

Defⁿ: Functional margin of a hyperplane (w, b)

w.r.t. $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$ is:

$$\hat{\gamma}^{(i)} = y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b)$$

If $y^{(i)} = 1$. want $w^T x^{(i)} + b \gg 0$

If $y^{(i)} = -1$. want $w^T x^{(i)} + b \ll 0$

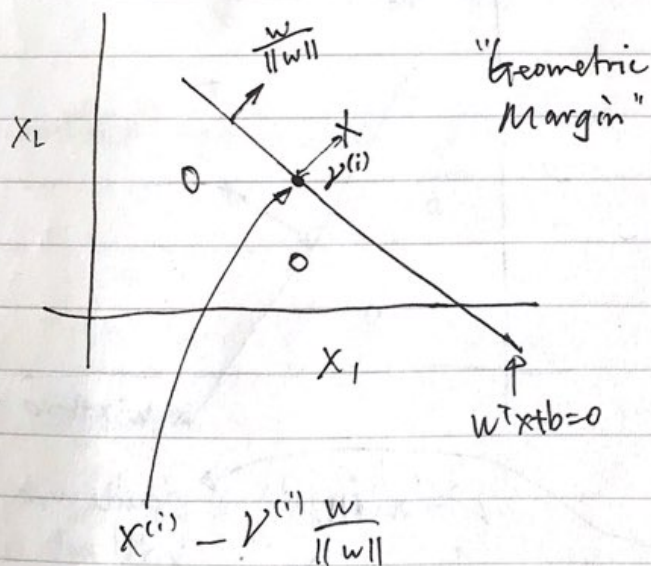
If $y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) > 0$. then classified $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$ correctly.

$$\hat{\gamma} = \min_i \hat{\gamma}^{(i)} \quad (\text{worst case})$$

$$w \rightarrow 2w$$

$$b \rightarrow 2b.$$

then $\hat{\gamma}^{(i)} = y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b)$ doubles. so: $\|w\| \xrightarrow{\text{set}} 1$.



$$w^T x^{(i)} + b = \gamma^{(i)} \frac{w^T w}{\|w\|} = \gamma^{(i)} \|w\|$$

$$\gamma^{(i)} = \left(\frac{w}{\|w\|} \right)^T x^{(i)} + \frac{b}{\|w\|}$$

(More generally, geometric margin)

$$\gamma^{(i)} = y^{(i)} \left(\frac{w^T}{\|w\|} x + \frac{b}{\|w\|} \right)$$

If $\|w\| = 1$:

$$\hat{\gamma}^{(i)} = \gamma^{(i)}$$

$$\gamma^{(i)} = \frac{\hat{\gamma}^{(i)}}{\|w\|}$$

Geometric margin:

$$\mathcal{V} = \min_i \mathcal{V}^{(i)}$$

Maximum classifier:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max_{\mathcal{V}, w, b} & \mathcal{V} \\ \text{s.t.} & y^{(i)} (w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq \mathcal{V} \quad (i) \\ & \|w\| = 1 \end{array}$$

$$w \rightarrow 10w$$

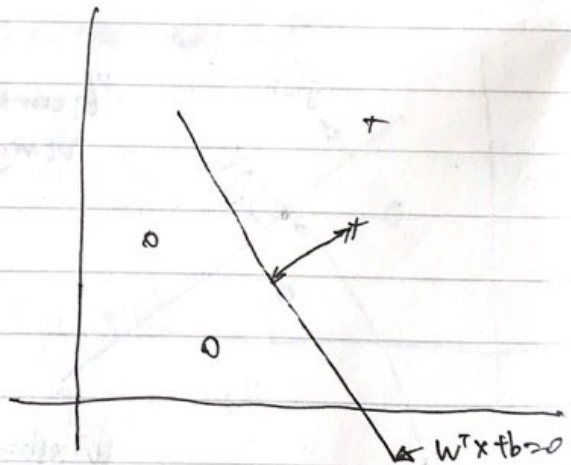
$$b \rightarrow 10b$$

does not change Geometric margin

Lecture 7

- Optimal Margin Classifier
- Primal/Dual optimization problem (KKT)
- SVM dual
- Kernels

$$\begin{array}{l} h_{w,b}(x) = g(w^T x + b) \\ g(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ y \in \{-1, 1\} \end{array}$$



Func. Margin: $\hat{\mathcal{V}}^{(i)} = y^{(i)} (w^T x^{(i)} + b)$

Geo. Margin: $\mathcal{V}^{(i)} = y^{(i)} \left(\frac{w^T x^{(i)} + b}{\|w\|} \right)$

equivalent edition of the optimal problem:

$$\mathcal{V} = \min_i \hat{\mathcal{V}}^{(i)}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}} = \min_i \hat{\mathcal{V}}^{(i)}$$

$$\|w\| = 1$$

$$|w_i| = 1$$

$$w_i^2 + |w_i| = 1$$

double w, b
will not
change the
position of
the hyperplane

#1: $\max_{\beta, w, b} \beta$

s.t. $y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq \beta \quad (i=1, \dots, m)$

$\|w\| = 1$

Non-convex.

