

COS234: INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING

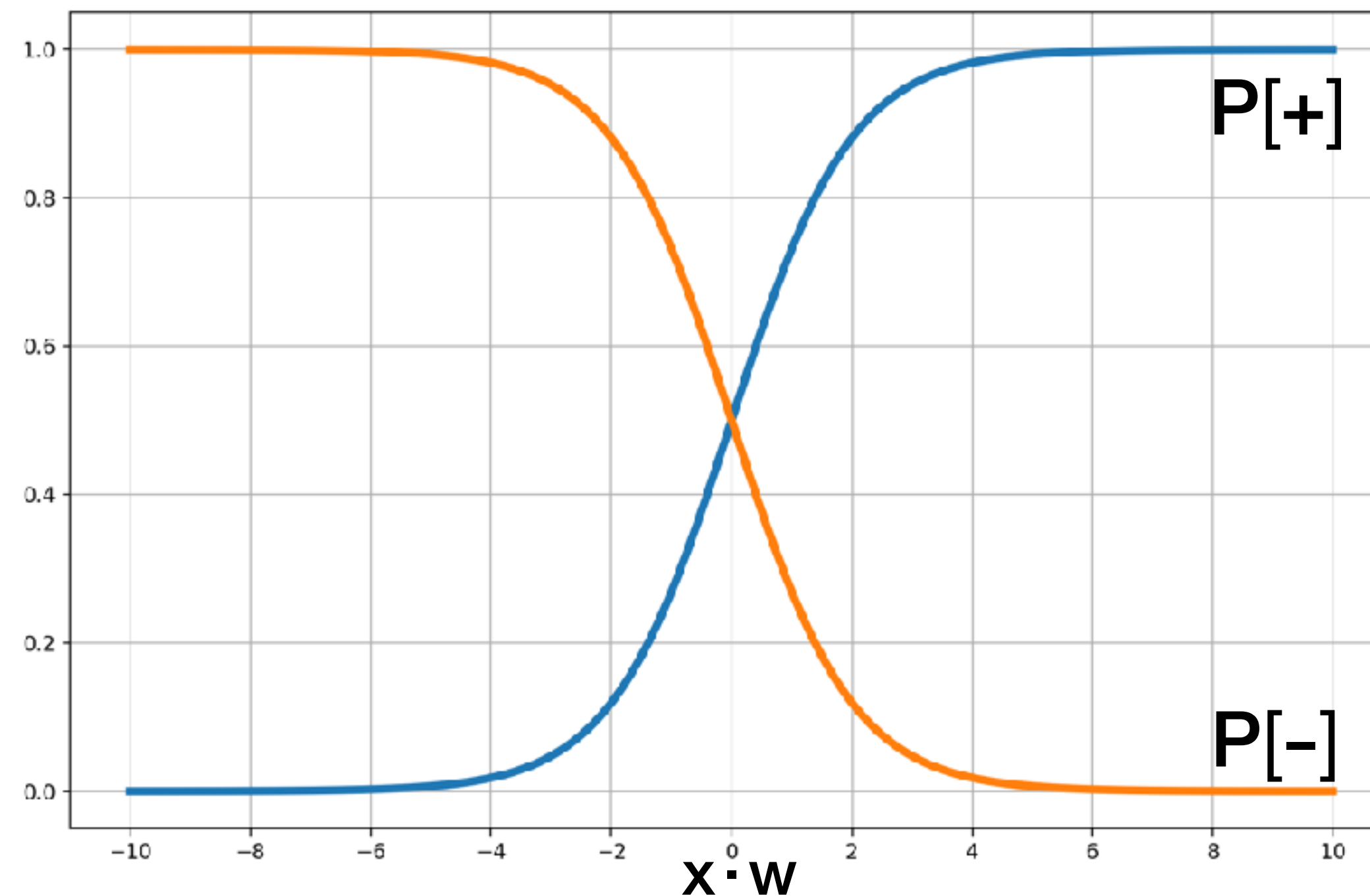
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Topic: Logistic Regression

