

# Лекция 2:

## Функции потерь и оптимизация

# Image Classification: A core task in Computer Vision



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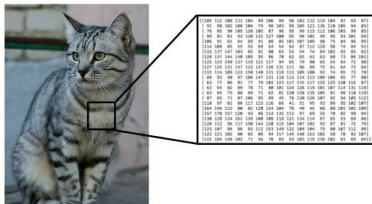
(assume given a set of labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



cat  
dog  
bird  
deer  
truck

# Recall from last time: Challenges of recognition

Viewpoint

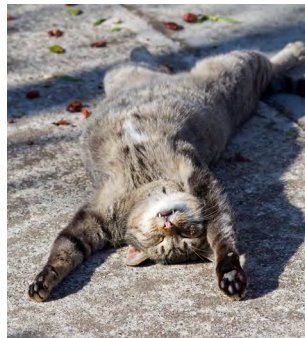


Illumination



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Deformation



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Occlusion



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Clutter



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Intraclass Variation



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# Recall from last time: data-driven approach, kNN

airplane



automobile



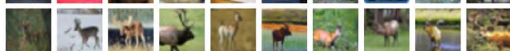
bird



cat



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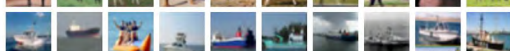
frog



horse



ship



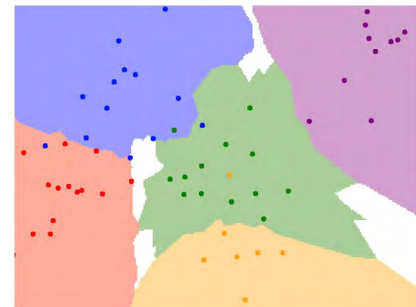
truck



1-NN classifier



5-NN classifier



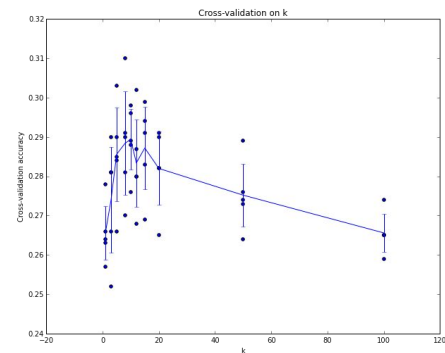
train

test

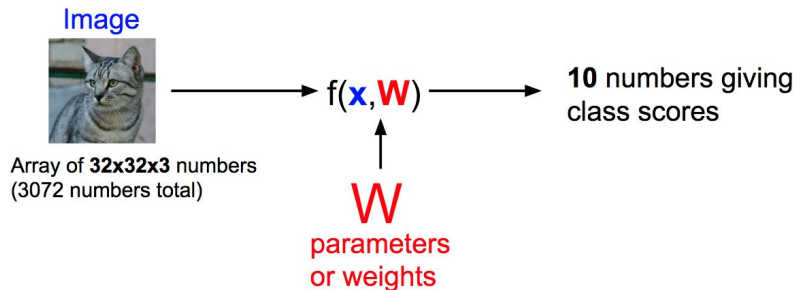
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validation

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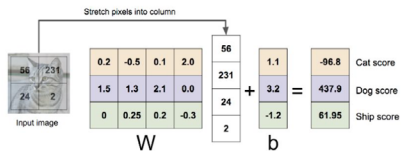
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## Algebraic Viewpoint

$$f(x, W) = Wx$$



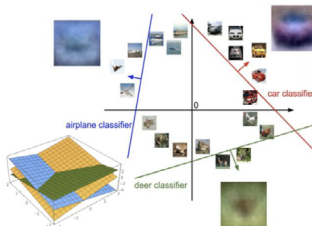
## Visual Viewpoint

One template  
per class



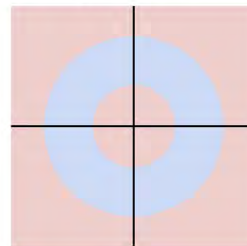
## Geometric Viewpoint

Hyperplanes  
cutting up space



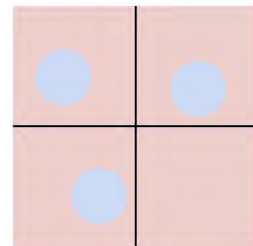
**Class 1:**  
 $1 \leq L2 \text{ norm} \leq 2$

**Class 2:**  
Everything else

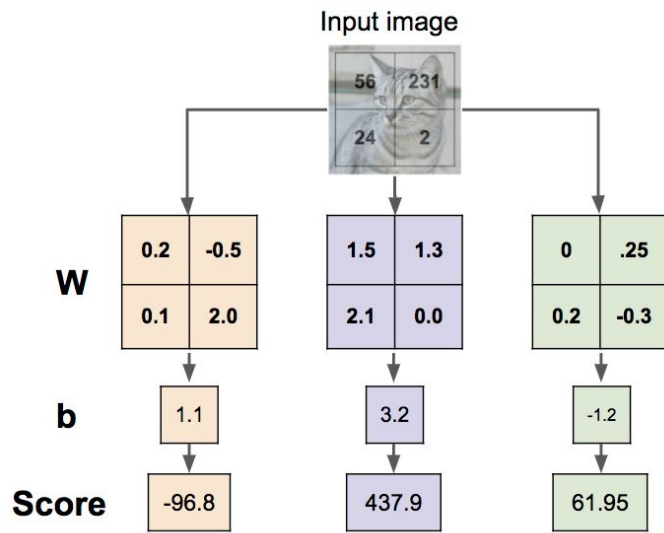
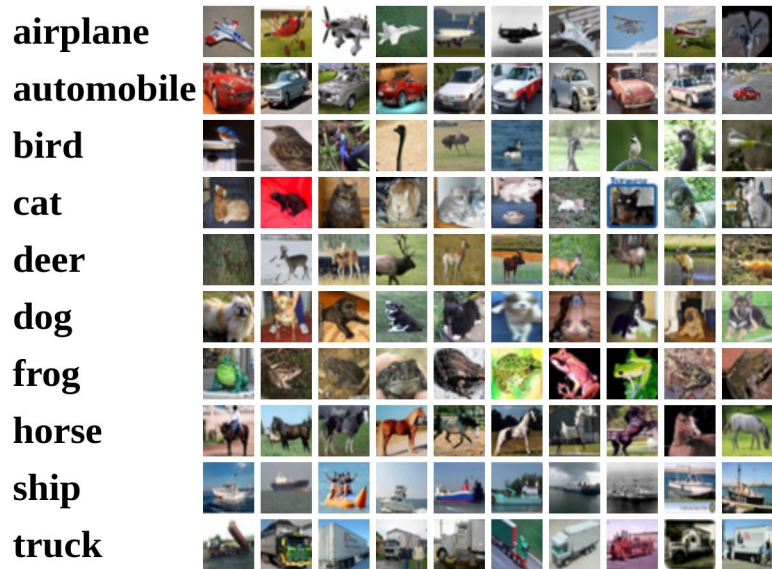


**Class 1:**  
Three modes

**Class 2:**  
Everything else



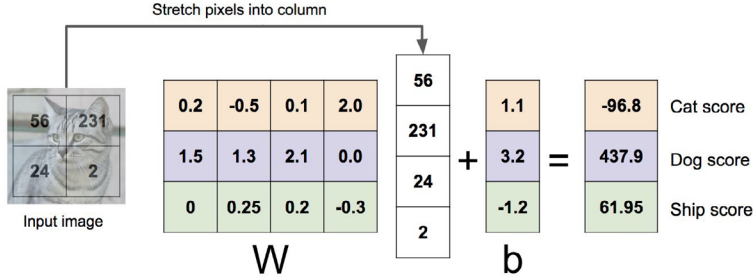
# Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Visual Viewpoint



