Machine learning - HT 2016
6. Classification: Logistic Regression

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Outline

Today we'll discuss classification using logistic regression.

- Discriminative vs Generative Models
- Likelihood of Logistic Regression
- Using convex optimization to the obtain MLE
- Logistic Regression in torch

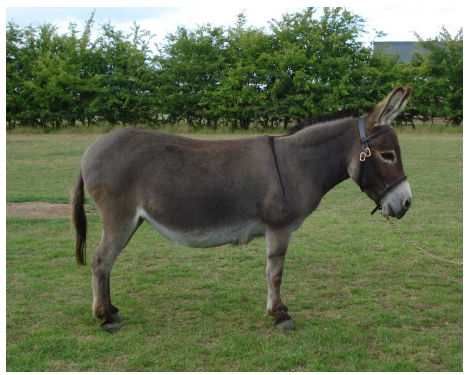
Classification : Generative Models

How are the inputs, tail length and height, distributed given the class?

Model $\Pr(\mathbf{x} \mid y = \text{zebra})$

Model $\Pr(\mathbf{x} \mid y = \text{donkey})$

Example: Model both distributions are multivariate normal with same covariance matrix but different mean



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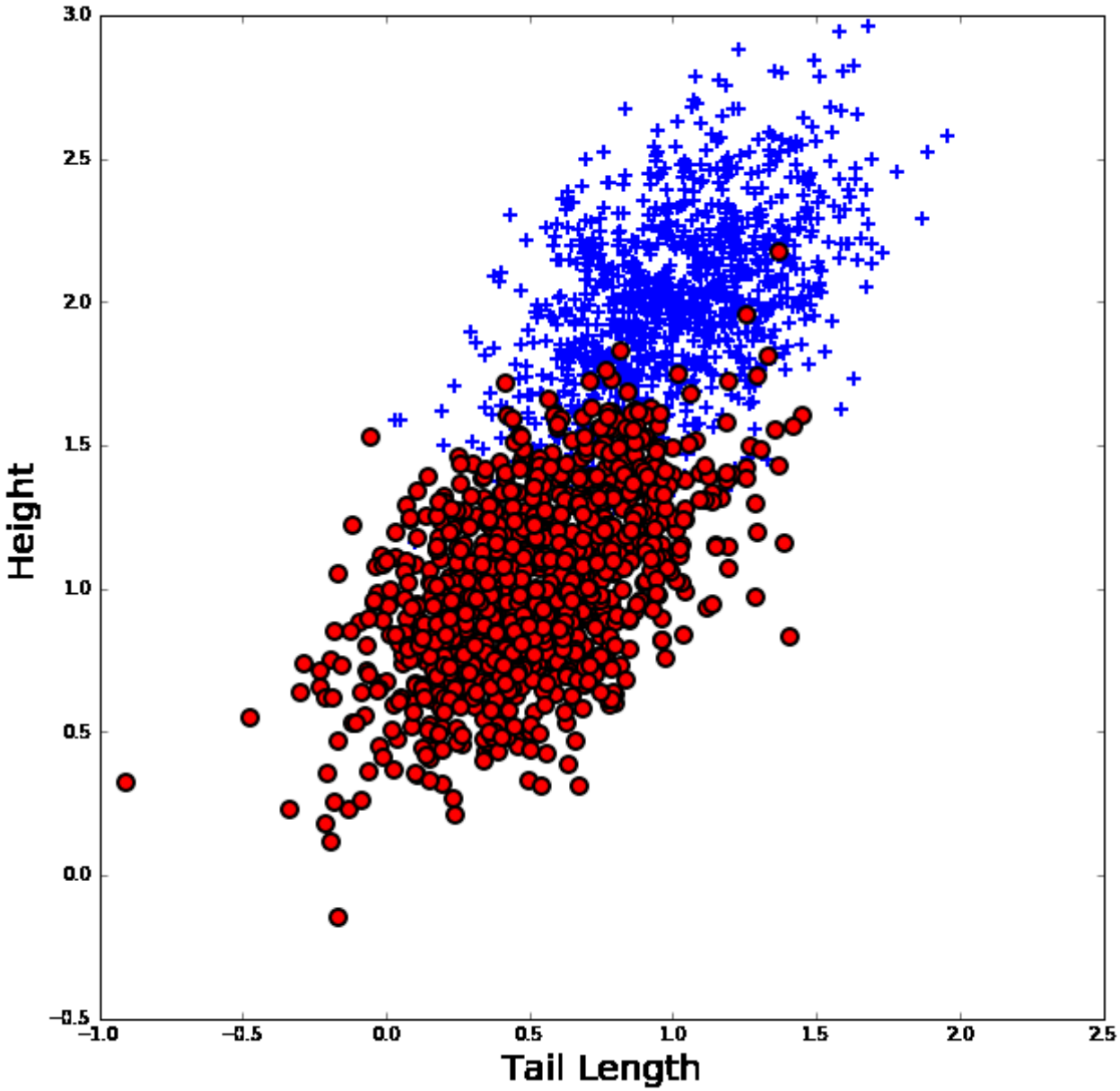

