# Machine Learning 

A. Supervised Learning
A.2. Linear Classification

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## The Classification Problem

Example: classifying iris plants (Anderson 1935).

150 iris plants (50 of each species):

- species: setosa, versicolor, virginica
- length and width of sepals (in cm)
- length and width of petals (in cm )

iris setosa
iris versicolor

iris virginica


## The Classification Problem

|  | Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| 1 | 5.10 | 3.50 | 1.40 | 0.20 | setosa |
| 2 | 4.90 | 3.00 | 1.40 | 0.20 | setosa |
| 3 | 4.70 | 3.20 | 1.30 | 0.20 | setosa |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ |  |
| 51 | 7.00 | 3.20 | 4.70 | 1.40 | versicolor |
| 52 | 6.40 | 3.20 | 4.50 | 1.50 | versicolor |
| 53 | 6.90 | 3.10 | 4.90 | 1.50 | versicolor |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ |  |
| 101 | 6.30 | 3.30 | 6.00 | 2.50 | virginica |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ |  |
| 150 | 5.90 | 3.00 | 5.10 | 1.80 | virginica |

## The Classification Problem




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## Binary Classification

Lets start simple and consider two classes only. Lets say our target $Y$ is $\mathcal{Y}:=\{0,1\}$.

## Given

- a set $\mathcal{D}^{\text {train }}:=\left\{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right), \ldots,\left(x_{N}, y_{N}\right)\right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{M} \times \mathcal{Y}$ called training data, we want to estimate a model $\hat{y}(x)$ s.t. for a set $\mathcal{D}^{\text {test }} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{M} \times \mathcal{Y}$ called test set the test error

$$
\operatorname{err}\left(\hat{y} ; \mathcal{D}^{\text {test }}\right):=\frac{1}{\left|D^{\text {test }}\right|} \sum_{(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}^{\text {test }}} I(y \neq \hat{y}(x))
$$

is minimal.

Note: $\mathcal{D}^{\text {test }}$ has (i) to be from the same data generating process and (ii) not to be available during training.

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## Binary Classification with Linear Regression

One idea could be to optimize the linear regression model

$$
Y=\langle X, \beta\rangle+\epsilon
$$

for RSS.
This has several problems

- It is not suited for predicting $y$ as it can assume all kinds of intermediate values.
- It is a optimized for the wrong loss.



## Binary Classification with Linear Regression

Instead of predicting $Y$ directly, we predict

$$
p(Y=1 \mid X ; \hat{\beta}) \text {, the probability of } Y \text { being } 1 \text { knowing } X \text {. }
$$

But linear regression is also not suited for predicting probabilities, as its predicted values are principially unbounded.

Use a trick and transform the unbounded target by a function that forces it into the unit interval $[0,1]$

## Logistic Function

## Logistic function:

$$
\operatorname{logistic}(x):=\frac{e^{x}}{1+e^{x}}=\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}
$$

The logistic function is a function that

- has values between 0 and 1 ,
- converges to 1 when approaching $+\infty$,
- converges to 0 when
 approaching $-\infty$,
- is smooth and symmetric at $(0,0.5)$.


## Maximum Likelihood Estimator

Logistic regression model:

$$
p(Y=1 \mid X ; \hat{\beta})=\operatorname{logistic}(\langle X, \hat{\beta}\rangle)+\epsilon=\frac{e^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\beta}_{i} X_{i}}}{1+e^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\beta}_{i} X_{i}}}+\epsilon
$$

As fit criterium, the likelihood is used.
As $Y$ is binary, it has a Bernoulli distribution:

$$
Y \mid X=\operatorname{Bernoulli}(p(Y=1 \mid X))
$$

Thus, the conditional likelihood function is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}(\hat{\beta}) & =\prod_{i=1}^{n} p\left(Y=y_{i} \mid X=x_{i} ; \hat{\beta}\right) \\
& =\prod_{i=1}^{n} p\left(Y=1 \mid X=x_{i} ; \hat{\beta}\right)^{y_{i}}\left(1-p\left(Y=1 \mid X=x_{i} ; \hat{\beta}\right)\right)^{1-y_{i}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Estimating Model Parameters

The last step is to estimate the model parameter $\hat{\beta}$.

This will be done by maximizing the conditional likelihood function $L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}$ which is in this case equivalent to maximizing the $\log$ likelihood $\log \left(L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}\right)$.

