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# INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING ITC2252

Chapter 5 – Support Vector Machine (SVM)

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# Support Vector Machine (SVM)

→ another machine learning model

→ after linear regression




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not a ML model

- A popular classification technique
- In SVMs, the optimization objective is to maximize the margin
- The margin is defined as the distance between the separating hyperplane and the training samples that are closest to this hyperplane (support vectors)
- Intuitively, the large the margin, the lower generalization error
- Models with small margin prone to overfitting
- Supervised machine learning technique
- It is possible to use for regression problem also

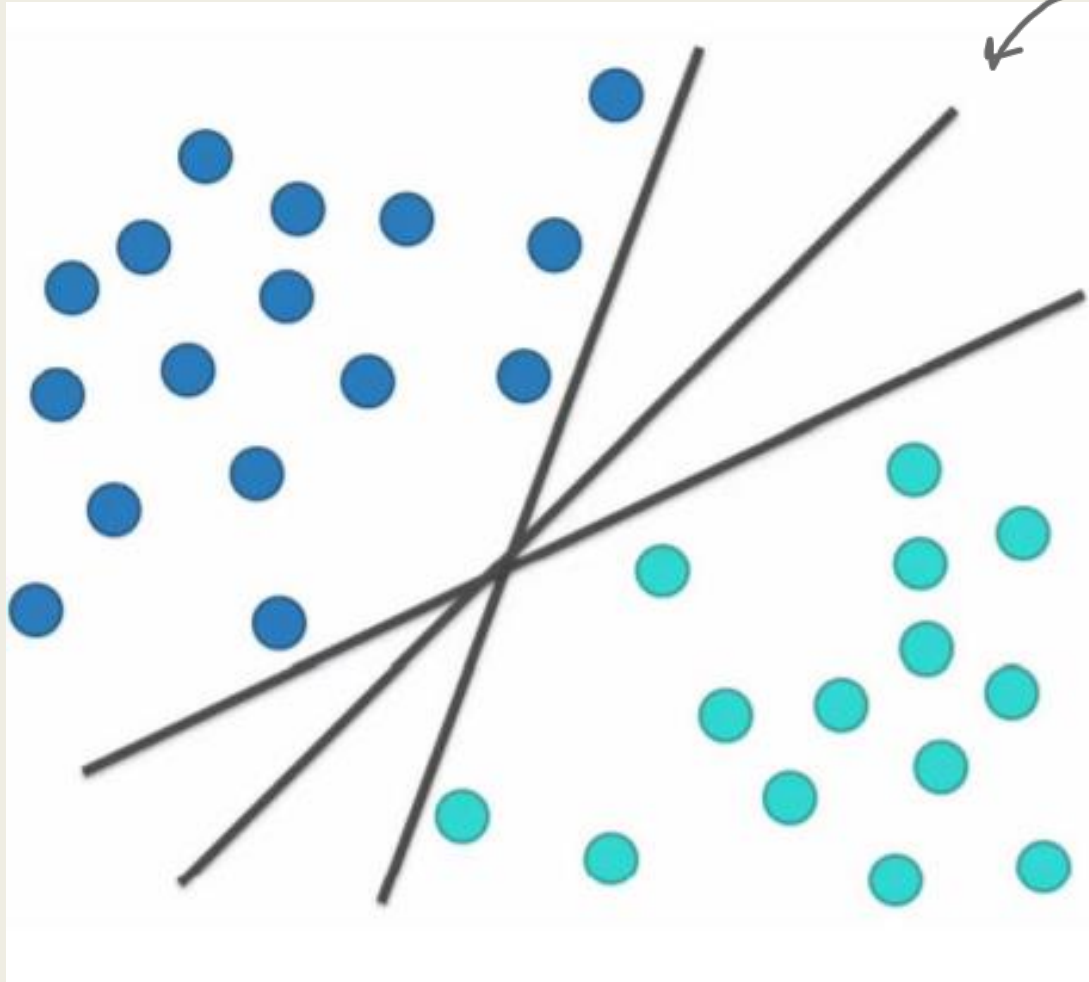
line created in linear regression

→ provide data and outputs both

# What should you know ?

- Support vectors
- Hyperplanes  regression line
- Marginal Distance
- Linear separable points  Data can be seperated using line into classes
- Nonlinear Separable  can not seperate using a line

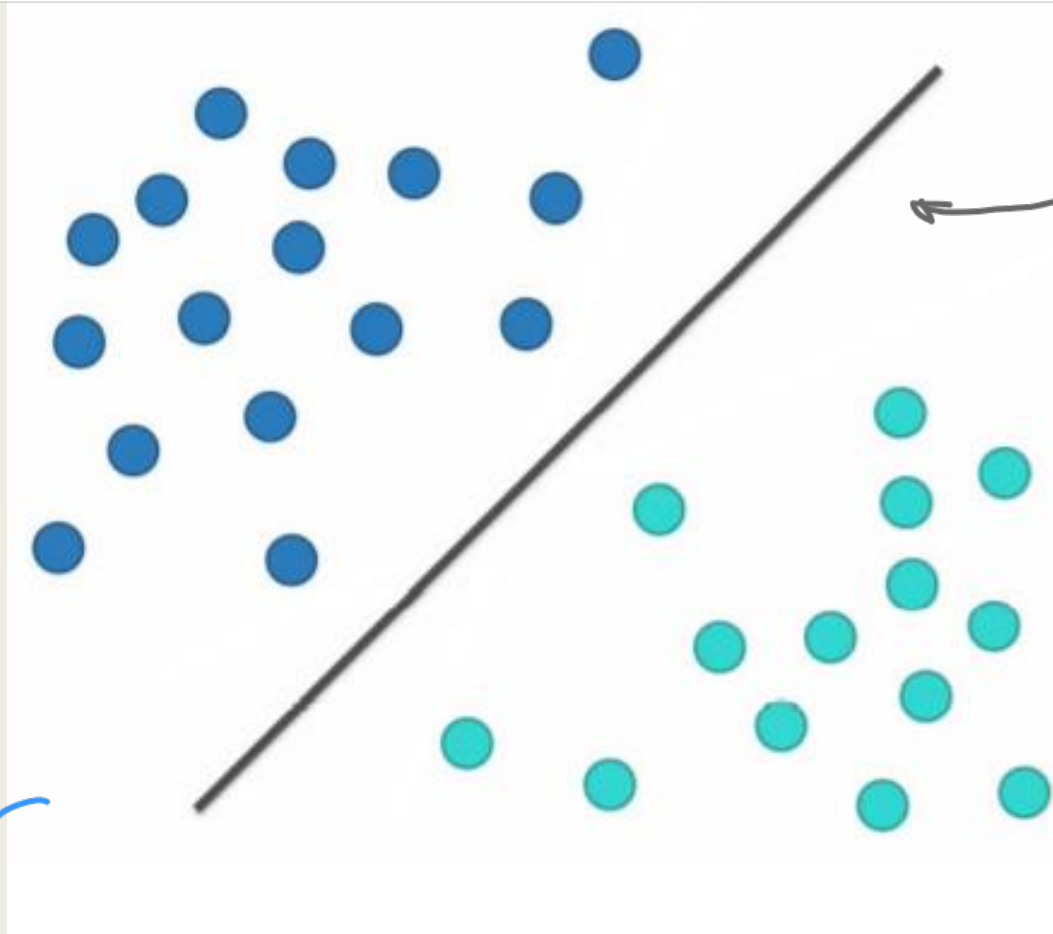
# Splitting the data in the best possible way



- Which hyperplane is best?

