

## Support Vector Machines



- Support Vector Machines are one of the more complex algorithms we will learn, but it all begins with a simple premise:
  - Does a hyperplane exist that can effectively separate classes?



- Section Overview
  - Intuition and Theory for SVM
  - SVM Classification Example
  - SVM Regression Example
  - SVM Project Exercise and Solutions



- Relevant Reading in ISLR
  - Chapter 9 covers Support Vector Machine Classification
  - Wikipedia has a section on Support Vector Machine Regression.



## Support Vector Machines

Theory and Intuition - Hyperplanes and Margins



- We will slowly build up to SVMs:
  - Maximum Margin Classifier
  - Support Vector Classifier
  - Support Vector Machines
  - Let's begin by understanding what a hyperplane is...

- In an N-dimensional space, a hyperplane is a flat affine subspace of hyperplane dimension N – 1.
- For example:
  - 1-D Hyperplane is a single point
  - 2-D Hyperplane is a line
  - 3-D Hyperplane is flat plane



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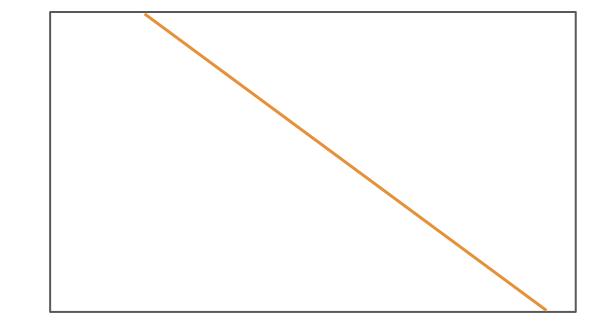
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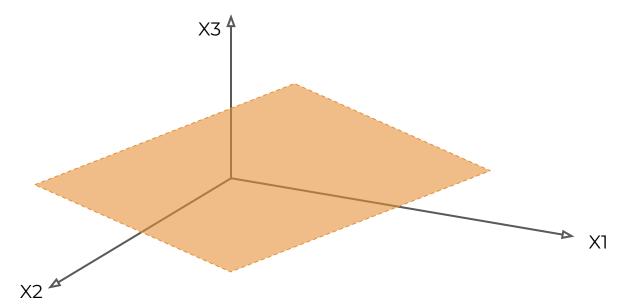
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• 3-D Hyperplane is a flat plane



- The main idea behind SVM is that we can use Hyperplanes to create a separation between classes.
- Then new points will fall on one side of this separating hyperplane, which we can then use to assign a class.



- Imagine a data set with one feature and one binary target label.
- For example:
  - A weight feature for baby chicks
  - Classified by Male or Female
- What would this look like visualized?



Place points along feature.







 Notice in this case, classes are perfectly separable. This is unlikely in real world datasets.



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 Idea behind SVM is to create a separating hyperplane between the classes.







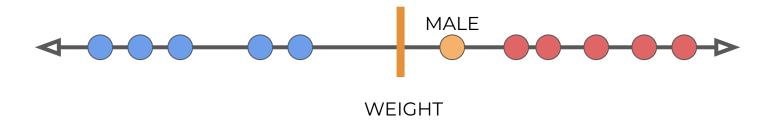
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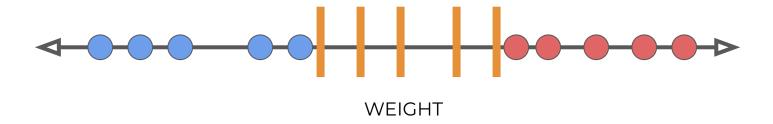
 How do we choose where to put this separating hyperplane?







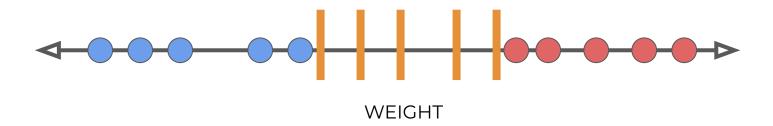
 Note there are many options that perfectly separate out these classes:







 Which of these is the "best" separator between the classes?







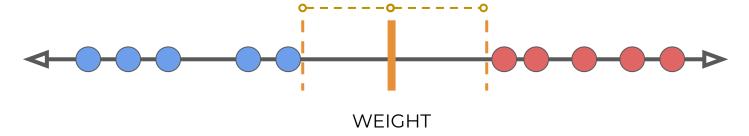
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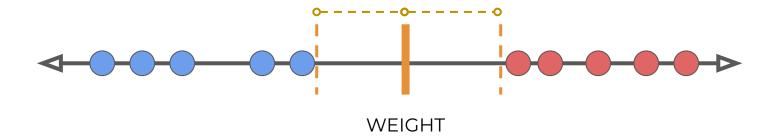
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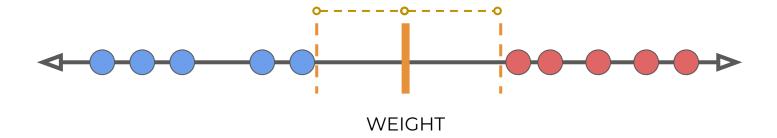
 This is known as a Maximal Margin Classifier.







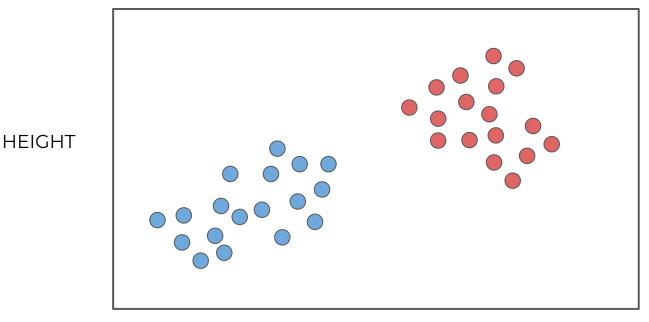
 This same idea of maximum margins applies to N-dimensions.