This can be done with any optimization technique, we will have a closer look at

- Gradient Ascent
- Newton


## Gradient Ascent

## 1: procedure

```
    \(\operatorname{MAXIMIZE-GA}\left(f: \mathbb{R}^{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \beta^{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}, \alpha, t_{\max } \in \mathbb{N}, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{+}\right)\)
2: \(\quad\) for \(t=1, \ldots, t_{\max }\) do
3: \(\quad \beta^{(t)}:=\beta^{(t-1)}+\alpha \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta}\left(\beta^{(t-1)}\right)\)
    if \(f\left(\beta^{(t)}\right)-f\left(\beta^{(t-1)}\right)<\epsilon\) then
return \(\beta^{(t)}\)
6: error "not converged in \(t_{\text {max }}\) iterations"
```

4:
5:

For maximizing function $f$ instead of minimizing it, we need to follow the positive direction of the gradient.

## Gradient Ascent for the Loglikelihood

$$
\begin{aligned}
\log L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}(\hat{\beta}) & =\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \log p_{i}+\left(1-y_{i}\right) \log \left(1-p_{i}\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \log \left(\frac{e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}}{1+e^{\left.x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}}\right)+\left(1-y_{i}\right) \log \left(1-\frac{e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}}{1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}}\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\left(\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle-\log \left(1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}\right)\right)+\left(1-y_{i}\right) \log \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}}\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\left(\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle-\log \left(1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}\right)\right)+\left(1-y_{i}\right)\left(-\log \left(1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}\right)\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle-\log \left(1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Gradient Ascent for the Loglikelihood

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \log L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}(\hat{\beta})=\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle-\log \left(1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}\right) \\
& \frac{\partial \log L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \hat{\beta}}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} x_{i}-\frac{1}{1+e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle}} e^{\left\langle x_{i}, \hat{\beta}\right\rangle} x_{i} \\
&=\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}\left(y_{i}-p\left(Y=1 \mid X=x_{i} ; \hat{\beta}\right)\right) \\
&=\mathbf{X}^{\top}(\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{p}) \\
& \mathbf{p}:=\left(\begin{array}{c}
p\left(Y=1 \mid X=x_{1} ; \hat{\beta}\right) \\
\vdots \\
p\left(Y=1 \mid X=x_{n} ; \hat{\beta}\right)
\end{array}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Gradient Ascent for the Loglikelihood

1: procedure Log-REgR-
$\mathrm{GA}\left(L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}: \mathbb{R}^{P+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \hat{\beta}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{P+1}, \alpha, t_{\max } \in \mathbb{N}, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{+}\right)$
2: $\quad$ for $t=1, \ldots, t_{\text {max }}$ do
3:
$\hat{\beta}^{(t)}:=\hat{\beta}^{(t-1)}+\alpha \cdot X^{T}(y-p)$
if $\left.L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}\left(\hat{\beta}^{(t-1)}\right)-L_{\mathcal{D}}^{\text {cond }}\left(\hat{\beta}^{(t)}\right)\right)<\epsilon$ then
return $\hat{\beta}^{(t)}$
6: error "not converged in $t_{\text {max }}$ iterations"

## Newton Algorithm

Given a function $f: \mathbb{R}^{p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, find $\beta$ with minimal $f(\beta)$.

The Newton algorithm is based on a quadratic Taylor expansion of $f$ around $x_{n}$ :

$$
F_{n}(\beta):=f\left(\beta_{n}\right)+\left\langle\frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta}\left(\beta_{n}\right), \beta-\beta_{n}\right\rangle+\frac{1}{2}\left\langle\beta-\beta_{n}, \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^{T}}\left(\beta_{n}\right)\left(\beta-\beta_{n}\right)\right\rangle
$$ and minimizes this approximation in each step, i.e.,

$$
\frac{\partial F_{n}}{\partial \beta}\left(\beta_{n+1}\right) \stackrel{!}{=} 0
$$

## Newton Algorithm

Computing the derivative of the Taylor approximation with respect to $x$ yields:

$$
\frac{\partial F_{n}}{\partial \beta}(\beta)=\frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta}\left(\beta_{n}\right)+\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^{T}}\left(\beta_{n}\right)\left(\beta-\beta_{n}\right)
$$

which leads to the Newton update:

$$
\beta_{n+1}=\beta_{n}-\left(\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^{T}}\left(\beta_{n}\right)\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta}\left(\beta_{n}\right)
$$

This requires inversion of the Hessian Matrix.

