

# CS 1571 Introduction to AI

## Lecture 27

### Logistic regression

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### Supervised learning

**Data:**  $D = \{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n\}$  a set of  $n$  examples

$D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$

$\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, \dots, x_{i,d})$  is an input vector of size  $d$

$y_i$  is the desired output (given by a teacher)

**Objective:** learn the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

s.t.  $y_i \approx f(\mathbf{x}_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

- **Regression:**  $Y$  is **continuous**  
Example: earnings, product orders  $\rightarrow$  company stock price
- **Classification:**  $Y$  is **discrete**  
Example: handwritten digit in binary form  $\rightarrow$  digit label

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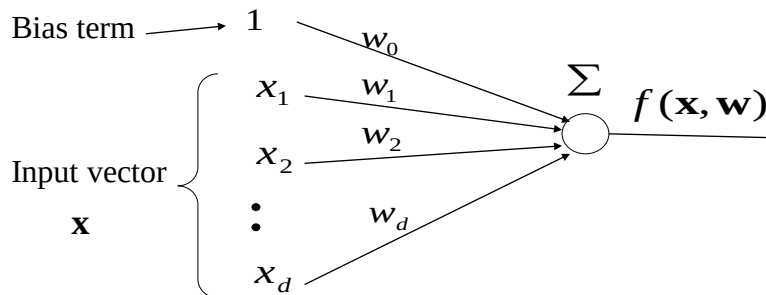
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## Linear regression: review

- **Function**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a linear combination of input components

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = w_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots w_dx_d = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^d w_jx_j$$

$w_0, w_1, \dots, w_k$  - **parameters (weights)**



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## Linear regression: review

- **Data:**  $D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$
- **Function:**  $\mathbf{x}_i \rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}_i)$
- We would like to have  $y_i \approx f(\mathbf{x}_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$
- **Error function** measures how much our predictions deviate from the desired answers

**Mean-squared error**  $J_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i))^2$

- **Learning:**  
We want to find the weights minimizing the error !

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## Solving linear regression: review

- The optimal set of weights satisfies:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}(J_n(\mathbf{w})) = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$$

Leads to a **system of linear equations (SLE)** with  $d+1$  unknowns of the form

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$w_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,0} x_{i,j} + w_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,1} x_{i,j} + \dots + w_j \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,j} x_{i,j} + \dots + w_d \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,d} x_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_{i,j}$$

### Solutions to SLE:

- e.g. matrix inversion (if the matrix is singular)

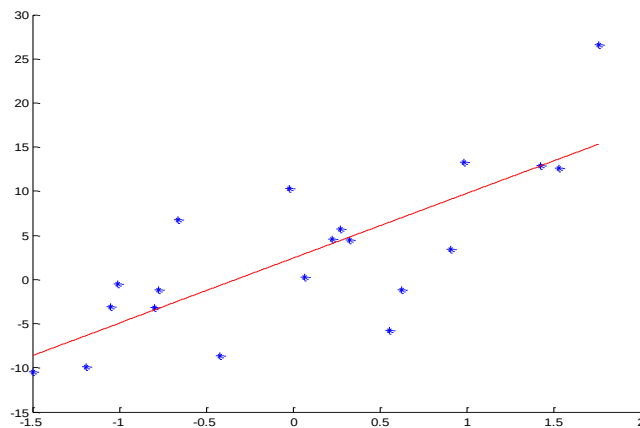
$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

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## Linear regression. Example

- 1 dimensional input  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1)$

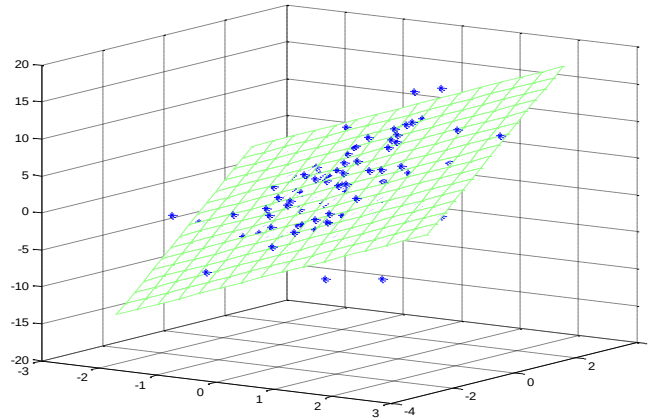


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## Linear regression. Example.

