

$$\underbrace{a_1x + a_2y + c}_{} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{w_1x + w_2y + w_0}_\text{weights} = 0 \quad \text{bias}$$

$$\left\{ w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + w_4x_4 + \dots + w_0 = 0 \right\} \Rightarrow \text{hyperplane}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \cdot b \Rightarrow \text{directional similarity} \\ a \cdot b = \|a\| \|b\| \cos \theta \end{array} \right\}$$

i) Hands-on

Maths on ML

Purely Math  $\Rightarrow$  Interview

ii) Take doubts

## Matrix Multiplication

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$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{M1} \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \\ (1 & 3) & (4 & 5) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} v_3 & v_1 \\ (2 & 8) & (7 & 5) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \cdot v_3 & v_1 \cdot v_1 \\ v_2 \cdot v_3 & v_2 \cdot v_4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{No. of columns} \quad \star \quad \text{No. of rows}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \times \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}_{a \times b} = \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}_{m \times b}$$

$$\text{rule} \rightarrow n = a$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \underbrace{a \cdot b}_{[a^T \cdot b]} \\
 \text{Transpose :}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{follow rule for} \\ \text{matrix multiplication} \end{array} \right.$$

Swapping of rows and columns is called  
a transpose

$$\begin{bmatrix} (1)(2) \\ (4)(6) \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Transpose}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Dot Product of Vector with itself

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$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 32$$

Which of two give a higher

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 28 + 36 = 64$$

But by looks of it which two are more similar?

2

Why?

