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#### So far, we have ...



# Our next stage

- Discuss several important and widely used probabilistic models (and framework)
- Discuss efficient posterior inference algorithm
- We will start with generalized linear models

# Outline

- Linear models for regression
- Linear models for classification
- Generalized linear models

- Linear models with (nonlinear) basis functions
- Overfitting and regularization
- Bayesian linear regression
- Predictive distribution
- Empirical Bayes

• Simplest model: linear regression

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Limitation: only model linear function of the input variables

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$$\phi_j : \mathbb{R}^D \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Basis function: can be any (nonlinear) over the input variables

#### Examples of basis functions

• D = 1

$$\phi_j(x) = x^j \quad \phi_j(x) = \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu_j)^2}{2s^2}\right\} \qquad \phi_j(x) = \sigma\left(\frac{x-\mu_j}{s}\right)$$

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$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

Assume the observation is the function corrupted by random Gaussian noise

$$p(t|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1})$$

• Consider an observed dataset  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$  $t_1, \dots, t_N$ 

likelihood  

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(t_n | \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1})$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}_n) = [\phi_0(\mathbf{x}_n), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_n)]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}, \beta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln \mathcal{N}(t_n | \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1})$$

$$= \frac{N}{2} \ln \beta - \frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \beta E_D(\mathbf{w})$$

$$E_D(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)\}^2$$
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$$\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w},\beta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left\{ t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n) \right\} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)^{\mathrm{T}}$$
$$0 = \sum_{n=1}^{N} t_n \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)^{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n) \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)^{\mathrm{T}} \right)$$
$$\mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{ML}} = \left( \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{\Phi} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{t}$$
Design matrix

$$\mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{ML}} = \left(\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{\Phi}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} \phi_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) & \phi_{1}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \\ \phi_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) & \phi_{1}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) & \phi_{1}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) \end{array}\right) \qquad N$$

$$oldsymbol{\Phi}^\dagger \equiv ig( oldsymbol{\Phi}^{
m T} oldsymbol{\Phi} ig)^{-1} oldsymbol{\Phi}^{
m T}$$
 Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse

 $\times M$ 

• Consider polynomial regression

$$y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \ldots + w_M x^M = \sum_{j=0}^M w_j x^j$$

# Question: what is the highest order we can choose (M)?



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	M = 0	M = 1	M = 6	M = 9
$w_0^{\star}$	0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35
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#### Overfitting: how to address it?

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We should constraint the weights from growing too big;

Weights are encouraged to decay toward 0, unless supported by data!



# **Regularized least square**

• Set gradient to 0

$$\mathbf{w} = \left(\lambda \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\Phi}\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{t}$$
$$\mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{ML}} = \left(\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\Phi}\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{t}$$

#### Go back to polynomial regression again

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w}$$

	$\ln \lambda = -\infty$	$\ln \lambda = -18$	$\ln \lambda = 0$
$w_0^{\star}$	0.35	0.35	0.13
$w_1^{\star}$	232.37	4.74	-0.05
$w_2^{\star}$	-5321.83	-0.77	-0.06
$w_3^{\overline{\star}}$	48568.31	-31.97	-0.05
$w_4^{\check{\star}}$	-231639.30	-3.89	-0.03
$w_5^{\star}$	640042.26	55.28	-0.02
$w_6^{\star}$	-1061800.52	41.32	-0.01
$w_7^{\star}$	1042400.18	-45.95	-0.00
$w_8^{\star}$	-557682.99	-91.53	0.00
$w_9^{\check{\star}}$	125201.43	72.68	0.01

# Go back to polynomial regression again



#### More general regularizer

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{M} |w_j|^q$$

When q = 2, we go back to our quadratic regularizer

When q = 1, it is known as *lasso:* a classical sparse regression approach; it turns out using lasso can lead many weights to 0

In general, the smaller q leads to sparser models

# **Bayesian linear regression**

• We assign a prior over the weights, which corresponds to a regularizer

$$p(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{m}_{0}, \mathbf{S}_{0})$$

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{w}, \beta^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{m}_{N}, \mathbf{S}_{N}) \quad \mathbf{m}_{N} = \mathbf{S}_{N} (\mathbf{S}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{m}_{0} + \beta \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{t})$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{N}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}_{0}^{-1} + \beta \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{\Phi}.$$

#### **Bayesian linear regression**

• Take a simple choice

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_N = \beta \mathbf{S}_N \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} = \alpha \mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{\Phi}.$$



1<sup>st</sup> point

2<sup>nd</sup> point

20<sup>th</sup> point



# **Bayesian linear regression**

- Gaussian prior corresponds to quadratic regularization; Laplace prior lasso
- In general