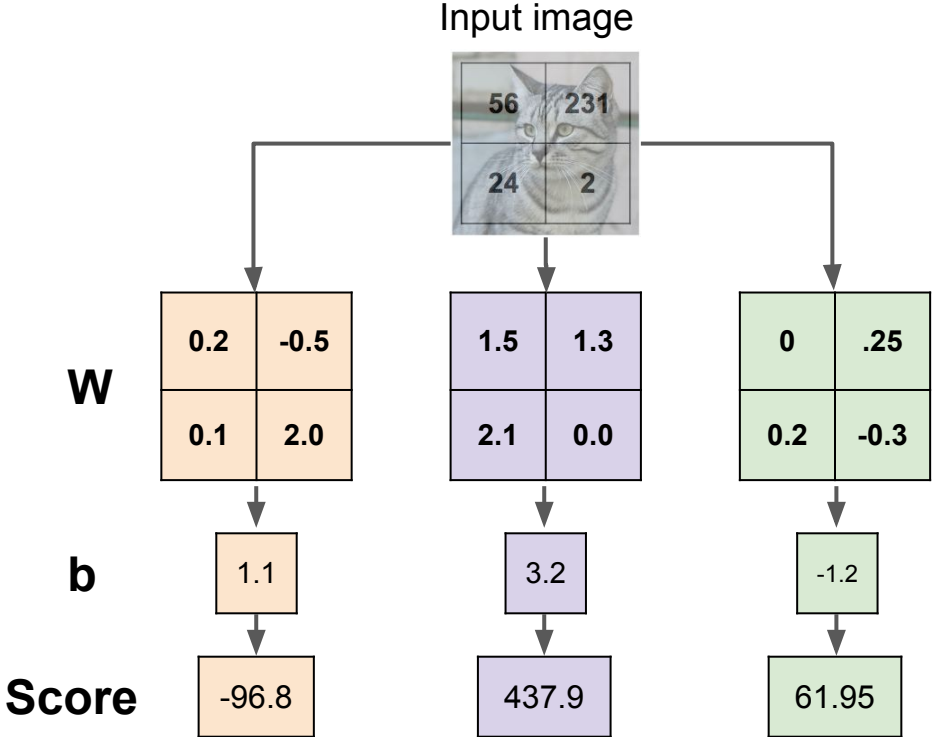
# Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)

## Algebraic Viewpoint

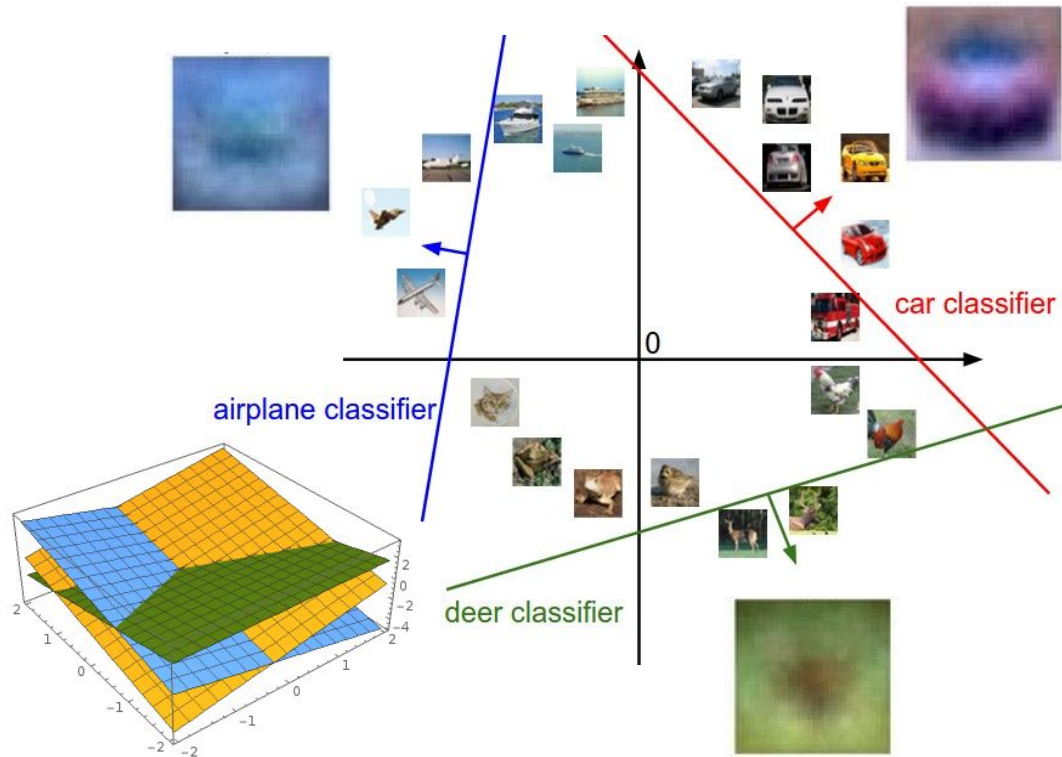
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# Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Geometric Viewpoint



$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$



Array of **32x32x3** numbers  
(3072 numbers total)

Plot created using [Wolfram Cloud](https://www.wolframcloud.com/)

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# Recall from last time: Linear Classifier



airplane	-3.45	-0.51	3.42
automobile	-8.87	<b>6.04</b>	4.64
bird	0.09	5.31	2.65
cat	<b>2.9</b>	-4.22	5.1
deer	4.48	-4.19	2.64
dog	8.02	3.58	5.55
frog	3.78	4.49	<b>-4.34</b>
horse	1.06	-4.37	-1.5
ship	-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
truck	-0.72	-2.93	6.14

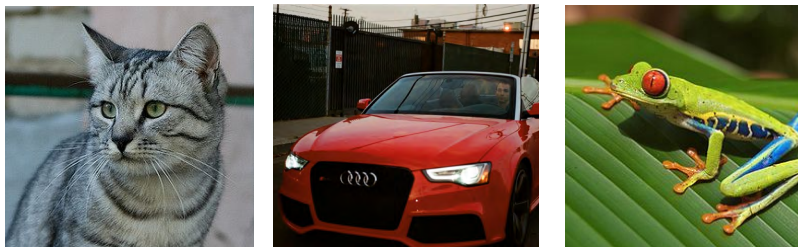
## TODO:

1. Define a **loss function** that quantifies our unhappiness with the scores across the training data.
2. Come up with a way of efficiently finding the parameters that minimize the loss function. **(optimization)**

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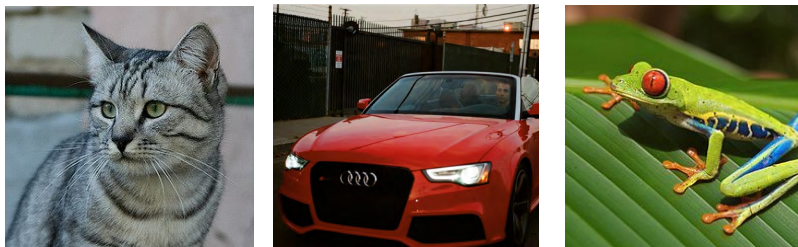
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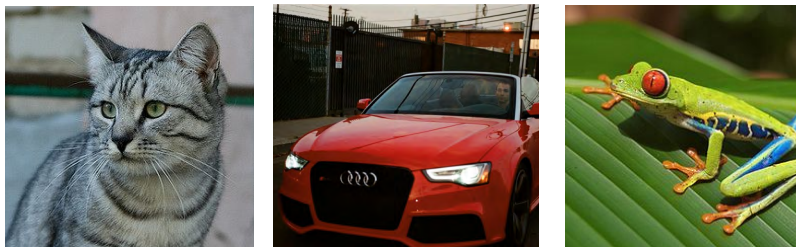
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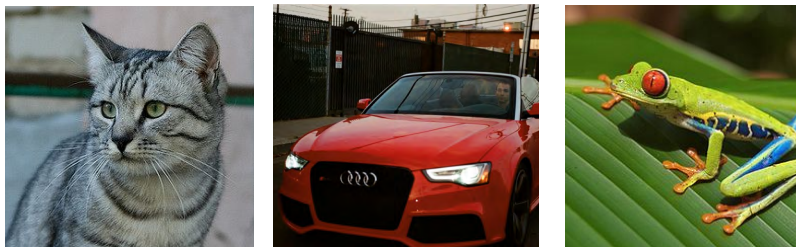
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Loss over the dataset is a  
average of loss over examples:

