

# Introduction to Deep Learning

## 5. Maximum Likelihood and Logistic Regression

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# Outline

- **Maximum Likelihood**
  - Gauss and means
  - More loss functions ( $l_1$  loss, trimmed mean)
  - Regression revisited
- **Classification**
  - Computing discrete probabilities
  - Likelihood and loss functions
- **Information Theory**



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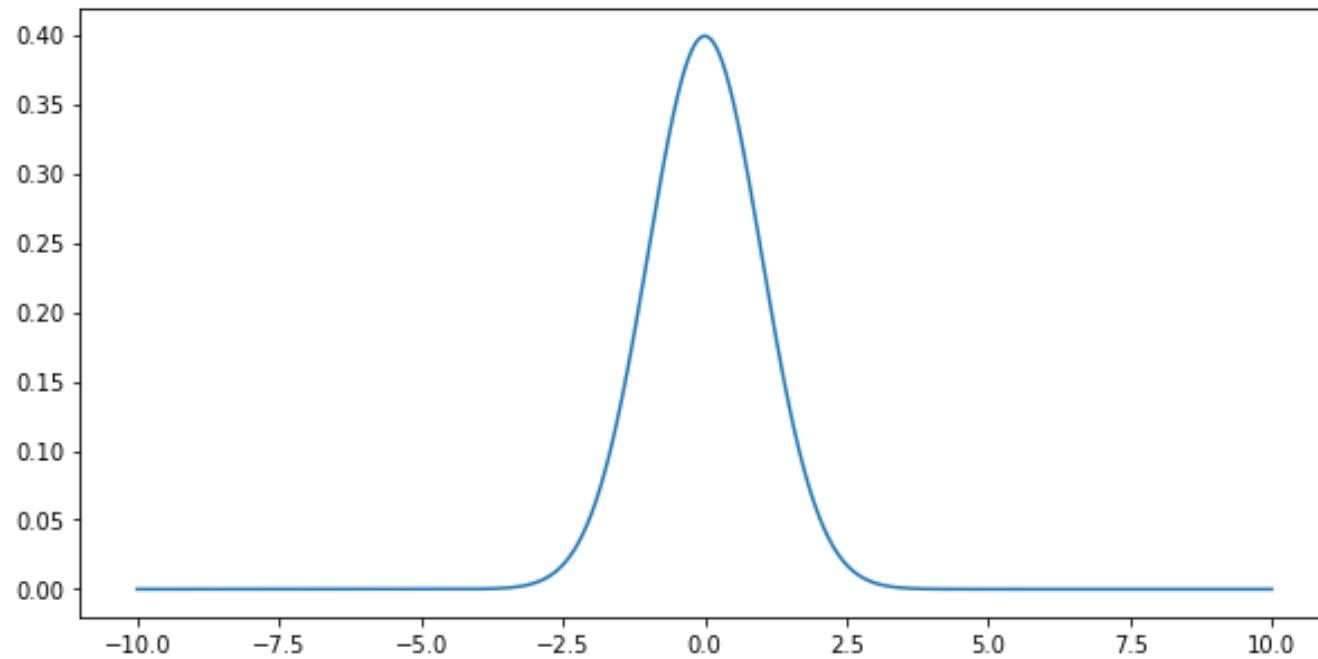
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# Flashback - Normal Distribution

Density

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



# Estimating the parameters in a Gaussian

- Mean

$$\mu = \mathbb{E}[x] \text{ hence } \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

- Variance

$$\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[(x - \mu)^2] \text{ hence } \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

Why?

# Likelihood

- Observe some data  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
- Assume that the data is drawn from a Gaussian

$$p(X; \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

- **Fitting parameters is maximizing**  $p(X; \mu, \sigma^2)$  **wrt.**  $\mu, \sigma^2$   
(maximize likelihood that data was generated by model)
- **Practical simplification**

$$\underset{\mu, \sigma^2}{\text{maximize}} p(X; \mu, \sigma^2) \iff \underset{\mu, \sigma^2}{\text{minimize}} -\log p(X; \mu, \sigma^2)$$

# Maximum Likelihood

- Estimate parameters by finding ones that explain the data

$$\underset{\mu, \sigma^2}{\text{minimize}} -\log p(X; \mu, \sigma^2)$$

- **Decompose likelihood**

$$-\log p(X; \mu, \sigma^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x_i - \mu)^2 = \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Minimized for  $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$



- Estimating the variance

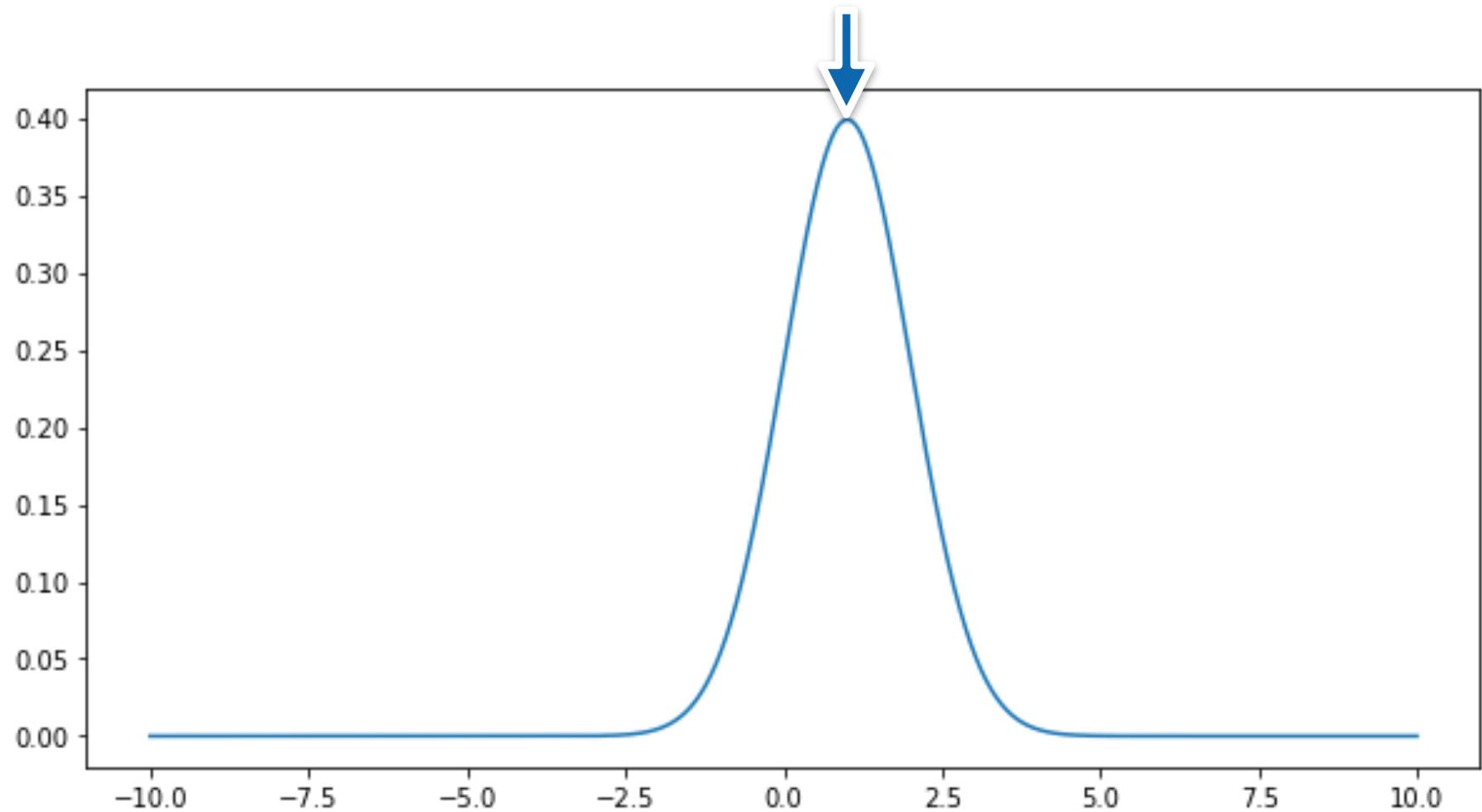
$$\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