## Newton Algorithm

## 1: procedure

$\operatorname{minimize-Newton}\left(f: \mathbb{R}^{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \beta^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}, \alpha, t_{\text {max }} \in \mathbb{N}, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{+}\right)$
2: $\quad$ for $t=1, \ldots, t_{\max }$ do
3:
$\beta^{(t)}:=\beta^{(t-1)}-\alpha H^{-1} \nabla_{\beta} f$
4:
5:
if $f\left(\beta^{(t-1)}\right)-f\left(\beta^{(t)}\right)<\epsilon$ then
return $\beta^{(t)}$
6: error " not converged in $t_{\text {max }}$ iterations"
$\beta^{(0)}$ start value
$\alpha$ (fixed) step length / learning rate
$t_{\text {max }}$ maximal number of iterations
$\epsilon$ minimum stepwise improvement
$H \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ Hessian matrix, $H_{i, j}=\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial \beta_{i} \partial \beta_{j}}$

$$
\nabla_{\beta} f \in \mathbb{R}^{N}\left(\nabla_{\beta} f\right)_{i}=\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_{i}} f
$$

Newton Algorithm for the Loglikelihood

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{\partial \log L_{D}^{\text {cond }}(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \hat{\beta}}=\mathbf{X}^{T}(\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{p}) \\
\frac{\partial^{2} \log L_{D}^{\text {cond }}(\hat{\beta})}{\partial \hat{\beta} \partial \hat{\beta}^{T}}=\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}
\end{gathered}
$$

with

$$
W:=\operatorname{diag}(\langle p, \mathbf{1}-p\rangle)
$$

and $p_{i}:=P\left(Y=1 \mid X=x_{i} ; \hat{\beta}\right)$.
Update rule for the Logistic Regression with Newton optimization:

$$
\hat{\beta}^{(t)}:=\hat{\beta}^{(t-1)}+\alpha\left(X^{\top} W X\right)^{-1} X^{\top}(y-p)
$$

Newton Algorithm for the Loglikelihood

$$
\begin{array}{rrl}
\hline x 1 & x 2 & y \\
\hline 1 & 1 & + \\
3 & 2 & + \\
2 & 2 & - \\
0 & 3 & -
\end{array}, \mathbf{X}:=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 1 & 1 \\
1 & 3 & 2 \\
1 & 2 & 2 \\
1 & 0 & 3
\end{array}\right), \mathbf{y}:=\left(\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1 \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right), \hat{\beta}^{(0)}:=\left(\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right), \alpha=1
$$

$$
p^{(0)}=\left(\begin{array}{l}
0.5 \\
0.5 \\
0.5 \\
0.5
\end{array}\right), \quad W^{(0)}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\begin{array}{c}
0.25 \\
0.25 \\
0.25 \\
0.25
\end{array}\right), \quad X^{T}(y-p)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
1 \\
-1
\end{array}\right)
$$

$$
\left(X^{\top} W^{(0)} X\right)^{-1}=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
14.55 & -2.22 & -5.11 \\
-2.22 & 0.88 & 0.44 \\
-5.11 & 0.44 & 2.22
\end{array}\right), \quad \hat{\beta}^{(1)}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
2.88 \\
0.44 \\
-1.77
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Visualization Logistic Regression Models

To visualize a logistic regression model, we can plot the decision boundary

$$
\hat{p}(Y=1 \mid X)=\frac{1}{2}
$$

and more detailed some level lines

$$
\hat{p}(Y=1 \mid X)=p_{0}
$$

e.g., for $p_{0}=0.25$ and $p_{0}=0.75$ :

$$
\langle\hat{\beta}, X\rangle=\log \left(\frac{p_{0}}{1-p_{0}}\right)
$$

## Decision Boundary after One Newton Step



## Decision Boundary after Two Newton Steps



## Decision Boundary after Three Newton Steps



## Decision Boundary after Four Newton Steps



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## Binary vs. Multi-category Targets

## Binary Targets / Binary Classification:

 prediction of a nominal target variable with 2 levels/values.Example: spam vs. non-spam.

