

# Homework 2

1.2

By definition  $L_{\text{class}}(c(h), y) \leq L_{\text{class}}(h, y) \quad \forall y \in Y_{\pm} \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$

Summing over all data points then we get:

$$\sum_{i=1}^M L_{\text{class}}(c(h), y_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^M L_{\text{class}}(h, y_i) \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$L_{\text{class}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L_{\text{class}}(c(h), y_i) \leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L_{\text{class}}(h, y_i) \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$L_{\text{class}} \hat{L}_{0-1}(c(h)) \leq \hat{L}_{\text{class}}(h) \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\hat{L}_{0-1}(c(h)) \leq \frac{1}{C_{\text{class}}} \hat{L}_{\text{class}}(h) \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$$

□

1.3

① Yes: - If  $\text{sgn}(h) = y$  then  $L_{\text{class}}(h, y) = (h-y)^2 \geq 0 = L_{0-1}(c(h), y)$

- If  $\text{sgn}(h) \neq y$  then  $|h-y| \geq 1$  and thus:

$$L_{\text{class}}(h, y) = (h-y)^2 \geq 1 = L_{0-1}(c(h), y) \quad \square$$

The best constant is  $C_{\text{class}} = 1$  since for any other constant  $C' = 1 + \varepsilon$  for  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  we can have  $h = \varepsilon/4, y = -1$  and then

$$L_{\text{class}}(h, y) = (1 + \varepsilon/4)^2 = 1 + \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon^2/16 < 1 + \varepsilon = (1 + \varepsilon) L_{0-1}(c(h), y)$$

\* if  $C' = 1 + \varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon \geq 1$  then pick  $h = 1/10, y = -1$  to get

$$L_{\text{class}}(h, y) = (1.1)^2 < 2 \leq C' = C' L_{0-1}(c(h), y)$$

ii) For any constant  $C_{\text{class}} > 0$  pick  $h = 1 + \frac{C_{\text{class}}}{2}$ ,  $\gamma = -1$

Then  $L_{\text{class}}(h, \gamma) = |1 + \frac{C_{\text{class}}}{2} - 1| = \frac{C_{\text{class}}}{2} \leq C_{\text{class}} = C_{\text{class}} L_{0-1}(c(h), \gamma)$

iii) let  $h^* < 0$  and  $L_{\text{class}}(h^*, 1) = 0$  so  $|h^* + \gamma|$  is not an upper bound for the zero-one loss.  $\square$

Then  $L_{\text{class}}(h^*, 1) = 0 \leq C_{\text{class}} = C_{\text{class}} L_{0-1}(h^*, 1)$

for any  $C_{\text{class}} > 0$ . So this cannot be an upper bound for the zero-one loss.

iv) Let  $L_{\text{class}}(h, \gamma) = |h + \gamma|$  then taking  $h = 1 + \frac{C_{\text{class}}}{2}$ ,  $\gamma = -1$   
we get that for every  $C_{\text{class}} > 0$ :

$$L_{\text{class}}(h, \gamma) = \frac{C_{\text{class}}}{2} \leq C_{\text{class}} = C_{\text{class}} L_{0-1}(c(h), \gamma)$$