- Take derivatives with respect to it

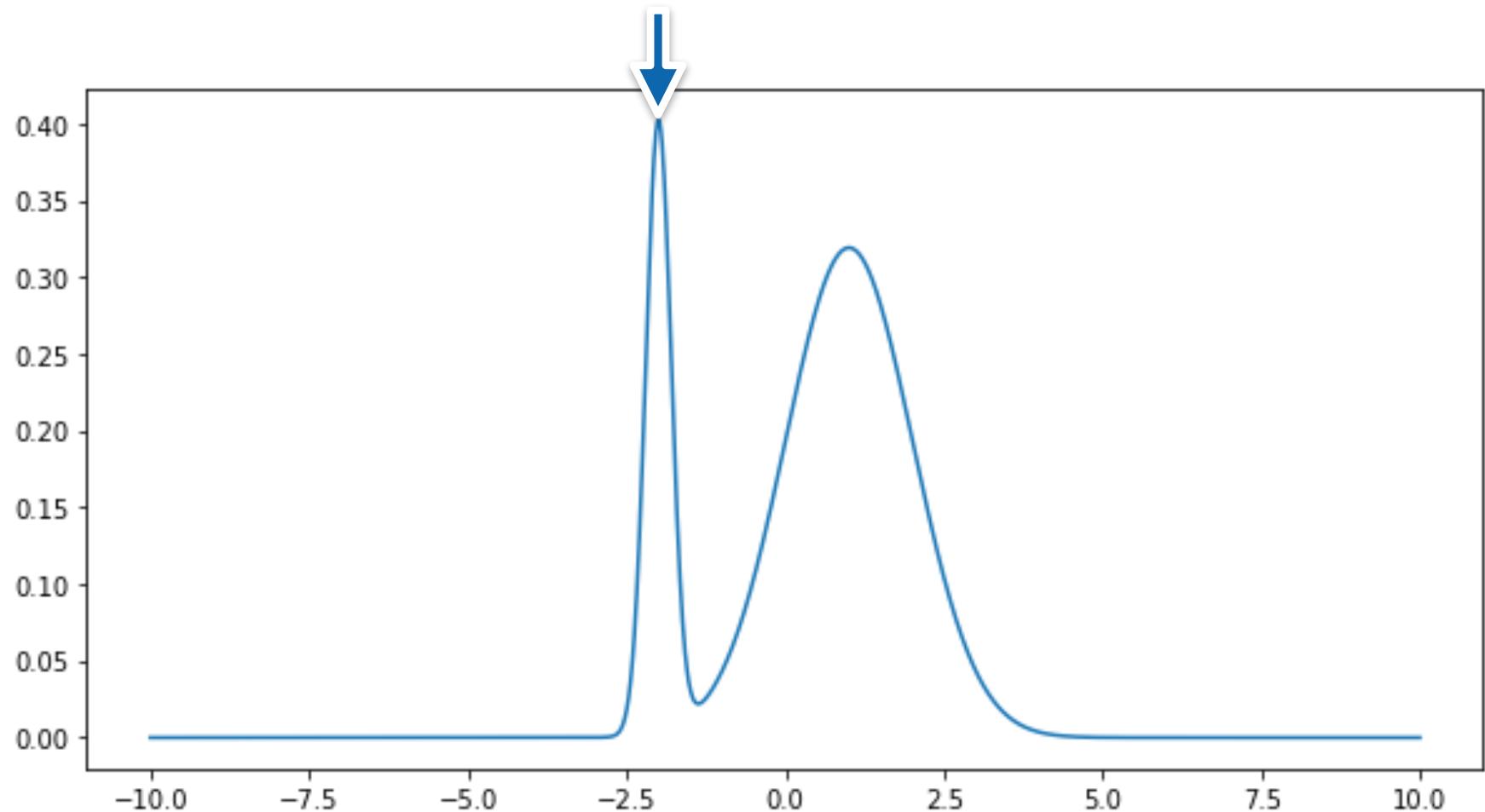
$$\partial_{\sigma^2} [\cdot] = \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0$$

