

# Learning a Perceptron : What is a problem

- Training sample set

$$\{(x_i, t_i) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, N, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, t_i \in \{-1, 1\}\}$$

- Training task

Learn  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d, b)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^d w_k \cdot x_{ki} + b \geq 0 & \text{if } t_i = +1 \\ \sum_{k=1}^d w_k \cdot x_{ki} + b \leq 0 & \text{if } t_i = -1 \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } i$$

- Training task

Learn  $(W^T, b)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} W^T x_i + b \geq 0 & \text{if } t_i = +1 \\ W^T x_i + b < 0 & \text{if } t_i = -1 \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } i$$

- Training task

Learn  $(W^T, b)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} (W^T, b) \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 & \text{if } t_i = 1 \\ (W^T, b) \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} < 0 & \text{if } t_i = -1 \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } i$$

Learn  $a = (W^T, b)$  such that

$$a^T y_i \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } i$$

where

$$y_i = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } t_i = +1 \\ -\begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } t_i = -1 \end{cases}$$

## Geometric explanation

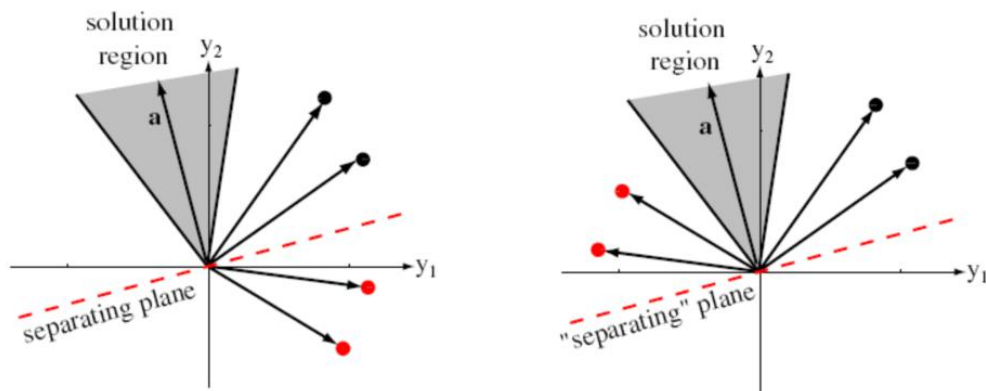


Figure 5.8: Four training samples (black for  $\omega_1$ , red for  $\omega_2$ ) and the solution region in feature space. The figure on the left shows the raw data; the solution vectors leads to a plane that separates the patterns from the two categories. In the figure on the right, the red points have been “normalized” — i.e., changed in sign. Now the solution vector leads to a plane that places all “normalized” points on the same side.

## How to learn a Perceptron

- Objective function

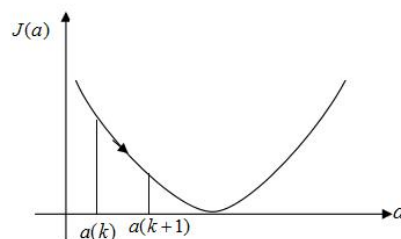
$$J(a) = \sum_{y \in E} (-a^t y)$$

where  $E$  is the set of samples misclassified

- Learning method: steepest descent method

$$a(k+1) = a(k) - \eta(k) \bullet \frac{\partial J(a(k))}{\partial a}$$

- Algorithm



# Perceptron learning algorithm

## Algorithm 4 (Fixed-increment single-sample Perceptron)

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1 begin initialize  $\mathbf{a}, k = 0$ 
2   do  $k \leftarrow (k + 1) \bmod n$ 
3     if  $\mathbf{y}_k$  is misclassified by  $\mathbf{a}$  then  $\mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{y}_k$ 
4   until all patterns properly classified
5   return  $\mathbf{a}$ 
6 end

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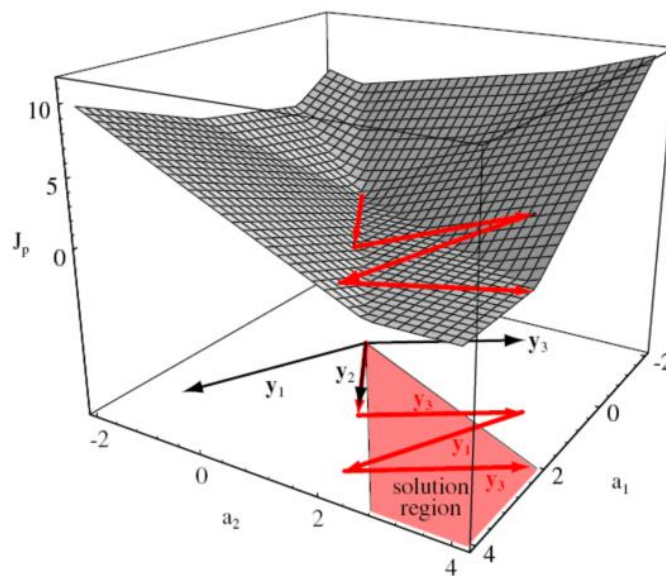


Figure 5.12: The Perceptron criterion,  $J_p$  is plotted as a function of the weights  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  for a three-pattern problem. The weight vector begins at  $\mathbf{0}$ , and the algorithm sequentially adds to it vectors equal to the “normalized” misclassified patterns themselves. In the example shown, this sequence is  $\mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{y}_3, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_3$ , at which time the vector lies in the solution region and iteration terminates. Note that the second update (by  $\mathbf{y}_3$ ) takes the candidate vector *farther* from the solution region than after the first update (cf. Theorem 5.1. (In an alternate, batch method, *all* the misclassified points are added at each iteration step leading to a smoother trajectory in weight space.)