

**Perceptron Convergence theorem:** If samples given are linearly separable, then the fixed-increment perceptron algorithm terminates after a finite number of weight vector updates.

**Proof:** we can prove this theorem by showing the number updations on weight vector is bounded by a finite number.

For ease of computation let us make some assumptions without losing any generality.

Assumption 1: Take zero vector ( all elements are zero valued ) as initial weight vector instead of choosing it randomly.

Assumption 2: Learning rate is fixed and valued as unity.

Assumption 3: All feature vectors are augmented.

Assumption 4: As we have two classes  $\{+1, -1\}$ , multiply the feature vectors by -1, whose class is -1. so that a weight vector  $W$  represents a separating hyperplane if  $W^T \cdot X_i > 0$ ,  $\forall i$

So the new update rule can be written as

$$W(k+1) = W(k) + X(k), \quad \forall k \text{ such that } W(k)^T \cdot X(k) \leq 0$$

from above

$$\begin{aligned} \|W(k+1)\|^2 &= \|W(k) + X(k)\|^2 \\ &= \|W(k)\|^2 + \|X(k)\|^2 + 2 W(k)^T X(k) \\ &\leq \|W(k)\|^2 + \|X(k)\|^2 \quad (\text{because } W(k)^T \cdot X(k) \leq 0 \text{ for all misclassified samples}) \end{aligned}$$

If we recurse on it we can get

$$\|W(k+1)\|^2 \leq \|W(0)\|^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k \|X(i)\|^2$$

Here,  $W(0)$  is zero vector from our assumption 1 and let  $M$  is  $\max_i (\|X(i)\|^2)$ , then above equation becomes  $\|W(k+1)\|^2 \leq kM$  -----(1)

From update rule we can say that  $W(k+1)$  is linear combination of misclassified samples feature vectors and initial weight vector i.e  $W(k+1) = W(0) + \sum_{i=0}^k X(i)$

$$W(k+1) = \sum_{i=0}^k X(i) \quad \text{-----}(2)$$

Now consider a weight vector  $W^*$  from solution space such that  $X_i^T W^* > 0$ ,  $\forall i$  (because  $W^*$  separates all samples correctly)

consider  $N = \min_i (X_i^T W^*)$ , note that  $N > 0$

from equation 2 we have

$$W(k+1) \cdot W^* = \sum_{i=0}^k X(i) \cdot W^* \geq kN > 0$$

$$k^2 N^2 \leq \|W(k+1) \cdot W^*\|^2$$

From Cauchy - Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 K^2 N^2 &\leq \|W(K+1)\|^2 \|W^*\|^2 \\
 &\leq kM \cdot \|W^*\|^2
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \text{from (1)}$$

$$\text{i.e } k \leq \|W^*\|^2 \cdot M / N^2$$

Here  $W^*$  is finite vector if given samples are linearly separable and from above  $M$  and  $N$  are finite values obtained from feature vectors(samples)

So  $k$  is bounded by a finite value, from this we can infer that perceptron algorithm stops after some finite number of steps i.e Perceptron algorithm finds a separating hyperplane with in the finite number of steps.