CSCI567 Machine Learning (Fall 2018)

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Administration

- HW 1 has been released.
- *Complete the GitHub survey ASAP* if you haven't.
- Follow Piazza for clarifications/typos of HW 1.
- DO NOT post your programming assignment outputs on Piazza.
- DEN problems should have been resolved.

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2. Linear Classifier and Surrogate Losses
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Regression

Predicting a continuous outcome variable using past observations

- temperature, amount of rainfall, house price, etc.

Key difference from classification

- continuous vs discrete
- measure *prediction errors* differently.
- lead to quite different learning algorithms.

Linear Regression: regression with linear models: $f(\boldsymbol{w}) = \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}$

Least square solution

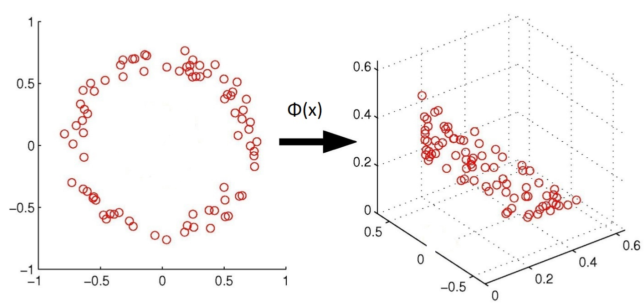
$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{w}^* &= \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \mathrm{RSS}(\boldsymbol{w}) \\ &= \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \|\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{y}\|_2^2 \\ &= \left(\boldsymbol{X}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{X}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_1^{\mathrm{T}} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_2^{\mathrm{T}} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{x}_{\mathrm{N}}^{\mathrm{T}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{\mathrm{N}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Two approaches to find the minimum:

- find **stationary points** by setting gradient $= \mathbf{0}$
- "**complete the square**"

Regression with nonlinear basis



Model: $f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\boldsymbol{x})$ where $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^M$

Similar least square solution: $\boldsymbol{w}^* = \left(\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Phi}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{y}$

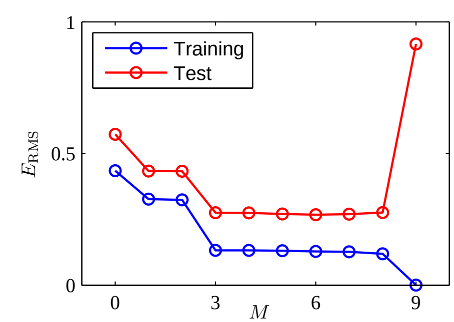
Underfitting and Overfitting

$M \le 2$ is *underfitting* the data

- large training error
- large test error

$M \ge 9$ is *overfitting* the data

- small training error
- **large test error**



How to prevent overfitting? more data + regularization

$$\boldsymbol{w}^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \left(\mathrm{RSS}(\boldsymbol{w}) + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_2^2\right) = \left(\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Phi} + \lambda\boldsymbol{I}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{y}$$

General idea to derive ML algorithms

Step 1. Pick a set of **models** $\mathcal{F}$

- e.g. $\mathcal{F} = \{f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}}\}$
- e.g. $\mathcal{F} = \{f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{x}) \mid \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{M}}\}$

Step 2. Define **error/loss** $L(y', y)$

Step 3. Find **empirical risk minimizer (ERM)**:

$$\boldsymbol{f}^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{f\in\mathcal{F}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} L(f(x_n), y_n)$$

or **regularized empirical risk minimizer**:

$$\boldsymbol{f}^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{f\in\mathcal{F}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} L(f(x_n), y_n) + \lambda R(f)$$

ML becomes optimization

Outline

Classification

Recall the setup:

- input (feature vector): $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}}$
- output (label): $y \in [\mathsf{C}] = \{1, 2, \cdots, \mathsf{C}\}$
- goal: learn a mapping $f : \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}} \to [\mathsf{C}]$

This lecture: **binary classification**

- Number of classes: $\mathsf{C} = 2$
- Labels: $\{-1, +1\}$ (cat or dog, fraud or not, price up or down...)

We have discussed **nearest neighbor classifier**:

- require carrying the training set
- more like a heuristic

Deriving classification algorithms

Let's follow the steps:

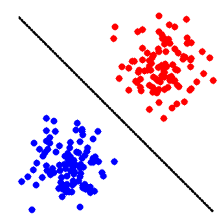
Step 1. Pick a set of models $\mathcal{F}$.

Again try linear models, but how to predict a label using $\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}$?

