

# *Learning Energy Networks with Generalized Fenchel-Young Losses*



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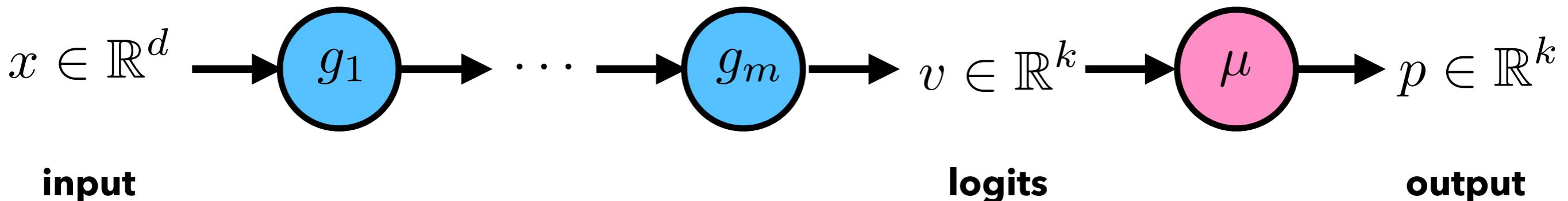
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# Neural networks



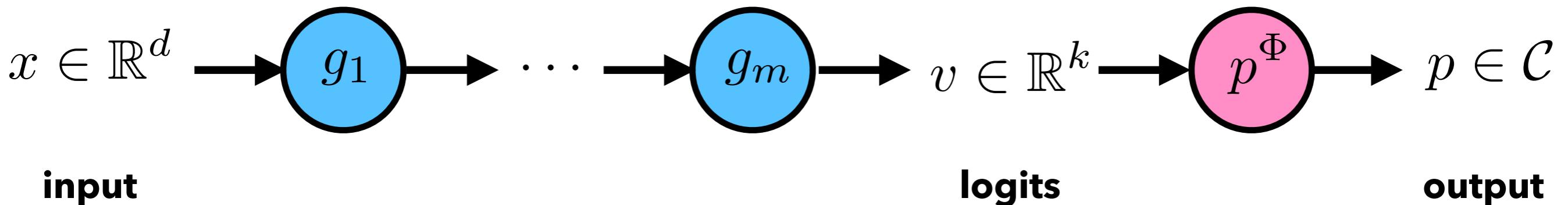
$$v = g(x) = (g_m \circ \dots \circ g_1)(x) \in \mathbb{R}^k \quad \textbf{feature layers}$$

$$p = \mu(v) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

**output layer  
(closed form)**

# Energy networks

(LeCun, 2006)



$$p = p^\Phi(v) = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \Phi(v, p) \in \mathcal{C}$$

**output maximizing  
an energy  $\Phi$**

Goal: learn  $g$  such that  $p^\Phi(v) \approx y$  for all  $(x, y)$  pairs

# Existing losses for energy networks

(LeCun, 2006)

## Energy loss

$$(v, y) \mapsto -\Phi(v, y)$$

Can only work well if the energy is a negated loss

## Composite loss

$$(v, y) \mapsto L(p^\Phi(v), y) \quad L: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

Costly-to-compute gradients in v

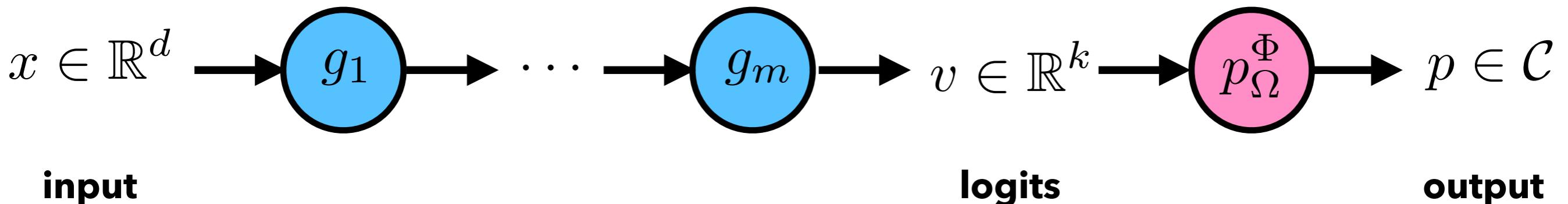
## Generalized perceptron loss

$$(v, y) \mapsto \max_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \Phi(v, p) - \Phi(v, y)$$

Lack strong theoretical guarantees

# Regularized energy networks

(Blondel et al, 2022)



$$p = p_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v) = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \Phi(v, p) - \Omega(p) \in \mathcal{C}$$

