

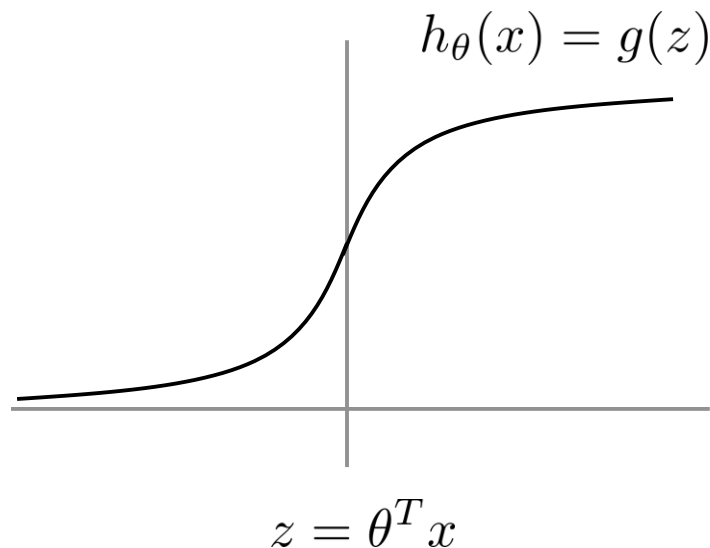
Machine Learning

Support Vector Machines

Optimization objective

Alternative view of logistic regression

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$



If $y = 1$, we want $h_{\theta}(x) \approx 1$, $\theta^T x \gg 0$

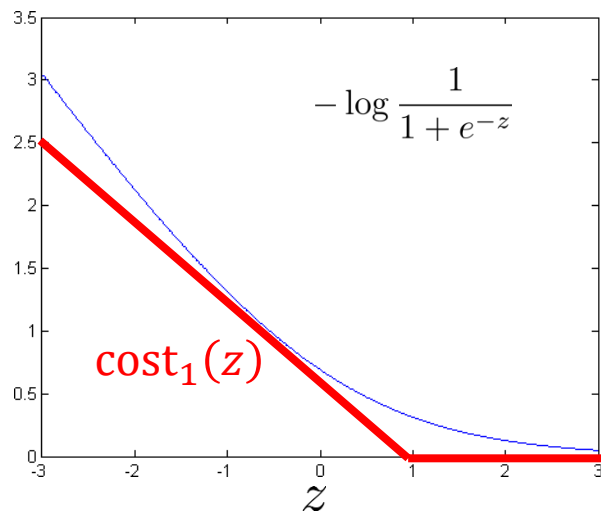
If $y = 0$, we want $h_{\theta}(x) \approx 0$, $\theta^T x \ll 0$

Alternative view of logistic regression

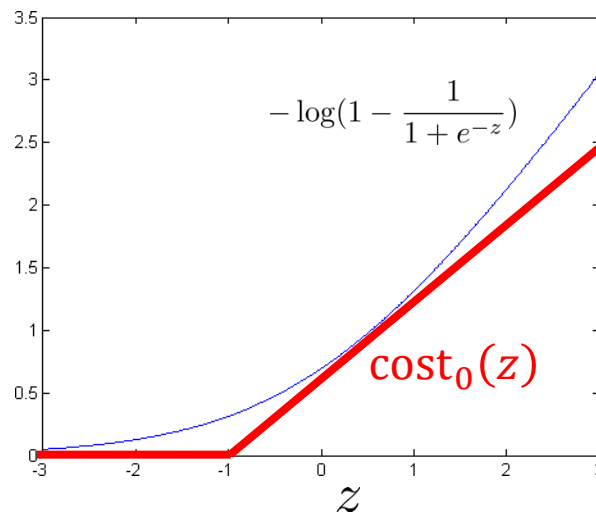
Cost of example: $-(y \log h_{\theta}(x) + (1 - y) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x)))$

$$= -y \log \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}} - (1 - y) \log(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}})$$

If $y = 1$ (want $\theta^T x \gg 0$):



If $y = 0$ (want $\theta^T x \ll 0$):



Support vector machine

Logistic regression:

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \left(-\log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) \right) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \left(-\log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

Support vector machine:

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m \left[y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

Quiz

Consider the following minimization problems:

1. $\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$

2. $\min_{\theta} C \left[\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$

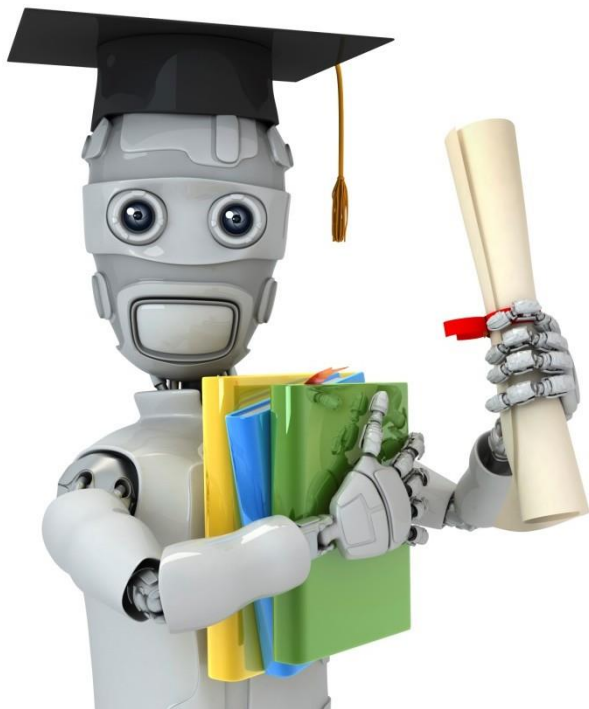
☐ $C = \lambda$

☐ $C = -\lambda$

☒ $C = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

☐ $C = \frac{2}{\lambda}$

These two optimization problems will give the same value of θ (i.e., the same value of θ gives the optimal solution to both problems) if:



