

EECS 445

Introduction to **Machine Learning**

**Linear Classifiers and the
Perceptron Algorithm**

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Today's Agenda

- Machine Learning

- Supervised Learning

- Linear Classifiers

- Linear classifiers: what and why intuitively
 - Linear classifiers: algebraically and geometrically
 - Classification Algorithm: Perceptron
 - » notion of error
 - » 'ideal' case: linear separability
 - » without and with offset
 - Non-linear separability and linear classifiers



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Announcements

- Weekly announcements on canvas (include course highlights)
- We are aware of exam conflicts with STATS250 for the final and EECS376/EECS492 for the midterm
 - Please contact your other course instructors!
- Homework 1 is out – please be aware of due date. Check gradescope access.
 - python quickstart this Thursday (tomorrow)
- Office hours (including proffice hours) are available on calendar (multiple times: evenings, weekends; modalities: in person, hybrid, online)
 - expectations: review course material, be prepared to walk the staff through your attempt to get the most out of your time
 - Proffice hours will be focused on conceptual understanding

Supervised Learning

Linear Binary Classifier

Supervised Learning

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In general, most of the topics are not clearly explained, the chapters are not self-contained. In addition, most of the problems at the end of the chapters, consist in completing the steps between the book's equations, which I think is not very didactic, since it's just completing a bit of algebra. There are very few problems that really put you to think.

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features of the review

label of the review

Goal:

Fan G

★★★★★ **Great book for theoretical machine learning**

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A very in-depth book on the topic. I used this book for my graduate level Machine Learning and Bayesian Methods courses. The book assumes solid math or other quantitative backgrounds from readers, as it jumps right into advanced calculus, linear algebra and optimization without much explanation. It pretty much expects you to derive the intermediate steps yourself or read the details from the original paper. I would only recommend it to people studying or doing research in theoretical machine learning.

features of the review

predict the label of the review

Supervised Learning - Classification

- Labeled Dataset:
 - Features: star rating (1 – 5 stars),
length of review (max length of 200 words).
 - Labels: helpful/unhelpful

(fractional) star rating	(fractional) review length	helpful
0.6	0.7	+
0.2	0.2	-
0.8	0.2	-
0.2	0.9	+
0.6	0.4	?

Binary Classifier

Problem: predict whether a (new unlabeled) review is helpful (+) or unhelpful (-)

Classification as an ML problem

1. Feature vector

- Features are **statistics** or **attributes** that describe the data.
- Represent data in terms of vectors.

n training datapoints
 i th datapoint $\vec{x}^{(i)}$
 \vec{x} represents a vector

star rating (as a fraction of 5 stars);
 length of review (as a fraction of 200 words)

In general

$\vec{x}^{(i)} \in \mathcal{X}$
 feature space

$\vec{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 d -dimensional reals

$\vec{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ or
 $\vec{x}^{(i)} \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$
 $[0,1]^2$

1	0.6	0.7	+
2	0.2	0.2	-
3	1	0.9	+
	0.2	0.9	-
	0.6	0.2	?

e.g., $\vec{x}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$
 convention: column vector



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≥ 10 people then + else -

2. Labels

In general

$$y^{(i)} \in \{+1, -1\}$$

$$y^{(i)} \in \mathcal{Y}$$

label space

Classification as an ML problem

3. Training dataset

0.6	0.7	+
0.2	0.2	-
0.8	0.2	-
0.2	0.9	+
0.6	0.2	?

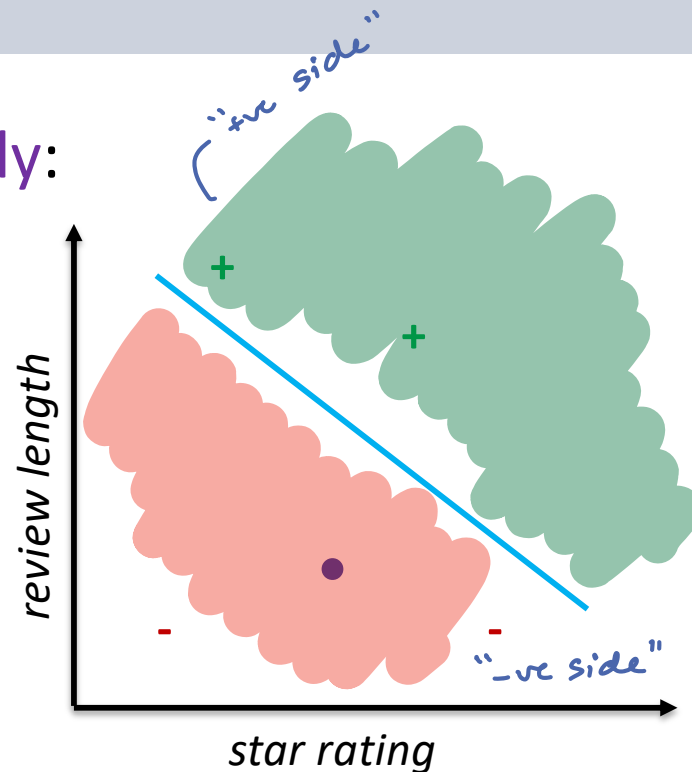
In general

$$S_n = \{ (\bar{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \}_{i=1}^n$$