- 2 dimensional input  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$



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## Gradient descent solution

- There are other ways to solve the weight optimization problem in the linear regression model

$$J_n = \text{Error}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}))^2$$

- A simple technique:

- **Gradient descent**

**Idea:**

- Adjust weights in the direction that improves the Error
- The gradient tells us what is the right direction

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \text{Error}_i(\mathbf{w})$$

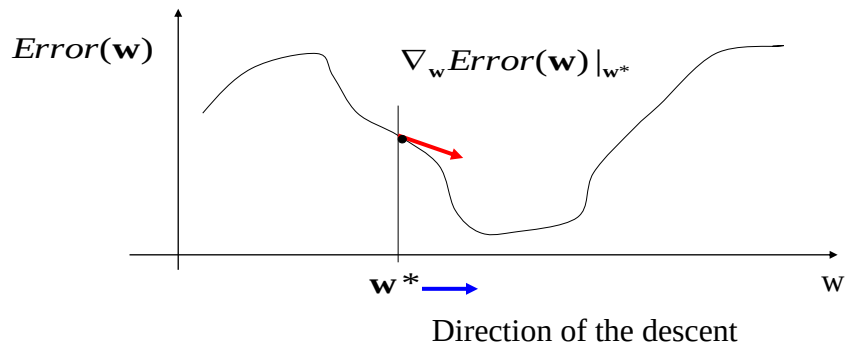
$\alpha > 0$  - a learning rate (scales the gradient changes)

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## Gradient descent method

- Descend using the gradient information



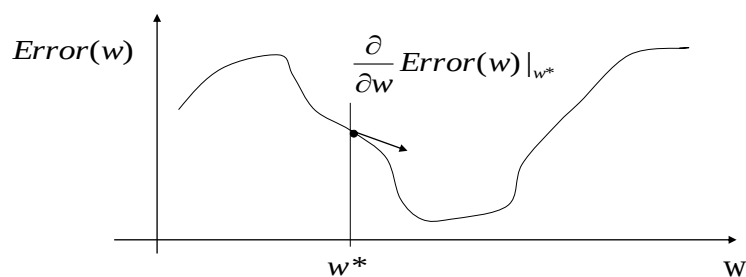
- Change the value of  $w$  according to the gradient

$$w \leftarrow w - \alpha \nabla_w Error_i(w)$$

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## Gradient descent method



- New value of the parameter

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j^* - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} Error(w)|_{w^*} \quad \text{For all } j$$

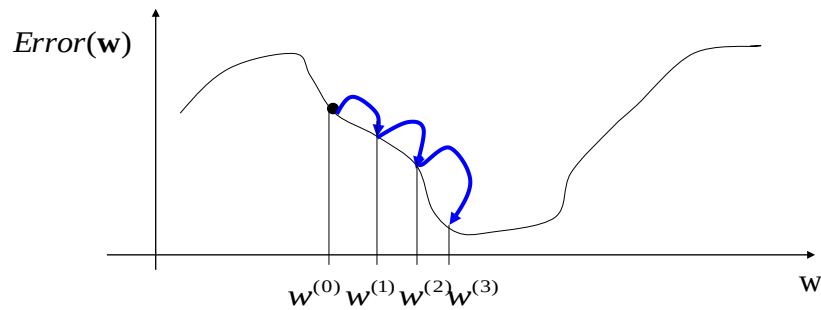
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## Gradient descent method

- Iteratively converge to the optimum of the Error function



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## Online regression algorithm

- **Batch learning:** error function defined for the whole dataset  $D$

$$J_n = \text{Error}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1..n} (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}))^2$$

- **On-line learning:** Error function for individual datapoints.
  - Useful when we learn on datastreams

$$D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$$

$$J_{\text{online}} = \text{Error}_i(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}))^2$$

- **Change regression weights after every example according to the gradient of the online error:**

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \text{Error}_i(\mathbf{w})$$

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## Gradient for on-line learning

Linear model

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

On-line error  $J_{\text{online}} = \text{Error}_i(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2}(y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}))^2$

