

# 機器與深度學習基礎知識初探 -Loss Function

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# Introduction

- In learning algorithm, there is an assumption, which may accompany with an object function.

K-mean: minimizing the mean of square error between data and centers.

PCA: **maximizing the variance** of project data.

SVM: maximizing the margin.

Regression: minimizing the mean square errors (MSE)

Sometimes the same model but different object function can lead different results. (Linear regression and ridge regression)

# Introduction

## 1. Regression

MSE, MAE, Huber Loss

## 2. Classification

Cross entropy, Focal loss

## 3. Triple loss

# Residual

- Residual: predicted value v.s. target value.

Regression:

$$y - \hat{y}$$

Classification (error):

$$sign(\hat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \hat{y} = y \\ 0 & \hat{y} \neq y \end{cases}$$

$$error\ rate = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n sign(\hat{y}_i, y_i)$$

# MSE & MAE

**Mean Square Error (MSE)**

**Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**

Why square or absolute?

Target value:  $y_1 = 0, y_2 = 1$

Predicted value:  $\hat{y}_1 = 100, \hat{y}_2 = 99$

$$\text{Residual 1} = y_1 - \hat{y}_1 = 0 - 100 = -100$$

$$\text{Residual 2} = y_2 - \hat{y}_2 = 1 - (-99) = 100$$

$$\text{Residual 1} + \text{Residual 2} = -100 + 100 = 0$$

# MSE & MAE

## Mean Square Error (MSE)

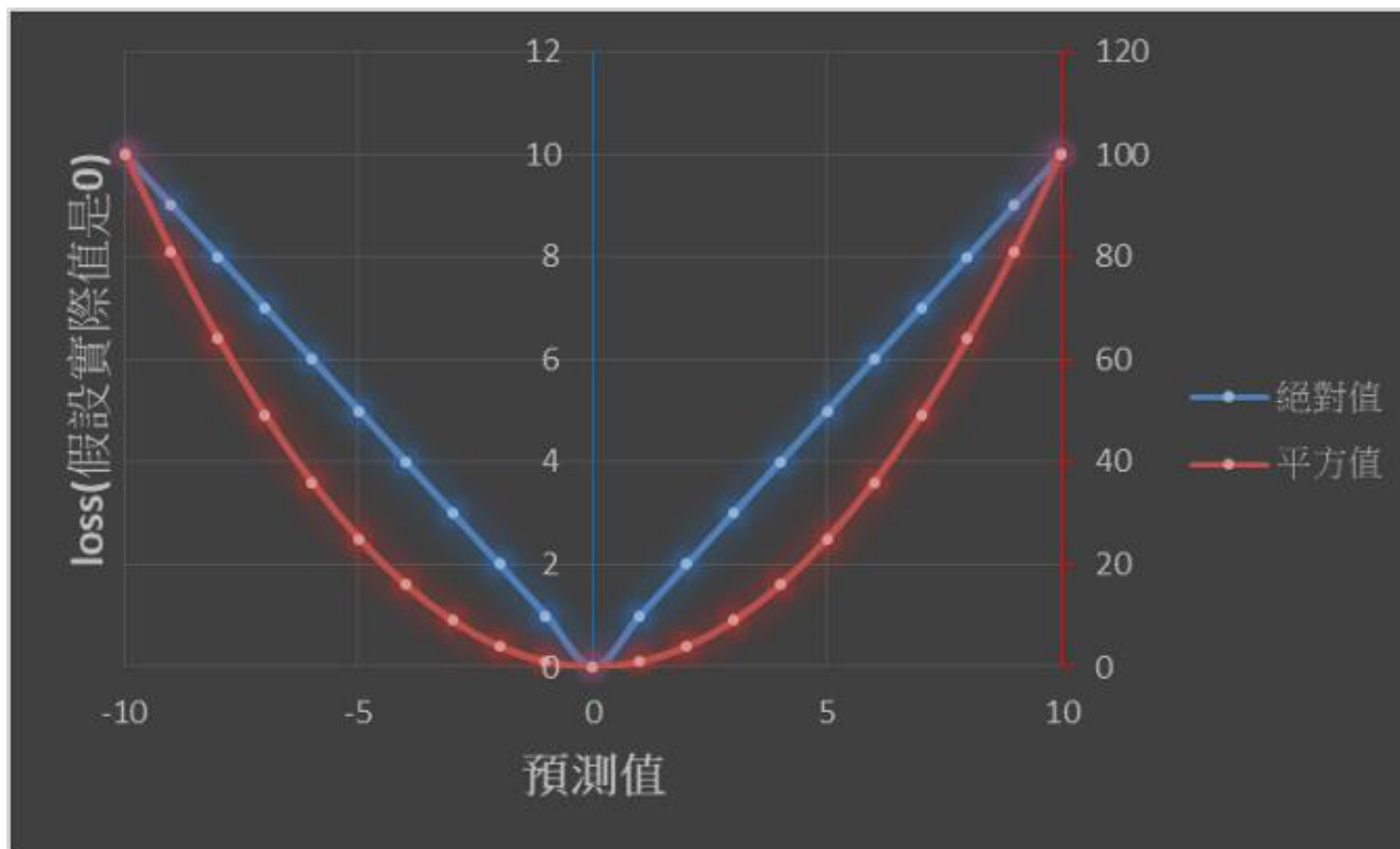
$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

## Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

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

# MSE & MAE

Trend of residual (target value =0)



# Comparison (MSE&MAE)

With a fair baseline, RMSE (root MSE)

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



# Comparison (MSE&MAE)

Change ID5 with a outlier

ID	residual	residual	residual <sup>2</sup>
1	-10	10	100
2	-5	5	25
3	0	0	0
4	5	5	25
5	10	10	100
<b>MAE=6, RMSE=7.07</b>			

ID	residual	residual	residual <sup>2</sup>
1	-10	10	100
2	-5	5	25
3	0	0	0
4	5	5	25
5	100	100	10000
<b>MAE=24, RMSE=45.06</b>			

Problem of MSE: more outlier sensitivity.

# Comparison (MSE&MAE)

- Problem of MAE: same gradient value.
- When loss is small, it's difficult to reach the optimal target.