This is a **Supervised Learning** problem

Supervised Learning - Classification

- Geometrically:



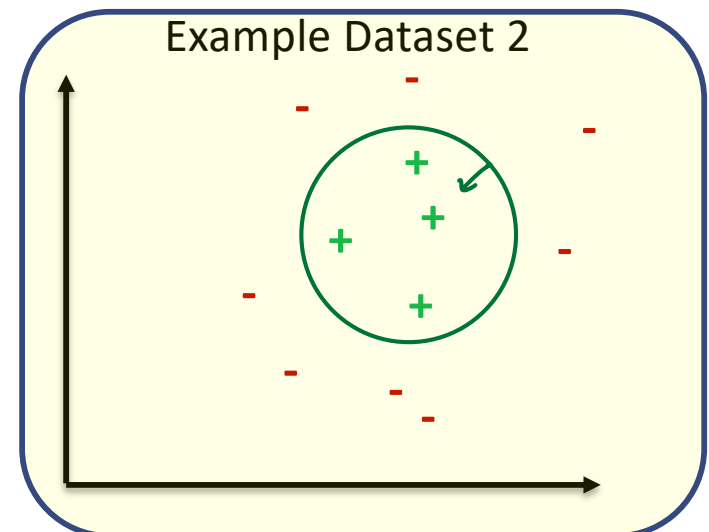
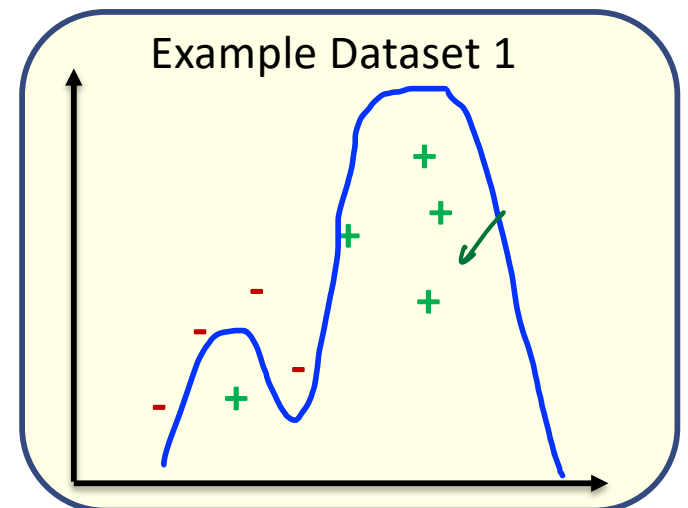
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- Goal:** Learn a linear decision boundary

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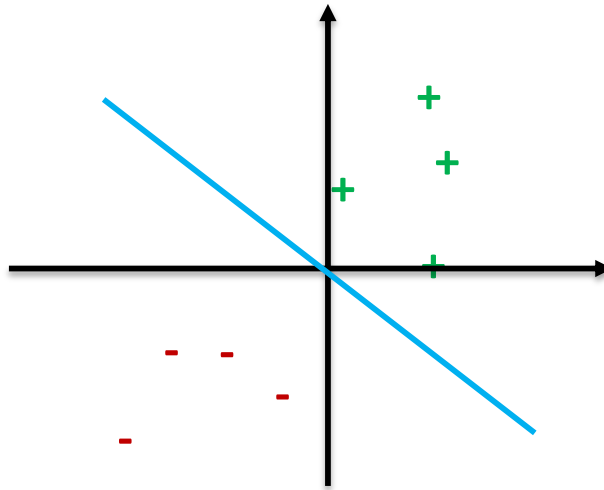
- Let \mathcal{H} be the set of classifiers under consideration
 - e.g., \mathcal{H} is the set of all hyperplanes (where the ambient space is \mathbb{R}^d)
- Too many choices not always a good thing
 - May lead to **overfitting**
- Solution?
 - Constrain possible choices i.e., \mathcal{H}
- Caution!
 - \mathcal{H} cannot be too constrained either
 - May lead to **underfitting**
- This problem is called **model selection**



Linear Classifier

Goal: Learn a linear decision boundary

i.e., constrain possible choices \mathcal{H} to hyperplanes



simplifying assumptions:

- constrain \mathcal{H} to be the set of all hyperplanes that **go through the origin**
 - e.g., in \mathbb{R}^2 this is the set of lines that go through the origin
- constrain problem to datasets that are **linearly separable**

Linear Classifiers

Linear models are powerful (more than they may appear to be now)