## Multi-category Targets / Multi-class Targets / Polychotomous Classification: prediction of a nominal target variable with more than 2 levels/values.

Example: three iris species; 10 digits; 26 letters etc.

## Compound vs. Monolithic Classifiers

Compound models

- built from binary submodels,
- different types of compound models employ different sets of submodels:
- 1-vs-rest (aka 1-vs-all)
- 1-vs-last
- 1-vs-1 (Dietterich and Bakiri 1995; aka pairwise classification)
- using error-correcting codes to combine component models.
- also ensembles of compound models are used (Frank and Kramer 2004).

Monolithic models (aka "'one machine"' (Rifkin and Klautau 2004))

- trying to solve the multi-class target problem intrinsically (examples: decision trees, special SVMs)


## Types of Compound Models

1-vs-rest: one binary classifier per class:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
f_{y}: X \rightarrow[0,1], \quad y \in Y \\
f(x):=\left(\frac{f_{1}(x)}{\sum_{y \in Y} f_{y}(x)}, \ldots, \frac{f_{k}(x)}{\sum_{y \in Y} f_{y}(x)}\right)
\end{array}
$$

1-vs-last: one binary classifier per class (but last $y_{k}$ ):

$$
\begin{array}{r}
f_{y}: X \rightarrow[0,1], \quad y \in Y, y \neq y_{k} \\
f(x):=\left(\frac{f_{1}(x)}{1+\sum_{y \in Y} f_{y}(x)}, \ldots, \frac{f_{k-1}(x)}{1+\sum_{y \in Y} f_{y}(x)}, \frac{1}{1+\sum_{y \in Y} f_{y}(x)}\right)
\end{array}
$$

## Polychotomous Discrimination, $k$ target categories

1-vs-rest construction:


1-vs-last construction:

2-vs-k $\quad==\quad(k-1)-v s-k$
class 2
class 1
$k-1$ classifiers trained on approx. 2 $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{k}$ on average.
$N+(k-2) N_{k}$ cases in total
$k$ classifiers trained on $N$ cases
$k N$ cases in total

## Example / Iris data / Logistic Regression



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## Assumptions

In discriminant analysis, it is assumed that

- cases of a each class $k$ are generated according to some probabilities

$$
\pi_{k}=p(Y=k)
$$

and

- its predictor variables are generated by a class-specific multivariate normal distribution

$$
X \mid Y=k \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{k}, \Sigma_{k}\right)
$$

i.e.

$$
p_{k}(x):=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}\left|\Sigma_{k}\right|^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left\langle x-\mu_{k}, \Sigma_{k}^{-1}\left(x-\mu_{k}\right)\right\rangle}
$$

## Decision Rule

Discriminant analysis predicts as follows:

$$
\hat{Y} \mid(X=x):=\underset{k}{\arg \max } \pi_{k} p_{k}(x)=\underset{k}{\arg \max } \delta_{k}(x)
$$

with the discriminant functions

$$
\delta_{k}(x):=\log \left(\pi_{k} p_{k}\right)=-\frac{1}{2} \log \left|\Sigma_{k}\right|-\frac{1}{2}\left\langle x-\mu_{k}, \Sigma_{k}^{-1}\left(x-\mu_{k}\right)\right\rangle+\log \pi_{k}
$$

Here,

$$
\left\langle x-\mu_{k}, \Sigma_{k}^{-1}\left(x-\mu_{k}\right)\right\rangle
$$

is called the Mahalanobis distance of $x$ and $\mu_{k}$.
Thus, discriminant analysis can be described as prototype method, where

- each class $k$ is represented by a prototype $\mu_{k}$ and
- cases are assigned the class with the nearest (with respect to Mahalanobis distance) prototype.


## Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimates

The maximum likelihood parameter estimates are as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \hat{n}_{k}:=\sum_{i=1}^{n} I\left(y_{i}=k\right), \quad \text { with } I(x=y):= \begin{cases}1, & \text { if } x=y \\
0, & \text { else }\end{cases} \\
& \hat{\pi}_{k}:=\frac{\hat{n}_{k}}{n} \\
& \hat{\mu}_{k}:=\frac{1}{\hat{n}_{k}} \sum_{i: y_{i}=k} x_{i} \\
& \hat{\Sigma}_{k}:=\frac{1}{\hat{n}_{k}} \sum_{i: y_{i}=k}\left(x_{i}-\hat{\mu}_{k}\right)\left(x_{i}-\hat{\mu}_{k}\right)^{T}
\end{aligned}
$$

## QDA vs. LDA

In the general case, decision boundaries are quadratic due to the quadratic occurrence of $x$ in the Mahalanobis distance. This is called quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA).