**output maximizing  
a regularized  
energy**

$$\Phi: \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

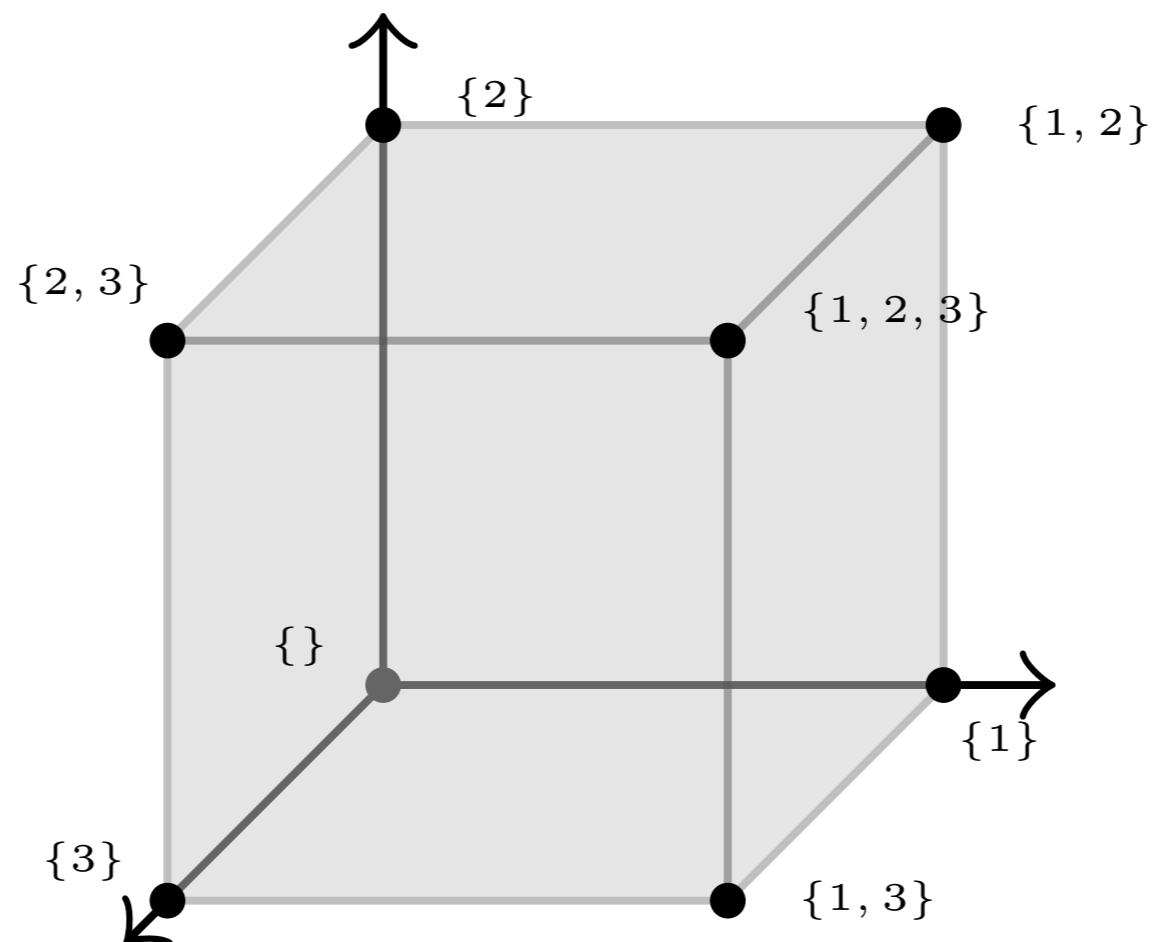
We propose a new loss construction for learning such networks

# Example: linear-quadratic energy

(Blondel et al, 2022)

$$p_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v) = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in [0,1]^k} \langle u, p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle p, Up \rangle - \Omega(p)$$

$v = (u, U)$     $u_j$  : weight of label  $j$     $U_{i,j}$  : weight of labels  $i$  and  $j$



# Regularized energy networks

(Blondel et al, 2022)

	$\Phi(v, p)$	$v$	$p$
GLM	$\langle v, p \rangle$	linear	linear
Linear-quadratic	$\frac{1}{2} \langle p, Ap \rangle + \langle p, b \rangle$	linear	quadratic
Rectifier network	$\langle \text{relu}(v), Up \rangle$	convex	linear
Maxout network	$p \cdot \max(v)$	convex	linear
LSE network	$p \cdot \text{LSE}^\gamma(v)$	convex	linear
ICNN	$-\text{ICNN}(v, p)$	nonconvex	concave
Probabilistic	$\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(y) E(v, y)$	nonconvex	linear
Arbitrary	$\Phi(v, p)$	nonconvex	nonconcave

