



10-601 Introduction to Machine Learning

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Logistic Regression, Nonlinear Features, Regularization

Logistic Regression Readings:

Murphy 8.1-8.3, 8.6

Bishop 4.3.2, 4.3.4

HTF 4.1, 4.4

Mitchell –

“[Generative ... Logistic Regression](#)”

(Mitchell, 2016)

“[Maximum ... Gradient Training](#)”

(Elkan, 2014)

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Lecture 9
February 15, 2016

Reminders

- **Homework 3: Linear / Logistic Regression**
 - **Release: Mon, Feb. 13**
 - **Due: Wed, Feb. 22 at 11:59pm**

Note the
change in
time.

Outline

- **Motivation:**
 - Choosing the right classifier
 - Example: Image Classification
- **Logistic Regression**
 - Background: Hyperplanes
 - Data, Model, Learning, Prediction
 - Log-odds
 - Bernoulli interpretation
 - Maximum Conditional Likelihood Estimation
- **Gradient descent for Logistic Regression**
 - Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
 - Computing the gradient
 - Details (learning rate, finite differences)
- **Nonlinear Features**

MOTIVATION: LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Classifiers

Which classification method should we use?

1. The one that gives the best predictions...
 - on the training data
 - on the (unseen) test data
 - on the (held-out) validation data
2. The one that is computationally efficient...
 - during training
 - during classification
3. The most interpretable one...
 - in terms of its parameters
 - as a model
4. The one that is easiest to implement...
 - for learning
 - for classification

Classifiers

Which classification method should we use?

Naïve Bayes defined a generative model $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$ of the features $\mathbf{x}$ and the class y .

Why should we define a model of $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$ at all?

Why not directly model $p(y \mid \mathbf{x})$?

Example: Image Classification

- ImageNet LSVRC-2010 contest:
 - **Dataset:** 1.2 million labeled images, 1000 classes
 - **Task:** Given a new image, label it with the correct class
 - **Multiclass** classification problem
- Examples from <http://image-net.org/>

Bird

Warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrates characterized by feathers and forelimbs modified as wings

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pictures

92.85%
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Percentile

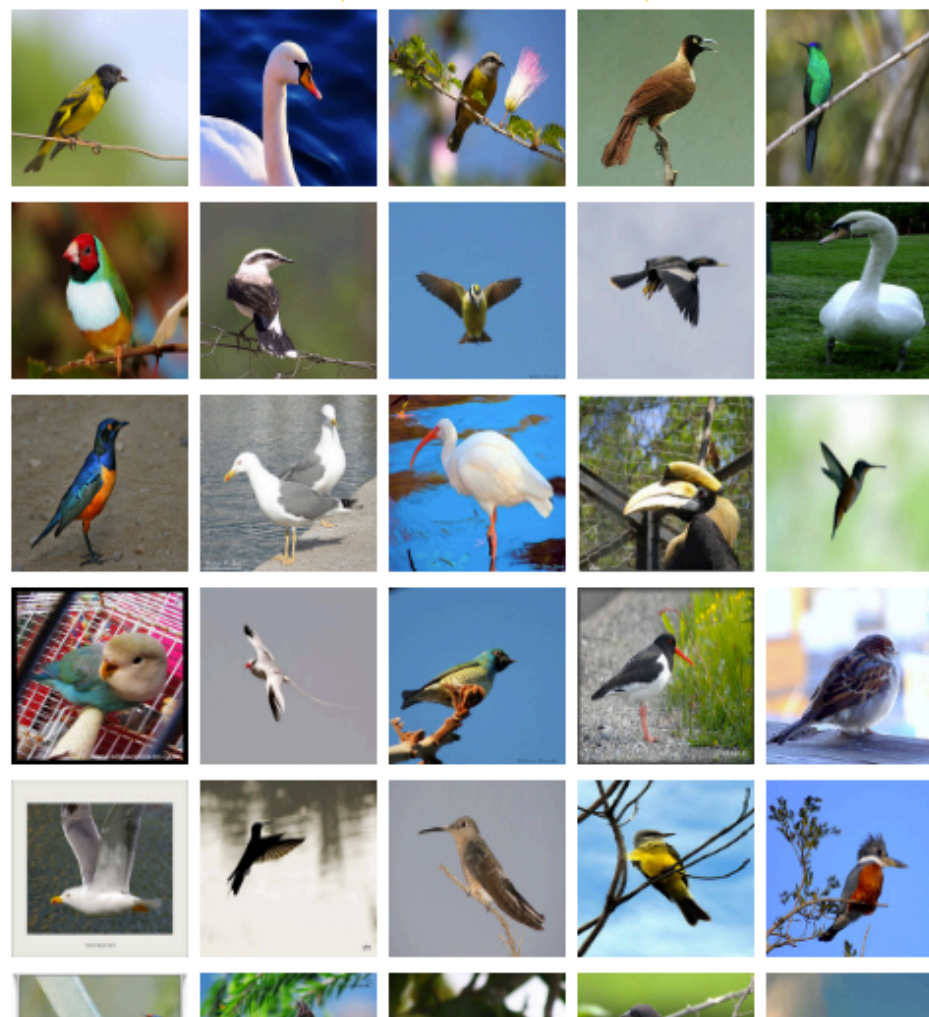


- marine animal, marine creature, sea animal, sea creature (1)
- scavenger (1)
- biped (0)
- predator, predatory animal (1)
- larva (49)
- acrodont (0)
- feeder (0)
- stunt (0)
- chordate (3087)
 - tunicate, urochordate, urochord (6)
 - cephalochochordate (1)
 - vertebrate, craniate (3077)
 - mammal, mammalian (1169)
 - bird (871)
 - dickeybird, dickey-bird, dickybird, dicky-bird (0)
 - cock (1)
 - hen (0)
 - nester (0)
 - night bird (1)
 - bird of passage (0)
 - protoavis (0)
 - archaeopteryx, archeopteryx, Archaeopteryx lithographi Sinornis (0)
 - Ibero-mesornis (0)
 - archaeornis (0)
 - ratite, ratite bird, flightless bird (10)
 - carinate, carinate bird, flying bird (0)
 - passerine, passeriform bird (279)
 - nonpasserine bird (0)
 - bird of prey, raptor, raptorial bird (80)
 - gallinaceous bird, gallinacean (114)

Treemap Visualization

Images of the Synset

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German iris, *Iris kochii*

Iris of northern Italy having deep blue-purple flowers; similar to but smaller than *Iris germanica*

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Wordnet
IDs

- halophyte (0)
- succulent (39)
- cultivar (0)
- cultivated plant (0)
- weed (54)
- evergreen, evergreen plant (0)
- deciduous plant (0)
- vine (272)
- creeper (0)
- woody plant, ligneous plant (1868)
- geophyte (0)
- desert plant, xerophyte, xerophytic plant, xerophile, xerophilic
- mesophyte, mesophytic plant (0)
- aquatic plant, water plant, hydrophyte, hydrophytic plant (11)
- tuberous plant (0)
- bulbous plant (179)
- iridaceous plant (27)
 - iris, flag, fleur-de-lis, sword lily (19)
 - bearded iris (4)
 - Florentine iris, orris, *Iris germanica florentina*, *Iris*
 - German iris, *Iris germanica* (0)
 - German iris, *Iris kochii* (0)
 - Dalmatian iris, *Iris pallida* (0)
 - beardless iris (4)
 - bulbous iris (0)
 - dwarf iris, *Iris cristata* (0)
 - stinking iris, gladdon, gladdon iris, stinking gladwyn,
 - Persian iris, *Iris persica* (0)
 - yellow iris, yellow flag, yellow water flag, *Iris pseudo*
 - dwarf iris, vernal iris, *Iris verna* (0)
 - blue flag, *Iris versicolor* (0)

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Court, courtyard

An area wholly or partly surrounded by walls or buildings; "the house was built around an inner court"

