

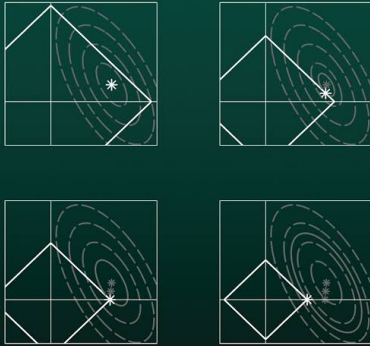
# Empirical Risk Minimization, Linear Separators, Risk Convexification

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# Introduction to High-Dimensional Statistics



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Chap 9 :

Supervised Classification

→ Bounds on  
Risk Classification

→ proofs using

VC - dimension

## Experience, Task and Performance measure

- **Training data** :  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{X}_1, Y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{X}_n, Y_n)\}$  (i.i.d.  $\sim \mathbf{P}$ )
- **Predictor**:  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  measurable
- **Cost/Loss function** :  $\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X}))$  measure how well  $f(\mathbf{X})$  "predicts"  $Y$
- **Risk**:

$$\mathcal{R}(f) = \mathbb{E} [\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X}))] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{Y|\mathbf{X}} [\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X}))] \right]$$

- Often  $\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X})) = |f(\mathbf{X}) - Y|^2$  or  $\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X})) = \mathbf{1}_{Y \neq f(\mathbf{X})}$

## Goal

- Learn a rule to construct a **classifier**  $\hat{f} \in \mathcal{F}$  from the training data  $\mathcal{D}_n$  s.t. **the risk**  $\mathcal{R}(\hat{f})$  is **small on average** or with high probability with respect to  $\mathcal{D}_n$ .

$$R(f) = \mathbb{E} [ l(Y, f(x)) ]$$

$$\uparrow \int_{x,y} l(y, f(x)) P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_x \left[ \int_y l(y, f(x)) P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dy \right] dx$$

$$P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = \frac{P_{(X,Y)}(x,y)}{\int_y P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dy} + \int_y P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dy$$

$\uparrow$   
 $P_{Y|X=x}(y)$

$$\int_y \frac{P_{(X,Y)}(x,y)}{\int_y P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dy} dy = 1$$

$$R(f) = \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{Y|X} [ l(Y, f(x)) ]}_{\text{conditional expectation}} \right]$$

- The best solution  $f^*$  (which is independent of  $\mathcal{D}_n$ ) is

$$f^* = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R(f) = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E} [\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X}))] = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{Y|\mathbf{X}} [\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{x}))] \right]$$

## Bayes Classifier (explicit solution)

- In binary classification with 0 – 1 loss:

$$f^*(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \mathbb{P}\{Y = +1|\mathbf{X}\} \geq \mathbb{P}\{Y = -1|\mathbf{X}\} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}\{Y = +1|\mathbf{X}\} \geq 1/2 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$= \text{sgn}(\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X}])$

- In regression with the quadratic loss

$$f^*(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X}]$$

**Issue:** Explicit solution requires to know  $\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X}]$  for all values of  $\mathbf{X}$ !

Example: Binary Classification  $Y = \{-1, +1\}$

Best Predictor for the misclassification loss:

$$l(y, y') = \mathbb{1}_{y \neq y'}$$

$$R(f) = \mathbb{E} [l(Y, f(X))] = \underbrace{\mathbb{P}[Y \neq f(X)]}_{\text{proportion of misclassification}}$$

$$f^*(x) = \text{sgn}(\mathbb{E}[Y | X=x])$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Y | X=x] = +1 \times \mathbb{P}[Y=1 | X=x] + (-1) \times \mathbb{P}[Y=-1 | X=x]$$

$$= \mathbb{P}[Y=1 | X=x] - \mathbb{P}[Y=-1 | X=x]$$

$$\rightarrow = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \mathbb{P}[Y=1 | X=x] \geq \mathbb{P}[Y=-1 | X=x] \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbb{P}[Y=-1 | X=x] \geq \mathbb{P}[Y=1 | X=x] \end{cases}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{R(f)} &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{Y \neq f(X)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_X \left[ \mathbb{E}_{Y|X} \left( \mathbb{1}_{Y \neq f(X)} \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_X \left[ \mathbb{P} \left( \overset{\uparrow}{\text{random}} \underset{\text{variable}}{Y} \neq \underset{\underbrace{\phantom{f(x)}}}{f(x)} \mid X \right) \right] \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \in Y = \{-1, +1\} \leftarrow \text{fixed } X=x\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \underset{\uparrow}{\text{random}} Y \neq \underset{\uparrow}{\text{fixed}} f(x) \mid X=x \right)$$

with law  $Y|X=x$

If  $f(x) = -1$  then:

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \neq -1 \mid X=x) = \underline{\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 \mid X=x)}$$

If  $f(x) = +1$  then

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \neq 1 \mid X = a) = \underline{\mathbb{P}(Y = -1 \mid X = a)}$$



## Machine Learning

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## Canonical example: Empirical Risk Minimizer