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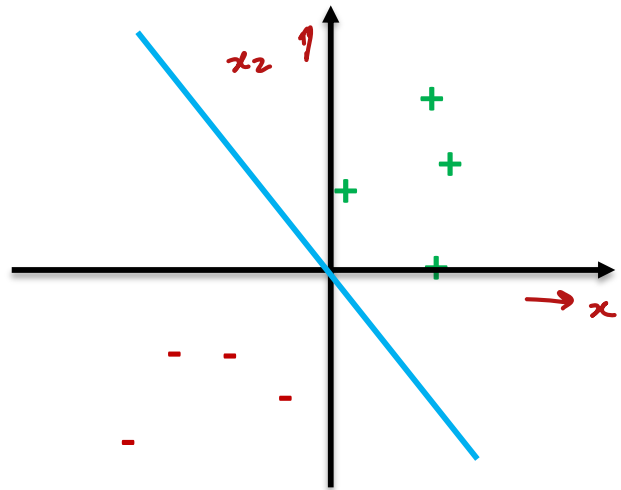
Hyperplanes in \mathbb{R}^d

Definition: A *hyperplane* in \mathbb{R}^d can be specified by parameter vector $\bar{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and offset $b \in \mathbb{R}$

It is the set of points $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} + b = 0$

$$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = \theta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \theta_d x_d = \sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i x_i$$

$\bar{\theta}$ is orthogonal to the hyperplane
 $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$



in \mathbb{R}^2 this is the set of lines

$$\bar{x}^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(i)} \\ x_2^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = mx + b$$

slope

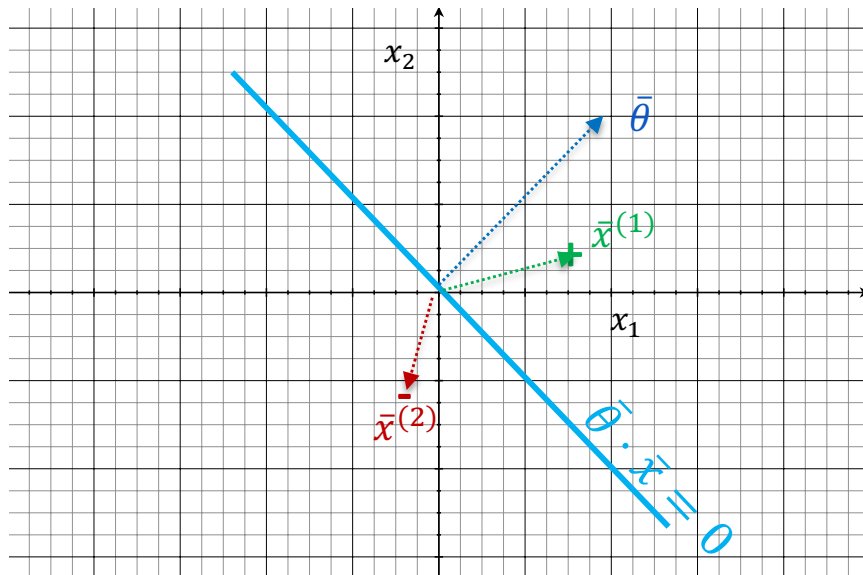
y intercept

$$\theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + b = 0$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} x_1 - \frac{b}{\theta_2}$$

Linear Classification in 2D

The hyperplane $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$ can be described by the vector $\bar{\theta}$
 $\bar{\theta}$ is orthogonal to the hyperplane $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$



e.g., $\bar{\theta} = [10, 10]^T$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} \\ x_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x}^{(2)} < 0$$

Claim:

$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} > 0 \rightarrow$ lie on the same side of the decision boundary
 $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} < 0 \rightarrow$ lie on opposite sides of the decision boundary
 $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$
 \hookrightarrow if datapoint \bar{x} lies on the decision boundary

Recall from Linear Algebra

for $\bar{\theta}, \bar{x} \in \mathbf{R}^d$

- L2 norm of $\bar{\theta}$

$$\|\bar{\theta}\|_2^2 = \theta_1^2 + \dots + \theta_d^2$$

- dot product

$$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d = \sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i x_i = \|\bar{\theta}\|_2 \|\bar{x}\|_2 \cos \alpha$$

Case 1: $0^\circ \leq \alpha < 90^\circ$ and $270^\circ < \alpha \leq 360^\circ$

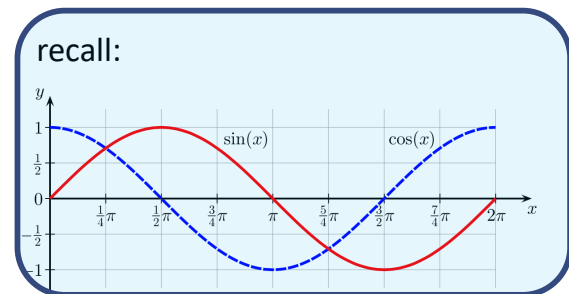
$$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} > 0$$