Example

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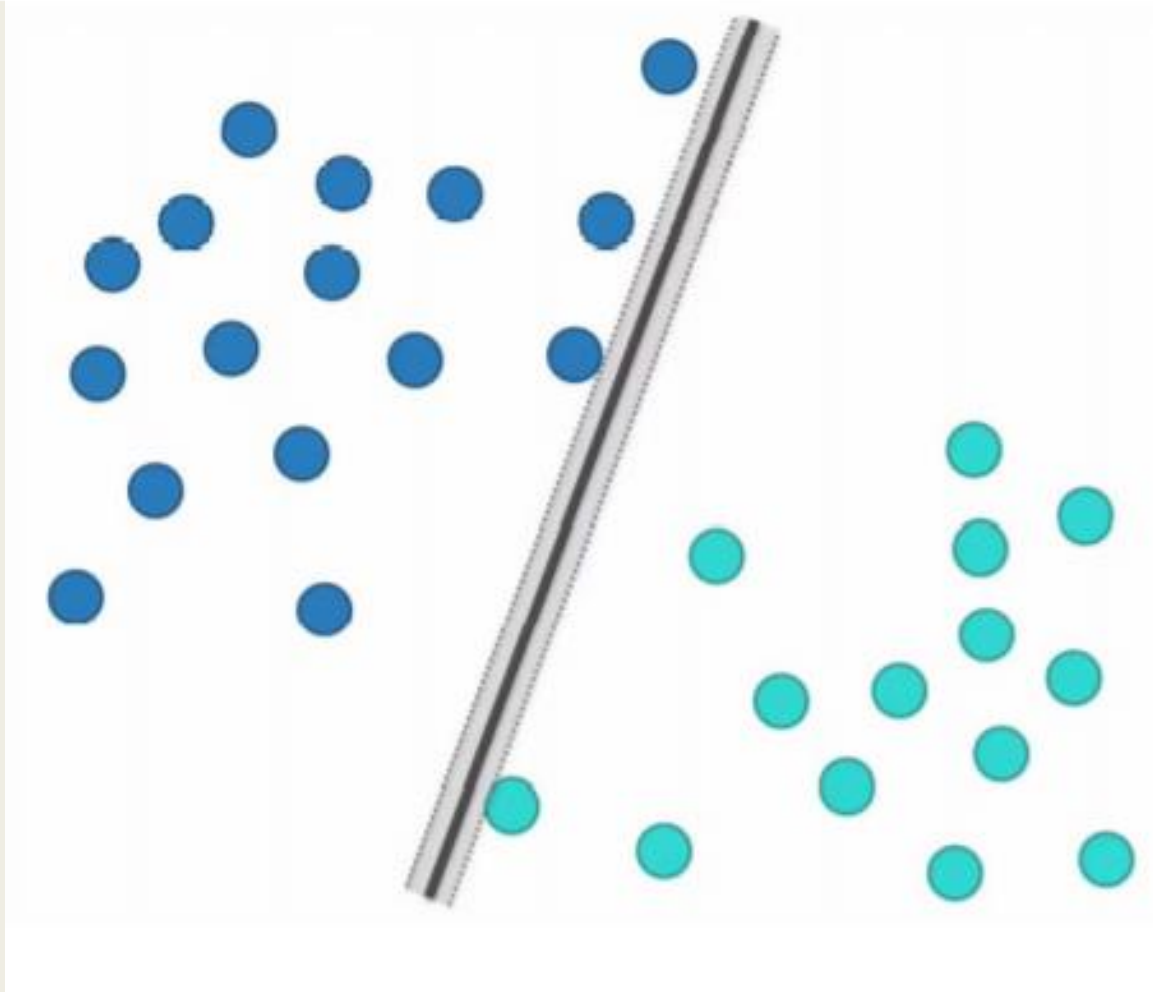


- Split the data in the best possible way

continue

adds a margin to the  
regression line in sum

Find the  
maximum  
margin



- Adjust the road with maximum width

optimizing sum

# Basic idea of SVM

Find ↘

- Optimal hyperplane for linearly separable patterns
- Extend to patterns that are not linearly separable, by transformations of original data to map into new space – Kernel function
- Unique features

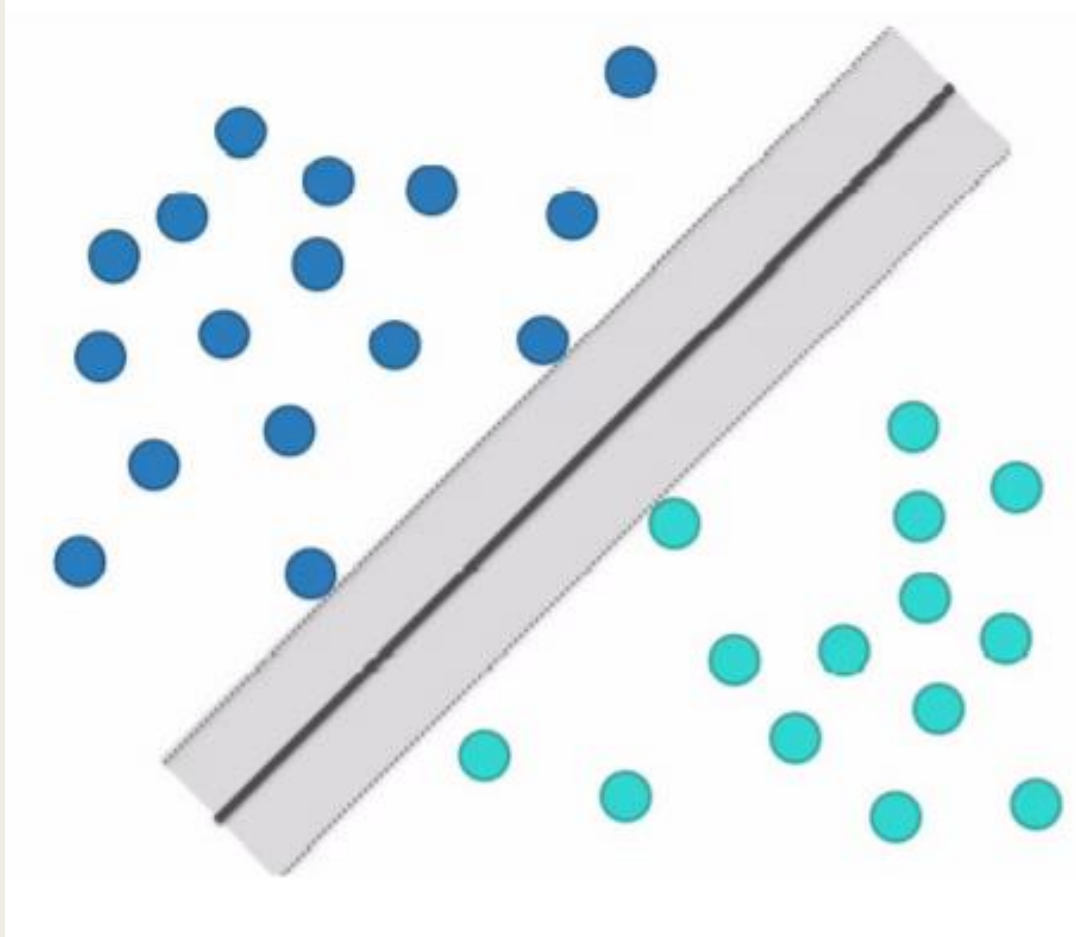
*It is explicitly based on a theoretical model of learning*

