

ROB 498/599: Deep Learning for Robot Perception (DeepRob)

Lecture 3: Linear Classifier



<https://deeprob.org/w25/>

Today

- Feedback and Recap (5min)
- Linear Classifiers
 - Interpreting a linear classifier - three viewpoints (15min)
 - Softmax: Cross-Entropy Loss (25min)
 - Multi-class SVM loss (25min)
- Summary and Takeaways (5min)

Aha Slides (In-class participation)

<https://ahaslides.com/P8X0L>



Q0: Feedback/Questions so far?

Recap: Image Classification

- A **Core** Computer Vision/Robot Perception Task

Input: image



Output: assign image to one of a fixed set of categories

Chocolate Pretzels

Granola Bar

Potato Chips

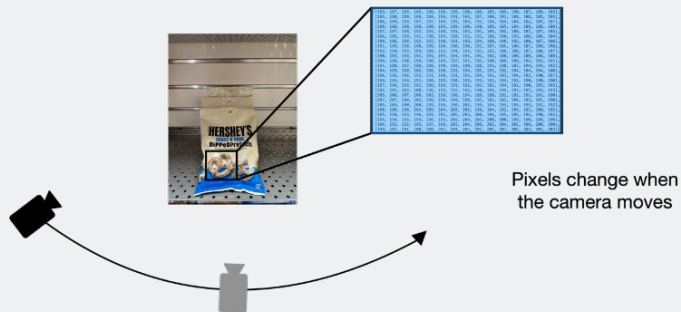
Water Bottle

Popcorn



Recap: Image Classification Challenges

Viewpoint Variation & Semantic Gap



Milk Chocolate

White Chocolate

Cookies N' Creme

Peanut Butter

Ambiguous Category



Illumination Changes



Intraclass Variation

Recap:

Machine (Deep) Learning - A 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

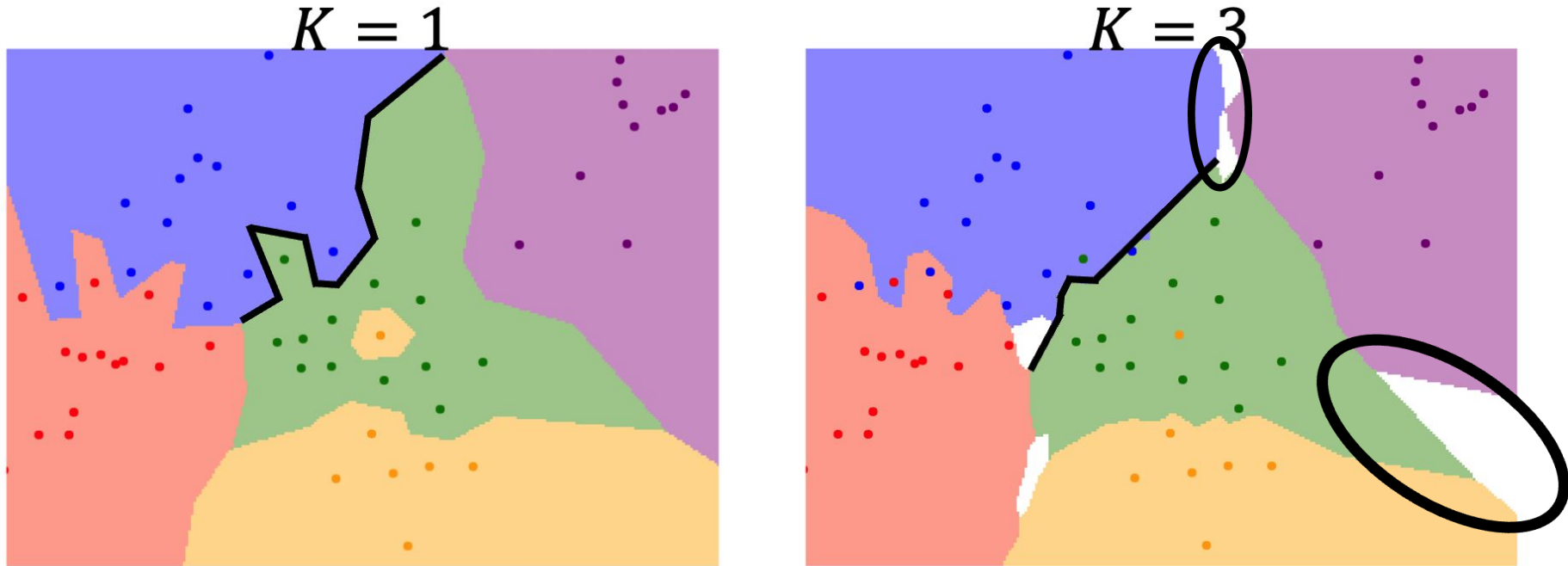
```
def train(images, labels):  
    # Machine learning!  
    return model
```

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

Example training set



Recap: KNN parameters, train/val/test



Using more neighbors helps smooth out rough decision boundaries

Linear Classifiers

Linear Classifier

- **Building Block** of Neural Networks

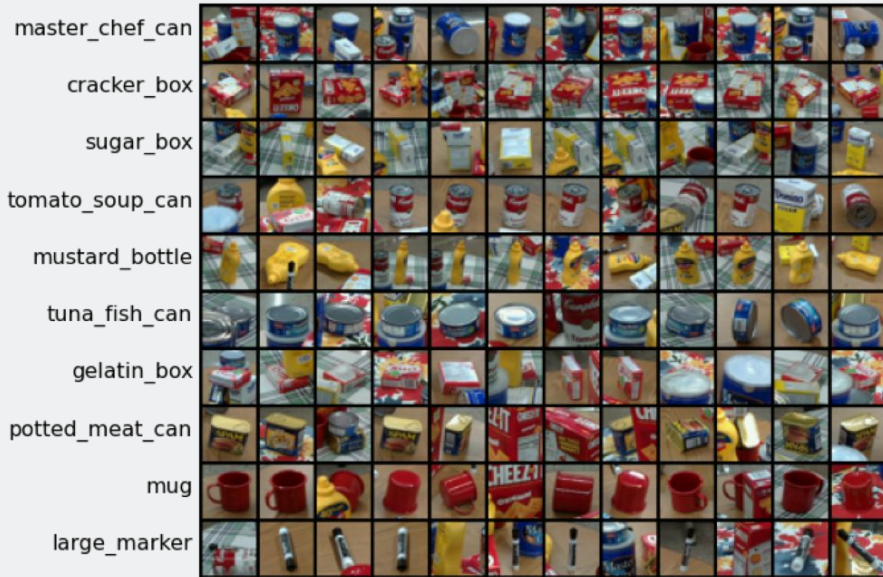
Linear
classifiers



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Recall: PROPS dataset

Progress Robot Object Perception Samples Dataset



10 classes

32x32 RGB images

50k training images (5k per class)

10k test images (1k per class)

Chen et al., "ProgressLabeller: Visual Data Stream Annotation for Training Object-Centric 3D Perception", IROS, 2022.

Parametric Approach

Image



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



10 numbers giving
class scores



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

$f(x, W)$

W

parameters
or weights

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(10,) (10, 3072) (3072,)

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Parametric Approach

Image



Array of $32 \times 32 \times 3$ numbers
(3072 numbers total)

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

The equation is annotated with dimensions: $f(x, W)$ is labeled with $(10,)$ in green below it; W is labeled with $(10, 3072)$ in red below it; x is labeled with $(3072,)$ in blue above it; b is labeled with $(10,)$ in purple to its right.