Case 2: $90^\circ < \alpha < 270^\circ$

$$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} < 0$$

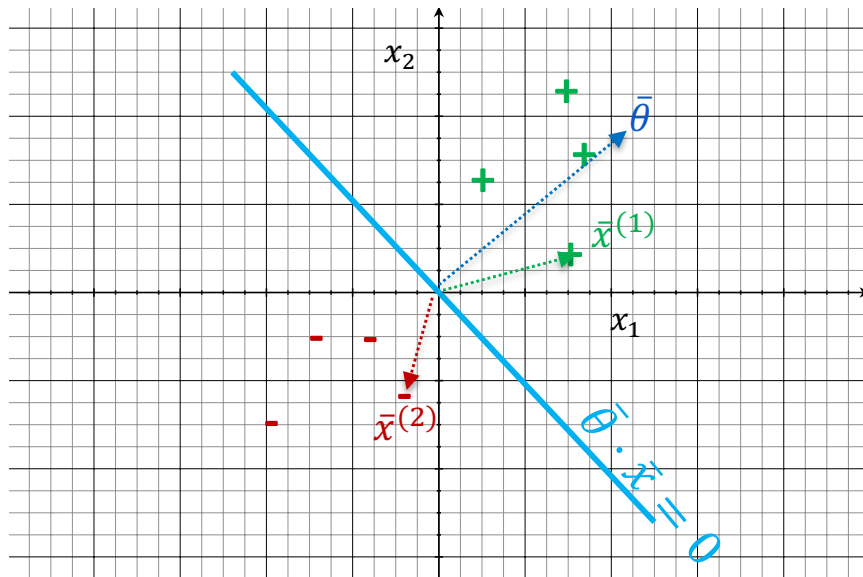
Case 3: $\alpha \in \{90^\circ, 270^\circ\}$

$$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$$



Linear Classification in 2D

The hyperplane $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$ can be described by the vector $\bar{\theta}$
 $\bar{\theta}$ is orthogonal to the hyperplane $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$



Goal:

Find a vector $\bar{\theta}$ so that all training datapoints are correctly classified*

This suggests a natural way to define a linear classifier;
given a hyperplane with parameter $\bar{\theta}$ the prediction for a datapoint \bar{x} is :

$$h(\bar{x}; \bar{\theta}) = \text{sign}(\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x})$$

Linear Classification in 2D

Goal: Learn a linear decision boundary *through the origin*

More precisely,

learn $\bar{\theta}$ such that the hyperplane $\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$ separates the positive from the negative examples

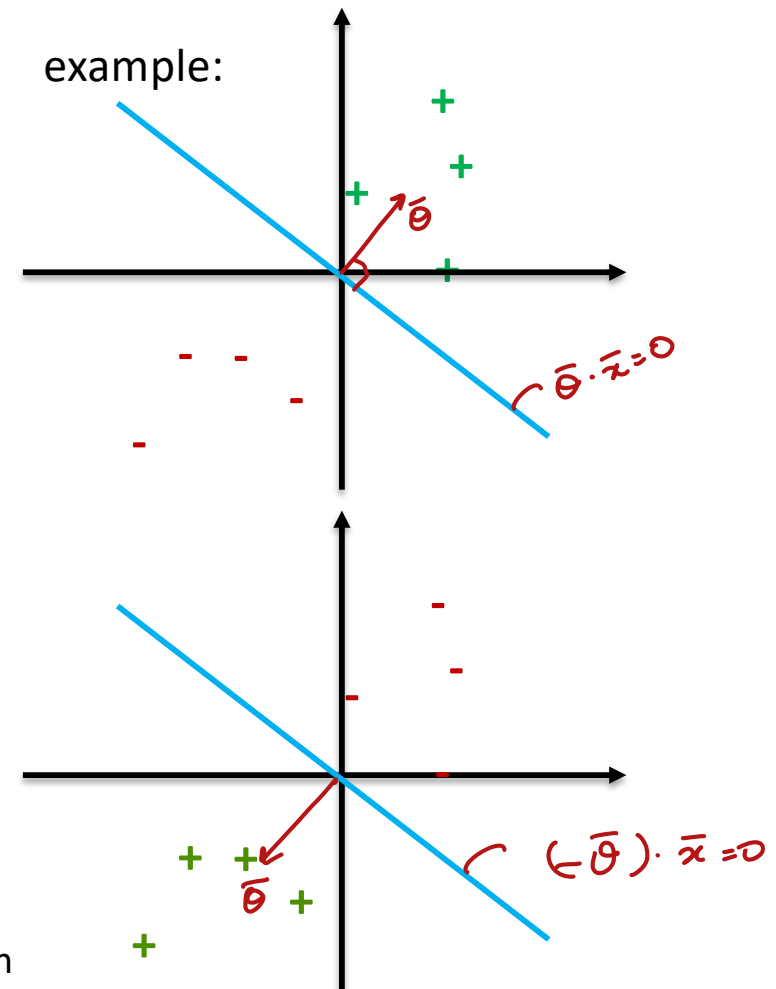
Define linear classifier as

$$h(\bar{x}; \bar{\theta}) = \text{sign}(\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x})$$