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\alpha) = \left[\frac{q}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1/q)}\right]^M \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M |w_j|^q\right)$$

q = 1, Laplace's prior q = 2, Gaussian

# **Predictive distribution**

• We want to integrate all values of **w** into prediction

$$p(t|\mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) = \int p(t|\mathbf{w}, \beta) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}$$
$$\mathcal{N}(t|\mathbf{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \beta^{-1}) \qquad \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{m}_{N}, \mathbf{S}_{N})$$
$$p(t|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t|\mathbf{m}_{N}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma_{N}^{2}(\mathbf{x}))$$
$$\sigma_{N}^{2}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{S}_{N} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$$

# **Predictive distribution**



Learn a sinusoidal function with 9 Gaussian basis functions

#### $t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{w})$ using samples from the posterior $p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{t})$



# Bayesian model comparison

- Suppose we want to compare a set of models {*M*<sub>1</sub>, ..., *M*<sub>L</sub>}.
- The data is generated by one model, which we are not sure. We express the prior by p(M<sub>i</sub>)
- Given the training data *D*, we wish to evaluate

$$p(\mathcal{M}_i | \mathcal{D}) \propto p(\mathcal{M}_i) p(\mathcal{D} | \mathcal{M}_i)$$
Model evidence

# Bayesian model comparison

- Bayes factor  $p(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_i)/p(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_j)$
- Model averaging: Bayesian version of ensemble

$$p(t|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \sum_{i=1}^{L} p(t|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}_i, \mathcal{D}) p(\mathcal{M}_i | \mathcal{D})$$

 Model selection: choose the most probable model alone to make prediction

# Crude evidence approximation

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#### Evidence penalizes over-complex models

$$\ln p(\mathcal{D}) \simeq \ln p(\mathcal{D}|w_{\text{MAP}}) + \ln \left(\frac{\Delta w_{\text{posterior}}}{\Delta w_{\text{prior}}}\right)$$



The larger M, the more complex the model, the better fit of the data (1<sup>st</sup> term), the smaller the second term

#### Evidence penalizes over-complex models

• Maximizing evidence naturally leads to a trade-off between data fitting and model complexity



Evidence approximation & empirical Bayes

• Approximating the predictive distribution by maximizing the evidence  $p(\mathbf{w}|\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\alpha)$ 

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$
$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{w}, \beta^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$

$$p(t|\mathbf{t}) = \iiint p(t|\mathbf{w},\beta) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t},\alpha,\beta) p(\alpha,\beta|\mathbf{t}) \,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w} \,\mathrm{d}\alpha \,\mathrm{d}\beta$$

$$p(t|\mathbf{t}) \simeq p(t|\mathbf{t}, \widehat{\alpha}, \widehat{\beta}) = \int p(t|\mathbf{w}, \widehat{\beta}) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}, \widehat{\alpha}, \widehat{\beta}) \,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}$$

where the hyperparameters  $\widehat{\alpha}, \widehat{\beta}$  are obtained by maximizing the evidence  $p(\mathbf{t}|\alpha, \beta)$ .

This is known as Empirical Bayes or type II maximum likelihood

# Model evidence and cross-validation

• Consider the degree of polynomial regression



# Outline

- Linear models for regression
- Linear models for classification
  - Logistic regression
  - Probit regression
  - Multi-class regression
  - Ordinal regression
- General linear models

• Let us first consider binary classification problem:  $C_{1\nu}$  $C_{2}$ 

$$p(\mathcal{C}_1|\boldsymbol{\phi}) = y(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \sigma\left(\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\phi}\right)$$

$$\sigma(a) = 1/(1 + \exp(-a))$$

Logistic sigmoid function

$$p(\mathcal{C}_2|\boldsymbol{\phi}) = 1 - p(\mathcal{C}_1|\boldsymbol{\phi})$$

• Interesting property of sigmoid function

$$\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(1 - \sigma).$$

• Given a dataset  $\{\phi_n, t_n\}$ , where  $t_n \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\phi_n = \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$ and  $n = 1, \dots, N$ , the likelihood function is given by

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1 - t_n}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_N)^{\mathrm{T}}$$

$$y_n = p(\mathcal{C}_1 | \boldsymbol{\phi}_n) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_n)$$

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$
$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - t_n) \phi_n$$

• Newton-Raphson scheme

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} = \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla E(\mathbf{w})$$

$$\downarrow$$
Hessian matrix

• First consider linear model for regression

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_n\}^2$$

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{n} - t_{n}) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{n} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \mathbf{w} - \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{t}$$

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$$= (\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{\Phi})^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{t}$$

The same as least square solution!

One step solves it! Why?

