

# CS-671: DEEP LEARNING AND ITS APPLICATIONS

## Lecture: 05

### Image Classification, Loss Functions and Optimization

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT1JzLTH4G4&list=PLC1qU-LWwrF64f4QKQT-Vg5Wr4qEE1Zxk>

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## Image Classification: A core task in Computer Vision

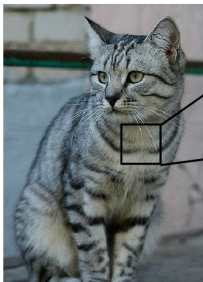


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(assume given set of discrete labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}

—————→ cat

# The Problem: Semantic Gap



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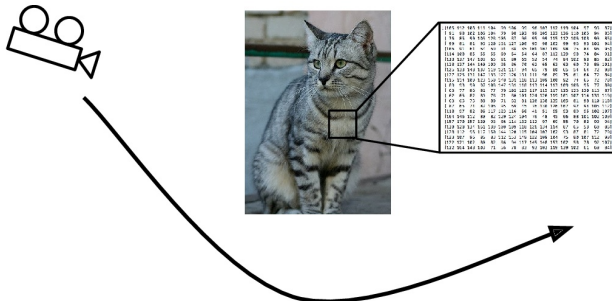
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[122	164	146	103	71	56	78	83	93	103	119	139	102	61	85	84]	

What the computer sees

An image is just a big grid of numbers between [0, 255]:

e.g. 800 x 600 x 3  
(3 channels RGB)

# Challenges: Viewpoint variation



All pixels change when the camera moves!

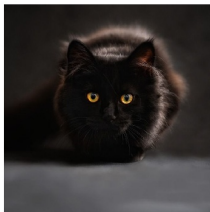
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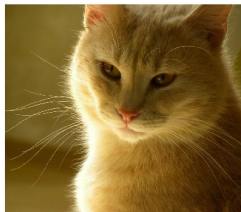
## Challenges: Illumination



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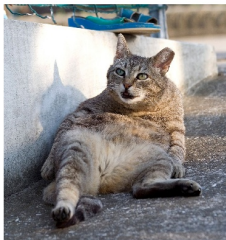


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## Challenges: Deformation



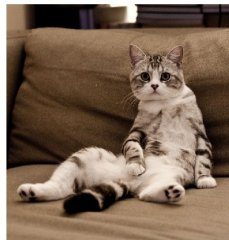
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## Challenges: Occlusion



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## Challenges: Background Clutter



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## Challenges: Intraclass variation



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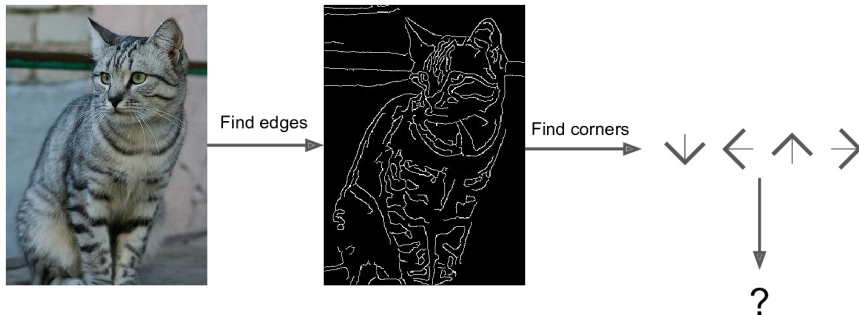
## An image classifier

```
def classify_image(image):  
    # Some magic here?  
    return class_label
```

Unlike e.g. sorting a list of numbers,

**no obvious way** to hard-code the algorithm for recognizing a cat, or other classes.

# Attempts have been made



John Canny, "A Computational Approach to Edge Detection", IEEE TPAMI 1986

# Data-Driven Approach

1. Collect a dataset of images and labels
2. Use Machine Learning to train a classifier
3. Evaluate the classifier on new images