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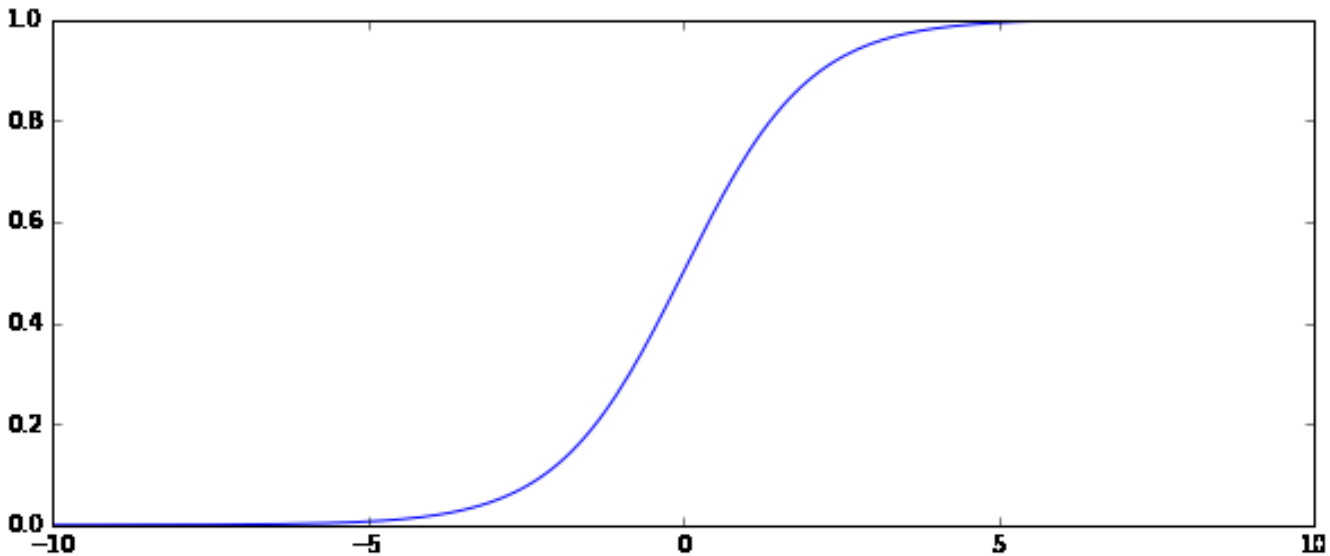
Pros and cons for both approaches (see Murphy Chapter 8.6)