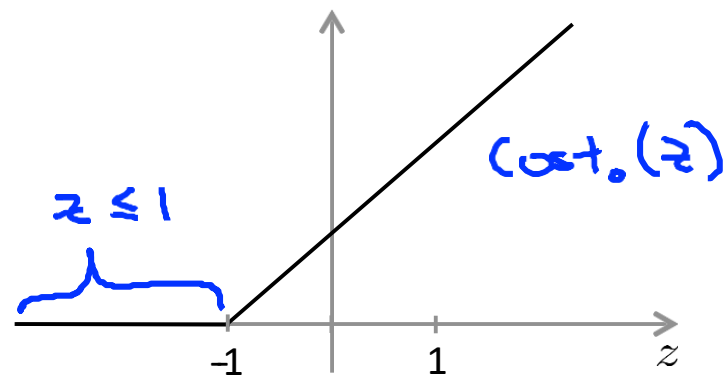
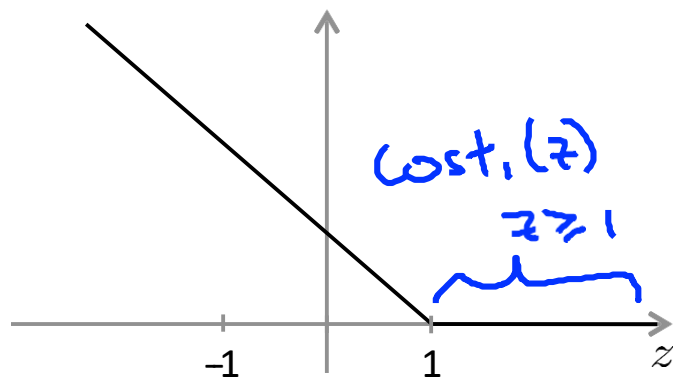
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Support Vector Machines

Large Margin
Intuition

Support Vector Machine

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m \left[y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$



If $y = 1$, we want $\theta^T x \geq 1$ (not just ≥ 0)

$$\theta^T x \geq 1$$

If $y = 0$, we want $\theta^T x \leq -1$ (not just < 0)

$$\theta^T x \leq -1$$

SVM Decision Boundary

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m \left[y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

Whenever $y^{(i)} = 1$:

$$\theta^T x^{(i)} \geq 1$$

Whenever $y^{(i)} = 0$:

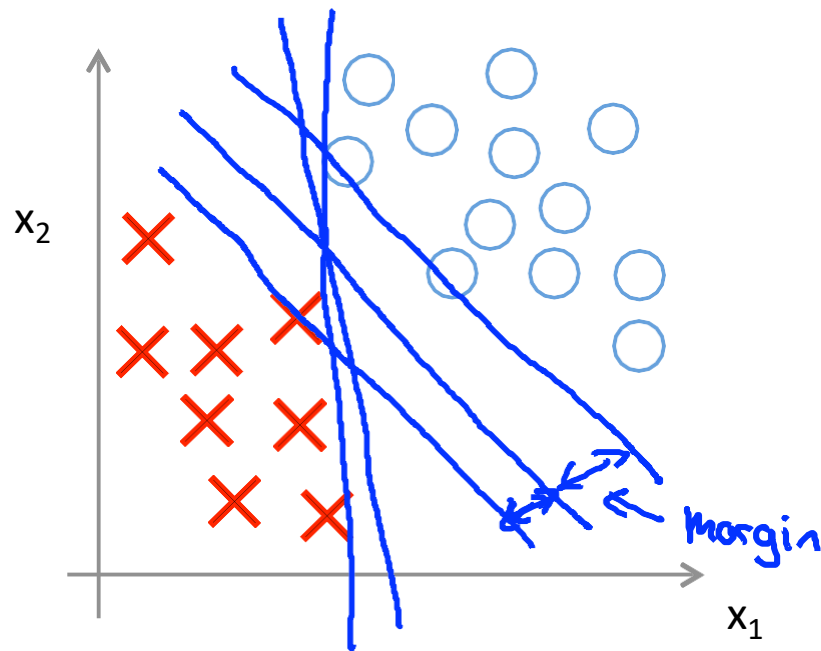
$$\theta^T x^{(i)} \leq -1$$

$$C = 100,000$$

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m \max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \theta^T x^{(i)}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

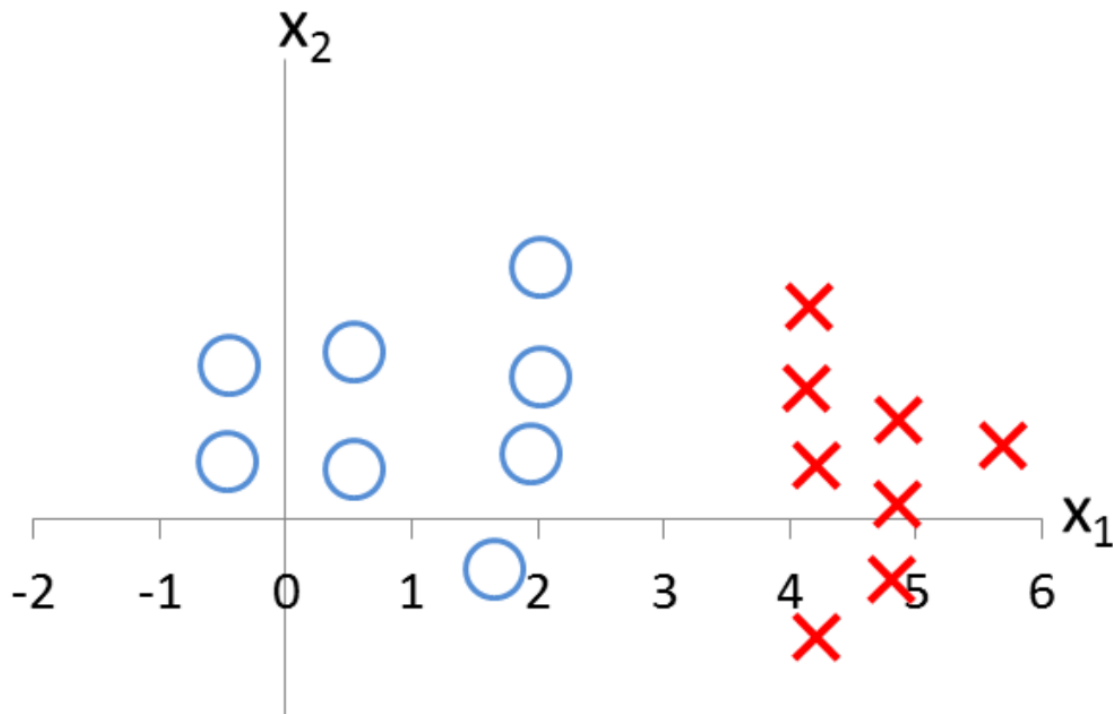
$$\text{s.t. } \begin{aligned} \theta^T x^{(i)} &\geq 1 && \text{if } y^{(i)} = 1 \\ \theta^T x^{(i)} &\leq -1 && \text{if } y^{(i)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

