

## Chapter 9. Support Vector Machine

9.3 The Solution of Support Vector Machines & 9.4 Extension of  
Support Vector Machines Using a Kernel

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## KKT(Karush-Kuhn-Tucker) conditions

- KKT conditions are necessary or sufficient conditions that an optimal solution must satisfy in a constrained nonlinear optimization problem.
- The KKT conditions are defined for optimization problems with the following constraints:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f_0(x)$$

subject to  $f_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m$

$h_j(x) = 0, j = 1, \dots, p.$

- $f_0(x)$ : objective function,
- $f_i(x) \leq 0$ : inequality constraints,
- $h_j(x) = 0$ : equality constraints.
- And we express with the Lagrange function as:

$$L(x, \alpha_i, \lambda_j) := f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i f_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j h_j(x).$$



# The Four Conditions of the KKT Conditions

- There are four conditions that must be satisfied for the solution  $x^*$  to be the optimal solution:

1) Stationarity condition

$$\nabla f_0(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \nabla f_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0,$$

2) Primal feasibility condition

$$f_i(x^*) \leq 0, \quad h_j(x^*) = 0,$$

3) Dual feasibility condition

$$\alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i,$$

4) Complementary slackness condition

$$\alpha_i f_i(x^*) = 0 \text{ for all } i.$$



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# The Optimal Problem and the KKT Conditions in Support Vector Machine

- In support vector machine, the following optimization problem is solved:

$$\min_{\beta, \beta_0, \epsilon} \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i$$

$$\text{subject to } y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) \geq 1 - \epsilon_i,$$

$$\epsilon_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i.$$

- And the following seven equations are KKT conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(\beta_0^* + x_i \beta^*) - (1 - \epsilon_i^*) &\geq 0 \\ \epsilon_i^* &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i [y_i(\beta_0^* + x_i \beta^*) - (1 - \epsilon_i^*)] &= 0 \\ \mu_i \epsilon_i^* &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta^* &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \in \mathbb{R}^p \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i &= 0 \\ C - \alpha_i - \mu_i &= 0. \end{aligned}$$



## The KKT Conditions in SVM: Primal Feasibility Condition

- The first two conditions can be derived from the KKT condition (2):

$$f_1(\beta^*), \dots, f_m(\beta^*) \leq 0.$$

- In the optimal problem of SVM, the original constraints are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) &\geq 1 - \epsilon_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N \\ \epsilon_i &\geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N.\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, when the above two conditions, which are existing constraints, are satisfied, the optimal solution can be found.

## The KKT Conditions in SVM: Complementary Slackness Condition

- The two conditions in the second paragraph are derived from the KKT condition (4):

$$\alpha_1 f_1(\beta^*) = \dots = \alpha_m f_m(\beta^*) = 0.$$

- Based on the optimization problem of SVM, the Lagrangian function is set as follows

$$L_P := \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \{y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i)\} - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i \epsilon_i,$$

and  $\alpha_i$  and  $\mu_i$  are the Lagrange multipliers.

- The relationship between the original constraints and the Lagrange multipliers  $\alpha_i, \mu_i$  is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i [y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i)] &= 0 \\ \mu_i \epsilon_i &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

then it means that one of the Lagrange multipliers and the constraints must have the value 0.



## The KKT Conditions in SVM: Stationarity Condition

- The last three conditions can be derived from the KKT condition (1):

$$\nabla f_0(\beta^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \nabla f_i(\beta^*) = 0.$$

- Differentiating  $L_P$  w.r.t  $\beta, \beta_0, \epsilon_i$ :

$$\frac{\partial L_P}{\partial \beta} = \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0 \implies \beta = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L_P}{\partial \beta_0} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L_P}{\partial \epsilon_i} = C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0.$$