Magnitude is driving the dot product

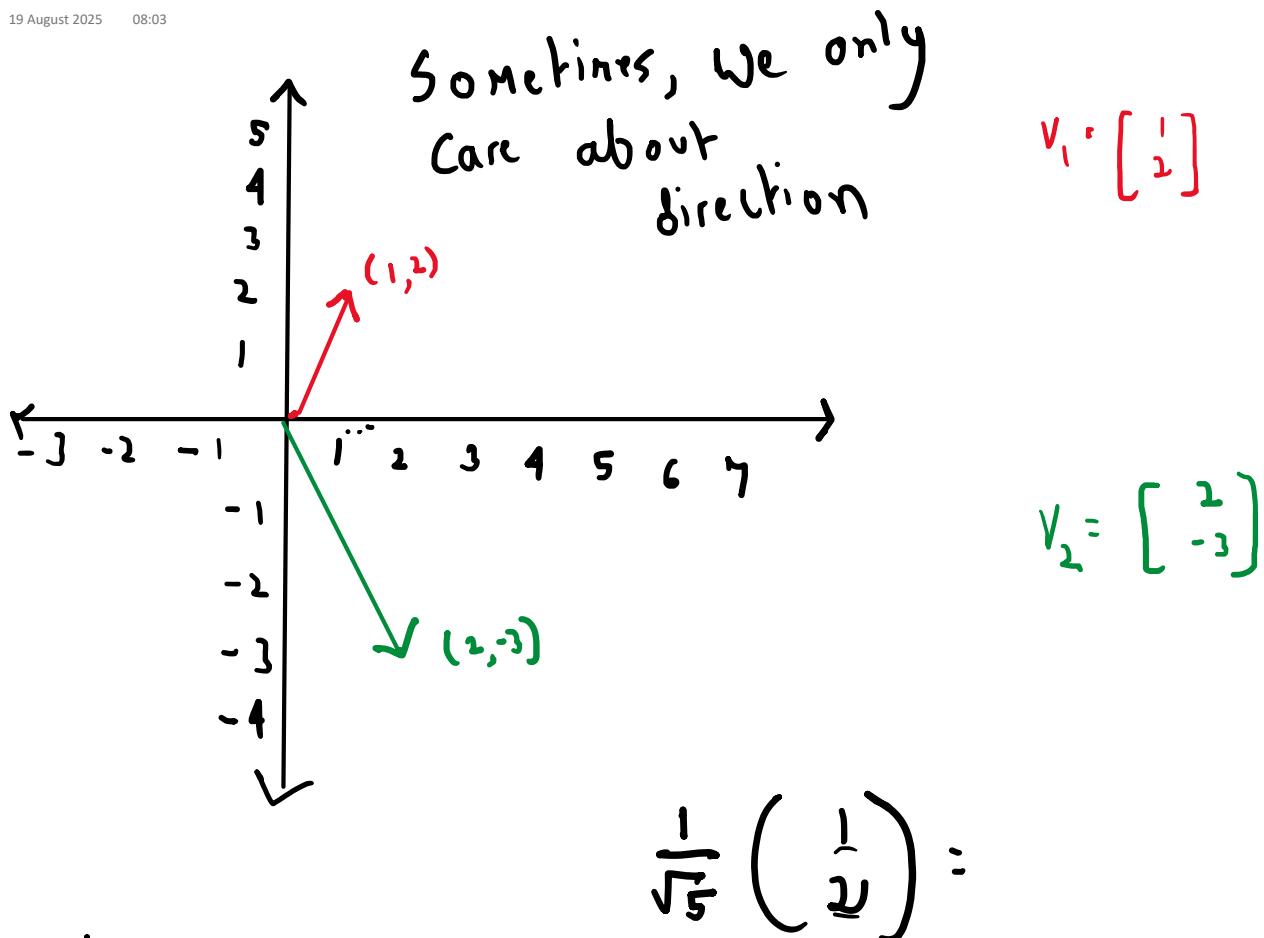


wrong interpretation.

[Neutralize the effect of Magnitude]

{Unit 'vectors'}

→ Vector with only directional  
component.  
Magnitude = 1



What are magnitudes of the 2 vectors?

$$\left\{ v_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \|v_1\| \Rightarrow \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\left\{ v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \|v_2\| \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\|v_1\| \times v_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} = \hat{v}_1 \quad \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \\ \frac{-3}{\sqrt{13}} \end{bmatrix}$$

What if I want to transform the vector such that the direction stays intact but magnitude becomes 1?

Why? Because sometimes we don't care about magnitude, and only care about direction.

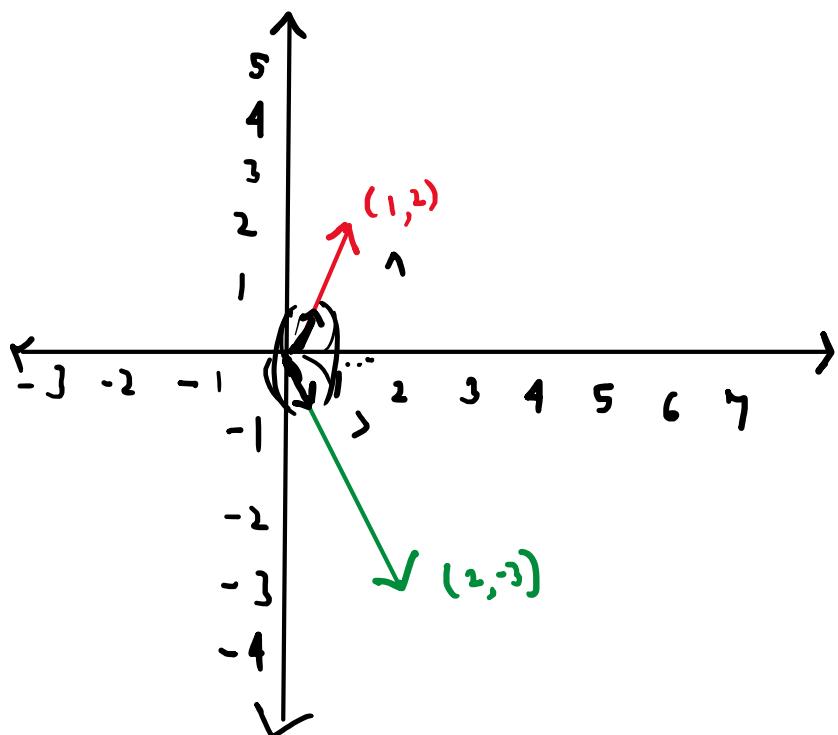
Represented by  $\wedge$  on top

$\vec{\omega} \Rightarrow$  original      }  
 $\hat{\vec{\omega}} \Rightarrow$  Unit      }

$$\hat{\vec{\omega}} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{\omega}\|} \times (\vec{\omega})$$

$$\hat{\vec{\omega}} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{\omega}\|} \times \vec{\omega}$$

What exactly is  $\Sigma$  doing here?



$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{5}{5}} = \sqrt{1}$$

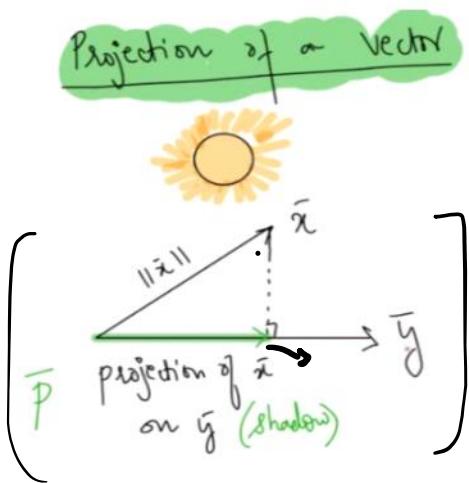
$$\hat{\vec{\omega}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Unit vector