#2: $\max_{\hat{\beta}, w, b} \frac{\hat{\beta}}{\|w\|}$

s.t. $y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq \hat{\beta}$

$\frac{\hat{\beta}}{\|w\|} = \beta$

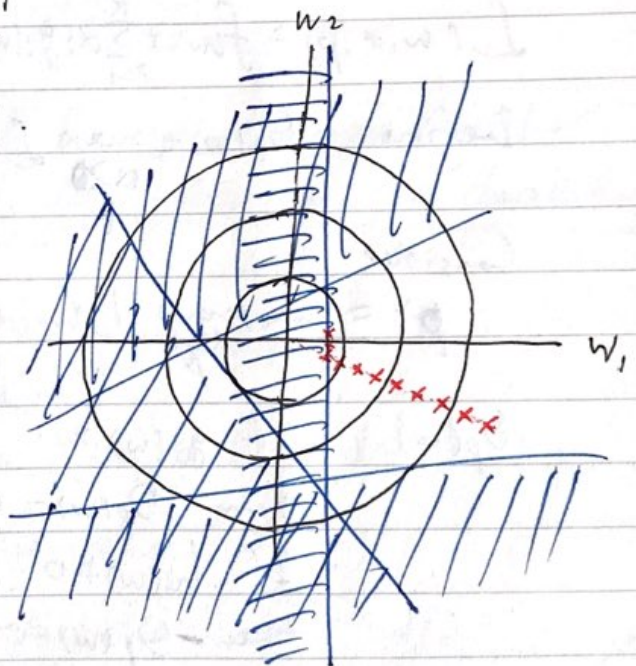
$\boxed{\hat{\beta}=1}$ ← impose this constraint

then $\min_{\beta} y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) = 1$.

#3:

$\min_{w, b} \|w\|^2$ ← $\max \frac{1}{\|w\|}$

s.t. $y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1$



Convex optimization:

$\min_w f(w)$

s.t. $h_i(w) = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, l$

Lagrangian:

$\mathcal{L}(w, \beta) = f(w) + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i h_i(w)$

Lagrange Multipliers

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$

QP: quadratic programming software
gradient descent algo.

$h(w) = \begin{pmatrix} h_1(w) \\ h_2(w) \\ \vdots \\ h_l(w) \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$

for w^* to be a solution, it is necessary that
 $\exists \beta^*$ st. $\frac{\partial f(w^*, \beta^*)}{\partial w} = 0$. $\frac{\partial f(w^*, \beta^*)}{\partial \beta} = 0$.

Primal Problem

min $f(w)$

st. $g_i(w) \leq 0, i=1 \dots k$ ("g(w) ≤ 0 ")

$h_j(w) = 0, j=1 \dots l$ ("h(w) = 0")

Lagrangian:

$$L(w, \alpha, \beta) = f(w) + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i g_i(w) + \sum_{j=1}^l \beta_j h_j(w)$$

Define: $O_p(w) = \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(w, \alpha, \beta)$

Consider:

$$p^* = \min_w \max_{\alpha \geq 0, \beta} L(w, \alpha, \beta) = \min_w O_p(w)$$

$O_p(w)$: - If $g_i(w) > 0$
 then $O_p(w) = \infty$

- If $h_i(w) \neq 0$
 then $O_p(w) = \infty$

- Otherwise, $O_p(w) = f(w)$

Then $O_p(w) = \begin{cases} f(w), & \text{if constraints satisfied (g, h)} \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

so. $\min_w O_p(w) = \text{original problem}$

Dual Problem

$$O_D(\alpha, \beta) = \min_w \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta)$$

$$d^* = \max_{\substack{\alpha \geq 0 \\ \beta}} \min_w \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta) = \max_{\substack{\alpha \geq 0 \\ \beta}} O_D(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$d^* \leq p^*$$

$$\boxed{\max \min(\dots) \leq \min \max(\dots)}$$

↑ general result for any functions

$$\max_{y \in \{0,1\}} \underbrace{\left(\min_{x \in \{0,1\}} \mathbb{1}_{\{x=y\}} \right)}_0 \leq \min_{x \in \{0,1\}} \underbrace{\left(\max_{y \in \{0,1\}} \mathbb{1}_{\{x=y\}} \right)}_1$$

Some conditions: $d^* = p^*$ for optimal margin classifier.
dual problem has better character.

let f be convex (Hessian $H \geq 0$)

suppose h_i is affine ($h_i(w) = a_i^T w + b_i$)

and suppose g_i is (strictly) feasible. ($\exists w$ s.t. $\forall i: g_i(w) < 0$)

Then $\exists w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*$ s.t. w^* solve primal

α^*, β^* solve dual, and $p^* = d^* = \mathcal{L}(w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \mathcal{L}(w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*) = 0 \\ \alpha_i^* g_i(w^*) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \mathcal{L}(w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*) = 0 \\ g_i(w^*) \leq 0 \\ \alpha_i^* \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$\alpha_i^* g_i(w^*) = 0$ — KKT complementary condition

KKT: short for
Karush-Kuhn-Tucker

KKT Condition:

If $\alpha_i > 0 \Rightarrow g_i(w^*) = 0$ ($g_i(w)$ is an "active" constraint).