*It is not affected by local minima*

————→ no need to find  
local minima to find  
best fit like in  
gradient decent

*Do not suffer from the curse of dimensionality*

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no limitation of  
number of features  
in dataset



- Why is this the best split ?



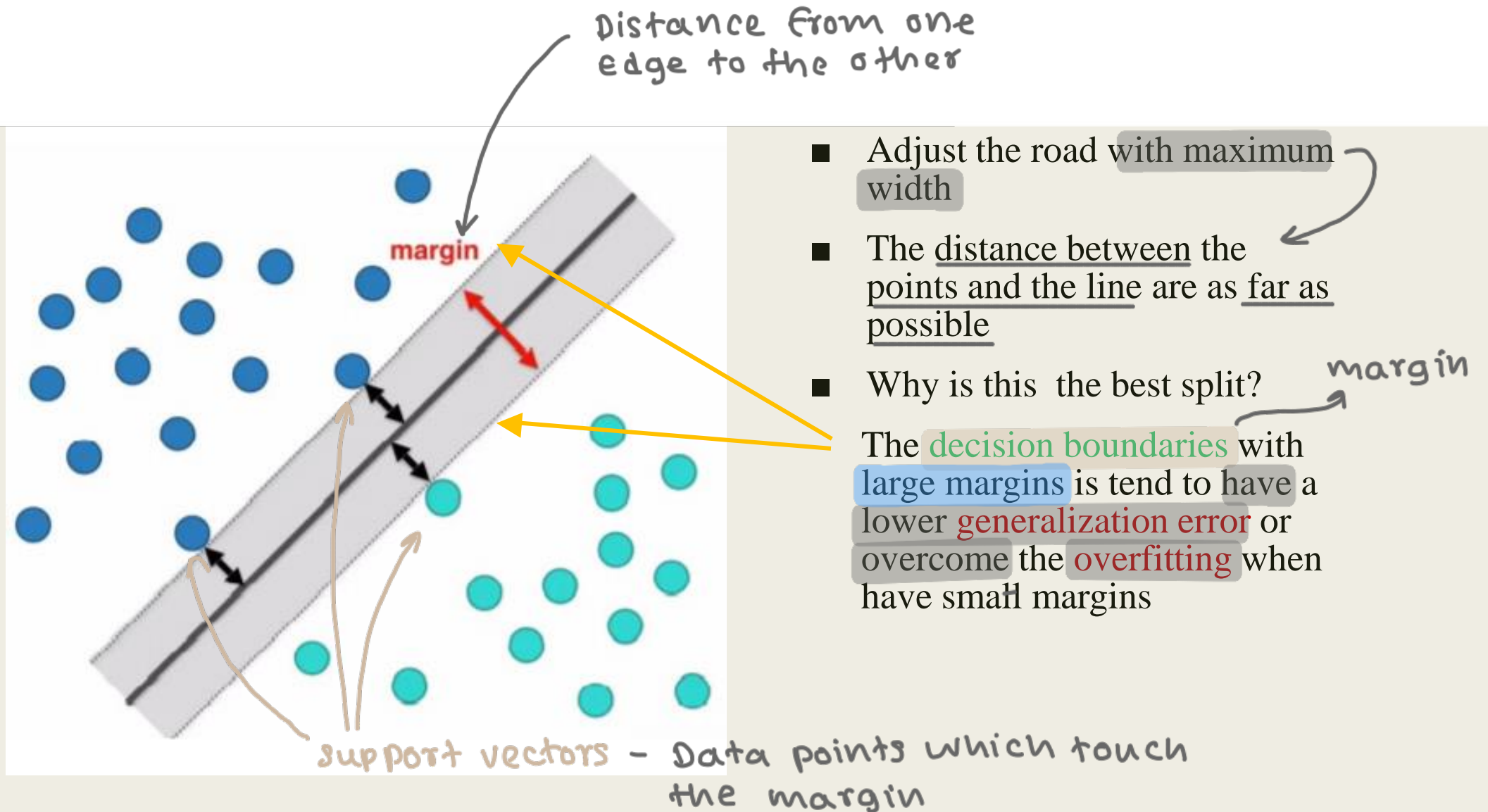
- Adjust the road with maximum width



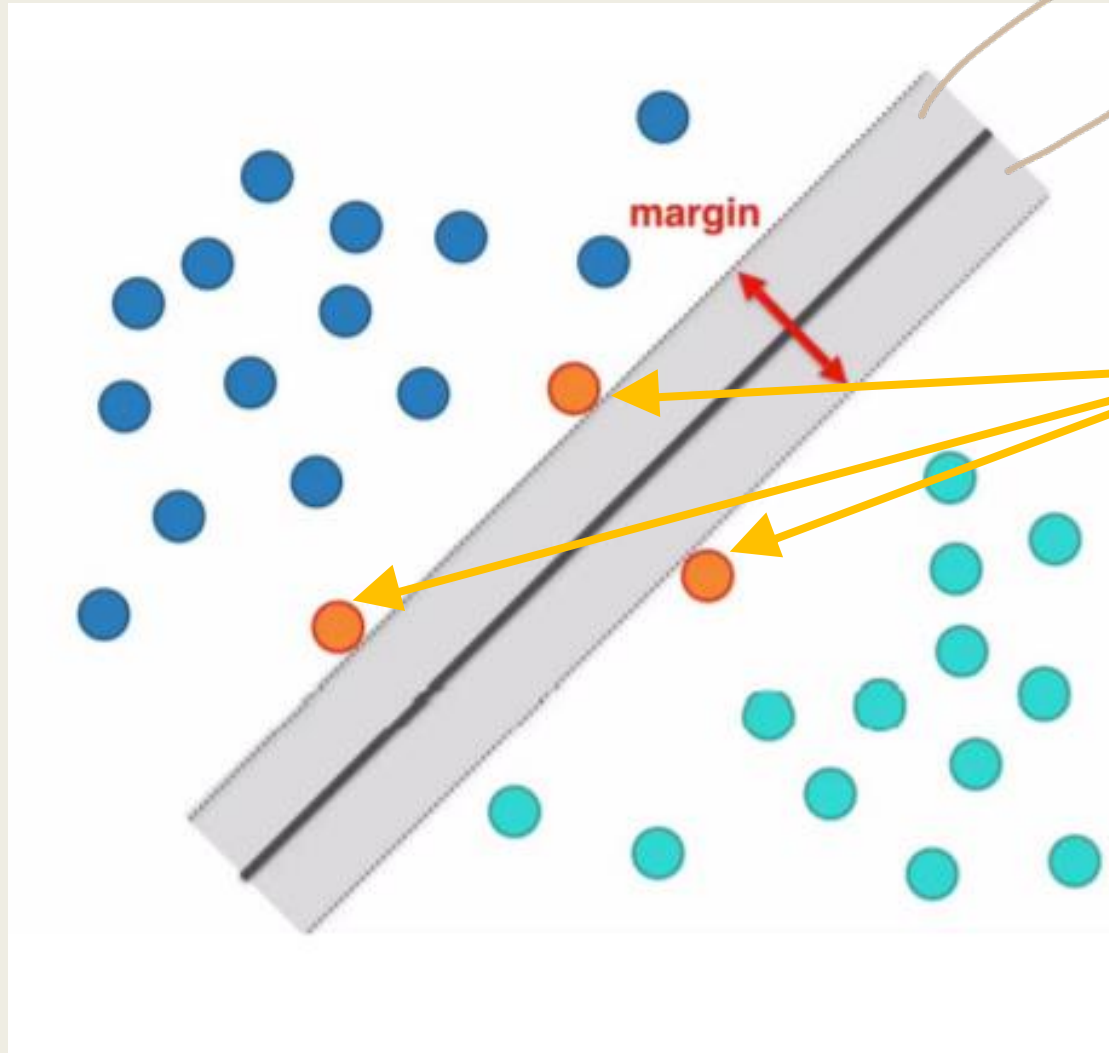
# Important concepts in SVM

- **Support Vectors** – Datapoints that are closest to the hyperplane is called support vectors. Separating line will be defined with the help of these data points.
- **Hyperplane** – As we can see in the above diagram, it is a decision plane or space which is divided between a set of objects having different classes.