- Then we obtain:

$$\beta = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0.$$

## SVM Primal Form: Applying KKT Conditions for Simplification

- We can construct the dual problem of  $L_P$  from the primal problem.
- If we reconstruct the equation of  $L_P$  using the equations differentiated by  $\beta_0$  and  $\epsilon_i$ , we can write it as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L_P &:= \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \{y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i)\} - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i \epsilon_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \{y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i)\} - \sum_{i=1}^N (C - \alpha_i) \epsilon_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i - C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \{y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta)\} + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \epsilon_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \epsilon_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \{y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta)\} + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 - \beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \beta + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \beta + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i, \\ \therefore L_P &:= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i + \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \beta \alpha_i y_i. \end{aligned}$$



## Formulating the Dual using the Lagrange Multipliers

- The equation of  $L_P$ , reconstructed by the equation differentiate by  $\beta$ , change again as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L_P &:= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i + \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \beta \alpha_i y_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i^\top \right)^\top \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j^\top \right) - \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i^\top \right) \alpha_i y_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i^\top \right)^\top \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j^\top \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i x_j^\top. \end{aligned}$$

- So, we construct the function with input as the Lagrange coefficients  $\alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, N$ :

$$L_D := \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i x_j^\top.$$

- In this case,  $\alpha$  ranges over  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i$  and  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$ .



## Understanding Constraints in the Dual Problem

- In the dual objective function  $L_D$ ,  $\mu_i$  disappears, but the constraint that  $\alpha_i$  has a range of  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$  still exists through the condition  $\mu_i = C - \alpha_i$ .
- By solving the dual problem under this constraint, we can obtain the values of  $\alpha_i$ .

Then, the primal variable  $\beta$  can be computed using:

$$\beta = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

- And depending on the range of  $\alpha_i$ , it can be classified into three cases, which is the key to SVM interpretation.

## Solution of the Dual Problem According to $\alpha_i$ Range

- We can distinguish where each sample point is located based on the following three cases of  $\alpha_i$ :

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_i = 0 & \Rightarrow y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) > 1 \\ 0 < \alpha_i < C & \Rightarrow y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) = 1 \\ \alpha_i = C & \Rightarrow y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) < 1. \end{cases}$$

## Solution of the Dual Problem According to $\alpha_i$ Range (Contd.)

- When  $\alpha_i = 0$ , applying  $C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0$ ,  $\mu_i \epsilon_i = 0$ , and  $y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i) \geq 0$  in this order, we have:

$$\alpha_i = 0 \implies \mu_i = C > 0 \implies \epsilon = 0 \implies y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) \geq 1.$$

- When  $0 < \alpha_i < C$ , from  $\mu_i \epsilon_i = 0$ ,  $C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0$ , we have  $\epsilon_i = 0$ . Moreover, applying  $\alpha_i[y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i)] = 0$ , we have:

$$0 < \alpha_i < C \implies y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i) = 0 \implies y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) = 1.$$

- When  $\alpha_i = C$ , from  $\epsilon_i \geq 0$ , we have  $\epsilon_i \geq 0$ . Moreover, applying  $\alpha_i[y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i)] = 0$ , we have:

$$\alpha_i = C \implies y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) - (1 - \epsilon_i) = 0 \implies y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta) \leq 1.$$

## The Proof of the Optimal Solution in SVM

- As we have seen above, we show that at least one  $i$  satisfies  $y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) = 1$ .
- If there exists an  $i$  such that  $0 < \alpha_i < C$  and at least one  $\epsilon_i = 0$ , then from the above, the  $i$  satisfies  $y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) = 1$ .

That is, an optimal solution exists, which means that at least one support vector exists. In this case, we can obtain  $\beta_0$  as  $\beta_0 = y_1 - x_i\beta$ .

## The Proof of the Optimal Solution in SVM (Contd.)

- Suppose  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_N = 0$ , then we have  $\beta = 0$  from  $\beta = \sum \alpha_i y_i x_i$ . Moreover, we have  $\mu_i = C$  and  $\epsilon_i = 0$ , which means  $y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) \geq 1$  from  $\mu_i \epsilon_i = 0$  and  $C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0$ .  
→ Therefore,  $\beta_0 = \pm 1$  satisfy  $y_i(\beta_0 + x_i\beta) = 1$  when  $y_i = \pm 1$ . It means, there are not just one optimal solution.
- Next, we suppose that  $\alpha_i = C$  for at least one  $i$  and  $\epsilon_i > 0$  for all  $i$ . If we define  $\epsilon_* := \min_i \epsilon_i$ , and replace  $\epsilon_i \rightarrow \epsilon - \epsilon_*$ ,  $\beta_0 \rightarrow \beta'_0 + y_i \epsilon_*$ , respectively, the latter still satisfies the constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} y_i \{(\beta'_0 + y_i \epsilon_*) + x_i \beta\} - \{1 - (\epsilon - \epsilon_*)\} &\geq 0, \\ \epsilon - \epsilon_* &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