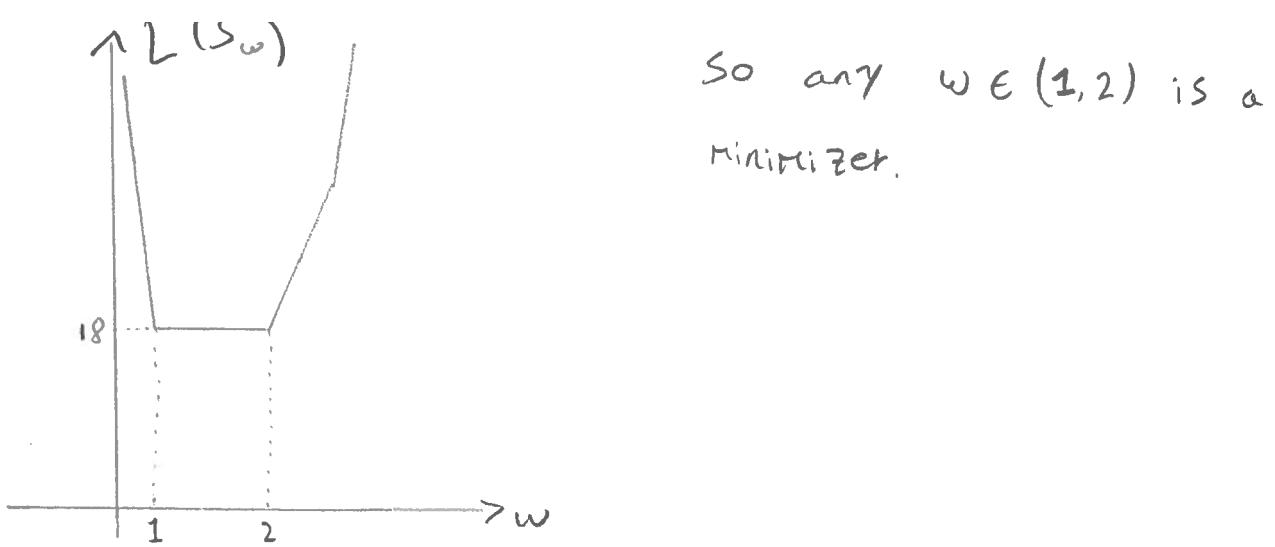
So  $L_{\text{class}} = |h + \gamma|$  is not an upper bound for the zero-one loss but there exists no  $h < 0$  with  $L_{\text{class}}(h, 1) = 0$ .  
(since  $L_{\text{class}}(h, 1) > 1 \forall h$ ), so the converse is not true.

#### 4.1

We minimize the total loss  $\hat{L}(S_w)$ : (we assume green lines represent  $y=+1$   
while red crosses represent  $y=-1$  since  
the score should increase with the chance of  $y=+1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{L}(S_w) = & 12 \max(1-w, 0) + 8 \max(w-1, 0) + 2 \max(2-w, 0) + 4 \max(w-2, 0) \\ & + 2 \max(3-w, 0) + 4 \max(w-3, 0) + 4 \max(4-w, 0) + 12 \max(w-4, 0). \end{aligned}$$

The following graph illustrates  $\hat{L}(S_w)$ :



So any  $w \in (1, 2)$  is a minimizer.

In this case this results in the same as the majority classifier, which predicts  $y = -1$  for bin 1 and  $y = +1$  for bins 2, 3, and 4.

If the bins are relabelled to any non-decreasing values then the classifier will remain unchanged since we have a distance score  $x-w$  for which the condition of a minimizer is  $FP = FN$  (false positives = false negatives). And this will always lie between bins 1 and 2.

#### 4.2

If incorrect then  $y=1$  and  $s \leq 0$  in which case  $L_{\text{margin}}(s, y) = \max(0, 1-s) = 1-s \in [1, \infty)$   
or  $y=-1$  and  $s \geq 0$  in which case  $L_{\text{margin}}(s, y) = \max(0, 1+s) = 1+s \in [1, \infty)$

If Marginal then  $y=1$  and  $0 \leq s \leq 1$  so  $L_{\text{margin}}(s, y) = \max(0, 1-s) = 1-s \in [0, 1]$   
or  $y=-1$  and  $-1 \leq s \leq 0$  so  $L_{\text{margin}}(s, y) = \max(0, 1+s) = 1+s \in [0, 1]$

If confident then  $y=1$  and  $s \geq 1$  so  $L_{\text{margin}}(s, y) = \max(0, 1+s) = 1+s \in [0, 1]$

or  $y=-1$  and  $s \leq -1$  so  $L_{\text{margin}}(s, y) = \max(0, 1-s) = 0$

so  $L_{\text{margin}} \in \begin{cases} [1, \infty), & \text{incorrect} \\ [0, 1], & \text{marginal} \\ = 0, & \text{confident} \end{cases}$  as expected.

Note that this still holds for the  $t$ -Margin loss, given the generalizations in exercise 4.4

### 4.3

Note that if  $L_{\text{margin},t}$  is marginal or confident then  $c(s) = y$ , so  $L_{0-1}(c(s), y) = 0$  and  $L_{\text{margin},t} \geq L_{0-1}$  (since  $L_{\text{margin},t} \geq 0$ )

And if  $L_{\text{margin},t}$  is incorrect then  $c(s) \neq y$ , so  $L_{0-1}(c(s), y) = 1$  but  $L_{\text{margin},t} \in [1, \infty)$  from the previous exercise.

