



# Logistic Regression

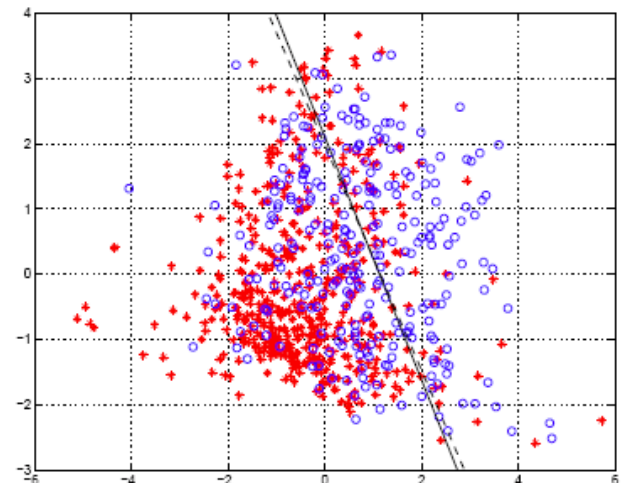
# Classification Based on Probability

- Instead of just predicting the class, give the probability of the instance being that class
  - i.e., learn  $p(y | \mathbf{x})$
- Comparison to perceptron:
  - Perceptron doesn't produce probability estimate
  - Perceptron (and other discriminative classifiers) are only interested in producing a discriminative model

- Recall that:

$$0 \leq p(\text{event}) \leq 1$$

$$p(\text{event}) + p(\neg\text{event}) = 1$$



# Logistic Regression

- Takes a probabilistic approach to learning discriminative functions (i.e., a classifier)

- $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$  should give  $p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta)$

– Want  $0 \leq h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$

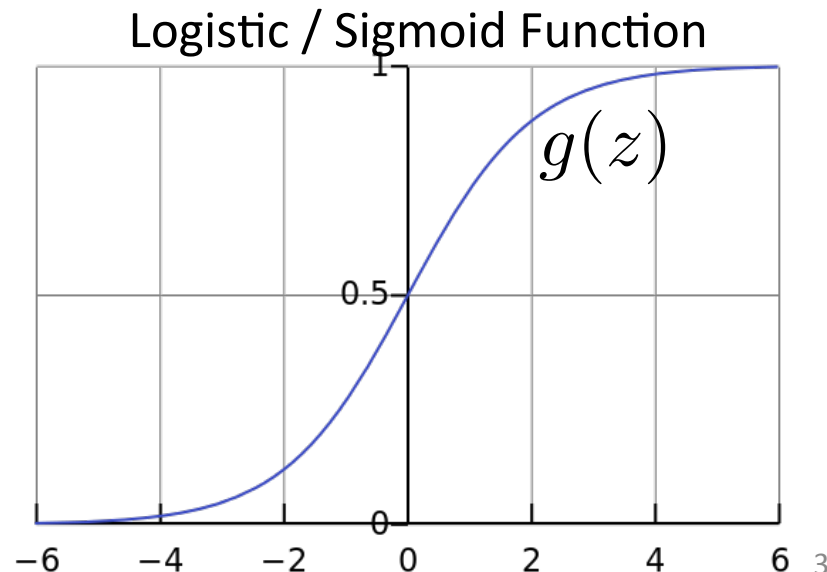
Can't just use linear regression with a threshold

- Logistic regression model:

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = g(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})$$

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

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x}}}$$



# Interpretation of Hypothesis Output

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{estimated } p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

Example: Cancer diagnosis from tumor size

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{tumorSize} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = 0.7$$

→ Tell patient that 70% chance of tumor being malignant

Note that:  $p(y = 0 \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta) + p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta) = 1$

Therefore,  $p(y = 0 \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta) = 1 - p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta)$

# Another Interpretation

- Equivalently, logistic regression assumes that

$$\log \frac{p(y = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(y = 0 \mid \mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$$

odds of  $y = 1$

**Side Note:** the odds in favor of an event is the quantity  $p / (1 - p)$ , where  $p$  is the probability of the event

