

Support Vector Machines

支持向量机

Supervised learning

Supervised learning

- An agent or machine is given N sensory inputs $D = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$, as well as the desired outputs y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N , its goal is to learn to produce the correct output given a new input.
- Given D what can we say about x_{N+1} ?

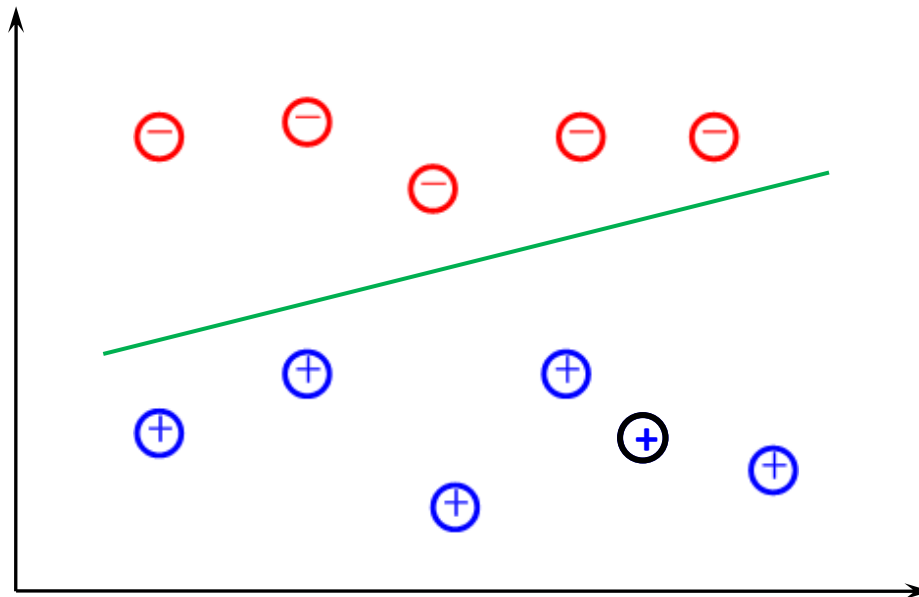
Classification: y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N are discrete class labels, learn a labeling function $f(\mathbf{x}) \mapsto y$

- Naïve bayes
- Decision tree
- K nearest neighbor
- Least squares classification

Classification

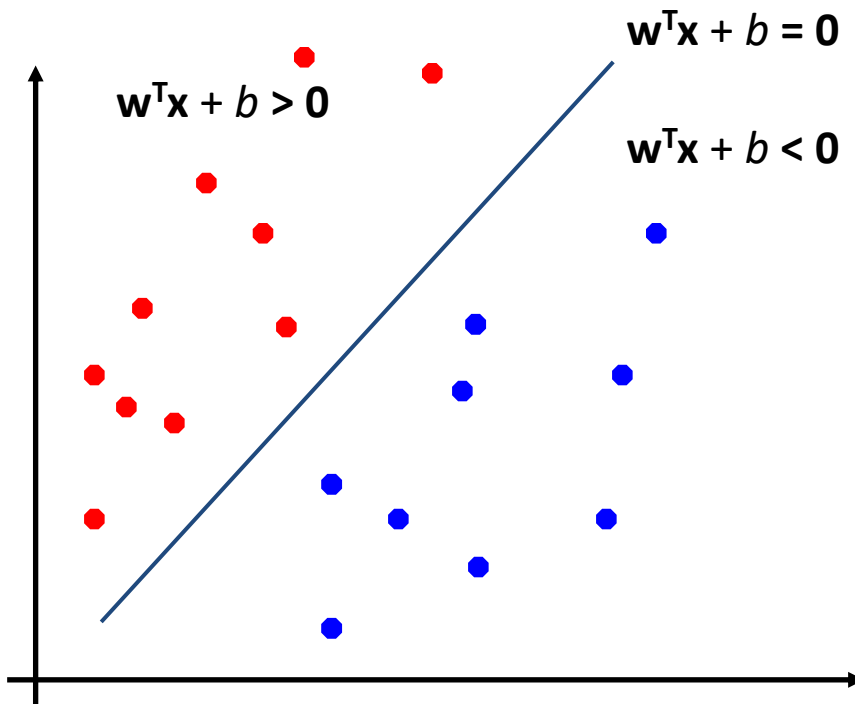
Classification

= learning from labeled data. Dominant problem in Machine Learning



Linear Classifiers

Binary classification can be viewed as the task of separating classes in feature space (特征空间) :

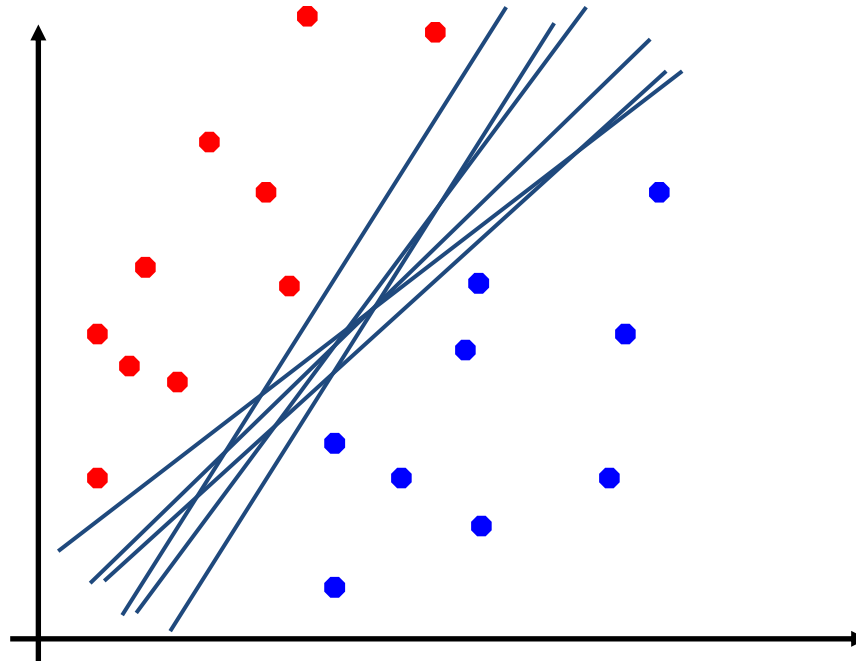


Decide $\hat{y} = 1$ if $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b > 0$,
otherwise $\hat{y} = -1$

$$\hat{y} = h(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b)$$

Linear Classification

Which of the linear separators is optimal?



