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# Linear Models: Perceptron, Logistic Regression

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# Linear Models for Multiclass Classification

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_y \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

Feature  
function  
representation

Weights

# Multiclass perceptron

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**Algorithm 3** Perceptron learning algorithm

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1: procedure PERCEPTRON( $\mathbf{x}^{(1:N)}, y^{(1:N)}$ )
2:    $t \leftarrow 0$ 
3:    $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ 
4:   repeat
5:      $t \leftarrow t + 1$ 
6:     Select an instance  $i$ 
7:      $\hat{y} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_y \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t-1)} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y)$ 
8:     if  $\hat{y} \neq y^{(i)}$  then
9:        $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \hat{y})$ 
10:    else
11:       $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t-1)}$ 
12:    until tired
13:    return  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)}$ 
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# Properties of Linear Models we've seen so far

## Naïve Bayes

- Batch learning
- Generative model  $p(x,y)$
- Grounded in probability
- Assumes features are independent given class
- Learning = find parameters that maximize likelihood of training data

## Perceptron

- Online learning
- Discriminative model  $\text{score}(y|x)$
- Guaranteed to converge if data is linearly separable
- But might overfit the training set
- Error-driven learning

# Averaged Perceptron improves generalization

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**Algorithm 4** Averaged perceptron learning algorithm

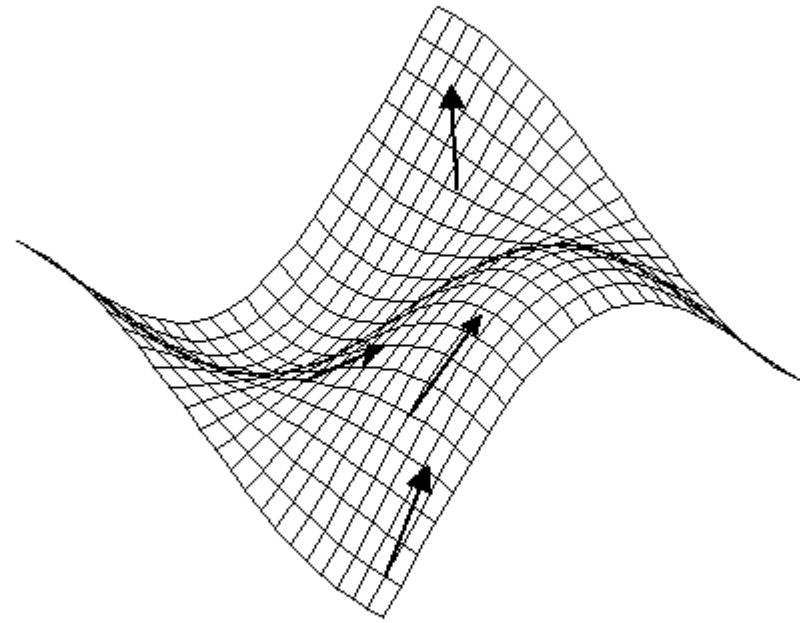
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1: procedure AVG-PERCEPTRON( $\mathbf{x}^{(1:N)}, \mathbf{y}^{(1:N)}$ )
2:    $t \leftarrow 0$ 
3:    $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ 
4:   repeat
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10:    else
11:       $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t-1)}$ 
12:     $\mathbf{m} \leftarrow \mathbf{m} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)}$ 
13:  until tired
14:   $\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{t} \mathbf{m}$ 
15:  return  $\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ 
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# Differential Calculus Refresher

