

Lecture 3: Loss Functions

Administrative: Assignment 0

- Due **tomorrow night (Apr 8)** by 11:59pm
- Easy assignment
- Hardest part is learning how to use colab and how to submit on gradescope
- Worth 0% of your grade
- Used to evaluate how prepared you are to take this course

Administrative: Assignment 1

Due 4/16 11:59pm

- K-Nearest Neighbor
- Linear classifiers: SVM, Softmax

Administrative: EdStem

Please make sure to check and read all pinned EdStem posts.

Administrative: Fridays

This Friday 9:30-10:30am and again 12:30-1:30pm

Project Design & Backprop

Administrative: Course Project

Project proposal due 4/29 11:59pm

“Is X a valid project for 493G1?”

- Anything related to deep learning or computer vision
- Maximum of 3 students per team
- Make a EdStem private post or come to TA Office Hours

More info on the website

Last time: Image Classification: A core task in Computer Vision



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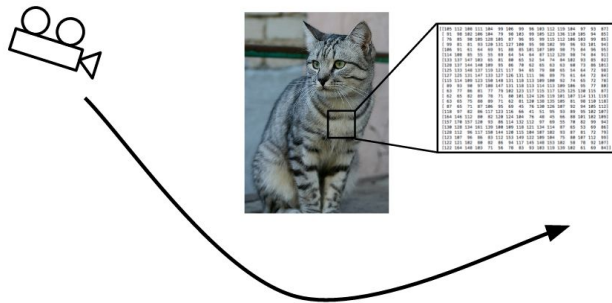
(assume given a set of labels)
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



cat
dog
bird
deer
truck

Recall from last time: Challenges of recognition

Viewpoint



Illumination



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Deformation



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Recall from last time: data-driven approach, kNN

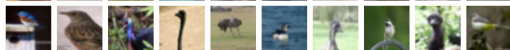
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automobile



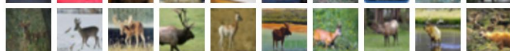
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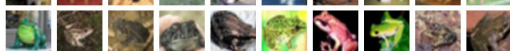
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dog



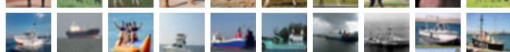
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horse



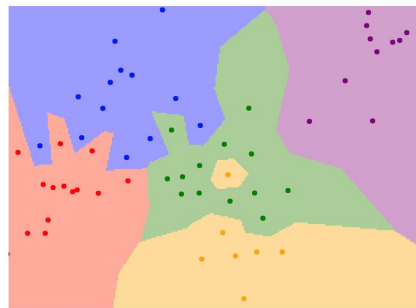
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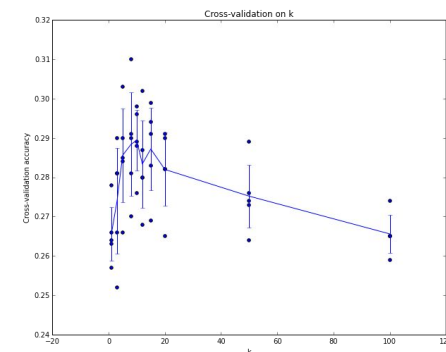
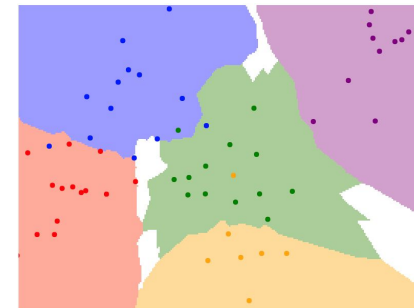
truck



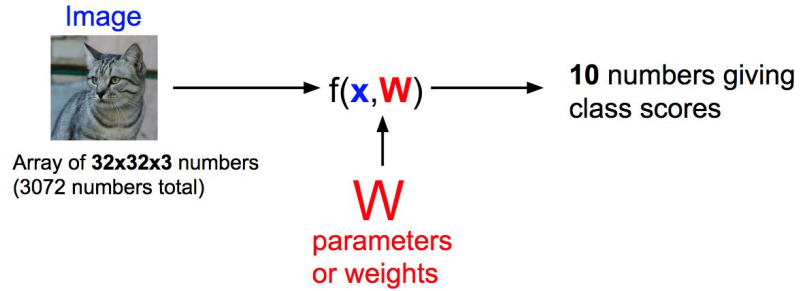
1-NN classifier



5-NN classifier



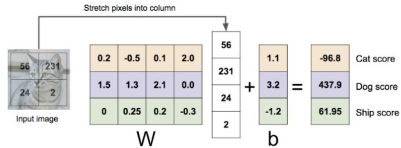
Recall from last time: Linear Classifier



$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

Algebraic Viewpoint

$$f(x, W) = Wx$$



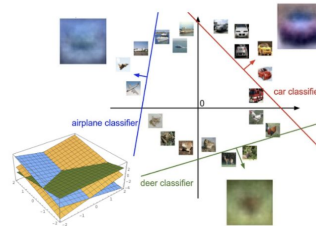
Visual Viewpoint

One template per class



Geometric Viewpoint

Hyperplanes cutting up space

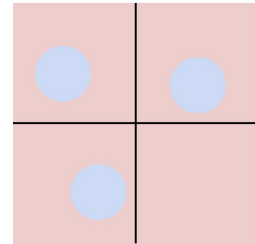
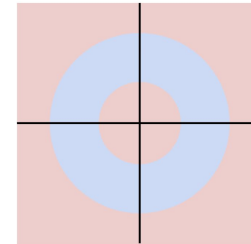


Class 1:
 $1 \leq L2 \text{ norm} \leq 2$

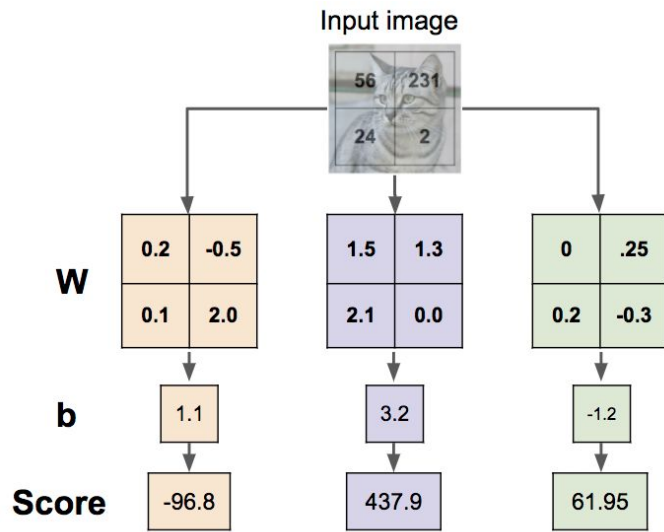
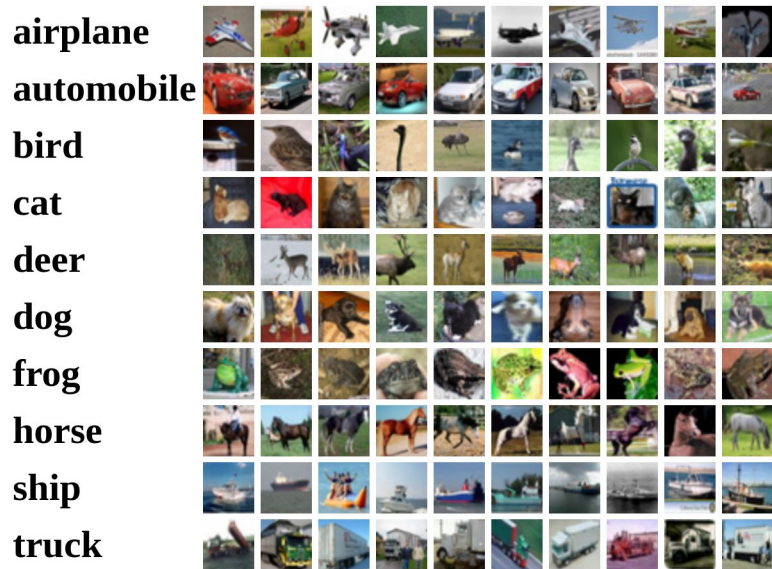
Class 1:
Three modes

Class 2:
Everything else

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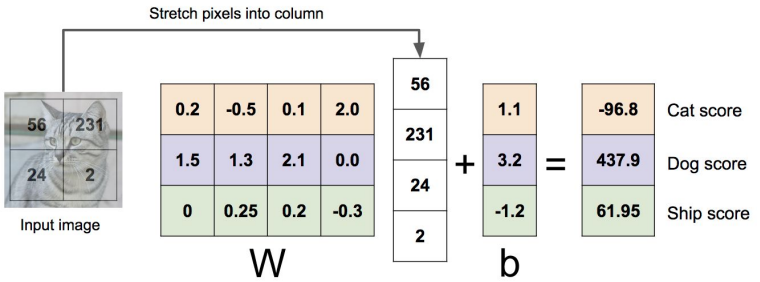
Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Visual Viewpoint



Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)

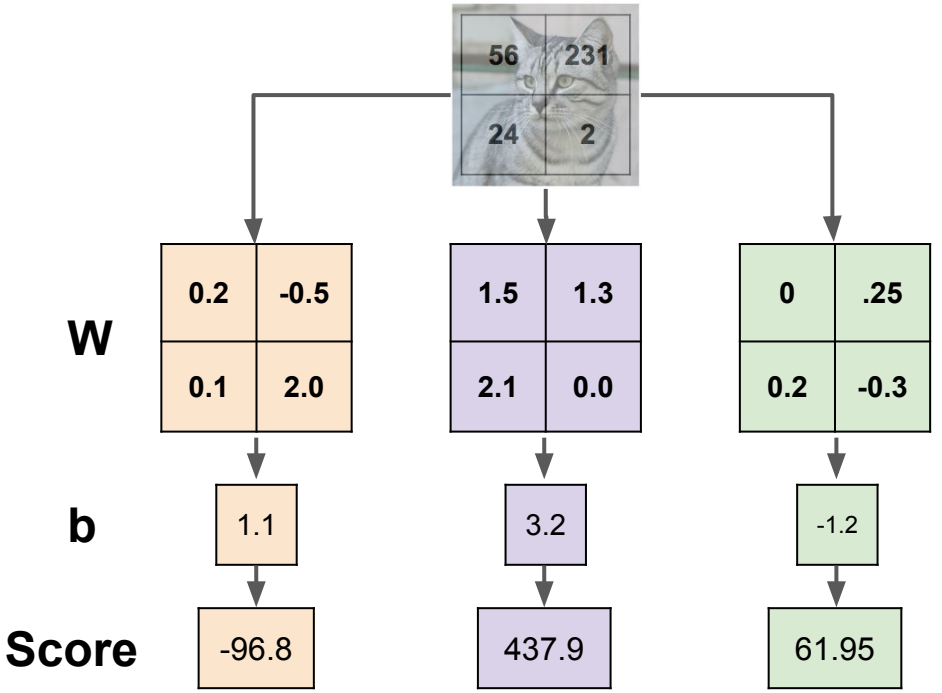
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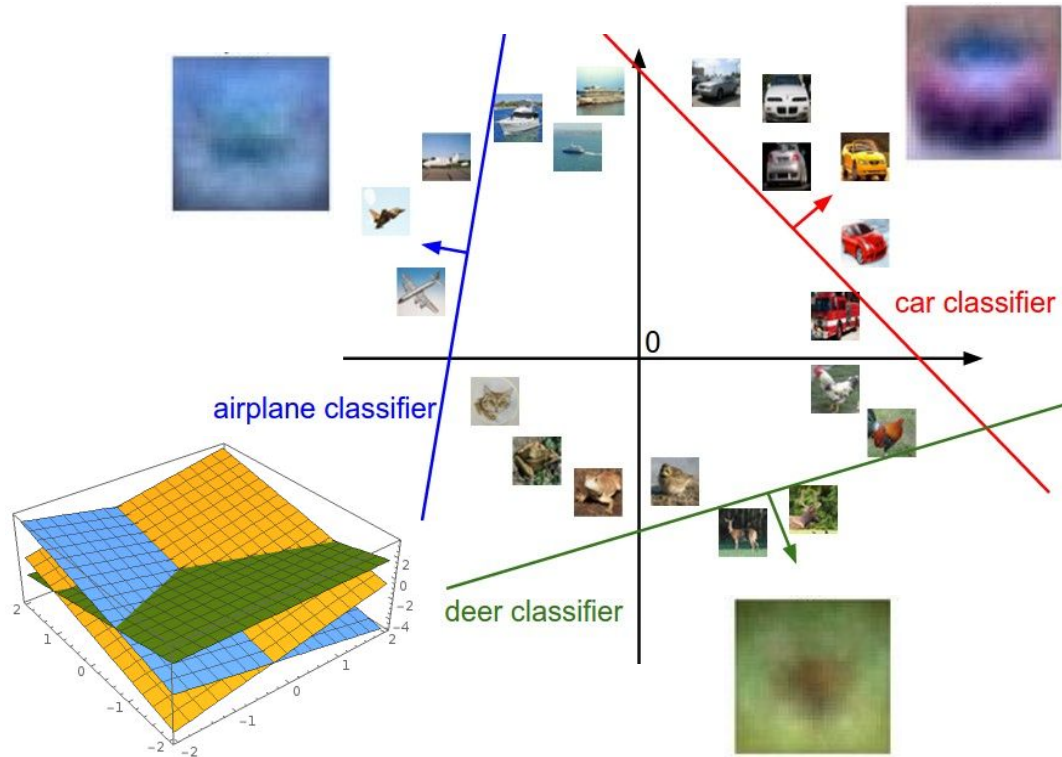