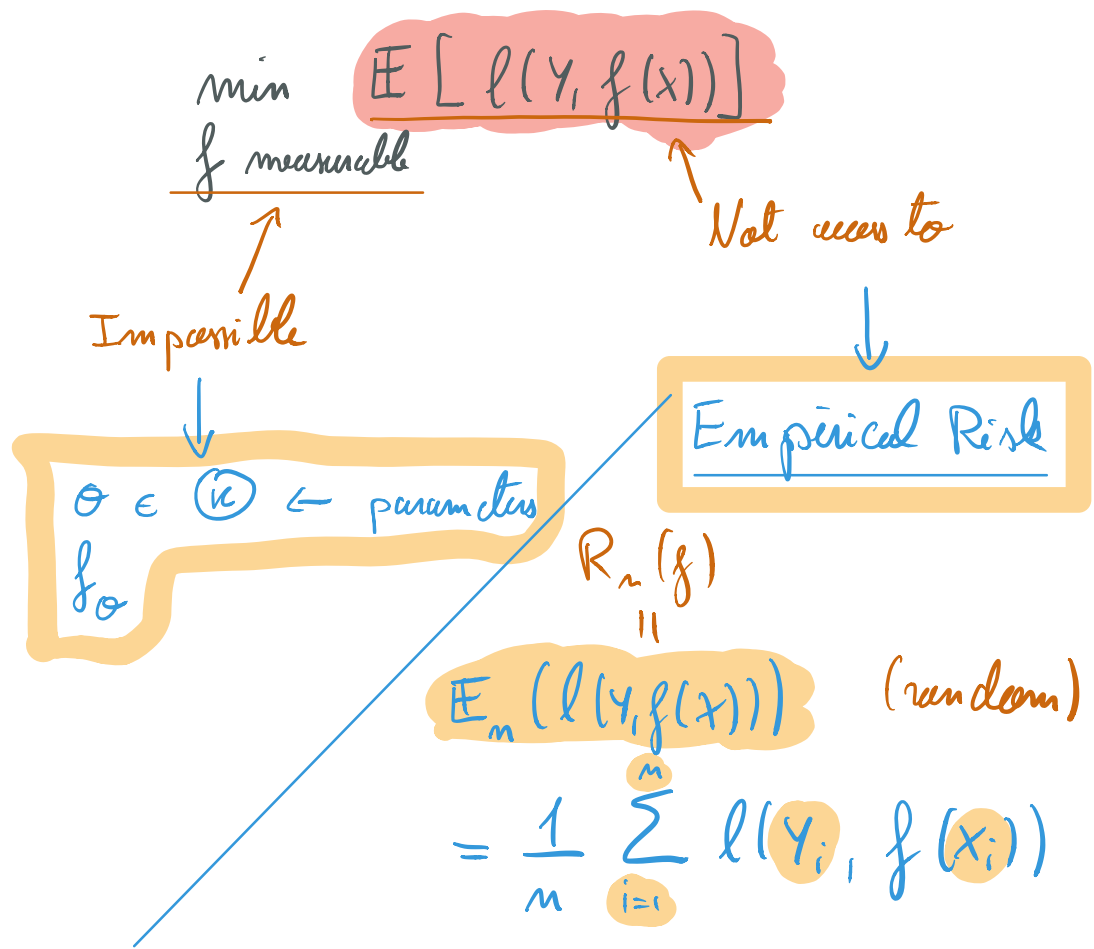
- One restricts  $f$  to a subset of functions  $\mathcal{S} = \{f_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$
- One replaces the minimization of the average loss by the minimization of the empirical loss

$$\hat{f} = f_{\hat{\theta}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f_\theta, \theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(Y_i, f_\theta(\mathbf{X}_i))$$

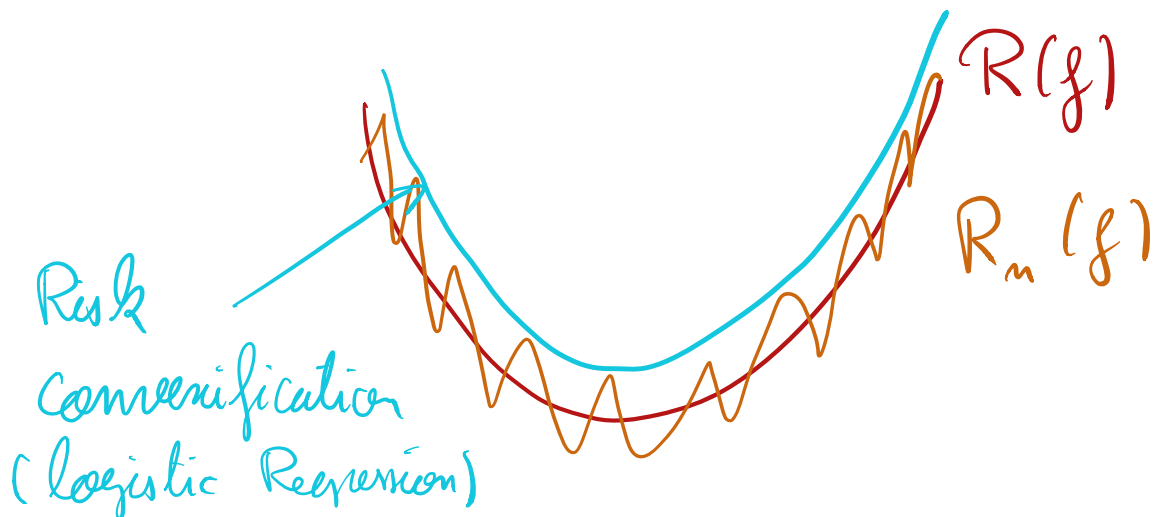
- Examples:

- Linear regression
- Linear discrimination with

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{x} \mapsto \operatorname{sign}\{\beta^T \mathbf{x} + \beta_0\} \mid \beta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$



Training set :  $(x_i, y_i)$   
 (random)