→ $f(x, W)$ →

10 numbers giving
class scores

W

parameters
or weights

Example for 2x2 Image, 3 classes (crackers/mug/sugar)

Stretch pixels into column

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



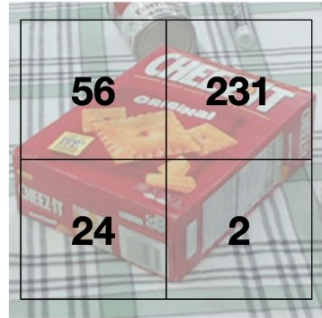
Input image
(2, 2)



(4,)

Example for 2x2 Image, 3 classes (crackers/mug/sugar)

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Input image
(2, 2)

0.2	-0.5	0.1	2.0
1.5	1.3	2.1	0.0
0	0.25	0.2	-0.3

W (3, 4)

56
231
24
2

(4,)

+

1.1
3.2
-1.2

b
(3,)

=

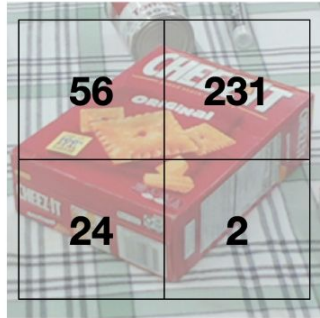
-96.8
437.9
61.95

(3,)

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

① Algebraic Viewpoint

Stretch pixels into column



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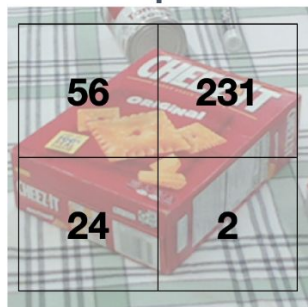
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Linear Classifier - Bias Trick

Stretch pixels into column



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(2, 2)

0.2	-0.5	0.1	2.0	1.1
1.5	1.3	2.1	0.0	3.2
0	0.25	0.2	-0.3	-1.2

W (3, 5)

56
231
24
2
1

(5,)

-96.8
437.9
61.95

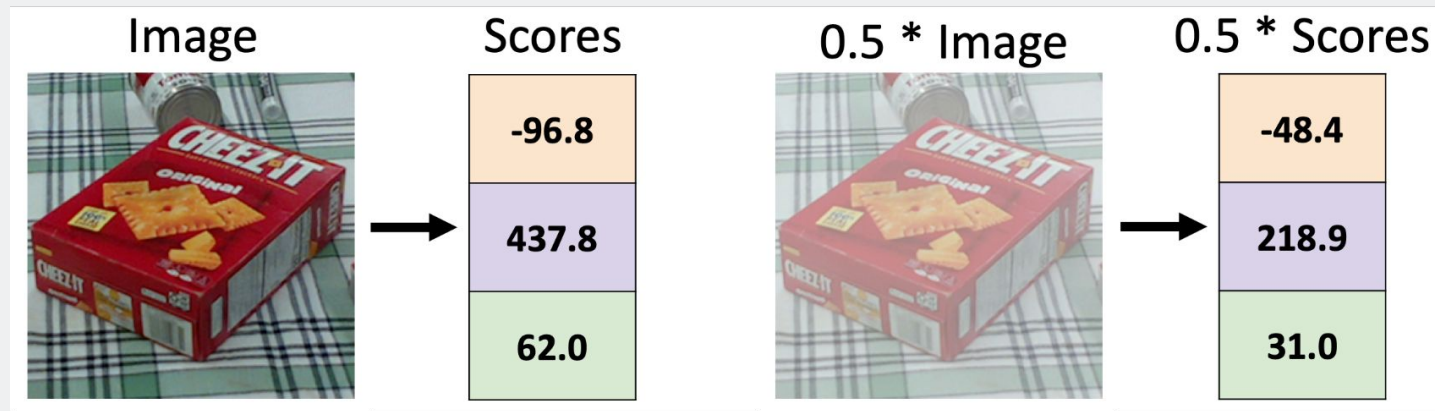
(3,)

Add extra one to data vector; bias is absorbed into last column of weight matrix

Linear Classifier - Predictions are **Linear**

$$f(x, W) = Wx \quad (\text{ignore bias})$$

$$f(cx, W) = W(cx) = c * f(x, W)$$

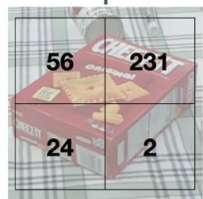


Interpreting Linear Classifier

Algebraic Viewpoint

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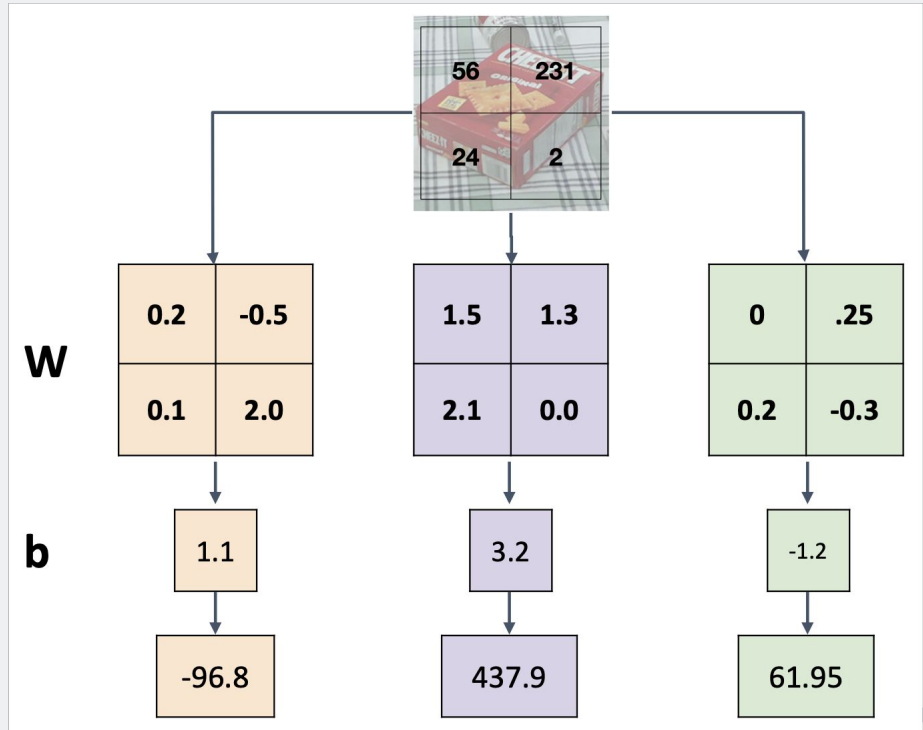
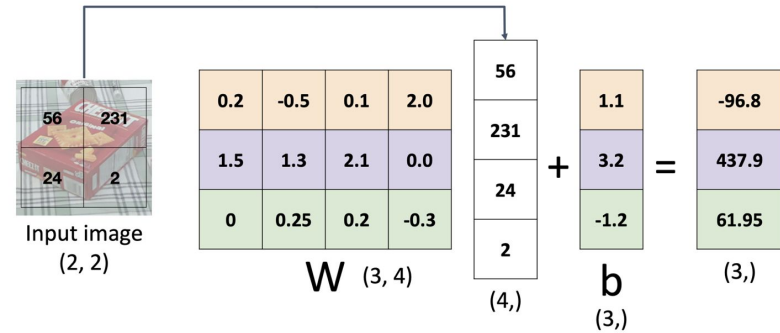
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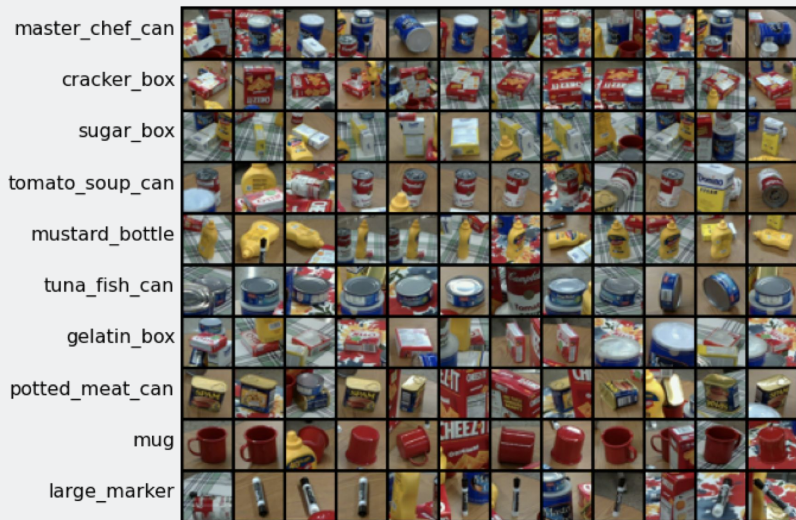
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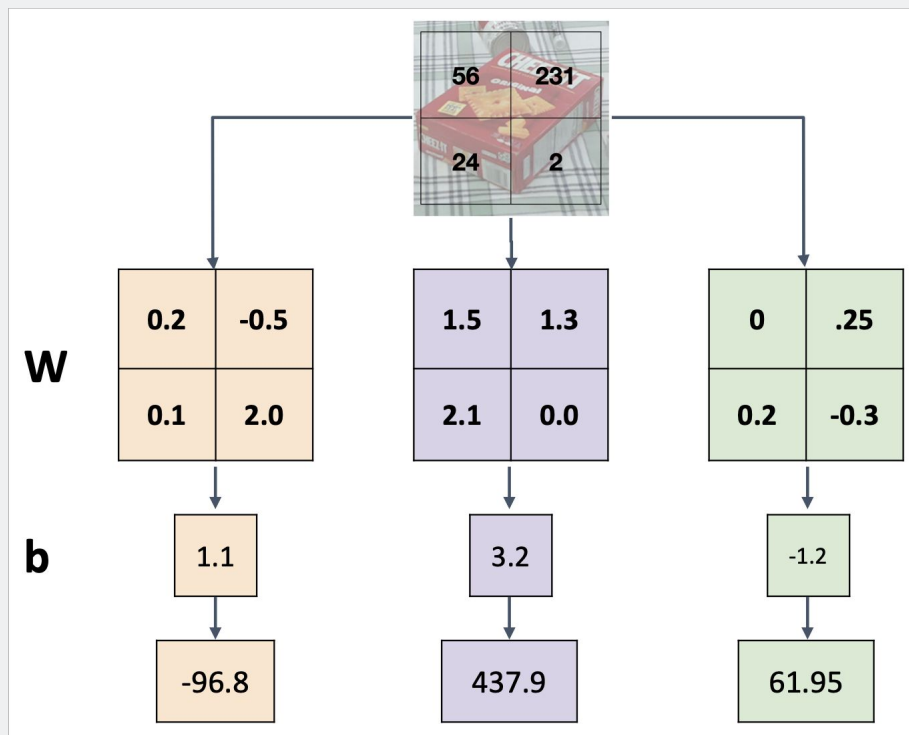