Sign of $\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}$ predicts the label:

$$\text{sign}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x} > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x} \le 0 \end{cases}$$

(Sometimes use sgn for sign too.)



The models

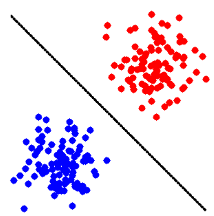
The set of **(separating) hyperplanes**:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \mathrm{sgn}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}) \mid \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}}\}$$

Good choice for *linearly separable* data, i.e., $\exists \boldsymbol{w}$ s.t.

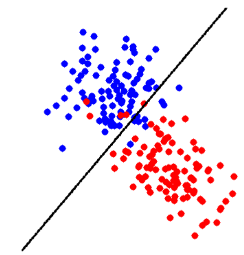
$$\mathrm{sgn}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x_n}) = y_n \quad \text{or} \quad y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x_n} > 0$$

for all $n \in [N]$.



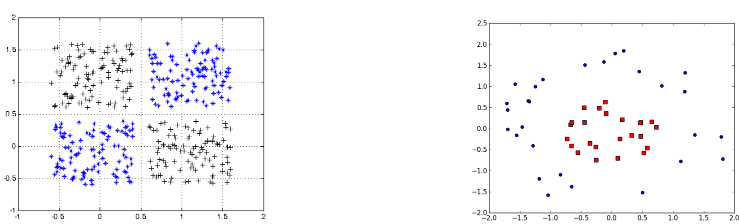
The models

Still makes sense for "almost" linearly separable data



The models

For clearly not linearly separable data,



Again can apply a **nonlinear mapping** $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \mathrm{sgn}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{x})) \mid \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{M}}\}$$

More discussions in the next two lectures.

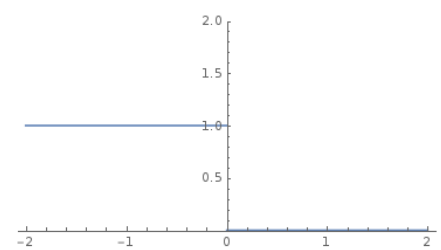
0-1 Loss

Step 2. Define error/loss $L(y', y)$.

Most natural one for classification: **0-1 loss** $L(y', y) = \mathbb{I}[y' \neq y]$

For classification, more convenient to look at the loss **as a function of $y\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}$**. That is, with

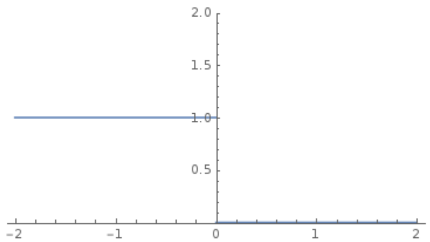
$$\ell_{\text{0-1}}(z) = \mathbb{I}[z \leq 0]$$



the loss for hyperplane $\boldsymbol{w}$ on example $(\boldsymbol{x}, y)$ is $\ell_{\text{0-1}}(y\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x})$

Minimizing 0-1 loss is hard

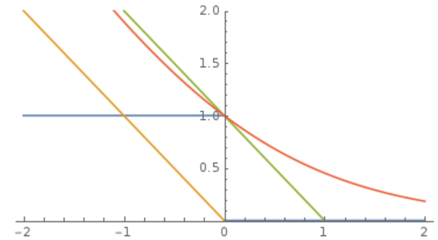
However, 0-1 loss is *not convex*.



Even worse, minimizing 0-1 loss is *NP-hard in general*.

Surrogate Losses

Solution: find a **convex surrogate loss**



- perceptron loss $\ell_{\text{perceptron}}(z) = \max\{0, -z\}$ (used in Perceptron)
- hinge loss $\ell_{\text{hinge}}(z) = \max\{0, 1 - z\}$(used in SVM and many others)
- logistic loss $\ell_{\text{logistic}}(z) = \log(1 + \exp(-z))$ (used in logistic regression; the base of $\log$ doesn't matter)

ML becomes convex optimization

Step 3. Find ERM:

$$\boldsymbol{w}^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ell(y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n)$$

where $\ell(\cdot)$ can be perceptron/hinge/logistic loss

- *no closed-form* in general (unlike linear regression)
- can apply general convex optimization methods

Note: minimizing perceptron loss *does not really make sense* (try $\boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{0}$), but the algorithm derived from this perspective does.