Example training set

```
def train(images, labels):  
    # Machine learning!  
    return model
```

```
def predict(model, test_images):  
    # Use model to predict labels  
    return test_labels
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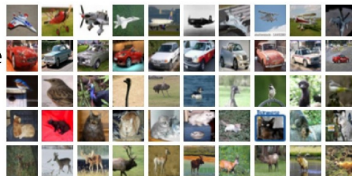
**airplane**

**automobile**

**bird**

**cat**

**deer**





## First classifier: **Nearest Neighbor**

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Memorize all  
data and labels

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Predict the label  
of the most similar  
training image

# Example Dataset: **CIFAR10**

**10** classes

**50,000** training images

**10,000** testing images

airplane

automobile

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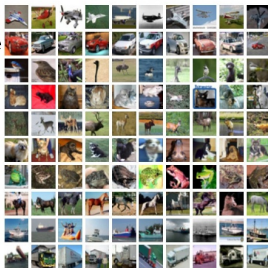
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horse

ship

truck



Alex Krizhevsky, "Learning Multiple Layers of Features from Tiny Images", Technical Report, 2009.

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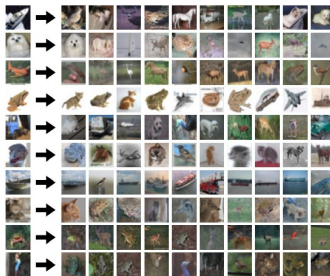
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Test images and nearest neighbors



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## Distance Metric to compare images

**L1 distance:** 
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test image					training image					pixel-wise absolute value differences				
56	32	10	18		10	20	24	17		46	12	14	1	
90	23	128	133		8	10	89	100		82	13	39	33	
24	26	178	200	-	12	16	178	170	=	12	10	0	30	add
2	0	255	220		4	32	233	112		2	32	22	108	→ 456

## Nearest Neighbor classifier

```
import numpy as np

class NearestNeighbor:
    def __init__(self):
        pass

    def train(self, X, y):
        """ X is N x D where each row is an example. Y is 1-dimension of size N """
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        self.Xtr = X
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For each test image:  
Find closest train image  
Predict label of nearest image

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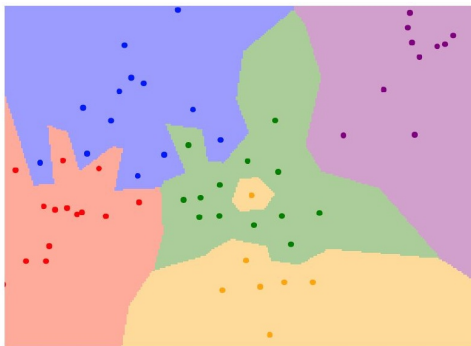
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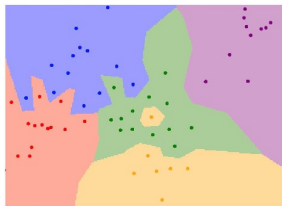
This is bad: we want classifiers that are **fast** at prediction; **slow** for training is ok

What does this look like?

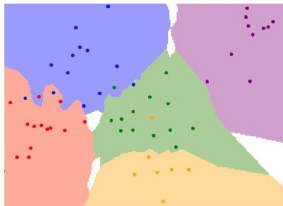


# K-Nearest Neighbors

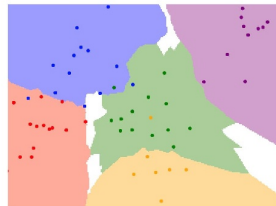
Instead of copying label from nearest neighbor,  
take **majority vote** from K closest points



K = 1



K = 3



K = 5

What does this look like?



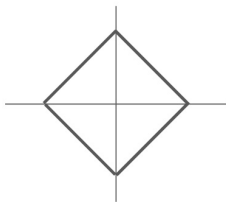
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## K-Nearest Neighbors: Distance Metric

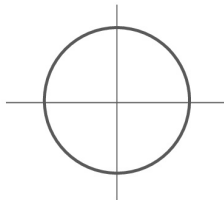
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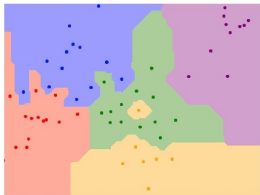
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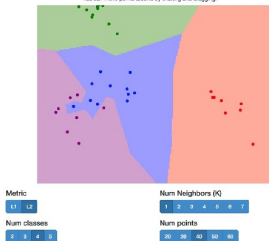
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# K-Nearest Neighbors: Demo Time

## K-Nearest Neighbors Demo

This interactive demo lets you explore the K-Nearest Neighbors algorithm for classification.  
Each point in this plane is colored with the class that would be assigned to it using the K-Nearest Neighbors algorithm.  
Points for which the K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm results in a tie are colored white.  
You can move points around by clicking and dragging!