= 1

If you only care about direction

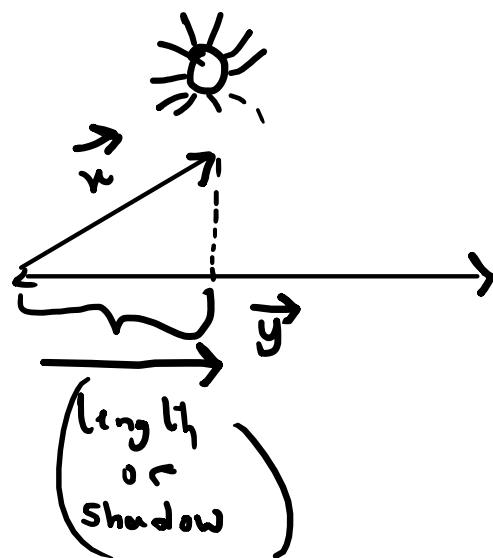
$$\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} \hat{a} \cdot \hat{b} \\ (\hat{a}, \hat{b}) \end{smallmatrix} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{a} \cdot \text{b}} \text{unit vectors}$$



$$\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = \bar{x}^T \bar{y}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\bar{x}^T \bar{y}}{\|\bar{x}\| \|\bar{y}\|}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



[Projection of  
vector  $\alpha$ ]

$$\cos \theta = \frac{b}{h} = \frac{\text{length of projection}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| \cos \theta = \text{length of projection} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

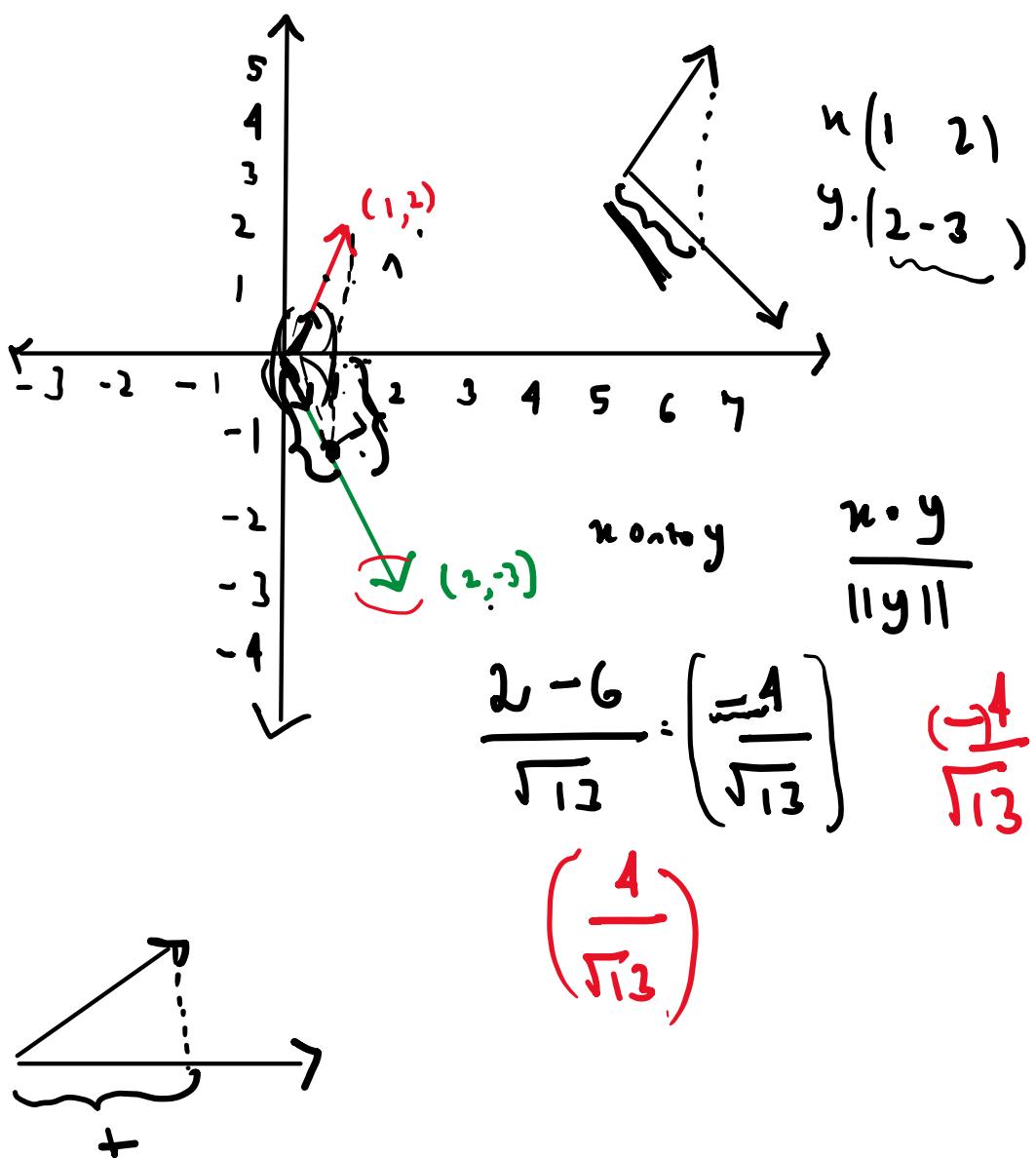
$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta$$