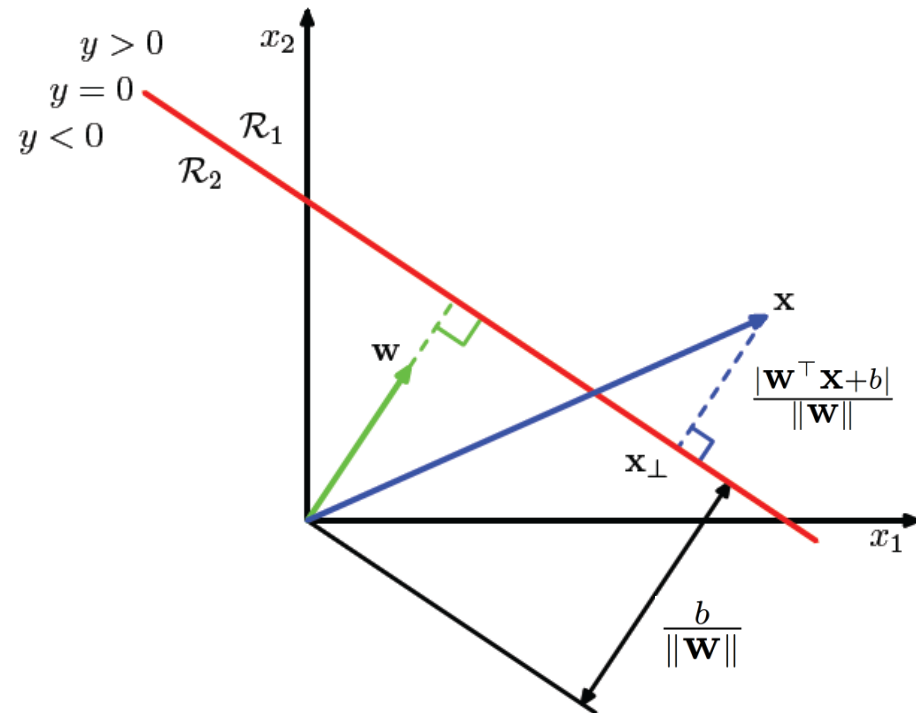
Classification Margin (间距)

- Geometry of linear classification
- Discriminant function

$$\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b$$

- Important: the distance does not change if we scale

$$\mathbf{w} \rightarrow a\mathbf{w}, b \rightarrow a \cdot b$$



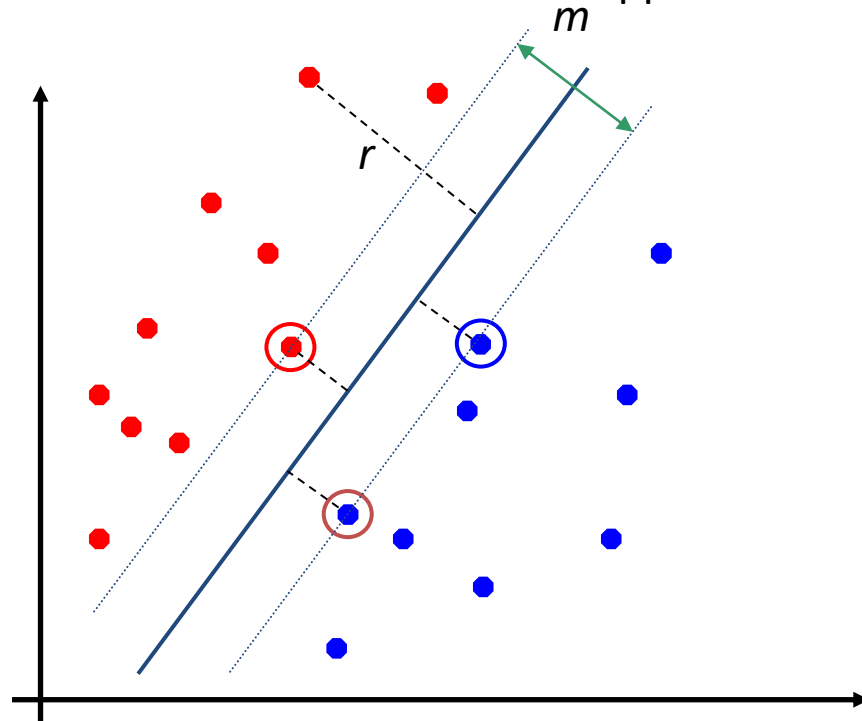
Classification Margin (间距)

Distance from example \mathbf{x}_i to the separator is $r = \frac{|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b|}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$

Define the **margin** of a linear classifier as the width that the boundary could be increased by before hitting a data point

Examples closest to the hyperplane (超平面) are **support vectors** (支持向量).

Margin m of the separator is the distance between support vectors.