$$\implies \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

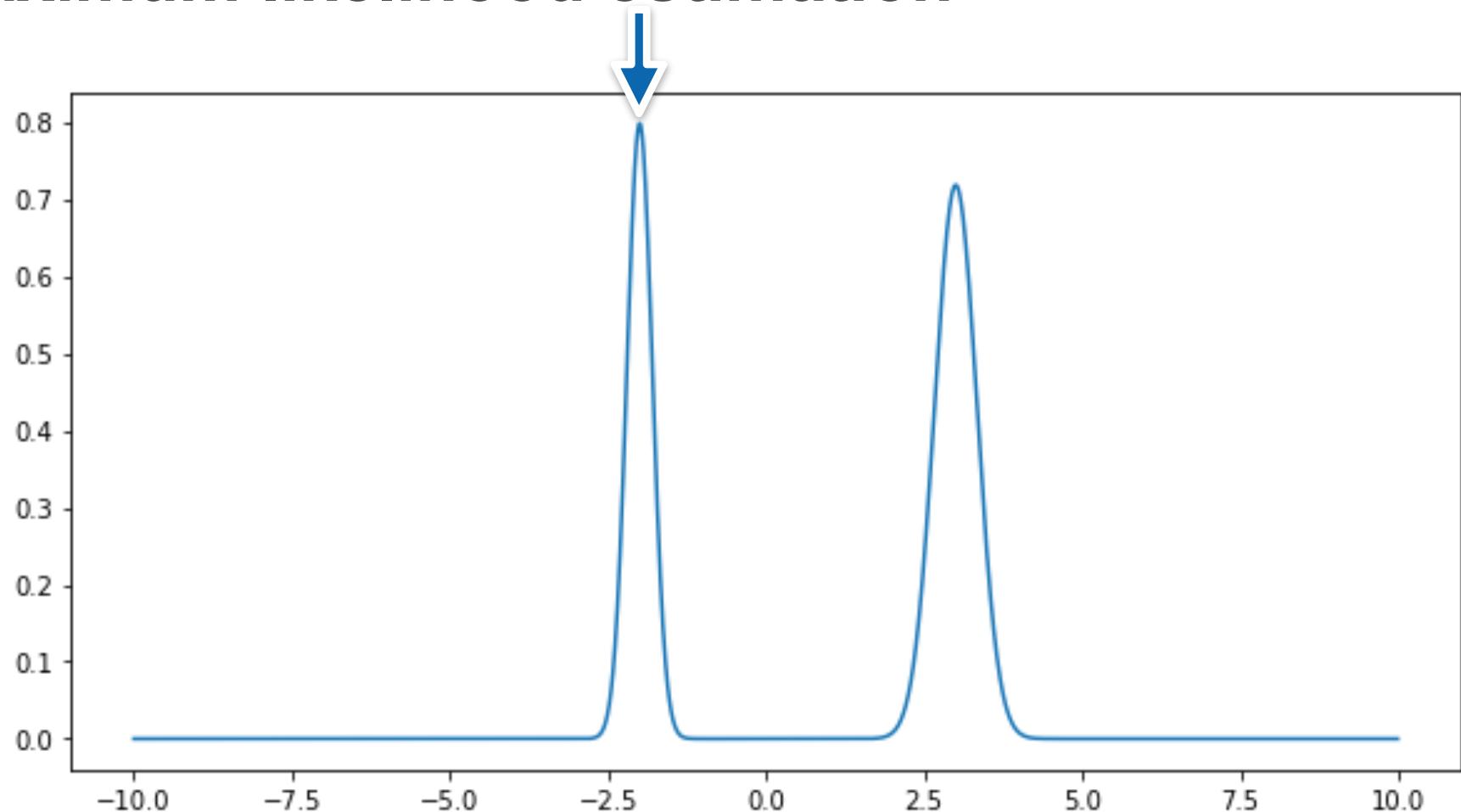
# Maximum likelihood estimation



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# Maximum likelihood estimation

- Data - ‘student didn’t do homework’
  - Possible parameters
    - ‘dog ate homework’
    - ‘abducted by aliens’
    - ‘too lazy’
    - ‘sick grandmother’
  - All parameters explain the data.
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# Maximum a posteriori estimation

- Posterior Probability

$$p(w | X) \propto p(X | w)p(w)$$

penalty

$$\text{hence } -\log p(w | X) = -\log p(X | w) - \log p(w) + c$$

- Maximum a Posteriori Estimation

$$\underset{w}{\text{minimize}} -\log p(X; w) - \log p(w)$$

- No homework example

$p(\text{'no homework'} | \text{explanation}) = 1$  (all explanations work)

lazy student	grandma sick	dog ate it	alien abduction
0.8	0.19	0.0099	0.0001

**What does this have to do with regression?**

# Regression

- Recall optimization problem

