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## Hinge Loss Exercise 1

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Compute the output of Hinge Loss function (as described in the video) for the following values:

$$\text{Loss}_h(0) =$$

✓ Answer: 1

$$\text{Loss}_h(0.2) =$$

✓ Answer: 0.8

$$\text{Loss}_h(-10) =$$

✓ Answer: 11

**Solution:**

$$\text{Loss}_h(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z \geq 1 \\ 1 - z & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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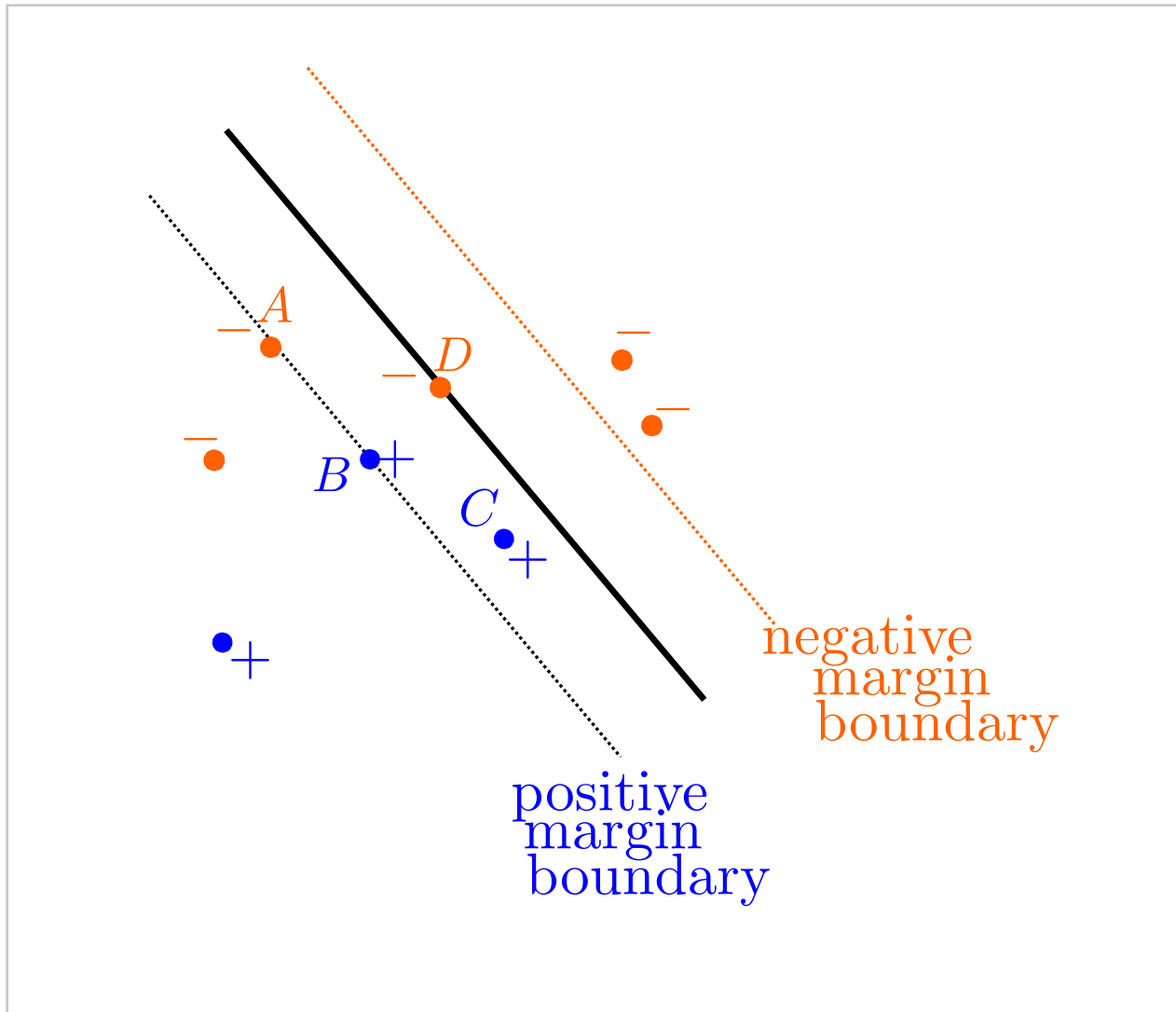
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## Hinge Loss Exercise 2

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In a 2 dimensional space, there are points  $A, B, C, D$  as depicted below. Let  $A = (x_a, y_a), B = (x_b, y_b), C = (x_c, y_c), D = (x_d, y_d)$ .



