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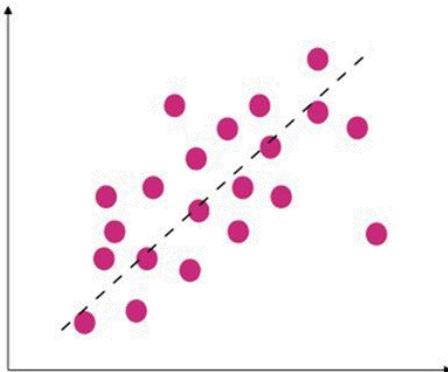
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# Logistics - Reminder

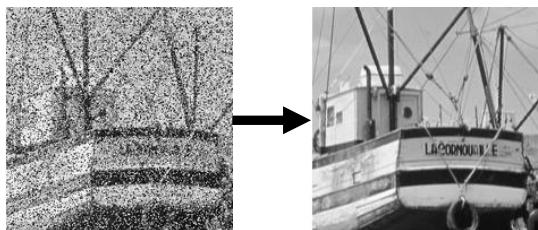
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# Supervised Learning

Regression



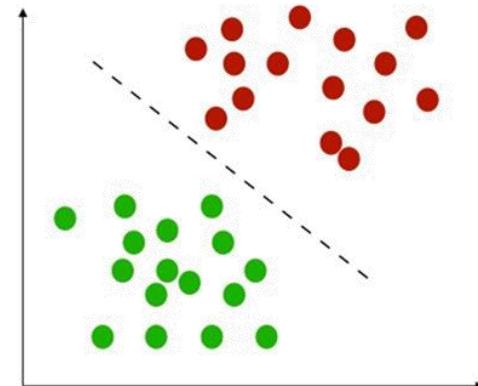
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Classification



E.g. Image classification



# Binary Classification

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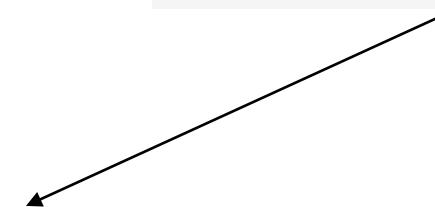
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Spam

Not Spam



# Binary Classification

- Samples:  $x_i \in \mathcal{R}^d, y_i \in \{0,1\}$ 
  - $x_i$  - text message features,  $y_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{spam} \\ 0, & \text{not spam} \end{cases}$
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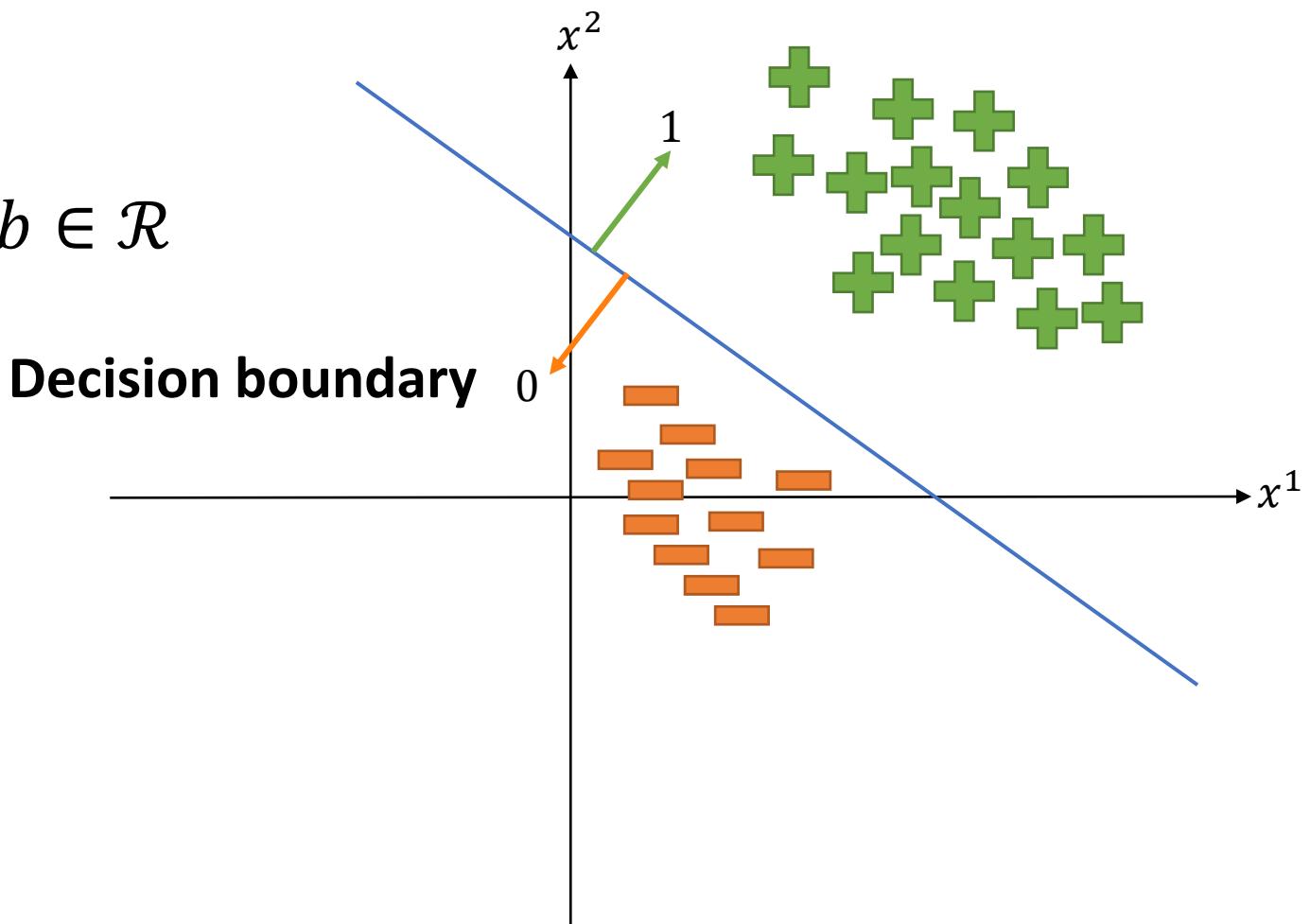
# Linear Classifier