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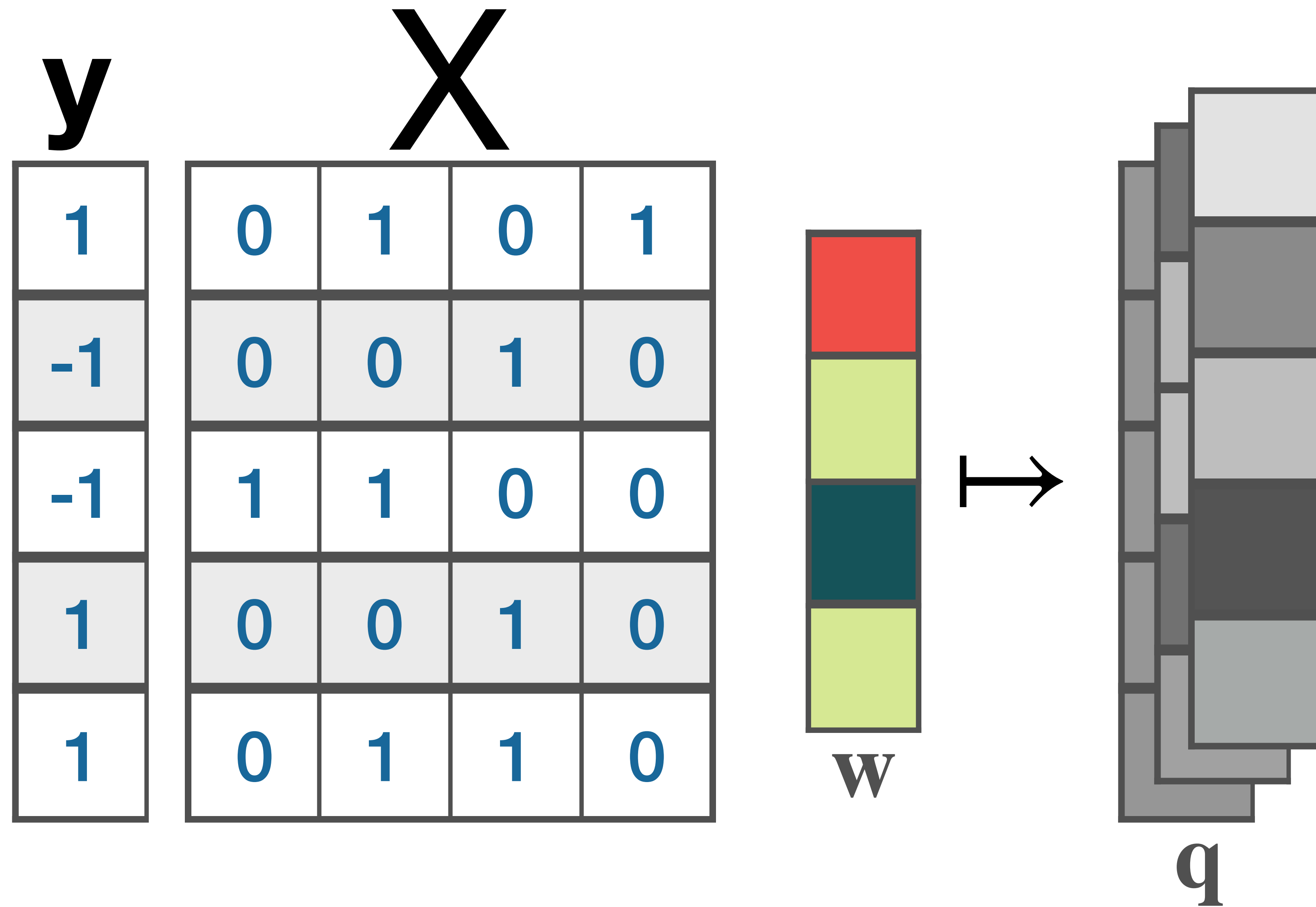
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- Combine two cases: $\mathbf{P}[y | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}] = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$

Predict $+1$ w.p. $\mathbf{P}[+ | \mathbf{x}]$ and -1 w.p. $\mathbf{P}[- | \mathbf{x}]$