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i L_i(f(x_i, W), y_i)$$

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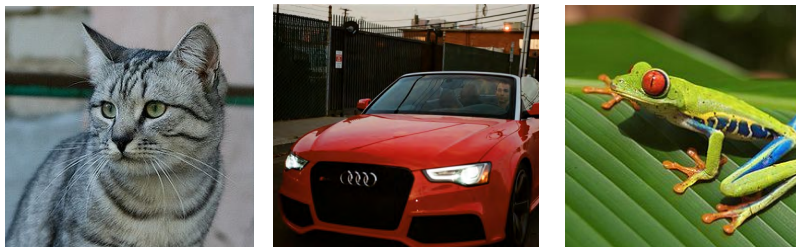
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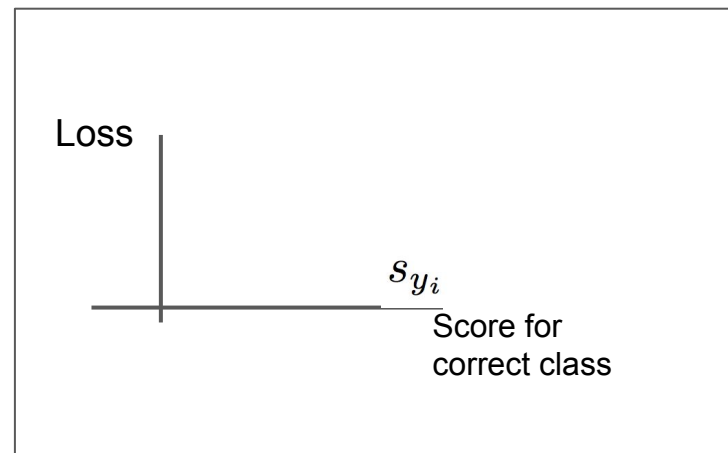
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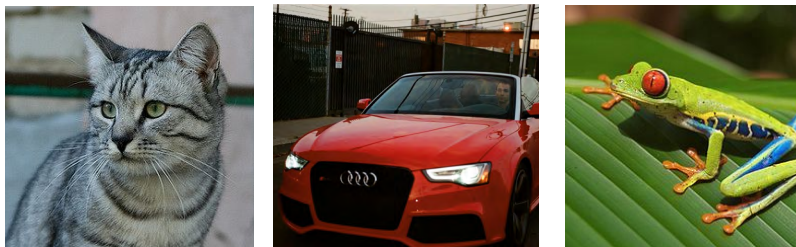
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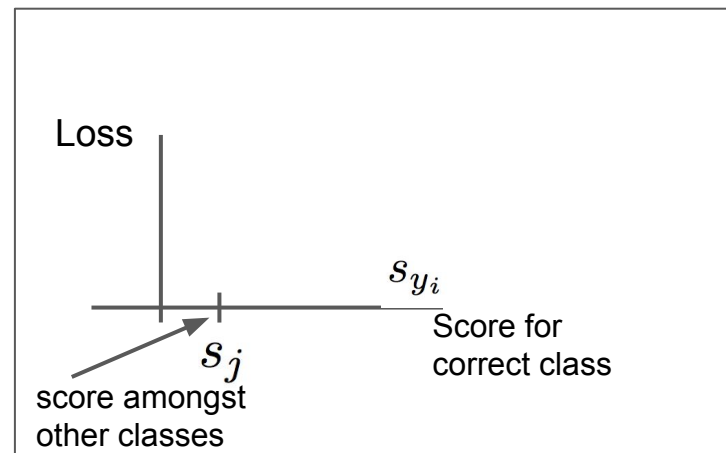
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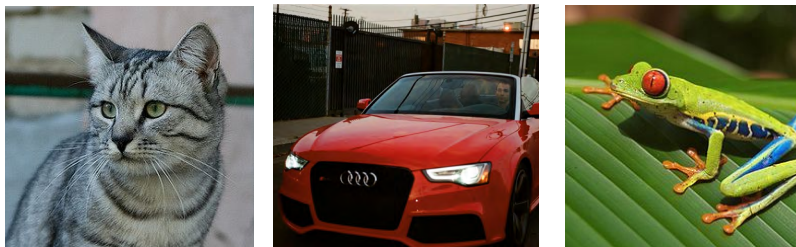


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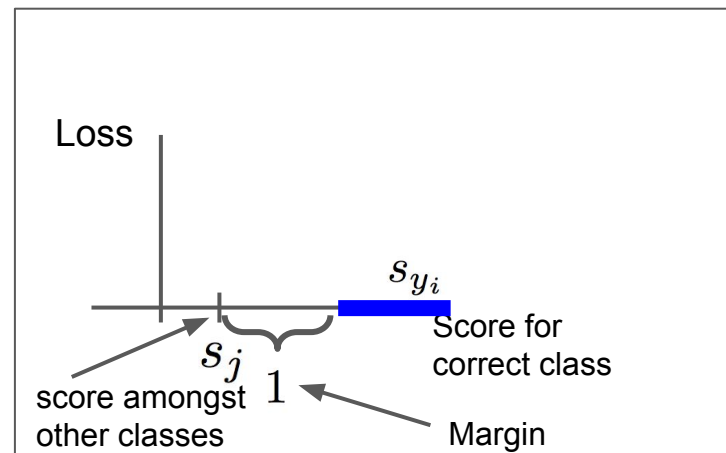


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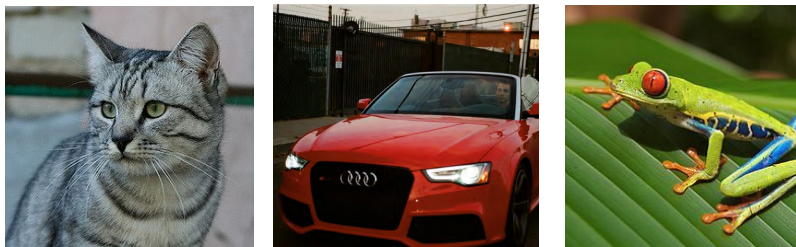
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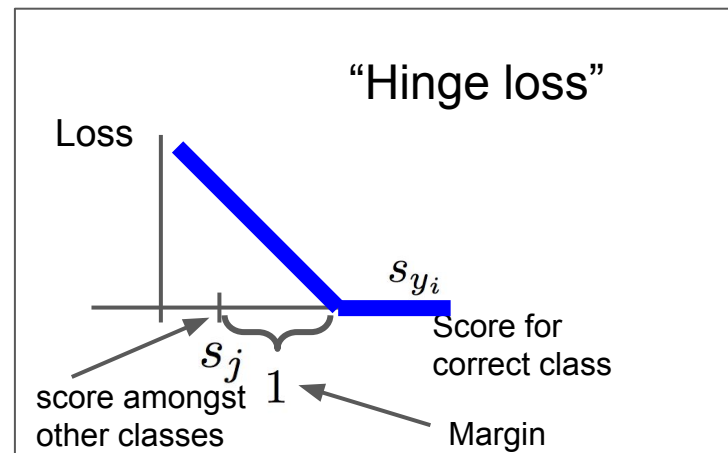
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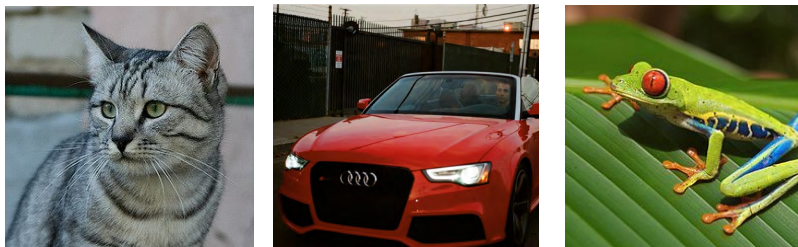
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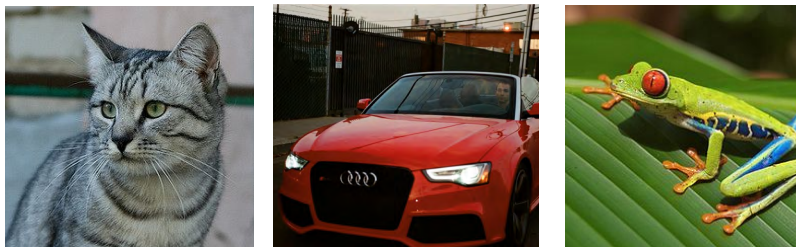
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$$\begin{aligned}
 L_i &= \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, 5.1 - 3.2 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \max(0, -1.7 - 3.2 + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, 2.9) + \max(0, -3.9) \\
 &= 2.9 + 0 \\
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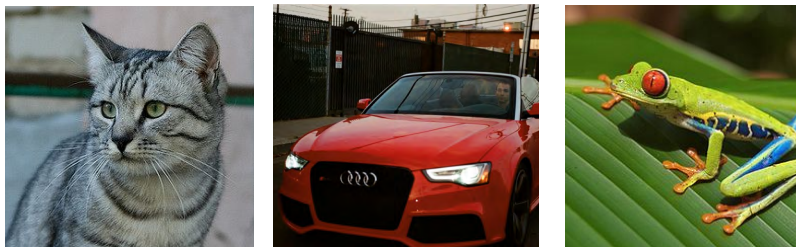
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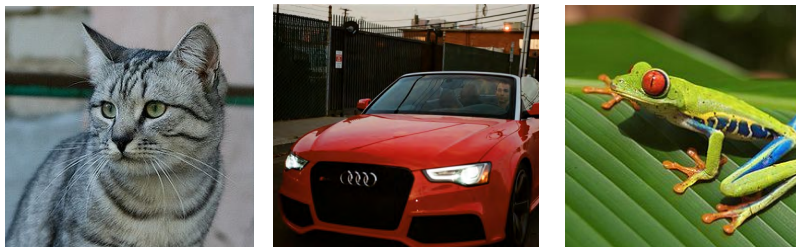
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 &\quad + \max(0, 2.5 - (-3.1) + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, 6.3) + \max(0, 6.6) \\
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Loss over full dataset is average:

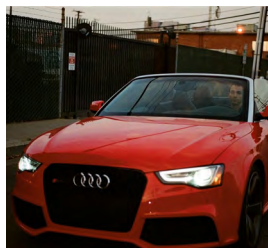
$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i$$

$$L = (2.9 + 0 + 12.9)/3 \\ = \mathbf{5.27}$$

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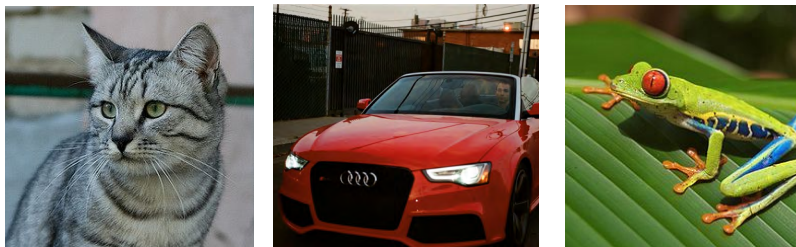
Q1: What happens to loss if car scores decrease by 0.5 for this training example?

Q2: what is the min/max possible SVM loss  $L_i$ ?

Q3: At initialization  $W$  is small so all  $s \approx 0$ . What is the loss  $L_i$ , assuming  $N$  examples and  $C$  classes?



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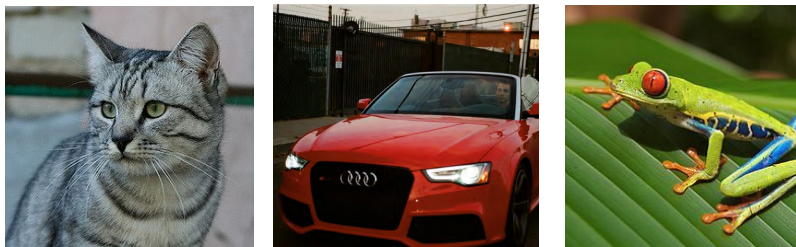
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Q4: What if the sum  
 was over all classes?  
 (including  $j = y_i$ )

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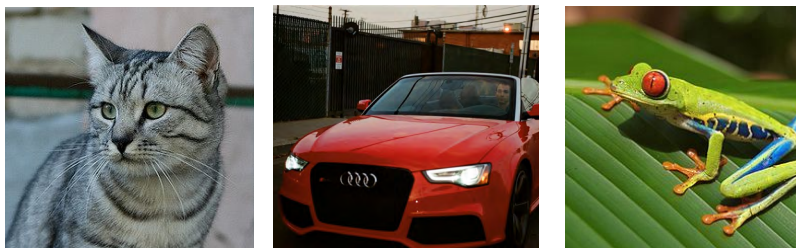
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Q5: What if we used  
 mean instead of  
 sum?

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## Multiclass SVM loss:

Given an example  $(x_i, y_i)$   
 where  $x_i$  is the image and  
 where  $y_i$  is the (integer) label,

and using the shorthand for the  
 scores vector:  $s = f(x_i, W)$

the SVM loss has the form:

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

Q6: What if we used

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)^2$$

# Multiclass SVM Loss: Example code

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

```
def L_i_vectorized(x, y, W):  
    scores = W.dot(x) # First calculate scores  
    margins = np.maximum(0, scores - scores[y] + 1) # Then calculate the margins s_j - s_{y_i} + 1  
    margins[y] = 0 # only sum j is not y_i, so when j = y_i, set to zero.  
    loss_i = np.sum(margins) # sum across all j  
    return loss_i
```

$$f(x, W) = Wx$$

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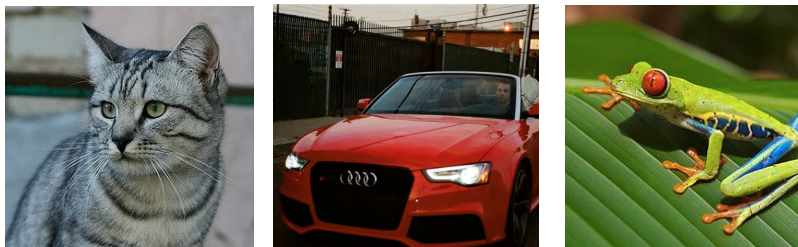
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Suppose: 3 training examples, 3 classes.  
 With some  $W$  the scores  $f(x, W) = Wx$  are:



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**Before:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \max(0, 1.3 - 4.9 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \max(0, 2.0 - 4.9 + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, -2.6) + \max(0, -1.9) \\
 &= 0 + 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

**With  $W$  twice as large:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \max(0, 2.6 - 9.8 + 1) \\
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 &= \max(0, -6.2) + \max(0, -4.8) \\
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Некорректная задача, Ill-posed problem