Indicator  
function

- $\theta = [W, b], h_{W,b}(x_i) = \mathbb{1}(Wx_i + b > 0.5)$

- Assume:

$$x_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_i^1 \\ x_i^2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^2, W \in \mathcal{R}^{1 \times 2}, b \in \mathcal{R}$$



# Linear Classifier

$$h_{\theta}(x_i) = \mathbb{I}(Wx_i + b > 0.5)$$

+

$x_1$

- How to find good  $W, b$ ?
- How to interpret the results?

$$Wx_1 + b = 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{W,b}(x_1) = 1$$

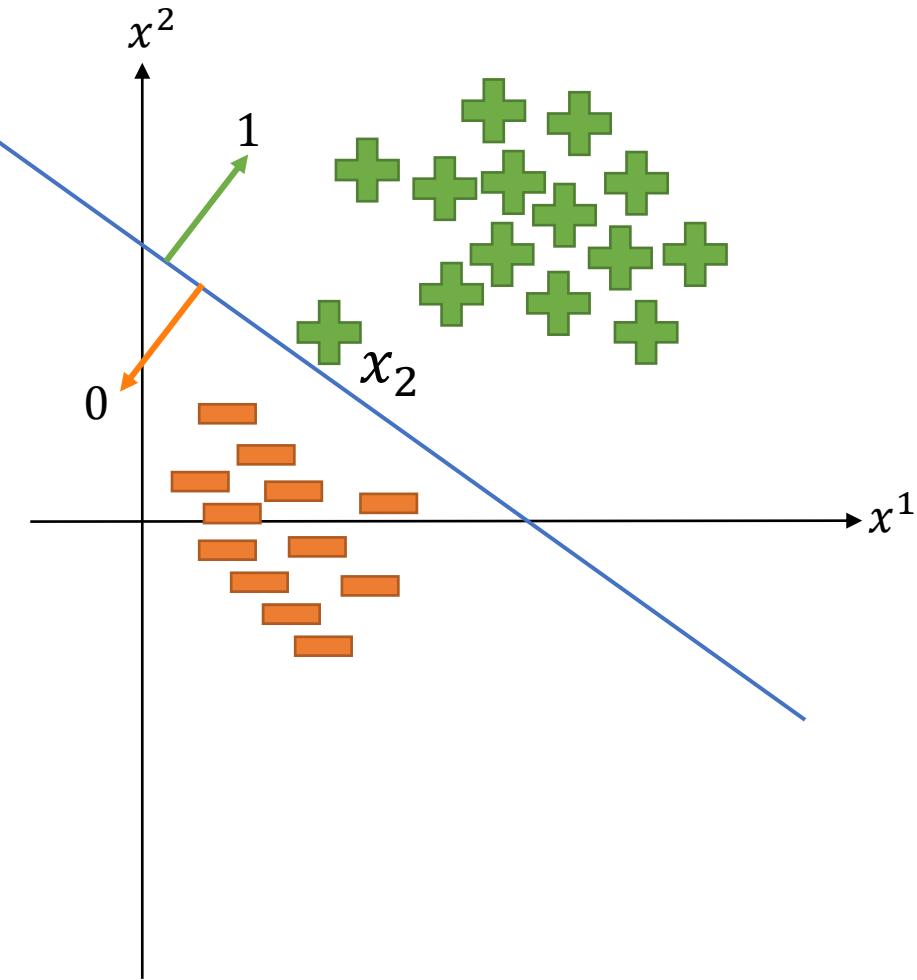
**For sure!**

$$Wx_2 + b = 0.6$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{W,b}(x_2) = 1$$

