

**CS 2750 Machine Learning  
Lecture 9**

**Linear models for classification**

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**Classification**

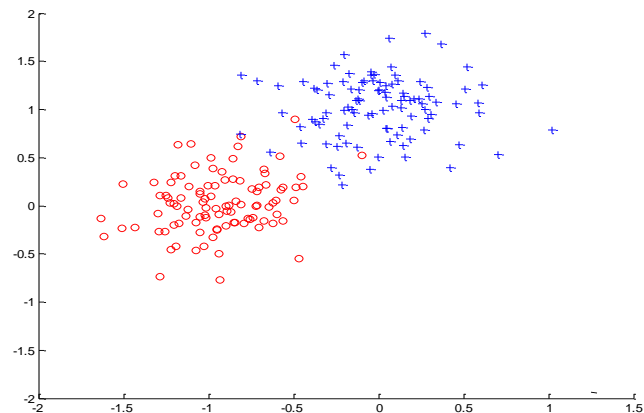
- **Data:**  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$   
 $d_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$ 
    - $y_i$  **represents a discrete class value**
  - **Goal: learn**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$
  - **Binary classification**
    - **A special case when**  $Y \in \{0,1\}$
  - **First step:**
    - we need to devise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

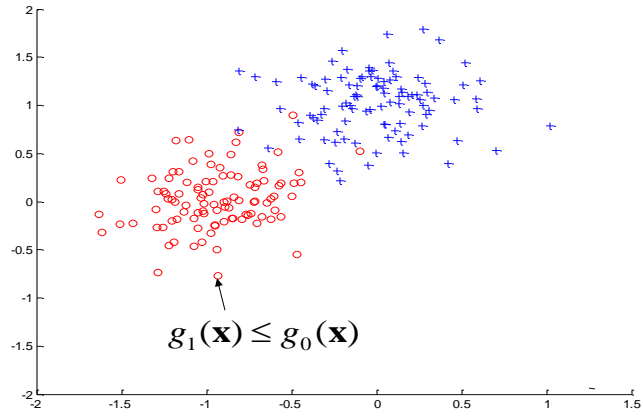
- A common way to represent a classifier is by using
  - Discriminant functions
- Works for both the binary and multi-way classification
- Idea:
  - For every class  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$  define a function  $g_i(\mathbf{x})$  mapping  $X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$
  - When the decision on input  $\mathbf{x}$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

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

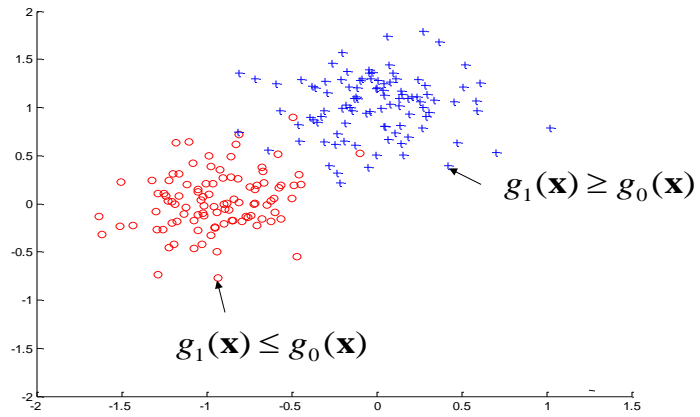
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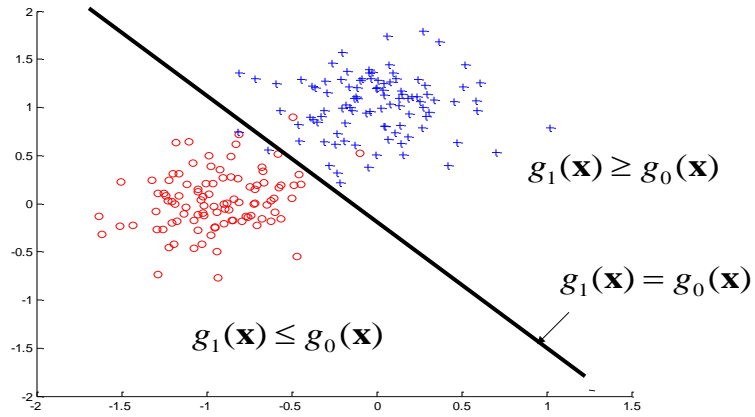