Focus on discriminative classification

Logistic Regression: Sigmoid Function

The sigmoid function, or σ, (a.k.a. logistic or logit) is defined as

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



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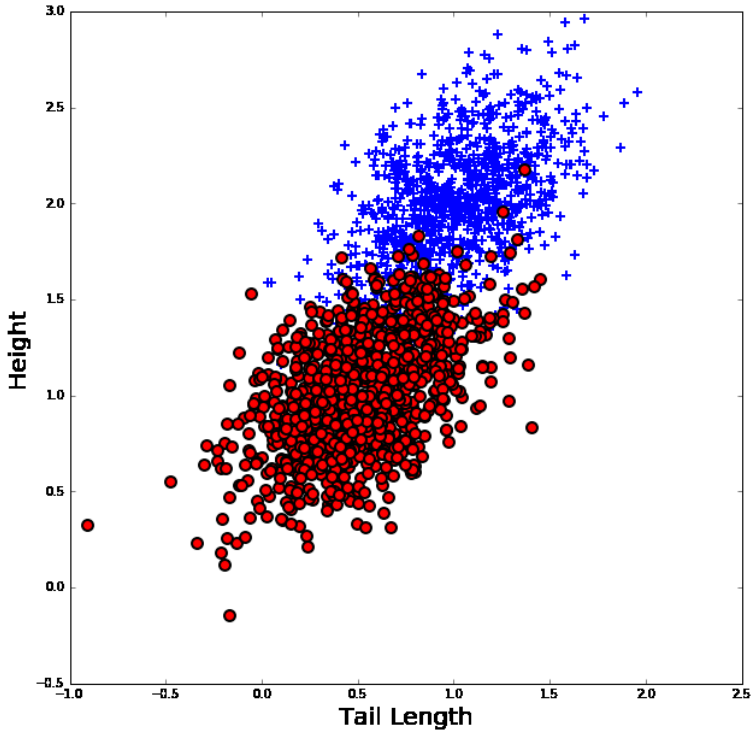

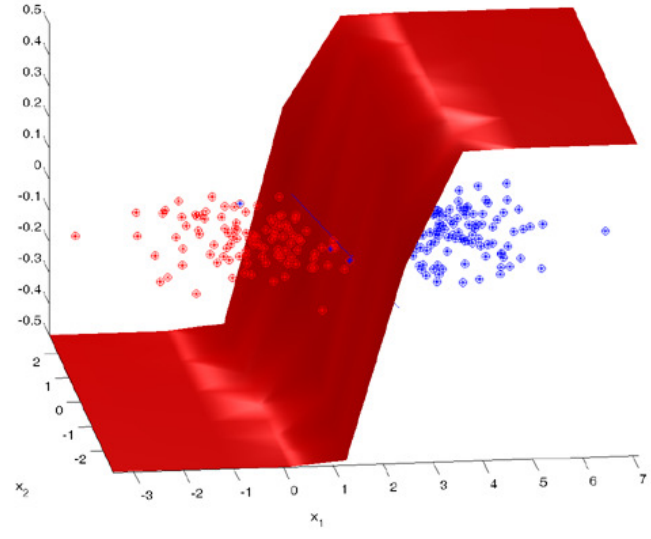

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Logistic Regression

y given $\mathbf{x}$ and parameter $\mathbf{w}$ is modelled as Bernoulli variable

$$y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\sigma(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}))$$

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Let's look at the negative log likelihood for a single data point $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$

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\mathrm{L}(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i) &= -\log(p(y_i \mid \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}))) \\
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Homework: Show that $\mathbf{H}$ is positive definite.