**Possibly...**

- Only intuitive, not measurable



# Logistic Regression (Classification)

- Interpretable results
- Linear decision boundary
- Easy to find  $W, b$



# Sigmoid (Logistic Function)

$Wx + b \rightarrow \text{probability}$

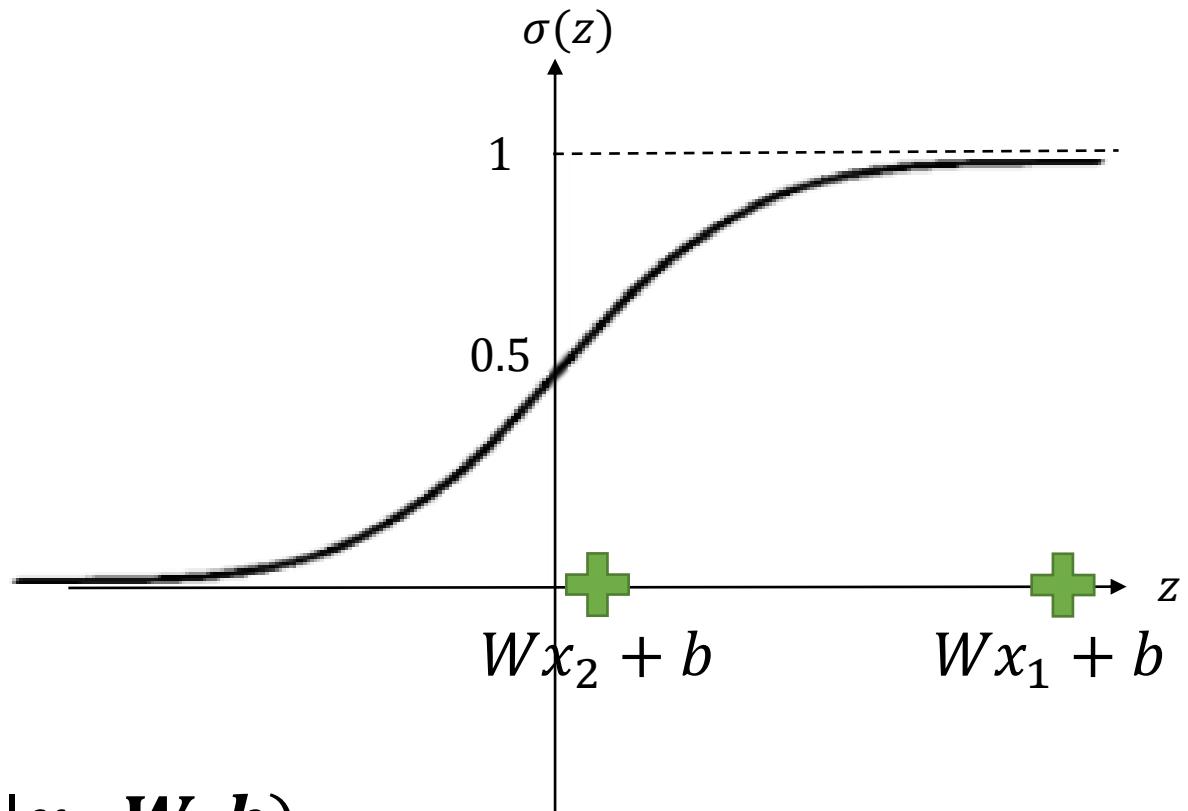
$$z = Wx + b \Rightarrow \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Now, our final prediction:

$$h_{W,b}(x_i) = \mathbb{1}(\sigma(z) > 0.5)$$

Interpretation:  $\sigma(z) = \Pr(y_i = 1 | x_i; W, b)$

Note:  $1 - \sigma(z) = \Pr(y_i = 0 | x_i; W, b)$



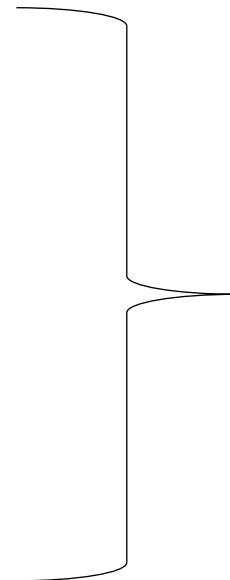
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Predicting  
highest  
probability  
event

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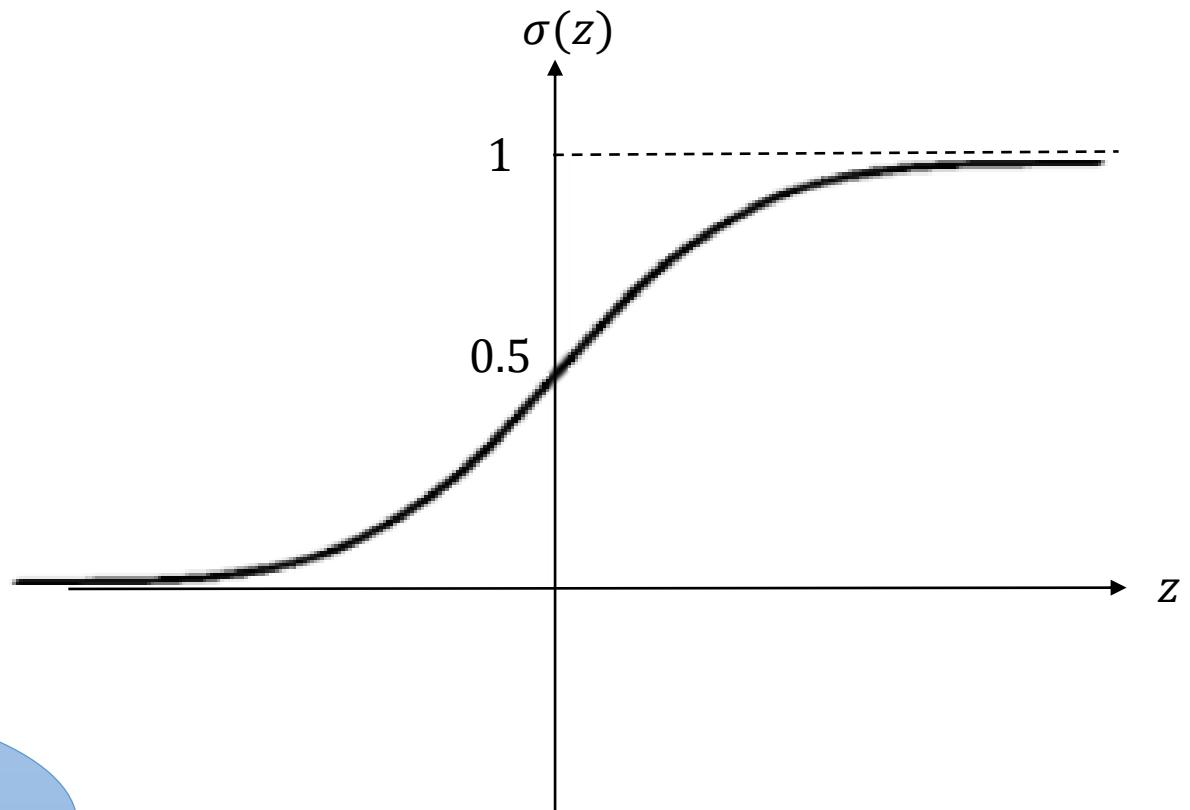
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$$\sigma(z) > 0.5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Linear decision boundary