Visual Viewpoint

Input image



Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Geometric Viewpoint



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Array of **32x32x3** numbers
(3072 numbers total)

Plot created using [Wolfram Cloud](https://www.wolframcloud.com/)

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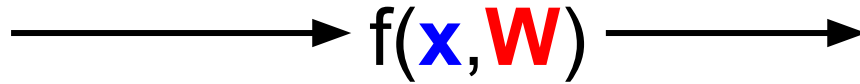
Linear Classifier

Parametric Approach

Image



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10 numbers giving
class scores



W

parameters
or weights

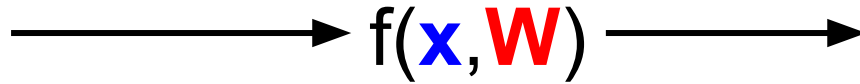
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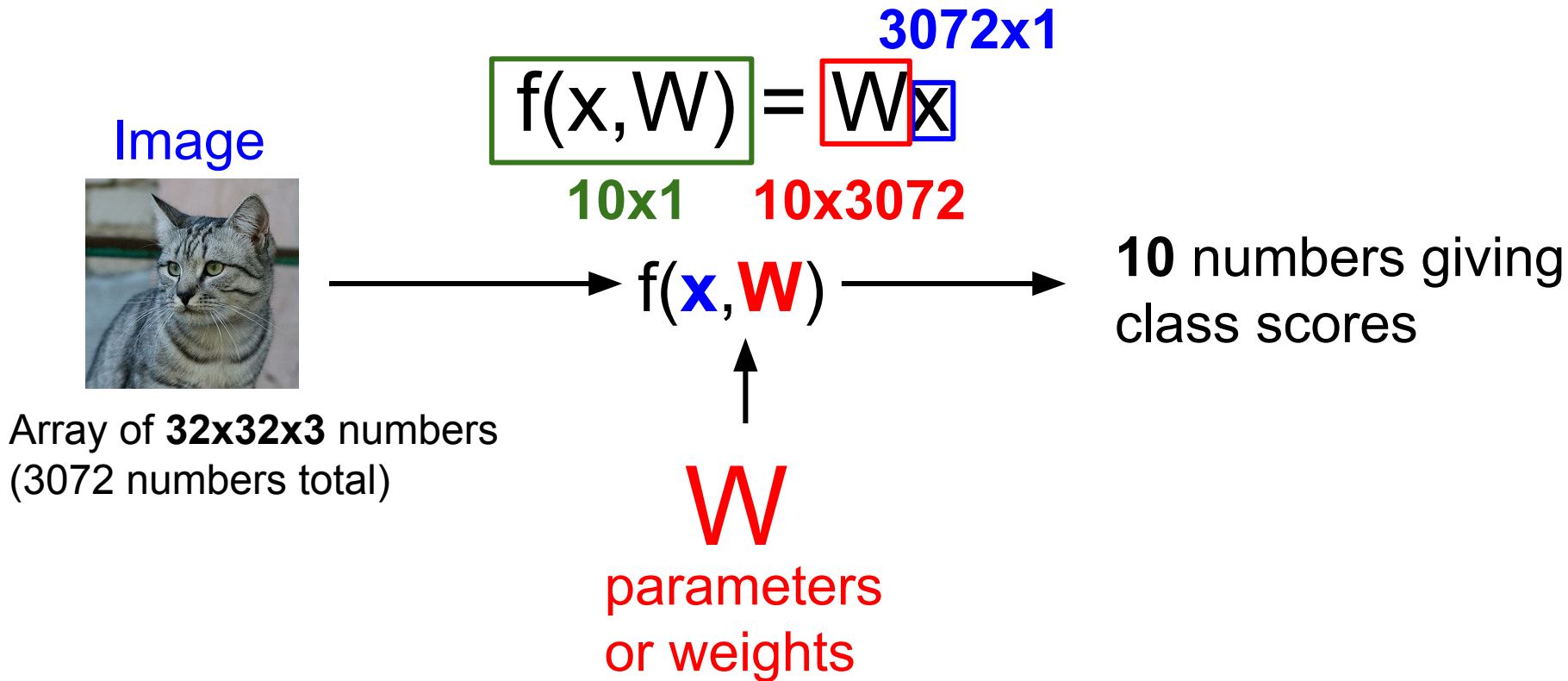


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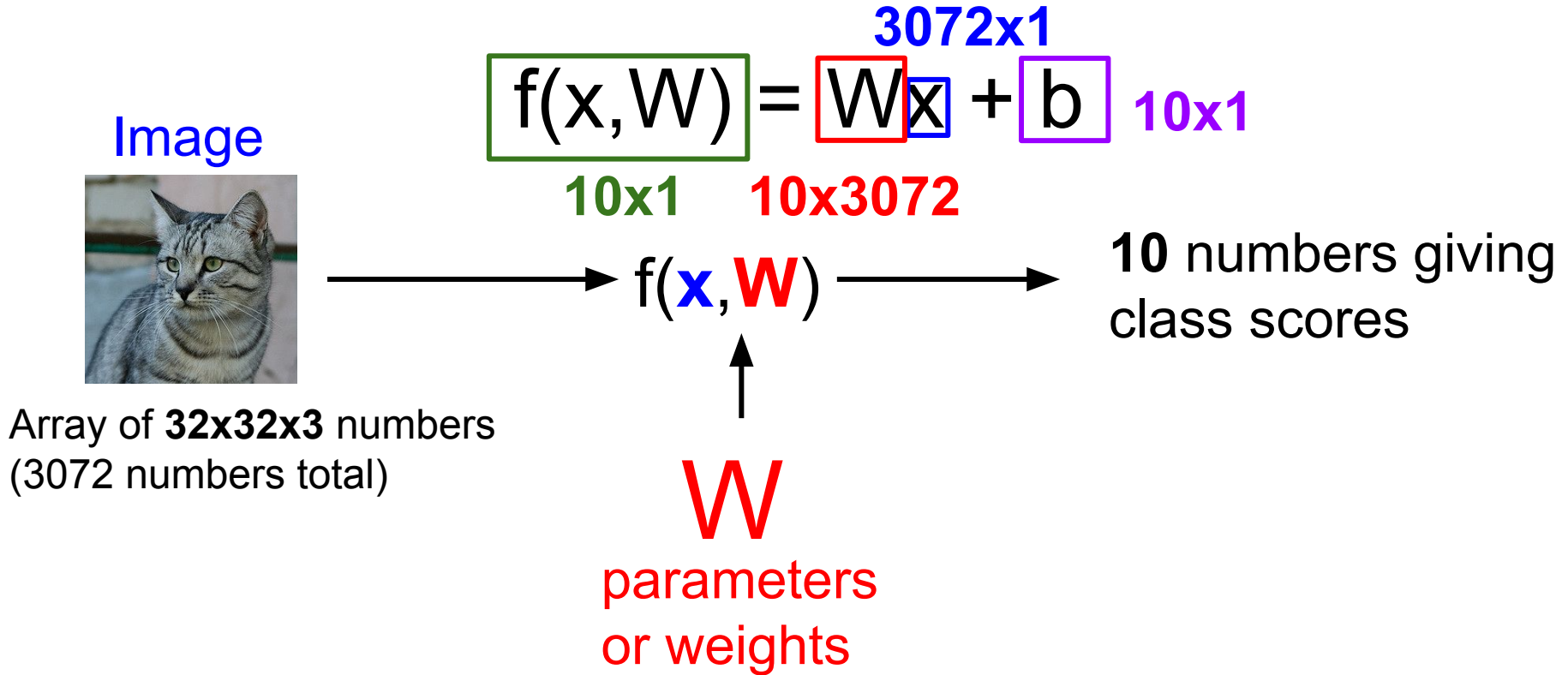
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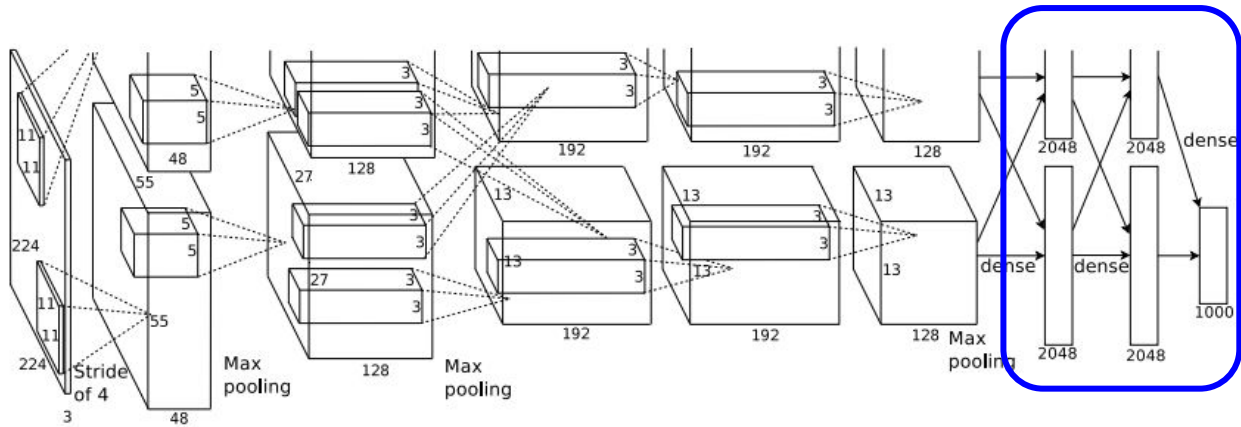


Neural Network

Linear classifiers

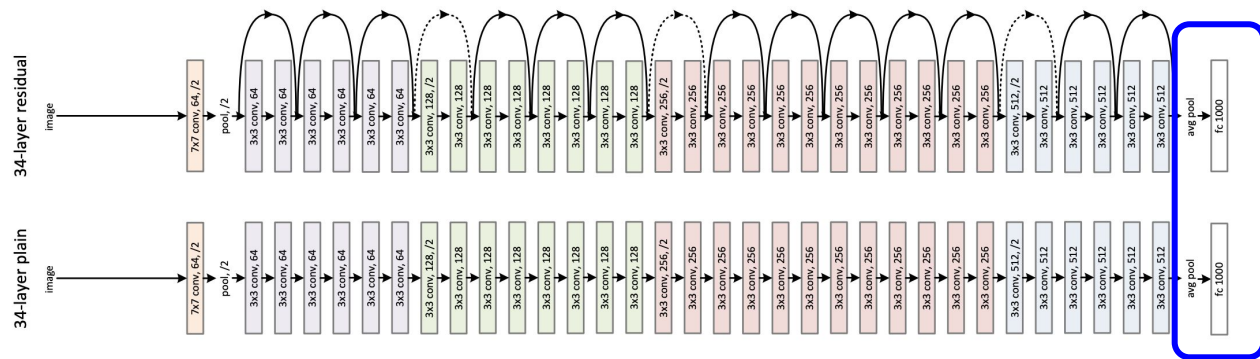


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[Krizhevsky et al. 2012]

Linear layers

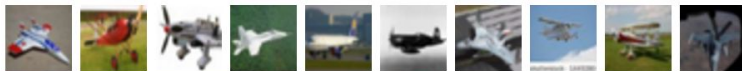


[He et al. 2015]

Linear layers

Recall CIFAR10

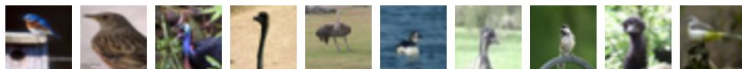
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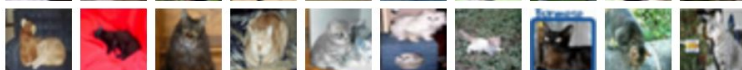
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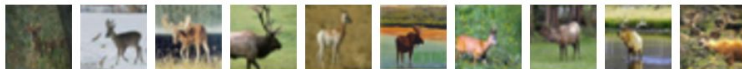
bird



cat



deer



dog



frog



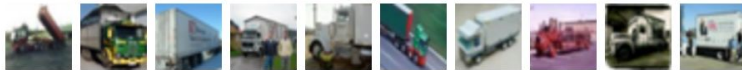
horse



ship



truck

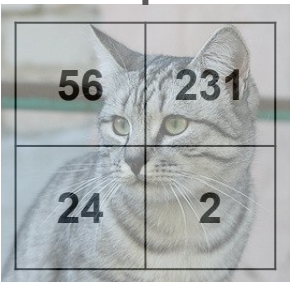


50,000 training images
each image is **32x32x3**

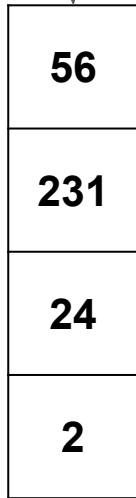
10,000 test images.