Lagrange multiplier: α_i, β_i $\xrightarrow{\text{in SVM problem}}$ α_i

Parameters: w $\xrightarrow{\text{in SVM problem}}$ w, b (notation change)

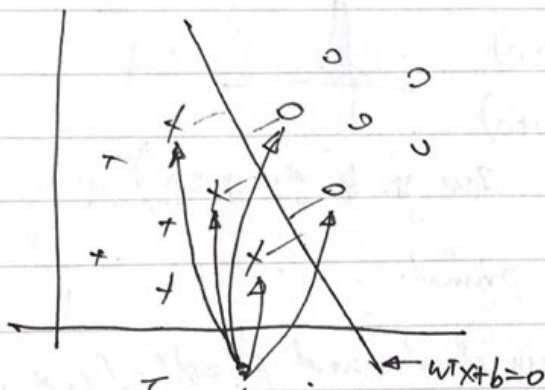
$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underbrace{y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b)} \geq 1, \quad i = 1 \dots m.$$

$$g_i(w, b) = -y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) + 1 \leq 0$$

$$\alpha_i > 0 \Rightarrow g_i(w, b) = 0 \quad (\text{active constraint})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \text{ has functional margin } 1.$$



Support vectors: $\alpha_i > 0$

$\alpha_i \geq 0$ for most non-support vectors

$$\min L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y^{(i)} (w^T x^{(i)} + b) - 1)$$

Dual problem:

$$\mathcal{O}_D(\alpha) = \min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha)$$

$$\nabla_w L(w, b, \alpha) = w - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} L(w, b, \alpha) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y^{(i)} (w^T x^{(i)} + b) - 1)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)} \right)^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j y^{(j)} x^{(j)} \right)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$$

$\max_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_D(\alpha)$

$W(\alpha)$

Dual problem:

$$\max W(\alpha)$$

$$\text{st. } \alpha_i \geq 0$$

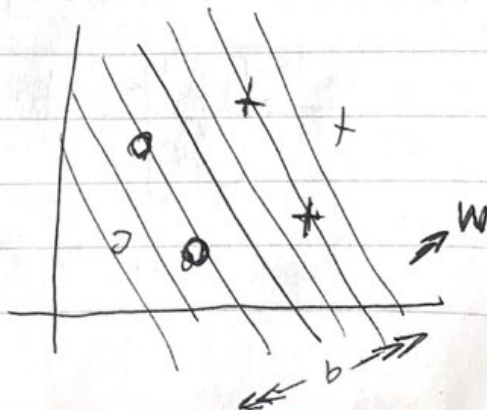
$$\sum y^{(i)} \alpha_i = 0$$

Solve for α (later)

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)}$$

$$b = \frac{\max_{i: y^{(i)}=1} w^T x^{(i)} + \min_{i: y^{(i)}=-1} w^T x^{(i)}}{2}$$

- If $\sum y^{(i)} \alpha_i \neq 0$
 $\mathcal{O}_D(\alpha) = -\infty$
 - If $\sum y^{(i)} \alpha_i = 0$
 then $\mathcal{O}_D(\alpha) = W(\alpha)$



$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)}$$

$$h_{w,b}(x) = g(w^T x + b)$$

↑ threshold function

$$w^T x + b = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} \langle x^{(i)}, x \rangle + b.$$

Kernels $x^{(i)}$ — very high dimensional ($x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^\infty$)
 $\langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$ efficiently computed

Lecture 8

SVM

- kernels
- soft margin
- SMO

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } y^{(i)} (w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1$$

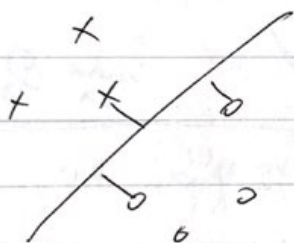
Dual Problem:

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$$

$$\text{s.t. } \alpha_i \geq 0$$

$$\sum_i y_i \alpha_i = 0$$

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)}$$



$$h_{w,b}(x) = g(w^T x + b)$$

$$= g\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y^{(i)} \langle x^{(i)}, x \rangle + b\right)$$

Have $x \in \mathbb{R}$ living area

$$x \xrightarrow{\Phi} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \phi(x)$$

Replace $\langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$ with $\langle \phi(x^{(i)}), \phi(x^{(j)}) \rangle$

$\phi(x)$ - very high dim. cannot compute efficiently

$K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) = \langle \phi(x^{(i)}), \phi(x^{(j)}) \rangle$: sometimes compute efficiently.

$x, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$K(x, z) = (x^T z)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i z_i \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j z_j \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_i x_j) (z_i z_j) = (\phi(x))^T \phi(z)$$

$$\phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 x_1 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_1 x_3 \\ x_2 x_1 \\ x_2 x_2 \\ x_2 x_3 \\ x_3 x_1 \\ x_3 x_2 \\ x_3 x_3 \\ \sqrt{2} x_1 \\ \sqrt{2} x_2 \\ \sqrt{2} x_3 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Need $O(n^2)$ to compute $\phi(x)$.

But need $O(n)$ time to compute $K(x, z)$

$$K(x, z) = (x^T z + c)^2$$

generally: $K(x, z) = (x^T z + c)^d$

$\rightarrow \binom{n+d}{d}$ features of all monomials up to degree d .

$$x \mapsto \phi(x) \quad z \mapsto \phi(z)$$

$$\langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$$

x, z similar: $\langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$ maybe large
 --- dissimilar: --- small.

How to choose kernel function?