Outline

The Perceptron Algorithm

In one sentence: Stochastic Gradient Descent applied to perceptron loss

i.e. find the minimizer of

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ell_{\text{perceptron}}(y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n)$$
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \max\{0, -y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n\}$$

using SGD

A detour of numerical optimization methods

We describe two simple yet extremely popular methods

- **Gradient Descent (GD)**: simple and fundamental
- **Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)**: faster, effective for large-scale problems

Gradient is sometimes referred to as *first-order* information of a function. Therefore, these methods are called *first-order methods*.

Gradient Descent (GD)

Goal: minimize $F(\boldsymbol{w})$

Algorithm: move a bit in the *negative gradient direction*

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \eta \nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

where $\eta > 0$ is called step size or learning rate

- in theory η should be set in terms of some parameters of F
- in practice we just try several small values

An example

Example: $F(\boldsymbol{w}) = 0.5(w_1^2 - w_2)^2 + 0.5(w_1 - 1)^2$. Gradient is

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial w_1} = 2(w_1^2 - w_2)w_1 + w_1 - 1 \qquad \frac{\partial F}{\partial w_2} = -(w_1^2 - w_2)$$

GD:

- Initialize $w_1^{(0)}$ and $w_2^{(0)}$ (to be 0 or *randomly*), $t = 0$
- do

$$w_1^{(t+1)} \leftarrow w_1^{(t)} - \eta \left[2({w_1^{(t)}}^2 - w_2^{(t)})w_1^{(t)} + w_1^{(t)} - 1 \right]$$
$$w_2^{(t+1)} \leftarrow w_2^{(t)} - \eta \left[-({w_1^{(t)}}^2 - w_2^{(t)}) \right]$$
$$t \leftarrow t + 1$$

- until $F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$ **does not change much**

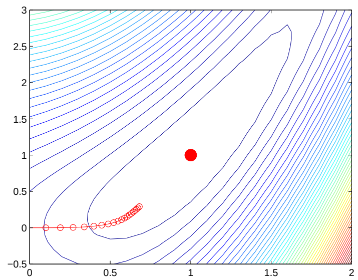
Why GD?

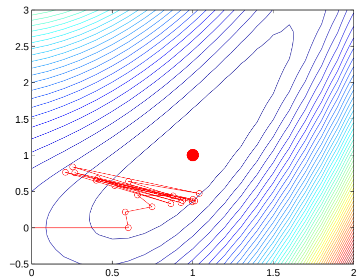
Intuition: by first-order **Taylor approximation**

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}) \approx F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) + \nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}}(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

GD ensures

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)}) \approx F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) - \eta\|\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})\|_2^2 \leq F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$





reasonable η decreases function value   but large η is unstable

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

GD: move a bit in the negative gradient direction

SGD: move a bit in a *noisy* negative gradient direction

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \eta\tilde{\nabla}F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

where $\tilde{\nabla}F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$ is a random variable (called **stochastic gradient**) s.t.

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\tilde{\nabla}F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})\right] = \nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) \qquad \text{(unbiasedness)}$$

Key point: it could be *much faster to obtain a stochastic gradient*!

Convergence Guarantees

Many for both GD and SGD on convex objectives.

They tell you at most how many iterations you need to achieve

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) - F(\boldsymbol{w}^{*}) \leq \epsilon$$

Even for *nonconvex objectives*, many recent works show effectiveness of GD/SGD.

Applying GD to perceptron loss

Objective

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \max\{0, -y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n\}$$

Gradient (or really *sub-gradient*) is

$$\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} -\mathbb{I}[y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n \leq 0] y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

(only misclassified examples contribute to the gradient)

GD update

$$\boldsymbol{w} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w} + \eta \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}[y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n \leq 0] y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Slow: each update makes one pass of the entire training set!

Applying SGD to perceptron loss

How to construct a stochastic gradient?

One common trick: pick one example $n \in [N]$ uniformly at random, let

$$\tilde{\nabla} F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) = -N\mathbb{I}[y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n \le 0] y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

clearly unbiased.

SGD update (with η absorbing the constant N)

$$\boldsymbol{w} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w} + \eta\mathbb{I}[y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n \le 0] y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Fast: each update touches only one data point!

Conveniently, objective of most ML tasks is a *finite sum* (over each training point) and the above trick applies!

Exercise: try SGD to minimize RSS for linear regression.

The Perceptron Algorithm

Perceptron algorithm is SGD with $\eta = 1$ applied to perceptron loss:

Repeat:

- Pick a data point $\boldsymbol{x}_n$ uniformly at random
- If sgn$(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n) \ne y_n$

$$\boldsymbol{w} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w} + y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Note:

- $\boldsymbol{w}$ is always a *linear combination* of the training examples
- why $\eta = 1$? Does not really matter in terms of training error

Why does it make sense?