Algebraic viewpoint: Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)

Flatten tensors into a vector

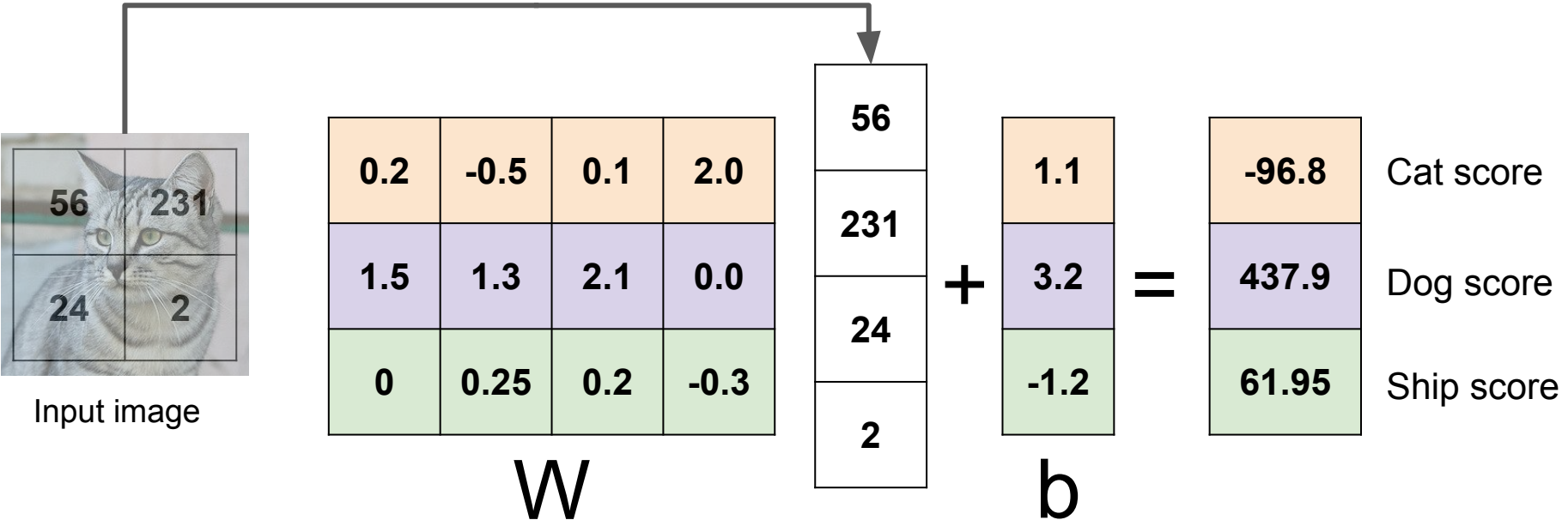


Input image



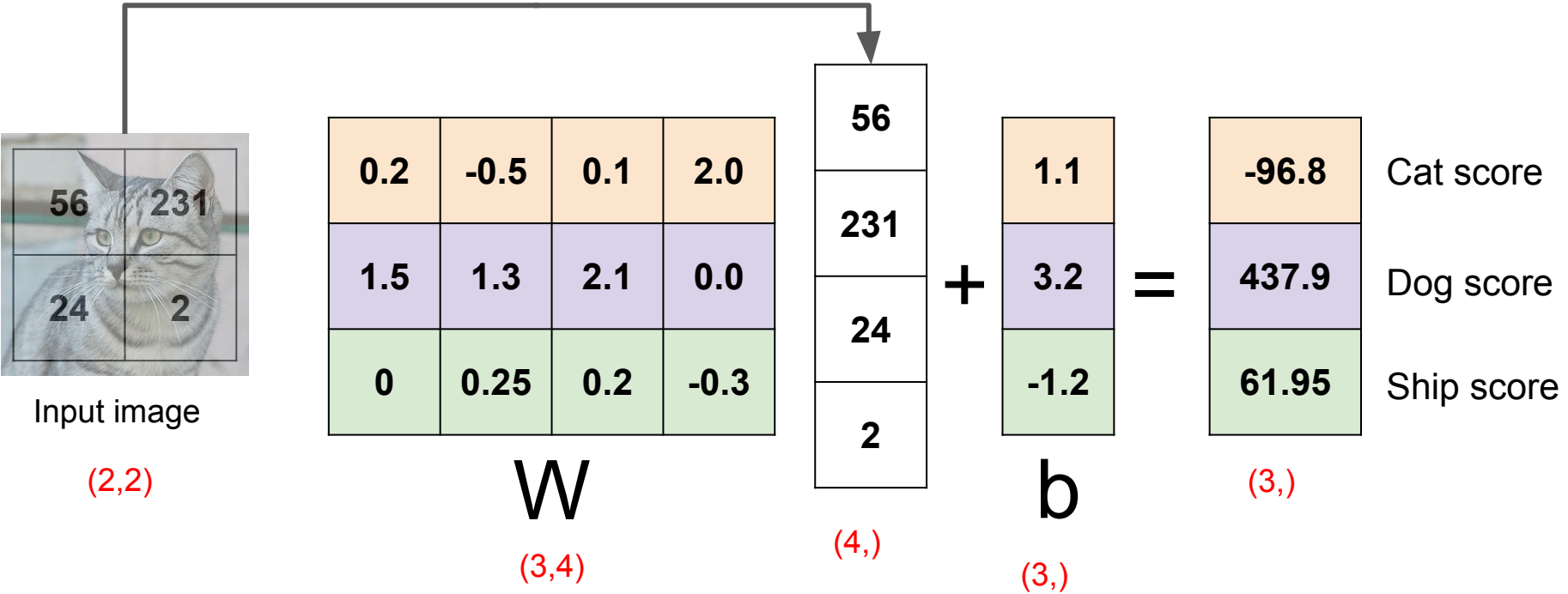
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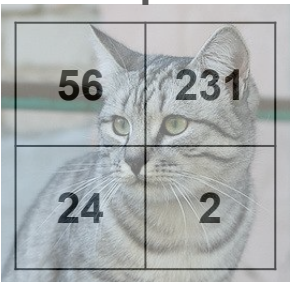
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Input image

0.2	-0.5	0.1	2.0
1.5	1.3	2.1	0.0
0	0.25	0.2	-0.3

W

56
231
24
2

+

1.1
3.2
-1.2

b

=

-96.8
437.9
61.95

Likelihood of being a cat

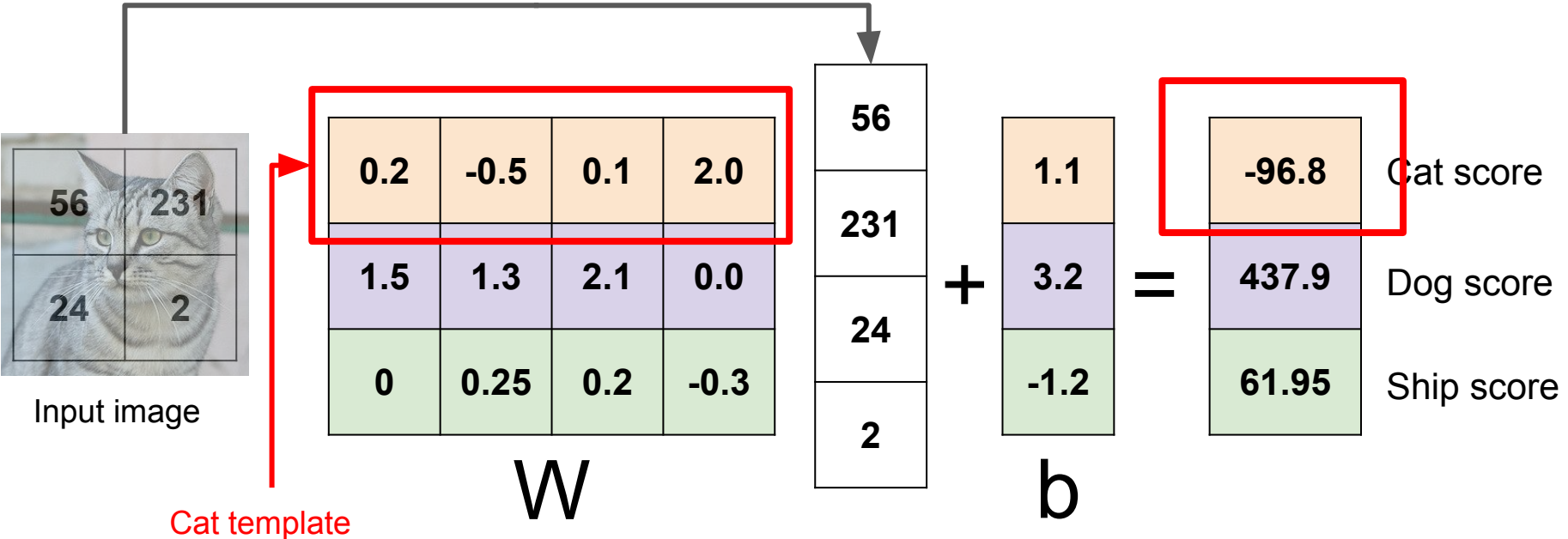
Cat score

Dog score

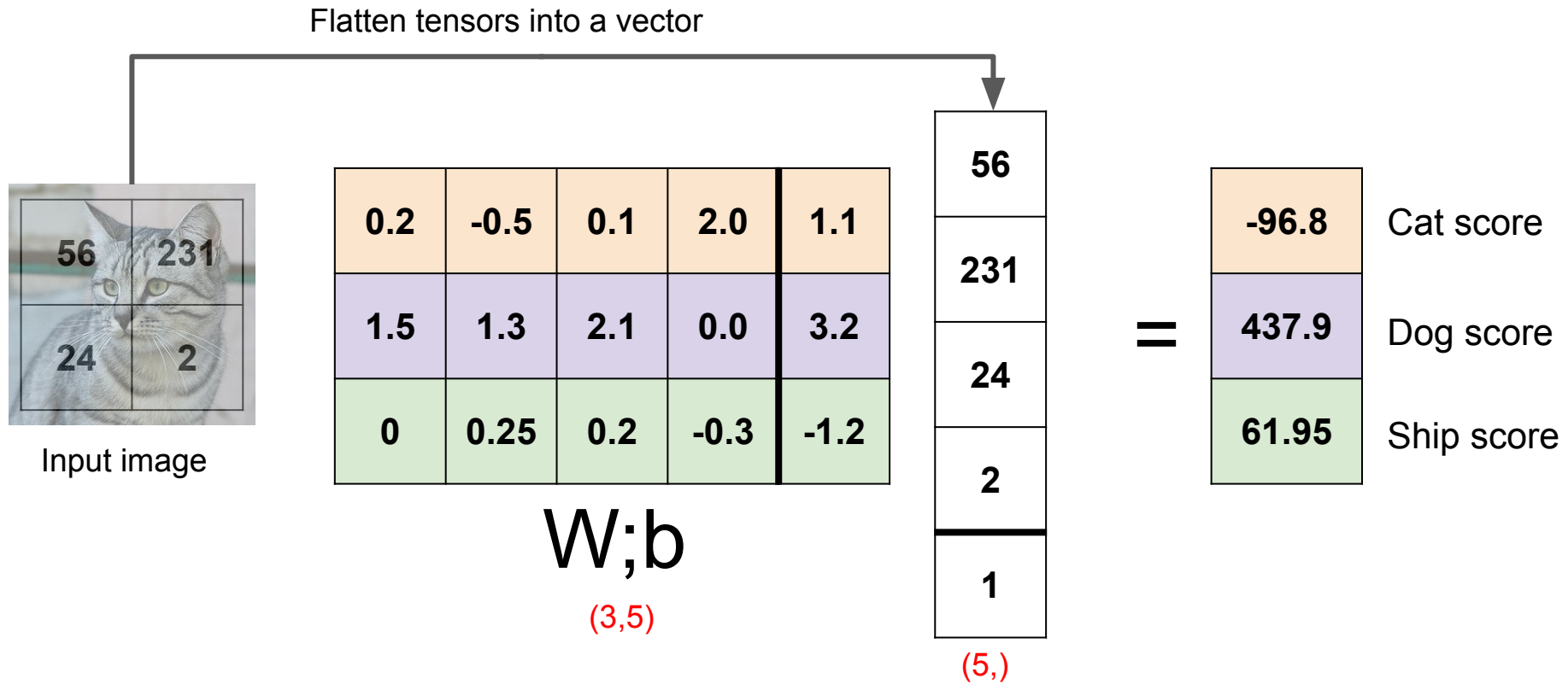
Ship score

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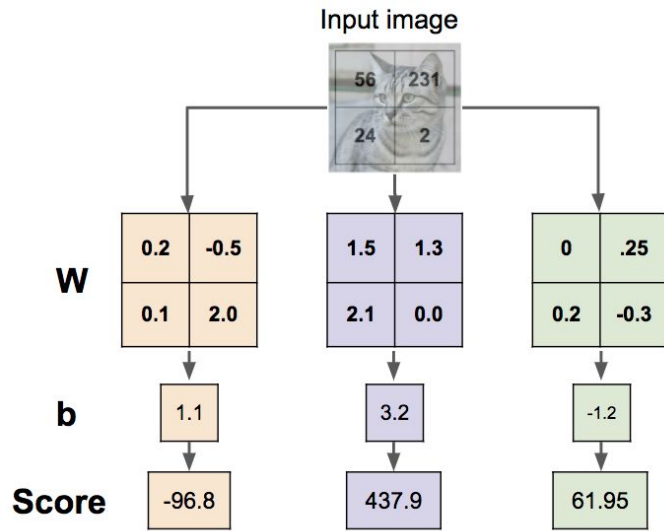
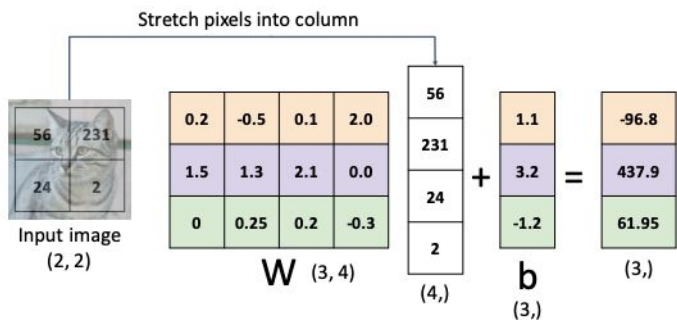