- **Margin** – It may be defined as the gap between two lines on the closet data points of different classes. It can be calculated as the perpendicular distance from the line to the support vectors. Large margin is considered as a good margin and small margin is considered as a bad margin.

[Support Vector Machine \(SVM\) \(tutorialspoint.com\)](http://tutorialspoint.com)



# Support Vectors



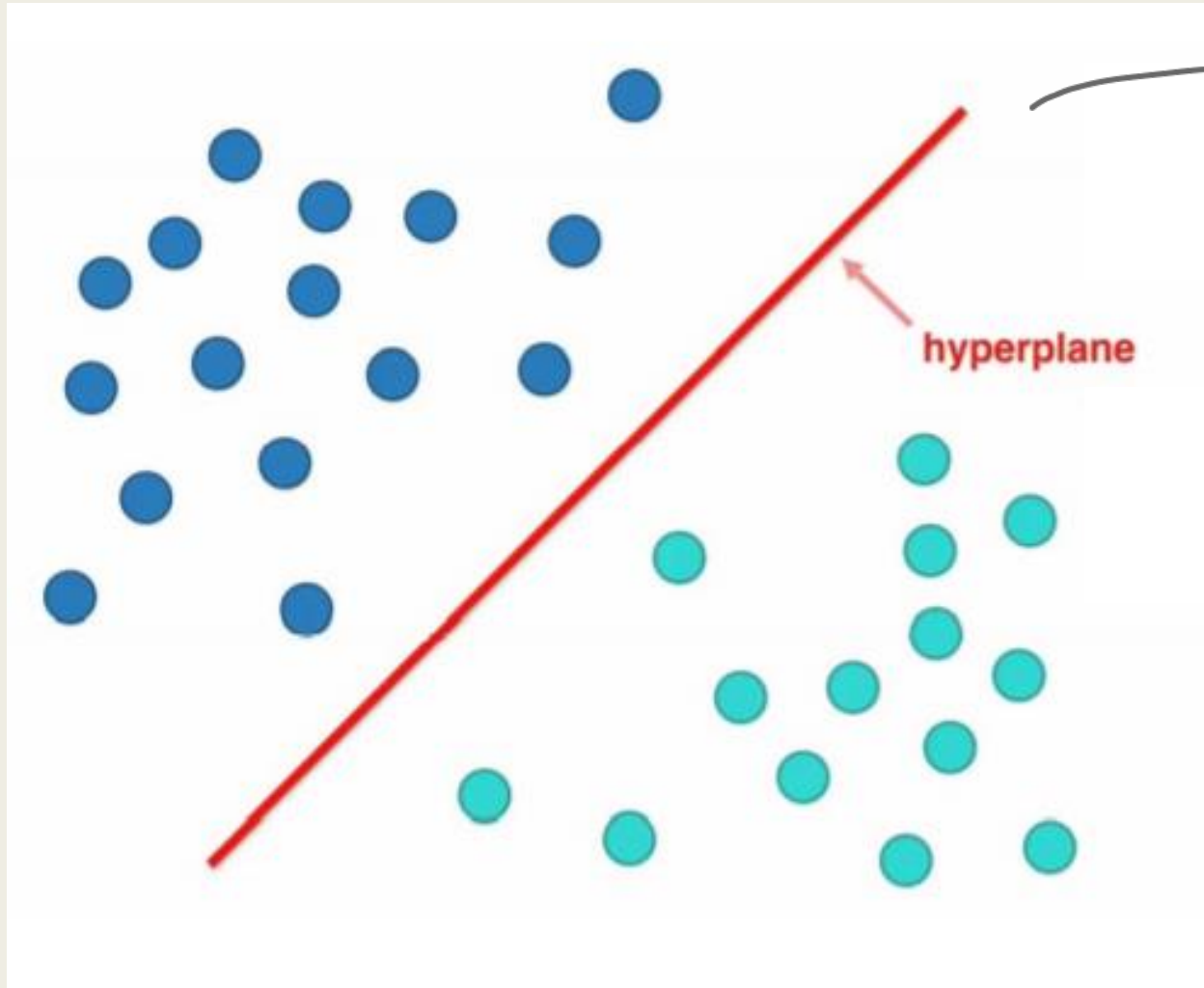
- Why is this the best split?

means again

The distance between the **support vectors** and the line are as far as possible

should be far as possible

# Hyperplane



- Split the data in the best possible way

- This **hyperplane** best splits the data

In general ,lots of possible solutions i.e. lines for best splits the data.

