

Foundations of Machine Learning (ECE 5984)

- Kernel Methods-

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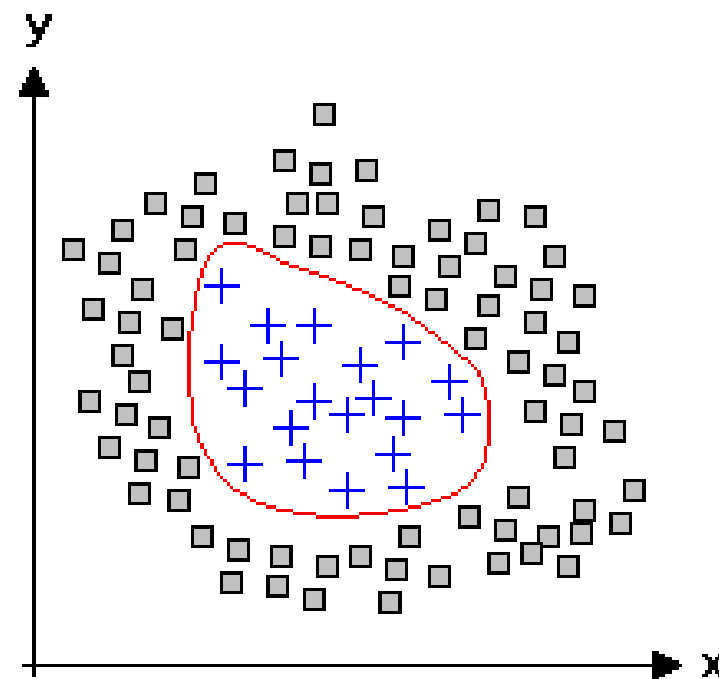
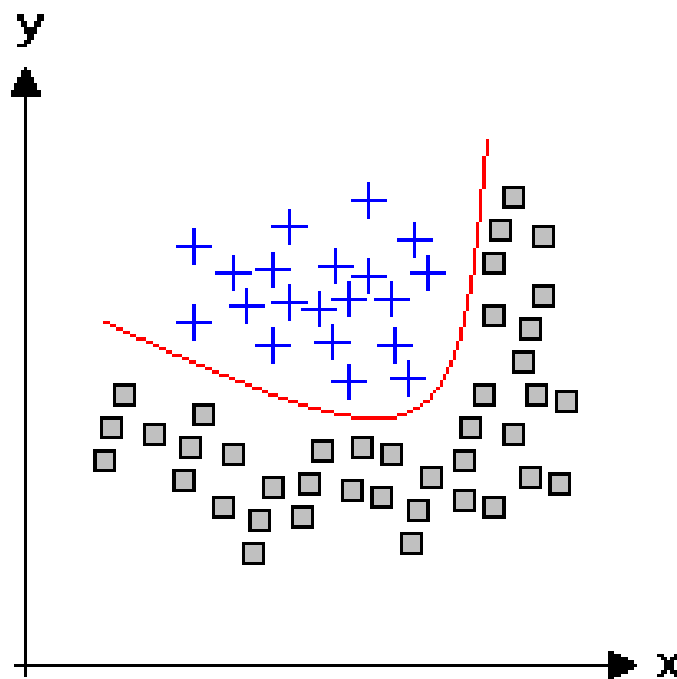
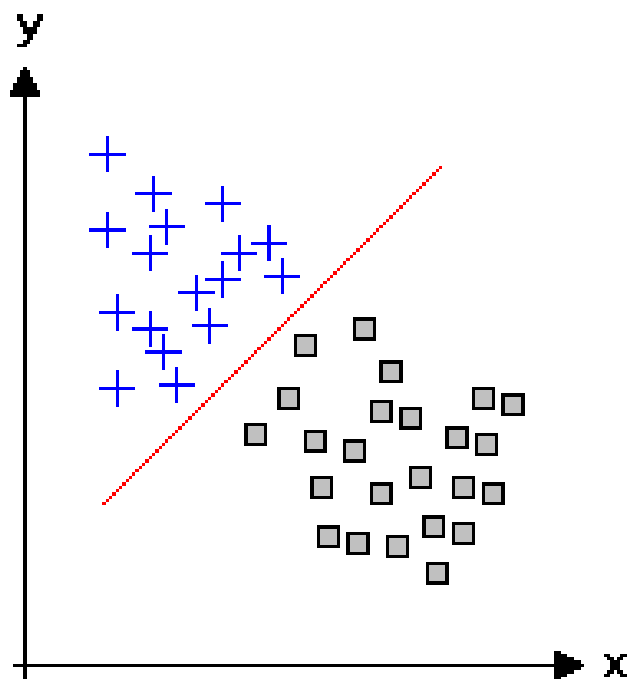
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Non-Linearity

