

AML S1E5

model loss ↓ accuracy ↑



What are Loss Functions?

A loss function is a mathematical function that measures the difference between the predicted values from a machine learning model and the actual target values.

The goal of training is to minimize this difference, i.e., the loss.

$$y - \hat{y} = \text{loss}$$

2)

MSE MAE
↓
Regression

CE BCE
↓
Classification

1) MAE → Mean Absolute Error.

y	\hat{y}	$ y - \hat{y} $
3	2	$ 3 - 2 = 1$
2	1	$ 2 - 1 = 1$
1	2	$ 1 - 2 = 1$
4	4	$ 4 - 4 = 0$

ignore signs
↓
Δ decimals

$$\frac{1 + 1 + 1 + 0}{4} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y - \hat{y}|$$

Regression DNN

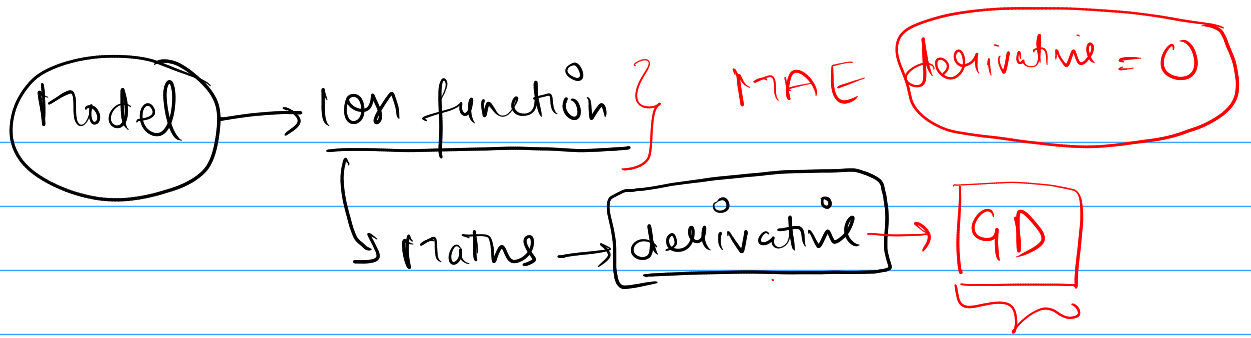
Adv → It is sensitive to outliers

Disadv

derivative = 0

Class → IQ ↑ CPI ↑

IQ ↓ CPI ↓



Mean Square Error \rightarrow

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y - \hat{y})^2$$

\rightarrow differentiable
 \rightarrow easier to minimize

ADV

Large errors
penalizes large errors

$y - \hat{y}$

\rightarrow Regression

- \rightarrow ANN
- \rightarrow CNN

y	\hat{y}	
3	1	$\rightarrow (1)^2$
3	2	$\rightarrow (1)^2$
6	1	$\rightarrow (5)^2$ \downarrow (25)

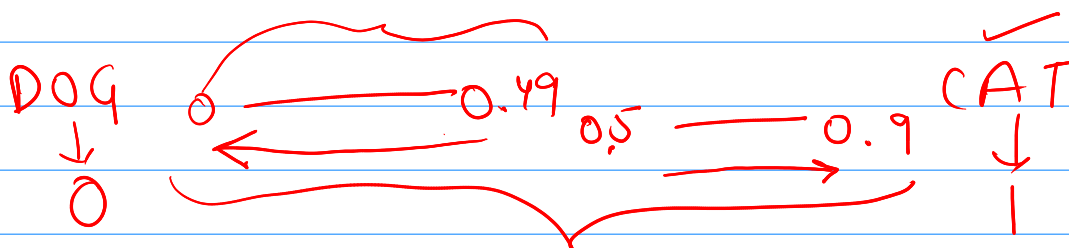
Classification \rightarrow

Binary classification

Image \rightarrow Dog \checkmark
 \rightarrow Cat \times

Multi class classification

Image \rightarrow Apple
 \rightarrow Banana
 \rightarrow orange.



3-class problem

Image \Rightarrow

loss functions

	Apple	banana	orange
	0.2	0.8	0.5

1) Binary cross entropy \rightarrow

$$BCE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n - \left[y \log \hat{y} + (1-y) \log (1-\hat{y}) \right]$$

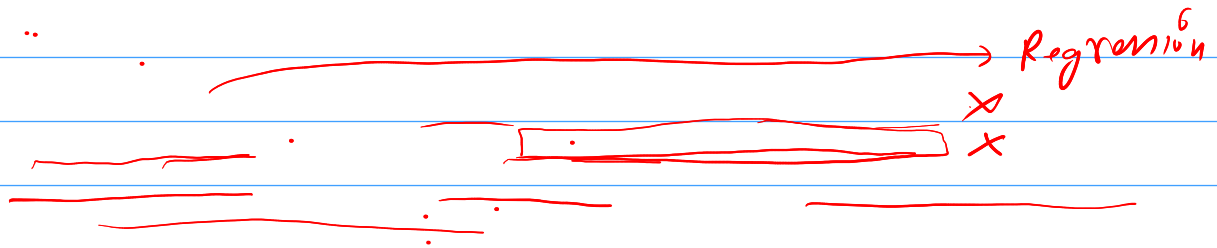
\rightarrow Binary classification tasks.

