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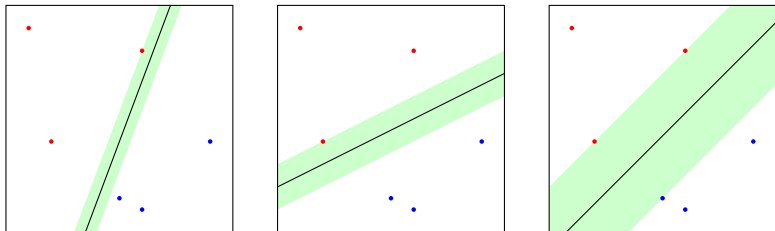
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More formally: any $u \in H$ is $p_x + v$ where $w^\top v = 0$ ($v \perp w$)

$$\|x - u\|^2 = \|x - p_x + p_x - u\|^2 = \|\underbrace{x - p_x}_{\text{const} \cdot w} + v\|^2 = \|x - p_x\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \geq \|x - p_x\|^2$$

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Equivalently derived from:

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$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & \|w\|^2 \\ \text{subject to} & y_i(w^\top x_i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for all } i\end{array}$$

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- Support vectors: x_i with $\alpha_i \neq 0$
- $y_i(w_*^\top x_i + b_*) = 1$ for support vectors
- w is a linear combination of the support vectors

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(equivalently: $b^* = -\frac{\max_{i:y_i=-1} (w^*)^\top x_i + \min_{i:y_i=+1} (w^*)^\top x_i}{2}$)

Prediction with Hard-SVM

Assume we fit our model to a training dataset, and wish to make a prediction for a new data sample x .

- Predict $y = 1$ if and only if $w^T x + b > 0$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}w^T x + b &= \left(\sum_{i=1} \alpha_i y_i x_i \right)^T x + b \\&= \sum_{i=1: \alpha_i > 0}^n \alpha_i y_i (x_i^T x) + b\end{aligned}$$

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Polynomial kernel

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (c + \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}')^q = \left(c + \sum_{j=1}^d x_j x'_j \right)^q$$

d^q terms if expanded! \Rightarrow Computational benefits

Gaussian (Radial Basis Function - RBF) kernel

Assume the original instance space is R , and consider feature map

$$\Phi(x)_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \exp -x^2/2 x^n$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(x)^T \Phi(x') &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-x^2/2} x^n \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-(x')^2/2} (x')^n \right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{x^2 + (x')^2}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x \cdot x')^n}{n!} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\|x - x'\|^2}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

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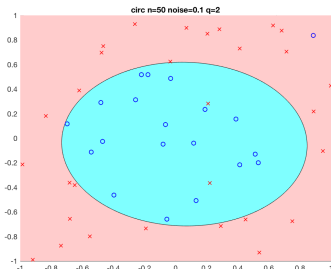
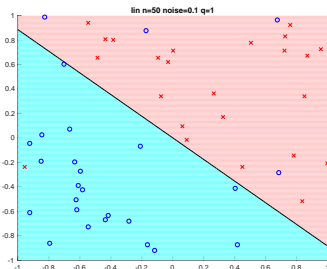
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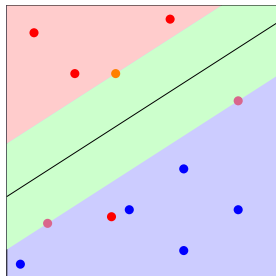