SVM Decision Boundary: Linearly separable case



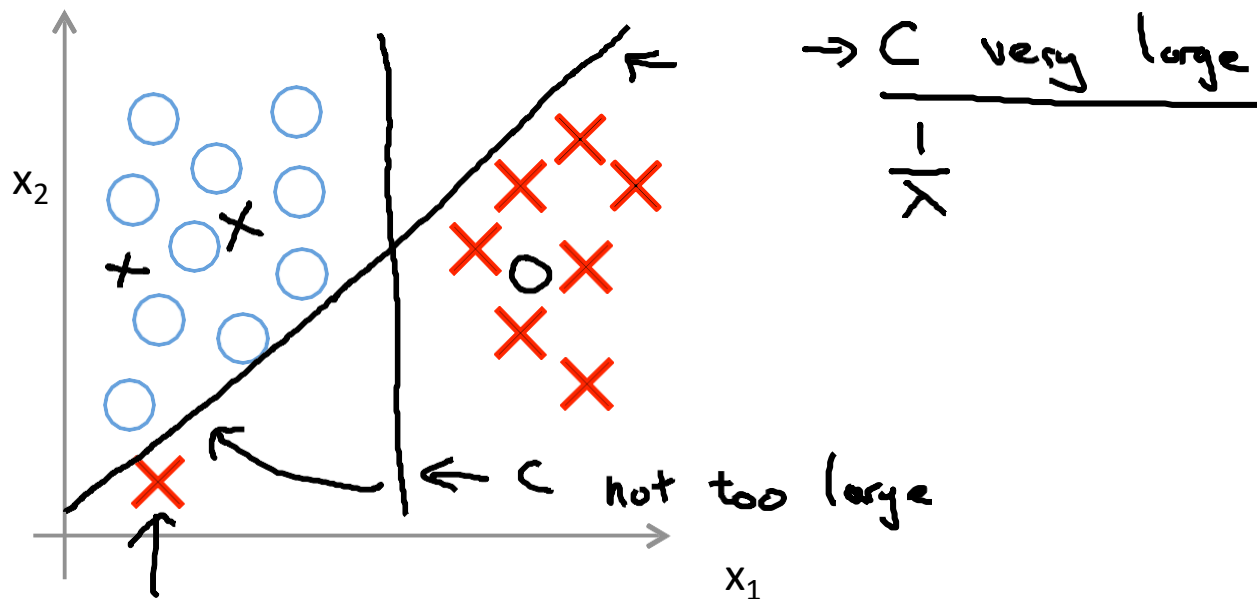
Large margin classifier

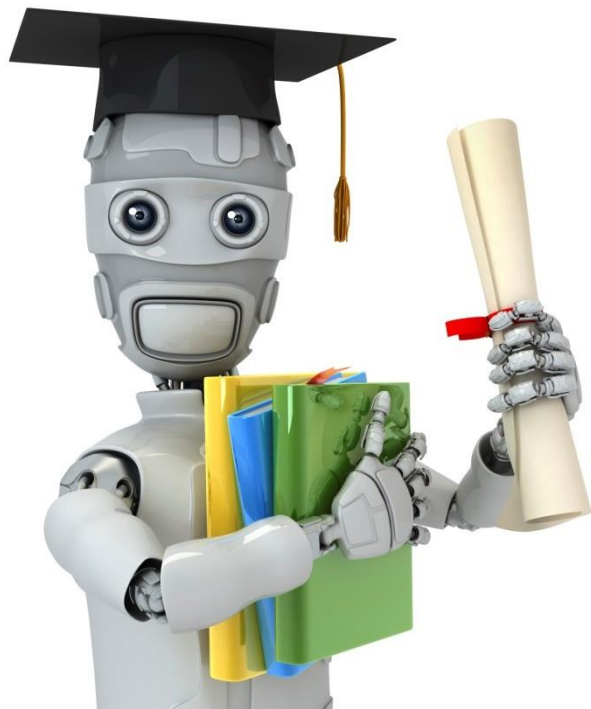
Consider the training set to the right, where "x" denotes positive examples ($y = 1$) and "o" denotes negative examples ($y = 0$). Suppose you train an SVM (which will predict 1 when $\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \geq 0$). What values might the SVM give for θ_0 , θ_1 , and θ_2 ?



- ☐ $\theta_0 = 3, \theta_1 = 1, \theta_2 = 0$
- ☒ $\theta_0 = -3, \theta_1 = 1, \theta_2 = 0$
- ☐ $\theta_0 = 3, \theta_1 = 0, \theta_2 = 1$
- ☐ $\theta_0 = -3, \theta_1 = 0, \theta_2 = 1$

Large margin classifier in presence of outliers



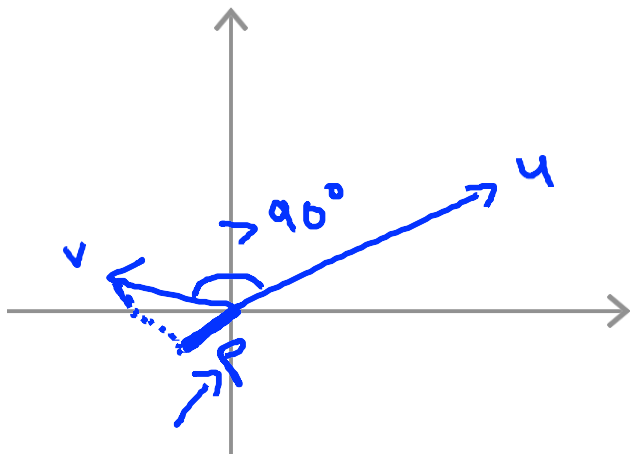
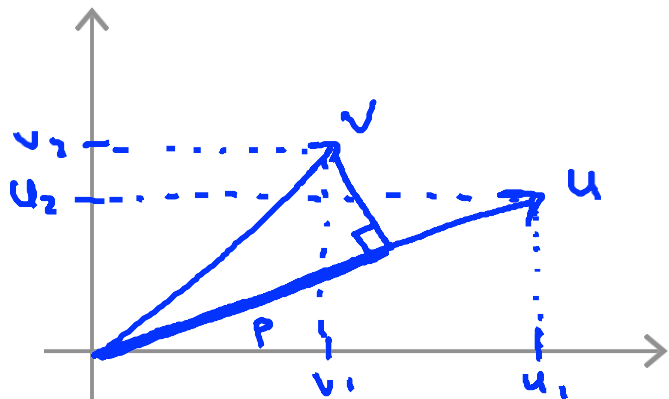


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The mathematics
behind large margin
classification (optional)

Vector Inner Product



$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u^T v = ? \quad [u_1 \ u_2] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|u\| = \text{length of vector } u \\ = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$p =$ length of projection of v onto u .

$$\begin{aligned} u^T v &= \underline{p} \cdot \underline{\|u\|} \leftarrow = v^T u \\ \text{Signed} \quad &= u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 \leftarrow p \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$u^T v = p \cdot \|u\|$$

$$p < 0$$

SVM Decision Boundary

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{\theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\theta\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \theta^T x^{(i)} \geq 1 \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = 1$$

$$\theta^T x^{(i)} \leq -1 \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = 0$$