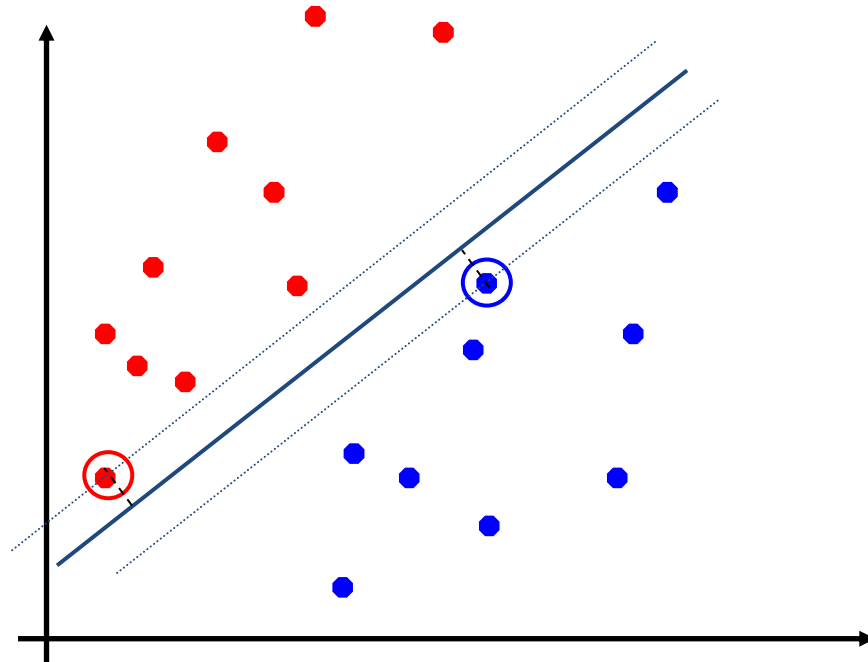


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最大间距分类

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Implies that only support vectors matter; other training examples are ignorable.

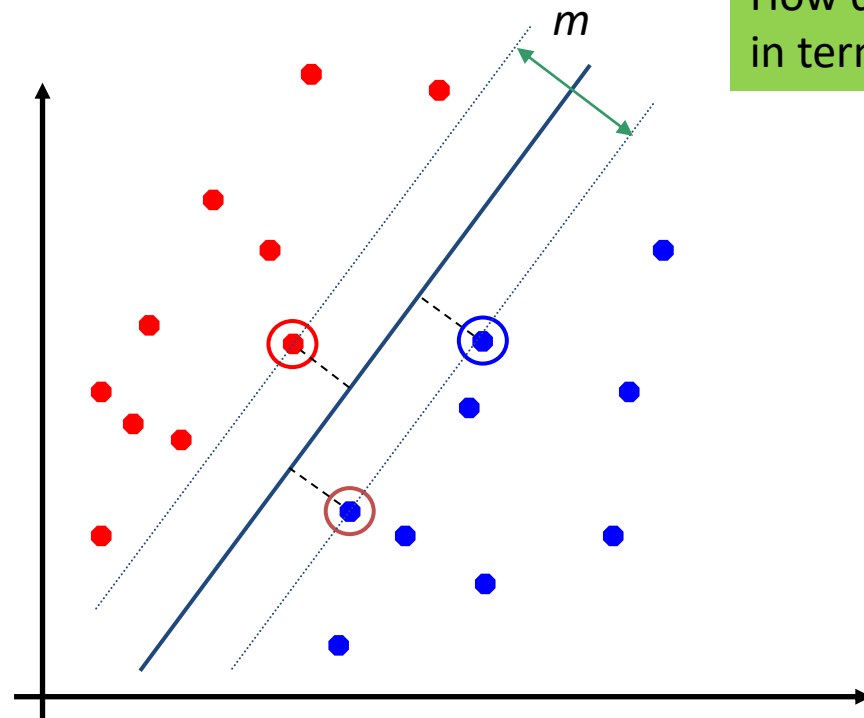


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How do we compute m in term of \mathbf{w} and b ?

Maximum Margin Classification Mathematically

Let training set $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1..N}$, $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbf{R}^d$, $y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ be separated by a hyperplane with margin m . Then for each training example (\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) :

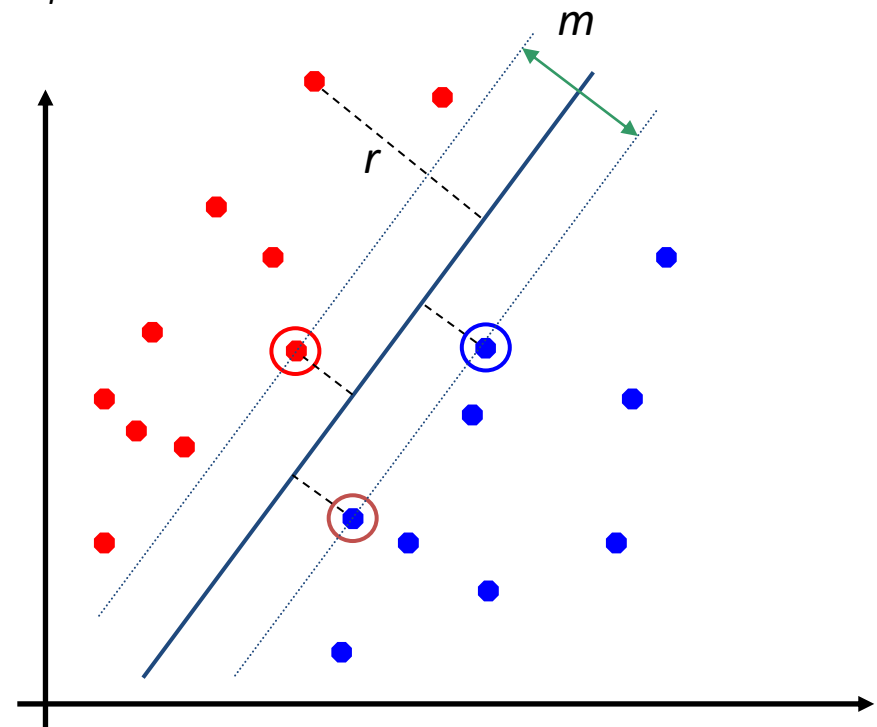
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b &\leq -c & \text{if } y_i = -1 \\ \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b &\geq c & \text{if } y_i = 1 \end{aligned} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq c$$

For every support vector \mathbf{x}_s
the above inequality is an equality.

$$y_s(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_s + b) = c$$

In the equality, we obtain that
distance between each \mathbf{x}_s and
the hyperplane is

$$r = \frac{|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_s + b|}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = \frac{y_s(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_s + b)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = \frac{c}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$



Maximum Margin Classification Mathematically

Then the margin can be expressed through \mathbf{w} and b :

$$m = 2r = \frac{2c}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

Here is our Maximum Margin Classification problem:

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{2c}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq c, \forall i$$

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{c}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq c, \forall i$$

Note that the magnitude (大小) of c merely scales \mathbf{w} and b , and does not change the classification boundary at all!