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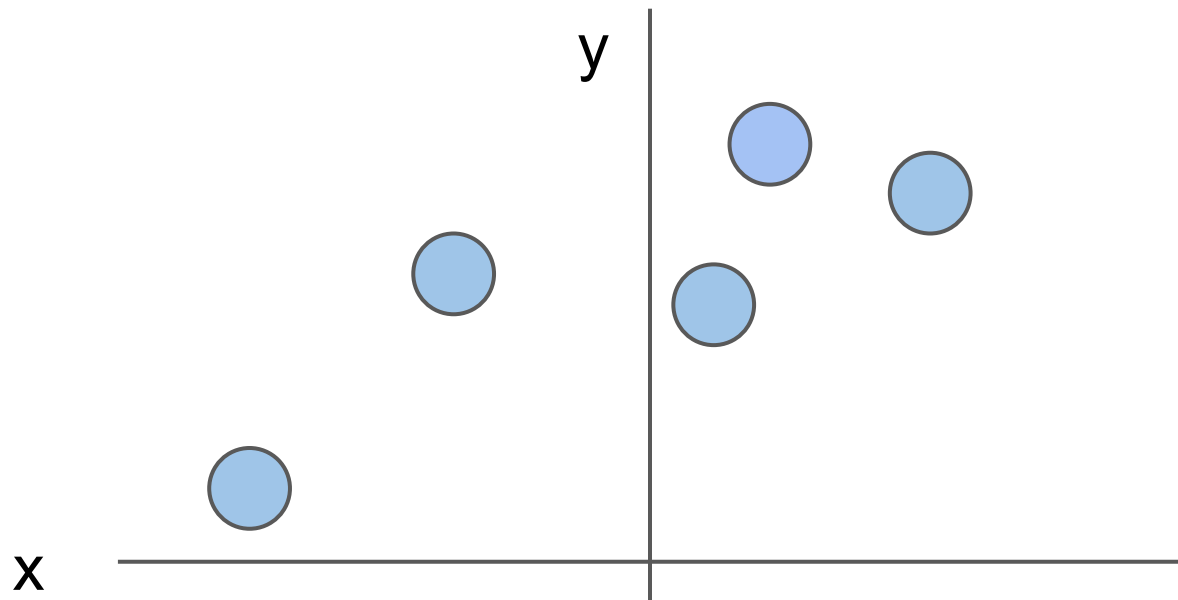
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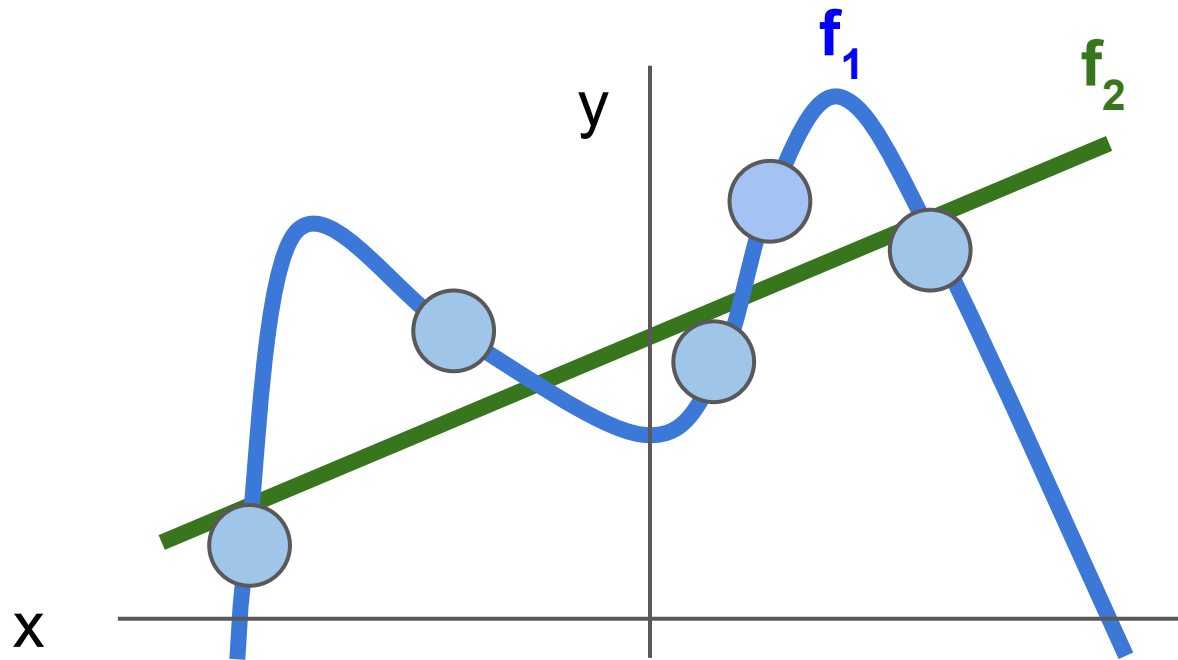
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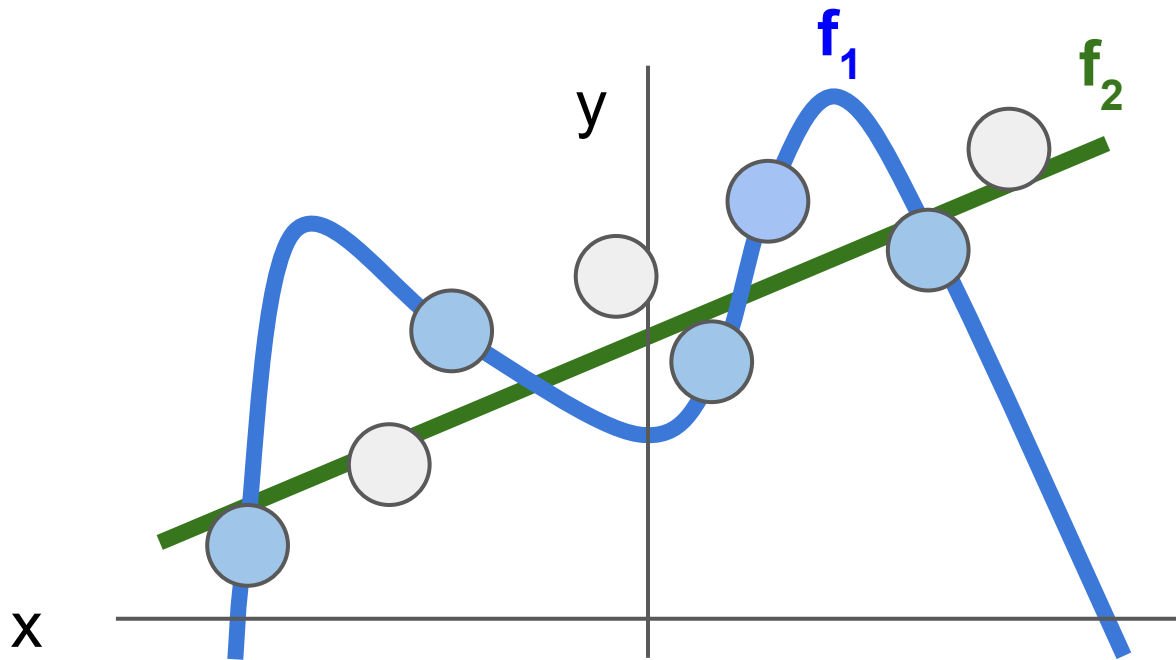
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Regularization pushes against fitting the data  
*too* well so we don't fit noise in the data

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**Occam's Razor:** Among multiple competing hypotheses, the simplest is the best,  
William of Ockham 1285-1347

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## More complex:

Dropout

Batch normalization

Stochastic depth, fractional pooling, etc

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Why regularize?

- Express preferences over weights
- Make the model *simple* so it works on test data
- Improve optimization by adding curvature

# Regularization: Expressing Preferences

$$x = [1, 1, 1, 1]$$

$$w_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0]$$

$$w_2 = [0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25]$$

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**Maximum Likelihood Estimation**  
Choose weights to maximize the likelihood of the observed data  
(See CS 229 for details)