# Two things in SVM

also two parameters

• kernels

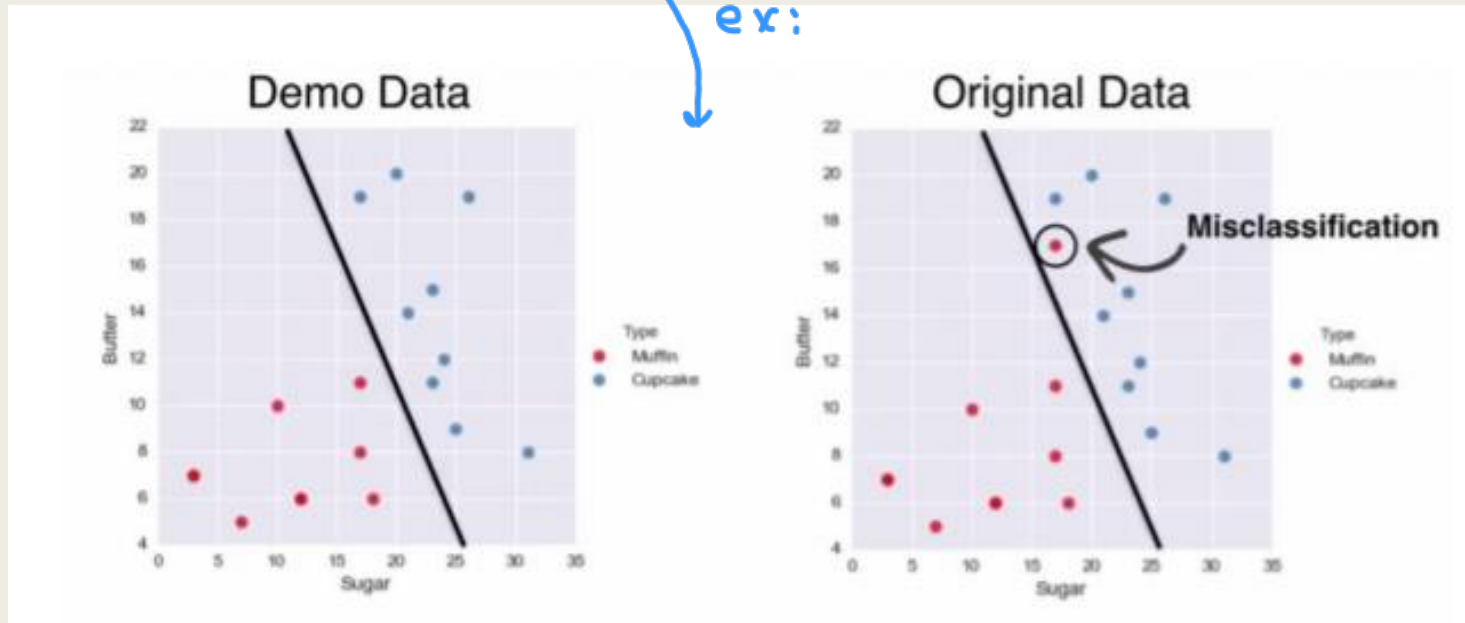
↓  
transform data  
into higher plane

• C parameter

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adjust degree  
of overfitting

- Setting a larger margin
- Lowering misclassification rate (how much a model mis qualifies a data)

ex:



- Misclassification can be avoided with C parameter. The degree of overfitting will be decided by C parameter. Just check the next slide

# Regularization

- The “C” parameter in Python’s SkLearn Library
- Optimizes SVM classifier to avoid misclassifying the data
- $C \rightarrow \text{large}$ , Margin of hyperplane  $\rightarrow$  small or soft margin
- $C \rightarrow \text{small}$ , margin of hyperplane  $\rightarrow$  large (possibility of misclassification is high)

$\rightarrow$  not allow misclassification

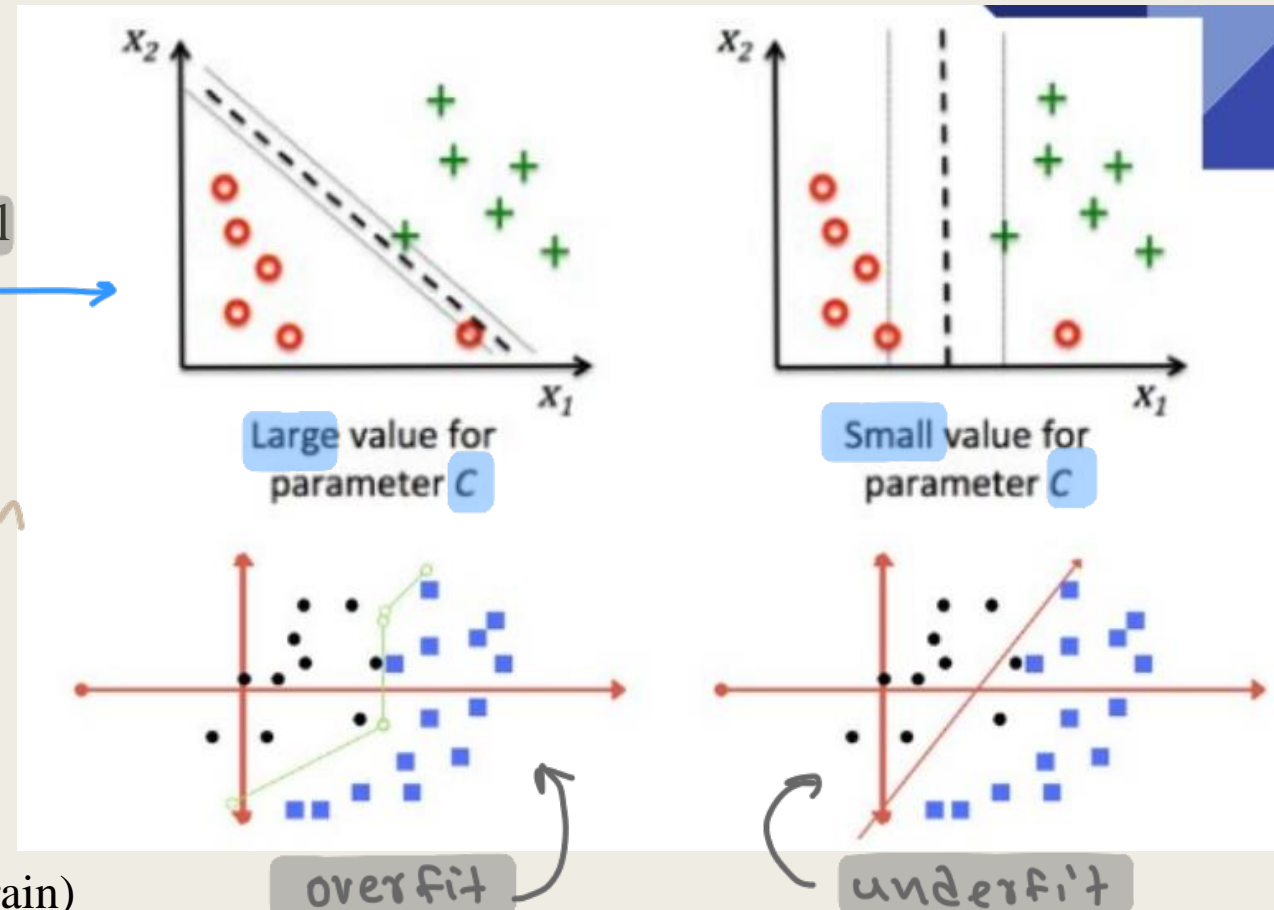
$C \rightarrow \text{large}$ , chance of overfit