Algebraic viewpoint: Bias trick to simplify computation

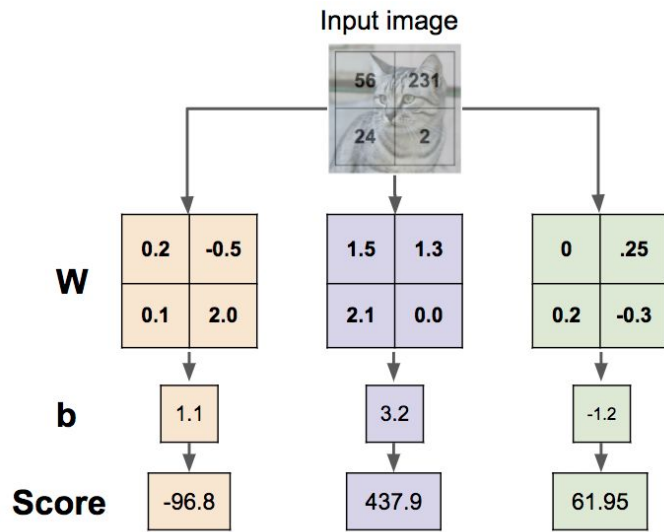
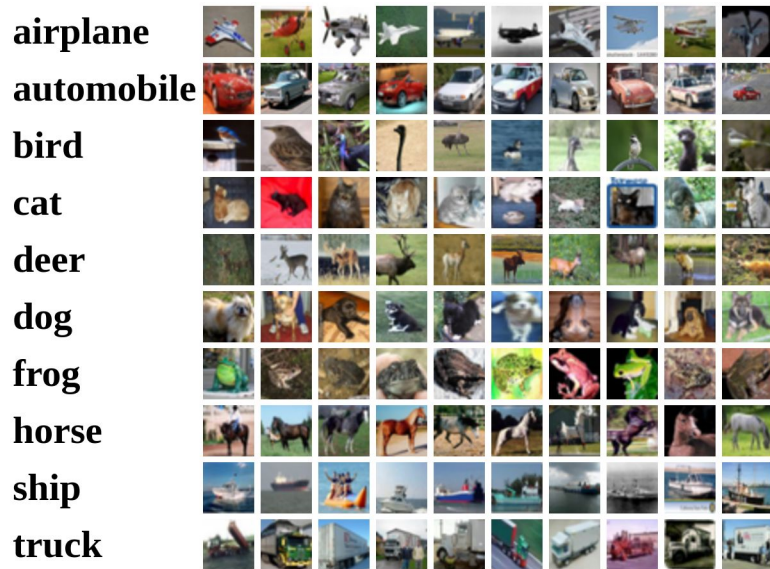


Visual Viewpoint: learning templates

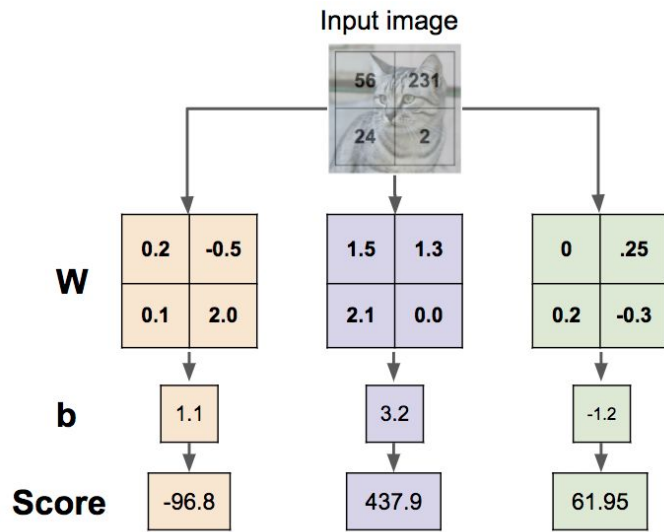
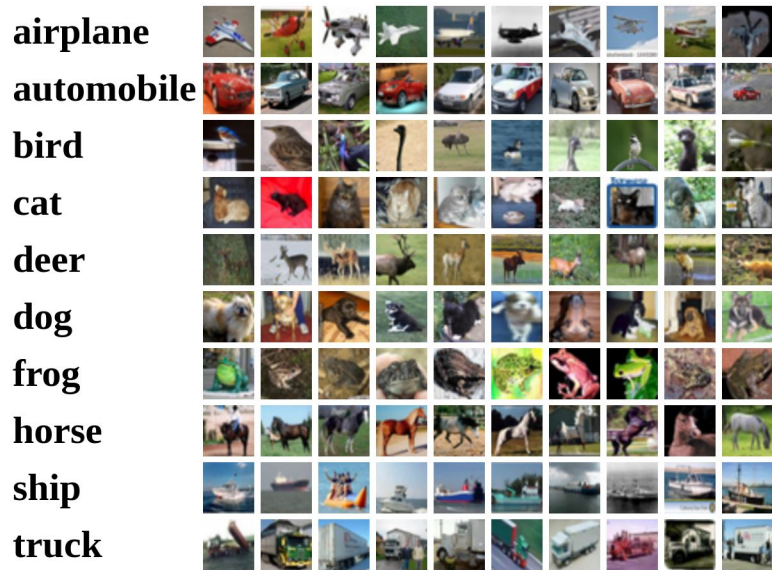
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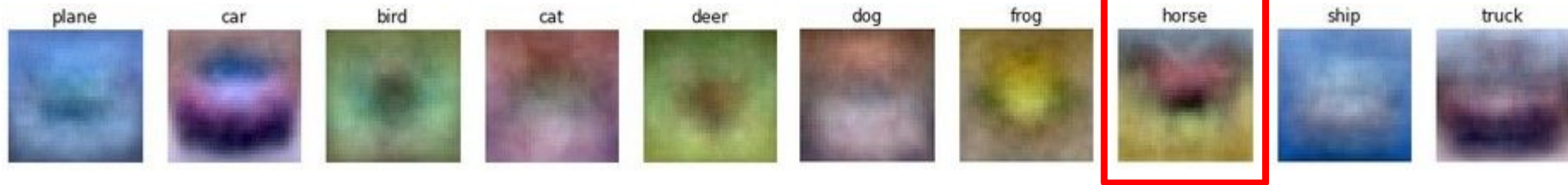
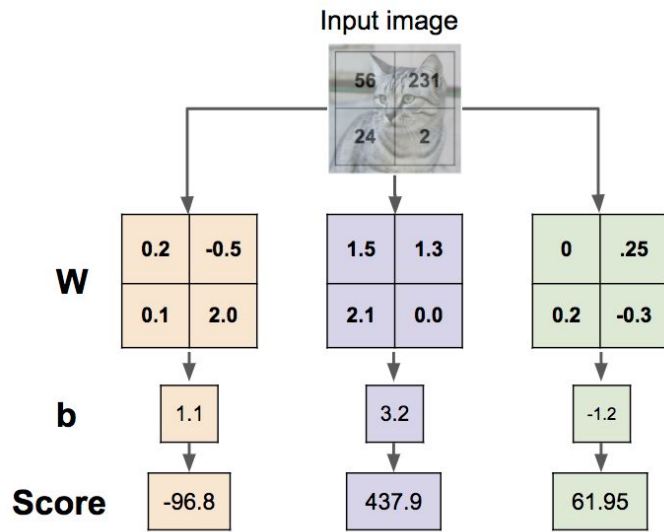
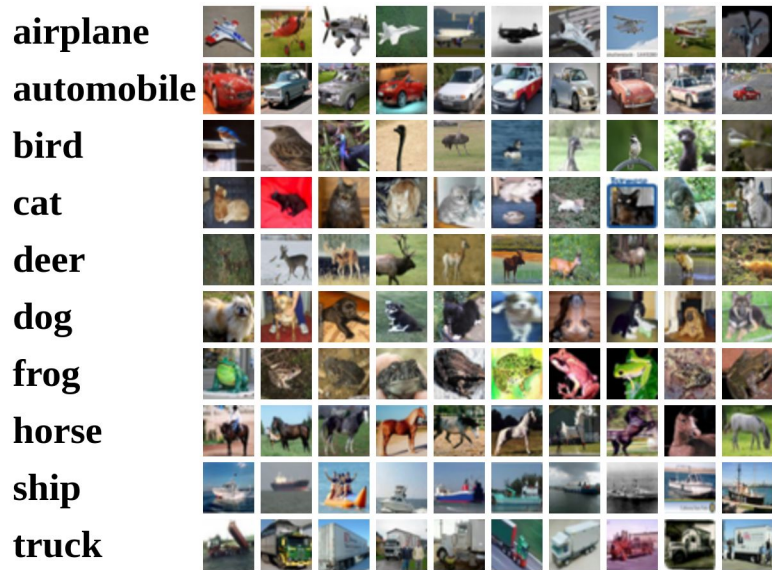
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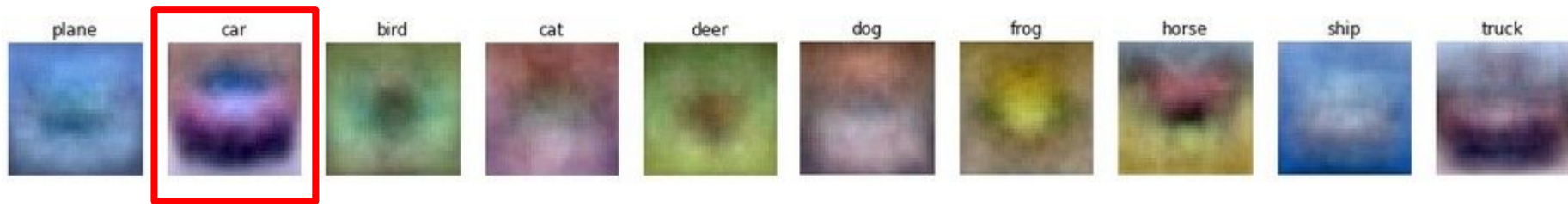
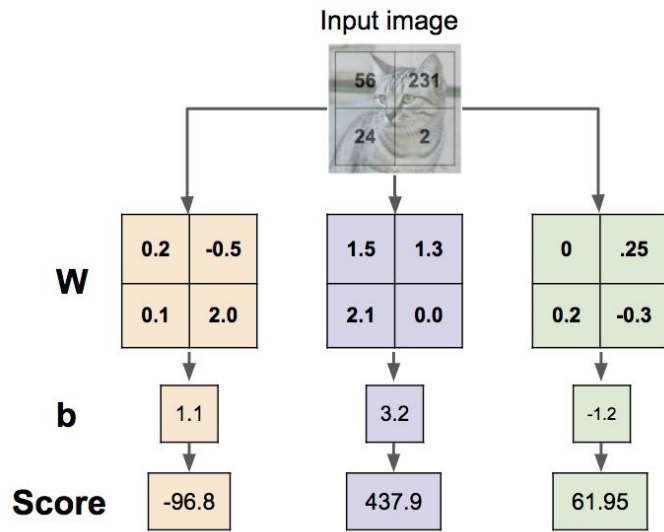
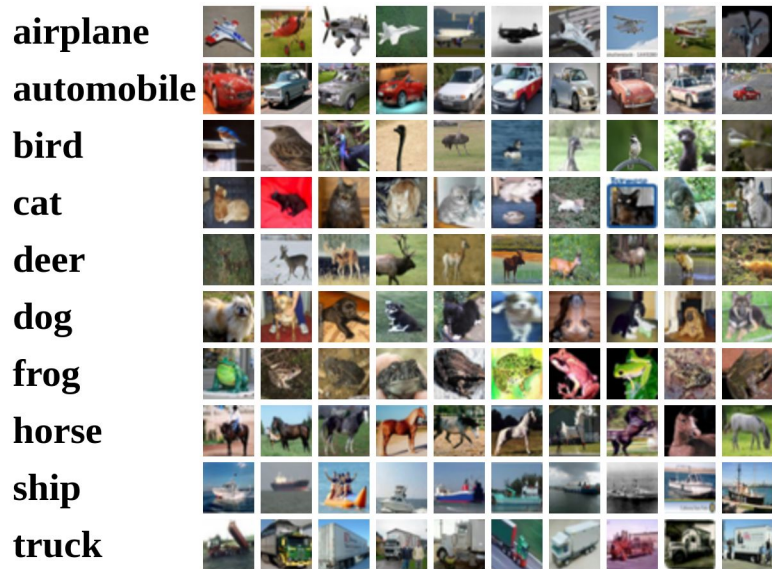
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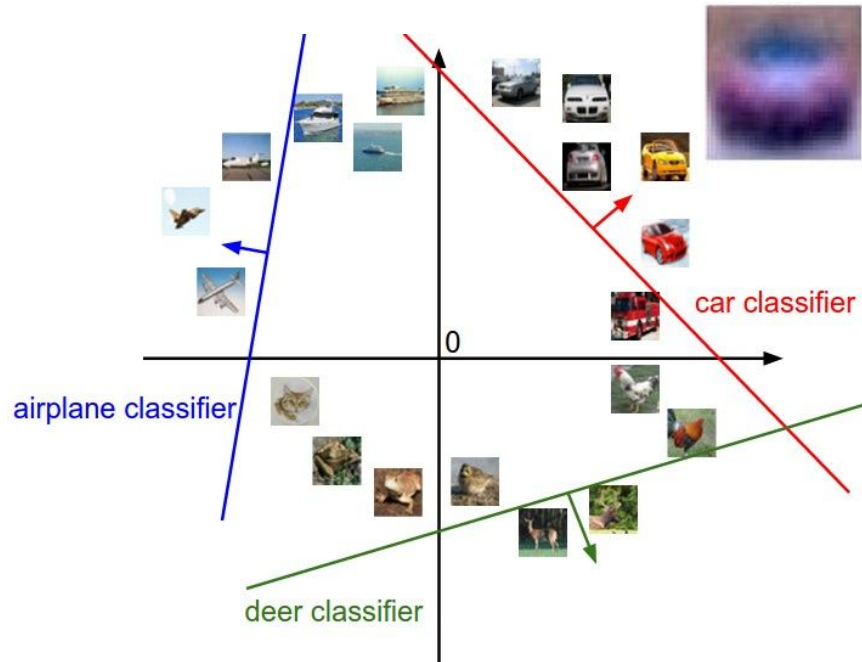
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Geometric Viewpoint: linear decision boundaries