- Derivatives
- Chain rule
- Convex functions
- Gradients

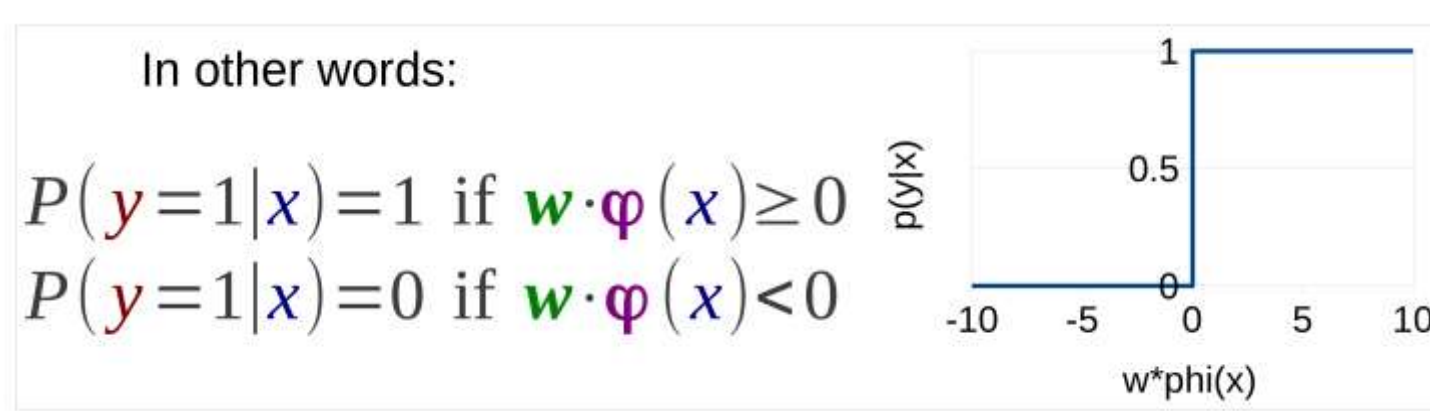


Gradient Vectors Shown at Several Points on the  
Surface of  $\cos(x) \sin(y)$

# Logistic Regression for **Binary** Classification

# Perceptron & Probabilities

- What if we want a probability  $p(y|x)$ ?
- The perceptron gives us a prediction  $y$ 
  - Let's illustrate this with binary classification

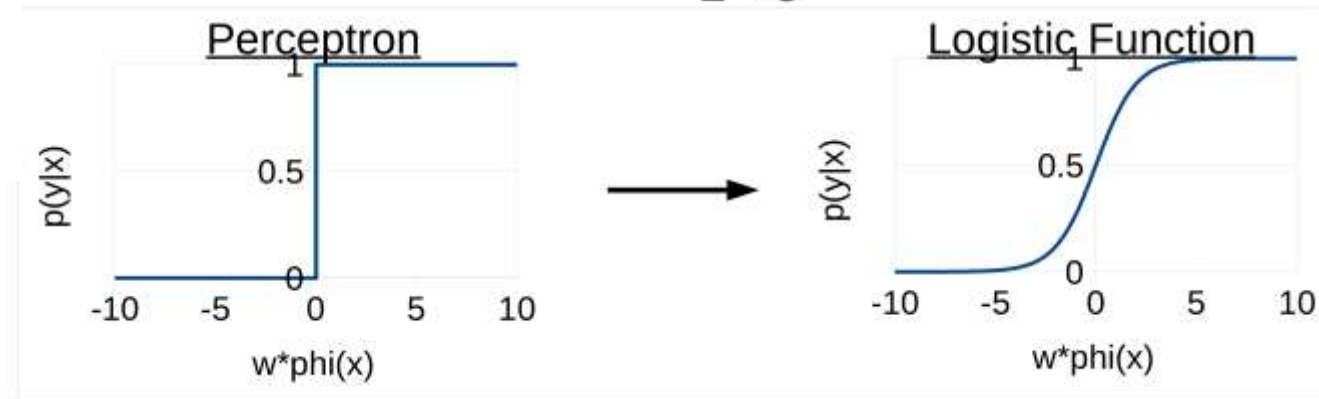




# The logistic function

- $x$ : the input
- $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(x)$ : vector of feature functions  $\{\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x), \dots, \varphi_l(x)\}$
- $\mathbf{w}$ : the weight vector  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_l\}$
- $y$ : the prediction, +1 if “yes”, -1 if “no”

$$P(y=1|x) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}(x)}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}(x)}}$$