→ Then, we can obtain a smaller value of  $f_0(\beta, \beta_0, \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i$ , which contradicts the underlying assumption that  $\beta, \beta_0, \epsilon$  was optimal.

## Solving the Dual Problem Using the Package in R

- We solve the dual problem of  $L_D$  using a quadratic programming solver.
- In the R language, a package called **quadprog** is available for this purpose.
- To solve the dual problem in R, we transform

$L_D = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i x_j^\top$  into the following matrix form:

$$\text{minimize} \quad -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^\top D_{\text{mat}} \alpha + d_{\text{vec}}^\top \alpha,$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad A_{\text{mat}} \alpha \geq b_{\text{vec}}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

- $D_{\text{mat}} = (x_i y_i)(x_j y_j)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ,  
 $d_{\text{vec}} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ : linear term of objective function,  
 $A_{\text{mat}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$ : constraint matrix,  
 $b_{\text{vec}} \in \mathbb{R}^m (m \geq 1)$ : constrain right side.

## Solving the Dual Problem Using the Package in R (Contd.)

- In particular, in the formulation derived above, we take  $m = 2N + 1$ ,  $meq = 1$ ,

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1}y_1 & \cdots & x_{1,p}y_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{N,1}y_N & \cdots & x_{N,p}y_N \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times p}, \quad A_{\text{mat}} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \cdots & y_N \\ -1 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & -1 \\ 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+1) \times N},$$

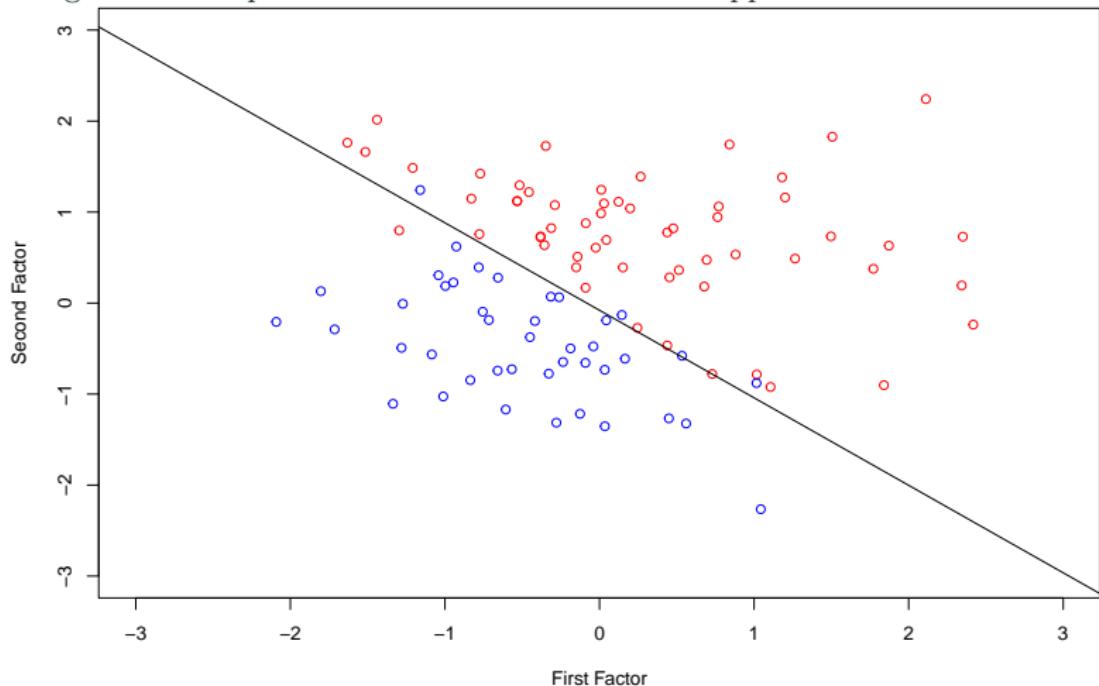
$$D_{\text{mat}} = zz^T \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N},$$

