



Logistic Regression

Required reading:

- Mitchell draft chapter (see course website)

Recommended reading:

- Bishop, Chapter 3.1.3, 3.1.4
- Ng and Jordan paper (see course website)

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Generative vs. Discriminative Classifiers

Wish to learn $f: X \rightarrow Y$, or $P(Y|X)$

Generative classifiers (e.g., Naïve Bayes):

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 - This is the '*generative*' model
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Discriminative classifiers:

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- Consider learning $f: X \rightarrow Y$, where
 - X is a vector of real-valued features, $\langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$
 - Y is boolean
- We could use a Gaussian Naïve Bayes classifier
 - assume all X_i are conditionally independent given Y
 - model $P(X_i \mid Y = y_k)$ as Gaussian $N(\mu_{ik}, \sigma)$
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Very convenient!

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$$\ln \frac{P(Y = 0|X)}{P(Y = 1|X)} = w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i$$

Derive form for $P(Y|X)$ for continuous X_i

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \frac{P(Y = 1)P(X|Y = 1)}{P(Y = 1)P(X|Y = 1) + P(Y = 0)P(X|Y = 0)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P(Y=0)P(X|Y=0)}{P(Y=1)P(X|Y=1)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\ln \frac{P(Y=0)P(X|Y=0)}{P(Y=1)P(X|Y=1)})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp((\ln \frac{1-\pi}{\pi}) + \sum_i \ln \frac{P(X_i|Y=0)}{P(X_i|Y=1)})}$$

$$P(x | y_k) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{ik}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-(x-\mu_{ik})^2}{2\sigma_{ik}^2}}$$

$$\sum_i \left(\frac{\mu_{i0} - \mu_{i1}}{\sigma_i^2} X_i + \frac{\mu_{i1}^2 - \mu_{i0}^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right)$$

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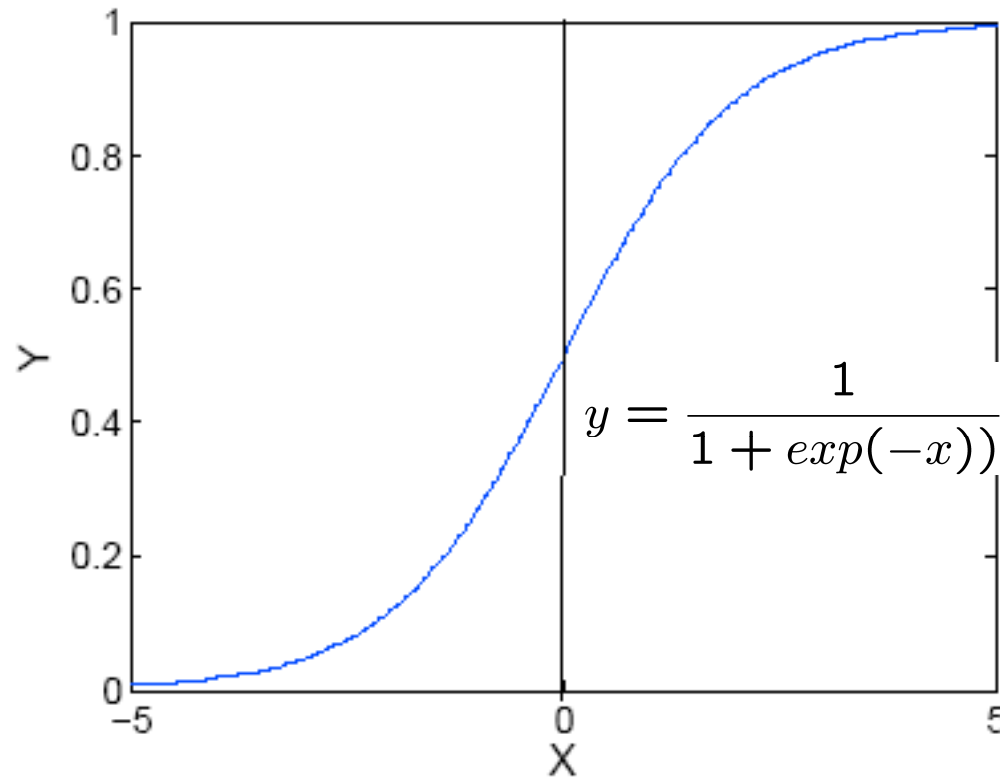
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Logistic function