- Define loss to be negative of log-probability (log-likelihood):

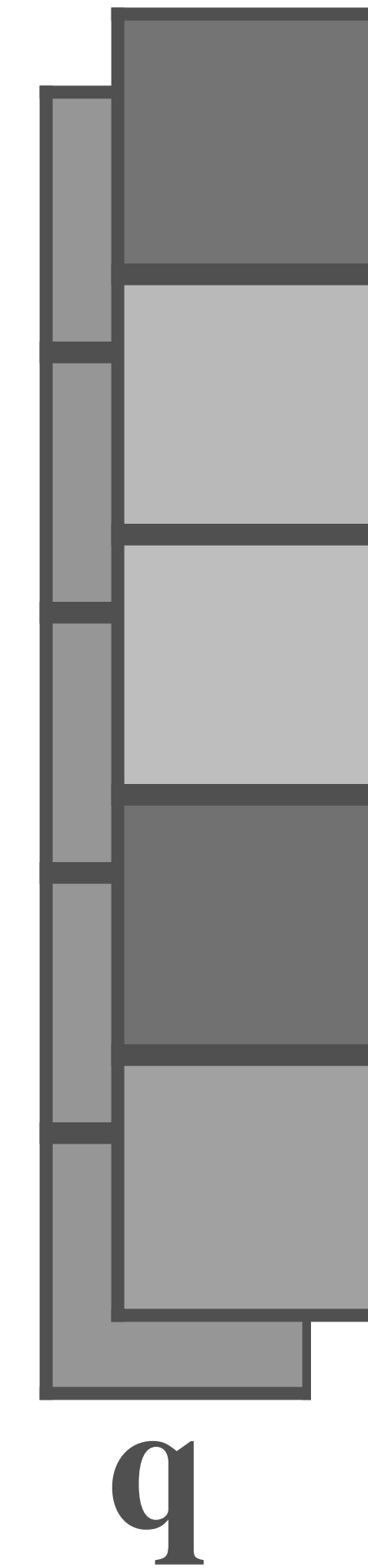
$$-\log(\mathbf{P}[y | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}]) = \log(1 + e^{-z})$$



- We want to find \mathbf{w} so as to (approximately) minimize

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(1 + \exp \left(- y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i*}) \right) \right)$$

- Initialize $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$
- Initialize $\mathbf{q} = (0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)$
- Loop:
 - Pick an index j at random from $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$
 - Replace \mathbf{w}_j with a better estimate $\mathbf{w}_j^{\text{new}}$
 - Update \mathbf{q}



Importance Weights: \mathbf{q}

- \mathbf{q} reflects how well \mathbf{w} predicts the labels (y_1, \dots, y_n)
 - $q_i \in (0, 1)$ large: poor prediction by \mathbf{w} of y_i
 - $q_i \in (0, 1)$ small: good prediction by \mathbf{w} of y_i
- after update of $\mathbf{w} \mapsto \mathbf{q}$ is updated



$$\mathbf{w}_j \mapsto \mathbf{w}_j^{\text{new}}$$

Picked index j from $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$

Calculate:

$$r_+ = \sum_{y_i X_{i,j}=+1} q_i \quad r_- = \sum_{y_i X_{i,j}=-1} q_i \quad n_j = \sum_i X_{ij}$$

Calculate & update \mathbf{w} :