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

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Very problem-dependent.

Must try them all out and see what works best.

# Setting Hyperparameters

**Idea #1:** Choose hyperparameters  
that work best on the data



Your Dataset

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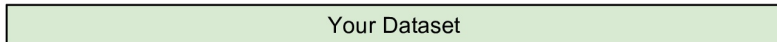


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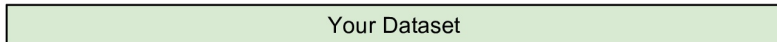
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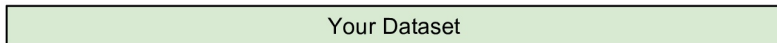
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**Idea #3:** Split data into **train**, **val**, and **test**; choose hyperparameters on val and evaluate on test

**Better!**





# Setting Hyperparameters

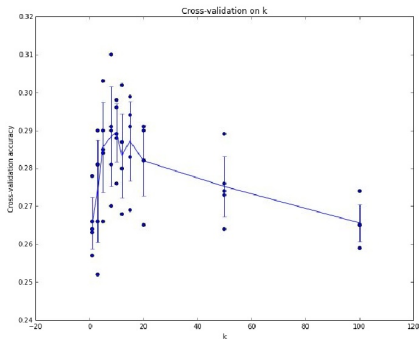
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**Idea #4: Cross-Validation:** Split data into **folds**, try each fold as validation and average the results

fold 1	fold 2	fold 3	fold 4	fold 5	test
fold 1	fold 2	fold 3	fold 4	fold 5	test
fold 1	fold 2	fold 3	fold 4	fold 5	test

Useful for small datasets, but not used too frequently in deep learning

# Setting Hyperparameters



Example of  
5-fold cross-validation  
for the value of  $k$ .

Each point: single  
outcome.

The line goes  
through the mean, bars  
indicated standard  
deviation

(Seems that  $k \approx 7$  works best  
for this data)

## k-Nearest Neighbor on images **never used**.

- Very slow at test time
- Distance metrics on pixels are not informative

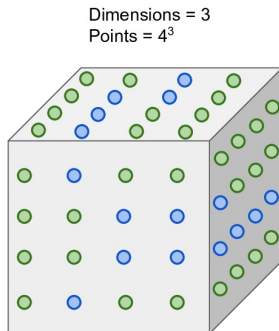
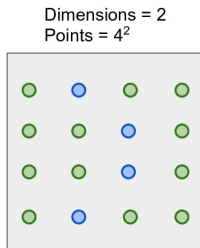
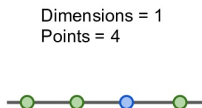


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(all 3 images have same L2 distance to the one on the left)

## k-Nearest Neighbor on images **never used**.

- Curse of dimensionality



# K-Nearest Neighbors: Summary

In **Image classification** we start with a **training set** of images and labels, and must predict labels on the **test set**

The **K-Nearest Neighbors** classifier predicts labels based on nearest training examples

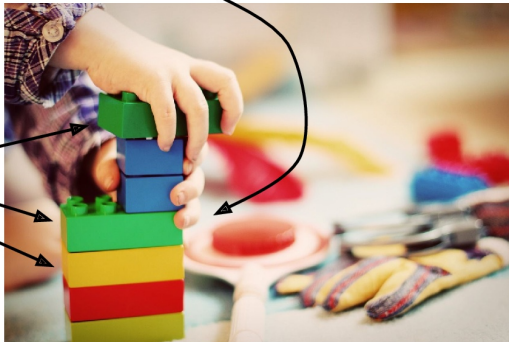
Distance metric and K are **hyperparameters**

Choose hyperparameters using the **validation set**; only run on the test set once at the very end!

