

# Logistic Regression

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# Outline

- Discuss logistic regression for classification
- Describe extensions of logistic regression: multivariate and multinomial
- Implement logistic regression in R

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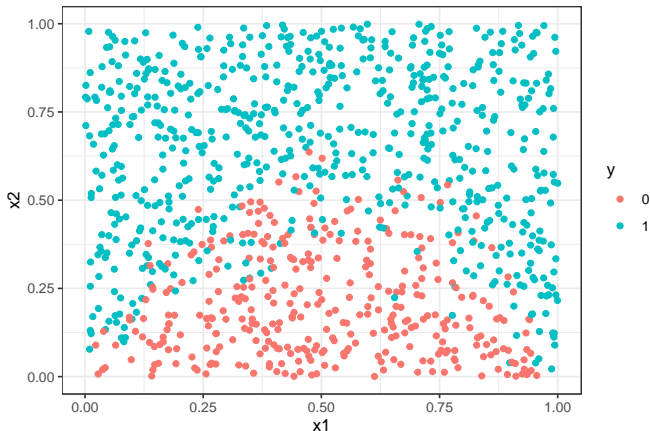
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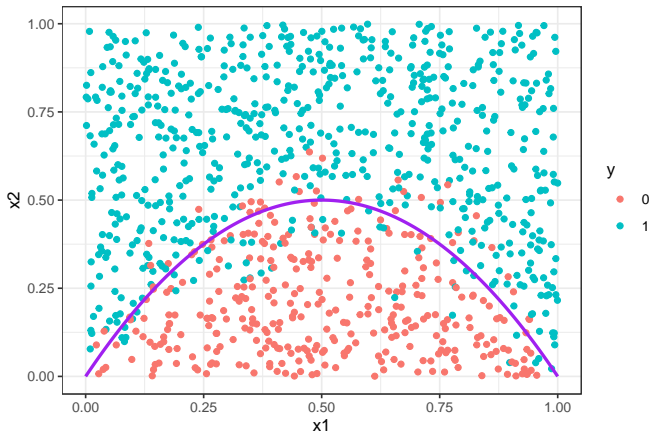
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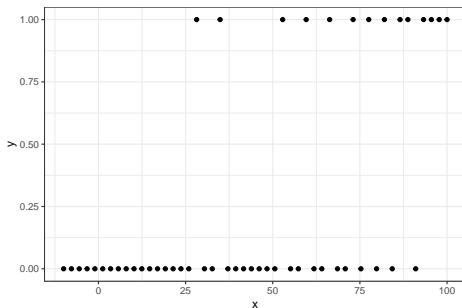
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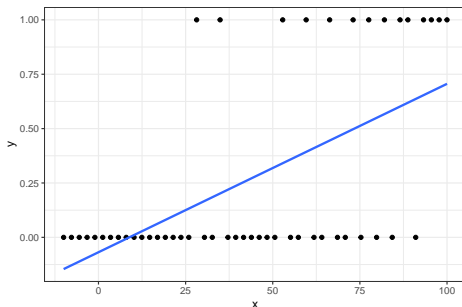
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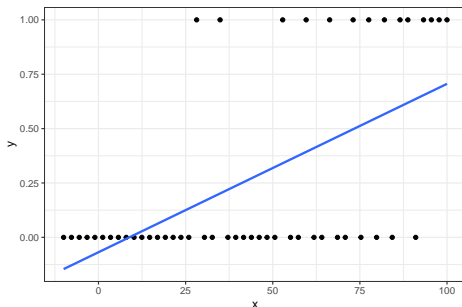
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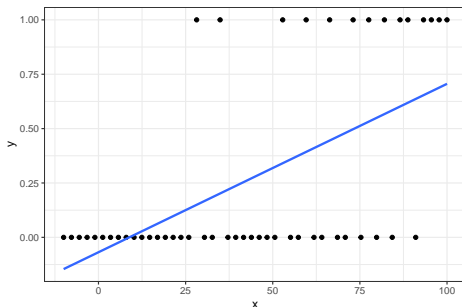
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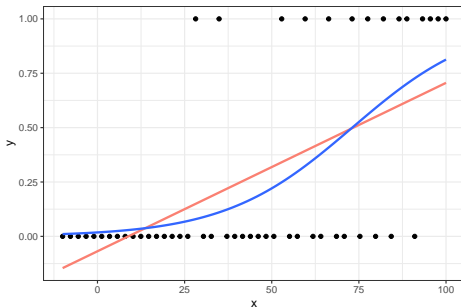
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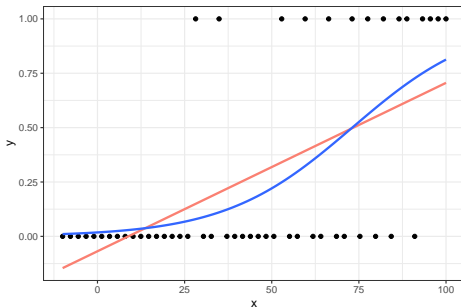