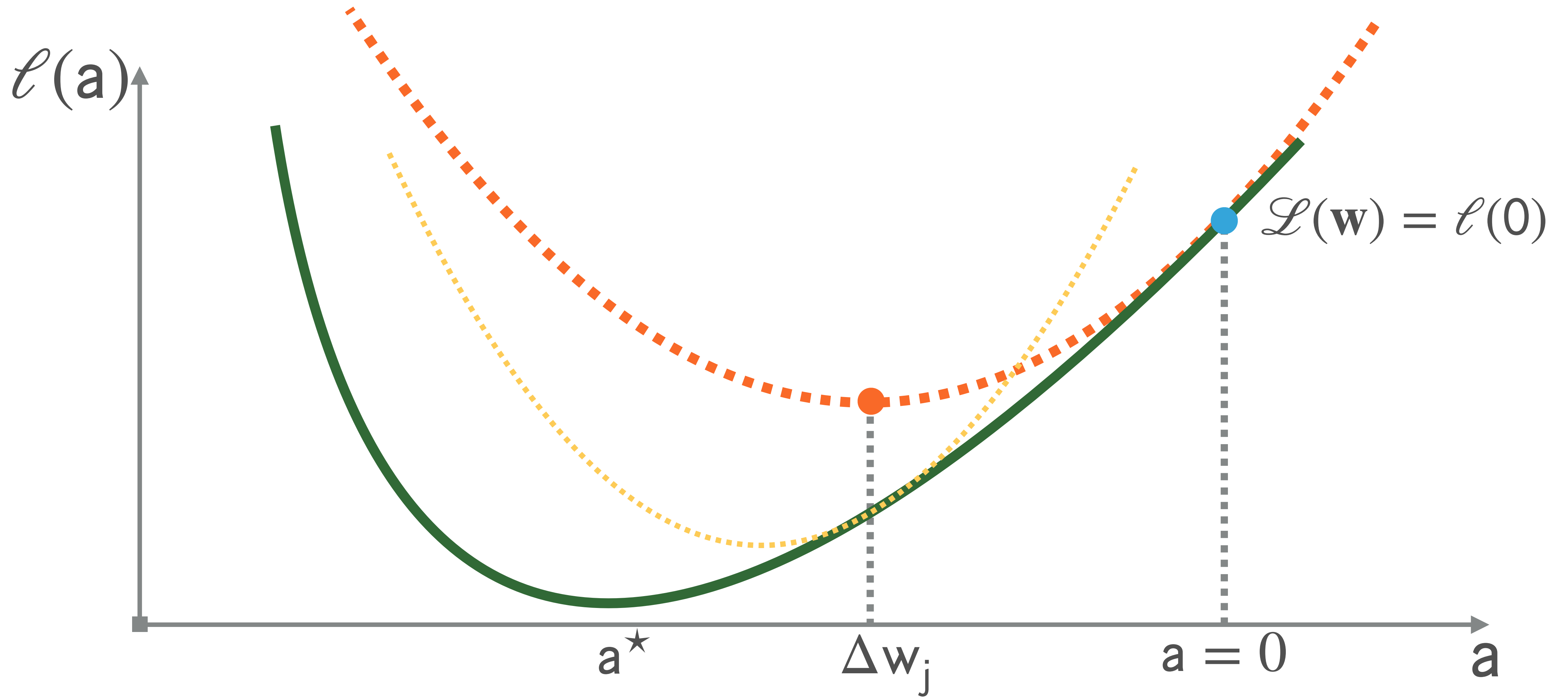
$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_j = 4 \left(\frac{r_+ - r_-}{n_j} \right) \mapsto \mathbf{w}_j = \mathbf{w}_j + \Delta \mathbf{w}_j$$

For all i s.t. $X_{ij}=1$

$$q_i \leftarrow \frac{q_i}{q_i + (1 - q_i) e^{y_i \Delta \mathbf{w}_j}}$$

Steps

- Write loss as a function of $\mathbf{a} = \Delta \mathbf{w}_j$
- Simplify $\ell(\mathbf{a})$ using one auxiliary variable per example
- Calculate $\frac{d\ell(\mathbf{a})}{d\mathbf{a}}$ and $\frac{d^2\ell(\mathbf{a})}{d\mathbf{a}^2}$
- Use MVT: $\ell(\mathbf{a}) = \ell(0) + \ell'(0) \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \ell''(\alpha) \mathbf{a}^2$ with $\alpha \in [0, \mathbf{a}]$
- Bound $\ell''(\alpha) \leq \text{val}(X_{\star j}) \Rightarrow \ell(\mathbf{a}) \leq \ell(0) + \ell'(0) \mathbf{a} + \text{val}(X_{\star j}) \mathbf{a}^2$
- Set $\mathbf{a} \sim \frac{\text{val}(X_{\star j})}{\ell'(0)}$



