

CS 1675 Intro to Machine Learning  
Lecture 11

## Generative classification models

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## Classification

- **Data:**  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$   
 $d_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$ 
    - $y_i$  represents a discrete class value
  - **Goal: learn**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$
  - **Binary classification**
    - A special case when  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$
  - **First step:**
    - we need to devise a model of the function  $f$
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## Discriminant functions

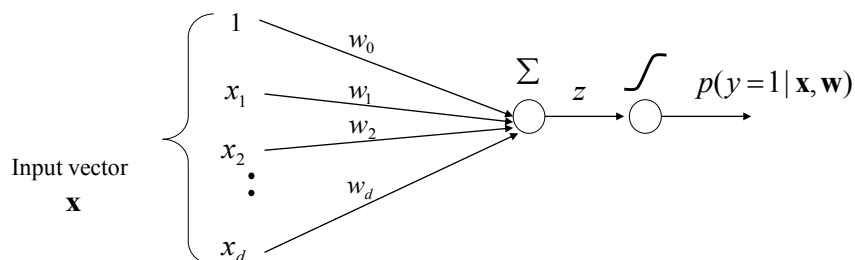
- A common way to represent a **classifier** is by using
  - **Discriminant functions**
- **Works for both the binary and multi-way classification**
- **Idea:**
  - For every class  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$  define a function  $g_i(\mathbf{x})$  mapping  $X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$
  - When the decision on input  $\mathbf{x}$  should be made choose the class with the highest value of  $g_i(\mathbf{x})$

$$y^* = \arg \max_i g_i(\mathbf{x})$$

## Logistic regression model

- **Discriminant functions:**
$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \quad g_0(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$
- **Values of discriminant functions vary in interval  $[0,1]$** 
  - **Probabilistic interpretation**

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



## Logistic regression

- We learn a **probabilistic function**

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

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

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

**Note that:**

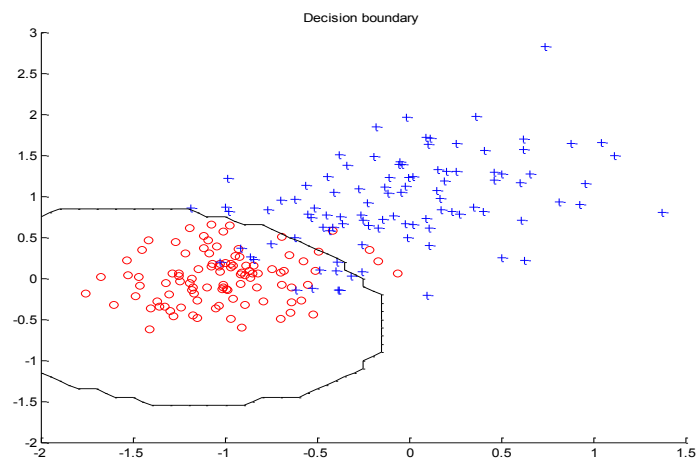
$$p(y=0 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = 1 - p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$$

- Making decisions with the logistic regression model:

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

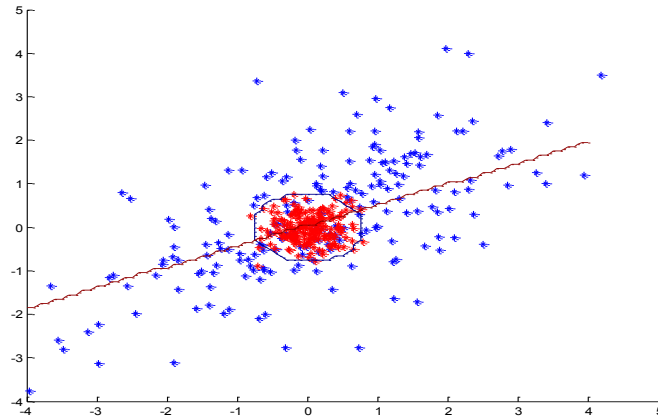
## When does the logistic regression fail?