Interpreting Linear Classifier

(PROPS dataset)

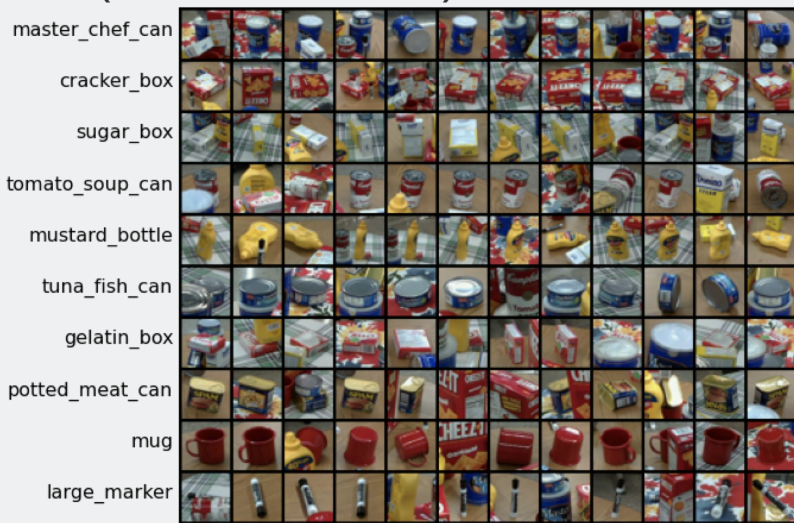


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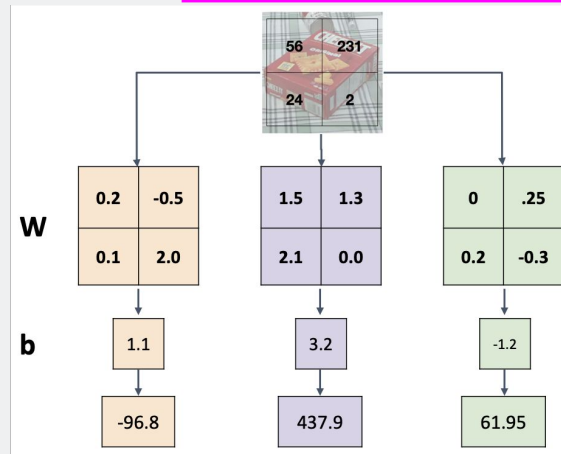


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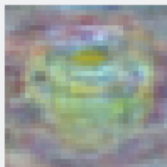
master
chef
can



cracker
box



sugar
box



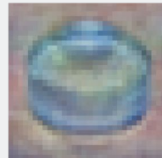
tomato
soup
can



mustard
bottle



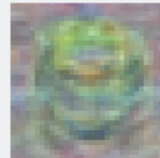
fish
can



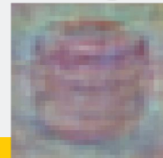
gelatin
box



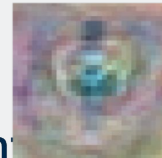
meat
can



mug



large
marker



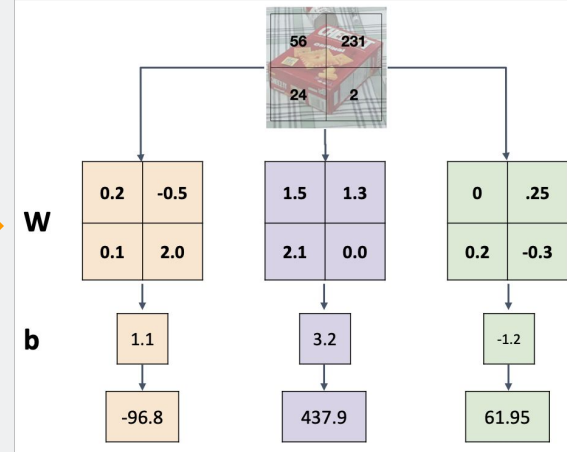
Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- ② Visual Viewpoint

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Linear classifier has one “template” per category

You can visualize W as a “template” pattern image



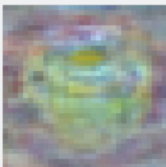
master chef can



cracker box



sugar box



tomato soup can



mustard bottle



fish can



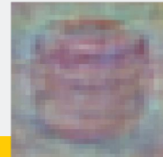
gelatin box



meat can



mug



large marker

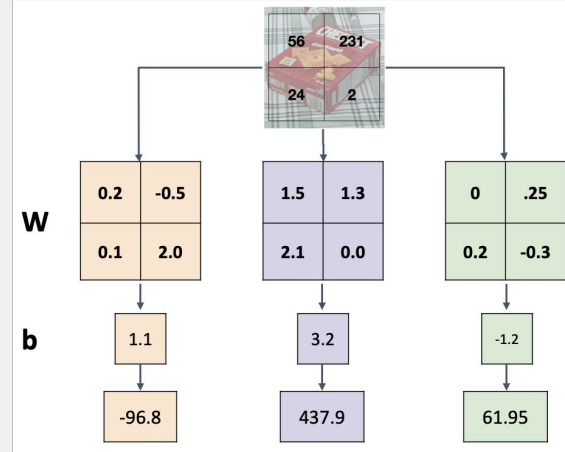


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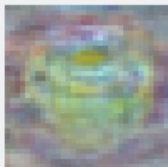
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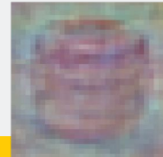
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mug