If the current weight $\boldsymbol{w}$ makes a mistake

$$y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n < 0$$

then after the update $\boldsymbol{w}' = \boldsymbol{w} + y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n$ we have

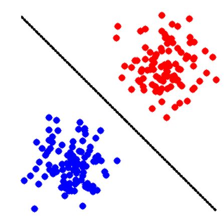
$$y_n \boldsymbol{w}'^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n = y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n + y_n^2 \boldsymbol{x}_n^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n \ge y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n$$

Thus it is more likely to get it right after the update.

Any theory?

(HW 1) If training set is linearly separable

- Perceptron *converges in a finite number of steps*
- training error is 0



There are also guarantees when the data is not linearly separable.

Outline

A simple view

In one sentence: find the minimizer of

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ell_{\text{logistic}}(y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln(1 + e^{-y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n})$$

But why logistic loss? and why "regression"?

Predicting probability

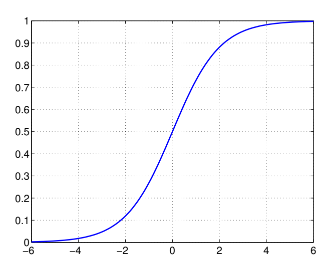
Instead of predicting a discrete label, can we *predict the probability of each label?* i.e. regress the probabilities

One way: **sigmoid function + linear model**

$$\mathbb{P}(y = +1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{w}) = \sigma(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x})$$

where σ is the sigmoid function:

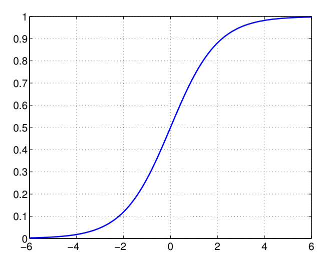
$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$



Properties

Properties of sigmoid $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$

- between 0 and 1 (good as probability)
- $\sigma(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}) \geq 0.5 \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x} \geq 0$, consistent with predicting the label with $\text{sgn}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x})$
- larger $\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x} \Rightarrow$ larger $\sigma(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}) \Rightarrow$ higher *confidence* in label 1
- $\sigma(z) + \sigma(-z) = 1$ for all z



The probability of label -1 is naturally

$$1 - \mathbb{P}(y = +1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{w}) = 1 - \sigma(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}) = \sigma(-\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x})$$

and thus

$$\mathbb{P}(y \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{w}) = \sigma(y \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}}}$$

How to regress with discrete labels?

What we observe are labels, not probabilities.

Take a **probabilistic view**

- assume data is generated in this way by some $\boldsymbol{w}$
- perform Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Specifically, what is the probability of seeing label $y_1, \cdots, y_n$ given $x_1, \cdots, x_n$, as a function of some $\boldsymbol{w}$?

$$P(\boldsymbol{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{P}(y_n \mid \boldsymbol{x_n}; \boldsymbol{w})$$

MLE: find $\boldsymbol{w}^*$ that **maximizes the probability** $P(\boldsymbol{w})$

The MLE solution

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{w}^* &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{w}} P(\boldsymbol{w}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{P}(y_n \mid \boldsymbol{x_n}; \boldsymbol{w}) \\
&= \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln \mathbb{P}(y_n \mid \boldsymbol{x_n}; \boldsymbol{w}) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} -\ln \mathbb{P}(y_n \mid \boldsymbol{x_n}; \boldsymbol{w}) \\
&= \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln(1 + e^{-y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x_n}}) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ell_{\text{logistic}}(y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n) \\
&= \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}} F(\boldsymbol{w})
\end{aligned}$$

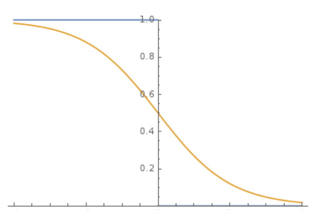
i.e. *minimizing logistic loss is exactly doing MLE for the sigmoid model!*

Let's apply SGD again

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{w} &\leftarrow \boldsymbol{w} - \eta \tilde{\nabla} F(\boldsymbol{w}) \\
&= \boldsymbol{w} - \eta \nabla_{\boldsymbol{w}} \ell_{\text{logistic}}(y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n) \qquad (n \in [N] \text{ is drawn u.a.r.}) \\
&= \boldsymbol{w} - \eta \left(\left. \frac{\partial \ell_{\text{logistic}}(z)}{\partial z} \right|_{z = y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n} \right) y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n \\
&= \boldsymbol{w} - \eta \left(\left. \frac{-e^{-z}}{1 + e^{-z}} \right|_{z = y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n} \right) y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n \\
&= \boldsymbol{w} + \eta \sigma(-y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n) y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n \\
&= \boldsymbol{w} + \eta \mathbb{P}(-y_n \mid \boldsymbol{x}_n; \boldsymbol{w}) y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n
\end{aligned}$$