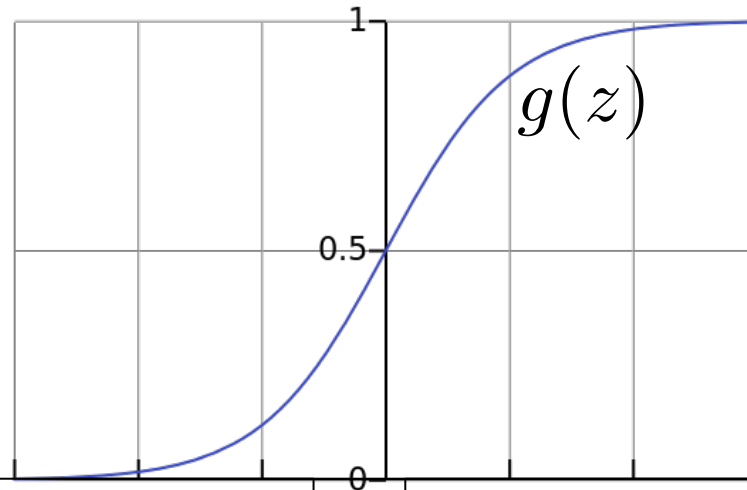
E.g., If I toss a fair dice, what are the odds that I will have a 6?

- In other words, logistic regression assumes that the log odds is a linear function of  $\mathbf{x}$

# Logistic Regression

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = g(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})$$

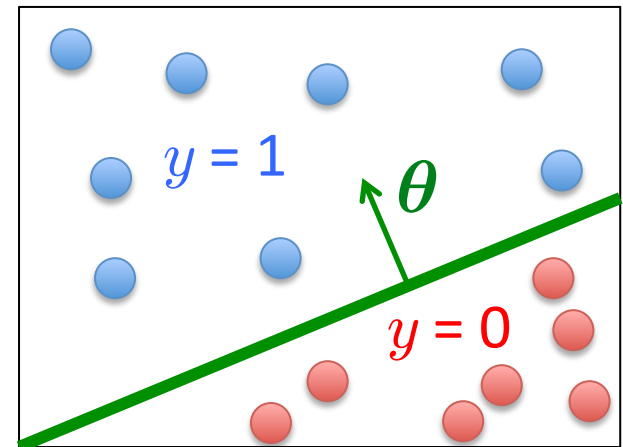
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$\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x}$  should be large negative values for negative instances

$\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x}$  should be large positive values for positive instances

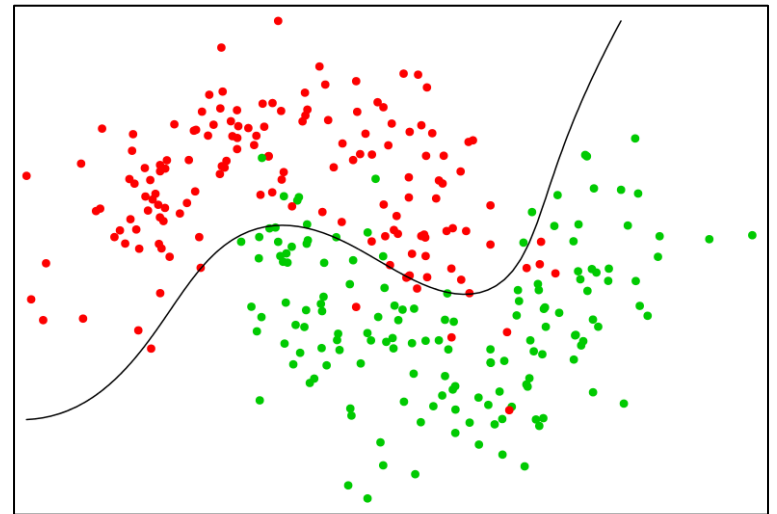
- Assume a threshold and...
  - Predict  $y = 1$  if  $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0.5$
  - Predict  $y = 0$  if  $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) < 0.5$



# Non-Linear Decision Boundary

- Can apply basis function expansion to features, same as with linear regression

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1^2 x_2 \\ x_1 x_2^2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$



# Logistic Regression

- Given  $\left\{ \left( \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)} \right), \left( \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)} \right), \dots, \left( \mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)} \right) \right\}$

where  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$

- Model:  $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) = g(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x})$

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

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_d \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \dots & x_d \end{bmatrix}$$



# Logistic Regression Objective Function

- Can't just use squared loss as in linear regression:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

- Using the logistic regression model

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

results in a non-convex optimization

# Deriving the Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Likelihood of data is given by:  $l(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y^{(i)} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

- So, looking for the  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  that maximizes the likelihood

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{MLE}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \prod_{i=1}^n p(y^{(i)} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- Can take the log without changing the solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{MLE}} &= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log \prod_{i=1}^n p(y^{(i)} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(y^{(i)} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

# Deriving the Cost Function via Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Expand as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{\text{MLE}} &= \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(y^{(i)} | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} \log p(y^{(i)} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - p(y^{(i)} = 1 | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta)) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- Substitute in model, and take negative to yield

**Logistic regression objective:**

$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$$

$$J(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right]$$

# Intuition Behind the Objective

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right]$$

- Cost of a single instance:

$$\text{cost}(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})) & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})) & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