- Quadratic decision boundary is needed



## When does the logistic regression fail?

- Another example of a non-linear decision boundary



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## Non-linear extension of logistic regression

- use **feature (basis) functions** to model **nonlinearities**
  - the same trick as used for the linear regression

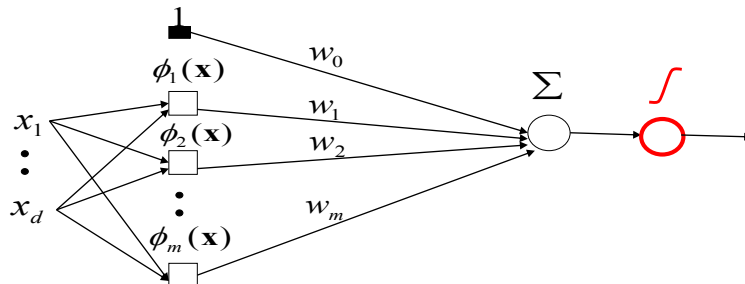
### Linear regression

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

### 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  $\mathbf{x}$



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## Generative approach to classification

### Logistic regression:

- Represents and learns a model of  $p(y | \mathbf{x})$
- An example of a **discriminative approach**

### Generative approach:

1. Represents and learns the joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$
2. Uses it to define probabilistic discriminant functions

E.g.  $g_0(\mathbf{x}) = p(y = 0 | \mathbf{x})$      $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x})$

**How?** Typically the joint is  $p(\mathbf{x}, y) = p(\mathbf{x} | y)p(y)$

$$p(y = 0 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, y = 0)}{p(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | y = 0)p(y = 0)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

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

$$p(y = 0 | \mathbf{x}) + p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = 1$$

## Generative approach to classification

**Typical joint model**  $p(\mathbf{x}, y) = p(\mathbf{x} | y)p(y)$

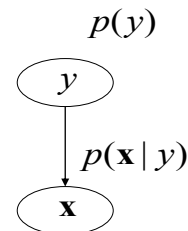
- $p(\mathbf{x} | y) =$  **Class-conditional distributions (densities)**

binary classification: two class-conditional distributions

$$p(\mathbf{x} | y = 0) \quad p(\mathbf{x} | y = 1)$$

- $p(y) =$  **Priors on classes**
  - probability of class  $y$
  - for binary classification: Bernoulli distribution

$$p(y = 0) + p(y = 1) = 1$$



## Quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA)

Model:

- **Class-conditional distributions**
  - **multivariate normal distributions**

$$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0) \quad \text{for } y = 0$$

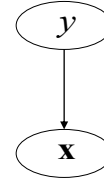
$$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) \quad \text{for } y = 1$$

Multivariate normal  $\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

- **Priors on classes (class 0,1)**  $y \sim \text{Bernoulli}$ 
  - **Bernoulli distribution**

$$p(y, \theta) = \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{1-y} \quad y \in \{0, 1\}$$



## Learning of parameters of the QDA model

### Density estimation in statistics

- We see examples – we do not know the parameters of Gaussians (class-conditional densities)

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

- **ML estimate of parameters** of a multivariate normal  $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  for a set of  $n$  examples of  $\mathbf{x}$

Optimize log-likelihood:  $l(D, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_i | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^T$$

- How about **class priors**?