NLL is convex and has a global minimum

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This is a least square solution for the system

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} S_{t,i}(\mathbf{x}_i^T\mathbf{w} - z_{t,i})^2$$

Multi-class, Softmax Formulation, Multinoulli[1]

Logistic Regression as a Neural Network

[1] Kevin Murphy's usage

Softmax in Torch

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nn.SoftMax()
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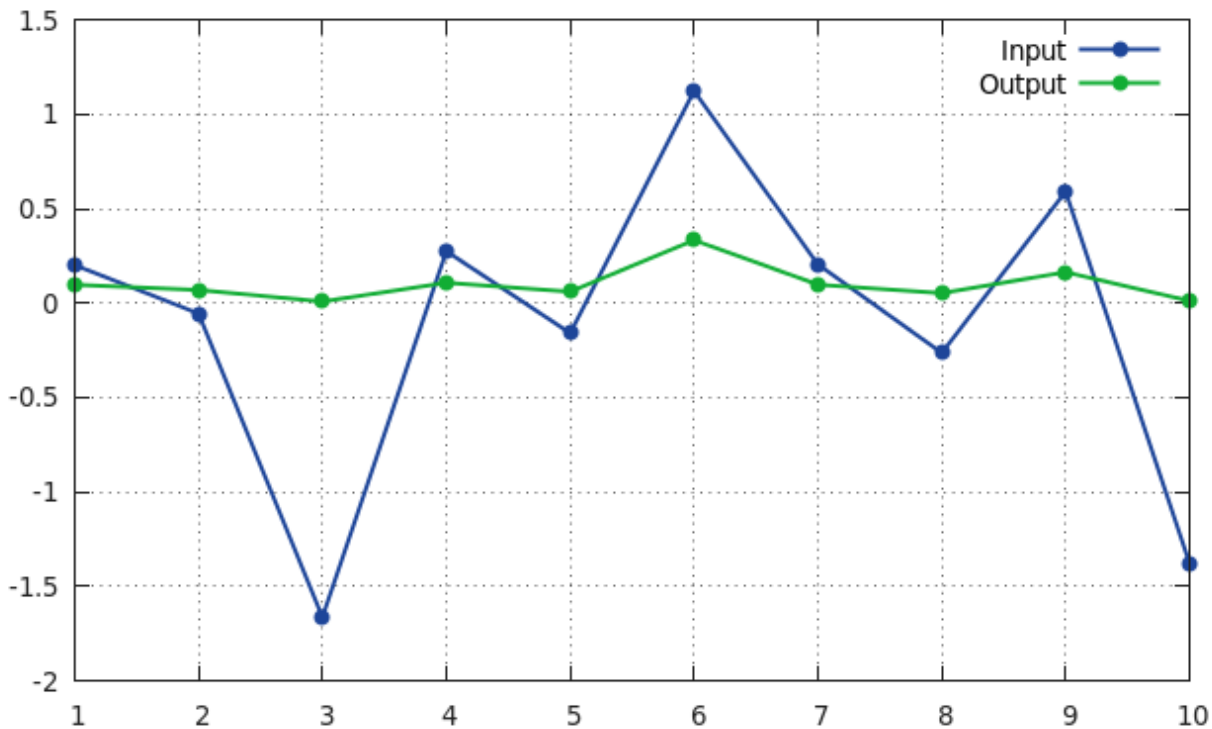

Likelihood for multi-class

Classes: $\{1, \ldots, C\}$

Indicator function:

$$\mathbb{I}_c(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The parameters $\mathbf{W}$ is now a $n \times C$ matrix

For a single data point $(\mathbf{x}, y)$ the likelihood is:

$$p(y \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = \prod_{c=1}^{C} \pi_c^{\mathbb{I}_c(y)}$$

And the negative log likelihood is

$$\mathrm{L}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -\sum_{c=1}^{C} \mathbb{I}_c(y) \log(\pi_c)$$

Multiclass Logistic Regression in Torch

example-logistic-regression.lua

```
require 'nn'; require 'optim';
model = nn.Sequential()
ninputs = 10; noutputs = 3
model:add(nn.Linear(ninputs, noutputs))
model:add(nn.LogSoftMax())
criterion = nn.ClassNLLCriterion()
-- define some input and target
-- to evaluate model
model:forward(input)
-- to evaluate loss
criterion:forward(model:forward(input), target)
-- to compute gradients
model:backward(input, criterion:backward(model.output, target))
```