Derivation

- Fix all but coordinate j of \mathbf{w}

- Write $\ell(\mathbf{a}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{j-1}, \mathbf{w}_j + \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{w}_{j+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_d)$

- Omitting $1/n$

$$\ell(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_i \log \left(1 + \exp \left(-y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i\star} + aX_{ij}) \right) \right)$$

- Denote

$$b_i = -y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i\star} + aX_{ij})$$

- Hence

$$\ell(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_i \log(1 + \exp(b_i))$$

- Chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{db} \left[\log(1 + \exp(b)) \right] = \frac{\exp(b)}{1 + \exp(b)} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-b)}$$

- For $b_i = -y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i\star} + aX_{ij})$

$$\frac{d\ell(a)}{da} = \sum_i \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-b_i)} \frac{db_i}{da}$$

- Since $\frac{db_i}{da} = -y_i X_{ij}$

$$\frac{d\ell(a)}{da} = - \sum_i \frac{y_i X_{ij}}{1 + \exp(-b_i)}$$

- Apply chain rule to

$$\frac{d^2 \ell(a)}{da^2} = \frac{d}{da} \left[\frac{d \ell(a)}{da} \right]$$

- Using again $b_i = -y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i\star} + aX_{ij})$

$$\frac{d^2 \ell(a)}{da^2} = \sum_i \frac{y_i^2 X_{ij}^2 \exp(-b_i)}{(1 + \exp(-b_i))^2} = \sum_i \frac{X_{ij} \exp(-b_i)}{(1 + \exp(-b_i))^2}$$

- Or alternatively

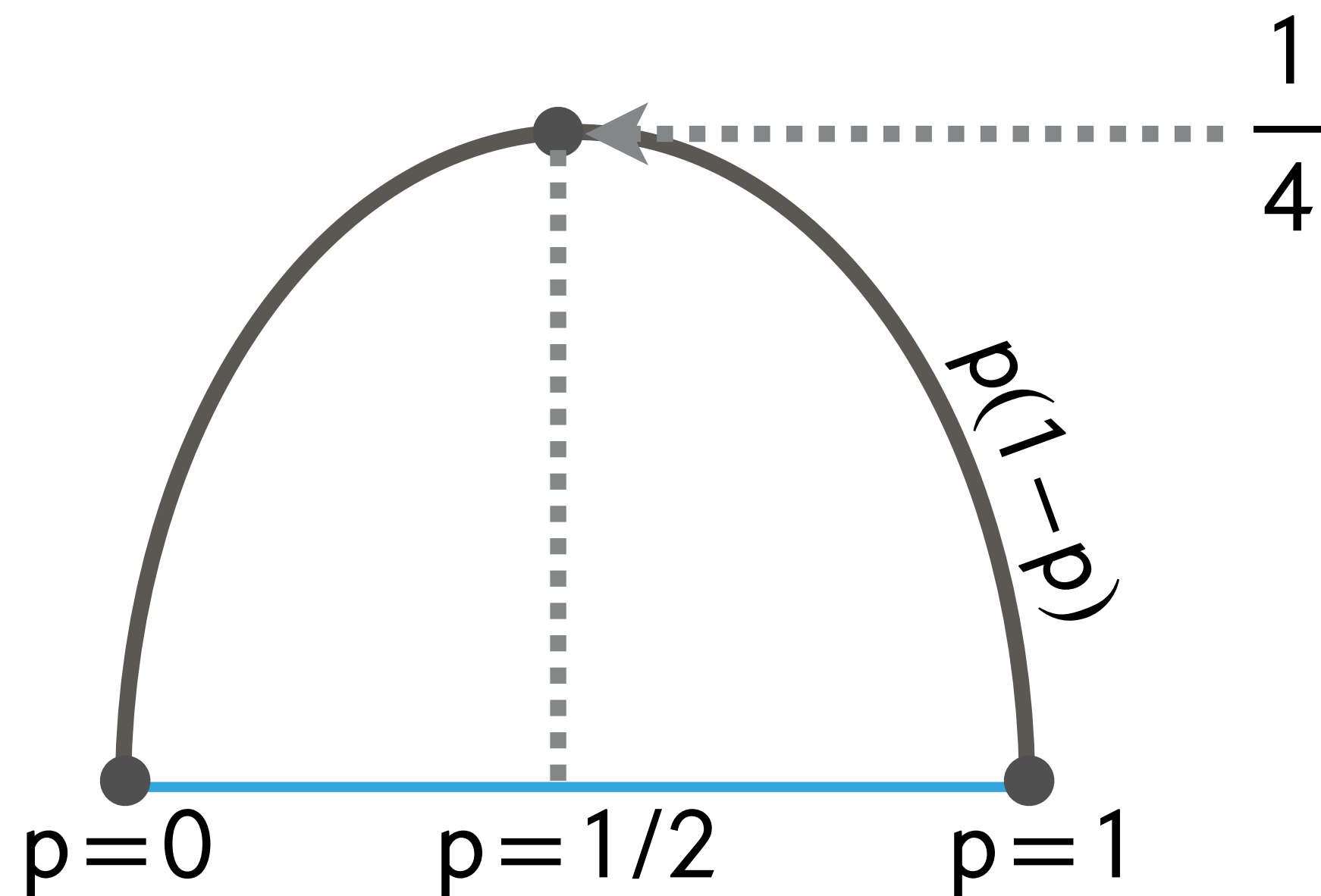
$$\frac{d^2 \ell(a)}{da^2} = \sum_i \frac{X_{ij}}{(1 + \exp(-b_i))(1 + \exp(b_i))}$$