Cross Entropy \rightarrow

\rightarrow Multiclass classification

$$CE = - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y \log \hat{y}$$

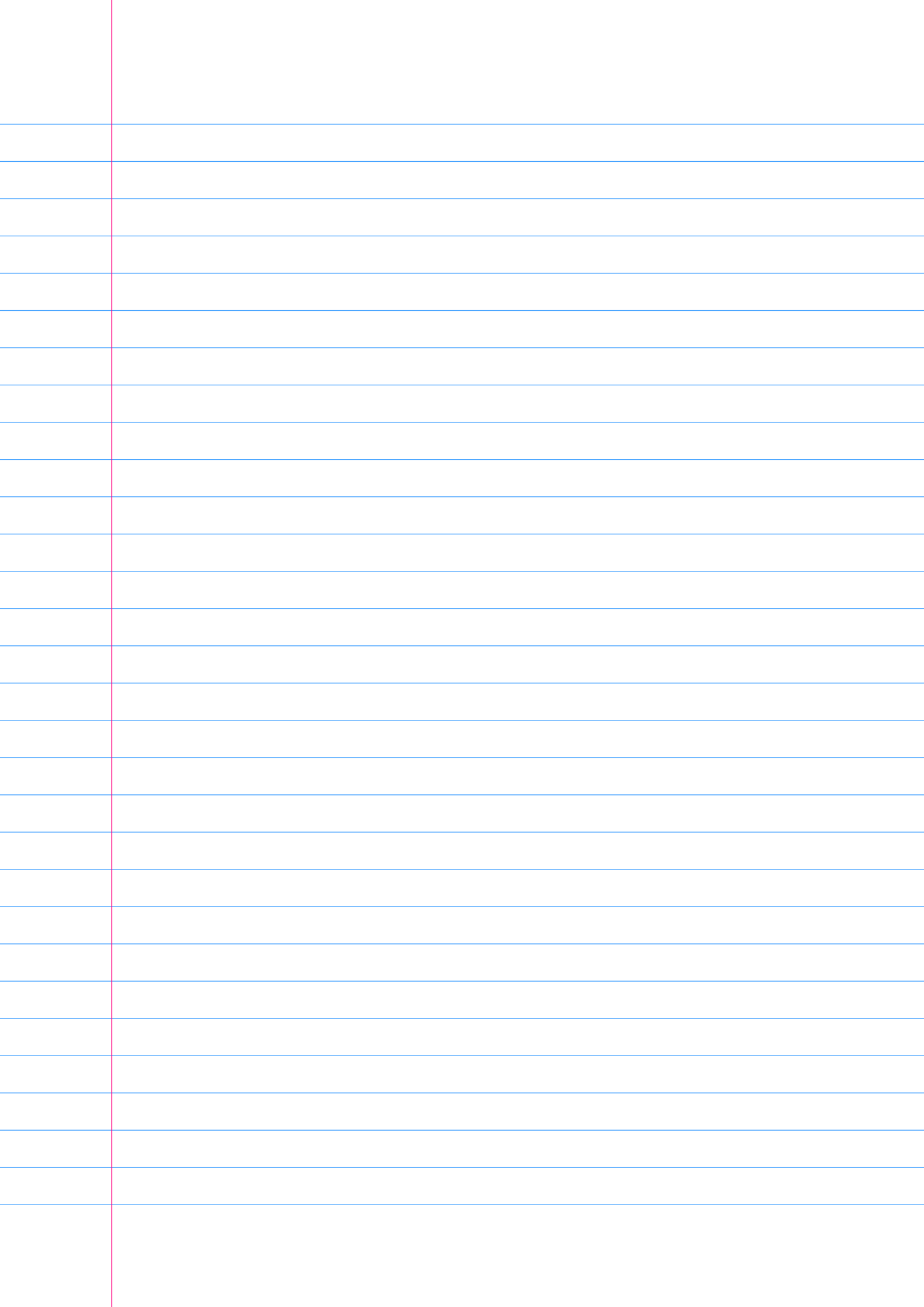
Practice Questions



Q2: Consider a binary classification problem where the true label $y=1$, and the predicted probability $\hat{y}=0.9$. Calculate the Binary Cross-Entropy Loss.

- a) 0.105
- b) 0.210
- c) 0.010
- d) 0.150

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BCE} &= -[y \log \hat{y} + (1-y) \log (1-\hat{y})] \\ &= -[1 \log (0.9) + 0 \log (1)] \\ &= -\log 0.9 \approx -(0.105) \\ &= +0.105 \end{aligned}$$



Q3: In a 3-class classification problem, the true label is $[0,1,0]$, and the predicted probabilities are $[0.2,0.5,0.3]$. What is the Cross-Entropy Loss?

a) 0.693

b) 0.301

c) 0.500

d) 0.477

$$\text{true} = \begin{matrix} & \overset{a}{0} & \overset{b}{1} & \overset{c}{0} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \rightarrow & \text{image} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0.2 & 0.5 & 0.3 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

$$- [y \log \hat{y} + \dots]$$

$$- \left[\underbrace{0 \times \log 0.2} + \underbrace{1 \times \log 0.5} + \underbrace{0 \times \log 0.3} \right]$$

$$- [\log(0.5)]$$

$$- (-0.60) = +0.60$$

Q4: For a regression task, the true value is $y=4.5$, and the predicted value is $\hat{y}=5.2$.
Calculate the Mean Squared Error (MSE) for this single data point.

- a) 0.49
- b) 0.25
- c) 0.64
- d) 0.81

$$\begin{aligned} & (y - \hat{y})^2 \\ &= (4.5 - 5.2)^2 \\ &= \textcircled{0.49} \end{aligned}$$

Regression

→ MAE
→ MSE

Classification

→ BCE
→ CE (multi)