- “Softer” function than in perceptron
- Can account for uncertainty
- Differentiable

# Logistic regression: how to train?

- Train based on **conditional likelihood**
- Find parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  that maximize conditional likelihood of all answers  $y_i$  given examples  $x_i$

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_i P(y_i | x_i; \mathbf{w})$$

# Stochastic gradient ascent (or descent)

- Online training algorithm

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create map  $w$   
for / iterations  
  for each labeled pair  $x, y$  in the data  
     $w += \alpha * dP(y|x)/dw$ 
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- Update weights for every training example
- Move in direction given by gradient
- Size of update step scaled by learning rate

# Gradient of the logistic function

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} P(\mathbf{y}=1|\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}}{1+e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}}{(1+e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})})^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} P(\mathbf{y}=-1|\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} \left(1 - \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}}{1+e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}}\right) \\ &= -\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}}{(1+e^{\mathbf{w}\cdot\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})})^2}\end{aligned}$$

# Example: Person/not-person classification problem

Given **an introductory sentence in Wikipedia**  
predict **whether the article is about a person**

| <u>Given</u>   |   | <u>Predict</u> |
|--|---|----------------|
| Gonso was a Sanron sect priest (754-827) in the late Nara and early Heian periods.                       | → | Yes!           |
| Shichikuzan Chigogataki Fudomyoo is a historical site located at Magura, Maizuru City, Kyoto Prefecture. | → | No!            |

# Example: initial update

- Set  $\alpha=1$ , initialize  $\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{0}$

$\mathbf{x}$  = A site , located in Maizuru , Kyoto       $y = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \frac{d}{d\mathbf{w}} P(y = -1 | \mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{e^0}{(1+e^0)^2} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= -0.25 \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + -0.25 \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})$$

|  |  |
|--|--|
| $W_{\text{unigram "Maizuru"}} = -0.25$ | $W_{\text{unigram "A"}} = -0.25$       |
| $W_{\text{unigram ","}} = -0.5$        | $W_{\text{unigram "site"}} = -0.25$    |
| $W_{\text{unigram "in"}} = -0.25$      | $W_{\text{unigram "located"}} = -0.25$ |
| $W_{\text{unigram "Kyoto"}} = -0.25$   |  |

# Example: second update

$x$  = Shoken , monk born in Kyoto

$y = 1$

$w \cdot \varphi(x) = -1$ 

 $\frac{d}{dw} P(y=1|x) = \frac{e^1}{(1+e^1)^2} \varphi(x)$   
 $= 0.196 \varphi(x)$

$w \leftarrow w + 0.196 \varphi(x)$

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| $w_{\text{unigram "Maizuru"}} = -0.25$ | $w_{\text{unigram "A"}} = -0.25$       | $w_{\text{unigram "Shoken"}} = 0.196$ |
| $w_{\text{unigram ","}} = -0.304$      | $w_{\text{unigram "site"}} = -0.25$    | $w_{\text{unigram "monk"}} = 0.196$   |
| $w_{\text{unigram "in"}} = -0.054$     | $w_{\text{unigram "located"}} = -0.25$ | $w_{\text{unigram "born"}} = 0.196$   |
| $w_{\text{unigram "Kyoto"}} = -0.054$  |  |                                       |

# How to set the learning rate?

- Various strategies
  - decay over time

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{C + t}$$

Parameter

Number of  
samples

- Use held-out test set, increase learning rate when likelihood increases



# What you should know about linear models

- Standard supervised learning set-up for text classification
  - Difference between train vs. test data
  - How to evaluate
- 3 examples of linear classifiers
  - Naïve Bayes, Perceptron, Logistic Regression
    - How to make predictions, how to train, strengths and weaknesses
  - Learning as optimization: loss functions and their properties
  - Difference between generative vs. discriminative classifiers
- General machine learning concepts
  - Smoothing, overfitting, underfitting, regularization