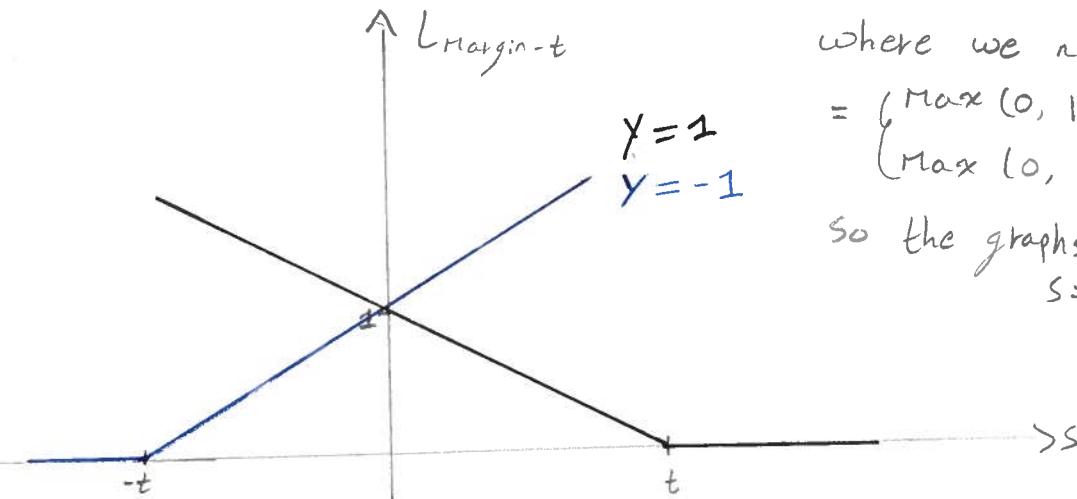
So  $L_{\text{margin},t}(s, y) \geq L_{0-1}(c(s), y) + s, \forall y$  and thus  $\{L_{\text{margin},t}, c = \text{sgn}, C_{\text{class}} = 1\}$  is an upper bound for the classification error. Summing over all  $y \in Y_t$  we get (4).

### 4.4

i) Letting  $t=1$  we get  $L_{\text{margin},2} = \begin{cases} \max(0, 1-s), & y=1 \\ \max(0, 1+s), & y=-1 \end{cases} = L_{\text{margin}}$

- ii) - incorrect:  $c(s) \neq y$
- false positive:  $y=-1, s>0$
- Marginal positive:  $y=1, 0 \leq s \leq t$
- false negative:  $y=1, s<0$
- Marginal negative:  $y=-1, -t \leq s \leq 0$
- Marginal:  $y=c(s), |s| \leq t$
- confident:  $c(s)=y$  and  $|s| \geq t$

### 4.5



where we note that  $L_{\text{margin},t}(-s, -y) = \begin{cases} \max(0, 1+\frac{s}{t}), & y=-1 \\ \max(0, 1-\frac{s}{t}), & y=1 \end{cases} = L_{\text{margin},t}(s, y)$   
so the graphs are symmetric about  $s=0$ .

4.6

$$O = \sum_{i=1}^n L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow O = \sum_{i=1}^n L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i) = \sum_{i \in I^+} L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i) + \sum_{i \in I^-} L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i)$$

where

$I^+$  are those data points with  $y=1$  and  $I^-$  those with  $y=-1$ .

$$\Rightarrow O = \sum_{i \in \{y=1, \text{confident}\}} L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i) + \sum_{i \in \{\text{MP}, \text{FN}\}} L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i) + \sum_{i \in \{y=-1, \text{confident}\}} L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i) + \sum_{i \in \{\text{MN}, \text{FP}\}} L'_{\text{Margin-}t}(x_i - \omega, y_i)$$

From exercise 4.5 (the graph of  $L'_{\text{Margin-}t}$ ) we have that

$$L'_{\text{Margin-}t} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for confident} \\ \frac{1}{t}, & \text{for } \{\text{MN}, \text{FP}\} \\ -\frac{1}{t}, & \text{for } \{\text{MP}, \text{FN}\} \end{cases}$$

