

Lecture 3: Linear Classifiers

Reminder: Assignment 1

- Due **Friday 1/14, 11:59pm EST**
- If you enroll late, you get a free extension for A1:
 - `due_date = latest_day(original_due_date, your_enroll_date + 7 days)`
- Make sure you submit the right .py file!
 - Make sure to **manually save** the .py file in Colab
 - After you download the .zip file, **check that the .py file is correct**

Office Hours

- Check Google Calendar (link also on website):

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/0?cid=dW1pY2guZWRR1X2cxMXJnNnZxNmd2YWVqOWRhZDRxOHVvZHNvQGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20>

- Office hours may shift a bit from week to week (especially mine) – check Google Calendar for up-to-date info
- We'll use Umich office hours queue system; find link in the description of each calendar event

Last time: Image Classification

Input: image



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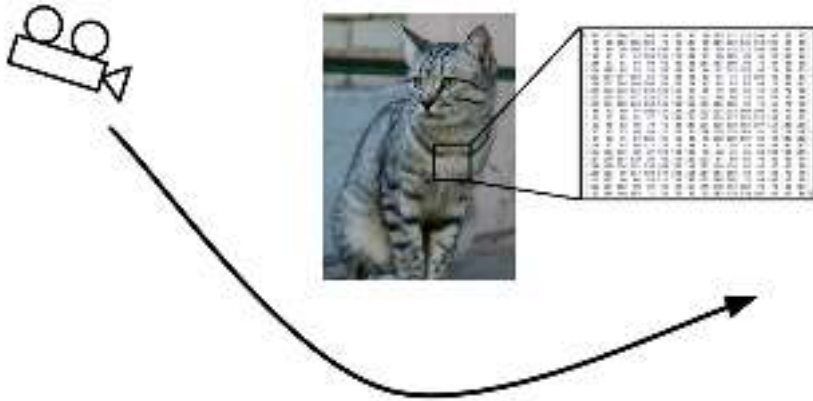
Output: Assign image to one
of a fixed set of categories



cat
bird
deer
dog
truck

Last Time: Challenges of Recognition

Viewpoint



Illumination



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Deformation



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Clutter



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Intraclass Variation



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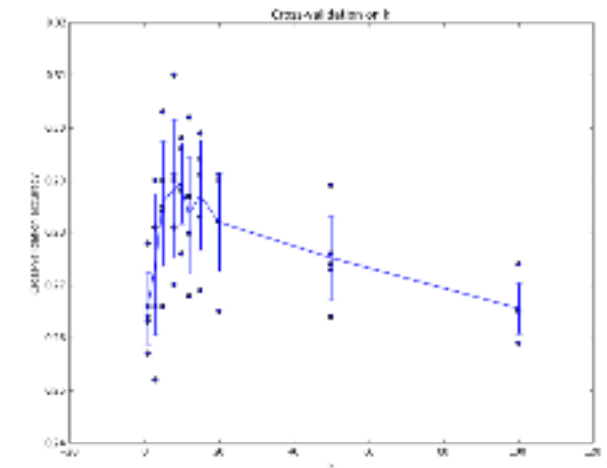
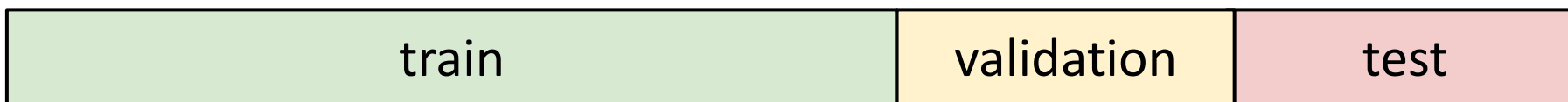
Last time: Data-Drive Approach, kNN



1-NN classifier



5-NN classifier



Today: Linear Classifiers

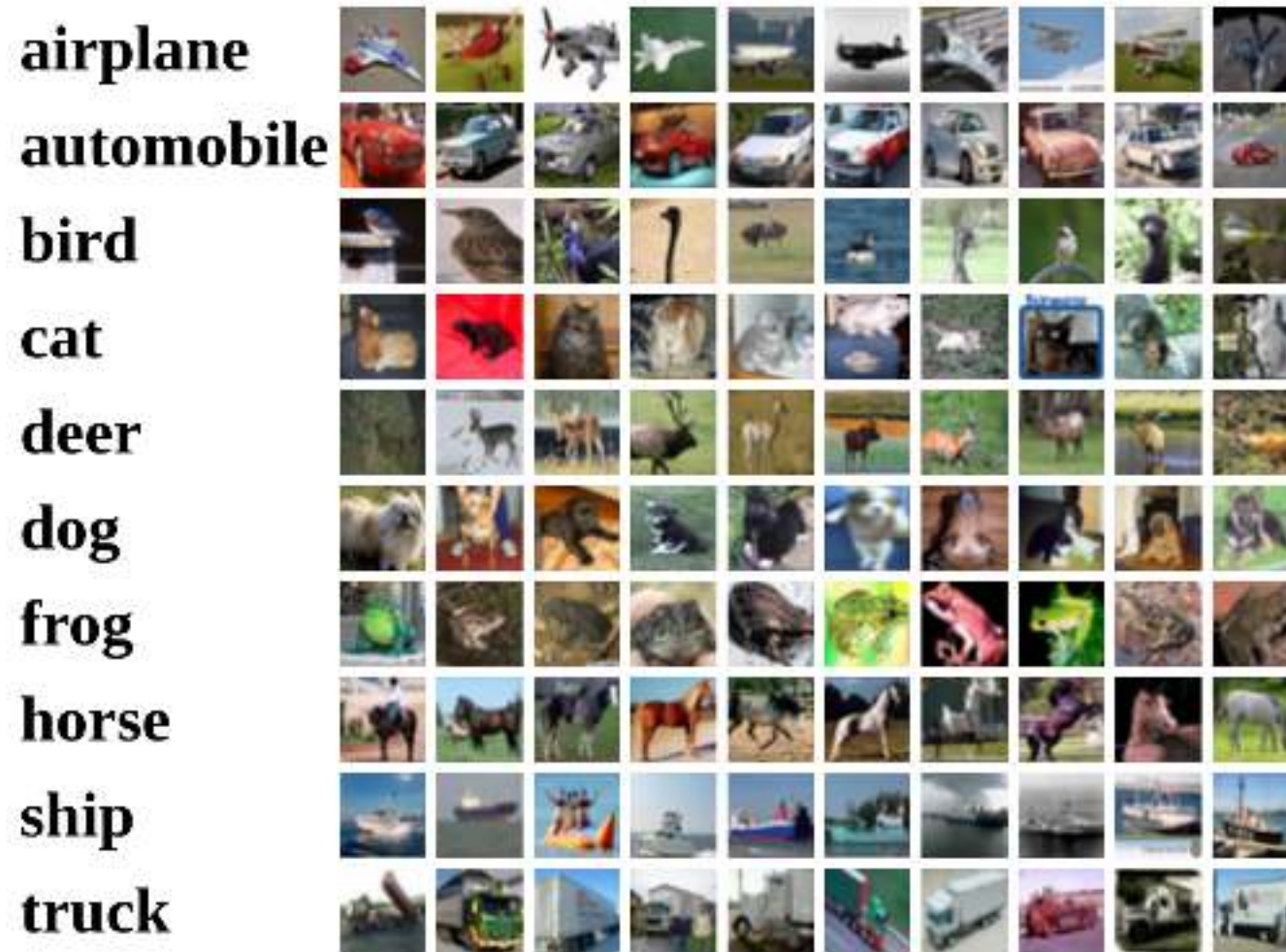
Neural Network

Linear
classifiers



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Recall CIFAR10



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

10,000 test images.

Parametric Approach

Image



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

→ $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W})$ →

10 numbers giving
class scores



\mathbf{W}

parameters
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Parametric Approach: Linear Classifier

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$$\boxed{f(x, W)} = \boxed{W} \boxed{x} + \boxed{b}$$

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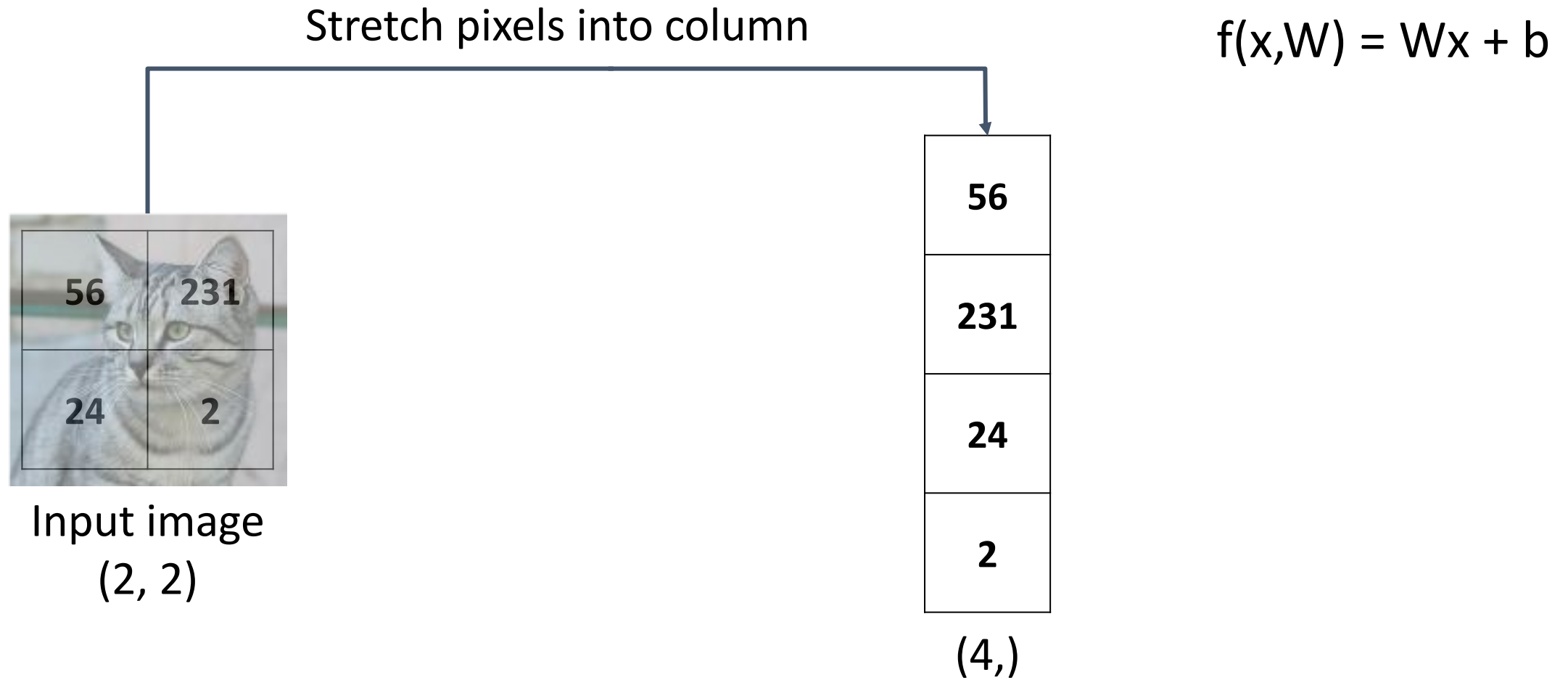
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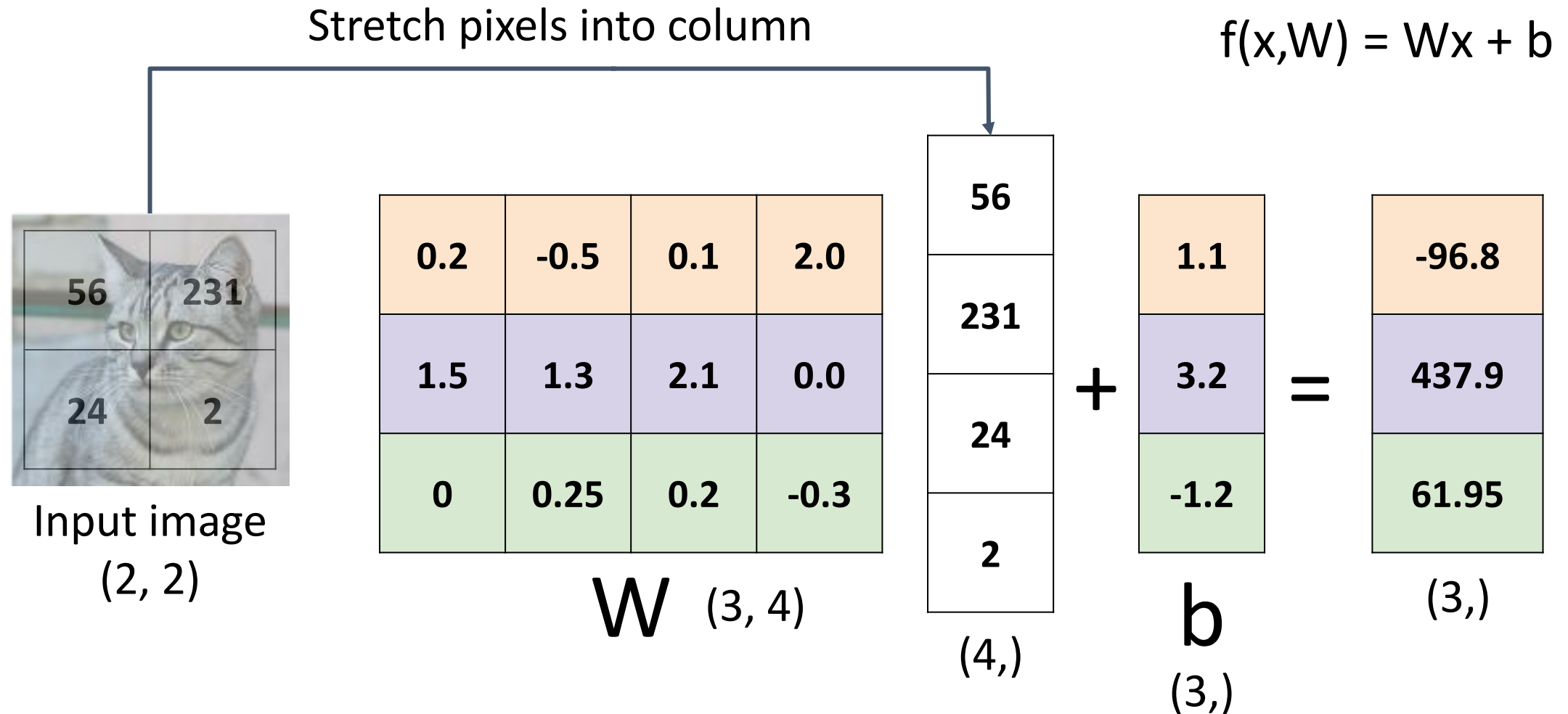
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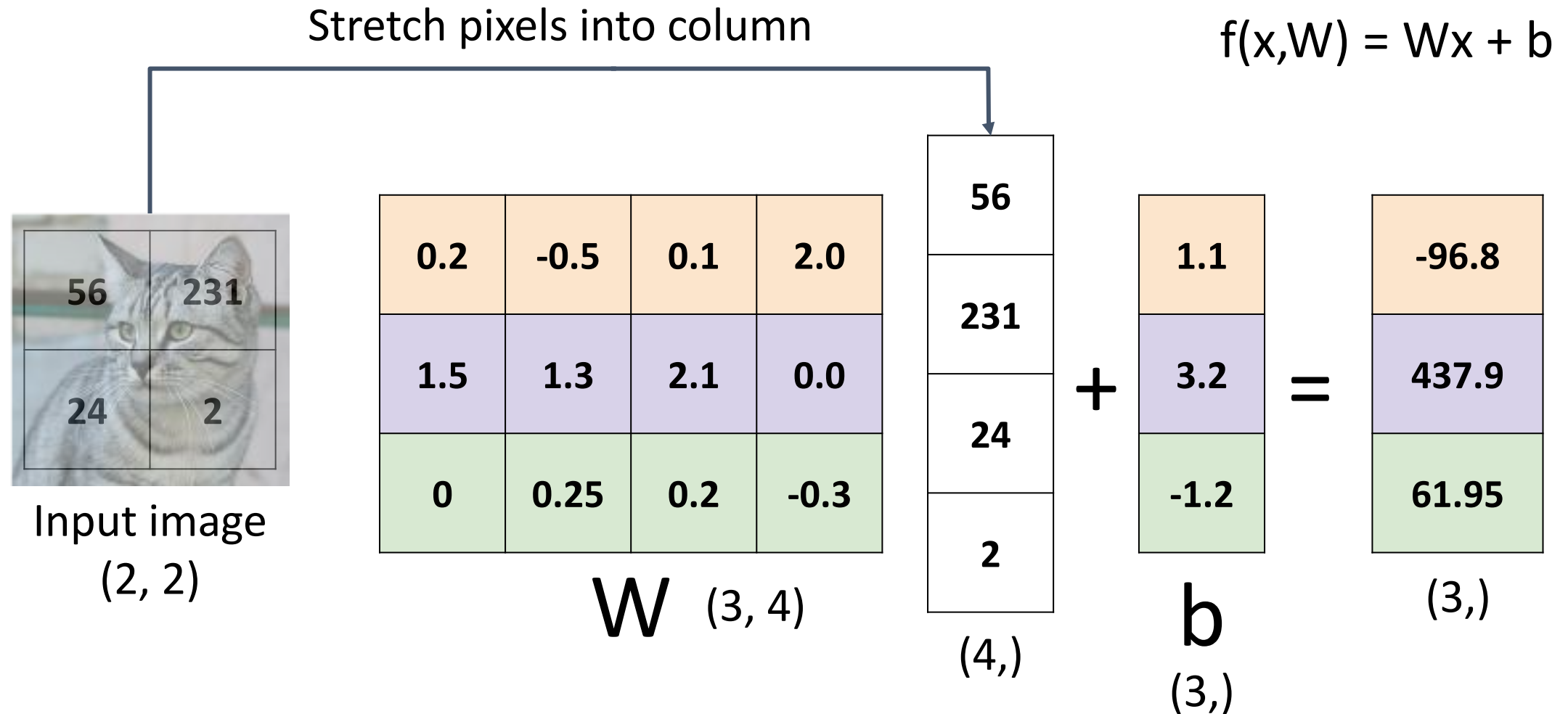
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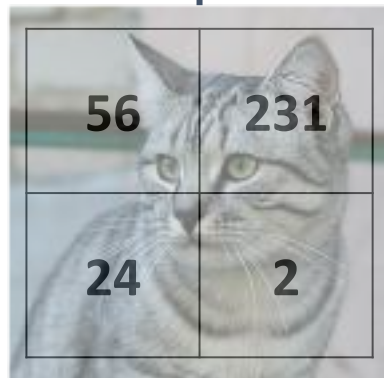
Linear Classifier: Algebraic Viewpoint