$K(x, z)$ - large if x, z similar
small if x, z dissimilar

$$K(x, z) = e^{-\frac{\|x - z\|^2}{2\sigma^2}} \rightarrow \text{invalid?}$$

$$\exists \phi \text{ st. } K(x, z) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle ?$$

Suppose K is a kernel. let $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ be given

$$\text{let } K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

$$K_{ij} = K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})$$

Then for any vector $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$. $(z^T K z)$

$$\begin{aligned} z^T K z &= \sum_i \sum_j z_i K_{ij} z_j \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j z_i \phi(x^{(i)})^T \phi(x^{(j)}) z_j \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j z_i \sum_k (\phi(x^{(i)}))_k (\phi(x^{(j)}))_k z_j \\ &= \sum_k \sum_i \sum_j z_i (\phi(x^{(i)}))_k (\phi(x^{(j)}))_k z_j \\ &= \sum_k \left(\sum_i z_i \phi(x^{(i)})_k \right)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$K \geq 0$ (positive semi-definite). And the inverse judgement is true

Theorem (Mercer): Let $K(x, z)$ be given, then K is valid

Use this to
test a function
is/not a kernel

(is Mercer) Kernel ($\therefore \exists \phi$ st. $K(x, z) = \phi(x)^T \phi(z)$)
iff. for all $\{x^{(1)} \dots x^{(m)}\}$ ($m < \infty$) the kernel matrix
 $K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is symmetric positive semidefinite.

eg: $K(x, x) = -1$ not valid. $\because -1 \neq \phi(x)^T \phi(x)$

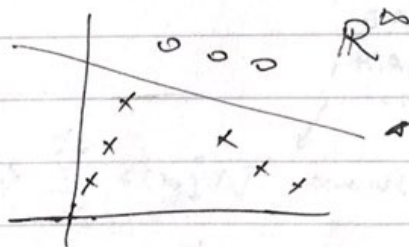
Choose $K(x, z) = e^{-\frac{\|x - z\|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ (Gaussian Kernel)
or $(x^T z + c)^d$, or etc.

Replace $\langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$ with $K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})$ ✓

$x^{(i)} \mapsto \phi(x^{(i)})$ ⊗

$x \in \mathbb{R}$
x x x o o o x x x

map

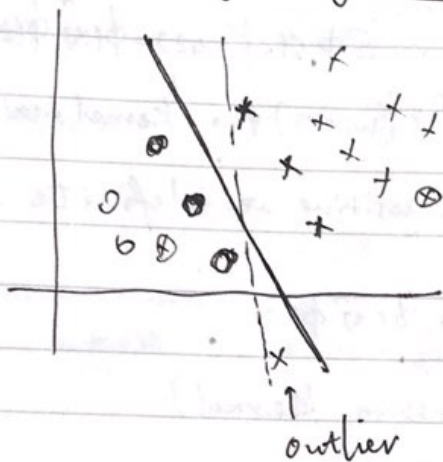


have linear
classifier
in high-
dim. space

~~$\langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle \rightarrow K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})$ for any algo. which can be
written as inner-product form~~

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L_1 norm soft margin SVM



$$\min_{w, b, \xi_i} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i$$

penalty

$$\text{s.t. } y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

If $y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) > 0 \Rightarrow$ classified correctly.

$$L(w, b, \xi, \alpha, r) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) - 1 + \xi_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m r_i \xi_i$$

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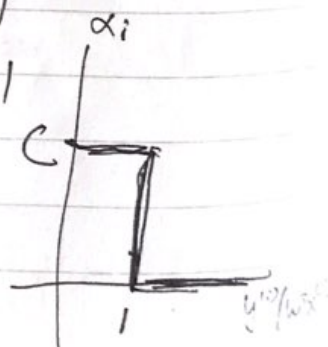
$$\max W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \alpha_i = 0$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

convergence criteria (derive from KKT condition):

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_i = 0 \Rightarrow y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1 \\ \alpha_i = C \Rightarrow y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \leq 1 \\ 0 < \alpha_i < C \Rightarrow y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) = 1 \end{cases}$$



Digression:

coordinate ascent (another opt. question)

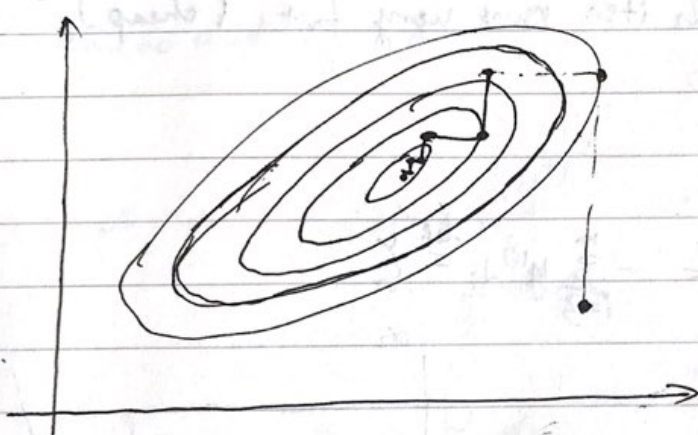
max $W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ (no constraints on α_i 's)

Repeat {

For $i=1$ to m :

Hold everything except α_i
fixed.

$\alpha_i := \arg \max_{\alpha_i} W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)$



$W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$

high dim: not fixed order $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$

heuristic value function decide which is chosen to vary (change)

* more steps to converge (compared to Newton's method)

* inner loop executes very quick.

Smo

Coordinate ascent cannot work directly on SVM dual opt. problem.

\therefore constraints: $\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \alpha_i = 0$.

\therefore Change 2 α_i 's at a time.