If we assume that all classes share the same covariance matrix, i.e.,

$$
\Sigma_{k}=\Sigma_{k^{\prime}} \quad \forall k, k^{\prime}
$$

then this quadratic term is canceled and the decision boundaries become linear. This model is called linear discriminant analysis (LDA).

The maximum likelihood estimator for the common covariance matrix in LDA is

$$
\hat{\Sigma}:=\sum_{k} \frac{\hat{n}_{k}}{n} \hat{\Sigma}_{k}
$$

## Example / Iris data / LDA



## Example / Iris data / QDA



## Example / Iris data / LDA



## Example / Iris data / QDA



## LDA coordinates

The variance matrix estimated by LDA can be used to linearly transform the data s.t. the Mahalanobis distance

$$
d_{M}(x, y)=\left\langle x, \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} y\right\rangle=x^{T} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} y
$$

becomes the standard Euclidean distance in the transformed coordinates

$$
\left\langle x^{\prime}, y^{\prime}\right\rangle=x^{\prime T} y^{\prime}
$$

This is accomplished by decomposing $\hat{\Sigma}$ as

$$
\hat{\Sigma}=U D U^{T}
$$

with an orthonormal matrix $U$ (i.e., $U^{T}=U^{-1}$ ) and a diagonal matrix $D$ and setting

$$
x^{\prime}:=D^{-\frac{1}{2}} U^{T} x
$$

## Example / Iris data / LDA coordinates



## LDA vs. Logistic Regression

LDA and logistic regression use the same underlying linear model.

For LDA:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \log \left(\frac{P(Y=1 \mid X=x)}{P(Y=0 \mid X=x)}\right) \\
= & \log \left(\frac{\pi_{1}}{\pi_{0}}\right)-\frac{1}{2}\left\langle\mu_{0}+\mu_{1}, \Sigma^{-1}\left(\mu_{1}-\mu_{0}\right)\right\rangle+\left\langle x, \Sigma^{-1}\left(\mu_{1}-\mu_{0}\right)\right\rangle \\
= & \alpha_{0}+\langle\alpha, x\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

For logistic regression by definition we have:

$$
\log \left(\frac{P(Y=1 \mid X=x)}{P(Y=0 \mid X=x)}\right)=\beta_{0}+\langle\beta, x\rangle
$$

## LDA vs. Logistic Regression

Both models differ in the way they estimate the parameters.

LDA maximizes the complete likelihood:

$$
\prod_{i} p\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)=\underbrace{\prod_{i} p\left(x_{i} \mid y_{i}\right)}_{\text {normal } p_{k}} \underbrace{\prod_{i} p\left(y_{i}\right)}_{\text {bernoulli } \pi_{k}}
$$

While logistic regression maximizes the conditional likelihood only:

$$
\prod_{i} p\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)=\underbrace{\prod_{i} p\left(y_{i} \mid x_{i}\right)}_{\text {logistic }} \underbrace{\prod_{i} p\left(x_{i}\right)}_{\text {ignored }}
$$

## Summary

- For classification, logistic regression models of type
$Y=\frac{e^{\langle X, \beta\rangle}}{1+e^{\langle X, \beta\rangle}}+\epsilon$ can be used to predict a binary $Y$ based on several (quantitative) $X$.
- The maximum likelihood estimates (MLE) can be computed using Gradient Ascent or Newton's algorithm on the loglikelihood.
- Another simple classification model is linear discriminant analysis (LDA) that assumes that the cases of each class have been generated by a multivariate normal distribution with class-specific means $\mu_{k}$ (the class prototype) and a common covariance matrix $\Sigma$.
- The maximum likelihood parameter estimates $\hat{\pi}_{k}, \hat{\mu}_{k}, \hat{\Sigma}$ for LDA are just the sample estimates.
- Logistic regression and LDA share the same underlying linear model, but logistic regression optimizes the conditional likelihood, LDA the complete likelihood.


## Further Readings

- [JWHT13, chapter 3], [Mur12, chapter 7], [HTFF05, chapter 3].


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