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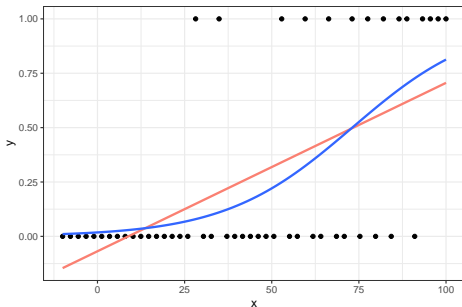


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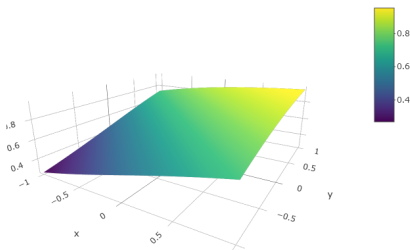
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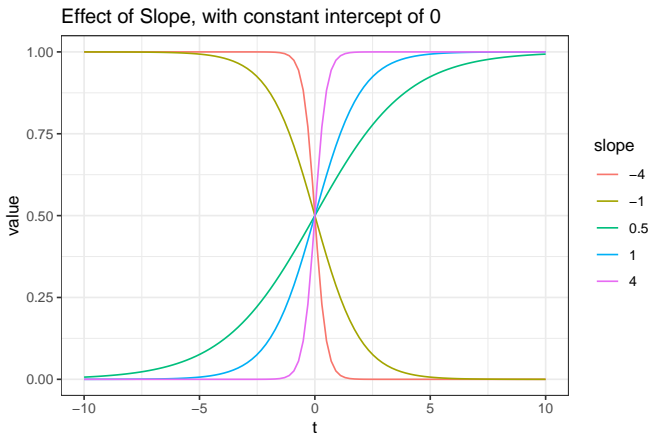
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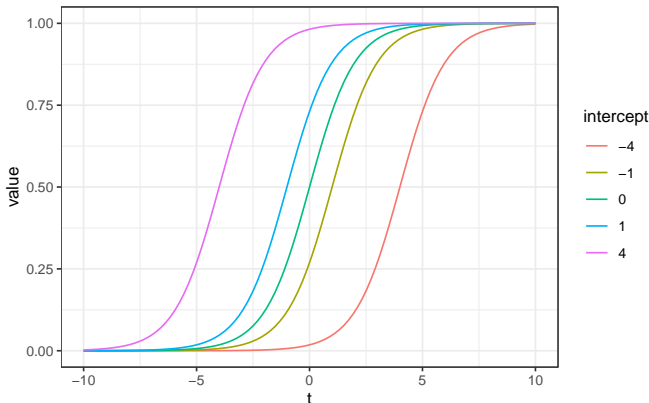


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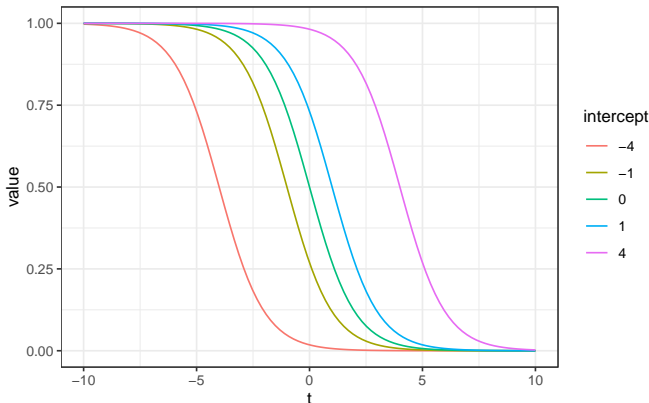


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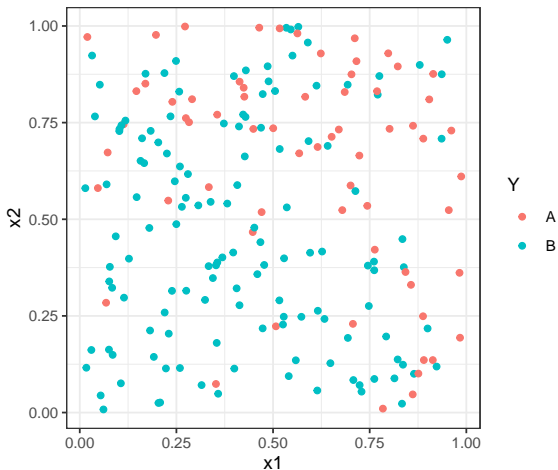
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  - How? Use numeric methods to optimize (and R)

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and so we classify  $Y = A$  if

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or equivalently, if

$$X_2 > (3.47 - 2.75 \cdot X_1)/2.45$$

## Decision Boundary

The logistic decision boundary is  $X_2 = (3.47 - 2.75 \cdot X_1)/2.45$  (purple)

- We classify as *A* all points above this line, and classify as *B* all points below this line.
- The Bayes Classifier decision boundary shown in black