The choice of $\bar{\theta}$ determines:

1. orientation of the hyperplane
e.g., in \mathbb{R}^2
2. the *predicted* class label

Note: In d dimensions this defines a hyperplane that goes through the origin



Linear separability: definition

without offset

Given training examples

$$S_n = \{(\bar{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$$

we say the data are **linearly separable**

if there exists $\bar{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

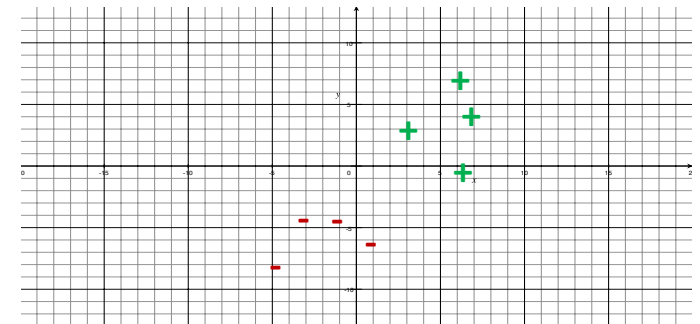
such that

$$\text{sign}(\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x}^{(i)}) = y^{(i)}$$

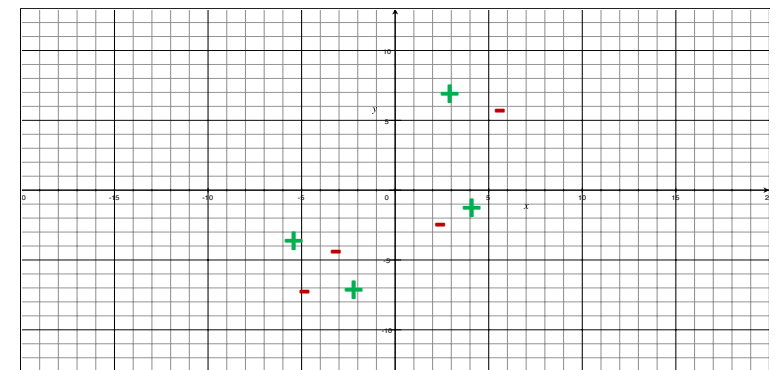
for $i = 1, \dots, n$. We refer to

$$\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x} = 0$$

as a **separating hyperplane**



linearly separable



not linearly separable

Selecting $\bar{\theta}$

- Find $\bar{\theta}$ that **works well** on **training data** $S_n = \{(\bar{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$
- Training error

$$E_n(\bar{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}[y^{(i)} \neq h(\bar{x}^{(i)}; \bar{\theta})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}[y^{(i)}(\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x}^{(i)}) \leq 0]$$

Indicator function:

$$\mathbb{I}[p] = \begin{cases} 1, & p \text{ is true} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Notice that

True label $y^{(i)}$	Predicted label $h(\bar{x}^{(i)}; \bar{\theta})$	$y^{(i)} h(\bar{x}^{(i)}; \bar{\theta})$
+1	+1	+1
+1	-1	-1
-1	+1	-1
-1	-1	+1

$$h(\bar{x}^{(i)}; \bar{\theta}) = \text{sign}(\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x}^{(i)})$$

< 0 misclassified
 > 0 correctly classified
 $= 0$ misclassified ($\bar{x}^{(i)}$ lies on the decision boundary)

Training Error gives us the fraction of misclassified points in a training dataset

Linear Classifier

Given: training data $S_n = \{(\bar{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$

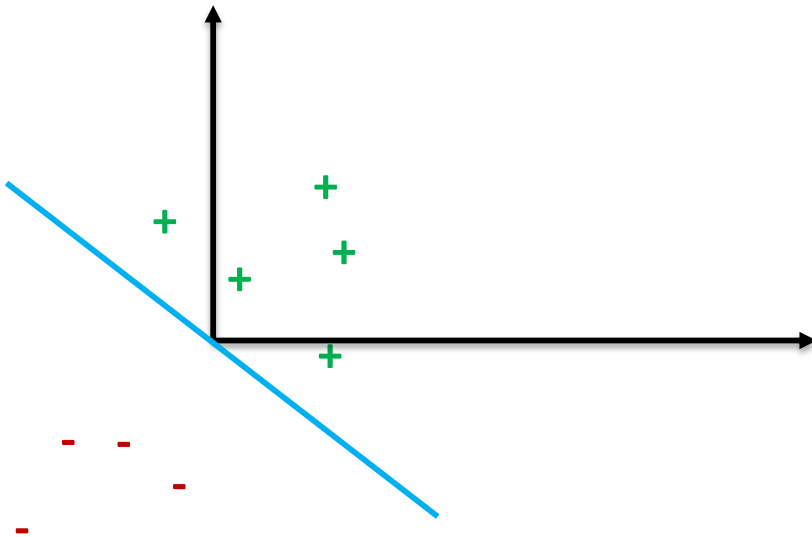
$$\bar{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$y^{(i)} \in \{+1, -1\}$$