MN = Marginal negative  
 MP = Marginal positive  
 FN = false negative.  
 FP = false positive

so we get  $O = \sum_{i \in \{\text{MP}, \text{FN}\}} -\frac{1}{t} + \sum_{i \in \{\text{MN}, \text{FP}\}} \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow \#\{\text{MP}, \text{FN}\} = \#\{\text{MN}, \text{FP}\}$

□

5.1 (i)

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

$$\text{logit}(p) = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \log(r(p)) \text{ by definition}$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{logit}(\sigma(x)) = \underbrace{\text{logit}(p(e^x))}_{\text{from (i)}} = \underbrace{\log(r(p(e^x)))}_{\text{from (i)}} = \underbrace{\log(e^x)}_{\text{since } r=p^{-1}} = x$$

$$\sigma(\text{logit}(p)) = \underbrace{p(e^{\text{logit}(p)})}_{\text{from (i)}} = \underbrace{p(e^{\log(r(p))})}_{\text{from (i)}} = \underbrace{p(r(p))}_{\text{since } p=r^{-1}} = p$$

So  $\sigma$  and logit are inverses.

## 5.2

$$\rightarrow 2\sigma(x) = \frac{2}{1+e^{-x}} = \frac{2e^x}{e^x+1} = 1 + \frac{e^x-1}{e^x+1} = 1 + \tanh(\frac{x}{2})$$

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

$$\rightarrow \sigma'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}\right)' = -\frac{1}{(1+e^{-x})^2} \cdot (-e^{-x}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{e^{-x}}{1+e^{-x}} = \sigma(x) \cdot (1 - \sigma(x))$$

## 5.3

equation (8) states that the probability classifier is the same as the score-based classifier for the score that gives the desired probability.

If  $c(h)=y$  then  $L_{0-1}(c(h), y) = 0$  but  $L_{\text{score}, \log}(h, y) = L_{\log}(\sigma(h), y) \geq 0$   
 so  $L_{\text{score}, \log}(h, y) \geq L_{0-1}(c(h), y)$  (since  $L_{\log}$  is non-negative).

If  $c(h) \neq y$  then  $|L_{0-1}(c(h), y)| = 1$  and  $\begin{cases} \sigma(h) < 0.5, \text{ for } y=1 \\ \sigma(h) \geq 0.5, \text{ for } y=-1 \end{cases}$   
 in which case  $L_{\text{score}, \log}(h, y) = L_{\log}(\sigma(h), y) = -\log(p')$  for  $p' \in (0, 0.5)$

thus  $L_{\text{score}, \log}(h, y) = -\log(p') = -\log(\frac{1}{2}) = -\log(\frac{1}{2}) L_{0-1}(c(h), y)$   
 so  $L_{\text{score}, \log}(h, y) \geq -\log(\frac{1}{2}) L_{0-1}(c(h), y)$

upper bound for the error (with  $c(h) = \text{round}(\sigma(h))$ ) and any  $C_{\text{class}} \in (0, -\log(\frac{1}{2}))$   
 the best constant is  $C_{\text{class}} = -\log(\frac{1}{2}) = \log(2) \approx 0.69$   
 for this special case, theorem 1.5 states:  $\hat{L}_{0-1}(c(h)) \leq \frac{1}{\log(2)} \hat{L}_{\text{score}, \log}(h)$

## 5.4

$$\hat{L}_{\log}(P_\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^+} -\log(\sigma(x_j - \omega)) + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^-} -\log(1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega))$$

$$\hat{L}'_{\log}(P_\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^+} \frac{1}{\sigma(x_j - \omega)} \cdot \sigma'(x_j - \omega) + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^-} \frac{-1}{1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega)} \cdot \sigma'(x_j - \omega)$$

$$\hat{L}'_{\log}(P_\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^+} \frac{\sigma(x_j - \omega) \cdot (1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega))}{\sigma(x_j - \omega)} - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^-} \frac{\sigma(x_j - \omega) \cdot (1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega))}{1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^+} (1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega)) - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \in J^-} \sigma(x_j - \omega)$$

Setting  $\hat{L}'_{\log}(P_\omega) = 0$  we get  $\sum_{j \in J^+} (1 - \sigma(x_j - \omega)) = \sum_{j \in J^-} \sigma(x_j - \omega)$   
as expected.  $\square$