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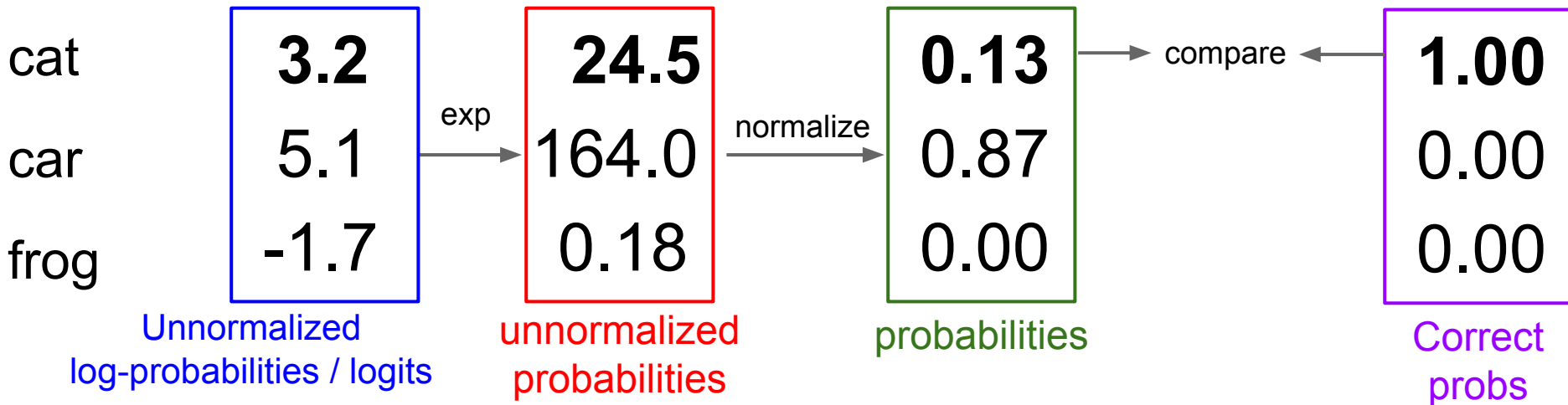
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Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$D_{KL}(P||Q) = \sum_y P(y) \log \frac{P(y)}{Q(y)}$$

1.00
0.00
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Correct probs

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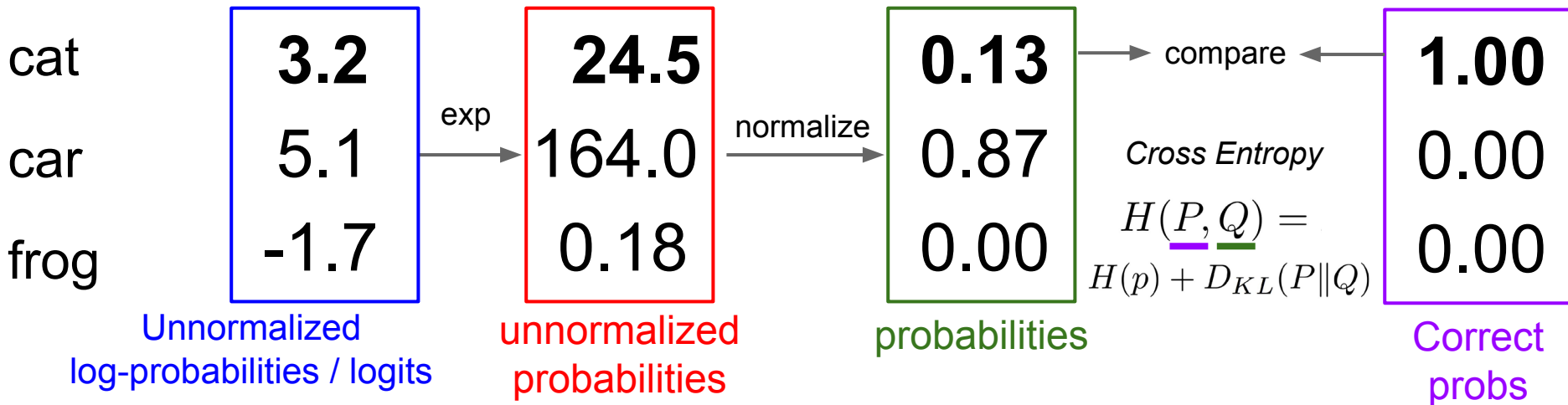
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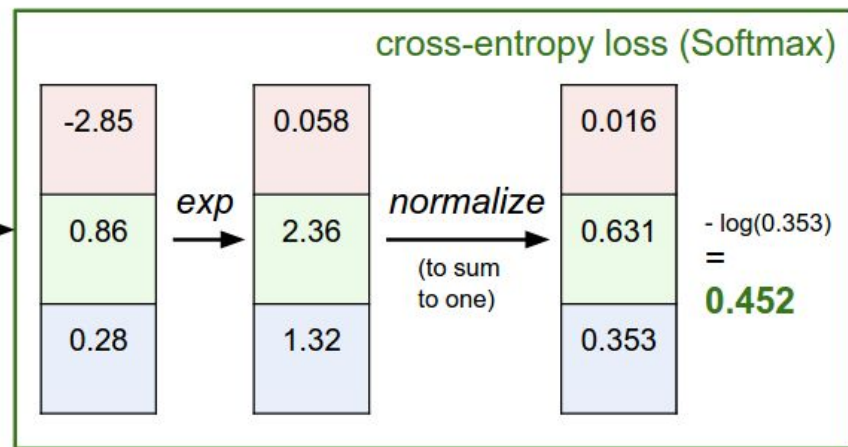
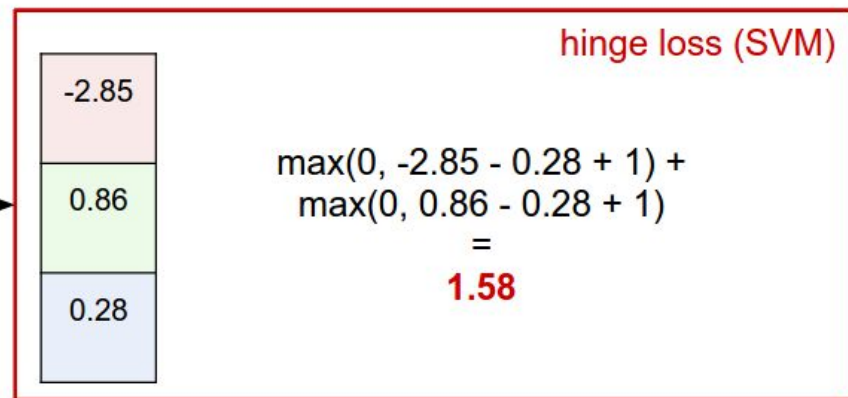
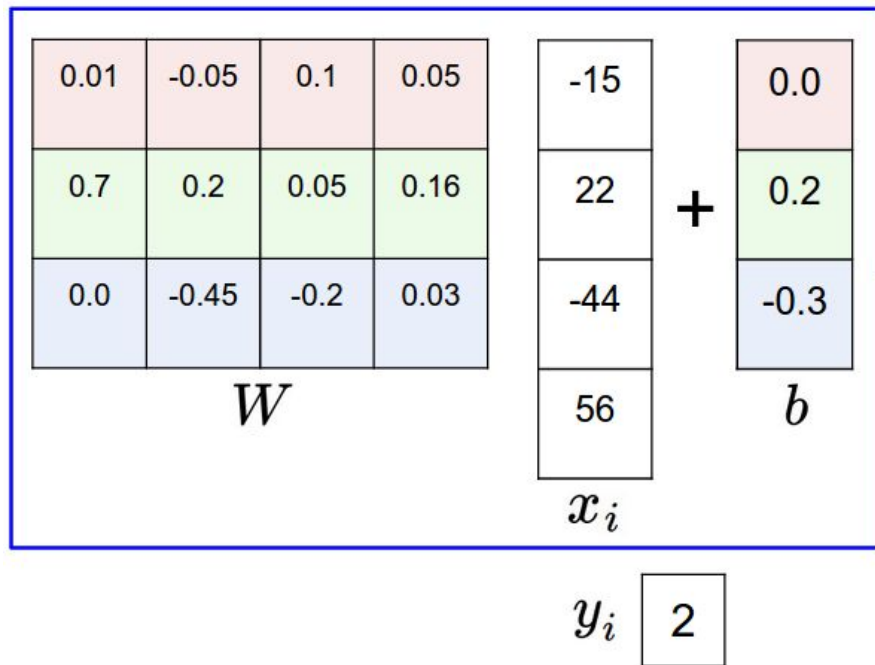
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A:  $-\log(1/C) = \log(C)$ ,