# Remainder of this talk

Logistic loss

convex conjugates (bilinear pairing)

Fenchel-Young losses

generalized conjugates (energy coupling)

Generalized Fenchel-Young losses

# Outline

Logistic loss

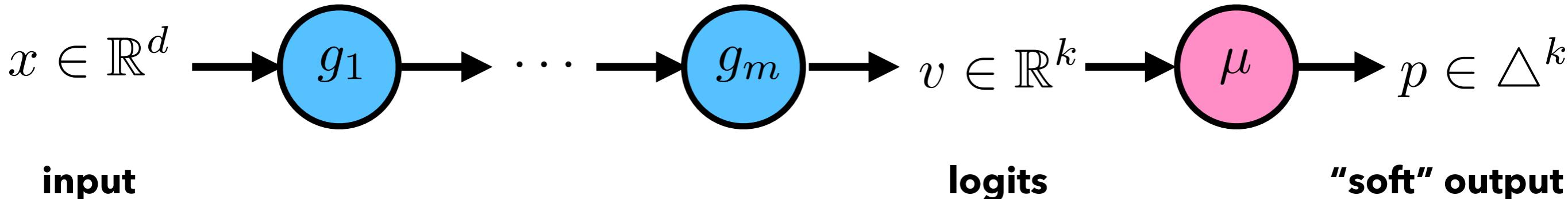


Fenchel-Young losses



Generalized Fenchel-Young losses

# Neural networks with softmax output layer



$$v = g(x) = (g_m \circ \dots \circ g_1)(x) \in \mathbb{R}^k \quad \text{feature layers}$$

$$p = \mu(v) = \frac{\exp(v)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(v_j)} \in \Delta^k \quad \text{softmax output layer}$$

Goal: learn  $g$  such that  $\mu(v) \approx y$  for all  $(x, y)$  pairs

# Logistic loss

$$L_{\log}(v, y) = \text{logsumexp}(v) - \langle v, y \rangle$$

$$= \log \sum_{j=1}^k \exp(v_j) - \langle v, y \rangle$$

**logits**

$$v = g(x)$$

**ground-truth label**

$$y \in \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$$

# Logistic loss gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_1 L_{\log}(v, y) &= \mu(v) - y \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{Y \sim p}[Y] - y\end{aligned}$$

**softmax**

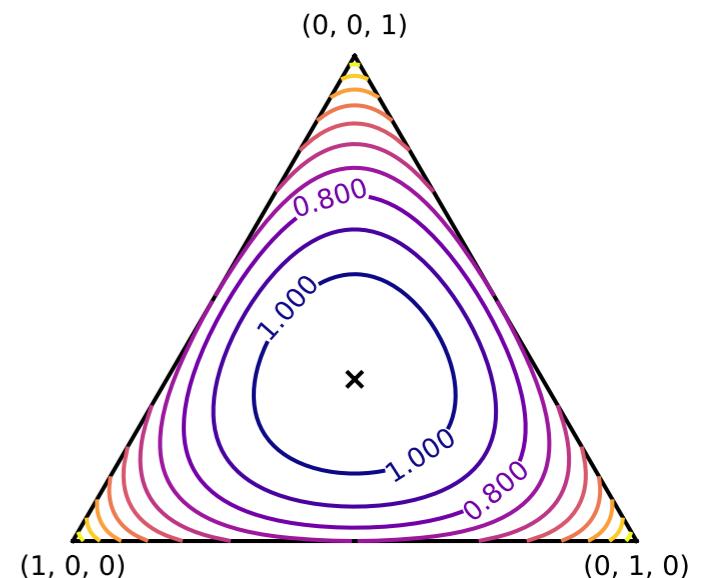
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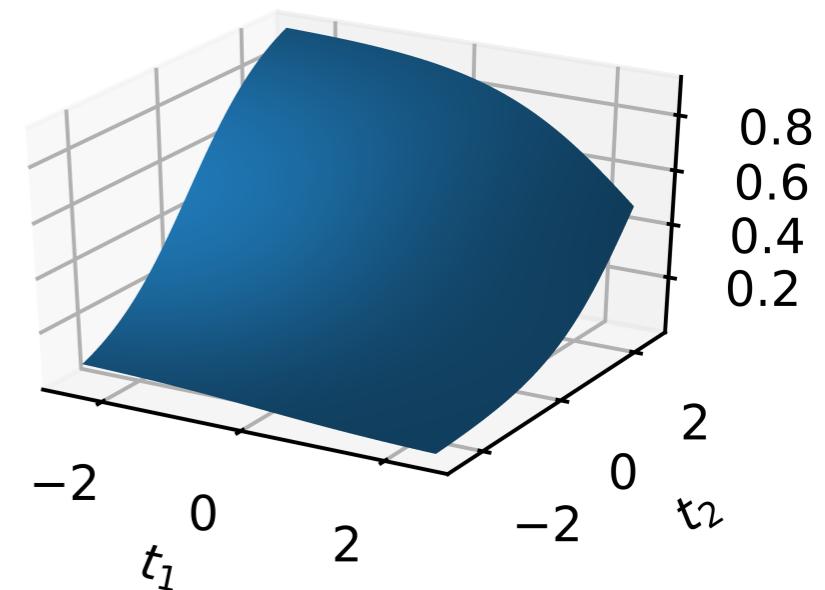
# Softmax as an argmax output layer

