

# Linear and Logistic Regression

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# Up to now,

- Two Classical Machine Learning Algorithms
  - Decision tree learning
  - K-nearest neighbor
    - What is k-nearest-neighbor classification
    - How can we determine similarity/distance
    - Standardizing numeric features
    - Speeding up k-NN
      - edited nearest neighbour
      - k-d trees for nearest neighbour identification

# Confidence for decision tree (example)

- Random forest:
  - multiple decision trees are trained, by using different resamples of your data.
  - Probabilities can be calculated by the proportion of decision trees which vote for each class.
- For example, if 8 out of 10 decision trees vote to classify an instance as positive, we say that the confidence is  $8/10$ .

Here, the confidences of  
all classes add up to 1

# Confidence for k-NN classification (example)

- Classification steps are the same, recall  $\hat{y} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in \text{values}(Y)} \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(v, y^{(i)})$
- Given a class  $\hat{y}$ , we compute

$$\text{acc\_dist} = \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(\hat{y}, y^{(i)}) \cdot \text{distance}(\hat{y}, y^{(i)})$$

Accumulated distance to the **supportive** instances

- apply sigmoid function on the **reciprocal** of the accumulated distance

$$\text{confidence} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\frac{1}{\text{acc\_dist}}}}$$

Here, the confidences of all classes may not add up to 1

Softmax?

# Today's Topics

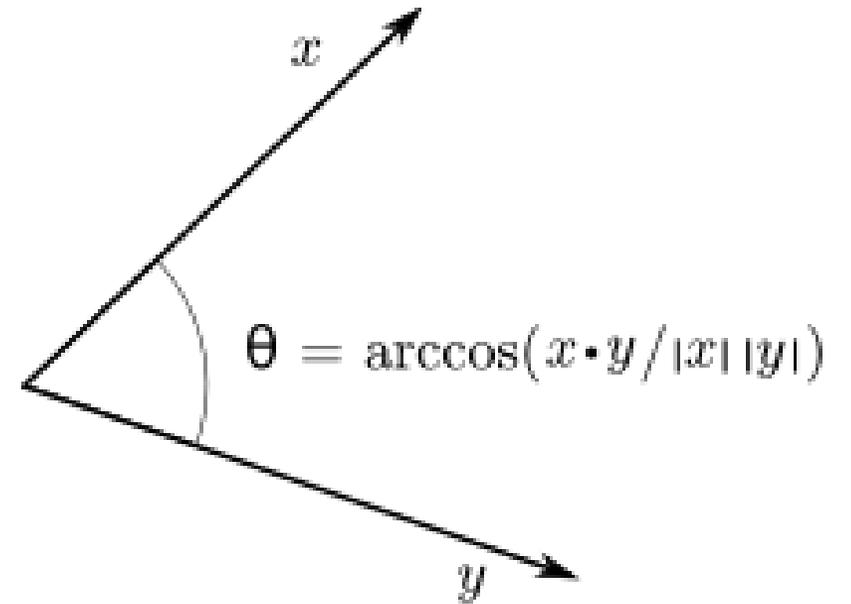
- linear regression
- linear classification
- logistic regression

# Recap: dot product in linear algebra

$$f_w(x) = w^T x$$

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w^T x = 2 * 1 + 3 * 4 = 14$$