**On-line algorithm:** sequence of online updates

**(i)-th update for the linear model:**  $D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$

**Vector form:**

$$\mathbf{w}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(i-1)} - \alpha(i) \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \text{Error}_i(\mathbf{w})|_{\mathbf{w}^{(i-1)}} = \mathbf{w}^{(i-1)} + \alpha(i)(y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}^{(i-1)}))\mathbf{x}_i$$

**j-th weight:**

$$w_j^{(i)} \leftarrow w_j^{(i-1)} - \alpha(i) \frac{\partial \text{Error}_i(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_j} \Big|_{\mathbf{w}^{(i-1)}} = w_j^{(i-1)} + \alpha(i)(y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}^{(i-1)}))x_{i,j}$$

**Annealed learning rate:**  $\alpha(i) \approx \frac{1}{i}$

- Gradually rescales changes in weights

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## Online regression algorithm

**Online-linear-regression** ( $D$ , number of iterations)

**Initialize** weights  $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, w_2 \dots w_d)$

**for**  $i=1:1$ : number of iterations

**do**      **select** a data point  $D_i = (\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$  from  $D$

**set**  $\alpha = 1/i$

**update** weight vector

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha(y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}))\mathbf{x}_i$$

**end for**

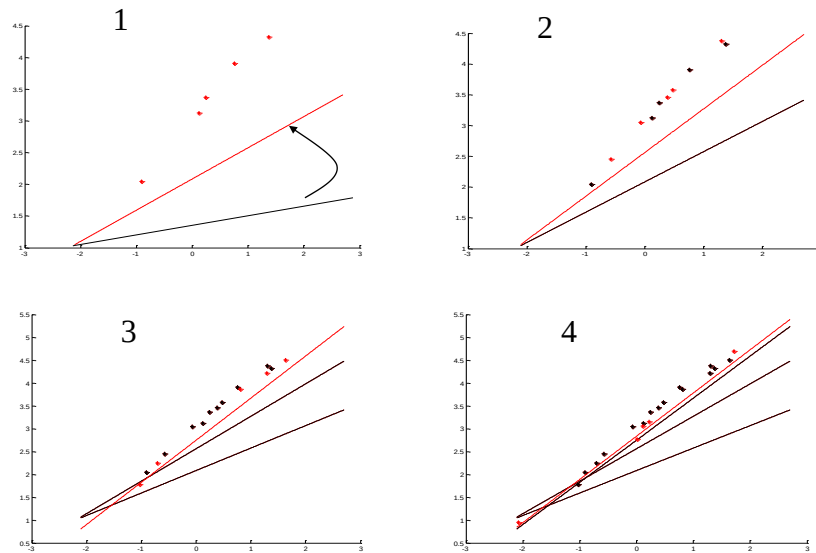
**return** weights  $\mathbf{w}$

• **Advantages:** very easy to implement, continuous data streams

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## On-line learning. Example



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## Supervised learning

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$$d_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$$

$\mathbf{x}_i$  is input vector, and  $y$  is desired output (given by a teacher)

**Objective:** learn the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

s.t.  $y_i \approx f(\mathbf{x}_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

**Two types of problems:**

- **Regression:**  $Y$  is **continuous**  
Example: earnings, product orders  $\rightarrow$  company stock price
- **Classification:**  $Y$  is **discrete**  
Example: temperature, heart rate  $\rightarrow$  disease

Today: [binary classification problems:](#)

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## Binary classification

- **Two classes**  $Y = \{0,1\}$
- Our goal is to learn to classify correctly two types of examples
  - Class 0 – labeled as 0,
  - Class 1 – labeled as 1
- We would like to learn  $f : X \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

- **Zero-one error (loss) function**

$$Error_1(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) \neq y_i \\ 0 & f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) = y_i \end{cases}$$

- Error we would like to minimize:  $E_{(x,y)}(Error_1(\mathbf{x}, y))$
- **First step:** we need to devise a model of the function