$$P(Y = 1|X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i)}$$

Logistic regression more generally

- Logistic regression in more general case,
where $Y \in \{Y_1 \dots Y_R\}$: learn $R-1$ sets of weights

for $k < R$

$$P(Y = y_k | X) = \frac{\exp(w_{k0} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ki} X_i)}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{R-1} \exp(w_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ji} X_i)}$$

for $k=R$

$$P(Y = y_R | X) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{R-1} \exp(w_{j0} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ji} X_i)}$$

Training Logistic Regression: MCLE

- Choose parameters $W = \langle w_0, \dots, w_n \rangle$ to maximize conditional likelihood of training data

where

$$P(Y = 0|X, W) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

$$P(Y = 1|X, W) = \frac{\exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i X_i)}$$

- Training data $D = \{\langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle\}$
- Data likelihood = $\prod_l P(X^l, Y^l|W)$
- Data conditional likelihood = $\prod_l P(Y^l|X^l, W)$

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln \prod_l P(Y^l|X^l, W)$$

Expressing Conditional Log Likelihood

$$l(W) \equiv \ln \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W) = \sum_l \ln P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} l(W) &= \sum_l Y^l \ln P(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W) + (1 - Y^l) \ln P(Y^l = 0 | X^l, W) \\ &= \sum_l Y^l \ln \frac{P(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W)}{P(Y^l = 0 | X^l, W)} + \ln P(Y^l = 0 | X^l, W) \\ &= \sum_l Y^l (w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l) - \ln(1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l)) \end{aligned}$$

Maximizing Conditional Log Likelihood

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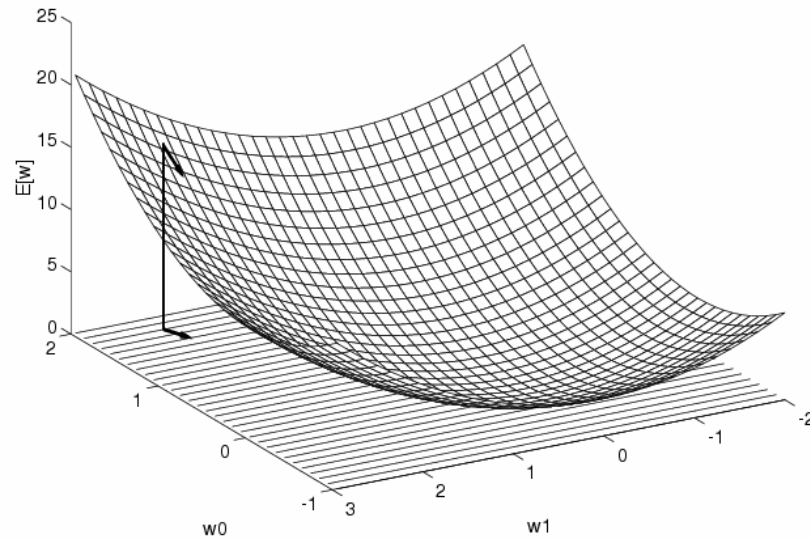
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Good news: $l(W)$ is concave function of W

Bad news: no closed-form solution to maximize $l(W)$

Gradient Descent



Gradient

$$\nabla E[\vec{w}] \equiv \left[\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_0}, \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_n} \right]$$

Training rule:

$$\Delta \vec{w} = -\eta \nabla E[\vec{w}]$$

i.e.,

$$\Delta w_i = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i}$$

Maximize Conditional Log Likelihood: Gradient Ascent

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$$\frac{\partial l(W)}{\partial w_i} = \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$$

Gradient ascent algorithm: iterate until change $< \varepsilon$

For all i , $w_i \leftarrow w_i + \eta \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$
repeat

That's all for M(C)LE. How about MAP?