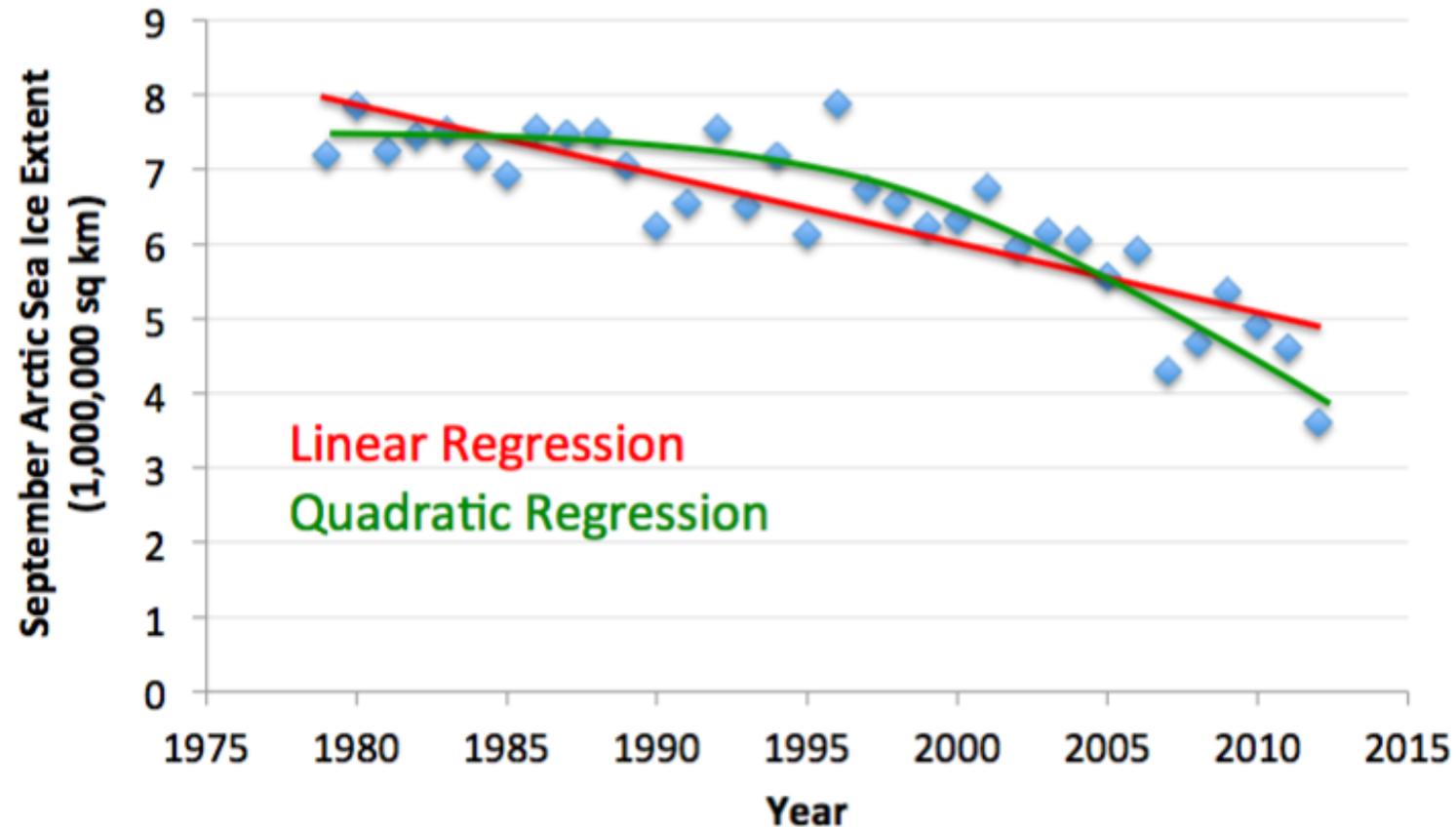


Geometric meaning: can be used to understand the angle between two vectors

# Linear regression

# Linear regression

- Given training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  i.i.d. from distribution  $D$



# Recap: Consider the inductive bias of DT and $k$ -NN learners

learner	hypothesis space bias	preference bias
ID3 decision tree	trees with single-feature, axis-parallel splits	small trees identified by greedy search
$k$ -NN	Voronoi decomposition determined by nearest neighbors	instances in neighborhood belong to same class

# Linear regression

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- Find  $f_w(x) = w^T x$  that minimises

