

MACHINE LEARNING

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Let's Start

Lecture #10

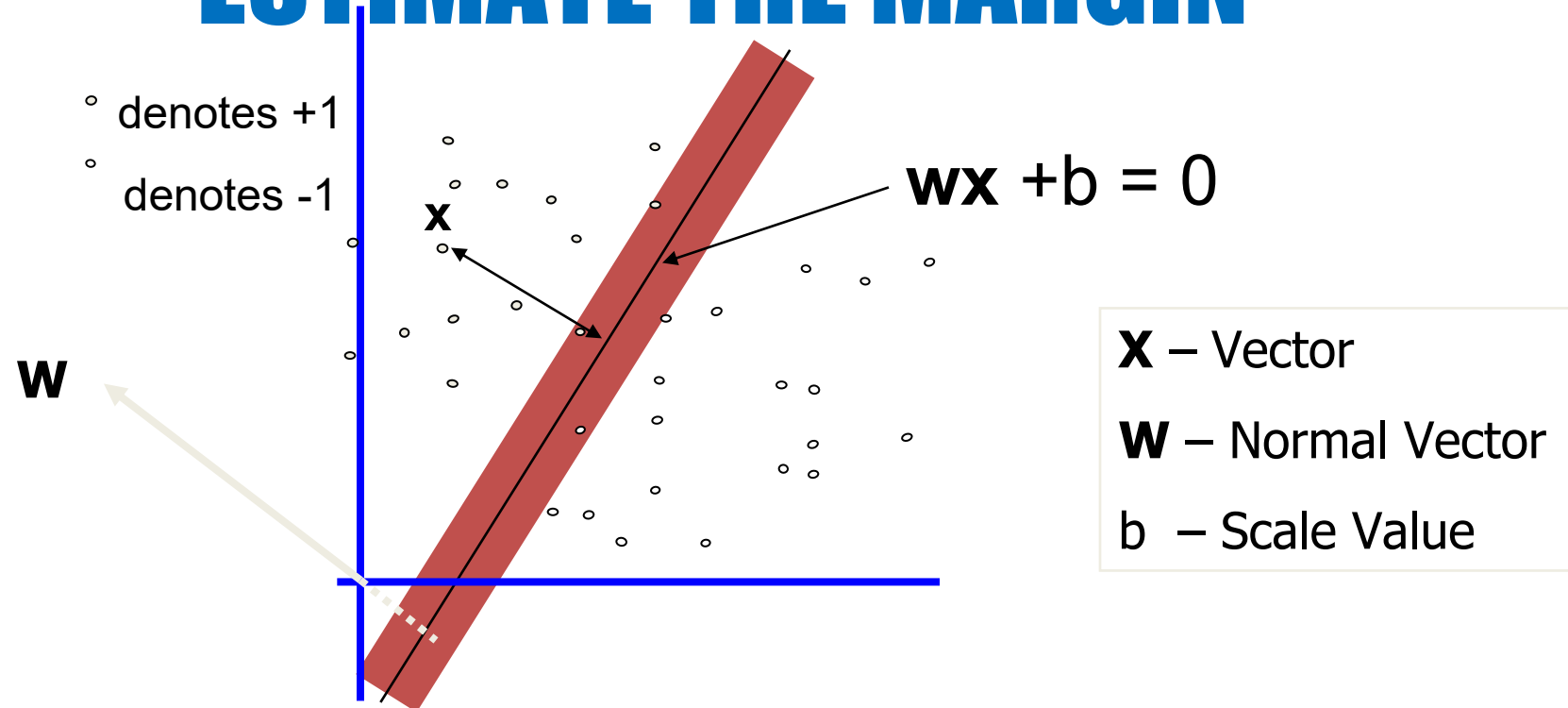
GOALS

This Lecture Will Cover:

- **Evaluation of Support Vector Machine**



ESTIMATE THE MARGIN

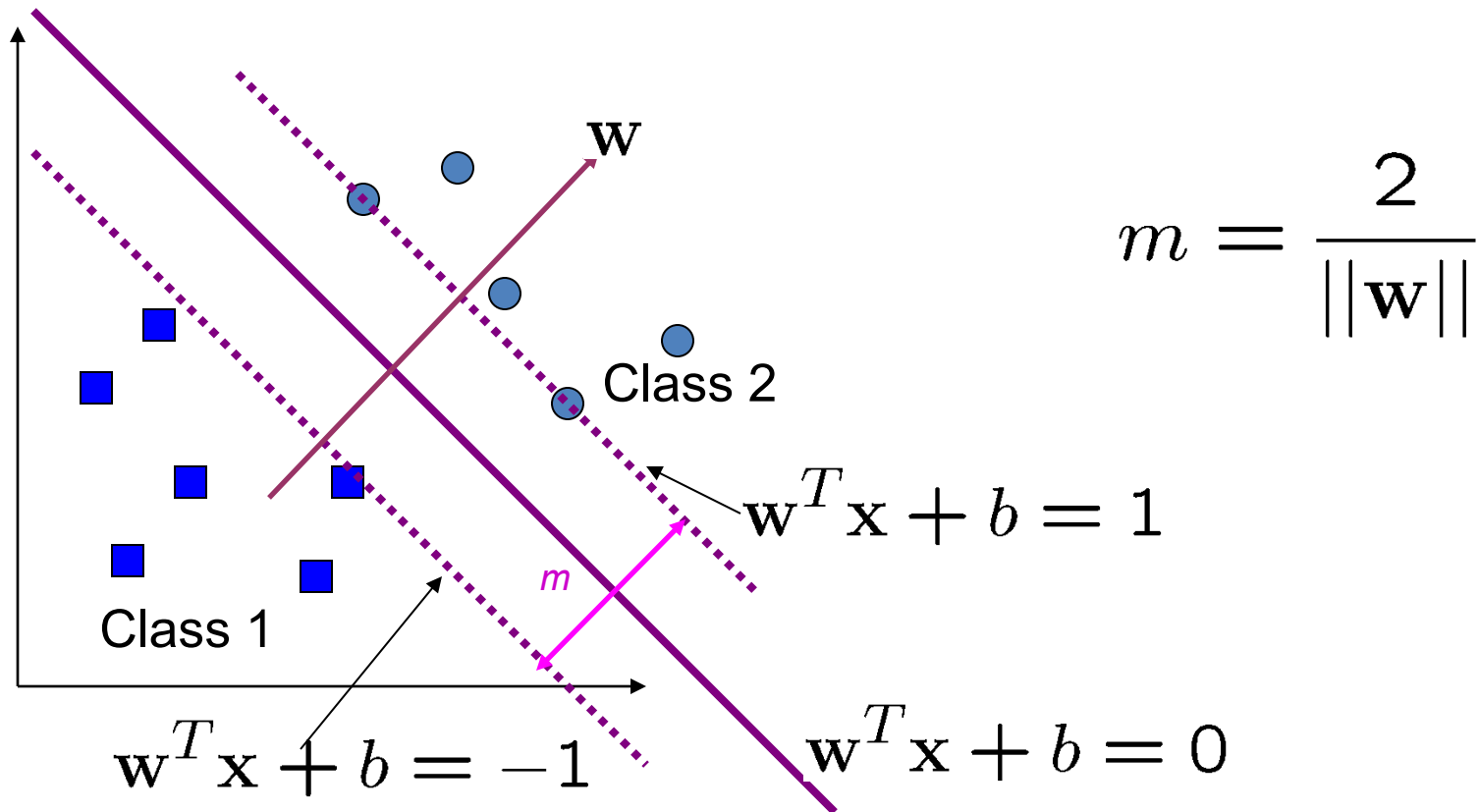


- What is the **distance expression** for a point \mathbf{x} to a line $\mathbf{w}\mathbf{x} + b = 0$?

$$d(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} + b|}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2}} = \frac{|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} + b|}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2}}$$