Linear Classifier: Bias Trick

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

Stretch pixels into column



Input image
(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

=

-96.8
437.9
61.95

(3,)

Linear Classifier: Predictions are Linear!

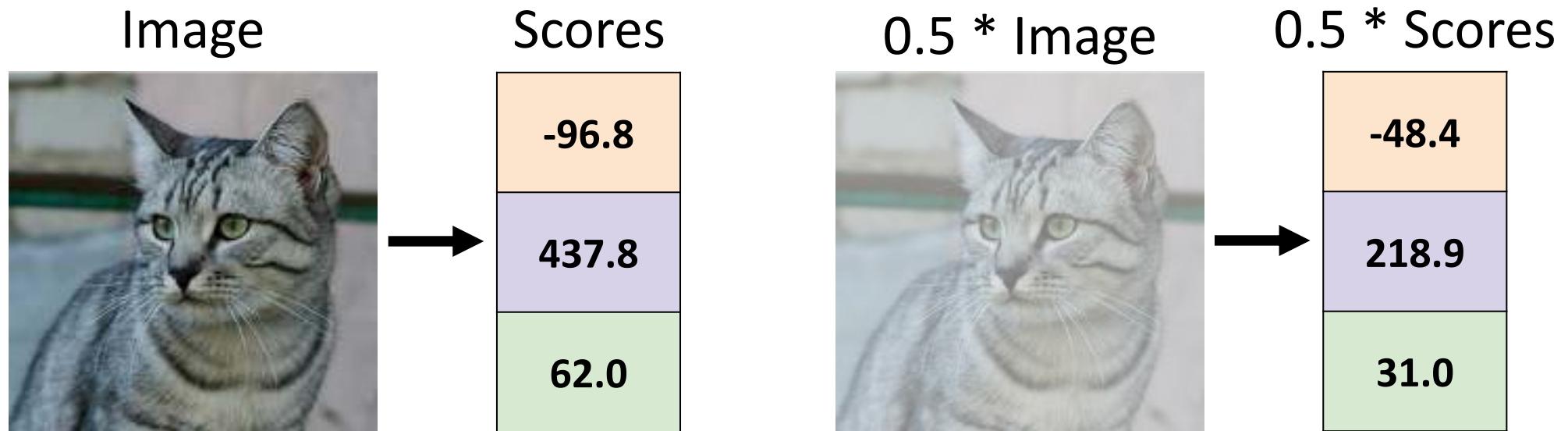
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$$f(cx, W) = W(cx) = c * f(x, W)$$

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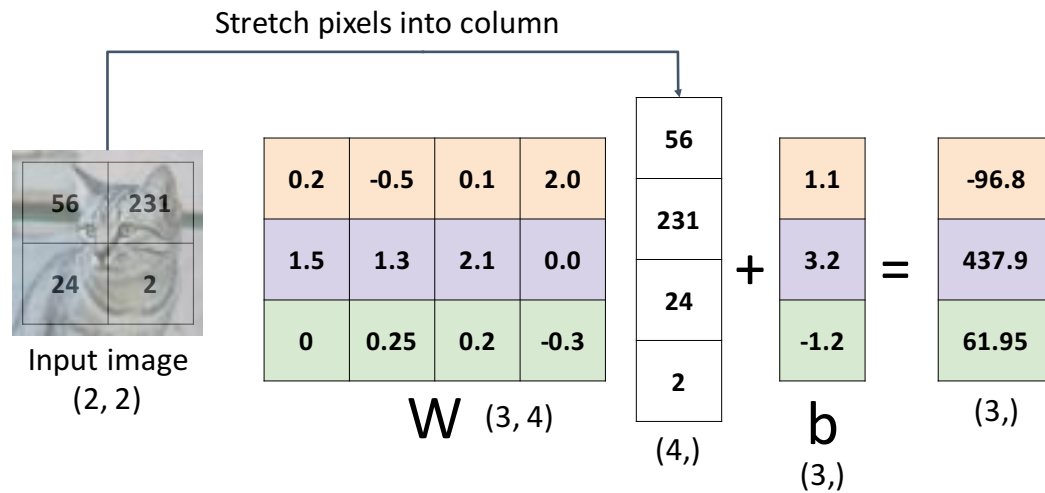
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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

Algebraic Viewpoint

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

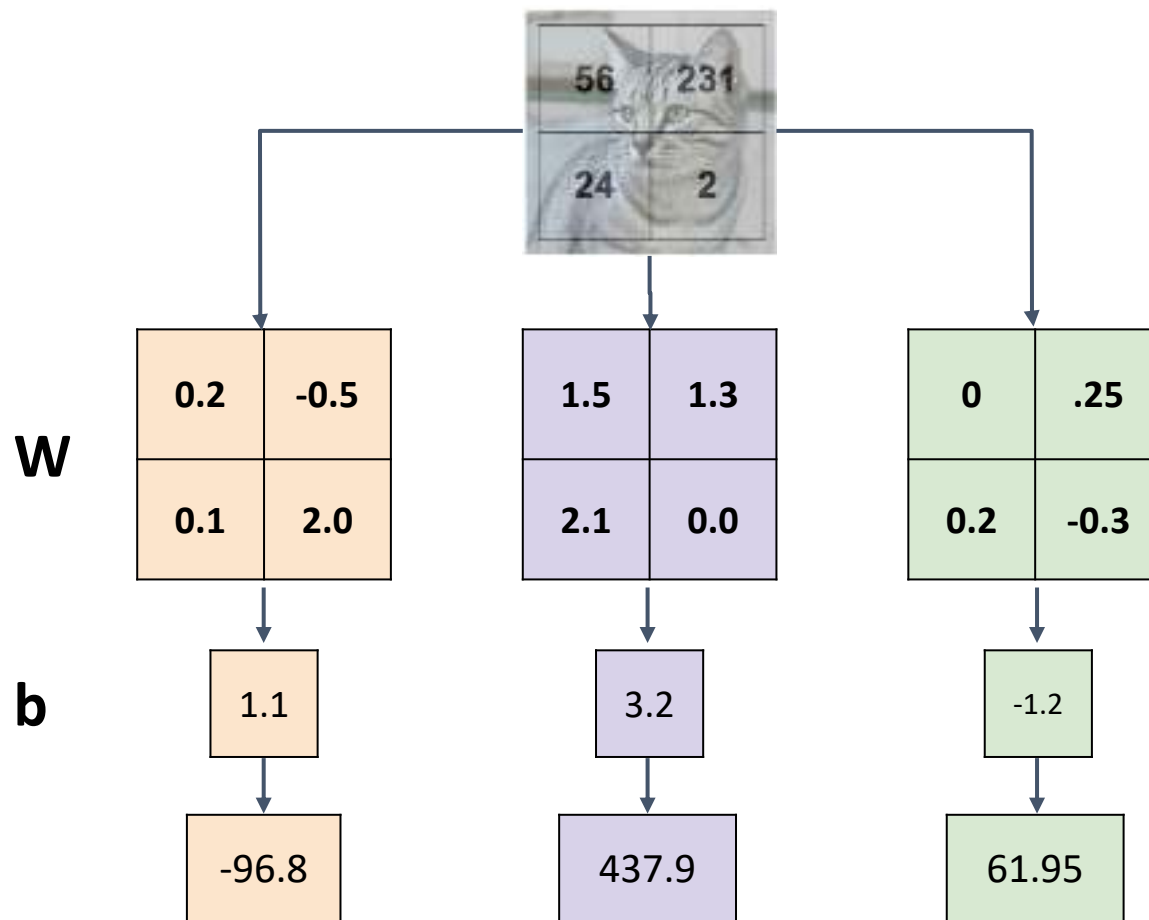
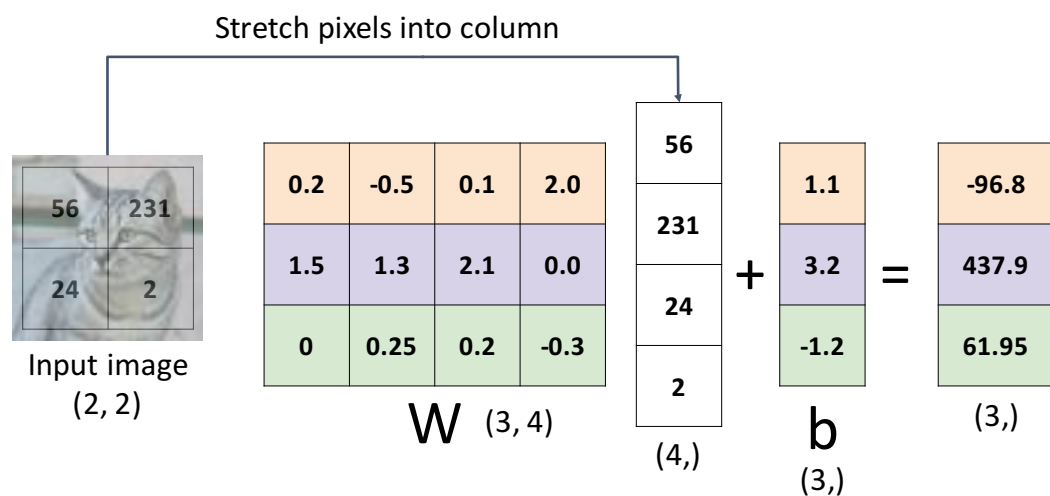