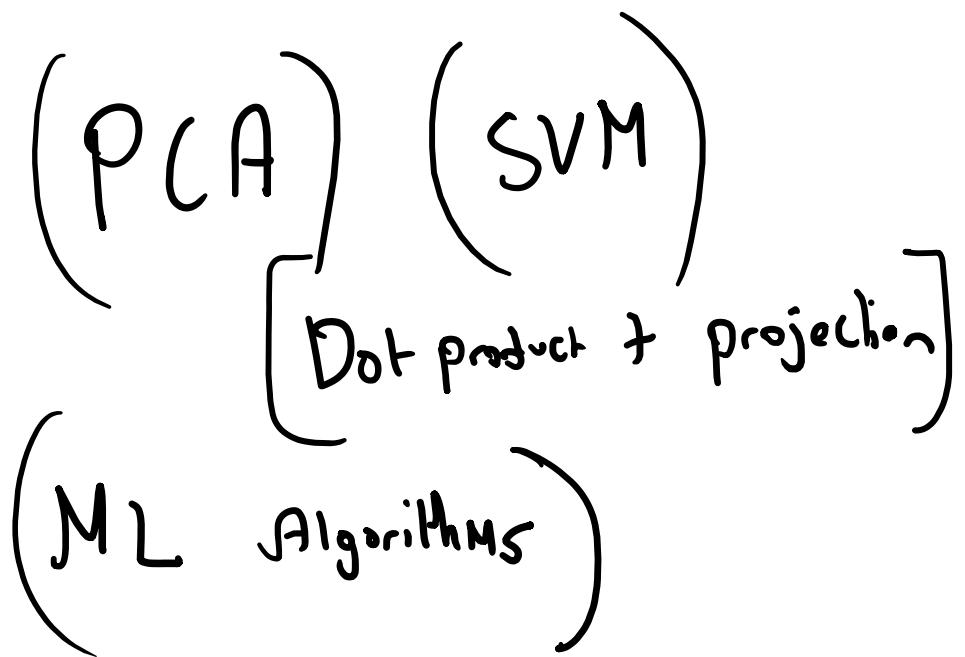
$$\left( \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}\| \times \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} = \left[ \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} = \text{length of the projection on shadow} \right]$$

Projection of  $x$  onto  $y$  =  $\frac{x \cdot y}{\|y\|}$

Projection of  $y$  onto  $x$  =  $\left[ \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\|} \right]$





## Cosine Similarity

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$$-1 = \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ$$

$$\underline{\underline{A} \cdot \underline{\underline{B}}} = \underline{\underline{\|A\|}} \underline{\underline{\|B\|}} \underline{\underline{\cos \theta}}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\underline{\underline{A} \cdot \underline{\underline{B}}}}{\underline{\underline{\|A\| \|B\|}}} \right\} = \begin{cases} \text{cosine similarity} \\ \rightarrow \end{cases}$$

$-1 \Rightarrow$  opposite directions  
 $1 \Rightarrow$  same direction.

[Cosine similarity]  $\Rightarrow$  Directional similarity

$$\begin{array}{l} \cos \theta = 1 \\ \theta = 0^\circ \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{same directions.} \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} \text{same direction.} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \cos = 1 \\ 0^\circ \end{array}$$

$$\xleftarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{l} \text{opposite} \\ \text{direction} \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \cos = -1 \\ 180^\circ \end{array}$$

# Role of similarity in ML ?

Let us say Instagram knows you and I are similar. How would it use this info?

[Same meals, same ads, same content, suggesting friends.]

Two popular similarity metrics we have studied:

- i) Euclidean distance → similar  
magnitude
- ii) Cosine similarity → angle → direction

Customer	Groceries	Electronics	Clothing
iA	1 : 1 : 2	400 ✓	100 .
iB	1 : 1 : 2	40 ✓	10 .
C	200	250 .	50 .