$$\begin{aligned}\text{logsumexp}(v) &= \log \sum_{j=1}^k \exp(v_j) \\ &= \max_{p \in \Delta^k} \langle v, p \rangle - \langle p, \log p \rangle\end{aligned}$$



Contours of Shannon's entropy

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(v) &= \frac{\exp(v)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(v_j)} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \Delta^k} \langle v, p \rangle - \langle p, \log p \rangle \\ &= \nabla \text{logsumexp}(v)\end{aligned}$$



Surface of the softmax  
 $\mu(t_1, t_2, 0)$

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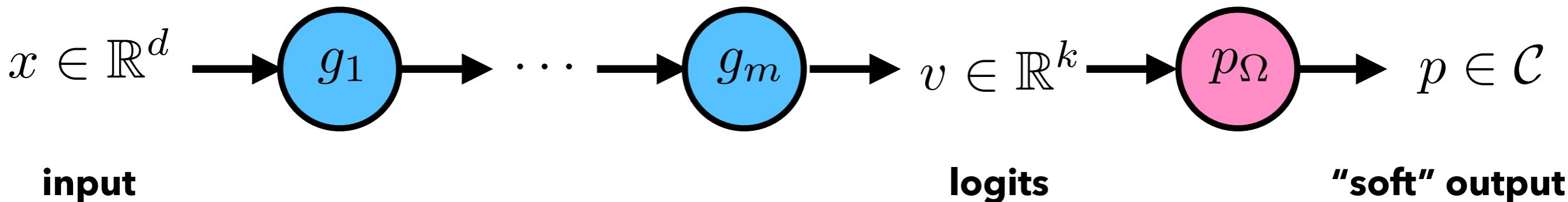


Fenchel-Young losses



Generalized Fenchel-Young losses

# Regularized argmax output layers



$$p = p_\Omega(v) = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \langle v, p \rangle - \Omega(p)$$

Goal: learn  $g$  such that  $p_\Omega(v) \approx y$  for all  $(x, y)$  pairs

# Convex conjugate functions

$$\Omega^*(v) = \max_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \langle v, p \rangle - \Omega(p)$$

$$\Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

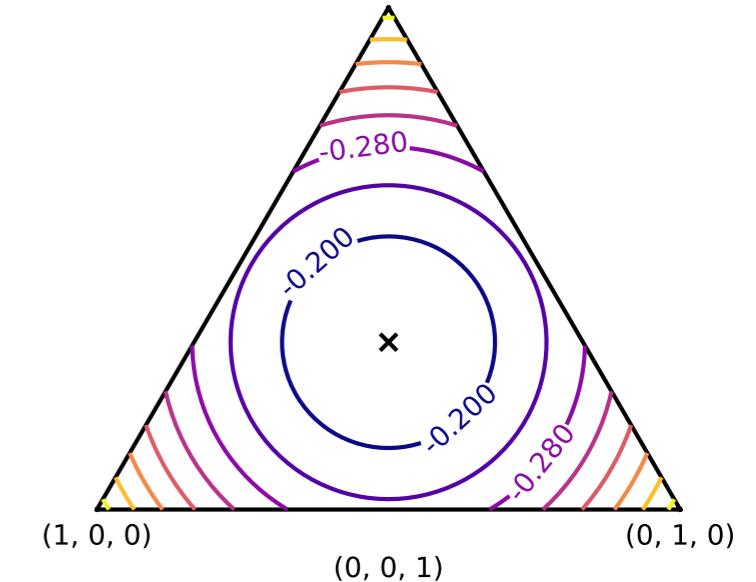
$$p_\Omega(v) = \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \langle v, p \rangle - \Omega(p)$$