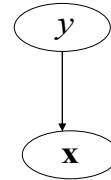
## Learning Quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA)

- Learning Class-conditional distributions

- Learn parameters of 2 multivariate normal distributions

$$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0) \quad \text{for } y = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) \quad \text{for } y = 1$$



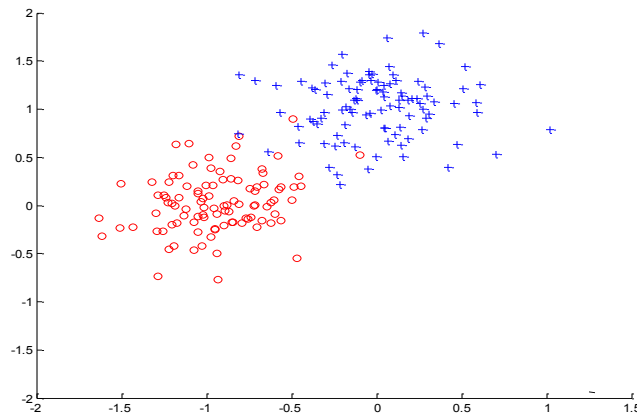
- Use the density estimation methods

- Learning Priors on classes (class 0,1)  $y \sim \text{Bernoulli}$

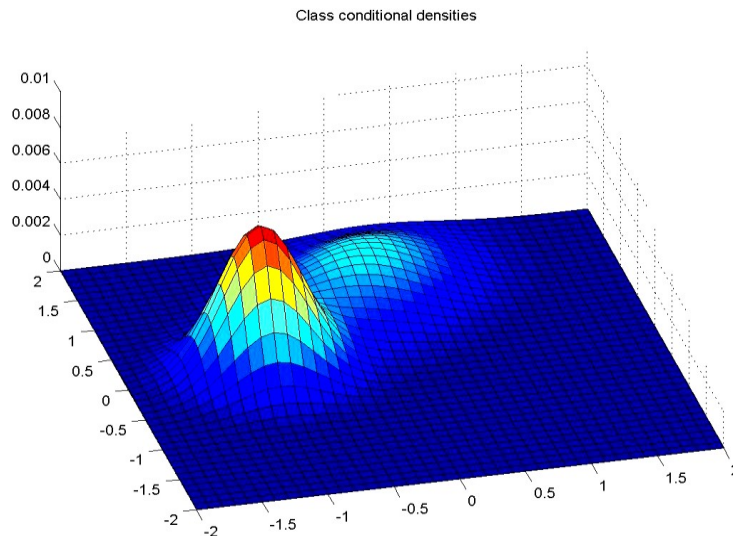
- Learn the parameter of the Bernoulli distribution
- Again use the density estimation methods

$$p(y, \theta) = \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{1-y} \quad y \in \{0, 1\}$$

## QDA



## 2 Gaussian class-conditional densities



## QDA: Making class decision

Basically we need to design discriminant functions

- **Posterior of a class** – choose the class with better posterior probability

$$\underbrace{p(y=1|\mathbf{x})}_{g_1(\mathbf{x})} > \underbrace{p(y=0|\mathbf{x})}_{g_0(\mathbf{x})} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{then } y=1 \\ \text{else } y=0 \end{array}$$

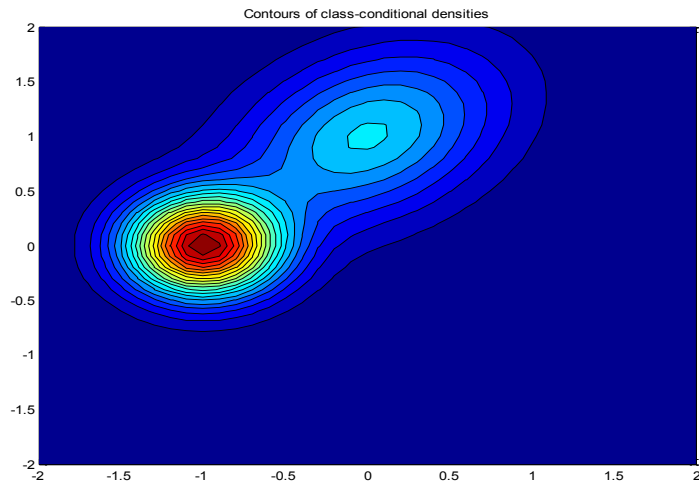
$$p(y=1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mu_1, \Sigma_1)p(y=1)}{p(\mathbf{x}|\mu_0, \Sigma_0)p(y=0) + p(\mathbf{x}|\mu_1, \Sigma_1)p(y=1)}$$

