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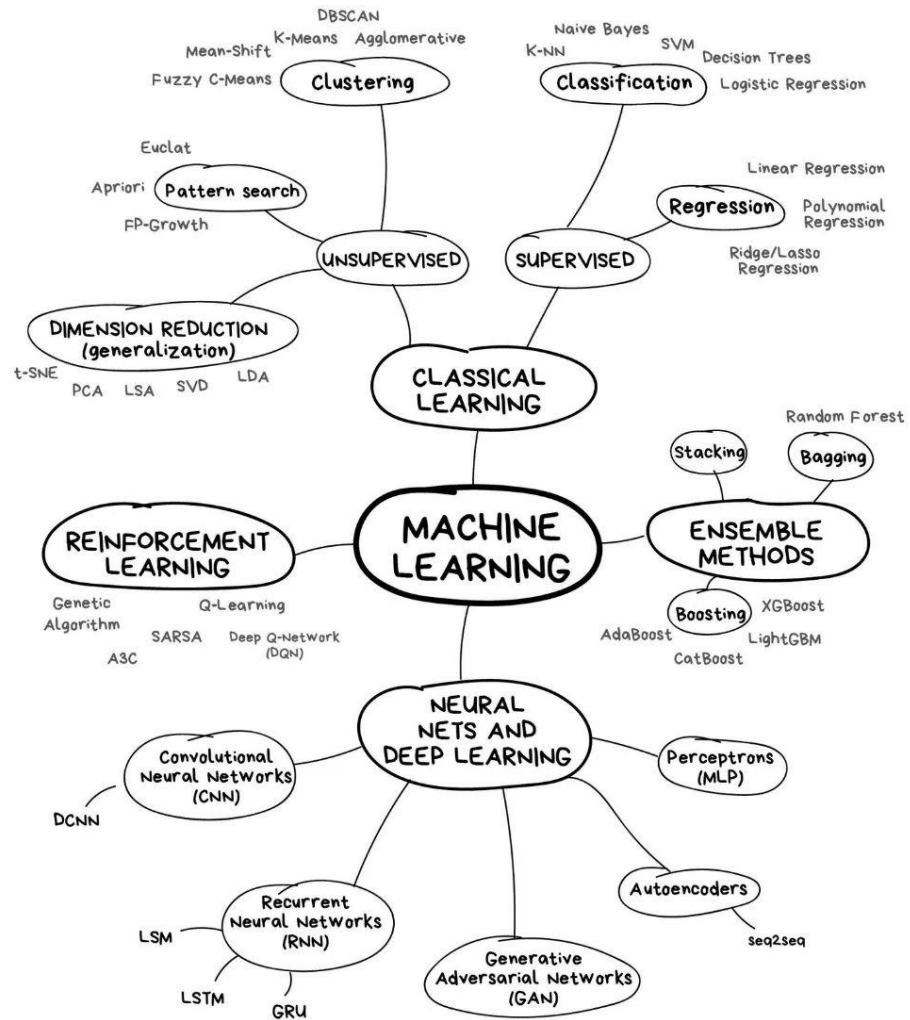
# Dados e Aprendizagem Automática

## Support Vector Machine

DAA @ MEI/1º ano – 1º Semestre

# Context

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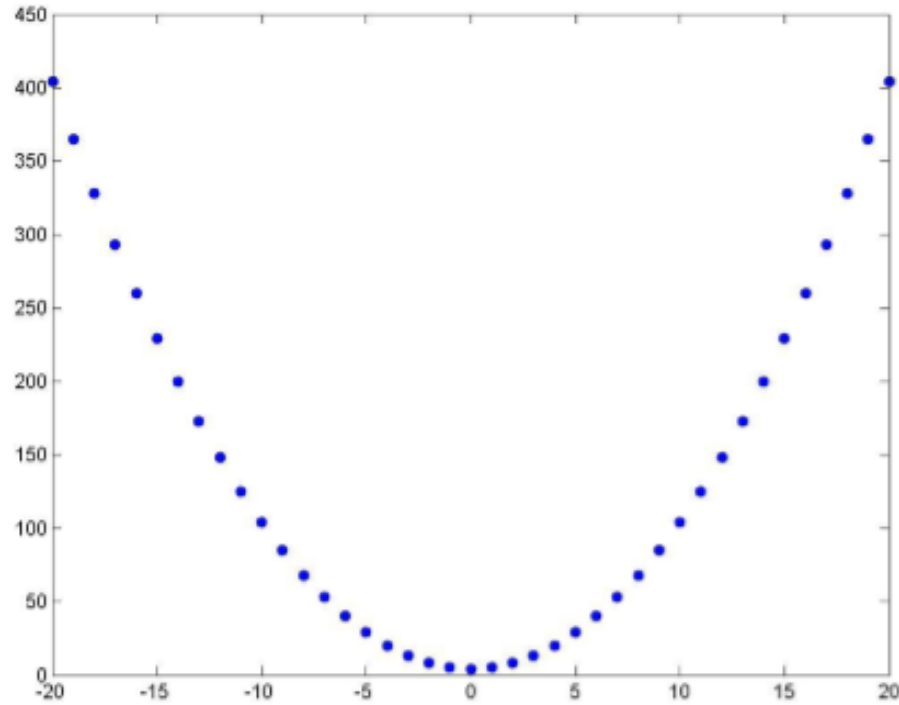


Source: The map of the machine learning world  
Vasily Zubarev (vas3k.com)