- The real world is not linear



Feature Transformation

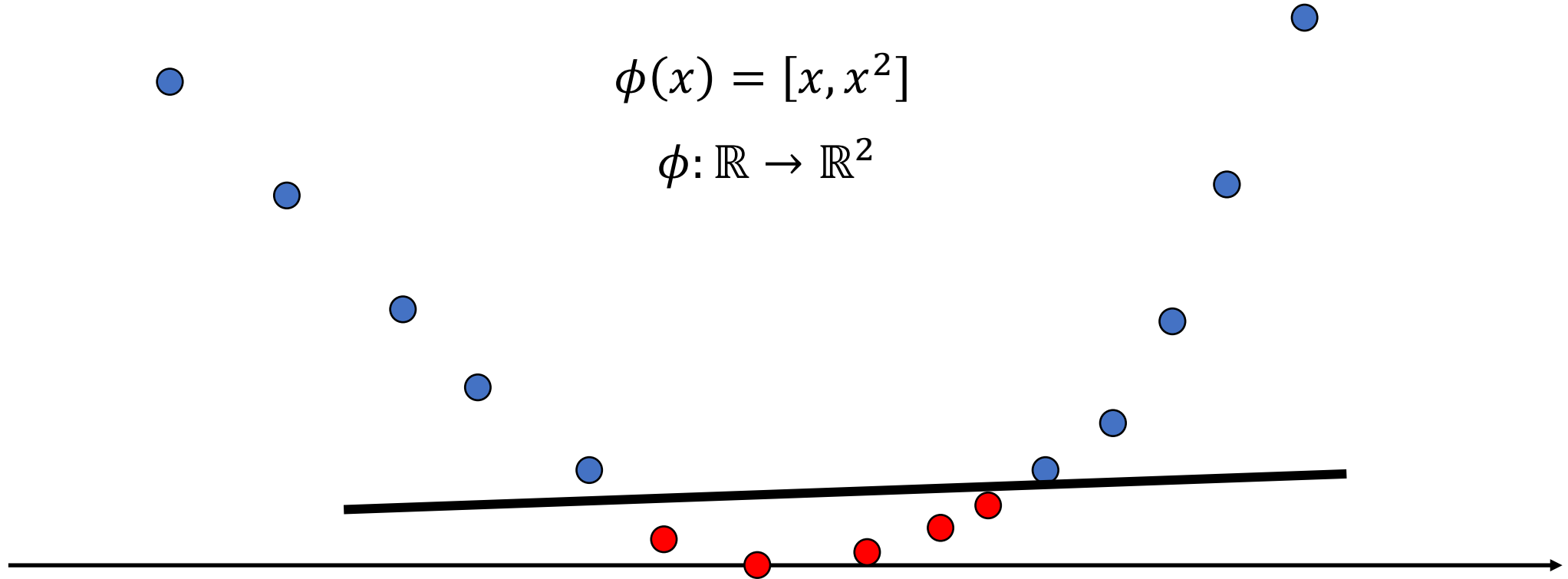
- Can we make a non-linear decision boundary w/ linear method?