large marker



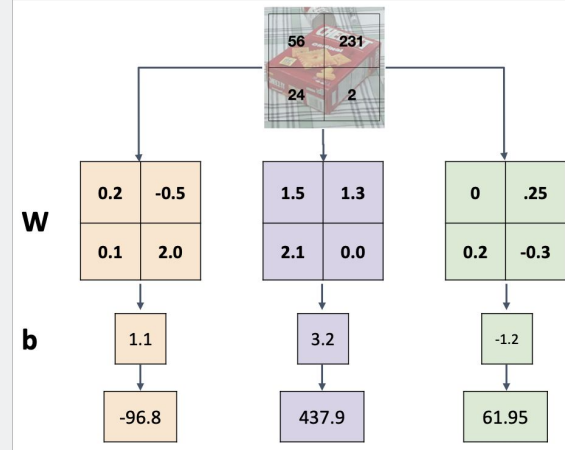
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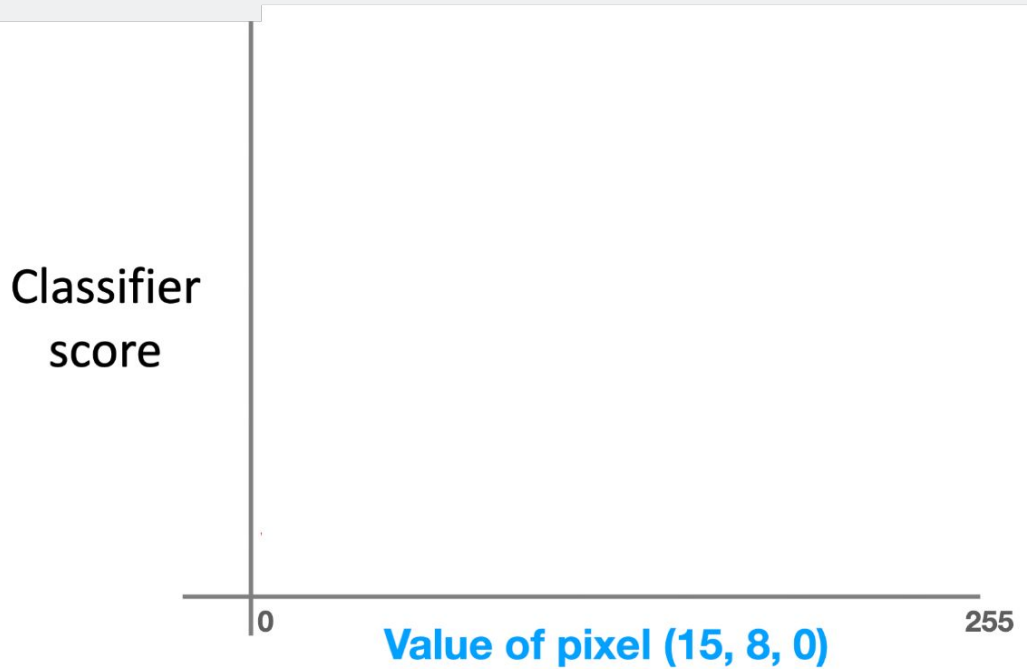
Linear classifier has one “**template**” per category

***Note:** A single template **cannot** capture multiple modes of the data
e.g., Rotation



Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- ③ Geometric Viewpoint



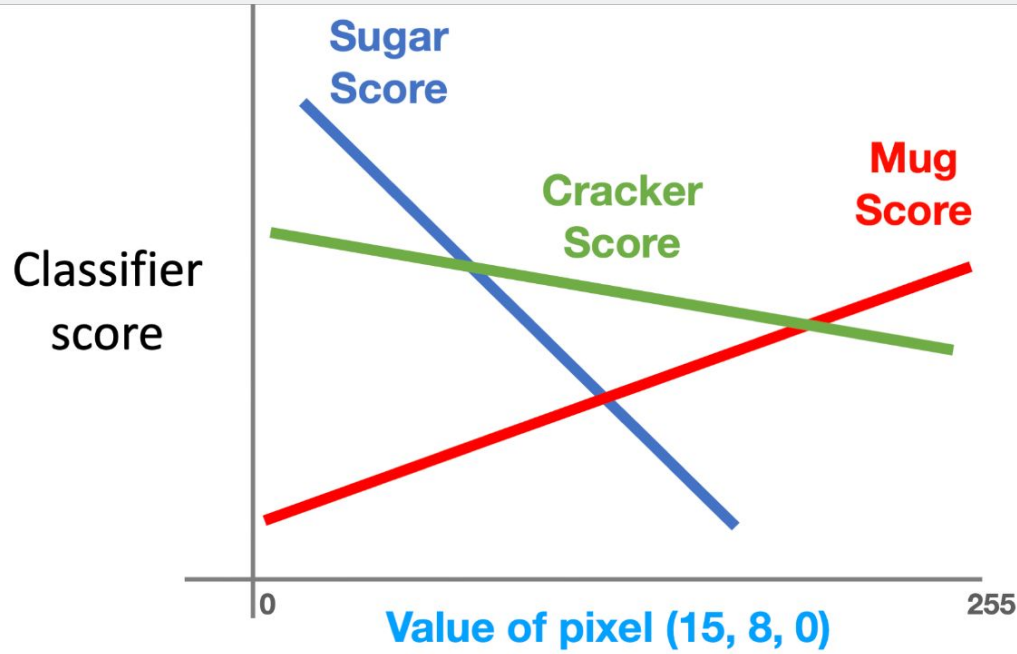
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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- Geometric Viewpoint