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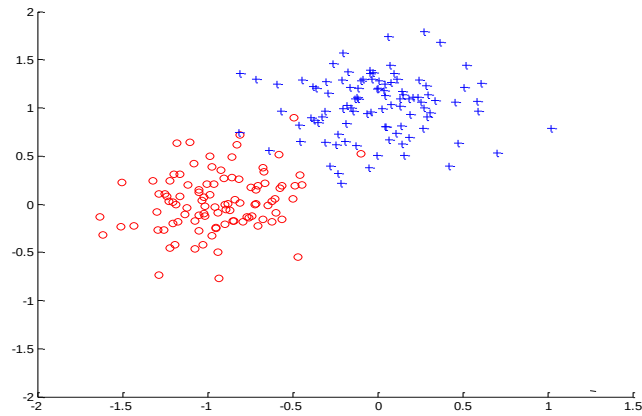
## Discriminant functions

- One convenient way to represent classifiers is through
  - **Discriminant functions**
- **Works for binary and multi-way classification**
- **Idea:**
  - For every class  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$  define a function  $g_i(\mathbf{x})$  mapping  $X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$
  - When the decision on input  $\mathbf{x}$  should be made choose the class with the highest value of  $g_i(\mathbf{x})$
- So what happens with the input space? Assume a binary case.

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## Discriminant functions

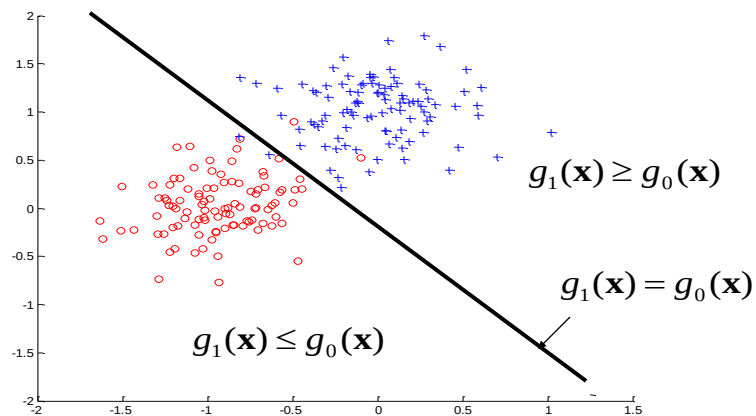


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## Discriminant functions

- Define **decision boundary**.



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## Logistic regression model

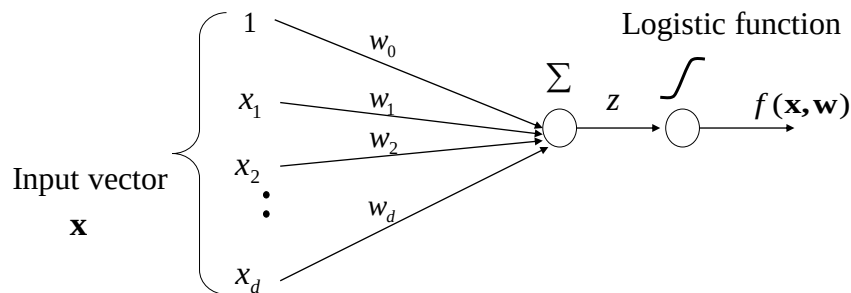
- Defines a linear decision boundary

- Discriminant functions:

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \quad g_0(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

- where  $g(z) = 1/(1 + e^{-z})$  - is a logistic function

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = g_1(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$



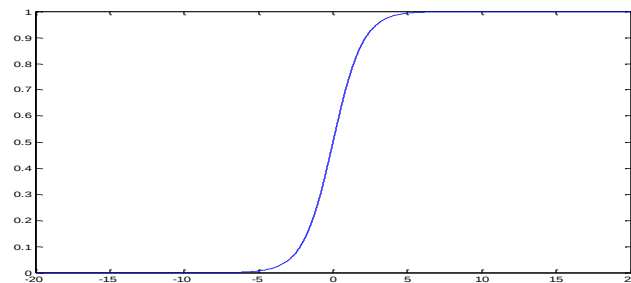
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## Logistic function

function

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

- also referred to as a **sigmoid function**
- Replaces the threshold function with smooth switching
- takes a real number and outputs the number in the interval  $[0,1]$



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## Logistic regression model