# Problem

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- Predict  $y$  given  $x$

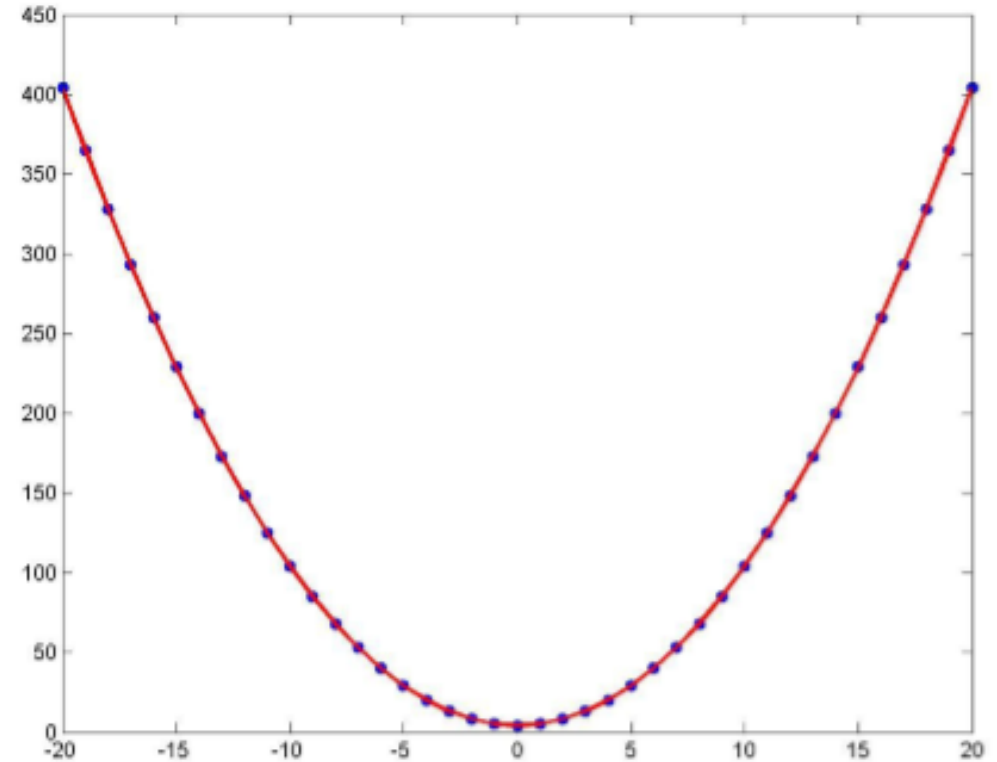


- Try to fit a function to describe this

# Problem

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- Easy!

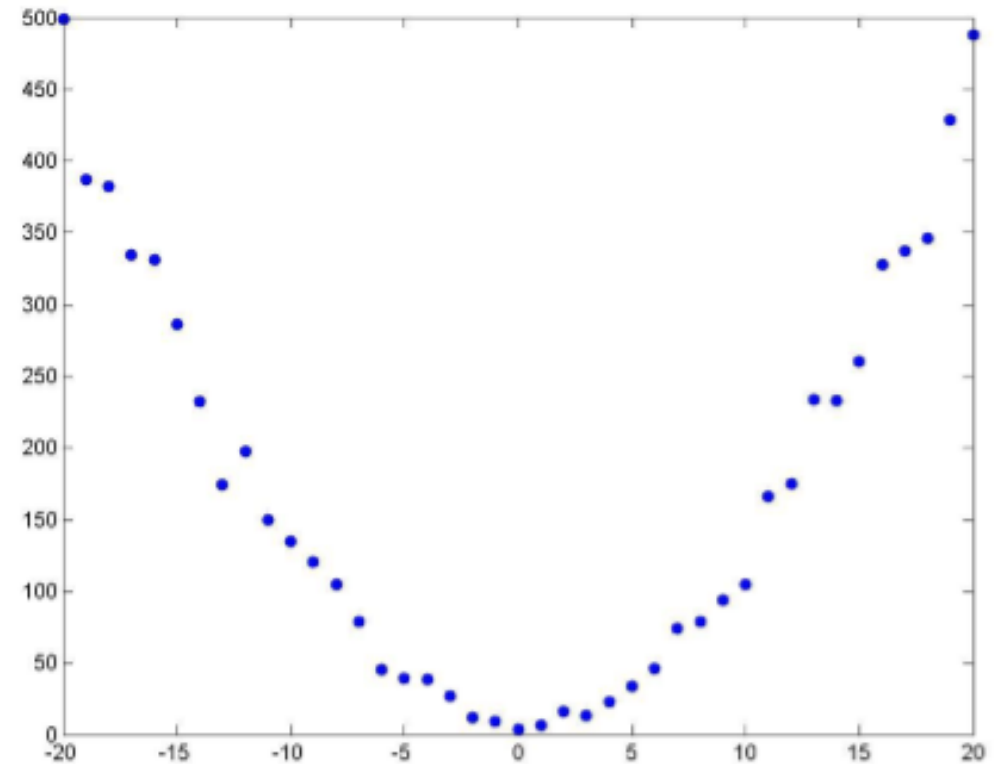


- For a new point we will be correct

# Problem

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- What if we add some noise?