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2$$

Hypothesis Class  $H$

$L^2$  loss, or mean square error

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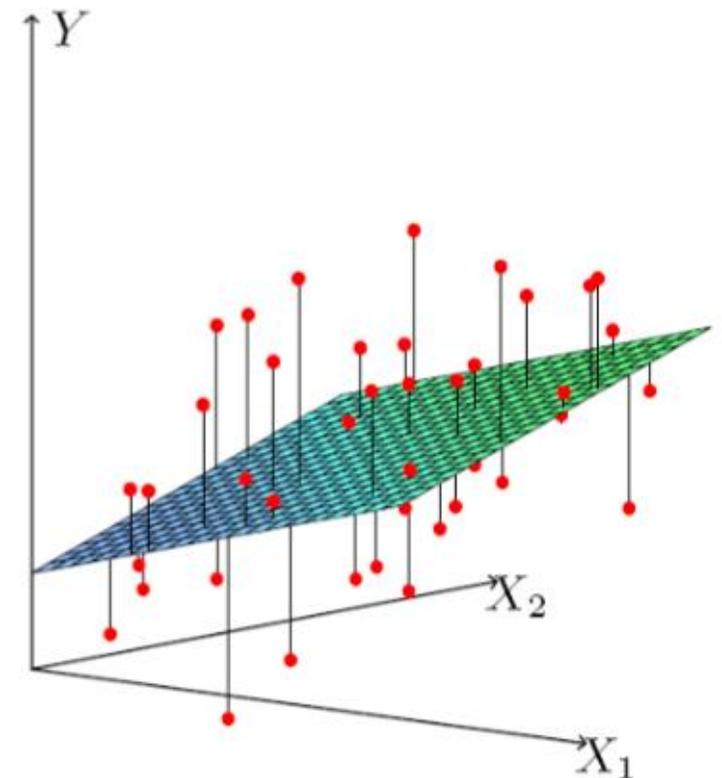
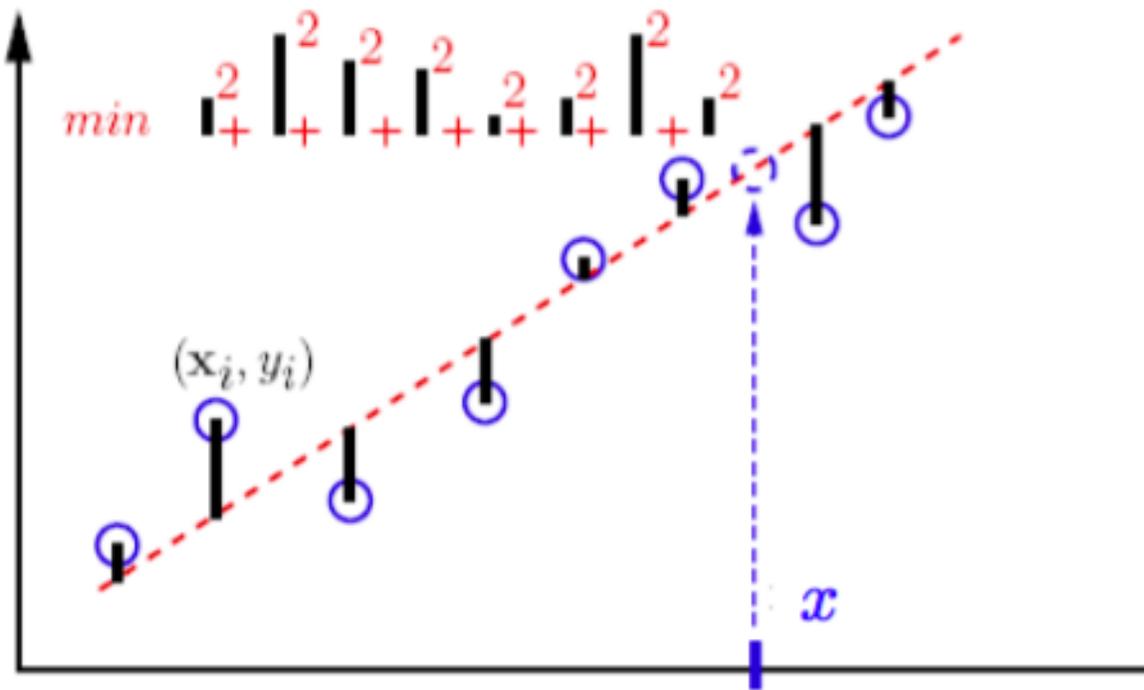
- where

- $w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)}$  represents the error of instance  $x^{(i)}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2$  represents the **square** error of **all** training instances

So,  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2$  represents the **mean** square error of all training instances

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# Organise feature data into matrix

- Let  $X$  be a matrix whose  $i$ -th row is  $(x^{(i)})^T$

$$x^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 182 \\ 87 \\ 11.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad x^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 189 \\ 92 \\ 12.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad x^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 178 \\ 79 \\ 10.6 \end{bmatrix} \quad x^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 183 \\ 90 \\ 12.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Football player example:  
(height, weight, runningspeed)

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 182 & 87 & 11.3 \\ 189 & 92 & 12.3 \\ 178 & 79 & 10.6 \\ 183 & 90 & 12.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

<b>v1</b>	<b>v2</b>	<b>v3</b>	<b>y</b>
182	87	11.3	325 (No)
189	92	12.3	344 (Yes)
178	79	10.6	350 (Yes)
183	90	12.7	320 (No)

