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Here's a breakdown:

**The Problem:**

* Many real-world datasets are not linearly separable in their original feature space.
* To find non-linear decision boundaries, we might need to transform the data into a higher-dimensional space where it becomes linearly separable.
* However, explicitly calculating this transformation can be computationally expensive, especially for high-dimensional data.

**The Solution: The Kernel Trick**

* The kernel trick avoids the explicit calculation of the transformation by using kernel functions.
* A kernel function is a function that takes two input vectors and returns their inner product in the higher-dimensional space, without explicitly calculating the transformed vectors.
* In essence, the kernel function measures the similarity between two data points in the transformed space.
* This similarity measure is then used by algorithms like SVMs to find decision boundaries.

**How it Works:**

1. **Implicit Mapping:** Instead of explicitly transforming the data points x to ϕ(x) in a higher-dimensional space, we use a kernel function k(x,y).
2. **Kernel Function:** The kernel function k(x,y) computes the inner product ⟨ϕ(x),ϕ(y)⟩ in the higher-dimensional space.
3. **Computational Efficiency:** By using kernel functions, we avoid the costly computation of ϕ(x) and ϕ(y) directly.
4. **Non-Linearity:** This allows us to work with non-linear decision boundaries as if we were working in a higher-dimensional linear space.

