

# Probability Review

CSE 447 / 517

January 13th, 2022 (Week 2)

Eisenstein (2019) 6 and Appendix A

# Logistics

- Assignment 1 deadline extended!

Now due **TODAY(1/13) 11:59 PM PST**

# Agenda

- Quiz 1 Solutions
- Probability Review
- Assignment 1 Q & A

# Quiz 1 - Problem Recap

Imagine you are in charge of implementing a text classifier for Gmail to sort incoming emails into categories.

- Primary: Emails from people you know (and messages that don't appear in other tabs)
- Social: Messages from social networks and media-sharing sites
- Promotions: Deals, offers, newsletters and other “call to action” emails
- Updates: Notifications, confirmations, receipts, bills and statements
- Forums: Messages from online groups, discussion boards and mailing lists

To simplify the problem, assume you only have access to the subject of the email, and all of the emails are in English.

Your goal is to build a multinomial logistics regression text classifier and evaluate its performance.

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$$f_{\text{Social, amazing}}^{\text{freq}}(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

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There 8 tokens in our vocabulary.

There are 5 different labels.

We need **40** features in total.



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Yes! It can help us identify pronouns in English!

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Yes! You can argue that this can be an informative feature for indicating a message is in the **Social** or **Forum** category.

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Yes! You can also argue this can be an informative feature for **Promotions** (call to action) category. However, you can also argue that rely on an external system might not be the best idea.

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$$\begin{aligned} \log \text{ loss} &= -\log (p_{\text{LMR}}(Y = \text{"Promotion"} \mid \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}, \theta)) \\ &= -\log (0.062) \\ &= 2.781 \end{aligned}$$

# Probability review

- Notation
  - $X$ : our random variable that can take on different values
  - $\mathcal{X}$ : the space of all possible events (aka values our random variable  $X$  can take on)
  - $x$ : a specific value in  $\mathcal{X}$  that  $X$  can take on
- $p(x)$  is the shorthand for  $p(X = x)$
- Joint probability:  $p(X = x, Y = y)$

# Probability review

- Conditional probability:  $p(X = x | Y = y)$  – very related to joint probability

$$p(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{p(X = x, Y = y)}{p(Y = y)}$$

- Therefore,  $p(X = x, Y = y) = p(X = x | Y = y) \cdot p(Y = y)$   
and  $= p(Y = y | X = x) \cdot p(X = x)$

# Probability review

$p(X = x, Y = y) = p(X = x) \cdot p(Y = y)$  is not always true, when is this statement false?

# Maximum Likelihood Principle/Estimation

- Observations:  $\mathbf{x}$
- Set of probability distributions that are consistent w/ assumption about the data:  $\mathcal{P}$
- We want to “find the best distribution of the data given the observation”

$$p_{\text{MLE}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p(\mathbf{x})$$

- In practice, we usually let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of probabilistic models with parameter  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , we choose:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{MLE}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

# MLE Examples

- MLE Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a sequence of  $N$  observed coin flips, i.e., drawn from  $\{h, t\}^+$ .

Assumption: a single coin flipped repeatedly, so the observations are independent and identically distributed. The probability that the coin comes up heads is  $\theta$ .

If  $p(\text{coin comes up heads}) = \theta$ , then the probability of observing  $\mathbf{x}$  given  $\theta$  is

$$\rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N \theta^{\mathbf{1}\{x_i=h\}} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\mathbf{1}\{x_i=t\}}$$

$$\theta_{\text{MLE}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in [0,1]} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{x_i = h\}}{N} = \frac{\text{count}_{\mathbf{x}}(h)}{N}$$