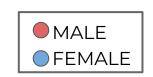






Imagine a 2 dimensional feature space:

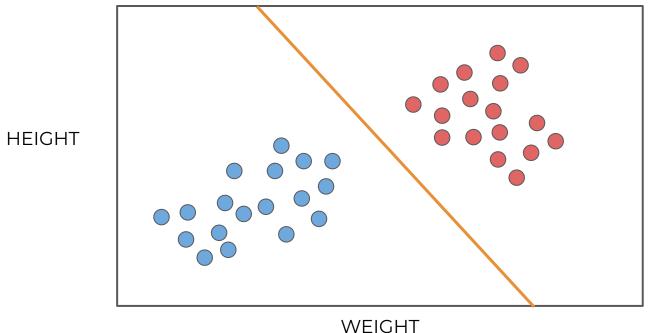




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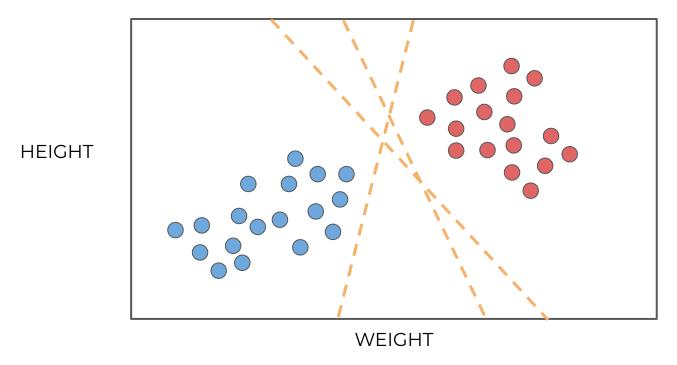


Separating hyperplane is a line.



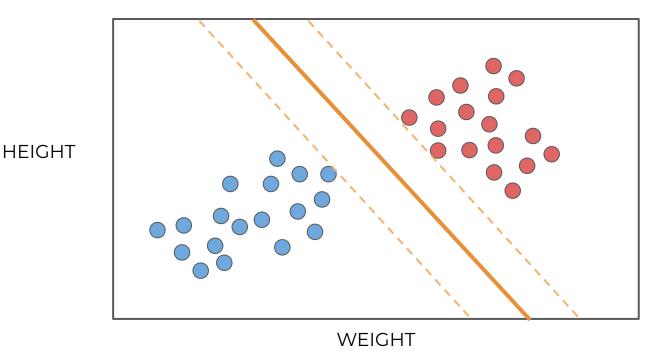


Multiple possible hyperplanes:



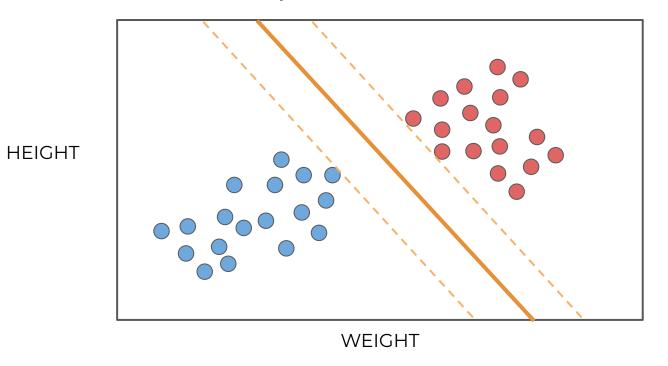


• Choose to maximize margins:



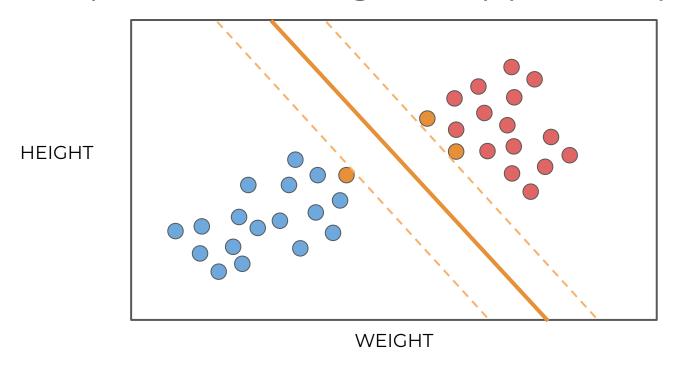


Note each data point is a 2D vector:



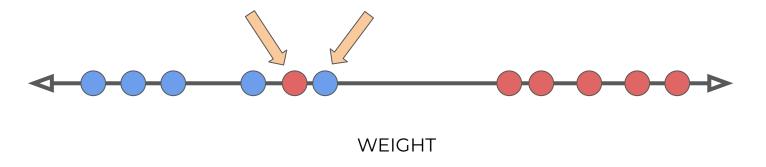


Data points at margin "support" separator:





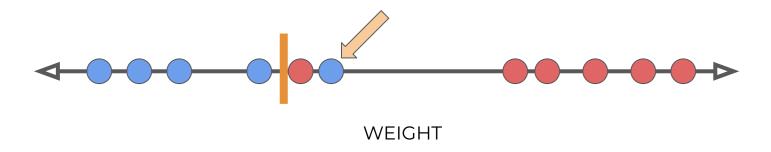
 What happens if classes are not perfectly separable?







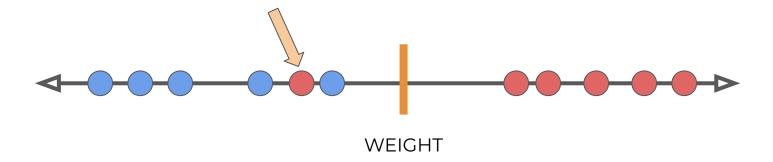
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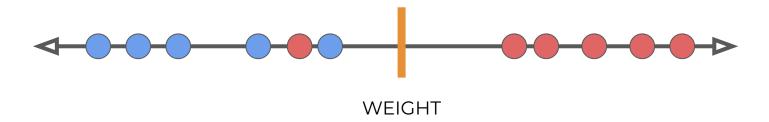
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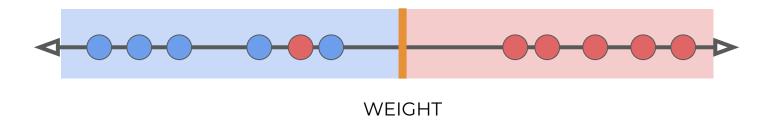
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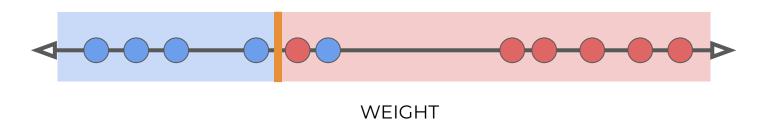
 For one feature this classifier creates ranges for male and female:







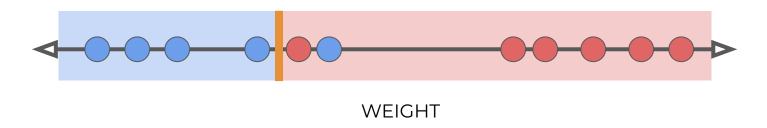
 This fit only misclassified one female training point as male:







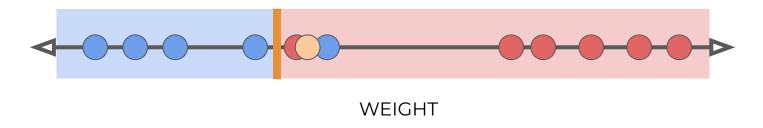
 This looks like a high variance fit to training data, picking too much noise from Female:







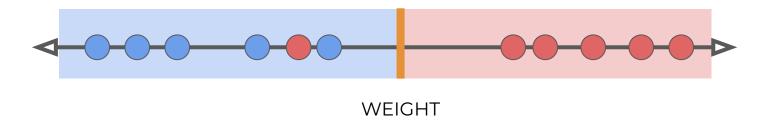
 A new test point close to existing female weights could get classified as male:







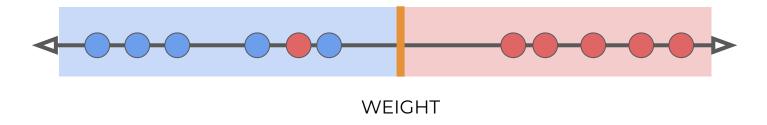
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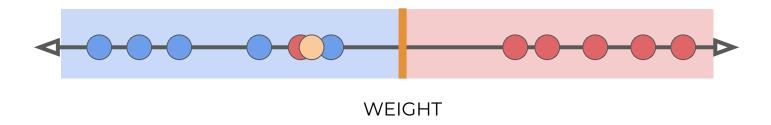
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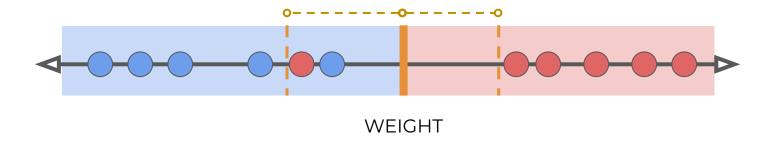
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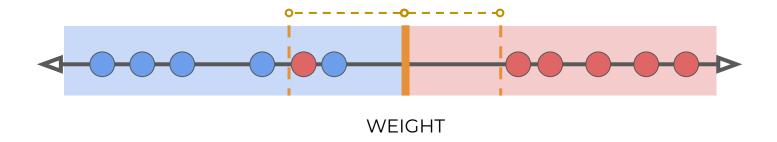
 Distance between threshold and the observations is a soft margin:







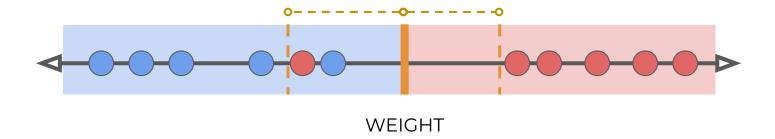
 Soft margin allows for misclassification inside the margins.







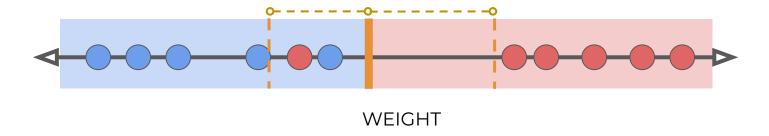
• There are many possible threshold splits if we allow for soft margins.







 We can use cross validation to determine the optimal size of the margins.

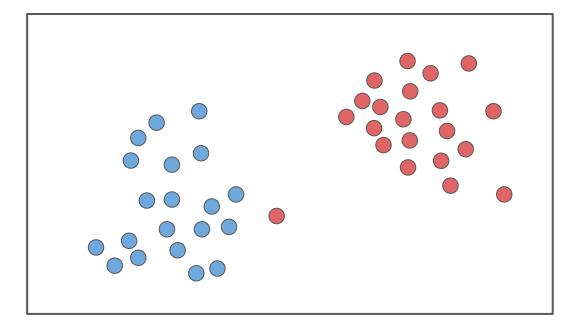






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• 2D soft margin example:



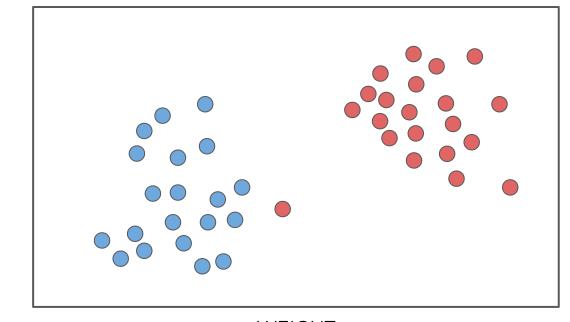
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Data set is technically perfectly separable