# Linear Classification

## Neural Network

Linear  
classifiers



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*Two young girls are playing with lego toy.*



*Boy is doing backflip on wakeboard*



*Man in black shirt is playing guitar.*



*Construction worker in orange safety vest is working on road.*

Karpathy and Fei-Fei, "Deep Visual-Semantic Alignments for Generating Image Descriptions", CVPR 2015  
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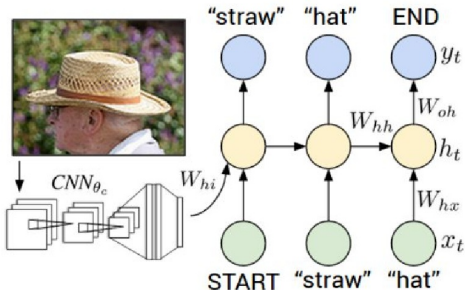


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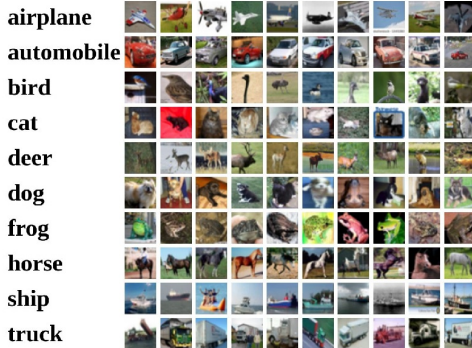
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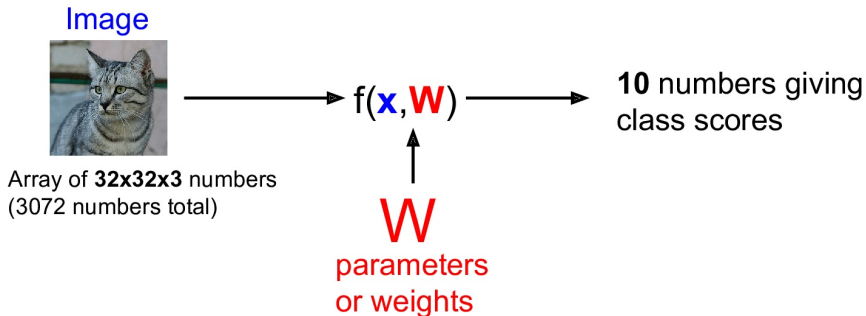
# Recall CIFAR10



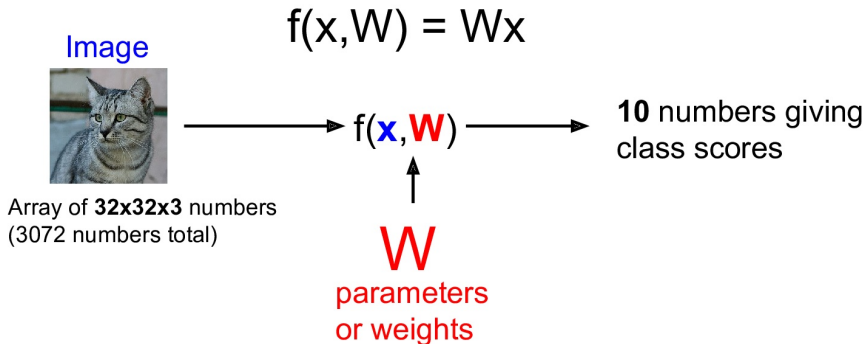
**50,000** training images  
each image is **32x32x3**

