

# Class 9 – Support Vector Machines (SVM)

## Regression

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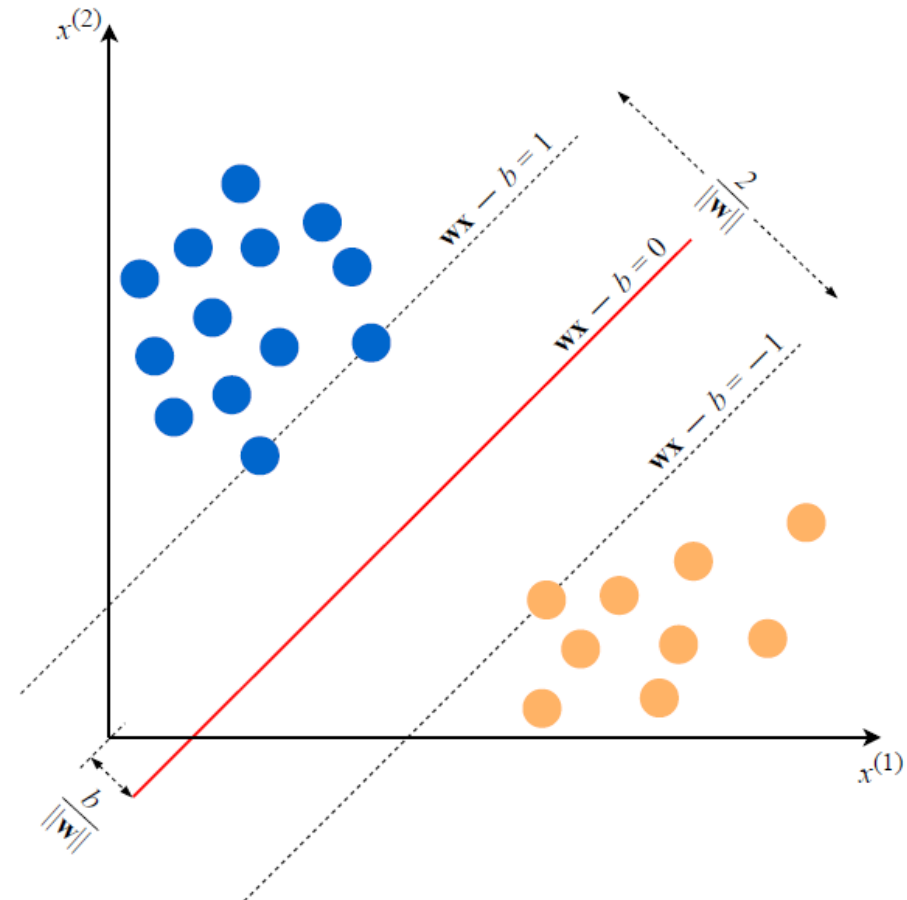
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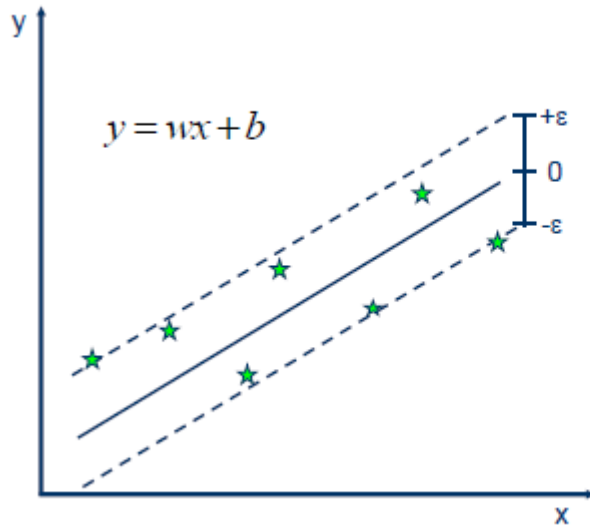
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# Support Vector Classification (SVC)

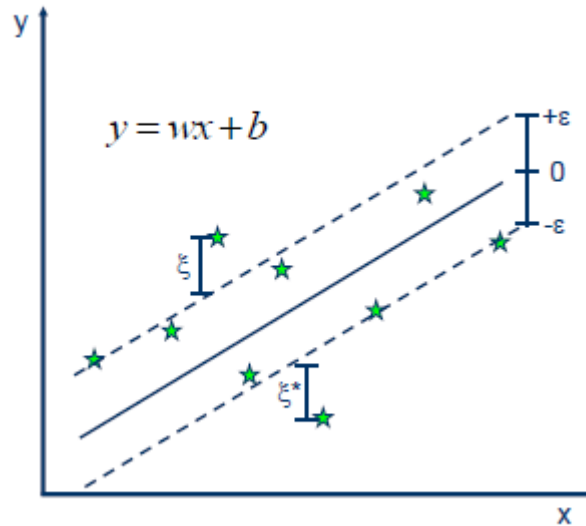
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w, b, \zeta} \quad & \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_i \\ \text{subject to} \quad & y_i (w^T \phi(x_i) + b) \geq 1 - \zeta_i, \\ & \zeta_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$



