

Learning with Kernels

CS771: Introduction to Machine Learning

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Announcements

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Quiz: October 16 (Wednesday), 6PM, **L20 – same as before**

Assigned seating – don't be late (will waste time finding your seat)

Syllabus is till whatever we covered till October 04 (before midsem recess)

*Bring your **institute ID card** with you – will lose time if you forget*

*Bring a **pencil, pen, eraser, sharpener** with you – we wont provide!*

*Answers to be written on question paper itself. If you write with pen and make a mistake, no extra paper. Final answer **must be in pen***

***Auditors cannot appear** for quiz – please come to L20 at ~ 6:40PM*

Doubt clearing session: Oct 15 (Tue), 6PM **KD101**



Non-linear Learning

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These are learning techniques that involve non-linear models

Classifiers with non-linear decision boundaries

Regressors that predicts the label using non-linear functions

Dim-redn that reveal if data was lying on a low-dim curved surface

We have actually seen a few non-linear learning techniques already

kNN, learning with multiple prototypes are all capable of learning non-linear decision boundaries, non-linear functions etc

Also saw generalized linear models in the last class

These are nice and valuable but much more powerful methods exist

Will study two such methods – kernel learning and deep learning

Start with kernel learning



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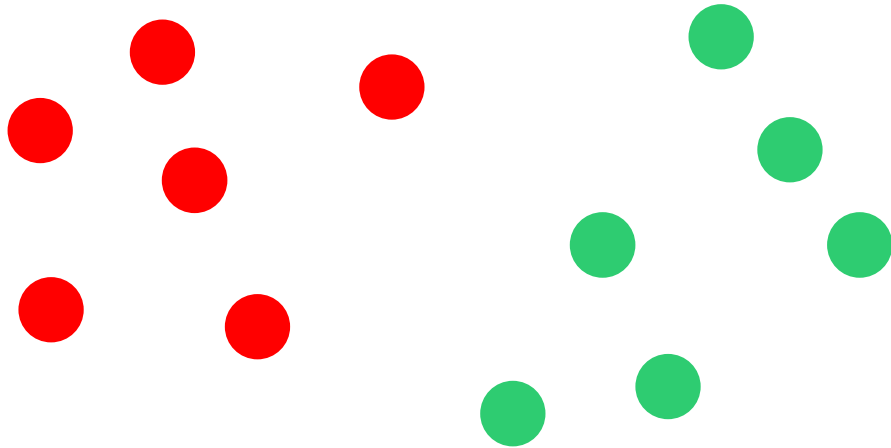