- One common approach is to define priors on W
 - Normal distribution, zero mean, identity covariance
- Helps avoid very large weights and overfitting
- MAP estimate

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln P(W | \{\langle Y^l, X^l \rangle\})$$

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln P(W) \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

MLE vs MAP

- Maximum conditional likelihood estimate

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \eta \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$$

- Maximum a posteriori estimate

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln [P(W) \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)]$$

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i - \eta \lambda w_i + \eta \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$$

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Naïve Bayes vs Logistic Regression

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Number of parameters to estimate:

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- LR:

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- NB: $4n + 1$
- LR: $n + 1$

Estimation method:

- NB parameter estimates are uncoupled
- LR parameter estimates are coupled

G.Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

[Ng & Jordan, 2002]

- Generative and Discriminative classifiers
- Asymptotic comparison (# training examples \rightarrow infinity)
 - when model assumptions correct
 - GNB, LR produce identical classifiers
 - when model assumptions incorrect
 - LR is less biased – does not assume cond indep.
 - therefore expected to outperform GNB

Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

- Generative and Discriminative classifiers
- Non-asymptotic analysis (see [Ng & Jordan, 2002])
 - convergence rate of parameter estimates – how many training examples needed to assure good estimates?
 - GNB order $\log n$ (where $n = \#$ of attributes in X)
 - LR order n

GNB converges more quickly to its (perhaps less helpful) asymptotic estimates

Rate of convergence: logistic regression

[Ng & Jordan, 2002]

Let $h_{Dis,m}$ be logistic regression trained on m examples in n dimensions. Then with high probability:

$$\epsilon(h_{Dis,m}) \leq \epsilon(h_{Dis,\infty}) + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{m} \log \frac{m}{n}}\right)$$

Implication: if we want $\epsilon(h_{Dis,m}) \leq \epsilon(h_{Dis,\infty}) + \epsilon_0$
for some constant ϵ_0 , it suffices to pick order n examples

→ Converges to its asymptotic classifier, in order n examples
(result follows from Vapnik's structural risk bound, plus fact that
VCDim of n dimensional linear separators is n)

Rate of convergence: naïve Bayes parameters

[Ng & Jordan, 2002]

Let any $\epsilon_1, \delta > 0$ and any $l \geq 0$ be fixed. Assume that for some fixed $\rho_0 > 0$, we have that $\rho_0 \leq p(y = T) \leq 1 - \rho_0$. Let $m = O((1/\epsilon_1^2) \log(n/\delta))$. Then with probability at least $1 - \delta$, after m examples:

1. For discrete inputs, $|\hat{p}(x_i|y = b) - p(x_i|y = b)| \leq \epsilon_1$, and $|\hat{p}(y = b) - p(y = b)| \leq \epsilon_1$, for all i, b .
2. For continuous inputs, $|\hat{\mu}_{i|y=b} - \mu_{i|y=b}| \leq \epsilon_1$, and $|\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2| \leq \epsilon_1$, for all i, b .