$$\underset{w}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i, w))^2 + \text{penalty}(w)$$

Does the model work?

Additive Gaussian Noise

- Data generation model

$$y_i = f(x_i, w) + \epsilon_i \text{ where } \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

- Gaussian Prior  $p(w)$  hence  $-\log p(w) = \frac{1}{2\bar{\sigma}^2} \|w\|^2 + \text{const.}$

# Regression

- Maximum a posteriori

$$\underset{w}{\text{minimize}} -\log p(w | X, Y)$$

$$\iff \underset{w}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i, w))^2 + \frac{1}{2\bar{\sigma}^2} \|w\|^2 + \text{const.}$$

$$\iff \underset{w}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i, w))^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2$$

Implement this



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# Loss Functions



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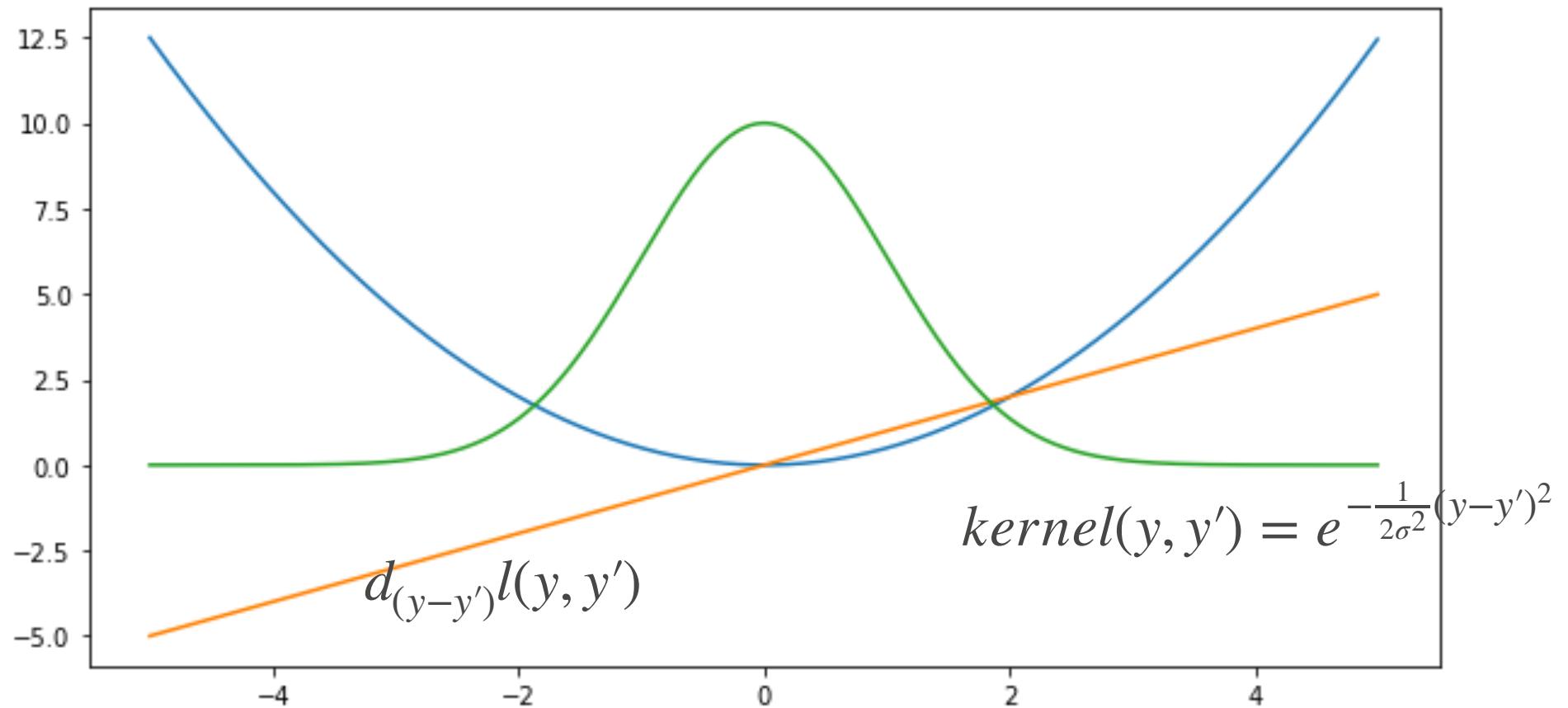
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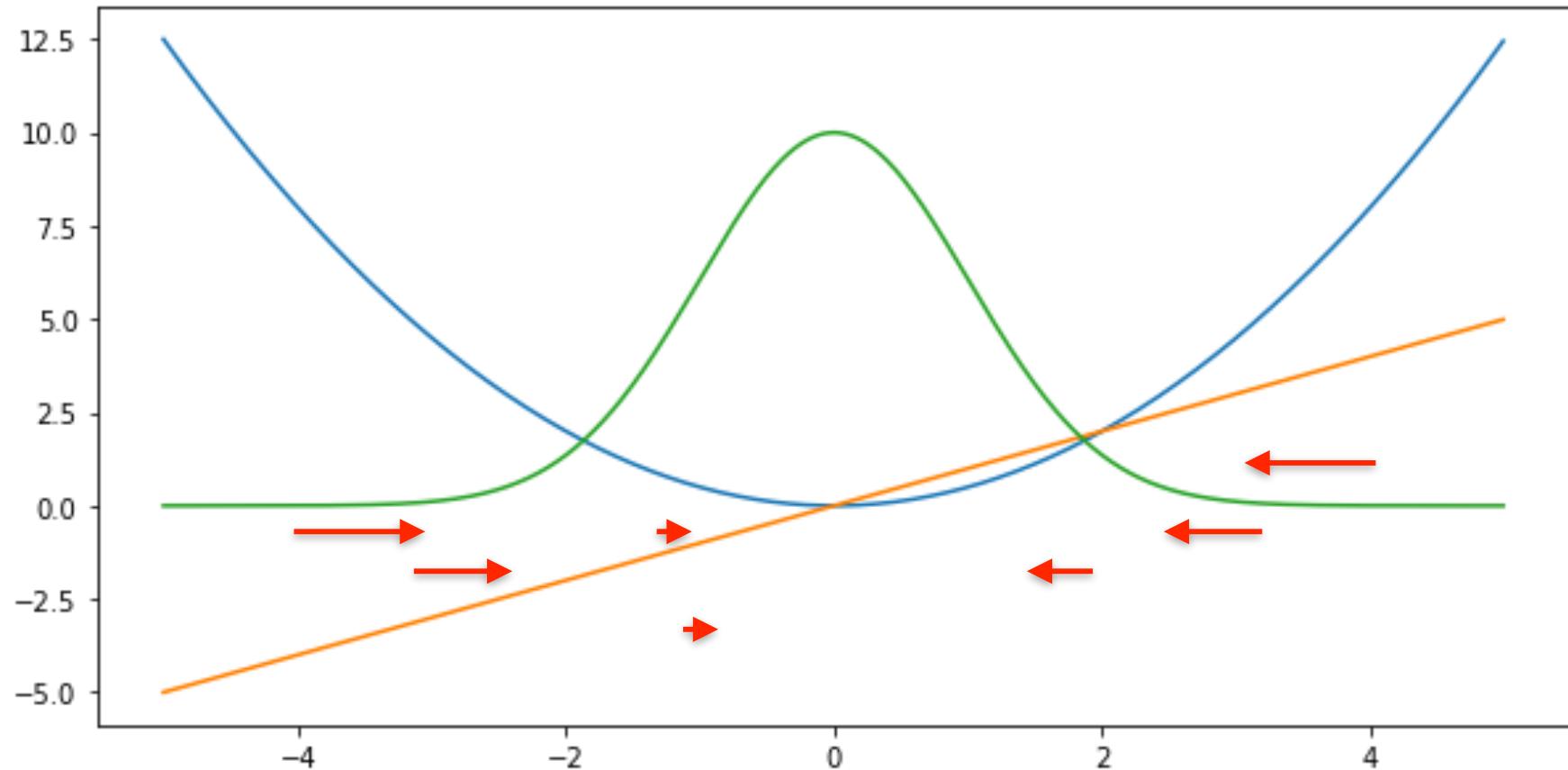
## L2 Loss