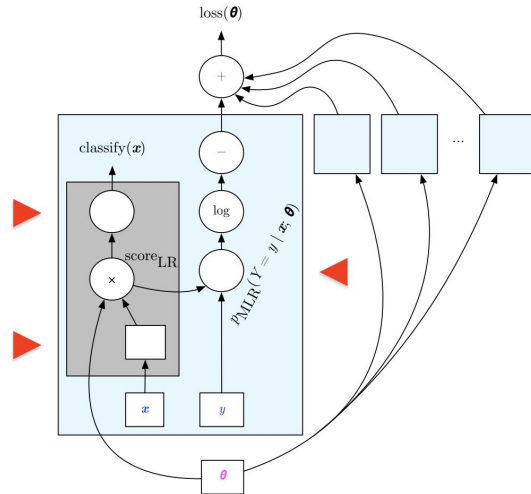
We already know how many times the heads (and the tails) came up!

# Features in the multinomial setting

General template:

$$f_{\ell, \phi}(\mathbf{x}, y) = \phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{1}\{y = \ell\}$$

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**Does f depend on y?**



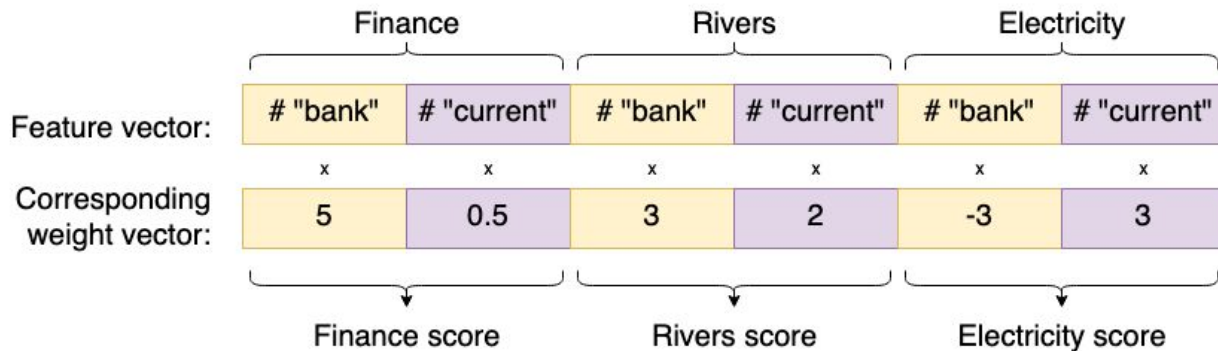
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Feature vector:	# "bank"	# "current"
Corresponding learned weights:	???	???

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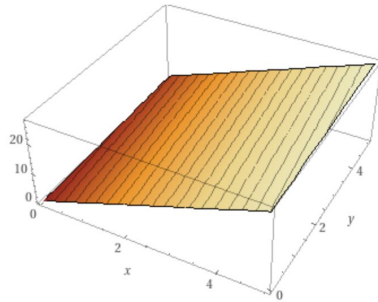
# Geometric view of the problem on the previous slide

Finance:

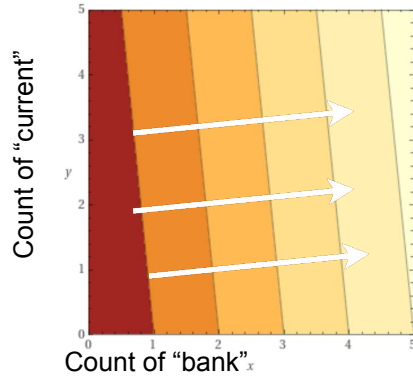
$$5(\text{bank}) + 0.5(\text{current}) = \text{score}$$

$$5x + 0.5y = z$$

3D plot:



Contour plot:

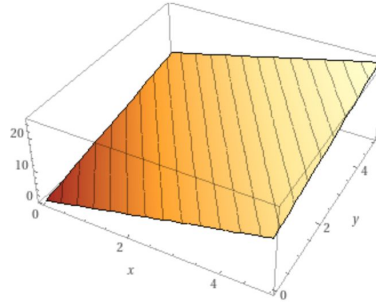


Rivers:

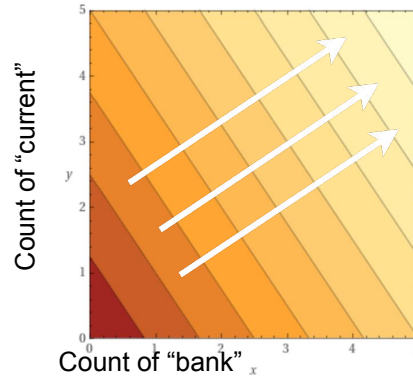
$$3(\text{bank}) + 2(\text{current}) = \text{score}$$

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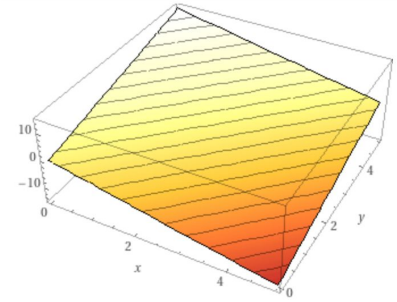


Electricity:

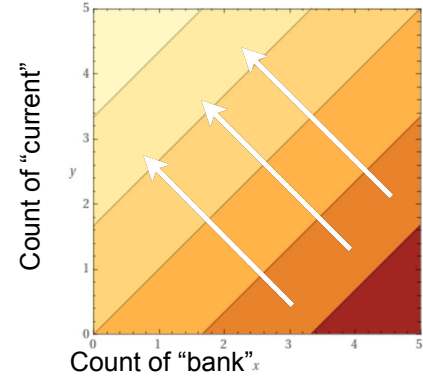
$$-3(\text{bank}) + 3(\text{current}) = \text{score}$$