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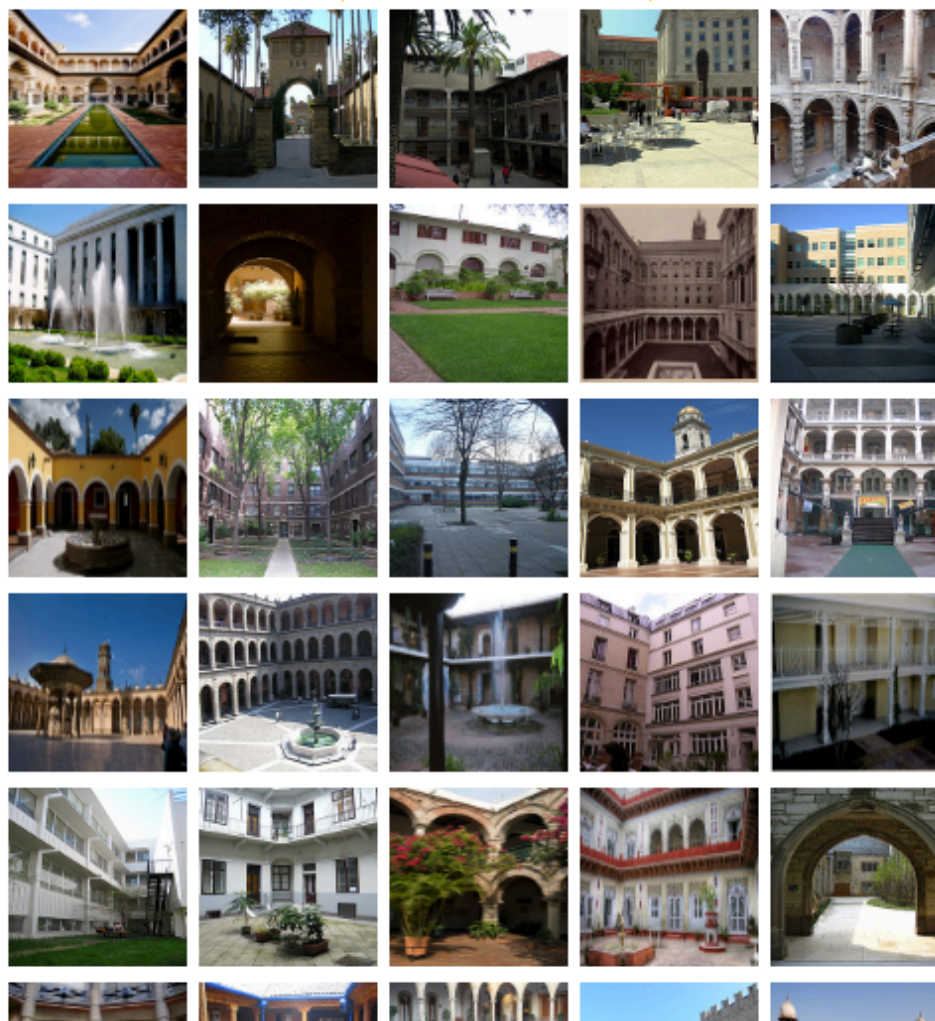
Numbers in brackets: (the number of synsets in the subtree).

- ImageNet 2011 Fall Release (32326)
 - plant, flora, plant life (4486)
 - geological formation, formation (175)
 - natural object (1112)
 - sport, athletics (176)
 - artifact, artefact (10504)
 - instrumentality, instrumentation (5494)
 - structure, construction (1405)
 - airdock, hangar, repair shed (0)
 - altar (1)
 - arcade, colonnade (1)
 - arch (31)
 - area (344)
 - aisle (0)
 - auditorium (1)
 - baggage claim (0)
 - box (1)
 - breakfast area, breakfast nook (0)
 - bullpen (0)
 - chancel, sanctuary, bema (0)
 - choir (0)
 - corner, nook (2)
 - court, courtyard (6)
 - atrium (0)
 - bailey (0)
 - cloister (0)
 - food court (0)
 - forecourt (0)
 - parvis (0)

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Example: Image Classification

CNN for Image Classification

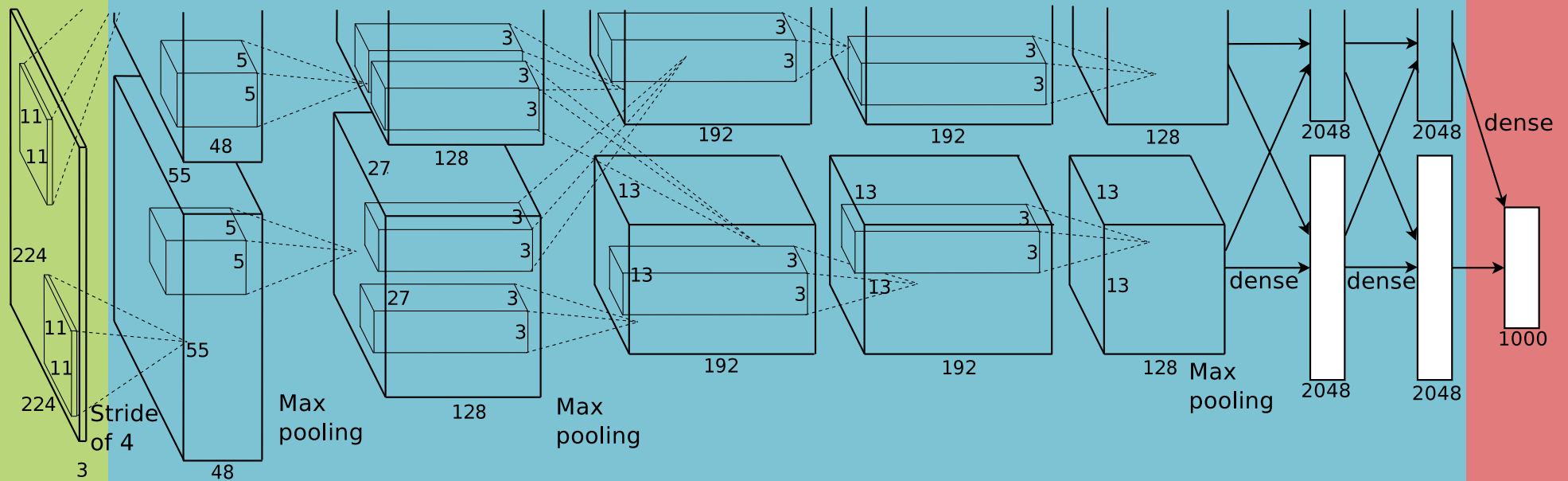
(Krizhevsky, Sutskever & Hinton, 2011)

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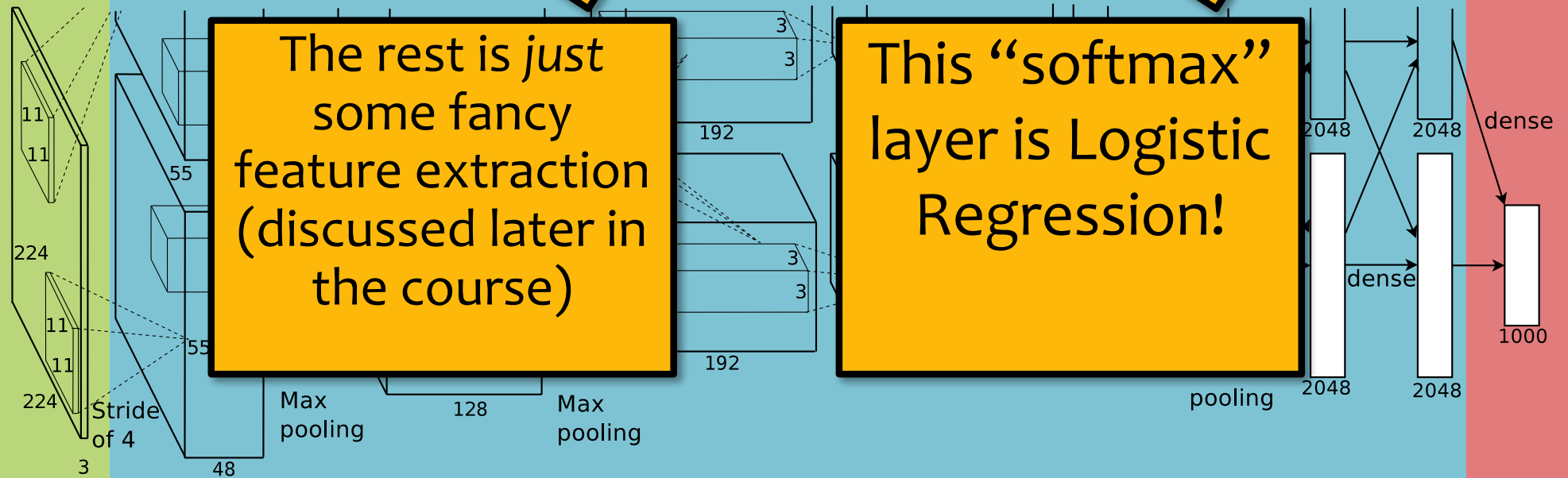
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The rest is *just*
some fancy
feature extraction
(discussed later in
the course)

This “softmax”
layer is Logistic
Regression!



LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Logistic Regression

Data: Inputs are continuous vectors of length K. Outputs are discrete.