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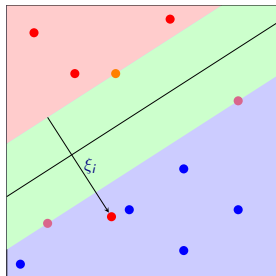
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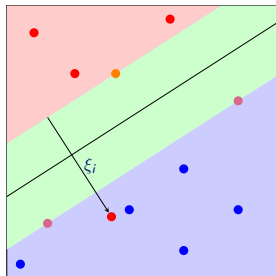
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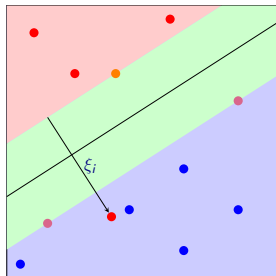
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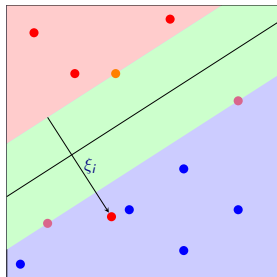
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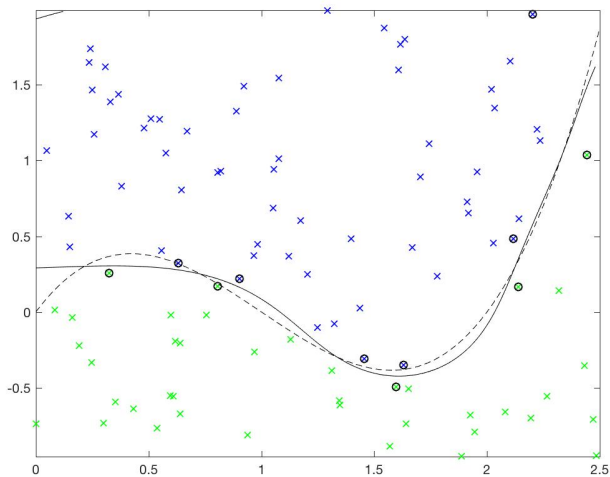
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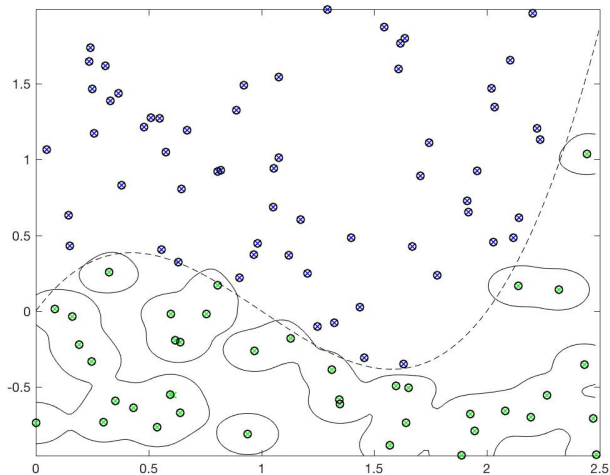
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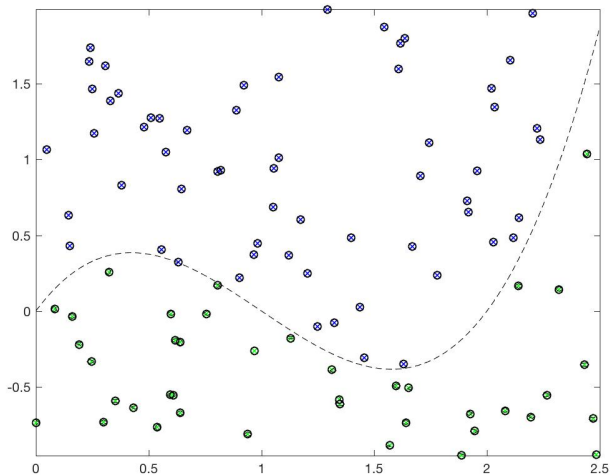
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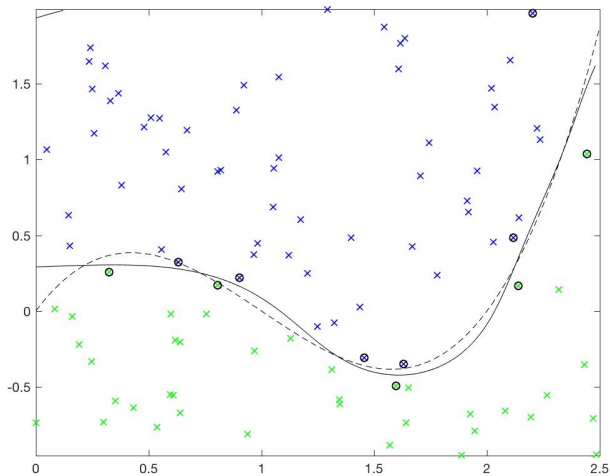
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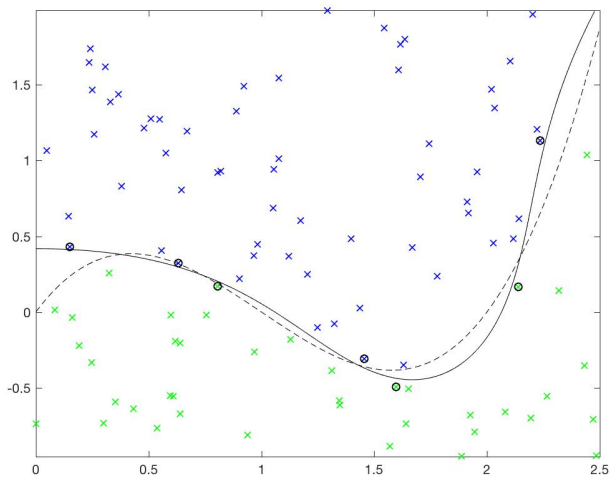
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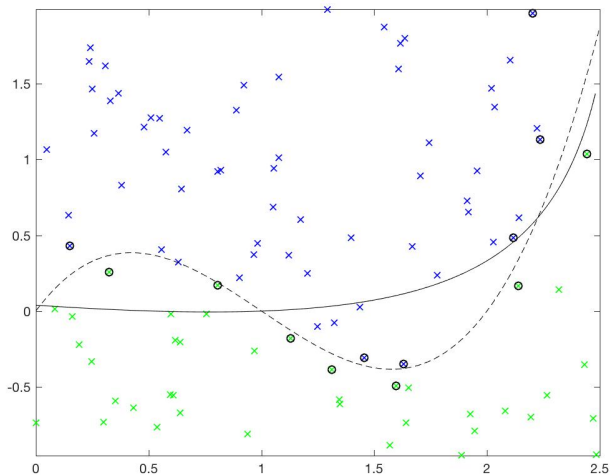
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