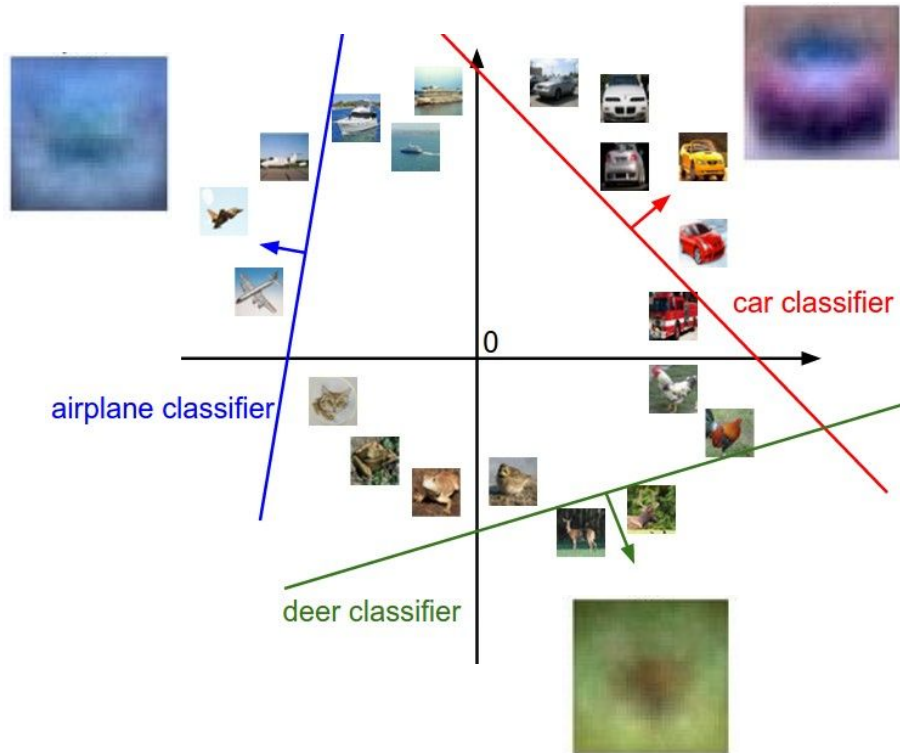


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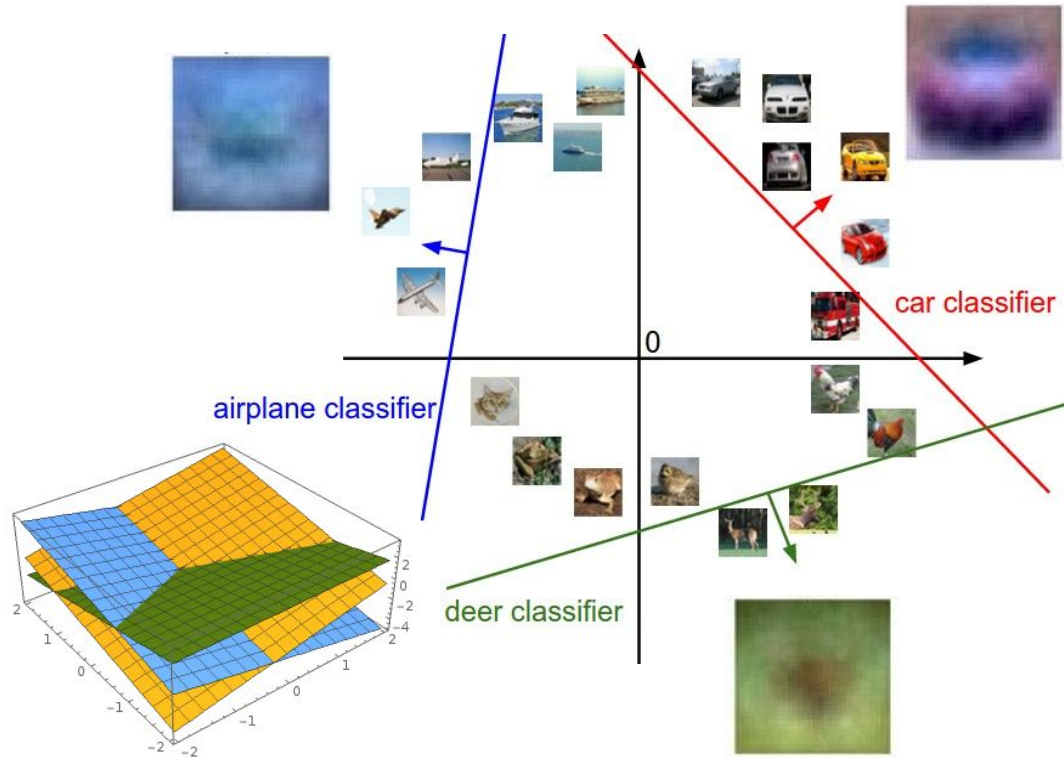


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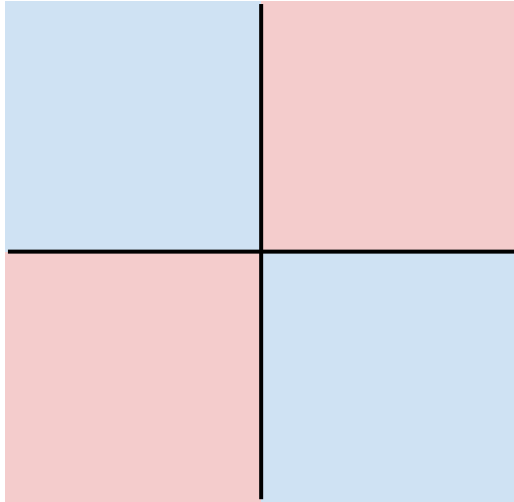
Hard cases for a linear classifier

Class 1:

First and third quadrants

Class 2:

Second and fourth quadrants

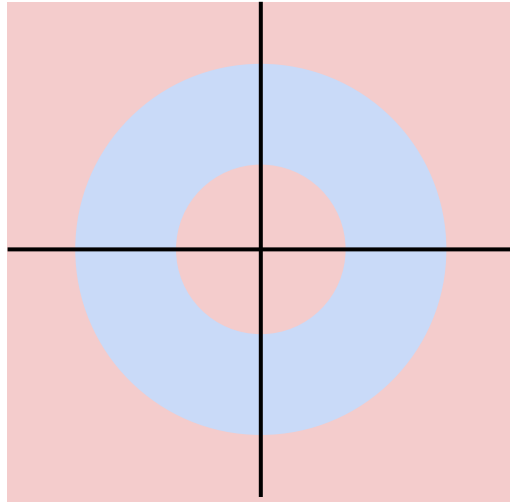


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$1 \leq \text{L2 norm} \leq 2$

Class 2:

Everything else

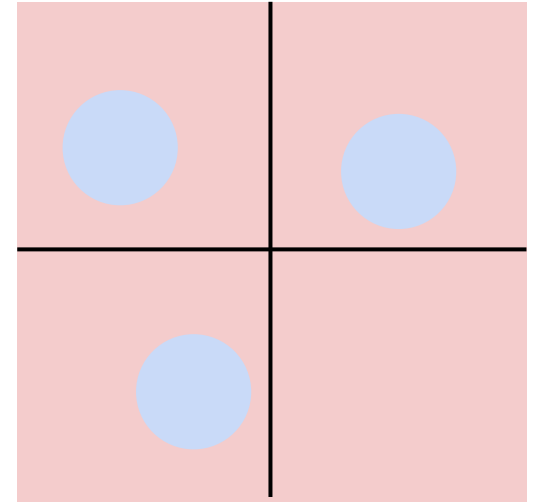


Class 1:

Three modes

Class 2:

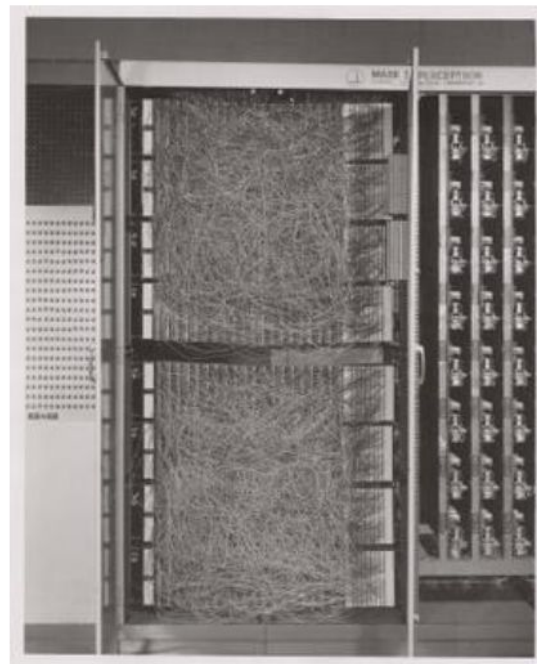
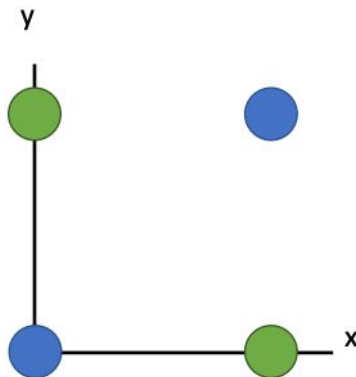
Everything else



Recall the Minsky report 1969 from last lecture

Unable to learn the XNOR function

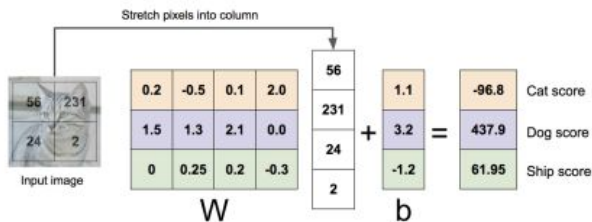
X	Y	F(x,y)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



Three viewpoints for interpreting linear classifiers

Algebraic Viewpoint

$$f(x,W) = Wx$$



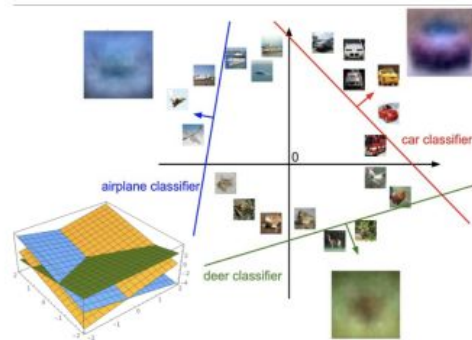
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Next: How to train the weights in a Linear Classifier

TODO:

1. Define a **loss function** that quantifies our unhappiness with the scores across the training data.
2. Come up with a way of efficiently finding the parameters that minimize the loss function. (**optimization**)

Example output for CIFAR-10:



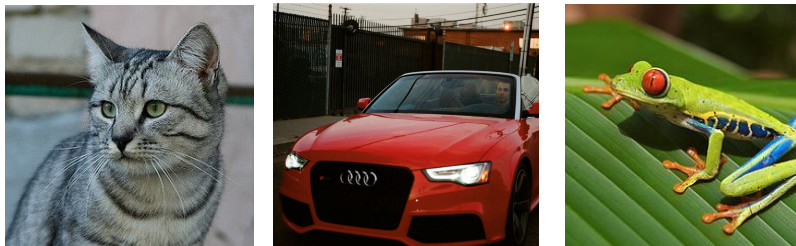
airplane	-3.45	-0.51	3.42
automobile	-8.87	6.04	4.64
bird	0.09	5.31	2.65
cat	2.9	-4.22	5.1
deer	4.48	-4.19	2.64
dog	8.02	3.58	5.55
frog	3.78	4.49	-4.34
horse	1.06	-4.37	-1.5
ship	-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
truck	-0.72	-2.93	6.14

- A random W produces the following 10 scores for the 3 images to the left.
- 10 scores because there are 10 classes.
- **First column bad** because dog is highest.
- **Second column good.**
- **Third column bad** because frog is highest

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Suppose: 3 training examples, 3 classes.