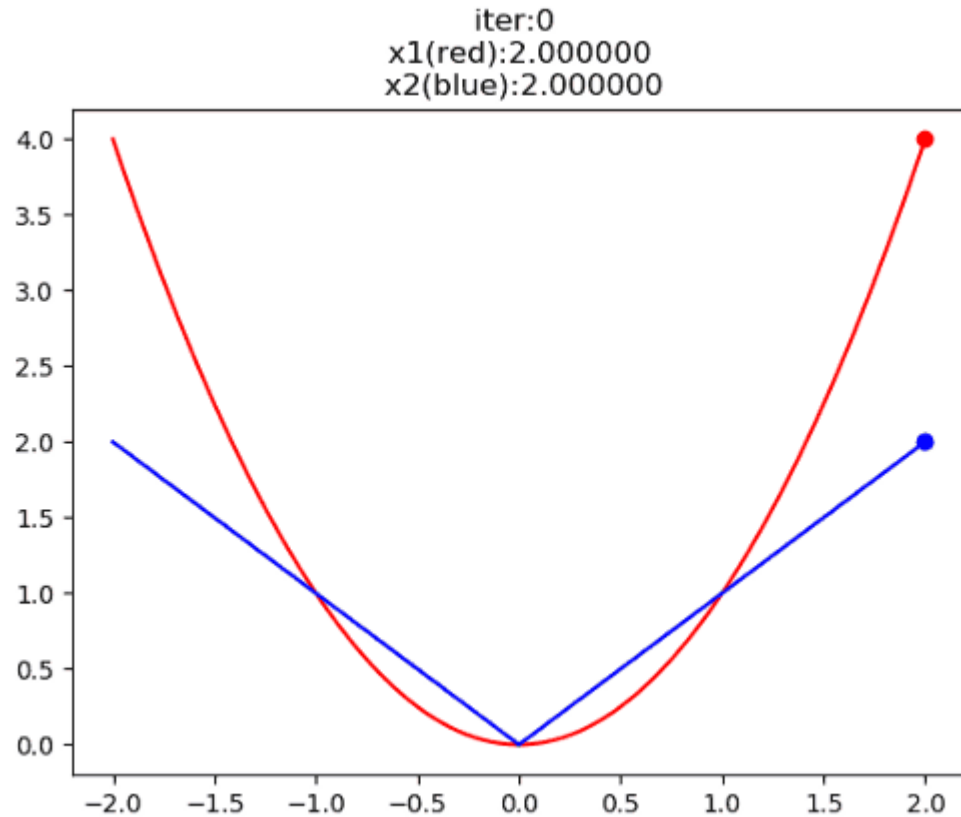
$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= x^2, f_1'(x) = 2x \\ f_2(x) &= |x|, f_2'(x) = \frac{x}{|x|} \end{aligned}$$

Gradient update:

$$x^{t+1} \rightarrow x^t + rf'(x)$$

Suppose:  $x^0 = 2, r = 0.3$

# Comparison (MSE&MAE)



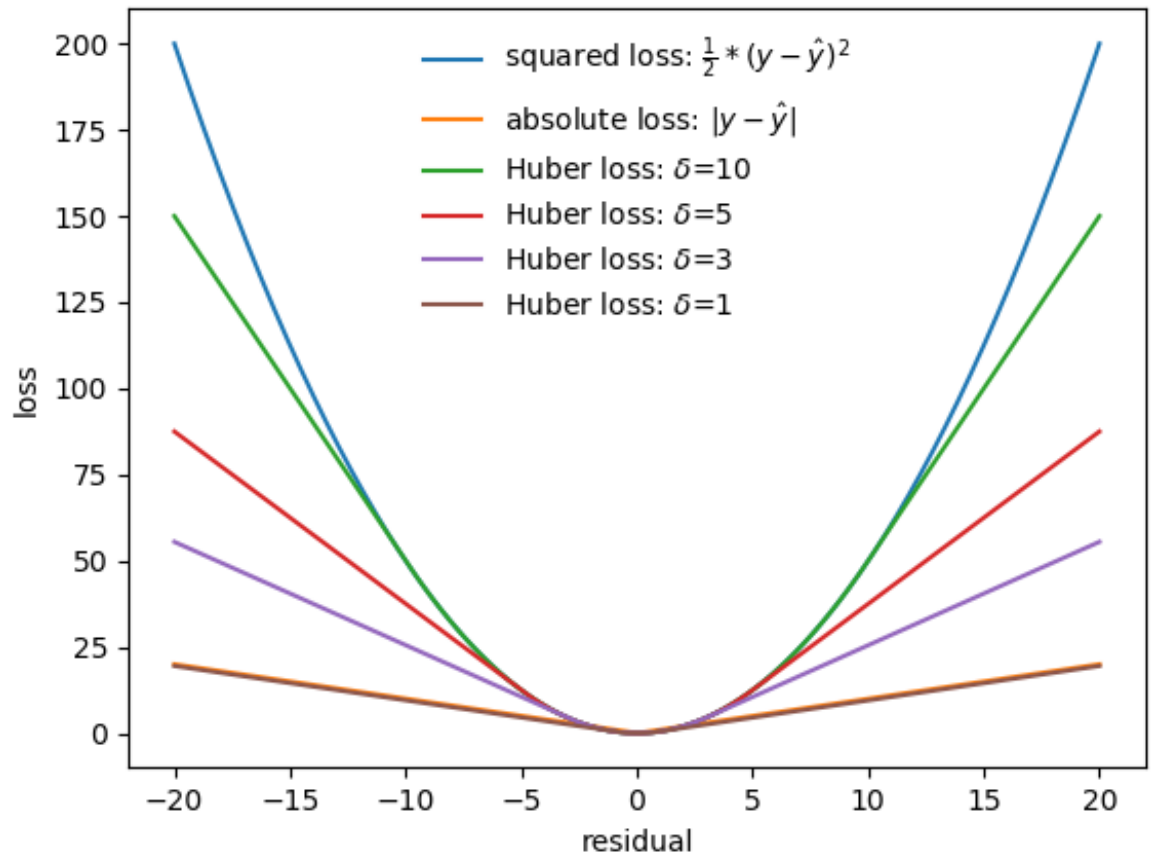
$f(x)=x^2$				$f(x)= x $			
$t$	$x^t$	$f'(x)$	$x^{t+1}$	$t$	$x^t$	$f'(x)$	$x^{t+1}$
1	2	4	0.8	1	2	1	1.7
2	0.8	1.6	0.32	2	1.7	1	1.4
3	0.32	0.64	0.128	3	1.4	1	1.1
4	0.128	0.256	0.0512	4	1.1	1	0.8
5	0.0512	0.1024	0.02048	5	0.8	1	0.5
6	0.02048	0.04096	0.008192	6	0.5	1	0.2
7	0.008192	0.016384	0.003277	7	0.2	1	-0.1
8	0.003277	0.006554	0.001311	8	-0.1	-1	0.2
9	0.001311	0.002621	0.000524	9	0.2	1	-0.1
10	0.000524	0.001049	0.00021	10	-0.1	-1	0.20
11	0.00021	0.000419	0.000084	11	0.20	1	-0.1
12	0.000084	0.000168	0.000034	12	-0.10	-1	0.20
13	0.000034	0.000067	0.000013	13	0.20	1	-0.10
14	0.000013	0.000027	0.000005	14	-0.10	-1	0.20
15	0.000005	0.000011	0.000002	15	0.20	1	-0.10
16	0.000002	0.000004	0.000001	16	-0.10	-1	0.20
17	0.000001	0.000002	0.000000	17	0.20	1	-0.10
18	0.000000	0.000001	0.000000	18	-0.10	-1	0.20
19	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	19	0.20	1	-0.10
20	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	20	-0.10	-1	0.20

# Huber Loss

Huber loss:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Loss}(y, \hat{y}) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2, & |y - \hat{y}| \leq \delta \\ \delta (|y - \hat{y}| - \frac{1}{2} \delta), & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$\delta$ : parameter of Huber loss.