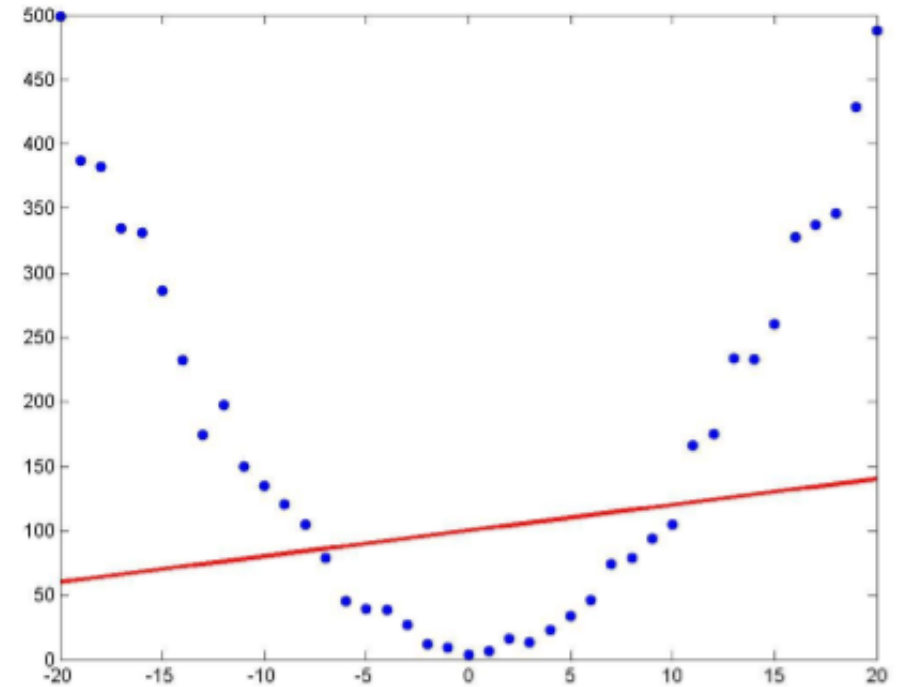


- In real environment (data) we cannot “see” the function

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- We could assume the relationship to be linear



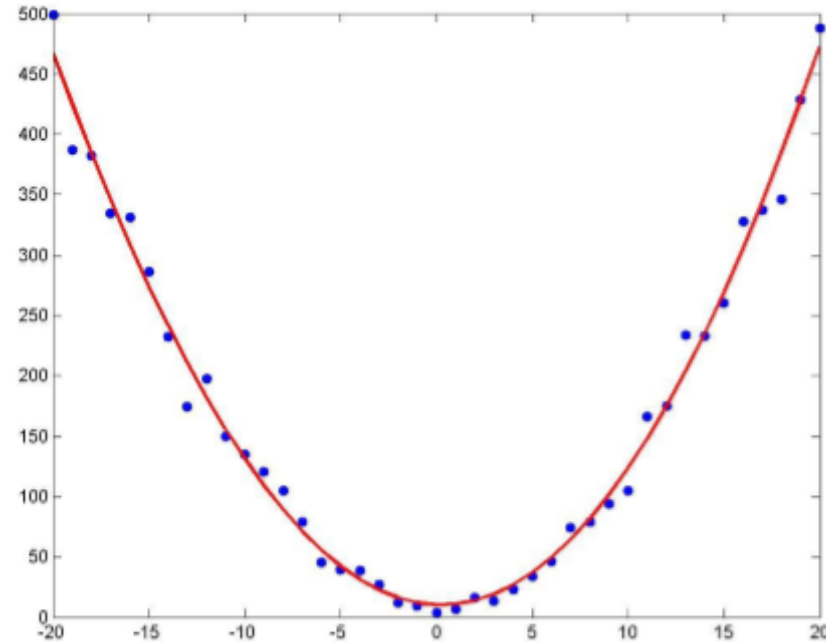
- How wrong are we?
- How do we know which parameters are the best?

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- Linear is still bad
- Increase parameters, and we can consider a quadratic function

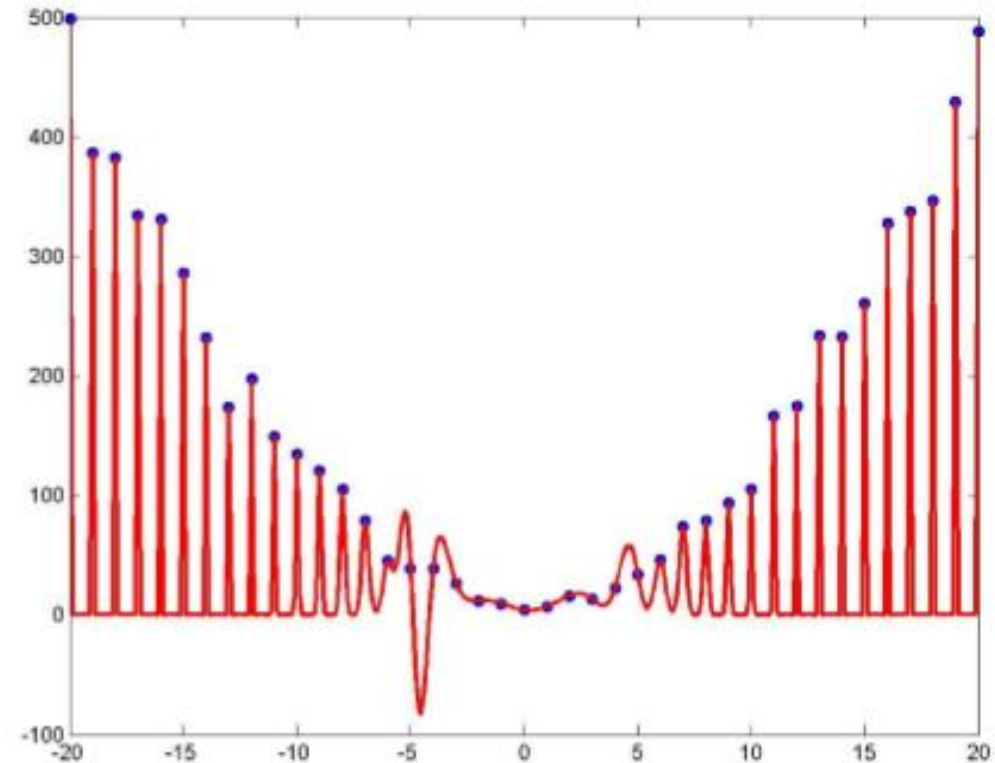
- This is better
- But still has some loss
- Increase parameters!



# Problem

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- Zero error on training set!
- What about a test example?
- Too specific = overfitting
- Empirical risk minimization: overfits if you follow it blindly





# Problem

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- How to avoid it?
- Need to balance training error and capacity of a function:
  - Too complex a function will overfit;
  - Not enough complexity will not generalize well either.