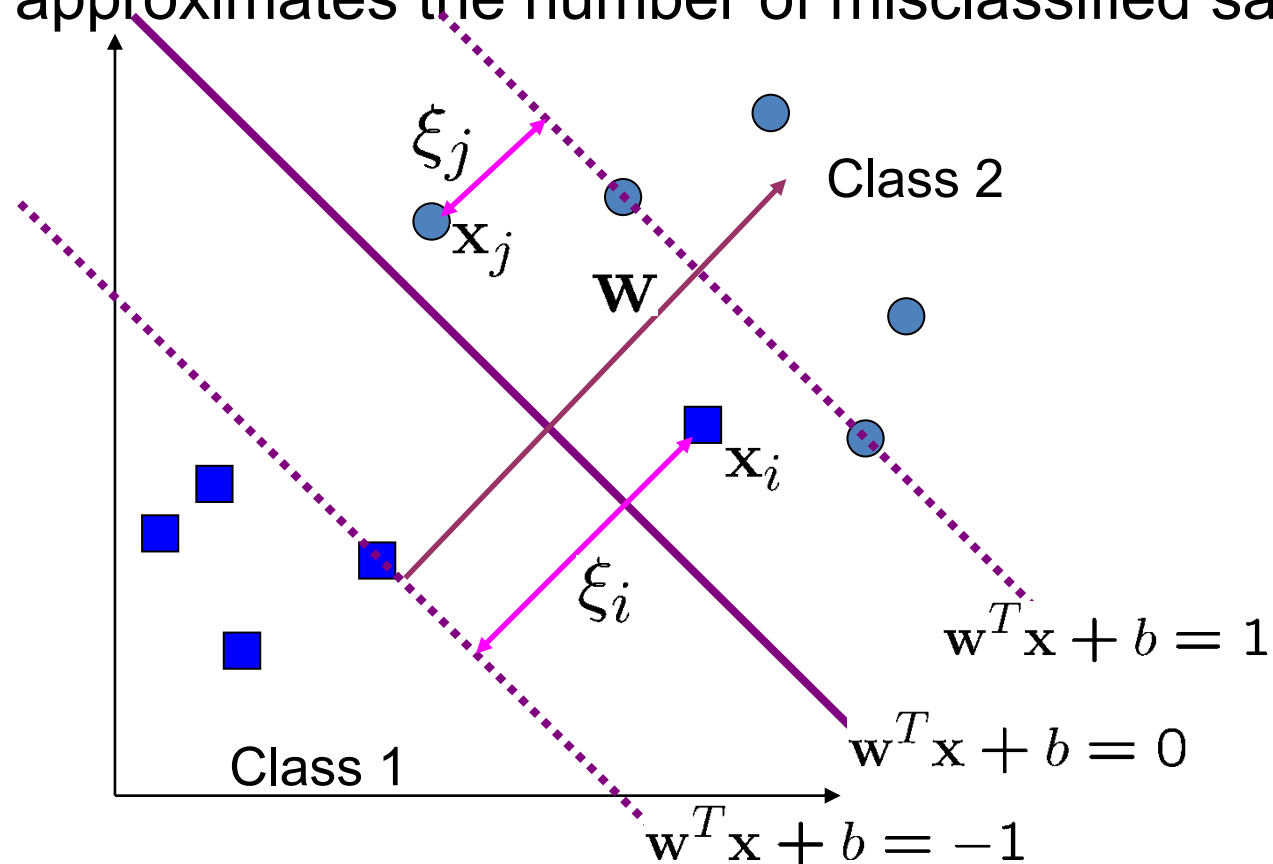
LARGE-MARGIN DECISION BOUNDARY

- The **decision boundary** should be as far away from the data of both classes as possible
 - We should **maximize the margin, m**



ALLOWING ERRORS IN OUR SOLUTIONS

- We allow “error” ξ_i in classification; it is based on the output of the discriminant function $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b$
- ξ_i approximates the number of misclassified samples



SOFT MARGIN HYPERPLANE

In Support Vector Machines (SVM), a **fixed soft margin** allows for some degree of misclassification by introducing a *penalty* for misclassified points. This technique helps to make the SVM model more robust when dealing with non-linearly separable data or data that may contain noise.

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Soft Margin Concept

In a perfect, linearly separable dataset, a hard margin SVM will maximize the margin between two classes without allowing any misclassification. However, in real-world data, perfect separation isn't always possible, so a soft margin SVM introduces slack variables ξ to permit some misclassifications. These slack variables represent how far each misclassified point is from the margin.

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- If we minimize $\sum_i \xi_i$, ξ_i can be computed by
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b \geq 1 - \xi_i & y_i = 1 \\ \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b \leq -1 + \xi_i & y_i = -1 \\ \xi_i \geq 0 & \forall i \end{cases}$$
 - ξ_i are “**slack variables**” in optimization
 - Note that $\xi_i=0$ if there is no error for \mathbf{x}_i
 - ξ_i is an upper bound of the number of errors
- We want to minimize $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$
 - C : **tradeoff parameter between error and margin**

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- If $0 < \xi_i \leq 1$ then data point falls inside the boundary but on the **correct side of the hyperplane**.
- If $\xi_i > 1$ then data point falls on the **wrong side of the hyperplane**.
- If $\xi_i < -1$ then data point falls on the **wrong side of the hyperplane**.

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Regularization Parameter C:

The degree of tolerance for misclassified points is controlled by a hyperparameter C, which is known as the **penalty parameter** or **regularization parameter**. This parameter controls the trade-off between maximizing the margin and minimizing classification errors. A **fixed** value of C is used throughout the training to penalize any misclassified point.

