

# Logistic Regression

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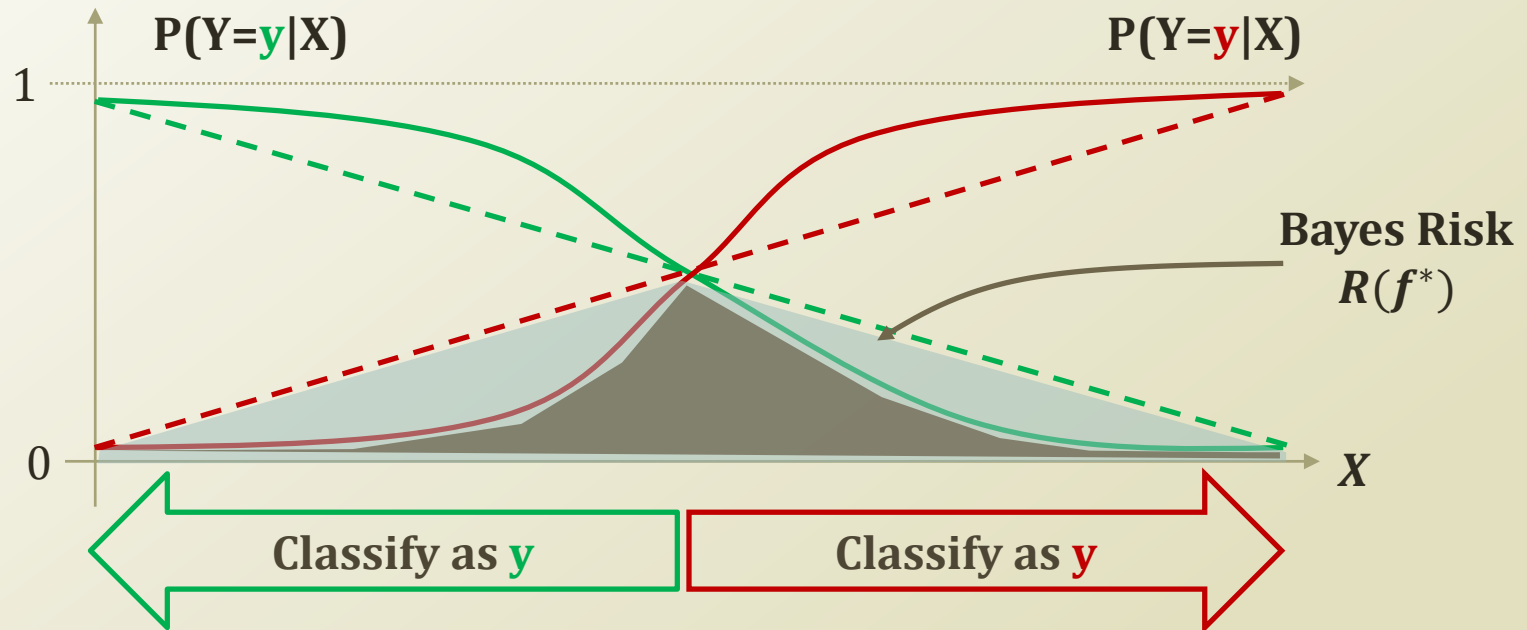
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# Weekly Objectives

- Learn the logistic regression classifier
  - Understand why the logistic regression is better suited than the linear regression for classification tasks
  - Understand the logistic function
  - Understand the logistic regression classifier
  - Understand the approximation approach for the open form solutions
- Learn the gradient descent algorithm
  - Know the Taylor expansion
  - Understand the gradient descent/ascent algorithm
- Learn the difference between the naïve Bayes and the logistic regression
  - Understand the similarity of the two classifiers
  - Understand the differences of the two classifiers
  - Understand the performance differences