# MAE, MSE & Huber Loss

ID	residual	residual	residual <sup>2</sup>	Huber ( $\delta=1$ )	Huber ( $\delta=10$ )
1	-10	10	100	9.5	50
2	-5	5	25	4.5	12.5
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	5	5	25	4.5	12.5
5	10	10	100	9.5	50
<b>MAE=6, RMSE=7.07</b> <b>MeanHuber(<math>\delta=1</math>)=5.6, MeanHuber(<math>\delta=10</math>)=25</b>					

ID	residual	residual	residual <sup>2</sup>	Huber ( $\delta=1$ )	Huber ( $\delta=10$ )
1	-10	10	100	9.5	50
2	-5	5	25	4.5	12.5
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	5	5	25	4.5	12.5
5	100	100	10000	99.5	950
<b>MAE=24, RMSE=45.06</b> <b>MeanHuber(<math>\delta=1</math>)=23.6, MeanHuber(<math>\delta=10</math>)=205</b>					

# Classification

Classification:

$$\text{sign}(\hat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & y = \hat{y} \\ 0 & y \neq \hat{y} \end{cases}$$
$$\text{error rate} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(\hat{y}_i, y_i)$$

We hope less error rate more better in classification.

**Can we use the classification error rate/accuracy as loss function?**

# Classification

		Model 1 (輸出)				Model 2 (輸出)			
		機率輸出			判斷	機率輸出			判斷
	Target (Label)	男生	女生	其他		男生	女生	其他	
data 1	男生	0.4	0.3	0.3	男生 (正確)	0.7	0.1	0.2	男生 (正確)
data 2	女生	0.3	0.4	0.3	女生 (正確)	0.1	0.8	0.1	女生 (正確)
data 3	男生	0.5	0.2	0.3	男生 (正確)	0.9	0.1	0	男生 (正確)
data 4	其他	0.8	0.1	0.1	男生 (錯誤)	0.4	0.3	0.3	男生 (錯誤)
		模型1錯誤率: $1/4=0.25$				模型2錯誤率: $1/4=0.25$			

Can we observe any difference between model 1 & 2 from error rate?

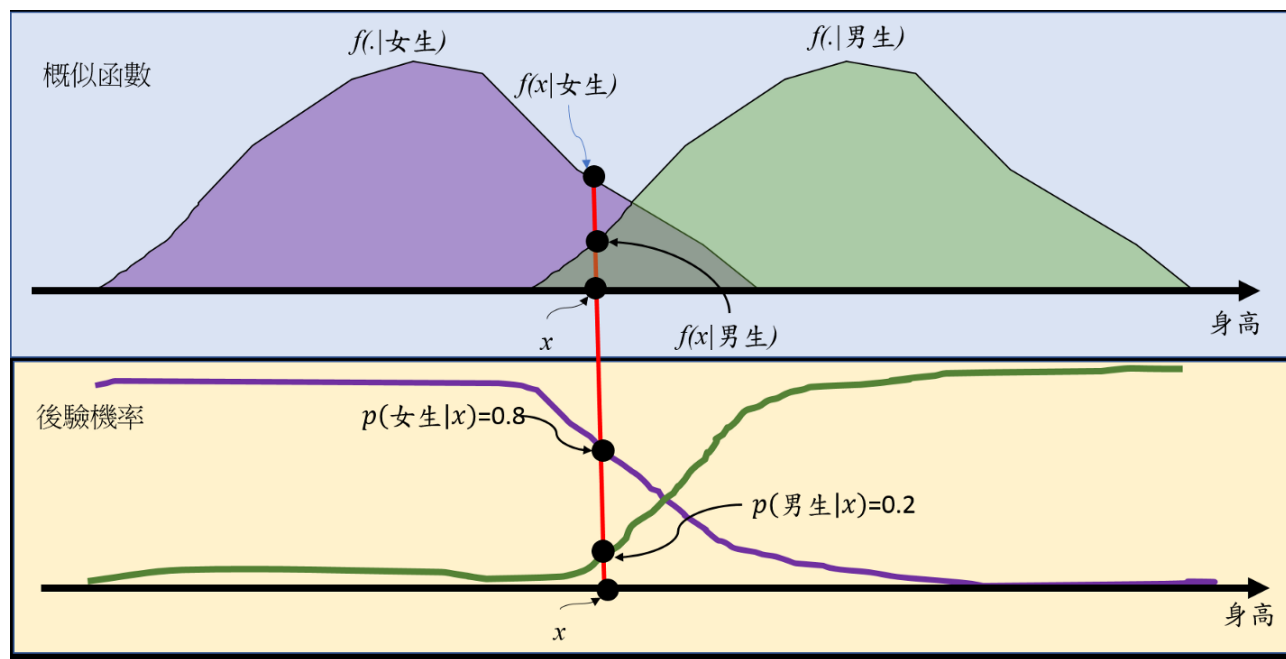
NO...

BUT we can observe that model 2 has better probability outputs than model 1.

Error rate cannot as learning object for learning updating, it's just a metric for evaluating model performance.

# Classification

- How do we make decision for a new sample in classification model?
- **ANS: posterior probability.**





# Cross-entropy

- Cross-entropy is usually used in classification loss.
- **Entropy**: the average of information which is produced by a stochastic source of data.
- **Information gain**: (suppose  $X$  is a random variable)

$$I(x) = -\log_2(p(x))$$

# Information gain

A is stupid, and his grades usually are around 50 marks.

B is smart, and his grades usually are almost 100 marks.

Probability to pass the exam for A:  $p(x_A) = 0.4$

$$I(x_A) = -\log_2(p(x_A)) = 1.322$$

Probability to pass the exam for B:  $p(x_B) = 0.99$

$$I(x_B) = -\log_2(p(x_B)) = 0.014$$

# Entropy

**Entropy**: the average of information which is produced by a stochastic source of data.

In information theory,

Entropy = Shannon entropy

$$H(X) = \sum_i -p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

Generally, entropy refers to uncertainty for the random variable  $X$ .