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# Support Vector Machine

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Support Vector Machine is a supervised Machine Learning algorithm that can be used for both classification (mostly) or regression problems.

The main idea is to plot each data item as a point in an  $n$ -dimensional space ( $n$  is the number of features), performing classification by finding the hyper-plane that differentiates the classes.

# Support Vector Machine

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- Works well for classifying higher-dimensional data (datasets with lots of features)
- Finds higher-dimensional support vectors which “divides” the data
- Applies kernels to represent data in higher-dimensional spaces to find hyperplanes that might not be apparent in lower dimensions

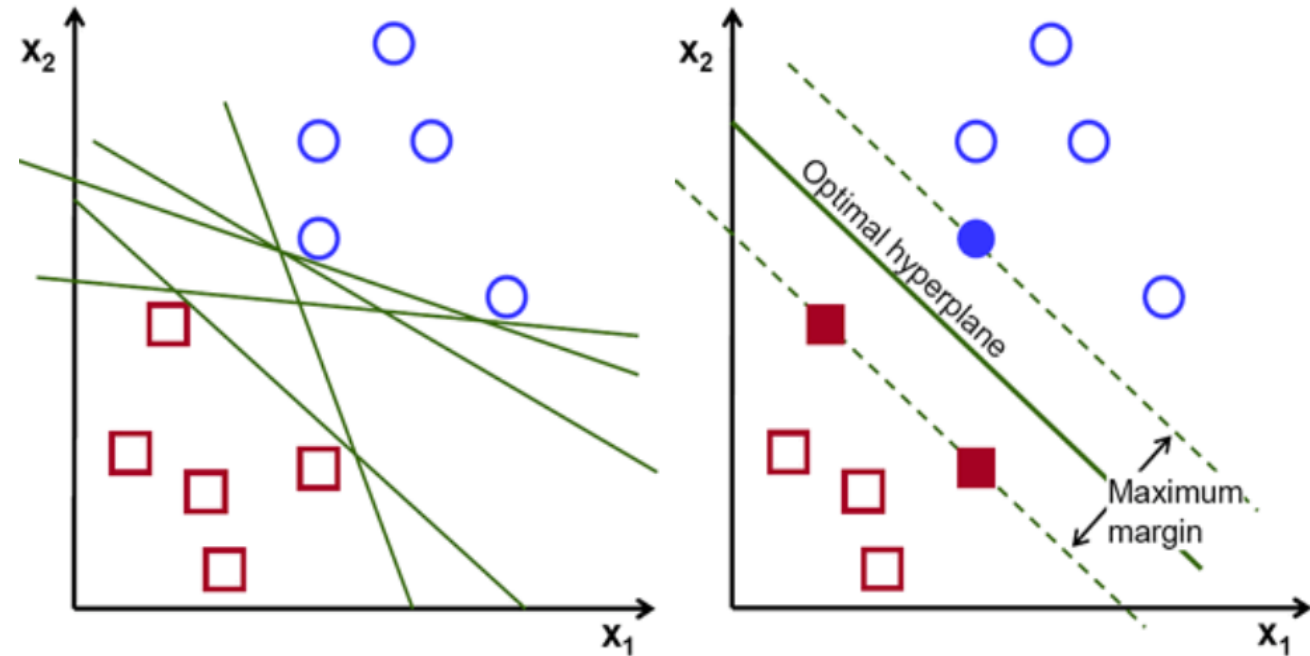


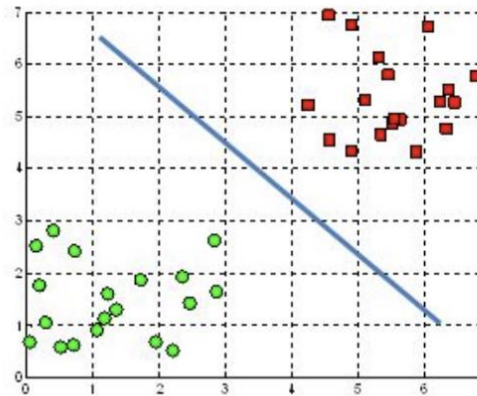
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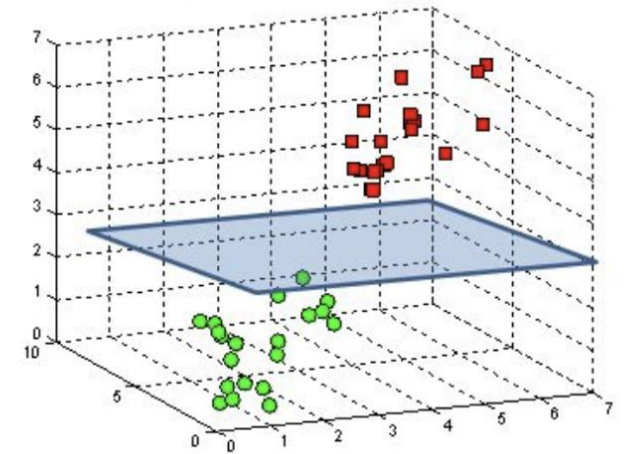
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- Hyperplanes are decision boundaries that help classify the data points;
- Data points falling on either side of the hyperplane can be attributed to different classes;
- The dimension of the hyperplane depends upon the number of features. If the number of input features is 2, then the hyperplane is just a line. If the number of input features is 3, then the hyperplane becomes a two-dimensional plane;
- Difficult to imagine when the number of features exceeds 3.

A hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a line



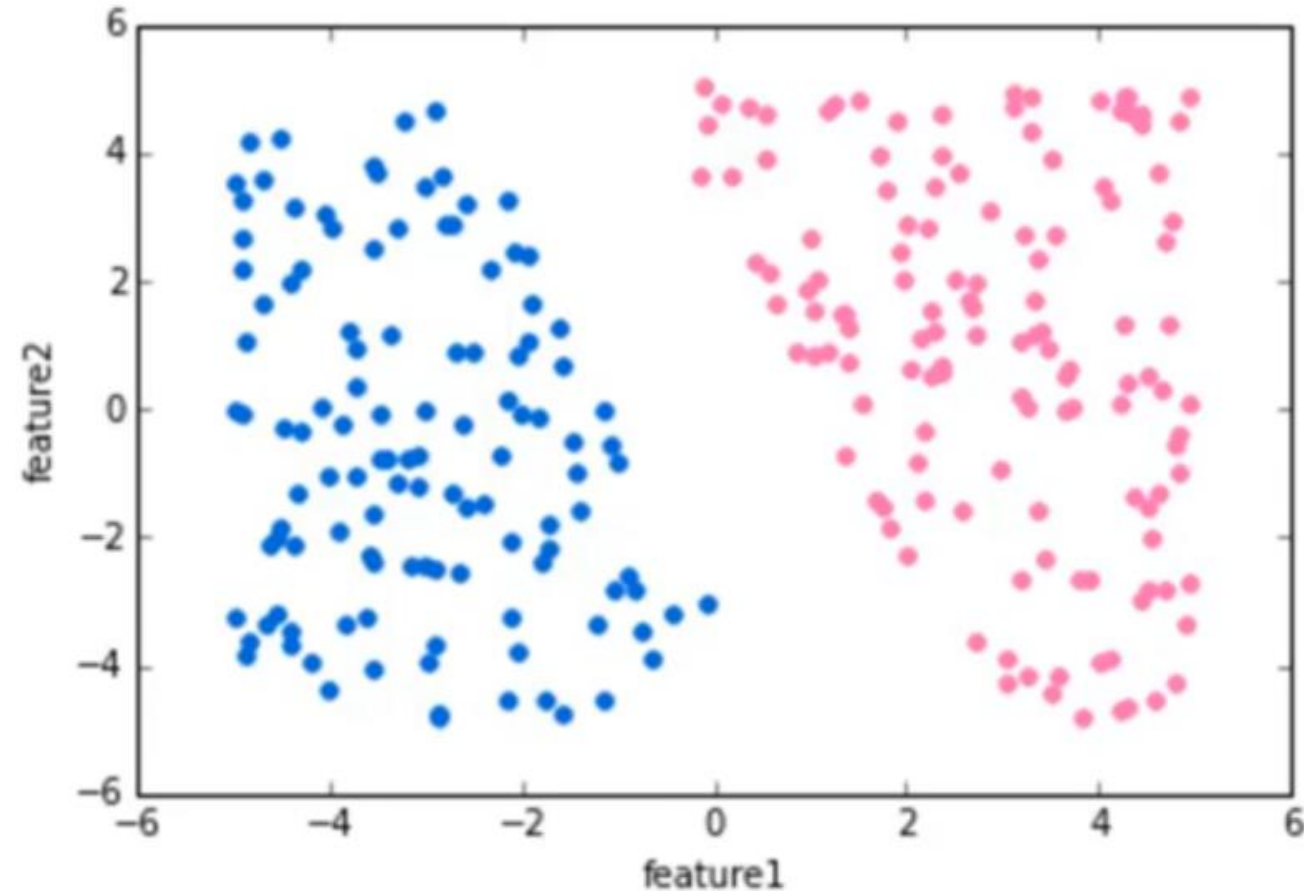
A hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a plane