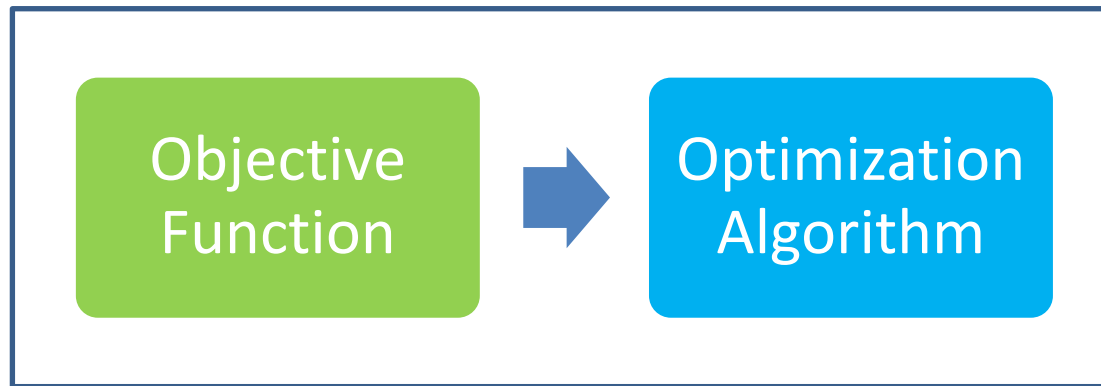
So we have a cleaner problem:

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1, \forall i$$

This leads to the famous **Support Vector Machines** 支持向量机 — believed by many to be the best "off-the-shelf" supervised learning algorithm

Learning as Optimization

Parameter Learning

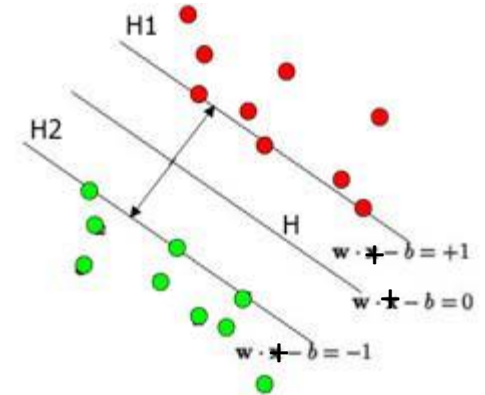


Support Vector Machine

- A convex quadratic programming (凸二次规划) problem with linear constraints:

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1, \forall i$$

- The attained margin is now given by $\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$
- Only a few of the classification constraints are relevant
→ **support vectors**



- Constrained optimization (约束优化)
 - We can directly solve this using commercial **quadratic programming** (QP) code
 - But we want to take a more careful investigation of Lagrange duality (对偶性), and the solution of the above in its dual form.
 - deeper insight: support vectors, kernels (核) ...

Quadratic Programming

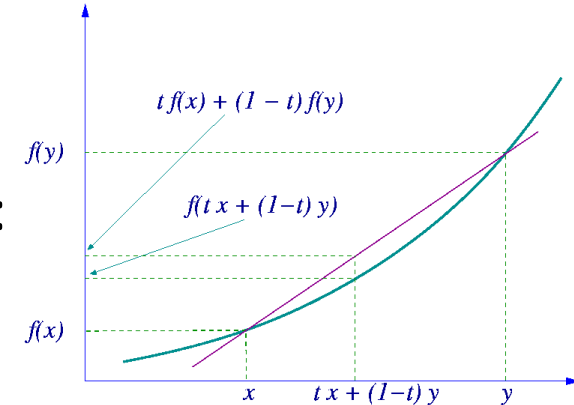
Minimize (with respect to \mathbf{x})

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^\top Q \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

Subject to one or more constraints of the form:

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{inequality constraint})$$

$$E\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d} \quad (\text{equality constraint})$$



If $Q \succeq 0$, then $g(\mathbf{x})$ is a **convex function** (凸函数) : In this case the quadratic program has a global minimizer

Quadratic program of support vector machine:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1, \forall i$$

Solving Maximum Margin Classifier

Our optimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} \quad \text{subject to} \quad 1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \leq 0, \forall i \quad (1)$$

The Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i [y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i [1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b)] \end{aligned}$$

Consider each constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} \alpha_i [1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b)] &= 0 && \text{if } \mathbf{w}, b \text{ satisfies primal constraints} \\ &= \infty && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} && \text{if } \mathbf{w}, b \text{ satisfies primal constraints} \\ &= \infty && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

(1) can be reformulated as $\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha)$

The **dual problem** (对偶问题) : $\max_{\alpha \geq 0} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha)$

The Dual Problem (对偶问题)

$$\max_{\alpha \geq 0} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha)$$

We minimize L with respect to \mathbf{w} and b first:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) = \mathbf{w}^\top - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0 \quad (3)$$

Note: $d(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}) = (2(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{A}) d\mathbf{x}$
 $d(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}) = d(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T d\mathbf{x}$

Note that the bias term b dropped out but had produced a “global” constraint on α

The Dual Problem（对偶问题）

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Note that (2) implies

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \quad (4)$$

Plug (4) back to L , and using (3), we have

$$L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j)$$

The Dual Problem（对偶问题）

Now we have the following dual optimization problem:

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \mathbf{x}_j) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

This is a quadratic programming problem again

- A global maximum can always be found

But what's the big deal?

1. \mathbf{w} can be recovered by $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$
2. b can be recovered by $b = y_i - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_i$ for any i that $\alpha_i \neq 0$
3. The “kernel”—核 $\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \mathbf{x}_j$ more later...