Closest  
⇒ {A and C}

Which one to use here?

(a) A-B

$$d_E(A, B) = \sqrt{(400 - 40)^2 + (100 - 10)^2 + (200 - 20)^2}$$

Step-by-step:

- $(400 - 40)^2 = 360^2 = 129,600$
- $(100 - 10)^2 = 90^2 = 8,100$
- $(200 - 20)^2 = 180^2 = 32,400$

Sum =  $129,600 + 8,100 + 32,400 = 170,100$

$$d_E(A, B) = \sqrt{170,100} \approx 412.4$$

Euclidean distance (A,B)  $\approx 412.4$

(b) A-C

$$d_E(A, C) = \sqrt{(400 - 200)^2 + (100 - 250)^2 + (200 - 50)^2}$$

Step-by-step:

- $(400 - 200)^2 = 200^2 = 40,000$
- $(100 - 250)^2 = (-150)^2 = 22,500$
- $(200 - 50)^2 = 150^2 = 22,500$

Sum =  $40,000 + 22,500 + 22,500 = 85,000$

$$d_E(A, C) = \sqrt{85,000} \approx 291.5$$

Euclidean distance (A,C)  $\approx 291.5$

A and C

(a) A-B

Dot product:

$$A \cdot B = (400 \times 40) + (100 \times 10) + (200 \times 20) = 16,000 + 1,000 + 4,000 = 21,000$$

Magnitudes:

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{400^2 + 100^2 + 200^2} = \sqrt{160,000 + 10,000 + 40,000} = \sqrt{210,000} \approx 458.26$$

$$\|B\| = \sqrt{40^2 + 10^2 + 20^2} = \sqrt{1,600 + 100 + 400} = \sqrt{2,100} \approx 45.83$$

Cosine similarity:

$$\cos(A, B) = \frac{21,000}{458.26 \times 45.83} = \frac{21,000}{21,014.6} \approx 0.9993$$

Cosine similarity (A,B)  $\approx 0.999 \rightarrow$  almost identical pattern

: 1

(b) A-C

Dot product:

$$A \cdot C = (400 \times 200) + (100 \times 250) + (200 \times 50) = 80,000 + 25,000 + 10,000 = 115,000$$

Magnitude of C:

$$\|C\| = \sqrt{200^2 + 250^2 + 50^2} = \sqrt{40,000 + 62,500 + 2,500} = \sqrt{105,000} \approx 324.04$$

Cosine similarity:

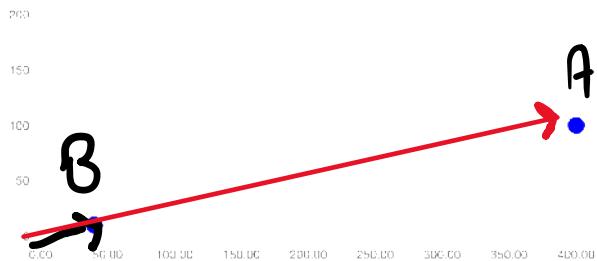
$$\cos(A, C) = \frac{115,000}{458.26 \times 324.04} = \frac{115,000}{148,464.9} \approx 0.7745$$

Cosine similarity (A,C)  $\approx 0.77 \rightarrow$  moderate pattern overlap

[ A and C  $\Rightarrow$  Euclidean  
 A and B  $\Rightarrow$  cosine ]

Depends !!





When will you use Euclidean vs cosine?

Magnitude of spending on Minutes of some song  
or video  $\Rightarrow$  Euclidean

Recommend products or meals based on qualitative

Cosine similarity

Consider a large equation

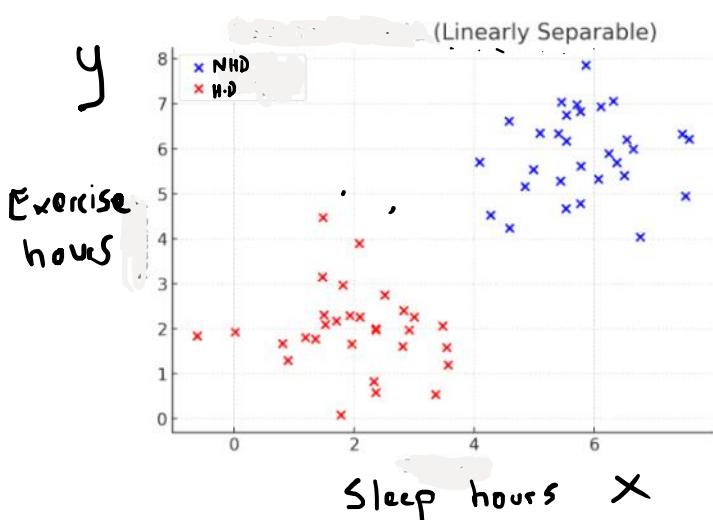
$$\left\{ \underbrace{\left[ w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + \dots + w_{10}x_{10} \right]}_{w_0} = 0 \right\}$$