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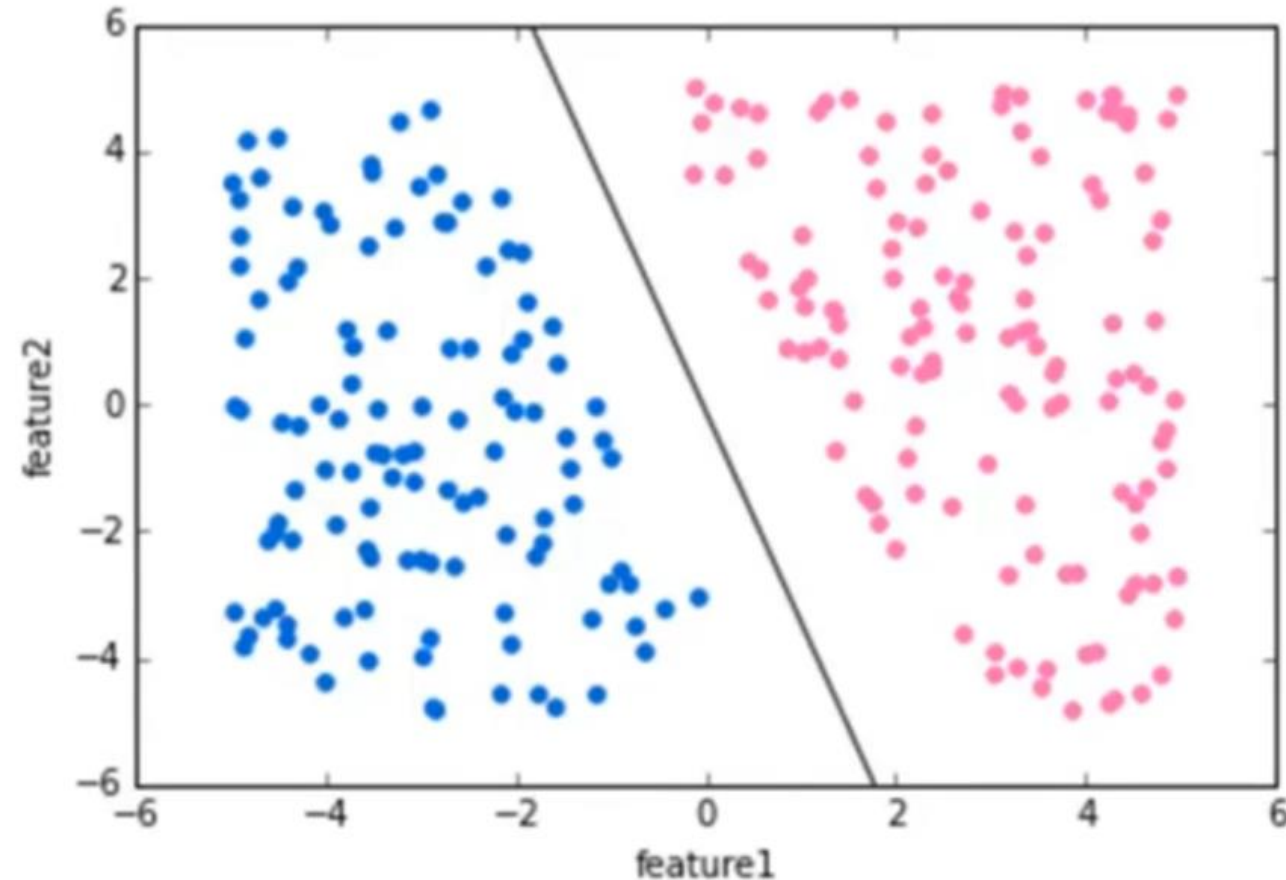
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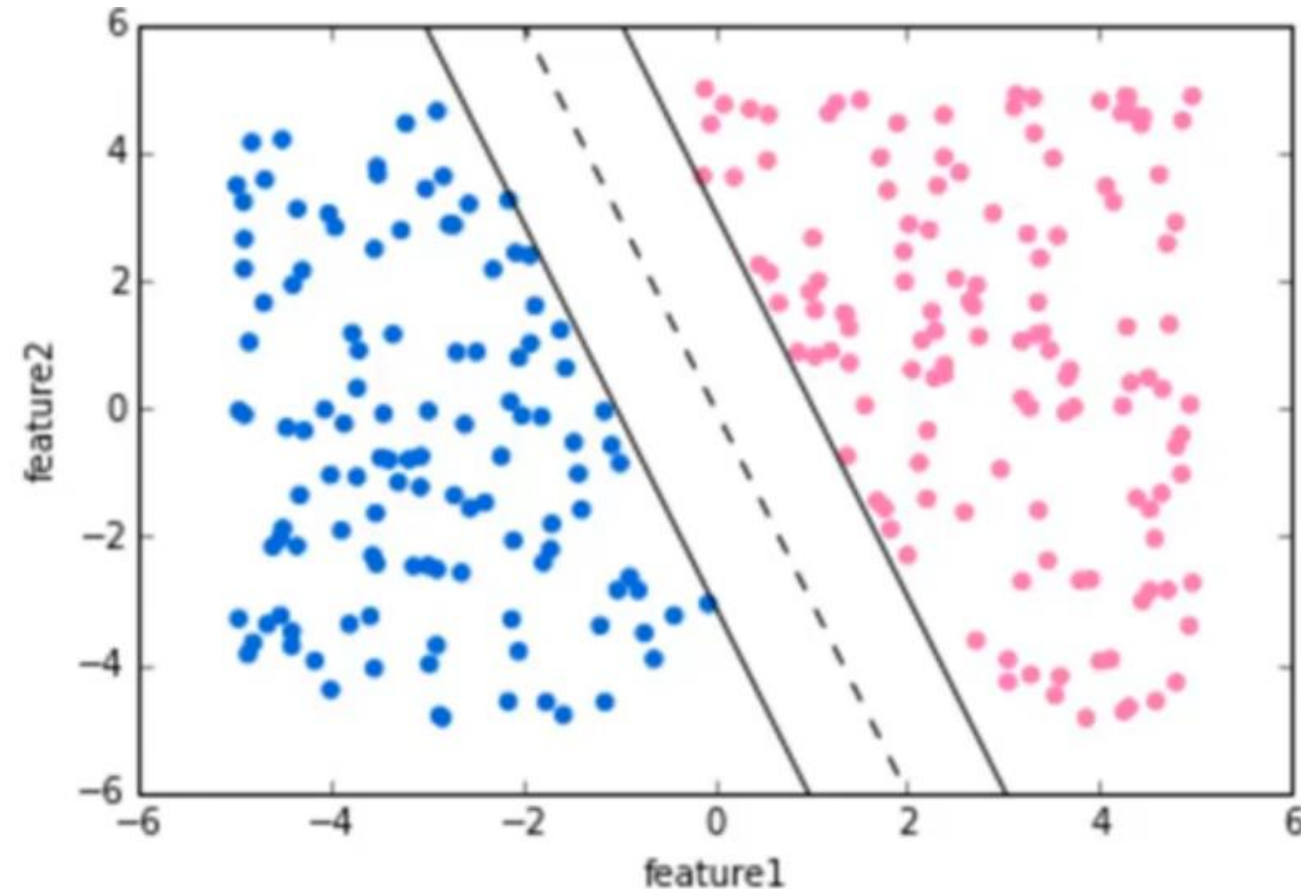
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  - 1) Image a labeled training data
  - 2) Draw a separating “hyperplane” between the classes – many options that separate perfectly...
  - 3) Choose a hyperplane that maximizes the margin between classes