Support Vectors

If a point \mathbf{x}_i satisfies $y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) > 1$

Due to the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} \alpha_i [1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b)] &= 0 & y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \\ &= \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

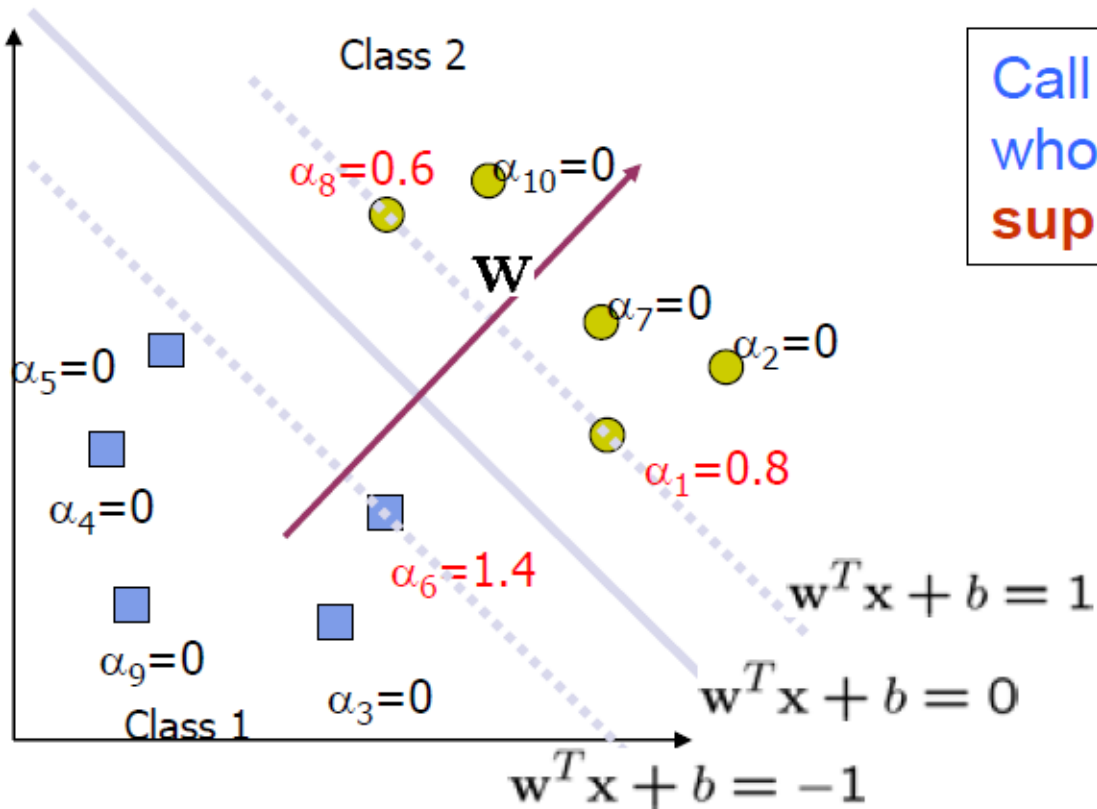
We have $\alpha^* = 0$; \mathbf{x}_i not a support vector

\mathbf{w} is decided by the points with non-zero α 's

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

Support Vectors

only a few α_i 's can be nonzero!!



Call the training data points whose α_i 's are nonzero the **support vectors** (SV)

Support Vector Machines

Once we have the Lagrange multipliers α_i , we can reconstruct the parameter vector \mathbf{w} as a weighted combination of the training examples:

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

For testing with a new data \mathbf{x}'

Compute $\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}' + b = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}') + b$

and classify \mathbf{x}' as class 1 if the sum is positive, and class 2 otherwise

Note: \mathbf{w} *need not be formed explicitly*

Interpretation (解释) of support vector machines

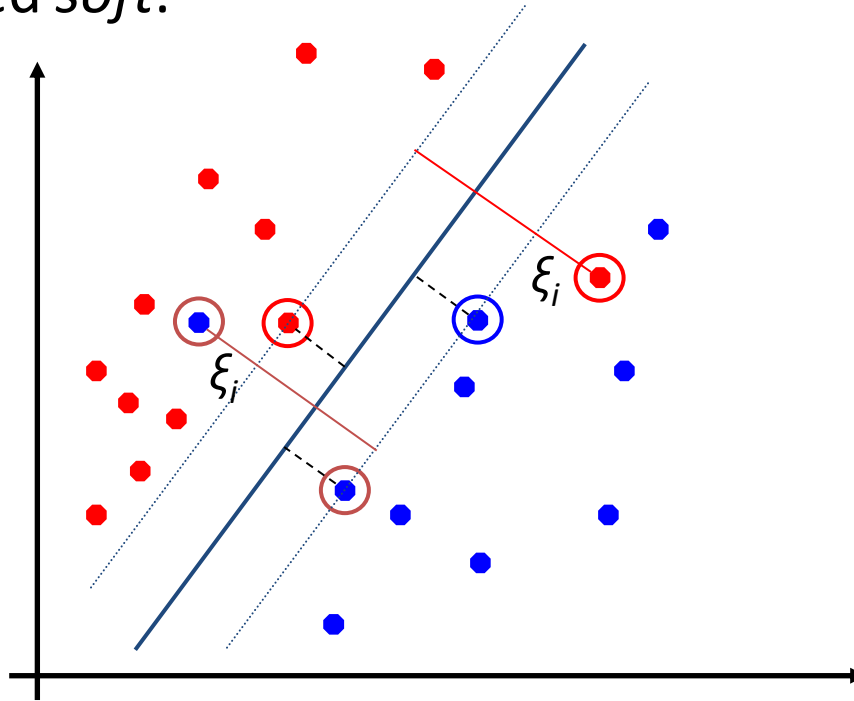
- The optimal \mathbf{w} is a linear combination of a small number of data points. This “sparse稀疏” representation can be viewed as data compression (数据压缩) as in the construction of kNN classifier
- To compute the weights α_i , and to use support vector machines we need to specify only the inner products内积 (or kernel) between the examples $\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j$
- We make decisions by comparing each new example \mathbf{x}' with only the support vectors:

$$y^* = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}') + b \right)$$

Soft Margin Classification

What if the training set is not linearly separable?

Slack variables (松弛变量) ξ_i can be added to allow misclassification of difficult or noisy examples, resulting margin called *soft*.