# Entropy

$$p(x_A = \text{pass}) = 0.4, \quad p(x_A = \text{fail}) = 0.6$$

$$p(x_B = \text{pass}) = 0.99, \quad p(x_B = \text{fail}) = 0.01$$

$$H(X) = \sum_i -p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

$$H(X_A) = -0.4 \log(0.4) - 0.6 \log(0.6) = 0.971$$

$$H(X_B) = -0.99 \log(0.99) - 0.01 \log(0.01) = 0.081$$

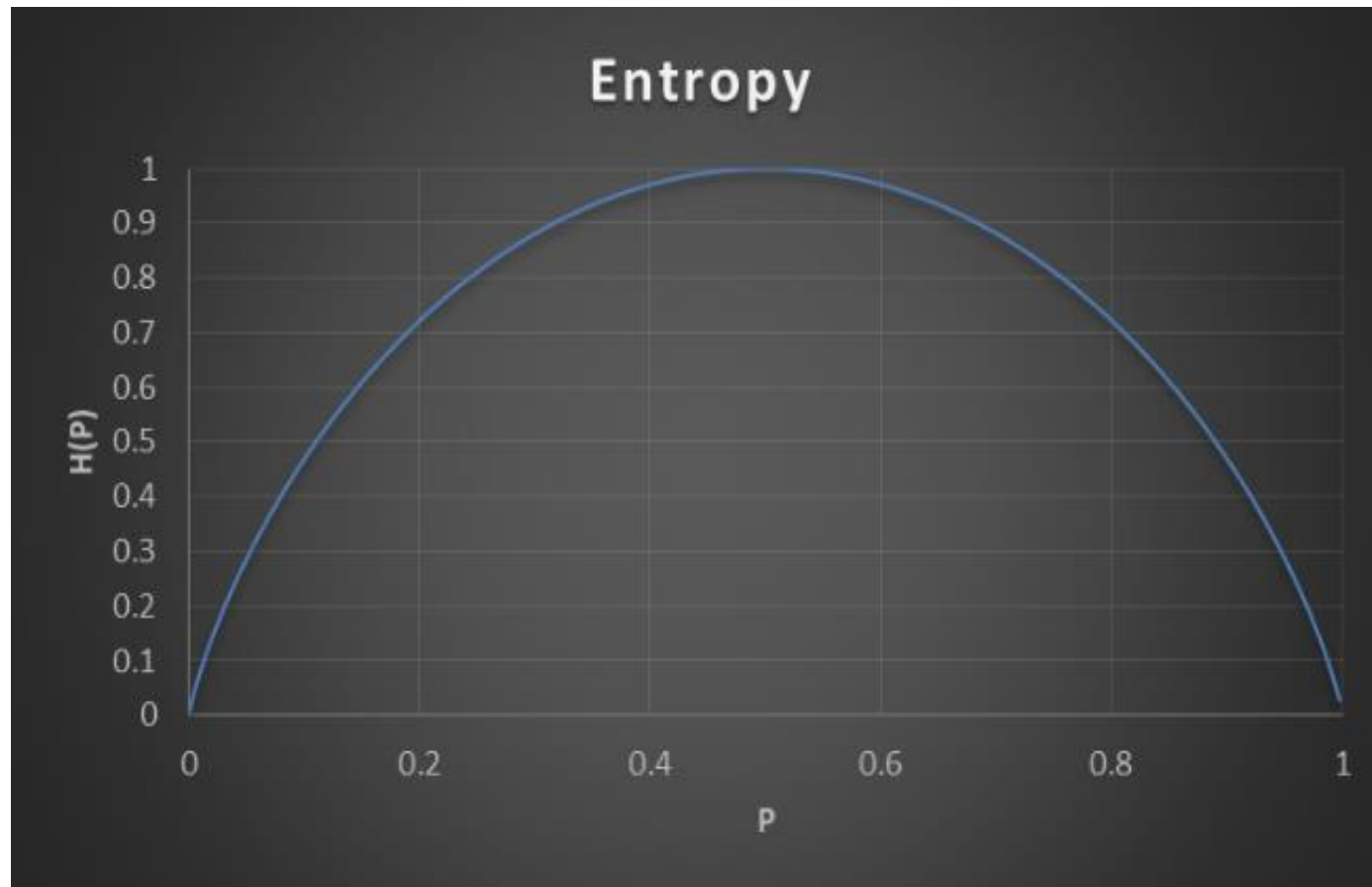
Same conclusion for information gain.

$$I(x_A) = -\log_2(p(x_A)) = 1.322$$

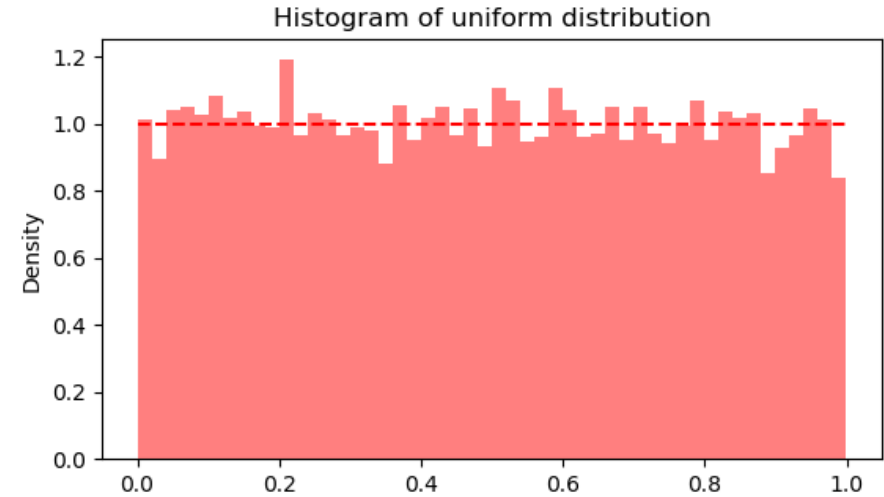
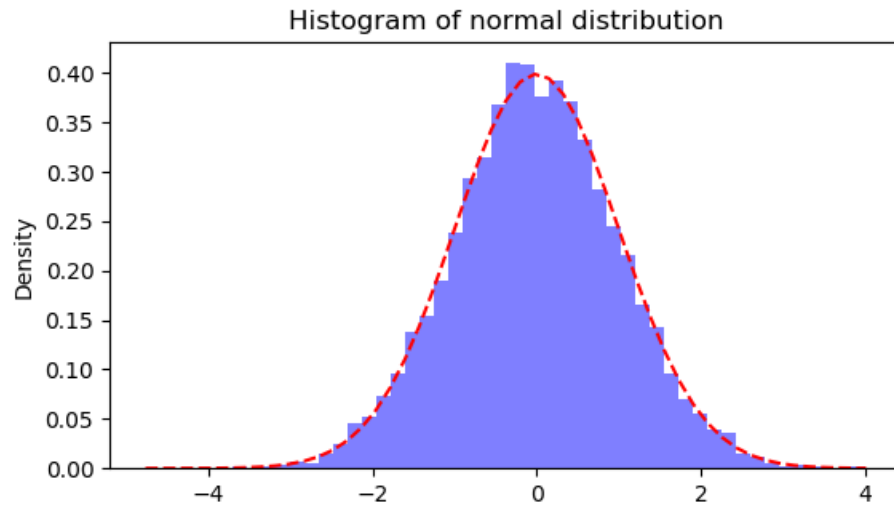
$$I(x_B) = -\log_2(p(x_B)) = 0.014$$