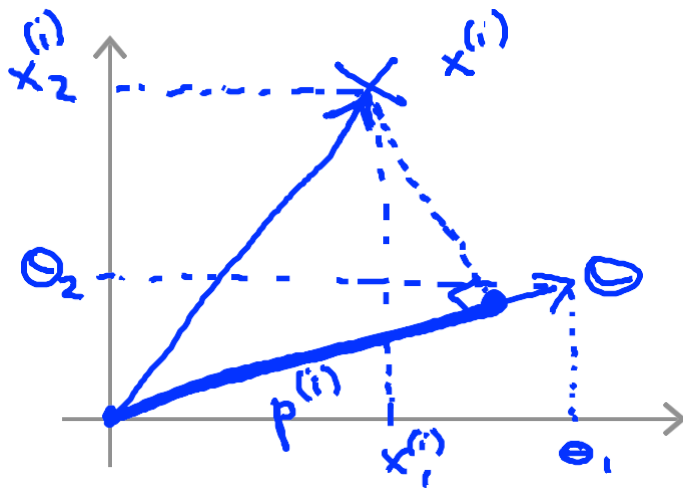
Simplification: $\theta_0 = 0$ $n=2$

$$= \|\theta\|$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \theta_0 = 0$$

$$\theta^T x^{(i)} = ?$$

↑ ↑
 $u^T v$



$$\theta^T x^{(i)} = \boxed{p^{(i)} \cdot \|\theta\|} \leftarrow$$

$$= \theta_1 x_1^{(i)} + \theta_2 x_2^{(i)} \leftarrow$$

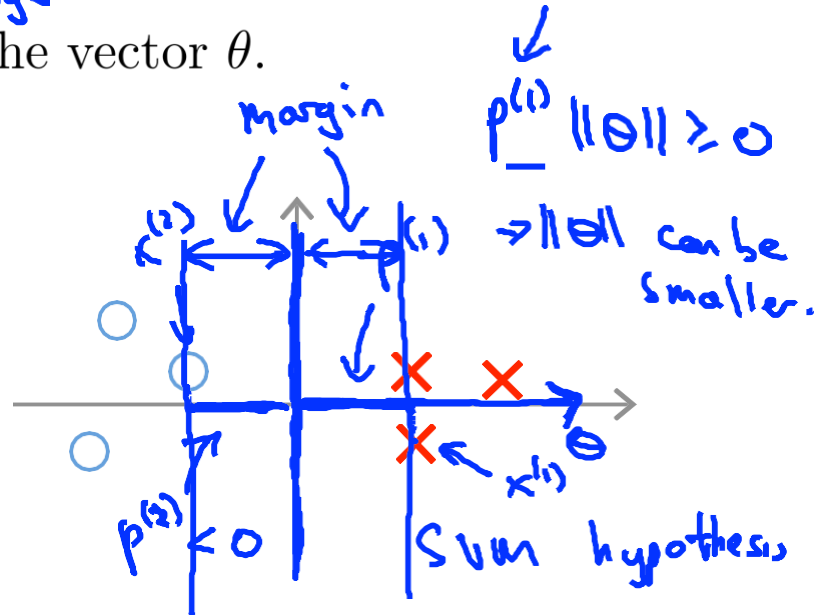
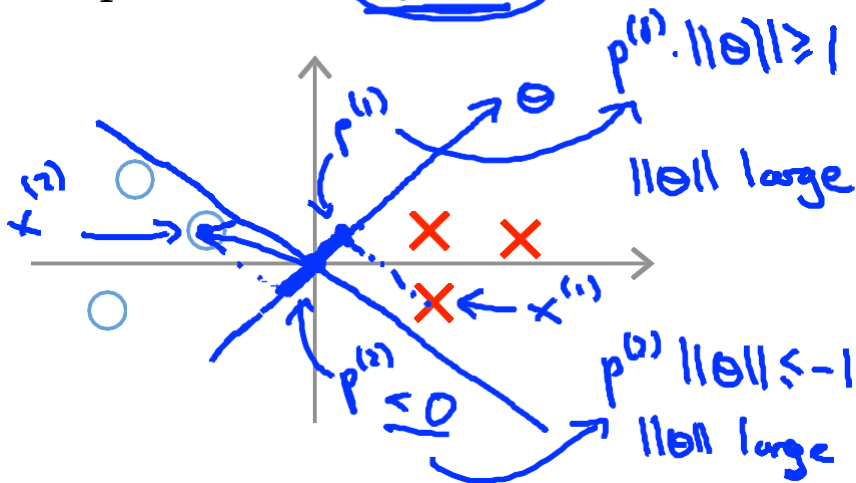
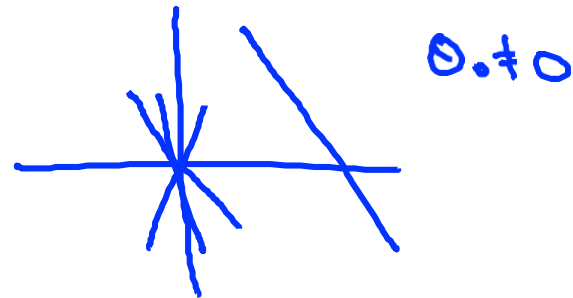
SVM Decision Boundary

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\theta\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \left. \begin{array}{ll} p^{(i)} \cdot \|\theta\| \geq 1 & \text{if } y^{(i)} = 1 \\ p^{(i)} \cdot \|\theta\| \leq -1 & \text{if } y^{(i)} = -1 \end{array} \right\} C \text{ very large}$$

where $p^{(i)}$ is the projection of $x^{(i)}$ onto the vector θ .

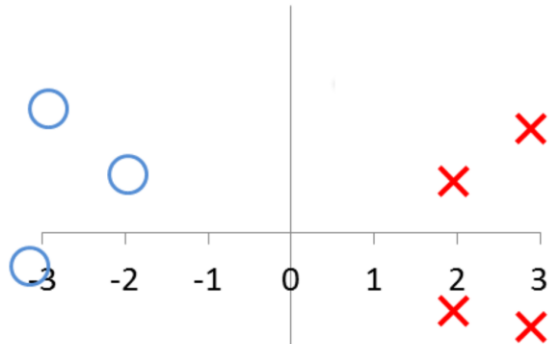
Simplification: $\theta_0 = 0$



Quiz

The SVM optimization problem we used is:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\theta} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\theta\| \cdot p^{(i)} \geq 1 \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = 1 \\ & \|\theta\| \cdot p^{(i)} \leq -1 \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$