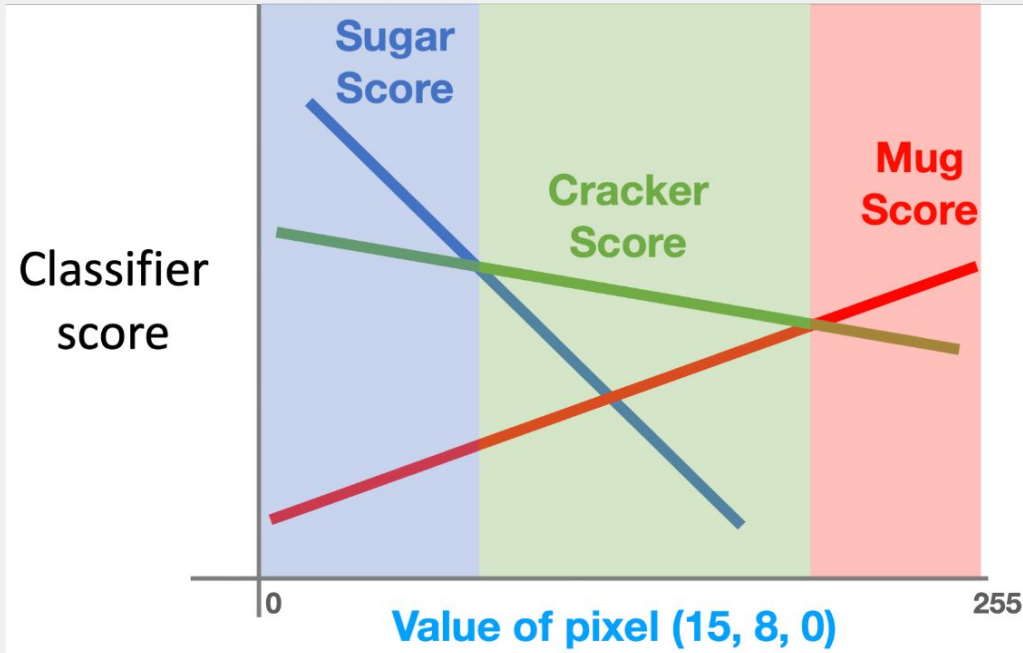
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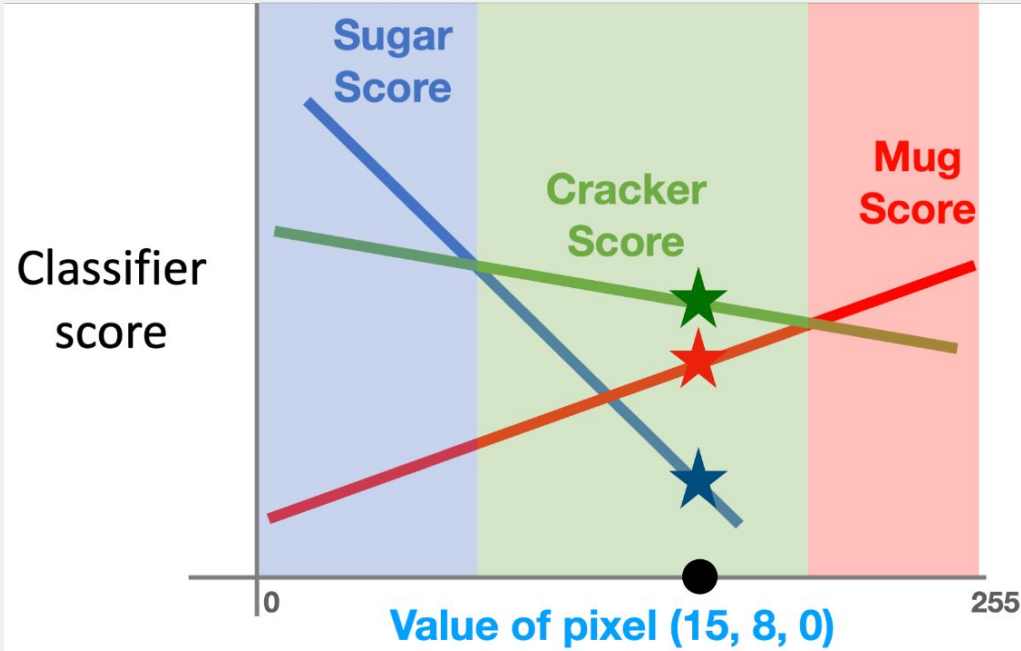
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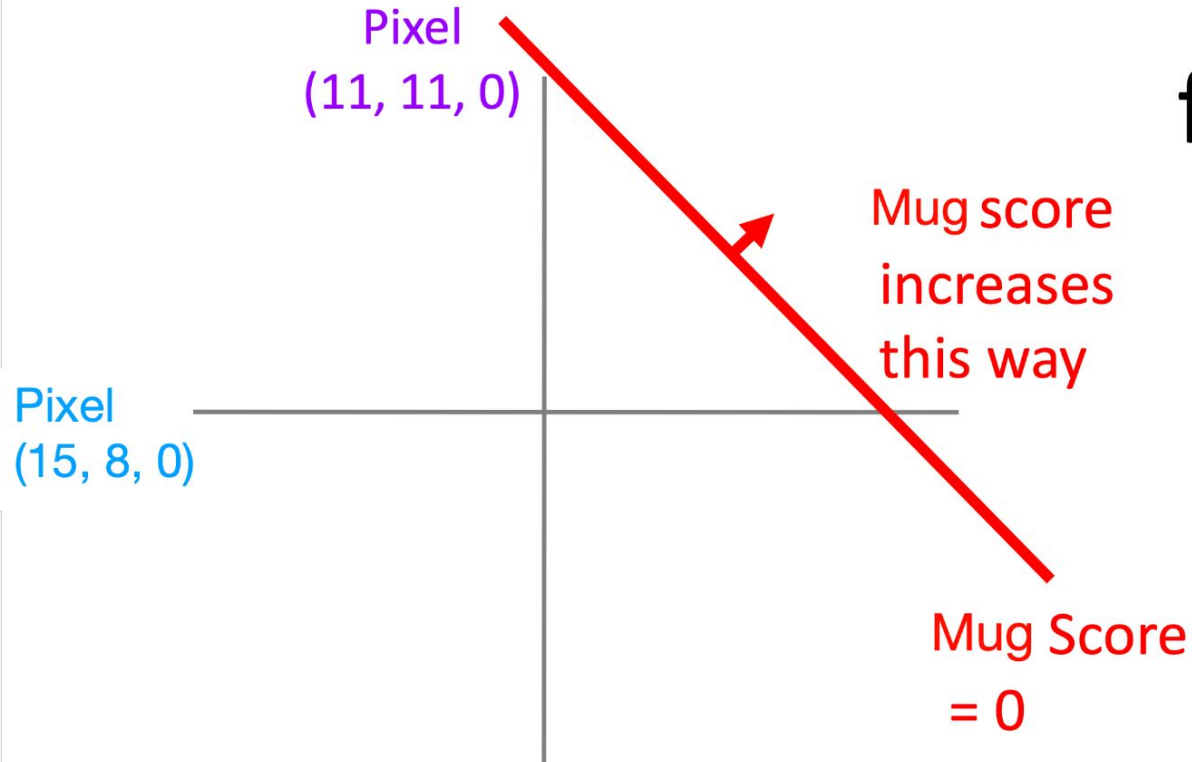
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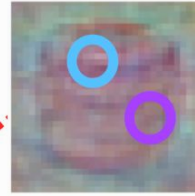
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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- Geometric Viewpoint

Pixel
(11, 11, 0)

Mug template
on this line



Mug score
increases
this way

Pixel
(15, 8, 0)

