

# Feature Engineering

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*In this lecture you will understand dimensionality transformation, feature engineering and pipeline of transformations*

# Some key terminology

- Given a k dimensional vector  $x$ ,

it should be imagined as composed of k components  $\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \dots \\ x_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}_{k \times 1}$

- It's  $i^{\text{th}}$  component is denoted by  $x_i$  or  $x[i]$
- L-j Norm of the vector is defined as  $|x|_j = (|x_0|^j + \dots + |x_{k-1}|^j)^{1/j}$
- Popular norms
  - L-1 norm
  - L-2 norm
- A matrix can be flattened to a vector,  $\text{vec}(M_{k \times l}) = [M[0][0], \dots, M[k-1][l-1]]$
- Dot product of two vectors,  $x \cdot y = x_0 y_0 + \dots + x_{k-1} y_{k-1}$
- Other usual operations as you must be familiar with

# Fitting a Line Passing Through Origin

- $y = m x$
- $L(m) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - m x_i)^2$
- $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times 1}$ ,  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times 1}$ ,  $W = [m]_{1 \times 1}$
- $L([m]) = (XW - Y)^T (XW - Y)$
- $\nabla L = \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial m} \right]$  // It's a function
- $W_{(new)} = W_{(old)} - \nabla L|_{W=W_{(old)}}$

Squared error type  
loss function

# Fitting a Line – slope and intercept

- $y = m x + c$
- $L(m) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (m x_i + c))^2$
- $\nabla L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial m} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial c} \end{bmatrix}$  // It's a function
- $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots \\ x_N & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{N \times 2}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times 1}$
- $W_{(new)} = W_{(old)} - \nabla L|_{W=W_{(old)}}$
- $W = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ c \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 1}$
- $L\left(\begin{bmatrix} m \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) = (XW - Y)^T (XW - Y)$

Squared error type  
loss function

# Fitting a Parabola?

- $y = a x^2 + b x + c$
- $L(a, b, c) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (a x_i^2 +$

# Fitting a Cubic curve?

- $y = a x^3 + b x^2 + c x + d$
- $L(m) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (a x_i^3 + b x_i^2 +$

# Fitting a Degree-K polynomial?

- $y = a_k x^k + \dots + a_0$
  - $L(m) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \sum_{j=0}^k a_j x^j)^2$
  - $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^k & \dots & x_1^2 & x_1^1 & 1 \\ \dots & & & & \\ x_N^k & \dots & x_N^2 & x_N^1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{N \times (k+1)},$
  - $Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times 1},$
  - $W = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ \dots \\ a_k \end{bmatrix}_{(k+1) \times 1}$
  - $L(W) = (XW - Y)^T (XW - Y)$
  - $\nabla L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_0} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_k} \end{bmatrix}$  // It's a function
  - $W_{(new)} = W_{(old)} - \nabla L|_{W=W_{(old)}}$
- Squared error type loss function

31) key phrase...

“feature/dimensionality/input transformation”