$$= \nabla \Omega^*(v)$$

$f(v)$  is closed and convex

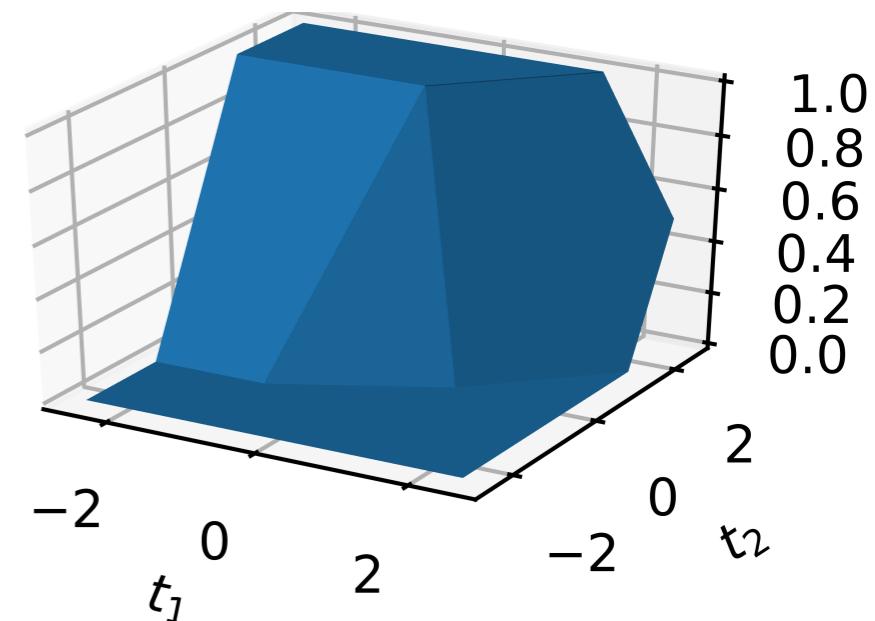
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$$\exists \Omega \text{ s.t. } f(v) = \Omega^*(v)$$