$C \rightarrow \text{small}$ , chance of underfitting

$\rightarrow$  allow misclassification

```
clf = svm.SVC(kernel='linear', C=1).fit(X_train, y_train)
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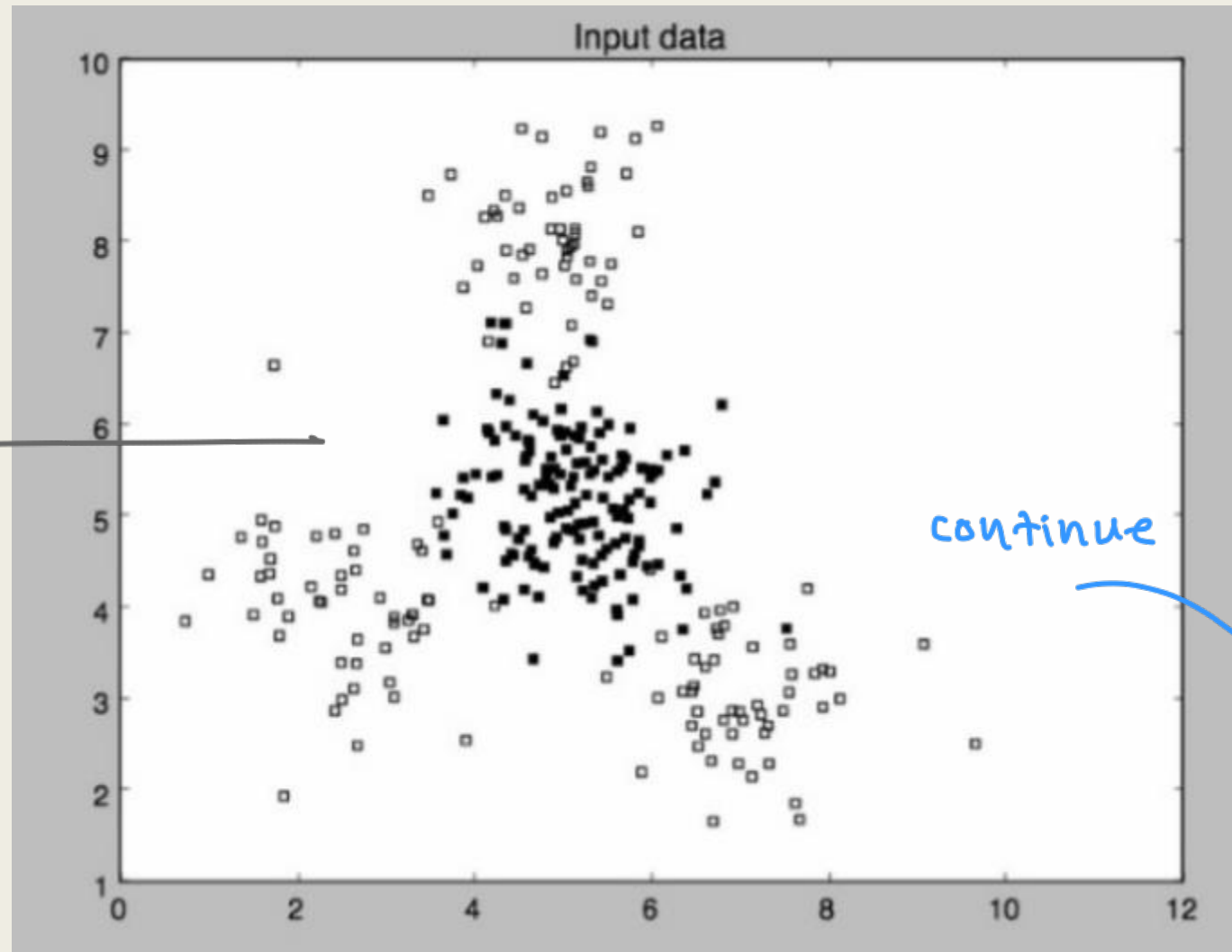
Training accuracy may higher but lower when predict



# Example

difficult to classify

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use kernels to  
transform into  
classifiable data



- The preceding figure consists of two types of points – **solid squares** and **empty squares**.



# Kernels

transform into  
higher dimension

- Mathematical functions for transforming data
- Using some linear algebra
- Different SVM algorithms use different types of kernel functions

In practice, SVM algorithm is implemented with kernel that transforms an input data space into the required form. SVM uses a technique called the kernel trick in which kernel takes a low dimensional input space and transforms it into a higher dimensional space. In simple words, kernel converts non-separable problems into separable problems by adding more dimensions to it.