**10,000** test images.

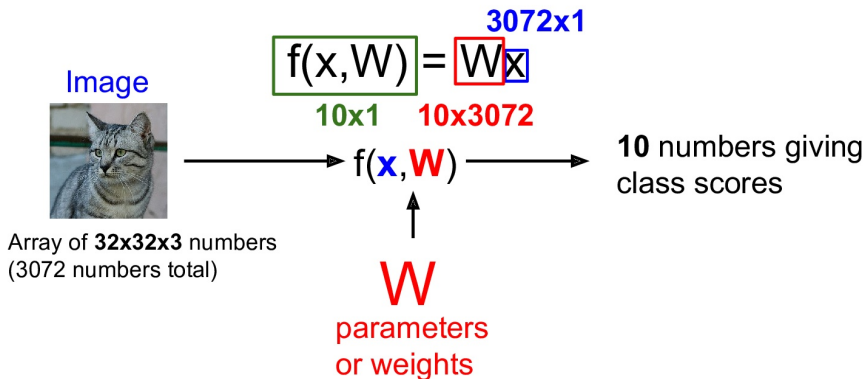
# Parametric Approach



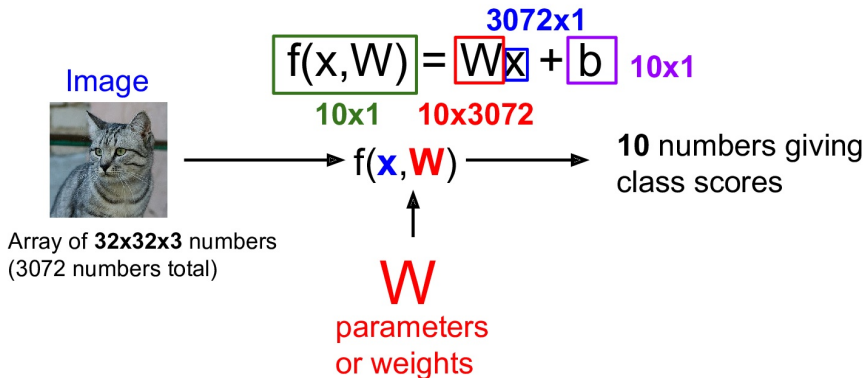
## Parametric Approach: Linear Classifier



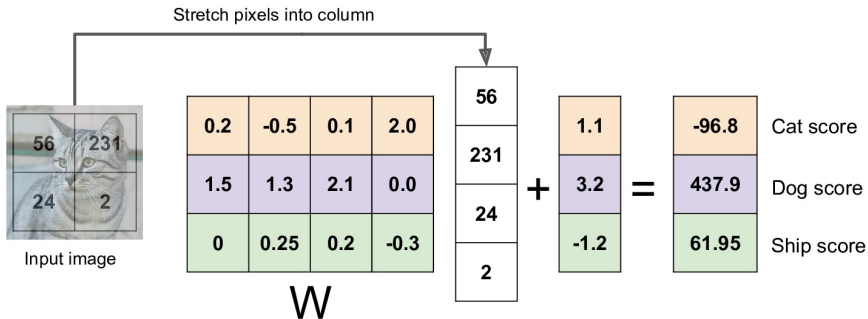
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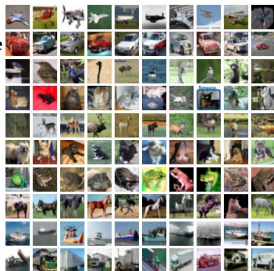


Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)



## Interpreting a Linear Classifier

airplane  
automobile  
bird  
cat  
deer  
dog  
frog  
horse  
ship  
truck

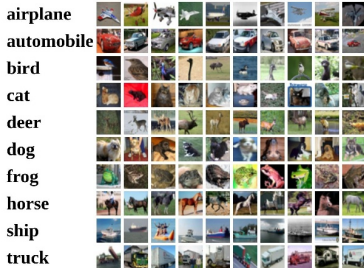


$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

What is this thing doing?



## Interpreting a Linear Classifier

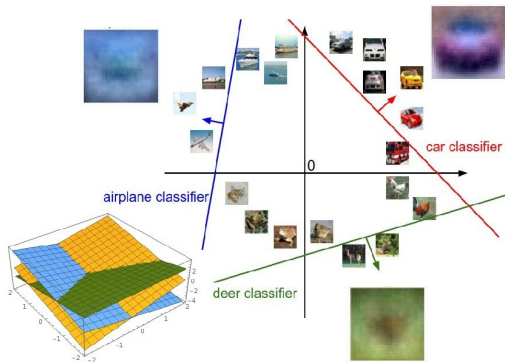


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Example trained weights  
of a linear classifier  
trained on CIFAR-10:



# Interpreting a Linear Classifier



Plot created using [Wolfram Cloud](#)

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



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

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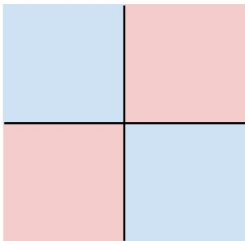
# Hard cases for a linear classifier

## Class 1:

number of pixels  $> 0$  odd

## Class 2:

number of pixels  $> 0$  even

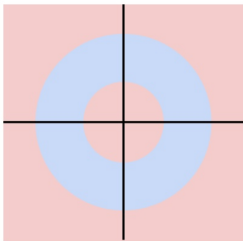


## Class 1:

$1 \leq L2 \text{ norm} \leq 2$

## Class 2:

Everything else

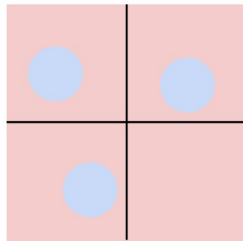


## Class 1:

Three modes

## Class 2:

Everything else



**So far:** Defined a (linear) score function  $f(x, W) = Wx + b$

Example class  
scores for 3  
images for  
some  $W$ :



How can we tell  
whether this  $W$   
is good or bad?