*An example of “feature transformation” of  $x_i$*

$$x_i \mapsto (x_i^0, x_i^1, \dots, x_i^k)$$



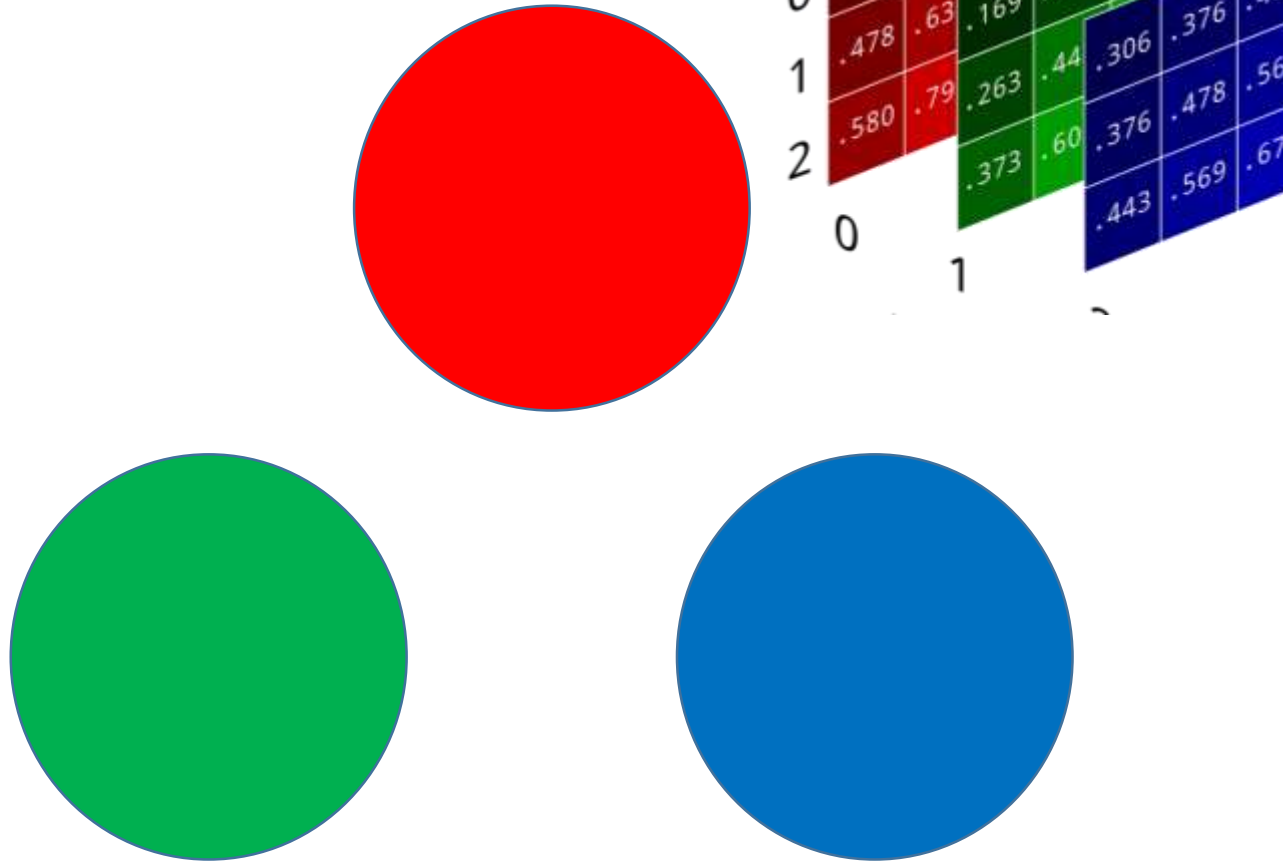
# Example... Polynomial transformation

- Polynomial transformation
  - Quadratic features:  $(a,b,c) \rightarrow (1,a,b,c, a^2, b^2, c^2, ab, ac, bc)$
  - Cubic features:  
 $(a,b,c) \rightarrow (1,a,b,c, a^2, b^2, c^2, ab, ac, bc, a^3, b^3, c^3, a^2b, a^2c, b^2a, b^2c, c^2a, c^2b, abc)$
  - *Degree  $k$  features...*
- Scikit-learn
  - *`sklearn.preprocessing.PolynomialFeatures()`*
  - *Example, degree=3*
  - *interaction\_only = False (or True)*
  - *include\_bias = True (or False)*

32) key phrase... “feature engineering”