- Various kernels available

linear kernel

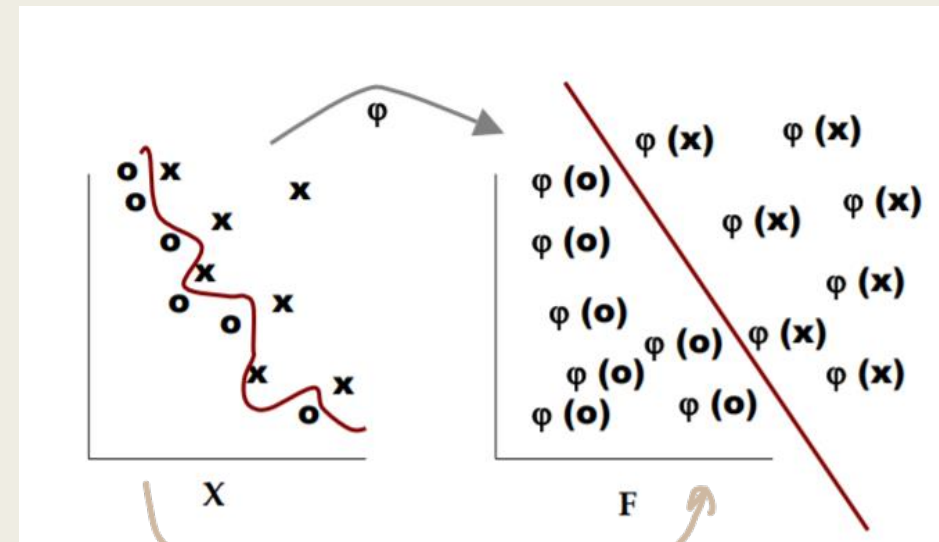
Non-linear kernel

Radial basis function (RBF)

Sigmoid

Polynomial

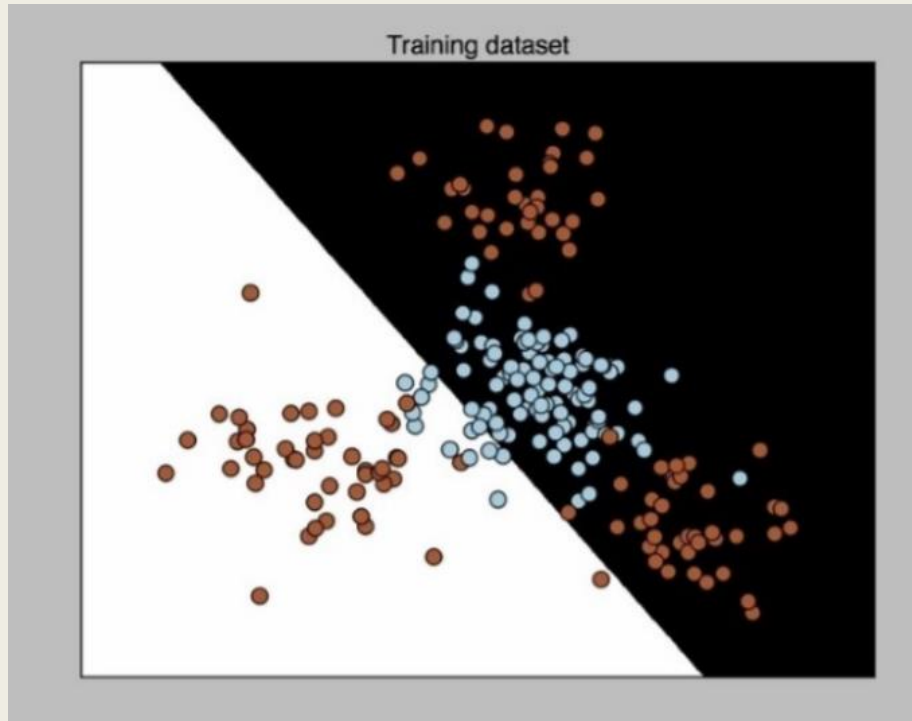
Exponential





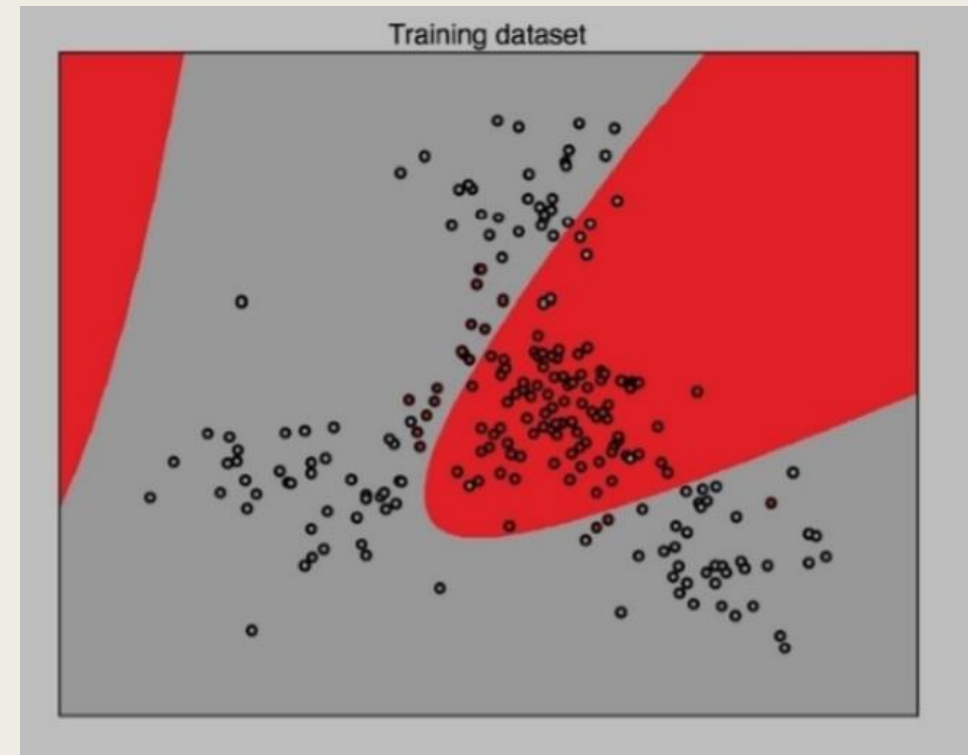
# Codes ; kernel Trick 1

- `params = {'kernel': 'linear'}`
  - `classifier = SVC(**params)`
- Default*



polynomial with degree  
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- `params = {'kernel': 'poly', 'degree': 3}`  
`classifier = SVC(**params)`



The SVM based classifier is called the SVC (Support Vector Classifier) and used in classification problems.

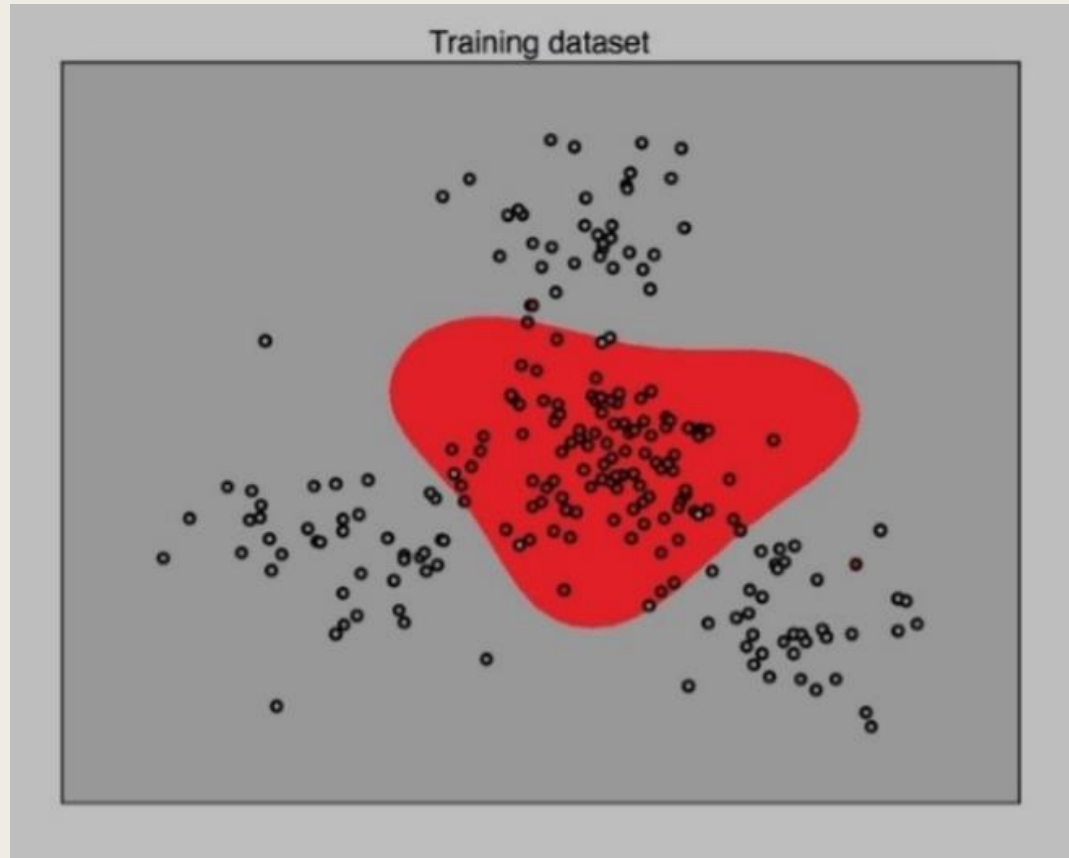
# Codes ; kernel Trick 2

- Radial basis function (RBF)

→ for splitting in the middle

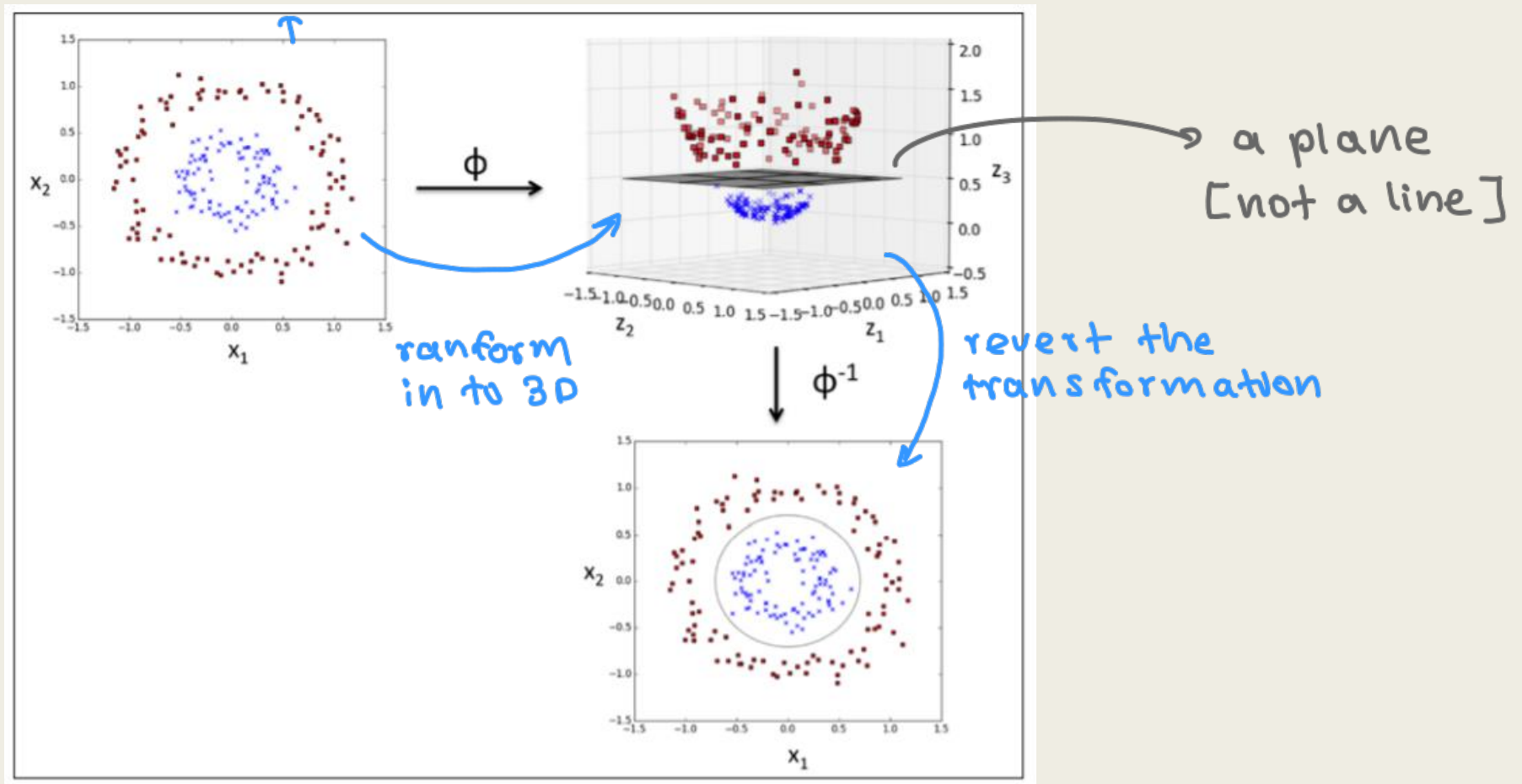
```
params = {'kernel': 'rbf', 'probability': True}
```

```
classifier = SVC(**params)
```



# Codes ; kernel Trick 3

- This allows us to separate the two classes shown in the plot via a linear hyperplane that becomes a nonlinear decision boundary if we project it back onto the original feature space:



# Pros

- It works really well with clear margin of separation
- It is effective in high dimensional spaces
- It is effective in cases where number of dimensions is greater than the number of samples  
↳ features
- It uses a subset of training points in the decision function (called support vectors), so it also memory efficient

# Cons:

- It doesn't perform well, when we have large data set because the required training time is higher
- It also doesn't perform very well, when the data set has more noise i.e. target classes are overlapping

# Application

- Face detection
- Text and hypertext categorization
- Classification of images
- Bioinformatics
- Handwriting recognition
- Protein fold and remote homology detection
- Generalized predictive control (GPC)

# Predictive modeling

extract useful  
info from large dataset

- Concerning data mining to forecast future trends.

used for

- Predictive modeling is an analysis technique that is used to predict the future behavior of a system