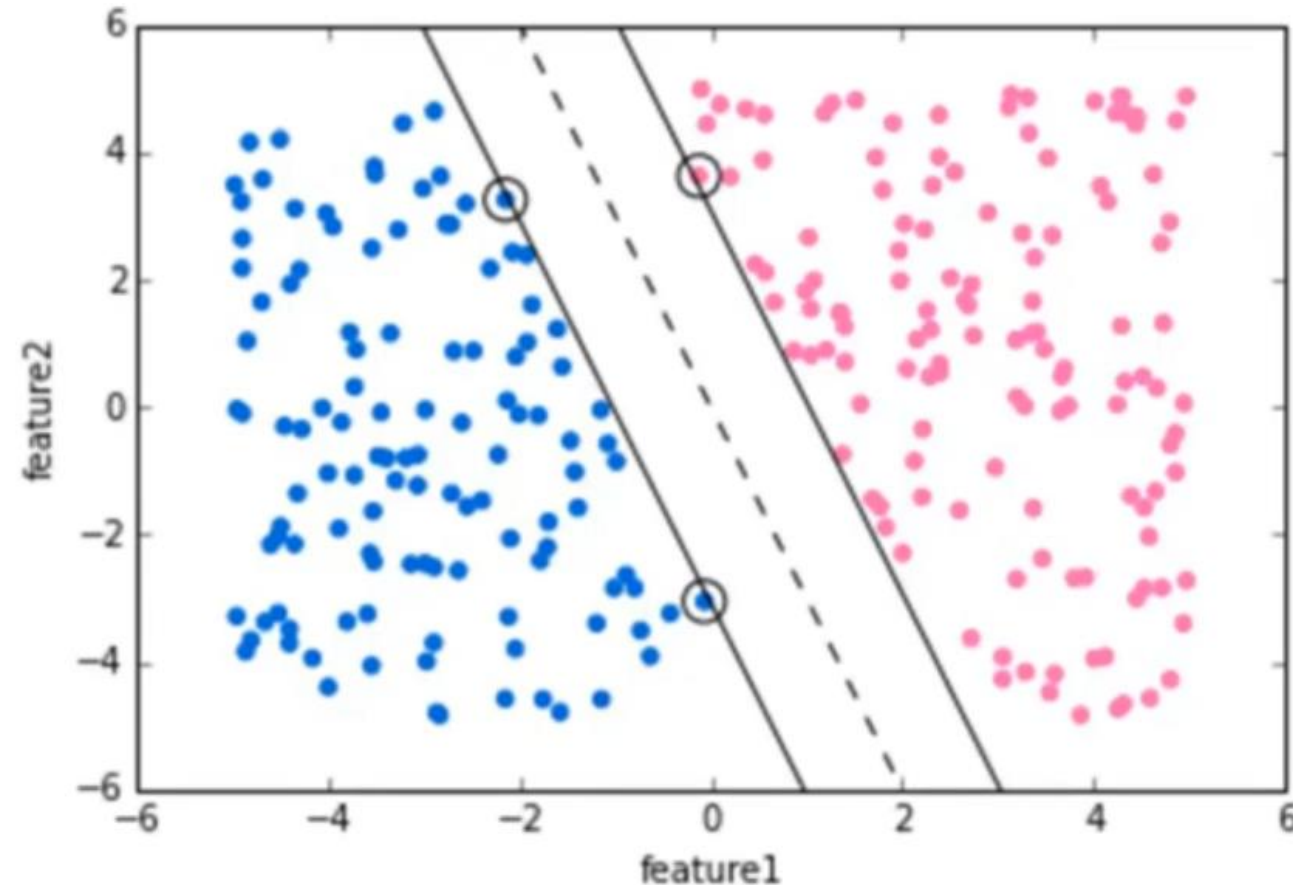




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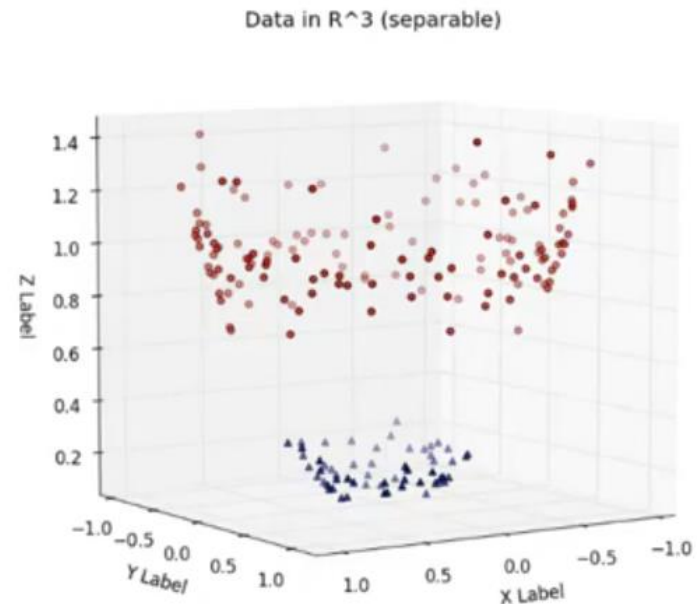
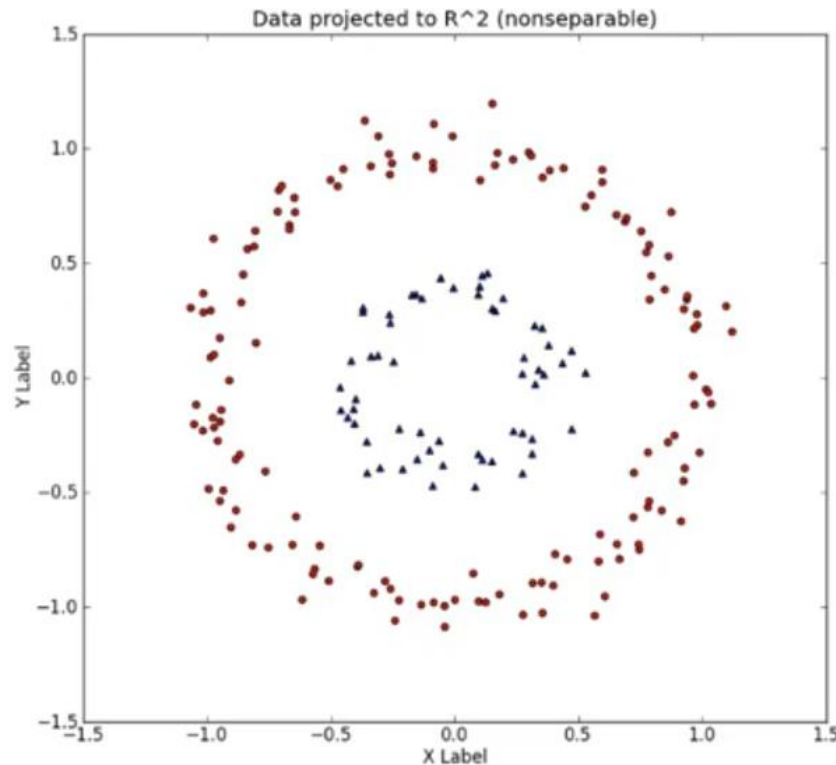
- How it works?
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- 2) Draw a separating “hyperplane” between the classes – many options that separate perfectly...
- 3) Choose a hyperplane that maximizes the margin between classes – vector points that the margin lines touch are known as Support Vectors