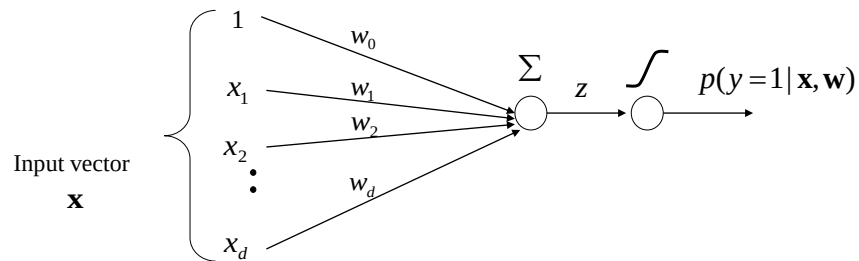
- **Discriminant functions:**

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- **Where**  $g(z) = 1/(1 + e^{-z})$  - is a logistic function
- **Values of discriminant functions vary in  $[0,1]$**

- **Probabilistic interpretation**

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = p(y=1 | \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) = g_1(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$



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## Logistic regression

- Instead of learning the mapping to discrete values 0,1

$$f : X \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

- we learn **a probabilistic function**

$$f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$$

- where  $f$  describes the probability of class 1 given  $\mathbf{x}$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$$

**Note that:**  $p(y=0 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = 1 - p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$

- Transformation to discrete class values:

If  $p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}) \geq 1/2$  then choose **1**  
Else choose **0**

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## Linear decision boundary

- Logistic regression model defines a **linear decision boundary**
- Why?**
- Answer:** Compare two **discriminant functions**.
- Decision boundary:**  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = g_0(\mathbf{x})$
- For the boundary it must hold:

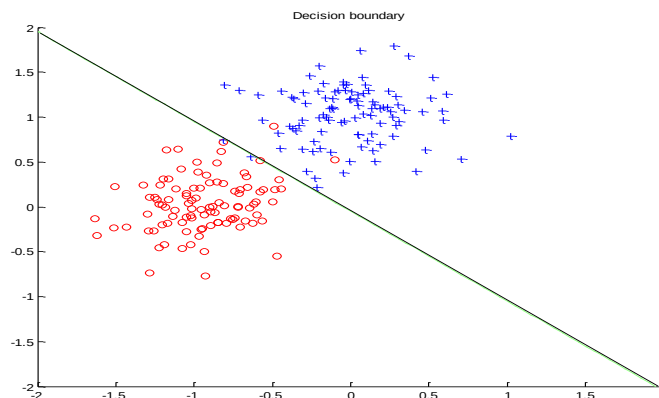
$$\log \frac{g_0(\mathbf{x})}{g_1(\mathbf{x})} = \log \frac{1 - g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}{g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})} = 0$$
$$\log \frac{g_0(\mathbf{x})}{g_1(\mathbf{x})} = \log \frac{\frac{\exp - (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}{1 + \exp - (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}}{\frac{1}{1 + \exp - (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}} = \log \exp - (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$$

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## Logistic regression model. Decision boundary

- LR defines a linear decision boundary**
- Example:** 2 classes (blue and red points)



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## Logistic regression: parameter learning.

### Likelihood of outputs

- **Let**  
 $D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle \quad \mu_i = p(y_i = 1 | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) = g(z_i) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)$
- **Then**  
$$L(D, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(y = y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i^{y_i} (1 - \mu_i)^{1-y_i}$$
- **Find weights  $\mathbf{w}$  that maximize the likelihood of outputs**
  - Apply the log-likelihood trick The optimal weights are the same for both the likelihood and the log-likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} l(D, \mathbf{w}) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i^{y_i} (1 - \mu_i)^{1-y_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \mu_i^{y_i} (1 - \mu_i)^{1-y_i} = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log \mu_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \mu_i) \end{aligned}$$

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## Logistic regression: parameter learning

### Log likelihood

$$l(D, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log \mu_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \mu_i)$$

### Derivatives of the loglikelihood

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j} l(D, \mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n -x_{i,j} (y_i - g(z_i)) \quad \text{Nonlinear in weights !!} \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} -l(D, \mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\mathbf{x}_i (y_i - g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\mathbf{x}_i (y_i - f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i)) \end{aligned}$$

