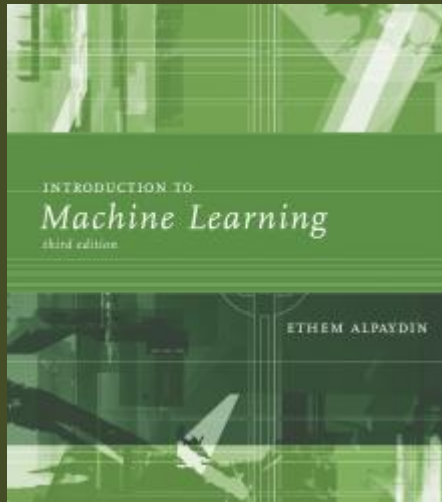


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SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES



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Kernel Machines

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- 1960s: Vapnik *et al.* develops the Generalized Portrait algorithm.
- Approximately 30 years later, the Support Vector Machine (SVM) is designed by Vapnik and his colleagues at Bell Labs
- SVMs (or Kernel Machines, generally speaking) became widely-used and effective on several classification and function approximation problems.

Kernel Machines: benefits

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- Discriminant-based: define the discriminant in terms of support vectors
- The use of kernel functions, application-specific measures of similarity
- No need to represent instances as vectors
- Convex optimization problems with a unique solution
- Good for high dimensional input data

Optimal Separating Hyperplane

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Assume $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^t, r^t\}_{t=1}^N$, where $r^t = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_1 \\ -1, & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_2 \end{cases}$

and the classes are **linearly separable**.

□ Find \mathbf{w} and w_0 such that

$$g(\mathbf{x}^t) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0 \geq +1 \text{ for } r^t = +1$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}^t) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0 \leq -1 \text{ for } r^t = -1$$