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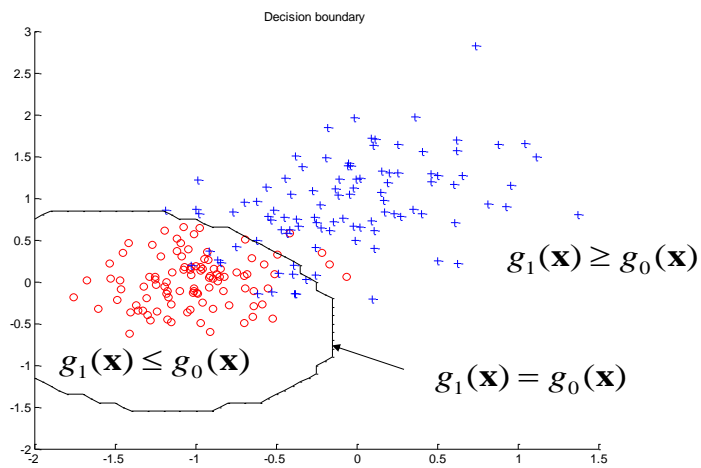


## Discriminant functions

- **Decision boundary:** discriminant functions are equal



## Quadratic decision boundary



## How to design discriminant functions?

- Assume two linear models for classes 0, 1

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{x} \qquad g_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_0^T \mathbf{x}$$

- Class decision:  $y^* = \arg \max_i g_i(\mathbf{x})$

- Training via regression:

– if  $(\mathbf{x}, 1)$

• Train  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{x}$  with y value 1

• Train  $g_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_0^T \mathbf{x}$  with y value 0

– if  $(\mathbf{x}, 0)$

• Train  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{x}$  with y value 0

• Train  $g_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_0^T \mathbf{x}$  with y value 1

- Use least squares error to find both

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{x} \qquad g_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_0^T \mathbf{x}$$

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## How to design discriminant functions?

- Previous design used two discriminant functions one for each class  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{x}$   $g_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_0^T \mathbf{x}$

- Binary classification is simpler:

– We can use one set of weights  $\mathbf{w}$

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \qquad g_0(\mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = -g_1(\mathbf{x})$$

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## How to design discriminant functions?

- Previous design used two discriminant functions one for each class
- Binary classification is simpler – only two classes:

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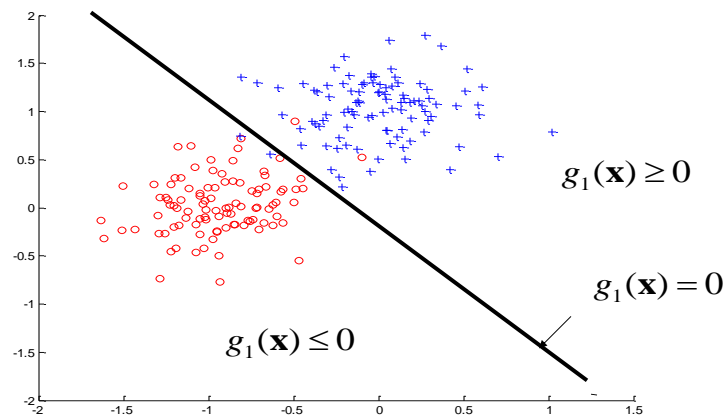
- How to make a decision on class?

