

4.c) write the loss function  $l(\theta)$ , the NLL of the dist.

Calculate the Hessian and shows that it is always PSD

$$l(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; \theta)$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n \log b(y^{(i)}) + y^{(i)} \cdot \theta^T x^{(i)} - a(\theta^T x^{(i)})$$

$$H_{jk} = \frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n a''(\theta^T x^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} x_k^{(i)}, \text{ for each element } ij \text{ of } H$$

$$z^T \cdot H \cdot z = \sum_{j,k=1}^d z_j \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a''(\theta^T x^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} x_k^{(i)} \right) \cdot z_k$$

$$= \sum_{j,k=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^n a''(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \underbrace{x_j^{(i)} x_k^{(i)} z_k z_j}_{= z_j^2}$$

$$= \sum_{j,k=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^n a''(\theta^T x^{(i)}) (z^T x)^2$$

since  $a''(\theta^T x)$  is  $\text{Var}(y|x;\theta)$ , it is non-negative, so

$z^T \cdot H \cdot z \geq 0$  will always be true and  $l(\theta)$  is convex