With some W the scores $f(x, W) = Wx$ are:



cat	3.2	1.3	2.2
car	5.1	4.9	2.5
frog	-1.7	2.0	-3.1

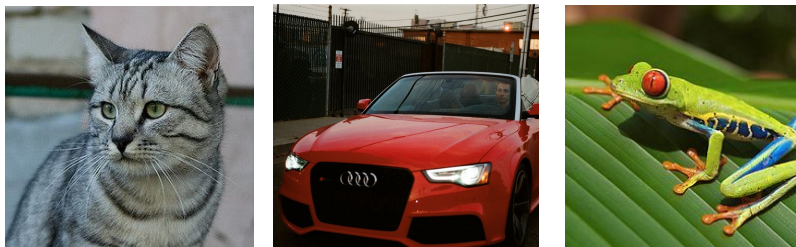
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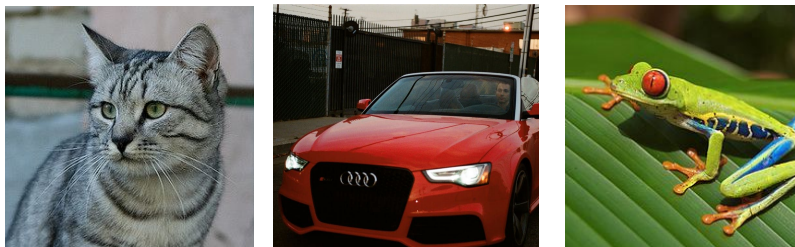
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Loss over the dataset is a
average of loss over examples:

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i L_i(f(x_i, W), y_i)$$

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Multiclass SVM loss:

Given an example (x_i, y_i)
 where x_i is the image and
 where y_i is the (integer) label,

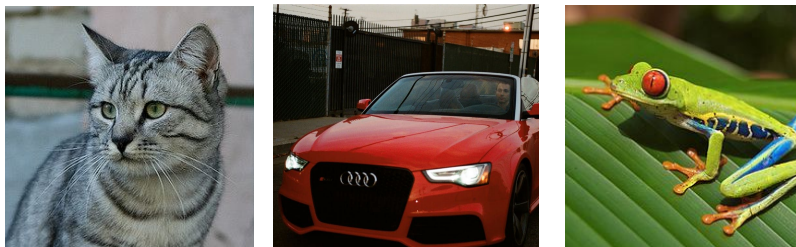
and using the shorthand for the
 scores vector: $s = f(x_i, W)$

the SVM loss has the form:

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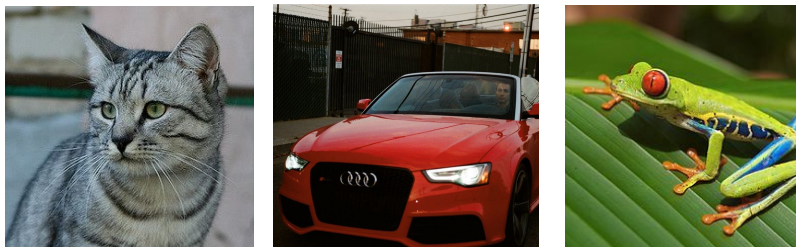
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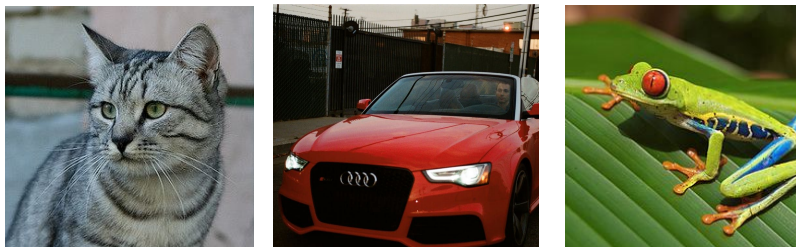
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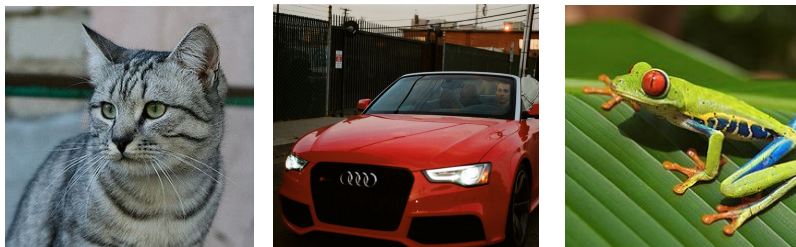
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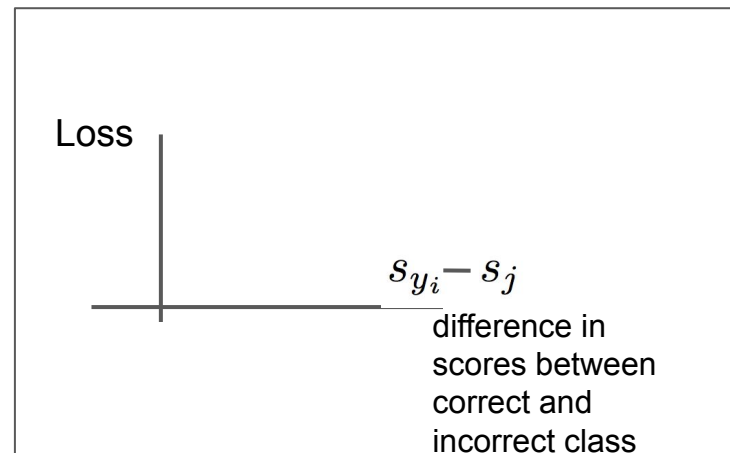
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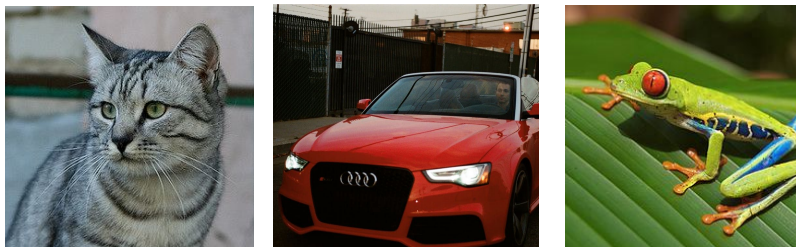
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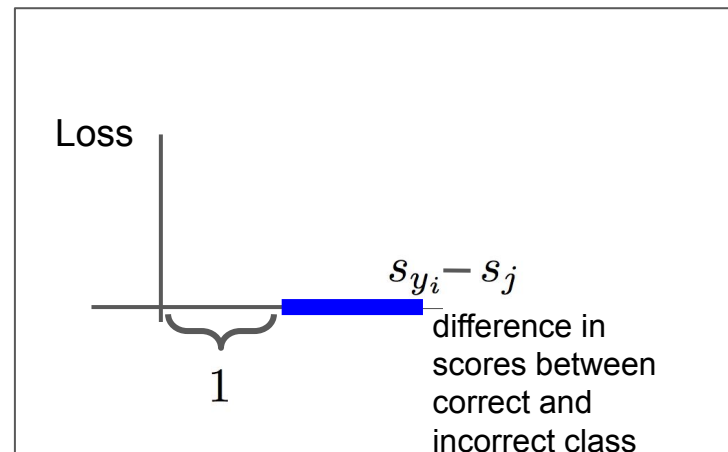
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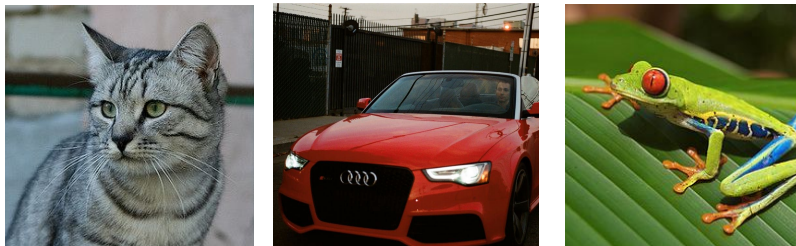
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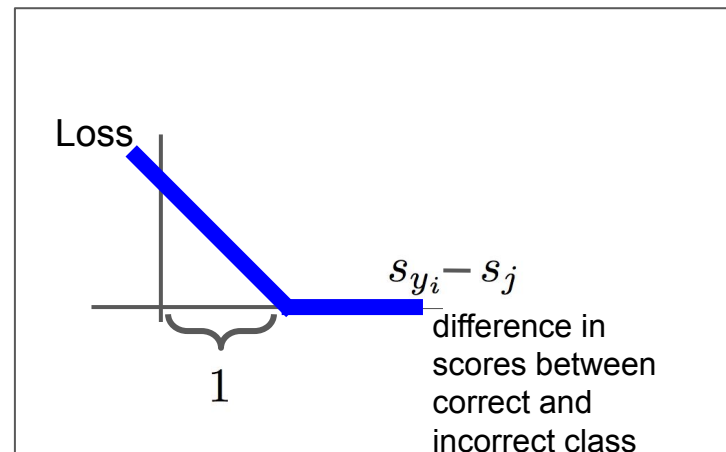
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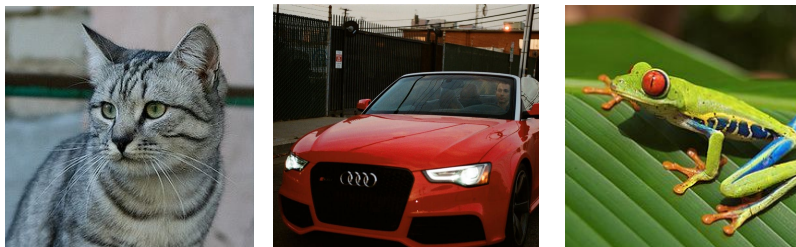
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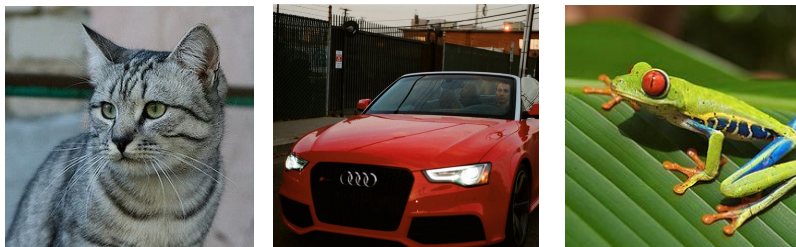
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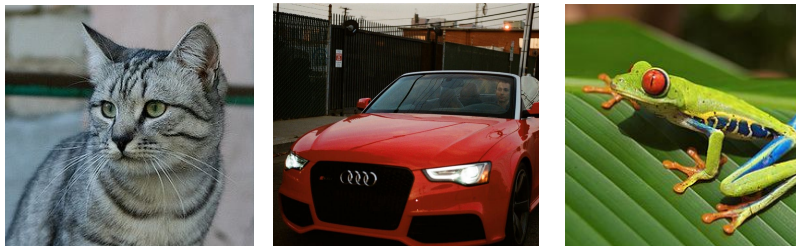
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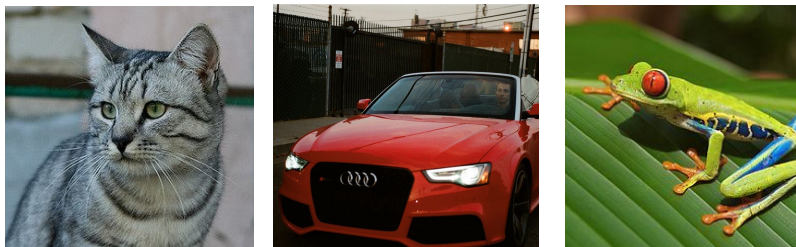
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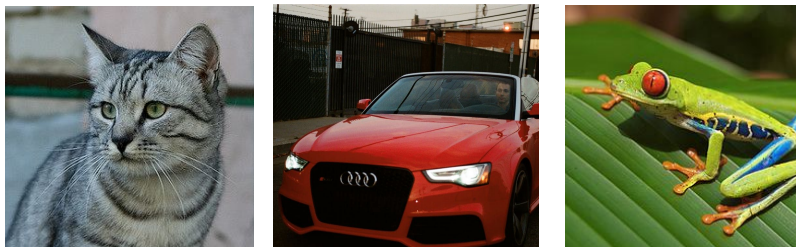
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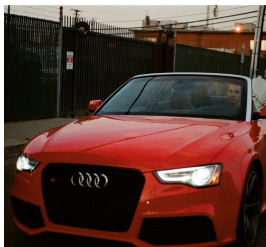
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$$L = (2.9 + 0 + 12.9)/3 \\ = \mathbf{5.27}$$

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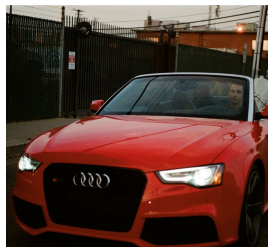
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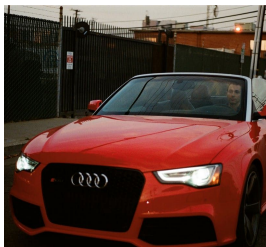
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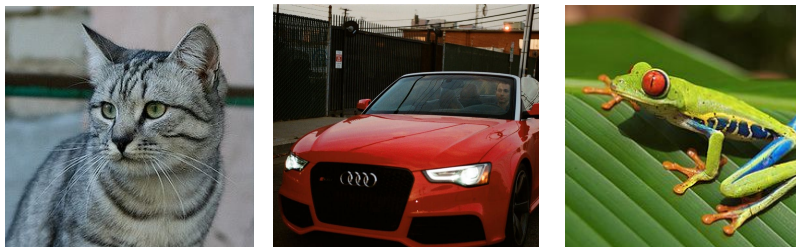
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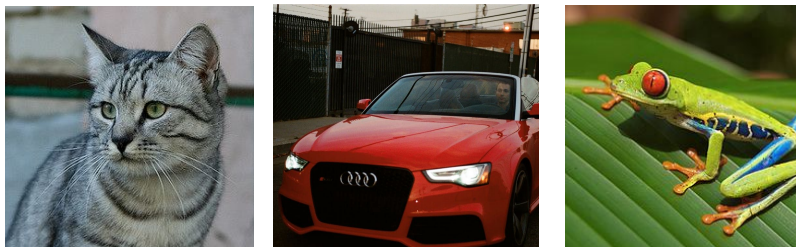
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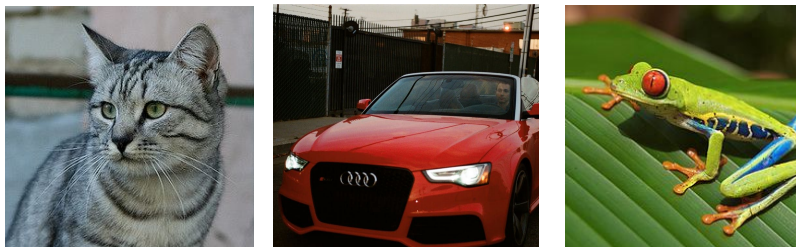
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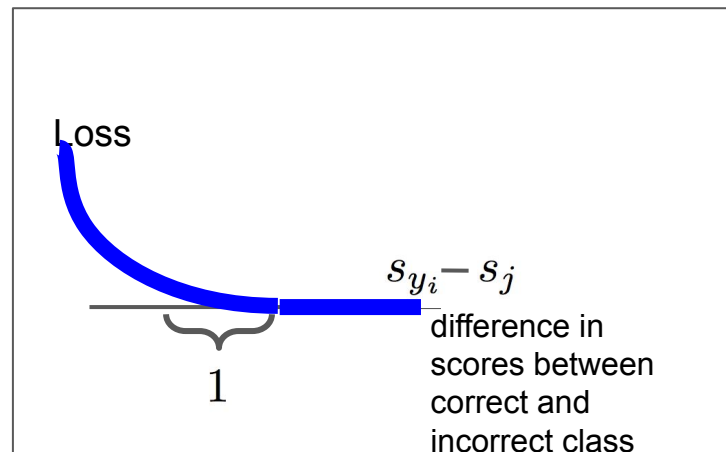
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Multiclass SVM Loss: Example code