What is the hinge loss of point  $A$ ,  $\text{Loss}_h(y^{(a)}(\theta \cdot x^{(a)} + \theta_0))$ ?

☐ 0

☐ between 0 and 1

☐ 1

☒ 2


What is the hinge loss of point  $B$ ,  $\text{Loss}_h(y^{(b)}(\theta \cdot x^{(b)} + \theta_0))$ ?

☒ 0☐ between 0 and 1☐ 1

What is the hinge loss of point  $C$ ,  $\text{Loss}_h(y^{(c)}(\theta \cdot x^{(c)} + \theta_0))$ ?

☐ 0☒ between 0 and 1☐ 1

What is the hinge loss of point  $D$ ,  $\text{Loss}_h(y^{(d)}(\theta \cdot x^{(d)} + \theta_0))$ ?

☐ 0☐ between 0 and 1☒ 1

**Solution:**

$A$  is on the positive margin boundary but with the label  $-1$ , so

$$y^{(a)}(\theta \cdot x^{(a)} + \theta_0) = -1.$$

Thus its hinge loss is **2**.  $B$  is on the positive margin boundary and with the label  $+1$ , so

$$= y^{(b)} (\theta \cdot x^{(b)} + \theta_0) = 1.$$

Thus its hinge loss is **0**.  $C$  lies between the decision boundary and the margin boundary. Thus

$$1 > y^{(c)} (\theta \cdot x^{(c)} + \theta_0) > 0.$$

Thus  $C$ 's hinge loss is between **0** and **1**. Similarly, because  $D$  is on the decision boundary,

$$y^{(d)} (\theta \cdot x^{(d)} + \theta_0) = 0.$$

Thus its hinge loss is **1**. **Loss functions tell you in general how bad the prediction is.** The Hinge Loss tells us how undesirable a training example is, with regard to the margin and the correctness of its classification.

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## Regularization

1/1 point (graded)

Remember that for points  $(x, y)$  on the boundary margin, the distance from the decision boundary to  $(x, y)$  is  $\frac{1}{\|\theta\|}$ . Thus

$$y^{(i)} (\theta \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_0) = 1.$$

And

$$\frac{y^{(i)} (\theta \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_0)}{\|\theta\|} = \frac{1}{\|\theta\|}.$$

Now our goal is to maximize the margin, that is to maximize  $\frac{1}{\|\theta\|}$ . Which of the following is **NOT** equivalent to maximizing  $\frac{1}{\|\theta\|}$ ?

☐ maximizing  $\frac{1}{\|\theta\|^2}$

☐ minimizing  $\|\theta\|$

☒ maximizing  $\sqrt{\|\theta\|}$



### Solution:

Maximizing  $\frac{1}{\|\theta\|}$  is equivalent to maximizing  $\frac{1}{\|\theta\|^2}$ . It is also equivalent to minimizing  $\|\theta\|$ .

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### Objective

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Remember that our objective is given as

$$J(\theta, \theta_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Loss}_h(y^{(i)}(\theta \cdot x^{(i)} + \theta_0)) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\theta\|^2.$$

Our goal is to minimize this objective  $J$ . Now, which of the following is true if we have a large  $\lambda$ ?

☒ We put more importance on maximizing the margin than minimizing errors

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**Solution:**

Remember that the first term

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Loss}_h(y^{(i)}(\theta \cdot x + \theta_0))$$

corresponds to the sum of hinge losses on each training example, and the second term

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} \|\theta\|^2$$

corresponds to maximizing the margin. If we increase  $\lambda$ , we put more weight on maximizing the margin than minimizing the sum of losses.



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