# Transform input matrix with weight vector

- Assume a function  $f_w(x) = w^T x$  with weight vector  $w = (1, -1, 20)$ 
  - Intuitively,
    - by 20, running speed is more important than the other two features, and
    - by -1, weight is negatively correlated to y

$$w^T x^{(1)} = [1 \quad -1 \quad 20] * \begin{bmatrix} 182 \\ 87 \\ 11.3 \end{bmatrix} = 321$$

$$w^T x^{(2)} = [1 \quad -1 \quad 20] * \begin{bmatrix} 189 \\ 92 \\ 12.3 \end{bmatrix} = 343.0$$

$$w^T x^{(3)} = 311 \quad w^T x^{(4)} = 347$$

$$Xw = \begin{bmatrix} 321 \\ 343 \\ 311 \\ 347 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the parameter vector we want to learn

# Organise output into vector

- Let  $y$  be the vector  $(y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(m)})^T$

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$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 325 \\ 344 \\ 350 \\ 320 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Error representation

$$Xw = \begin{bmatrix} 321 \\ 343 \\ 311 \\ 347 \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 325 \\ 344 \\ 350 \\ 320 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Square error of all instances

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 = \|Xw - y\|_2^2$$

# Linear regression : optimization

- Given training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  i.i.d. from distribution  $D$
- Find  $f_w(x) = w^T x$  that minimises  $\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2$

- Let  $X$  be a matrix whose  $i$ -th row is  $(x^{(i)})^T$ ,  $y$  be the vector  $(y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(m)})^T$

Now we knew where this comes from!

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 = \frac{1}{m} \|Xw - y\|_2^2$$

Solving this optimization problem will be introduced in later lectures.

Variant: Linear regression with bias

# Linear regression with bias

- Given training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  i.i.d. from distribution  $D$
- Find  $f_w(x) = w^T x + b$  that minimises the loss

Bias Term

- Reduce to the case without bias:
  - Let  $w' = [w; b], x' = [x; 1]$
  - Then  $f_{w,b}(x) = w^T x + b = (w')^T (x')$

Intuitively, every instance is extended with one more feature whose value is always 1, and we already know the weight for this feature, i.e.,  $b$

# Linear regression with bias

- Think about bias  $b = -330$  for the football player example

$$X'w' = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 13 \\ -19 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can do a bit of  
exercise on this.

Variant: Linear regression with lasso penalty

# Linear regression with lasso penalty

- Given training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  i.i.d. from distribution  $D$
- Find  $f_w(x) = w^T x + b$  that minimises the loss

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (w^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda |w|_1$$

