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CS178: Machine Learning and Data Mining

Linear Classification

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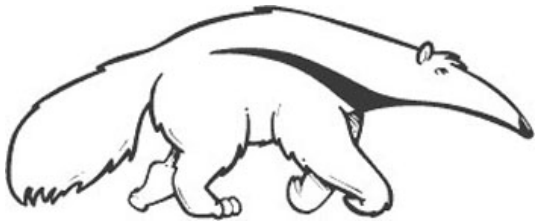

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Machine Learning

Linear Classification with Perceptrons

Perceptron Learning

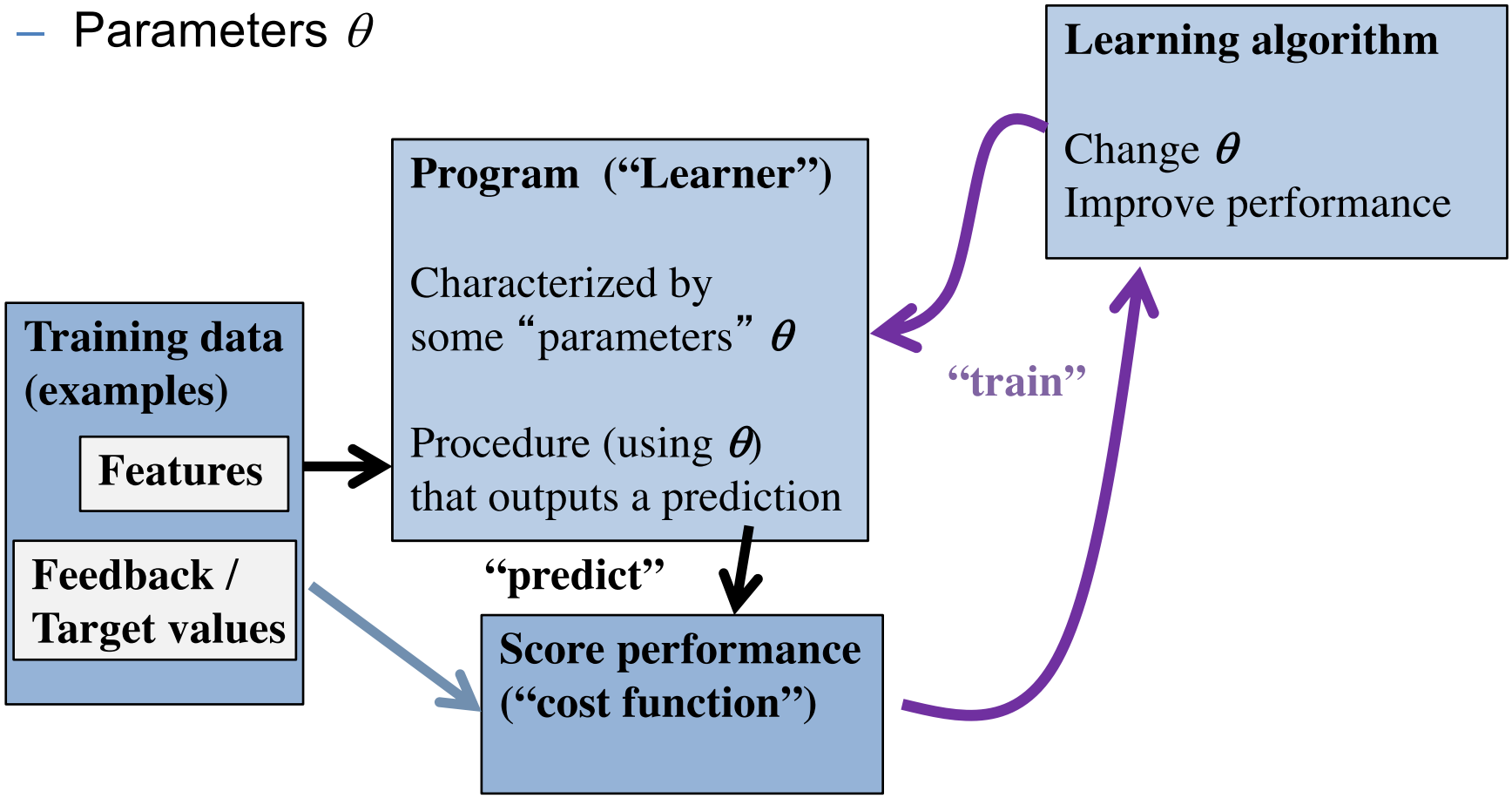
Gradient-Based Classifier Learning

Multi-Class Classification

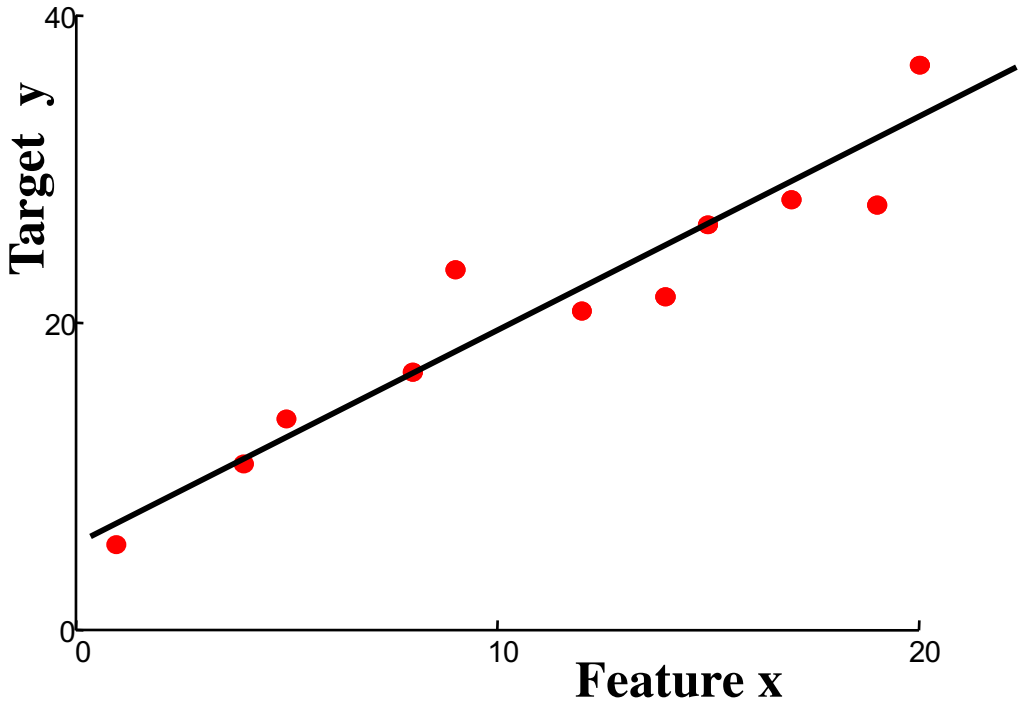
Regularization for Linear Classification

Supervised learning

- Notation
  - Features x
  - Targets y
  - Predictions $\hat{y} = f(x\ ;\ \theta)$
  - Parameters θ



Linear regression



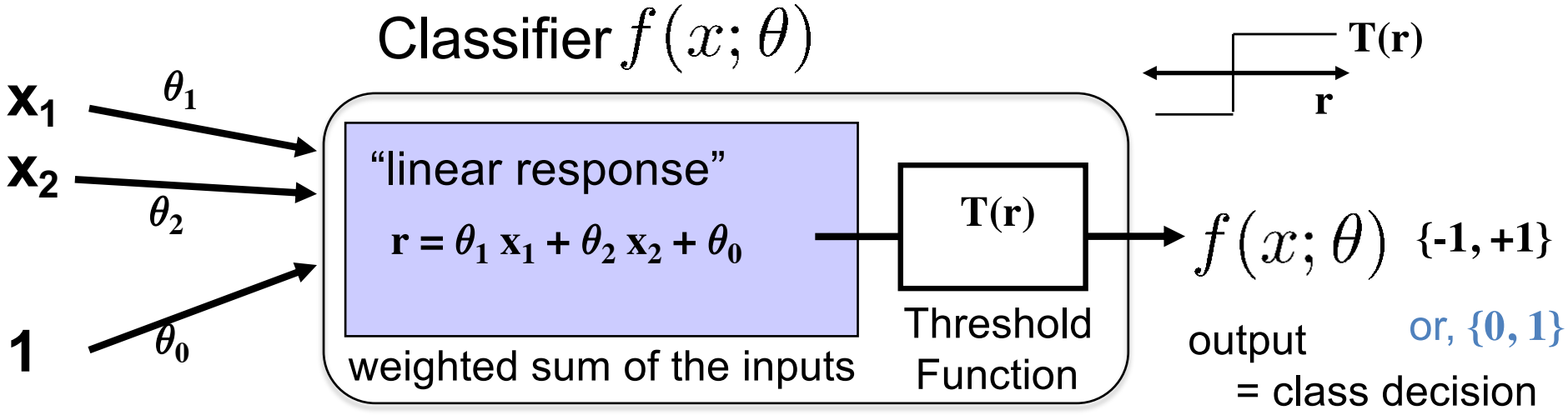
"Predictor":
Evaluate line:

$$r = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1$$

return r

- Contrast with classification
  - Classify: predict discrete-valued target y
  - Initially: "classic" binary { -1, +1} classes; generalize later

Perceptron Classifier (2 features)

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r = X.dot( theta.T )          # compute linear response
Yhat = (r > 0)                # predict class 1 vs 0
Yhat = 2*(r > 0)-1            # or "sign": predict +1 / -1
# Note: typically convert classes to "canonical" values 0,1,…
# then convert back ("learner.classes[c]") after prediction
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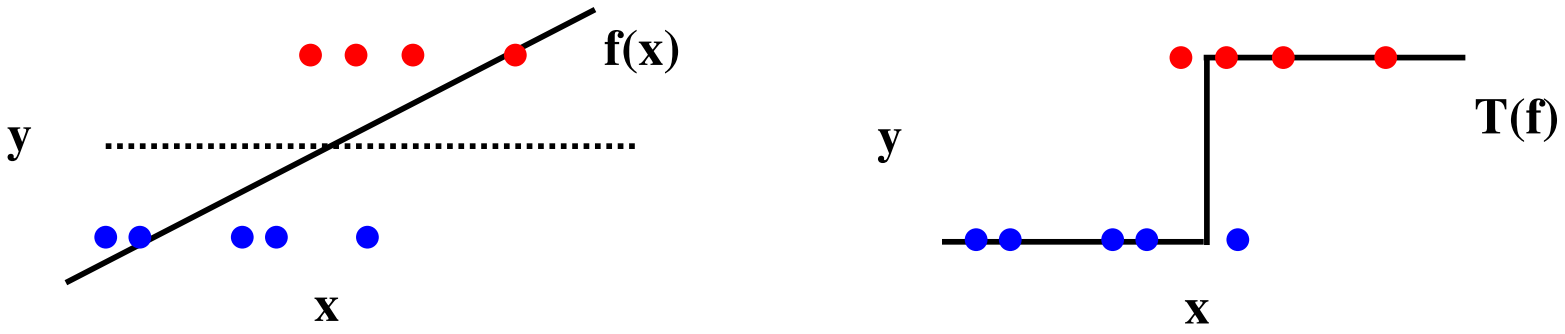
Visualizing for one feature "x":



Perceptrons

- Perceptron = a linear classifier
  - The parameters θ are sometimes called weights (“w”)
    - real-valued constants (can be positive or negative)
  - Input features $x_1 \ldots x_n$ are arbitrary numbers
  - Define an additional constant input feature $x_0=1$

- A perceptron calculates 2 quantities:
  - 1. A weighted sum of the input features
  - 2. This sum is then thresholded by the T(.) function

- Perceptron: a simple artificial model of human neurons
  - weights = “synapses”
  - threshold = “neuron firing”

Perceptron Decision Boundary

- The perceptron is defined by the decision algorithm:

$$f(x;\theta) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \theta \cdot x^T > 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The perceptron represents a hyperplane decision surface in d-dimensional space
  - A line in 2D, a plane in 3D, etc.

- The equation of the hyperplane is given by

$$\underline{\theta} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{T}} = 0$$

  This defines the set of points that are on the boundary.

Example, Linear Decision Boundary

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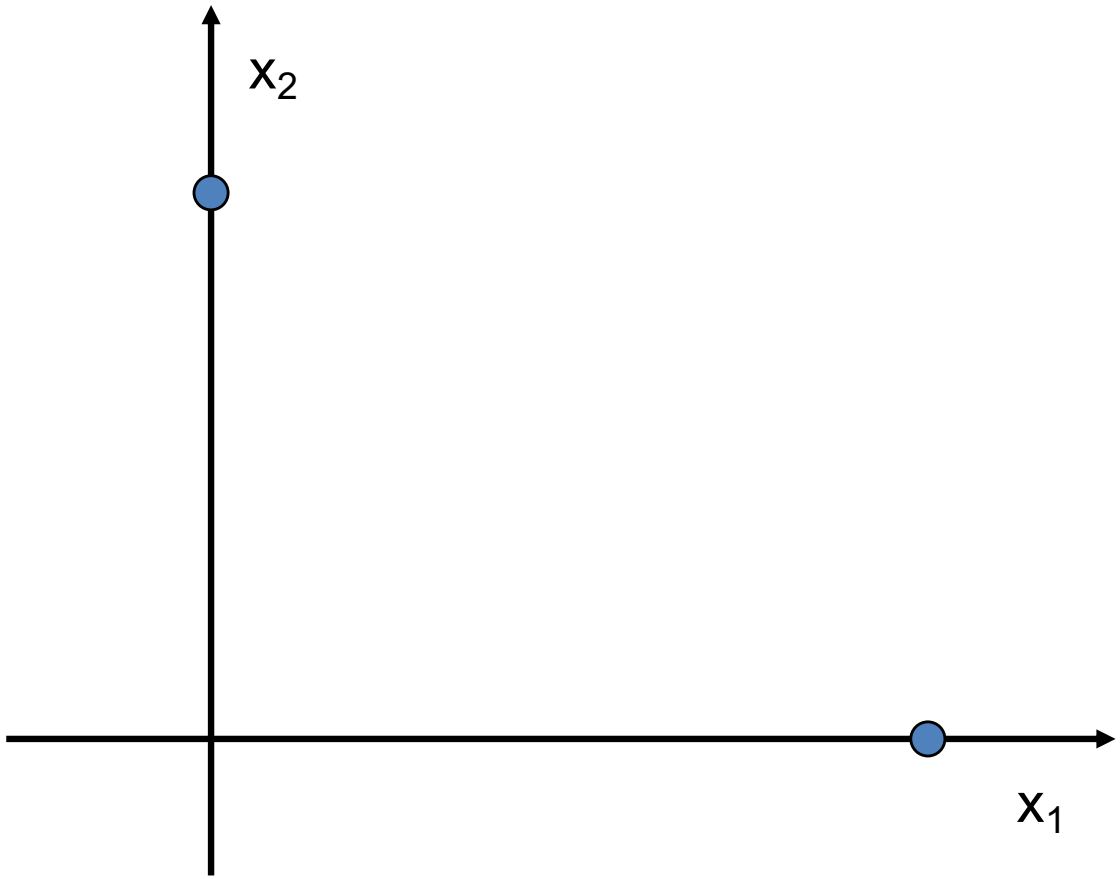