If  $C = 10$ , then  $L_i = \log(10) \approx 2.3$

# Softmax vs. SVM

matrix multiply + bias offset



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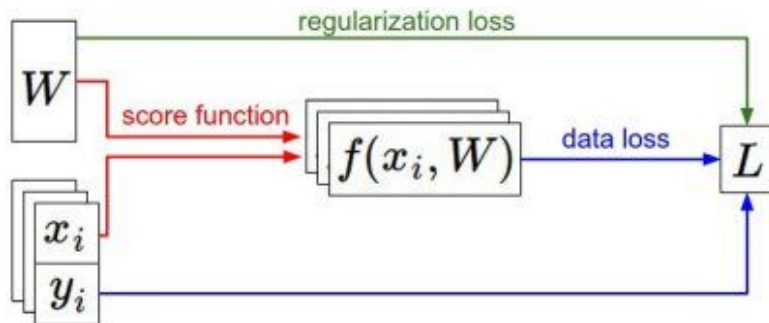
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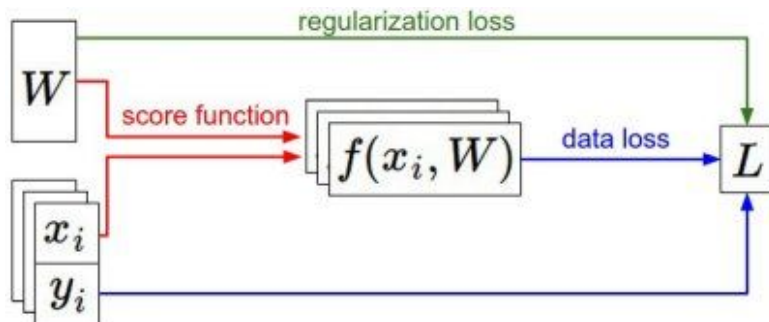
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# Optimization



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# Strategy #1: A first very bad idea solution: **Random search**

```
# assume X_train is the data where each column is an example (e.g. 3073 x 50,000)
# assume Y_train are the labels (e.g. 1D array of 50,000)
# assume the function L evaluates the loss function

bestloss = float("inf") # Python assigns the highest possible float value
for num in xrange(1000):
    W = np.random.randn(10, 3073) * 0.0001 # generate random parameters
    loss = L(X_train, Y_train, W) # get the loss over the entire training set
    if loss < bestloss: # keep track of the best solution
        bestloss = loss
        bestW = W
    print 'in attempt %d the loss was %f, best %f' % (num, loss, bestloss)

# prints:
# in attempt 0 the loss was 9.401632, best 9.401632
# in attempt 1 the loss was 8.959668, best 8.959668
# in attempt 2 the loss was 9.044034, best 8.959668
# in attempt 3 the loss was 9.278948, best 8.959668
# in attempt 4 the loss was 8.857370, best 8.857370
# in attempt 5 the loss was 8.943151, best 8.857370
# in attempt 6 the loss was 8.605604, best 8.605604
# ... (truncated: continues for 1000 lines)
```

Lets see how well this works on the test set...

```
# Assume X_test is [3073 x 10000], Y_test [10000 x 1]  
scores = Wbest.dot(Xte_cols) # 10 x 10000, the class scores for all test examples  
# find the index with max score in each column (the predicted class)  
Yte_predict = np.argmax(scores, axis = 0)  
# and calculate accuracy (fraction of predictions that are correct)  
np.mean(Yte_predict == Yte)  
# returns 0.1555
```

15.5% accuracy! not bad!  
(SOTA is ~99.3%)



## Strategy #2: Follow the slope



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In 1-dimension, the derivative of a function:

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

In multiple dimensions, the **gradient** is the vector of (partial derivatives) along each dimension

The slope in any direction is the **dot product** of the direction with the gradient  
The direction of steepest descent is the **negative gradient**

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**gradient dW:**

[?,  
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?,  
?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (first dim):**

[0.34 + **0.0001**,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25322**

**gradient dW:**

[?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (first dim):**

[0.34 + **0.0001**,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25322**

**gradient dW:**

**[-2.5,**  
?,  
?,

$$(1.25322 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = -2.5$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,  
?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (second dim):**

[0.34,  
-1.11 + **0.0001**,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25353**

**gradient dW:**

[-2.5,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (second dim):**

[0.34,  
-1.11 + **0.0001**,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25353**

**gradient dW:**

[-2.5,  
**0.6**,  
?,  
?,

$$(1.25353 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = 0.6$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (third dim):**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78 + **0.0001**,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**gradient dW:**

[-2.5,  
0.6,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,...]



current **W**:

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h** (third dim):

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78 + **0.0001**,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

gradient **dW**:

[-2.5,  
0.6,  
**0**,  
?,  
0

$(1.25347 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = 0$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

f, ...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (third dim):**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78 + **0.0001**,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**gradient dW:**

[-2.5,  
0.6,  
**0**,  
?,  
?

### Numeric Gradient

- Slow! Need to loop over all dimensions
- Approximate

?,...]

This is silly. The loss is just a function of  $W$ :

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + \sum_k W_k^2$$

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

$$s = f(x; W) = Wx$$

want  $\nabla_W L$

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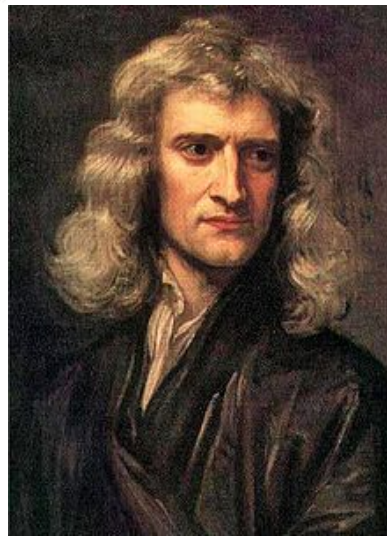
$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + \sum_k W_k^2$$

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

$$s = f(x; W) = Wx$$

want  $\nabla_W L$

Use calculus to compute an  
**analytic gradient**



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[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

$dW = \dots$   
(some function  
data and W)



**gradient dW:**

[-2.5,  
0.6,  
0,  
0.2,  
0.7,  
-0.5,  
1.1,  
1.3,  
-2.1,...]

## In summary:

- Numerical gradient: approximate, slow, easy to write
- Analytic gradient: exact, fast, error-prone

=>

In practice: Always use analytic gradient, but check implementation with numerical gradient. This is called a **gradient check**.