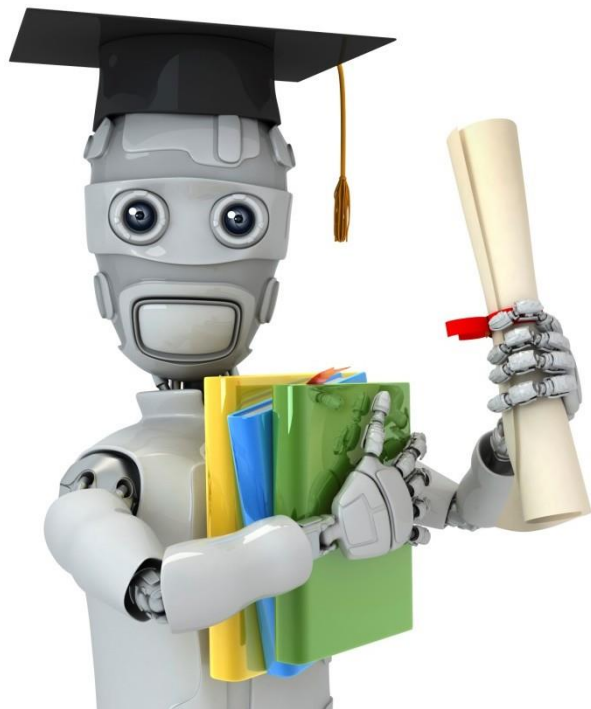
where $p^{(i)}$ is the (signed - positive or negative) projection of $x^{(i)}$ onto θ . Consider the training set above. At the optimal value of θ , what is $\|\theta\|$?

☐ 1/4

☒ 1/2

☐ 1

☐ 2

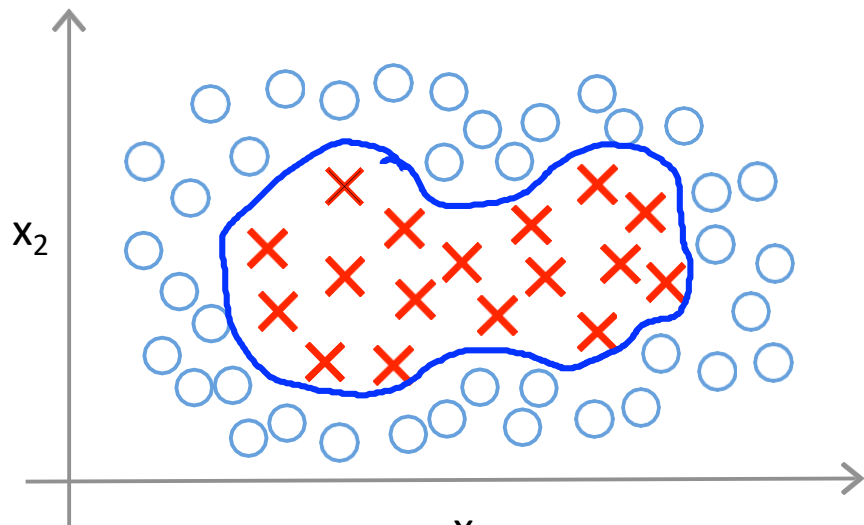


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Kernels I

Non-linear Decision Boundary



Predict $y = 1$ if

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_3 x_1 x_2 \\ + \theta_4 x_1^2 + \theta_5 x_2^2 + \dots \geq 0$$

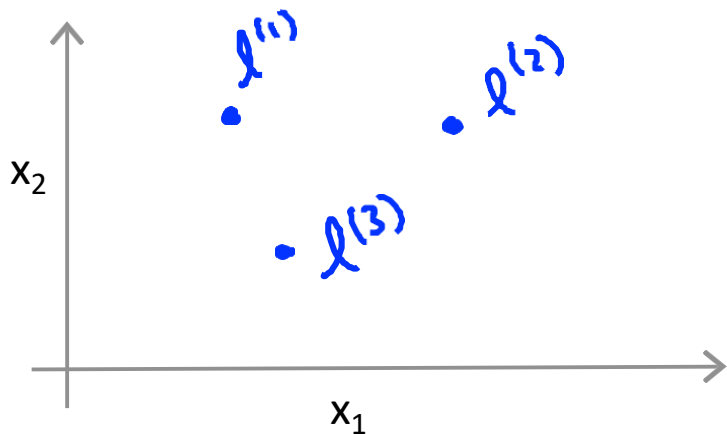
$$h_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \theta_2 f_2 + \theta_3 f_3 + \dots$$

$$f_1 = x_1, \quad f_2 = x_2, \quad f_3 = x_1 x_2, \quad f_4 = x_1^2, \quad f_5 = x_2^2, \dots$$

Is there a different / better choice of the features f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots ?

Kernel



Given x , compute new feature depending on proximity to landmarks $l^{(1)}, l^{(2)}, l^{(3)}$

Given x :

$$f_1 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(1)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$
$$f_2 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(2)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(2)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$
$$f_3 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(3)}) = \exp(\dots)$$

\uparrow kernel (Gaussian kernels) $k(x, l^{(i)})$

Kernels and Similarity

$$f_1 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(1)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

If $x \approx l^{(1)}$:

$$f_1 \approx \exp\left(-\frac{\overset{\downarrow}{0}^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \approx 1$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} l^{(1)} & \rightarrow & f_1 \\ l^{(2)} & \rightarrow & f_2 \\ l^{(3)} & \rightarrow & f_3 \end{array}$$

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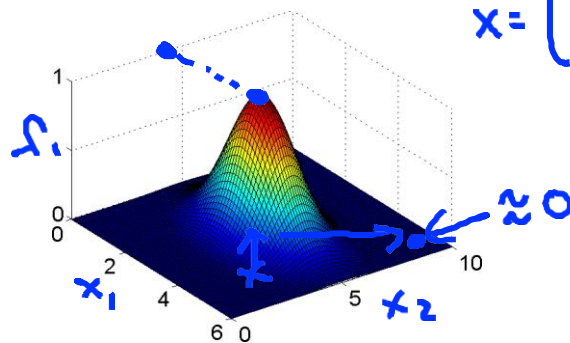
If x is far from $l^{(1)}$:

$$f_1 = \exp\left(-\frac{(\text{large number})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \approx 0.$$

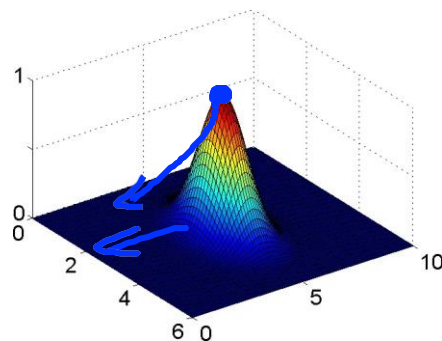
Example:

$$l^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_1 = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