Smo Algo. is due to

John Platt @ Microsoft

Outline:

Select α_i, α_j (heuristic)

Hold all α_i 's fixed except α_i, α_j

Optimize $W(\alpha)$ w.r.t. α_i, α_j st. constraints

(*) key step

[SIO do extremely efficiently:
Although many iterations (large number)
But each iter. runs very fast (cheap)]

Update α_1, α_2

Know $\sum_{i=3}^m y^{(i)} \alpha_i = 0$.

$$y^{(1)} \alpha_1 + y^{(2)} \alpha_2 = - \sum_{i=3}^m y^{(i)} \alpha_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \xi$$

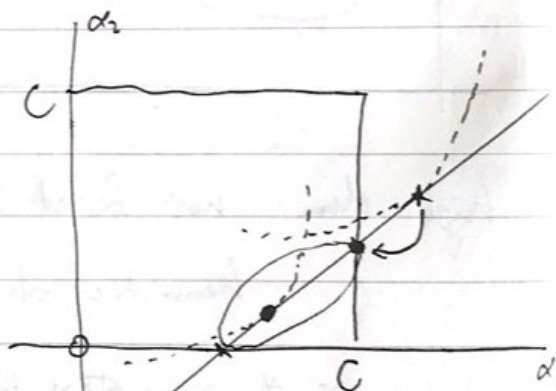
$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C.$$

$$\begin{aligned} W(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_m) \\ = W\left(\frac{\xi - y^{(2)} \alpha_2}{y^{(1)}}, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_m\right) \\ = a \alpha_2^2 + b \alpha_2 + c \\ \text{(quadratic func.)} \end{aligned}$$

Optimize quadratic func.

in inner loop operates very efficiently.

Compute b is not hard. Do it after class.



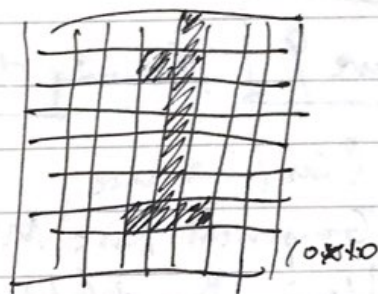
$$y^{(1)} \alpha_1 + y^{(2)} \alpha_2 = \xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \frac{\xi - y^{(2)} \alpha_2}{y^{(1)}}$$

Applications of SVM

① Handwritten Digit Recognition

$$K(x, y) = (x^T y)^d \text{ or } e^{-\frac{\|x - y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



SVM is comparable with best neural networks

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{100}$$

② Classify protein seq.'s
amino acid seq. (A...Z)

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$\phi(x) = ?$ (hard problem...)

$$\phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{(20^4)} \\ = \mathbb{R}^{160000}$$

use Dynamic Programming (DP):

compute $\phi(x)^T \phi(z)$.

AAAA	0] = $\phi(x)$
AAAB	0	
AAAC	0	
AAAZ	0	
AABA	0	
⋮	⋮	
BAJT	2	
⋮	⋮	
TSIA	1	
⋮	⋮	
ZZZZ	0	

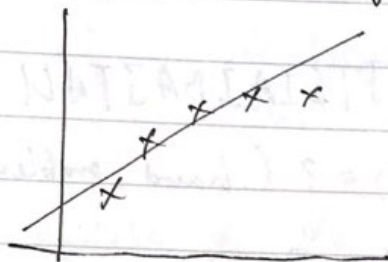
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Basic (Applicative) Part of this course is over.

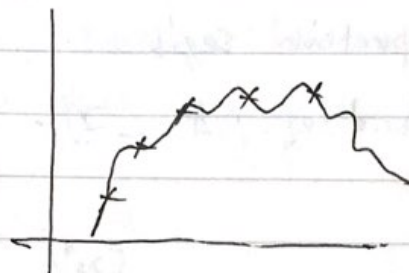
NEXT: Understanding these algorithms

Lecture 9. Learning theory

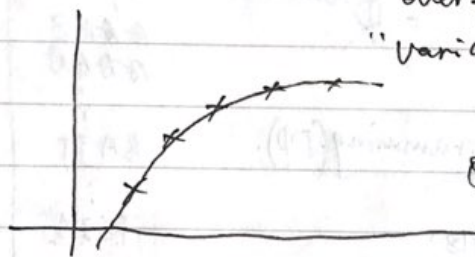
- Bias / Variance
- Empirical Risk Minimization
- Union Bound / Hoeffding Inequality
- Uniform convergence.



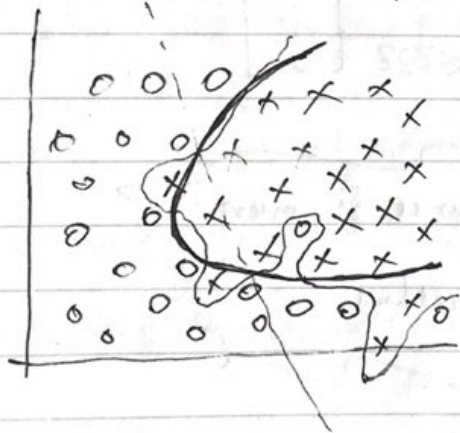
$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x$
"underfit"
"bias"



$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$
"overfit"
"variance"



$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$
"fit"
"balanced"



$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \dots + \theta_n x^n)$$

Linear Classification:

$$h_\theta(x) = g(\theta^T x)$$

$$g(z) = 1 \{z \geq 0\} \quad (\text{note } y \in \{0, 1\})$$

$$S = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^m \quad (\text{training set}) \quad (x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \sim \mathcal{D}$$

Training error of h_θ :

$$\hat{\varepsilon}(h_\theta) = \hat{\varepsilon}_S(h_\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m 1 \{h_\theta(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\}$$