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```
def L_i_vectorized(x, y, W):  
    scores = W.dot(x) # First calculate scores  
    margins = np.maximum(0, scores - scores[y] + 1) # Then calculate the margins s_j - s_{y_i} + 1  
    margins[y] = 0 # only sum j is not y_i, so when j = y_i, set to zero.  
    loss_i = np.sum(margins) # sum across all j  
    return loss_i
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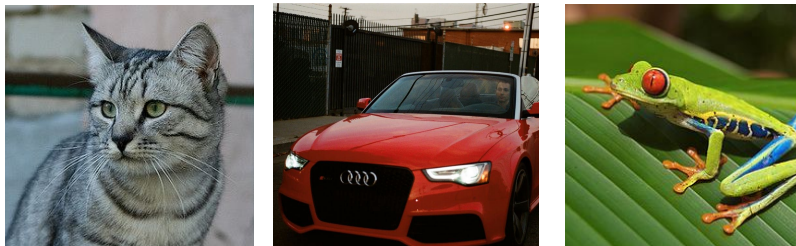
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 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

With W twice as large:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \max(0, 2.6 - 9.8 + 1) \\
 &\quad + \max(0, 4.0 - 9.8 + 1) \\
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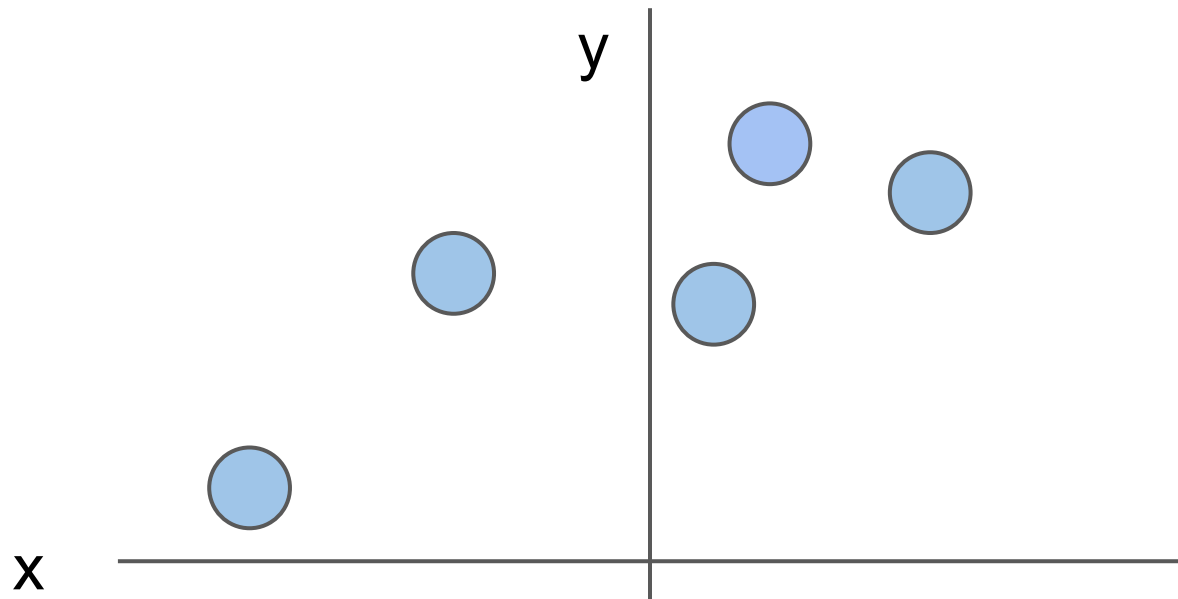
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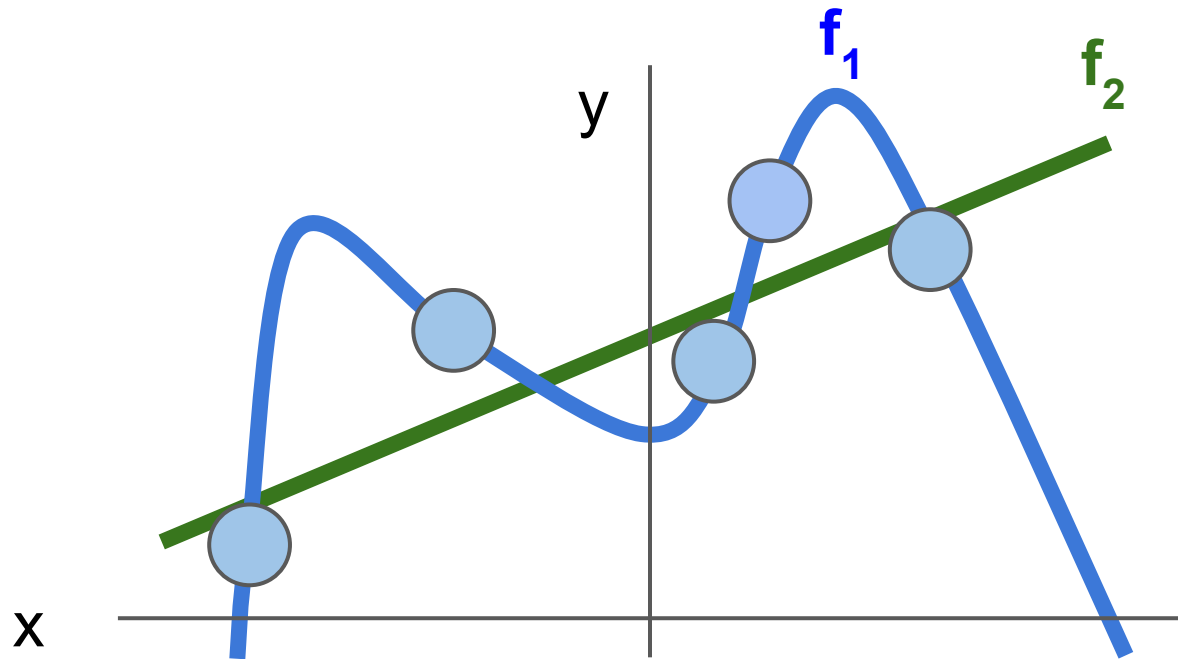
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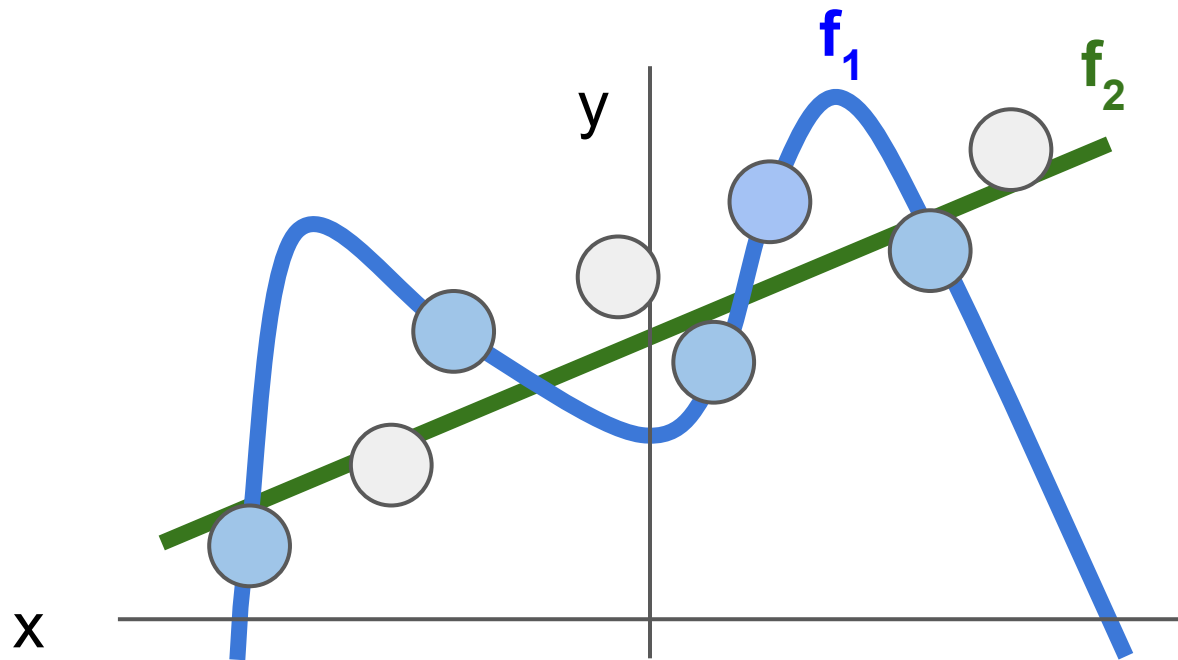
Regularization intuition: toy example training data



Regularization intuition: Prefer Simpler Models



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Regularization pushes against fitting the data *too* well so we don't fit noise in the data

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Occam's Razor: Among multiple competing hypotheses, the simplest is the best, William of Ockham 1285-1347

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λ = regularization strength
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More complex:

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Batch normalization, layer norm

Stochastic depth, fractional pooling, etc

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- Express preferences over weights
- Make the model *simple* so it works on test data
- Improve optimization by adding curvature