### Gradient descent:

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)} - \alpha(k) \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} [-l(D, \mathbf{w})] |_{\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)} + \alpha(k) \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - f(\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}, \mathbf{x}_i)] \mathbf{x}_i$$

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## Logistic regression. Online gradient descent

- On-line component of the loglikelihood

$$-J_{\text{online}}(D_i, \mathbf{w}) = y_i \log \mu_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \mu_i)$$

- On-line learning update for weight  $\mathbf{w}$   $J_{\text{online}}(D_k, \mathbf{w})$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)} - \alpha(k) \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} [J_{\text{online}}(D_k, \mathbf{w})] \big|_{\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}}$$

- $i$ th update for the logistic regression and  $D_k = \langle \mathbf{x}_k, y_k \rangle$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(k-1)} + \alpha(k) [y_i - f(\mathbf{w}^{(k-1)}, \mathbf{x}_k)] \mathbf{x}_k$$

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## Online logistic regression algorithm

**Online-logistic-regression** ( $D$ , number of iterations)

**initialize** weights  $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, w_2 \dots w_d)$

**for**  $i=1:1$ : number of iterations

**do**      **select** a data point  $D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$  from  $D$

**set**  $\alpha = 1/i$

**update** weights (in parallel)

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha(i) [y_i - f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i)] \mathbf{x}_i$$

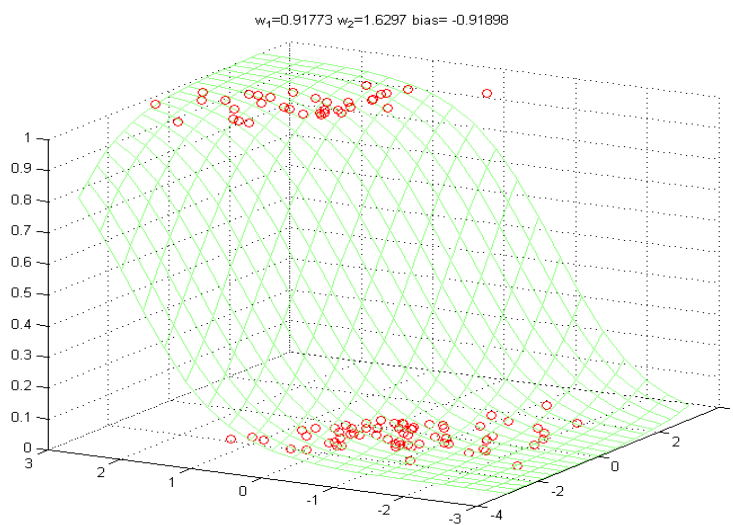
**end for**

**return** weights  $\mathbf{w}$

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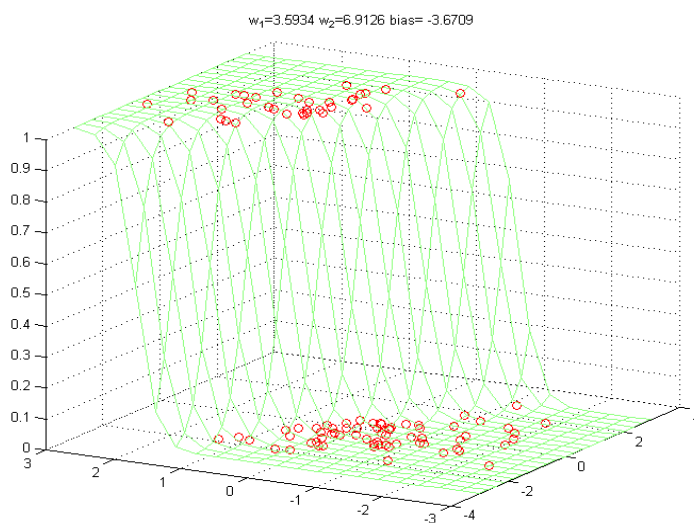
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## Online algorithm. Example.