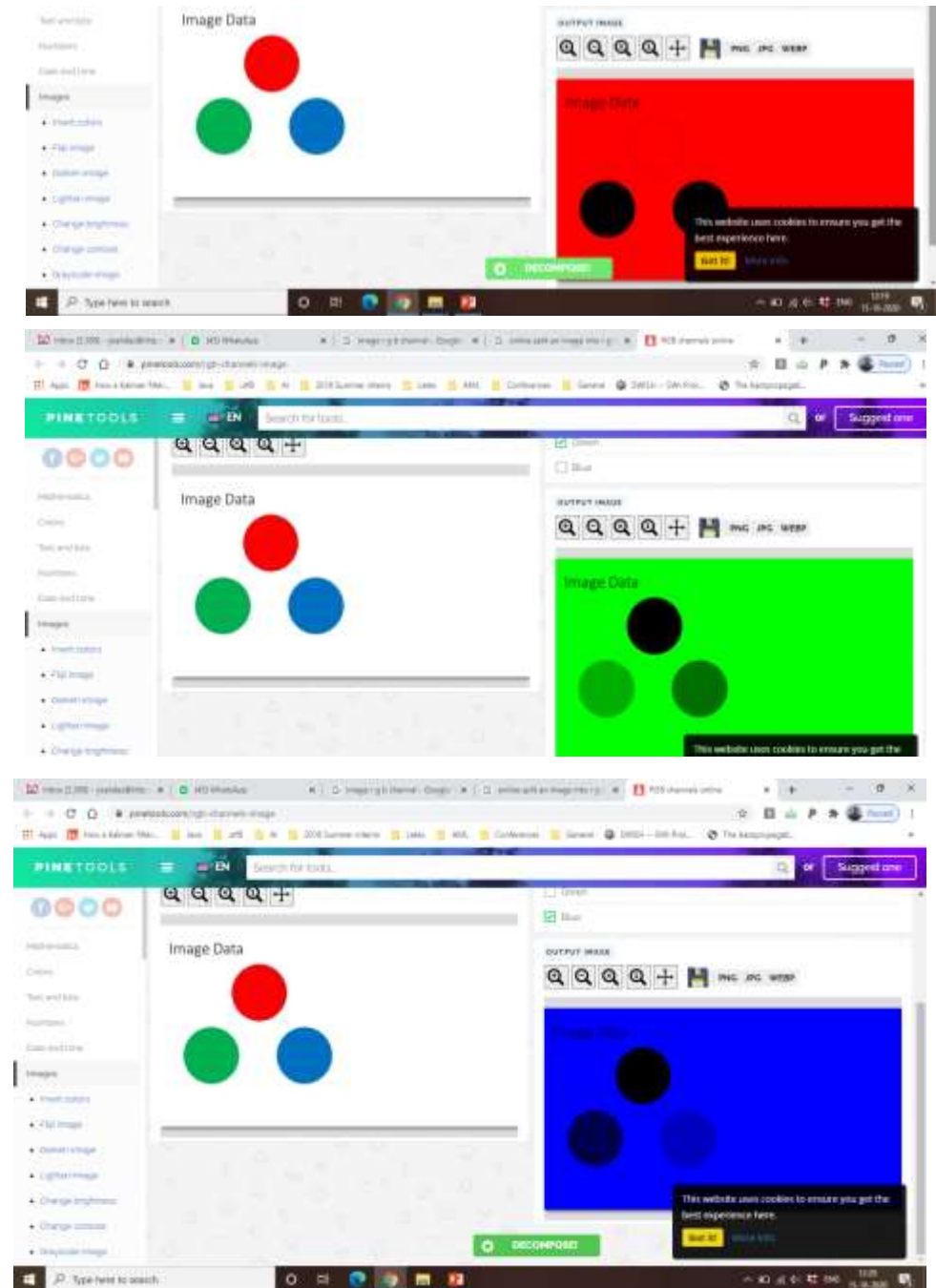
- Designing  $X$  matrix
- using feature transformation