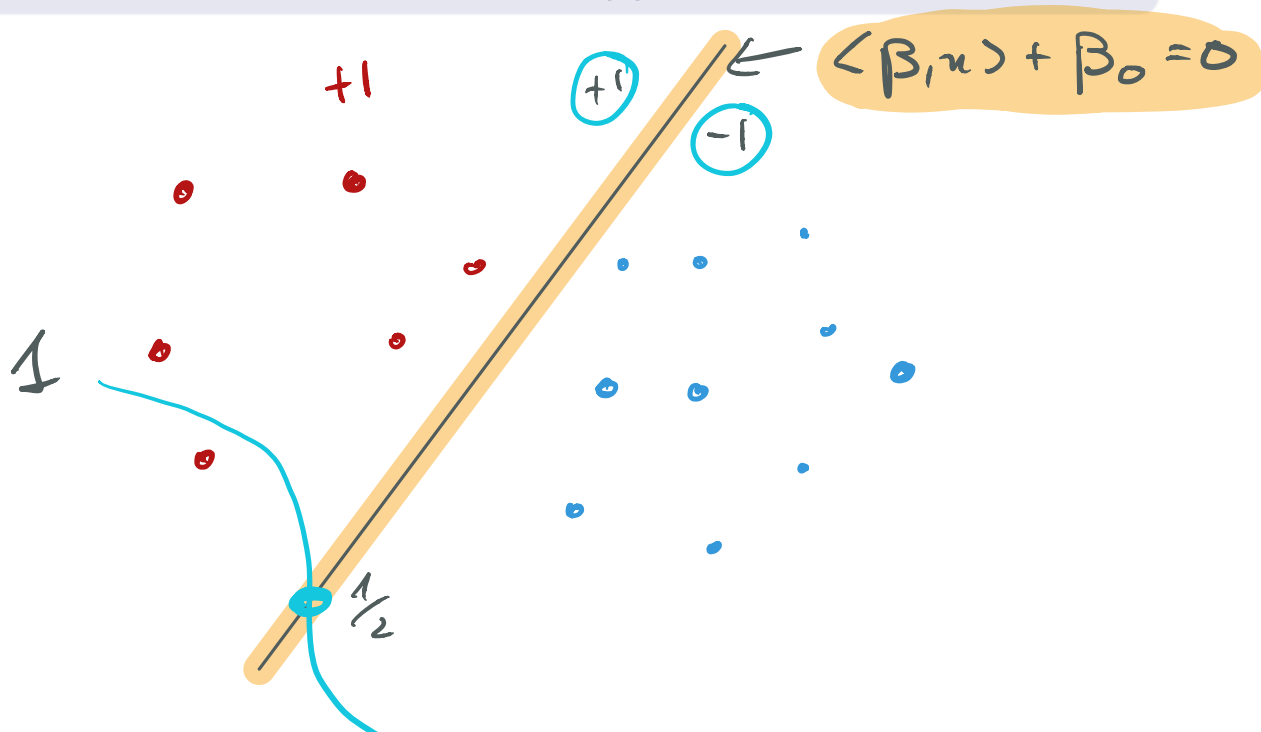


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## Empirical Risk Minimization

- ERM Classifier:

$$\hat{f} = f_{\hat{\theta}} = \underset{f_\theta, \theta \in \Theta}{\text{argmin}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{Y_i \neq f_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)}$$

- Not smooth or convex  $\implies$  no easy minimization scheme!
- $\neq$  regression with quadratic loss case!
- How to go beyond?

  
NP-hard

## Bayes Classifier and Plugin

- Best classifier given by

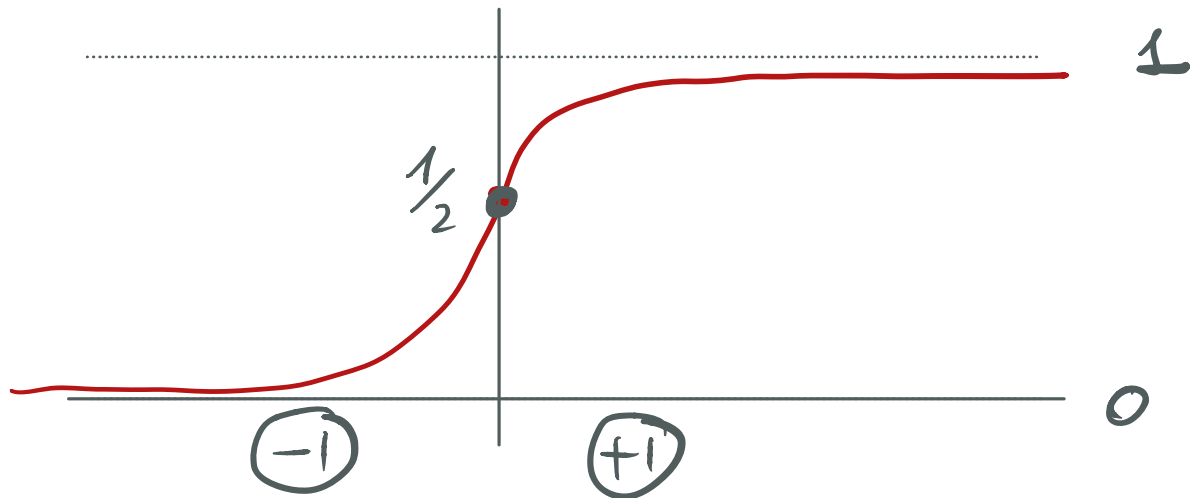
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- Plugin classifier: replace  $\mathbb{P}\{Y = +1|\mathbf{X}\}$  by a data driven estimate  $\widehat{\mathbb{P}\{Y = +1|\mathbf{X}\}}$ !
- Other strategies are possible (Risk convexification...)