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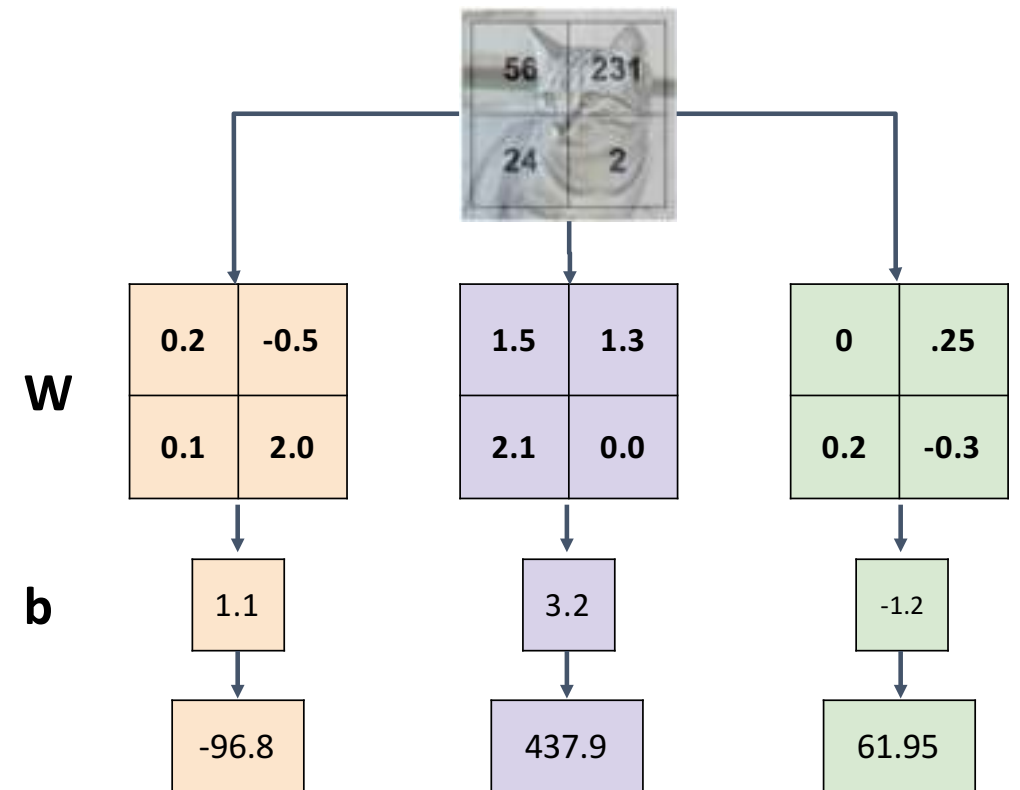
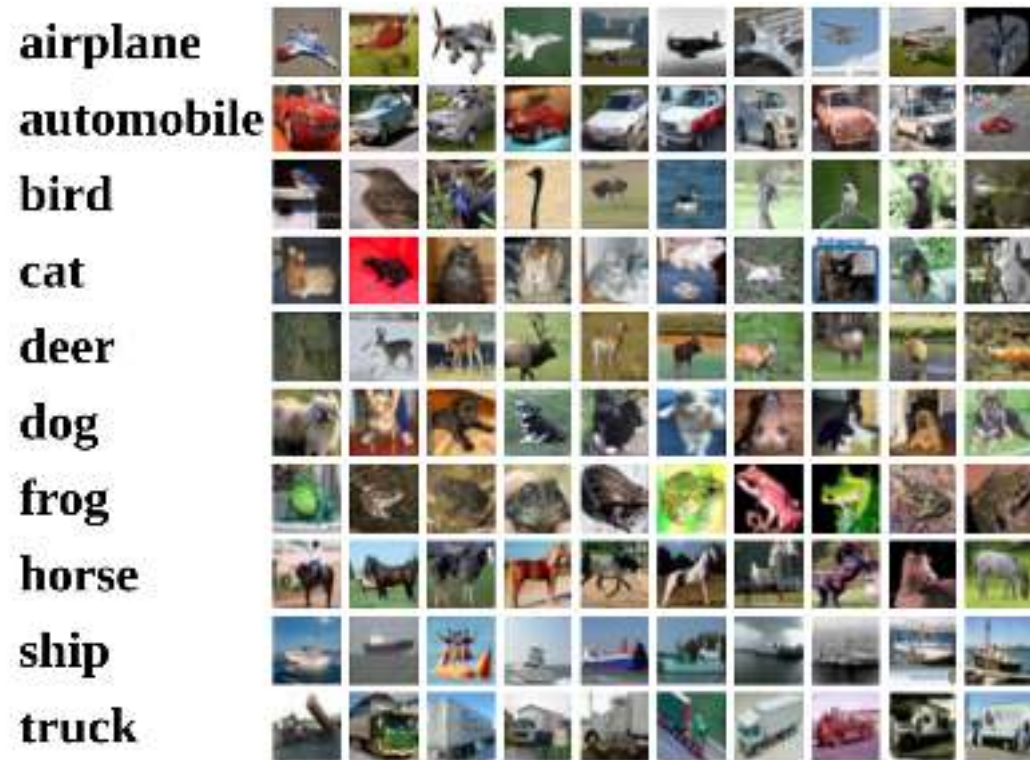
Instead of stretching pixels into columns, we can equivalently stretch rows of W into images!

Algebraic Viewpoint

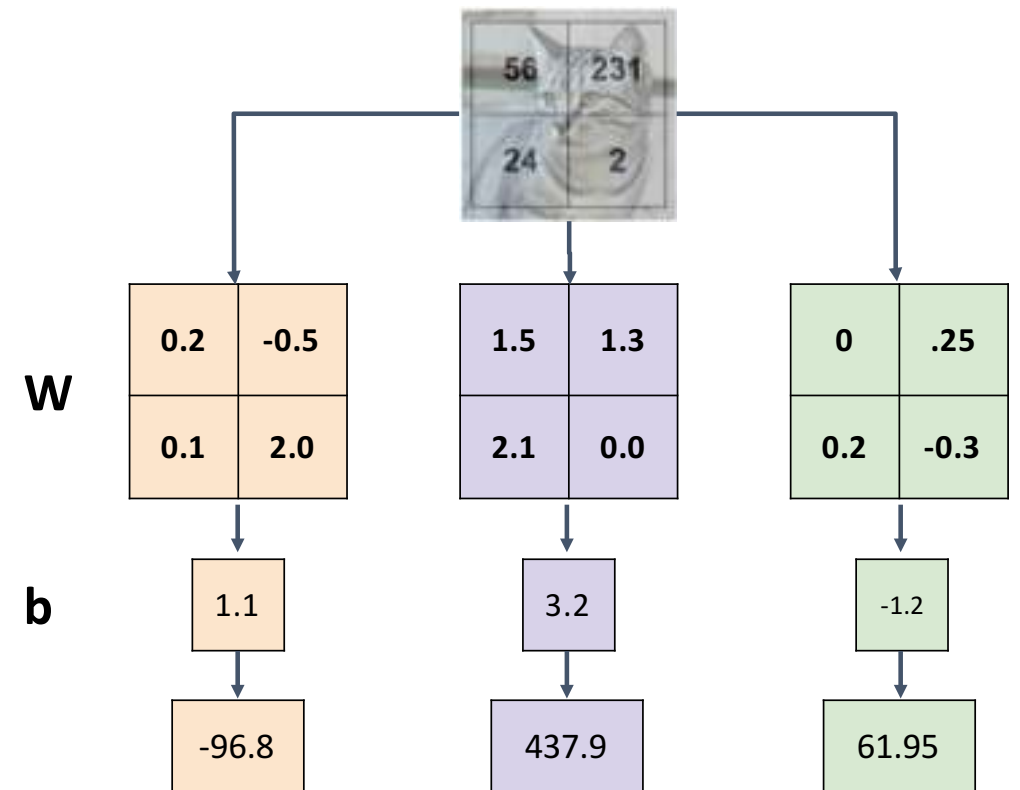
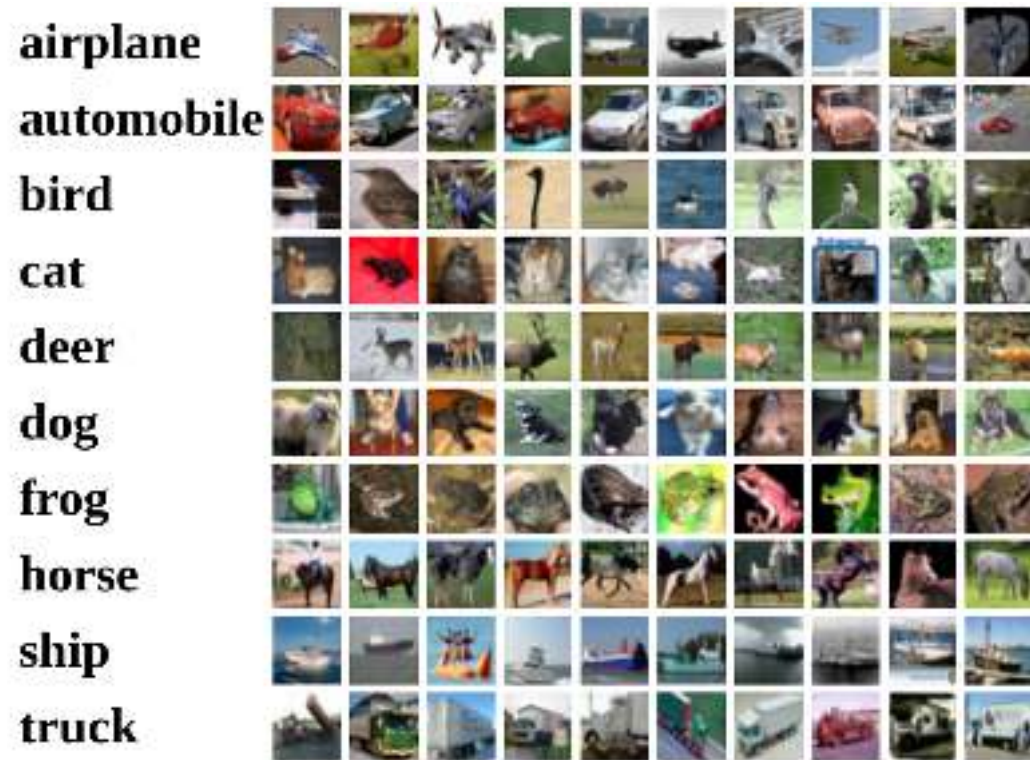
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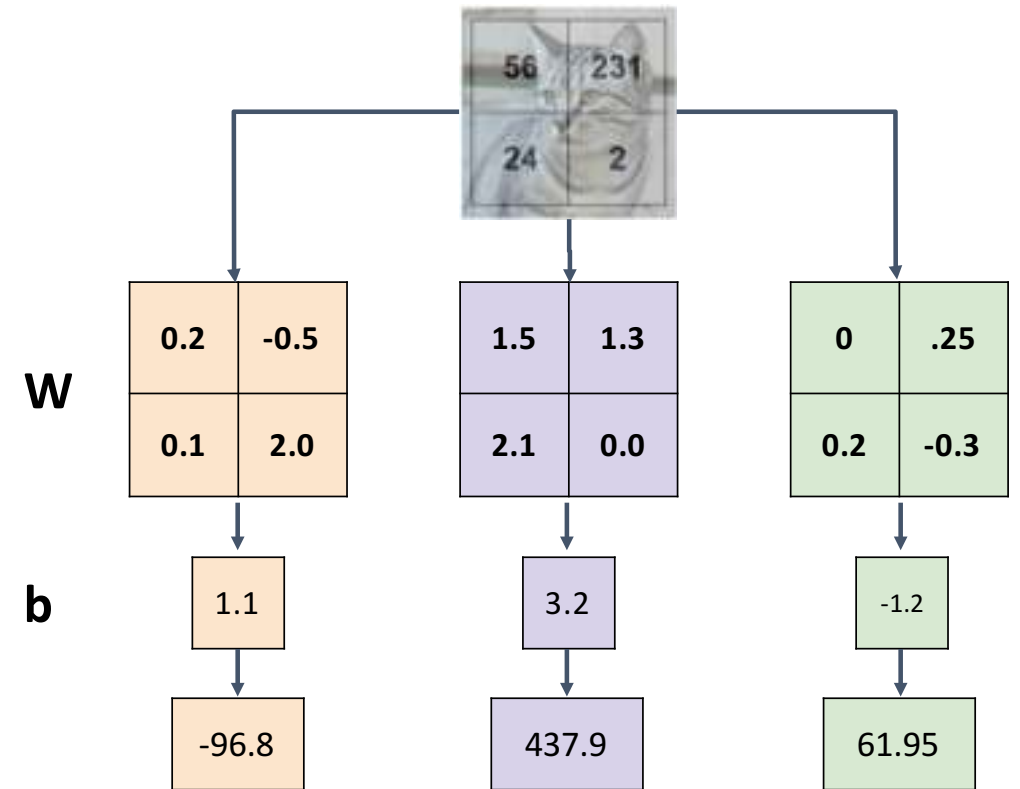