# Image Data

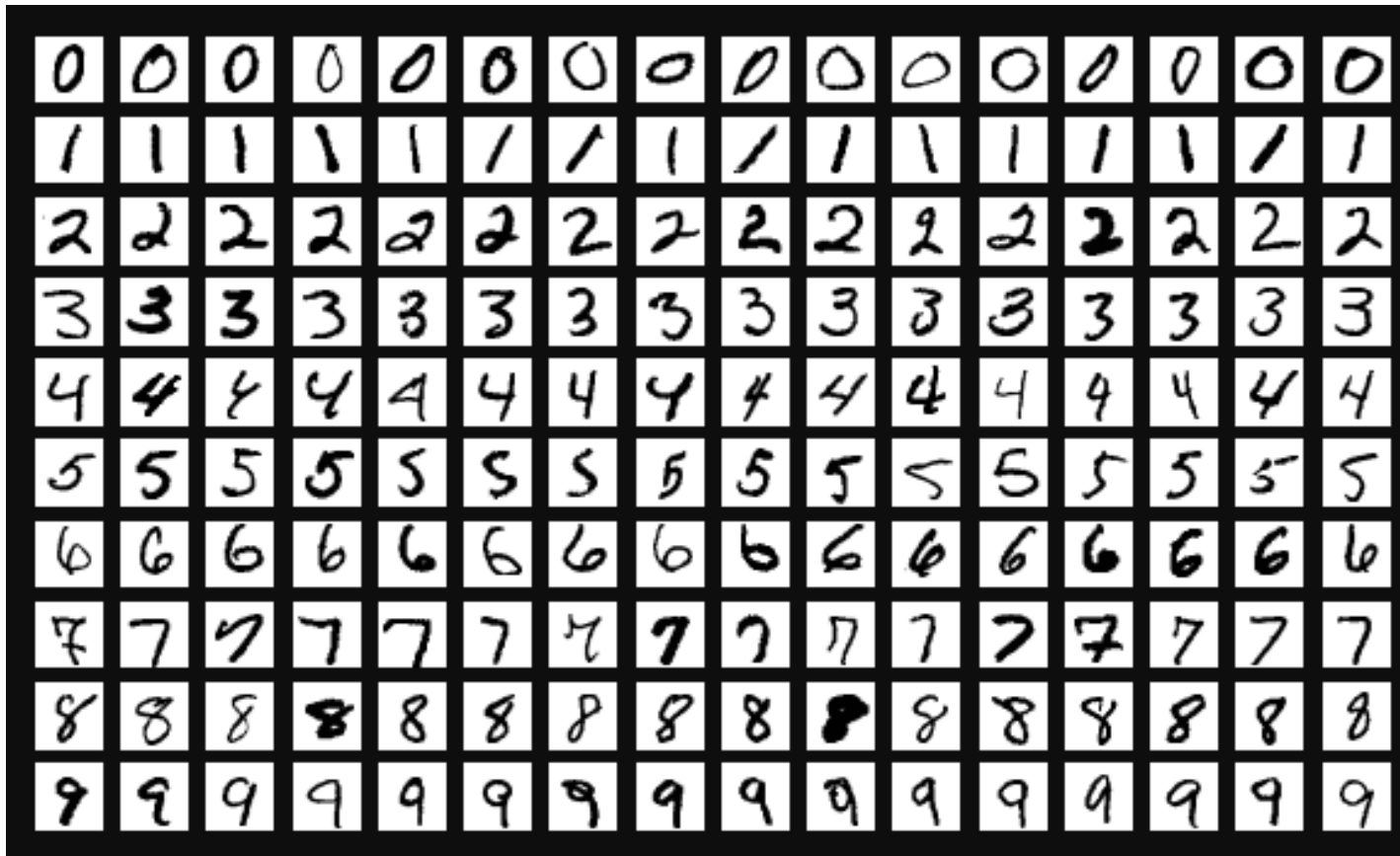


1. Three channels – red, blue and green
2. Each channel is a matrix of intensities
3. How do you vectorize? (easy..!?)

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# DIGITS



X0	X1						X7
X8	...	...	...	...	...	...	X15
...							...
...							...
X56	X57						X63

- Gray scale
- Each digit is on 8 x 8 pixel matrix
- Total 64 pixels
- An array of 64 numbers
- You can take some part as  $x_i$   
For example, x0 to x47 (48 pixels)
- Remaining part as  $y_i$   
For example, x48 to x63 (16 pixels)

# Text Features

Capitalization, small letters, capital letters  
punctuation etc.

- Data set - **Corpus**

- “I am going to school”
- “A teacher is **talking** about National movement”
- “We had machine **learning** examination today”
- “**Ramu** is **explaining** how to see through a binoculars”
- “**Zavid** is **playing** on a smart phone”

- **Pre-processing**

- all small letters
- Stemming
- Lemmatization
- Named Entity Recognition
- Several several several others... <https://www.nltk.org/>
- Good news – **READY TO USE LIBRARIES ARE THERE**

- Vocabulary 1 - **dictionary**

[ “i”, “am”, **“go”**, “to”, “school”, “a”, “teacher”, “is”, **“talk”**, “about”, “national”, “movement”,  
“we”, “had”, “machine”, **“learn”**, “examination”, “today”, **“person”**, **“explain”**, “how”, “to”,  
“see”, “through”, “binoculars”, **“play”**, “on”, “smart”, “phone” ]

- Vocabulary 2 – **dictionary**

[ “i”, “am”, **“go”**, “to”, “school”, “a”, “teacher”, “is”, **“talk”**, “about”, “national”, “movement”,  
“we”, “had”, **“machine learning”**, “examination”, “today”, **“ramu”**, **“zavid”**, **“explain”**, “how”,  
“to”, “see”, “through”, “binoculars”, **“play”**, “on”, “smart”, “phone” ]

“I am going to school” → [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, ... 0, 0]

“A teaching is talking about National movement” → [0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,... ...0 0,0]

# Challenge...

Time series data  $\rightarrow$  Vector

## Challenge..

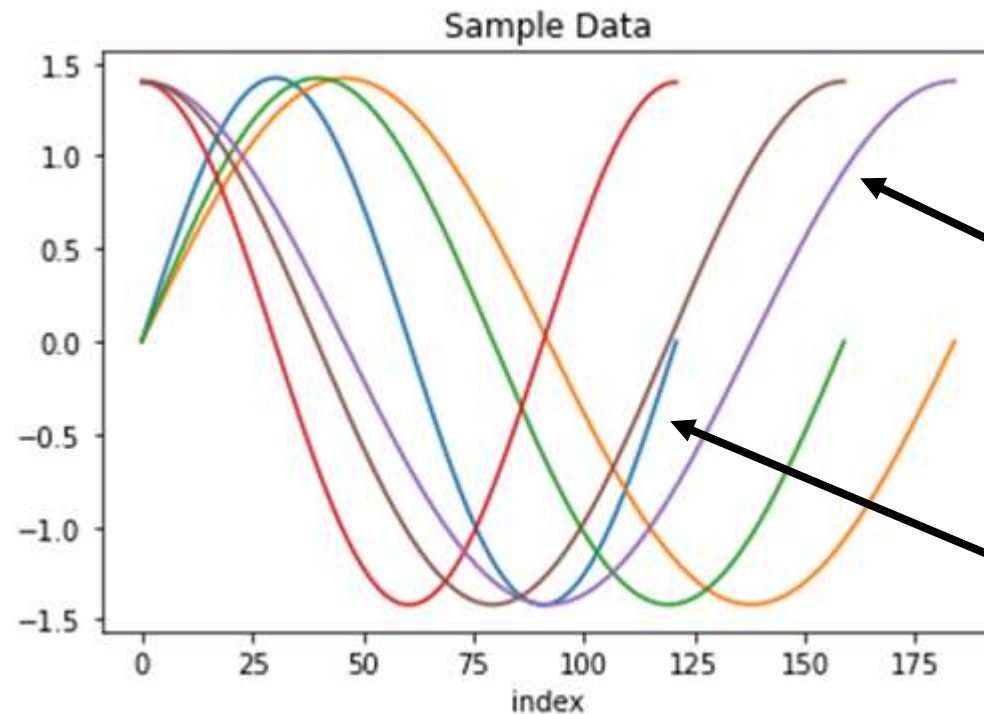
If you directly take raw amplitudes...