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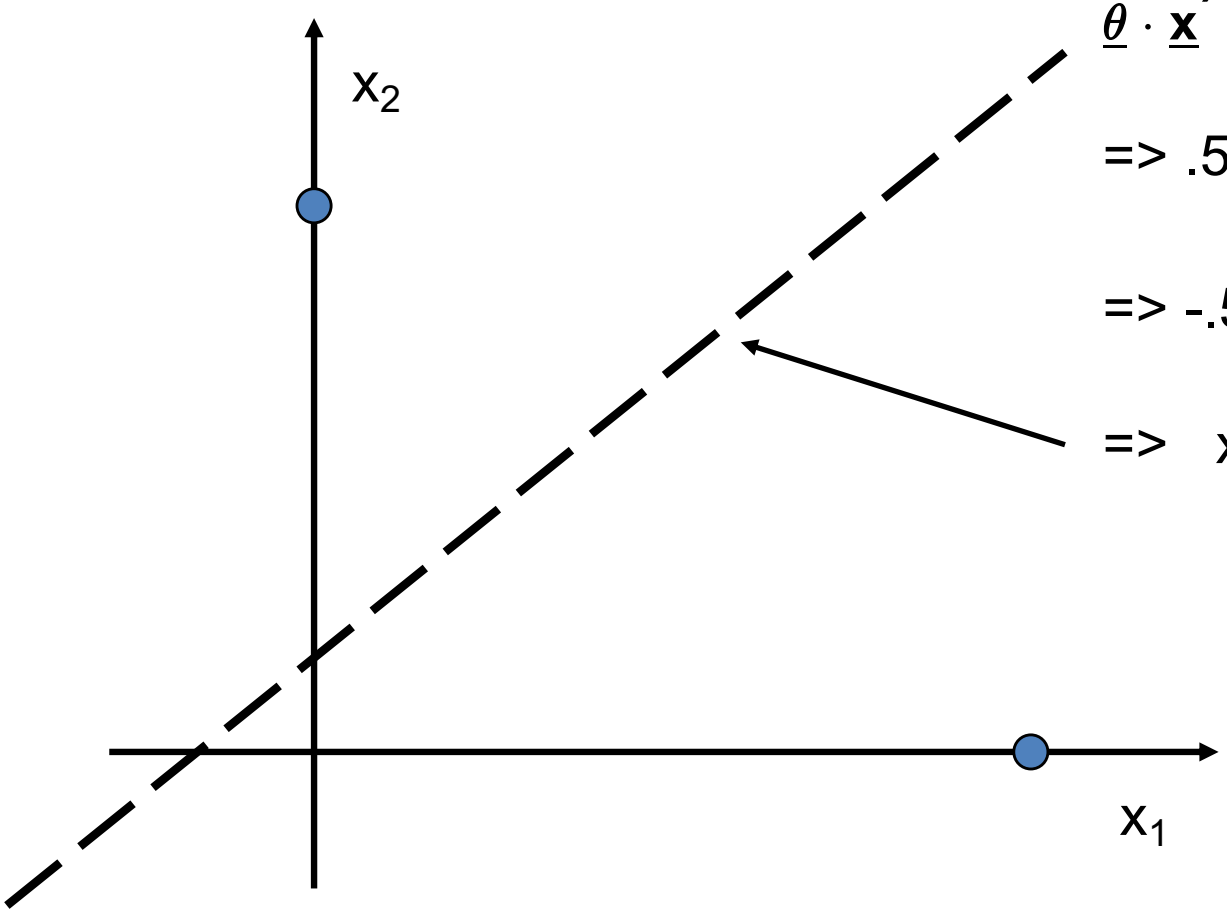

$\underline{\theta} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}' = 0$

$\Rightarrow .5 \cdot x_1 - .5 \cdot x_2 + 1 \cdot 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow -.5 \, x_2 = -.5 \, x_1 - 1$

$\Rightarrow \ x_2 = x_1 + 2$

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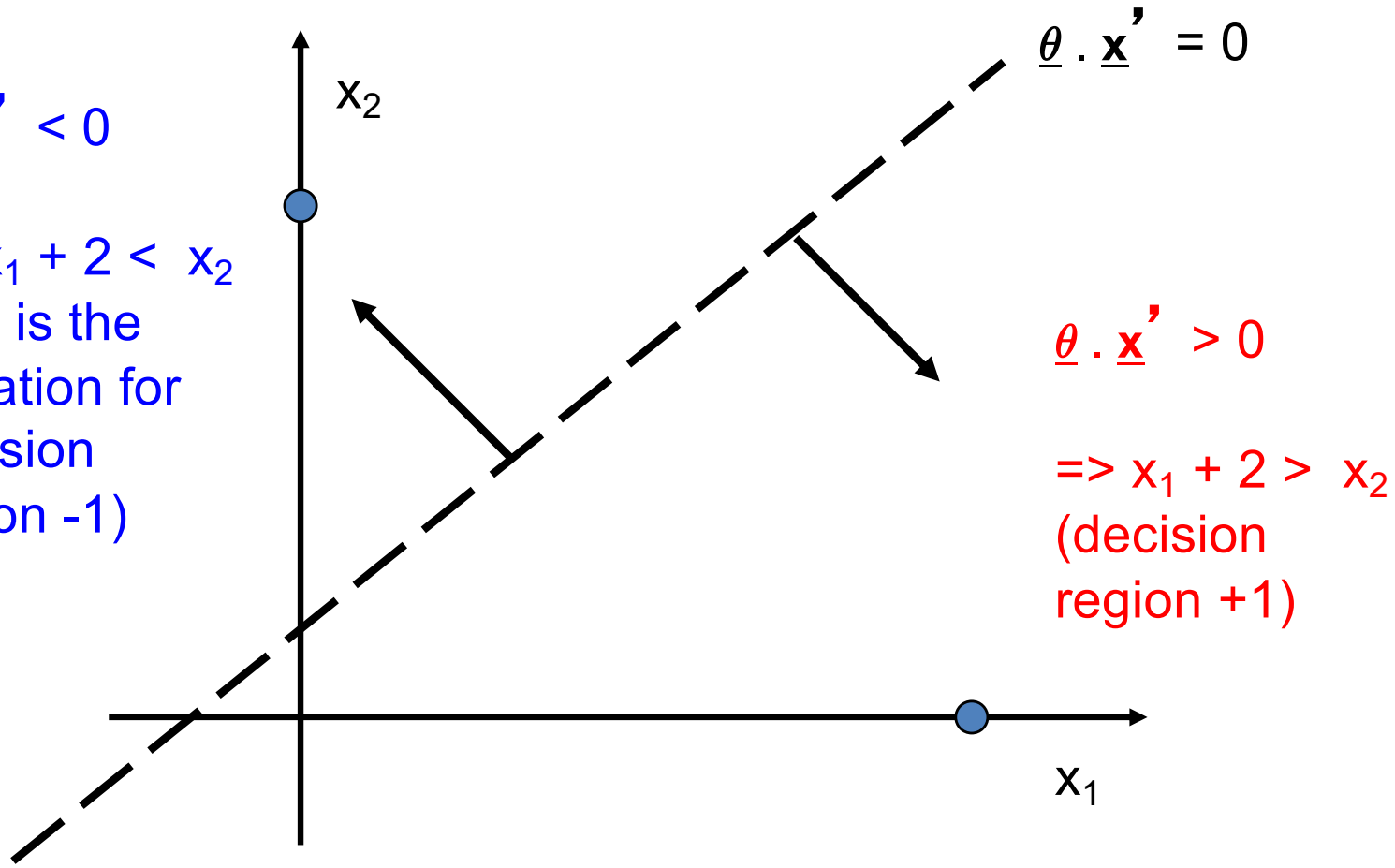

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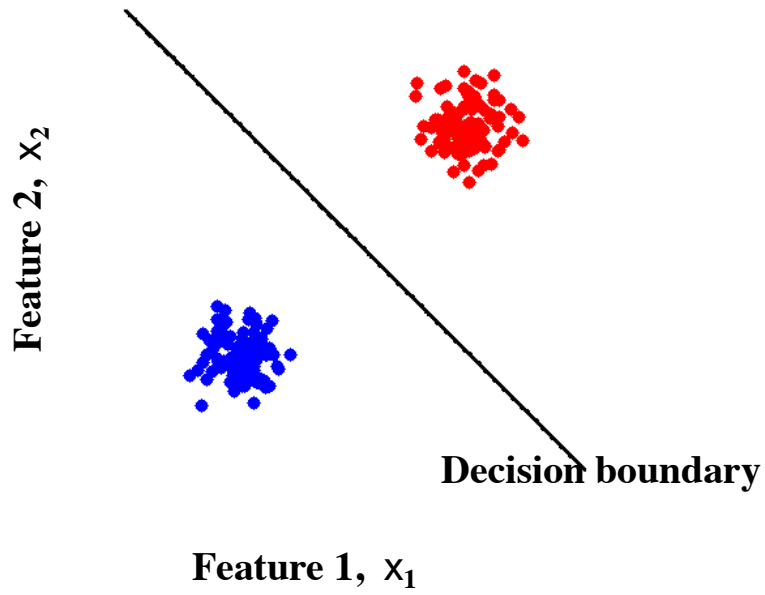
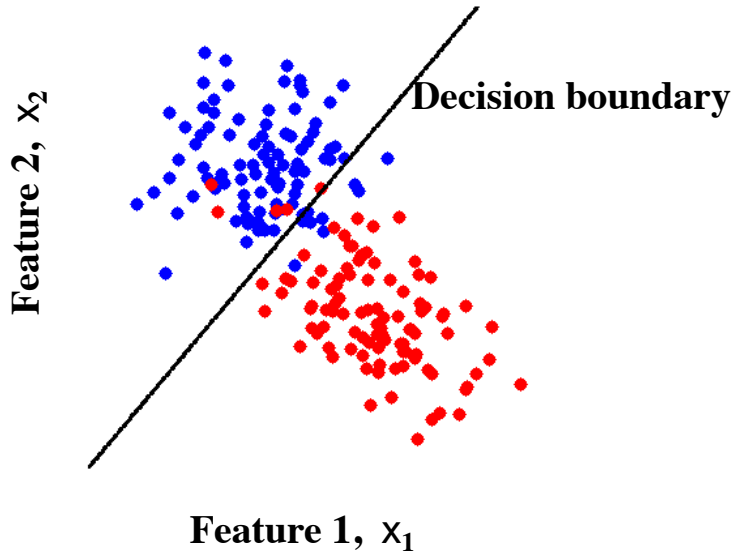
Separability

- A data set is separable by a learner if
  - There is some instance of that learner that correctly predicts all the data points
- Linearly separable data
  - Can separate the two classes using a straight line in feature space
  - in 2 dimensions the decision boundary is a straight line

