



# CSCE 633: Machine Learning

# Lecture 5



# Overview

- Brief probability review
- Logistic Regression
  - Representation and Intuition
  - Evaluation through maximum-likelihood
  - Optimization through gradient descent
  - Convexity of evaluation criterion
- Multiclass logistic regression
  - Representation (derivation based on 2-class)
  - Evaluation through cross-entropy error
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# Example: Duration (sec) to answer a Multiple Choice Question







Example: Duration (sec) to answer a MCQ

## What do you observe?

It is possible that the data are generated from a Gaussian distribution, since most of the points lie in the middle, while some points are scattered to the left and the right.



Normal distribution







Which model best describes the data?

 $f_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 2.25), f_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 9), f_3 \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 0.25), f_4 \sim \mathcal{N}(8, 2.25)$ Is there a systematic way to find the distribution that describes "best" the data?





- We can calculate the distribution of observing each of the data  $x_n$  $p(x_n|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_n-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), n = 1, \dots, N$
- Find the joint distribution of all data  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  (likelihood)  $p(\mathcal{X}|\mu, \sigma^2) = p(\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}|\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n|\mu, \sigma^2)$  $= \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_n - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$
- Find the parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  that maximize this joint distribution



### Maximum likelihood estimation: Examples

Normal: models a sample from a population with continuous values

• X: Gaussian normal distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ 

• PDF: 
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

• **MLE estimation:** Sample  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ 

$$m = \mu^{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n}{N} \quad s^2 = (\sigma^2)^{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} (x_n - \mu^{MLE})^2}{N}$$

i.e. the MLE estimate for the *population mean* is the *sample mean* **Note:** Not all continuous variables follow the normal distribution, we might have to perform statistical tests for that



#### Maximum likelihood estimation

- Independent identically distributed sample  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$
- Assume all samples are drawn from the same distribution  $p(x|\theta)$
- We want to find θ that makes sampling from p(x|θ) as likely as possible → maximize likelihood

$$l(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}) \equiv p(\mathcal{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p(x_n|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

 Maximum Likelihood estimator (MLE): the parameter θ<sup>MLE</sup> that maximizes the likelihood

$$\theta^{MLE} = \max_{\theta} l(\theta|\mathcal{X})$$

• For the sake of convenience, we take the log-likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}) \equiv \log I(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p(x_n|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

## Bernoulli distribution

The probability distribution function (pdf) of a single experiment asking a yes/no question

- Y: the outcome of a single trial
- $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$ , where  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$
- $\theta$ : probability of outcome 1,  $1 \theta$ : probability of outcome 0

• 
$$p(y|\theta) = \theta^{\mathbb{I}(y=1)}(1-\theta)^{\mathbb{I}(y=0)} = \theta^y(1-\theta)^{1-y} = \begin{cases} \theta & y=1\\ 1-\theta & y=0 \end{cases}$$

e.g. coin toss experiment





## **Binomial distribution**

The probability distribution function (pdf) of 2 possible outcomes over N independent trials

- Y: the number of times outcome 1 will get selected
- $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(\theta, N)$ , where  $Y \in \{0, N\}$
- $\theta$ : probability of outcome 1

• 
$$p(y|\theta, N) = \frac{N!}{y!(N-y)!}\theta^y(1-\theta)^{N-y}$$





### Multinomial distribution

The probability distribution function (pdf) of K possible outcomes over N independent trials

- $Y_k$ : the number of times outcome k will get selected
- $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_K) \sim \text{Multinomial}(\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_K, N)$ , where  $Y_k \in \{0, N\}$
- $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_K$ : probabilities of outcomes  $1, \ldots, K$
- $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_K]$
- $p(\mathbf{y}|\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_K,N) = \frac{N!}{y_1!\ldots y_K!} \theta_1^{y_1} \theta_2^{y_2} \ldots \theta_K^{y_K}$





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## Logistic regression

Three linear models that we have seen so far

$$s = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \sum_{d=1}^{D} w_d x_d$$



With logistic regression, we can find a soft threshold and model uncertainty.