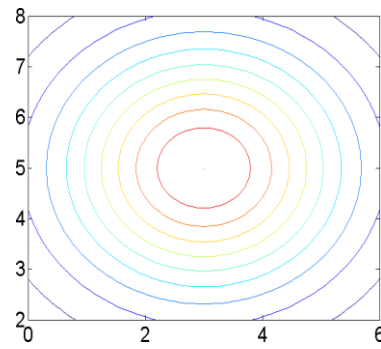
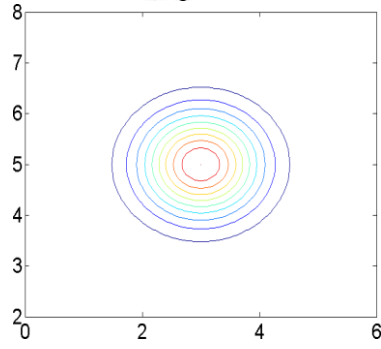
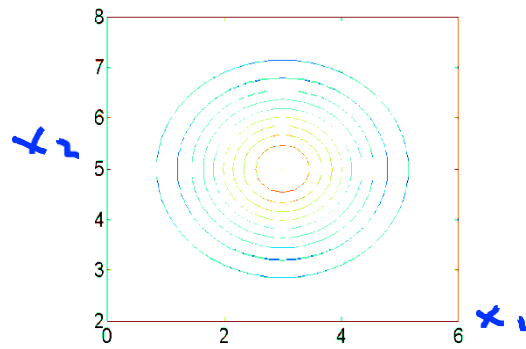
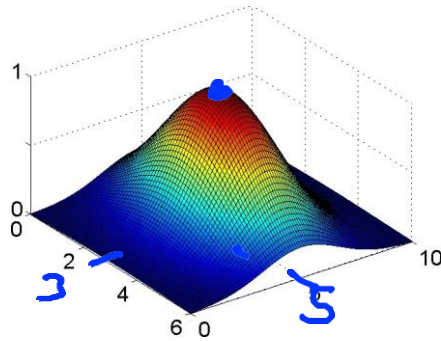
$$\sigma^2 = 1$$



$$\sigma^2 = 0.5$$

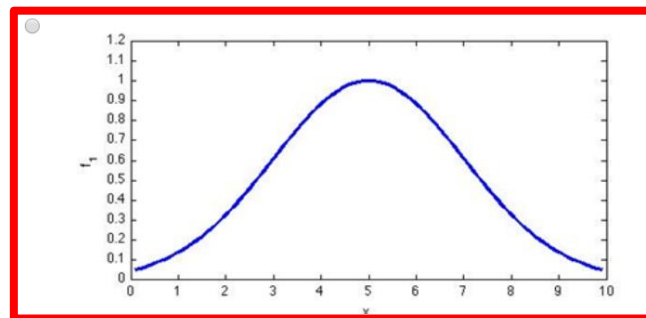
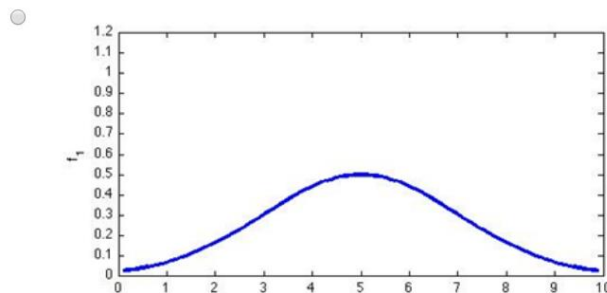
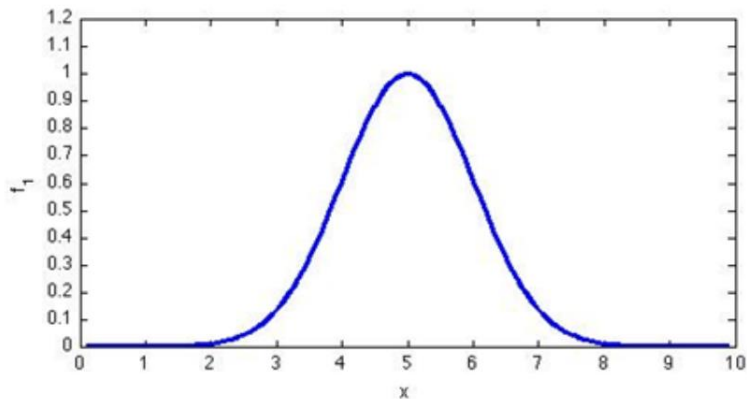


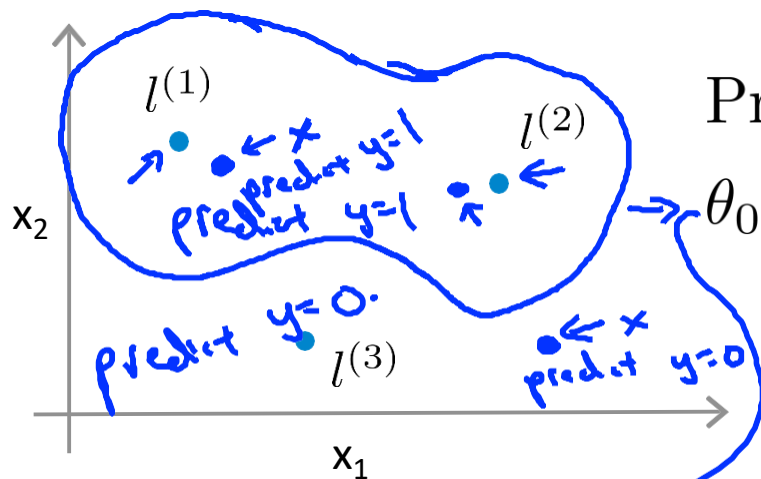
$$\sigma^2 = 3$$



Quiz

Consider a 1-D example with one feature x_1 . Suppose $l^{(1)} = 5$. To the right is a plot of $f_1 = \exp(-\frac{\|x_1 - l^{(1)}\|}{2\sigma^2})$ when $\sigma^2 = 1$. Suppose we now change $\sigma^2 = 4$. Which of the following is a plot of f_1 with the new value of σ^2 ?