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N \text{ where } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M \text{ and } y \in \{0, 1\}$$



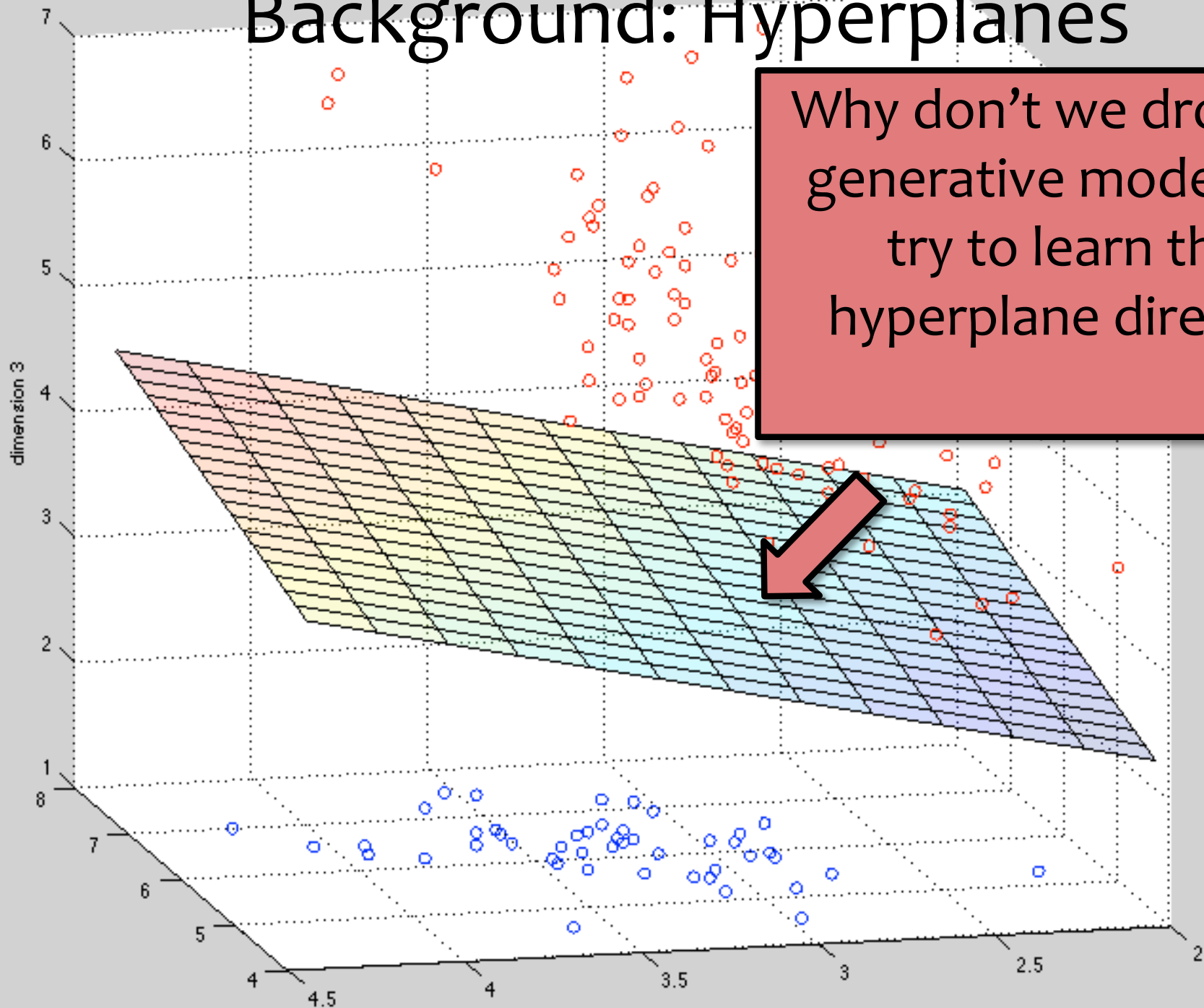
We are back to
classification.

Despite the name
logistic **regression**.

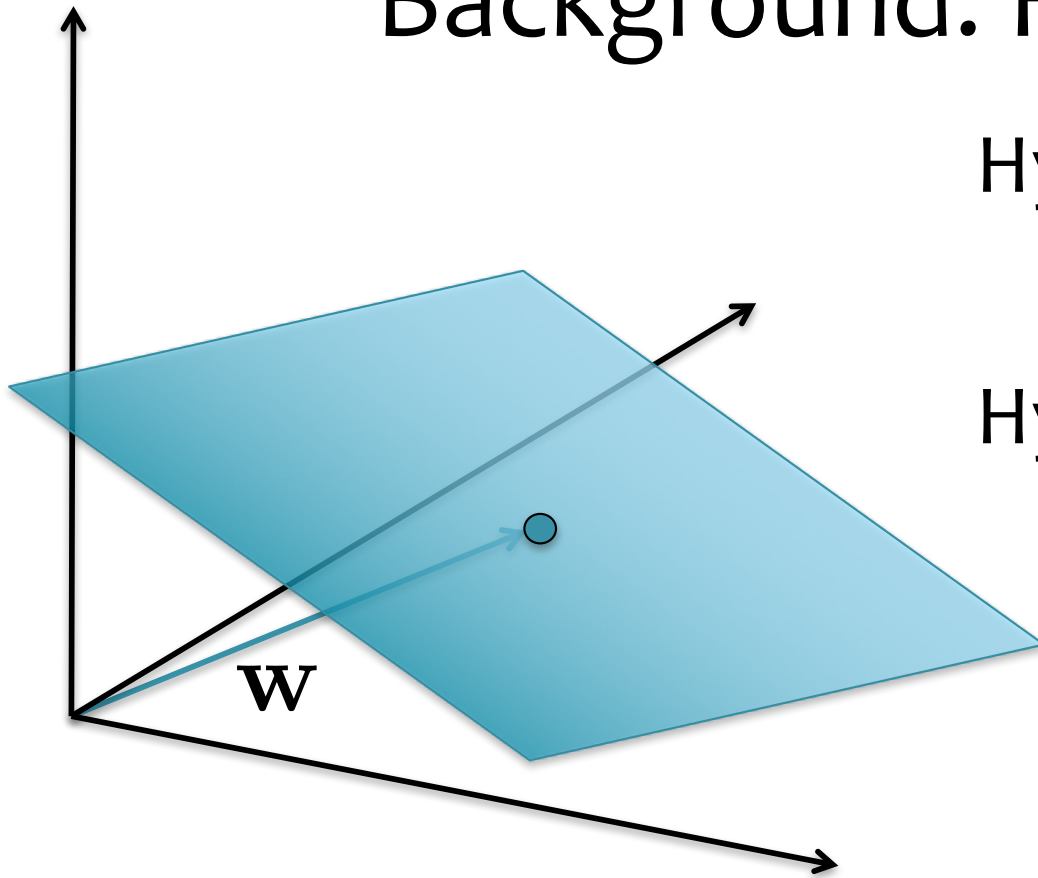
Recall...

Background: Hyperplanes

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Background: Hyperplanes



Hyperplane (Definition 1):

$$\mathcal{H} = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = b\}$$

Hyperplane (Definition 2):

$$\mathcal{H} = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \\ \text{and } x_0 = 1\}$$

Half-spaces:

$$\mathcal{H}^+ = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > 0 \text{ and } x_0 = 1\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}^- = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0 \text{ and } x_0 = 1\}$$

Recall...