Linearly separable data

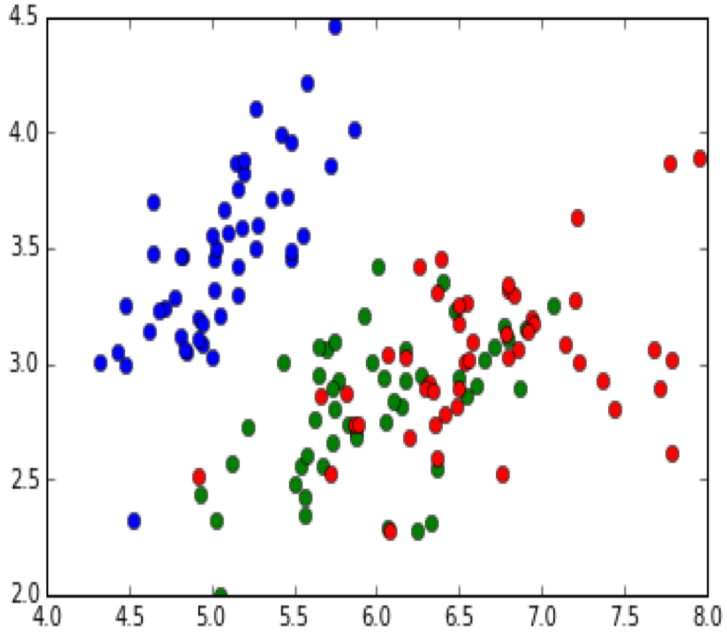


Linearly non-separable data

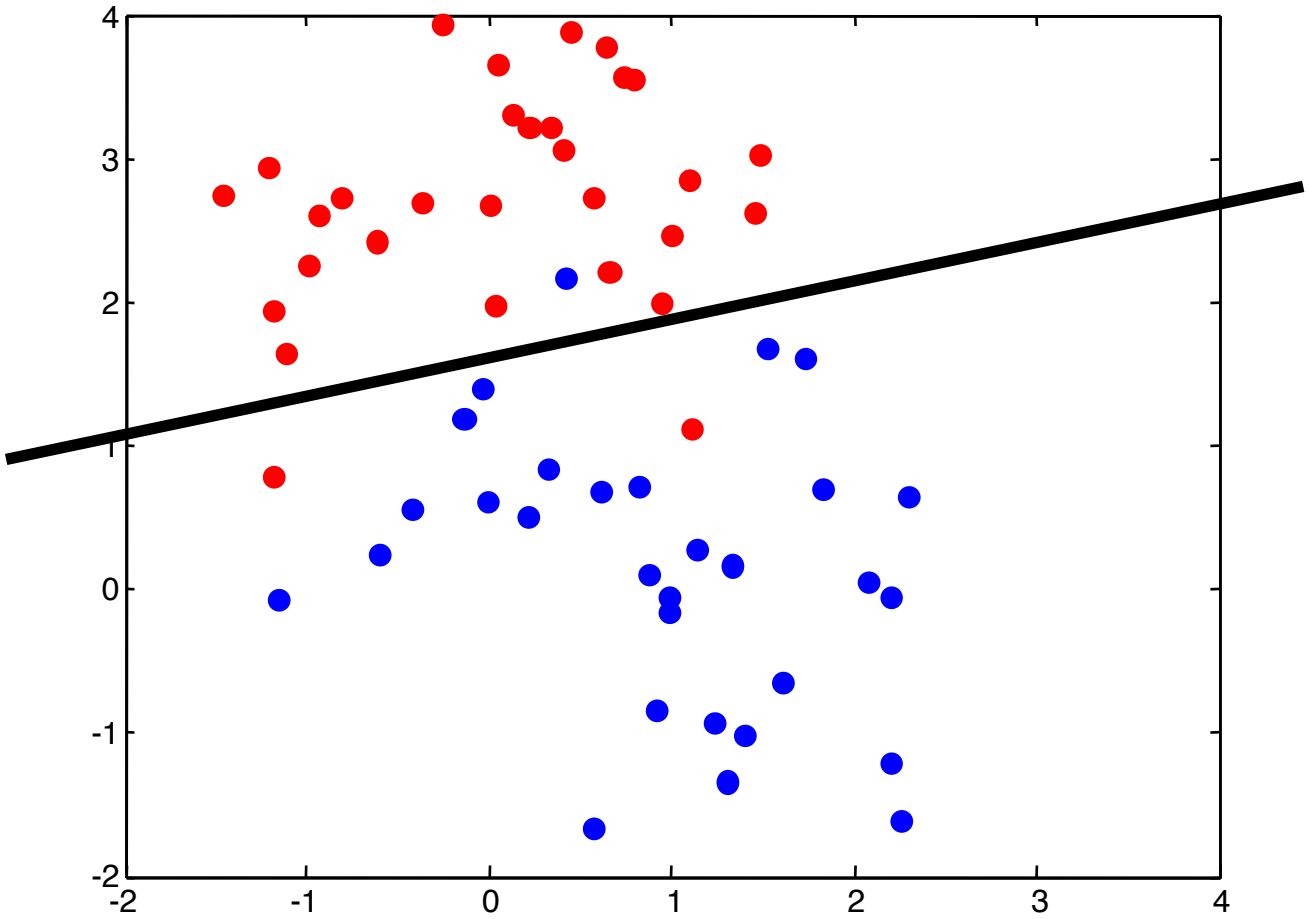


Class overlap

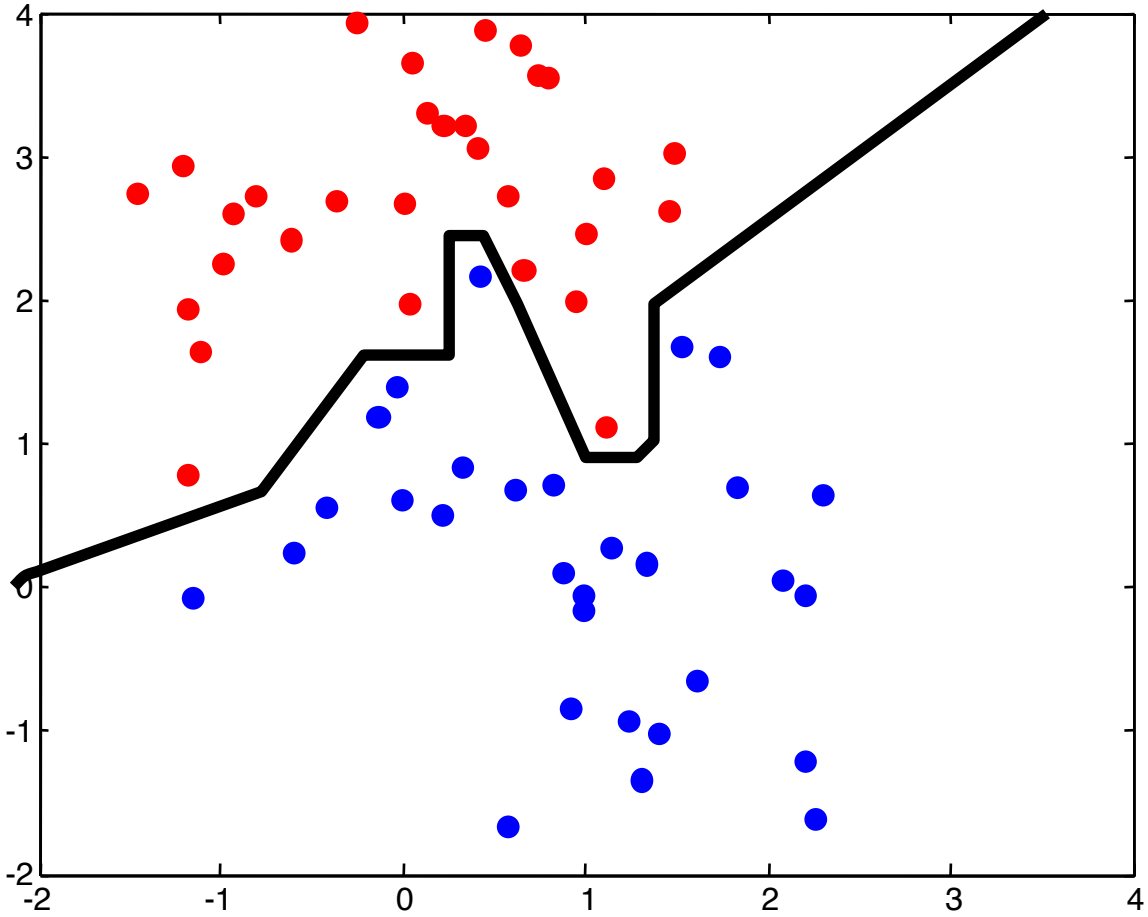
- Classes may not be well-separated
- Same observation values possible under both classes
  - High vs low risk; features {age, income}
  - Benign/malignant cells look similar
  - …
- Common in practice
- May not be able to perfectly distinguish between classes
  - Maybe with more features?
  - Maybe with more complex classifier?
- Otherwise, may have to accept some errors



Another example



Non-linear decision boundary



Representational Power of Perceptrons

- What mappings can a perceptron represent perfectly?
  - A perceptron is a linear classifier
  - thus it can represent any mapping that is linearly separable
  - some Boolean functions like AND (on left)
  - but not Boolean functions like XOR (on right)

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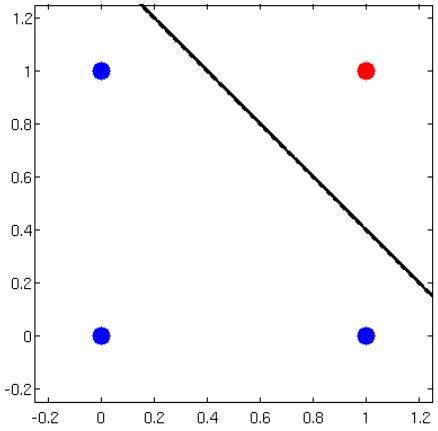

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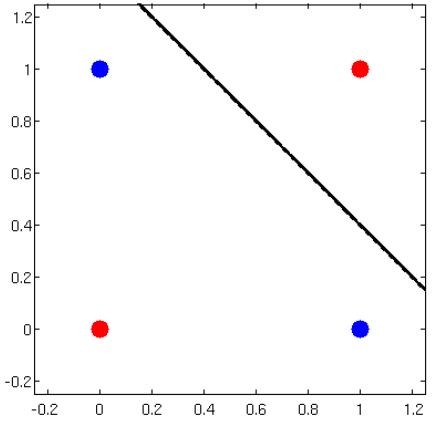

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- Linear classifier can't learn some functions

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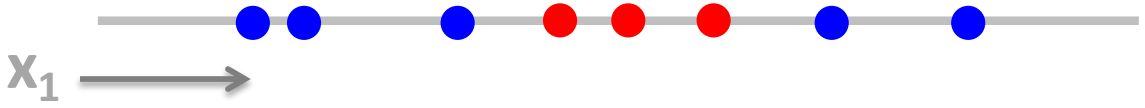
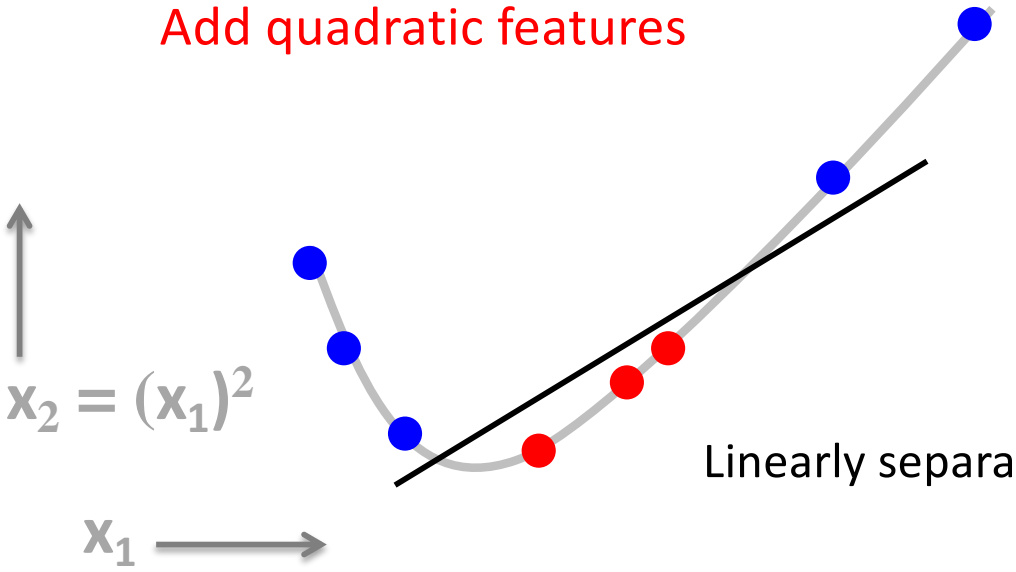


Not linearly separable

Add quadratic features



Linearly separable in new features…

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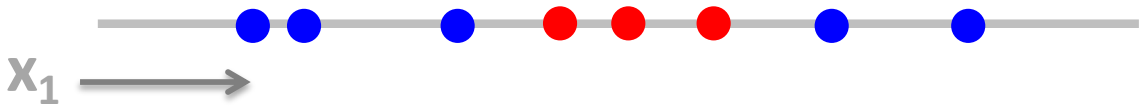

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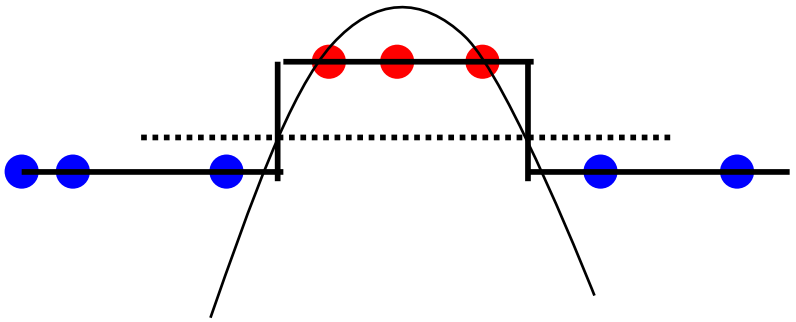
Quadratic features, visualized in original feature space:

$$y = T(a x^2 + b x + c)$$



More complex decision boundary: $ax^2+bx+c = 0$

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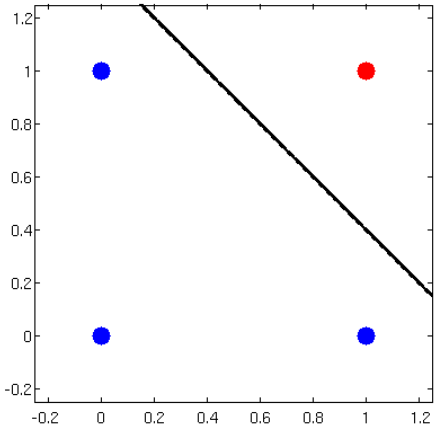

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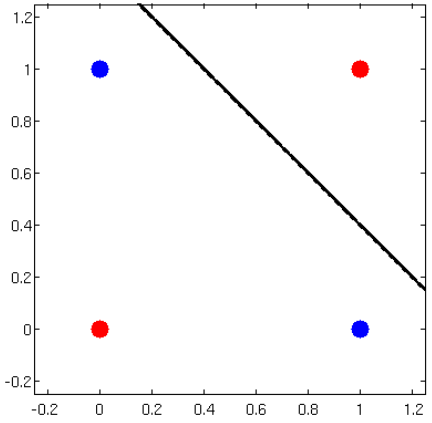

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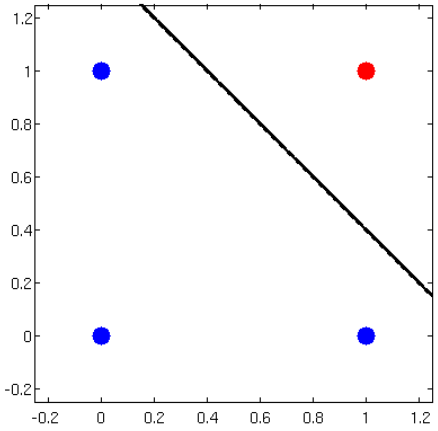

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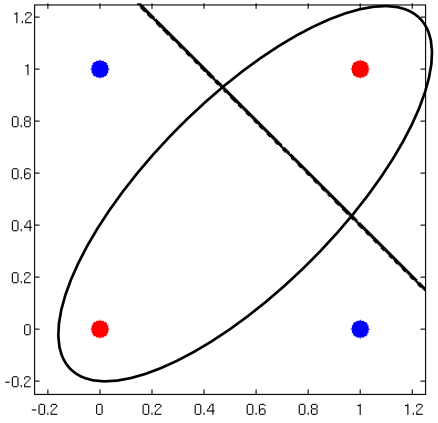

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Ellipsiodal decision boundary: $a\,x_1^2 + b\,x_1 + c\,x_2^2 + d\,x_2 + e\,x_1x_2 + f = 0$

Feature representations

- Features are used in a linear way
- Learner is dependent on representation

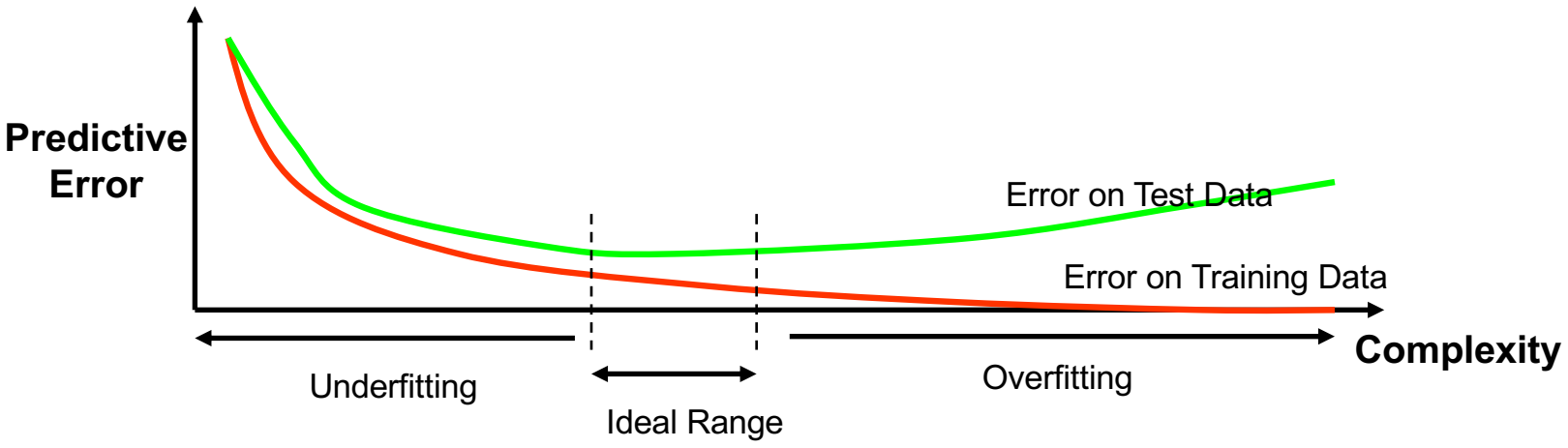
- Ex: discrete features
  - Mushroom surface: {fibrous, grooves, scaly, smooth}
  - Probably not useful to use x = {1, 2, 3, 4}
  - Better: 1-of-K, x = { [1000], [0100], [0010], [0001] }
  - Introduces more parameters, but a more flexible relationship

Effect of dimensionality

- Data are increasingly separable in high dimension – is this a good thing?