$$l(y, y') = \frac{1}{2}(y - y')^2$$



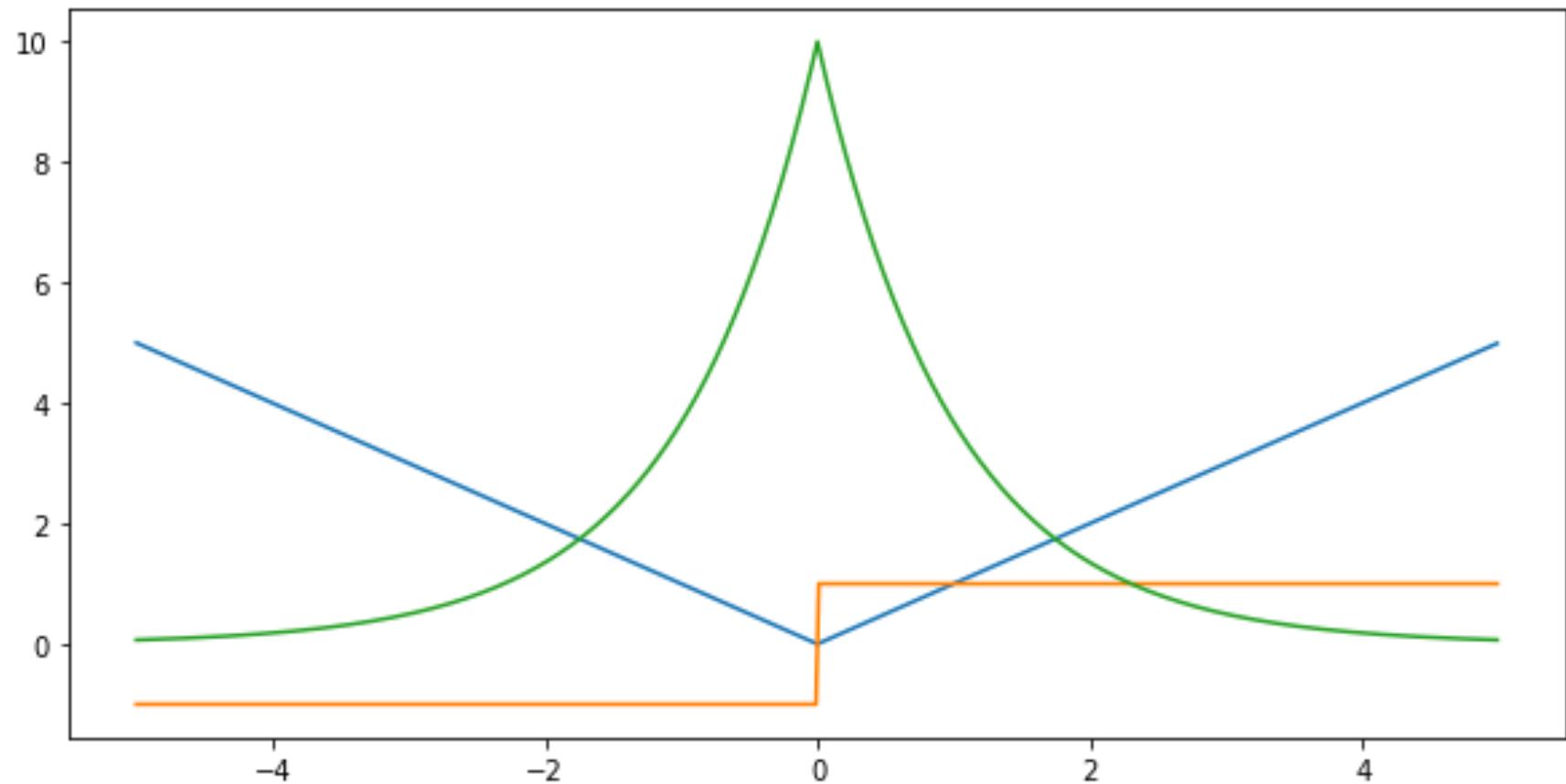
## L2 Loss - mean

$$l(y, y') = \frac{1}{2}(y - y')^2$$



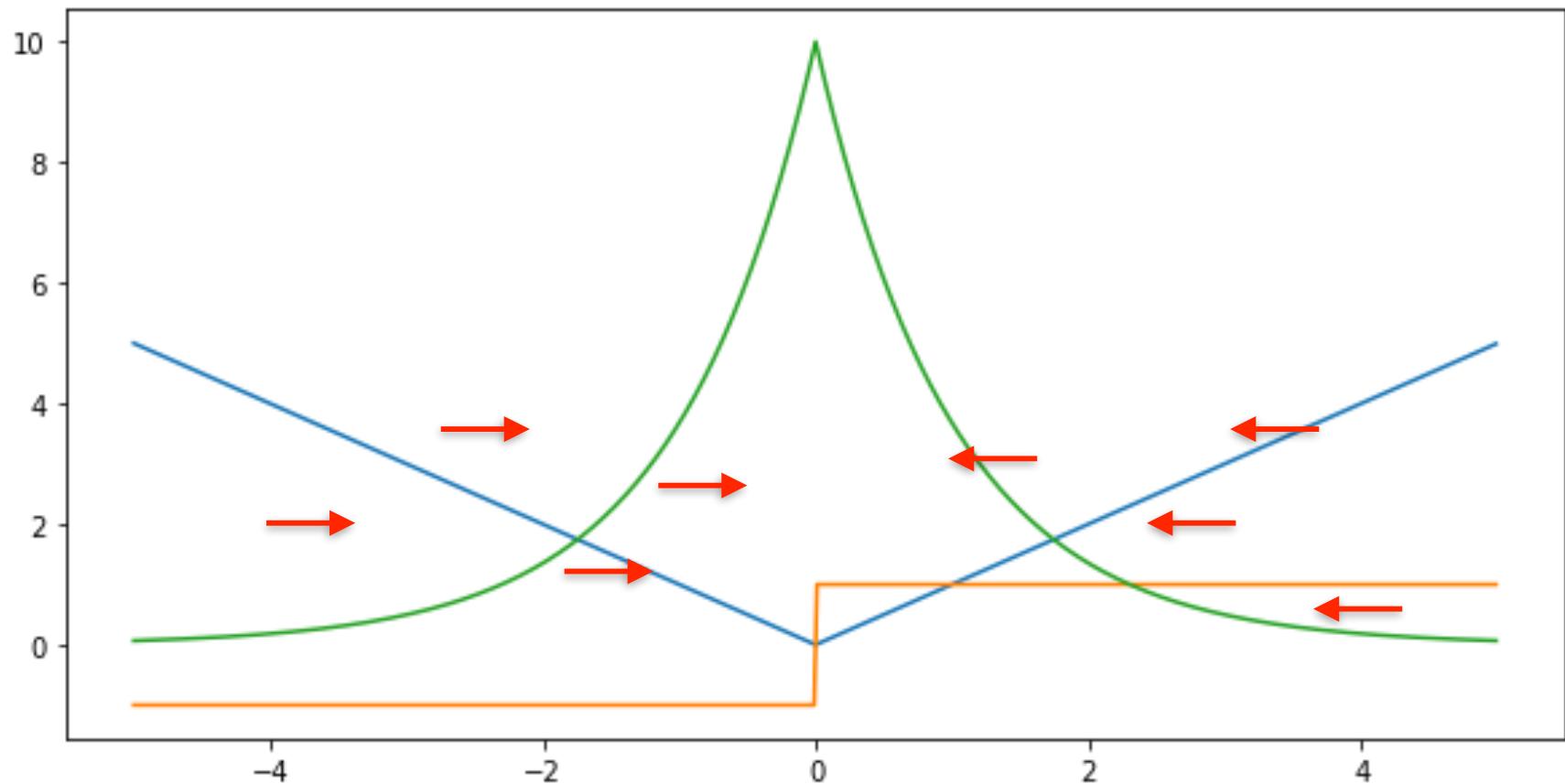
# L1 Loss

$$l(y, y') = |y - y'|$$



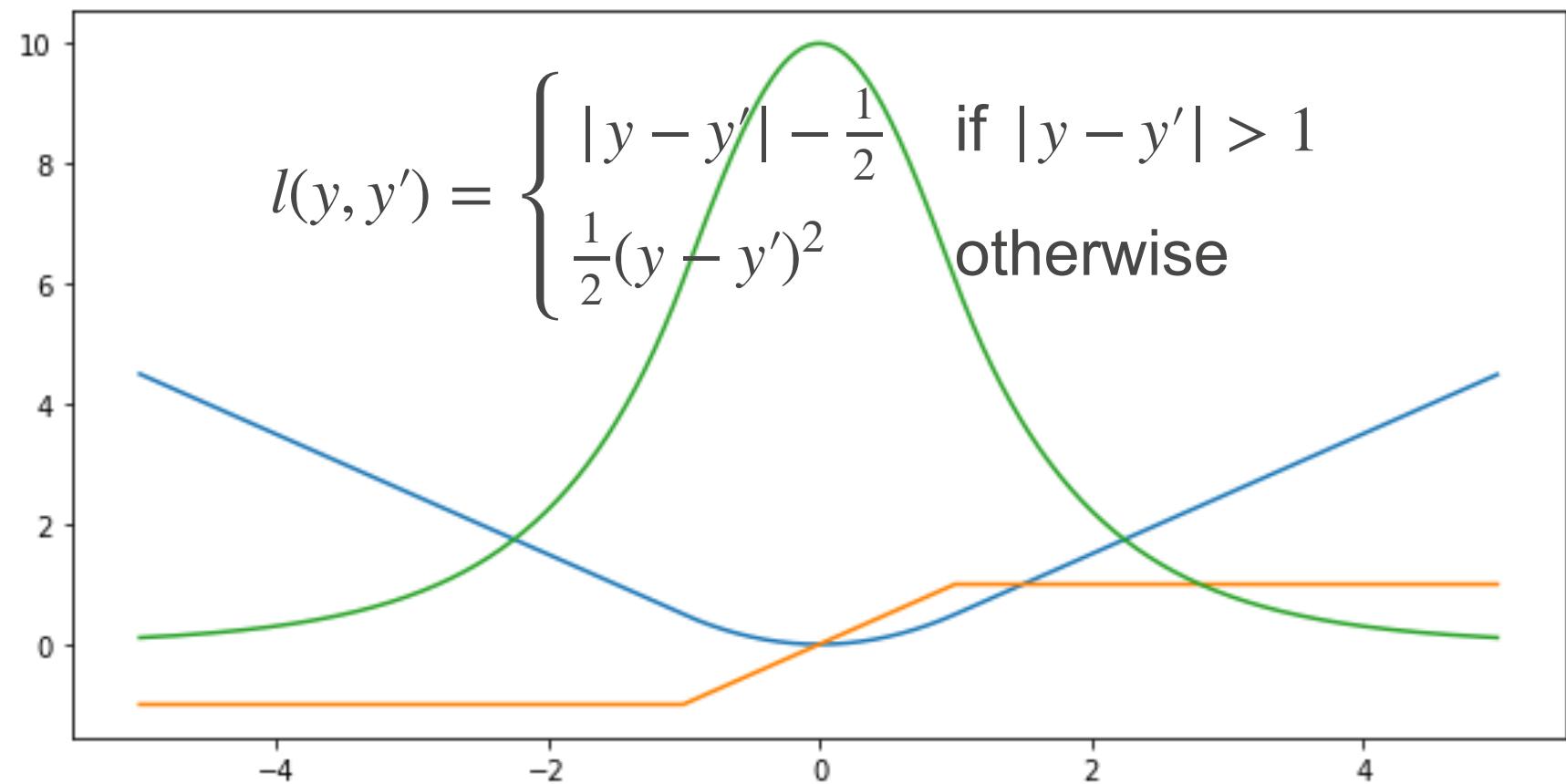
# L1-Loss

$$l(y, y') = |y - y'|$$

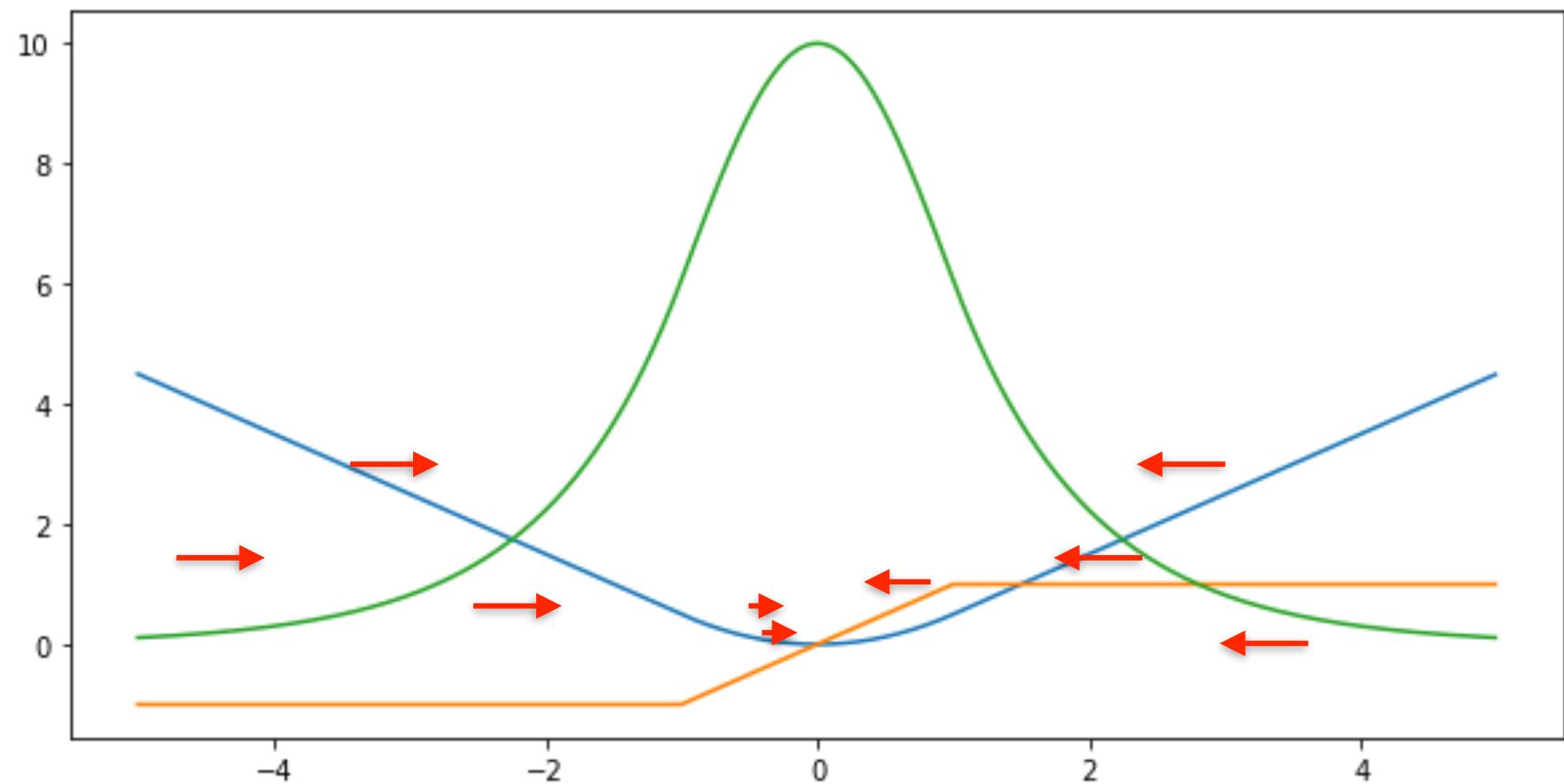


The same number of data on the left and right. The medium