lasso penalty:  $L^1$  norm  
of the parameter,  
**encourages sparsity**

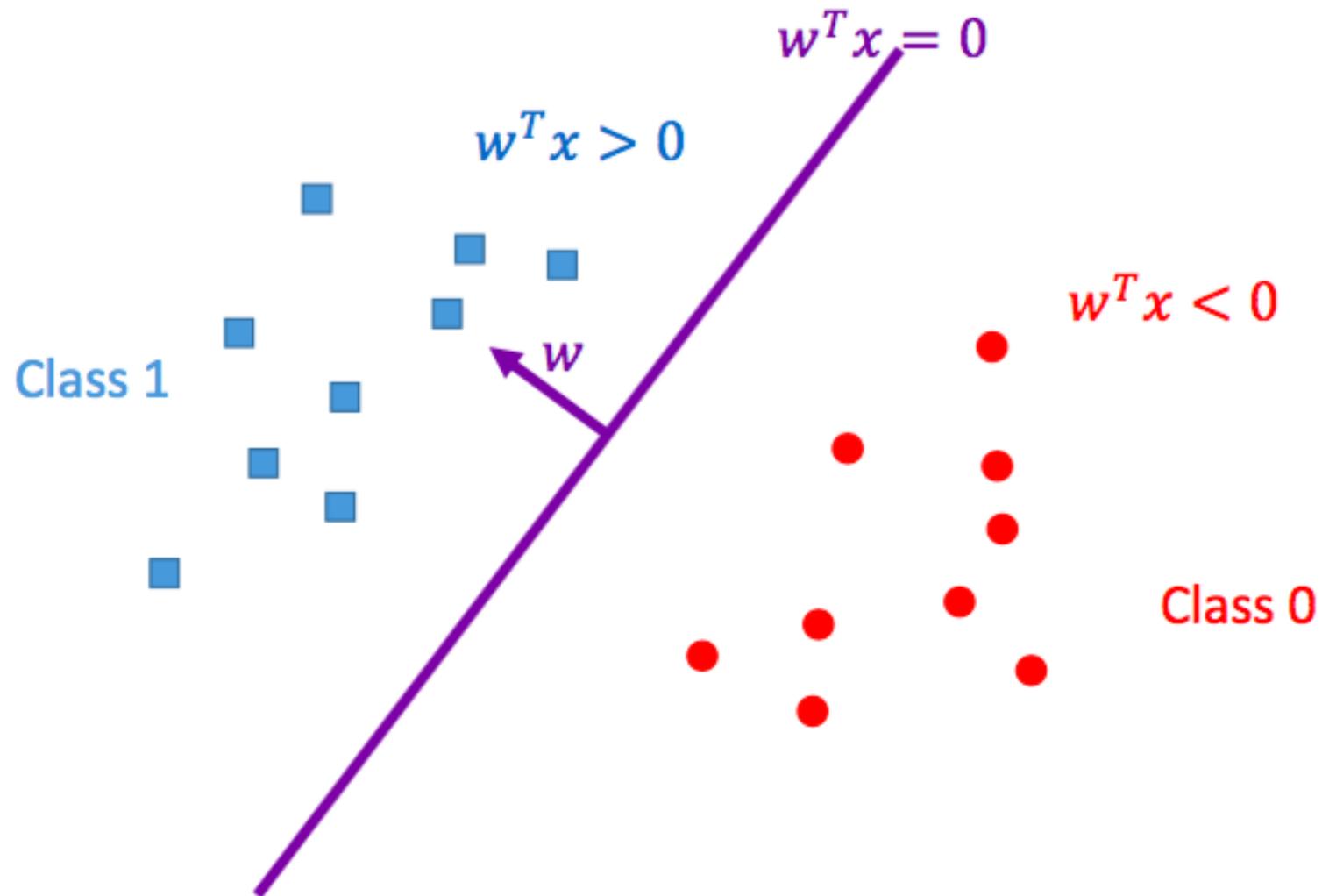
# Variant: Evaluation Metrics

# Evaluation Metrics

- Root mean squared error (RMSE)
- Mean absolute error (MAE) – average  $L^1$  error
- R-square (R-squared)
- Historically all were computed on training data, and possibly adjusted after, but really should cross-validate

# Linear classification

# Linear classification



# Linear classification: natural attempt

- Given training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  i.i.d. from distribution  $D$
- Hypothesis  $f_w(x) = w^T x$ 
  - $y = 1$  if  $w^T x > 0$
  - $y = 0$  if  $w^T x < 0$

Piecewise Linear  
model  $\mathcal{H}$

Or more formally, let  $y = \text{step}(f_w(x)) = \text{step}(w^T x)$

where  $\text{step}(m) = 1$ , if  $m > 0$  and  
 $\text{step}(m) = 0$ , otherwise

Still,  $w$  is the vector of  
parameters to be trained.

But what is the  
optimization  
objective?

# Linear classification: natural attempt

- Given training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  i.i.d. from distribution  $D$
- Find  $f_w(x) = w^T x$  that minimises

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{I}[\text{step}(w^T x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}]$$