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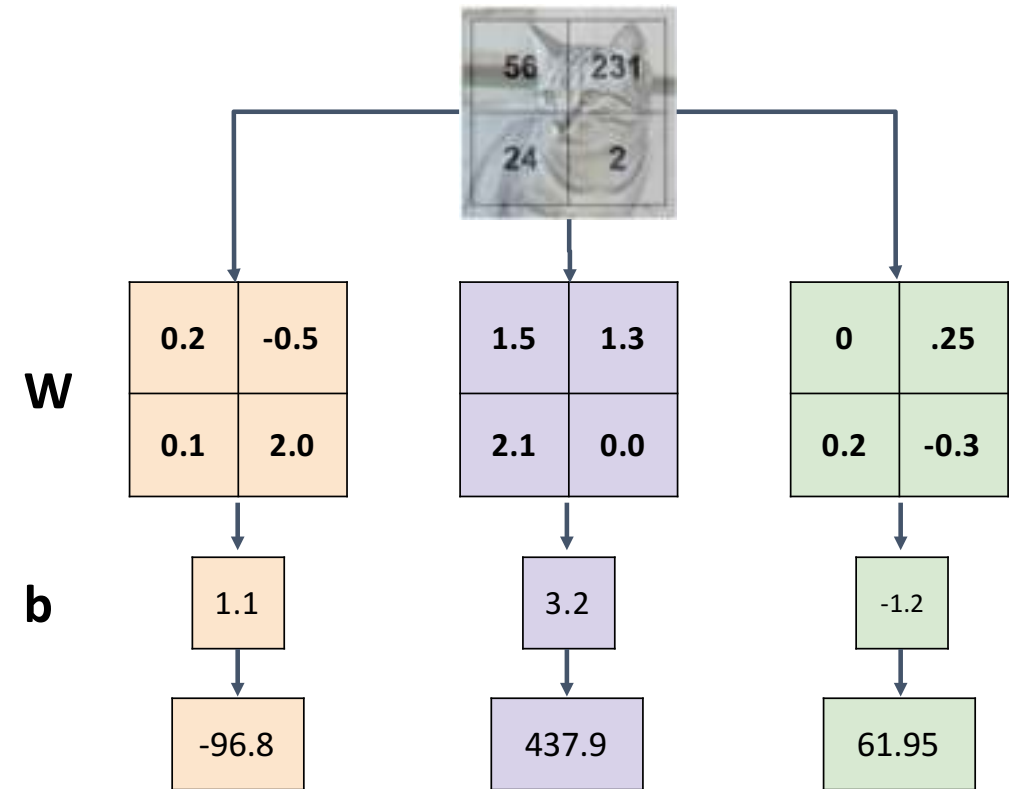


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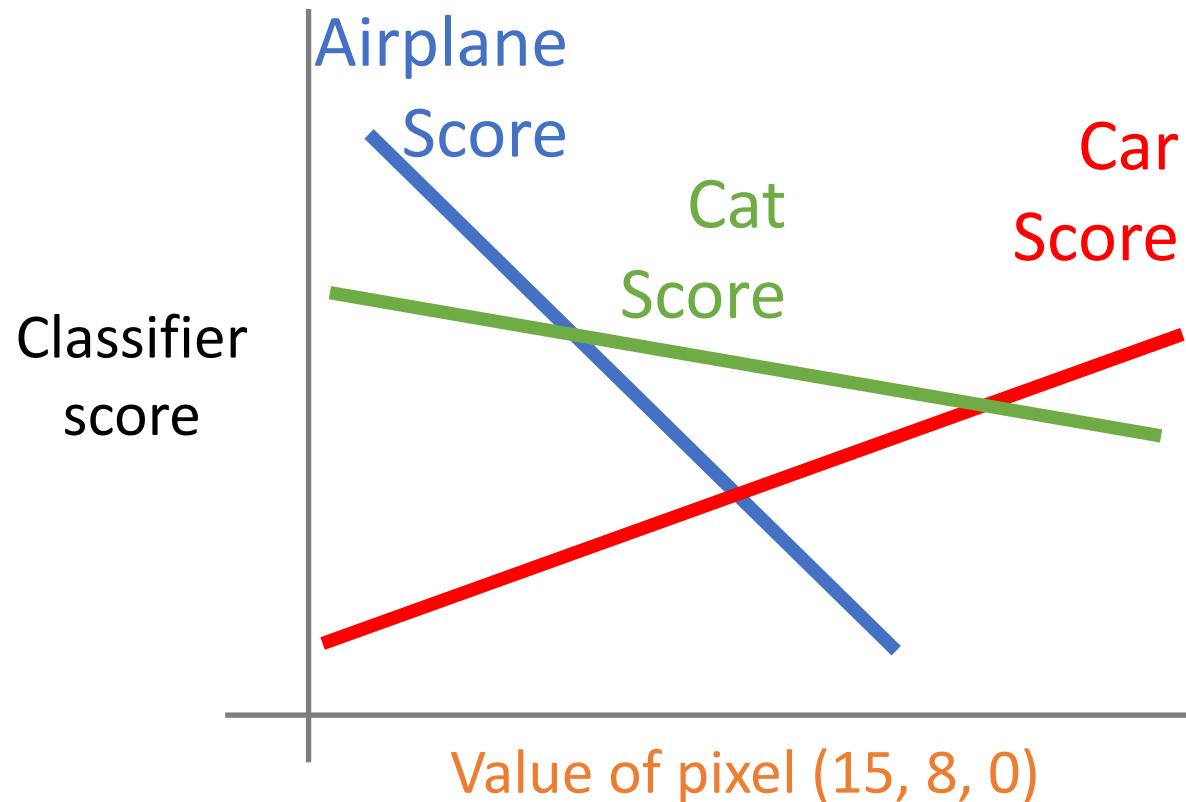
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A single template cannot capture
multiple modes of the data

e.g. horse template has 2 heads!



Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Geometric Viewpoint



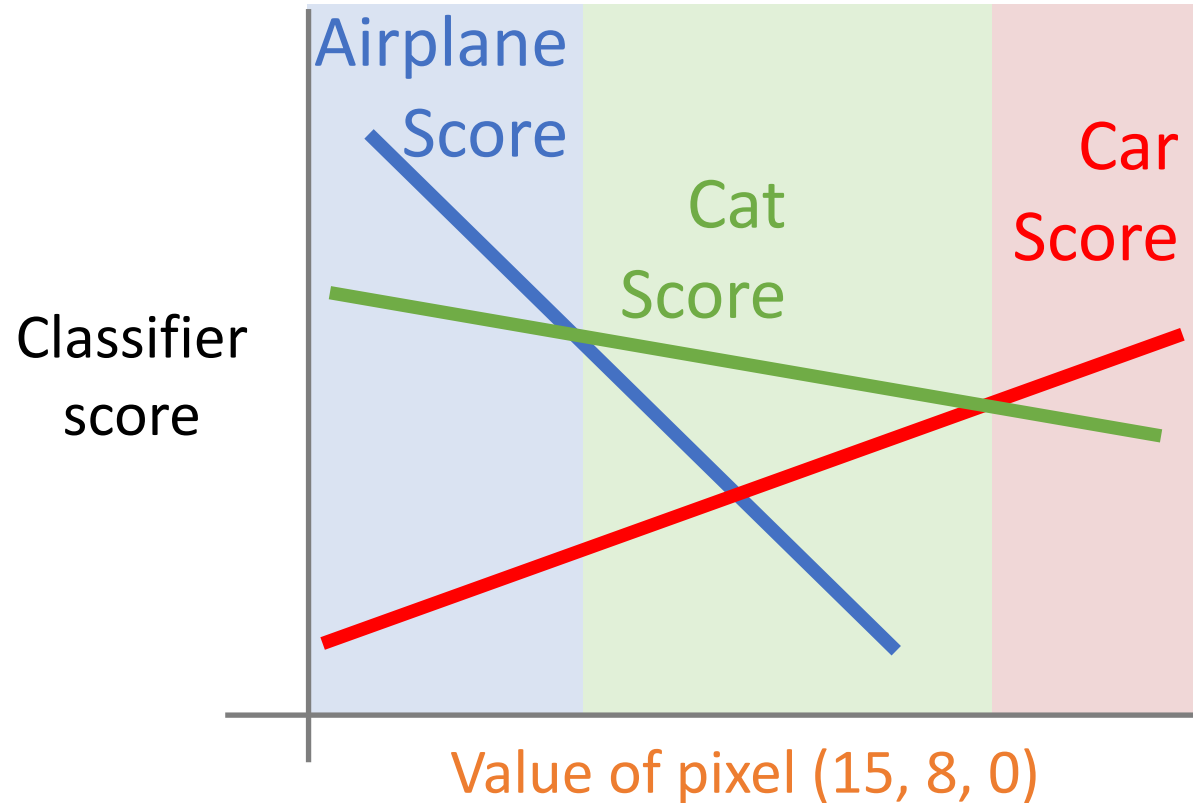
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Decision Regions

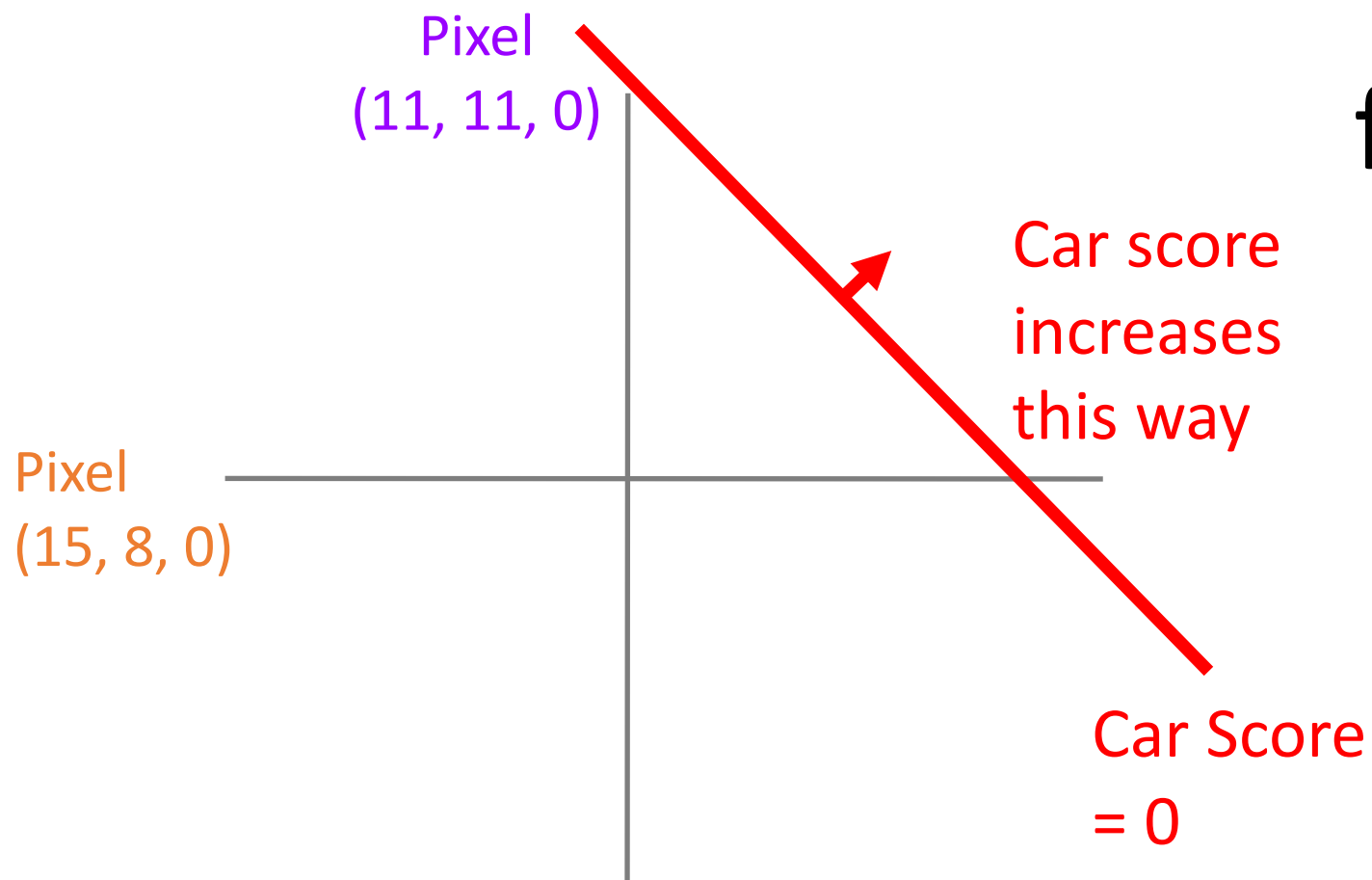


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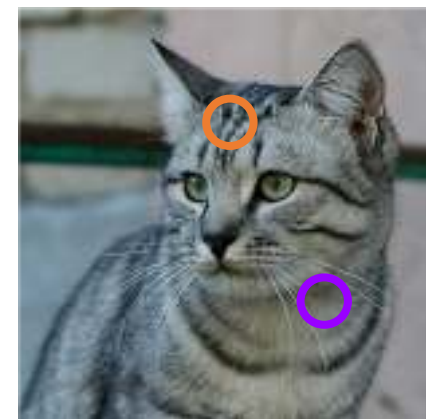


