

# CS 4824/ECE 4424: Logistic Regression

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# Logistic Regression

## Idea:

- Naïve Bayes allows estimating  $P(Y|X)$  by learning  $P(Y)$  and  $P(X|Y)$
- Why not learn  $P(Y|X)$  directly?

# Problem setting

- Consider learning  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ 
  - $X$  is a vector of real-valued features  $\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rangle$
  - $Y$  is boolean
  - Assume all  $X_i$ 's are conditionally independent given  $Y$
  - Model  $P(X_i | Y = y_k)$  as Gaussian  $\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ik}, \sigma_i)$
  - Model  $P(Y)$  as Bernoulli ( $\pi$ )
- Given that, what's the parametric form of  $P(Y | X)$ ?

# Parametric form of $P(Y|X)$

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

# Parametric form of $P(Y|X)$

$$\circ \sum_i \ln \frac{P(X_i | Y = 0)}{P(X_i | Y = 1)}$$

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

# Parametric form of $P(Y|X)$

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

◦ where,  $w_0 = \ln \frac{1 - \pi}{\pi} + \sum_i \frac{\mu_{i1}^2 - \mu_{i0}^2}{2\sigma_i^2}$ ; and  $w_i = \frac{\mu_{i0} - \mu_{i1}}{\sigma_i^2}$  for  $i = 1 \dots n$

# Very convenient!

- $P(Y = 1 | X = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)}$

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- $\frac{P(Y = 0 | X)}{P(Y = 1 | X)} = \exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)$

**linear classification rule!**

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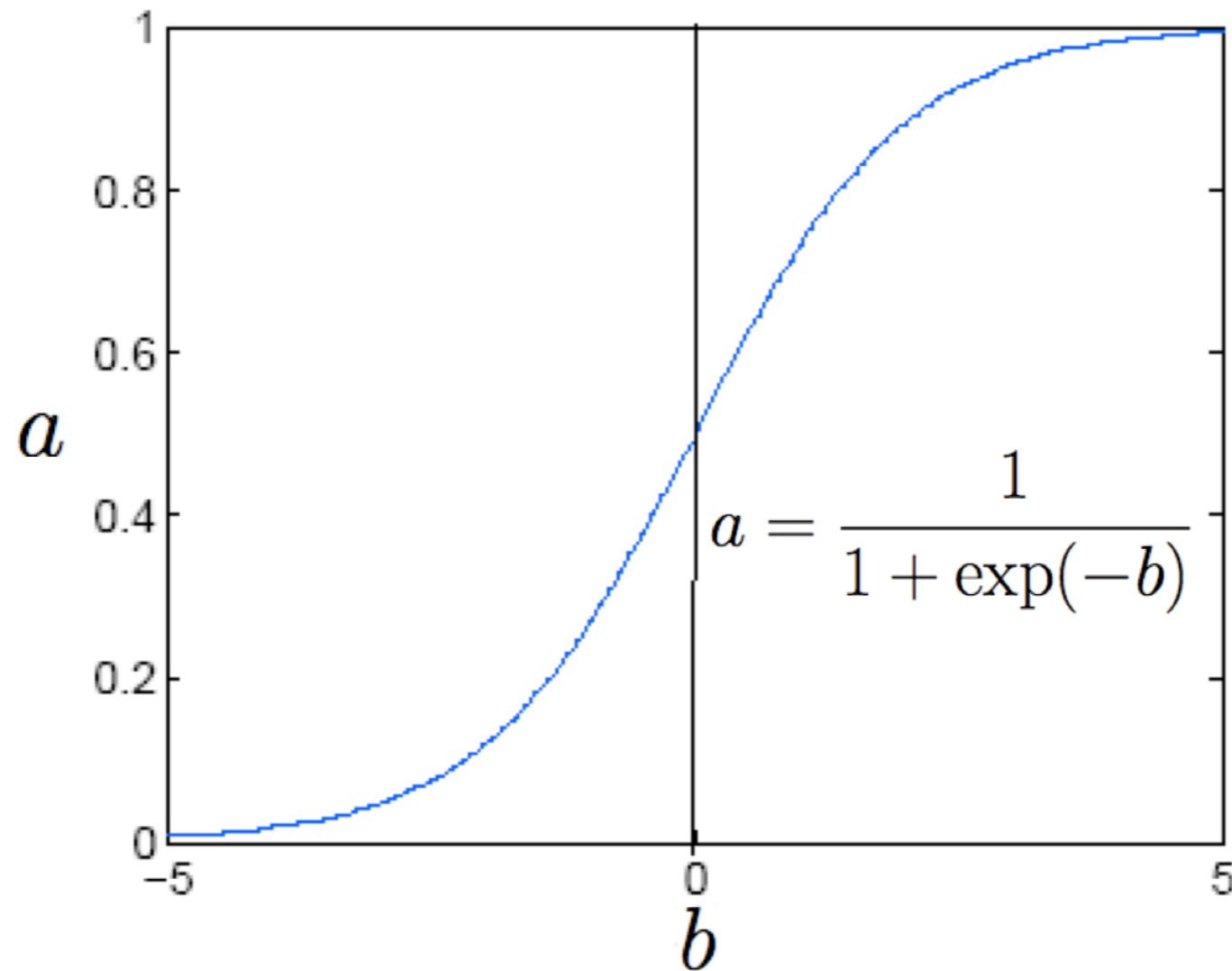
- $\ln \frac{P(Y = 0 | X)}{P(Y = 1 | X)} = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$

dot product of  
weights and the features

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$



# 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 when  $Y$  not boolean, but still discrete valued
- Now  $Y \in \{y_1, \dots, y_R\}$  and so we need to 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

- We have  $L$  training examples  $\{\langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle\}$
- Maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) for parameters  $W$ 
  - $W_{MLE} = \arg \max_W P(\langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle \dots \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle | W)$
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# Training logistic regression: MCLE

- We need to choose  $W = \langle w_0, \dots, w_n \rangle$  to maximize the conditional likelihood of training data

- where  $P(Y = 0 | X, W) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)}$

- and  $P(Y = 1 | X, W) = \frac{\exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)}$

- Training data  $D = \{ \langle X^1, Y^1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X^L, Y^L \rangle \}$

- Data likelihood is  $\prod_l P(\langle X^l, Y^l \rangle | W)$

- Data conditional likelihood is  $\prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$

- Therefore we need to estimate  $W_{MCLE} = \arg \max_W \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$

# Expressing conditional log likelihood

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

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

# Maximizing conditional log likelihood

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

$$= \sum_l Y^l (w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l) - \ln(1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i X_i^l))$$

- **Good news:**  $l(W)$  is a concave function of  $W$
- **Bad news:** no closed-form solution to maximize  $l(W)$

**What do we do?**