Goal: Learn a **linear decision boundary** (through the origin) that minimizes **training error**

$$h(\bar{x}; \bar{\theta}) = \text{sign}(\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x})$$

$$\bar{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$



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simplifying assumptions: linear separability

The Perceptron Algorithm



Perceptron Algorithm

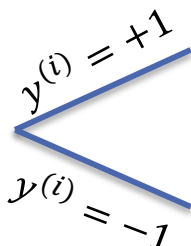
On input $S_n = \{(\bar{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$

Initialize $k = 0, \bar{\theta}^{(0)} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$

while there exists a misclassified point

for $i = 1, \dots, n$

if $y^{(i)}(\bar{\theta}^{(k)} \cdot \bar{x}^{(i)}) \leq 0$


$$\bar{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\theta}^{(k)} + y^{(i)} \bar{x}^{(i)}$$
$$\bar{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\theta}^{(k)} - \bar{x}^{(i)}$$

$k++$

If the data are **linearly separable**

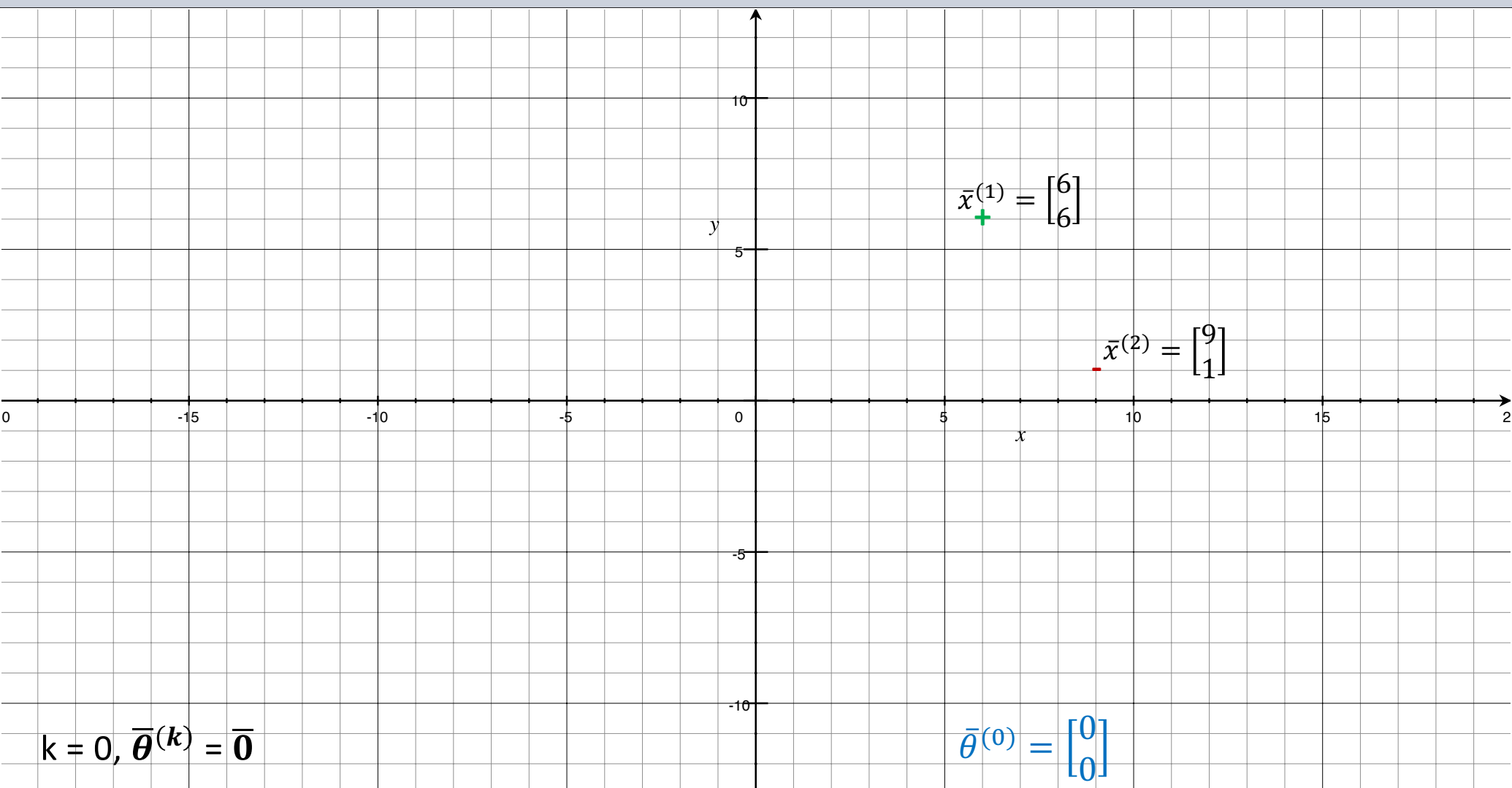
then this algorithm finds a **separating hyperplane**