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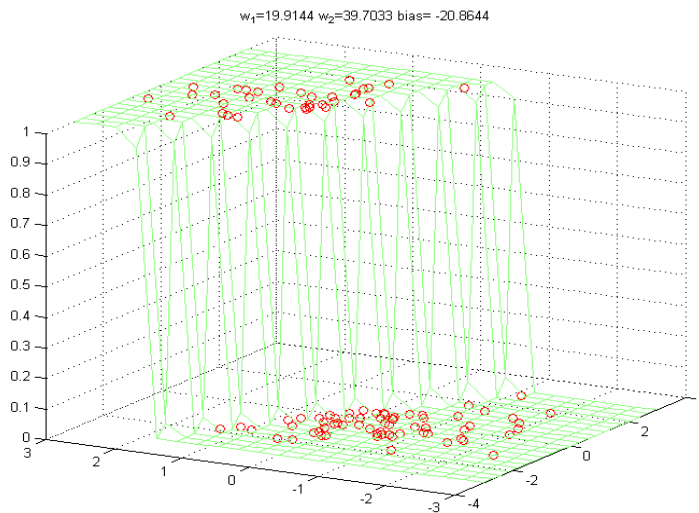
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## Derivation of the gradient

- **Log likelihood**  $l(D, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log \mu_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \mu_i)$

- **Derivatives of the loglikelihood**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j} l(D, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} [y_i \log \mu_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \mu_i)] \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j}$$

**Derivative of a logistic function**

$$\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j} = x_{i,j}$$

$$\frac{\partial g(z_i)}{\partial z_i} = g(z_i)(1 - g(z_i))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} [y_i \log \mu_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \mu_i)] &= y_i \frac{1}{g(z_i)} \frac{\partial g(z_i)}{\partial z_i} + (1 - y_i) \frac{-1}{1 - g(z_i)} \frac{\partial g(z_i)}{\partial z_i} \\ &= y_i(1 - g(z_i)) + (1 - y_i)(-g(z_i)) = y_i - g(z_i) \end{aligned}$$

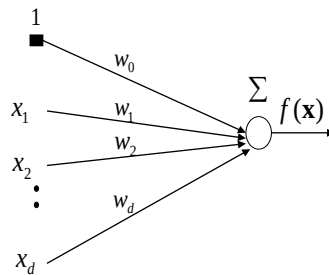
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} l(D, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\mathbf{x}_i (y_i - g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\mathbf{x}_i (y_i - f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i))$$

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## Limitations of basic linear units

### Linear regression

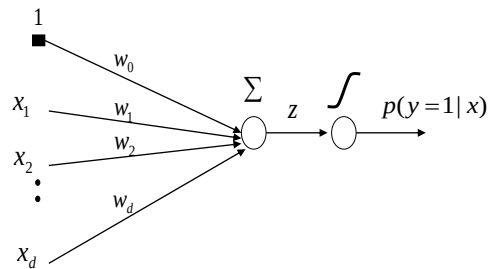
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$



Function linear in inputs !!

### Logistic regression

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$



Linear decision boundary!!

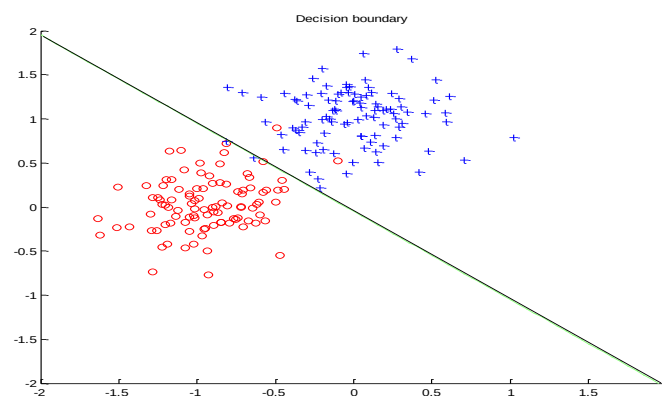
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## Logistic regression. Decision boundary

### Logistic regression model defines a linear decision boundary

- Example: 2 classes (blue and red points)