- "Good"
  - Separation is easier in higher dimensions (for fixed # of data m)
  - Increase the number of features, and even a linear classifier will eventually be able to separate all the training examples!

- "Bad"
  - Remember training vs. test error? Remember overfitting?
  - Increasingly complex decision boundaries can eventually get all the training data right, but it doesn't necessarily bode well for test data…



Summary

- Linear classifier ⇔ perceptron
- Linear decision boundary
  - Computing and visualizing
- Separability
  - Limits of the representational power of a perceptron
- Adding features
  - Interpretations
  - Effect on separability
  - Potential for overfitting

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Learning the Classifier Parameters

- Learning from Training Data:
  - training data = labeled feature vectors
  - Find parameter values that predict well (low error)
    - error is estimated on the training data
    - "true" error will be on future test data

- Define a loss function $J(\underline{\theta})$:
  - Classifier error rate (for a given set of weights $\underline{\theta}$ and labeled data)

- Minimize this loss function (or, maximize accuracy)
  - An optimization or search problem over the vector $(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \ldots)$

Training a linear classifier

- How should we measure error?
  - Natural measure = "fraction we get wrong" (error rate)

$$\text{err}(\theta) = \frac{1}{m}\sum_i \mathbb{1}\left[y^{(i)} \neq f(x^{(i)};\theta)\right] \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbb{1}\left[y \neq \hat{y}\right] = \begin{cases} 1 & y \neq \hat{y} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

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Yhat = np.sign( X.dot( theta.T ) )        # predict class  (+1/-1)
err = np.mean( Y != Yhat )                # count errors: empirical error rate
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- But, hard to train via gradient descent
  - Not continuous
  - As decision boundary moves, errors change abruptly

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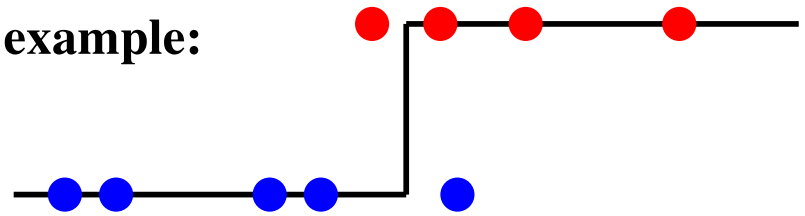
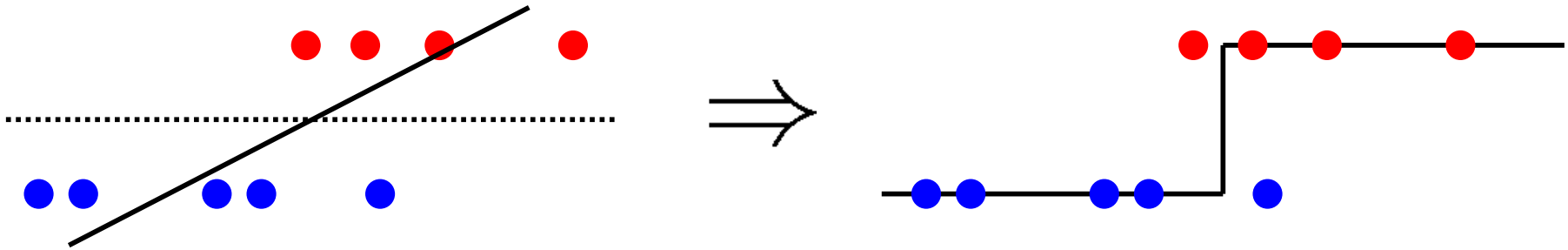


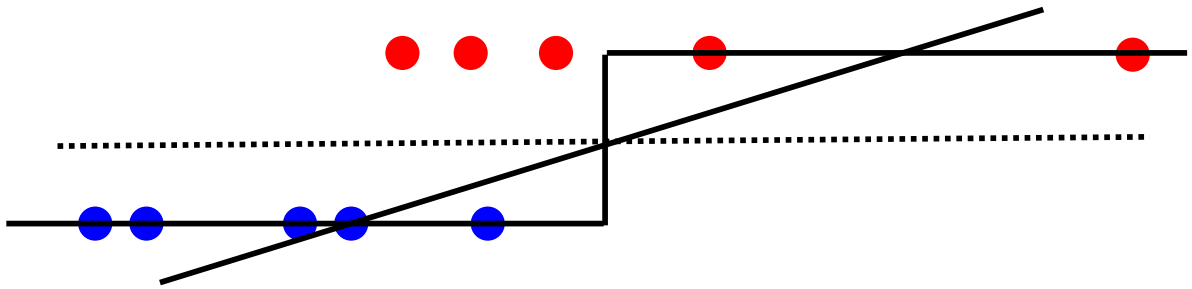
T(f) = -1 if f < 0
T(f) = +1 if f > 0

Linear regression?

- Simple option: set θ using linear regression



- In practice, this often doesn't work so well…
  - Consider adding a distant but "easy" point
  - MSE distorts the solution



Perceptron algorithm

- Perceptron algorithm: an SGD-like algorithm

while $\neg$ done:

for each data point j:

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$$\theta \leftarrow \theta + \alpha(y^{(j)} - \hat{y}^{(j)})x^{(j)}$$ ("gradient-like" step)

- Compare to linear regression + MSE cost
  - Identical update to SGD for MSE except error uses thresholded ŷ(j) instead of linear response $\underline{\theta}$x':
  - (1) For correct predictions, y(j) - ŷ(j) = 0
  - (2) For incorrect predictions, y(j) - ŷ(j) = $\pm$ 2

"adaptive" linear regression: correct predictions stop contributing

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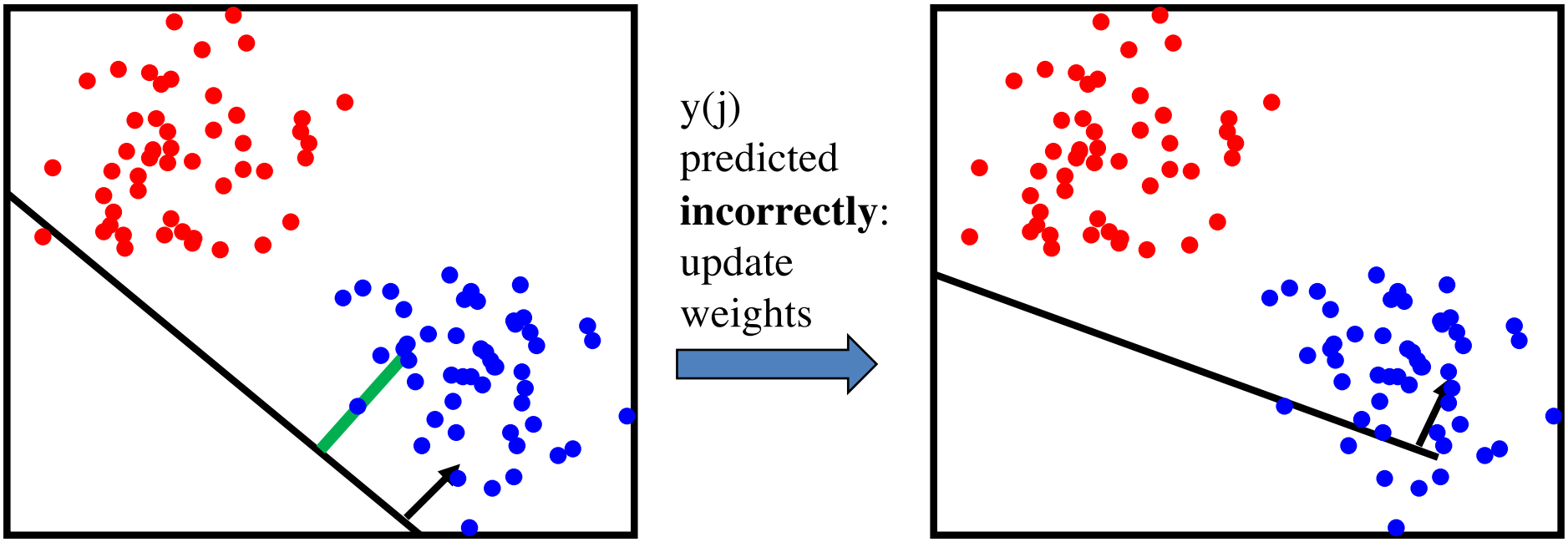

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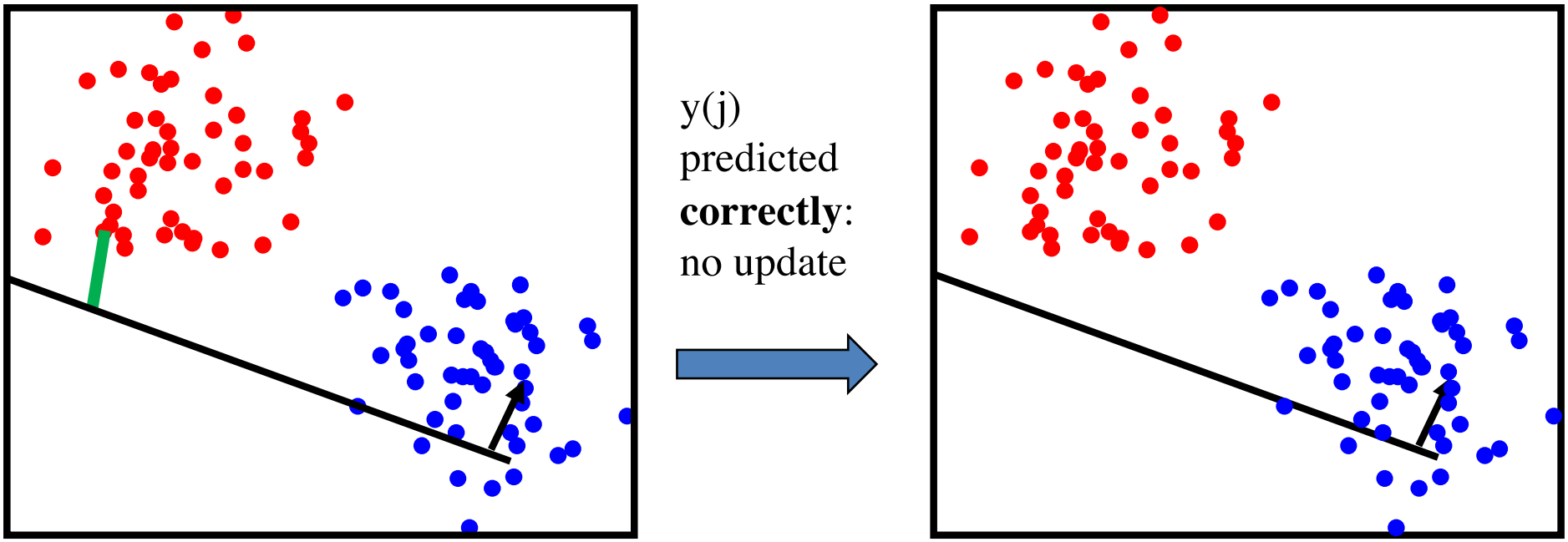

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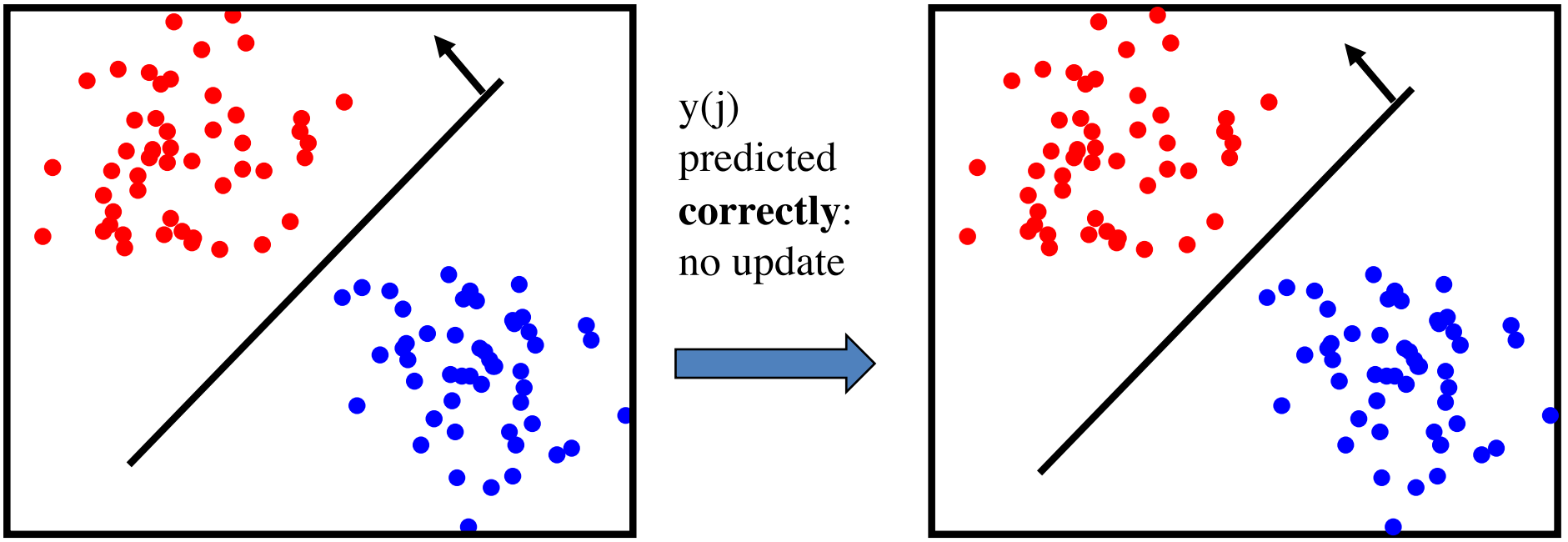
(Converges if data are linearly separable)