Hyperplanes

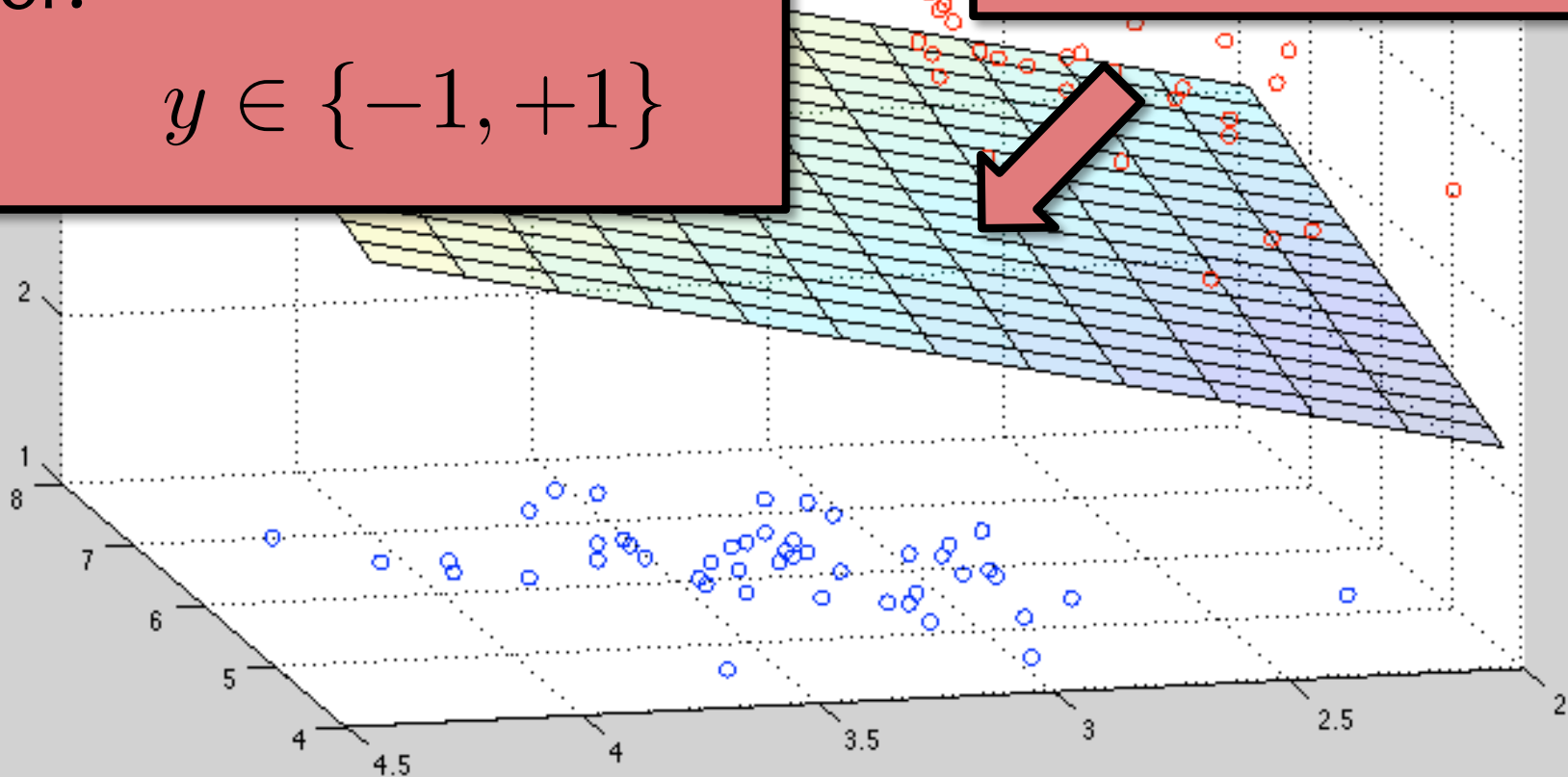
Directly modeling the hyperplane would use a decision function:

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x})$$

for:

$$y \in \{-1, +1\}$$

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Using gradient ascent for linear classifiers

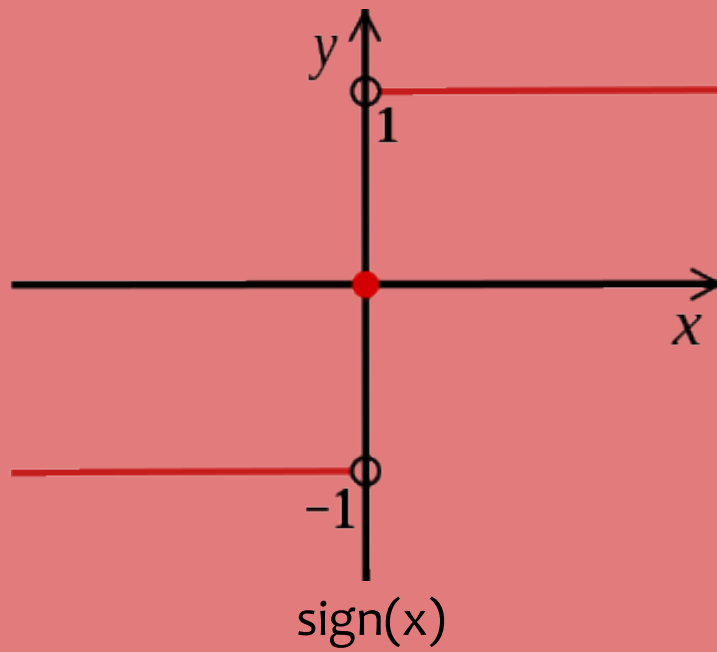
Key idea behind today's lecture:

1. Define a linear classifier (logistic regression)
2. Define an objective function (likelihood)
3. Optimize it with gradient descent to learn parameters
4. Predict the class with highest probability under the model

Using gradient ascent for linear classifiers

This decision function isn't differentiable:

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Use a differentiable function instead:

$$p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x})}$$

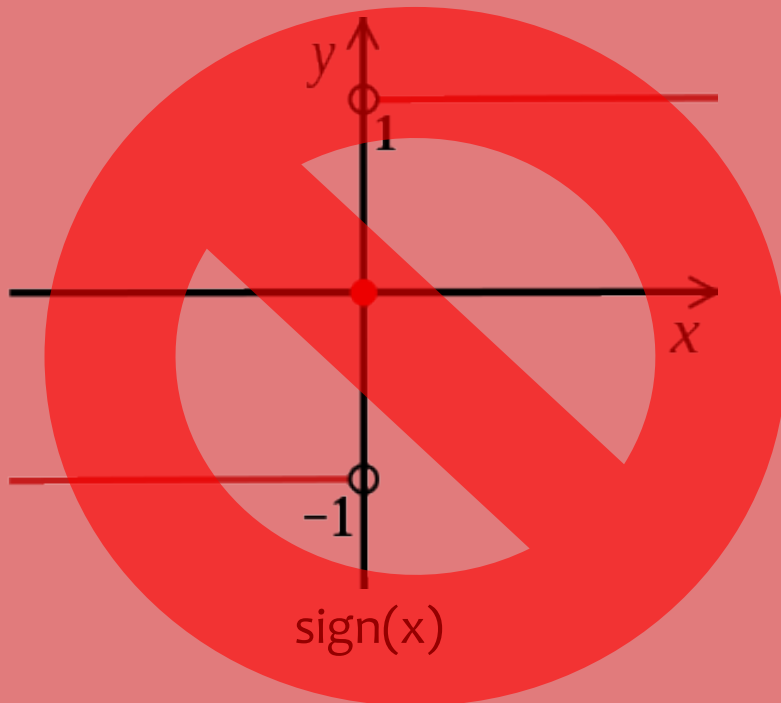


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Model: Logistic function applied to dot product of parameters with input vector.

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Learning: finds the parameters that minimize some objective function. $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

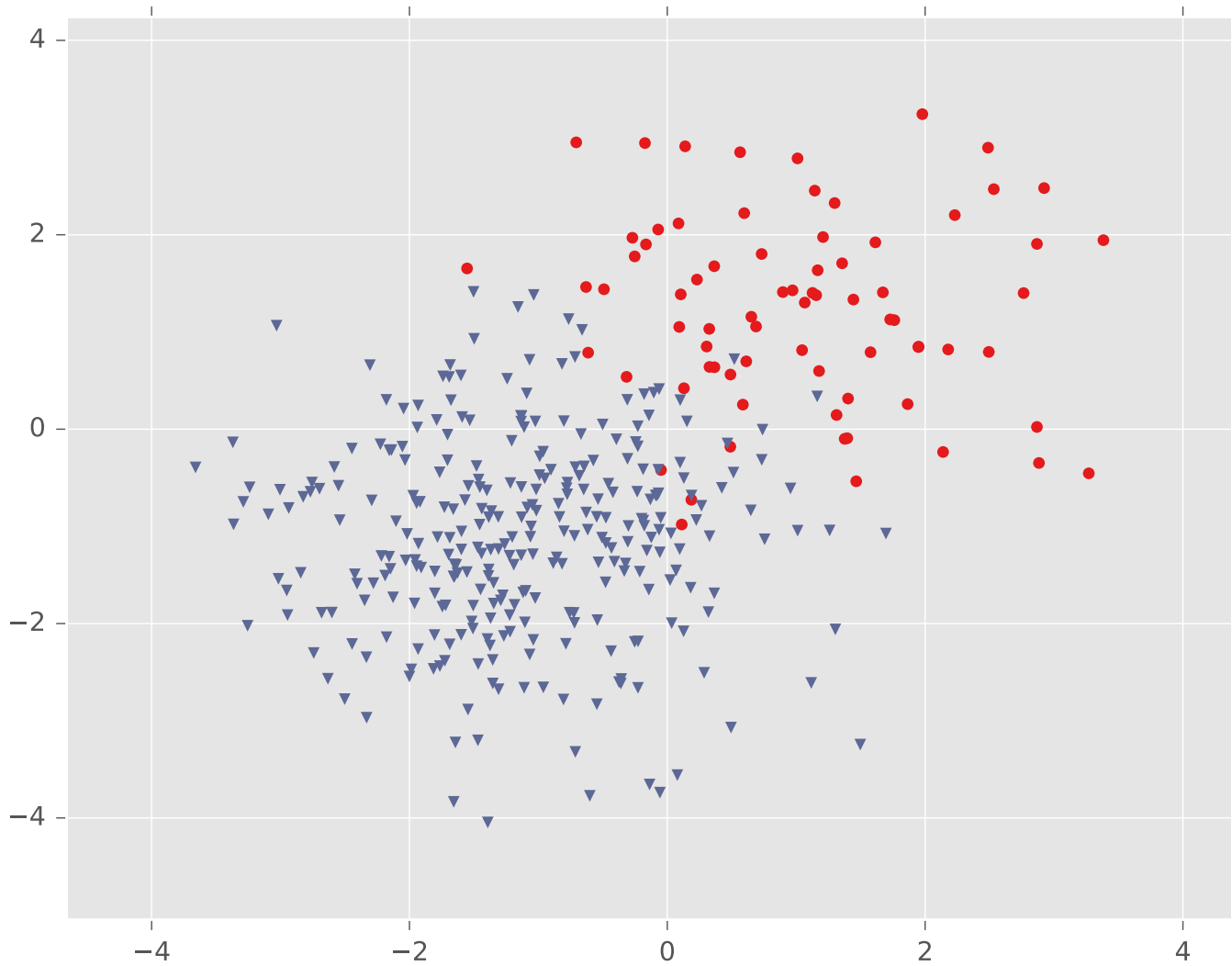
Prediction: Output is the most probable class.