- It is sufficient to compare:

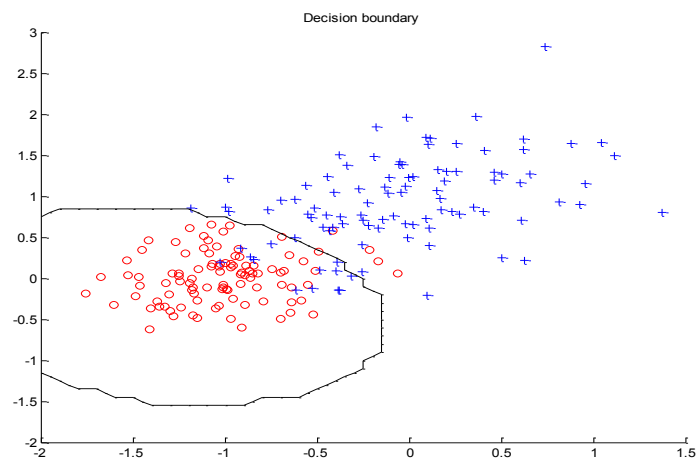
$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mu_1, \Sigma_1)p(y=1) > p(\mathbf{x}|\mu_0, \Sigma_0)p(y=0)$$



## QDA: Quadratic decision boundary

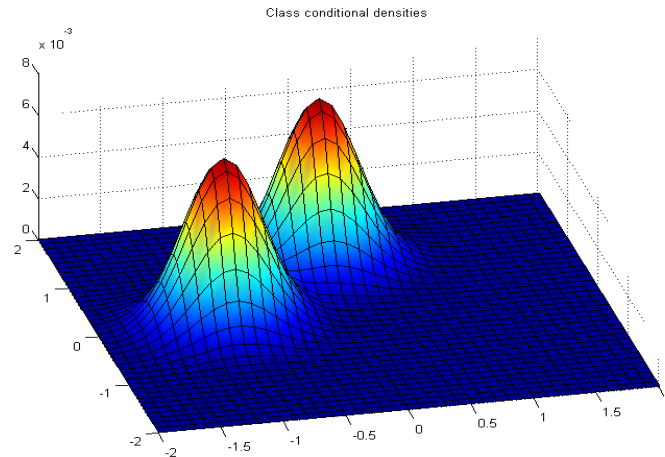


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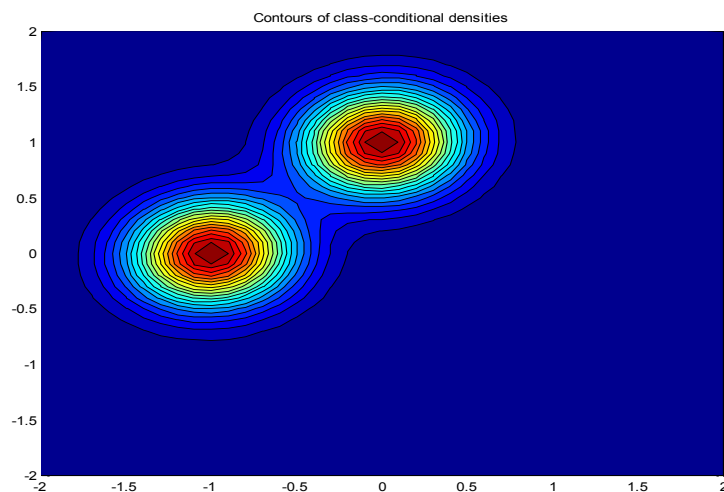


