

## Logistic Regression

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## Classification Based on Probability

- Instead of just predicting the class, give the probability of the instance being that class
- i.e., learn $p(y \mid \boldsymbol{x})$
- Comparison to perceptron:
- Perceptron doesn’t produce probability estimate
- Perceptron (and other discriminative classifiers) are only interested in producing a discriminative model
- Recall that:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \leq p(\text { event }) \leq 1 \\
& p(\text { event })+p(\neg \text { event })=1
\end{aligned}
$$



## Logistic Regression

- Takes a probabilistic approach to learning discriminative functions (i.e., a classifier)
- $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})$ should give $p(y=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})$
- Want $0 \leq h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \leq 1$

Can't just use linear regression with a threshold

- Logistic regression model:

$$
\begin{aligned}
h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}) & =g\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right) \\
g(z) & =\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{1}{1+e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}
$$

Logistic / Sigmoid Function


## Interpretation of Hypothesis Output

$h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=$ estimated $p(y=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})$
Example: Cancer diagnosis from tumor size

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \boldsymbol{x}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{0} \\
x_{1}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
\text { tumorSize }
\end{array}\right] \\
& h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=0.7
\end{aligned}
$$

$\rightarrow$ Tell patient that 70\% chance of tumor being malignant

Note that: $p(y=0 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})+p(y=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})=1$
Therefore, $p(y=0 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})=1-p(y=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

## Another Interpretation

- Equivalently, logistic regression assumes that

$$
\log \frac{p(y=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(y=0 \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})}=\theta_{0}+\theta_{1} x_{1}+\ldots+\theta_{d} x_{d}
$$

Side Note: the odds in favor of an event is the quantity $p /(1-p)$, where $p$ is the probability of the event
E.g., If I toss a fair dice, what are the odds that I will have a 6 ?

- In other words, logistic regression assumes that the log odds is a linear function of $\boldsymbol{x}$


## Logistic Regression

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- Assume a threshold and...
- Predict $y=1$ if $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \geq 0.5$
- Predict $y=0$ if $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})<0.5$



## Non-Linear Decision Boundary

- Can apply basis function expansion to features, same as with linear regression

$$
\boldsymbol{x}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right] \rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
x_{1} x_{2} \\
x_{1}^{2} \\
x_{2}^{2} \\
x_{1}^{2} x_{2} \\
x_{1} x_{2}^{2} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]
$$



## Logistic Regression

- Given $\left\{\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}\right),\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}\right), \ldots,\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\right)\right\}$ where $\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}, y^{(i)} \in\{0,1\}$
- Model: $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=g\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\boldsymbol{\top}} \boldsymbol{x}\right)$

$$
g(z)=\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{\theta}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\theta_{0} \\
\theta_{1} \\
\vdots \\
\theta_{d}
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{x}^{\boldsymbol{\top}}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & x_{1} & \ldots & x_{d}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Logistic Regression Objective Function

- Can't just use squared loss as in linear regression:

$$
J(\boldsymbol{\theta})=\frac{1}{2 n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)-y^{(i)}\right)^{2}
$$

- Using the logistic regression model

$$
h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{1}{1+e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}
$$

results in a non-convex optimization

## Deriving the Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Likelihood of data is given by: $l(\boldsymbol{\theta})=\prod_{i=1}^{n} p\left(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)$
- So, looking for the $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ that maximizes the likelihood

$$
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\mathrm{MLE}}=\arg \max _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l(\boldsymbol{\theta})=\arg \max _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \prod_{i=1} p\left(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)
$$

- Can take the log without changing the solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\mathrm{MLE}} & =\arg \max _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log \prod_{i=1}^{n} p\left(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \\
& =\arg \max _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log p\left(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Deriving the Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Expand as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\mathrm{MLE}} & =\arg \max _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log p\left(y^{(i)} \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \\
& =\arg \max _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[y^{(i)} \log p\left(y^{(i)}=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)+\left(1-y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1-p\left(y^{(i)}=1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\right]\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

- Substitute in model, and take negative to yield

Logistic regression objective:

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})
$$

$J(\boldsymbol{\theta})=-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)+\left(1-y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)\right)\right]$

## Intuition Behind the Objective

$J(\boldsymbol{\theta})=-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)+\left(1-y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)\right)\right]$