$$\hat{y} = \underset{y \in \{0,1\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(y|\mathbf{x})$$

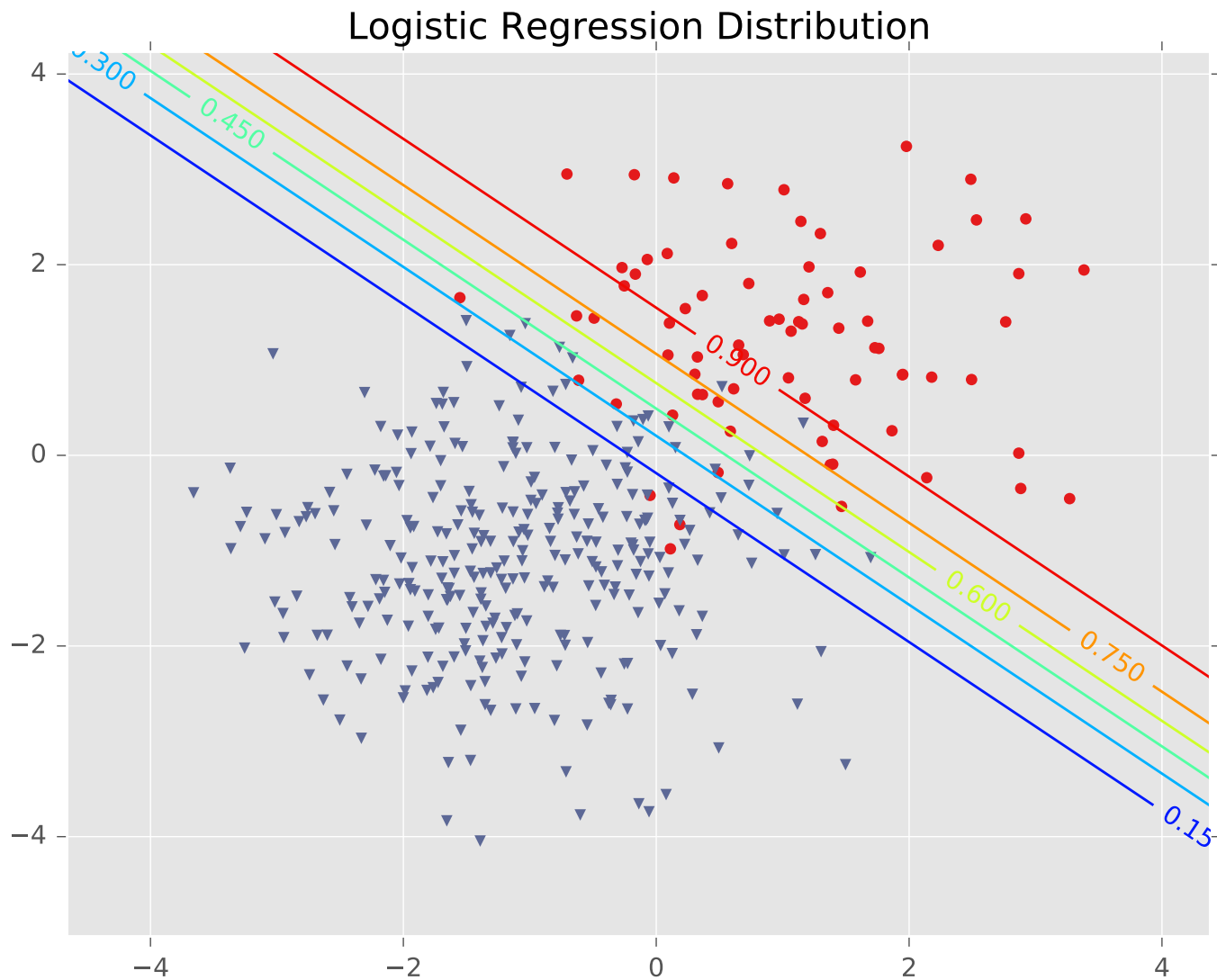
Whiteboard

- Decision boundary
- Bernoulli interpretation

Logistic Regression

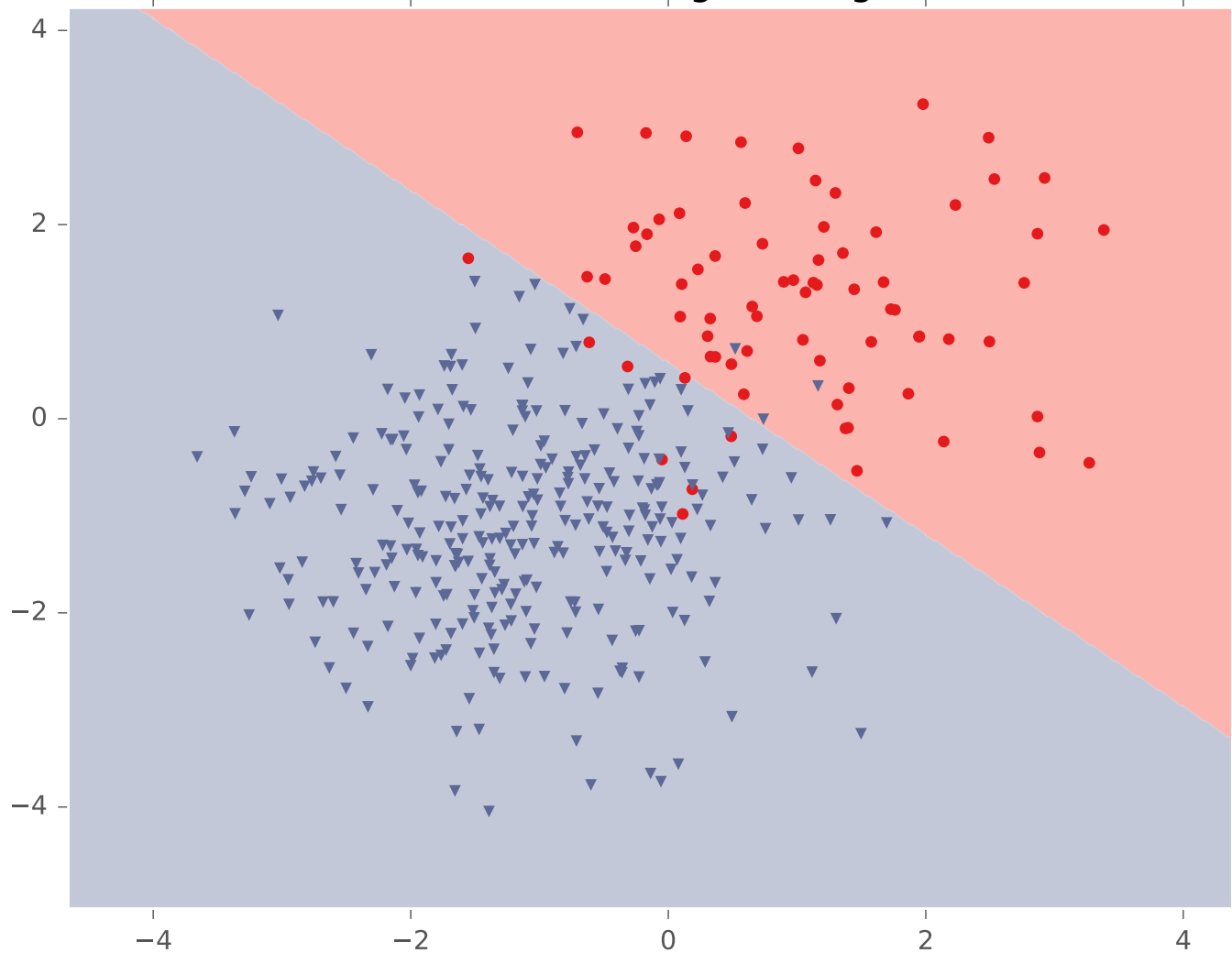


Logistic Regression



Logistic Regression

Classification with Logistic Regression



LEARNING LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Maximum Conditional Likelihood Estimation

Learning: finds the parameters that minimize some objective function.