What we call this in ML lingo?  $\Rightarrow$  [equation of hyper plane]

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ \vdots \\ w_9 \\ w_0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_9 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{feature vector}}{\downarrow} w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + w_4x_4 + \dots + w_9x_9 + w_0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Weight} \\ \text{Vector} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{Vector} \\ x \end{bmatrix} \uparrow \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}^T \cdot \vec{x} + w_0 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\vec{w}^T \cdot \vec{x} + w_0$$

$\Downarrow$   
feature vector

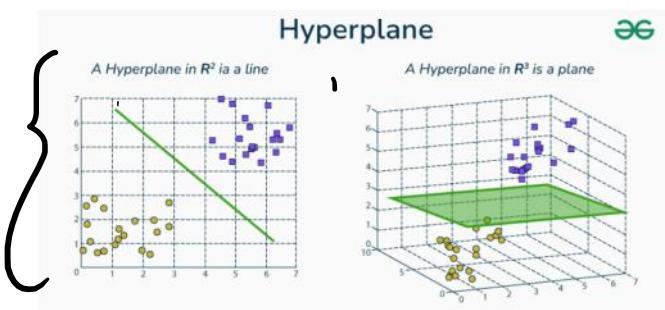
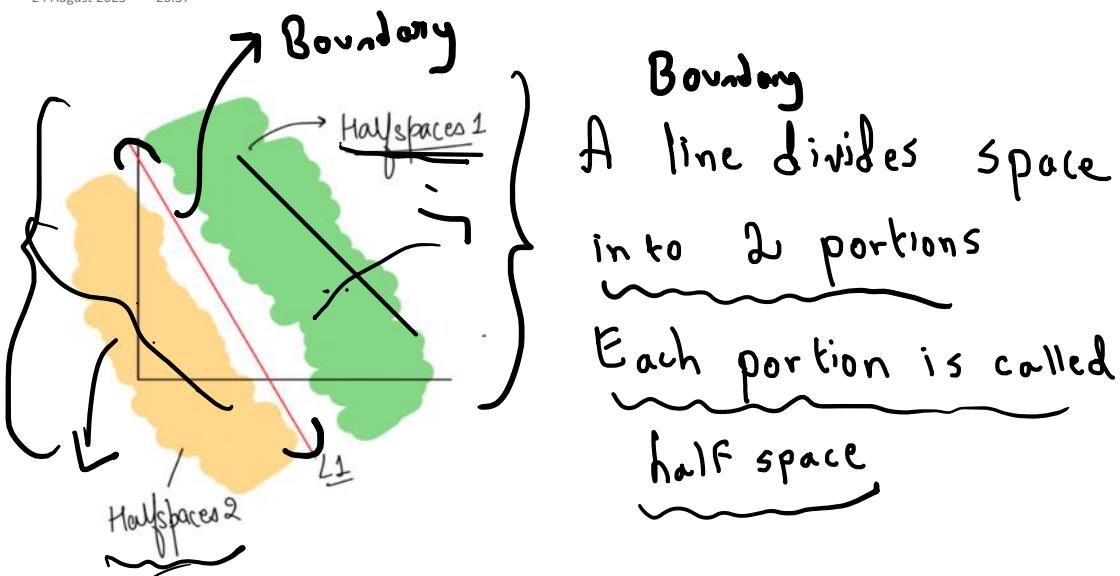
feature vector change?  
or  
same  
features

$$w_1 u_1 + w_2 u_2 + w_3 u_3 \dots \dots$$

Sleep duration = BMI + age

## Half spaces

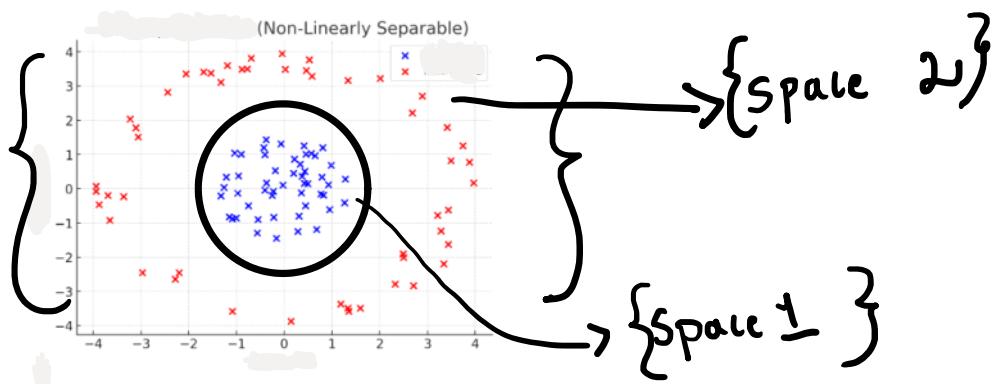
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Similarly in 3D we can divide the space into 2 parts using a Plane

- One which lies above the plane
- other is one that lies below the plane

Do non-linear Models have a concept of half space?