## Plugin Linear Discrimination

- Model  $\mathbb{P}\{Y = +1|\mathbf{X}\}$  by  $h(\beta^T \mathbf{X} + \beta_0)$  with  $h$  non decreasing.
- $h(\beta^T \mathbf{X} + \beta_0) > 1/2 \Leftrightarrow \beta^T \mathbf{X} + \beta_0 - h^{-1}(1/2) > 0$
- Linear Classifier:  $\text{sign}(\beta^T \mathbf{X} + \beta_0 - h^{-1}(1/2))$

$$\mathbb{P}[Y = 1 | X] \leftarrow h(\langle \beta, x \rangle + \beta_0)$$



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## Plugin Linear Classifier Estimation

- Classical choice for  $h$ :

$$h(t) = \frac{e^t}{1 + e^t} \quad \text{logit or logistic}$$

$$h(t) = F_{\mathcal{N}}(t) \quad \text{probit}$$

$$h(t) = 1 - e^{-e^t} \quad \text{log-log}$$

- Choice of the *best*  $\beta$  from the data.
- Need to specify the quality criterion...

## Probabilistic Model

- By construction,  $Y|\mathbf{X}$  follows  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}\{Y = +1|\mathbf{X}\})$
- Approximation of  $Y|\mathbf{X}$  by  $\mathcal{B}(h(\beta^T \mathbf{X} + \beta_0))$
- *Natural* probabilistic choice for  $\beta$ :  $\beta$  minimizing the distance between  $\mathcal{B}(h(\mathbf{X}^t \beta))$  and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|\mathbf{X}\})$ .



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## KL Distance

- *Natural* distance: Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{KL}(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|X\}), \mathcal{B}(h(\mathbf{X}^t \beta))) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_X [\text{KL}(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|X\}), \mathcal{B}(h(\mathbf{X}^t \beta)))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_X \left[ \mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|X\} \log \frac{\mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|X\}}{h(\mathbf{X}^t \beta)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (1 - \mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|X\}) \log \frac{1 - \mathbb{P}\{Y = 1|X\}}{1 - h(\mathbf{X}^t \beta)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## log-likelihood

- KL:

$$\text{KL}(\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}\{Y=1|X\}), \mathcal{B}(h(X^t\beta)))$$

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- Empirical counterpart = opposite of the log-likelihood:

$$-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{1}_{y_i=1} \log(h(x_i^t\beta)) + \mathbf{1}_{y_i=-1} \log(1 - h(x_i^t\beta)))$$

- Minimization of possible if  $h$  is regular...

## Logistic Regression and Odd

- Logistic model:  $h(t) = \frac{e^t}{1+e^t}$  (most *natural* choice...)
- The Bernoulli law  $\mathcal{B}(h(t))$  satisfies then

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}\{Y = 1\}}{\mathbb{P}\{Y = -1\}} = e^t \Leftrightarrow \log \frac{\mathbb{P}\{Y = 1\}}{\mathbb{P}\{Y = -1\}} = t$$

- Interpretation in term of odd.
- Logistic model: linear model on the logarithm of the odd.

## Associated Classifier

- Plugin strategy:

$$f_{\beta}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{e^{x^t \beta}}{1+e^{x^t \beta}} > 1/2 \Leftrightarrow x^t \beta > 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Likelihood Rewriting

- Opposite of the log-likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{1}_{y_i=1} \log(h(x_i^t \beta)) + \mathbf{1}_{y_i=-1} \log(1 - h(x_i^t \beta))) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mathbf{1}_{y_i=1} \log \frac{e^{x_i^t \beta}}{1 + e^{x_i^t \beta}} + \mathbf{1}_{y_i=-1} \log \frac{1}{1 + e^{x_i^t \beta}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( 1 + e^{-y_i(x_i^t \beta)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Convex and smooth function of  $\beta$
- Easy optimization.