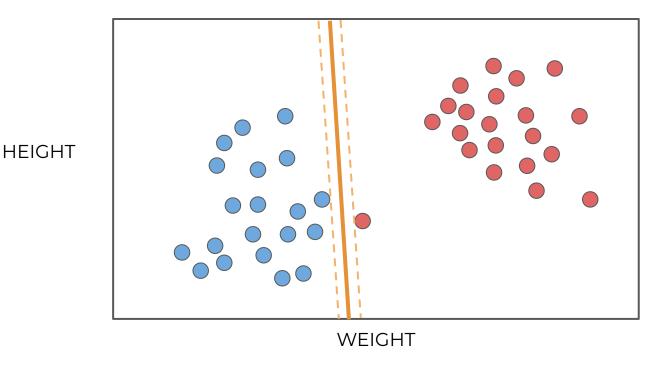


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Maximal Margin Classifier

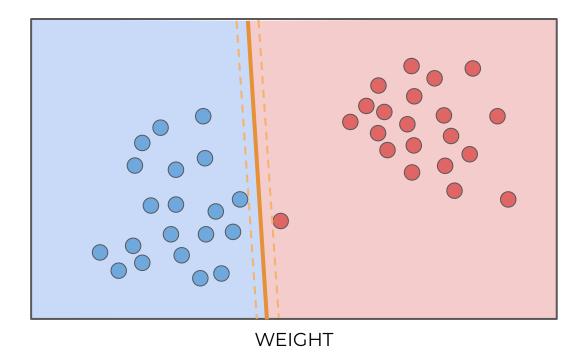


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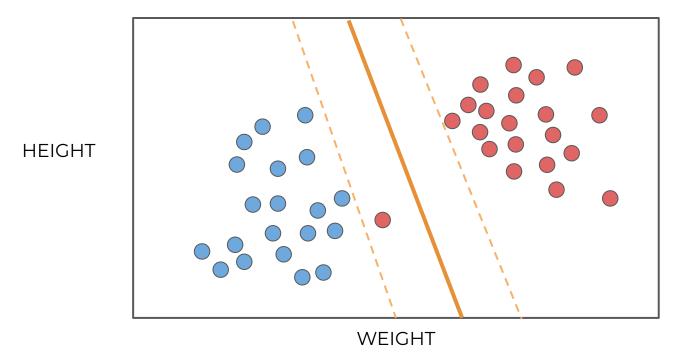
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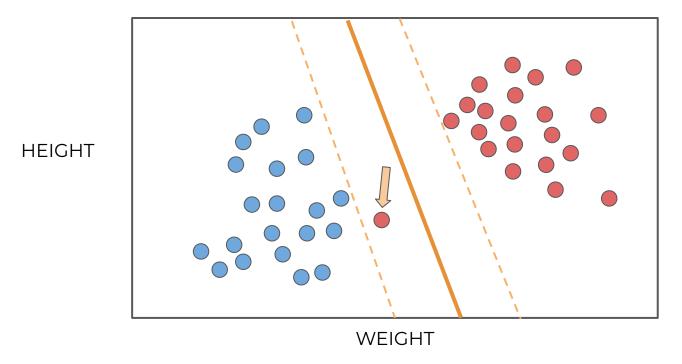
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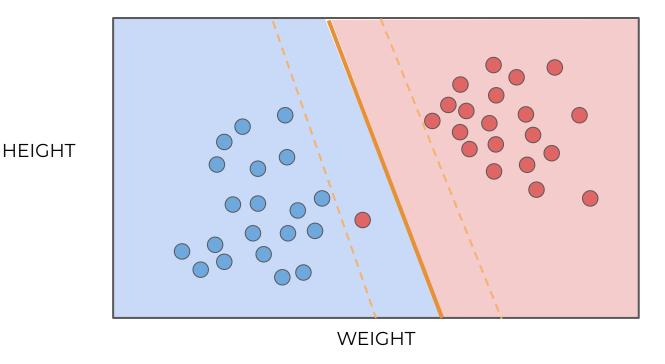
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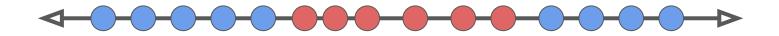






- We've only visualized cases where the classes are easily separated by the hyperplane in the original feature space.
- Allowing for some misclassifications still resulted in reasonable results.
- What would happen in a case where a hyperplane performs poorly, even when allowing for misclassifications?





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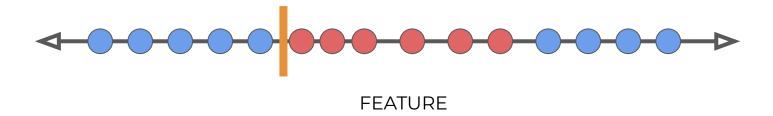






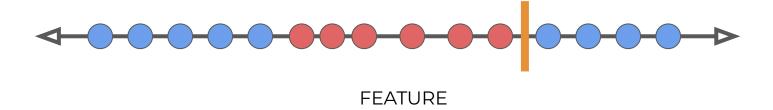










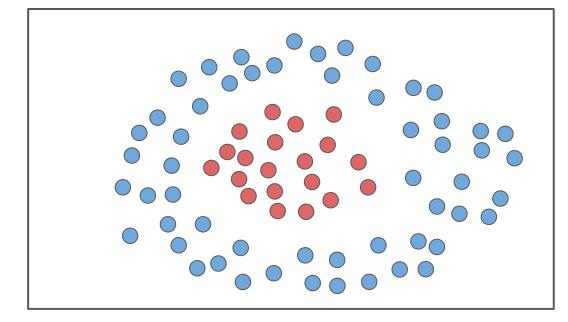


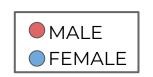




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Can't split classes with hyperplane line:





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- To solve these cases, we move on from Support Vector Classifier, to Support Vector Machines.
- SVMs use **kernels** to project the data to a higher dimension, in order to use a hyperplane in this higher dimension to separate the data.



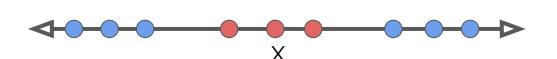
Theory and Intuition - Kernels



- Kernels allow us to move beyond a Support Vector Classifier and use Support Vector Machines.
- There are a variety of kernels we can use to "project" the features to a higher dimension.
- Let's explore how this works through some visual examples...



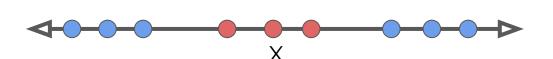
 Recall our 1D example of classes not easily separated by a single hyperplane:





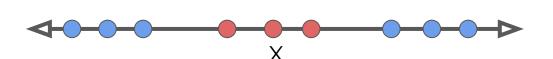


 Let's explore how using a kernel could project this feature onto another dimension.