ERM: $\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \hat{\varepsilon}_S(h_\theta) \leftarrow$ SVM, logistic regression, is approx. of ERM.
(ERM is more general)

Hypothesis class $\mathcal{H} = \{h_\theta : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}\}$.

$$h_\theta : x \mapsto \{0, 1\}.$$

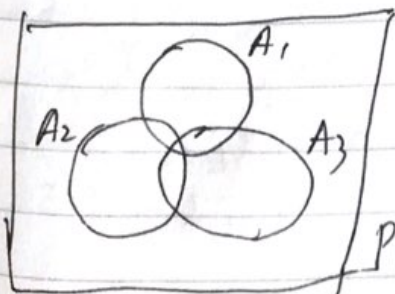
$$\text{ERM: } \hat{h} = \arg \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \hat{\varepsilon}_S(h)$$

Generalization error:

$$\varepsilon(h) = P_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}}(h(x) \neq y).$$

Union Bound: let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k be k event.
(not necessarily independent)

Then



$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_k)$$

"or" \uparrow

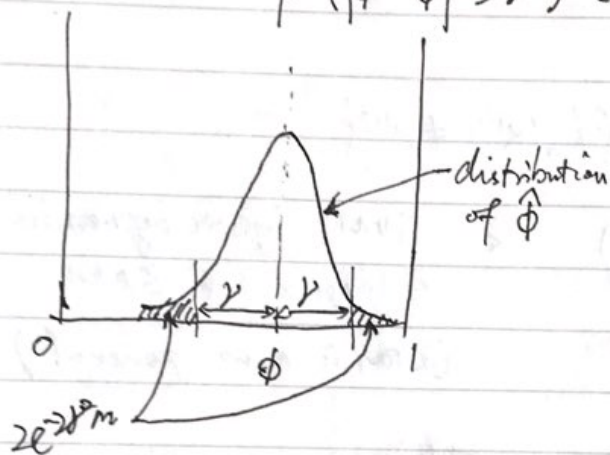
$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3)$$

Hoeffding Inequality: Let z_1, \dots, z_m be \sim IID

Bernoulli(ϕ) random variable ($P(z_i = 1) = \phi$).

Let $\hat{\phi} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m z_i$ and let any $\nu > 0$ be fixed.

Then $P(|\hat{\phi} - \phi| > \nu) \leq 2e^{-2\nu^2 m}$



Central Limit Theorem: works only m is large.

The case of finite \mathcal{H}

$\mathcal{H} = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_K\}$ K hypotheses

$$\hat{h} = \underset{h \in \mathcal{H}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{\mathcal{E}}_S(h)$$

Strategy:

(1) $\mathcal{E} \approx \hat{\mathcal{E}}$

(2) Show bound on $\mathcal{E}(\hat{h})$.

(1) Fix any $h_j \in \mathcal{H}$.

Define $Z_i = \mathbb{1}\{h_j(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} \in \{0, 1\} \sim \text{Bernoulli}$

$$P(Z_i = 1) = \epsilon(h_j). \quad (\text{All } Z_i \sim \text{i.i.d.})$$

$$\hat{\epsilon}(h_j) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m Z_i = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{1}\{h_j(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\}$$

mean $\epsilon(h_j)$

By Hoeffding's Ineq:

$$P(|\epsilon(h_j) - \hat{\epsilon}(h_j)| \geq \nu) \leq 2e^{-2\nu^2 m}.$$

A_j = event that $|\epsilon(h_j) - \hat{\epsilon}(h_j)| \geq \nu$.

$$P(A_j) \leq 2e^{-2\nu^2 m}.$$

$$P(\exists h_j \in \mathcal{H} \text{ st. } |\epsilon(h_j) - \hat{\epsilon}(h_j)| \geq \nu).$$

$$= P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_K) \leq \sum_{i=1}^K P(A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^K 2e^{-2\nu^2 m} = 2Ke^{-2\nu^2 m}.$$

(1 - both sides):

$$P(\nexists h_j \in \mathcal{H} \text{ st. } |\epsilon(h_j) - \hat{\epsilon}(h_j)| \geq \nu)$$

$$= P(\forall h_j \in \mathcal{H} \text{ st. } |\epsilon(h_j) - \hat{\epsilon}(h_j)| \leq \nu) \geq 1 - 2Ke^{-2\nu^2 m}$$

So w.p. $1 - 2Ke^{-2\nu^2 m}$

$\hat{\epsilon}(h)$ will be within ν of $\epsilon(h)$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$.

"with probability"

Uniform Convergence

Given ν and δ , what is m ?

$$\delta = 2Ke^{-2\nu^2 m}, \text{ solve for } m.$$

$$\text{So long as } m \geq \frac{1}{2\nu^2} \log \frac{2K}{\delta},$$

then w.p. $1-\delta$, we have $|\epsilon(h) - \hat{\epsilon}(h)| \leq \nu$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$

"Sample complexity" bound.