Some experiments from UCI data sets

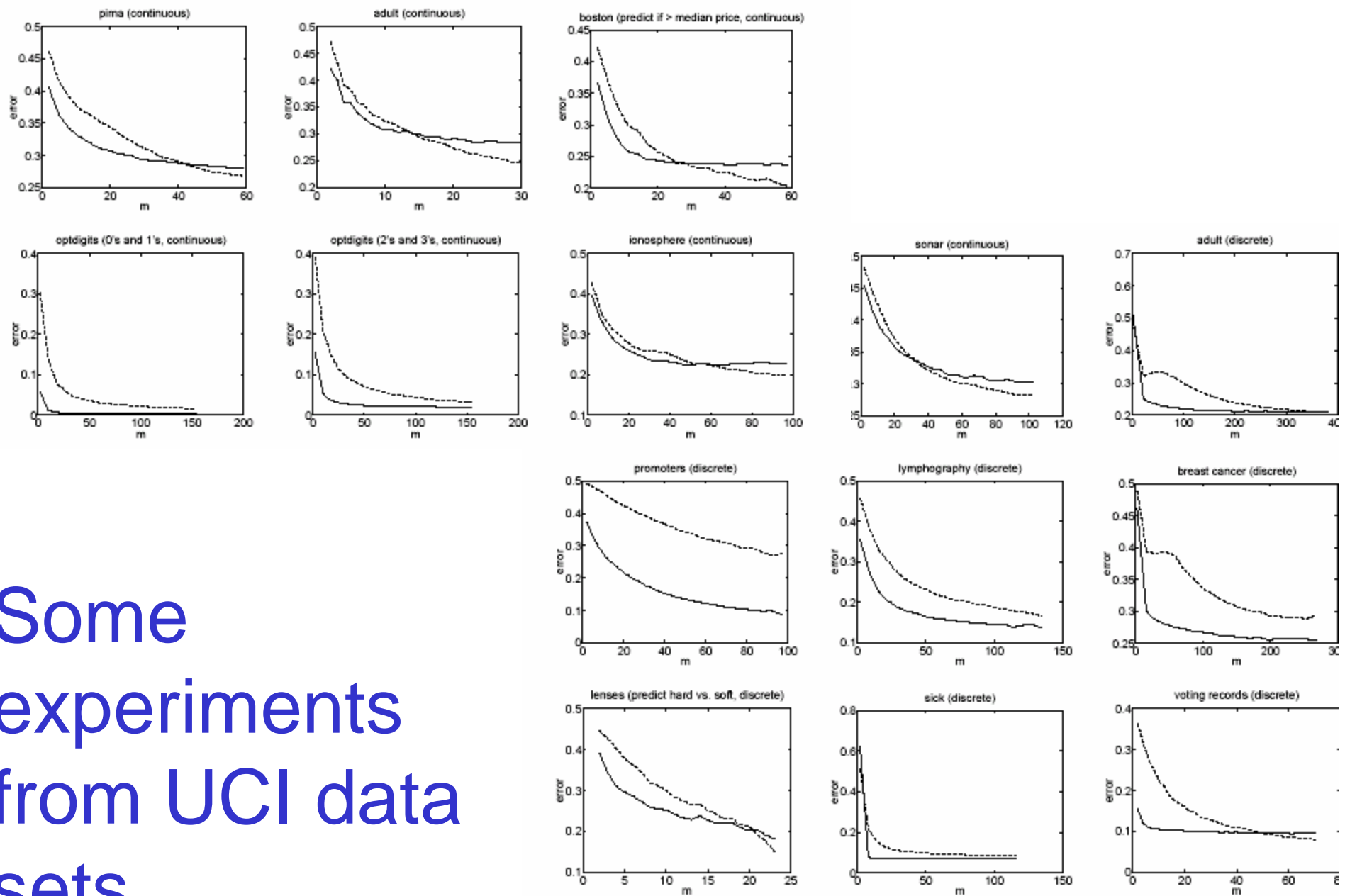


Figure 1: Results of 15 experiments on datasets from the UCI Machine Learning repository. Plots are of generalization error vs. m (averaged over 1000 random train/test splits). Dashed line is logistic regression; solid line is naive Bayes.

What you should know:

- Logistic regression
 - Functional form follows from Naïve Bayes assumptions
 - For Gaussian Naïve Bayes assuming variance $\sigma_{i,k} = \sigma_i$
 - For discrete-valued Naïve Bayes too
 - But training procedure picks parameters without the conditional independence assumption
 - MLE training: pick W to maximize $P(Y | X, W)$
 - MAP training: pick W to maximize $P(W | X, Y)$
 - ‘regularization’
 - helps reduce overfitting
- Gradient ascent/descent
 - General approach when closed-form solutions unavailable
- Generative vs. Discriminative classifiers
 - Bias vs. variance tradeoff