$$b_{\text{vec}} = [0, -C, \dots, -C, 0, \dots, 0]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+1}, \quad d_{\text{vec}} = [1, \dots, 1]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N, \text{ and}$$

$$\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N] \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

## [Example 1] Drawing the border of the SVM

- We generate samples and draw the border of the support vector machine.



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## Using the Kernel Function in SVM

- The reason for solving the dual rather than the primal is that the dual objective  $L_D$  can be expressed using inner products  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  as

$$L_D := \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle.$$

- Let  $V$  be the vector space with  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow V$ , then we may replace  $\langle x_i, x_j \rangle$  by  $k(x_i, x_j) := \langle \phi(x_i), \phi(x_j) \rangle$ .
- In such a case, we construct a nonlinear classification rule from  $(\phi(x_1), y_1), \dots, (\phi(x_N), y_N)$ .
  - In other words, even if the mapping  $\phi(x) \rightarrow y$  is linear and the learning is performed via a linear model, the original mapping  $x \rightarrow y$  can still be nonlinear.

## Using the Kernel Function in SVM (Contd.)

- In the following, we construct a matrix  $K$  such that the  $(i, j)$ -th element is  $K_{i,j} = \langle \phi(x_i), \phi(x_j) \rangle \in V$ .
- In fact, for  $z \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , the matrix

$$\begin{aligned} z^\top K z &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N z_i \langle \phi(x_i), \phi(x_j) \rangle z_j \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N z_i \phi(x_i), \sum_{j=1}^N z_j \phi(x_j) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N z_i \phi(x_i) \right\|^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

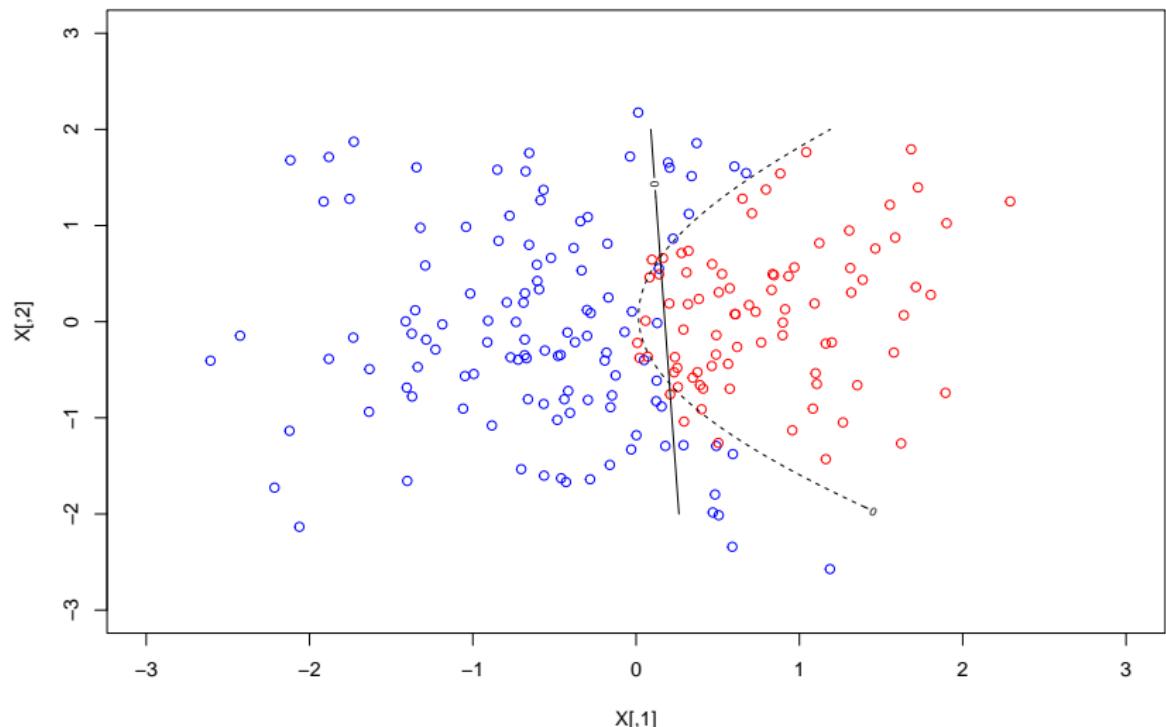
is symmetric and non-negative definite, and  $k(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a kernel in the strict sense.