Predict "1" when

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \theta_2 f_2 + \theta_3 f_3 \geq 0$$

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X

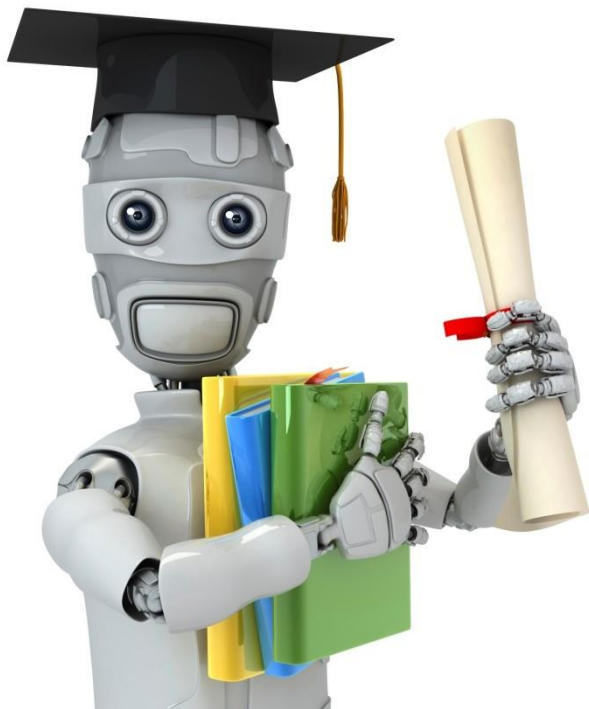
$$\underline{\theta_0 = -0.5, \theta_1 = 1, \theta_2 = 1, \theta_3 = 0}$$

$$f_1 \approx 1, f_2 \approx 0, f_3 \approx 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 \times 1 + \theta_2 \times 0 + \theta_3 \times 0 \\ = -0.5 + 1 = 0.5 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_1, f_2, f_3 \approx 0$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\theta_0} + \theta_1 \underline{f_1} + \dots \approx -0.5 < 0$$

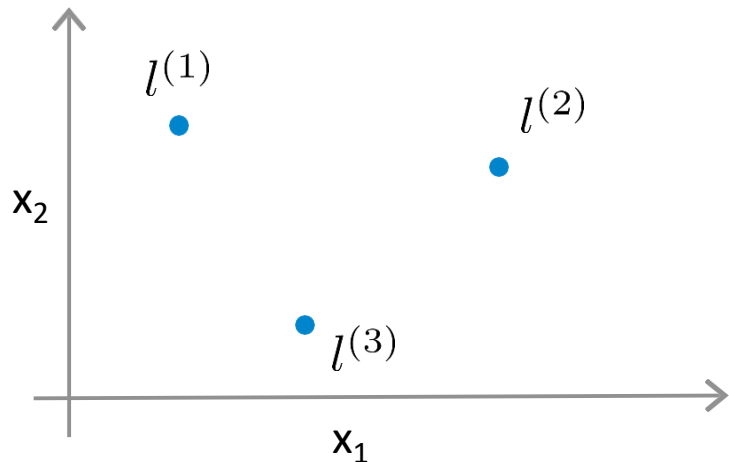


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Kernels II

Choosing the landmarks



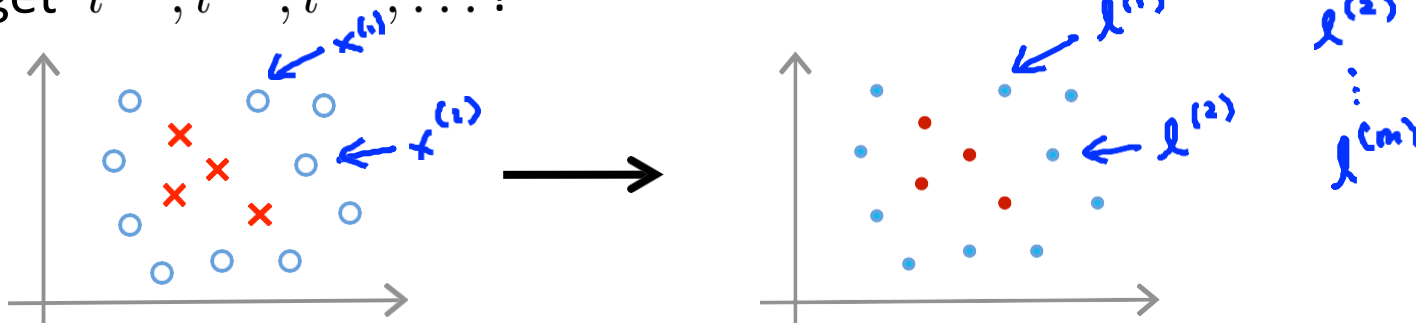
Given x :

$$f_i = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(i)})$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(i)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Predict $y = 1$ if $\theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \theta_2 f_2 + \theta_3 f_3 \geq 0$

Where to get $l^{(1)}, l^{(2)}, l^{(3)}, \dots$?



SVM with Kernels

Given $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$,
choose $l^{(1)} = x^{(1)}, l^{(2)} = x^{(2)}, \dots, l^{(m)} = x^{(m)}$.

Given example x :

$$f_1 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(1)})$$

$$f_2 = \text{similarity}(x, l^{(2)})$$

...

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_m \end{bmatrix} \quad f_0 = 1$$

For training example $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$:

$$x^{(i)} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} f_1^{(i)} \\ f_2^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ f_m^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{aligned} f_1^{(i)} &= \sin(x^{(i)}, l^{(1)}) \\ f_2^{(i)} &= \sin(x^{(i)}, l^{(2)}) \\ &\vdots \\ f_i^{(i)} &= \sin(x^{(i)}, l^{(i)}) = \exp(-\frac{0}{2\sigma^2}) = 1 \\ &\vdots \\ f_m^{(i)} &= \sin(x^{(i)}, l^{(m)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \text{ (or } \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow f^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} f_0^{(i)} \\ f_1^{(i)} \\ f_2^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ f_m^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \quad f_0^{(i)} = 1$$

SVM with Kernels

Hypothesis: Given x , compute features $f \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$

$$\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

Predict "y=1" if $\theta^T f \geq 0$

$$\Theta_0 f_0 + \Theta_1 f_1 + \dots + \Theta_m f_m$$

Training:

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T f^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T f^{(i)}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m \theta_j^2$$

Handwritten annotations:
 - A blue arrow points from $\theta^T f^{(i)}$ in the cost functions to $\Theta^T f^{(i)}$ below.
 - A blue arrow points from θ_j in the regularization term to Θ_j below.
 - A blue box around the regularization term with $n=m$ written above it.
 - A blue arrow points from the box to Θ_0 below.

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \theta_j^2 = \Theta^T \Theta$$

Handwritten annotations:
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta^T \Theta$ to $\Theta^T M \Theta$ below.
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta^T M \Theta$ to $\|\Theta\|^2$ below.
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_m \end{bmatrix}$ to $\Theta^T \Theta$.
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_m \end{bmatrix}$ to $\Theta^T M \Theta$.
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_m \end{bmatrix}$ to $\|\Theta\|^2$.
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_m \end{bmatrix}$ to $(\text{ignore } \Theta_0)$ below.
 - A blue arrow points from $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_m \end{bmatrix}$ to $m = 10,000$ below.

SVM parameters:

$C (= \frac{1}{\lambda})$. Large C : Lower bias, high variance.