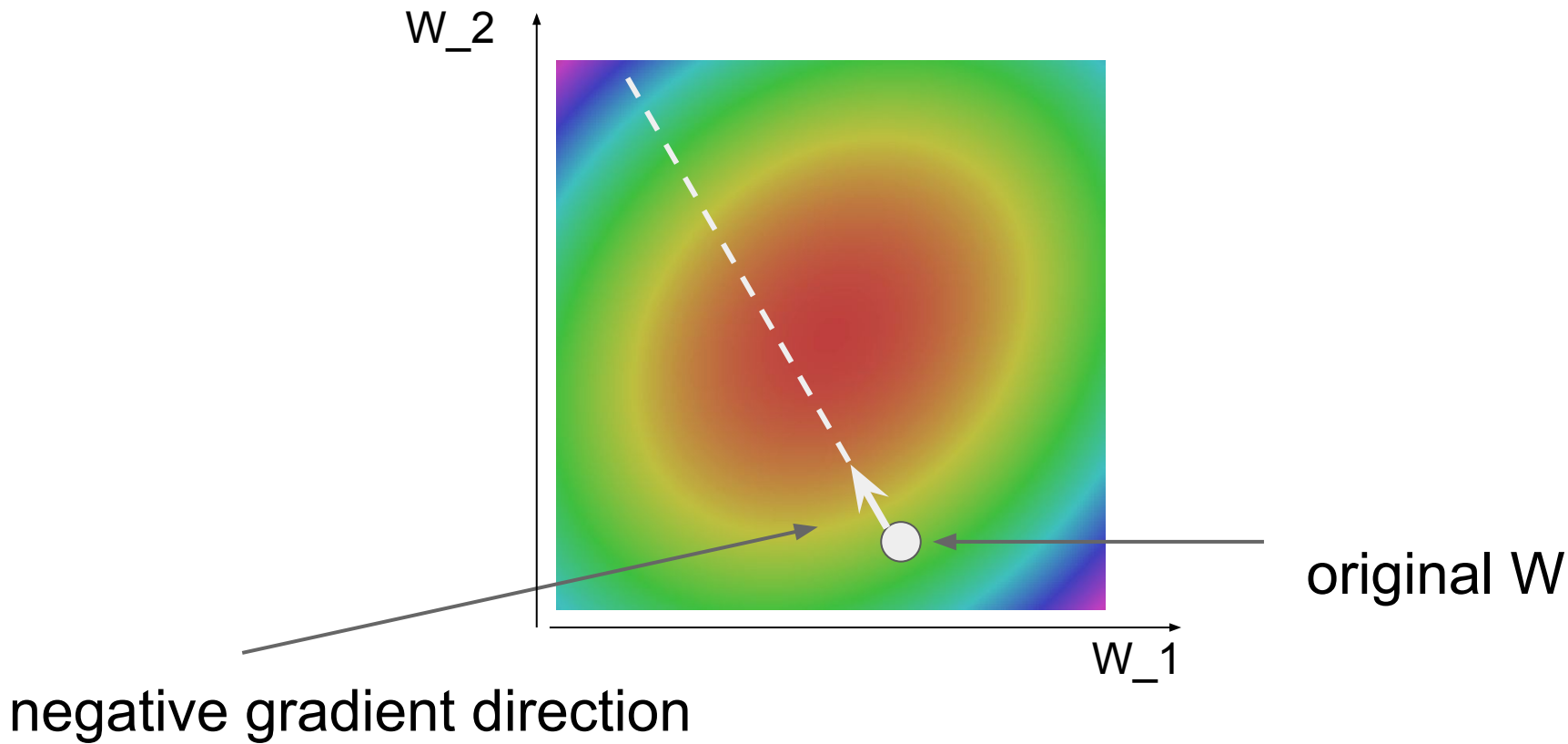
# Gradient Descent

```
# Vanilla Gradient Descent
```

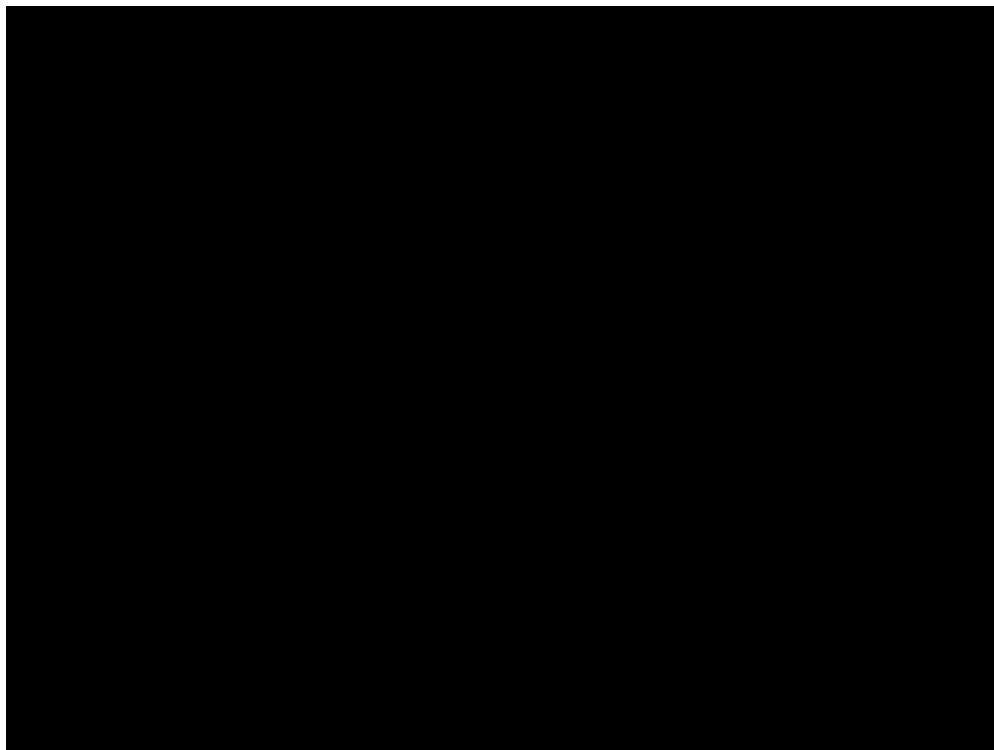
```
while True:
```

```
    weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)
```

```
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```







# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i(x_i, y_i, W) + \lambda R(W)$$

$$\nabla_W L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_W L_i(x_i, y_i, W) + \lambda \nabla_W R(W)$$

Full sum expensive  
when N is large!

Approximate sum  
using a **minibatch** of  
examples  
32 / 64 / 128 common

```
# Vanilla Minibatch Gradient Descent
```

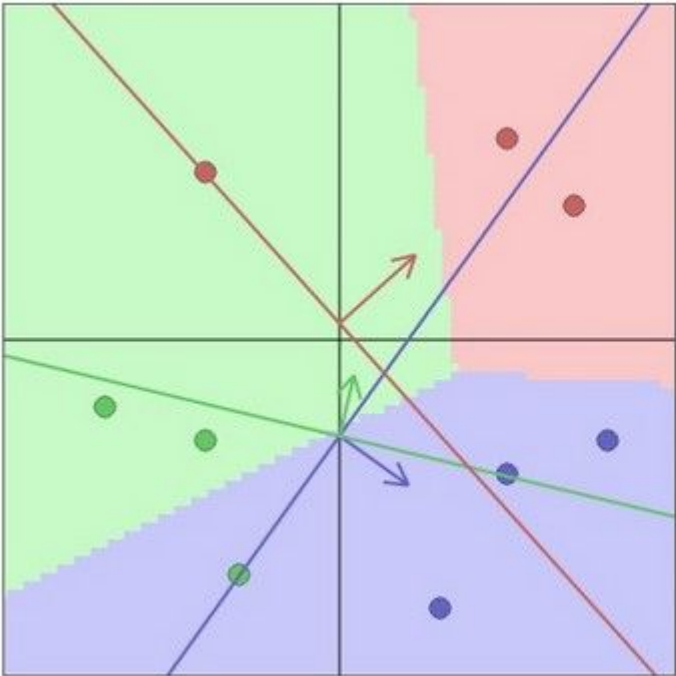
```
while True:
```

```
    data_batch = sample_training_data(data, 256) # sample 256 examples
```

```
    weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data_batch, weights)
```

```
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```

# Interactive Web Demo



$w[0,0]$	$w[0,1]$	$b[0]$
2.06	1.48	-0.42
-0.12	0.12	0.00
$w[1,0]$	$w[1,1]$	$b[1]$
0.44	-1.82	0.52
0.19	-0.37	0.12
$w[2,0]$	$w[2,1]$	$b[2]$
2.27	-2.04	-0.10
0.17	0.14	-0.11

$x[0]$	$x[1]$	$y$	$s[0]$	$s[1]$	$s[2]$	$L$
0.50	0.40	0	1.20	0.01	0.22	0.02
0.80	0.30	0	1.67	0.33	1.10	0.44
0.30	0.80	0	1.38	-0.80	-1.05	0.00
-0.40	0.30	1	-0.80	-0.20	-1.62	0.39
-0.30	0.70	1	-0.01	-0.88	-2.21	1.87
-0.70	0.20	1	-1.57	-0.15	-2.10	0.00
0.70	-0.40	2	0.43	1.55	2.31	0.25
0.50	-0.60	2	-0.28	1.83	2.26	0.57
-0.40	-0.50	2	-1.98	1.26	0.01	2.24

Step size: 0.10000

Single parameter update

Start repeated update

Stop repeated update

Randomize parameters

Total data loss: 0.64  
 Regularization loss: 1.92  
 Total loss: 2.57

L2 Regularization strength: 0.10000

mean:  
0.64

<http://vision.stanford.edu/teaching/cs231n-demos/linear-classify/>

# Next time:

Introduction to neural networks

Backpropagation