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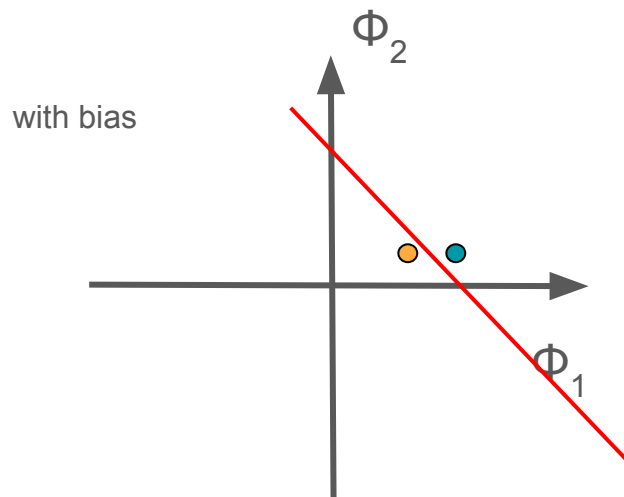
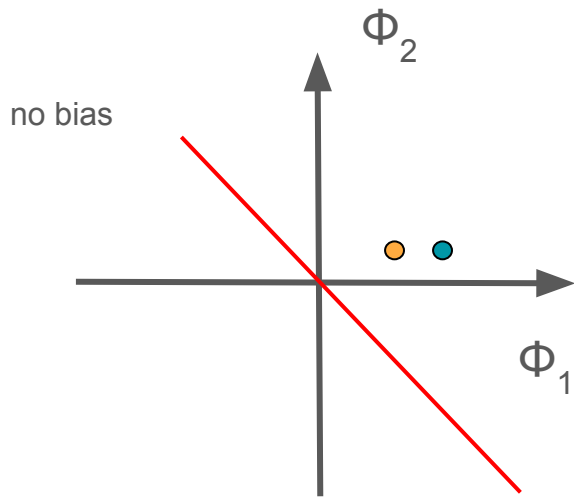
- Phrases: these give you some ordering of words, e.g. “think of”, “better than”
- Stems and morphemes: let you group up similar words, e.g. “bird” & “birds”
- Capitalization: could indicate proper nouns, e.g. # of words with capital letters
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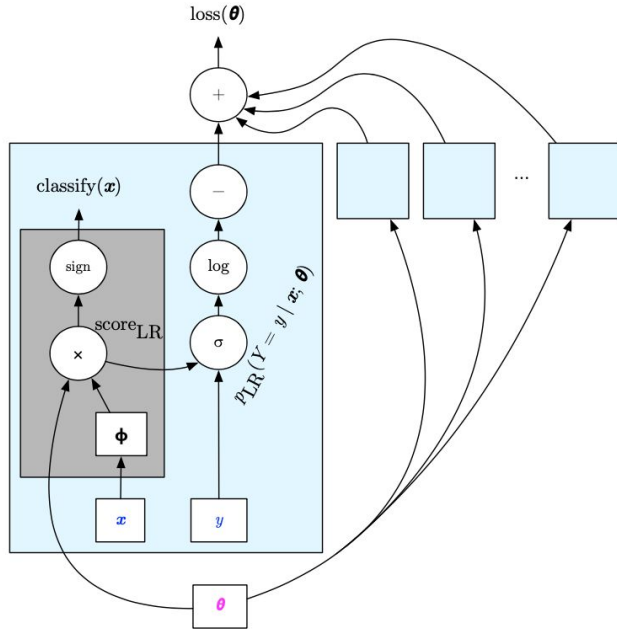
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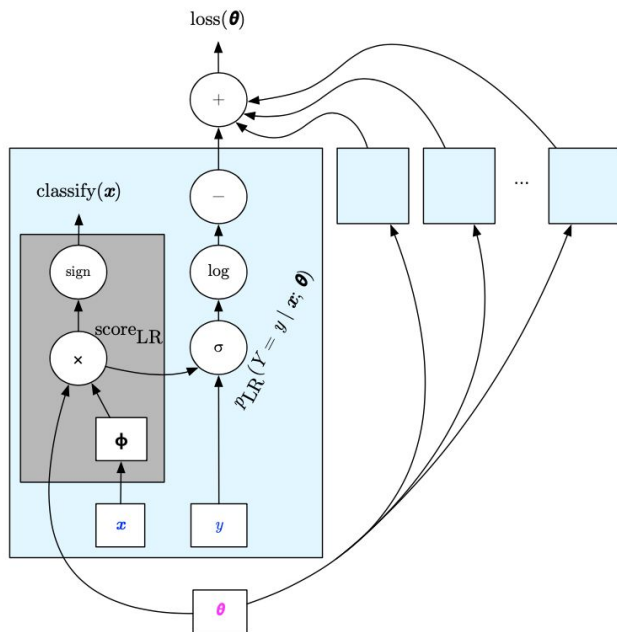
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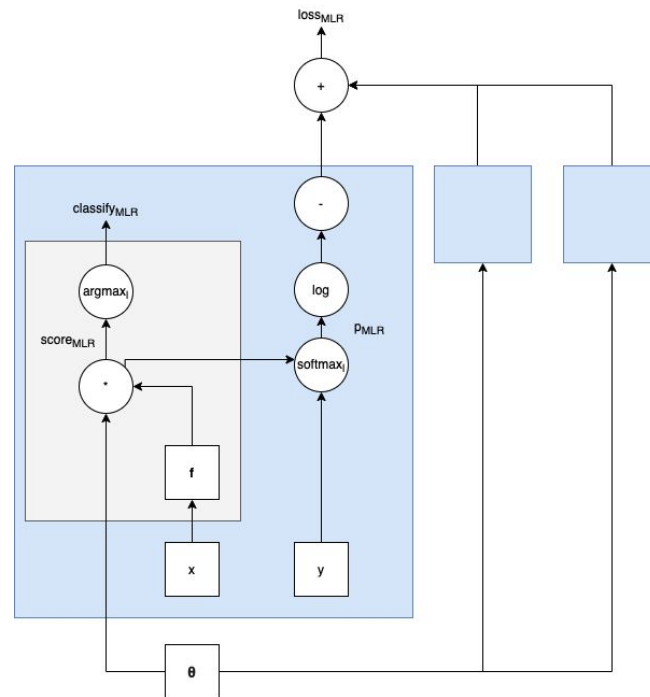