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} J(\theta)$$

We minimize the *negative* log conditional likelihood:

$$J(\theta) = -\log \prod_{i=1}^N p_{\theta}(y^{(i)} | \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

Why?

1. We can't maximize likelihood (as in Naïve Bayes) because we don't have a joint model $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$
2. It worked well for Linear Regression (least squares is MCLE)

Maximum Conditional Likelihood Estimation

Learning: Four approaches to solving $\theta^* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\theta)$

Approach 1: Gradient Descent

(take larger – more certain – steps opposite the gradient)

Approach 2: Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

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Approach 3: Newton's Method

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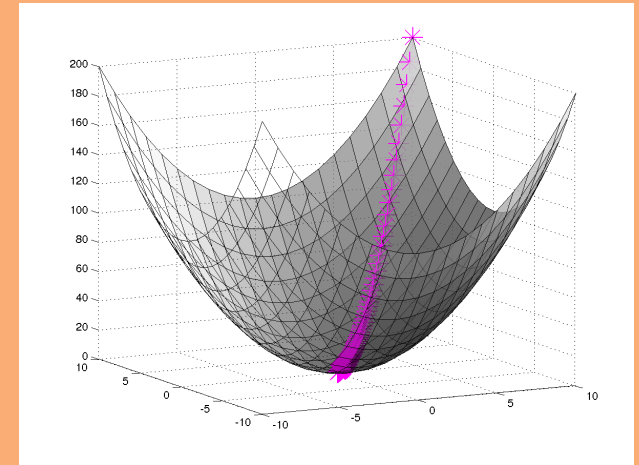
Logistic Regression does not have a closed form solution for MLE parameters.

Recall...

Gradient Descent

Algorithm 1 Gradient Descent

```
1: procedure GD( $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\theta^{(0)}$ )
2:    $\theta \leftarrow \theta^{(0)}$ 
3:   while not converged do
4:      $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \lambda \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$ 
5:   return  $\theta$ 
```



In order to apply GD to Logistic Regression all we need is the **gradient** of the objective function (i.e. vector of partial derivatives).

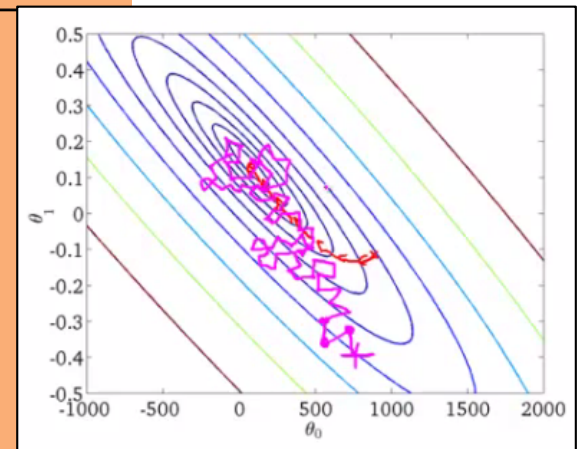
$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{d\theta_1} J(\theta) \\ \frac{d}{d\theta_2} J(\theta) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{d}{d\theta_M} J(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

Recall...