Mug Score
= 0

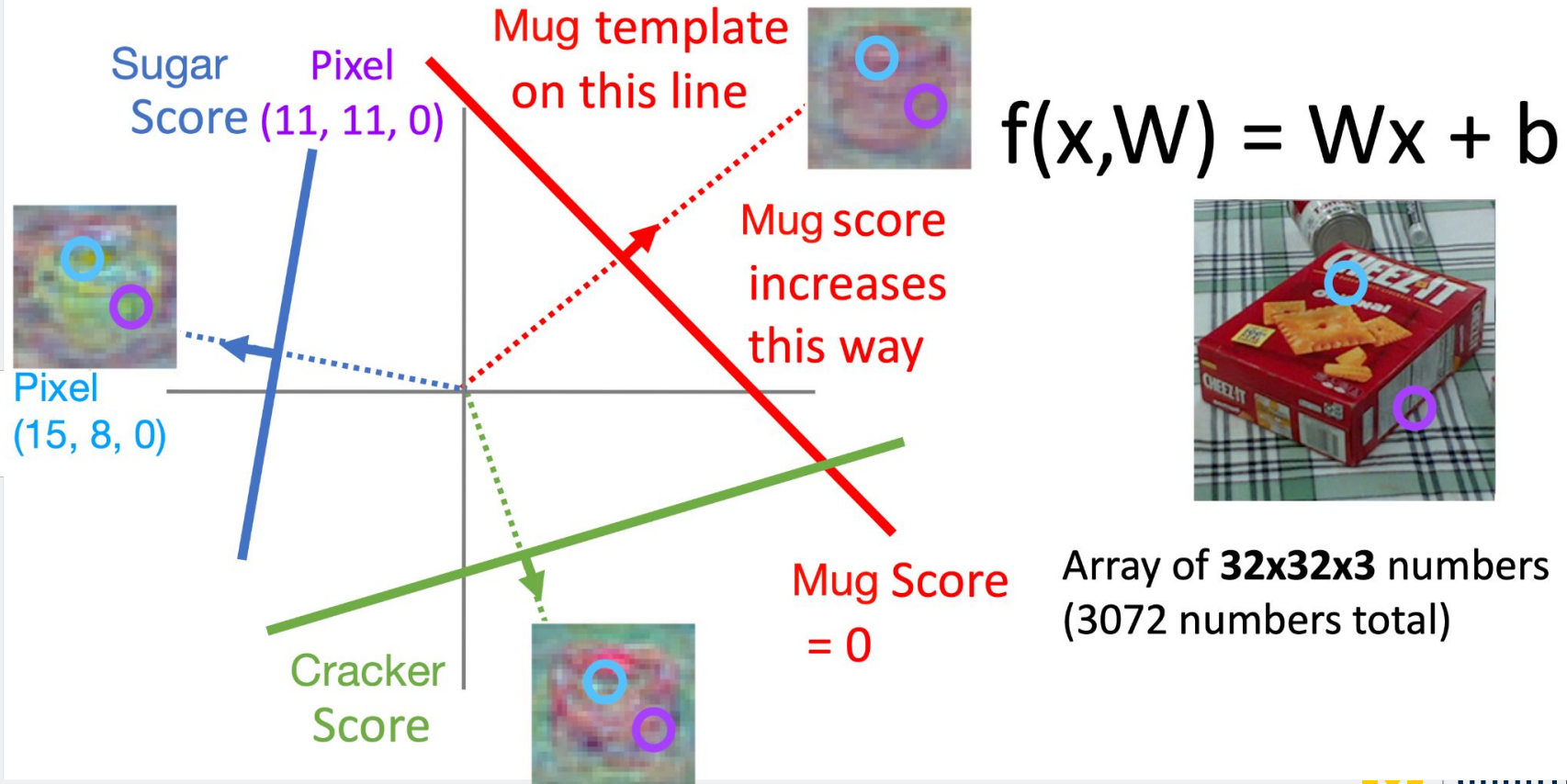
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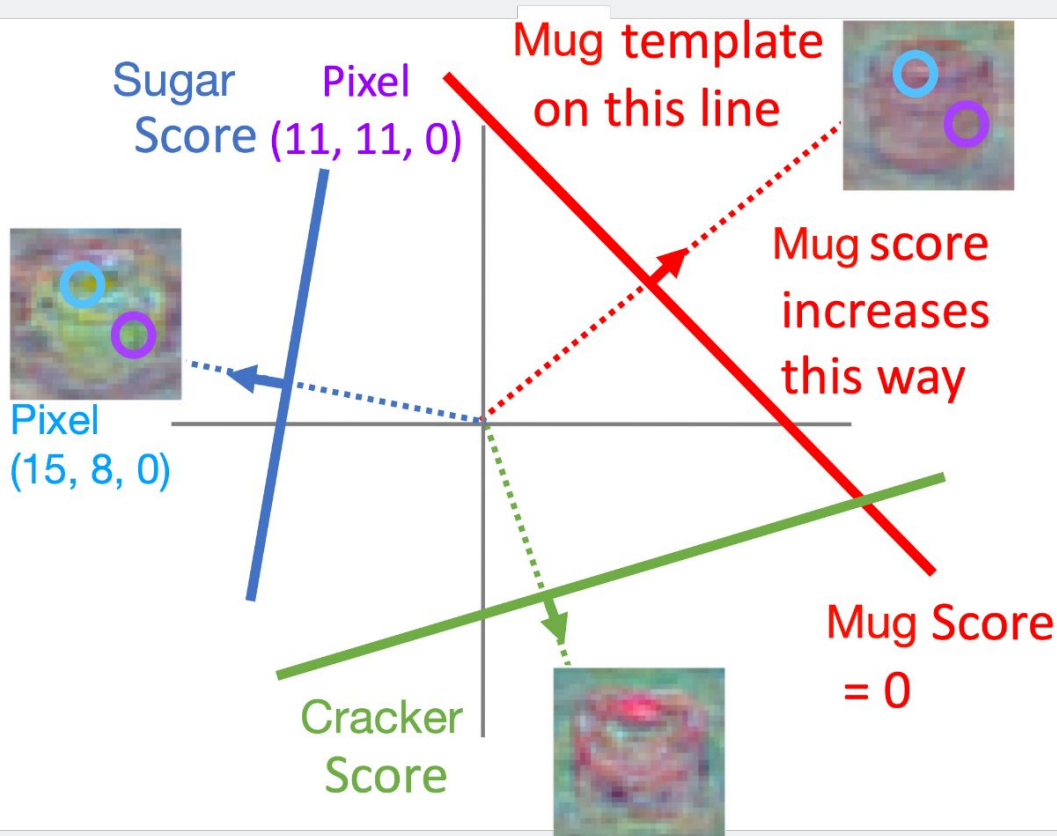
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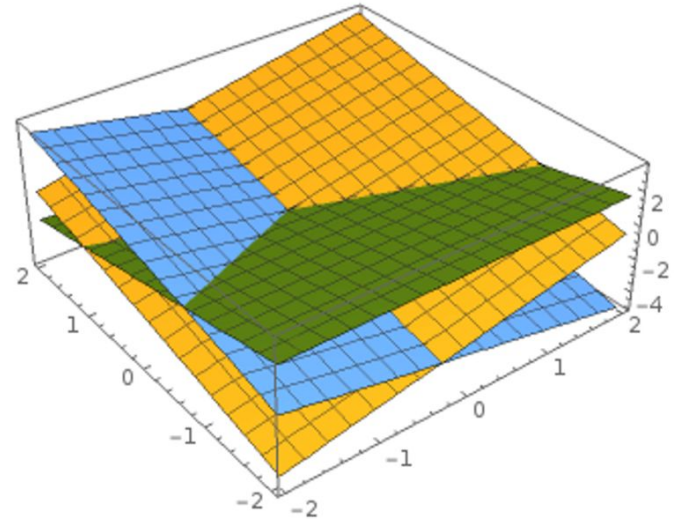


Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- Geometric Viewpoint



Hyperplanes carving up a high-dimensional space



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

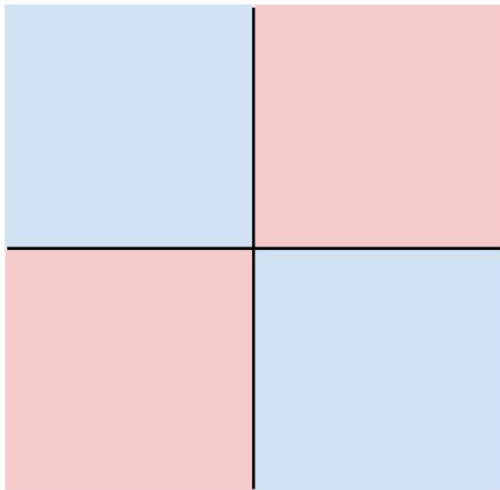
Difficult Case (Examples) for a Linear Classifier

Class 1:

First and third quadrants

Class 2:

Second and fourth quadrants



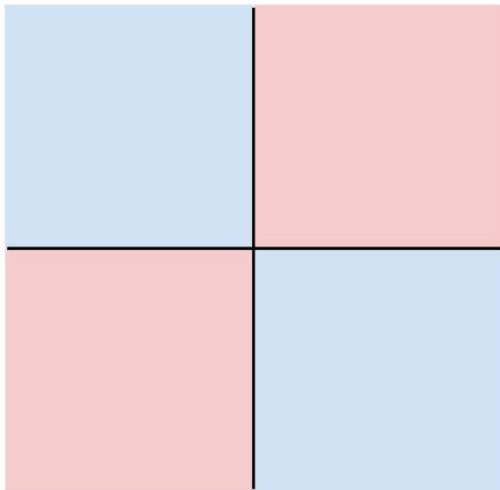
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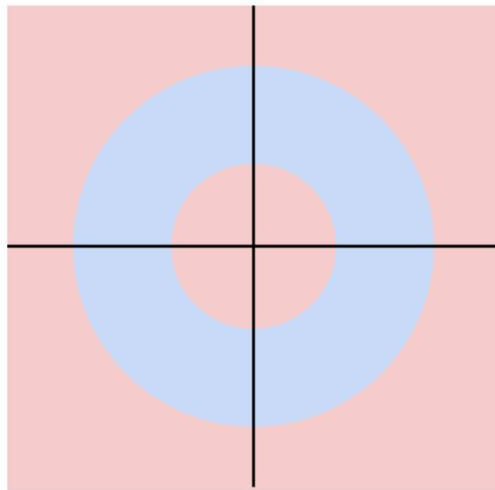


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$1 \leq L2 \text{ norm} \leq 2$

Class 2:

Everything else



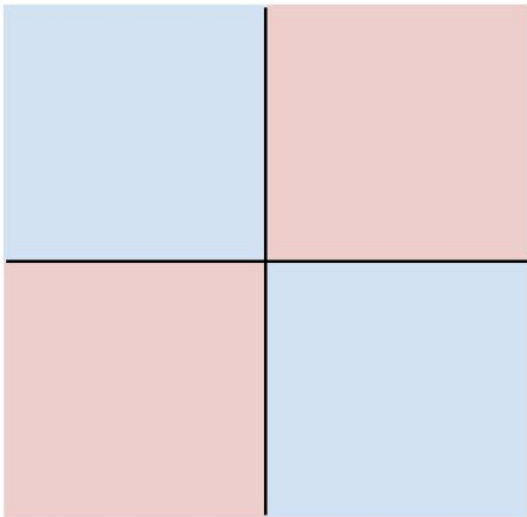
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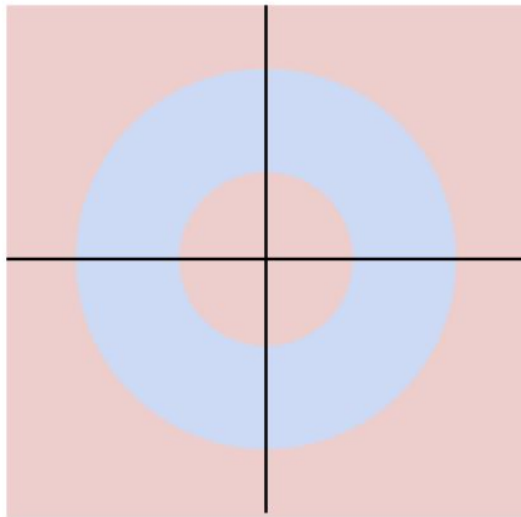