## Logistic regression

Three linear models that we have seen so far

## Example of credit analysis





## The sigmoid function



#### Very nice properties

- Bounded between 0 and  $1 \leftarrow \text{thus interpretable as a probability}$
- Monotonically increasing  $\leftarrow$  thus can be used for classification rules
  - $\sigma(\eta) > 0.5$ , positive class (y=1)
  - $\sigma(\eta) \leq$  0.5, positive class (y=0)
- Nice computational properties for optimizing criterion function



## Logistic Regression



Classification task: whether a student passes or not the class

Features: SAT scores

Data: SAT scores v.s. fail/pass (y=0/1) (solid black dots)

Logistic regression:

- Assigns each score to "pass" probability (open red circles)
- If p(y = 1|x) > 0.5, then decides y(x) = 1. Otherwise, y(x) = 0.



## Logistic Regression

Parametric classification method (not regression method) Sometimes referred as "generalization" of linear regression because

- We still compute a linear combination of feature inputs, i.e.  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$
- Instead of predicting a continuous output variable from w<sup>T</sup>x
  - We pass  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$  through the sigmoid function  $\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$

$$\sigma(\eta) = rac{1}{1+e^{-\eta}}, \ \ 0 \leq \sigma(\eta) \leq 1$$

• The above can be considered as the parameter  $\theta$  of a Bernoulli distribution

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = Ber(\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}))$$

The output belongs to class 1 (y = 1) with probability  $\theta = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$ and to class 0 (y = 0) with probability  $1 - \theta = 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$ .



## Logistic Regression: Representation

Setup for two classes

- Input:  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$
- **Output**:  $y \in \{0, 1\}$
- Training data:  $\mathcal{D}^{train} = \{(\mathbf{x_1}, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x_N}, y_N)\}$
- Model:

$$p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}), \quad \sigma(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\eta}}$$
$$y = \begin{cases} 1, & p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) > 0.5\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• Model parameters: weights w



## Logistic Regression: Evaluation

Data likelihood for 1 training sample  

$$p(y_n | \mathbf{x_n}, \mathbf{w}) = \begin{cases} \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x_n}), & y_n = 1 \\ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x_n}), & y_n = 0 \end{cases} = [\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x_n})]^{y_n} [1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x_n})]^{1-y_n}$$

Data likelihood for all training data

$$L(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \left[ \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right]^{y_n} \left[ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right]^{1-y_n}$$

Cross-entropy error (negative log-likelihood)  

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = -\log \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w})$$

$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left\{ y_n \log \left[ \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] + (1 - y_n) \log \left[ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] \right\}$$



## Logistic Regression: Optimization

Cross-entropy error (negative log-likelihood)  

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left\{ y_n \log \left[ \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] + (1 - y_n) \log \left[ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] \right\}$$

How to find the weights **w** of the logistic regression? We can maximize data likelihood or minimize cross-entropy error

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w})$$

No closed-form solution  $\rightarrow$  approximate methods, e.g. Gradient Descent.

$$\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{w} - \alpha(k) \cdot \nabla \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}), \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_d} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \underbrace{\left(\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) - y_n\right)}_{\text{error}} x_{nd}$$

 $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w})$  is convex, i.e. has a global minimum (positive definite Hessian).



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#### Multi-class logistic regression

- Suppose we need to predict multiple classes/outcomes 1,..., C
  - weather prediction: rainy, cloudy, shiny
  - optical digit/character recongition: 0-9 or 'a'-'z'
- 2-class: probability of **x** belonging to class 1  $p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}), \ \sigma(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\eta}} = \frac{e^{\eta}}{1 + e^{\eta}}$
- How could we generalize to C classes?
  - One way could be  $p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_c) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}}}$
  - This would not work, because each  $p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_c) \in [0, 1]$  independently
  - And we need  $\sum_{c=1}^{C} p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w_c}) \in [0, 1]$
- But we can do the following (softmax function or conditional logit model)

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{c}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T}\mathbf{x}}}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} e^{\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T}\mathbf{x}}} = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T}\mathbf{x}}}{e^{\mathbf{w}_{1}^{T}\mathbf{x}} + \dots + e^{\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T}\mathbf{x}}}$$
$$\sum_{c=1}^{C} p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{c}) = 1$$



### Multi-class logistic regression

- Input:  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$
- **Output**:  $y \in \{1, 2, ..., C\}$
- Training data:  $\mathcal{D}^{train} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, y_N)\}$
- Model:

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{c}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T}\mathbf{x}}}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} e^{\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T}\mathbf{x}}}$$
$$y = \arg \max_{c=1,...,C} p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{c})$$