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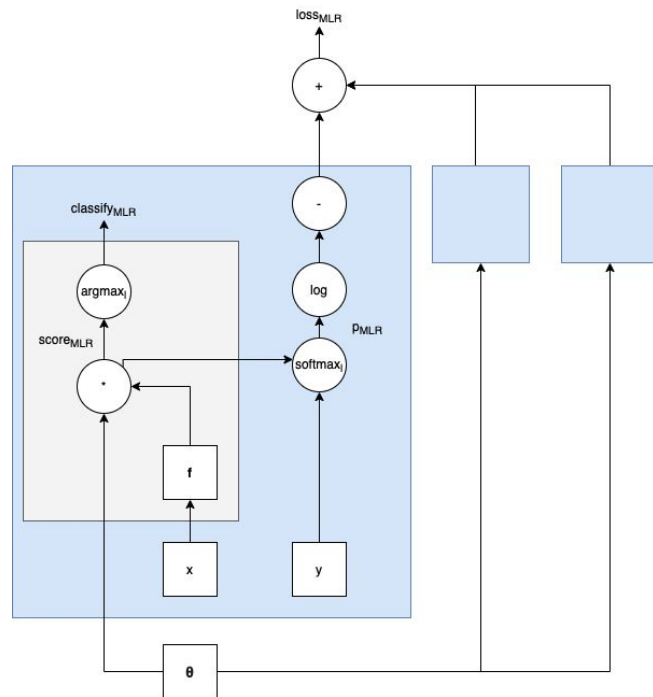
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L1 regularization (Lecture Slide 80)



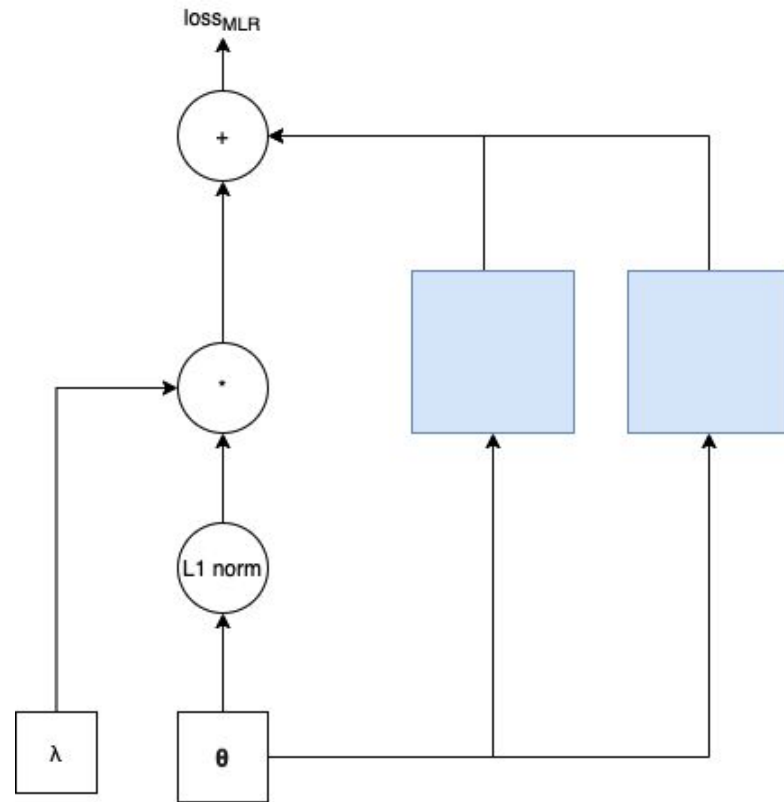
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Computation graph for regularized MLR

Q & A