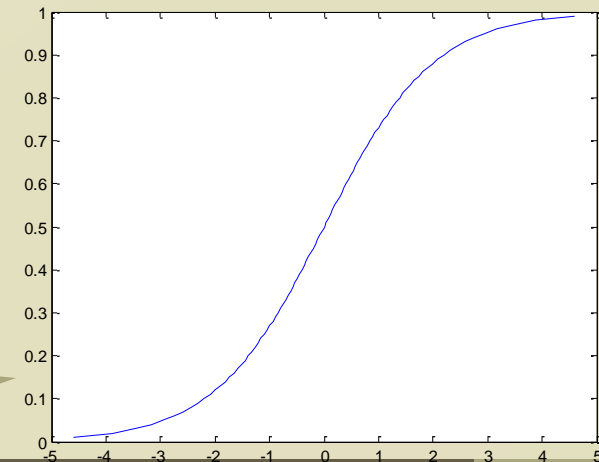
# LOGISTIC REGRESSION

# Optimal Classification and Bayes Risk



- Linear function vs. Non-linear function of  $P(Y|X)$ 
  - Which is better?
- Problems of linear function
  - Range
  - Risk optimization
- Which function to use?
  - Need S-curve!

S-curve  
a.k.a. Sigmoid  
function

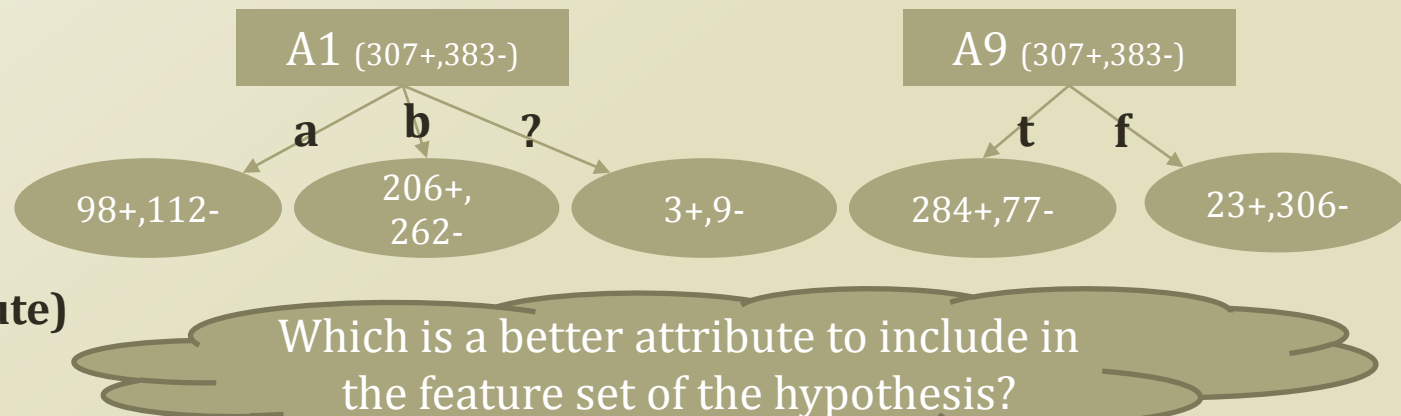


# Detour: Credit Approval Dataset

- <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Credit+Approval>
- To protect the confidential information, the dataset is anonymized
  - Feature names and values, as well
- A1: b, a.
- A2: continuous.
- A3: continuous.
- A4: u, y, l, t.
- A5: g, p, gg.
- A6: c, d, cc, i, j, k, m, r, q, w, x, e, aa, ff.
- A7: v, h, bb, j, n, z, dd, ff, o.
- A8: continuous.
- A9: t, f.
- A10: t, f.
- A11: continuous.
- A12: t, f.
- A13: g, p, s.
- A14: continuous.
- A15: continuous.
- **C: +, - (class attribute)**