Soft Margin Classification

Mathematically

“Hard” margin QP:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1, \forall i$$

Soft margin QP:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} + C \sum_i \xi_i \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \forall i$$
$$\xi_i \geq 0, \forall i$$

- Note that $\xi_i=0$ if there is no error for \mathbf{x}_i
- ξ_i is an upper bound of the number of errors
- Parameter C can be viewed as a way to control “softness”: it “trades off (折衷, 权衡)” the relative importance of maximizing the margin and fitting the training data (minimizing the error).
 - Larger $C \rightarrow$ more reluctant to make mistakes

The Optimization Problem

The dual of this new constrained optimization problem is

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \mathbf{x}_j) \quad \text{subject to} \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \forall i$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

This is very similar to the optimization problem in the linear separable case, except that there is an upper bound C on α_i now

Once again, a QP solver can be used to find α_i

Roadmap

SVM
Prediction

**Loss
Minimization**

Loss in SVM

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} + C \sum_i \xi_i \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \forall i$$

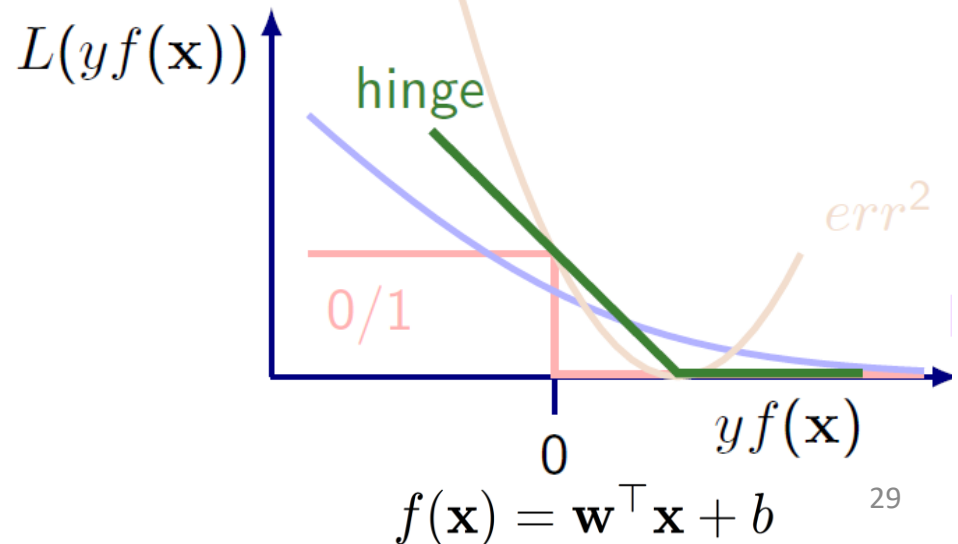
$$\xi_i \geq 0, \forall i$$

Loss is measured as

$$\xi_i = \max(0, 1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b)) = [1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b)]_+$$

This loss is known as *hinge loss*

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{2C} \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w} + \sum_i \text{hinge loss}_i$$



Loss functions

- Regression
 - Squared loss L_2
 - Absolute loss L_1
- Binary classification
 - Zero/one loss $L_{0/1}$ (no good algorithm)
 - Squared loss L_2
 - Absolute loss L_1
 - Hinge loss (Support vector machines)
 - Logistic loss (Logistic regression)

Linear SVMs: Overview

The classifier is a *separating hyperplane*.

Most “important” training points are support vectors; they define the hyperplane.

Quadratic optimization algorithms can identify which training points \mathbf{x}_i are support vectors with non-zero Lagrangian multipliers α_i .

Both in the dual formulation of the problem and in the solution training points appear only inside inner products:

Find $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N$ such that

$\mathbf{Q}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum \sum \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$ is maximized and

(1) $\sum \alpha_i y_i = 0$

(2) $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$ for all α_i

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b$$

Non-linearity: example

- Input x :
 - Patient information and vital signs
- Output y :
 - Health (positive is good)

Features in linear space

- **Philosophy:** extract any features that might be relevant.
- **Features for medical diagnosis:** height, weight, body temperature, blood pressure, etc.
- **Three problems:** non-monotonicity, non-linearity, interactions between features

Non-monotonicity

- **Features:** $\phi(x) = (1; \text{temperature}(x))$
- **Output:** health y
- **Problem:** favor extremes; true relationship is non-monotonic

Non-monotonicity

- **Solution:** transform inputs
- $\phi(x) = (1; (\text{temperature}(x) - 37)^2)$
- **Disadvantage:** requires manually-specified domain knowledge

Non-monotonicity

- $\phi(x) = (1; \text{temperature}(x); \text{temperature}(x)^2)$
- **General:** features should be simple building blocks to be pieced together

Interaction between features

- $\phi(x) = (\text{height}(x); \text{weight}(x))$
- **Output:** health y
- **Problem:** can't capture relationship between height and weight

Interaction between features

- $\phi(x) = (\text{height}(x) - \text{weight}(x))^2$
- **Solution:** define features that combine inputs
- **Disadvantage:** requires manually-specified domain knowledge

Interaction between features

- $\phi(x)=[\text{height}(x)^2; \text{weight}(x)^2; \text{height}(x)\text{weight}(x)]$
cross term
- **Solution:** add features involving multiple measurements

Linear in what?

Prediction driven by score: $w \cdot \phi(x)$

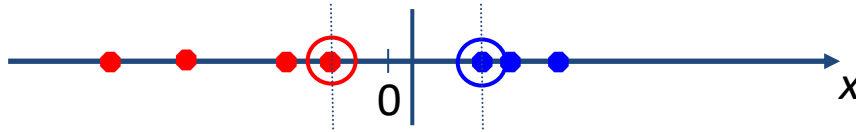
- Linear in w ? Yes
- Linear in $\phi(x)$? Yes
- Linear in x ? No!