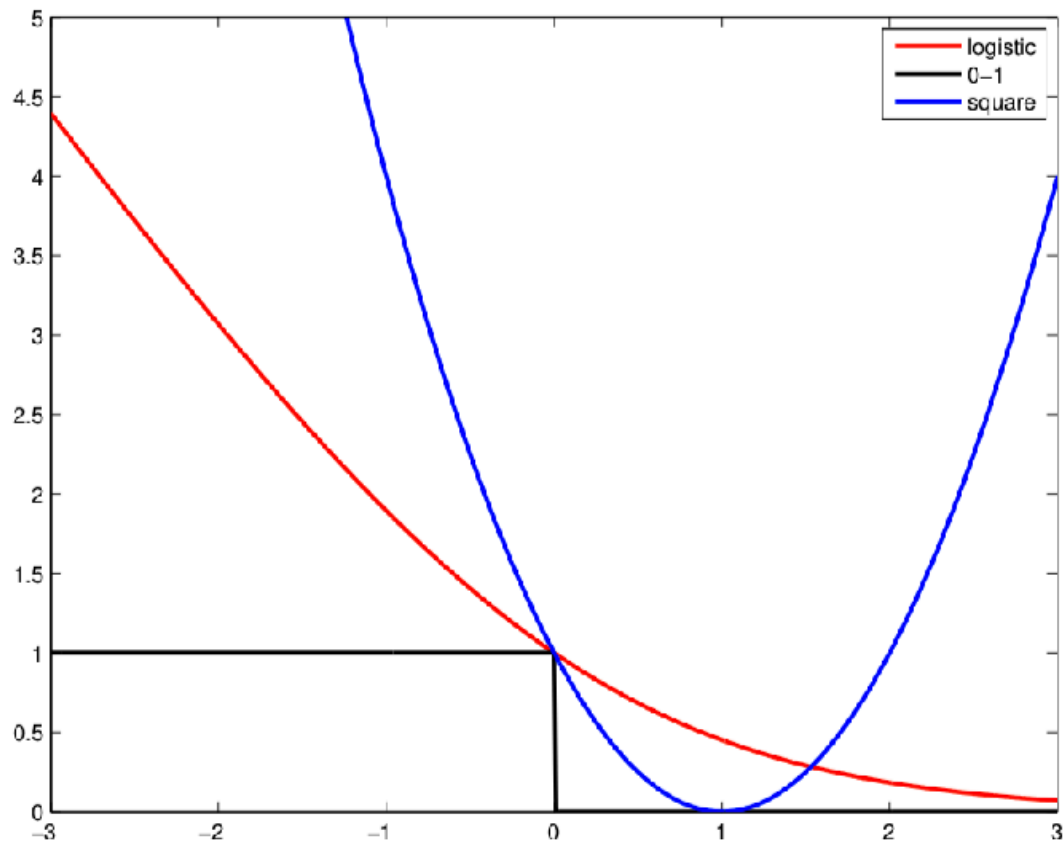
## Risk Convexification Heuristic

- **Prop:**  $\ell^{0/1}(y_i, f_\beta(x_i)) = \mathbf{1}_{y_i(x_i^t \beta) < 0} \leq \frac{\log(1 + e^{-y_i(x_i^t \beta)})}{\log 2}$

- Link between the empirical prediction loss and the likelihood:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{y_i \neq f_\beta(x_i)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{y_i(x_i^t \beta) < 0} \leq \frac{1}{n \log 2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-y_i(x_i^t \beta)})$$

- Logistic: easy minimization of the right hand instead of the untractable left hand side...



$\ell(a, 1)$  for several classification losses

## Logistic Coefficients

- Logistic regression entirely specified by  $\beta$ .
- Coefficientwise:
  - $\beta_i = 0$  means that the  $i$ th covariate is not used.
  - $\beta_i \sim 0$  means that the  $i$ th covariate has a low influence...

## Simplified Logistic Models

- Enforce simplicity through a constraint on  $\beta$ !
- Support constraint:  $\|\beta\|_0 = \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{1}_{\beta_i \neq 0} < C$
- Size constraint:  $\|\beta\|_p < C$  with  $1 \leq p$  (Often  $p = 2$  or  $p = 1$ )
  
- **Rk:**  $\|\beta\|_p$  is not scaling invariant if  $p \neq 0$ ...
- Initial rescaling issue.



### Constrained Optimization

- Choose a constant  $C$ .
- Compute  $\beta$  as

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|\beta\|_p \leq C} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta^t x_i)})$$

### Lagrangian Reformulation

- Choose  $\lambda$  and compute  $\beta$  as

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta^t x_i)}) + \lambda \|\beta\|_p^{p'}$$

with  $p' = p$  except if  $p = 0$  where  $p' = 1$ .

- Easier calibration...

## Penalized Likelihood

- Minimization of

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-y_i(\beta^t x_i)}) + \operatorname{pen}(\beta)$$

where  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta)$  is a (sparsity promoting) penalty

- Variable selection if  $\beta$  is sparse.

## Classical Penalties

- AIC:  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta) = \lambda \|\beta\|_0$  (non convex / sparsity)
  - Ridge:  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta) = \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2$  (convex / no sparsity)
  - Lasso:  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta) = \lambda \|\beta\|_1$  (convex / sparsity)
  - Elastic net:  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta) = \lambda_1 \|\beta\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\beta\|_2^2$  (convex / sparsity)
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- Easy optimization if  $\operatorname{pen}$  (and the loss) is convex...
  - **Need to specify  $\lambda$ !**

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### Practical Selection Methodology

- Choose a penalty shape  $\widetilde{\text{pen}}(\beta)$ .
- Compute a CV error for a penalty  $\lambda \widetilde{\text{pen}}(\beta)$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .
- Determine  $\hat{\lambda}$  the  $\lambda$  minimizing the CV error.
- Compute the final logistic regression with a penalty  $\hat{\lambda} \widetilde{\text{pen}}(\beta)$ .

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## Convex Optimization

- A local minimum is a global minimum!
- No possibility to be trapped in a local minimum!
- Several very efficient minimization algorithm exists.
- Huge progress recently (motivated by big data...).
- Canonical algorithm: **(sub)gradient descent**.

### Subgradient Descent Algorithm

- Start with a point  $\theta_0$
- for  $k = 1, \dots$  until *convergence* repeat:
  - $\theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \theta^k - \alpha_k \nabla f(\theta^k)$  where  $\nabla f(\theta^k)$  is any subgradient of  $f$  at  $\theta^k$

### Step/Learning Rate Choice

- Choice of  $\alpha_k$  crucial!
- Provable convergence toward a minimum for suitable choice!
  
- Subject of a full course in the master!

# Supervised Learning

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Various approaches for Classification, a short review