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Coming up:

- Loss function
- Optimization
- ConvNets!

(quantifying what it means to have a “good”  $W$ )

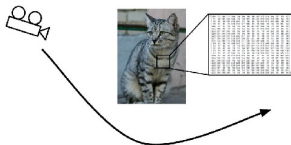
(start with random  $W$  and find a  $W$  that minimizes the loss)

(tweak the functional form of  $f$ )

# Loss Functions and Optimization

# Recall from last time: Challenges of recognition

Viewpoint

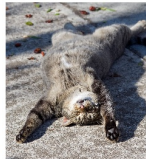


Illumination



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Deformation



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Intraclass Variation



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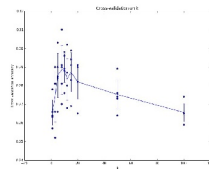
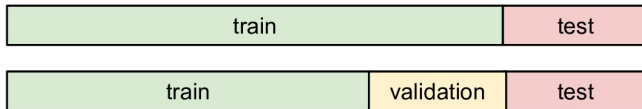
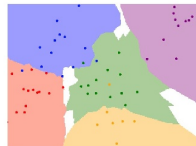
# Recall from last time: data-driven approach, kNN



1-NN classifier

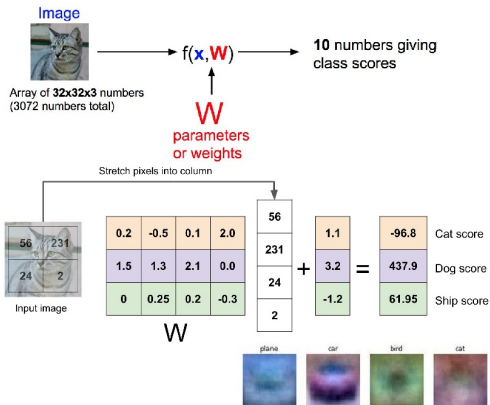


5-NN classifier

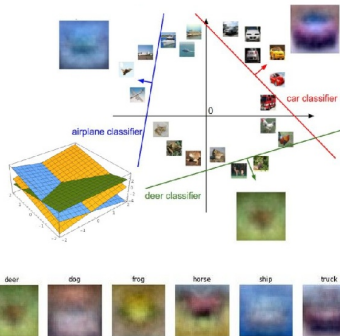




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### TODO:

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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A **loss function** tells how good our current classifier is

Given a dataset of examples

$$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

Where  $x_i$  is image and  
 $y_i$  is (integer) label

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

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

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the SVM loss has the form:

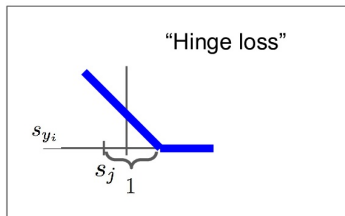
$$\begin{aligned}
 L_i &= \sum_{j \neq y_i} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s_{y_i} \geq s_j + 1 \\ s_j - s_{y_i} + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
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 L_i &= \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, 5.1 - 3.2 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \max(0, -1.7 - 3.2 + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, 2.9) + \max(0, -3.9) \\
 &= 2.9 + 0 \\
 &= 2.9
 \end{aligned}$$



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 &= \max(0, -2.6) + \max(0, -1.9) \\
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 &= \max(0, 2.2 - (-3.1) + 1) \\
 &\quad + \max(0, 2.5 - (-3.1) + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, 6.3) + \max(0, 6.6) \\
 &= 6.3 + 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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Q: What happens to  
 loss if car scores  
 change a bit?

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Q2: what is the  
 min/max possible  
 loss?

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Q3: At initialization  $W$   
 is small so all  $s \approx 0$ .  
 What is the loss?

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

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Q5: What if we used  
 mean instead of  
 sum?