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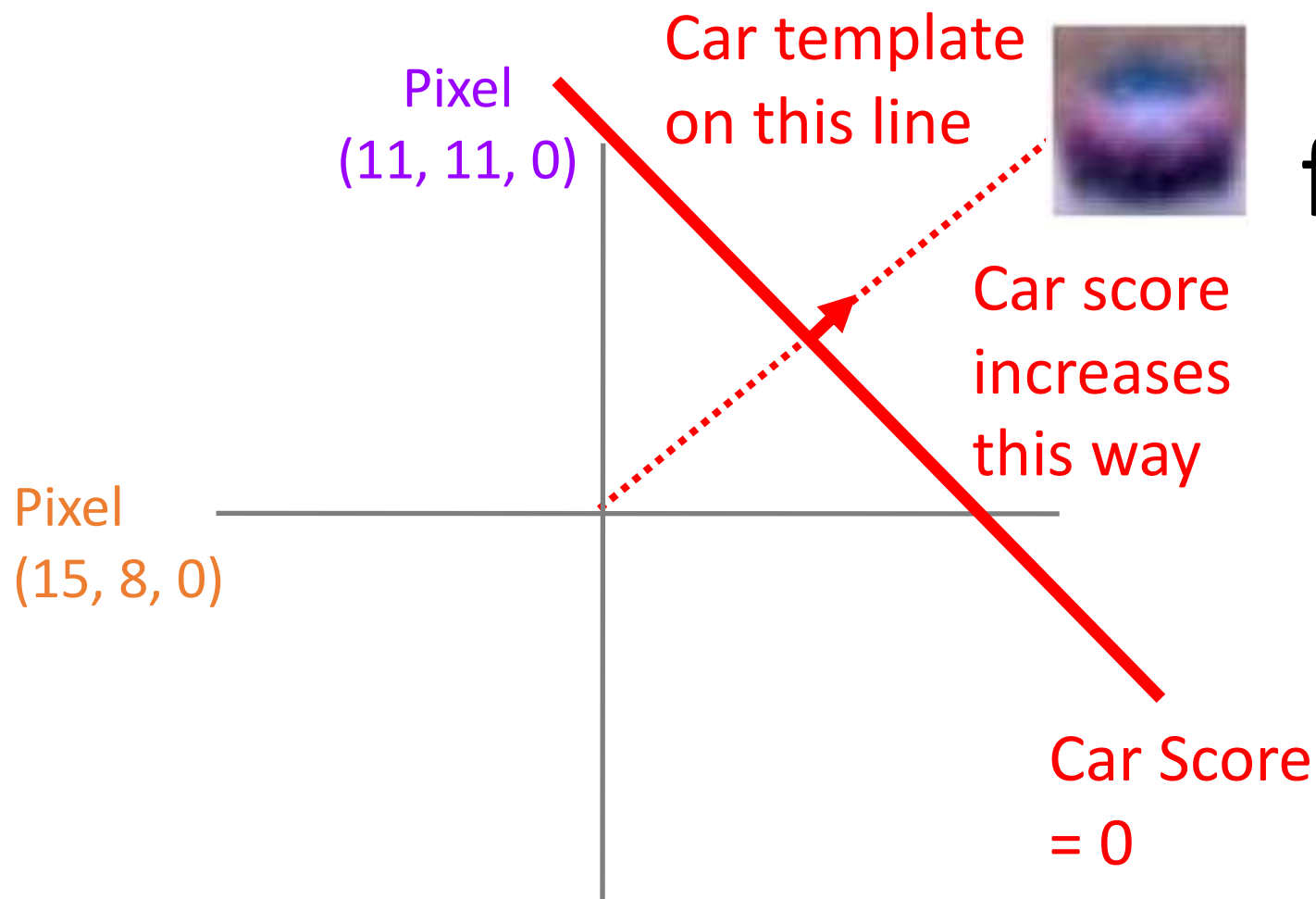


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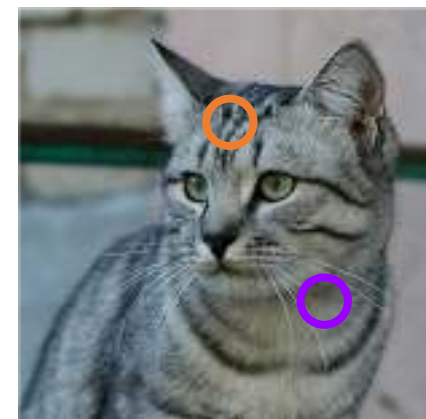


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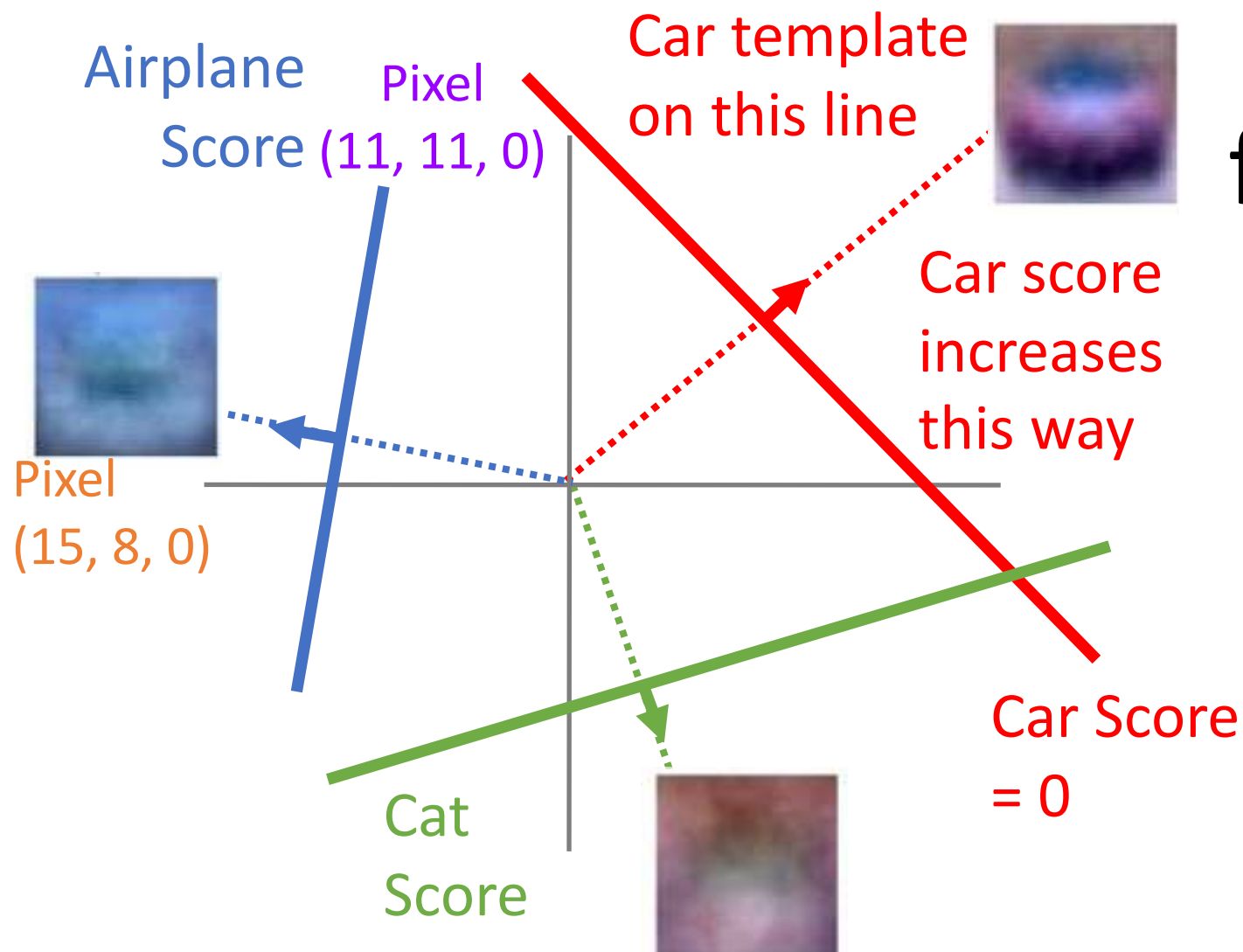


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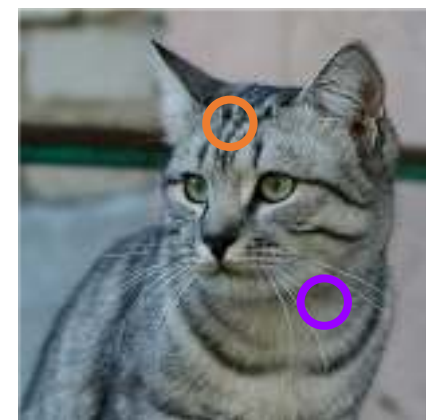


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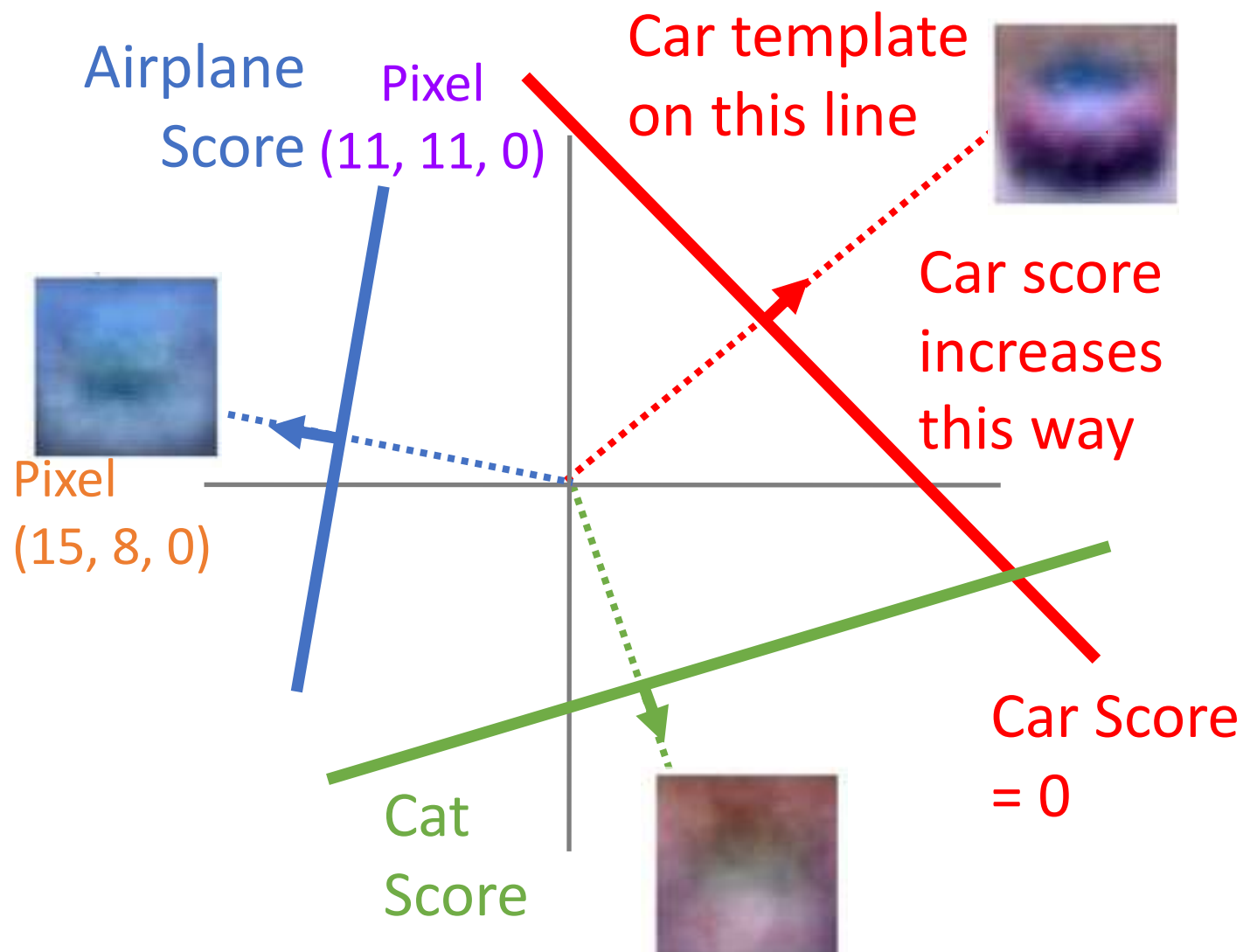


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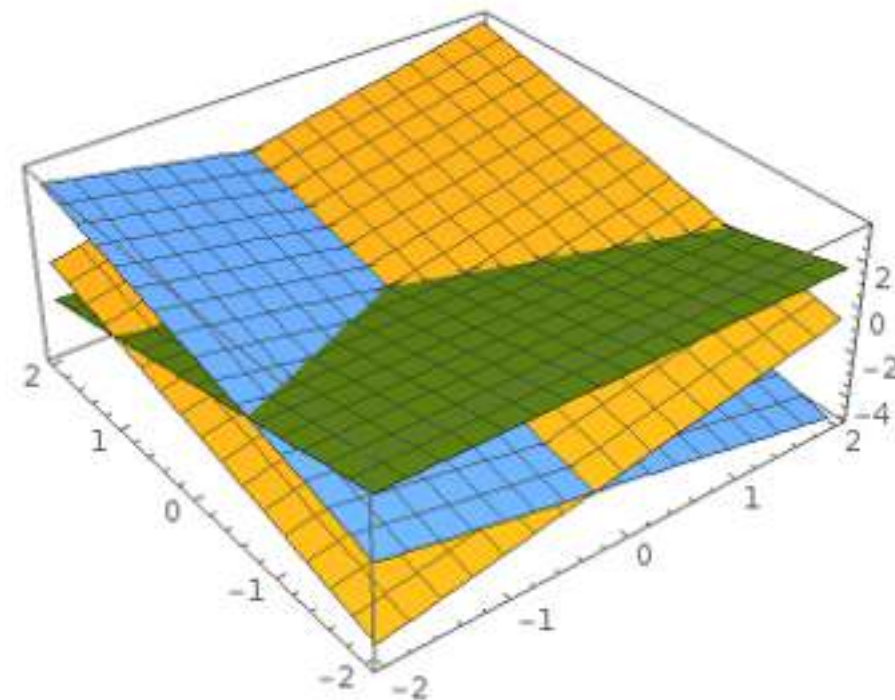


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Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Geometric Viewpoint



Hyperplanes carving up a high-dimensional space



Plot created using [Wolfram Cloud](#)

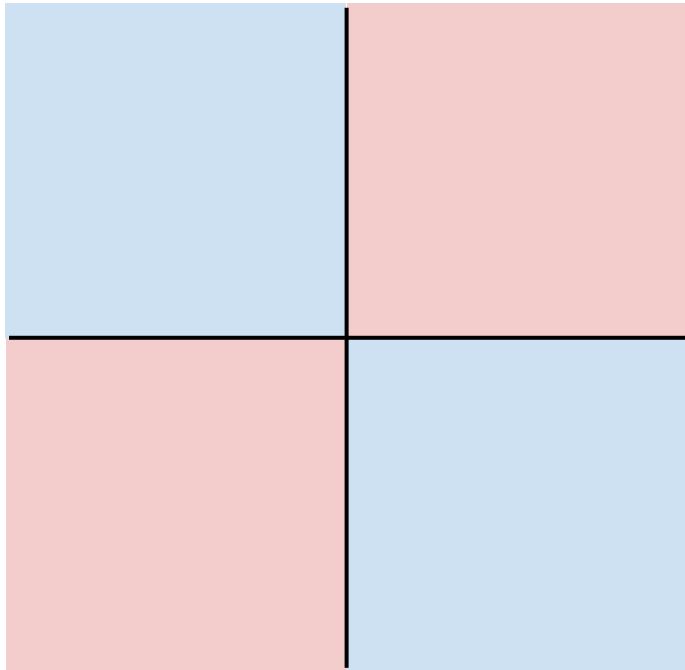
Hard Cases for a Linear Classifier

Class 1:

First and third quadrants

Class 2:

Second and fourth quadrants

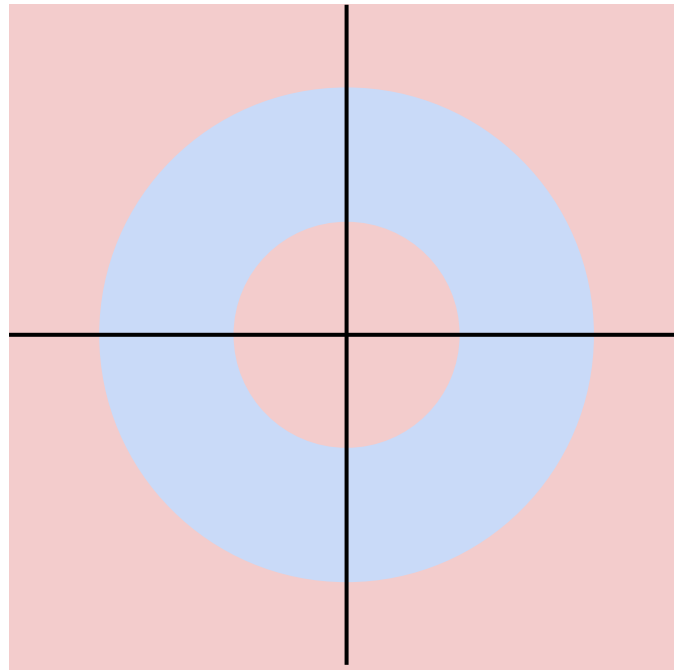


Class 1:

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

Class 2:

Everything else

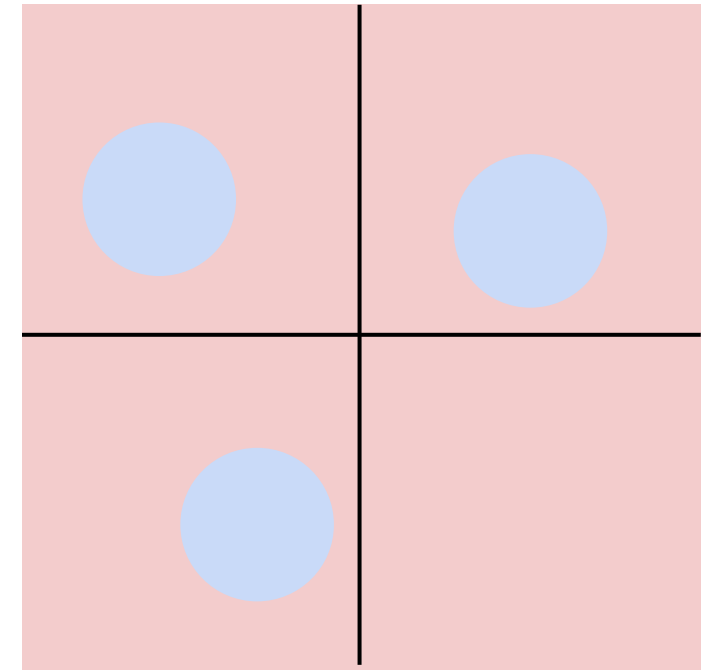


Class 1:

Three modes

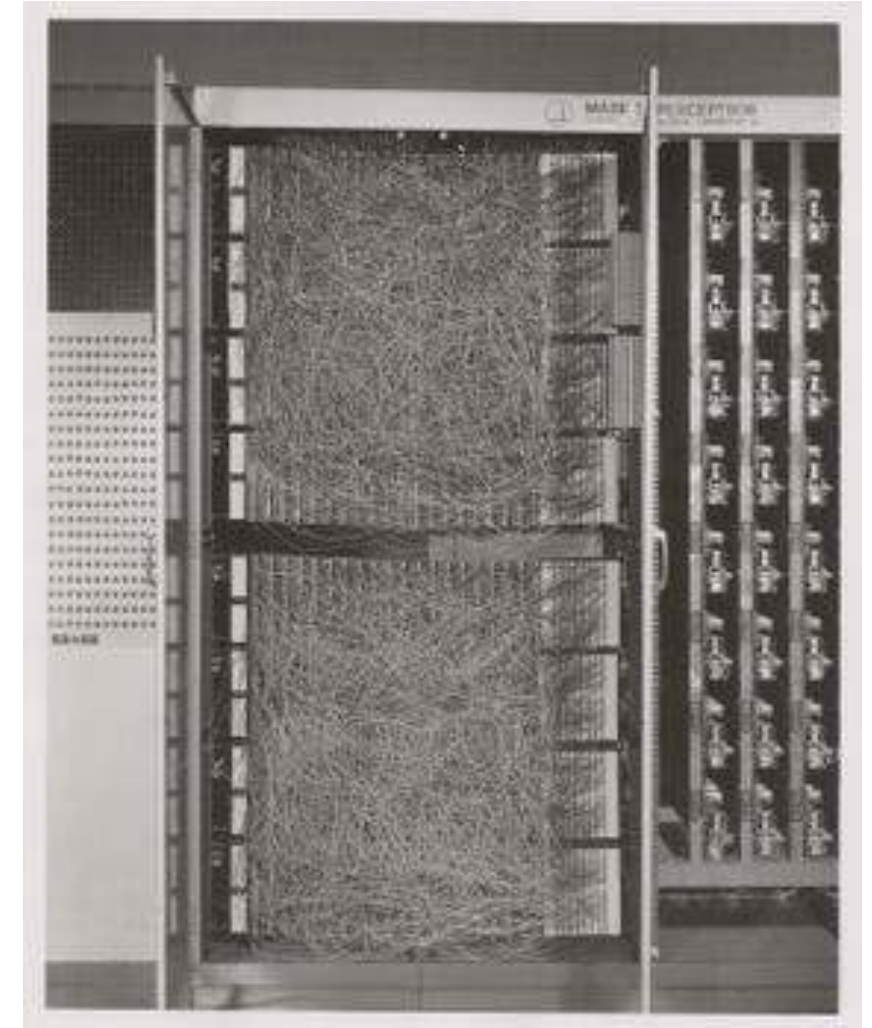
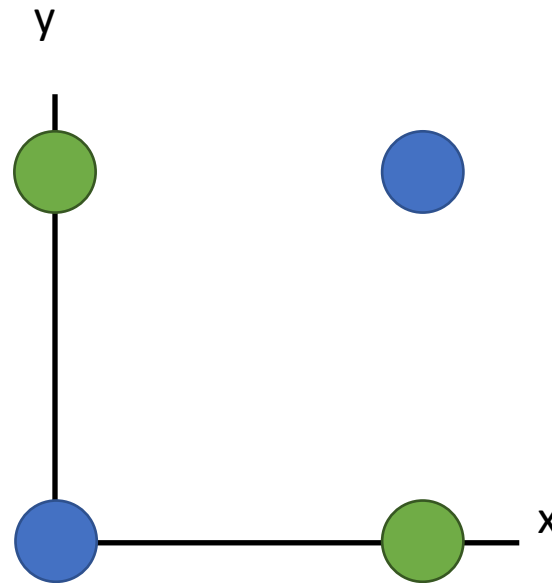
Class 2:

Everything else



Recall: Perceptron couldn't learn XOR

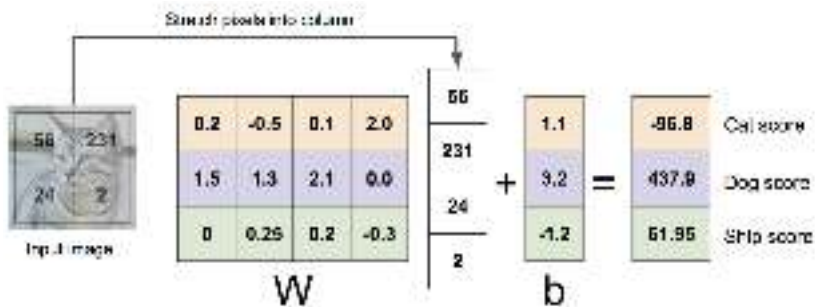
X	Y	F(x,y)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



Linear Classifier: Three Viewpoints

Algebraic Viewpoint

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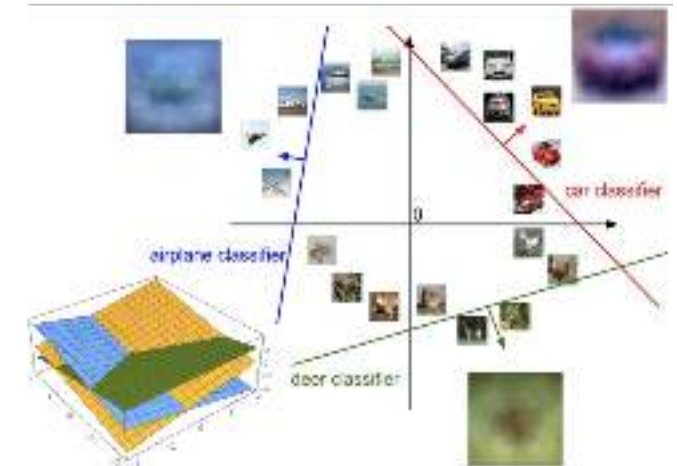
Visual Viewpoint

One template per class



Geometric Viewpoint

Hyperplanes cutting up space



So Far: Defined a linear score function

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horse	1.06	-4.37	-1.5
ship	-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
truck	-0.72	-2.93	6.14

Given a W , we can compute class scores for an image x .

But how can we actually choose a good W ?

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Choosing a good W

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TODO:

1. Use a **loss function** to quantify how good a value of W is
2. Find a W that minimizes the loss function (**optimization**)

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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)

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



cat	3.2
car	5.1
frog	-1.7

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Unnormalized log-
probabilities / logits

