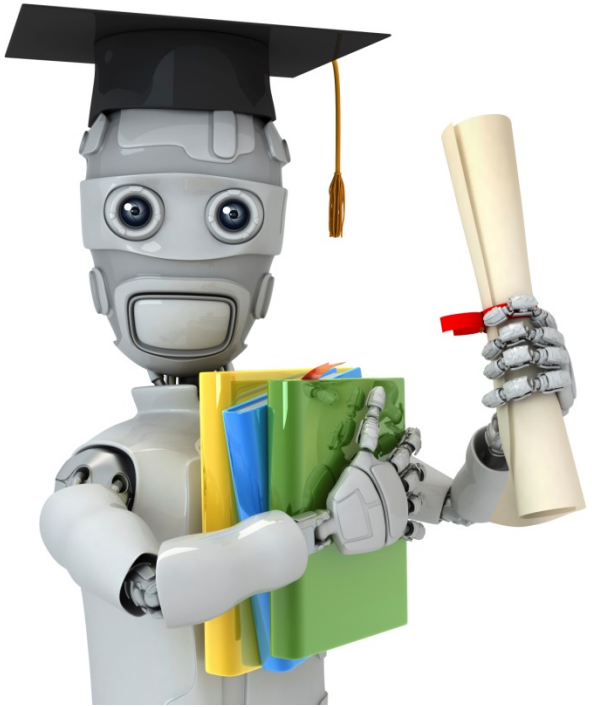
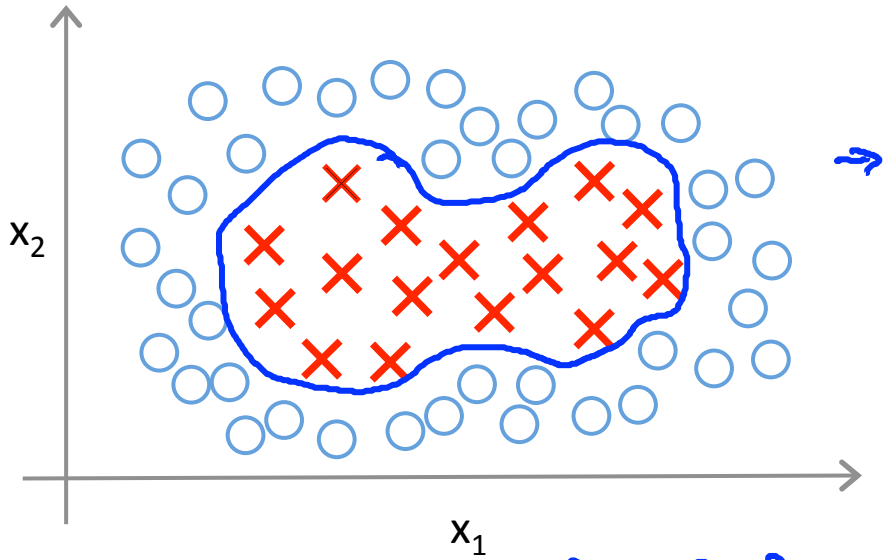


Machine Learning

Support Vector Machines

Kernels I

Non-linear Decision Boundary



Predict $y = 1$ if

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_3 x_1 x_2 + \theta_4 x_1^2 + \theta_5 x_2^2 + \cdots \geq 0$$

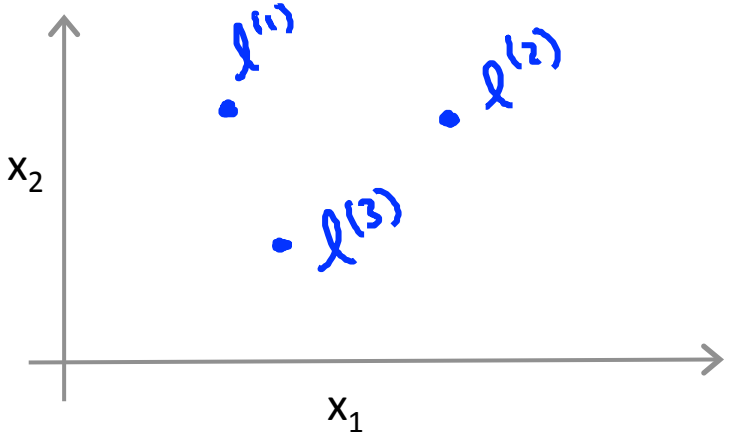
$h_\theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \cdots \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \theta_2 f_2 + \theta_3 f_3 + \cdots$

$f_1 = x_1, \quad f_2 = x_2, \quad f_3 = x_1 x_2, \quad f_4 = x_1^2, \quad f_5 = x_2^2, \ldots$

Is there a different / better choice of the features $f_1, f_2, f_3, \ldots$?