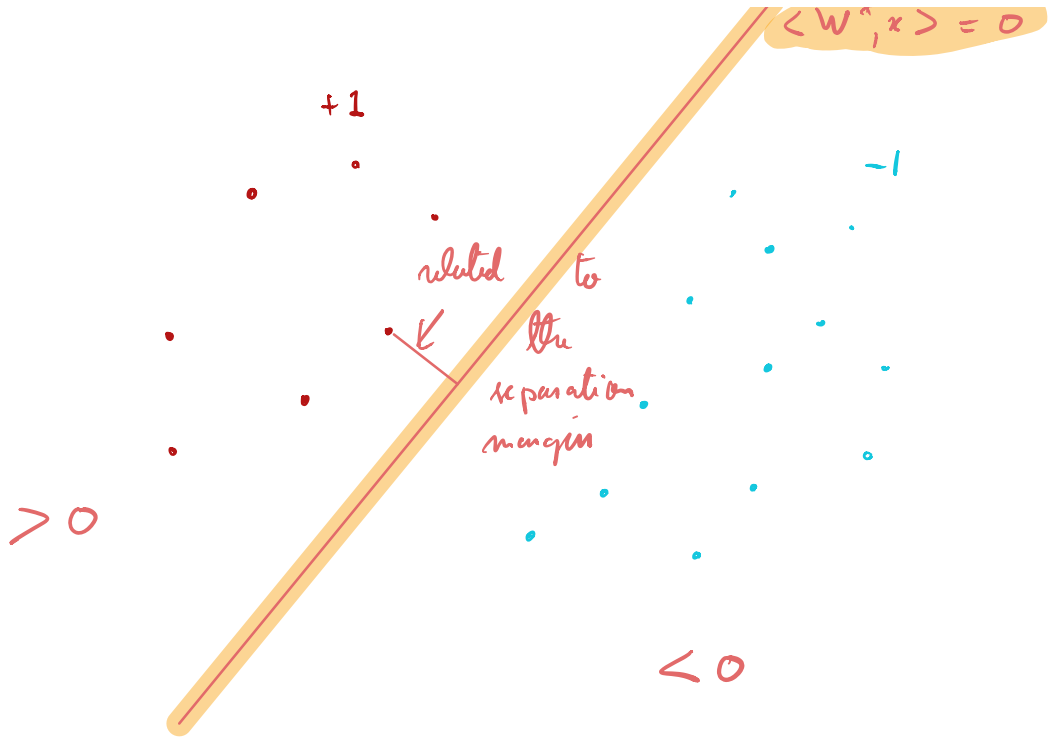
In the realizable case, there exists  $w^*$  such that  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $y_i \langle w^*, x_i \rangle \geq 0$ , and even such that  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $y_i \langle w^*, x_i \rangle > 0$ .

Then there exists  $\bar{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $y_i \langle \bar{w}, x_i \rangle \geq 1$ : if we can find one, we have an ERM.

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m,d}(\mathbb{R})$  be defined by  $A_{i,j} = y_i x_{i,j}$ , and let  $v = (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then any solution of the linear program

$$\max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \langle 0, w \rangle \quad \text{subject to} \quad Aw \geq v$$

is an ERM. It can thus be computed in polynomial time.



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**Algorithm:** Batch Perceptron

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**Data:** training set  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)$ 

- 1  $w_0 \leftarrow (0, \dots, 0)$
  - 2  $t \geq 0$
  - 3 **while**  $\exists i_t : y_{i_t} \langle w_t, x_{i_t} \rangle \leq 0$  **do**
  - 4      $w_{t+1} \leftarrow w_t + y_{i_t} \frac{x_{i_t}}{\|x_{i_t}\|}$
  - 5      $t \leftarrow t + 1$
  - 6 **return**  $w_t$
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Each updates helps reaching the solution, since

$$y_{i_t} \langle w_{t+1}, x_{i_t} \rangle = y_{i_t} \left\langle w_t + y_{i_t} \frac{x_{i_t}}{\|x_{i_t}\|}, x_{i_t} \right\rangle = y_{i_t} \langle w_t, x_{i_t} \rangle + \|x_{i_t}\|.$$

Relates to a coordinate descent (stepsize does not matter).

## Theorem

Assume that the dataset  $S = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$  is linearly separable and let the *separation margin*  $\gamma$  be defined as:

$$\gamma = \max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d: \|w\|=1} \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle}{\|x_i\|}.$$

Then the perceptron algorithm stops after at most  $1/\gamma^2$  iterations.

**Proof:** Let  $w^*$  be such that  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq m, \frac{y_i \langle w^*, x_i \rangle}{\|x_i\|} \geq \gamma$ .

- If iteration  $t$  is necessary, then

$$\langle w^*, w_{t+1} - w_t \rangle = y_{i_t} \left\langle w^*, \frac{x_{i_t}}{\|x_{i_t}\|} \right\rangle \geq \gamma \quad \text{and hence } \langle w^*, w_t \rangle \geq \gamma t.$$

- If iteration  $t$  is necessary, then

$$\|w_{t+1}\|^2 = \left\| w_t + y_{i_t} \frac{x_{i_t}}{\|x_{i_t}\|} \right\|^2 = \|w_t\|^2 + \underbrace{\frac{2y_{i_t} \langle w_t, x_{i_t} \rangle}{\|x_{i_t}\|}}_{\leq 0} + y_{i_t}^2 \leq \|w_t\|^2 + 1$$

and hence  $\|w_t\|^2 \leq t$ , or  $\|w_t\| \leq \sqrt{t}$ .

- As a consequence, the algorithm iterates at least  $t$  times if

$$\gamma t \leq \langle w^*, w_t \rangle \leq \|w_t\| \leq \sqrt{t} \quad \implies \quad t \leq \frac{1}{\gamma^2}.$$

In the worst case, the number of iterations can be exponentially large in the dimension  $d$ . Usually, it converges quite fast. If  $\forall i, \|x_i\| = 1, \gamma = d(S, D)$  where  $D = \{x : \langle w^*, x \rangle = 0\}$ .



## NP-hardness of computing the ERM for halfspaces

Computing an ERM in the agnostic case is NP-hard.

See *On the difficulty of approximately maximizing agreements*, by Ben-David, Eiron and Long.