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Frank Rosenblatt, late 1950s

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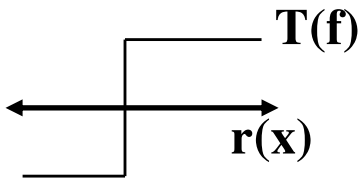
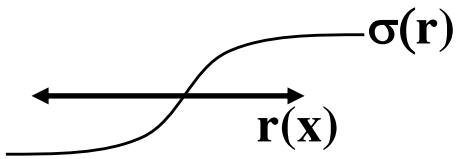
Surrogate loss functions

- Another solution: use a "smooth" loss
  - e.g., approximate the threshold function



  - Usually some smooth function of distance
    - Example: logistic "sigmoid", looks like an "S"



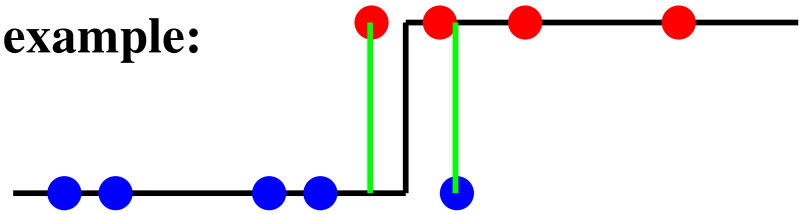
  - Now, measure e.g. MSE

$$J(\underline{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m}\sum_{j}\left(\ \sigma(\ r(x^{(j)})\ ) - y^{(j)}\ \right)^2$$

Class y = {0, 1} …

  - Far from the decision boundary: |f(.)| large, small error
  - Nearby the boundary: |f(.)| near 1/2, larger error

1D example:



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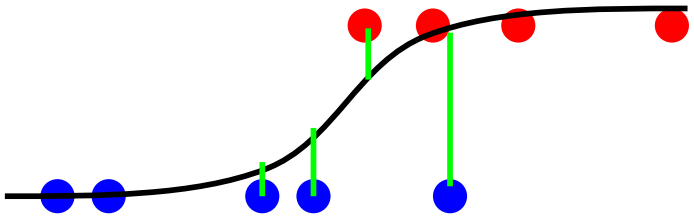
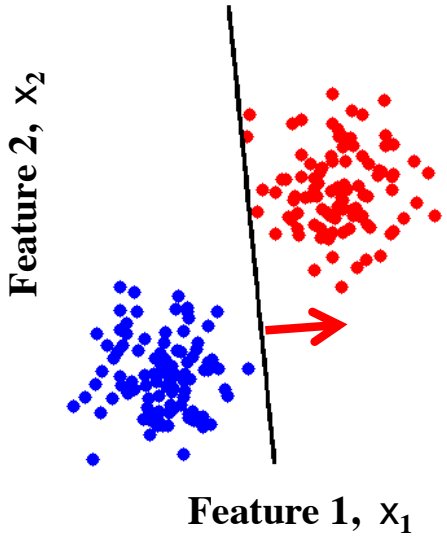
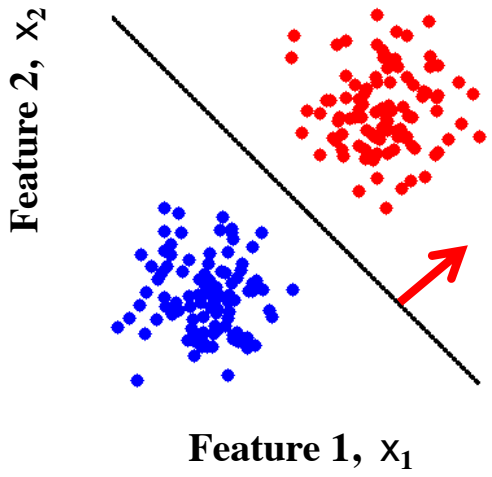


MSE = $(0^2 + 1^2 + .2^2 + .25^2 + .05^2 + \ldots)/9$

Beyond misclassification rate

- Which decision boundary is “better”?
  - Both have zero training error (perfect training accuracy)
  - But, one of them seems intuitively better…





- Side benefit of many “smoothed” error functions
  - Encourages data to be far from the decision boundary
  - See more examples of this principle later...

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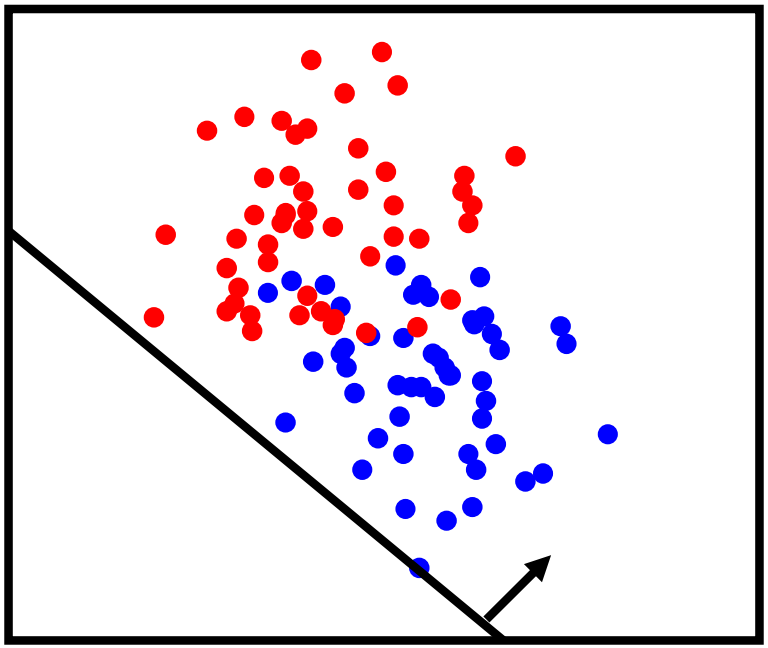

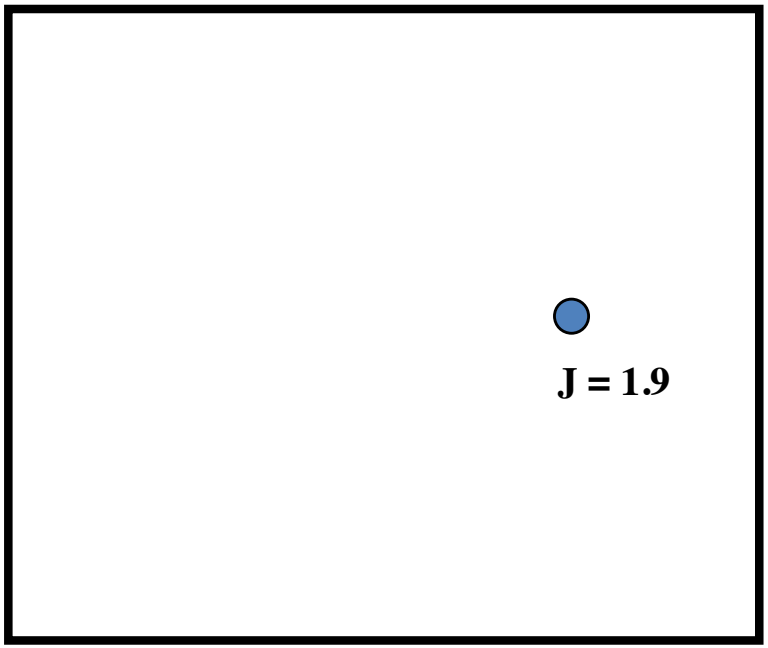

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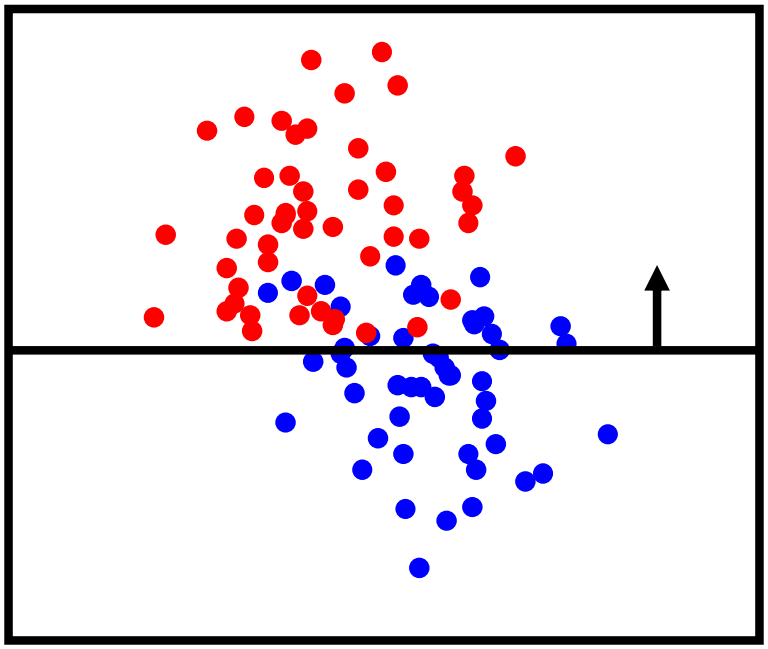

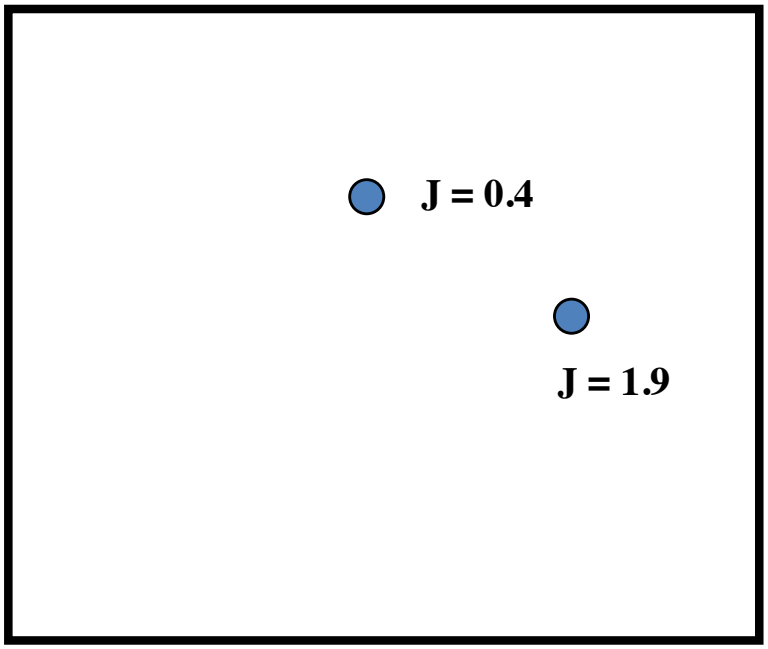

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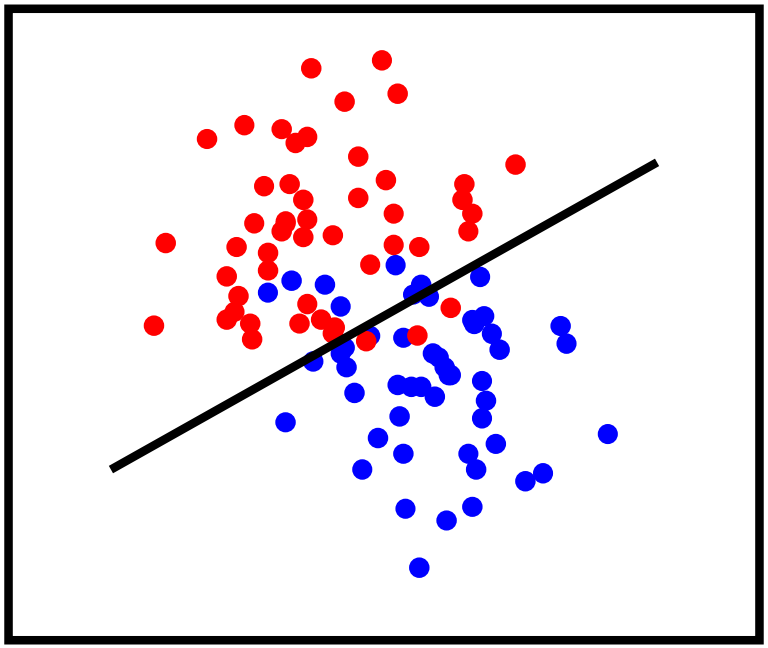
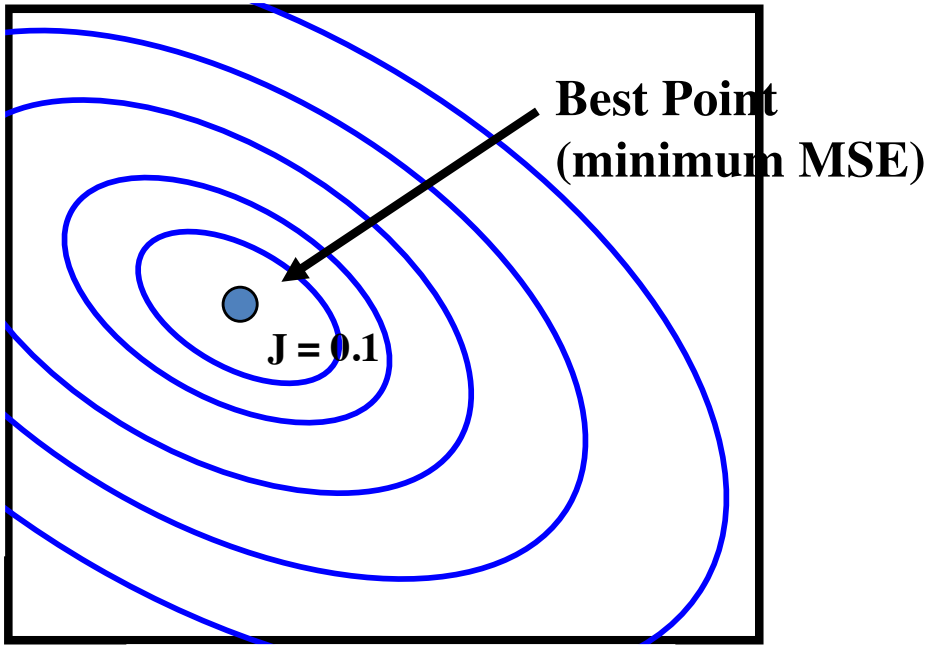
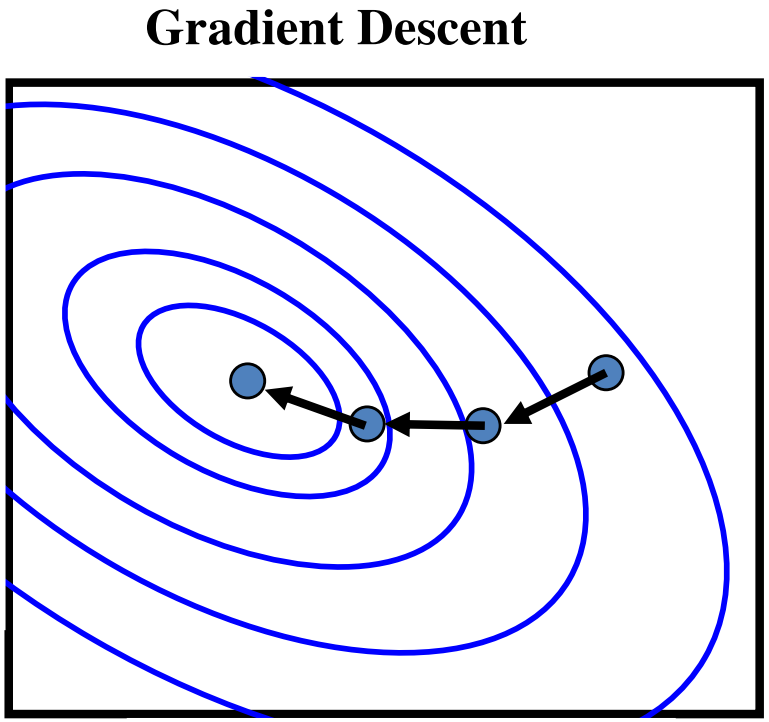