$$z = Wx + b$$



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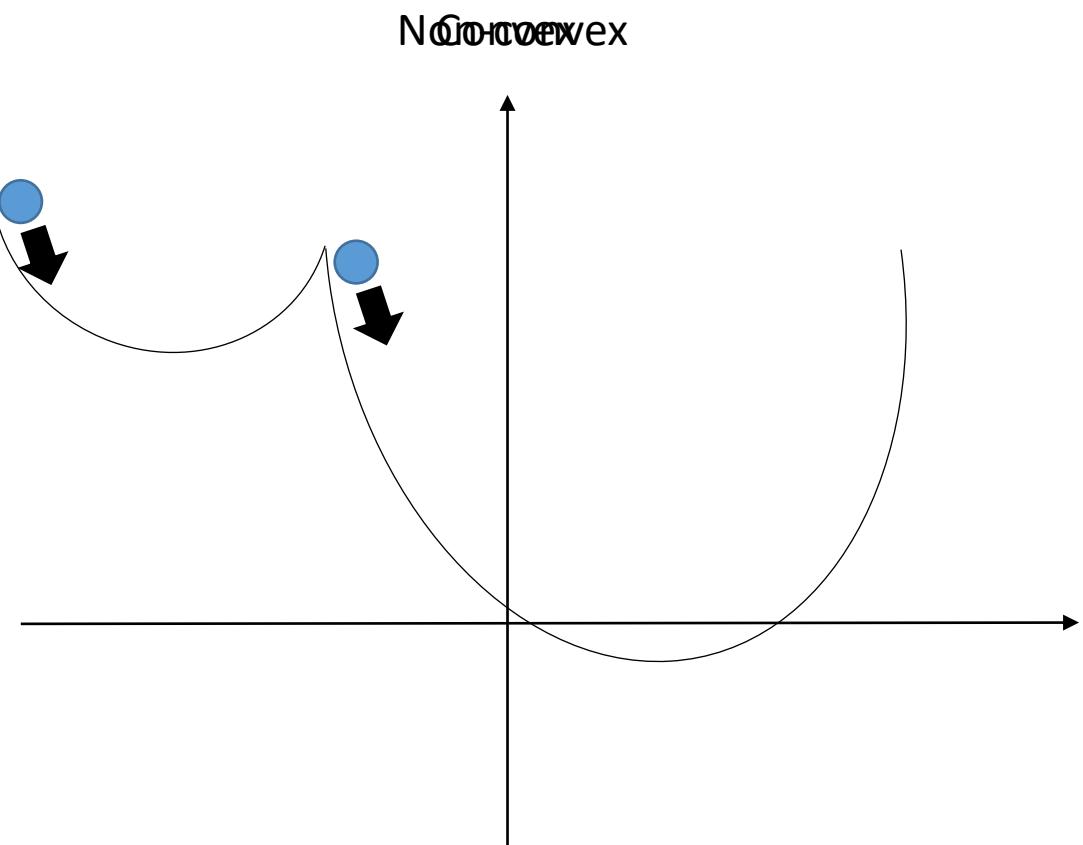
# How to find good $W, b$ ?

- Define a **convex** cost function  $\mathcal{L}$

- $\mathcal{L}$  penalizes errors

- Wrong prediction, large penalty:  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \infty$
  - Correct prediction, small penalty:  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0$

- Use gradient descent to update  $W, b$



# Cross-Entropy Loss

$\Pr[y_i = 1|x_i]$

- **Prediction:**  $\hat{y}_i = \sigma(z) = \sigma(Wx + b)$
- **Label (GT):**  $y_i$

$$\mathcal{L}_i = y_i \cdot (-\log \hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \cdot (-\log(1 - \hat{y}_i))$$

- Note that  $y_i \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $\hat{y}_i \in (0,1)$
- Is this cost function good?
  - Convex w.r.t  $W, b$  ✓
  - Penalizes wrong predictions ✓

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	$y_i = 0$	$y_i = 1$
$\hat{y}_i \rightarrow 0$	$\mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow 0$	$\mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow \infty$
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# Gradient Descent – Single Sample

