

**Answer:** The log-likelihood  $l(\theta) = \log[\Pi p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}; \theta)] = \sum_i (-\lambda + y \log \lambda) + c(y)$ . Using the GLM assumption that  $\lambda = e^\eta = e^{\theta^T x}$  we get that  $l(\theta) = \sum_i \left( -e^{\theta^T x^{(i)}} + y^{(i)} \theta^T x^{(i)} \right) + c(y)$

Then  $\nabla_\theta l(\theta) = \sum_i \left( -x^{(i)} e^{\theta^T x^{(i)}} + y^{(i)} x^{(i)} \right)$  and so our gradient ascent update rule to find  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  is  $\theta \mapsto \theta + \alpha \nabla_\theta l(\theta) = \theta + \alpha \sum_i \left( -x^{(i)} e^{\theta^T x^{(i)}} + y^{(i)} x^{(i)} \right)$