Finding the Best MSE

- As in linear regression, this is now just optimization

- Methods:
  - Gradient descent
    - Improve loss by small changes in parameters ("small" = learning rate)
  - Or, substitute your favorite optimization algorithm…
    - Coordinate descent
    - Stochastic search



Gradient Equations

- MSE (note, depends on function σ(.))

$$J(\underline{\theta} = [a, b, c]) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_i (\sigma(a x_1^{(i)} + b x_2^{(i)} + c) - y^{(i)})^2$$

- What's the derivative with respect to one of the parameters?
  - Recall the chain rule of calculus:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} f(g(h(a))) = f'(g(h(a))) \; g'(h(a)) \; h'(a)$$

$$f(g) = (g)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f'(g) = 2(g)$$

$$g(h) = \sigma(h) - y \quad \Rightarrow \quad g'(h) = \sigma'(h)$$

$$h(a) = a x_1^{(i)} + b x_2^{(i)} + c \quad \Rightarrow \quad h'(a) = x_1^{(i)}$$

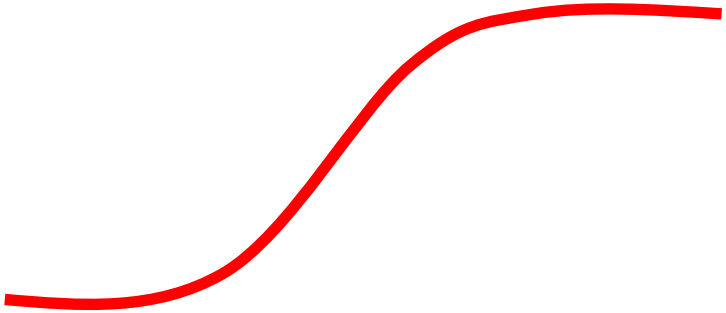
w.r.t. b,c : similar; replace x_1 with x_2 or 1

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial a} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_i 2 (\sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \; \partial\sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}) \; x_1^{(i)}$$

Error between class and prediction

Sensitivity of prediction to changes in parameter "a"

Saturating Functions



- Many possible "saturating" functions
- "Logistic" sigmoid (scaled for range [0,1]) is
  $\sigma(z) = 1 / (1 + \exp(-z))$

  (z = linear response, $x^T\theta$)
- Derivative (slope of the function at a point z) is
  $\partial\sigma(z) = \sigma(z)\,(1-\sigma(z))$

  (to predict:
  threshold z at 0 or
  threshold σ (z) at ½)
- Python Implementation:

```
def sig(z):                              # logistic sigmoid
    return  1.0 / (1.0 + np.exp(-z) ) #   in [0,1]

def dsig(z):                             # its derivative at z
    return  sig(z) * (1-sig(z))
```

For range [-1 , +1]:

$\rho(z) = 2\,\sigma(z) - 1$

$\partial\rho(z) = 2\,\sigma(z)\,(1-\sigma(z))$

Predict: threshold z or ρ at zero

Class posterior probabilities

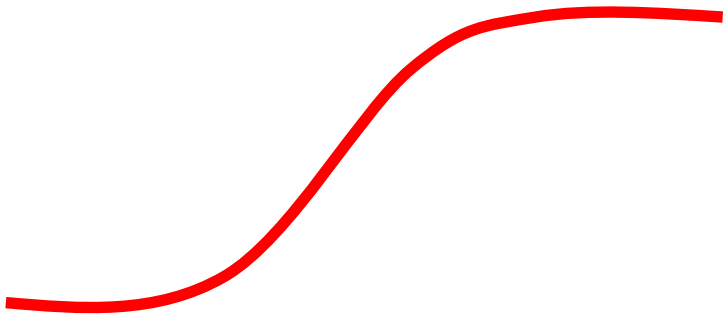
- Useful to also know class *probabilities*
- Some notation
  - p(y=0) , p(y=1) – class *prior* probabilities
    - How likely is each class in general?
  - p(x | y=c) – class conditional probabilities
    - How likely are observations “x” in that class?
  - p(y=c | x) – class posterior probability
    - How likely is class c *given* an observation x?

- We can compute posterior using Bayes’ rule
  - p(y=c | x) = p(x|y=c) p(y=c) / p(x)
- Compute p(x) using sum rule / law of total prob.
  - p(x) = p(x|y=0) p(y=0) + p(x|y=1)p(y=1)

Class posterior probabilities

- Consider comparing two classes
  - p(x | y=0) * p(y=0) vs p(x | y=1) * p(y=1)
  - Write probability of each class as
  - p(y=0 | x) = p(y=0, x) / p(x)
  - = p(y=0, x) / (p(y=0,x) + p(y=1,x))
  - = 1 / (1 + exp(-a)) (**)

  - a = log [p(x|y=0) p(y=0) / p(x|y=1) p(y=1)]
  - (**) called the logistic function, or logistic sigmoid.



Gaussian models and Logistics

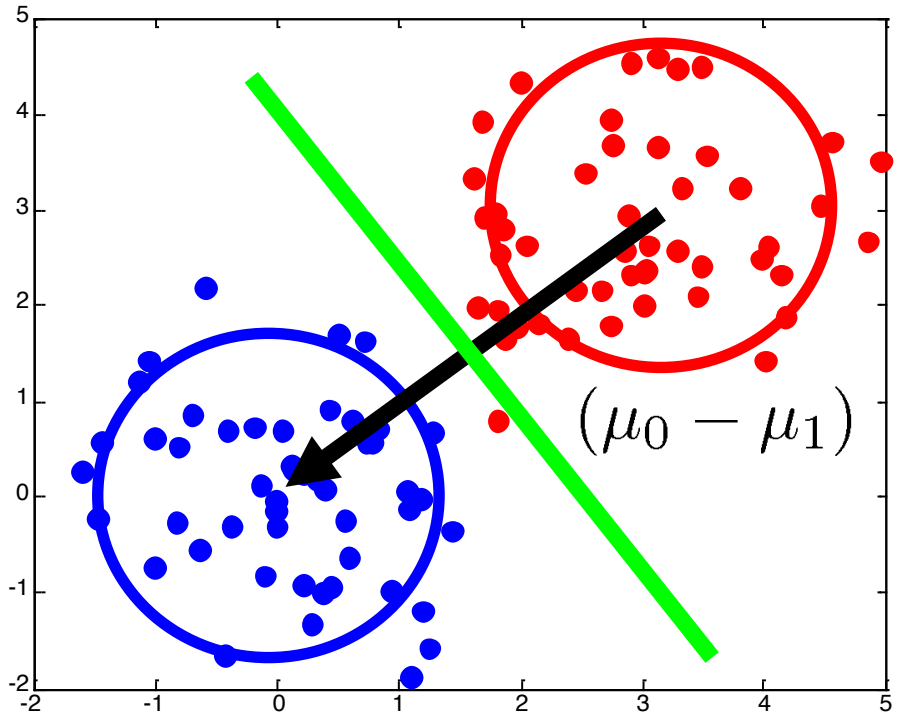
- For Gaussian models with equal covariances

$$\mathcal{N}(\underline{x}\ ;\ \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}) \right\}$$

$$0 \begin{matrix} < \\ > \end{matrix} \log \frac{p(x|y=0)}{p(x|y=1)} \frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)} = (\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} x + constants$$

The probability of each class is given by:

p(y=0 | x) = Logistic(w^T x + b)



Logistic regression

- Intepret $\sigma(\underline{\theta}\mathrm{x}^{\mathsf{T}})$ as a probability that y = 1
- Use a negative log-likelihood loss function
  - If y = 1, cost is - log Pr[y=1] = - log $\sigma(\underline{\theta}\mathrm{x}^{\mathsf{T}})$
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- Can write this succinctly:

$$J(\underline{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{m}\left(\sum_i \underbrace{y^{(i)} \log \sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)})}_{\text{Nonzero only if y=1}} + \underbrace{(1-y^{(i)}) \log(1-\sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}))}_{\text{Nonzero only if y=0}}\right)$$

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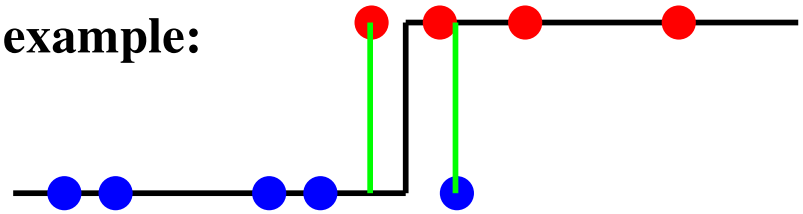
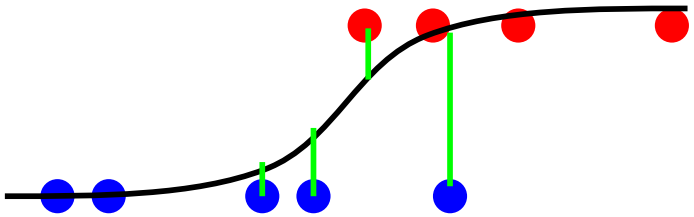
- Convex! Otherwise similar: optimize J(θ) via …



Classification error = MSE = 2/9



NLL = - (log(.99) + log(.97) + …)/9

Gradient Equations

- Logistic neg-log likelihood loss:

$$J(\underline{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{m}\left(\sum_i y^{(i)} \log \sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}))\right)$$

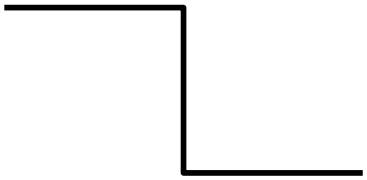
- What's the derivative with respect to one of the parameters?

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial a} = -\frac{1}{m}\left(\sum_i y^{(i)} \frac{1}{\sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)})} \; \partial\sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}) \; x_1^{(i)} + (1 - y(i)) \ldots\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{m}\left(\sum_i y^{(i)} (1 - \sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)})) \; x_1^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \ldots\right)$$

Surrogate loss functions

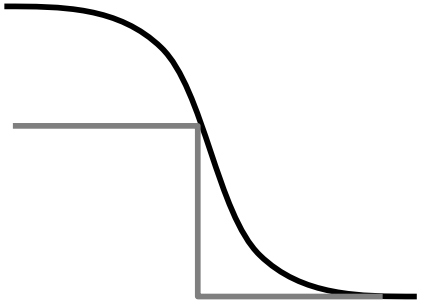
- Replace 0/1 loss $\Delta_i(\theta) = \mathbb{1}\left[T(\theta x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\right]$ with something easier:



0 / 1 Loss

- Logistic MSE

$$J_i(\theta) = 4\left(\sigma(\theta x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}\right)^2$$



- Logistic Neg Log Likelihood

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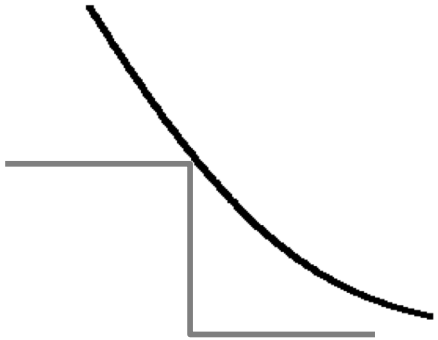


Summary

- Linear classifier ⇔ perceptron
- Measuring quality of a decision boundary
  - Error rate (0/1 loss)
  - Logistic sigmoid + MSE criterion
  - Logistic Regression
- Learning the weights of a linear classifer from data
  - Reduces to an optimization problem
  - Perceptron algorithm
  - For MSE or Logistic NLL, we can do gradient descent
  - Gradient equations & update rules

Machine Learning

- Linear Classification with Perceptrons
- Perceptron Learning
- Gradient-Based Classifier Learning
- **Multi-Class Classification**
- Regularization for Linear Classification

Multi-class linear models

- What about multiple classes? One option:
  - Define one linear response per class
  - Choose class with the largest response

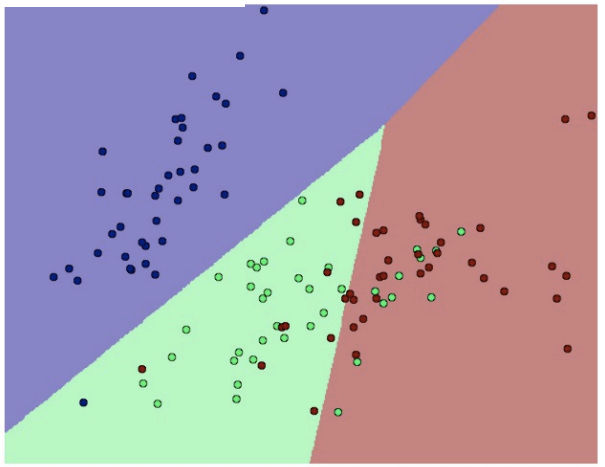
$$f(x;\theta) = \arg\max_c \ \theta_c \cdot x^T$$