$\forall K, \log K \leq 30$
in practical

"Error bound"

Solve for ν for fixed m, δ .

w.p. $1-\delta$, we have that $\forall h \in \mathcal{H}$.

$$|\hat{\epsilon}(h) - \epsilon(h)| \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m} \log \frac{2K}{\delta}} \quad \text{"J"}$$

(2) Let assume $\forall h \in \mathcal{H}, |\epsilon(h) - \hat{\epsilon}(h)| \leq \nu$. ①

Can we prove something about $\epsilon(\hat{h})$.

$$\hat{h} = \arg \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \hat{\epsilon}(h) \quad \text{②}$$

$$h^* = \arg \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \epsilon(h) \quad \text{③}$$

$$\epsilon(\hat{h}) \leq \hat{\epsilon}(\hat{h}) + \nu \quad \text{--- by ①}$$

$$\leq \hat{\epsilon}(h^*) + \nu \quad \text{--- by ②}$$

$$\leq \epsilon(h^*) + \nu + \nu$$

$$= \epsilon(h^*) + 2\nu.$$

$\hat{\epsilon}(h)$ - training error of h

$\epsilon(h)$ - generalization error of h .

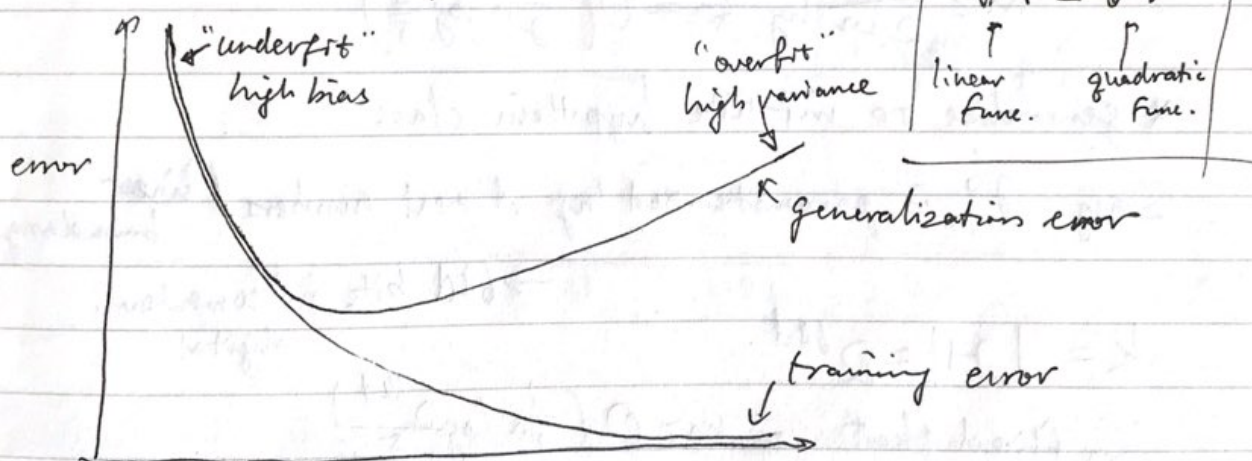
Theorem. Let $|H|=k$ and let m, δ be fixed,
then w.p. $1-\delta$

$$\boxed{\varepsilon(\hat{h}) \leq \underbrace{\min_{h \in H} \varepsilon(h)}_{\text{"bias"} \downarrow \varepsilon(h^*)} + 2 \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2m} \log \frac{2k}{\delta}}}_{\text{"variance"} \uparrow} \quad (*)$$

Set $\nu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m} \log \frac{2k}{\delta}}$, we know (1) holds

w.p. $1-\delta$. (i.e. $|\varepsilon(h) - \hat{\varepsilon}(h)| \leq \nu \quad \forall h \in H$)

which implies (*)



model complexity (Degree of polynomial, size of H etc.)
(τ in locally-weighted linear regression)

Corollary. Let $|H|=k$, let any δ, ν be fixed.

Then from

$$\varepsilon(\hat{h}) \leq \min_{h \in H} \varepsilon(h) + 2\nu$$

w.p. $1-\delta$, it suffices that

$$m \geq \frac{1}{2\nu^2} \log \frac{2k}{\delta} = O\left(\frac{1}{\nu^2} \log \frac{k}{\delta}\right)$$

Important when generalize to infinite hypothesis class H .

Lecture 10

VC dimension
Model Selection

- Cross validation
- Feature selection

Bayesian Statistics & Regularization

Let $|\mathcal{H}| = k$, and let ν, δ be fixed.

Then for $\mathbb{E}(\hat{h}) \leq \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{E}(h) + 2\nu$ w.p. $1 - \delta$,
it suffices that

$$m \geq \frac{1}{2\nu^2} \log \frac{2k}{\delta} = O\left(\frac{1}{\nu^2} \log \frac{k}{\delta}\right)$$

* generalize to infinite hypothesis class:

Say \mathcal{H} is parameterized by d real numbers (linear boundary)