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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)  
    margins = np.maximum(0, scores - scores[y] + 1)  
    margins[y] = 0  
    loss_i = np.sum(margins)  
    return loss_i
```

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

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, f(x_i; W)_j - f(x_i; W)_{y_i} + 1)$$

E.g. Suppose that we found a  $W$  such that  $L = 0$ .  
Is this  $W$  unique?

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**No!  $2W$  is also has  $L = 0$ !**

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Losses:	2.9	<b>0</b>	


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

**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:**

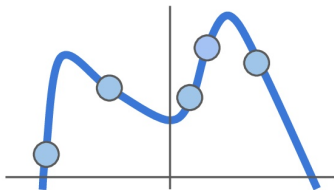
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \max(0, 2.6 - 9.8 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \max(0, 4.0 - 9.8 + 1) \\
 &= \max(0, -6.2) + \max(0, -4.8) \\
 &= 0 + 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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


**Data loss:** Model predictions  
should match training data

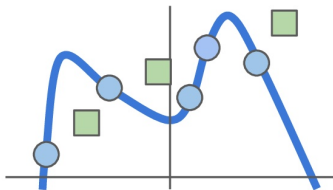
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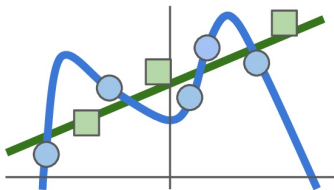
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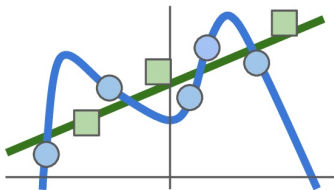
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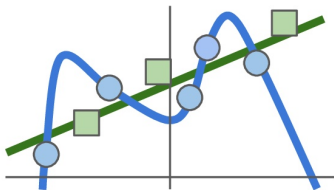
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**Occam's Razor:**

*“Among competing hypotheses, the simplest is the best”*

William of Ockham, 1285 - 1347

## Regularization

$\lambda$  = regularization strength  
(hyperparameter)

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, f(x_i; W)_j - f(x_i; W)_{y_i} + 1) + \lambda R(W)$$

In common use:

**L2 regularization**

$$R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l W_{k,l}^2$$

L1 regularization

$$R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l |W_{k,l}|$$

Elastic net (L1 + L2)

$$R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l \beta W_{k,l}^2 + |W_{k,l}|$$

Max norm regularization (might see later)

Dropout (will see later)

Fancier: Batch normalization, stochastic depth

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(If you are a Bayesian: L2 regularization also corresponds MAP inference using a Gaussian prior on  $W$ )

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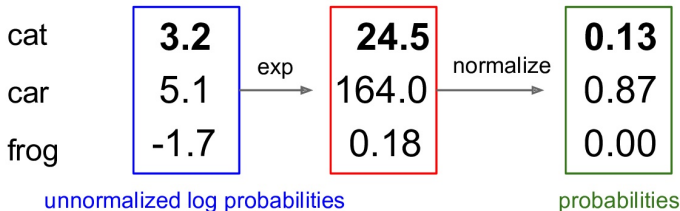
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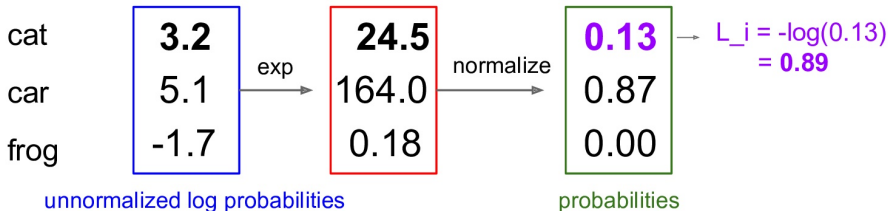


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Q: What is the min/max possible loss  $L_i$ ?

cat  
car  
frog

**3.2**  
5.1  
-1.7

exp

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164.0  
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normalize