• Logistic regression

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$

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$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} L(\mathbf{w}) - \sum_{n=1}^{n} g_n (\mathbf{I} - g_n) \boldsymbol{\psi}_n \boldsymbol{\psi}_n - \mathbf{F} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}$$

N x N diagonal matrix  $R_{nn} = y_n(1-y_n)$   $y_n = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{ op} \boldsymbol{\phi}_n)$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} &= \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - (\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Phi})^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t}) \\ &= (\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Phi})^{-1} \left\{ \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{w}^{(\text{old})} - \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t}) \right\} \\ &= (\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Phi})^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{z} \end{aligned}$$

Iterative updates

$$z = \Phi w^{(old)} - R^{-1}(y - t)$$
  
Updated responses

Weight matrix  $\, {f R} \,$  depends on  $\, {f W} \,$ 

# Multiclass logistic regression

• Suppose we have K classes, C<sub>1</sub>, ..., C<sub>K</sub>

$$p(\mathcal{C}_k | \boldsymbol{\phi}) = y_k(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_j \exp(a_j)} \qquad a_k = \mathbf{w}_k^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}$$
K groups of parameters  $\{\mathbf{w}_k\}$  This is often referred to as softmax

$$\frac{\partial y_k}{\partial a_j} = y_k (I_{kj} - y_j)$$

# Multiclass logistic regression

likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K p(\mathcal{C}_k | \boldsymbol{\phi}_n)^{t_{nk}} = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K y_{nk}^{t_{nk}}$$

T: N x K observation matrix, each row is one-hot vector

# Multiclass logistic regression

• We can use Newton-Raphson updates as well

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_j} E(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( y_{nj} - t_{nj} \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_n$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_k} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_j} E(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) = -\sum_{n=1}^N y_{nk} (I_{kj} - y_{nj}) \boldsymbol{\phi}_n \boldsymbol{\phi}_n^{\mathrm{T}}$$

# Probit regression

• An alternative model for binary classification

$$p(\mathcal{C}_1|\boldsymbol{\phi}) = y(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \psi(\mathbf{w}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\phi})$$

$$\psi(a) = \int_{\infty}^{a} \mathcal{N}(x|0,1) \mathrm{d}x$$

# Probit function vs. logistic function



# Probit regression

• Equivalent latent variable model

Given 
$$a = \mathbf{w}^{ op} \boldsymbol{\phi}$$

sample the label *t* from  $p(t|a) = \psi(a)^t (1 - \psi(a))^{1-t}$ 

Sample a latent variable z from  $z \sim \mathcal{N}(z|a,1)$ 

Sample the label t from a step distribution

$$p(t|z) = I(t=0)I(z \le 0) + I(t=1)I(z \ge 0)$$

# **Ordinal regression**

- Consider to predict K classes with ordering relationship, C<sub>1</sub> < C<sub>2</sub> <...< C<sub>K</sub>, e.g., rank, disease progression, ...
- Using multi-class logistic regression is not appropriate

# **Ordinal regression**

• Consider multi-class Probit regression

Partition real domain into ordered regions

$$(\infty, b_1], (b_1, b_2], \dots, (b_{K-1}, b_K], (b_K, \infty)$$
  
Given  $a = \mathbf{w}^ op oldsymbol{\phi}$ 

Sample a latent variable z from  $z \sim \mathcal{N}(z|a,1)$ 

Check which region z falls in, e.g.,  $[b_k, b_{k+1})$ 

Output the corresponding label: k

• Let us consider the exponential family to model data

$$p(t|\eta) = \exp(\eta t - g(\eta))$$

Consider the expectation of t

$$\mathbb{E}[t|\eta] = y = \frac{\mathrm{d}g(\eta)}{\mathrm{d}\eta}$$

This is a mapping  $\eta = \psi(y)$ 

From expectation to natural parameters

In linear model, we commonly model the expectation parameters as

$$y = f(\mathbf{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}))$$

• If we choose  $f=\psi^{-1}$   $\eta=\psi(y)$ 

$$\eta = \psi(\psi^{-1}(\mathbf{w}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}))) = \mathbf{w}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$$

 $f^{-1}$  is called link function (link expectation to natural paras)

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• Given training data  $(\mathbf{x}_1, t_1), \ldots, (\mathbf{x}_N, t_N)$ 

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p(t_n | \eta)$$
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \eta_n t_n - g(\eta_n)$$

$$\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\partial \eta_n}{\partial \mathbf{w}} t_n - \frac{\partial g}{\partial \eta_n} \frac{\partial \eta_n}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$$



This is consistent with linear regression and logistic regression

# What you should know

- What is design matrix?
- How to obtain MLE for linear regression?
- How to obtain posterior and predictive distribution for linear regression?
- What is the empirical Bayes and type II MLE?
- Newton-Rapson method for logistic regression
- What is probit regression? What is the equivalent model? How to conduct multi-class classification?
- What is generalized linear model? What is link function? What is the general form of the gradient?