



# Stochastic Gradient Descent for Logistic Regression

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EXAMPLE

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## Reminder: Logistic Regression

$$P(Y = 0|X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i]} \quad (1)$$

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \frac{\exp[\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i]}{1 + \exp[\beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i X_i]} \quad (2)$$

- Discriminative prediction:  $p(y|x)$
- Classification uses: ad placement, spam detection
- What we didn't talk about is how to learn  $\beta$  from data

## Logistic Regression: Objective Function

$$\mathcal{L} \equiv \ln p(Y|X, \beta) = \sum_j \ln p(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}, \beta) \quad (3)$$

$$= \sum_j y^{(j)} \left( \beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i x_i^{(j)} \right) - \ln \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \beta_0 + \sum_i \beta_i x_i^{(j)} \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

## Algorithm

1. Initialize a vector  $B$  to be all zeros
2. For  $t = 1, \dots, T$ 
  - For each example  $\vec{x}_i, y_i$  and feature  $j$ :
    - Compute  $\pi_i \equiv \Pr(y_i = 1 | \vec{x}_i)$
    - Set  $\beta[j] = \beta[j]' + \lambda(y_i - \pi_i)x_{i,j}$
3. Output the parameters  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d$ .

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$$\vec{\beta} = \langle \beta_{bias} = 0, \beta_A = 0, \beta_B = 0, \beta_C = 0, \beta_D = 0 \rangle$$

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