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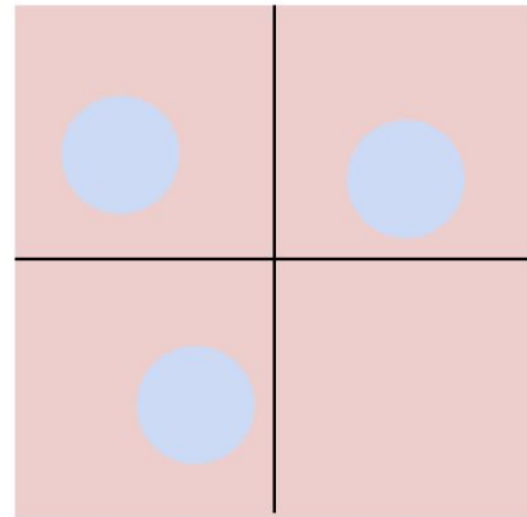


Class 1:

Three modes

Class 2:

Everything else



**How do we actually
choose a good W?**

Define a score function



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

master chef can	-3.45	-0.51	3.42
mug	-8.87	6.04	4.64
tomato soup can	0.09	5.31	2.65
cracker box	2.9	-4.22	5.1
mustard bottle	4.48	-4.19	2.64
tuna fish can	8.02	3.58	5.55
sugar box	3.78	4.49	-4.34
gelatin box	1.06	-4.37	-1.5
potted meat can	-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
large marker	-0.72	-2.93	6.14

Define a score function



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

1. Use a **loss function** to quantify how good a value of W is (today)

2. Find a W that minimizes the loss function (**optimization**) (next week)

potted meat can
large marker

-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
-0.72	-2.93	6.14

Loss Function

A **loss function** measures **how good** our current classifier is.

Low loss = **good** classifier

High loss = bad classifier

Also called: **objective function, cost function, reward function, profit/utility/fitness function, etc.**

Loss Function

Given a dataset of examples $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$

where x_i is an image and
 y_i is a (discrete) label

Loss for a single example is $L_i(f(x_i, W), y_i)$

Loss for the dataset is **average** of per-example losses:

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

Cross Entropy Loss

Multinomial Logistic Regression



cracker **3.2**

mug 5.1

sugar -1.7

Want to interpret raw classifier scores as **probabilities**

$$s = f(x_i; W)$$

$$P(Y = k | X = x_i) = \frac{\exp(s_k)}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)}$$

Softmax function

↑
Class k

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



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Probabilities
must be ≥ 0

Probabilities
must sum to 1

$$L_i = -\log P(Y = y_i | X = x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_i &= -\log(0.13) \\ &= 2.04 \end{aligned}$$

Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Choose weights to maximize the likelihood of the observed data

(EECS 445/545,
Bishop: Pattern Recognition and Machine
Learning Book)

cracker
mug
sugar

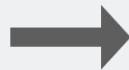
3.2

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Unnormalized log-
probabilities (logits)

$\exp(\cdot)$



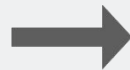
24.5

164.0

0.18

Unnormalized
probabilities

normalize



0.13

0.87

0.00

Probabilities

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



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normalize

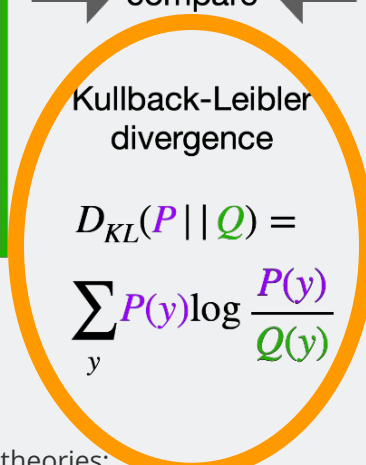
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Probabilities

compare

1.00
0.00
0.00

Correct probabilities



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Probabilities must sum to 1

Commonly used in information theories;
Compare between model probability distributions

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



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Unnormalized log-probabilities (logits)

$\exp(\cdot)$

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164.0
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Unnormalized probabilities

normalize

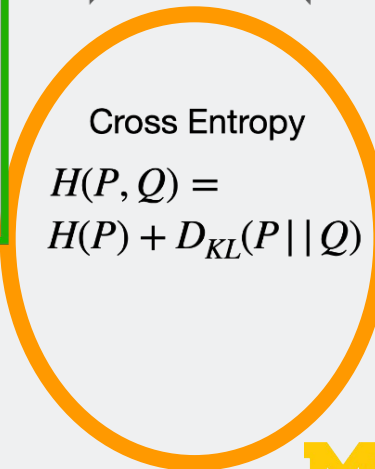
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Probabilities

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Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



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Maximize probability of correct class

$$L_i = -\log P(Y = y_i | X = x_i)$$

Putting it all together

$$L_i = -\log \left(\frac{\exp(s_{y_i})}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)} \right)$$

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Aha Slides (In-class participation)

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Q1, Q2

List of Questions on AhaSlides (for your record)

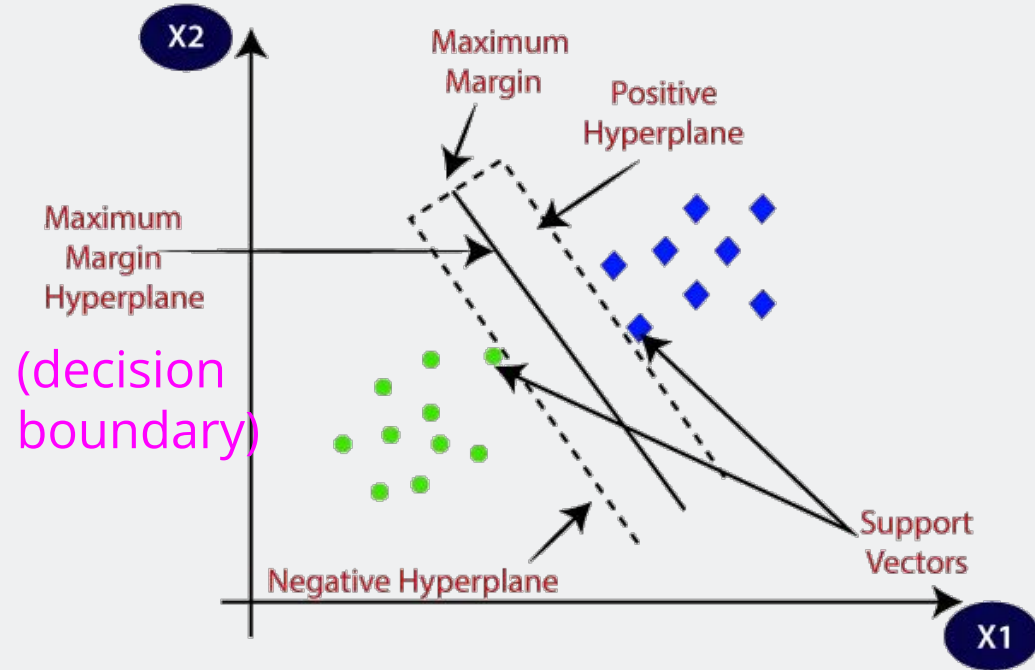
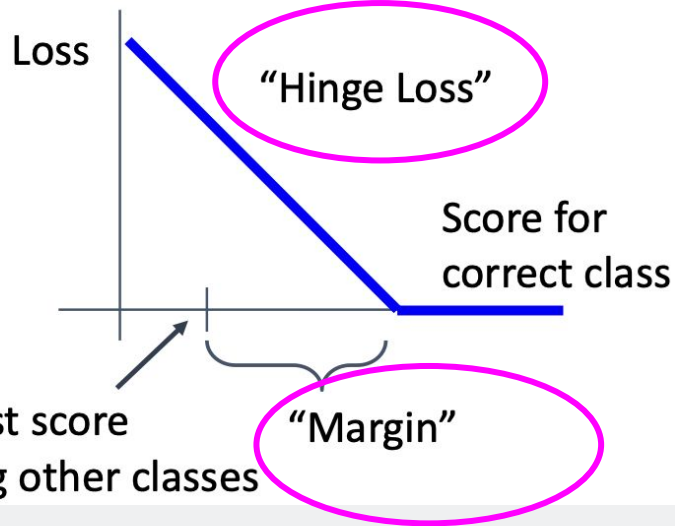
Q1: What is the min / max possible loss?