This is a *soft version of Perceptron!*

$\mathbb{P}(-y_n | \boldsymbol{x}_n; \boldsymbol{w})$ versus $\mathbb{I}[y_n \neq \text{sgn}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n)]$



A second-order method: Newton method

Recall the intuition of GD: we look at first-order **Taylor approximation**

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}) \approx F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) + \nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}} (\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

What if we look at *second-order* Taylor approximation?

$$F(\boldsymbol{w}) \approx F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) + \nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}} (\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{H}_t (\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

where $\boldsymbol{H}_t = \nabla^2 F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D} \times \mathsf{D}}$ is the *Hessian* of F at $\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}$, i.e.,

$$H_{t,ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 F(\boldsymbol{w})}{\partial w_i \partial w_j} \right|_{\boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}}$$

(think "second derivative" when $D = 1$)

Deriving Newton method

If we minimize the second-order approximation (via "complete the square")

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\begin{aligned}
&F(\boldsymbol{w}) \\
&\approx F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) + \nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}}(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{H}_t(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}\left(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} + \boldsymbol{H}_t^{-1}\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})\right)^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{H}_t \left(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} + \boldsymbol{H}_t^{-1}\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})\right) + \text{cnt.}
\end{aligned}
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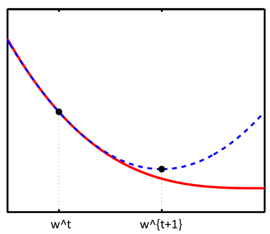
for convex F (so H_t is *positive semidefinite*)
we obtain **Newton method**:

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \boldsymbol{H}_t^{-1}\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$



Comparing GD and Newton

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \eta\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) \quad \text{(GD)}$$
$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \boldsymbol{H}_t^{-1}\nabla F(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)}) \quad \text{(Newton)}$$

Both are iterative optimization procedures, but Newton method

- has no learning rate η (*so no tuning needed!*)
- converges *super fast* in terms of #iterations needed
  - e.g. how many iterations needed when applied to a quadratic?
- requires **second-order** information and is *slow* each iteration (there are many ways to improve it though)

Applying Newton to logistic loss

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{w}}\ell_{\text{logistic}}(y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n) = -\sigma(-y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n)y_n\boldsymbol{x}_n$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\nabla^2_{\boldsymbol{w}}\ell_{\text{logistic}}(y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n) &= \left(\frac{\partial\sigma(z)}{\partial z}\Big|_{z=-y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n}\right) y_n^2\boldsymbol{x}_n\boldsymbol{x}_n^{\mathrm{T}} \\
&= \left(\frac{e^{-z}}{(1+e^{-z})^2}\Big|_{z=-y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n}\right)\boldsymbol{x}_n\boldsymbol{x}_n^{\mathrm{T}} \\
&= \sigma(y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n)\left(1-\sigma(y_n\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}_n)\right)\boldsymbol{x}_n\boldsymbol{x}_n^{\mathrm{T}}
\end{aligned}
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Exercises:

- why is the Hessian of logistic loss positive semidefinite?
- can we apply Newton method to perceptron/hinge loss?

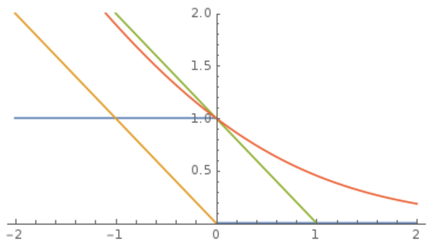
Summary

Linear models for classification:

Step 1. Model is the set of **separating hyperplanes**

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \text{sgn}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{x}) \mid \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}}\}$$

Step 2. Pick the **surrogate loss**



- perceptron loss $\ell_{\text{perceptron}}(z) = \max\{0, -z\}$ (used in Perceptron)
- hinge loss $\ell_{\text{hinge}}(z) = \max\{0, 1 - z\}$(used in SVM and many others)
- logistic loss $\ell_{\text{logistic}}(z) = \log(1 + \exp(-z))$ (used in logistic regression)

Step 3. Find empirical risk minimizer (ERM):

$$\boldsymbol{w}^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{D}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ell(y_n \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}_n)$$

using **GD/SGD/Newton**.