• Model parameters: weights  $w_1, \ldots, w_C$ 



## Multi-class logistic regression

Binary logistic regression is a special case of multi-class  
From 
$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_c) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}}}{\sum_{c=1}^{c} e^{\mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{x}}}$$
 for  $c = \{0, 1\}$ , we get

$$p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{c}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_{1}^{T} \mathbf{x}}}{e^{\mathbf{w}_{0}^{T} \mathbf{x}} + e^{\mathbf{w}_{1}^{T} \mathbf{x}}} = \frac{1}{e^{\mathbf{w}_{0}^{T} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}_{1}^{T} \mathbf{x}} + 1} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(\mathbf{w}_{0} - \mathbf{w}_{1})^{T} \mathbf{x}}}$$

Same as  $p(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$  with  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w_0} - \mathbf{w_1}$ 



## Multinomial distribution

# Example: Dice with 6 sides: $\{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$

Probability of each side:  $\{\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_6\}$ 

We roll the dice 7 times and get the following observations/samples  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 1, 2, 2, 5, 6, 6\}.$ 

# What is the likelihood of observing the above samples $\mathcal{X}$ ?

- Transforming the observations/samples to one hot encoding:  $\mathcal{X} = \{\underbrace{[1,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_1 = [x_{11},x_{12},\ldots,x_{16}]}, \underbrace{[1,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_2 = [x_{21},x_{22},\ldots,x_{26}]}, \underbrace{[0,1,0,0,0,0]}_{x_3}, \underbrace{[0,1,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,1,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,1,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,1,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,1,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0]}_{x_4}, \underbrace{[0,0]}_{$
- Probability of observing  $\mathbf{x_1}$ :  $p(\mathbf{x_1}) \sim \theta_1^1 \theta_2^0 \theta_3^0 \theta_4^0 \theta_5^0 \theta_6^0 = \prod_{k=1}^6 \theta_k^{\mathbf{x_{1k}}}$
- Probability of observing  $\mathbf{x_3}$ :  $p(\mathbf{x_3}) \sim \theta_1^0 \theta_2^1 \theta_3^0 \theta_4^0 \theta_5^0 \theta_6^0 = \prod_{k=1}^6 \theta_k^{\mathbf{x_{3k}}}$
- Data likelihood:  $L = \prod_{n=1}^{7} p(\mathbf{x_n}) = \prod_{n=1}^{7} \prod_{k=1}^{6} \theta_k^{x_{nk}}$



#### Multi-class logistic regression: Optimization

• We will change  $y_n \in \mathbb{R}$  to a C-dimensional vector (one hot encoding)

$$\mathbf{y}_{n} = [y_{n1}, \dots, y_{nC}]^{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{C}$$
$$y_{nc} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y_{n} = c \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

e.g. if  $y_n = 3$  then  $\mathbf{y_n} = [0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^T \in \mathbb{R}^C$ 

• We will maximize the likelihood

$$L(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_C) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{y}_n|\mathbf{x}_n)$$
$$= \prod_{n=1}^N (p(y_{n1}=1|\mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_C)^{y_{n1}}\ldots p(y_{nC}=1|\mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_C)^{y_{nC}})$$



## Multi-class logistic regression: Optimization

Data-likelihood

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}_{1},\ldots,\mathbf{w}_{C}) &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} p(y_{n}|\mathbf{x}_{n}) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} \left( p(y_{n1}=1|\mathbf{w}_{1},\ldots\mathbf{w}_{C})^{y_{n1}}\ldots p(y_{nC}=1|\mathbf{w}_{1},\ldots\mathbf{w}_{C})^{y_{nC}} \right) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N} \prod_{c=1}^{C} p(y_{nc}=1|\mathbf{w}_{1},\ldots\mathbf{w}_{C})^{y_{nc}} \end{split}$$

Cross-entropy error

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_C) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_{nc} \log p(y_{nc} = 1 | \mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_C)$$



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Cross-entropy error

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{C}}) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_{nc} \log p(y_{nc} = 1 | \mathbf{w}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{C}})$$

- Optimization with gradient descent, convex function
- Computational details are out of scope
- But the gradient vector w.r.t. each weight wc looks like this

$$\nabla \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{c}}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \underbrace{\left[ p(y_{nc} = 1 | \mathbf{w}_{1}, \dots \mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{C}}) - y_{nc} \right]}_{\text{error for class c}} \mathbf{x}_{\mathsf{n}}$$

 Similar to binary logistic regression → General property of exponential family distributions



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## Overfitting

**Example:** Non-linear regression  $y = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + ... + w_M x^M$ Samples from a sine function  $x_i = sin(t_i), t_i \sim Uniform(0, 2\pi)$ 



As model becomes more complex, performance on training keeps improving while on test data improve first and deteriorate later. The larger a coefficient w<sub>i</sub>, the easier for the model to "swing" in that dimension, increasing chance to fit more noise.