# Entropy

When  $p=0.5$  has the largest entropy.



# Entropy



$$p(X_A) = \begin{cases} 0.1 & x = 1 \\ 0.15 & x = 2 \\ 0.5 & x = 3 \\ 0.15 & x = 4 \\ 0.1 & x = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$H(X_A) = 1.985$$

$$p(X_A) = \begin{cases} 0.01 & x = 1 \\ 0.09 & x = 2 \\ 0.8 & x = 3 \\ 0.09 & x = 4 \\ 0.01 & x = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$H(X_A) = 1.016$$

$$p(X_B) = \begin{cases} 0.2 & x = 1 \\ 0.2 & x = 2 \\ 0.2 & x = 3 \\ 0.2 & x = 4 \\ 0.2 & x = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$H(X_B) = 2.322$$

# Cross-entropy

*Formula of cross- entropy:*

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^C -y_{c,i} \log_2(p_{c,i})$$

$C$ : number of class (male, female, other)

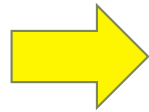
$n$ : number of data

$y_{c,i}$ : binary indicator (0 or 1) from one hot encode ( $i$ -th data assigns to  $c$ -class)

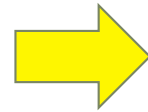
$p_{c,i}$ : probability of  $i$ -th data assigns to  $c$ -class

# One hot encode (Dummy variable)

Data 1	Male
Data 2	Female
Data 3	Male
Data 4	Other



Male  
Female  
Other



	Male	Female	Other
Data 1	1	0	0
Data 2	0	1	0
Data 3	1	0	0
Data 4	0	0	1



# Cross-entropy

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^C -y_{c,i} \log_2(p_{c,i})$$

		Model 1 (輸出)					
		機率輸出			實際One-hot encode		
	Target (Label)	男生	女生	其他	男生	女生	其他
data 1	男生	0.4	0.3	0.3	1	0	0
data 2	女生	0.3	0.4	0.3	0	1	0
data 3	男生	0.5	0.2	0.3	1	0	0
data 4	其他	0.8	0.1	0.1	0	0	1
		模型1錯誤率: 1/4=0.25 Cross-entropy=6.966					

SO less probability data has larger loss function (entropy value)→learning target.

Data 1:

$$\sum_{c=1}^C -y_{c,1} \log_2(p_{c,1})$$

$$= -1 * \log(0.4) - 0 * \log(0.3) - 0 * \log(0.3) = 1.322$$

Data 4:

$$\sum_{c=1}^C -y_{c,4} \log_2(p_{c,4})$$

$$= -0 * \log(0.8) - 0 * \log(0.1) - 1 * \log(0.1) = 3.3219$$

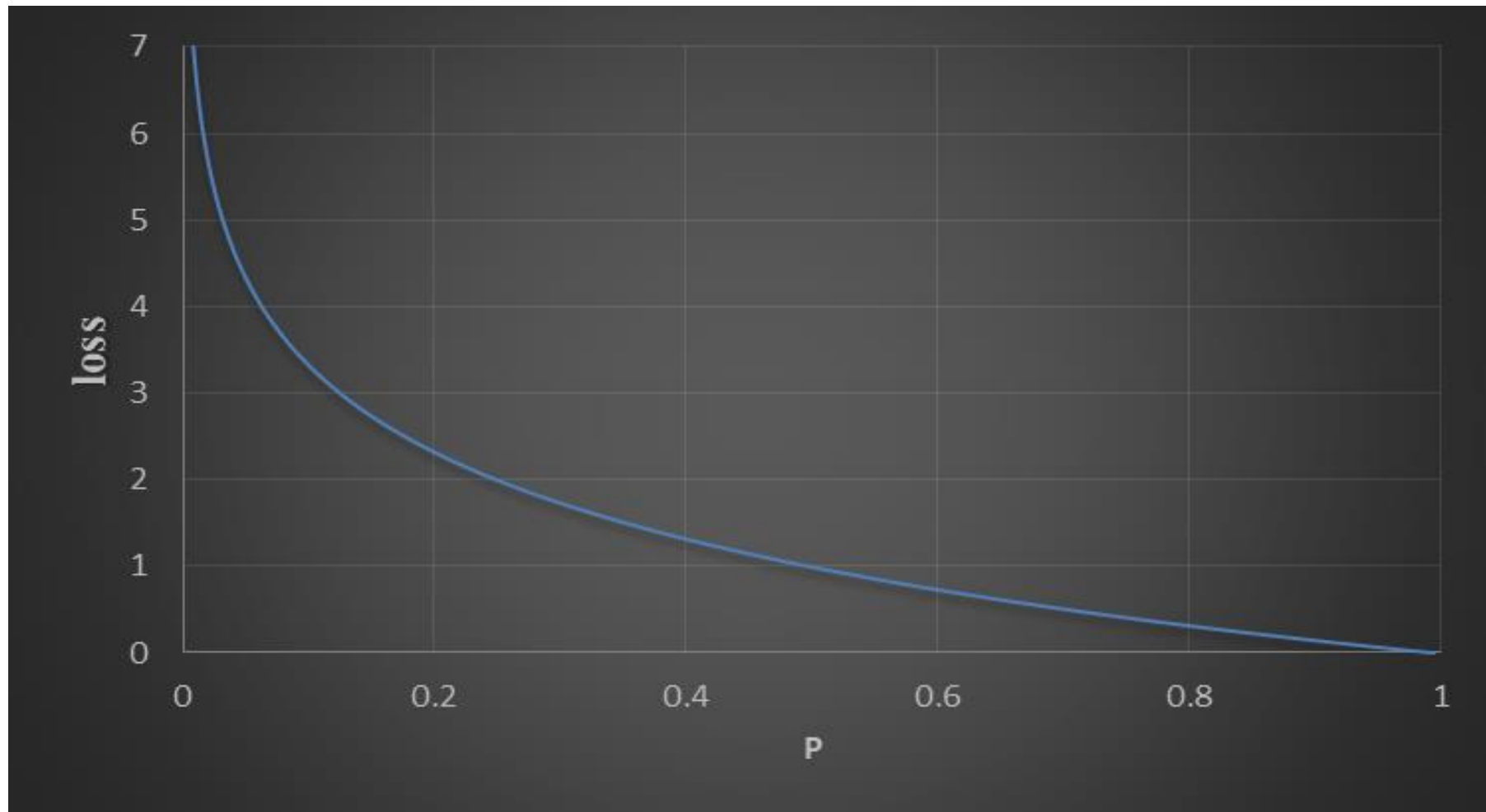
# Cross-entropy

## for evaluating the model performance

		Model 1 (輸出)					
		機率輸出			實際One-hot encode		
	Target (Label)	男生	女生	其他	男生	女生	其他
data 1	男生	0.4	0.3	0.3	1	0	0
data 2	女生	0.3	0.4	0.3	0	1	0
data 3	男生	0.5	0.2	0.3	1	0	0
data 4	其他	0.8	0.1	0.1	0	0	1
		模型1錯誤率: 1/4=0.25 Cross-entropy=6.966					

		Model 2 (輸出)					
		機率輸出			實際One-hot encode		
	Target (Label)	男生	女生	其他	男生	女生	其他
data 1	男生	0.7	0.1	0.2	1	0	0
data 2	女生	0.1	0.8	0.1	0	1	0
data 3	男生	0.9	0.1	0	1	0	0
data 4	其他	0.4	0.3	0.3	0	0	1
		模型1錯誤率: 1/4=0.25 Cross-entropy= 2.310					

# Cross-entropy for loss function

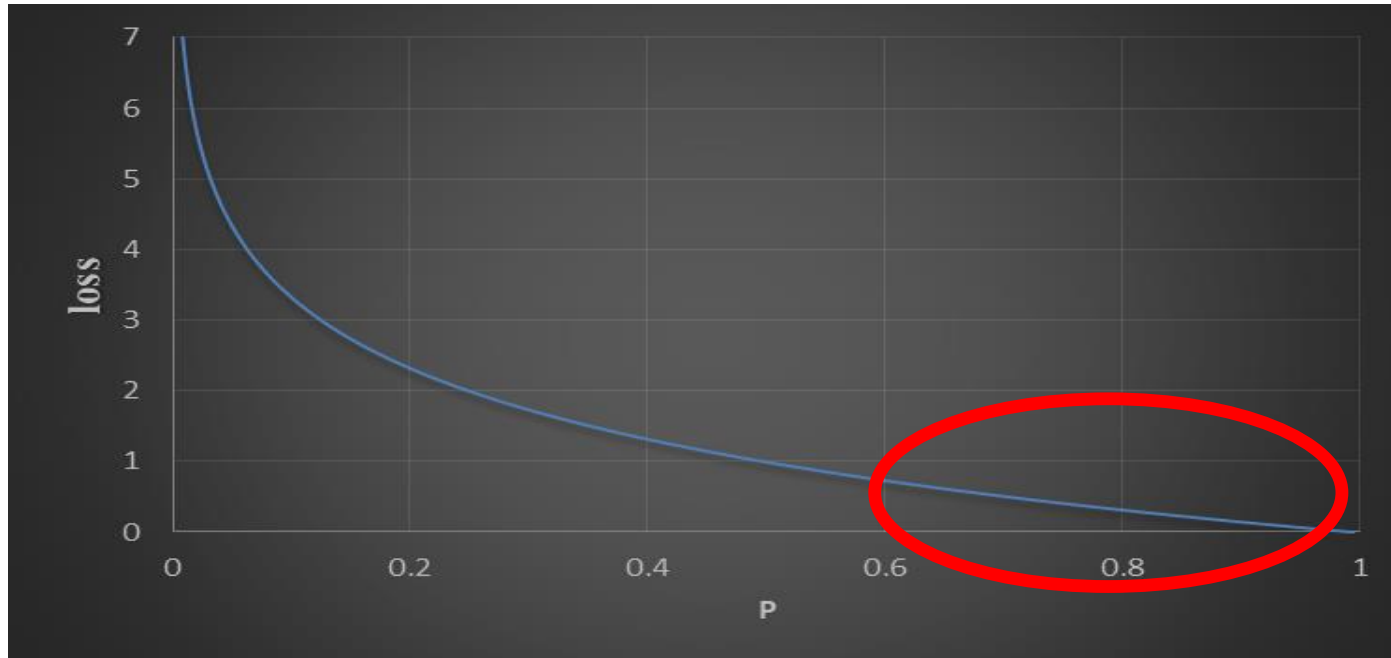


# Focal loss (1/3)

Cross-entropy (CE) for  $y \in \{\pm 1\}$

$$CE(p, y) = \begin{cases} -\log(p), & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - p), & \text{if } y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$CE(p, y) = CE(p_t) = -\log(p_t), \quad p_t = \begin{cases} p, & \text{if } y = 1 \\ 1 - p, & \text{if } y = -1 \end{cases}$$



# Focal loss (2/3)

$\alpha$ -balanced cross-entropy:

$$CE(p_t) = -\alpha \log(p_t)$$

BUT it's not effect for larger class unbalance problem.

Modulating factor:

$$(1 - p_t)^r$$

$r$ : focusing parameter,  $r \geq 0$ .