# Huber's Robust Loss



# Huber's Robust Loss - trimmed mean





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# Logistic Regression



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# Regression vs. Classification

- Regression estimates a continuous value
- Classification predicts a discrete category

MNIST: classify hand-written digits  
(10 classes)

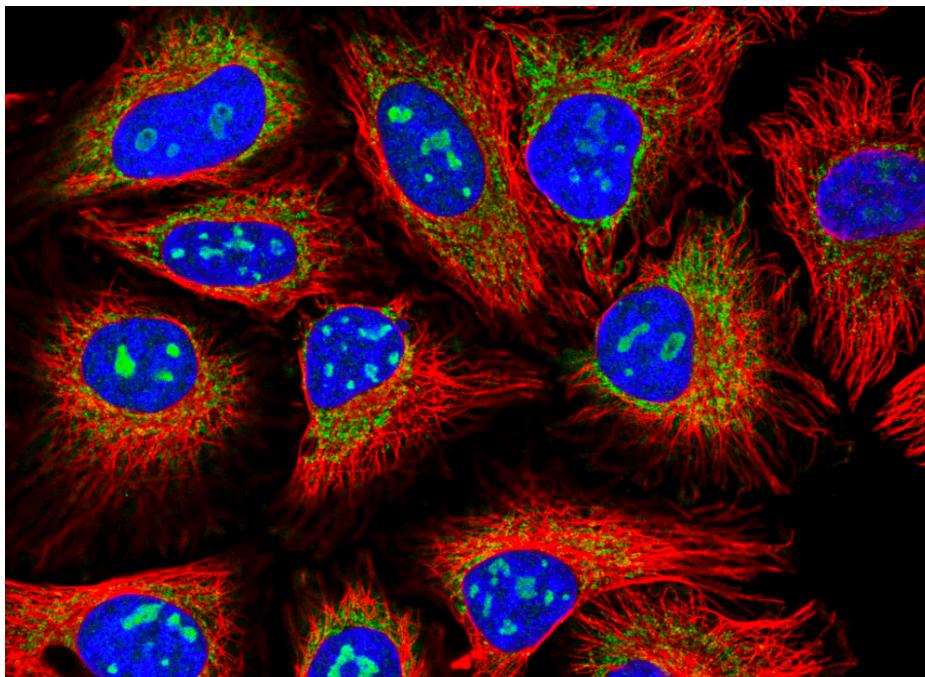
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

ImageNet: classify nature objects  
(1000 classes)