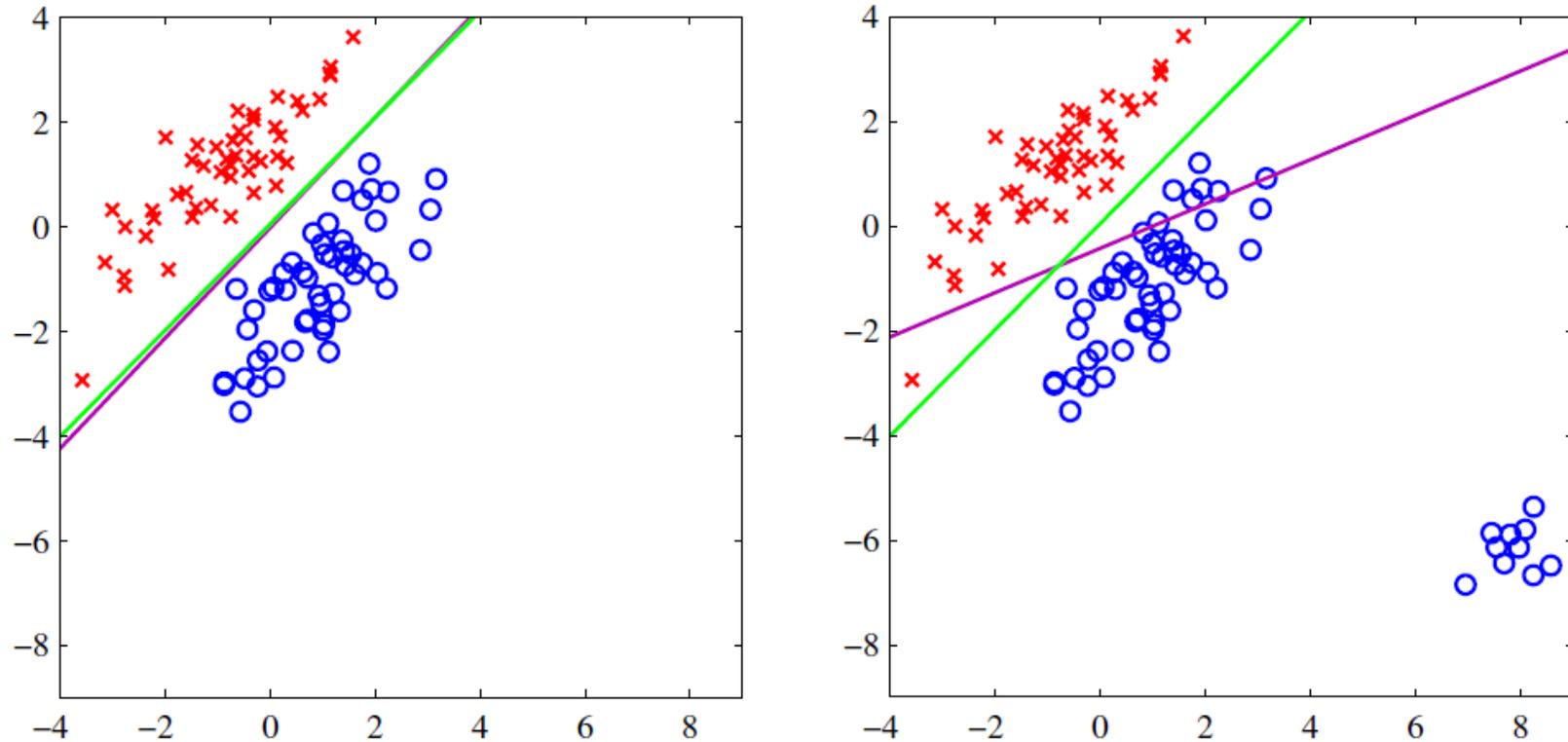
- Drawback: difficult to optimize
  - NP-hard in the worst case

0-1 loss

loss = 0, i.e., no loss, when the classification is the same as its label.

loss = 1, otherwise.

# Linear classification



Drawback: not robust to “outliers”

**Figure 4.4** The left plot shows data from two classes, denoted by red crosses and blue circles, together with the decision boundary found by least squares (magenta curve) and also by the logistic regression model (green curve), which is discussed later in Section 4.3.2. The right-hand plot shows the corresponding results obtained when extra data points are added at the bottom left of the diagram, showing that least squares is highly sensitive to outliers, unlike logistic regression.