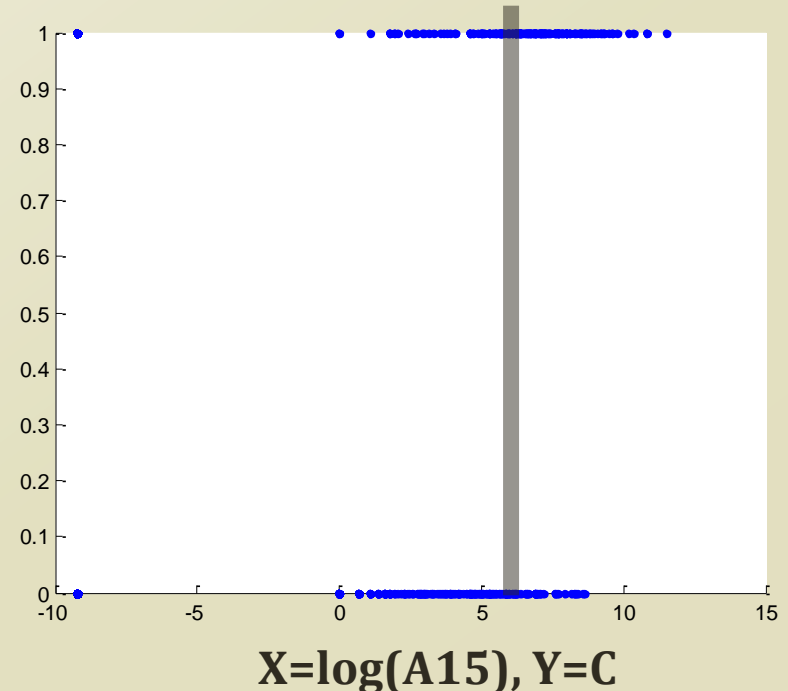
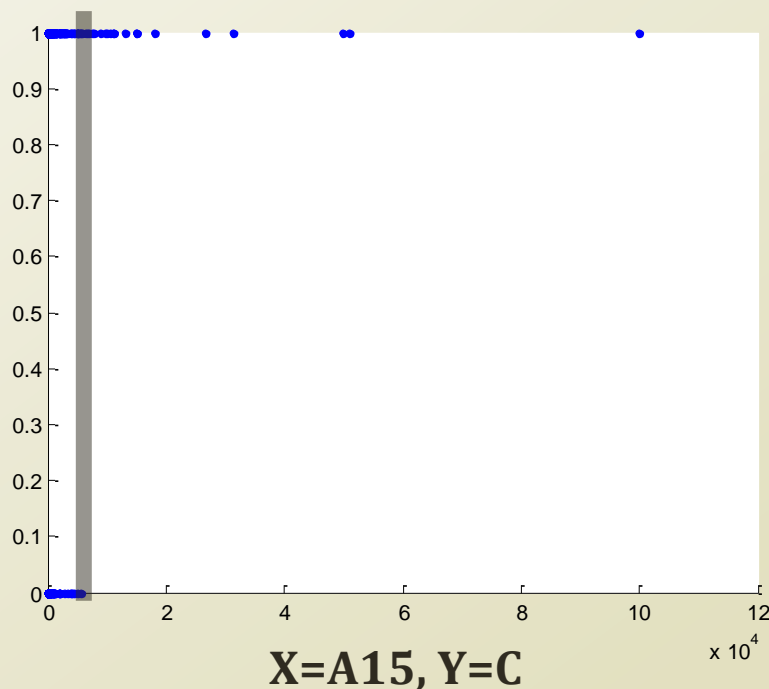
## Some Counting Result

- 690 instances total
- 307 positive instances
- Considering A1
  - 98 positive when a
  - 112 negative when a
  - 206 positive when b
  - 262 negative when b
  - 3 positive when ?
  - 9 negative when ?
- Considering A9
  - 284 positive when t
  - 77 negative when t
  - 23 positive when f
  - 306 negative when f