$x \in \mathbb{R}$



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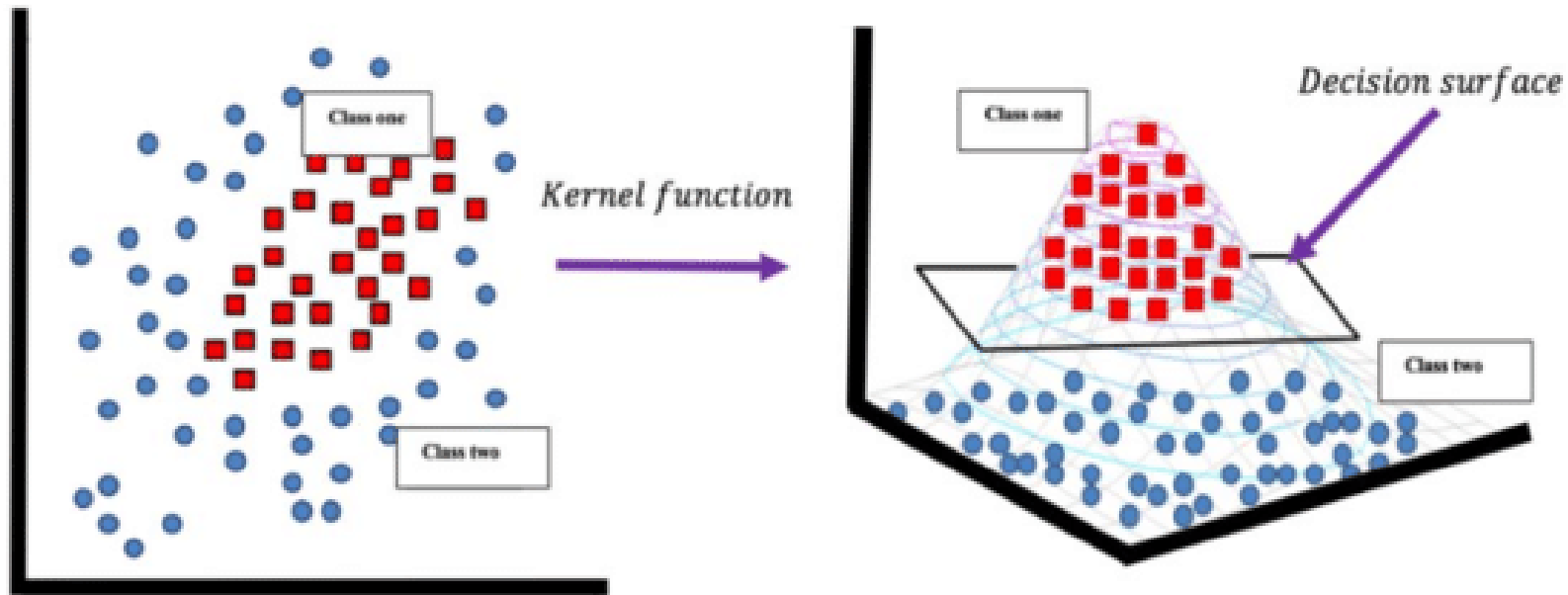
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$$\phi(x) = [x_1, x_2, x_1^2 + x_2^2]$$



Feature Transformation

[SVM with polynomial kernel visualization \(HD\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

Feature Transformation

- Feature transformation
- Still linear in θ !

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta^{\top} \phi(x)$$

- Feature explosion (-)
 - more computationally expensive to train
 - more training examples needed to avoid overfitting

Kernels

Kernel Methods

- Kernel methods are based on pairwise comparisons
- When the feature is high-dimensional, and we only want to compute the inner product between feature vectors

Kernel Example (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} & \phi(x)^\top \phi(z) &= x_1^2z_1^2 + 2x_1z_1x_2z_2 + x_2^2z_2^2 \\ & & &= (x_1z_1 + x_2z_2)^2 = (x^\top z)^2 \\ & & &= k(x, z)\end{aligned}$$

Kernel Example (2)

$$\phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_1 x_3 \\ \dots \\ x_1^3 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\phi(x)^\top \phi(z) = 1 + \sum_i x_i z_i + \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j z_i z_j + \sum_{i,j,k} x_i x_j x_k z_i z_j z_k$$

$$= 1 + x^\top z + (x^\top z)^2 + (x^\top z)^3$$

$$= k(x, z)$$

Kernel Example (3)

Hint: $\exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$\phi(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{1! \sigma^2}} x \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2! \sigma^4}} x^2 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3! \sigma^6}} x^3 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{4! \sigma^8}} x^4 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad \phi(x)^\top \phi(z)$$

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$$\phi(x)^\top \phi(z)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + z^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{1!\sigma^2} xz + \frac{1}{2!\sigma^4} x^2 z^2 + \frac{1}{3!\sigma^6} x^3 z^3 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + z^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{xz}{\sigma^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x+z)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{xz}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + z^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{2xz}{2\sigma^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x-z)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Kernel Linear Regression