Notes and Observations

Note: the perceptron is actually a (type of) single layer Neural Network

- building block of Deep Learning
- more on this later in the course
- The perceptron algorithm
 - updates based on a single (misclassified) point at a time
 - moves the hyperplane in the ‘right’ direction based on that point

Theorem: The perceptron algorithm *converges* after a finite number of steps *when the training examples are linearly separable*



$$k = 0, \bar{\theta}^{(k)} = \bar{0}$$

while there exists a misclassified point

for i = 1, ..., n

if $y^{(i)}(\bar{\theta}^{(k)} \cdot \bar{x}^{(i)}) \leq 0$

$$\bar{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\theta}^{(k)} + y^{(i)}\bar{x}^{(i)}$$

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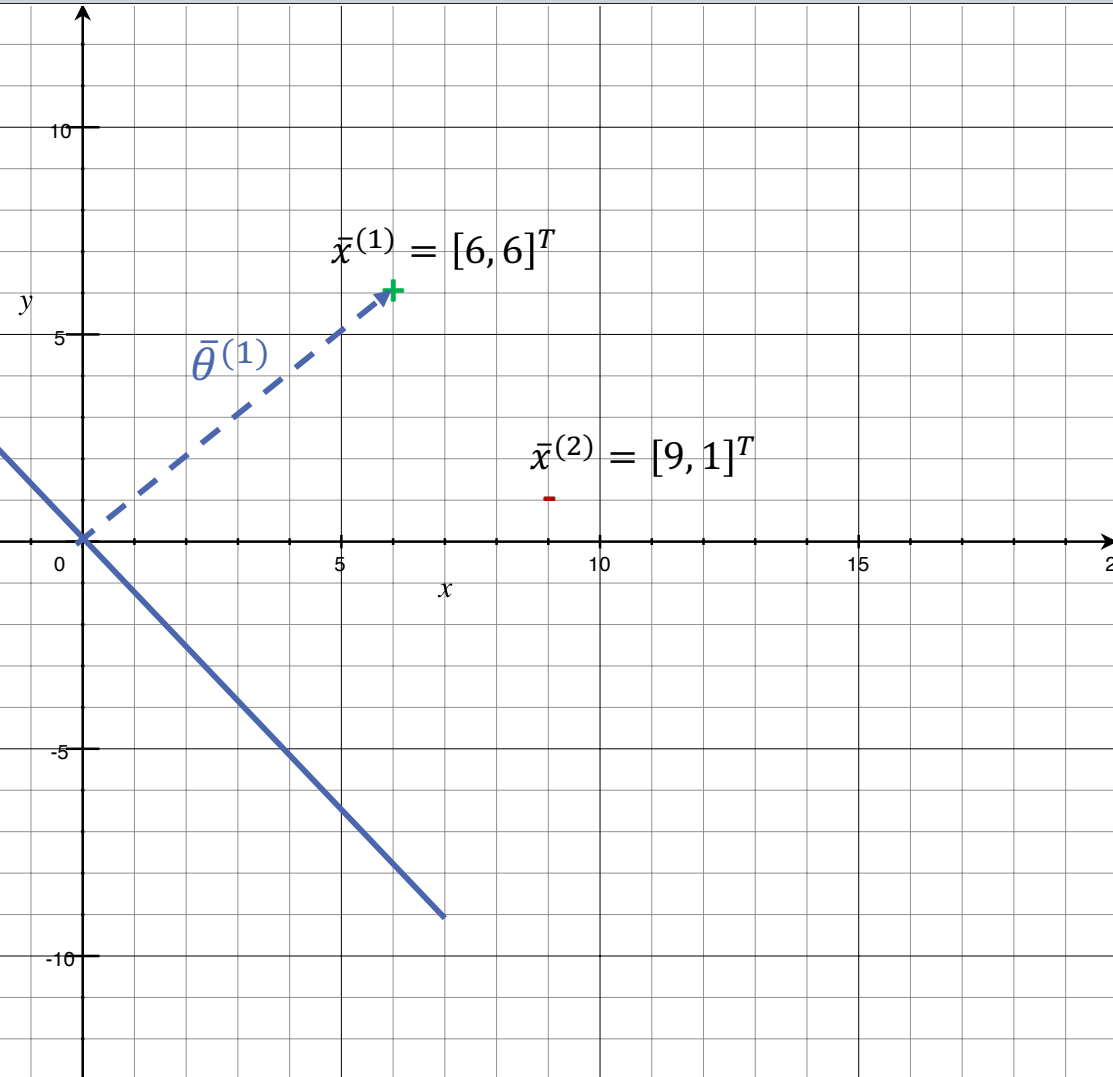
$$\bar{\theta}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\theta}^{(1)} = \bar{\theta}^{(0)} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