Contours of Gini's entropy

$$\Omega(p) = \frac{1}{2} \langle p, 1 - p \rangle$$

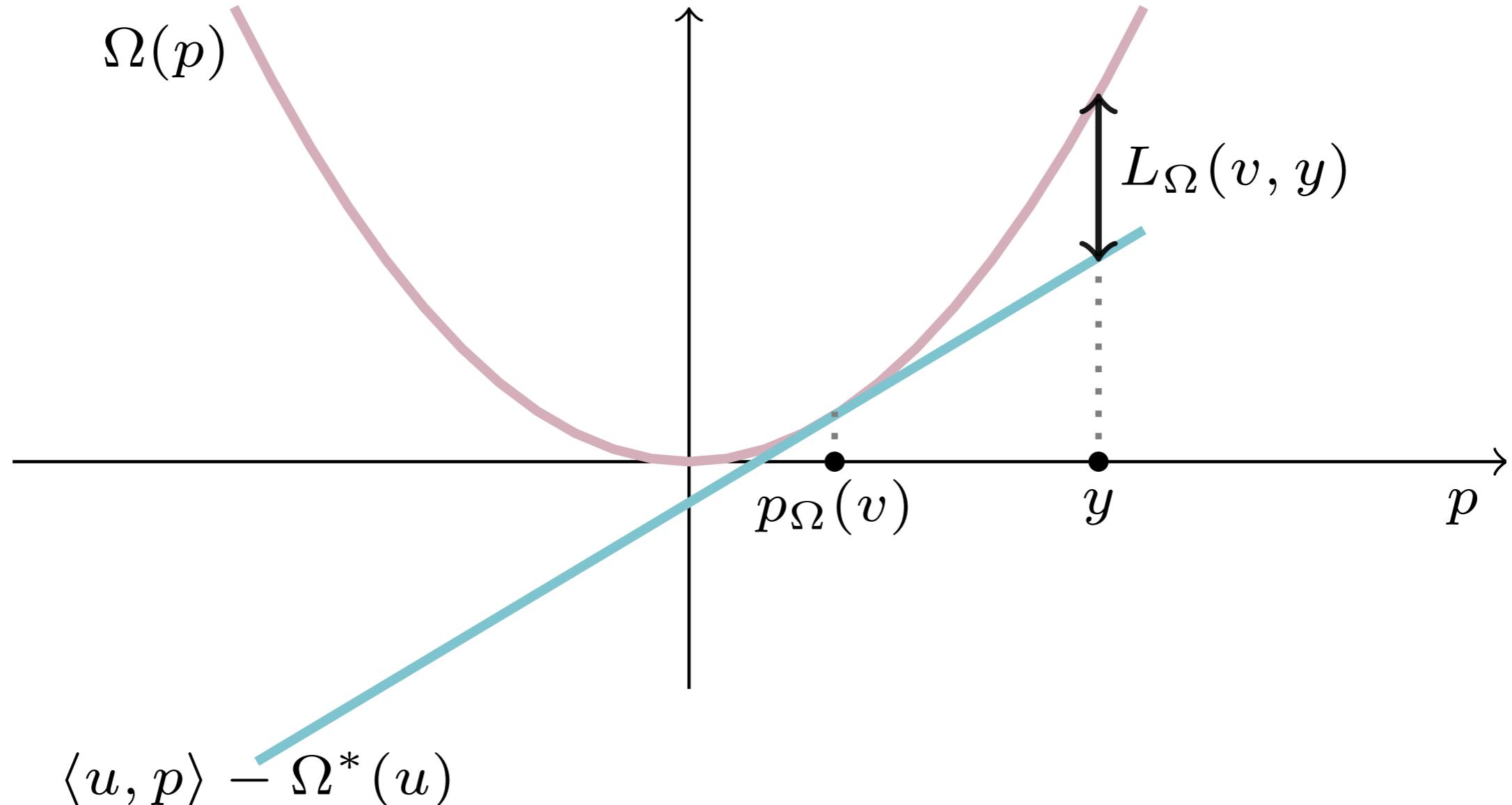


Surface of the sparsemax  
 $p_\Omega(t_1, t_2, 0)$

# Fenchel-Young loss functions

(Blondel, Martins, Niculae, 2020)

$$L_{\Omega}(v, y) := \Omega^*(v) + \Omega(y) - \langle v, y \rangle$$



# Fenchel-Young loss properties

Non-negativity

$$L_{\Omega}(v, y) \geq 0$$

Zero loss

$$L_{\Omega}(v, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow p_{\Omega}(v) = y$$

Gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_1 L_{\Omega}(v, p) &= \nabla \Omega^*(v) - y \\ &= p_{\Omega}(v) - y\end{aligned}$$

# Outline

Logistic loss



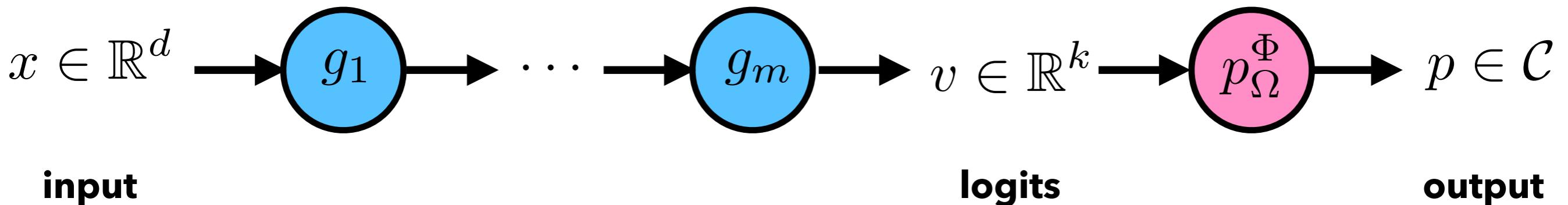
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# Regularized energy networks

(Blondel et al, 2022)



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**output maximizing  
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$$\Phi: \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

# Generalized conjugates

$$\Phi: \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(Moreau, 1966)

$$\Omega^\Phi(v) := \max_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \Phi(v, p) - \Omega(p)$$

$$p_\Omega^\Phi(v) := \operatorname{argmax}_{p \in \mathcal{C}} \Phi(v, p) - \Omega(p)$$

$F(v)$  is  $\Phi$ -convex

$\Updownarrow$

$$\exists \Omega \text{ s.t. } F(v) = \Omega^\Phi(v)$$

# Generalized conjugate properties

1. **Generalized Fenchel-Young inequality:** for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $p \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