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > 0 \quad \text{Class 1}$$

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0 \quad \text{Class 0}$$

## Discriminant functions and decision boundary

- Linear decision boundary



## How to design discriminant functions?

Property of the above model:

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

- Defines a linear decision boundary

Limitations of the above model

- Regression is related to a Gaussian
  - But we have only two different values we try to fit
- We would like to have a probabilistic model for classification
  - Is it possible to properly define  $p(y=1|\mathbf{x})$  and  $p(y=0|\mathbf{x})$  ?

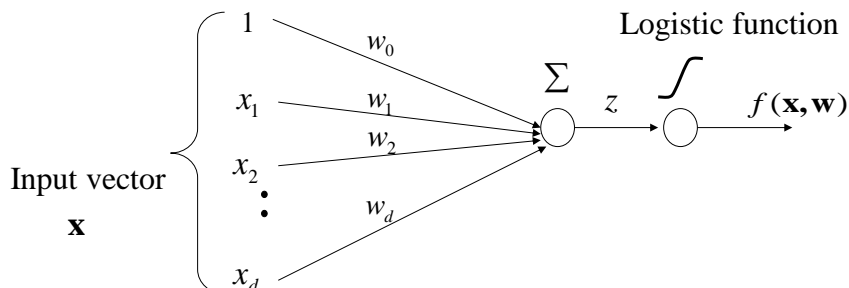
## Logistic regression model

- 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

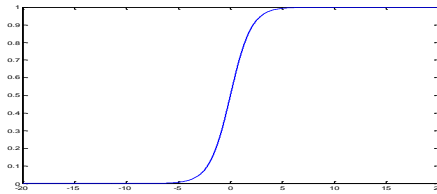
$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = g_1(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$



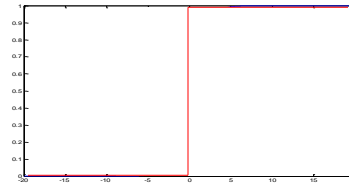
## Logistic function

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

- Is also referred to as a **sigmoid function**
- takes a real number and outputs the number in the interval [0,1]
- Models a smooth switching function; replaces hard threshold function



Logistic (smooth) switching



Threshold (hard) switching

## Logistic regression model

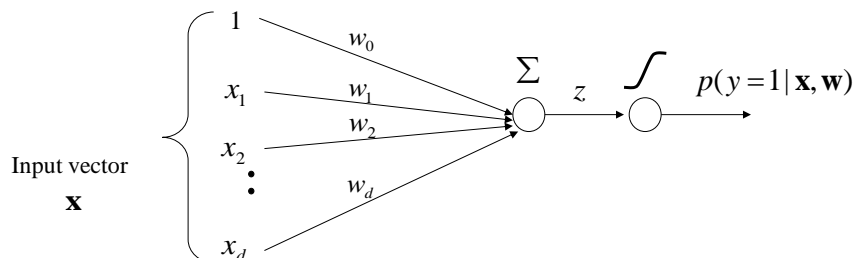
- **Discriminant functions:**

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

- 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:**

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

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- Making decisions with the logistic regression model:

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

## Linear decision boundary

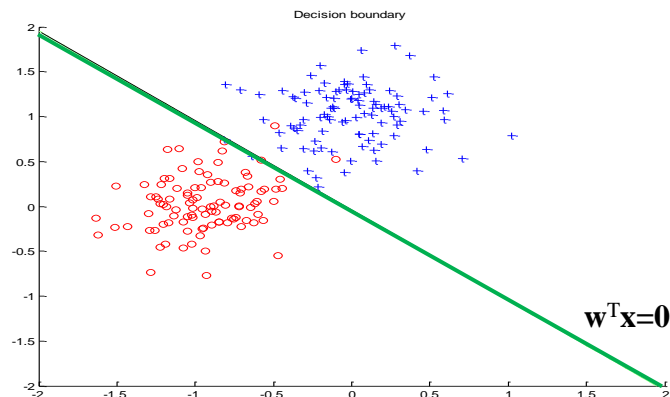
- Logistic regression model defines a **linear decision boundary**
- **Why?**
- **Answer:** Compare two **discriminant functions**.
- **Decision boundary:**  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = g_0(\mathbf{x})$
- For the boundary it must hold:

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

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

## Logistic regression model. Decision boundary

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



## Logistic regression: parameter learning

### Likelihood of outputs

- **Let**  $D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$   $\mu_i = p(y_i = 1 | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) = g(z_i) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)$

- **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

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

## Logistic regression: parameter learning

- **Notation:**  $\mu_i = p(y_i = 1 | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) = g(z_i) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)$
- **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**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} l(D, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,j} (y_i - g(z_i))$$

**Nonlinear in weights !!**

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

- **Gradient descent:**

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

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

## 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**

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

### Derivative of a logistic function

$$\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial w_j} = x_{i,j}$$

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

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

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

## 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  $\mathbf{w}$**   $J_{\text{online}}(D_k, \mathbf{w})$

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

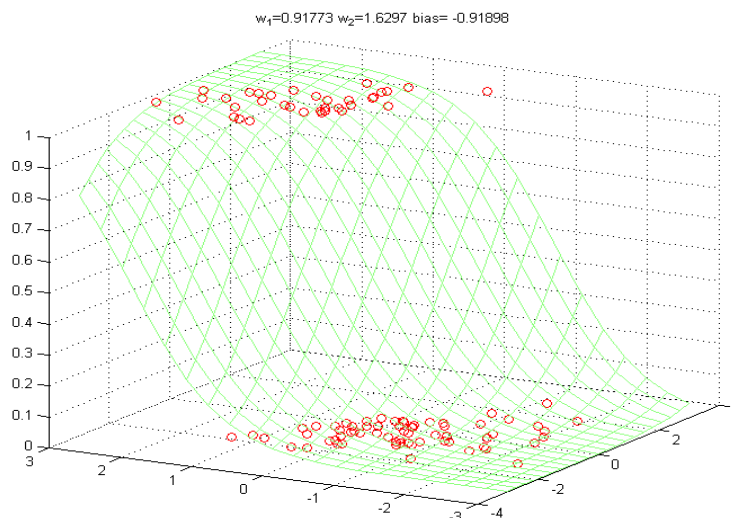
- $i$ th update for the logistic regression** and  $D_k = \langle \mathbf{x}_k, y_k \rangle$

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

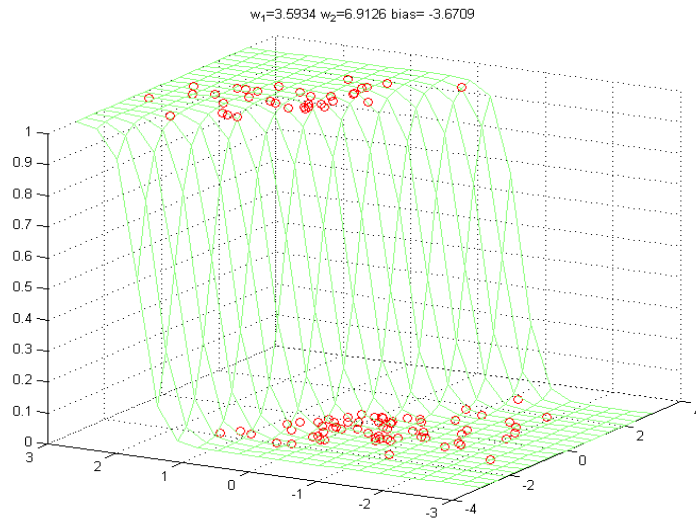
## Online logistic regression algorithm

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Online-logistic-regression (stopping_criterion)  
initialize weights  $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, w_2 \dots w_d)$   
while stopping_criterion = FALSE  
  do    select next data point  $D_i = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle$   
        set  $\alpha(i)$   
        update weights (in parallel)  
             $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha(i)[y_i - f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_i)]\mathbf{x}_i$   
  end  
return weights  $\mathbf{w}$ 
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