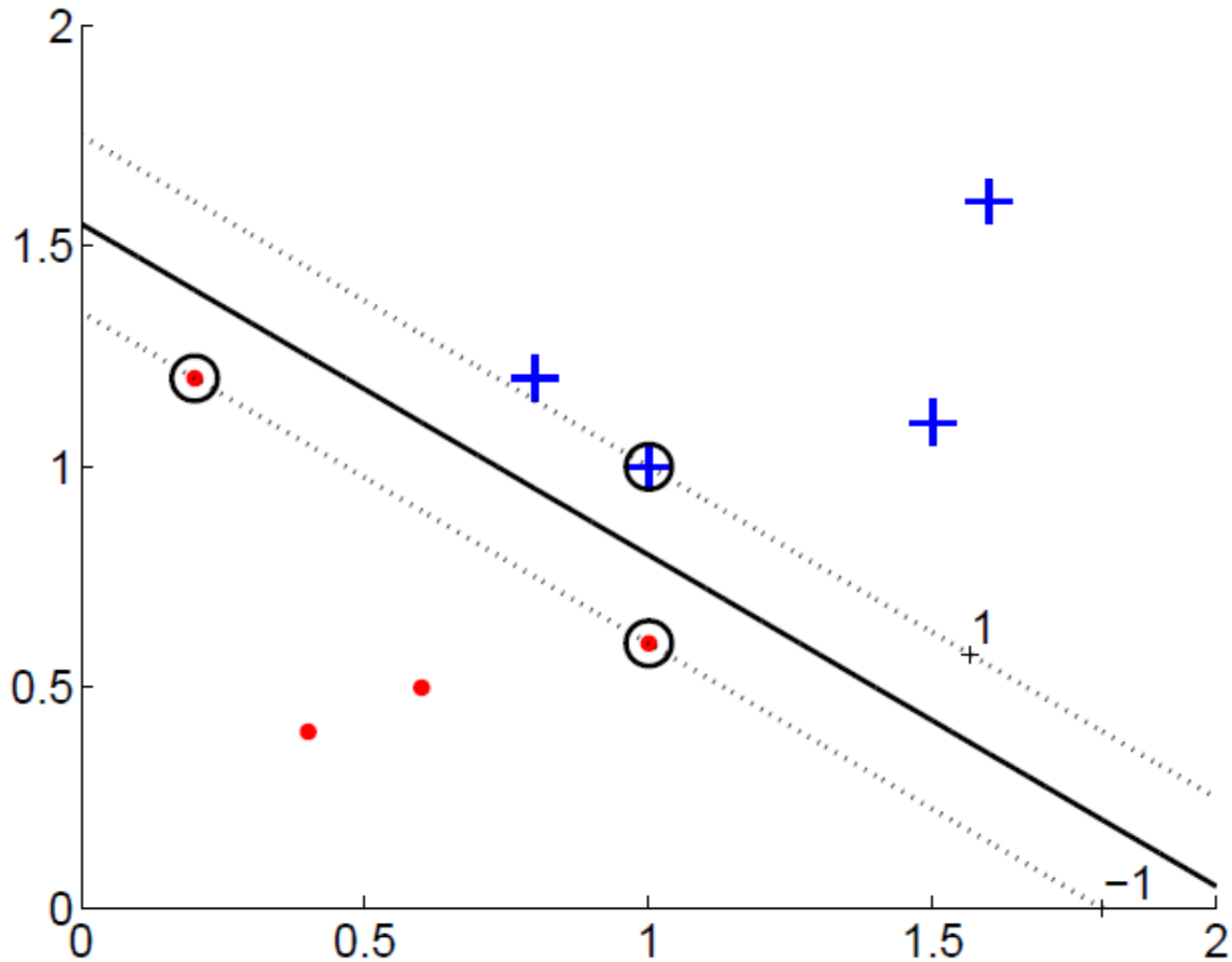
which can be rewritten as

$$r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq 1$$

(Cortes and Vapnik, 1995; Vapnik, 1995)

Margin

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Lagrangian Multipliers method for optimization

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$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \text{ subject to } r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq 1, \forall t$$

- Use Lagrange multipliers to write as an unconstrained problem (**Primal** problem)

$$\begin{aligned} L_p &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t [r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t \end{aligned}$$

- L_p should be minimized with respect to \mathbf{w} and w_0 and **maximized** with respect to α^t

Lagrangian Multipliers method for optimization

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□ **Dual** problem

$$\begin{aligned} L_d &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{x}^t - w_0 \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^N \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t \end{aligned}$$

subject to $\sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t = 0$ and $\alpha^t \geq 0 \forall t$

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

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$$\max_{\alpha^t} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^N \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t$$

subject to $\begin{cases} \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t = 0 \\ \alpha^t \geq 0 \quad \forall t \end{cases}$

- Quadratic programming methods can solve this problem

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

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- Most α^t are 0 and only a small number have $\alpha^t \geq 0$; they are the **support vectors**
 $\{\mathbf{x}^t: \mathbf{x}^t \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and } \alpha^t \geq 0\}$
- \mathbf{w} is written as the weighted sum of the support vectors:

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{\alpha^t > 0} \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{x}^t$$

- Testing: calculate $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0$ and choose C_1 if $g(x) > 0$ and C_2 otherwise