Kernel



Given x, compute new feature depending on proximity to landmarks $l^{(1)}, l^{(2)}, l^{(3)}$

Given x:

$f_1 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(1)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

$f_2 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(1)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(2)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

$f_3 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(3)}) = \exp(\dots)$

$\|w\|$

$\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2$

$k(x, l^{(i)})$

Kernel (Gaussian kernels)

Kernels and Similarity

$$f_1 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(1)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

If $x \approx l^{(1)}$:

$$f_1 \approx \exp\left(-\frac{0^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \approx 1$$

If x if far from $l^{(1)}$:

$$f_1 = \exp\left(-\frac{(\text{large number})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \approx 0.$$

$l^{(1)} \rightarrow f_1$

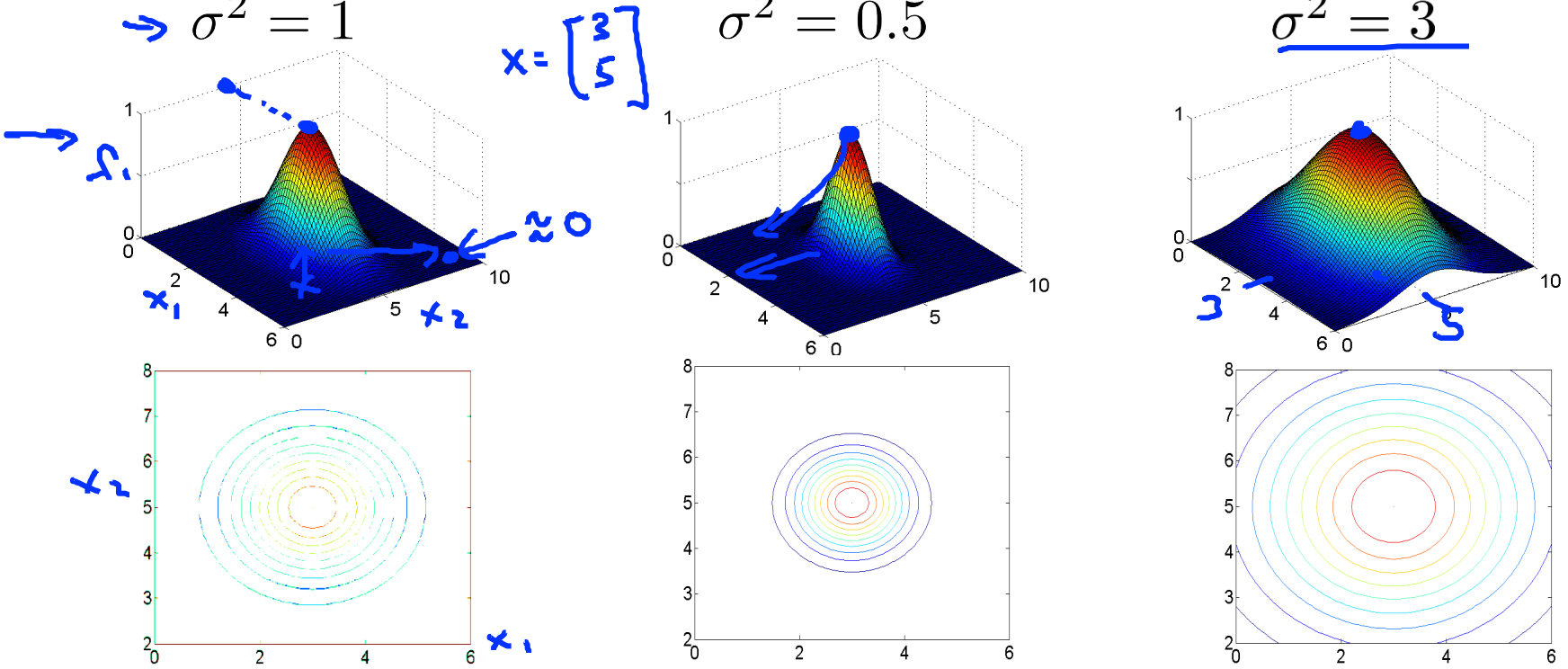
$l^{(2)} \rightarrow f_2$

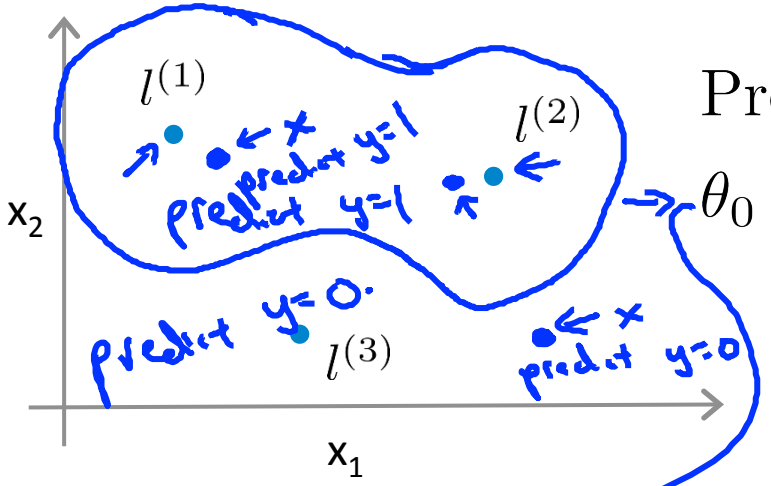
$l^{(3)} \rightarrow f_3$.

Example:

$l^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $f_1 = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

$\sigma^2 = 1$ $\quad$ $\sigma^2 = 0.5$ $\quad$ $\sigma^2 = 3$





Predict "1" when

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \theta_2 f_2 + \theta_3 f_3 \geq 0$$

$\theta_0 = -0.5, \quad \theta_1 = 1, \quad \theta_2 = 1, \quad \theta_3 = 0$

$f_1 \approx 1, \quad f_2 \approx 0, \quad f_3 \approx 0.$

$\theta_0 + \theta_1 \times 1 + \theta_2 \times 0 + \theta_3 \times 0$

$= -0.5 + 1 = 0.5 \geq 0$

$f_1, f_2, f_3 \approx 0$

$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \dots \approx -0.5 < 0$