## Definition New Function **svm.2** using **svm.1**

- We modify the function **svm.1** as follows to define new function **svm.2**:
  1. add argument **K** to the function definition,
  2. replace  $\text{sum}(\mathbf{X}[:, i] * \mathbf{X}[:, j])$  with **K(X[i, ], X[j, ])**,
  3. replace **beta** in **return()** with **alpha**.

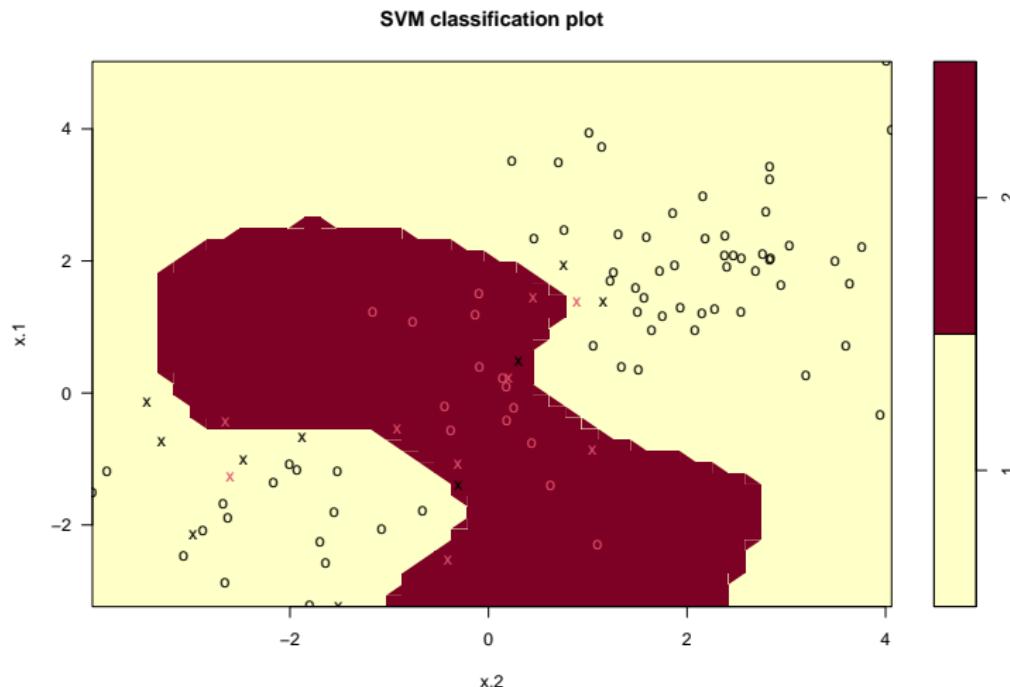
## [Example 2] Comparison of Linear and Nonlinear Borders

- We generate samples and draw linear and nonlinear borders that are flat and curved surfaces.



## [Example 3] Using the e1071 Package in R

- Using the **e1071** package with the radial kernel, we draw a nonlinear surface.
  - Radial kernel:  $K(x_i, x_j) = \exp(-\gamma \|x_i - x_j\|^2)$
- We can use **svm** function to specify parameter values such as  $\gamma$  and kernel to be used for analysis.



## Q & A

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Thank you :)