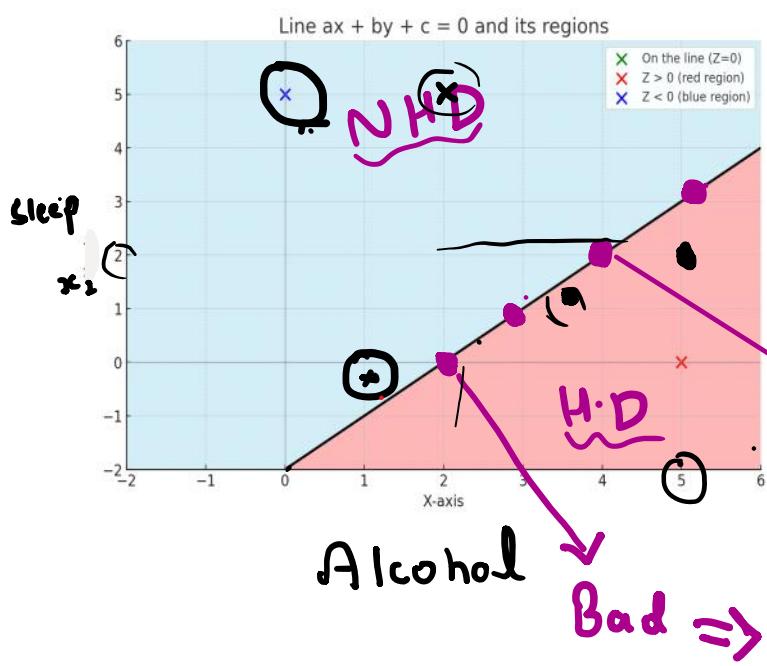
Healthcare case  $\Rightarrow$  you have built an ML model to classify whether a person is under (risk of heart disease) using Sleep hours and Alcohol drinks.

{ ML algorithm has found the boundary }

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{equation} \\ \hline [x_1 - x_2 - 2 = 0] \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Alcohol      Sleep

Extent  
of  
disease



What is one combination of  $x_1, x_2$  which satisfies the equation?

$$x_1 - x_2 - 2 = 0$$

$$(4, 2)$$

$x_1, x_2$

$$[4 - 2 - 2 = 0]$$

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \parallel & \parallel \end{matrix}$$

How about  $(5, 1)$  ?

$$\underbrace{x_1 - x_2 - 2}$$

$$1 > 0 \text{ or } < 0$$

$$> 0 \Rightarrow \text{H.D}$$

How about  $(2, 5)$  ?

$$x_1 - x_2 - 2$$

$$2 - 5 - 2$$

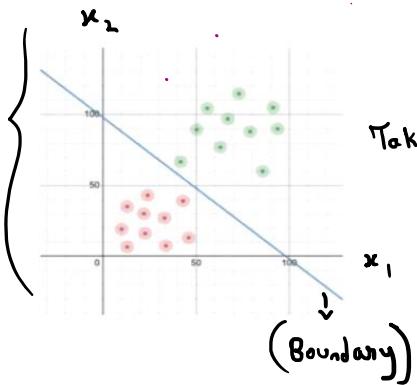
$$-3 - 2 = -5$$

$$\underbrace{-5 < 0}$$

NHD

What does the sign (+ or -) of the result tell us ?

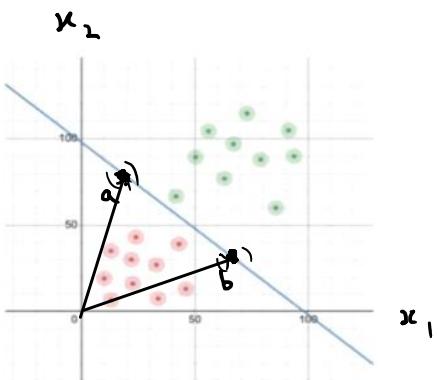
Signed distance



$(x_1, x_2)$   
 Take a boundary line  $(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_0 = 0)$

What is the vector form?  
 $\{w^T \underline{x} + w_0 = 0\}$   
 feature vector

What does  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  represent?