Key idea: non-linearity

- Predictors $f_w(x)$ can be expressive non-linear functions and decision boundaries of x .
- Score $w \cdot \phi(x)$ is linear function of w and $\phi(x)$

Non-linear SVMs

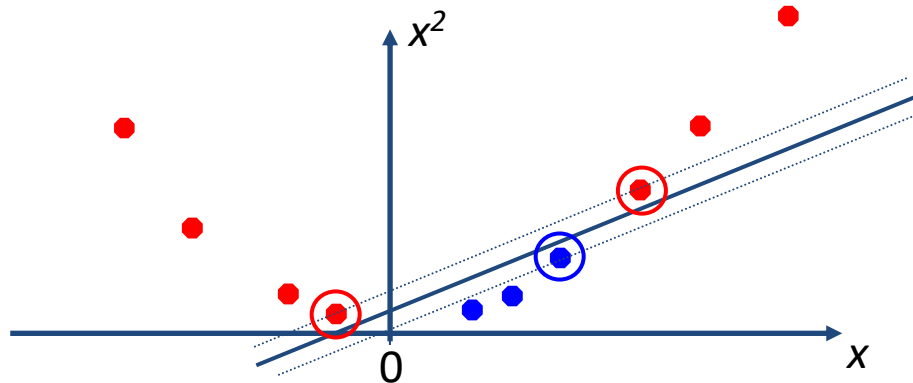
Datasets that are linearly separable with some noise work out great:



But what are we going to do if the dataset is just too hard?

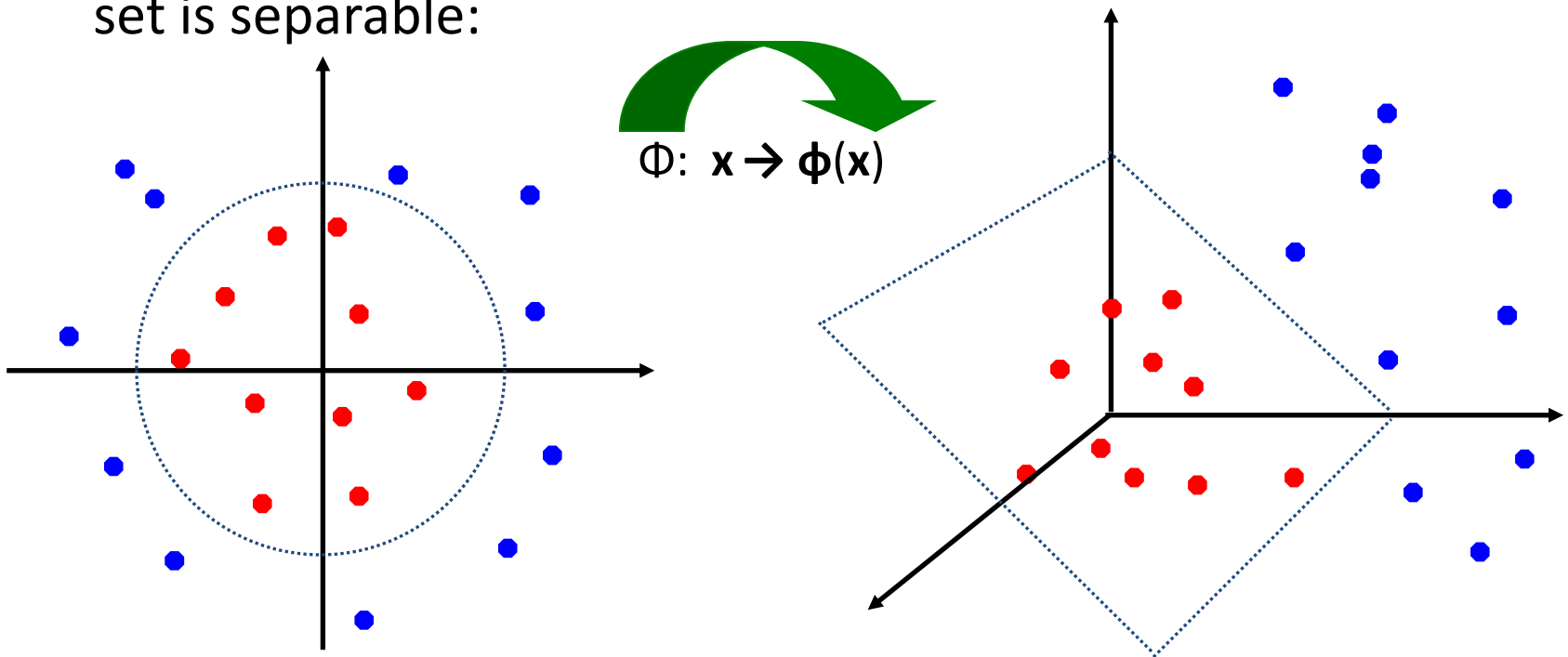


How about... mapping data to a higher-dimensional space:



Non-linear SVMs: Feature spaces

General idea: the original feature space can always be mapped to some higher-dimensional feature space where the training set is separable:



The “Kernel Trick”

Recall the SVM optimization problem

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \mathbf{x}_j) \quad \text{subject to} \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \forall i$$
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The data points only appear as **inner product**

- As long as we can calculate the inner product in the feature space, we do not need the mapping explicitly
- Many common geometric operations (angles, distances) can be expressed by inner products

Define the kernel function K by $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$

Kernel methods

- Features viewpoint: construct and work with $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ (think in terms of **properties** of inputs)
- Kernel viewpoint: construct and work with $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ (think in terms of **similarity** between inputs)

An Example for feature mapping and kernels

- Consider an input $\mathbf{x}=[x_1, x_2]$
- Suppose $\phi(\cdot)$ is given as follows

$$\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1, \sqrt{2}x_1, \sqrt{2}x_2, x_1^2, x_2^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2$$

- An inner product in the feature space is

$$\left\langle \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right), \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix}\right) \right\rangle =$$

- So, if we define the **kernel function** as follows, there is no need to carry out $\phi(\cdot)$ explicitly

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}')^2$$

More Examples of Kernel Functions

- Linear: $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$
 - Mapping $\Phi: \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$, where $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$ is \mathbf{x} itself
- Polynomial (多项式) of power p : $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = (1 + \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j)^p$
- Gaussian (radial-basis function 径向基函数): $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2}{\sigma^2}}$
 - Mapping $\Phi: \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$, where $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$ is *infinite-dimensional*
- Higher-dimensional space still has *intrinsic* dimensionality d , but linear separators in it correspond to *non-linear* separators in original space.