Soft Margin Hyperplane

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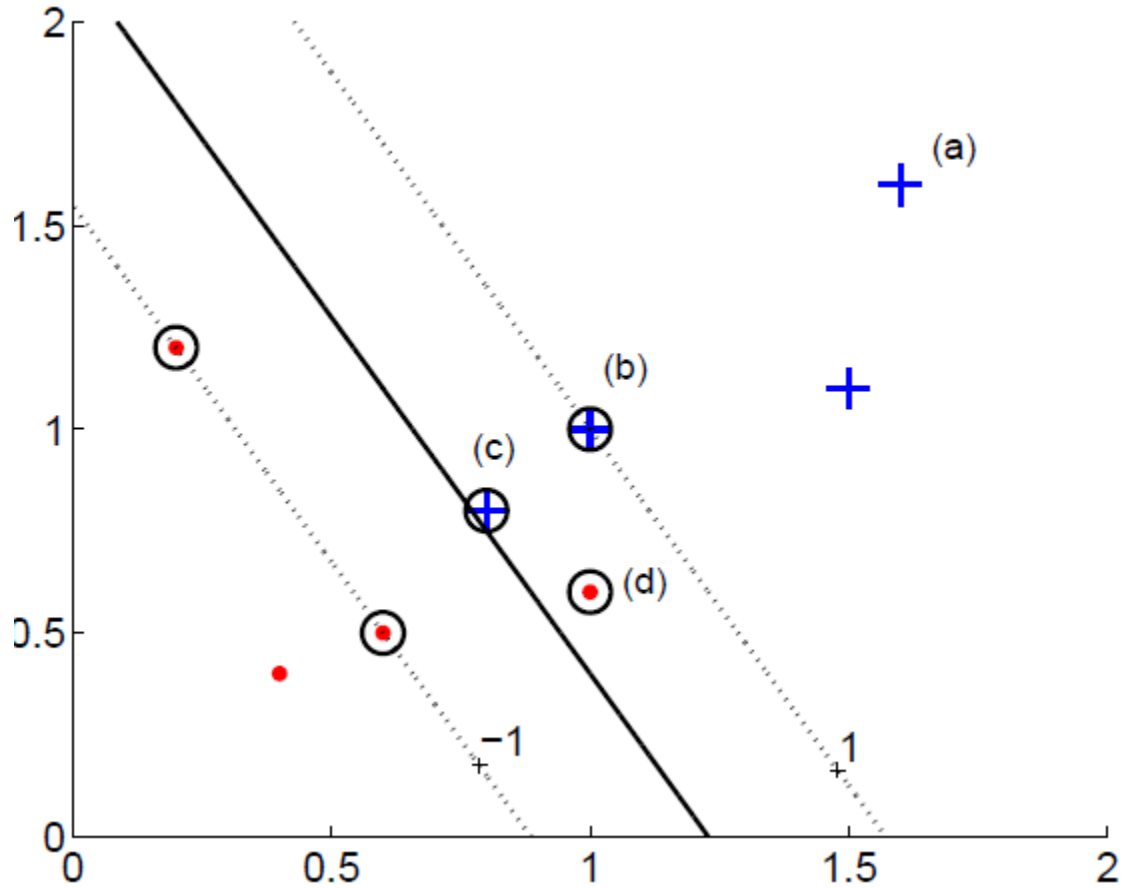
- Classes are not linearly separable: adopt constraints with a **slack variable**

$$r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq 1 - \xi^t, \quad \forall t$$

- It is included a **soft error function** as a penalty term, new primal problem is

$$L_p = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{t=1}^N \xi^t - \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t [r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) - 1 + \xi^t] - \sum_{t=1}^N \mu^t \xi^t$$

μ^t are new Lagrange multipliers to ensure $\xi^t \geq 0$



$\xi^t = 0 \rightarrow$ no problem (a, b)

$0 < \xi^t < 1 \rightarrow$ correctly classified, but in the margin (c)

$\xi^t \geq 1 \rightarrow$ misclassified (d)

Soft Margin SVM

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- Dual problem

$$L_d = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^N \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t = 0 \\ 0 \leq \alpha^t \leq C, \forall t \end{cases}$$

- Again, just some values α^t will be nonzero and represent the support vectors, such that

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{\alpha^t > 0} \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{x}^t$$

Kernel Trick (Non-linear SVM)

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- Preprocess input \mathbf{x} by basis functions

$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow g(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})$$

- The dual optimization problem is now

$$L_d = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^N \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^t)^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^s) + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t = 0 \\ 0 \leq \alpha^t \leq C, \forall t \end{cases}$$

Kernel Trick (Non-linear SVM)

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- It is an equivalent problem if $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^t)^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^s)$ is replaced by a **Kernel Function**:

$$\max L_d = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^N \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}^s) + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t$$
$$\text{subject to } \begin{cases} \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t = 0 \\ 0 \leq \alpha^t \leq C, \forall t \end{cases}$$

Kernel Trick (Non-linear SVM)