$x_i$  for longer wave will have more dimensions

$x_i$  for shorter wave will have less dimensions

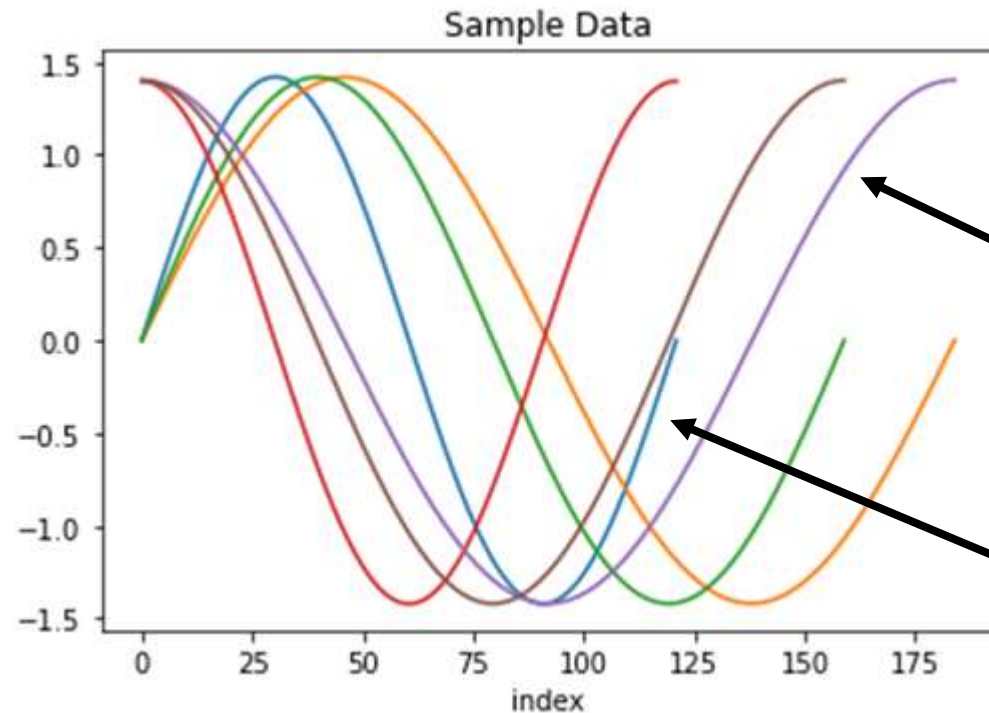
$\rightarrow$  You cannot choose  $w$  vector appropriately

$\rightarrow$  Means you cannot create



# Challenge... → Solution!

## Time series data → Vector



Challenge...

If you directly take raw amplitudes...

xi for longer wave will have more dimensions

xi for shorter wave will have less dimensions

→ You cannot chose w vector appropriately

→ Means you cannot create

**Solution**

Take mean, median, mode

Take maximum amplitude

Take maximum in 1<sup>st</sup> half, 2<sup>nd</sup> half etc.