Q2: If all scores are small random values, what is the loss?

Multi-class SVM Loss

Multiclass SVM Loss

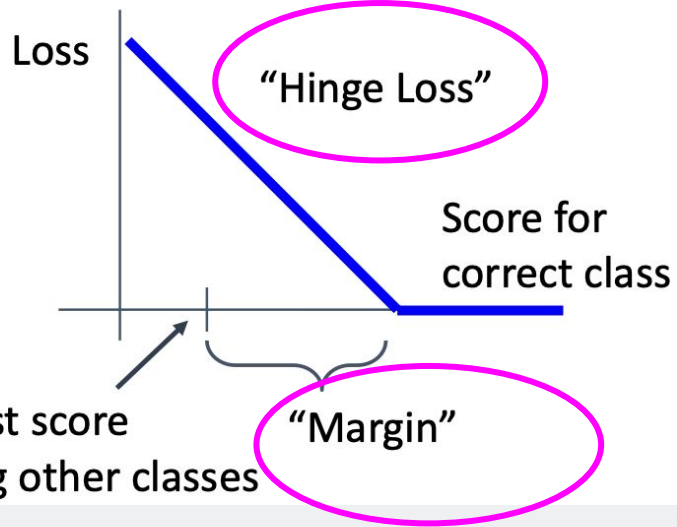
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(two-class SVM - example)

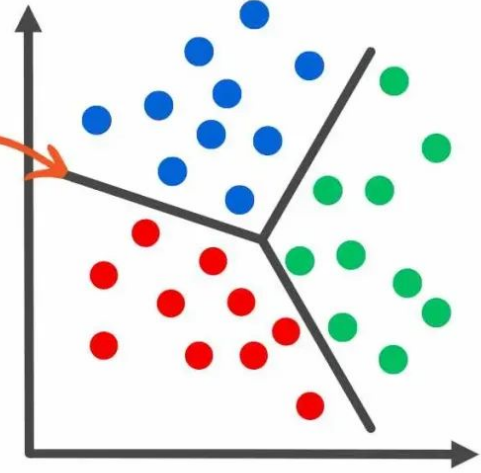
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Support Vector
Machines (SVM)

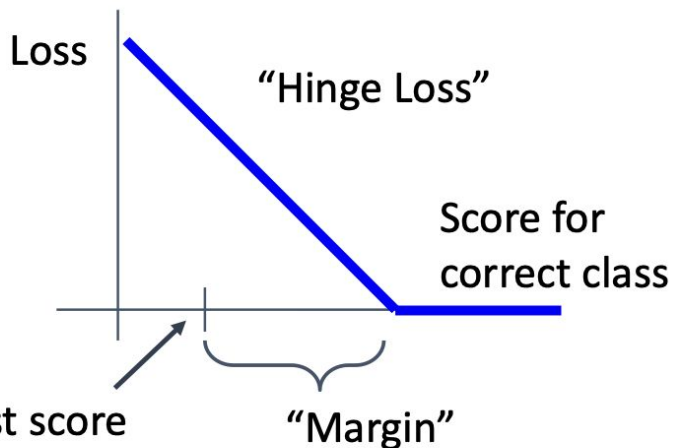
Hyperplanes that Best
Separates Different Classes



(multi-class SVM - example)

Multiclass SVM Loss

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Highest score
among other classes

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Multiclass SVM Loss - Concrete Example



cracker

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1.3

2.2

mug

5.1

4.9

2.5

sugar

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2.0

-3.1

Loss

2.9

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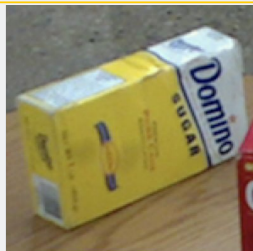
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Q3: What is the multi-class SVM loss for Slide 55, third image?

Q4: For multi-class SVM loss, what if the loss uses a mean instead of a sum? Would the prediction results be the same or different?

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Loss over the dataset is:

$$L = (2.9 + 0.0 + 12.9) / 3 = 5.27$$

Cross Entropy Loss vs. Multi-class SVM Loss

Example

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What is SVM loss?

A: Cross-entropy loss > 0
SVM loss = 0

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A: Cross-Entropy Loss will change;
SVM loss will stay the same for 1st and 3rd cases;
SVM loss will change for the 2nd case

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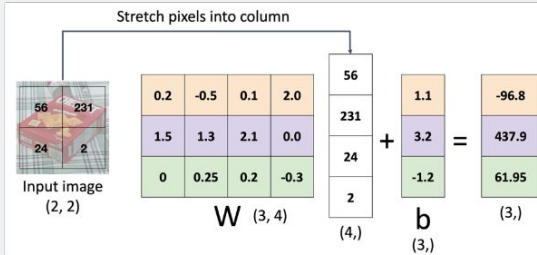
A: Cross-Entropy Loss will **????**; (Canvas quiz)
SVM loss still 0

Summary

Linear Classifier - Three Viewpoints

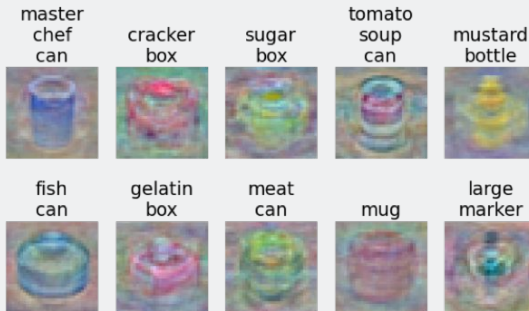
① Algebraic Viewpoint

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



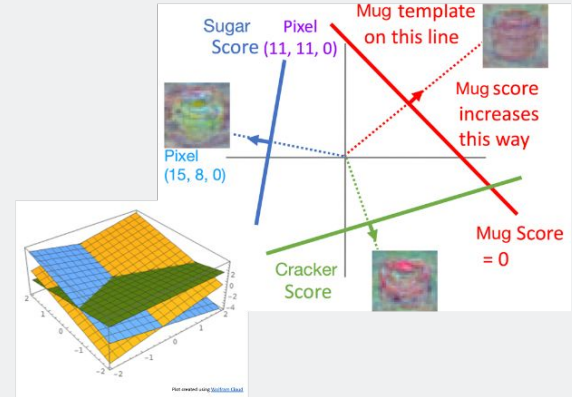
② Visual Viewpoint

One template per class



③ Geometric Viewpoint

Hyperplanes cutting up space



Loss Functions

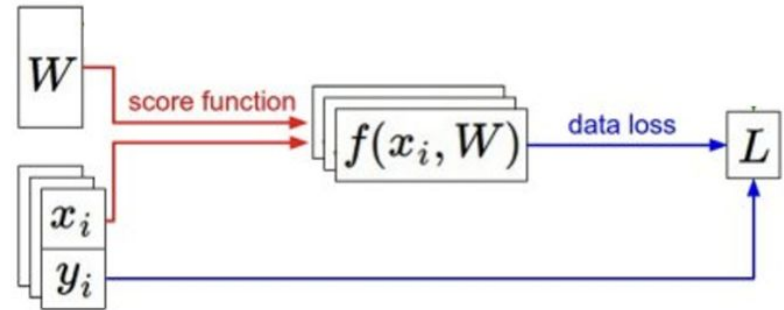
- We have some dataset of (x, y)
- We have a **score function**:
- We have a **loss function**:

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

Linear classifier

Softmax: $L_i = -\log \left(\frac{\exp(s_{y_i})}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)} \right)$

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



Next up: How to find best W and b ? Optimization

Due dates

Canvas Assignment: 20250113 KNN Quiz

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Due Jan. 15, 2025

Canvas Assignment: 20250115 Linear Classifier Quiz

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5 submissions per day - Start today!!!

Due Jan. 19, 2025