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \theta^\top x^{(i)})^2$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} L = - \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \theta^\top x^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \theta^\top x^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \theta^\top \phi(x^{(i)}))^2$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} L = - \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \theta^\top \phi(x^{(i)})) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \theta^\top \phi(x^{(i)})) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

- At any time t , θ can be represented as a linear combination of input features
 - The gradient is a linear combination of input features

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \phi(x^{(i)})$$

N : The number of data

$$\beta \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

- Proof by induction

1. Base case
2. Assume it is true at **t**
3. Show that it is true at **t+1**

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \phi(x^{(i)})$$

1. Base case: “*prove that the statement holds for the first natural number*”
 - It’s convex, we can start from anywhere, so, we can set $\theta := 0$ at time 0, and all $\beta_i = 0$.

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

- Proof by induction

1. Base case
2. Assume it is true at **t**
3. Show that it is true at **t+1**

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y^{(i)} - \theta^{(t)\top} \phi(x^{(i)}) \right) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

($\theta^{(t)}$: θ at t)

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \phi(x^{(i)})$$

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$$= \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j^{(t)} \phi(x^{(j)}) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y^{(i)} - \theta^{(t)\top} \phi(x^{(i)}) \right) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i^{(t)} \phi(x^{(i)}) + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \theta^{(t)\top} \phi(x^{(i)}) \right) \phi(x^{(i)})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\beta_i^{(t)} + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \theta^{(t)\top} \phi(x^{(i)}) \right) \right) \phi(x^{(i)}) \quad \longleftarrow \beta_i^{(t+1)}$$

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

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$$\beta_i^{(t+1)} = \beta_i^{(t)} + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j^{(t)} \phi(x^{(j)}) \right)^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

$$= \beta_i^{(t)} + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j^{(t)} \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

- We can precompute all inner products!
- Inner products can be very efficient

$$\beta_i \leftarrow \beta_i + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

- Vector notation

$$\beta_i = \beta_i + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \right)$$



$$K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) = \phi(x)^{\top} \phi(z)$$

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

$$\beta_i = \beta_i + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j K(x^{(j)}, x^{(i)}) \right)$$

$$\beta = \beta + \alpha(Y - K\beta)$$

Gradient Descent in Linear Regression

- Testing with a new data

$$\theta^\top \phi(x^{new}) = \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{new})$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j K(x^{(j)}, x^{new})$$

- Only kernel computation
- No need to compute θ and $\phi(x^{new})$ explicitly

Kernel Logistic Regression

Gradient Descent in Logistic Regression

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y^{(i)} - \sigma(\theta^\top x^{(i)}) \right)^2$$

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Kernel Linear Regression vs. Kernel Logistic Regression

Kernel Linear Regression

$$\beta_i \leftarrow \beta_i + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^\top \phi(x^{new}) &= \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{new}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j K(x^{(j)}, x^{new}) \end{aligned}$$

Kernel Logistic Regression

$$\beta_i \leftarrow \beta_i + \alpha \left(y^{(i)} - \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \right) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\theta^\top \phi(x^{new})) &= \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j \phi(x^{(j)})^\top \phi(x^{new}) \right) \\ &= \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j K(x^{(j)}, x^{new}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Valid Kernels

Kernel Examples

- Linear kernel: $K(x, z) = x^\top z$
- Polynomial kernel: $K(x, z) = (1 + x^\top z)^d$
- RBF kernel (a.k.a Gaussian kernel): $K(x, z) = \exp\left(\frac{-||x-z||^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$
- Exponential kernel: $K(x, z) = \exp\left(\frac{-||x-z||_2}{\sigma^2}\right)$
- Laplacian kernel: $K(x, z) = \exp\left(\frac{-|x-z|}{\sigma}\right)$

RBF Kernel

- RBF kernel (a.k.a Gaussian kernel)

$$K(x, z) = \exp(-\gamma(x - z)^2) \quad (1d \text{ case}) \qquad \exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, z) &= \exp(-\gamma x^2 - \gamma z^2) \exp(2\gamma xz) \\ &= \exp(-\gamma x^2 - \gamma z^2) \left(1 + \frac{2\gamma xz}{1!} + \frac{2\gamma xz^2}{2!} + \frac{2\gamma xz^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &= \exp(-\gamma x^2 - \gamma z^2) \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma}}{1} x \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma}}{1} z + \frac{\sqrt{(2\gamma)^2}}{\sqrt{2!}} x^2 \frac{\sqrt{(2\gamma)^2}}{\sqrt{2!}} z^2 + \dots \right) = \phi(x)^\top \phi(z) \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Kernels

- What kinds of functions $K(\cdot, \cdot)$ can correspond to some feature map ϕ ?
- In other words, can we tell if there is some feature mapping ϕ so that $K(x, z) = \phi(x)^\top \phi(z)$?