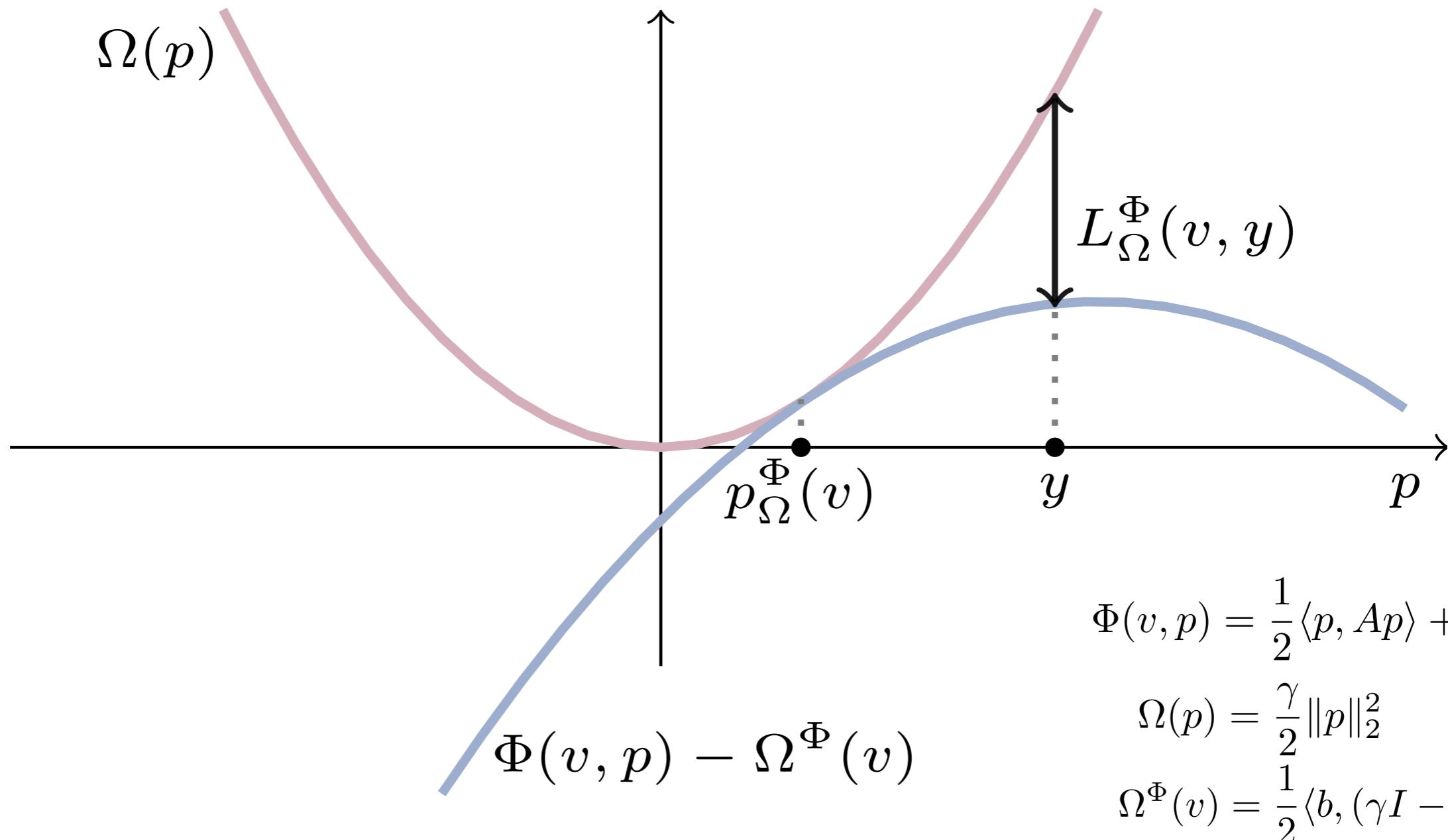
$$\Omega^\Phi(v) + \Omega(p) - \Phi(v, p) \geq 0.$$

2. **Convexity:** If  $\Phi(v, p)$  is convex in  $v$ , then  $\Omega^\Phi(v)$  is convex (even if  $\Omega(p)$  is nonconvex).
3. **Order reversing:** if  $\Omega(p) \leq \Lambda(p)$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $\Omega^\Phi(v) \geq \Lambda^\Phi(v)$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ .
4. **Continuity:**  $\Omega^\Phi$  shares the same continuity modulus as  $\Phi$ .
5. **Gradient (envelope theorem):** Under mild assumptions (see proof), we have  
$$\nabla \Omega^\Phi(v) = \nabla_1 \Phi(v, p_\Omega^\Phi(v)),$$
 where  $\nabla_1$  denotes the gradient in the first argument.
6. **Smoothness:** If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a compact convex set,  $\Phi(v, p)$  is  $\beta$ -smooth in  $(v, p)$ , concave in  $p$  and  $\Omega(p)$  is  $\gamma$ -strongly convex in  $p$ , then  $\Omega^\Phi(v)$  is  $(\beta + \beta^2/\gamma)$ -smooth and  $p_\Omega^\Phi(v)$  is  $\beta/\gamma$ -Lipschitz.