# How can we avoid overfitting?

#### A more general solution: Regularization



How about penalizing and making small  $w_3, \ldots, w_9$ ? The cost function to be minimized would become:  $J(\mathbf{w}) = RSS(\mathbf{w}) + w_3^2 + \ldots w_9^2$ But we may not know in advance which parameters we want to penalize  $\rightarrow$  So we can penalize them all



## How can we avoid overfitting?

# A more general solution: Regularization

Suppose we have a learning model whose evaluation criterion  $EC(\mathbf{w})$  we want to optimize with respect to weights  $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, \dots, w_D]^T$ 

• 
$$J(\mathbf{w}) = EC(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda \sum_{d=1}^{D} w_d^2 = EC(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

 $\rightarrow$  I2-norm regularization

• 
$$J(\mathbf{w}) = EC(\mathbf{w}) + \frac{\lambda}{N} \sum_{d=1}^{D} w_d^2$$

(as #data N increases, we need to worry less about overfitting)

• 
$$J(\mathbf{w}) = EC(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda \sum_{d=1}^{D} ||w_d|| = EC(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||$$

 $\rightarrow$  I1-norm regularization

Evaluation criterion  $EC(\mathbf{w})$  can be RSS or log-likelihood for linear regression, negative cross-entropy for logistic regression, etc.  $\lambda \geq 0$  is the model complexity penalty



## **Regularization for Logistic Regression**

l2-norm regularization

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left\{ y_n \log \left[ \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] + (1 - y_n) \log \left[ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] \right\} + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left( \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{n}) - y_{n} \right) \mathbf{x}_{n} + 2\lambda \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \underbrace{\sigma(\mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{n})}_{\in [0,1]} \cdot \underbrace{\left(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{n})\right)}_{\in [0,1]} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{x}_{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{n}^{T}\right)}_{\in \mathcal{R}^{D \times D}} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{D \times D}$$

(see handout for derivations)



## How to choose the right amount of regularization?

- We cannot tune  $\lambda$  on the train set. Why?
- $\lambda$  is a hyper-parameter and we can tune it by:
  - keeping out a hold-out-set independent of train and test sets
  - doing cross-validation
  - similar procedure to choosing K for K-NN





## Recipe for cross-validation for choosing $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$

- Split train data into S equal parts, each noted as  $\mathcal{D}_s^{\textit{train}}, \, s=1,...,S$
- For each hyperparameter value (e.g.  $\lambda = 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}, \ldots)$ 
  - For each *s* = 1, ..., *S* 
    - Train model using  $\mathcal{D}^{train} \setminus \mathcal{D}_{S}^{train}$
    - Evaluate model performance (noted as  $E_s$ ) on  $\mathcal{D}_s^{train}$
  - Compute average performance for current hyperparameter  $E = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{s=1}^{s} E_s$
- Chose the hyperparameter corresponding to best average performance *E*
- Use the best hyperparameter to train on a model using all  $\mathcal{D}^{\textit{train}}$
- Evaluate the last model on  $\mathcal{D}^{\textit{test}}$



### What have we learnt so far

## Logistic Regression

- Linear combination of input features  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$
- Transform through sigmoid function σ(w<sup>T</sup>x) → interpretable as probability
- Decision rule based on whether  $\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \leq 0.5$
- Evaluation through data likelihood, or cross-entropy error

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left\{ y_n \log \left[ \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] + (1 - y_n) \log \left[ 1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right] \right\}$$

• Optimization through gradient descent



### What have we learnt so far

### Multinomial Regression

- Conditional logit model:  $p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_c) = \frac{e^{w_c^{t} \mathbf{x}}}{\sum_{c=1}^{C} e^{w_c^{T} \mathbf{x}}}$
- Similar to 2-class logistic regression
  - compute negative cross-entropy and perform gradient descent

## Regularization

- Method to avoid overfitting
- Penalize large weights with 11 or 12-norm regularization  $J(\mathbf{w}) = EC(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$

Readings: Alpaydin 10.7; Abu-Mostafa 3