#### CS 2750 Machine Learning Lecture 10

# Linear models for classification

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### 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 input 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 using Gaussian density, or a Poisson distribution









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## **Classification model learning**

#### Learning:

- Many different ways and objective criteria used to learn the classification models. Examples:
  - Mean squared errors to learn the discriminant functions
  - Negative log likelihood (logistic regression)

#### **Evaluation:**

- One possibility: Use the same error criteria as used during the learning (apply to train & test data). Problems:
  - May work for discriminative models
  - Harder to interpret for humans.
- **Question:** how to more naturally evaluate the classifier performance?



























## **Receiver operating characteristic**

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