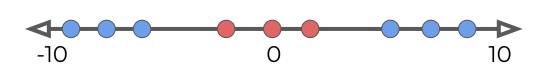






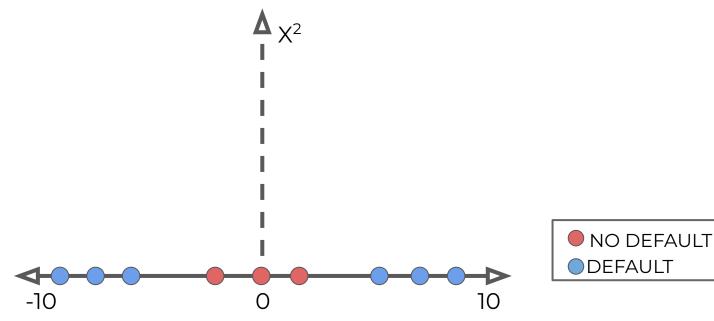




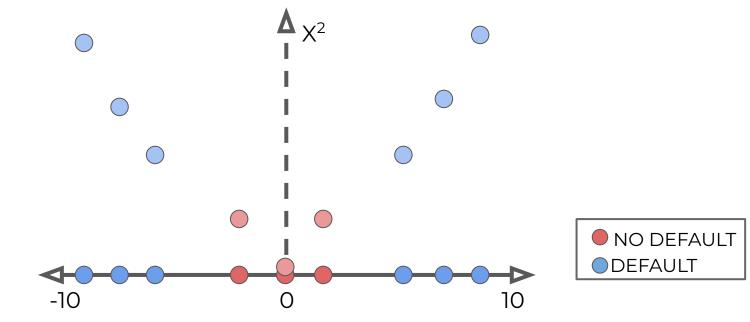






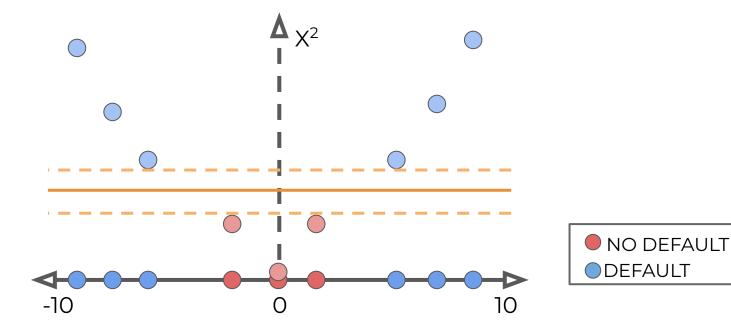






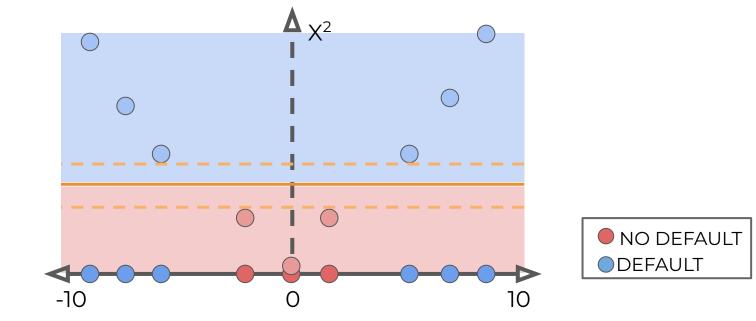


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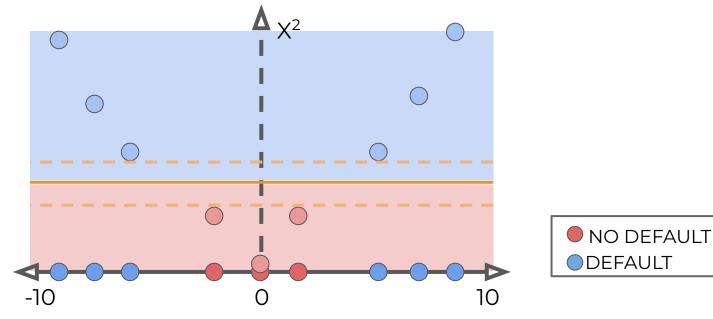




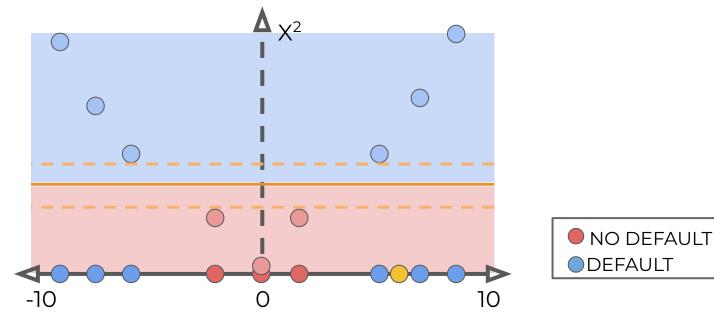
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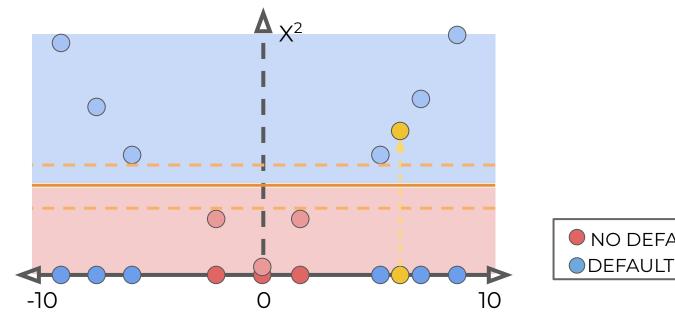






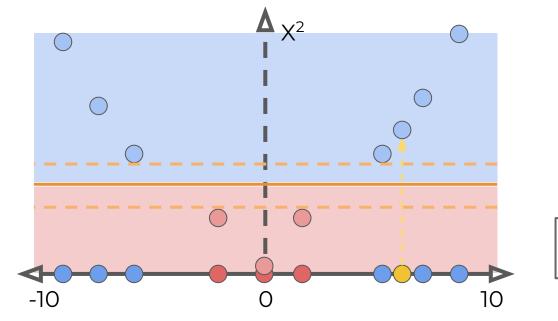






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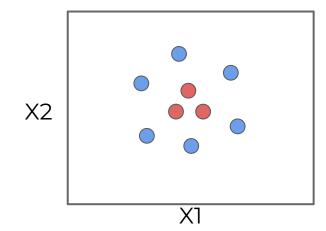


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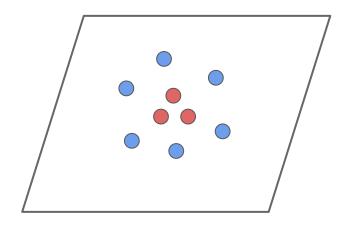


 Imagine a 2D feature space where a hyperplane can not separate effectively, even with soft margins.



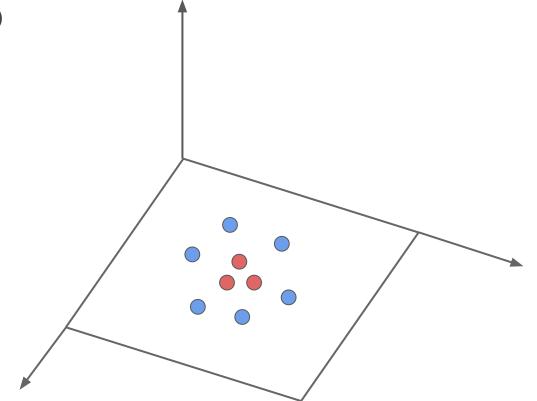


 We use Support Vector Machines to enable the use of a kernel transformation to project to a higher dimension.



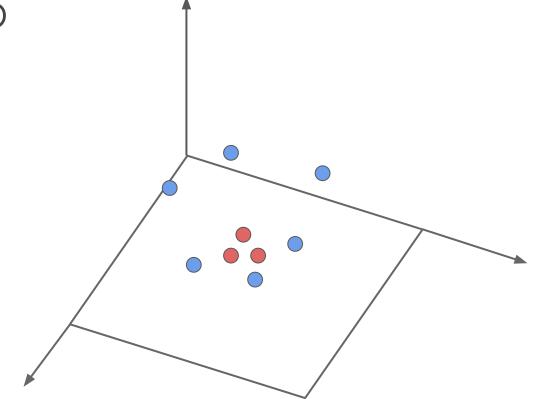


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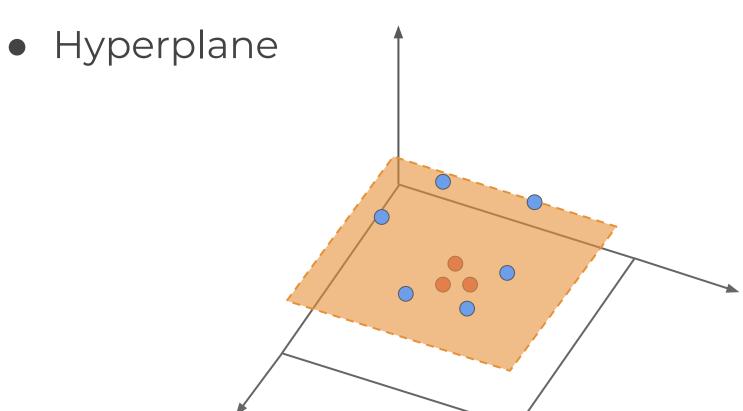




2D to 3D









- You may have heard of the use of kernels in SVM as the "kernel trick".
- We previously visualized transforming data points from one dimension into a higher dimension.
- Mathematically, the kernel trick actually avoids recomputing the points in a higher dimensional space!