Algorithm 1 Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

```
1: procedure SGD( $\mathcal{D}, \theta^{(0)}$ )
2:    $\theta \leftarrow \theta^{(0)}$ 
3:   while not converged do
4:     for  $i \in \text{shuffle}(\{1, 2, \dots, N\})$  do
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GRADIENT FOR LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Whiteboard

- Partial derivative for Logistic Regression
- Gradient for Logistic Regression

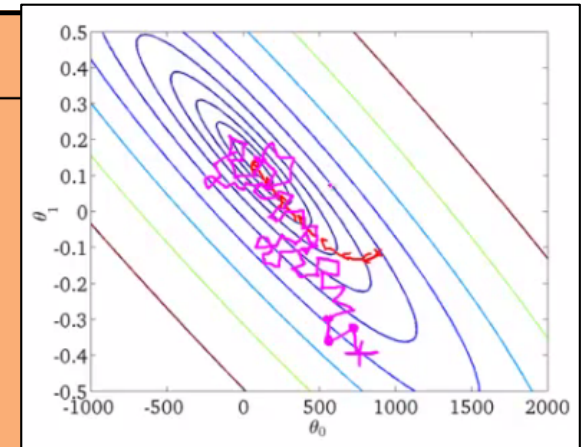
Details: Picking learning rate

- Use grid-search in log-space over small values on a tuning set:
 - e.g., 0.01, 0.001, ...
- Sometimes, decrease after each pass:
 - e.g factor of $1/(1 + dt)$, $t=\text{epoch}$
 - sometimes $1/t^2$
- Fancier techniques I won't talk about:
 - Adaptive gradient: scale gradient differently for each dimension (Adagrad, ADAM,)

SGD for Logistic Regression

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6:       where  $\rho^{(i)} := 1/(1 + \exp(-\theta^T \mathbf{x}))$ 
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Takeaways

1. Discriminative classifiers directly model the **conditional**, $p(y|x)$
2. Logistic regression is a **simple linear classifier**, that retains a **probabilistic semantics**
3. Parameters in LR are learned by **iterative optimization** (e.g. SGD)

NON-LINEAR FEATURES

Nonlinear Features

Whiteboard

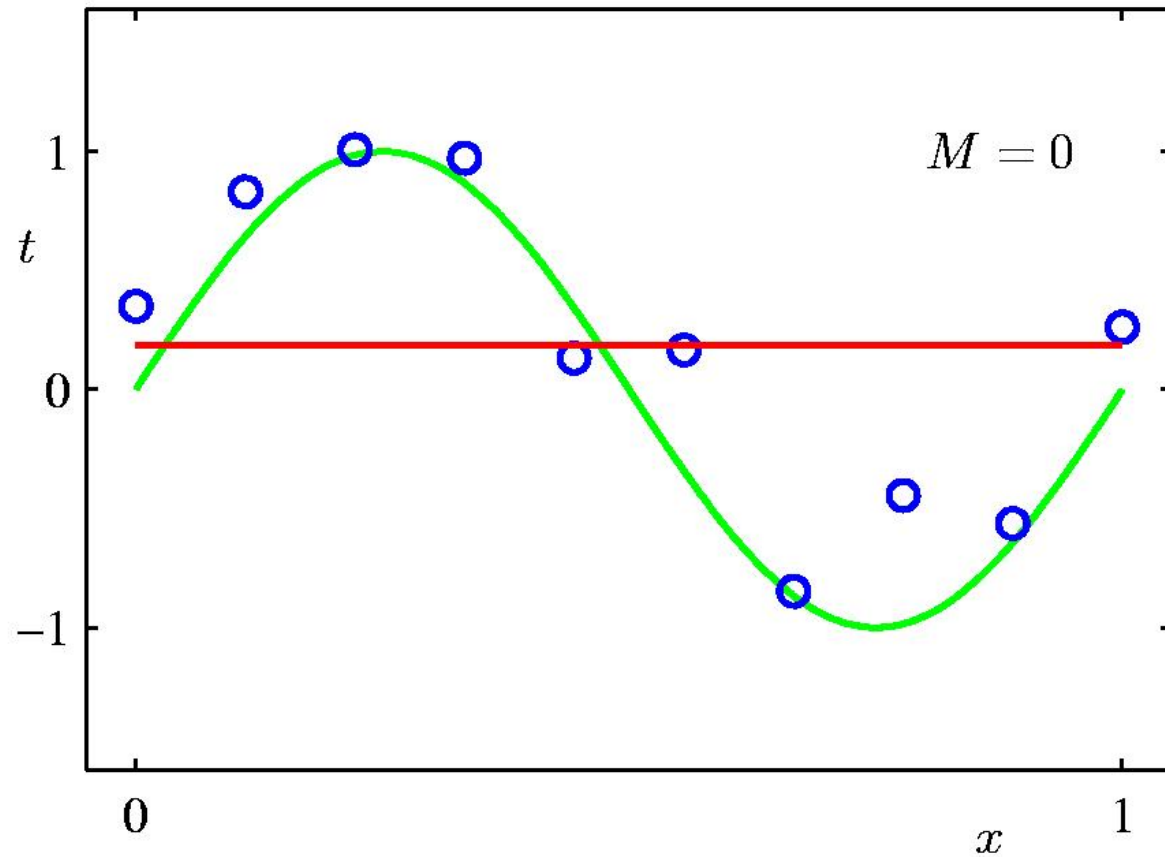
- Example functions
- Nonlinear Features for Linear Regression