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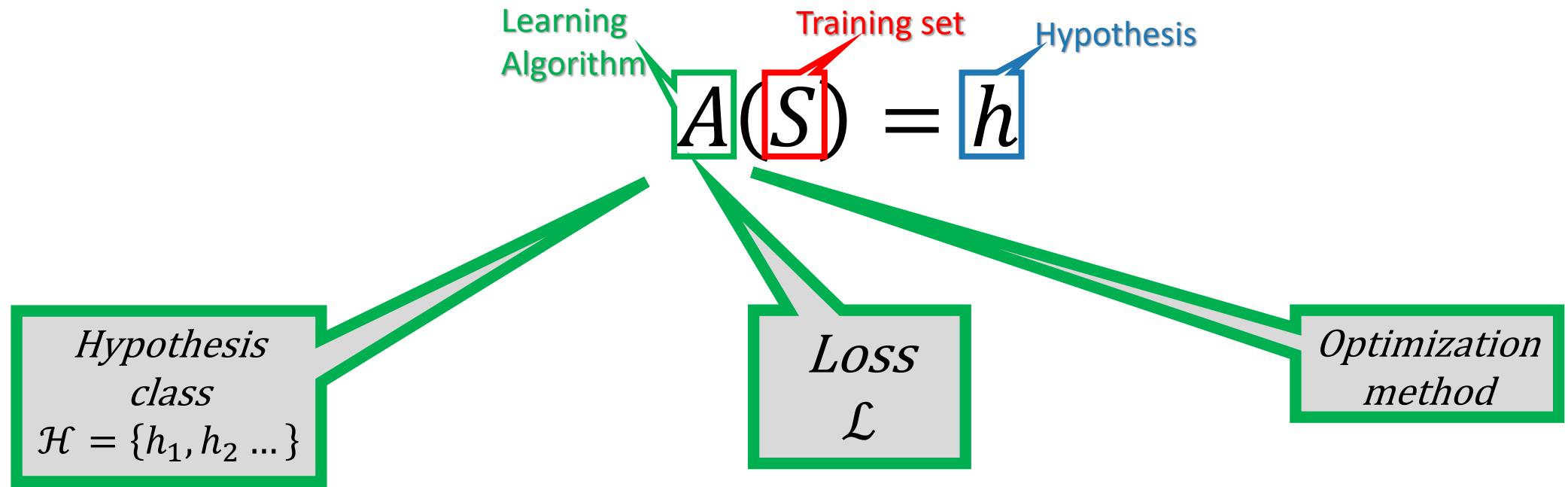
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# Supervised Learning – Logistic Regression



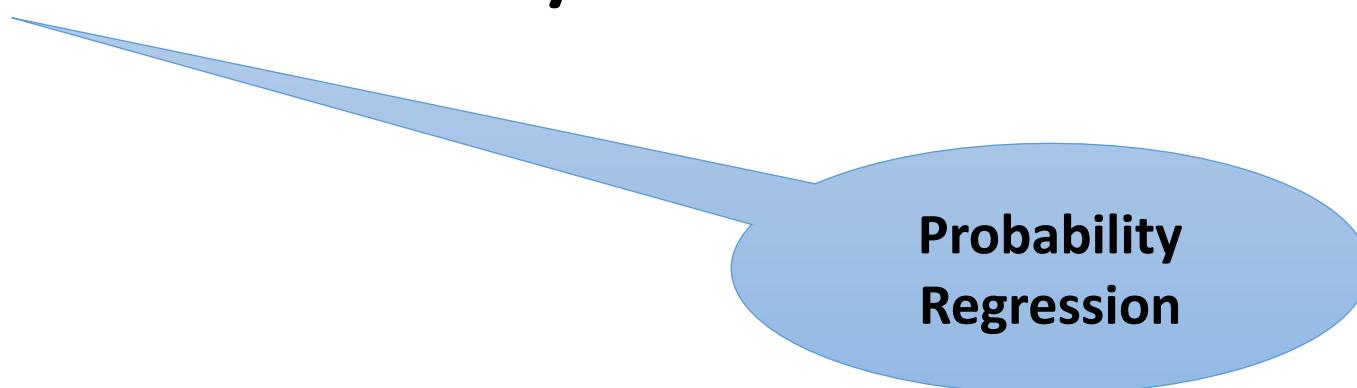
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Cross-entropy loss

SGD

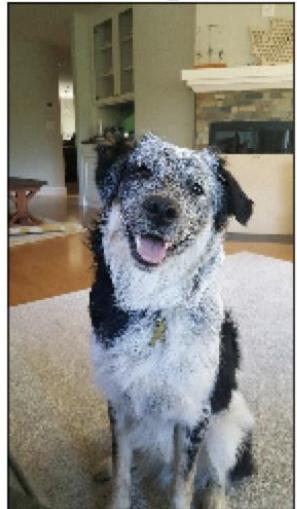
# Logistic Regression - Summary

- **Binary** classification
- **Linear** ( $Wx + b$ )
- **Sigmoid** for interpretable (probability) output
- **Predict** highest probability event
- **Learning:**
  - **Cross-entropy** loss (convex, penalizes mistakes)
  - **Gradient descent** to update weights and bias



Probability  
Regression

# Multi Class Classification



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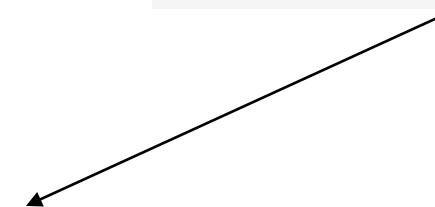
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# Multi Class Classification

- $C$  classes
- Samples:  $x_i \in \mathcal{R}^d, y_i \in [C]$ 
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# Softmax Classifier

- Generalizing Logistic Regression, **binary** → **multi-class**
- Begin with **Linear Transformation** ( $z = Wx + b$ )