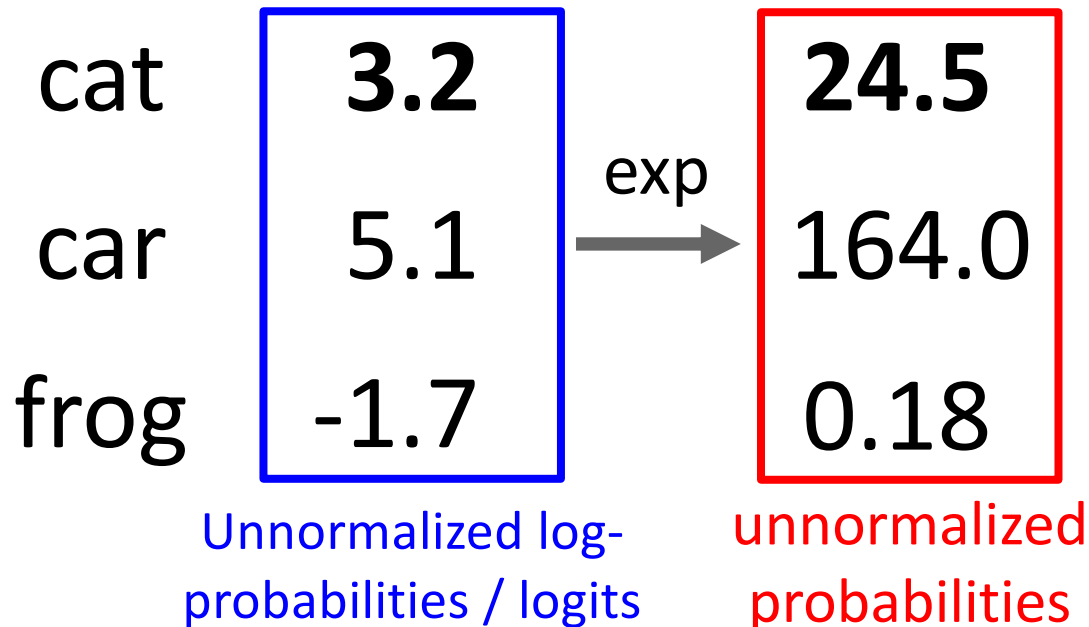
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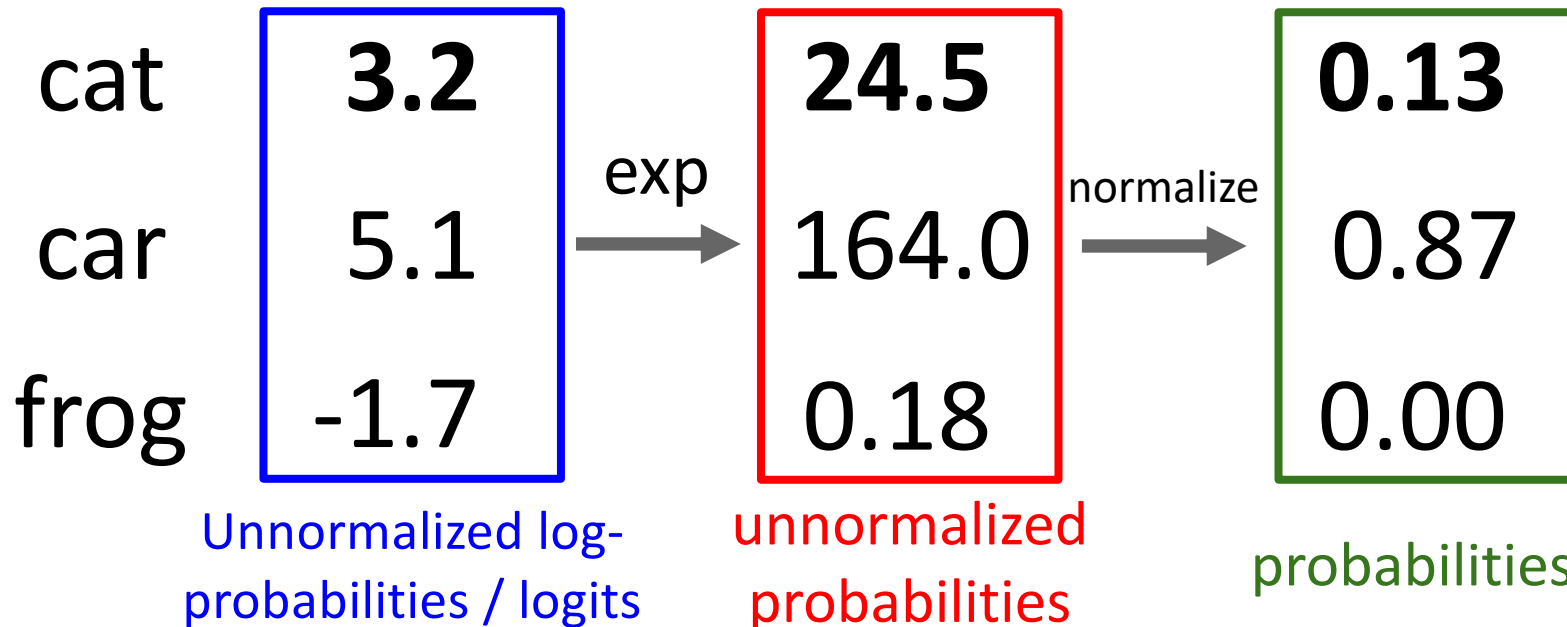
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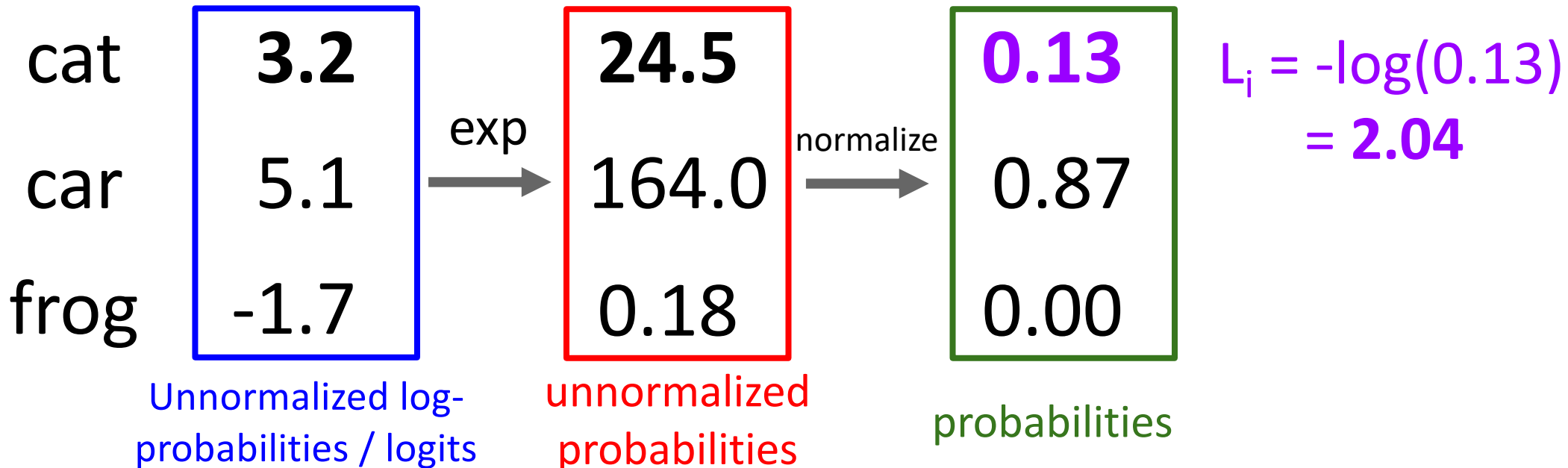
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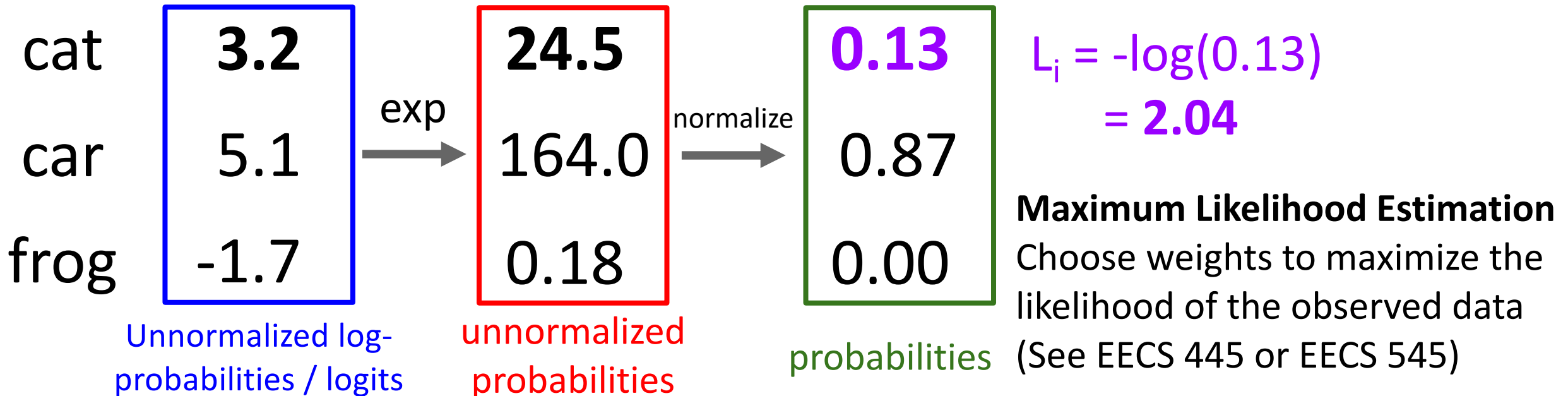
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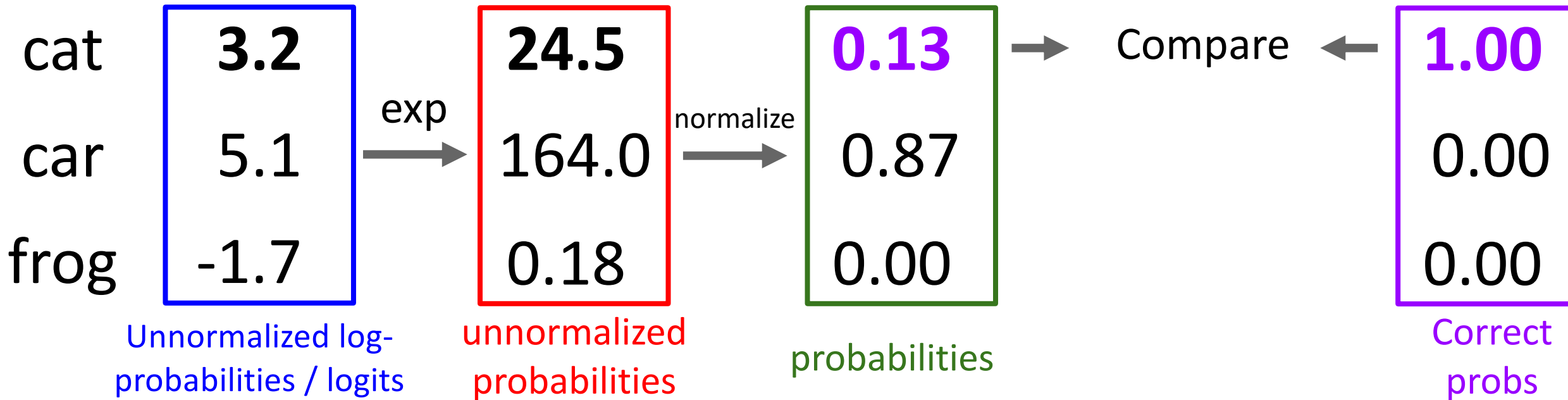
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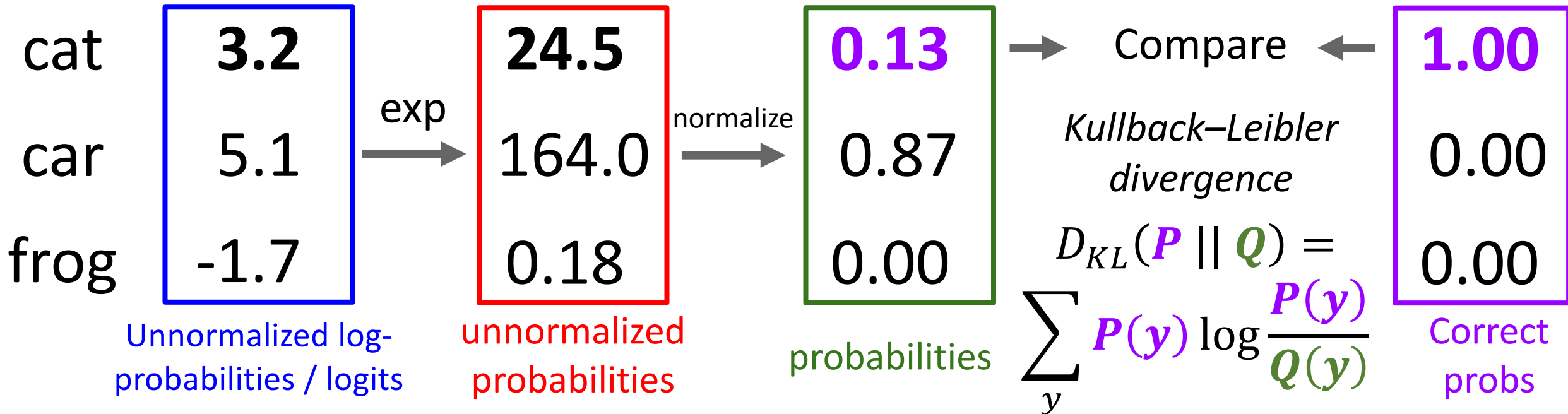
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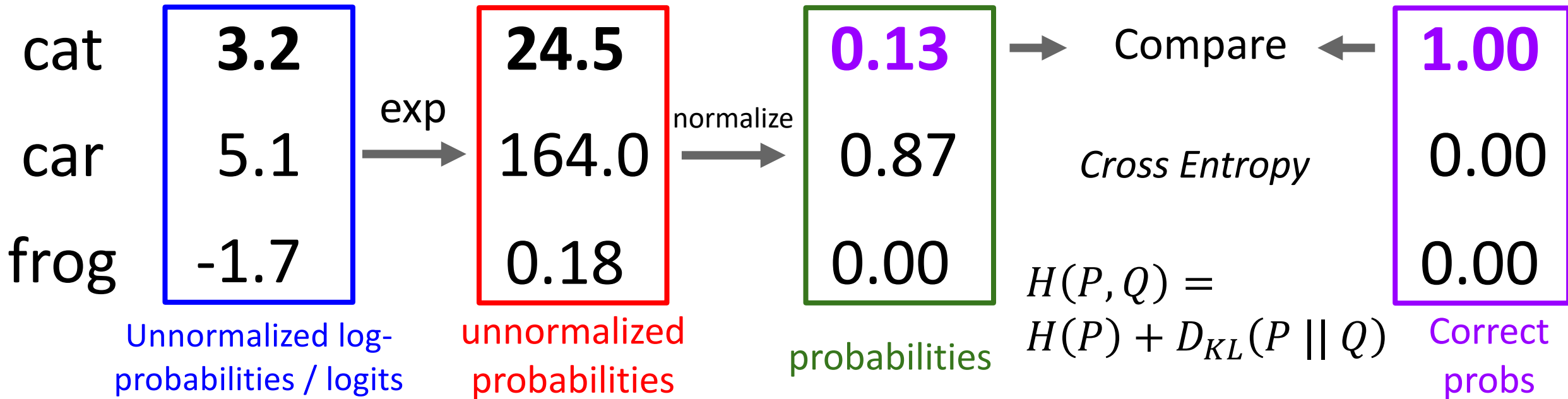
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max possible loss L_i ?

A: Min 0, max +infinity

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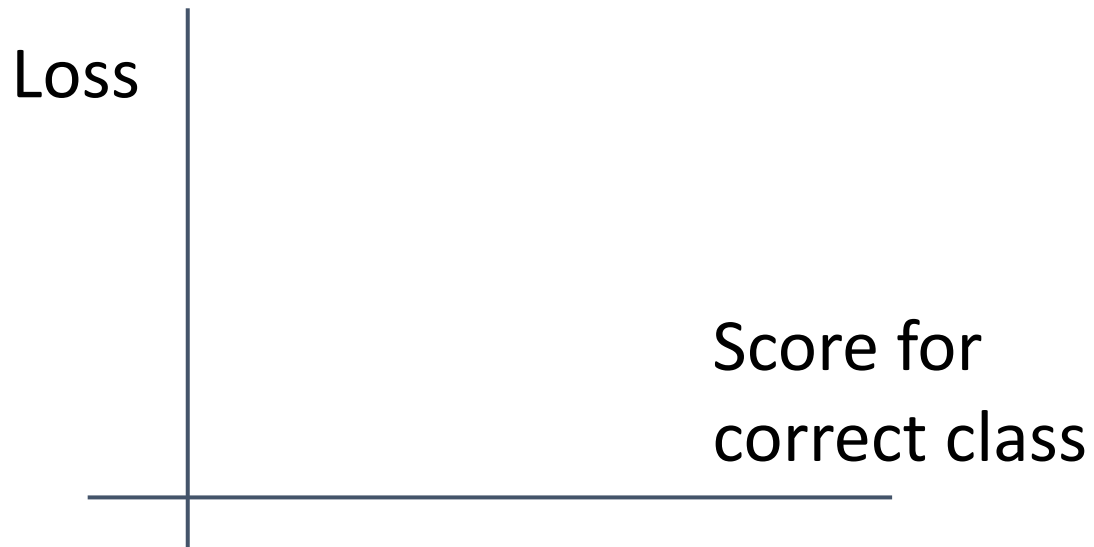
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 $\log(10) \approx 2.3$