- Nonlinear Features for Logistic Regression
- Nonlinear Features for KNN
- Nonlinear Features for Naïve Bayes

Example: Linear Regression Nonlinear Features

Polynomial basis vectors on a small dataset

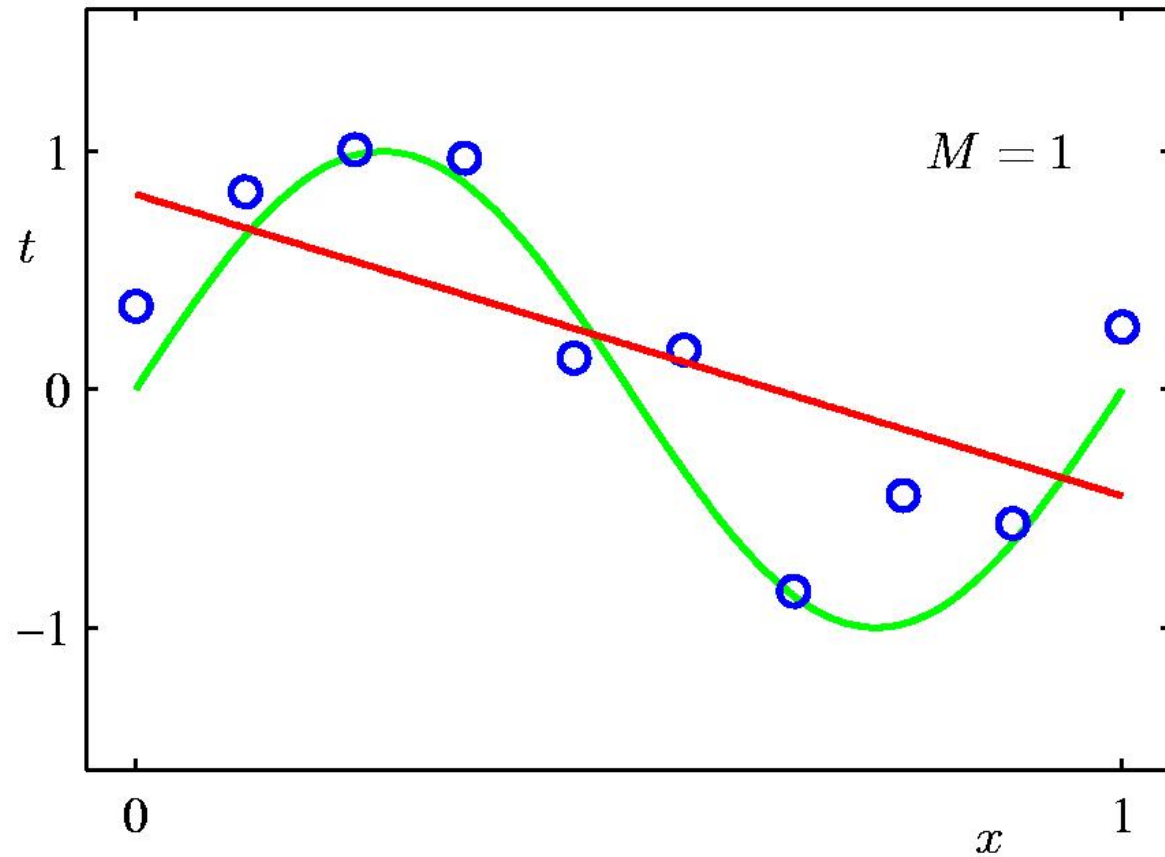
– From Bishop Ch 1

0th Order Polynomial

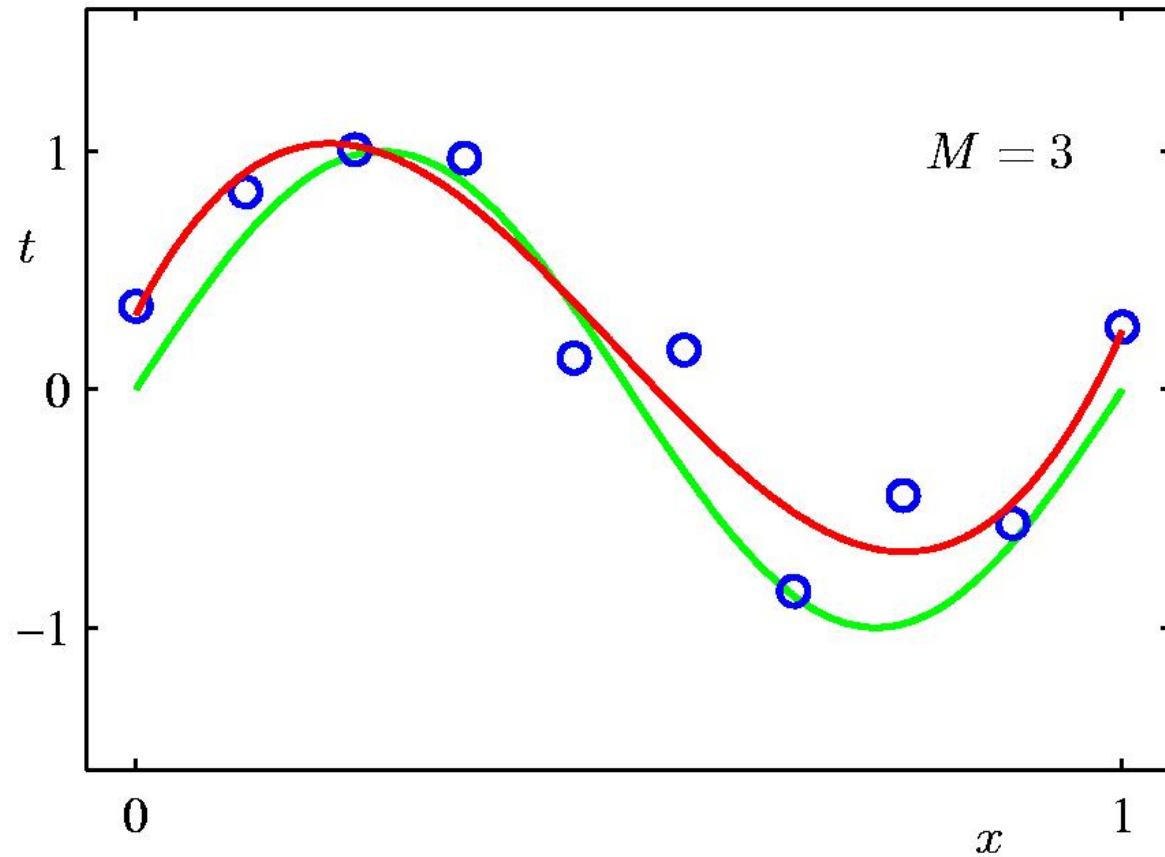


$n=10$

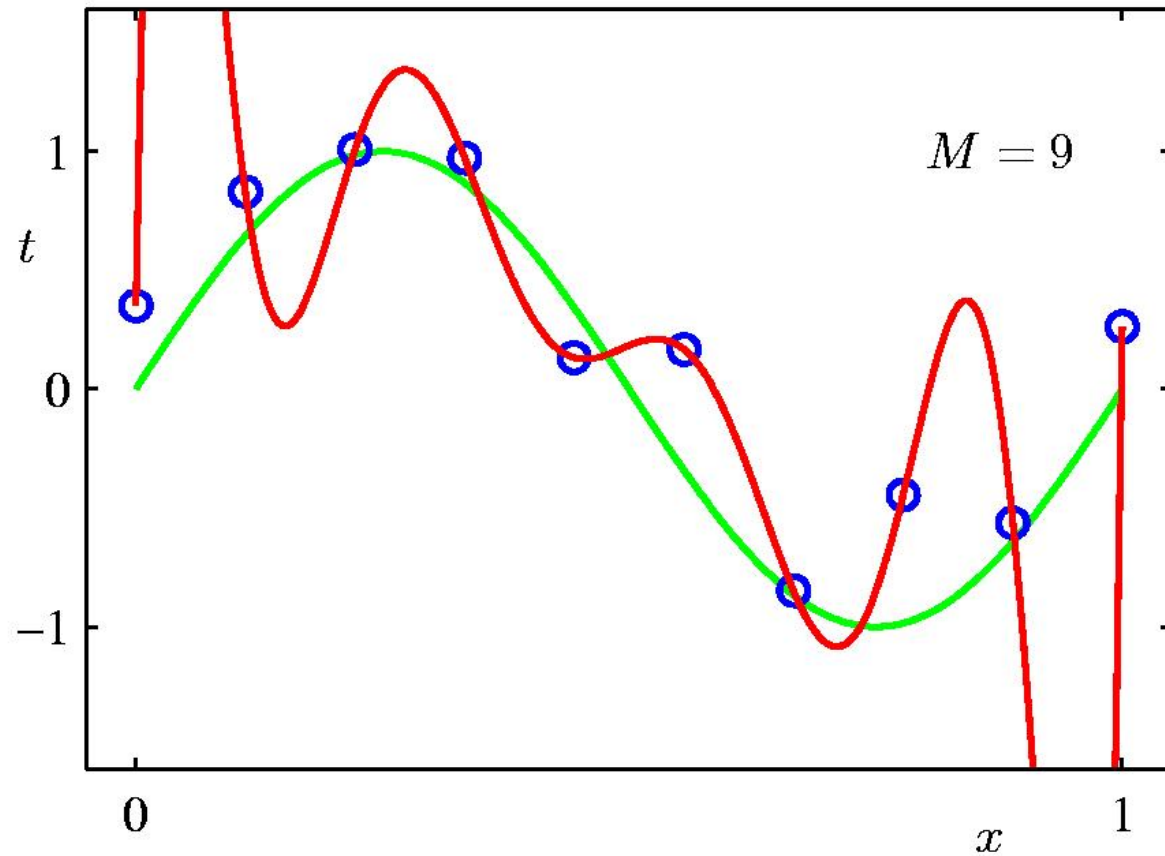
1st Order Polynomial



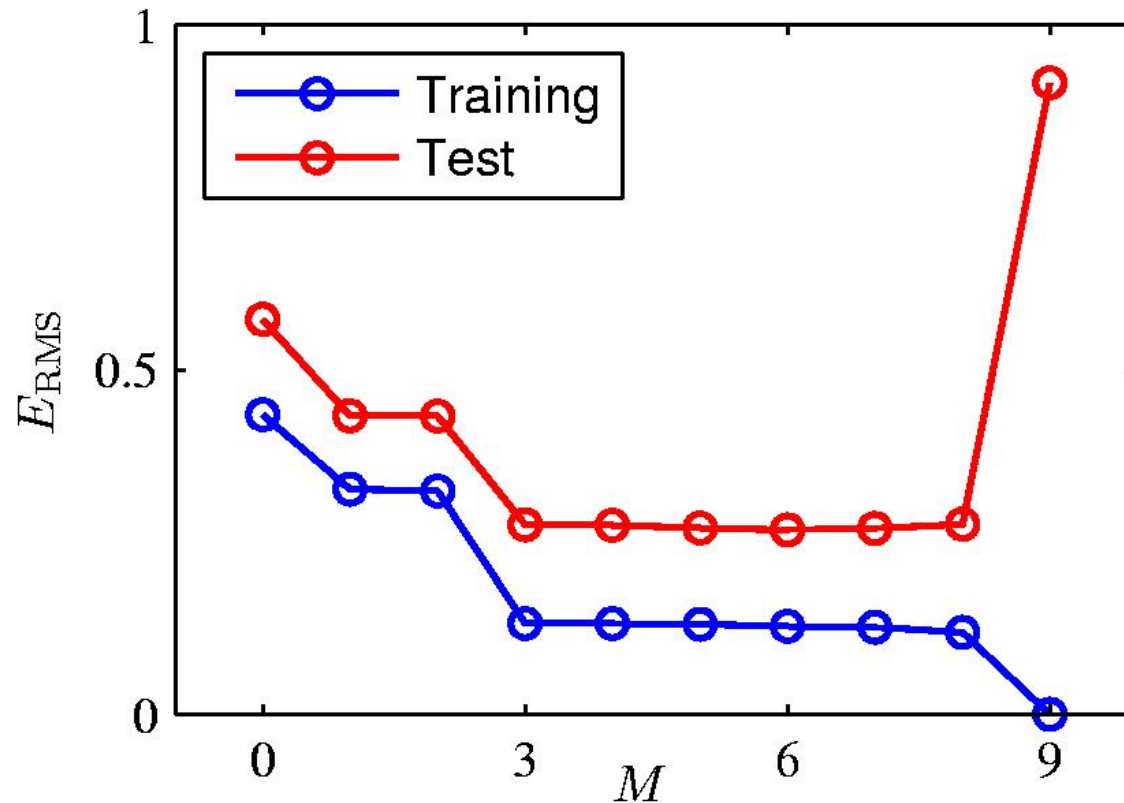
3rd Order Polynomial



9th Order Polynomial



Over-fitting



Root-Mean-Square (RMS) Error: $E_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{2E(\mathbf{w}^*)/N}$

Polynomial Coefficients

	$M = 0$	$M = 1$	$M = 3$	$M = 9$
θ_0	0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35
θ_1		-1.27	7.99	232.37
θ_2			-25.43	-5321.83
θ_3			17.37	48568.31
θ_4				-231639.30
θ_5				640042.26
θ_6				-1061800.52
θ_7				1042400.18
θ_8				-557682.99
θ_9				125201.43

Overfitting

Definition: The problem of **overfitting** is when the model captures the noise in the training data instead of the underlying structure

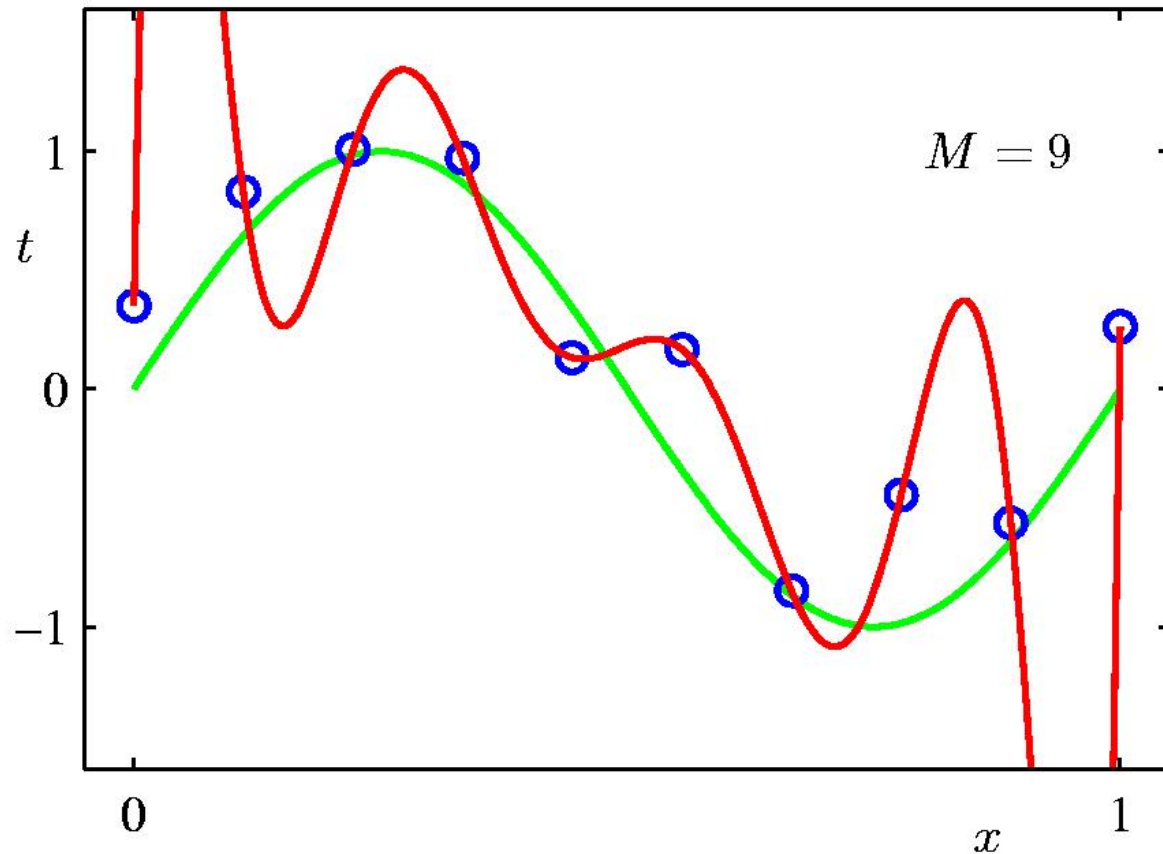
Overfitting can occur in all the models we've seen so far:

- KNN (e.g. when k is small)
- Naïve Bayes (e.g. without a prior)
- Linear Regression (e.g. with basis function)
- Logistic Regression (e.g. with many rare features)

9th Order Polynomial

(Small # of examples)

$$N = 10$$



9th Order Polynomial

(Large # of examples)

$$N = 100$$