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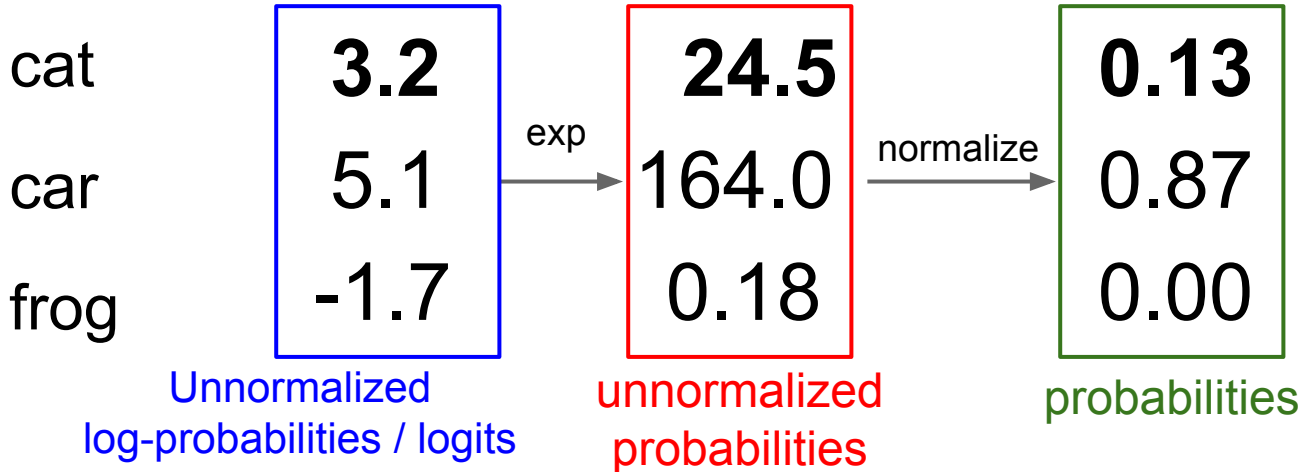
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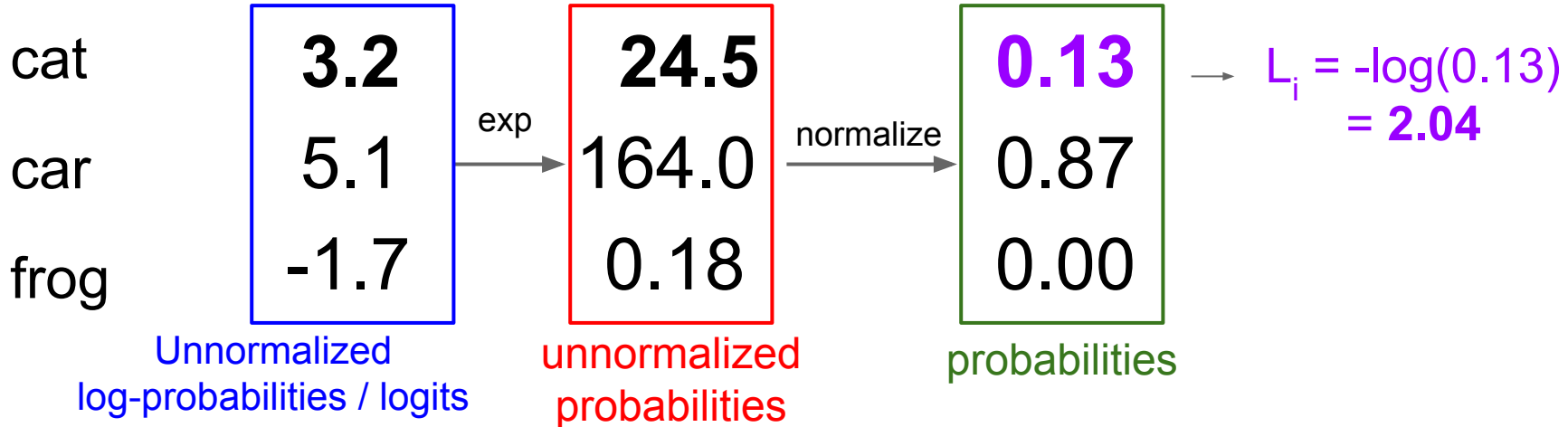
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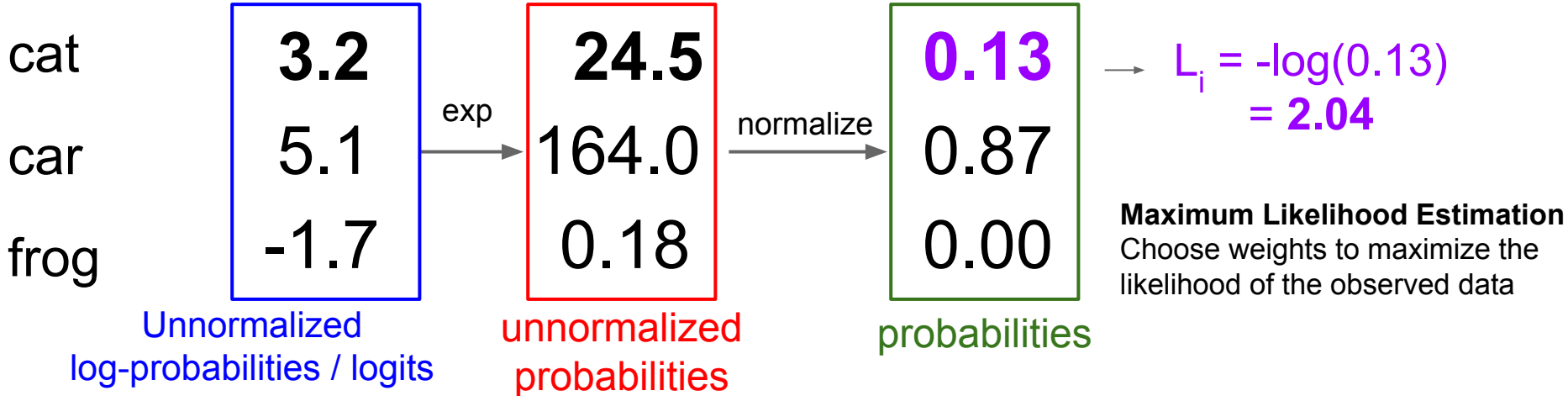
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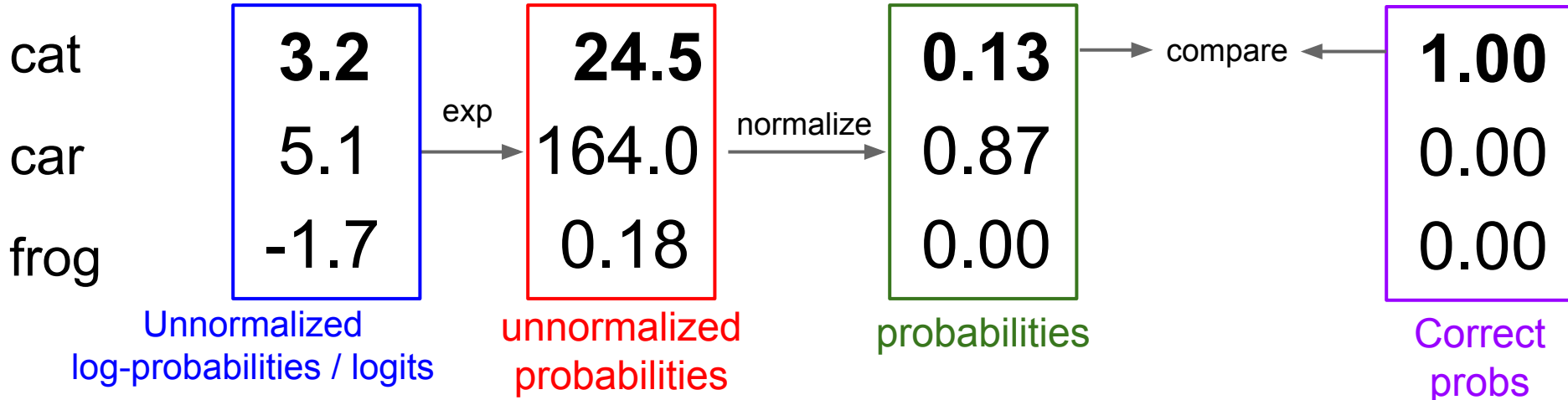
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$$D_{KL}(P||Q) =$$

$$\sum_y P(y) \log \frac{P(y)}{Q(y)}$$

1.00
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Correct
probs

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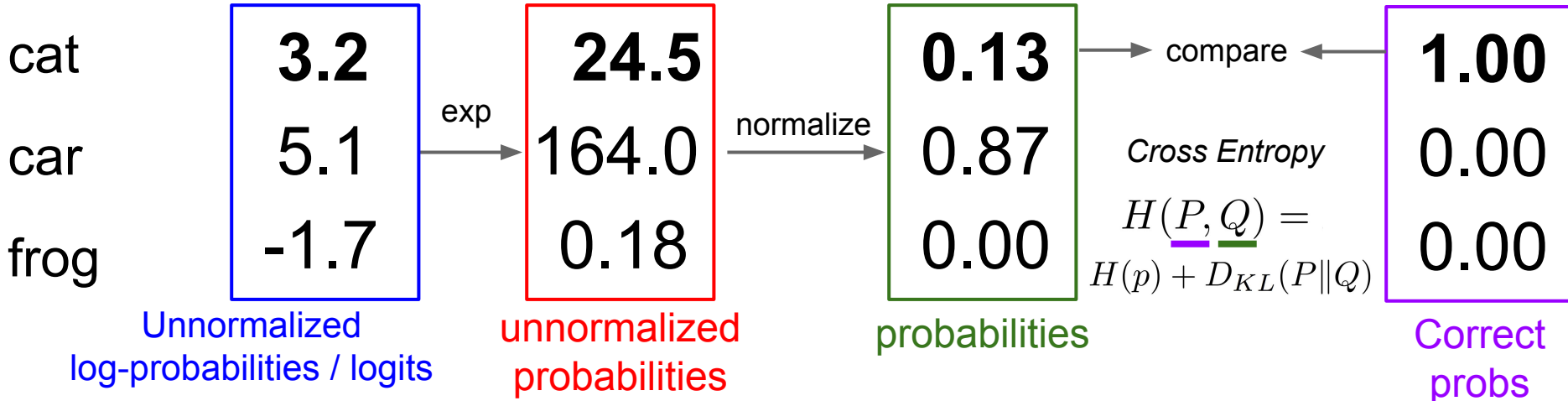
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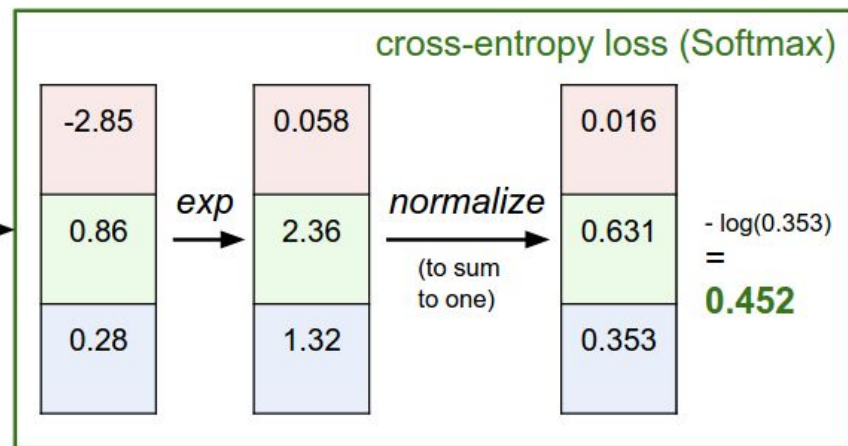
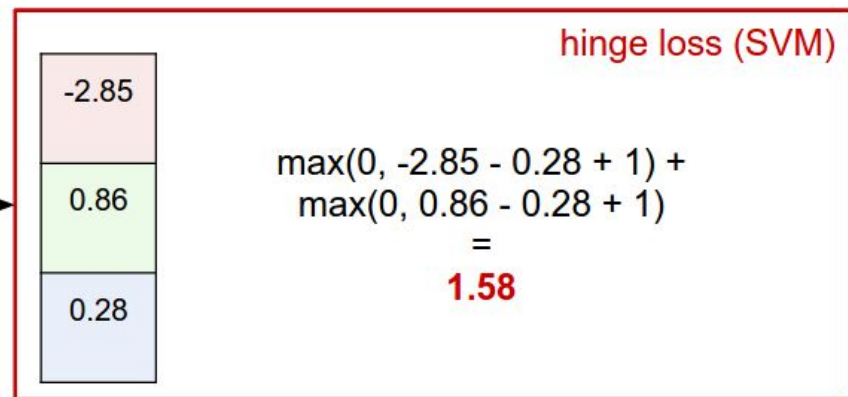
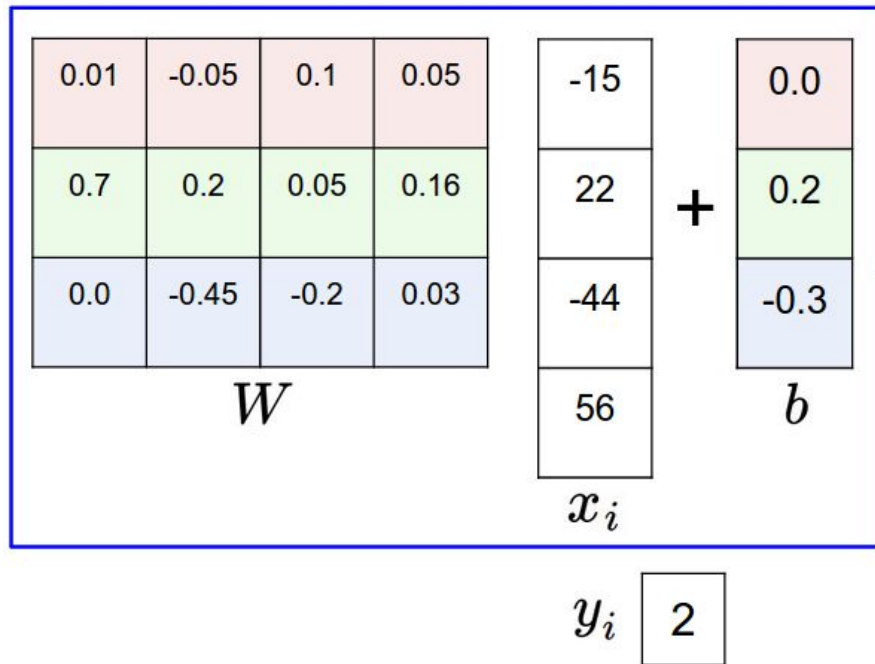
Q2: At initialization all s will be approximately equal; what is the loss?

A: $-\log(1/C) = \log(C)$,

If $C = 10$, then $L_i = \log(10) \approx 2.3$

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matrix multiply + bias offset



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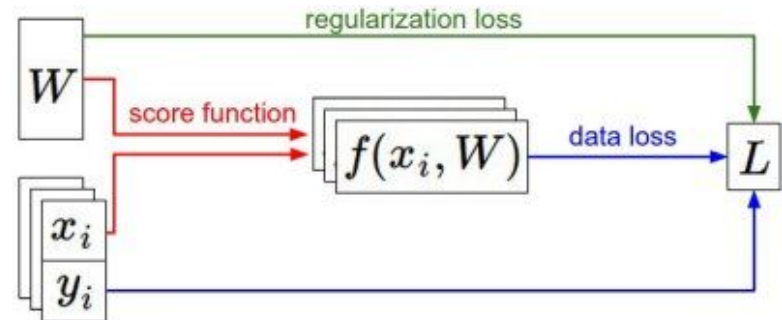
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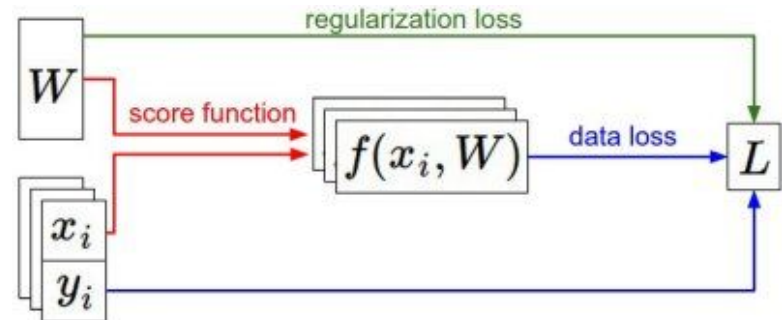
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