# Classification with One Variable

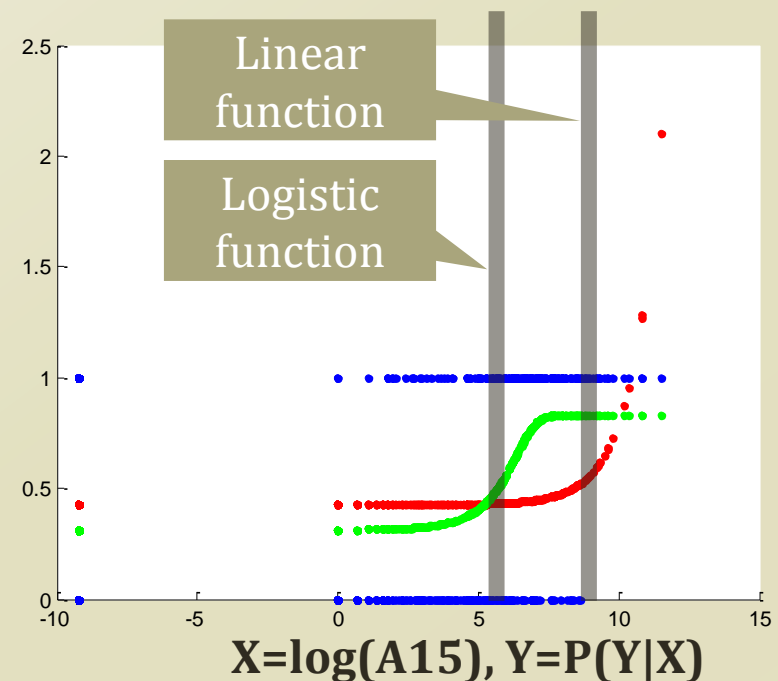
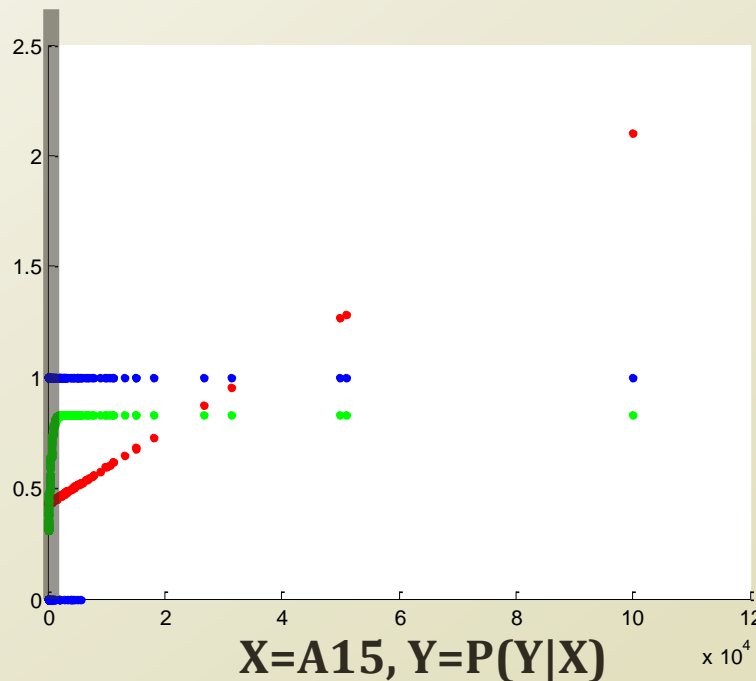
- Let's predict the class,  $C$ , with an attribute,  $A15$ 
  - Imagine that the Y axis shows  $P(Y|X)$
  - There is a decision boundary
    - You can see it intuitively
- Then, How to find the boundary?



# Linear Function vs. Non-Linear Function

- Problem of fitting to the linear function
  - Violate the probability axiom
  - Slow response to the examples
- Better to fit to the logistic function
  - Keep the probability axiom
  - Quick response around the decision boundary
- Which function to use?
  - Logistic function – a special case of sigmoid function

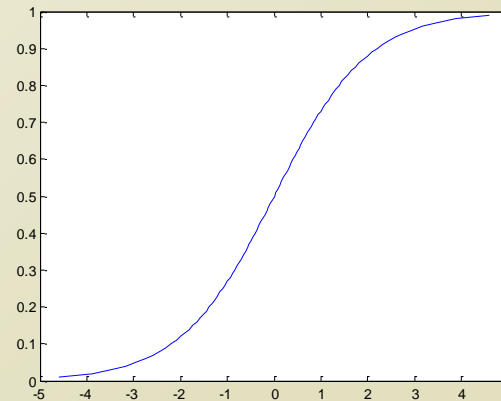
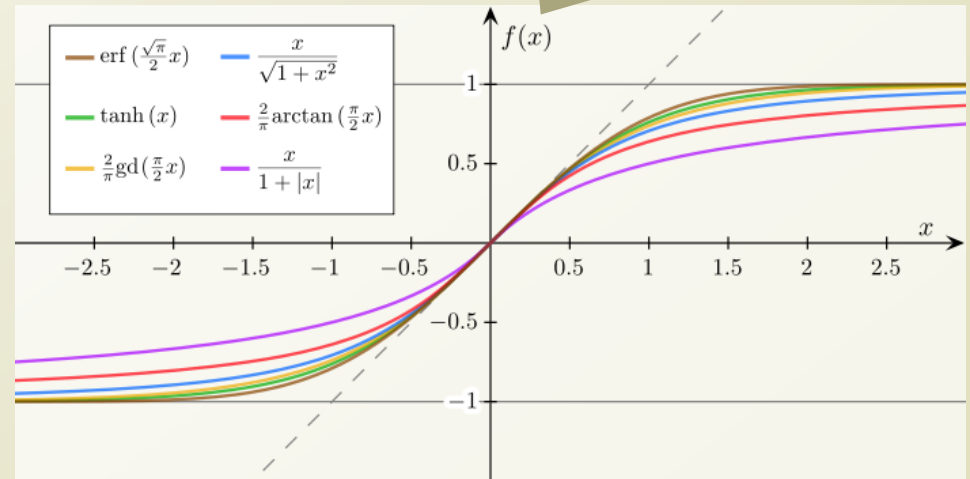
Blue =  $(X, Y_{\text{true}})$   
Red =  $(X, P_{\text{lin}}(Y|X))$   
Green =  $(X, P_{\text{log}}(Y|X))$