## Linear discriminant analysis (LDA)

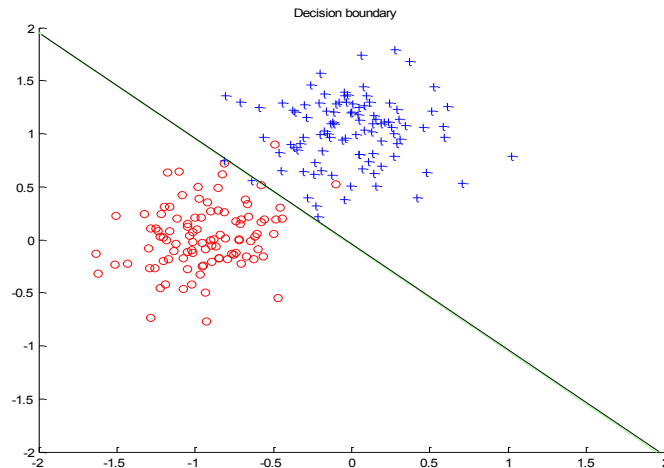
- Assume covariances are the same  $\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}), y = 0$   
 $\mathbf{x} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}), y = 1$



## LDA: Linear decision boundary



## LDA: linear decision boundary



## Generative classification models

Idea:

1. Represent and learn the distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$
2. Use it to define probabilistic discriminant functions

E.g.  $g_0(\mathbf{x}) = p(y=0 | \mathbf{x})$      $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = p(y=1 | \mathbf{x})$

**Typical model**     $p(\mathbf{x}, y) = p(\mathbf{x} | y)p(y)$

- $p(\mathbf{x} | y) =$  **Class-conditional distributions (densities)**

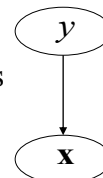
binary classification: two class-conditional distributions

$$p(\mathbf{x} | y=0) \quad p(\mathbf{x} | y=1)$$

- $p(y) =$  **Priors on classes** - probability of class  $y$

binary classification: Bernoulli distribution

$$p(y=0) + p(y=1) = 1$$



## Naïve Bayes classifier

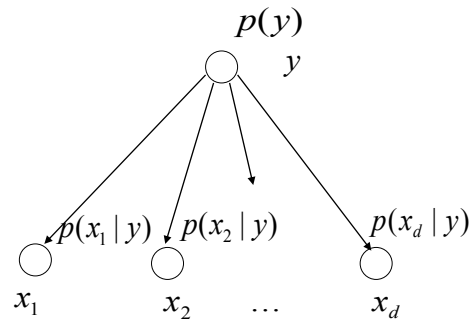
### A generative classifier model with an additional simplifying assumption

- One of the basic ML classification models (very often performs very well in practice)
- **All input attributes are conditionally independent of each other given the class.**

So we have:

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

$$p(\mathbf{x} | y) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | y)$$



## Learning parameters of the model

### Much simpler density estimation problems

- We need to learn:  
 $p(\mathbf{x} | y = 0)$  and  $p(\mathbf{x} | y = 1)$  and  $p(y)$
- Because of the assumption of the conditional independence we need to learn:  
for every variable  $i$ :  $p(x_i | y = 0)$  and  $p(x_i | y = 1)$
- **Much easier if the number of input attributes is large**
- **Also, the model gives us a flexibility to represent input attributes of different forms !!!**
- E.g. one attribute can be modeled using the Bernoulli, the other as Gaussian density, or as a Poisson distribution

## Making a class decision for the Naïve Bayes

### Discriminant functions

- **Posterior of a class** – choose the class with better posterior probability

$$p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}) > p(y=0 | \mathbf{x}) \quad \text{then } y=1 \\ \text{else } y=0$$

$$p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\left( \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | \Theta_{1,i}) \right) p(y=1)}{\left( \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | \Theta_{1,i}) \right) p(y=0) + \left( \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i | \Theta_{2,i}) \right) p(y=1)}$$