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{00} & \cdots & \theta_{0n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \theta_{C0} & \cdots & \theta_{Cn} \end{bmatrix}$$

  - Boundary between two classes, c vs. c'?

$$= \begin{cases} c & \text{if } \theta_c \cdot x^T > \theta_{c'} x^T \quad \Leftrightarrow (\theta_c - \theta_{c'}) x^T > 0 \\ c' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Linear boundary: $(\theta_c - \theta_{c'})\, x^T = 0$



Multiclass perceptron algorithm

- Perceptron algorithm:
  - Make prediction f(x)
  - Increase linear response of true target y; decrease for prediction f

While (~done)

For each data point j:

$f^{(j)} = \arg\max (\underline{\theta}_c * \underline{x}^{(j)})$: predict output for data point j

$\underline{\theta}_f \leftarrow \underline{\theta}_f - \alpha \underline{x}^{(j)}$: decrease response of class $f^{(j)}$ to $x^{(j)}$

$\underline{\theta}_y \leftarrow \underline{\theta}_y + \alpha \underline{x}^{(j)}$: increase response of true class $y^{(j)}$

Multilogit regression

- Define the probability of each class:

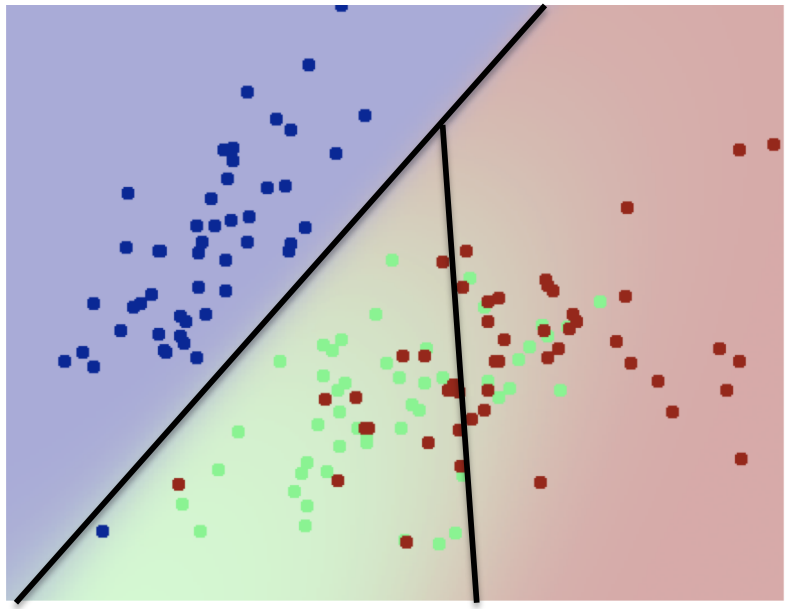
$$p(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{\exp(\theta_y \cdot x^T)}{\sum_c \exp(\theta_c \cdot x^T)}$$

(Y binary = logistic regression)

- Then, the NLL loss function is:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m}\sum_i \log p(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)}) = -\frac{1}{m}\sum_i \left[\theta_{y^{(i)}} \cdot x^{(i)} - \log \sum_c \exp(\theta_c \cdot x^{(i)})\right]$$

  - P: “confidence” of each class
    - Soft decision value
  - Decision: predict most probable
    - Linear decision boundary
  - Convex loss function



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Regularization

- Reminder: Regularization for linear regression

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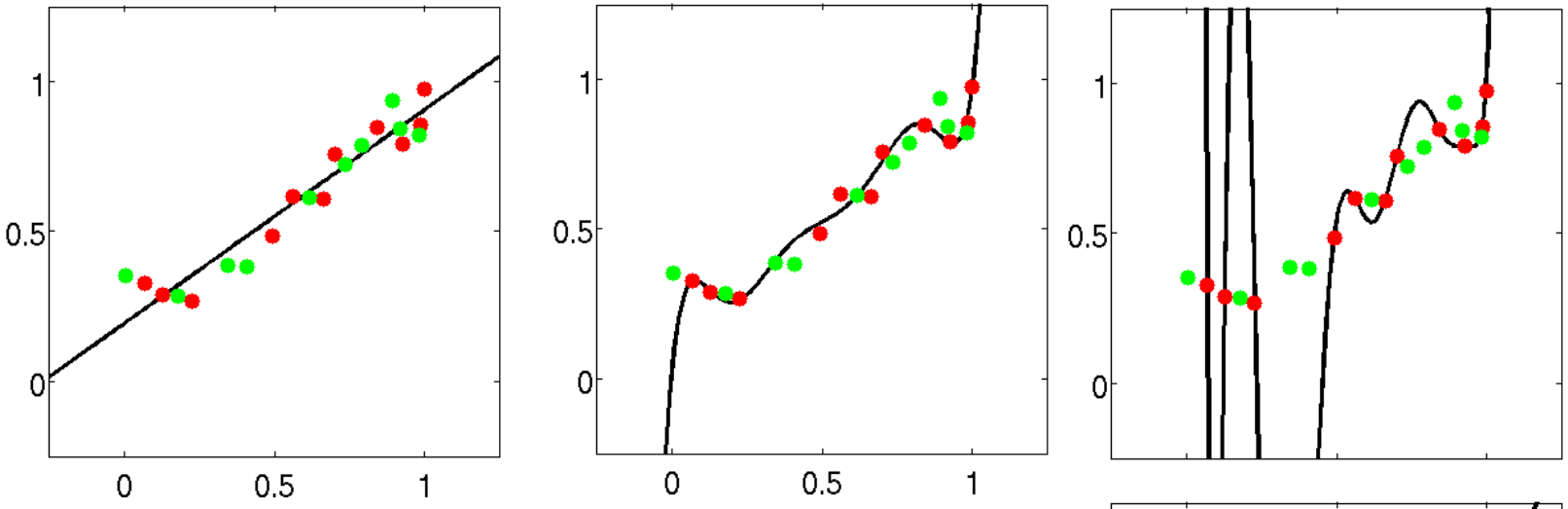
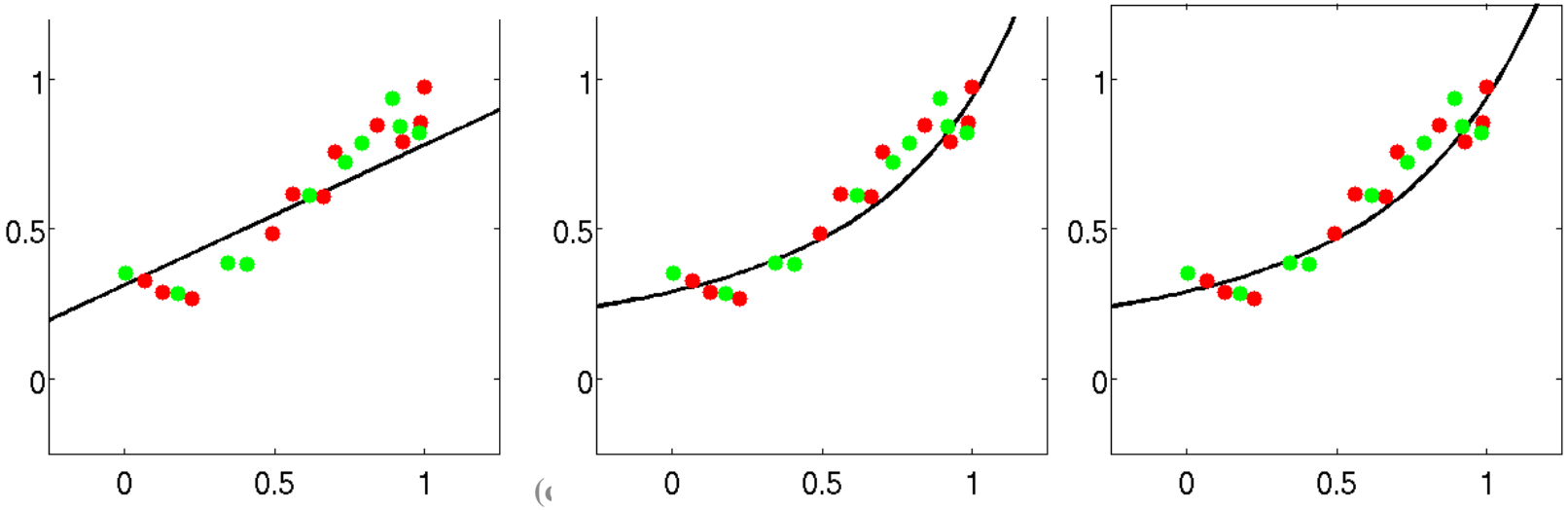
(Unregularized)



Alpha =1



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- Minimize weighted sum of negative log-likelihood and a regularizer that encourages small weights:

$$J(\underline{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{m}\left(\sum_i \underbrace{y^{(i)} \log \sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)})}_{\text{Nonzero only if y=1}} + \underbrace{(1-y^{(i)}) \log(1-\sigma(\theta \cdot x^{(i)}))}_{\text{Nonzero only if y=0}}\right)$$

$$+\alpha||\theta||_p$$

Different regularization functions

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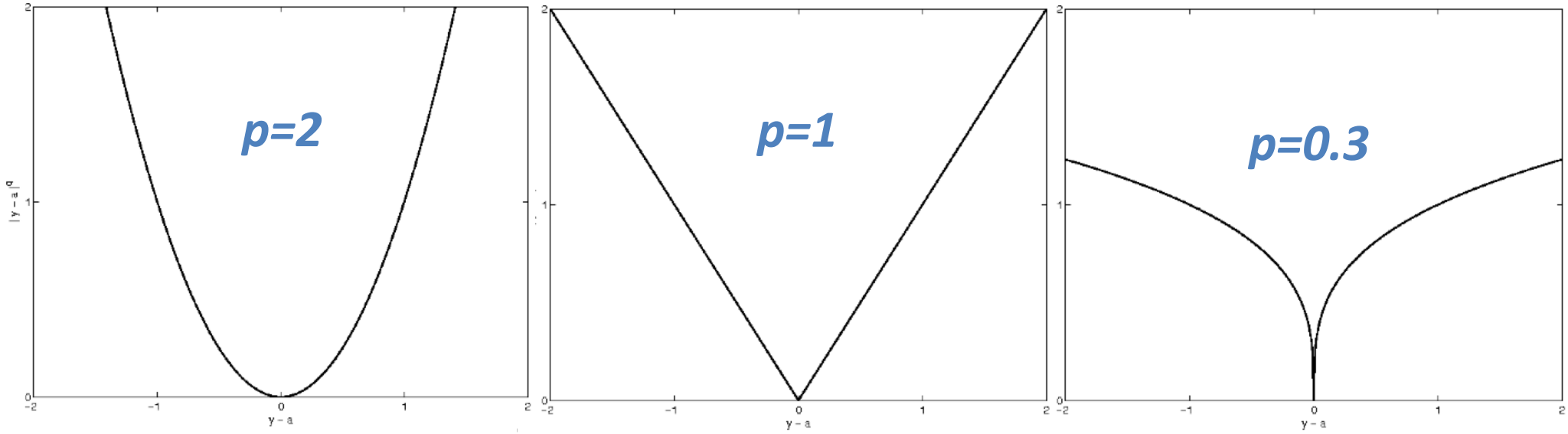
$$\left(\sum_i |\theta_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = ||\theta||_p$$



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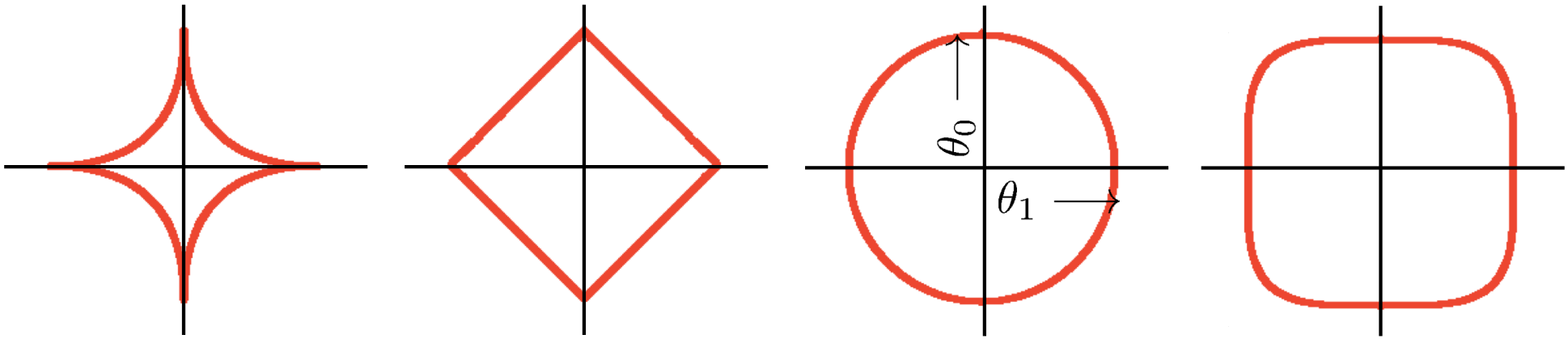
Isosurfaces: $||\theta||_p = \text{constant}$