→ 64d bits in computer.
digital

$$k = |\mathcal{H}| = 2^{64d}.$$

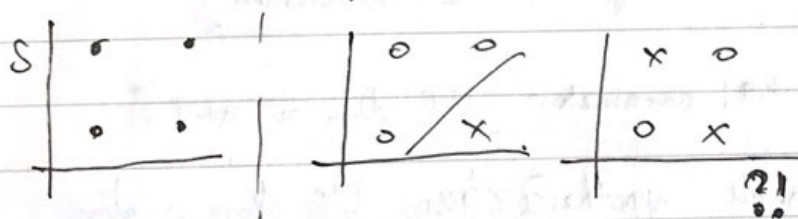
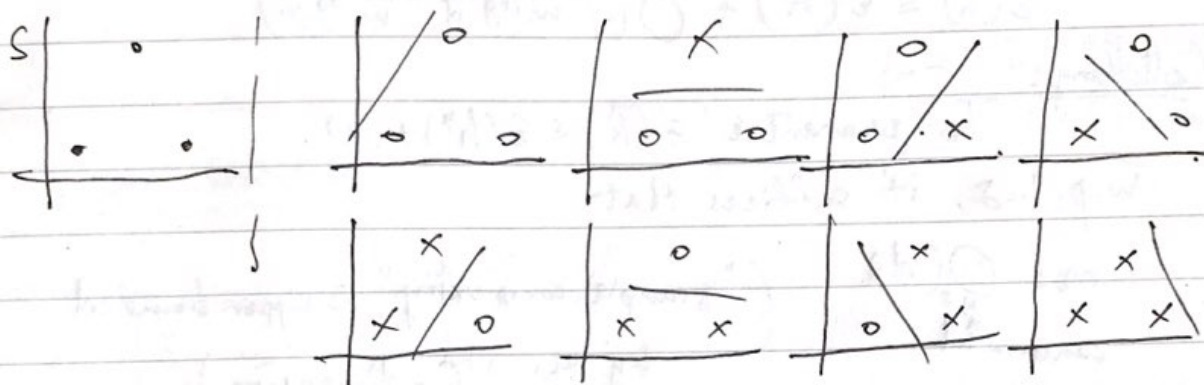
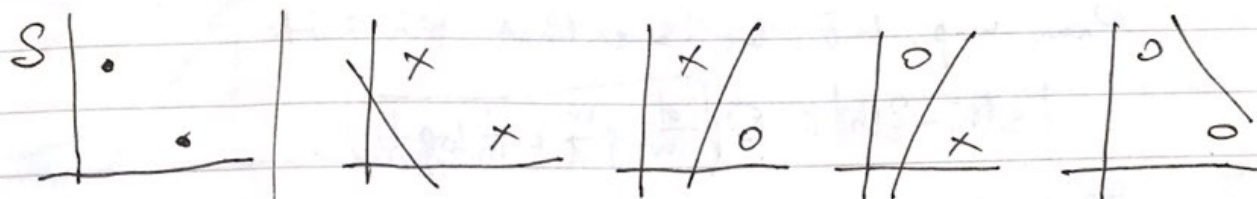
$$\text{Suffices that: } m \geq O\left(\frac{1}{\nu^2} \log \frac{2^{64d}}{\delta}\right) \\ = O\left(\frac{d}{\nu^2} \log \frac{1}{\delta}\right).$$

Intuitively

Definition: Given a set $S = \{x^{(1)} \dots x^{(d)}\}$ more formal

We say \mathcal{H} shatters S if \mathcal{H} can realize any labeling on it.

$\mathcal{H} = \{\text{linear classifiers in 2D}\}$



Definition: The Vapnik-Chervonenkis dimension of \mathcal{H} (i.e. $VC(\mathcal{H})$) is the size of the largest set shattered by \mathcal{H} .

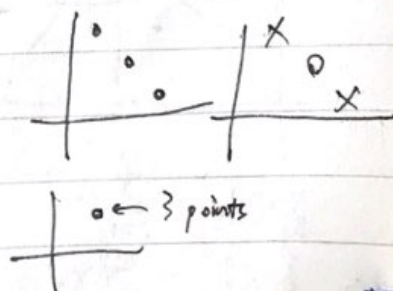
E.g. $\mathcal{H} = \{\text{linear classifiers in 2D}\}$.

$$VC(\mathcal{H}) = 3.$$

* Only need exist one set of 3 points can be shattered.

More generally, in n dimension,

$$VC(\{\text{linear classifiers in } n \text{ dim}\}) = n + 1.$$



Theorem. Let \mathcal{H} be given and let $VC(\mathcal{H}) = d$.

then w.p. $1 - \delta$, we have that $\forall h \in \mathcal{H}$:

$$|\varepsilon(h) - \hat{\varepsilon}(h)| \leq O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d \log m}{m \log d} + \frac{1}{m} \log \frac{1}{\delta}}\right).$$

Thus, w.p. $1 - \delta$, we also have

$$\varepsilon(\hat{h}) \leq \varepsilon(h^*) + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d \log m}{m \log d} + \frac{1}{m} \log \frac{1}{\delta}}\right)$$

Corollary:

To guarantee $\varepsilon(\hat{h}) \leq \varepsilon(h^*) + 2\gamma$,

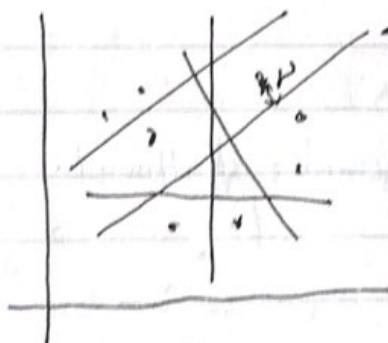
w.p. $1 - \delta$, it suffices that

$$m = \underbrace{O(d)}_{\text{const}} \quad \left(\text{"sample complexity" is upper bounded by the VC-dimension} \right).$$

Eg. logistic, $n+1$ parameter VC dim = $n+1$.

* For most reasonable hypothesis classes, VC-dim usually linear in # parameters of the model/hypothesis.

* Class of linear separators with large margin actually has low VC-dim.



$$\text{If } \|x^{(i)}\|_2 \leq R.$$

$$VC(\mathcal{H}) \leq \left\lceil \frac{R^2}{4\gamma^2} \right\rceil + 1.$$

SVM automatically find low VC-dim classifier.

$$\|X\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$$\|X\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2 \quad (\text{convergence condition}).$$