML pipeline

1. Define the **task** (what type of data, what type of eval metrics?)
2. Collect and preprocess **data**
3. Choose **model** family/parameterization
4. Choose **training loss**
4. For each choice of hyperparameters:
   - **Optimize** model (minimize loss) on training data
   - **Evaluate** on validation data
5. Pick best hyperparameters according to validation performance
6. **Evaluate** final model on test data

Cross-validation

- Cross-validation refers to splitting available data into training vs validation portions. It includes:
  - K-fold cross validation
  - Fixed train/validation split

- Should we also train on the validation set after selecting hyperparameters?

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