The Binomial likelihood equation of the HLSM is:

$$L = \prod_{k} \prod_{i,j} \sigma(\eta_{ijk})^{y_{ijk}} (1 - \sigma(\eta_{ijk}))^{1 - y_{ijk}}$$

where,

$$\eta_{ijk} = -\alpha_k + \|z_{ik} - z_{jk}\|^2 = -\alpha_k + \|b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk}\|^2$$
$$z_{ik} = b_i + \epsilon_{ik}$$
$$\sigma(\eta_{ijk}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})}$$

Then, the log likelihood is

$$\ell = \sum_{k} \sum_{i,j} y_{ijk} \ln \sigma(\eta_{ijk}) + (1 - y_{ijk}) \ln(1 - \sigma(\eta_{ijk}))$$

$$= \sum_{k} \sum_{i,j} -y_{ijk} \ln(1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})) + (1 - y_{ijk}) \ln\left(\frac{\exp(\eta_{ijk})}{1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k} \sum_{i,j} -y_{ijk} \ln(1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})) + (1 - y_{ijk}) [\eta_{ijk} - \ln(1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk}))]$$

$$= \sum_{k} \sum_{i,j} (1 - y_{ijk}) \eta_{ijk} - \ln(1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk}))$$

We define our decision variables as: $\{b_i\} \forall i \text{ and } \{\epsilon_{ik}\} \forall i, k$. Then, the gradients are:

$$\frac{\partial \eta_{ijk}}{\partial b_{ik}} = 2(b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk})$$

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$$= 2 \sum_{j} (1 - y_{ijk}) (b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk}) - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})} \exp(\eta_{ijk}) (b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk})$$

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$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial b_{jk}} = -2\sum_{i} (1 - y_{ijk})(b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk}) - \frac{\exp(\eta_{ijk})}{1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})}(b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk})$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \epsilon_{ik}} = 2\sum_{j} (1 - y_{ijk})(b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk}) - \frac{\exp(\eta_{ijk})}{1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk})}(b_i + \epsilon_{ik} - b_j - \epsilon_{jk})$$

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Finally, our complete objective function is to minimize the sum between the negative log likelihood and a lasso penalty on the deviations ϵ_{ik} .

$$\min_{\epsilon,b} \sum_{k} \sum_{i,j} [(y_{ijk} - 1)\eta_{ijk} + \ln(1 + \exp(\eta_{ijk}))] + \lambda \sum_{k} \sum_{i} \|\epsilon_{i,k}\|$$