## Next: two interesting questions

### (1) Two models with linear decision boundaries:

- Logistic regression
- LDA model (2 Gaussians with the same covariance matrices

$$x \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma) \quad \text{for } y=0$$

$$x \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma) \quad \text{for } y=1$$

- **Question: Is there any relation between the two models?**

### (2) Two models with the same gradient:

- Linear model for regression
- Logistic regression model for classification

have the same gradient update

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

- **Question: Why is the gradient the same?**

## Logistic regression and generative models

- **Two models with linear decision boundaries:**
  - Logistic regression
  - Generative model with 2 Gaussians with the same covariance matrices
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**Question: Is there any relation between the two models?**

**Answer: Yes, the two models are related !!!**

- When we have 2 Gaussians with the same covariance matrix the probability of  $y$  given  $\mathbf{x}$  has the form of a logistic regression model !!!

$$p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mu_0, \mu_1, \Sigma) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

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## Logistic regression and generative models

- **Members of the exponential family can be often more naturally described as**

$$f(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) = h(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \exp \left\{ \frac{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x} - A(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{a(\boldsymbol{\varphi})} \right\}$$

$\boldsymbol{\theta}$  - A location parameter       $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$  - A scale parameter

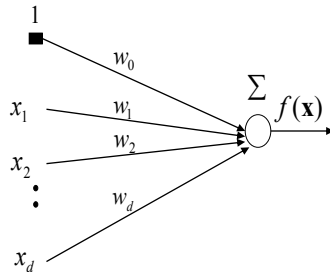
- **Claim:** A **logistic regression** is a correct model when class conditional densities are from the same distribution in the exponential family and have **the same scale factor**  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$
- **Very powerful result !!!!**
  - We can represent posteriors of many distributions with the same small logistic regression model

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## The gradient puzzle ...

### Linear regression

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



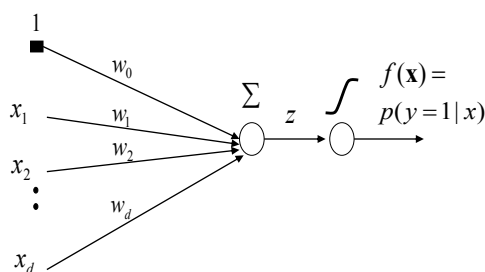
#### Gradient update:

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$$\text{Online: } \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha (y - f(\mathbf{x})) \mathbf{x}$$

### Logistic regression

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



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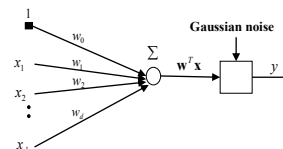
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## The gradient puzzle ...

- The **same simple gradient update rule** derived for both the linear and logistic regression models
- Where the magic comes from?
- Under the **log-likelihood** measure the function models and the models for the output selection fit together:

#### – Linear model + Gaussian noise

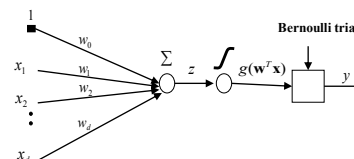
$$y = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$



#### – Logistic + Bernoulli

$$y = \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$$

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



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## Generalized linear models (GLIMs)

### Assumptions:

- The conditional mean (expectation) is:

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

- Where  $f(\cdot)$  is a **response function**

- Output  $y$  is characterized by an exponential family distribution with a conditional mean  $\mu$

### Examples:

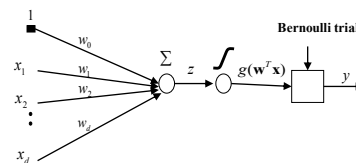
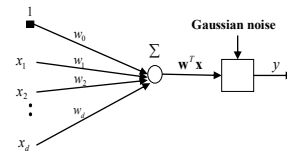
- Linear model + Gaussian noise**

$$y = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

- Logistic + Bernoulli**

$$y \approx \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$$

$$\theta = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}}$$



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## Generalized linear models (GLIMs)