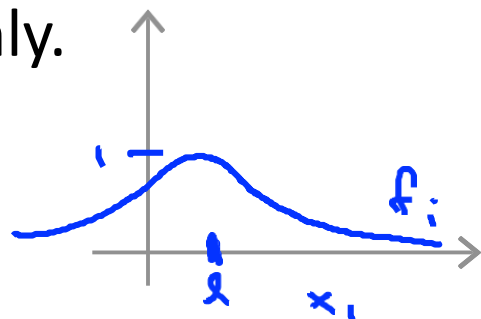
(small λ)

Small C : Higher bias, low variance.

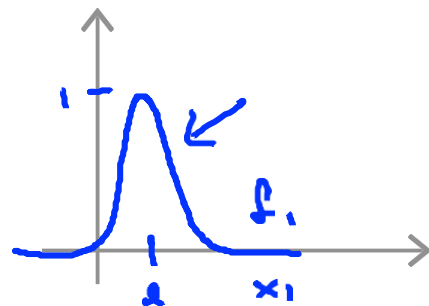
(large λ)

σ^2 Large σ^2 : Features f_i vary more smoothly.
Higher bias, lower variance.

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\|x - x^{(i)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



Small σ^2 : Features f_i vary less smoothly.
Lower bias, higher variance.



Quiz

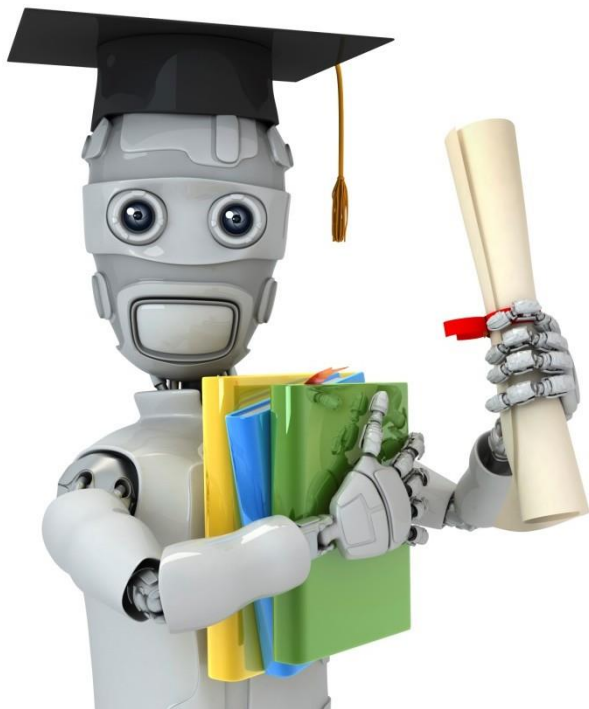
Suppose you train an SVM and find it overfits your training data. Which of these would be a reasonable next step? Check all that apply.

☐ Increase C

☐ Decrease C

☐ Increase σ^2

☐ Decrease σ^2



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Using an SVM

Use SVM software package (e.g. liblinear, libsvm, ...) to solve for parameters θ .

Need to specify:

Choice of parameter C.

Choice of kernel (similarity function):

E.g. No kernel ("linear kernel")

Predict "y = 1" if $\theta^T x \geq 0$

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n \geq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \underline{n} \text{ large}, \quad \underline{m} \text{ small} \quad \underline{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}}$$

Gaussian kernel:

$$f_i = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(i)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \text{ where } l^{(i)} = x^{(i)}.$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad n \text{ small} \\ n \text{ large}$$

Need to choose σ^2 .

Quiz

Suppose you are trying to decide among a few different choices of kernel and are also choosing parameters such as C , σ^2 , etc. How should you make the choice?

- ☐ Choose whatever performs best on the training data.
- ☒ Choose whatever performs best on the cross-validation data.
- ☐ Choose whatever performs best on the test data.
- ☐ Choose whatever gives the largest SVM margin.

Kernel (similarity) functions:

function $f = \text{kernel}(\underline{x1}, \underline{x2})$

$$f = \exp \left(-\frac{\| \underline{x1} - \underline{x2} \|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

return

$x \rightarrow \begin{matrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_m \end{matrix}$

Note: Do perform feature scaling before using the Gaussian kernel.

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= x - l \\ \|v\|^2 &= v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2 \\ &= \underbrace{(x_1 - l_1)^2}_{1000 \text{ feet}^2} + \underbrace{(x_2 - l_2)^2}_{1-5 \text{ bedrooms}} + \dots + (x_n - l_n)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Other choices of kernel

Note: Not all similarity functions $\text{similarity}(x, l)$ make valid kernels. (Need to satisfy technical condition called “Mercer’s Theorem” to make sure SVM packages’ optimizations run correctly, and do not diverge).

Many off-the-shelf kernels available:

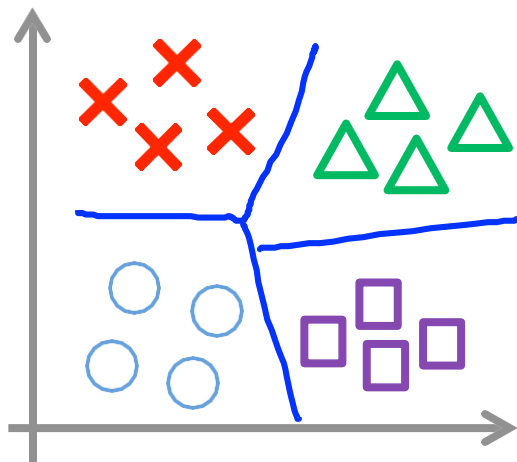
- Polynomial kernel:

$$k(x, l) = (x^T l + c)^d$$

- More esoteric: String kernel, chi-square kernel, histogram intersection kernel, ...

$$\text{sim}(x, l)$$

Multi-class classification



$$y \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, K\}$$

Many SVM packages already have built-in multi-class classification functionality.

Otherwise, use one-vs.-all method. (Train K SVMs, one to distinguish $y = i$ from the rest, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$), get $\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \dots, \theta^{(K)}$
Pick class i with largest $(\theta^{(i)})^T x$

Logistic regression vs. SVMs

n = number of features ($x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$), m = number of training examples

If n is large (relative to m): (e.g. $n \geq m$, $n = \underline{10,000}$, $m = \underline{10} \dots \underline{1000}$)

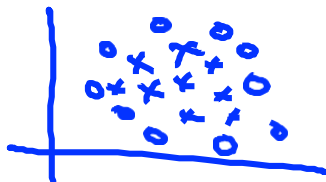
Use logistic regression, or SVM without a kernel ("linear kernel")

If n is small, m is intermediate: ($n = 1 - 1000$, $m = 10 - 10,000$)

Use SVM with Gaussian kernel

If n is small, m is large: ($n = 1 - 1000$, $m = \underline{50,000+}$)

Create/add more features, then use logistic regression or SVM without a kernel



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