Other **Length agnostic features**

$X_2$  axis

$x_i = (a, b)$  type of 2D point

$y_i \in \{0,1\}$

$D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i \in [1 \dots N]}, N = 15$

Model:  $f(x) = x^T w$

Loss function:  $L(y, f(x)) = (f(x) - y)^2$

$y_i = 1$

$y_i = 0$

$-, + : \text{Quadrant 2}$

$+, + : \text{Quadrant 1}$

$X_1$  axis

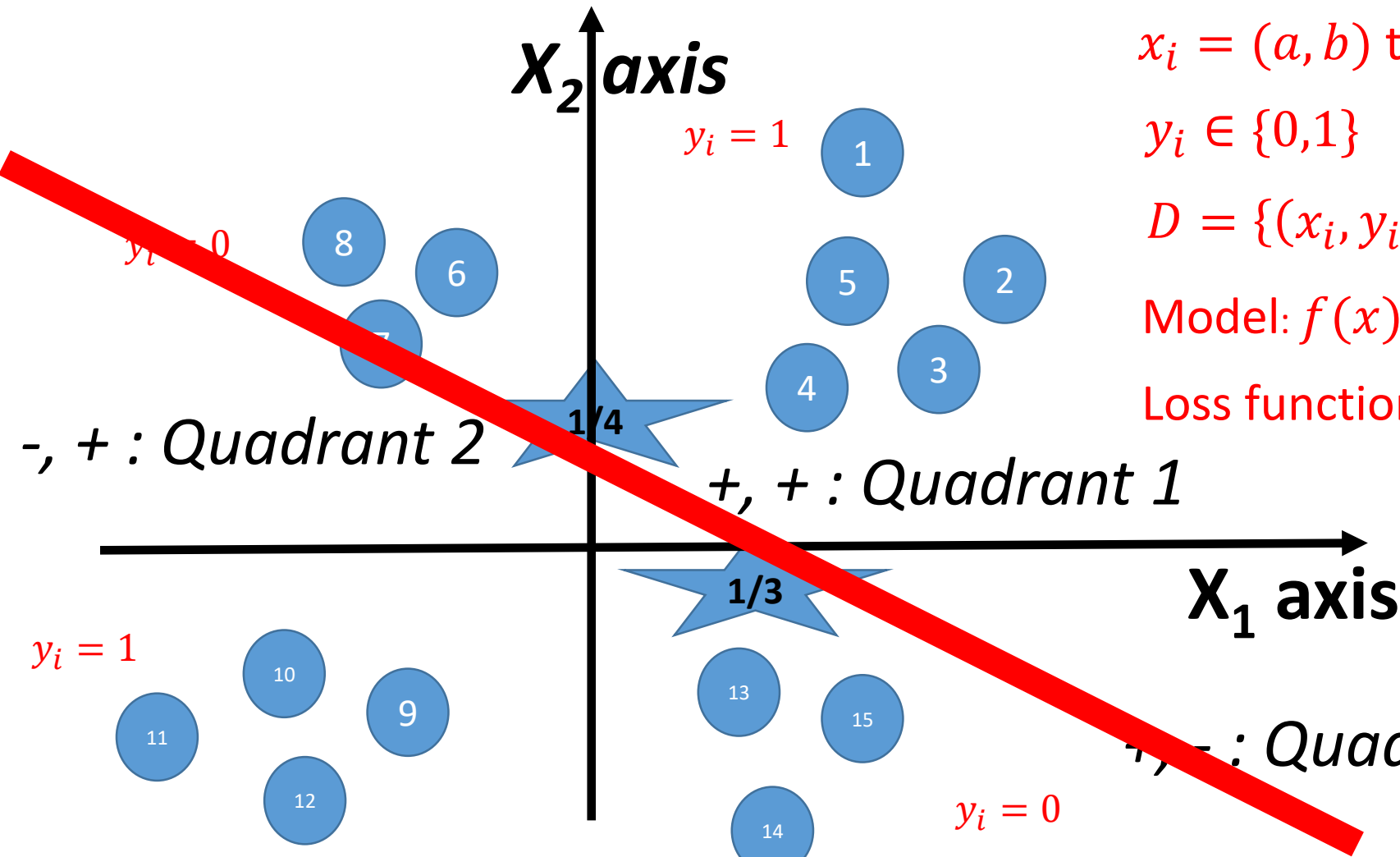
$y_i = 1$

$+, - : \text{Quadrant 4}$

$-, - : \text{Quadrant 3}$