- How does the kernel trick achieve this?
- It takes advantage of dot products of the transpositions of the data.



Theory and Intuition - Kernel Trick and Math

- Let's briefly go over some of the general mathematics of SVM and how it is related to the Scikit-Learn class calls.
- We'll begin with a brief review of using margin based classifiers, and how they can be described with equations.
  - Note: Feel free to consider this an "optional" concept.



- Relative Reading:
  - o Background in Chapter 9 of ISLR.
  - For a comprehensive overview of everything discussed, check out:
    - Cortes, Corinna; Vapnik, Vladimir N. (1995). "Support-vector networks".
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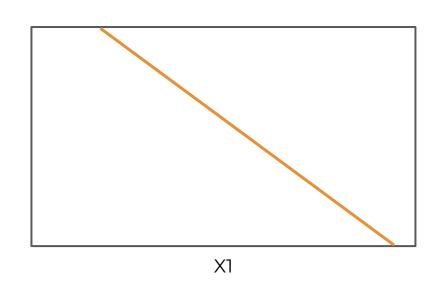
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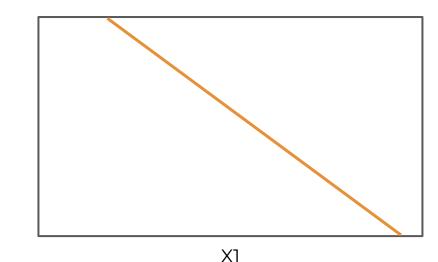
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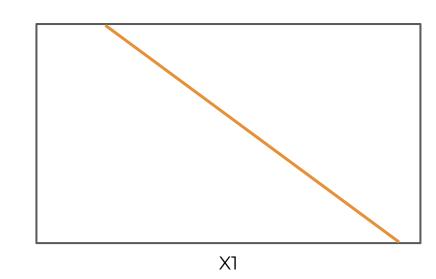




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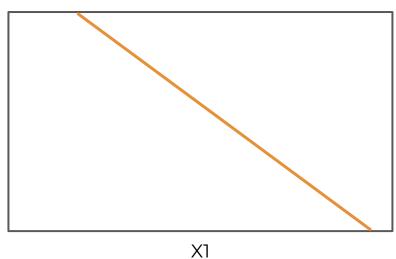
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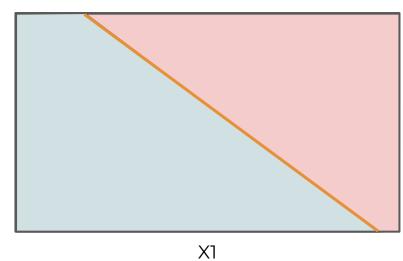


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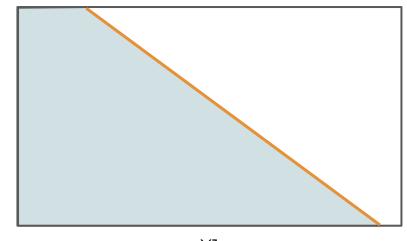
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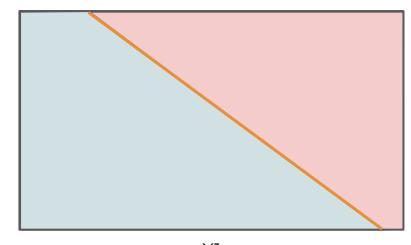
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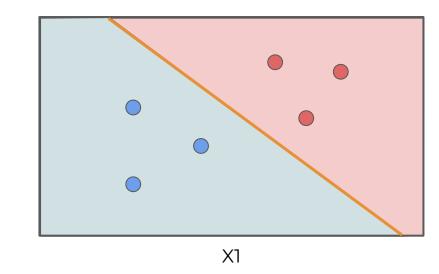
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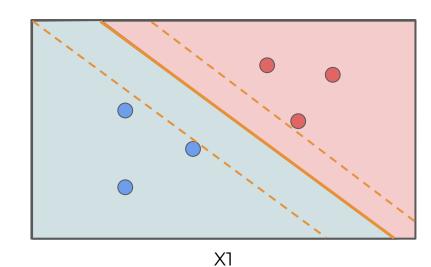
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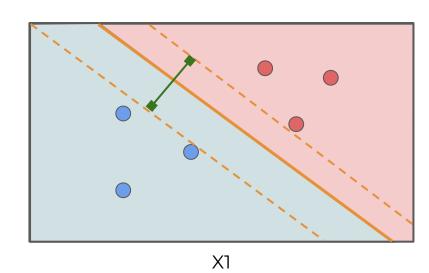
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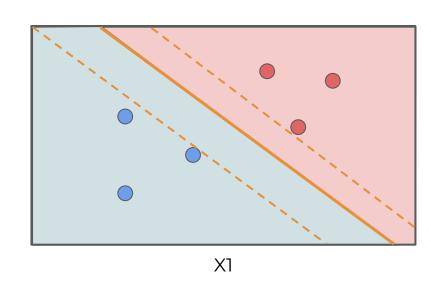
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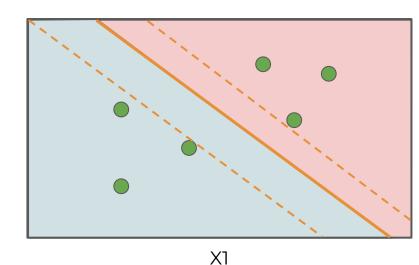


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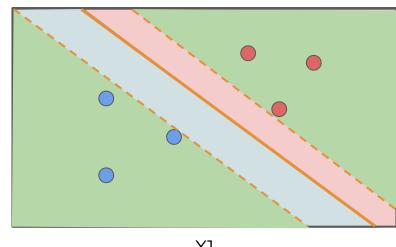