# Classification Tasks at Kaggle

Classify human protein microscope images into 28 categories

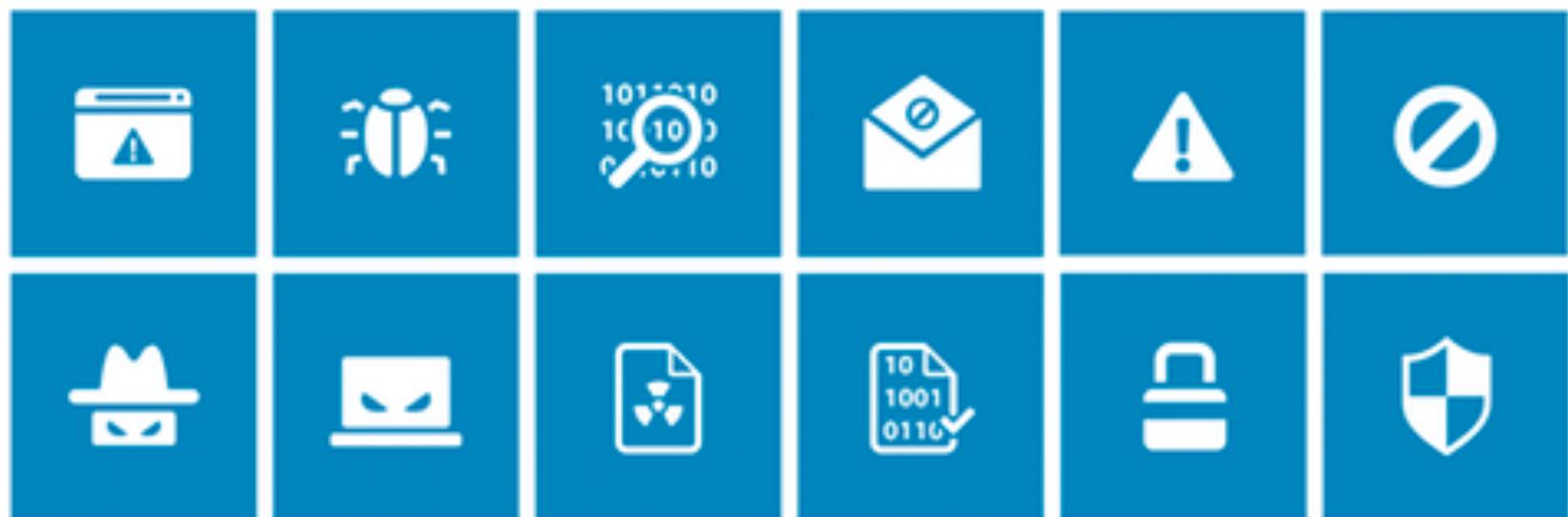


- 0. Nucleoplasm
- 1. Nuclear membrane
- 2. Nucleoli
- 3. Nucleoli fibrillar
- 4. Nuclear speckles
- 5. Nuclear bodies
- 6. Endoplasmic reticulu
- 7. Golgi apparatus
- 8. Peroxisomes
- 9. Endosomes
- 10. Lysosomes
- 11. Intermediate fila
- 12. Actin filaments
- 13. Focal adhesion si
- 14. Microtubules
- 15. Microtubule ends
- 16. Cytokinetic brida

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/human-protein-atlas-image-classification>

# Classification Tasks at Kaggle

Classify malware into 9 categories



<https://www.kaggle.com/c/malware-classification>

# Classification Tasks at Kaggle

Classify toxic Wikipedia comments into 7 categories

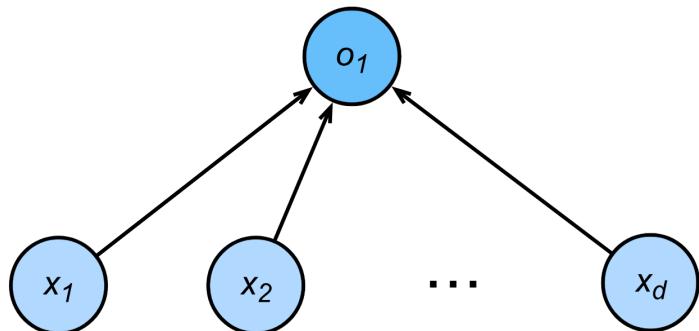
comment_text	toxic	severe_toxic	obscenity
Explanation\nWhy the edits made under my user...	0	0	0
D'aww! He matches this background colour I'm s...	0	0	0
Hey man, I'm really not trying to edit war. It...	0	0	0
"\nMore\nI can't make any real suggestions on ...	0	0	0
You, sir, are my hero. Any chance you remember...	0	0	0

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/jigsaw-toxic-comment-classification-challenge>

# From Regression to Multi-class Classification

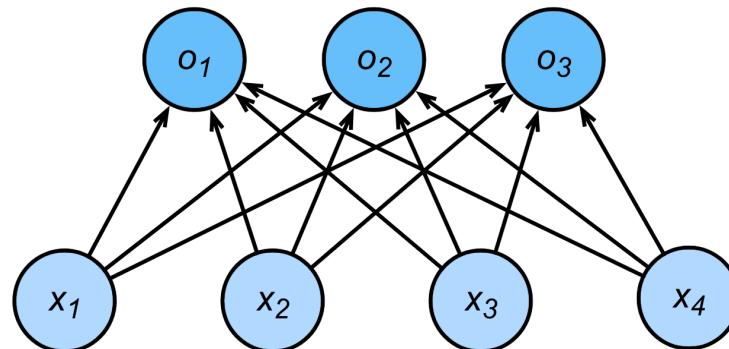
## Regression

- Single continuous output
- Natural scale in  $\mathbb{R}$
- Loss given e.g. in terms of difference  $y - f(x)$



## Classification

- Multiple classes, typically multiple outputs
- Score *should* reflect confidence ...



# From Regression to Multi-class Classification

## Square Loss

- One hot encoding per class

$$\mathbf{y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^\top$$

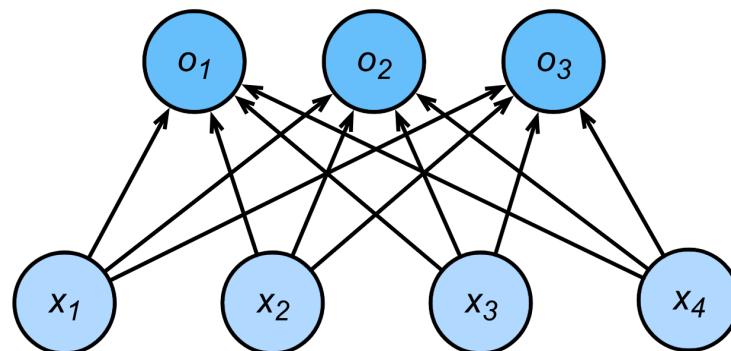
$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Train with squared loss
- Largest output wins

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_i o_i$$

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# From Regression to Multi-class Classification

## Uncalibrated Scale

- One output per class
- Largest output wins

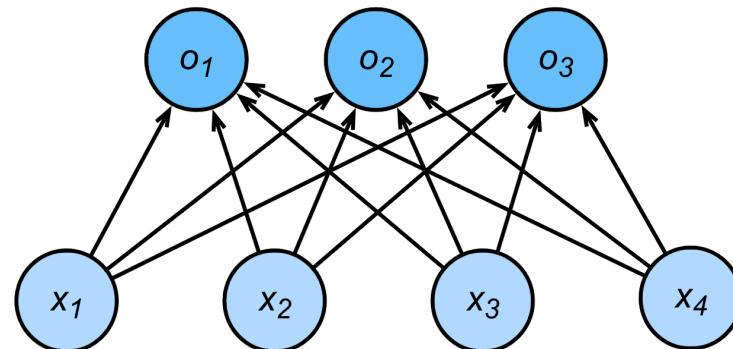
$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_i o_i$$