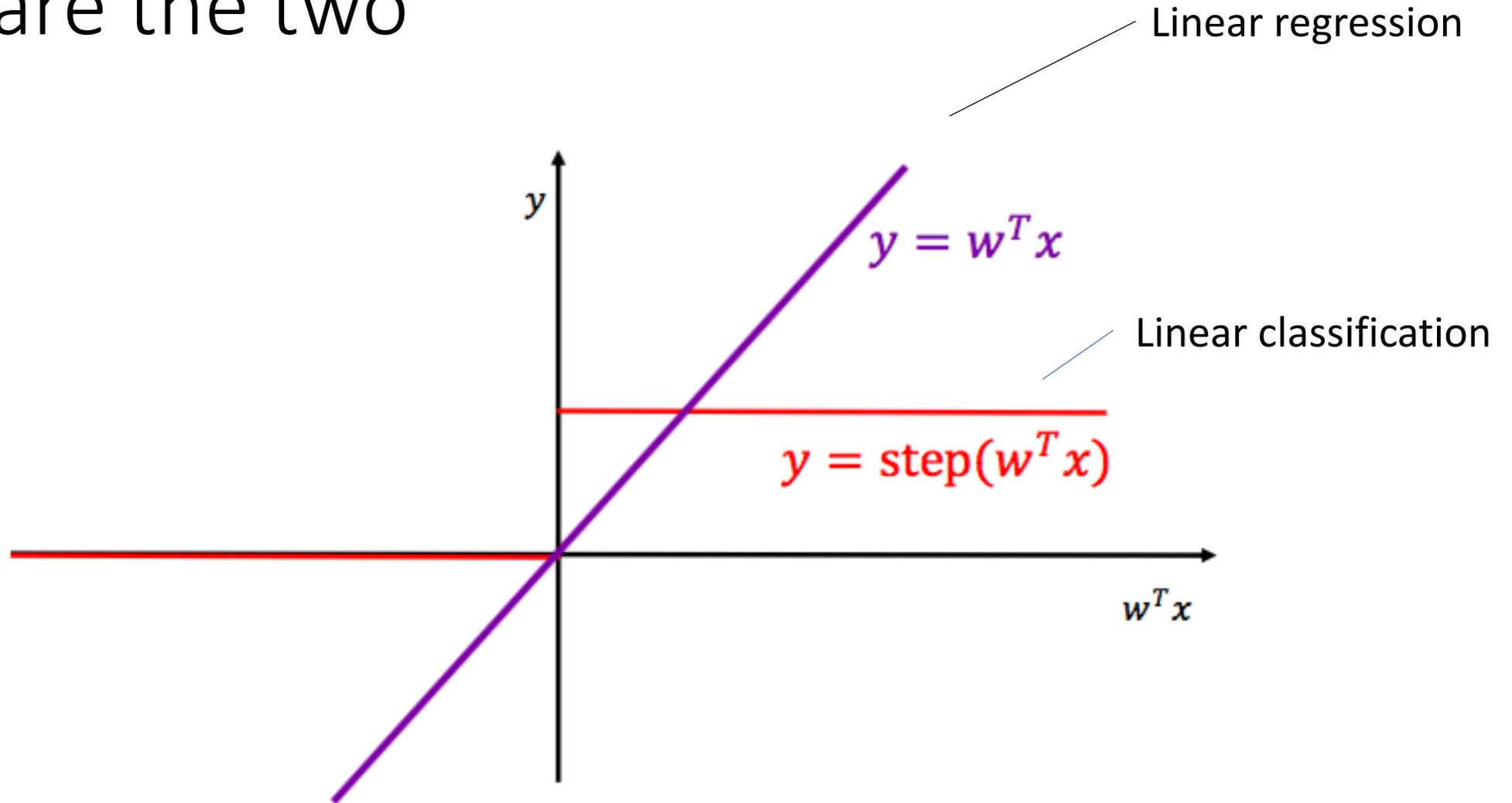
logistic regression

# Why logistic regression?

- It's tempting to use the linear regression output as probabilities
- but it's a mistake because the output can be negative and greater than 1, whereas probability can not.