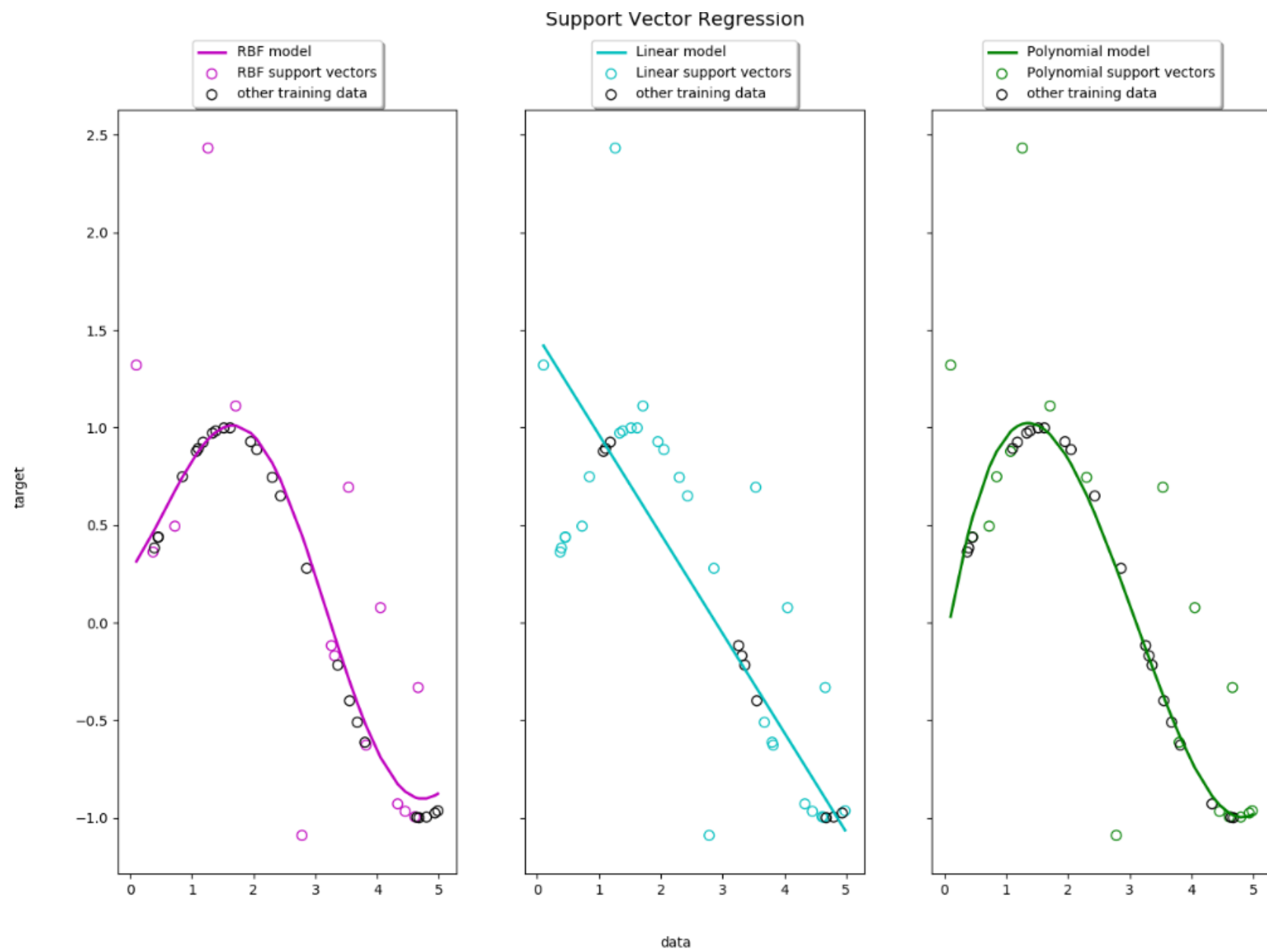
# Support Vector Regression (SVR)



- Minimize:  
$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$
- Constraints:  
$$y_i - wx_i - b \leq \epsilon$$
$$wx_i + b - y_i \leq \epsilon$$