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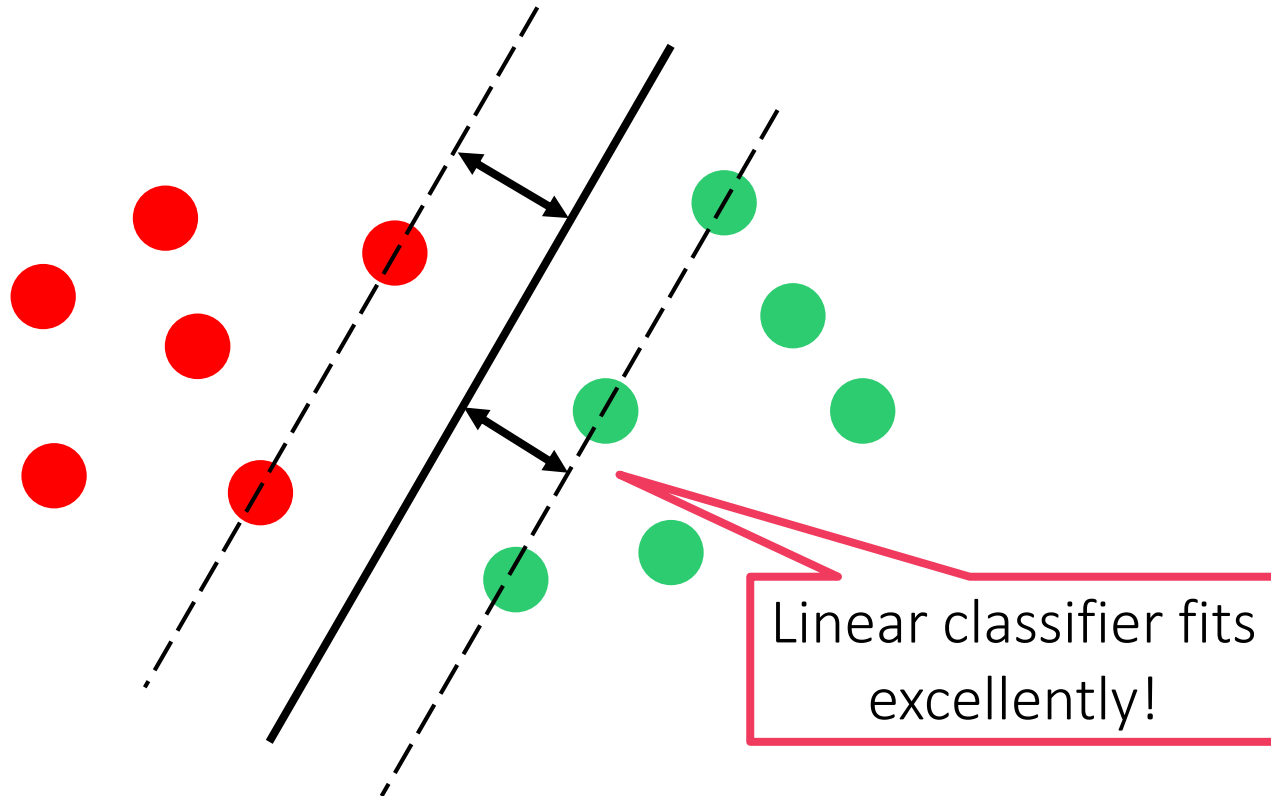
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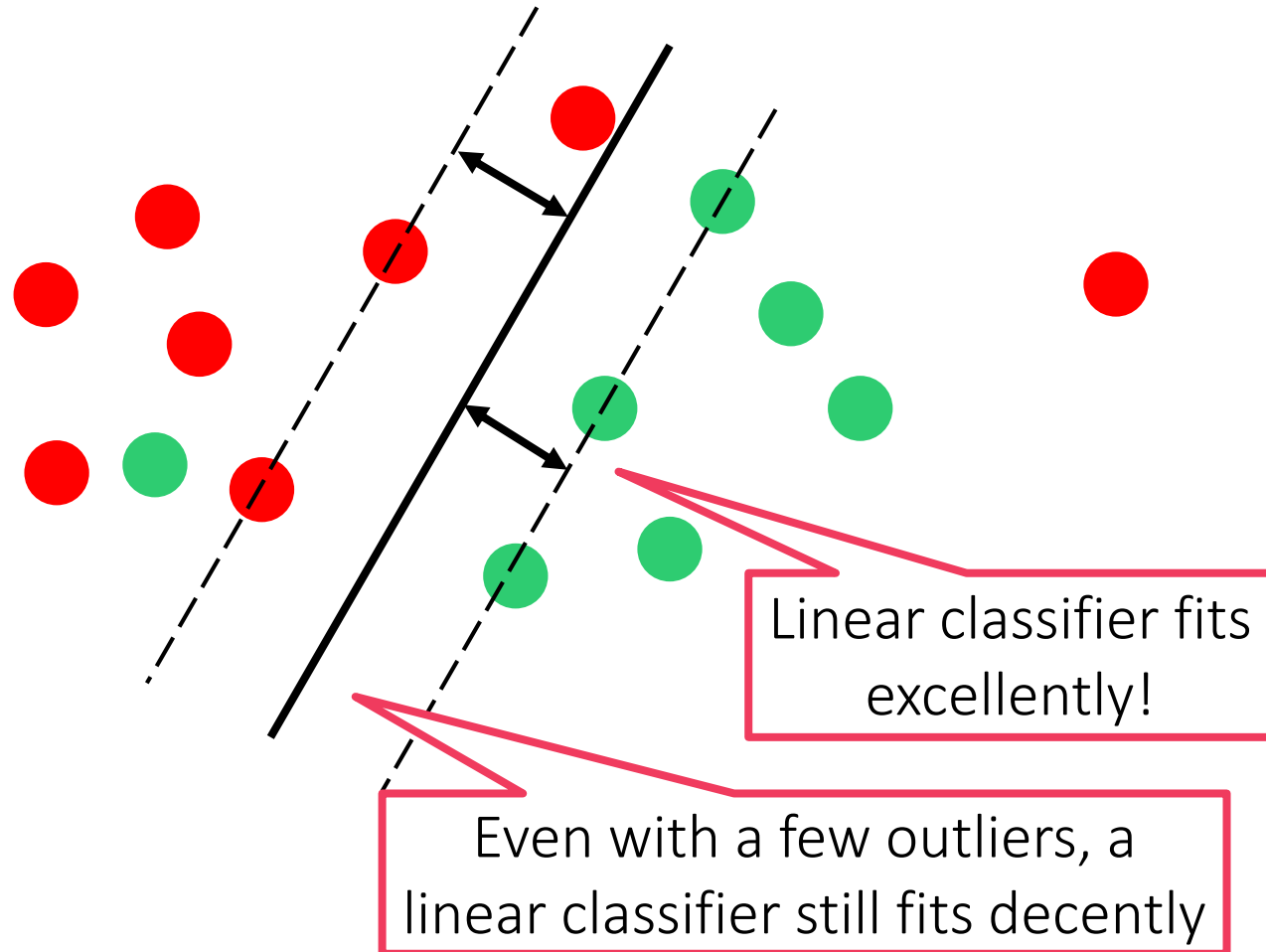
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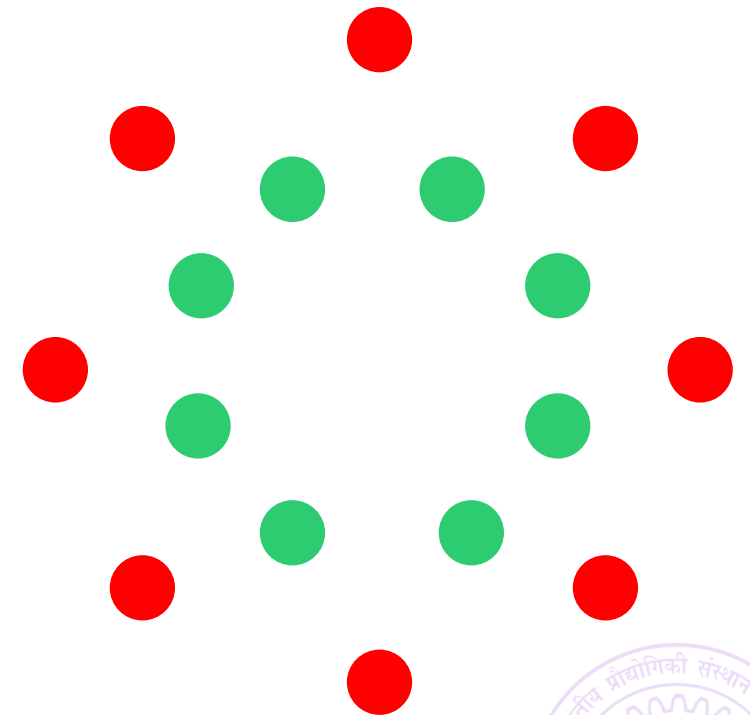
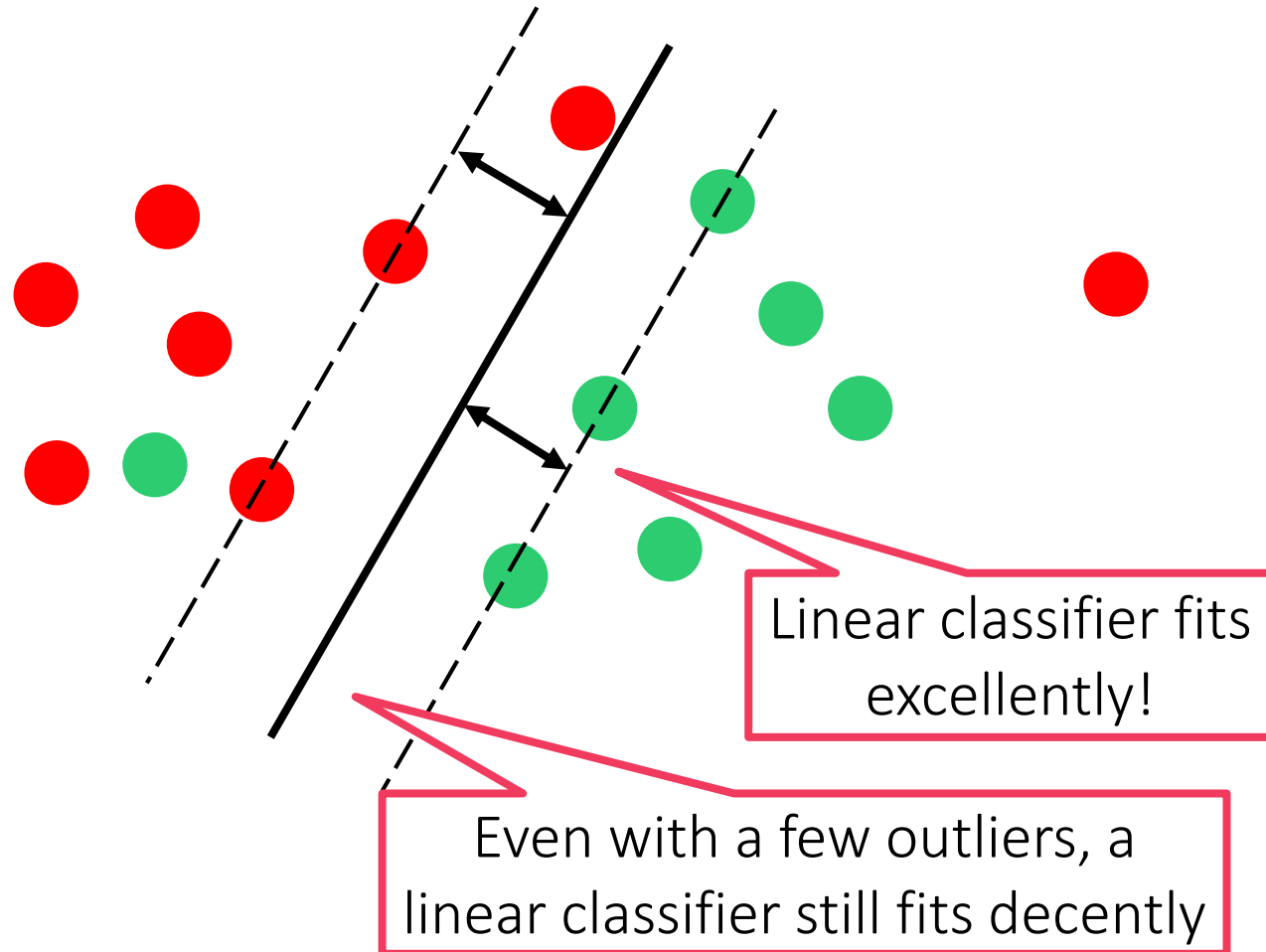
