

Learning as a redirection of the weight vector

We now can think of a 'learning step' (i.e., the modification of the weights by the presentation of a single pattern-target combination), as a realignment of the weight vector so that it will generate an appropriate inner product for that pattern (very positive if the target is +1 and very negative if the target is -1). After learning from all the training patterns, the final weight vector should be "directed" in such a way that it yields a large, positive inner product for all the patterns that had a +1 target. Graphically, it means that after training the weight vector should "point" to the cluster of training patterns from the "ON" ($t = +1$) class.

When learning from an input pattern + target the learning algorithm may:

1) change the weights (and bias)

(2) Re-direct the weight vector, w

3) "wobble" the (linear) Decision Boundary (DB)

$n = 0 \rightarrow$ "critical" value of n
 $p_1 w_{11} + p_2 w_{12} + b = 0 \rightarrow p_2 = \left(\frac{-w_{11}}{w_{12}} \right) p_1 + \left(\frac{-b}{w_{12}} \right)$
SLOPE CHG. INTERCEPT CHG.

4) INCREASE PROJECTION/ALIGNMENT (dot prod.) with current training pattern, if its target is "1".