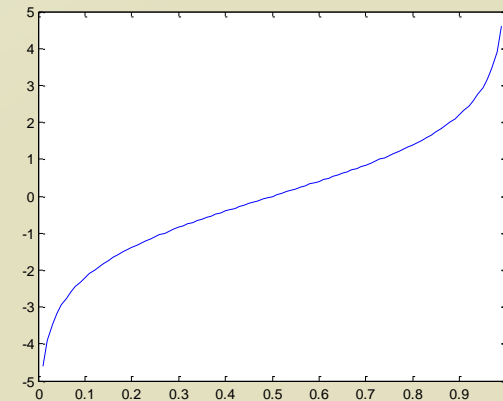
# Logistic function

Many types of sigmoid functions

- Sigmoid function is
  - Bounded
  - Differentiable
  - Real function
  - Defined for all real inputs
  - With positive derivative
- Logistic function is
  - $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$
  - In relation to the population growth
  - Why is this good?
    - Sigmoid function
    - Particularly, easy to calculate the derivative...



**Logistic Function**

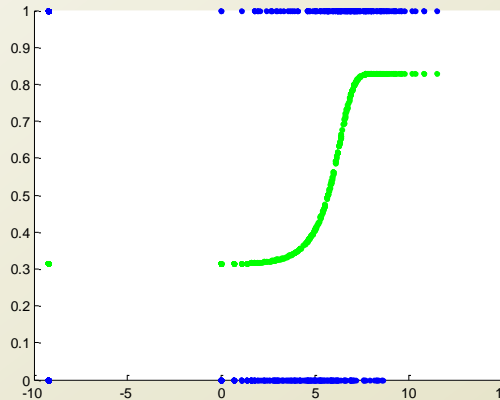
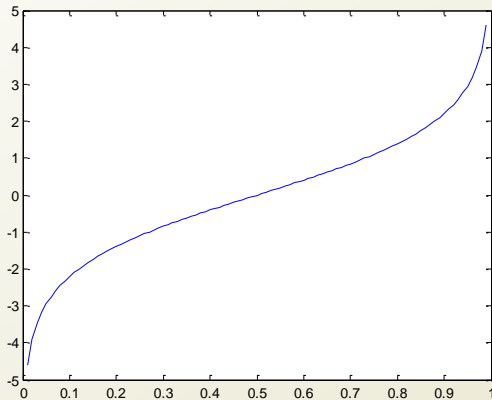


**Logit Function**

$$f(x) = \log\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)$$



# Logistic Function Fitting



## Linear Regression:

$$\hat{f} = X\theta \quad \theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

Very similar to the linear regression.  
Turning to the multivariate case

$$f(x) = \log\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right) \rightarrow x = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) \rightarrow ax + b = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) \rightarrow X\theta = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$$

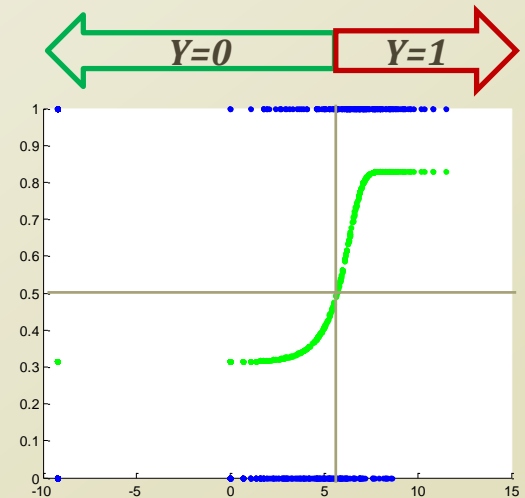
Logit  $\rightarrow$  Logistic  
Inverse of X and Y  
X in Logit is the probability