Similar Learning:  
1. Cross-entropy loss  
2. SGD

Logistic Regression	Softmax classifier
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Sigmoid (Logistic function)	Softmax
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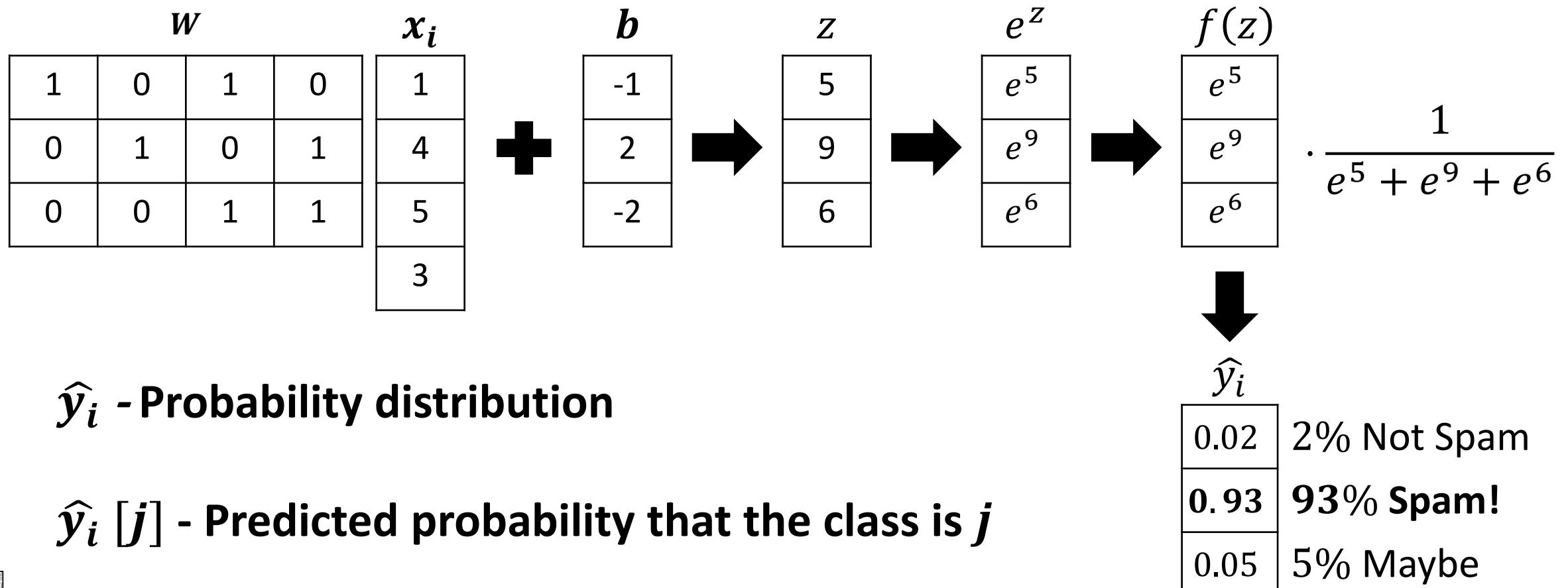
$C$  dimensional  $z$   
 $z^j = j$ 'th class score

- Final prediction – pick the event with **highest probability**

$1(\hat{y} > 0.5)$	$argmax(\hat{y})$
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# Softmax Function - Example

Given a text  $x_i$ : Not Spam (0), Spam(1) or Maybe (2)



# Softmax Function - Formally

Converting  $z$  to probability distribution over the classes  $C$ :

$$z = Wx + b, z \in \mathcal{R}^C$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z)^i = \frac{e^{z^i}}{\sum_{j \in [C]} e^{z^j}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y} = [f(z)^0, \dots, f(z)^{C-1}], \sum_{j \in C} \hat{y}^j = 1$$

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# Cross-Entropy Loss – Softmax Classifier

$$H(p, q) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log q(x)$$

$p(y_i = c|x)$  – Ground Truth (known),  $\hat{y}_i^c = q(y_i = c|x)$  – Our Prediction

$p(y_i = c x_i)$	
0	Spam
<b>1</b>	<b>Not spam!</b>
0	Maybe

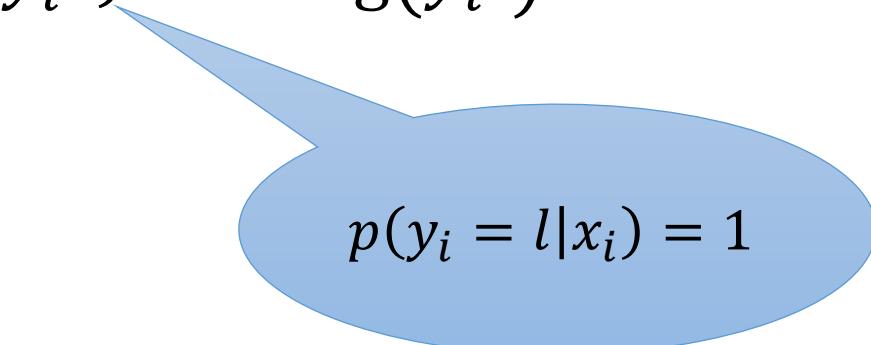
$\hat{y}_i$	
0.02	2% Spam
<b>0.93</b>	<b>93% Not spam!</b>
0.05	5% Maybe

$$H(p, q) = - \sum_{c \in \{0,1,2\}} p(y_i = c|x_i) \cdot \log(\hat{y}_i^c) = - \log(\hat{y}_i^1)$$

**Goal: Prediction should be closer to GT.**

# Cross-Entropy Loss – Softmax Classifier

- Generally, with  $C$  classes, training example  $\{x_i, l\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_i &= H(p, q) = - \sum_{c \in C} p(y_i = c | x_i) \cdot \log(\hat{y}_i^c) = - \log(\hat{y}_i^l) \\ &= - \log \frac{e^{z^l}}{\sum_{j \in [C]} e^{z[j]}}\end{aligned}$$


- Wish to make the loss **smaller** (log argument larger):
  - Increase nominator** → higher confidence of class  $l$
  - Decrease denominator** → higher confidence it's not other classes!