6.1

i)  $\frac{\partial L_2(p, \gamma)}{\partial p} = p - \gamma^+ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 L_2(p, \gamma)}{\partial p^2} = 1 \neq 0$  so  $L_2$  is convex

$$\frac{\partial L_{\log}(p, \gamma)}{\partial p} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p}, & \gamma = 1 \\ \frac{1}{1-p}, & \gamma = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 L_{\log}(p, \gamma)}{\partial p^2} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p^2}, & \gamma = 1 \\ \frac{1}{(1-p)^2}, & \gamma = -1 \end{cases}$$

which is positive  $\neq 0$  so  $L_{\log}$  is convex.

ii)  $\hat{L}_2(p) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L_2(p, \gamma_i) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (p - \gamma_i^+)^2 / 2$

$$\hat{L}'_2(p) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\gamma_i=1} (p-1) + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\gamma_i=-1} p = \frac{q}{M} (p-1) + \frac{(1-q)}{M} p$$

Setting to zero:  $0 = q(p-1) + (1-q)p$

$$0 = qp - q + p - pq \quad \text{so } L_2 \text{ is proper}$$

$$\hat{L}'_{\log}(p) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L'_{\log}(p, \gamma_i) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\gamma_i=1} -\log(p) + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\gamma_i=-1} -\log(1-p)$$

$$\hat{L}'_{\log}(p) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\gamma_i=1} -\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\gamma_i=-1} \frac{1}{1-p} = -\frac{q}{M} \cdot \frac{1}{p} + \frac{(1-q)}{(1-p)} \cdot \frac{1}{M}$$

Setting to zero:  $0 = -\frac{q}{p} + \frac{1-q}{1-p} \Rightarrow \frac{q}{p} = \frac{1-q}{1-p} \Rightarrow q - qp = p - qp$   
 $q = p$

so  $L_{\log}$  is proper  $\square$

6.2

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \frac{\partial L_s(p, 1)}{\partial p} = \frac{-(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{p}{2}(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2p - 2(1-p))}{p^2 + (1-p)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-(p^2 + (1-p)^2) + 2p^2 - p}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{p-1}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L_s(p, 1)}{\partial p^2} = \frac{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{2}(p-1) \cdot (p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (4p-2)}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{p^2 + (1-p)^2 - 6p^2 + 9p - 3}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}} = \frac{-4p^2 + 7p - 2}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

But plugging in  $p=0$  we get  $\frac{\partial^2 L_s(0, 1)}{\partial p^2} = -2 < 0$   
 so  $L_{\text{spherical}}$  is not convex in  $[0, 1]$

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad \frac{\partial L_s(p, -1)}{\partial p} = \frac{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (1-p)/2 \cdot (p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2p - 2(1-p))}{p^2 + (1-p)^2}$$

$$= \frac{p^2 + (1-p)^2 + (\frac{1-p}{2}) \cdot (4p-2)}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{p}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Now  $\hat{L}_s(p) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L_s(p) = \frac{q}{M} L_s(p, 1) + \frac{(1-q)}{M} L_s(p, -1)$

so  $\hat{L}'_s(p) = \frac{q}{M} \left( \frac{p-1}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) + \frac{(1-q)}{M} \left( \frac{p}{(p^2 + (1-p)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)$

Setting to zero:  $0 = q(p-1) + (1-q)p$  (canceling the equal denominators)  
 $0 = qp - q + p - qp$   
 $p = q$  so  $L_s$  is proper

□

6.3

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \frac{\partial L_i(p, y)}{\partial p} = \begin{cases} 1, & y = -1 \\ -1, & y = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 L_i(p, y)}{\partial p^2} = 0 \quad \forall p, \forall y$$

so  $L_i$  is convex (it is linear so it is convex).

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad \hat{L}_i(p, y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M L_i(p, y_i) = \frac{q}{M} \sum_{y_i=1} L_i(p, 1) + \frac{(1-q)}{M} \sum_{y_i=-1} L_i(p, -1)$$

$$= \frac{q(1-p)}{M} + \frac{(1-q)p}{M}$$

$$= \frac{q+p-2qp}{M}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1-2q}{M}\right)p + \frac{q}{M}$$

is linear in  $p$ , which means that the minimizer will occur on the boundary. So the minimizer will be  $p=0$  or  $p=1$  regardless of the value of  $q$ . (except when  $q=\frac{1}{2}$ , when any  $p \in [0, 1]$  is a minimizer). So  $L_i$  is not proper

□