- Minimize:  
$$\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$
- Constraints:  
$$y_i - wx_i - b \leq \epsilon + \xi_i$$
$$wx_i + b - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^*$$
$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$$



# SVR in Python

- Find the SVR Sklearn documentation [here](#)
- Blackbox version of SVR in python:

```
from sklearn import svm
X = [[0, 0], [2, 2]]
y = [0.5, 2.5]
clf = svm.SVR()
clf.fit(X, y)

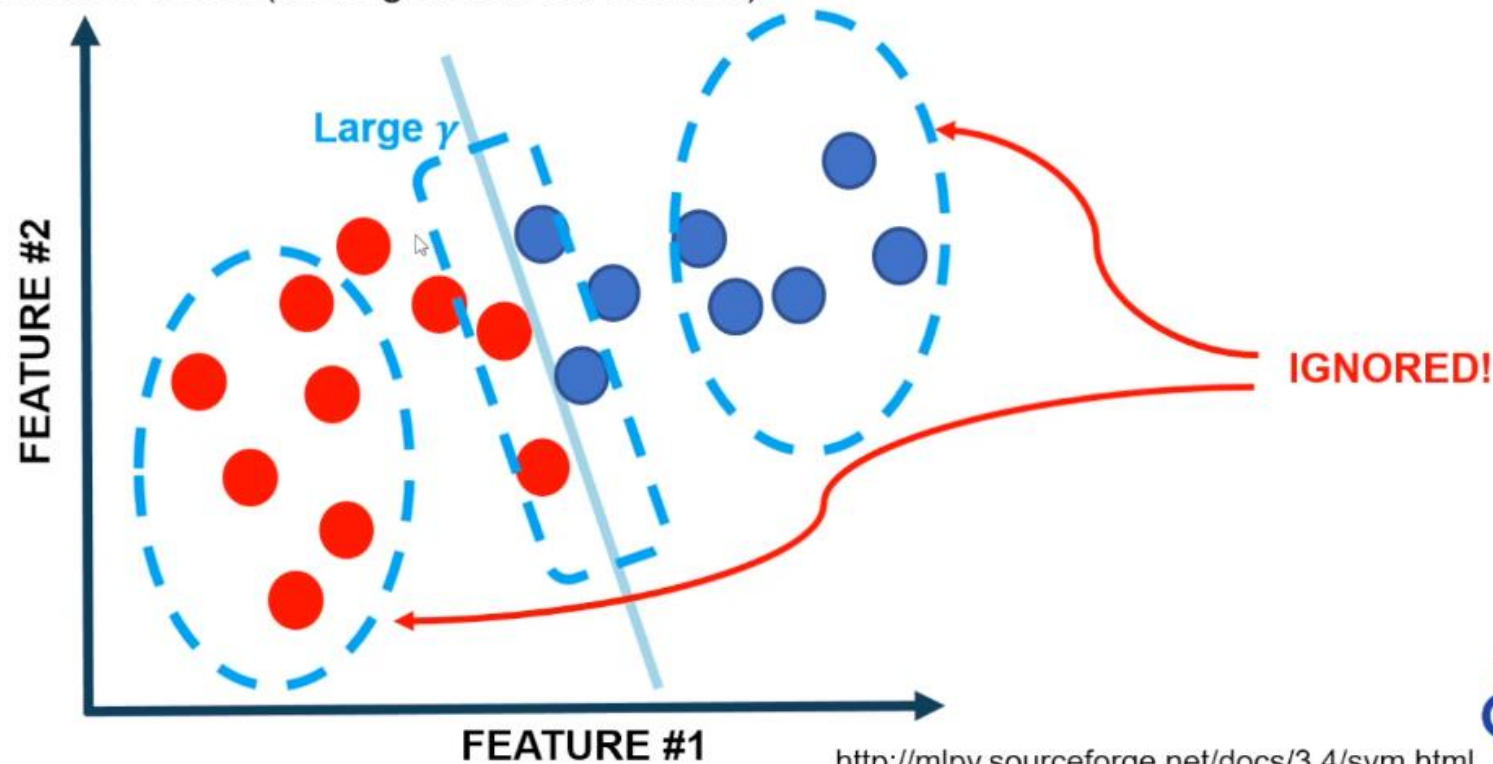
clf.predict([[1, 1]])
```