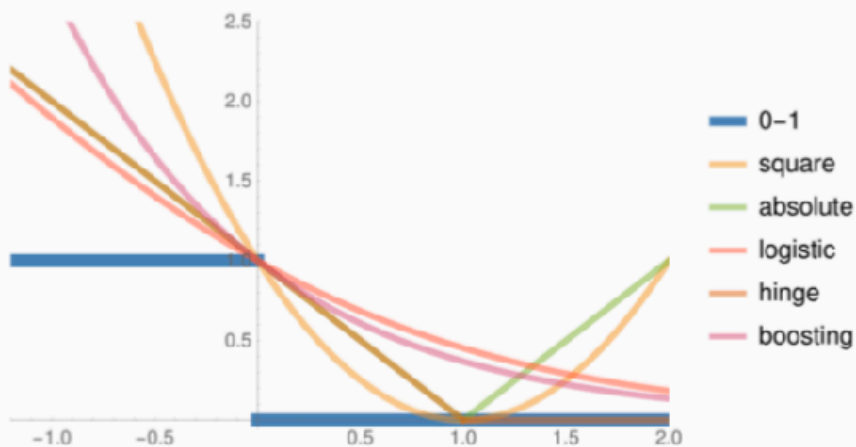
Since the 0-1 loss

$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{1}\{y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle < 0\}$$

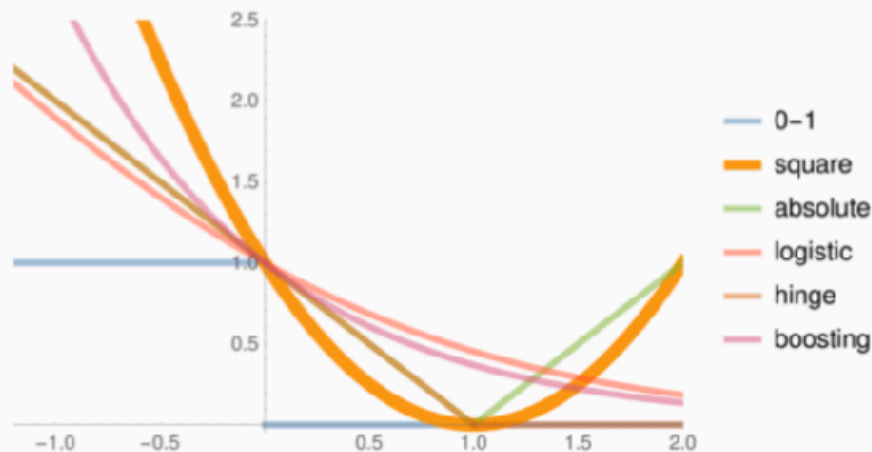
is intractable to minimize in the agnostic case, one may consider *surrogate* loss functions

$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle),$$

where the loss function  $\ell : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$



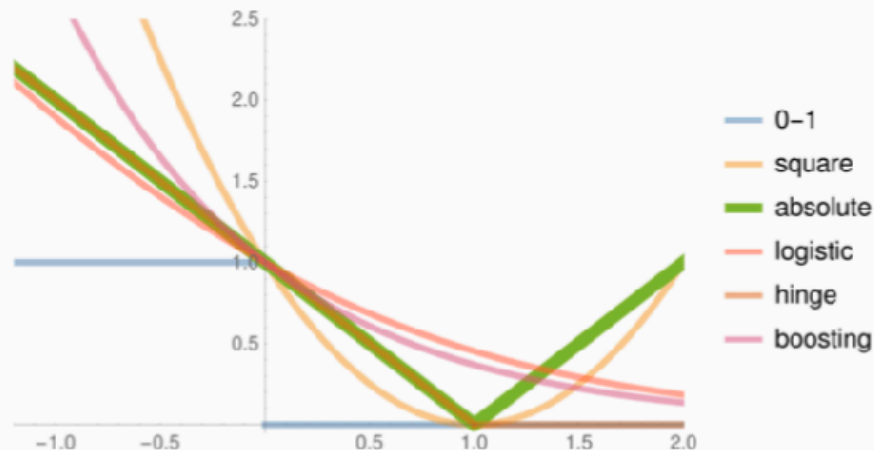
Linear regression with least squares:



$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_w(x_i) - y_i)^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle)^2 .$$

If  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathcal{M}_{m,d}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , one obtains  $\hat{w} = (X^T X)^- X^T y$ , where  $A^- =$  generalized inverse of  $A$ .

Linear regression with absolute loss:



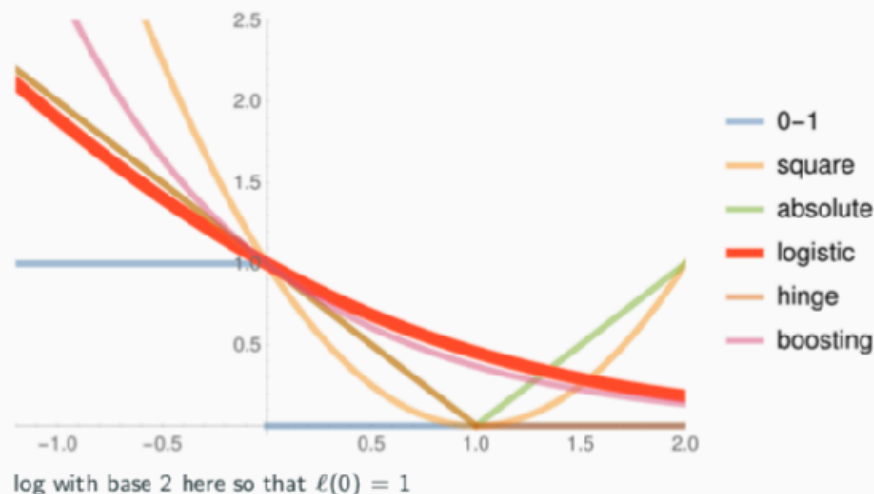
$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m |h_w(x_i) - y_i| = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m |1 - y_i h_w(x_i)| .$$

Can be solved by linear programming.

Interest: (statistical) robustness.