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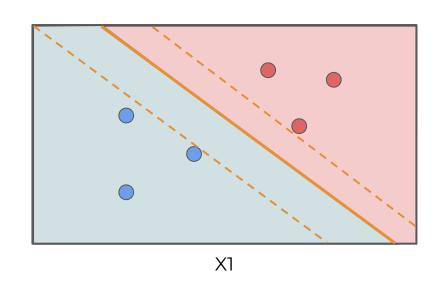
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$$y_i(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \ldots + \beta_p x_{ip}) \ge M \ \forall i = 1, \ldots, n.$$





X1

subject to 
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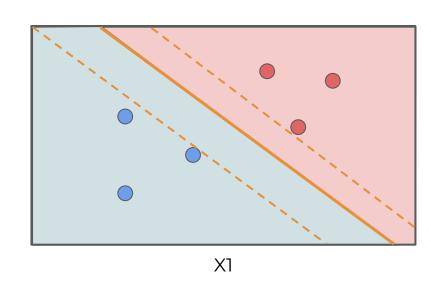
#### Max Margin Classifier

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ \vdots \\ x_{1p} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, x_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\underset{\beta_0,\beta_1,...,\beta_p,M}{\text{maximize}} M$ 

subject to 
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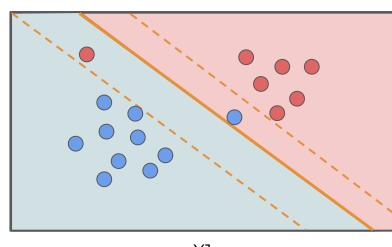




Support Vector Classifier

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ \vdots \\ x_{1p} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, x_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$

X2

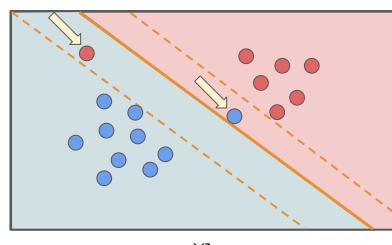




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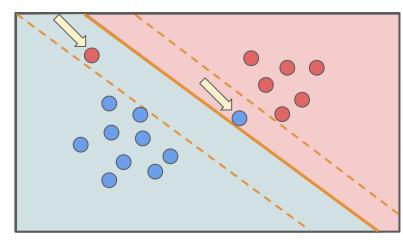
X2





#### Support Vector Classifier

$$\max_{\beta_0,\beta_1,...,\beta_p,\epsilon_1,...,\epsilon_n,M} M$$
 subject to 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{p} \beta_j^2 = 1$$
 x2

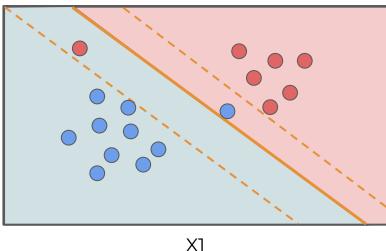




#### Support Vector Classifier

subject to 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j^2 = 1$$

$$\epsilon_i \ge 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \le C$$



$$y_i(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \ldots + \beta_p x_{ip}) \ge M(1 - \epsilon_i)$$



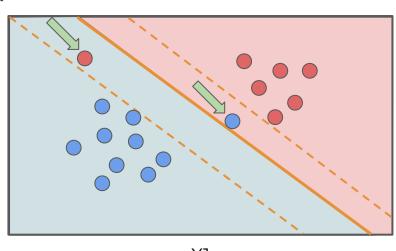
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#### Note on Scikit-Learn's SVC!

#### C: float, default=1.0

Regularization parameter. The strength of the regularization is inversely proportional to C. Must be strictly positive. The penalty is a squared I2 penalty.

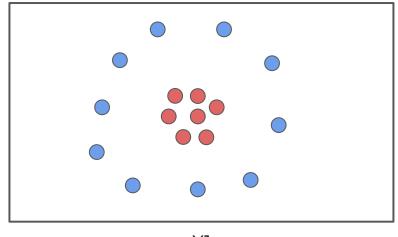
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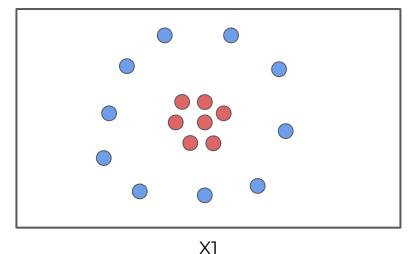
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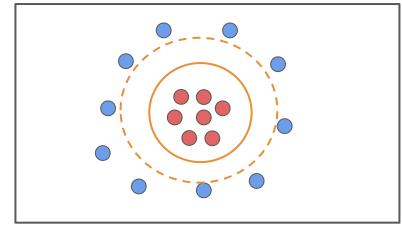


Support Vector Machines

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p,$$
 
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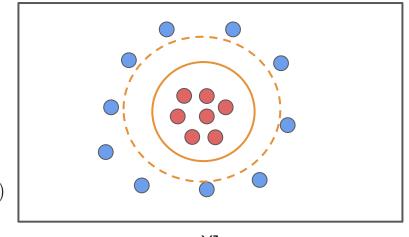
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#### Support Vector Machines

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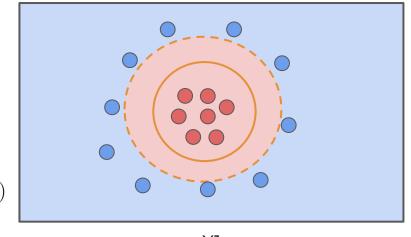




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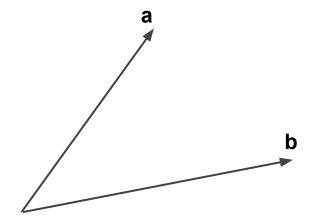




- How to deal with very large feature space?
- As polynomial order grows larger, the number of computations necessary to solve for margins also grows!
- The answer lies in the **kernel trick** which makes use of the **inner product** of vectors, also known as the **dot product**.