Mercer's Theorem

$K: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then for K to be valid kernel, it is necessary and sufficient, $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}\}$, the kernel matrix is symmetric positive semi-definite

1. Kernel matrix \rightarrow symmetric positive semi-definite (necessary condition)
2. Symmetric positive semi-definite \rightarrow kernel matrix (sufficient condition)

Well-defined Kernels

1. $K(x, z) = x^\top z$
2. $c K(x, z)$
3. $K_1(x, z) + K_2(x, z)$
4. $g(K(x, z))$, where g is a polynomial function w/ positive coefficient
5. $K_1(x, z)K_2(x, z)$
6. $f(x)K(x, z)f(z)$
7. $\exp(K(x, z))$
8. $\exp\left(\frac{-||x-z||^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$

Kernel SVM

Maximum Margin Classifier (Recap)

- The new objective

$$\min_{w,b} w^\top w \quad \forall i \in D, \quad y^{(i)}(w^\top x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1$$

Quadratic objective

Linear constraints

1. Convex
2. We can use Quadratic Programming
 - very well-established methods and software

Maximum Margin Classifier

- Lagrangian

$$\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} w^\top w \quad \forall i \in D, \quad y^{(i)}(w^\top x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1$$

$$L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} w^\top w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y^{(i)}(w^\top x^{(i)} + b) - 1)$$

Duality

- Duality

$$d^* = \max_{\alpha \geq 0} \min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha) \leq \min_{w, b} \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(w, b, \alpha) = p^*$$

- In SVM

$$d^* = \max_{\alpha \geq 0} \min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha) = \min_{w, b} \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(w, b, \alpha) = p^*$$

Dual Optimization

$$\max_{\alpha \geq 0} \min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} w^\top w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y^{(i)} (w^\top x^{(i)} + b) - 1)$$

$$\min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha)$$

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$$\min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha)$$

$$\nabla_w L(w, b, \alpha) = w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)} = 0 \quad \nabla_b L(w, b, \alpha) = - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0$$

$$\min_{w, b} L(w, b, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha^{(i)} \alpha^{(j)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} \mathbf{x}^{(j)}$$

Dual Optimization

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$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha^{(i)} \alpha^{(j)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} \mathbf{x}^{(j)} \quad s. t \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha^{(i)} y^{(i)} = 0, \alpha_i \geq 0$$

1. Convex
2. Also Quadratic Programming

Testing with a new example

$$w^\top x^{new} + b = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)} \right)^\top x^{new} + b = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} \mathbf{x}^{new} + b$$

Support vectors $\alpha_i > 0$, otherwise $\alpha_i = 0$

Soft-margin SVM

- Primal

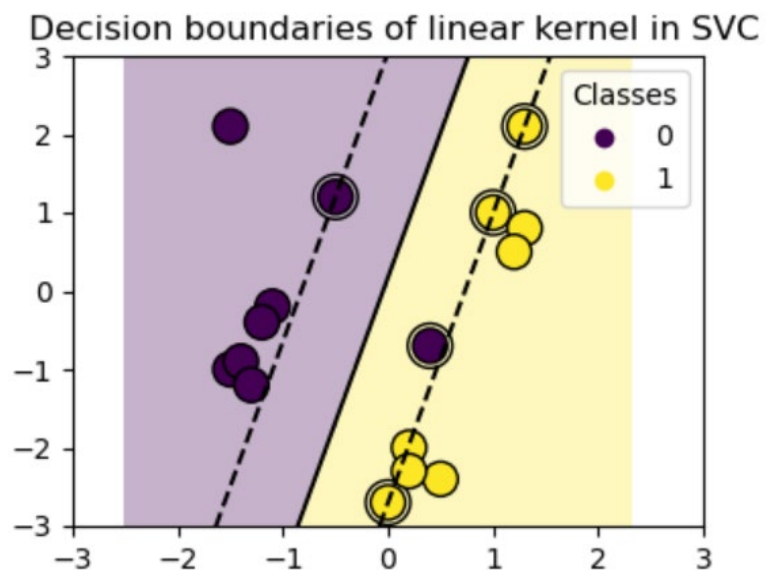
$$\min_{w,b} w^\top w + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi^{(i)} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \forall i \in D, & y^{(i)}(w^\top x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1 - \xi^{(i)} \\ \forall i \in D, & \xi^{(i)} \geq 0 \end{array}$$