Take 2 points

- $a \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_{1a} \\ x_{2a} \end{pmatrix}$
- and
- $b \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_{1b} \\ x_{2b} \end{pmatrix}$

such that

they both lie  
on the line

Since they lie on the line,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underbrace{w^T a + w_0 = 0} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \underbrace{w^T b + w_0 = 0}$$

(Subtract \textcircled{1} and \textcircled{2})

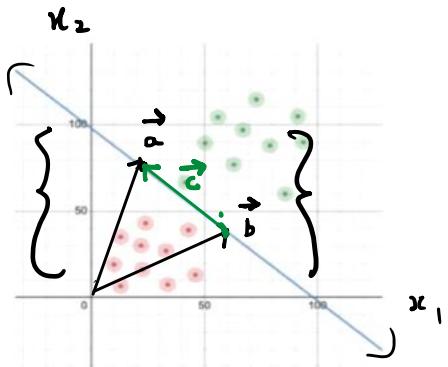
$$[(w^T a + w_0) - (w^T b + w_0) = 0]$$

$$w^T a + w_0 - w^T b - w_0 = 0$$

$$(w^T a - w^T b = 0)$$

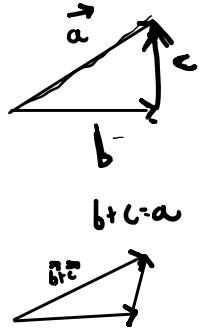
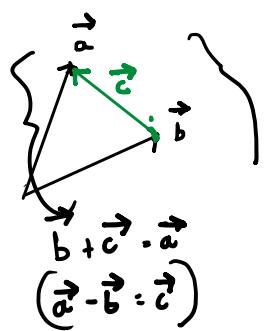
$$(w^T \cdot (\underline{a - b})) = 0$$

Let us say  $a$  and  $b$  are vectors.

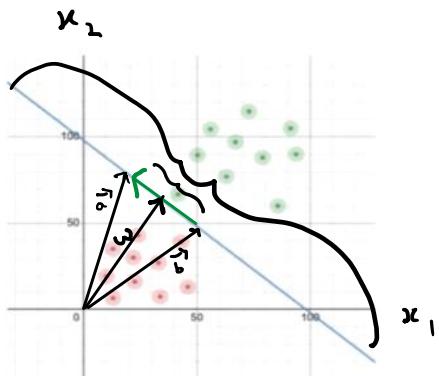


$$\vec{b} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{c}$$



$$\omega^T \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$



Through vector addition / subtraction,  
 $c$  has to be  
 on the  
 boundary line

So the boundary line is just the extension of  $\vec{c}$ ?

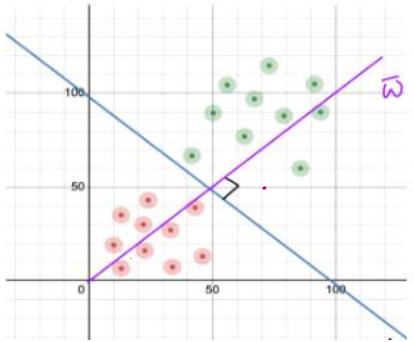
$$\omega^T (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 0$$

becomes

$$\omega^T \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

If dot product = 0

What is angle b/w them?

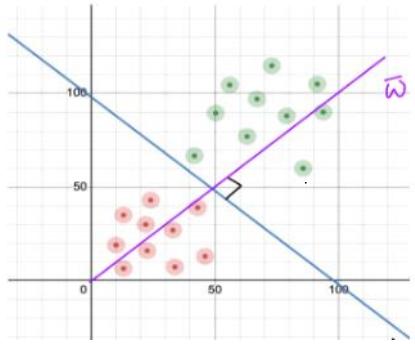


Different Boundaries  
will have  
different weight  
vectors

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Angles can help identify  
the halfspace of a  
point.

Important property of weight vector:

Always points towards positive half space.

SVM, logistic regression  
Property

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right. \left. \begin{array}{c} y \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$x = 2$

$x = -2$

$x_1 - x_2 = 4$

$x_1 + x_2 = 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = 2 \\ x_2 = 4 \\ x_1 - x_2 = 2 \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{c} (\text{Equation}) \text{ on (Boundary)} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{lines} \end{array} \right.$$

$x_1$	$x_2$	Labels ( $y$ )	optimal line
1	2	0	$x_1 = 0.5$
3	1	1	$x_2 = 1$
0	0	0	$x_1 = 2$
1	0	1	$x_2 = x_1 + 2$

$(x_1 - 2) = -1$

$(x_1 - 2 = 0)$

$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Boundary} \\ \text{lines} \end{array} \right]$