

$$\log \pi_{ik} = \alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i - \log Z$$

$\pi_{ik} \rightarrow$   $i^{\text{th}}$  observed  $x_i$ 's probability score for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  class.

The target variable  $Y$  is ~~the~~ a 'multinomial' variable which takes class values 1 to  $K$ .

to find  $Z$ 's value using the given expression  $\Rightarrow$

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$$\log Z = \alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i - \log \pi_{ik}$$

$$Z = \frac{e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i - \log \pi_{ik}}}{e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i} \times e^{(-\log \pi_{ik})}}$$

$$= \left( e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{\pi_{ik}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z = \frac{e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i}}{\pi_{ik}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_{ik} = \frac{e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i}}{Z} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_{ik} = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \sum \left( \frac{e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i}}{Z} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z = \sum_{k=1}^K e^{\alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i}$$

The usual formulation<sup>n</sup> of the multinomial logit picks a base category  $\Rightarrow$

$$\log \left( \frac{\pi_{ik}}{\pi_{i1}} \right) = \left( \beta_k^T \right) \text{dot } (x_i) \quad k = 2, \dots, K$$

This can be written as  $\Rightarrow$

$$\log(\pi_{ik}) - \log(\pi_{i1}) = \alpha_k^T \text{dot } x_i - \alpha_1^T \text{dot } x_i$$

$$= (\alpha_k^T - \alpha_1^T) \text{dot } x_i$$