# Generalized Fenchel-Young losses

(Blondel et al, 2022)

$$L_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v, y) := \Omega^{\Phi}(v) + \Omega(y) - \Phi(v, y)$$



# GFY loss properties

Non-negativity

$$L_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v, y) \geq 0$$

Zero loss

$$L_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow p_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v) = y$$

Gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_1 L_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v, p) &= \nabla \Omega^{\Phi}(v) - \nabla_1 \Phi(v, y) \\ &= \nabla_1 \Phi(v, p_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v)) - \nabla_1 \Phi(v, y)\end{aligned}$$



envelope theorems

# Bounds

Lower bound

$\Phi(v, p) - \Omega(p)$   $\gamma$ -strongly concave in  $p$



$$\frac{\gamma}{2} \|p - p_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v)\|^2 \leq L_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v, p)$$

Upper bound

$\Phi(v, p)$  concave in  $p$



$$L_{\Omega}^{\Phi}(v, p) \leq L_{\Omega}(\nabla_2 \Phi(v, p), p)$$

# Multilabel classification experiments

## Energy comparison (test accuracy in %)

Energy	yeast	scene	mediamill	birds	emotions	cal500
Unary (linear)	79.76	89.14	96.84	86.47	78.22	85.67
Unary (rectifier network)	80.03	91.35	96.91	91.74	79.79	86.25
Pairwise	<b>80.19</b>	<b>91.58</b>	<b>96.95</b>	91.55	<b>80.56</b>	85.73
SPEN	79.99	91.24	96.68	91.41	79.35	86.25
Input-concave SPEN	80.00	90.64	<b>96.95</b>	<b>91.77</b>	79.73	<b>86.35</b>

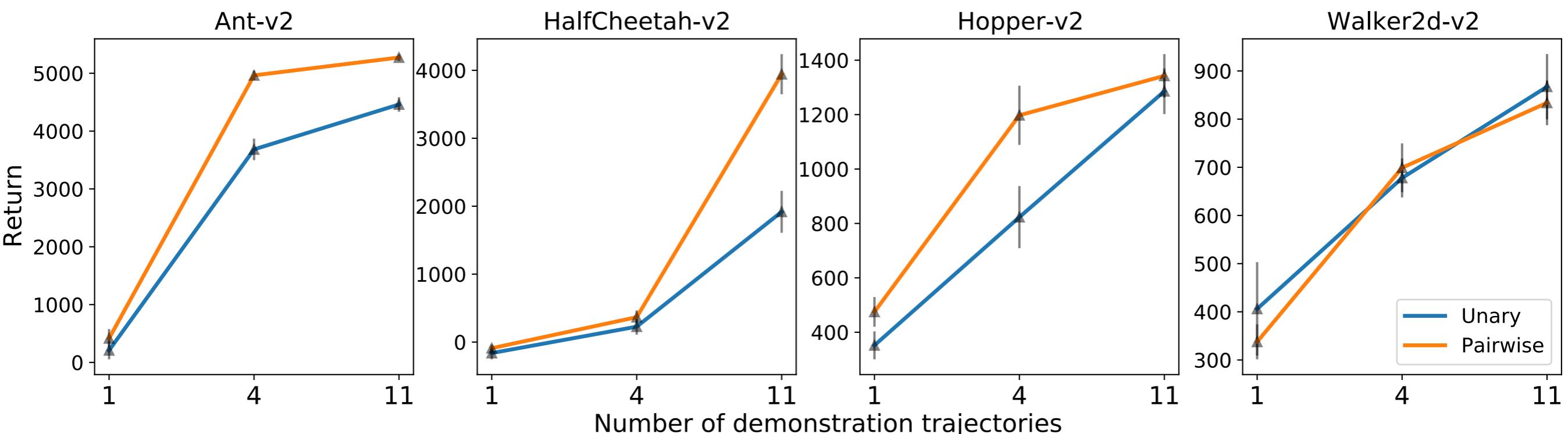
$\mathcal{X}$  : features

$\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}^k$  : multiple labels

## Loss comparison (test accuracy in %)

	yeast	scene	mediamill	birds	emotions	cal500
Generalized FY loss	<b>80.19</b>	<b>91.58</b>	<b>96.95</b>	91.55	<b>80.56</b>	85.73
Energy loss	42.35	33.02	40.92	14.29	55.50	39.27
Cross-entropy loss	79.00	90.78	96.77	<b>91.56</b>	78.08	<b>85.89</b>
Generalized perceptron loss	68.36	89.33	93.24	88.92	66.34	80.11

# Imitation learning experiments



$\mathcal{X}$  : current observations / state

$\mathcal{Y}$  : angle of the arm joints in  $[0, 1]^k$

# Conclusion

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- We proposed a principled loss construction based on **general conjugates** for learning energy networks
- Preprint “Learning Energy Networks with Generalized Fenchel-Young losses” [arXiv:2205.09589](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.09589)
  - More properties
  - Link with C-transforms
  - More experiments
  - Calibration guarantees in the surrogate loss setting
  - Generalized Bregman divergences
- Thank you for your attention!