Logistic regression always  
outputs a value between 0 and 1

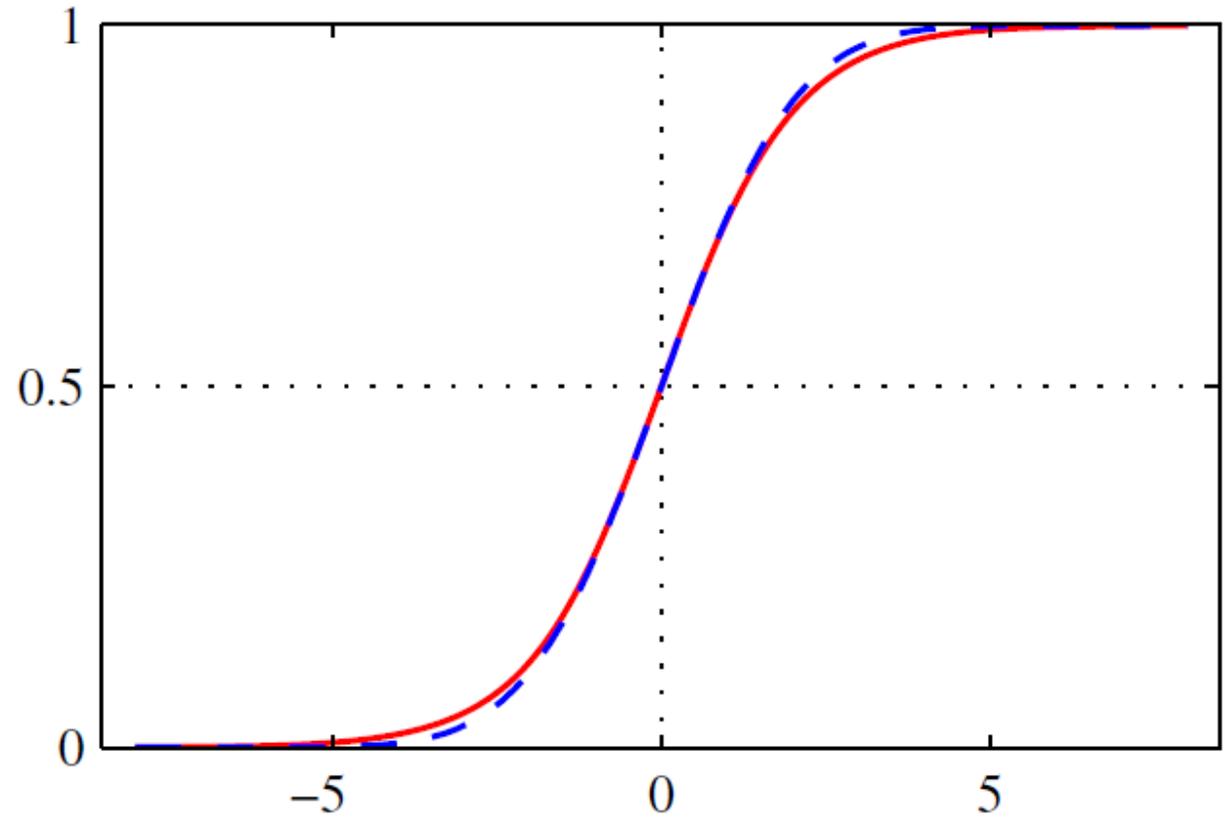
# Compare the two



# Between the two

- Prediction bounded in  $[0,1]$
- Smooth
- Sigmoid:

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$



# Linear regression: sigmoid prediction

- Squash the output of the linear function

$$\text{Sigmoid}(w^T x) = \sigma(w^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^T x)}$$

New optimization objective

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

Question: Do we need to squash  $y$ ?

# Linear classification: logistic regression

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

- Is this the final?

**We need a probability!**

If  $y^{(i)}$  is either 0 or 1, can we interpret  $\sigma(w^T x^{(i)})$  as a probability value?

# Linear classification: logistic regression

- A better approach: Interpret as a probability

$$P_w(y = 1 | x) = \sigma(w^T x)$$

$$P_w(y = 0 | x) = 1 - P_w(y = 1 | x) = 1 - \sigma(w^T x)$$

Here we  
assume that  
 $y=0$  or  $y=1$

Conditional probability

# Linear classification: logistic regression

- Find  $f_w(x) = w^T x$  that minimises

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log P_w(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)})$$

↓ unfold

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{y^{(i)}=1} \log \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{y^{(i)}=0} \log [1 - \sigma(w^T x^{(i)})]$$

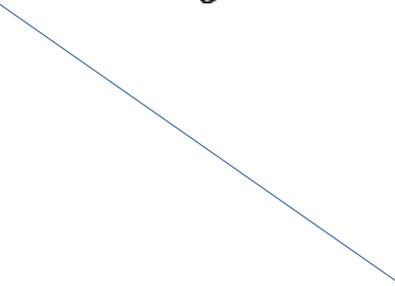
Why log function used? To avoid numerical instability.

Logistic regression:  
MLE (maximum likelihood estimation)  
with sigmoid

# Linear classification: logistic regression

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- Find  $w$  that minimises

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{y^{(i)}=1} \log \sigma(w^T x^{(i)}) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{y^{(i)}=0} \log[1 - \sigma(w^T x^{(i)})]$$



No close form solution;  
Need to use gradient descent

# Why sigmoid function?

- Bounded

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)} \in (0,1)$$

- Symmetric

$$1 - \sigma(a) = \frac{\exp(-a)}{1 + \exp(-a)} = \frac{1}{\exp(a) + 1} = \sigma(-a)$$

- Gradient

$$\sigma'(a) = \frac{\exp(-a)}{(1 + \exp(-a))^2} = \sigma(a)(1 - \sigma(a))$$

# Exercises

- Given the dataset and consider the mean square root error, if we have the following two linear functions:

- $f_w(x) = 2x_1 + 1x_2 + 20x_3 - 330$
- $f_w(x) = 1x_1 - 2x_2 + 23x_3 - 332$

x1	x2	x3	y
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please answer the following questions:

- (1) which model is better for linear regression?
- (2) which model is better for linear classification by considering 0-1 loss for  $y^T=(\text{No},\text{Yes},\text{Yes},\text{No})$ ?
- (3) which model is better for logistic regression for  $y^T=(\text{No},\text{Yes},\text{Yes},\text{No})$ ?
- (4) According to the logistic regression of the first model, what is the prediction result of the first model on a new input (181,92,12.4).