# Softmax Classifier

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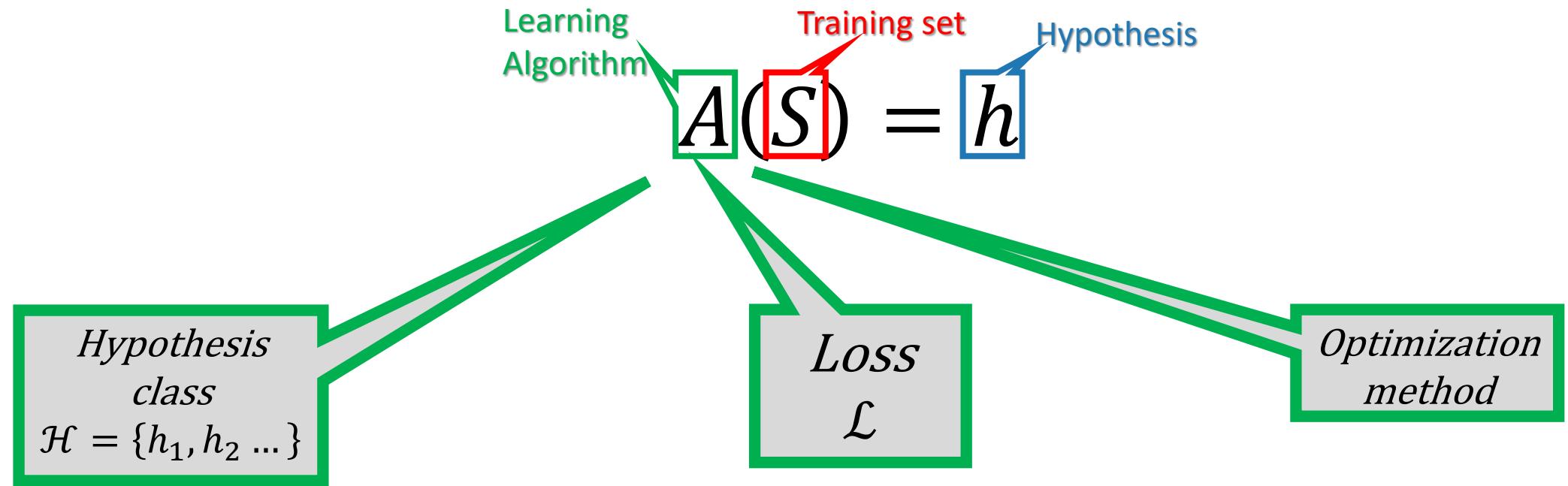
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# Supervised Learning – Softmax Classifier



$\mathcal{H} =$   
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Cross-entropy loss

SGD

# Conclusion

- Begin with **Linear Transformation** ( $z = Wx + b$ ):

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# Practical Considerations

- Mini Batches
- Numerical Stability

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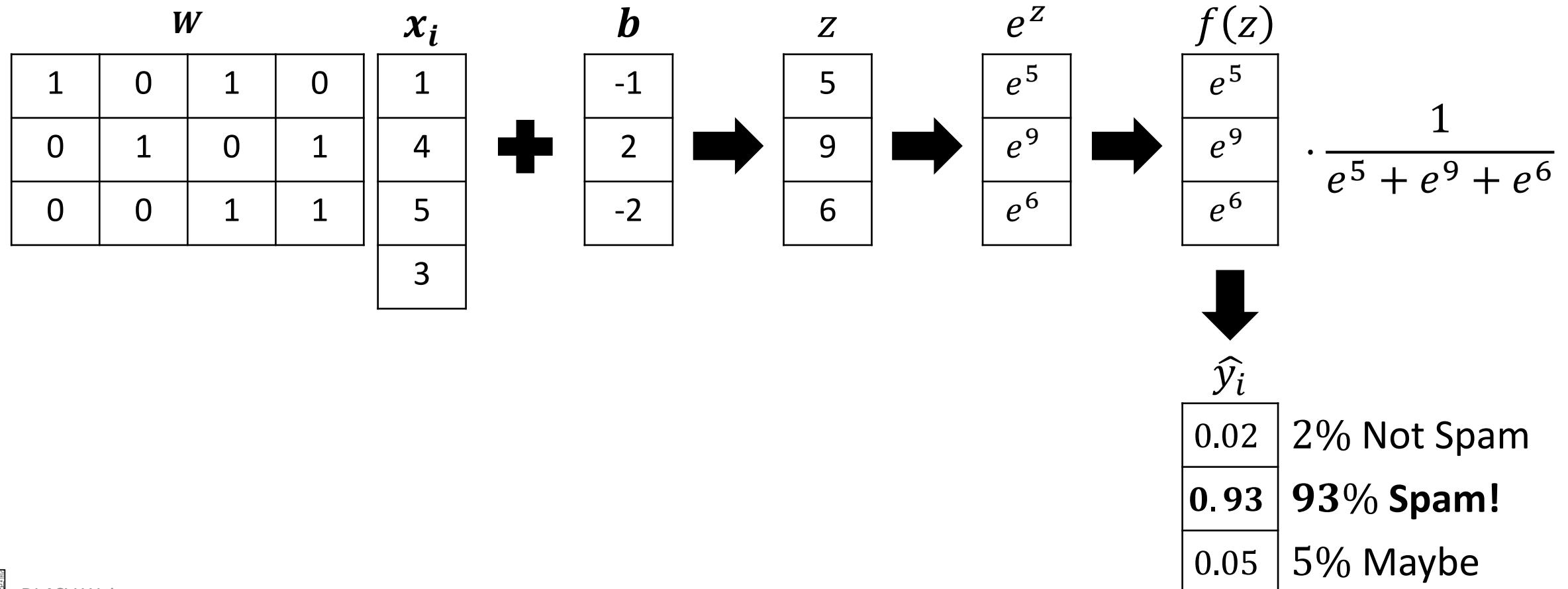
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sequentially