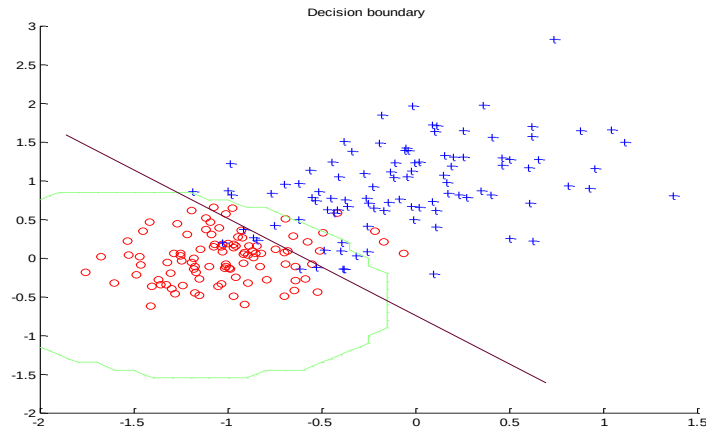


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## Linear decision boundary

- Example when logistic regression model is not optimal, but not that bad

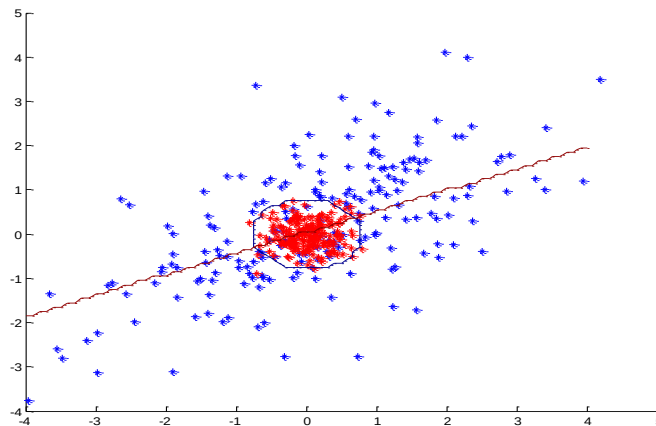


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## When logistic regression fails?

- Example in which the logistic regression model fails

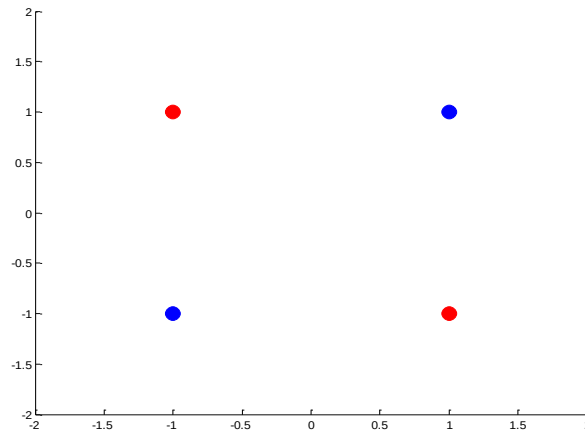


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## Limitations of logistic regression.

- **parity function** - no linear decision boundary



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## Extensions of simple linear units

- use **feature (basis) functions** to model **nonlinearities**

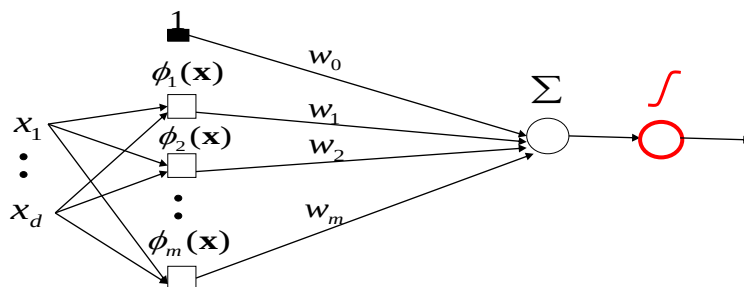
**Linear regression**

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

**Logistic regression**

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}))$$

$\phi_j(\mathbf{x})$  - an arbitrary function of  $\mathbf{x}$



**The same trick can be done also for the logistic regression**

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## Extension of simple linear units

- **Example:** Fitting of a polynomial of degree  $m$

- **Data points:** pairs of  $\langle x, y \rangle$

- **Feature functions:**

$$\phi_i(x) = x^i$$

- **Function to learn:**

$$f(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \phi_i(x) = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i x^i$$

- **On line update** for  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair

$$w_0 = w_0 + \alpha(y - f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$w_j = w_j + \alpha(y - f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}))\phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

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