

Computing the derivative of SVM loss

SVM loss on a single data point (i):

$$\mathcal{L}_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \left[\max(0, \underbrace{W_j^T x_i}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{score} \\ \text{for the} \\ \text{wrong class}}} - \underbrace{W_{y_i}^T x_i + \Delta}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{score} \\ \text{for the} \\ \text{correct class} \\ \text{(want this to be big enough!)}}}) \right]$$

example in the problem set)

$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3073}$$

$$W \in \mathbb{R}^{3073 \times 10}$$

$$(1 \times 1) \times (3073 \times 1)$$

$$\rightarrow 1 \times 3073$$

$$dW = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial W} \in \mathbb{R}^{3073 \times 10}$$

$$W_j^T x_i$$

$$W_j \in \mathbb{R}^{3073 \times 1} \quad W_j^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 3073} \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3073} \quad W_j^T x_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$dW_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial W} \begin{cases} j \neq y_i & \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial W_j} = \mathbb{1}(W_j^T x_i - W_{y_i}^T x_i + \Delta > 0) x_i \\ y_i & \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial W_{y_i}} = - \sum_j \mathbb{1}(W_j^T x_i - W_{y_i}^T x_i + \Delta > 0) x_i \end{cases}$$

derivative
on a
single data

$$\in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 10}$$