- Dual

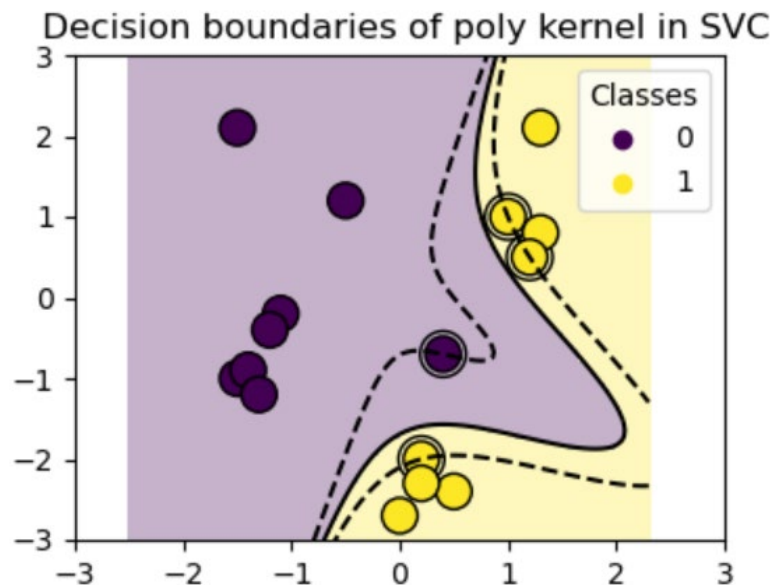
$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha^{(i)} \alpha^{(j)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)\top} \mathbf{x}^{(j)} \quad s.t. \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha^{(i)} y^{(i)} = 0$$
$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

Different Kernels

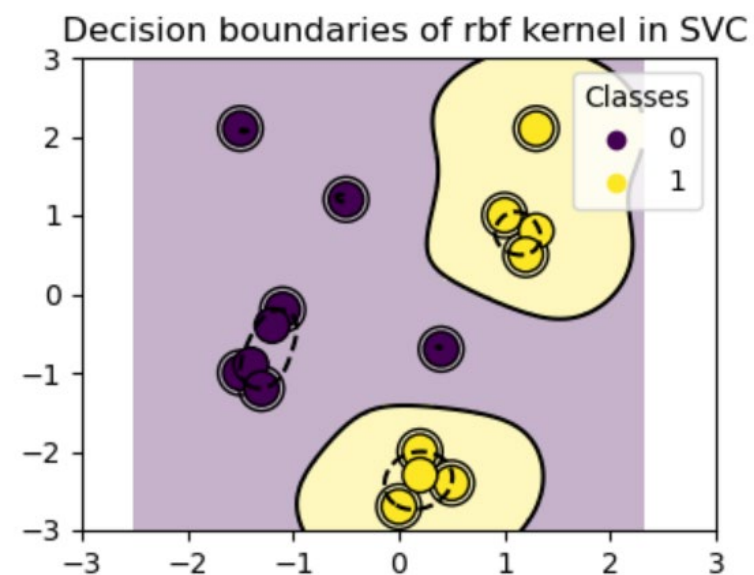
$$K(x, z) = x^T z$$



$$K(x, z) = (\gamma x^T z + r)^d$$



$$K(x, z) = \exp(-\gamma ||x - z||^2)$$



RBF Kernels

$$\min_{w,b} w^\top w + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi^{(i)}$$

$$\forall i \in D, \quad y^{(i)}(w^\top x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1 - \xi^{(i)}$$

$$\forall i \in D, \quad \xi^{(i)} \geq 0$$

$$K(x, z) = \exp(-\gamma ||x - z||^2)$$