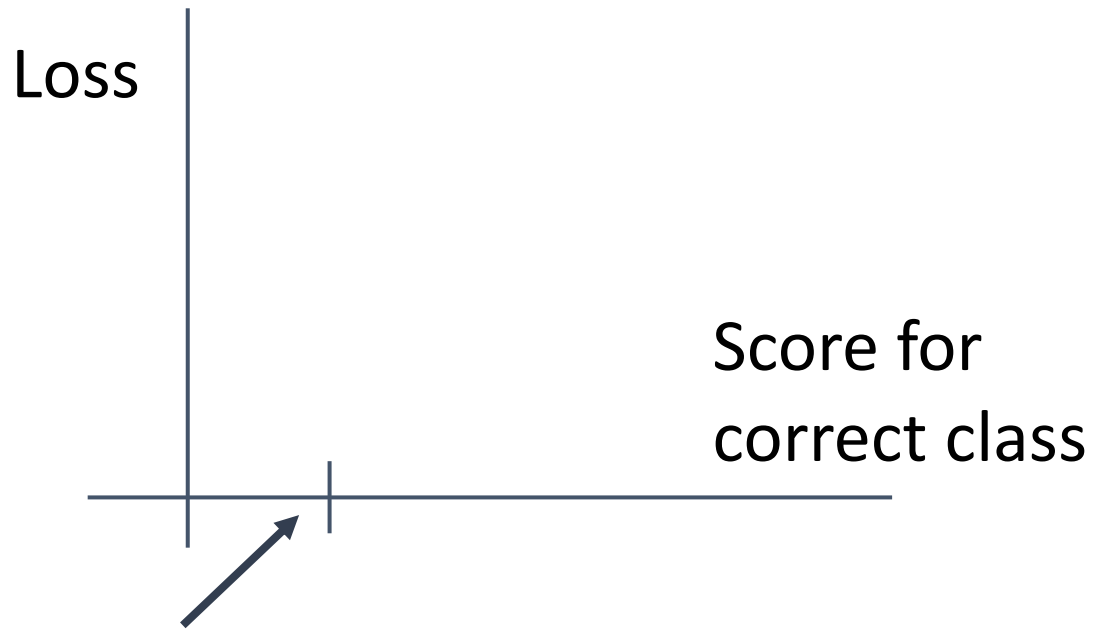
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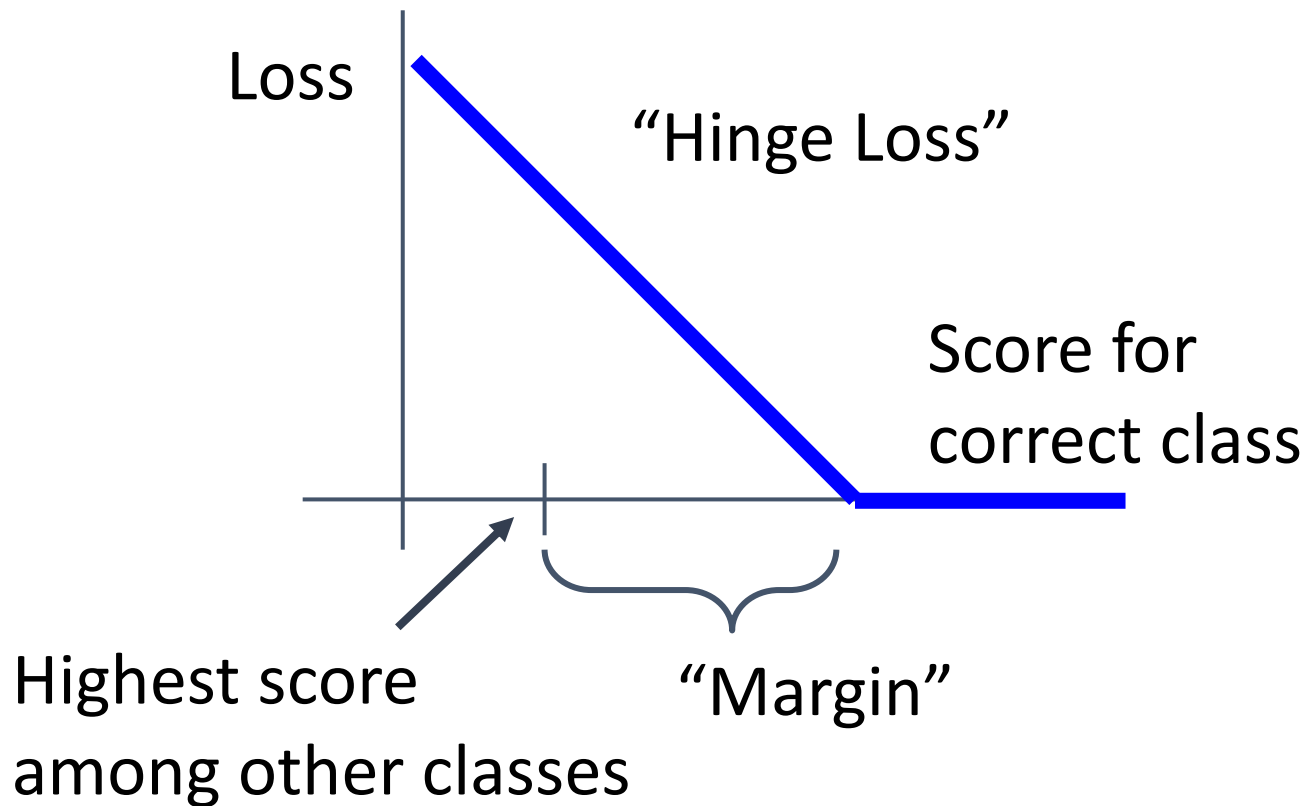
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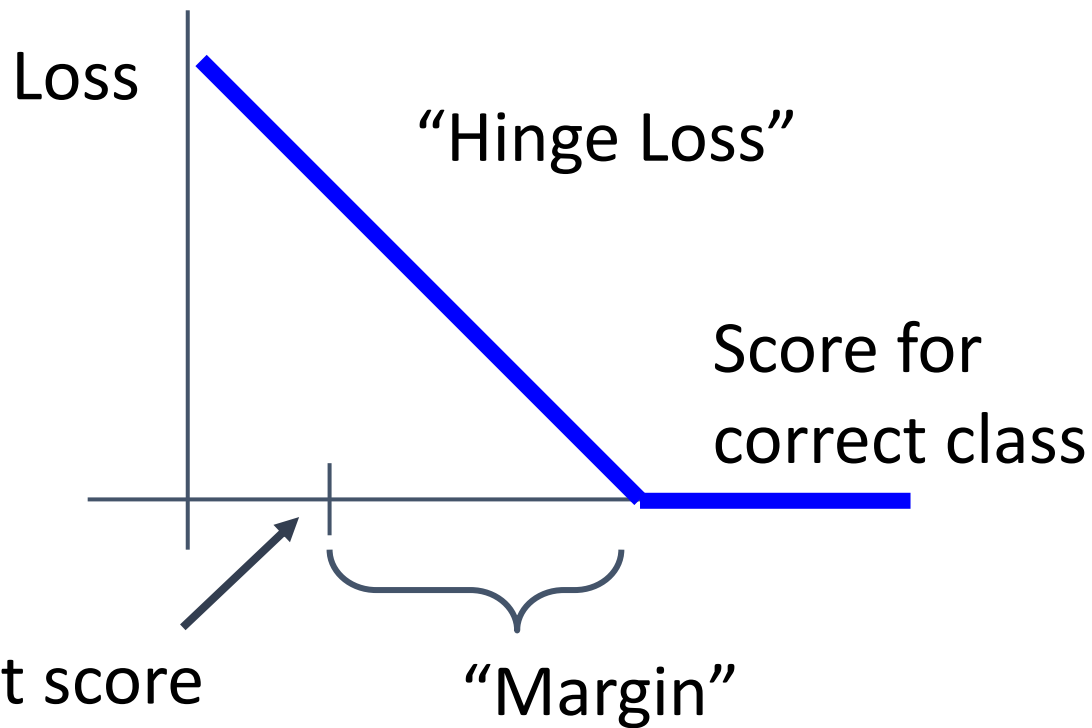
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Loss over the dataset is:

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

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Q: What happens to the loss if the scores for the car image change a bit?

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Q2: What are the min
and max possible loss?

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Q3: If all the scores were random, what loss would we expect?

Multiclass SVM Loss



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Q4: What would happen if the sum were over all classes? (including $i = y_i$)

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Q5: What if the loss used a mean instead of a sum?

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Q6: What if we used
this loss instead?

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)^2$$

Cross-Entropy vs SVM Loss

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

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assume scores:

[10, -2, 3]

[10, 9, 9]

[10, -100, -100]

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Q: What is cross-entropy loss?
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A: Cross-entropy loss > 0
SVM loss = 0

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A: Cross-entropy loss will change;
SVM loss will stay the same

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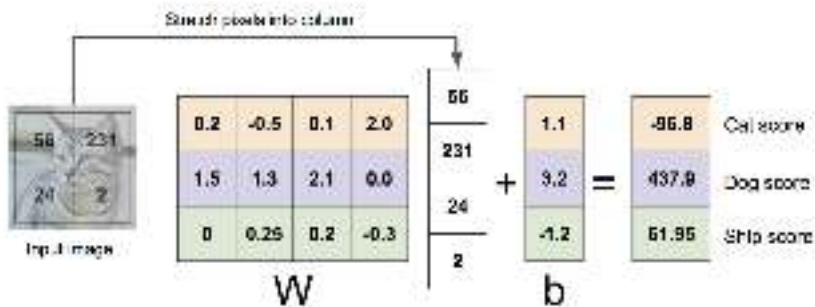
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A: Cross-entropy loss will decrease, SVM loss still 0

Recap: Three ways to think about linear classifiers

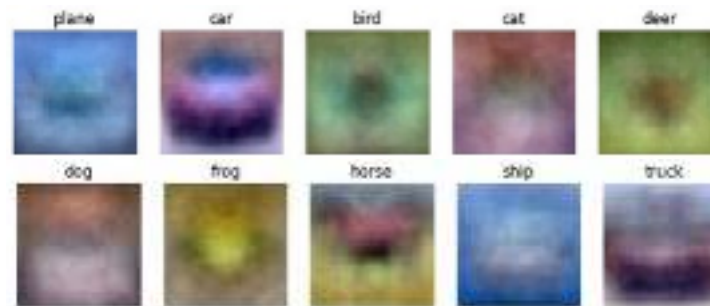
Algebraic Viewpoint

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



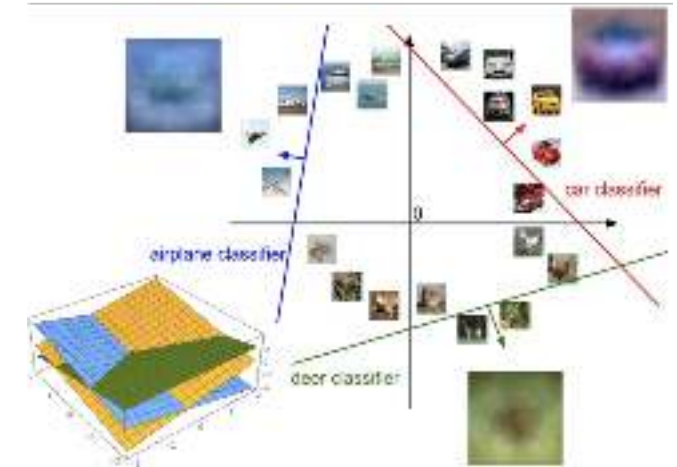
Visual Viewpoint

One template
per class



Geometric Viewpoint

Hyperplanes
cutting up space



Recap: Loss Functions quantify preferences

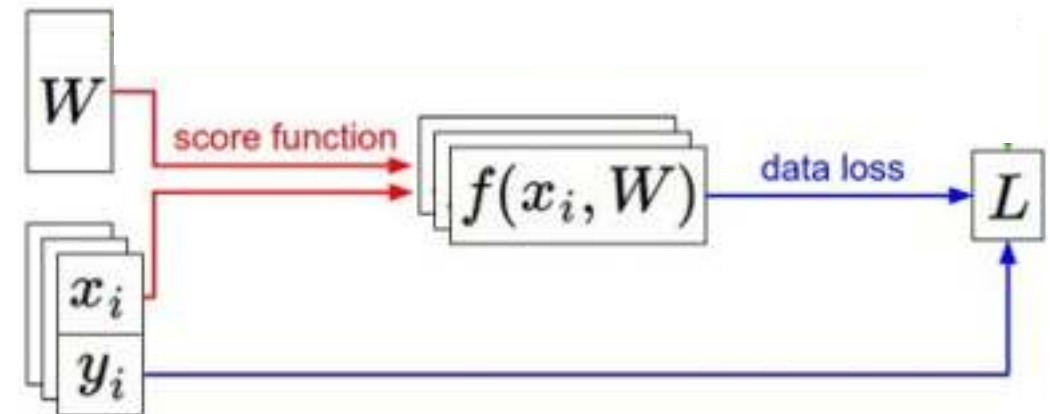
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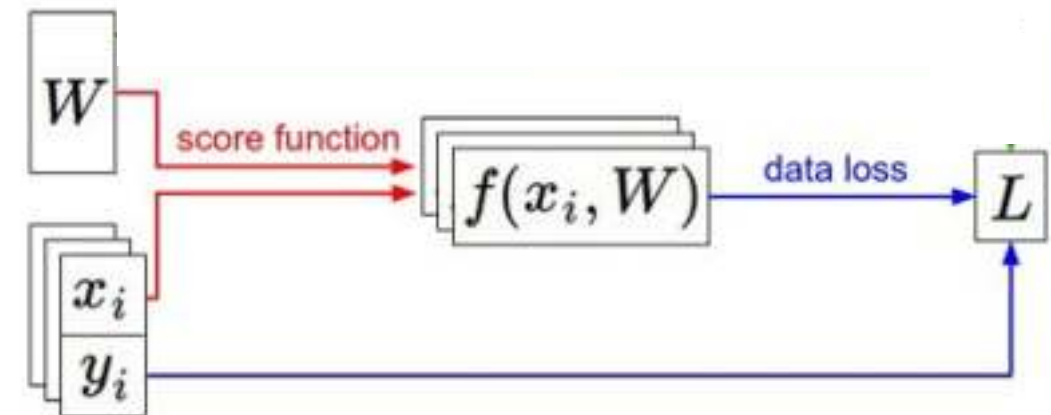
Q: How do we find the best W, b ?

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Linear classifier

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



Next time: Regularization + Optimization