	dimension 1	dimension 2	label
Datapoint 1	6	6	+
Datapoint 2	9	1	-



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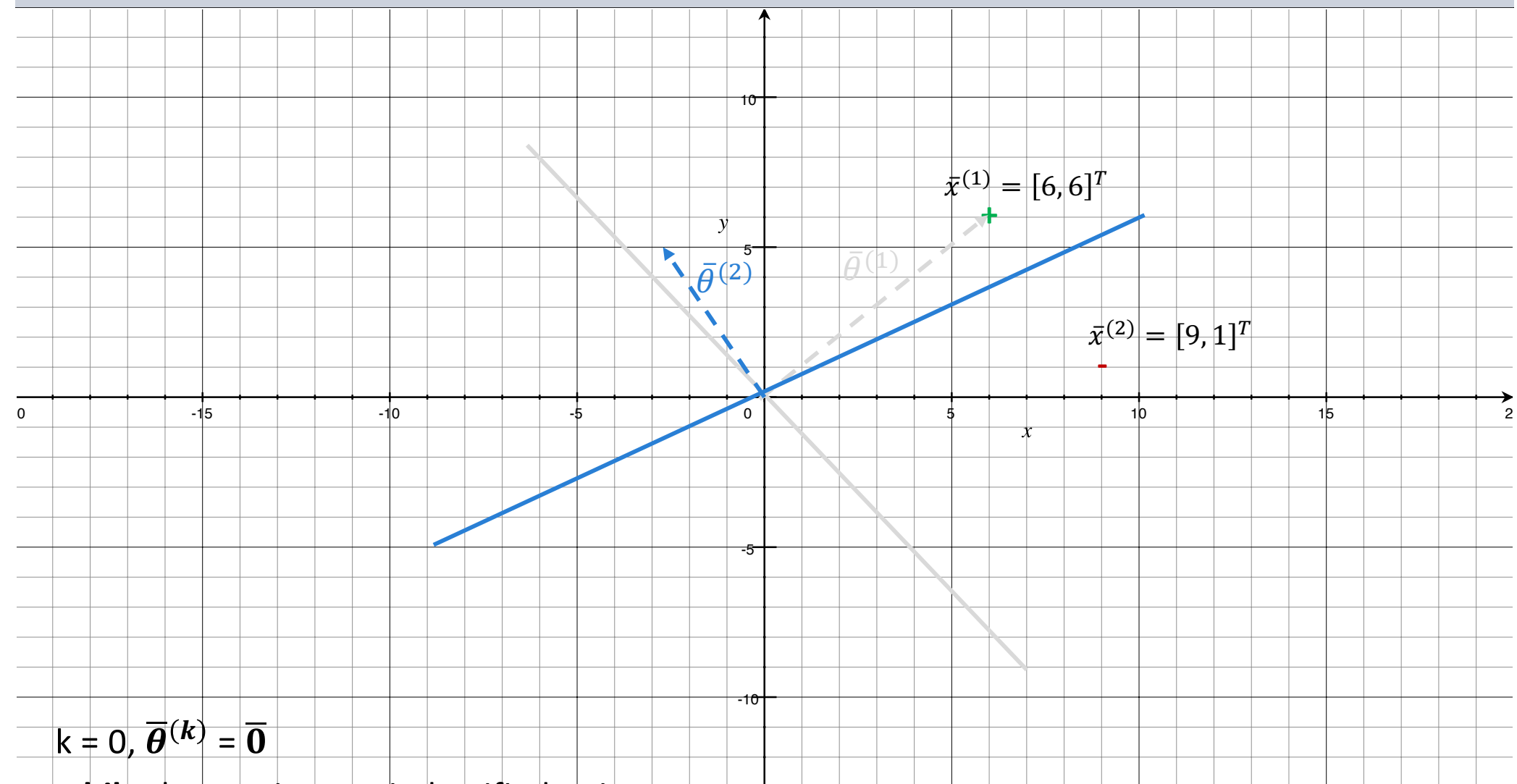
$k++$

$\bar{\theta}^{(2)} =$

- A. no more updates
- B. $[15, 7]^T$
- C. $[-3, 5]^T$
- D. unsure

$\bar{\theta}^{(0)} = [0, 0]^T$

$k = 0, i = 1$
 $\bar{\theta}^{(1)} = \bar{\theta}^{(0)} + \bar{x}^{(1)} = [6, 6]^T$



$k = 0, \bar{\theta}^{(k)} = \bar{\theta}$

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$\bar{\theta}^{(0)} = [0, 0]^T$

$k = 0, i = 1$

$\bar{\theta}^{(1)} = \bar{\theta}^{(0)} + \bar{x}^{(1)} = [6, 6]^T$

$k = 1, i = 2$

$\bar{\theta}^{(2)} = \bar{\theta}^{(1)} - \bar{x}^{(2)} = [-3, 5]^T$