Statistics: "logistic regression":

$$P_w(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y \langle w, x \rangle)}$$

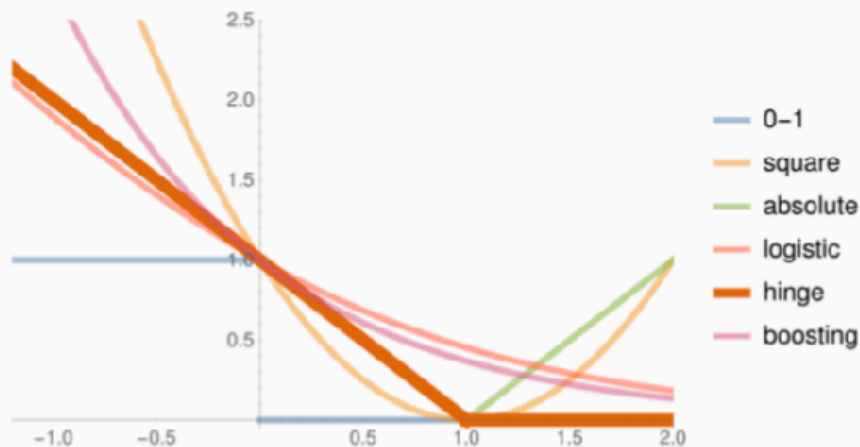


$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(-y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle)) ,$$

convex minimization problem, can be solved by Newton's algorithm (in small dimension).



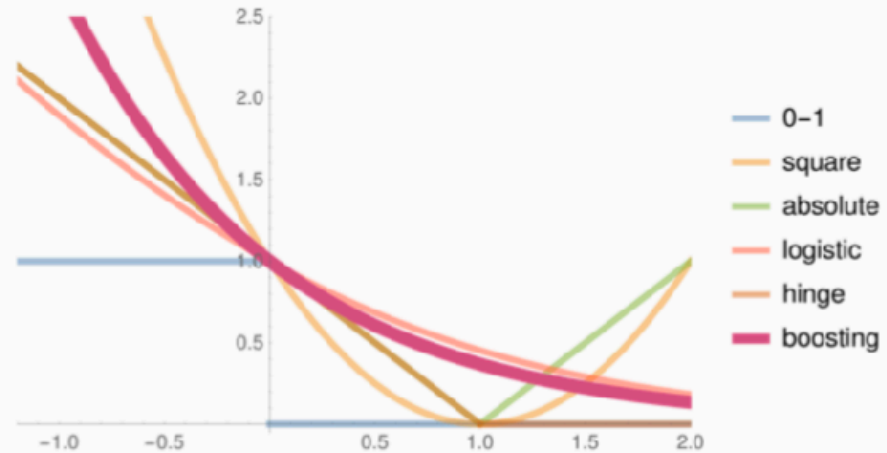
Margin maximization leads to



$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \max \{0, 1 - y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle\},$$

convex but non-smooth minimization problem, used with a penalization term  $\lambda \|w\|^2$ : cf later.

Margin maximization leads to



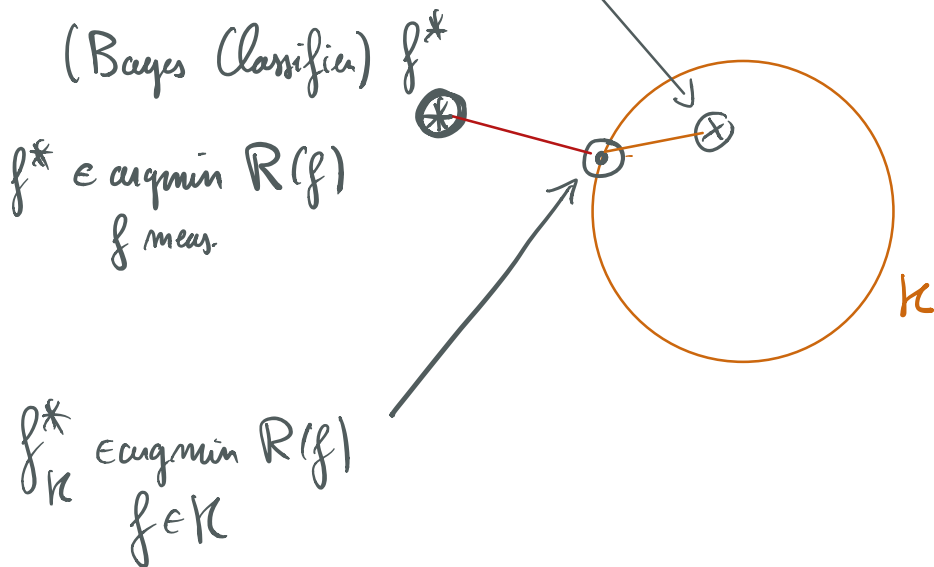
$$L_S(h_w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(-y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle),$$

with ad-hoc optimization procedure – cf later.

$$R_n(f) = \mathbb{E}_n(\mathbb{1}_{y_i \neq f(x_i)})$$

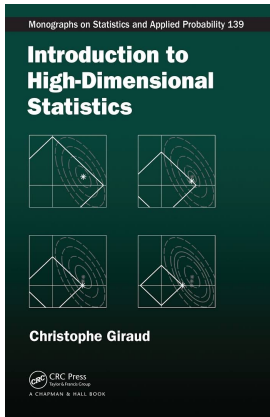
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{y_i \neq f(x_i)}$$

$$\hat{f}_K \in \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in K} R_n(f)$$



$$0 \leq R(\hat{f}_K) - R(f^*)$$

$$= \underbrace{R(f_K^*) - R(f^*)}_{\text{approx. error}} + \underbrace{R(\hat{f}_K) - R(f_K^*)}_{\text{stochastic error}}$$



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Bound on stochastic  
error.

VC-dim of  $\mathcal{H}$ .