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- The idea can be expanded to non-linearly separable data through the “kernel trick”

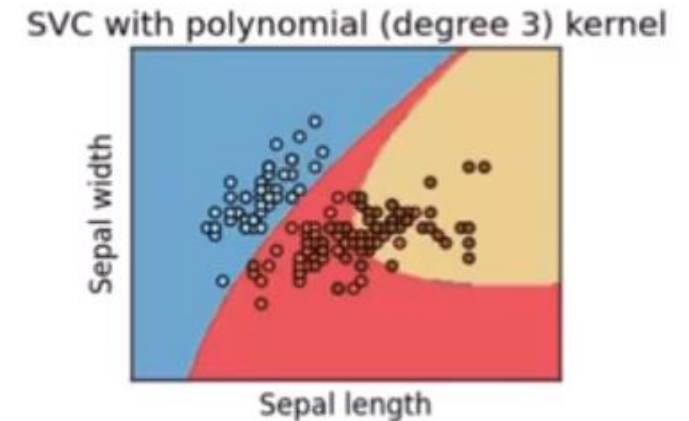
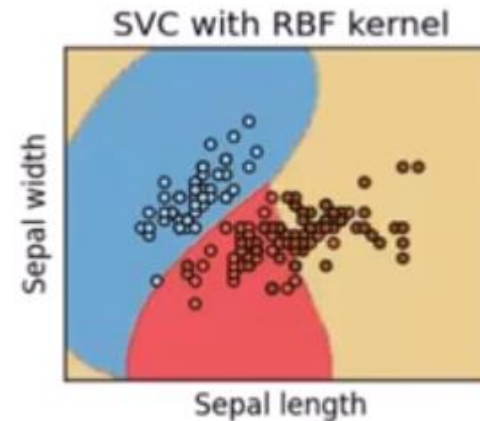
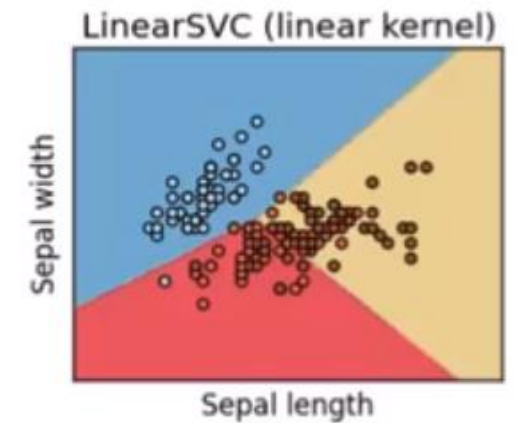
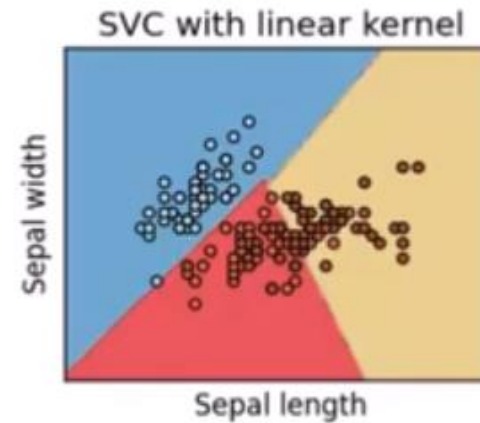


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## Support Vector Classification

- Use of SVC to classify data using SVM
- Apply different “kernels” with SVC
- Different kernels provide different results for a given dataset



# Loss Functions

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- We are looking to maximize the margin between the data points and the defined hyperplane. For that, SVMs use the **hinge loss**:

$$\ell(y) = \max(0, 1 - t \cdot y)$$

Return 0 if the predicted value and the real value have the same sign.

Otherwise: calculate loss!

# Loss Functions

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- We then take partial derivatives with respect to the weights to update the weights:

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta w_k} \lambda \|w\|^2 = 2\lambda w_k$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta w_k} (1 - y_i \langle x_i, w \rangle)_+ = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y_i \langle x_i, w \rangle \geq 1 \\ -y_i x_{ik}, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

# Loss Functions

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- If the model predicts correctly, the new weight is updated based on its previous value:

$$w = w - \alpha \cdot (2\lambda w)$$

- Otherwise, we must include the loss value:

$$w = w + \alpha \cdot (y_i \cdot x_i - 2\lambda w)$$

# Support Vector Machines

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- Kernel functions

Linear:

$$K(x, x') = x \cdot x'$$

Gaussian Radial Basis Function (RBF):

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

$$\text{where } \gamma = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$$

Polynomial:

$$K(x, x') = (x^T x' + c)^d$$

Sigmoidal:

$$K(x, x') = \tanh(kx^T x' - \delta)$$

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