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If $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_2$ for all \mathbf{w} , then

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(B) $A_{ij} = \alpha_i \cdot \alpha_j$

(C) **[Ans]** $A_{ii} = \alpha_i$ else zero

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If $\mathbf{A} = I$, $\alpha_i = 1$ for all i , and $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq 0$, then

- (A) The optimal parameters \mathbf{w}^* is independent of λ_i .
- (B) The larger the lambda, the better the solution.
- (C) The smaller the lambda, the better the solution
- (D) When lambda is nonzero (positive), loss will increase (since $g(w)$ is also positive in practice), better to use $\lambda = 0$.
- (E) **[Ans]** None of the above.

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See \mathcal{L}_2 closely,

- (A) **[Ans]** When A is a diagonal matrix, this is equivalent to weighing each sample independently.
- (B) When A is not a diagonal matrix, this loss does not make any sense. Don't use.
- (C) **[Ans]** When A is PD, we can do cholesky decomposition of A as LL^T and an equivalent formulation is possible in \mathcal{L}_1 is each sample getting transformed as $\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{x}_i$ (as in LMNN/Metric Learning)
- (D) **[Ans]** When A is a rank deficient matrix, an equivalent formulation is possible in \mathcal{L}_1 with a dimensionality reduction (this could be proved with eigen decomposition).
- (E) None of the above