**0.13**  
0.87  
0.00

→  $L_i = -\log(0.13)$   
= **0.89**

unnormalized log probabilities

probabilities

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Q2: Usually at initialization  $W$  is small so all  $s \approx 0$ .  
What is the loss?

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car  
frog

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exp

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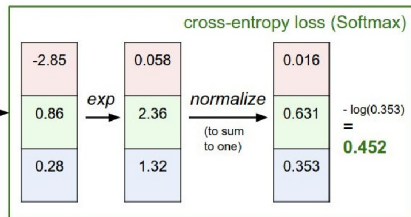
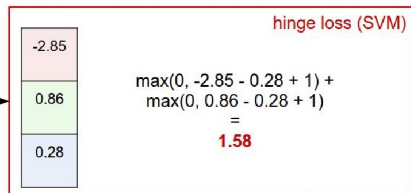
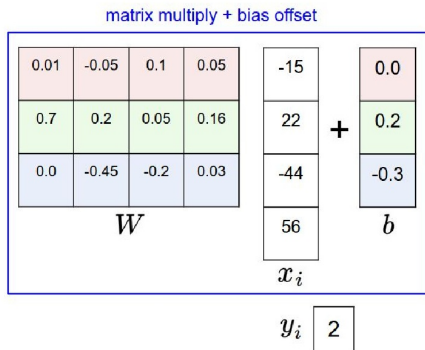
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---

assume scores:

[10, -2, 3]

[10, 9, 9]

[10, -100, -100]

and  $y_i = 0$

Q: Suppose I take a datapoint and I jiggle a bit (changing its score slightly). What happens to the loss in both cases?

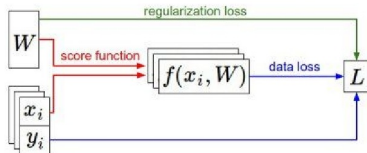
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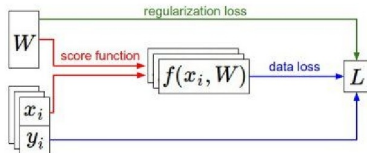
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# Optimization





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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 9.044834, 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 ~95%)

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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,  
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-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

**gradient dW:**

[?,  
?,  
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**loss 1.25322**

**gradient dW:**

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



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**loss 1.25322**

**gradient dW:**

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


$$(1.25322 - 1.25347)/0.0001$$

$$= -2.5$$

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**loss 1.25353**

**gradient dW:**

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**loss 1.25353**

**gradient dW:**

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

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

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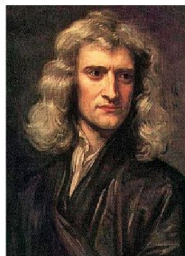
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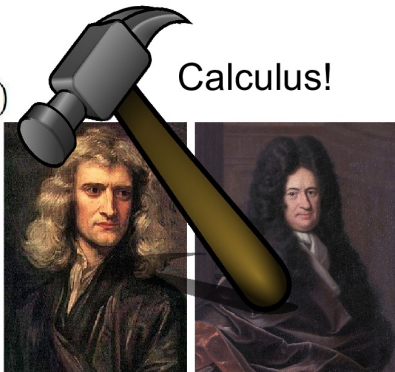
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Use calculus to compute an  
**analytic gradient**

Calculus!



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**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,  
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## In summary:

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

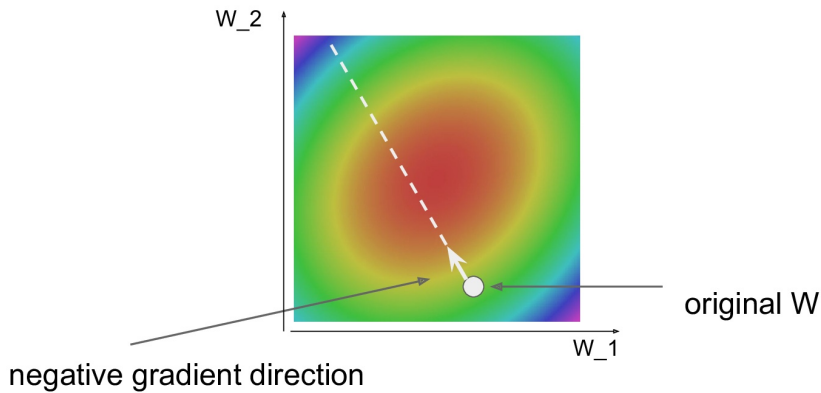
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In practice: Always use analytic gradient, but check implementation with numerical gradient. This is called a **gradient check**.

# 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
```