Mean Value Theorem

- There exists $\alpha \in [0, a]$ such that $\ell(a) = \ell(0) + \ell'(0)a + \frac{1}{2}\ell''(\alpha)a^2$
- Denote $\mathbf{z}_i = y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i\star})$ and $\mathbf{c}_i = y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{i\star} + \alpha X_{ij})$

$$\ell(a) = \ell(0) - a \sum_i \frac{y_i X_{ij}}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{z}_i)} + \frac{a^2}{2} \sum_i \frac{X_{ij}}{(1 + \exp(-\mathbf{c}_i))(1 + \exp(\mathbf{c}_i))}$$

- Recall that $\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-c_i)} + \frac{1}{1 + \exp(c_i)} = 1$
- Call $p = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-c_i)}$ and note that $p(1 - p) \leq \frac{1}{4}$



Putting It All Together

- Using MVT and the expression for the loss

$$\ell(\mathbf{a}) \leq \ell(0) - a \sum_i \frac{y_i X_{ij}}{1 + \exp(z_i)} + \frac{a^2}{8} \sum_i X_{ij}$$

- Define

$$q_i = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(z_i)} \quad r_+ = \sum_{i:y_i=1} q_i X_{ij} \quad r_- = \sum_{i:y_i=-1} q_i X_{ij} \quad n_j = \sum_i X_{ij}$$

- Use definitions

$$\ell(\mathbf{a}) \leq \ell(0) - a (r_+ - r_-) + \frac{a^2}{8} n_j$$

- Use the upper bound on $\ell(\mathbf{a})$

$$\frac{d}{da} \left[\ell(0) - a(r_+ - r_-) + \frac{a^2}{8} n_j \right] = 0$$

- Finally we get

$$a = 4 \left(\frac{r_+ - r_-}{n_j} \right)$$

- Update

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j + a \quad q_i \leftarrow \frac{1}{1 + \exp(z_i + a y_i X_{ij})}$$

- Initialize: $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ $\mathbf{q} = (1/2, 1/2, \dots, 1/2)$
- Calculate for all j : $n_j = \sum_i X_{ij}$
- Loop:
 - Pick j at random from $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$
 - Calculate $r_+ = \sum_{y_i X_{i,j}=+1} q_i$ $r_- = \sum_{y_i X_{i,j}=-1} q_i$
 - Update $\mathbf{w}_j \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_j + 4 \left(\frac{r_+ - r_-}{n_j} \right)$
 - Update for all i s.t. $X_{ij}=1$: $q_i \leftarrow \frac{q_i}{q_i + (1 - q_i) e^{y_i \Delta \mathbf{w}_j}}$