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- The SVM solution becomes

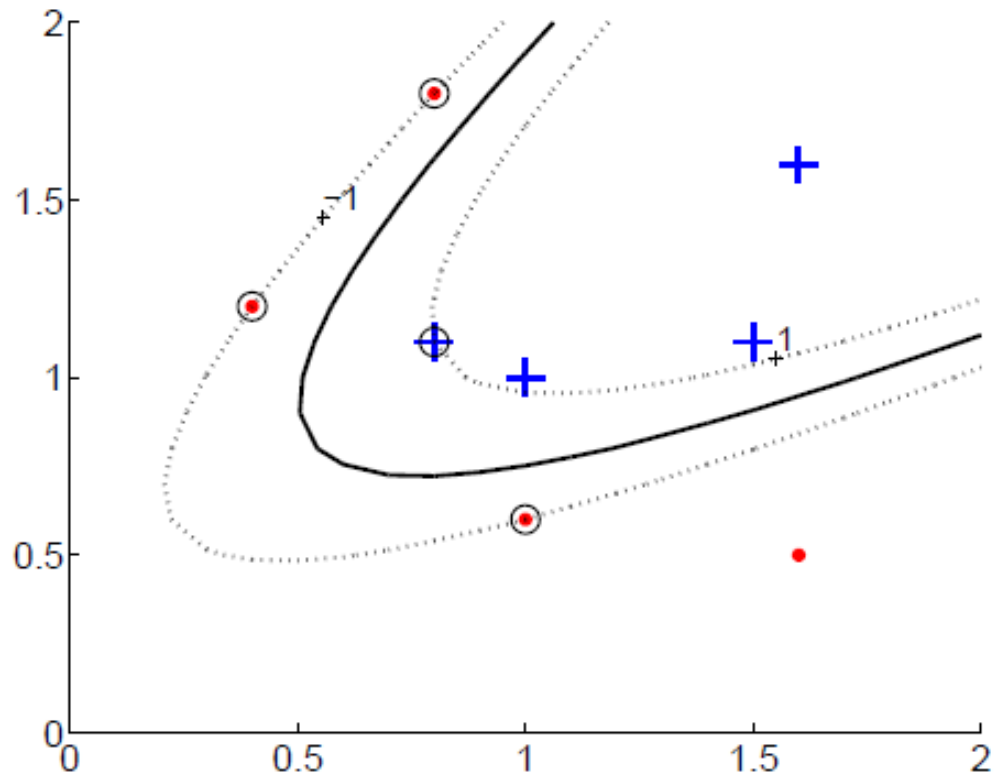
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w} &= \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{z}^t = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^t) \\ g(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^t)^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \sum_t \alpha^t r^t K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

Vectorial Kernels

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□ Polynomials of degree q :

$$K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}^t + 1)^q$$

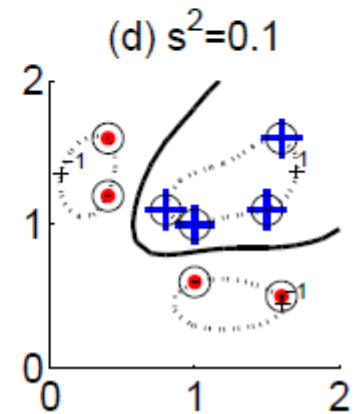
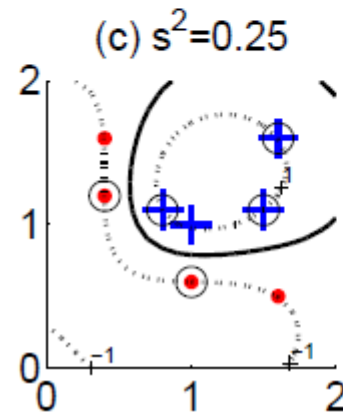
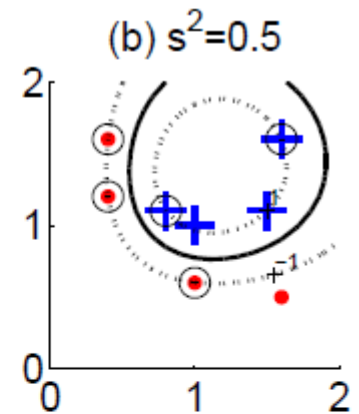
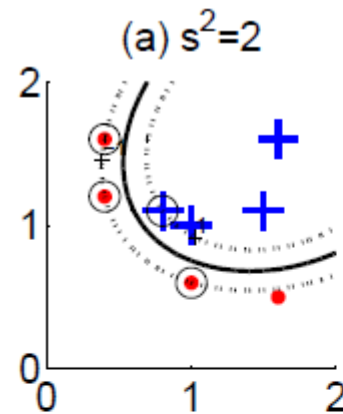


Vectorial Kernels

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□ Radial-Basis functions:

$$K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}) = e\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{x}\|^2}{2s^2}\right)$$



Vectorial Kernels

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- Mahalanobis

$$K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}) = e^{\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{x})\right]}$$

- Sigmoidal functions

$$K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}) = \tanh(2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}^t + 1)$$

Final remarks

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- Kernel “engineering”
- Defining good measures of similarity
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