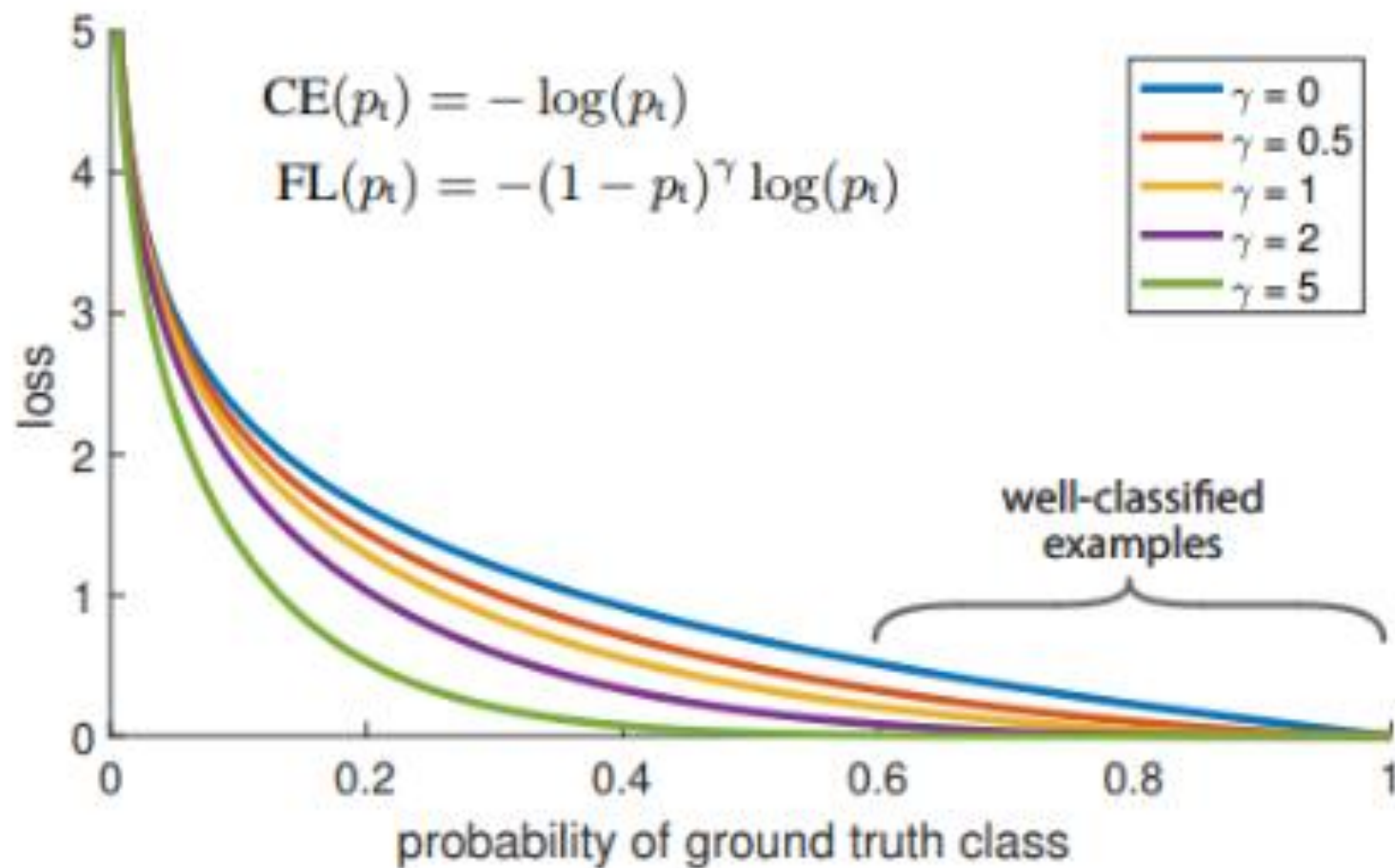
**Focal loss:**

$$FL(p_t) = -(1 - p_t)^r \log(p_t)$$

**$\alpha$ -balanced focal loss:**

$$FL(p_t) = -\alpha(1 - p_t)^r \log(p_t)$$

# Focal loss (3/3)



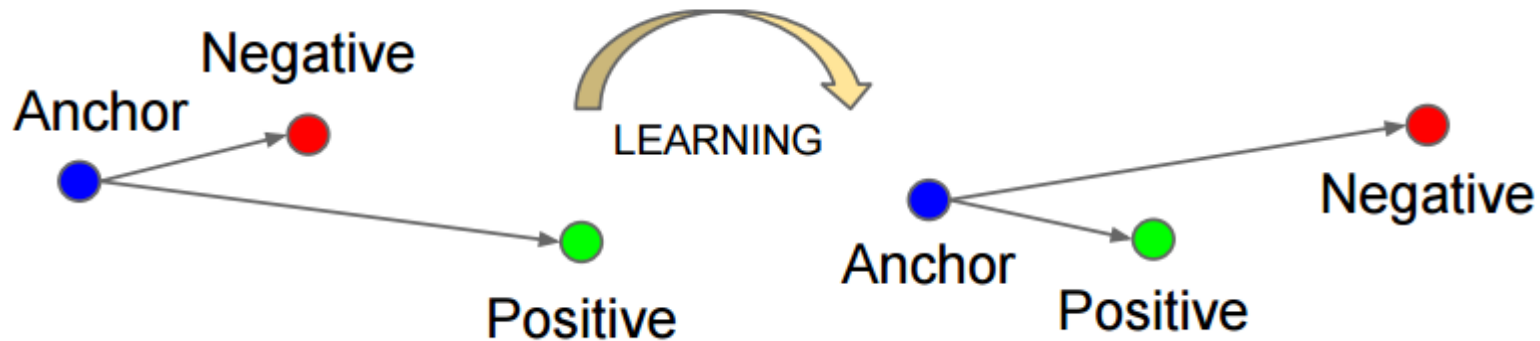
# Triple Loss

## Triple

Anchor: a randomly training data with label  $c$

Positive: training data in label  $c$

Negative: training data in other labels



# Triple Loss

Anchor :  $x_i^a$

Positive :  $x_i^p$

Negative :  $x_i^n$

Encoder network :  $f(x)$

Anchor :  $f(x_i^a)$

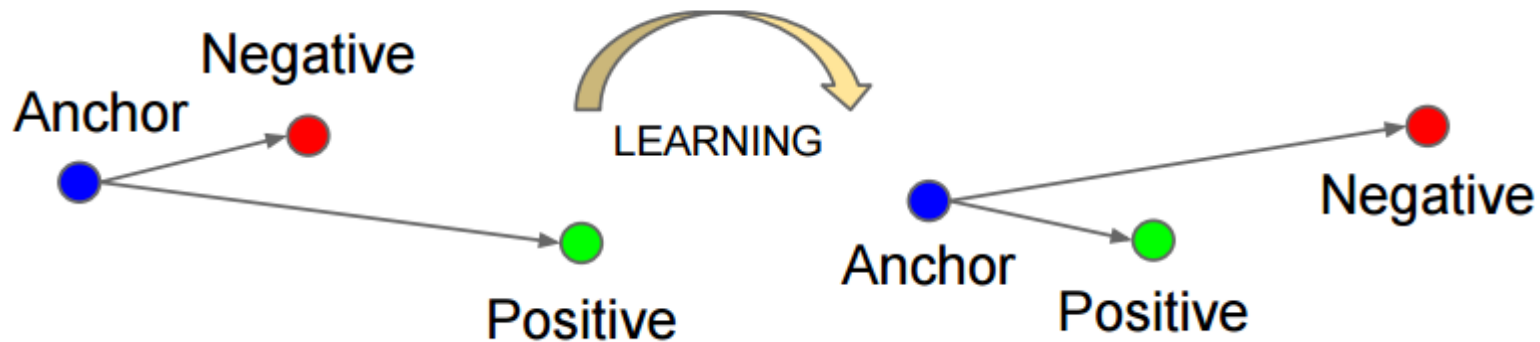
Positive :  $f(x_i^p)$

Negative :  $f(x_i^n)$

triple loss aims to

$\text{dist}(f(x_i^a), (x_i^p)) \downarrow$

$\text{dist}(f(x_i^a), (x_i^n)) \uparrow$





# Triple Loss

$$\text{dist}(f(x_i^a), f(x_i^p)) + \alpha < \text{dist}(f(x_i^a), f(x_i^n))$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f(x_i^a) - f(x_i^p)\|_2^2 + \alpha < \|f(x_i^a) - f(x_i^n)\|_2^2$$