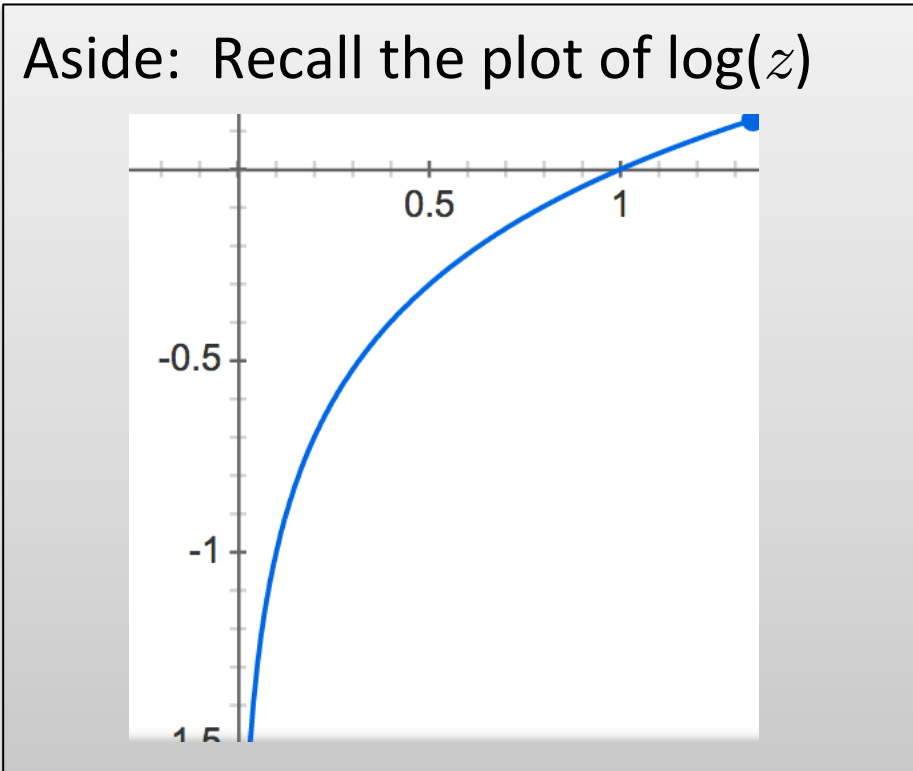
- Can re-write objective function as

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{cost}(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

Compare to linear regression:  $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$

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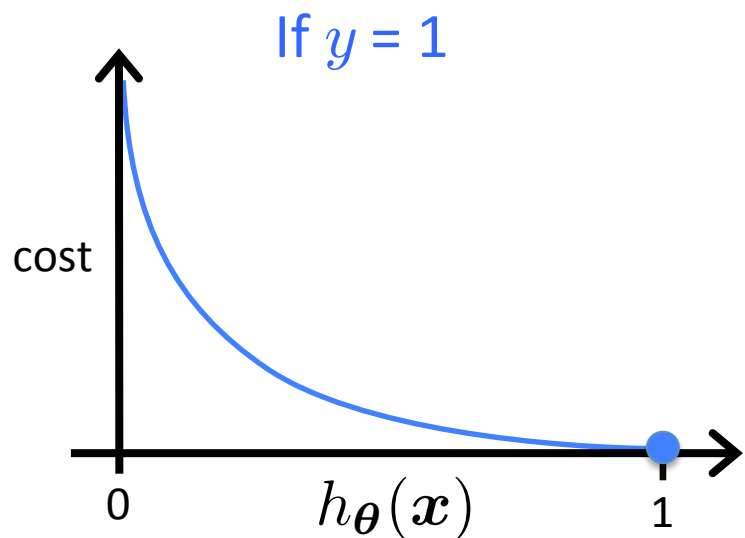


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If  $y = 1$

- Cost = 0 if prediction is correct
- As  $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow 0$ , cost  $\rightarrow \infty$
- Captures intuition that larger mistakes should get larger penalties
  - e.g., predict  $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ , but  $y = 1$

