

**Solution 1:**

- 1) In the case of the linear model (LM), empirical risk minimization (ERM) does not necessarily result in a trained model that always satisfies  $\hat{\theta}^T \mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]$ , thus leading to predictions that cannot be sensibly interpreted as probabilities. Therefore, the hypothesis space must be restricted to a function that ensures above condition, which holds for the logistic function  $s$ :

$$\mathcal{H} = \{ \pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \pi(\mathbf{x}) = s(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) \} \quad (1)$$

- 2) If one plugs in the Bernoulli loss function  $L(y, \pi(\mathbf{x}))$  into the empirical risk function  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(f)$ , lets probabilities  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  be modeled by the logistic function  $\pi(\mathbf{x} \mid \theta) = s(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$ , and specifies the risk surface to be minimized with regards to the parameter vector  $\theta \in \Theta$ , the following explicit ERM problem emerges:

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^n -y^{(i)} \ln \left( s \left( \theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right) \right) - \left( 1 - y^{(i)} \right) \ln \left( 1 - s \left( \theta^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

- 4) Deriving the log-likelihood function  $\ell$  of a single Bernoulli distributed random variable  $Y$ , one gets

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{P}(Y = y) = \pi^y (1 - \pi)^{1-y} \quad (3)$$

$$\ell = \ln(\mathcal{L}) \quad (4)$$

$$= y \ln(\pi) + (1 - y) \ln(1 - \pi), \quad (5)$$

which is equivalent to the Bernoulli loss function if one multiplies by  $(-1)$ . This demonstrates the correspondence of *maximum* likelihood estimation and empirical risk *minimization* in the context of a logistic regression model. Both approaches lead to identical parameter estimates.