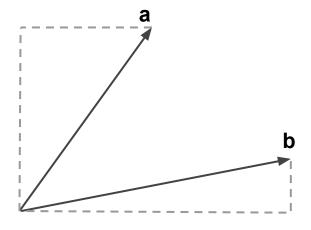


$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_i b_i$$



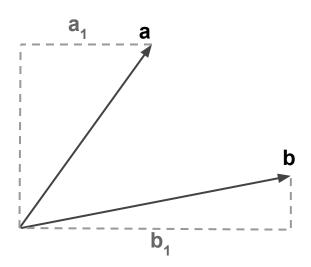


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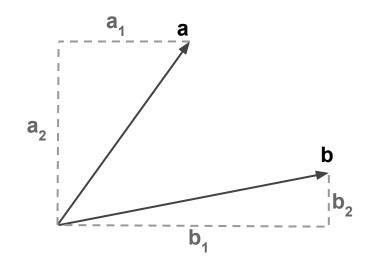




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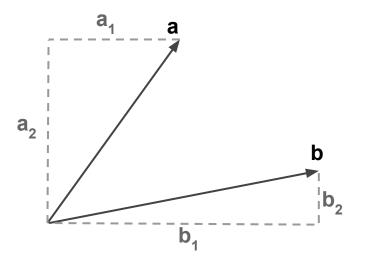
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$$a \cdot b = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2$$

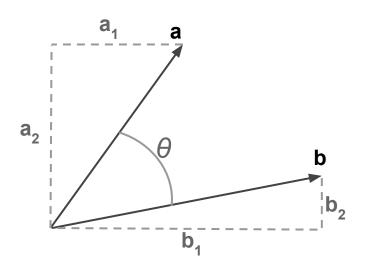




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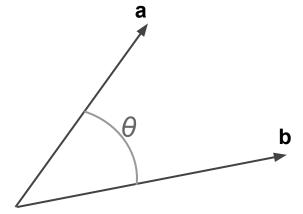
$$a \cdot b = |a||b|cos(\theta)$$





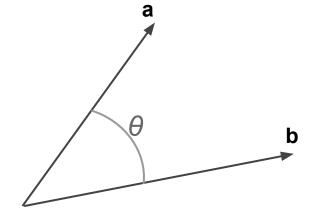
 Notice how the dot product can be thought of as a **similarity** between the vectors.

$$a \cdot b = |a||b|cos(\theta)$$



- $cos(0^{\circ}) = 1$
- $cos(90^\circ) = 0$
- $cos(180^\circ) = -1$

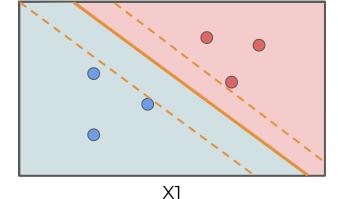
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Linear Support Vector Classifier rewritten:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \langle x, x_i \rangle$$

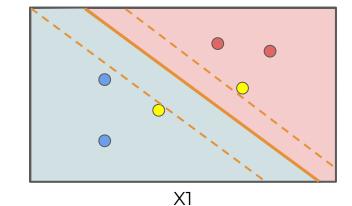


Calculating the inner products of all pairs of training observations



Linear Support Vector Classifier rewritten:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \langle x, x_i \rangle$$



Only non-zero for the support vectors.



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Linear Support Vector Classifier rewritten:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_i \langle x, x_i \rangle$$

**S** collection of indices of these support points



#### Kernel Function

$$K(x_i, x_{i'}) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} x_{i'j}$$

A kernel is a function that quantifies the similarity of two observations.



Kernel Function

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$$K(x_i, x_{i'}) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} x_{i'j} \qquad f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_i K(x, x_i)$$

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Polynomial Kernel

$$K(x_i, x_{i'}) = (1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} x_{i'j})^d \qquad f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_i \langle x, x_i \rangle$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_i b_i$$



Radial Basis Kernel

$$K(x_i, x_{i'}) = \exp(-\gamma \sum_{j=1}^{p} (x_{ij} - x_{i'j})^2) \qquad f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_i \langle x, x_i \rangle$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_i b_i$$



- The use of kernels as a replacement is known as the kernel trick.
- Kernels allow us to avoid computations in the enlarged feature space, by only needing to perform computations for each distinct pair of training points (details in 9.3.2 in ISLR).



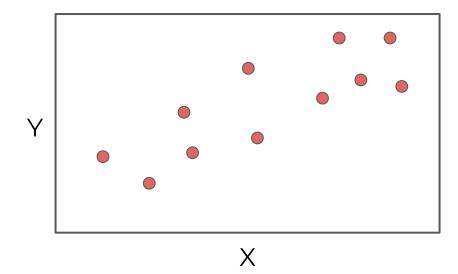
- Intuitively we've already seen inner products act as a measurement of similarity between vectors.
- The use of kernels can be thought of as a measure of similarity between the original feature space and the enlarged feature space.



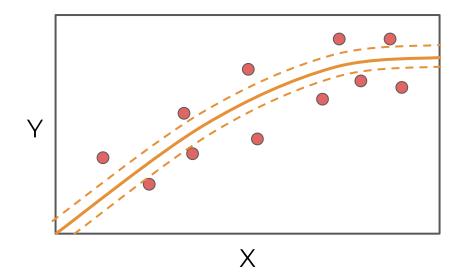
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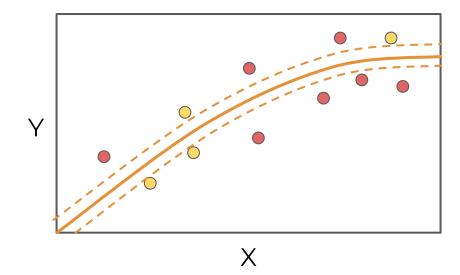
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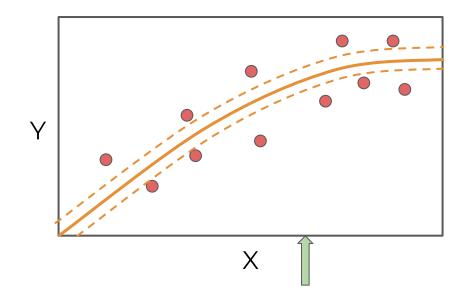




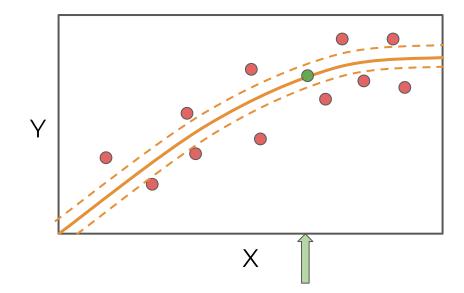




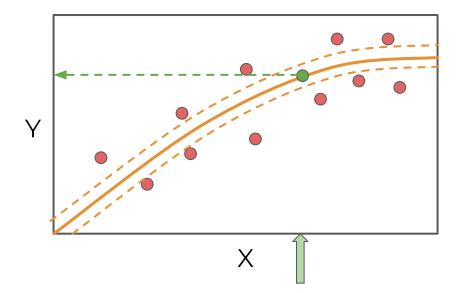






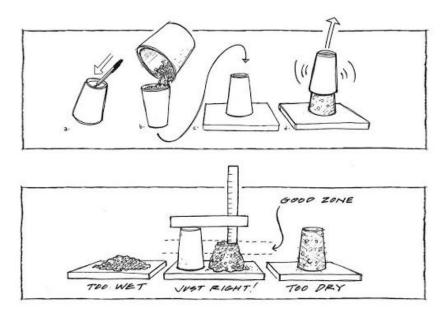








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