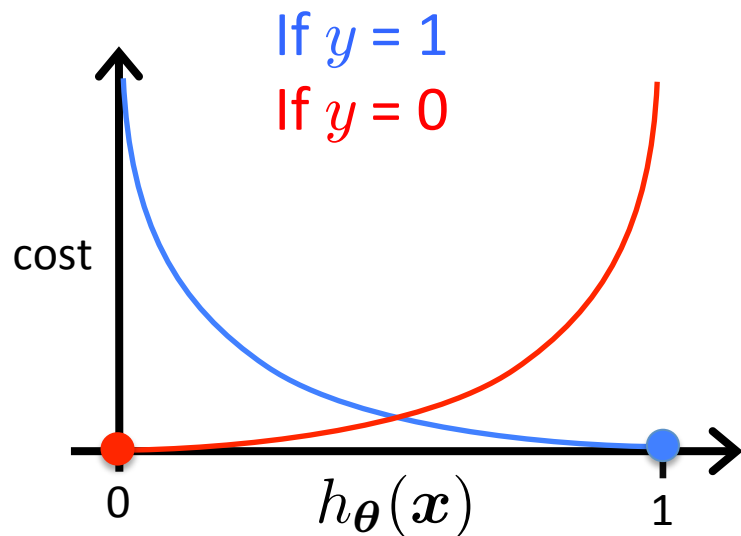


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If  $y = 0$

- Cost = 0 if prediction is correct
- As  $(1 - h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \rightarrow 0$ , cost  $\rightarrow \infty$
- Captures intuition that larger mistakes should get larger penalties



# Regularized Logistic Regression

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right]$$

- We can regularize logistic regression exactly as before:

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{regularized}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2 \\ &= J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1:d]}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

$$J_{\text{reg}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right] + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1:d]}\|_2^2$$

Want  $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

- Initialize  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Repeat until convergence

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

simultaneous update  
for  $j = 0 \dots d$

Use the natural logarithm ( $\ln = \log_e$ ) to cancel with the  $\exp()$  in  $h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})$

# Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

$$J_{\text{reg}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y^{(i)} \log h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \right] + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{[1:d]}\|_2^2$$

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- Repeat until convergence (simultaneous update for  $j = 0 \dots d$ )

$$\theta_0 \leftarrow \theta_0 - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)$$

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right) x_j^{(i)} - \frac{\lambda}{n} \theta_j \right]$$

# Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

- Initialize  $\theta$
- Repeat until convergence (simultaneous update for  $j = 0 \dots d$ )

$$\theta_0 \leftarrow \theta_0 - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \left( h_{\theta} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right) - y^{(i)} \right)$$

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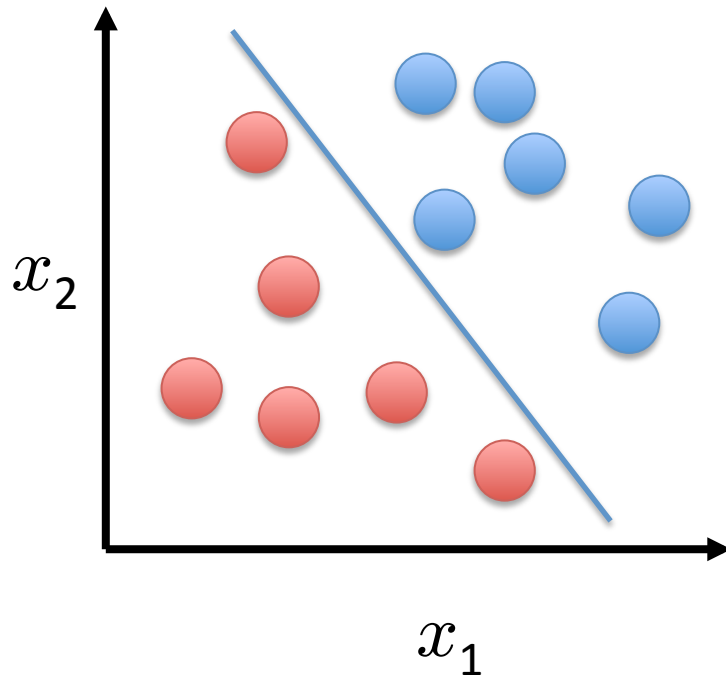
This looks IDENTICAL to linear regression!!!

- Ignoring the  $1/n$  constant
- However, the form of the model is very different:

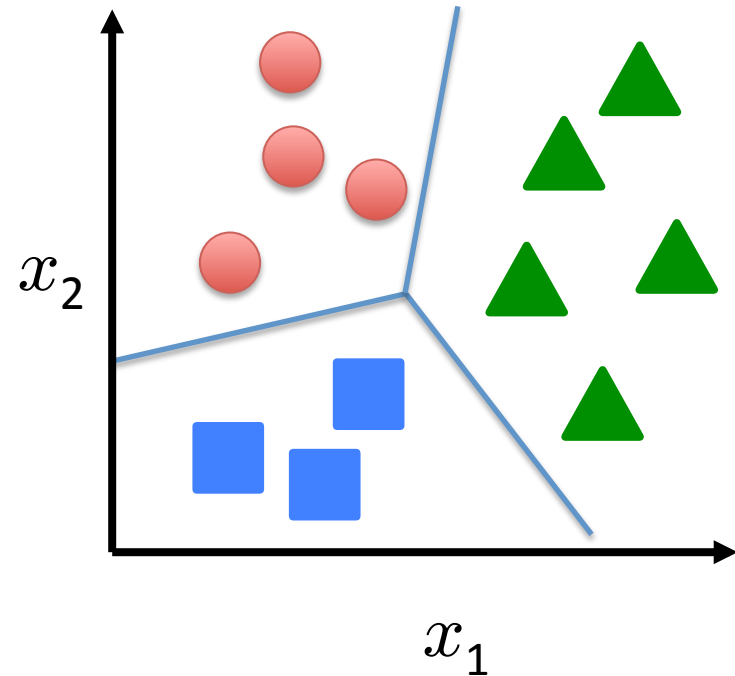
$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T \mathbf{x}}}$$

# Multi-Class Classification

Binary classification:



Multi-class classification:



Disease diagnosis: healthy / cold / flu / pneumonia

Object classification: desk / chair / monitor / bookcase

# Multi-Class Logistic Regression

- For 2 classes:

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})} = \frac{\exp(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})}{\boxed{1} + \boxed{\exp(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})}}$$

weight assigned to  $y = 0$                       weight assigned to  $y = 1$

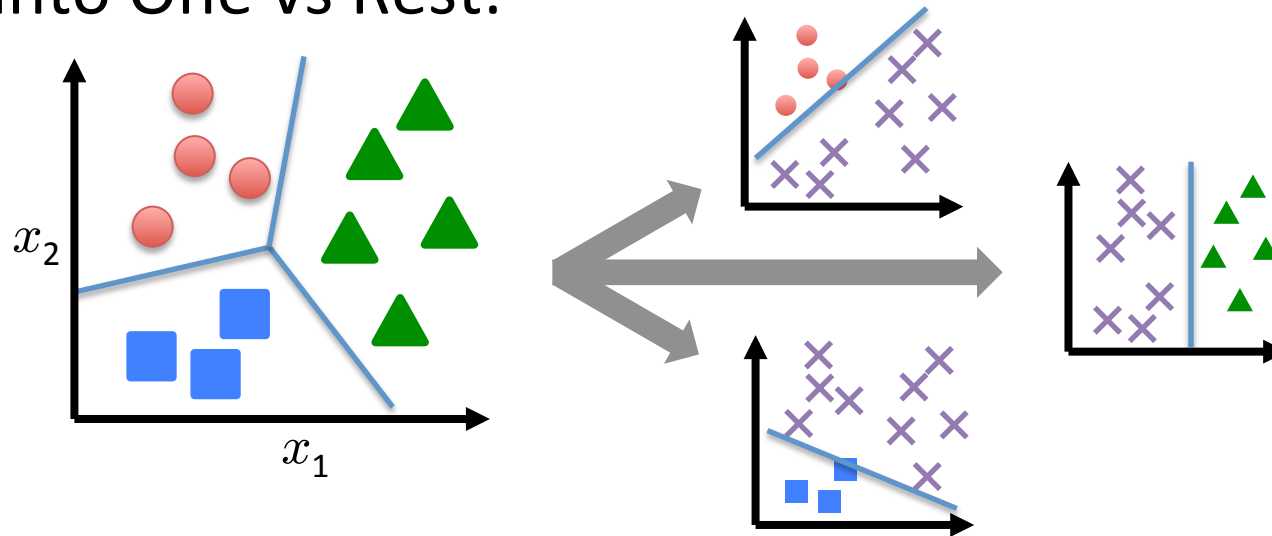
- For  $C$  classes  $\{1, \dots, C\}$ :

$$p(y = c \mid \mathbf{x}; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_C) = \frac{\exp(\theta_c^{\top} \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{c=1}^C \exp(\theta_c^{\top} \mathbf{x})}$$

– Called the **softmax** function

# Multi-Class Logistic Regression

Split into One vs Rest:



- Train a logistic regression classifier for each class  $i$  to predict the probability that  $y = i$  with

$$h_c(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_c^T \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{c=1}^C \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_c^T \mathbf{x})}$$

# Implementing Multi-Class Logistic Regression

- Use  $h_c(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_c^\top \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{c=1}^C \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_c^\top \mathbf{x})}$  as the model for class  $c$
- Gradient descent simultaneously updates all parameters for all models
  - Same derivative as before, just with the above  $h_c(\mathbf{x})$
- Predict class label as the most probable label

$$\max_c h_c(\mathbf{x})$$