$y_i = 0$





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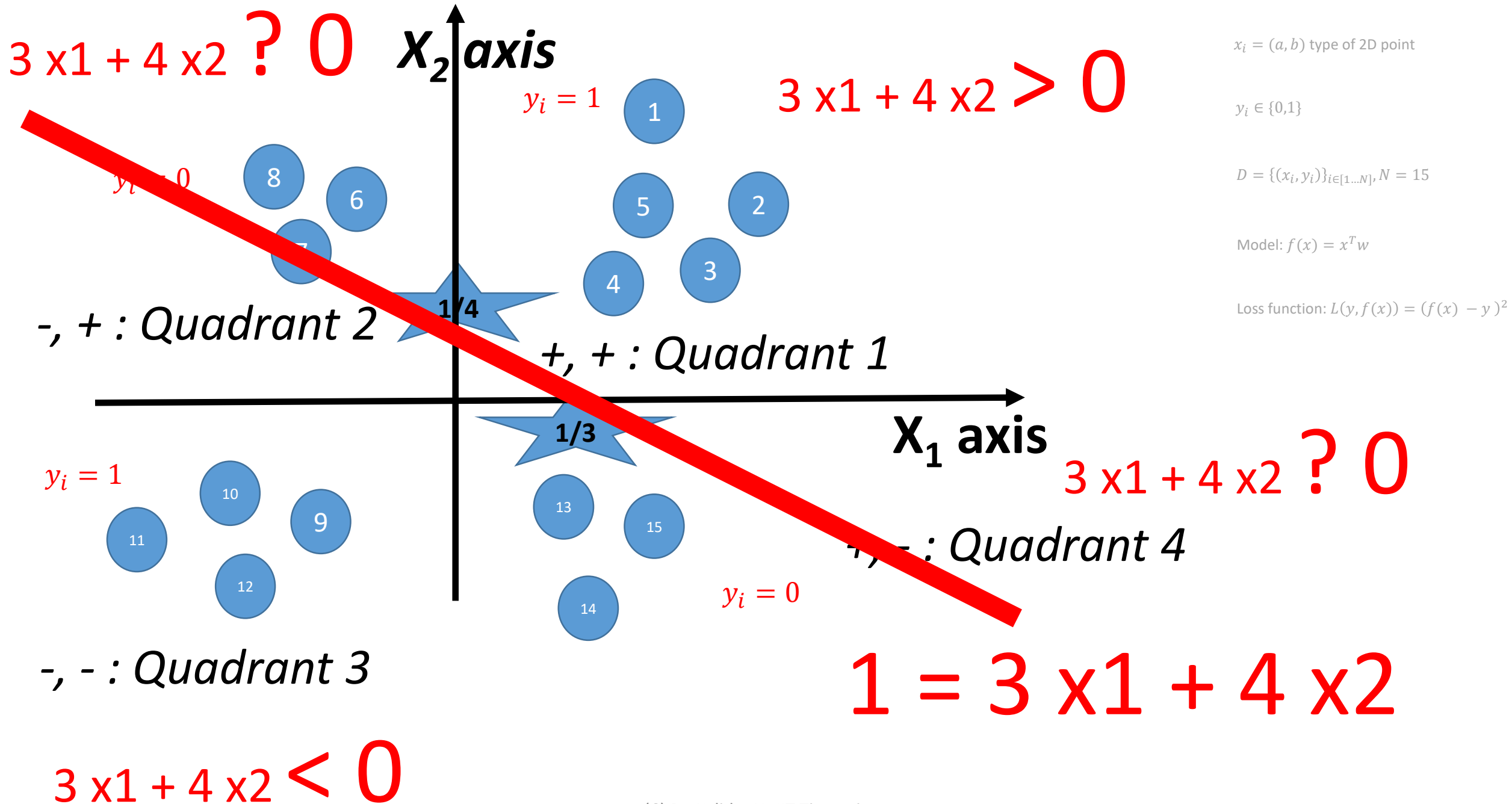
$+, + : \text{Quadrant 1}$

$X_1$  axis

$+, - : \text{Quadrant 4}$

$-, - : \text{Quadrant 3}$

$$1 = 3 x_1 + 4 x_2$$



$x_i = (a, b)$  type of 2D point

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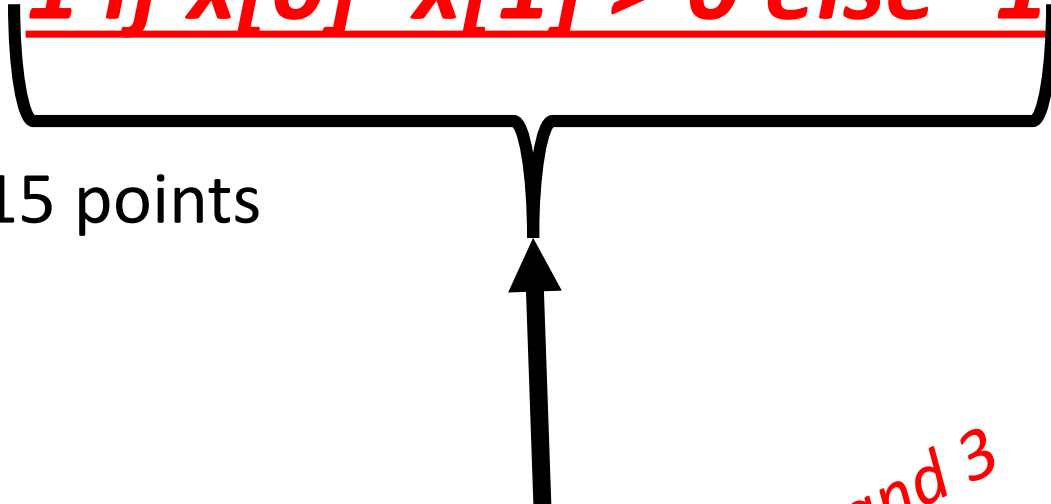
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# See the beauty of *Feature Engineering*...