- Cost of a single instance:

$$
\operatorname{cost}\left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}), y\right)=\left\{\begin{aligned}
-\log \left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})\right) & \text { if } y=1 \\
-\log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})\right) & \text { if } y=0
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

- Can re-write objective function as

$$
J(\boldsymbol{\theta})=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{cost}\left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right), y^{(i)}\right)
$$

Compare to linear regression: $J(\boldsymbol{\theta})=\frac{1}{2 n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)-y^{(i)}\right)^{2}$

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Aside: Recall the plot of $\log (z)$


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\end{aligned}\right.
$$

If $y=1$

- Cost $=0$ if prediction is correct

$$
\text { If } y=1
$$

- As $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \rightarrow 0$, cost $\rightarrow \infty$
- Captures intuition that larger mistakes should get larger penalties
- e.g., predict $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=0$, but $y=1$


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\hline-\log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})\right) & \text { if } y=0
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

If $y=0$

- Cost $=0$ if prediction is correct

- As $\left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})\right) \rightarrow 0$, cost $\rightarrow \infty$
- Captures intuition that larger mistakes should get larger penalties


## Regularized Logistic Regression

$$
J(\boldsymbol{\theta})=-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)+\left(1-y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)\right)\right]
$$

- We can regularize logistic regression exactly as before:

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{\text {regularized }}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & =J(\boldsymbol{\theta})+\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{d} \theta_{j}^{2} \\
& =J(\boldsymbol{\theta})+\frac{\lambda}{2}\left\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1: d]}\right\|_{2}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

$$
J_{\mathrm{reg}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})=-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)+\left(1-y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)\right)\right]+\frac{\lambda}{2}\left\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1: d]}\right\|_{2}^{2}
$$

Want $\min _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

- Initialize $\theta$
- Repeat until convergence

$$
\theta_{j} \leftarrow \theta_{j}-\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{j}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { simultaneous update } \\
& \text { for } j=0 \ldots \mathrm{~d}
\end{aligned}
$$

Use the natural logarithm $\left(\ln =\log _{\mathrm{e}}\right)$ to cancel with the $\exp ()$ in $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})$

## Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

$$
J_{\mathrm{reg}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})=-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)+\left(1-y^{(i)}\right) \log \left(1-h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)\right)\right]+\frac{\lambda}{2}\left\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1: d]}\right\|_{2}^{2}
$$

Want $\min _{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

- Initialize $\theta$
- Repeat until convergence
(simultaneous update for $j=0 \ldots d$ )

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \theta_{0} \leftarrow \theta_{0}-\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)-y^{(i)}\right) \\
& \theta_{j} \leftarrow \theta_{j}-\alpha\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right)-y^{(i)}\right) x_{j}^{(i)}+\lambda \theta_{j}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

## Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

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- Repeat until convergence (simultaneous update for $j=0 \ldots d$ )

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\end{aligned}
$$

This looks IDENTICAL to linear regression!!!

- Ignoring the $1 / n$ constant
- However, the form of the model is very different:

$$
h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{1}{1+e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}
$$

## Multi-Class Classification

Binary classification:

$x_{1}$

Multi-class classification:


Disease diagnosis: healthy / cold / flu / pneumonia
Object classification: desk / chair / monitor / bookcase

## Multi-Class Logistic Regression

- For 2 classes:

$$
h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{1}{1+\exp \left(-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}=\frac{\exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}{\underset{\substack{\text { weight assigned } \\ \text { to } y=0}}{\exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}}
$$

- For $C$ classes $\{1, \ldots, C\}$ :

$$
p\left(y=c \mid \boldsymbol{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{C}\right)=\frac{\exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{c}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} \exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{c}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}
$$

- Called the softmax function


## Multi-Class Logistic Regression

Split into One vs Rest:


- Train a logistic regression classifier for each class $i$ to predict the probability that $y=i$ with

$$
h_{c}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{\exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{c}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} \exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{c}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}
$$

## Implementing Multi-Class Logistic Regression

- Use $h_{c}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{\exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{c}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} \exp \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{c}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}\right)}$ as the model for class $c$
- Gradient descent simultaneously updates all parameters for all models
- Same derivative as before, just with the above $h_{c}(x)$
- Predict class label as the most probable label

$$
\max _{c} h_{c}(\boldsymbol{x})
$$