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SVR(C=1.0, cache_size=200, coef0=0.0, degree=3, epsilon=0.1,
    gamma='auto_deprecated', kernel='rbf', max_iter=-1, shrinking=True,
    tol=0.001, verbose=False)
>>> clf.predict([[1, 1]])
array([1.5])
```

# SVM PARAMETERS OPTIMIZATION

**Gamma parameter:** controls how far the influence of a single training set reaches

- **Large gamma:** close reach (closer data points have high weight)
- **Small gamma:** far reach (more generalized solution)



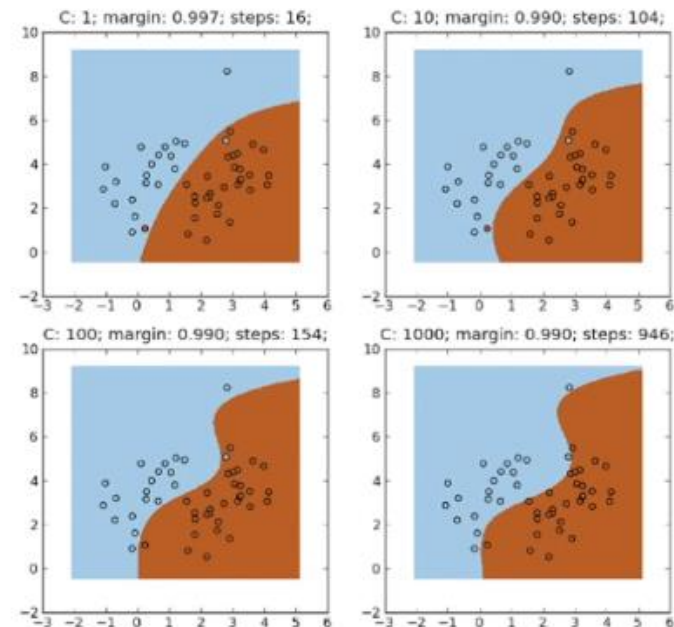
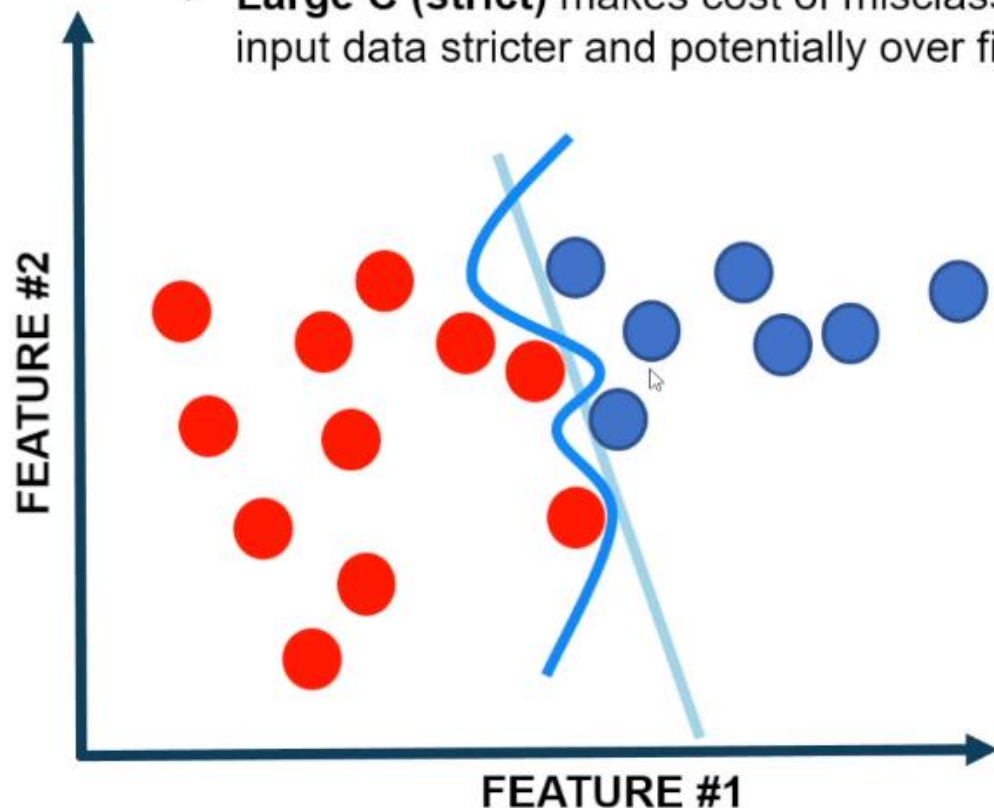
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# SVM PARAMETERS OPTIMIZATION

**C parameter:** Controls trade-off between classifying training points correctly and having a smooth decision boundary

- **Small C (loose)** makes cost (penalty) of misclassification low (soft margin)
- **Large C (strict)** makes cost of misclassification high (hard margin), forcing the model to explain input data stricter and potentially over fit.



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