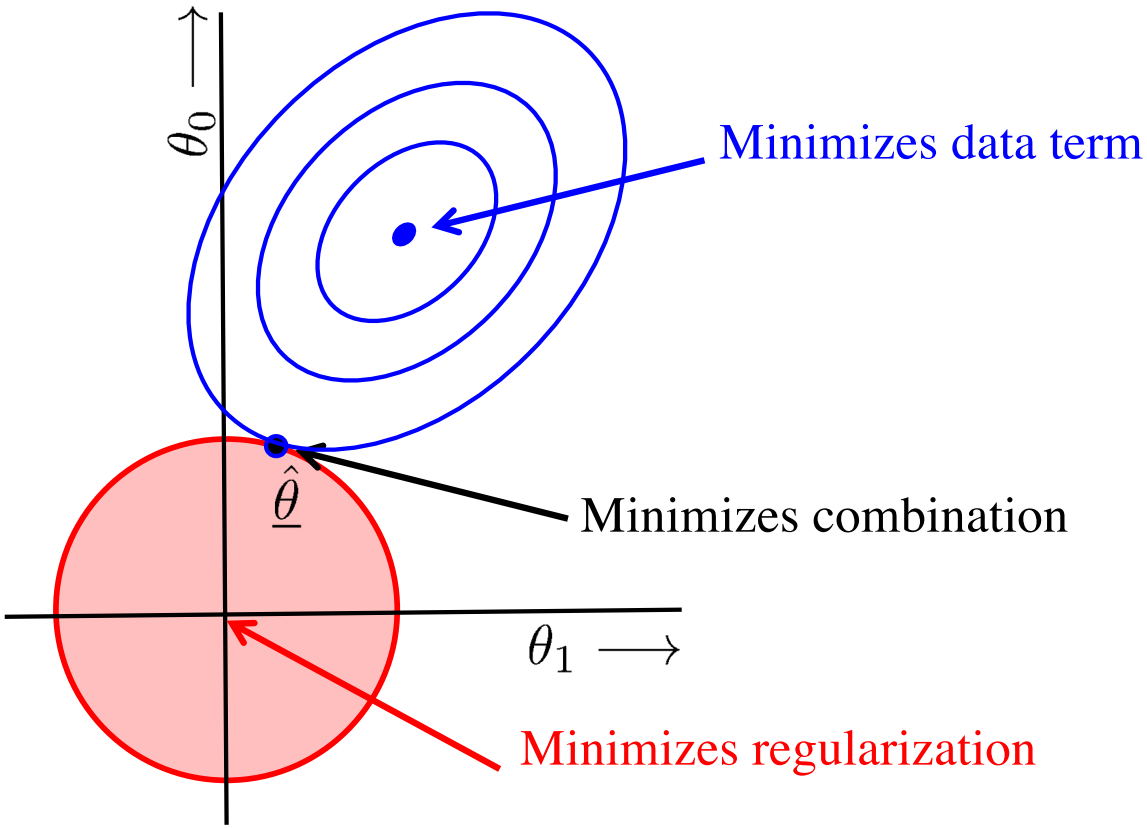
p=0.5 p=1 p=2 p=4

Lasso Quadratic

L_0 = limit as p goes to 0 : "number of nonzero weights", a natural notion of complexity

Regularization: L_2 vs L_1

- Estimate balances data term & regularization term



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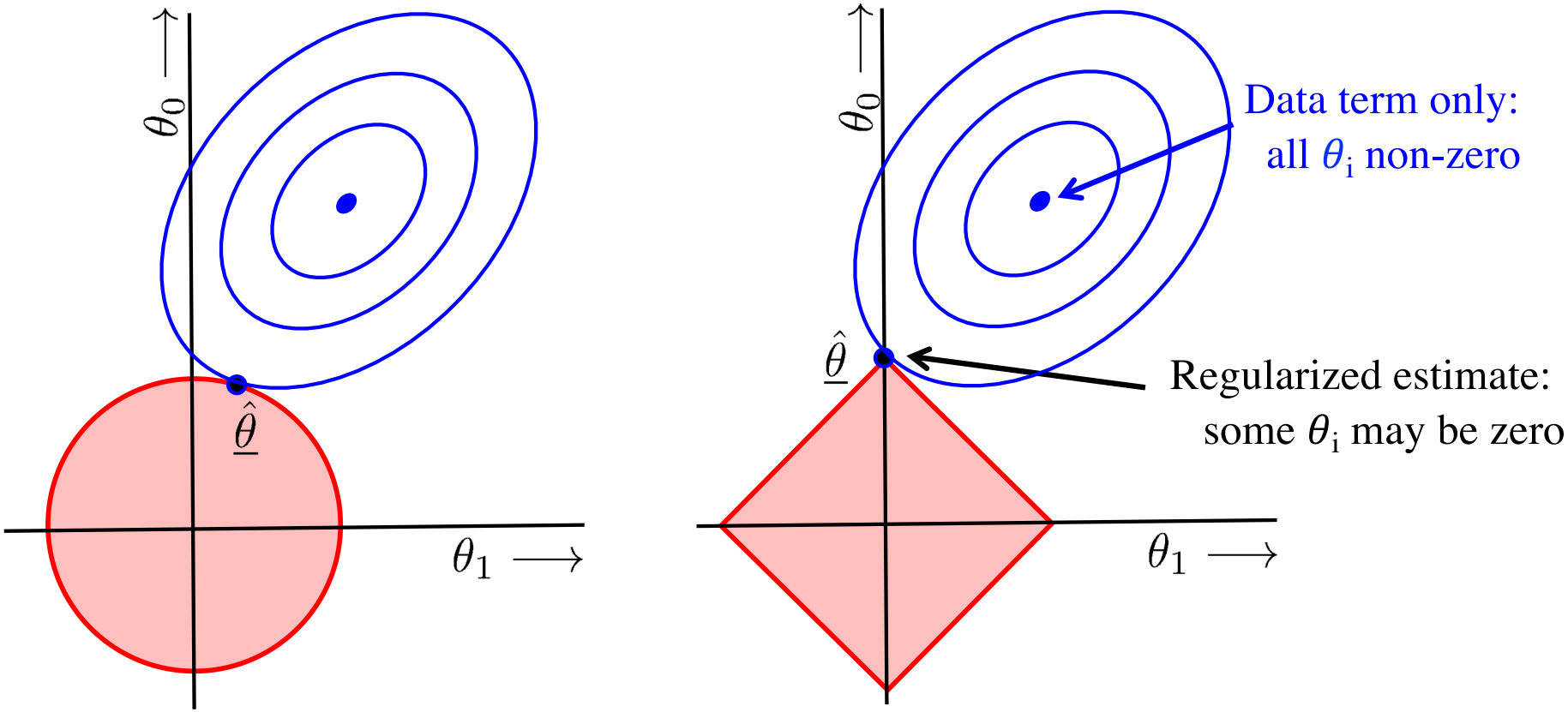
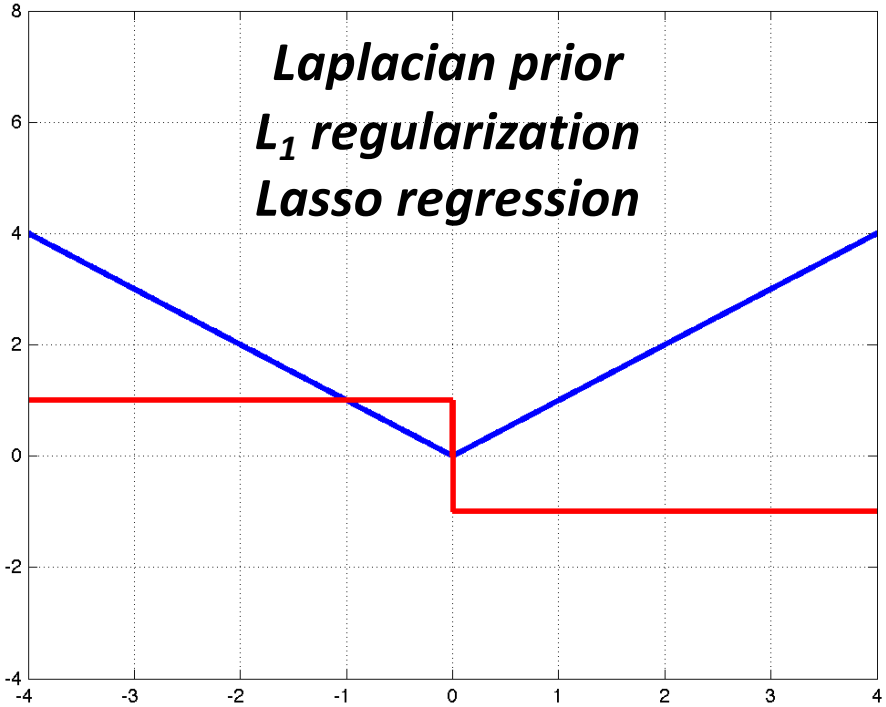
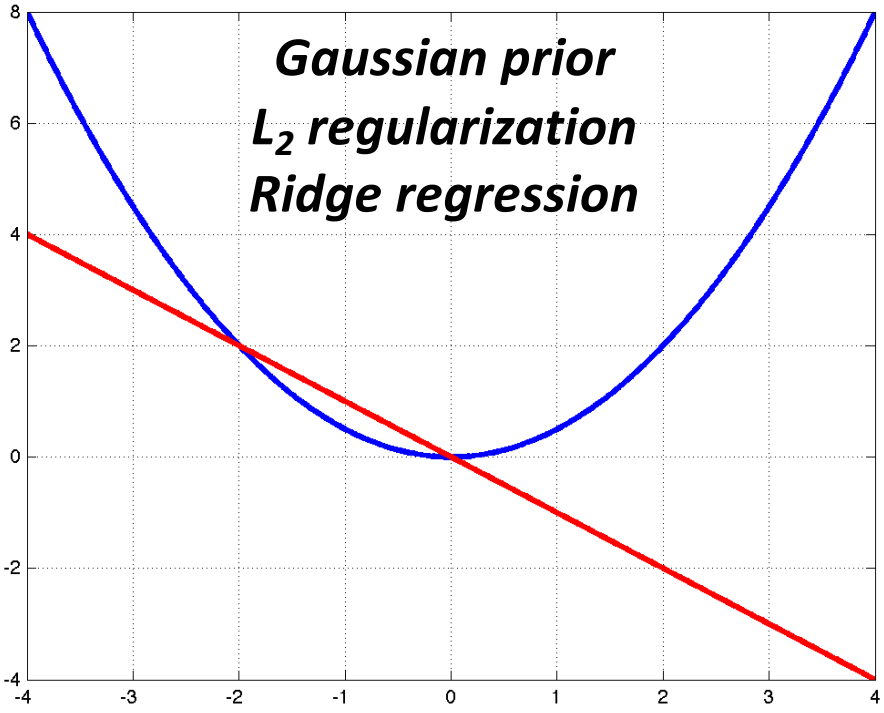
- Estimate balances data term & regularization term
- Lasso tends to generate sparser solutions than a quadratic regularizer.



Gradient-Based Optimization

- **L_2 makes (all) coefficients smaller**
- **L_1 makes (some) coefficients exactly zero: *feature selection***





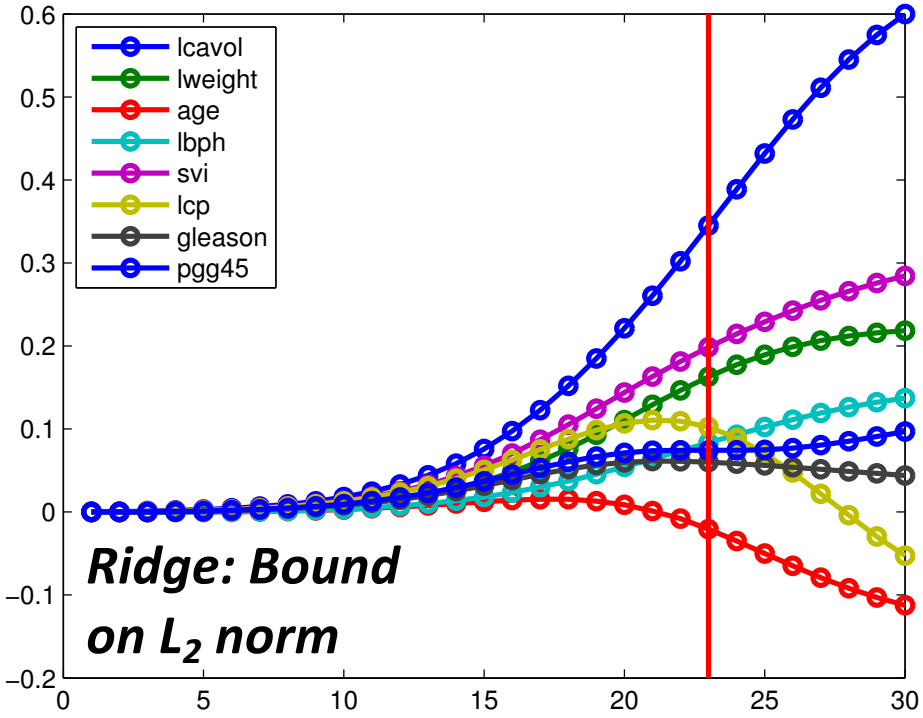
Objective Function: $f(\theta_i) = |\theta_i|^p$

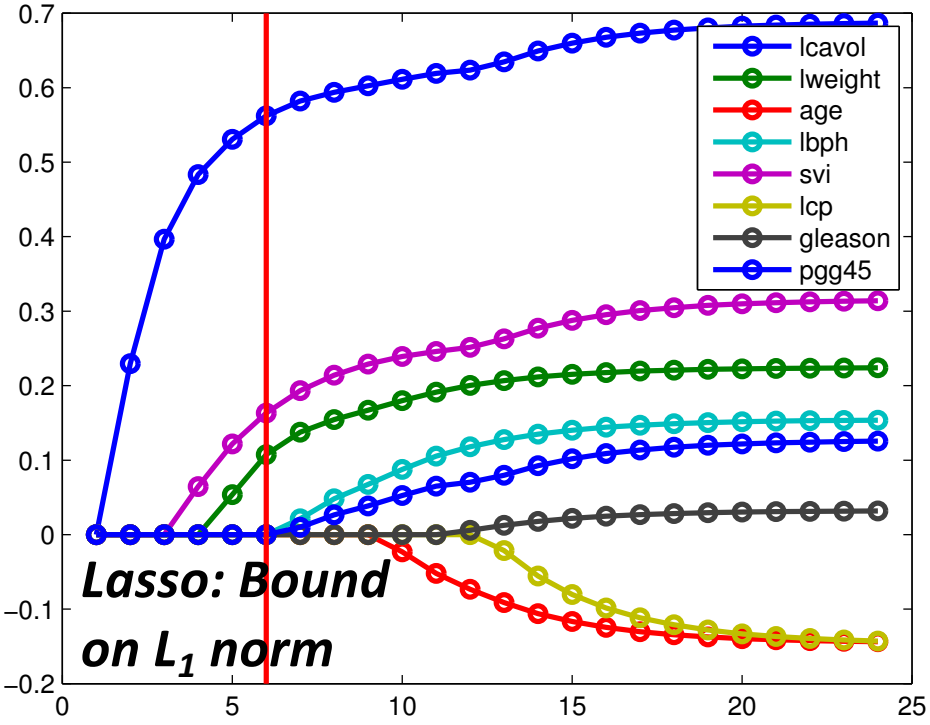
Negative Gradient: $-f'(\theta_i)$

(Informal intuition: Gradient of L_1 objective not defined at zero)

Regularization Paths

Prostate Cancer Dataset with M=67, N=8





- **Horizontal axis increases bound on weights (less regularization, smaller α)**
- **For each bound, plot values of estimated feature weights**
- **Vertical lines are models chosen by cross-validation**