

# BINARY INSTANCE-SPECIFIC COST LEARNING

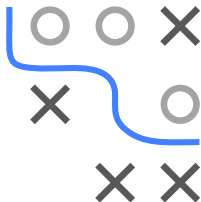
- Assumes instance-specific costs for every observation:  
 $\mathcal{D}^{(n)} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$ , where  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Define “true class” as cost minimal class
- Define observation weights:  $|\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1] - \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[0]|$

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[0]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$y^{(i)}$	$w^{(i)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1	1	0	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	2	0	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	7	3	1	4

- Now solve weighted ERM:

$$\mathcal{R}_{emp}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{(i)} L(y^{(i)}, f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} | \theta))$$

- NB: Instances with equal costs are effectively ignored.



# MULTICLASS COSTS

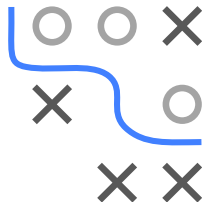
- Consider  $g > 2$ . Vanilla CSL is special case of instance specific, use  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}$  same for all  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  of the same class

		True class		
		$y = 1$	$y = 2$	$y = 3$
Pred. class	$\hat{y} = 1$	0	1	3
	$\hat{y} = 2$	1	0	1
	$\hat{y} = 3$	7	1	0

- For two  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  with  $y = 2$  and  $y = 3$ :

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$	$y^{(i)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1	0	1	2
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	3	1	0	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	1	0	1	2

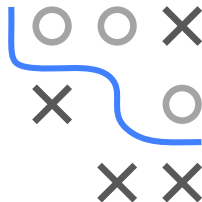
- Set  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[y^{(i)}] = 0$ , i.e. zero-cost for correct prediction.



- Let  $\mathcal{D}^{(n)} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^g$ .
- Example:

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3

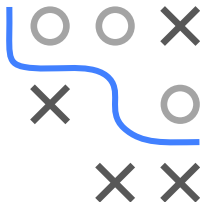
- Idea: Reduction principle to binary case (weighted fit) by one-versus-one (OVO).
- For class  $j$  vs.  $k$ :
  - How to deal with the label  $y^{(i)}$ ?  $y^{(i)}$  can be neither  $j$  nor  $k$ .
  - How to deal with the costs  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[j]$  and  $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[k]$ ?



# CSOVO

- When training a binary classifier  $f^{(j,k)}$  for class  $j$  vs.  $k$ ,
  - Choose cost min class from pair  $\arg \min_{l \in \{j,k\}} \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[l]$  as ground truth
  - Sample weight is simply diff between the 2 costs  $|\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[j] - \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[k]|$
- Example continued:

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$	$\tilde{y}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$	$w^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 2]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	0/2	1	2
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	1/0	2	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3	2/0	2	2
	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$	$\tilde{y}^{(i)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$	$w^{(i)}[2 \text{ vs } 3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	2/3	2	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	0/1	2	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3	0/3	2	3



# CISOVO

- Example continued

	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[2]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[3]$	$\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$	$\tilde{y}^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$	$w^{(i)}[1 \text{ vs } 3]$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	2	3	0/3	1	3
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	1	-/-	-	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	2	0	3	2/3	1	1

- Wrap everything up:

- 1 For class  $j$  vs.  $k$ , transform all  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}^{(i)})$  to  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \arg \min_{l \in \{j, k\}} \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[l])$  with sample-wise weight  $|\mathbf{c}^{(i)}[j] - \mathbf{c}^{(i)}[k]|$ .
  - 2 Train a weighted binary classifier  $f^{(j,k)}$  using the above
  - 3 Repeat step 1 and 2 for different  $(j, k)$ .
  - 4 Predict using the votes from all  $f^{(j,k)}$ .
- Theoretical guarantee:  
test costs of final classifier  $\leq 2 \sum_{j < k}$  test cost of  $f^{(j,k)}$ .