- Want that correct class is recognized confidently  
**(large margin)**

$$o_y - o_i \geq \Delta(y, i)$$

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# From Regression to Multi-class Classification

## Calibrated Scale

- Output matches probabilities (nonnegative, sums to 1)

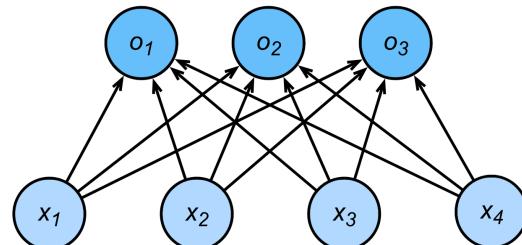
$$p(y|o) = \text{softmax}(o)$$
$$= \frac{\exp(o_y)}{\sum_i \exp(o_i)}$$

- Negative log-likelihood

$$-\log p(y|o) = \log \sum_i \exp(o_i) - o_y$$

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# Softmax and Cross-Entropy Loss

- Negative log-likelihood (for given label  $y$ )

$$-\log p(y|o) = \log \sum_i \exp(o_i) - o_y$$

- Cross-Entropy Loss (for probability distribution  $y$ )

$$l(y, o) = \log \sum_i \exp(o_i) - y^\top o$$

- **Gradient**

Difference between true  
and estimated probability

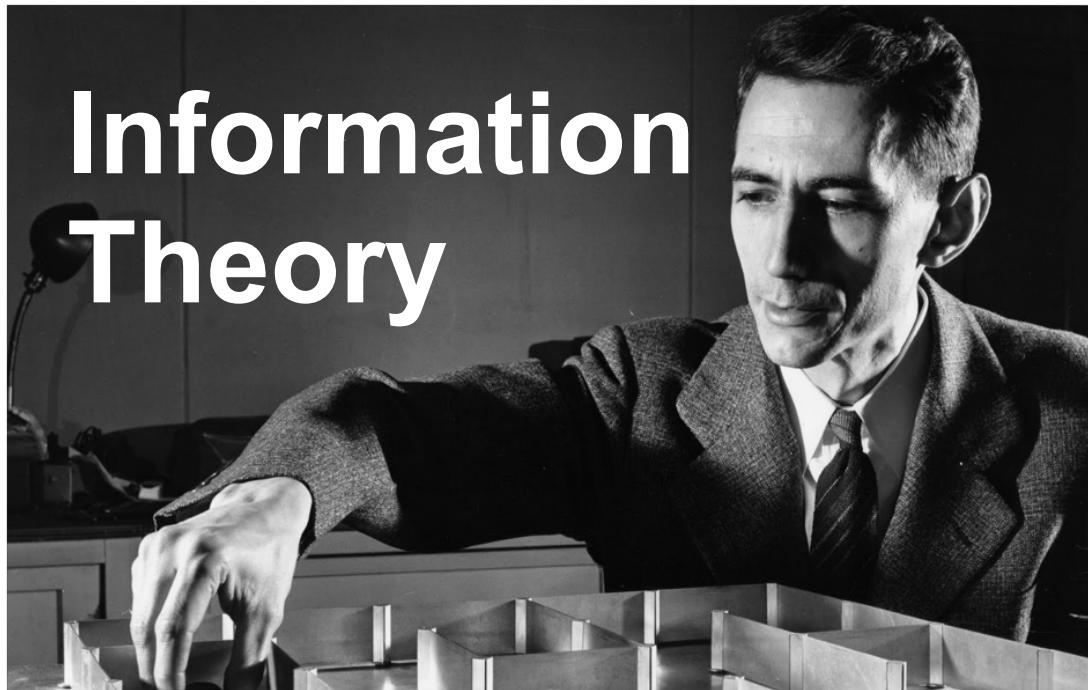
$$\partial_o l(y, o) = \frac{\exp(o)}{\sum_i \exp(o_i)} - y^\top$$



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# Information Theory



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# Entropy

- Data source producing observations  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- **How much ‘information’ is in this source?**
  - Tossing a fair coin - at each step the surprise is whether it’s heads or tails
  - Rolling a fair dice - we have 1 out of 6 outcomes. This should be *more* surprising than the dice
  - Picture of a white wall vs. picture of a football stadium (the football stadium should have more information)
- **Measure is minimum number of bits needed**

# Entropy

- Data source producing data  $x_1 \dots x_n$  with probability  $p(x)$
- **Definition**

$$H[p] = - \sum_j p_j \log p_j$$

- **Coding theorem**

Entropy is lower bound on bits (or rather nats - base e)

$$2^a = e^b \text{ hence } a \log 2 = b \text{ hence bits} = \frac{H[p]}{\log 2}$$

- Entropy is concave since  $p \log p$  is convex

$$H[\lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q] \geq \lambda H[p] + (1 - \lambda)H[q]$$

# Entropy (binary form)

- Fair coin ( $p = 0.5$ )

$$H[p] = -0.5 \cdot \log_2 0.5 - 0.5 \cdot \log_2 0.5 = 1 \text{ bit}$$

- Biased coin ( $p = 0.9$ )

$$H[p] = -0.9 \cdot \log_2 0.9 - 0.1 \cdot \log_2 0.1 = 0.47 \text{ bit}$$

- Dungeons and Dragons (20-sided dice)

$$H[p] = -\log_2 \frac{1}{20} = 4.32 \text{ bit}$$



# Kullback-Leibler Divergence

- Distance between distributions (e.g. truth & estimate)

Number of extra bits when using the wrong code

$$D[p\|q] = \int dp(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \int dp(x) [-\log q(x)] - [-\log p(x)]$$

Inefficient bits

Optimal bits

- Nonnegativity of KL Divergence

$$D[p\|p] = \int dp(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{p(x)} = 0$$

Jensen Inequality

$$D[p\|q] = - \int dp(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \geq - \log \int dp(x) \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} = 0$$

$$\psi(E[X]) \leq E[\psi(X)] \text{ (Jensen inequality)}$$

# Back to the Cross Entropy Loss

- Cross entropy loss

$$l(y, o) = \log \sum_i \exp(o_i) - y^\top o$$

- Kullback Leiber divergence between target q and prediction softmax (o)

$$\begin{aligned} D(q \parallel \text{softmax}(o)) &= \sum_i q_i \log q_i - q_i \log \text{softmax}(o)_i \\ &= -H[q] + \log \sum_i \exp(o_i) - \sum_i q_i o_i \end{aligned}$$

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# Extended Reading

- Cover and Thomas (Elements of Information Theory)  
[dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1146355](https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1146355)
- Information theory course (Entropy primer)  
[slpl.cse.nsysu.edu.tw/cpchen/courses/ita/I1\\_entropy.pdf](https://slpl.cse.nsysu.edu.tw/cpchen/courses/ita/I1_entropy.pdf)
- David MacKay (Information Theory and Learning)  
[www.inference.org.uk/itprnn/book.html](https://www.inference.org.uk/itprnn/book.html)
- Conditional Entropy, Mutual Information,  
Exponential Families, Maximum Entropy Estimation

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