- When C is **high**, the model tries to fit the data with minimal errors, resulting in a smaller margin (more like a hard margin).
- When C is **low**, the model allows more points to fall within or beyond the margin, resulting in a wider margin but potentially more misclassifications.

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Objective Function for Fixed Soft Margin:

The goal is to find a hyperplane that maximizes the margin while minimizing misclassification. The objective function with the soft margin is:

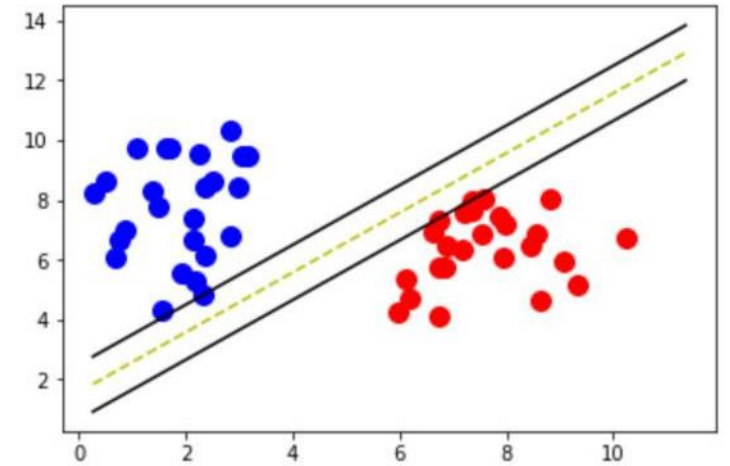
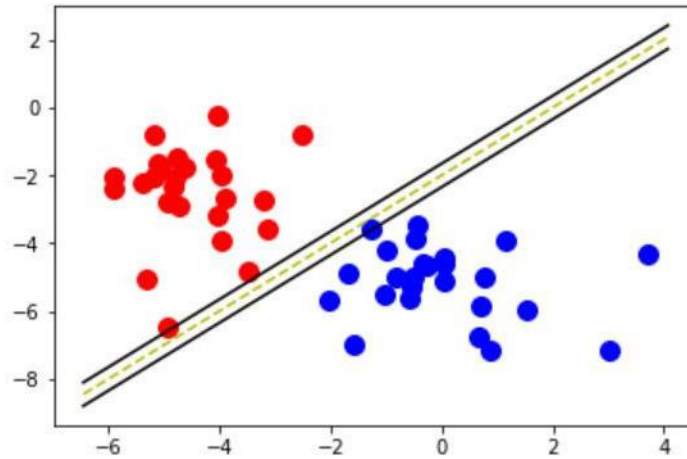
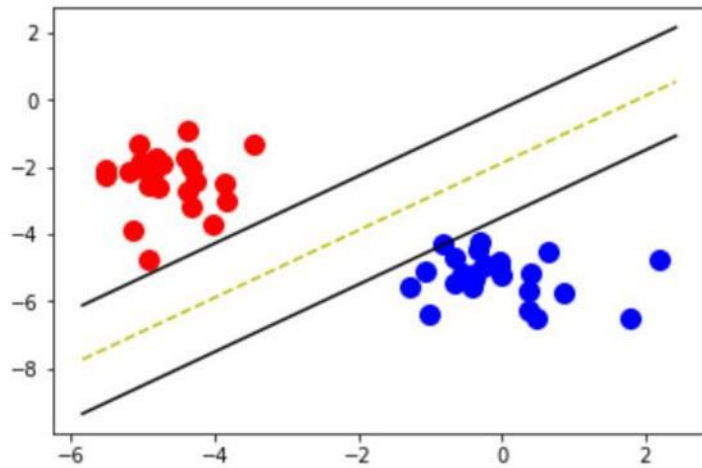
$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{w}'||_2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

$$\text{subject to } y_i(\mathbf{w}'^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad \xi_i \geq 0$$

Choosing a Fixed Margin:

For a fixed soft margin, you choose a single value for C that will apply to all points in the dataset. The best choice of C is typically determined through cross-validation.

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MULTICLASS CLASSIFICATION

- SVM can solve **binary classification** problems
- Multiclass classification problems can be broken down into **multiple binary classification problems**
 - *one-vs-one*
 - *one-vs-rest*
- The **number of classifiers needed to train** for n number of classes is:

$$\frac{n * (n - 1)}{2}$$

ADVANTAGES OF SVM

- Effective in high dimensional spaces.
- Still effective in cases where number of dimensions is greater than the number of samples.
- Can deal with imbalanced data
- It is memory efficient as it uses a subset of training points in the decision function (called support vectors).
- Different Kernel functions can be used input transformation

Thank You 😊