Kernel matrix

Suppose for now that K is indeed a valid kernel corresponding to some feature mapping ϕ , then for $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$, we can compute an $n \times n$ matrix $\{K_{i,j}\}$ where $K_{i,j} = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$

This is called a **kernel matrix**!

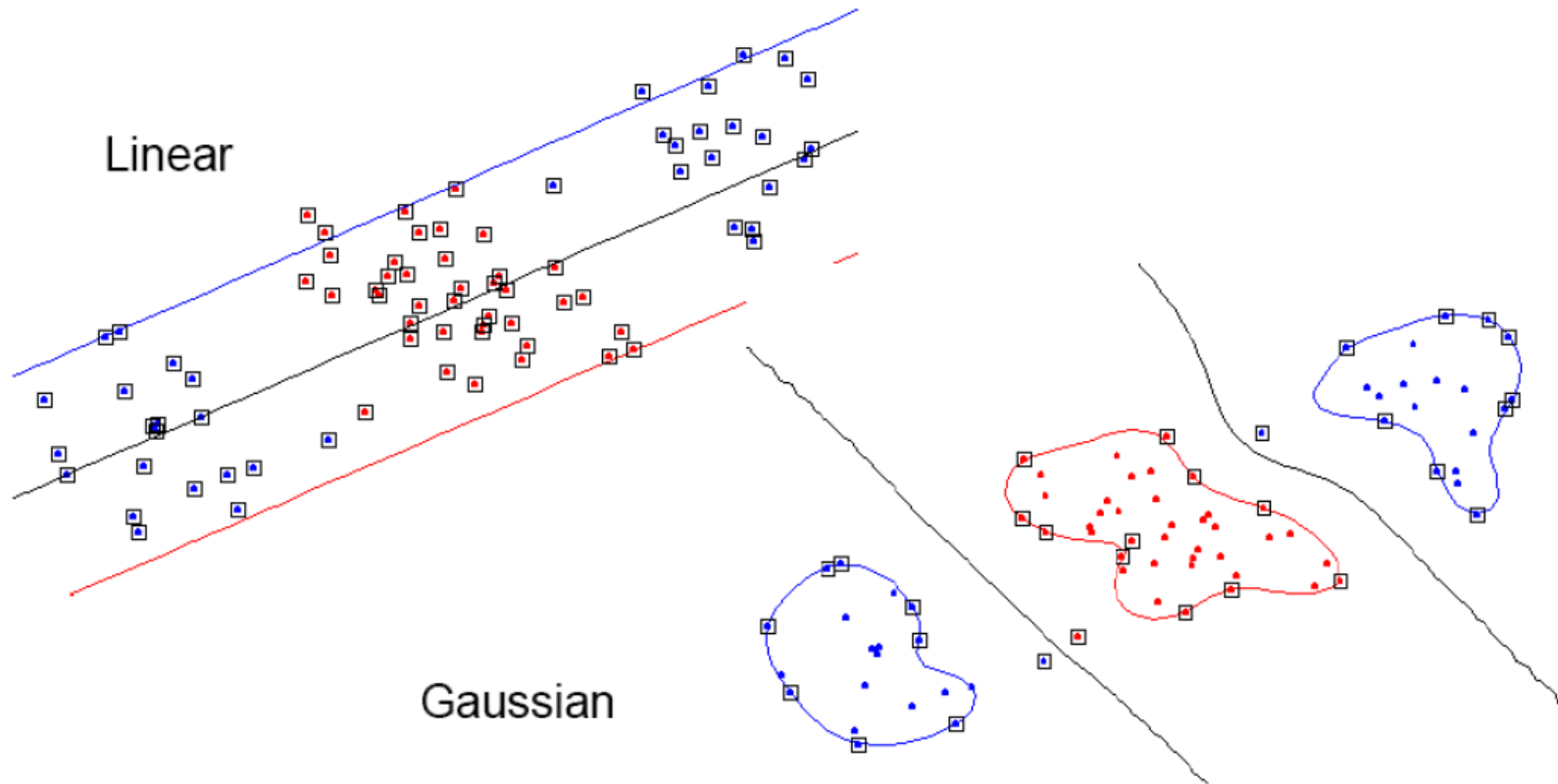
Now, if a kernel function is indeed a valid kernel, and its elements are dot-product in the transformed feature space, it must satisfy:

- Symmetry $K=K^T$
- Positive-semidefinite (半正定) $\mathbf{z}^T K \mathbf{z} \geq 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{z} \in R^n$

Matrix formulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \\ &= \max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K_{i,j} \\ &= \max_{\alpha} \alpha^{\top} \mathbf{e} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{\top} (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^{\top} \circ K) \alpha \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \forall i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Nonlinear SVMs – RBF Kernel



Summary: Support Vector Machines

Linearly separable case → Hard margin SVM

- Primal quadratic programming
- Dual quadratic programming

Not linearly separable? → Soft margin SVM

Non-linear SVMs

- Kernel trick



Summary: Support Vector Machines

SVM training: build a kernel matrix K using training data

- Linear: $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$
- Gaussian (radial-basis function 径向基函数): $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2}{\sigma^2}}$

solve the following quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha} \quad & \alpha^T \mathbf{e} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^T \circ K) \alpha \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \forall i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

SVM testing: now with α_i , recover b ,

$$b = y_i - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j y_j K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \quad \text{for any } i \text{ that } \alpha_i \neq 0$$

we can predict new data points by:

$$y^* = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}') + b \right)$$

作业

- 已知正例点 $x_1 = (1,2)^T, x_2 = (2,3)^T, x_3 = (3,3)^T$,
负例点 $x_4 = (2,1)^T, x_5 = (3,2)^T$, 试求Hard Margin
SVM的最大间隔分离超平面和分类决策函数,
并在图上画出分离超平面、间隔边界及支持向量。