Linear shift for a better  
function fitting

- When we are fitting the linear regression to approximate  $P(Y|X)$ 
  - $X\theta = P(Y|X)$
  - Though, this is not going to keep the probability axiom
- Now we are fitting to the logistic function to approximate  $P(Y|X)$ 
  - $X\theta = \log\left(\frac{P(Y|X)}{1-P(Y|X)}\right)$
  - From linear to logistic

# Logistic Regression

- Logistic regression is a probabilistic classifier to predict the binomial or the multinomial outcome
  - by fitting the conditional probability to the logistic function.
- You can see the problem from the different view.
  - This way is actually closer to the formal definition.
- Given the Bernoulli experiment
  - $P(y|x) = \mu(x)^y (1 - \mu(x))^{1-y}$
  - $\mu(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}} = P(y = 1|x)$
  - Here,  $\mu(x)$  is the logistic function
- From the previous slide,
  - $X\theta = \log\left(\frac{P(Y|X)}{1-P(Y|X)}\right) \rightarrow P(Y|X) = \frac{e^{X\theta}}{1+e^{X\theta}}$



## Logistic Function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

The goal, finally, becomes finding out  $\theta$ , again

$$P(y = 1|x) = \mu(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}} = \frac{e^{x\theta}}{1 + e^{x\theta}}$$

# Finding the Parameter, $\theta$

$$x\theta = \log\left(\frac{P(Y|X)}{1 - P(Y|X)}\right)$$

- **Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) of  $\theta$**

- Choose  $\theta$  that maximizes the probability of observed data

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(D|\theta)$$

- **This is Maximum Conditional Likelihood Estimation (MCLE)**

- $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(D|\theta) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \prod_{1 \leq i \leq N} P(Y_i|X_i; \theta)$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log\left(\prod_{1 \leq i \leq N} P(Y_i|X_i; \theta)\right) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} \log(P(Y_i|X_i; \theta))$$

- $P(Y_i|X_i; \theta) = \mu(X_i)^{Y_i} (1 - \mu(X_i))^{1-Y_i}$

- $\log(P(Y_i|X_i; \theta)) = Y_i \log(\mu(X_i)) + (1 - Y_i) \log(1 - \mu(X_i))$   
 $= Y_i \{\log(\mu(X_i)) - \log(1 - \mu(X_i))\} + \log(1 - \mu(X_i))$

$$= Y_i \log\left(\frac{\mu(X_i)}{1 - \mu(X_i)}\right) + \log(1 - \mu(X_i))$$

$$= Y_i X_i \theta + \log(1 - \mu(X_i)) = Y_i X_i \theta - \log(1 + e^{X_i \theta})$$

# Finding the Parameter, $\theta$ , contd.

## Linear Regression (Closed Form):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f} &= X\theta & \nabla_{\theta}(\theta^T X^T X \theta - 2\theta^T X^T Y) &= 0 \\ & & 2X^T X \theta - 2X^T Y &= 0 \\ & & \theta &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y\end{aligned}$$

- $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} \log(P(Y_i | X_i; \theta))$
- $= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} \{Y_i X_i \theta - \log(1 + e^{X_i \theta})\}$
- Partial derivative to find a certain element in  $\theta$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} Y_i X_i \theta - \log(1 + e^{X_i \theta}) \right\} \quad P(y = 1|x) = \frac{e^{x\theta}}{1 + e^{x\theta}}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} Y_i X_{i,j} \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} -\frac{1}{1 + e^{X_i \theta}} \times e^{X_i \theta} \times X_{i,j} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} X_{i,j} \left( Y_i - \frac{e^{X_i \theta}}{1 + e^{X_i \theta}} \right) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} X_{i,j} (Y_i - P(Y_i = 1 | X_i; \theta)) = 0$$

- There is no way to derive further
  - There is no closed form solution!
  - Open form solution  $\rightarrow$  approximate!

Cannot be easily solved in the closed form because of the logistic function