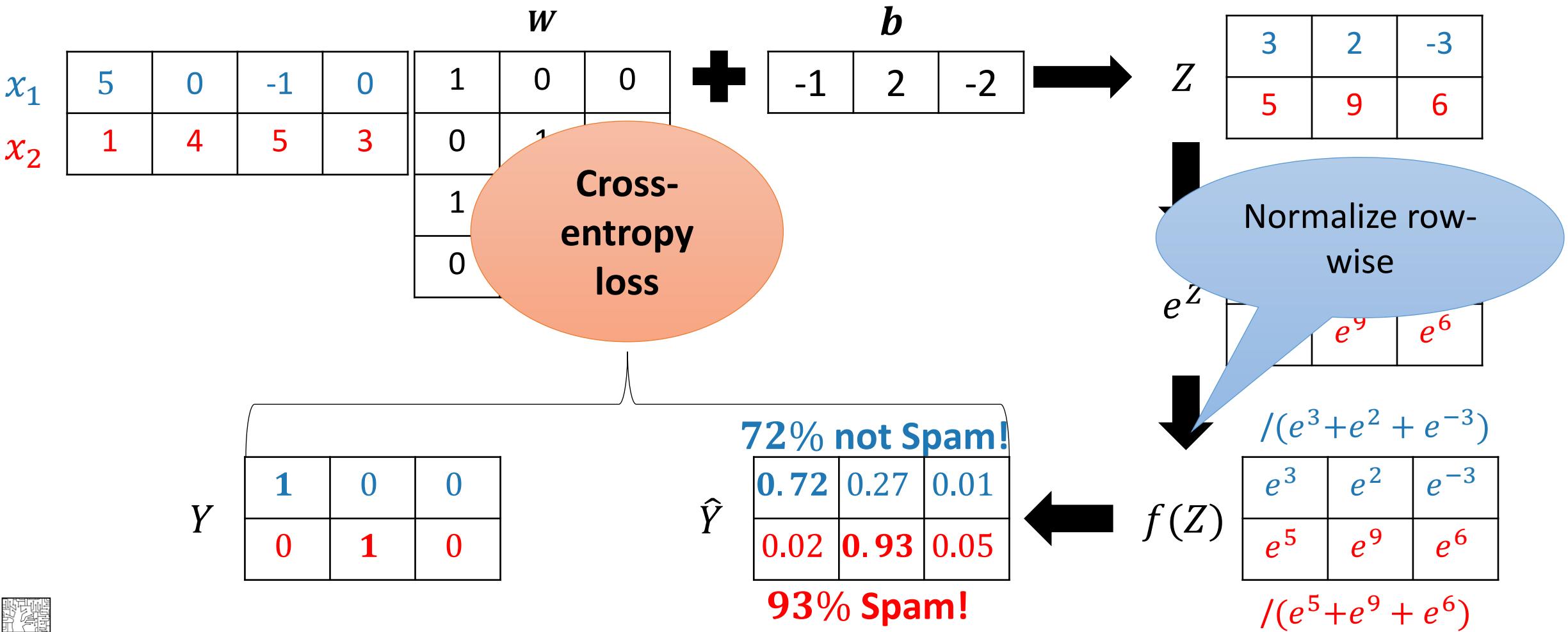
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# Softmax Classifier – Batched Example

Given two pairs:  $\{x_1, 0\}, \{x_2, 1\}$



# Mini Batches - Formally

Define  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_m]^T \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times d}$  - samples matrix

$Y \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times C}$  - GT labels matrix (Each row in  $Y$  is one-hot vector)

Reminder:  $W \in \mathcal{R}^{C \times d}, b \in \mathcal{R}^C$

$$Z = \underbrace{XW^T}_{\in \mathcal{R}^{m \times c}} + b$$

( $b$  is added to each row)

# Mini Batches - Formally

$$Z = \underbrace{XW^T}_{\in \mathcal{R}^{m \times c}} + b, Z \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times C}$$

Softmax & Cross-entropy applied row-wise

$$\hat{Y} = f(Z)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{m} \mathcal{L}_i$$

Similarly derive  
cross-entropy  
rule

Reminder: Weights update (single-sample):

$$W \leftarrow W - \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial W} = W - \alpha \cdot x_i^T (\hat{y}_i - \delta[i] \cdot y_i)$$

Weights update (mini-batch):

$$W \leftarrow W - \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial W} = W - \frac{\alpha}{m} \cdot (\hat{Y} - Y)^T X$$

# Numerical Stability

- Softmax:  $e^z$  can be extremely large
- Cross-entropy:  $\hat{y}$  possibly close to zero  $\Rightarrow \log(\hat{y}_i) \rightarrow -\infty$
- Many possible solutions

**QUESTIONS?**



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