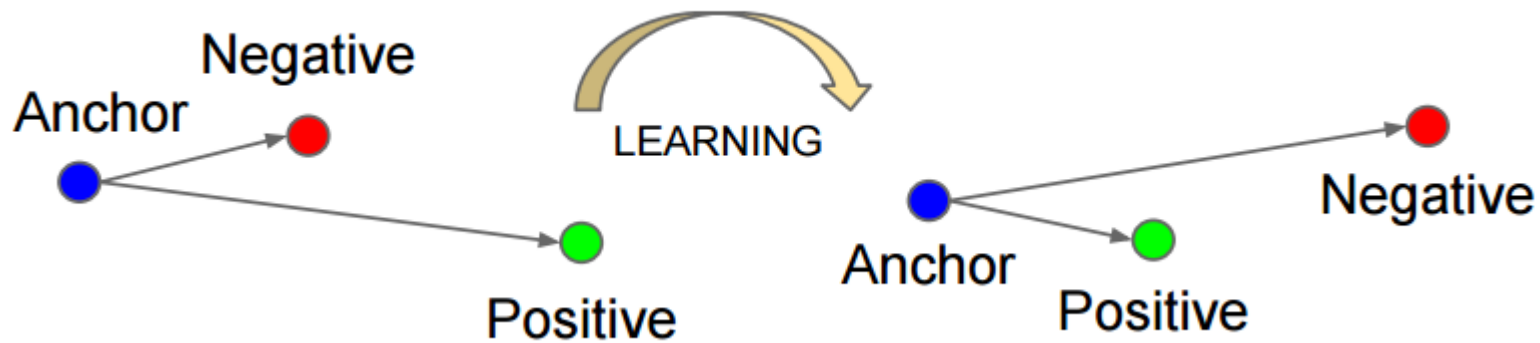
$$\arg \min \left\{ \sum_i \left( \|f(x_i^a) - f(x_i^p)\|_2^2 + \alpha - \|f(x_i^a) - f(x_i^n)\|_2^2 \right) \right\}$$



$$\arg \min \sum_i \left[ \|f(x_i^a) - f(x_i^p)\|_2^2 + \alpha - \|f(x_i^a) - f(x_i^n)\|_2^2 \right]_+$$

# Triple Loss

$$\left[ d_p - d_n + \alpha \right]_+ = \begin{cases} d_p - d_n + \alpha & d_p - d_n + \alpha > 0 \\ 0 & d_p - d_n + \alpha < 0 \end{cases}$$

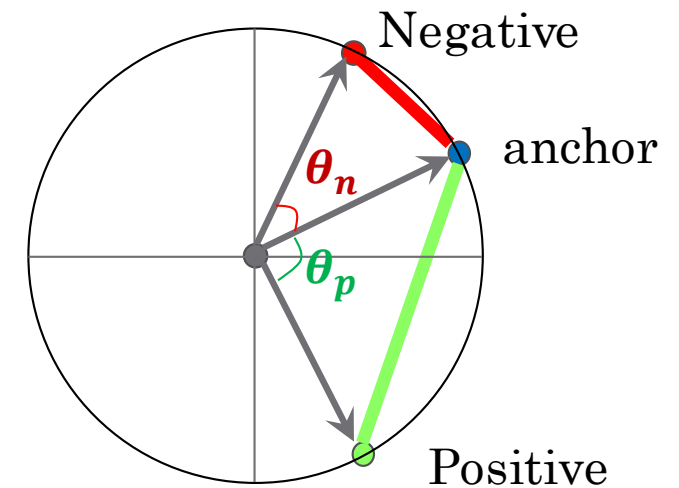
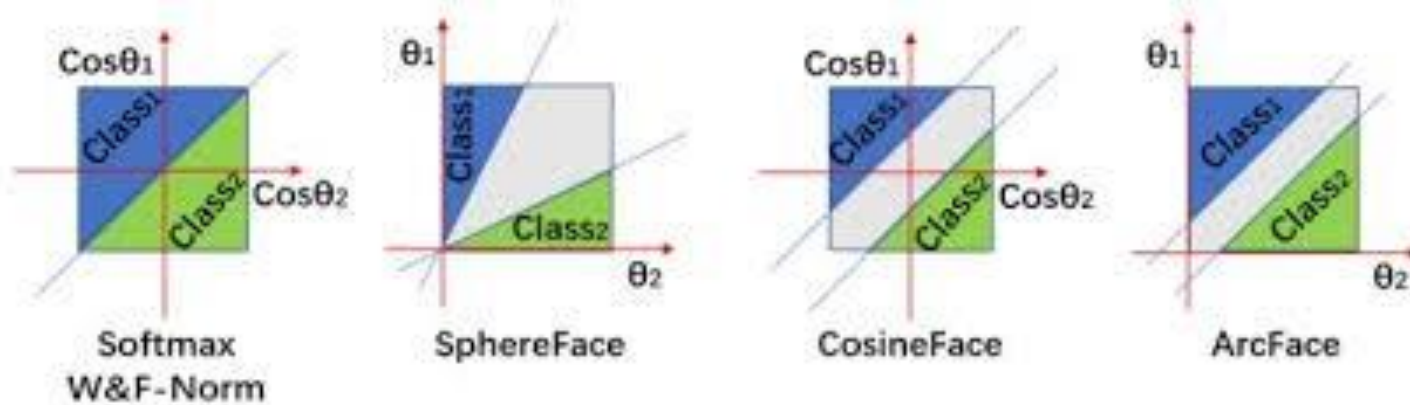


# Conclusion

MSE, MAE, Huber loss, triple loss do the same thing.

**Similarity measurement.**

Cosine loss



Can MSE be a loss for classification?