1.  $x_i$  is of type  $(x[0], x[1])$
2.  $y_i$  is of type a single number 0 or 1
3. Data set is of type  $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$   $i$  over 1 to 15 points
4. Model is of type  $f(x) = x \text{ dot } w$ 
  - $w = (w[0], w[1])$
  - $f(x_i) = w[0] * x_i[0] + w[1] * x_i[1]$
5. Loss function is of type  $L(y_i, f(x_i)) = (y_i - f(x_i))^2$

Where to engineer features???

See the beauty of *Feature Engineering*...

1.  $x_i$  is of type  $(x[0], x[1])$   **$(x[0], x[1], \underline{1 \text{ if } x[0]*x[1] > 0 \text{ else } -1})$**
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engineer a feature  
which +1 in Quadrants 1 and 3  
which is -1 in Quadrants 2 and 4

See the beauty of *Feature Engineering*...  $x_i'$  – “ $x$   $i$  dash”

*Symbol to indicate  
feature transformation*

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# See the beauty of *Feature Engineering*...

1.  $x_i$  is of type  $(x[0], x[1]) \mapsto (1 \text{ if } x[0] * x[1] > 0 \text{ else } 0) = x_i'$
2.  $y_i$  is of type a single number 0 or 1
3. Data set is of type  $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$   $i$  over 1 to 15 points
4. Model is of type  $f(x') = x' \text{ dot } w$ 
  - $w = (w[0], w[1])$
  - $f(x_i') = w[0] * x_i'[0] + w[1] * x_i'[1]$
5. Loss function is of type  $L(y_i, f(x_i')) = (y_i - f(x_i'))^2$

Where to engineer features???

$x_i'$   
is the engineered feature vector

## 33) key phrase... “feature reduction” *[will see more later]*

- Transform k dimensional vector to lower dimensional vector
- Example
  - Consider a gray image 1000x1000 pixels
  - Input = 10,00,000 (in our words, 10 lakh dimensions)
  - Transform it into 2 dimensional point!
- *Very Easy To Do! than you might have thought!!*

## 34) key phrase... “PCA transformation”

- More about this later on... in the *unsupervised learning* classes



## 33) key phrase... “pipeline of transformations”

- $x_i$
- Transform  $x_i$  to  $x_i'$  using transformation 1
- Transform  $x_i'$  to  $x_i''$  using transformation 2
- ... and so on...
- Transform using transformation  $n$

- **Bundle up all transformations** into a pipeline

```
def pipeline (x) :  
    t1 = transformation1( x )  
    t2 = transformation2( t1 )  
    t3 = transformation3( t2 )  
    t4 = transformation4( t3 )  
    return t4
```

# Challenges...

## 34) key phrase... “homogenous features”

Example, Image pixels

- All pixels have same meaning
- They capture intensity
- All those tiny devices are all created using similar processes

Same type of features  
homogenous features

They are comparatively easier to handle!

most of the deep neural networks require “homogenous features”

## 35) key phrase... “non-homogenous features”

Bike quality assessment

- Distance travelled – kilometres
- Year of purchase – date type
- Model type – text
- Previous repairs – description
- Any accidents – yes/no

They are *very tricky* to handle!

choice of them they directly affect performance and decide what model types to be used

## 36) key phrase... “feature correlation”

- It corresponds to relationships between features
- Some features may be derived versions of others
- *This is a problem in case of regression based methods (including deep networks)*
- *In case of tree based methods... it does not matter!*

## 37) key phrase... “curse of dimensionality”

- When there are several thousands of features
- Typically discussed in the context of text features
- *This is THE DIFFERENCE between “Human understanding vs machine programming”*
  - Humans need more dimensions, machines need less dimensions
  - For example, a good lecture, “touches upon related concepts”, you will understand well
  - When two people meet, they try to find common interests
  - All commercial advertisements, present a context and then the product
  - When conveying a point, you build up the context
- To get an intuition behind this statement:
  - For example, when dimensionality is high, distance between  $(1,1,\dots,1)$  all 1's to *any point is almost same*
  - It relates to depends on *all distances being almost same*, with very minute difference in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> digits after decimal point
  - Repercussion – Data becomes *sensitive to location of origin* and translation affects results or models