- A canonical response functions  $f(\cdot)$  :
  - encoded in the sampling distribution

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) = h(x, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \exp \left\{ \frac{\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x} - A(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{a(\boldsymbol{\varphi})} \right\}$$

- Leads to a simple gradient form
- Example: Bernoulli distribution

$$p(x | \mu) = \mu^x (1 - \mu)^{1-x} = \exp \left\{ \log \left( \frac{\mu}{1 - \mu} \right) x + \log(1 - \mu) \right\}$$

$$\theta = \log \left( \frac{\mu}{1 - \mu} \right) \quad \mu = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta}}$$

- Logistic function matches the Bernoulli

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## Evaluation of classifiers

### ROC

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## Evaluation

For any data set we use to test the classification model on we can build a **confusion matrix**:

- Counts of examples with:
- class label  $\omega_j$  that are classified with a label  $\alpha_i$

		target	
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$$\text{Accuracy} = 194/231$$

$$\text{Error} = 37/231 = 1 - \text{Accuracy}$$

## Evaluation for binary classification

Entries in the confusion matrix for binary classification have names:

		target	
		$\omega = 1$	$\omega = 0$
predict	$\alpha = 1$	<i>TP</i>	<i>FP</i>
	$\alpha = 0$	<i>FN</i>	<i>TN</i>

*TP: True positive (hit)*

*FP: False positive (false alarm)*

*TN: True negative (correct rejection)*

*FN: False negative (a miss)*

## Additional statistics

- Sensitivity (recall)

$$SENS = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- Specificity

$$SPEC = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

- Positive predictive value (precision)

$$PPT = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- Negative predictive value

$$NPV = \frac{TN}{TN + FN}$$

## Binary classification: additional statistics

- Confusion matrix

		target		
		1	0	
predict	1	140	10	$PPV = 140/150$
	0	20	180	$NPV = 180/200$
		$SENS = 140/160$ $SPEC = 180/190$		

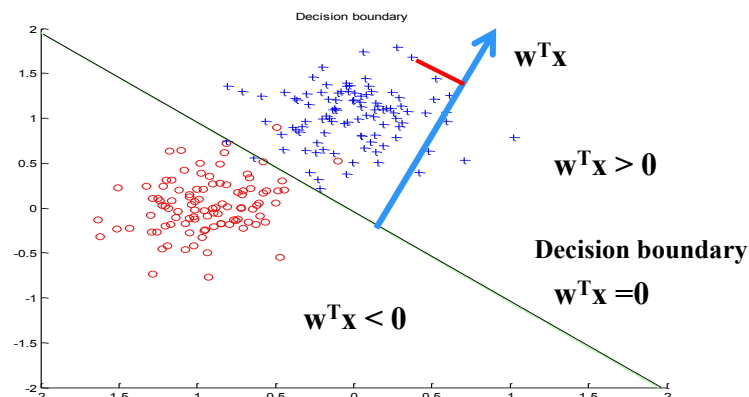
### Row and column quantities:

- Sensitivity (SENS)
- Specificity (SPEC)
- Positive predictive value (PPV)
- Negative predictive value (NPV)

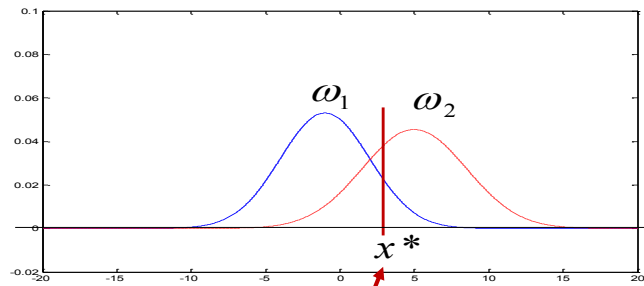
## Classifiers

Project datapoints to one dimensional space:

Defined for example by:  $w^T x$  or  $p(y=1|x,w)$



## Binary decisions: Receiver Operating Curves



- **Probabilities:**

- *SENS*

- *SPEC*

threshold

$$p(x > x^* | \mathbf{x} \in \omega_2)$$

$$p(x < x^* | \mathbf{x} \in \omega_1)$$

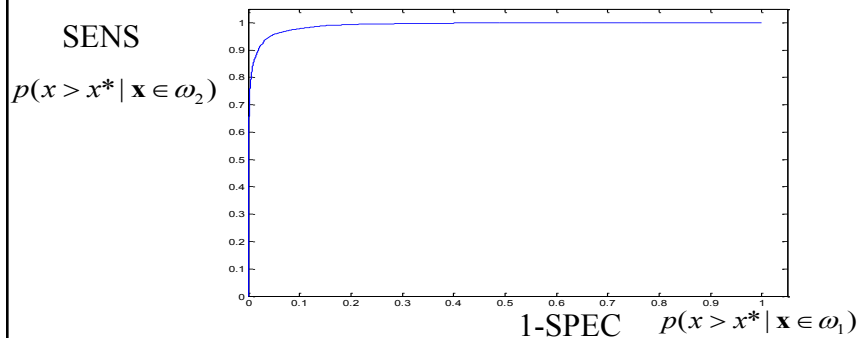
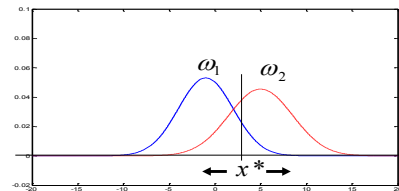
## Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

- **ROC curve plots :**

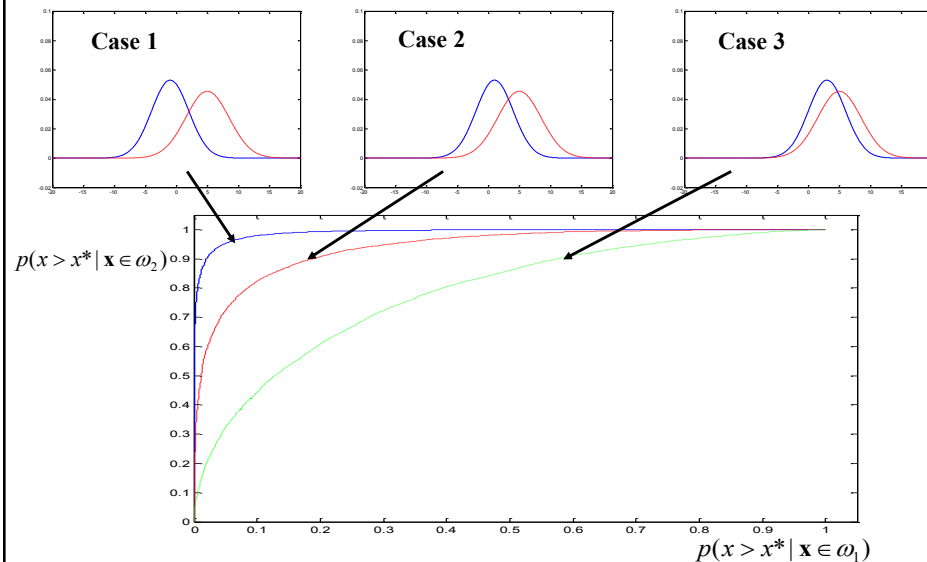
$$SN = p(x > x^* | \mathbf{x} \in \omega_2)$$

$$1-SP = p(x > x^* | \mathbf{x} \in \omega_1)$$

for different  $x^*$



## ROC curve



## Receiver operating characteristic

- **ROC**
  - shows the discriminability between the two classes under different decision biases
- **Decision bias**
  - can be changed using different loss function
- **Quality of a classification model:**
  - Area under the ROC
  - Best value 1, worst (no discriminability): 0.5