



# Introduction to Machine Learning

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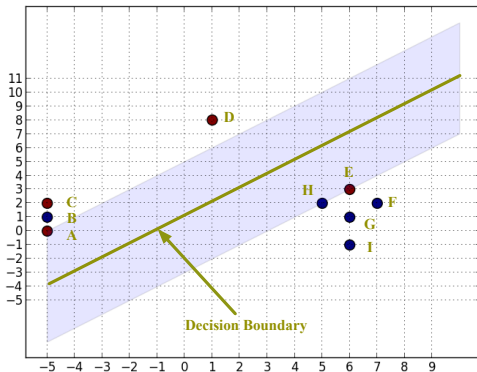
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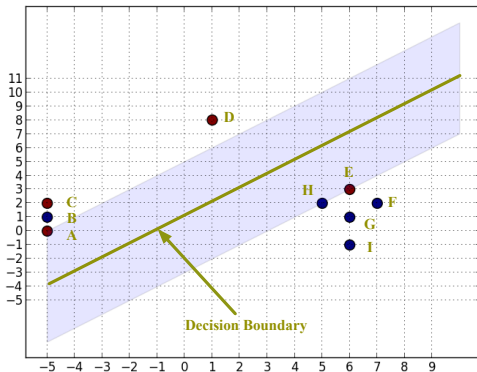


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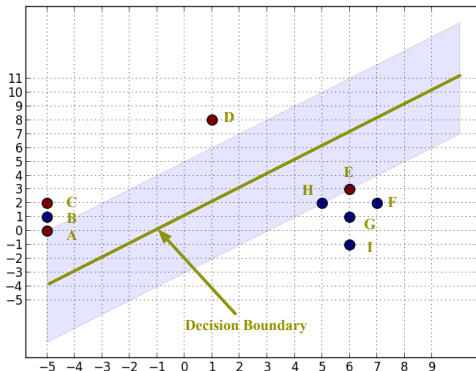


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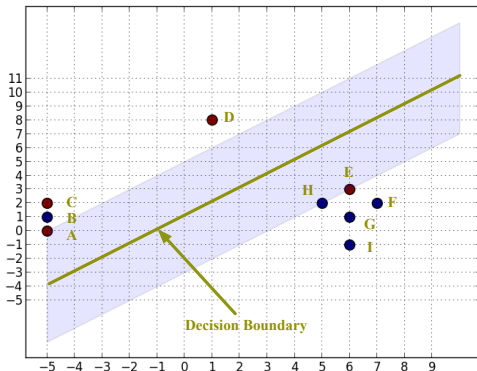


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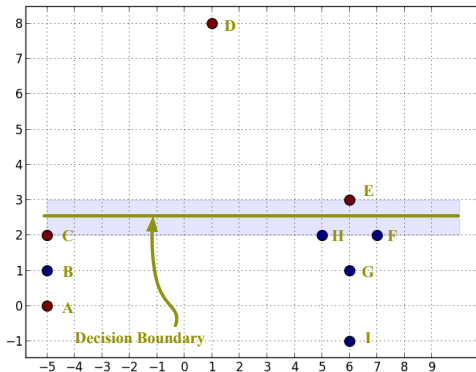
$$y_E(\vec{w}_E \cdot x_E + b) = \quad (4)$$

$$1(-0.25 \cdot 6 + 0.25 \cdot 3 + -0.25) = -1 \quad (5)$$

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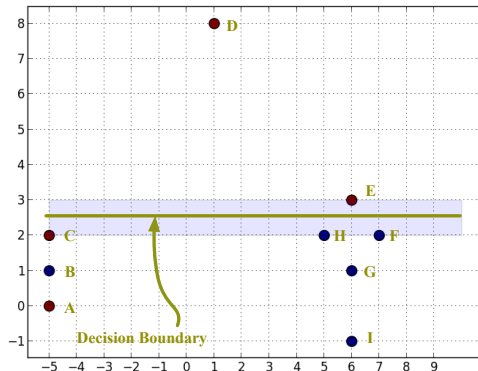


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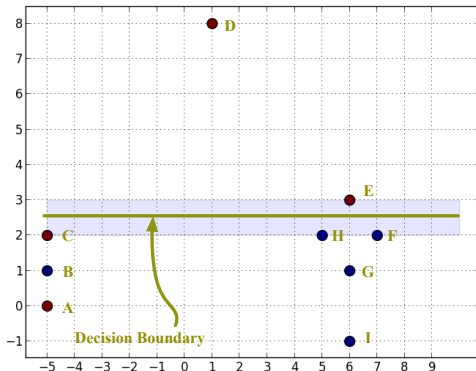


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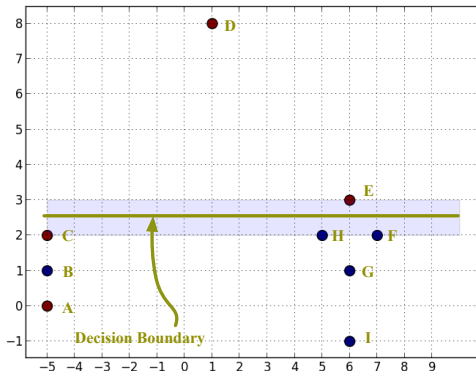


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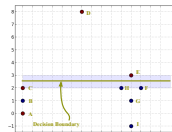
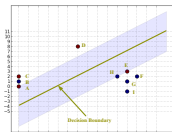
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$$y_C(\vec{w}_C \cdot x_C + b) = \quad (9)$$

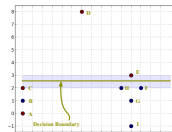
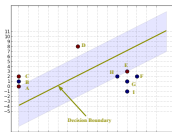
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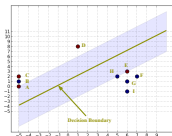
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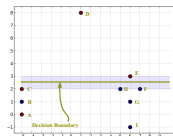
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$$\frac{1}{2}\|w\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{-1^2}{4} + \frac{1^2}{4}\right) = 0.0625 \quad (11)$$

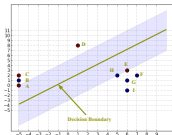
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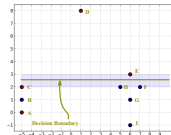
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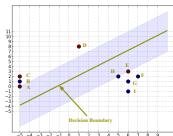
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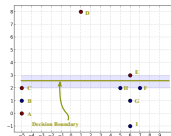
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- In this case it doesn't matter. Common  $C$  values:  $1.0$ ,  $\frac{1}{m}$

## Importance of $C$

- Need to do cross-validation to select  $C$
- Don't trust default values
- Look at values with high  $\xi$ ; are they bad data?