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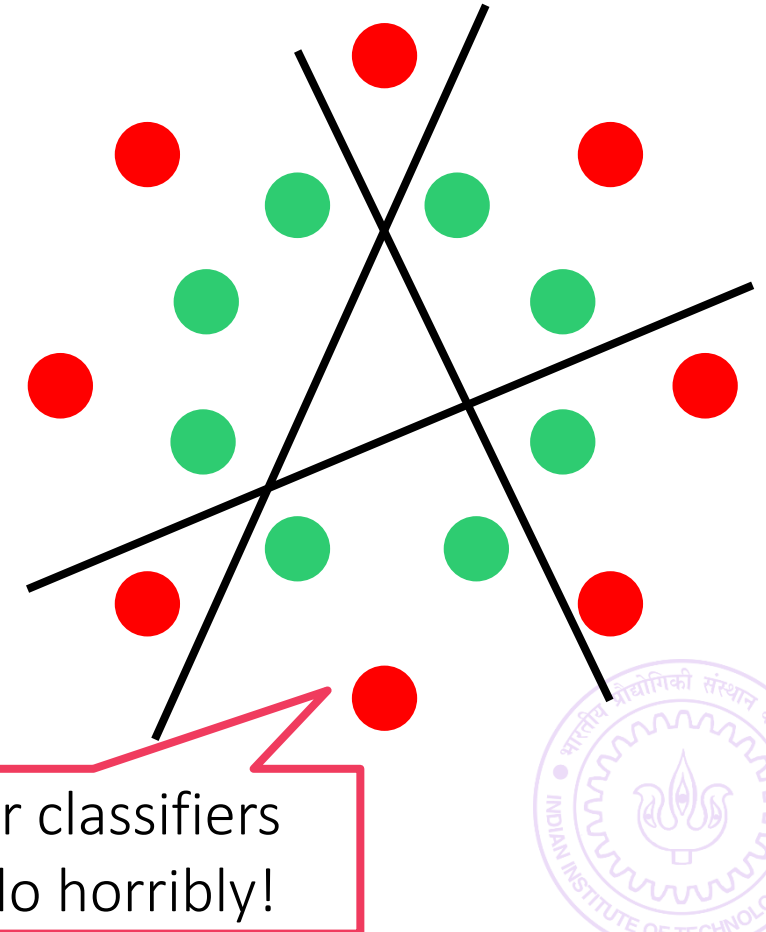
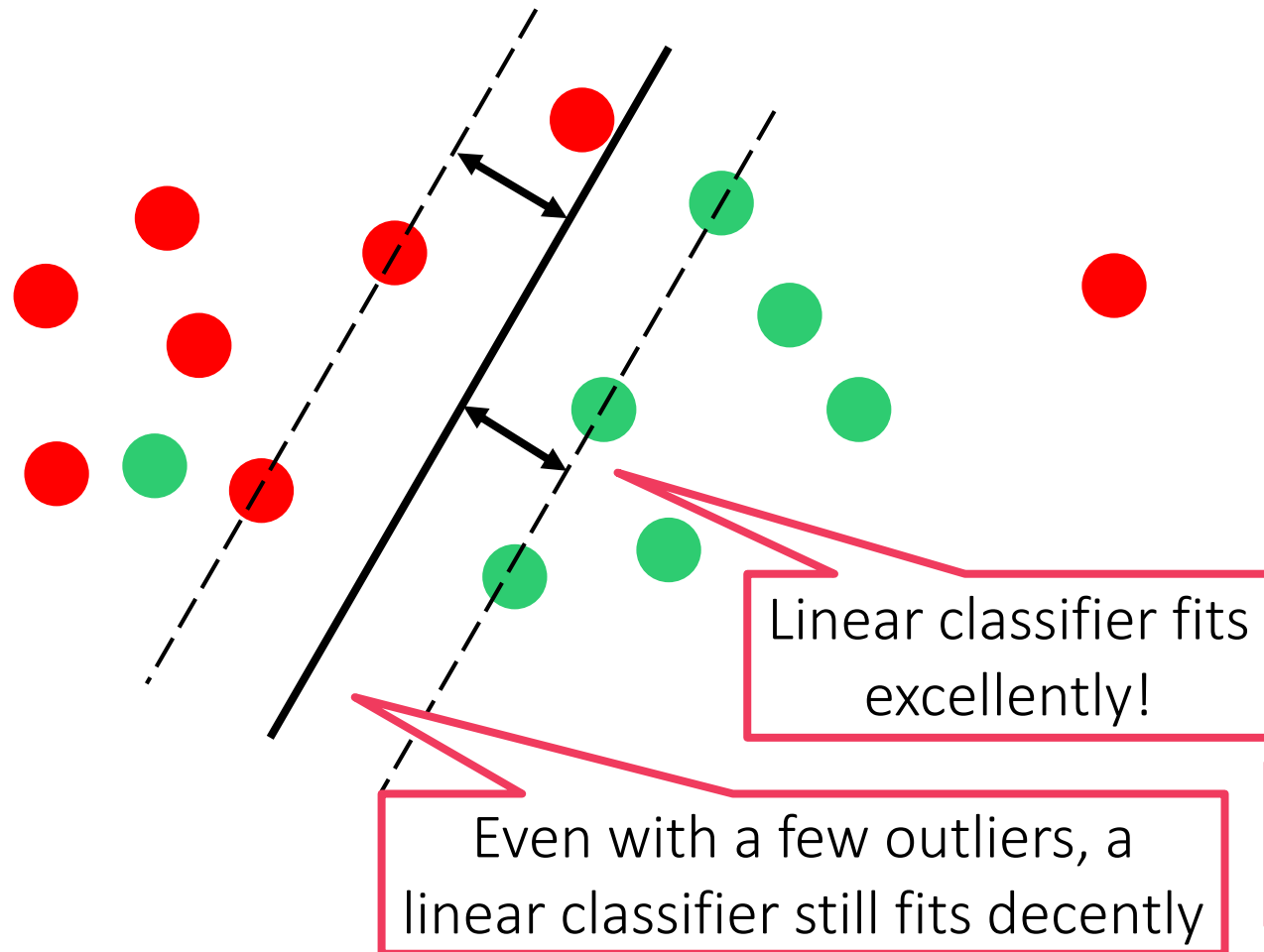
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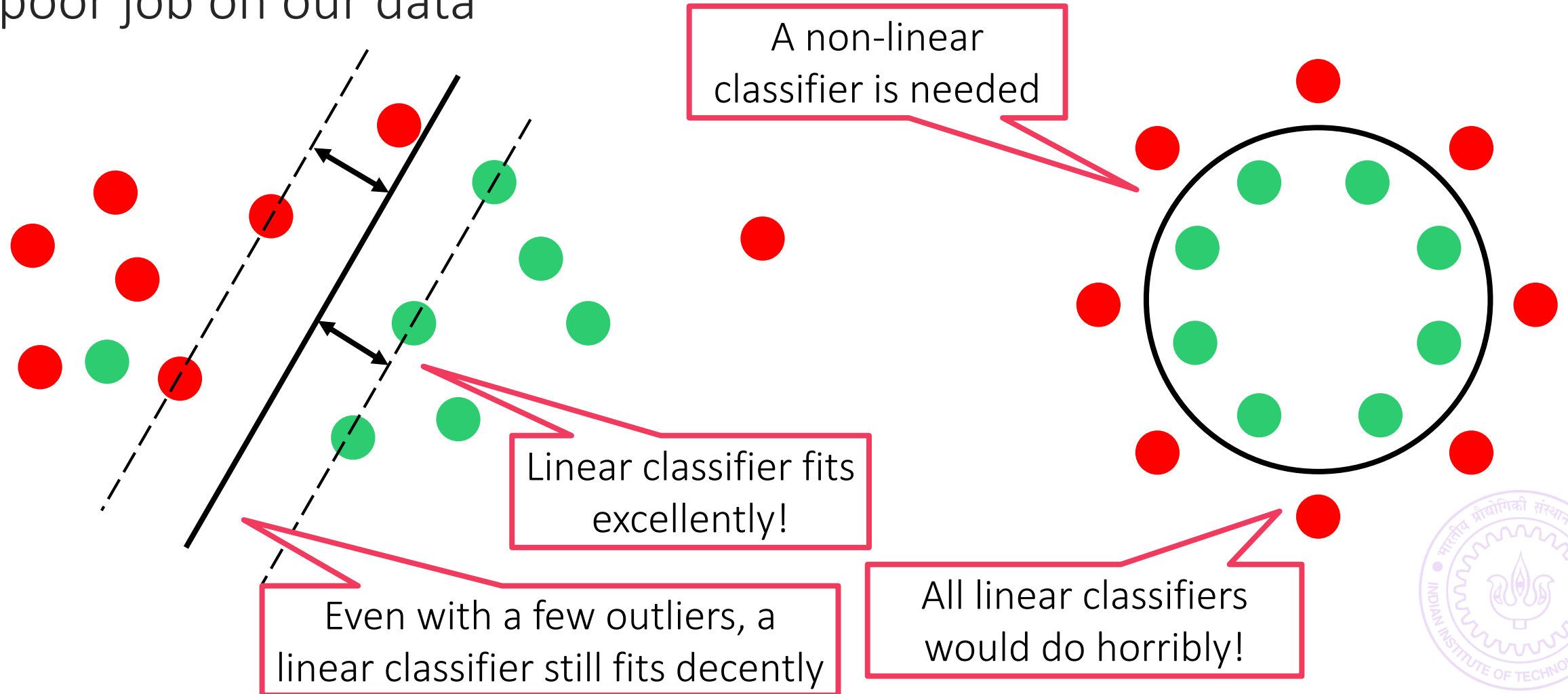
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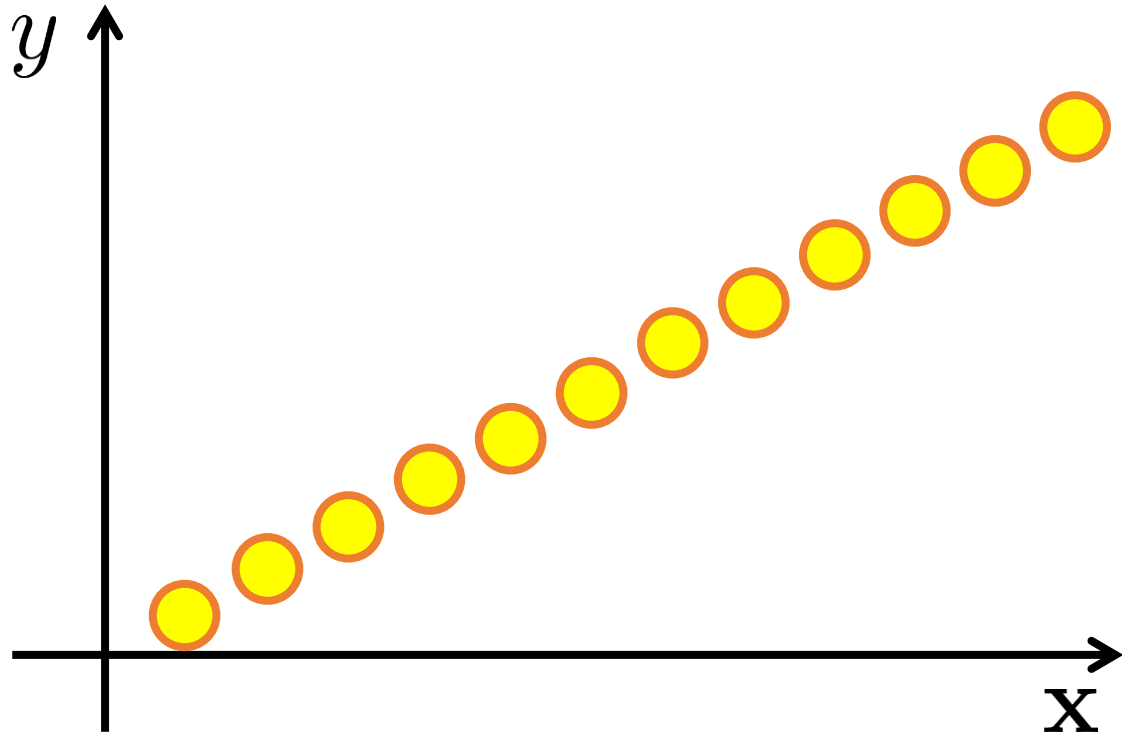
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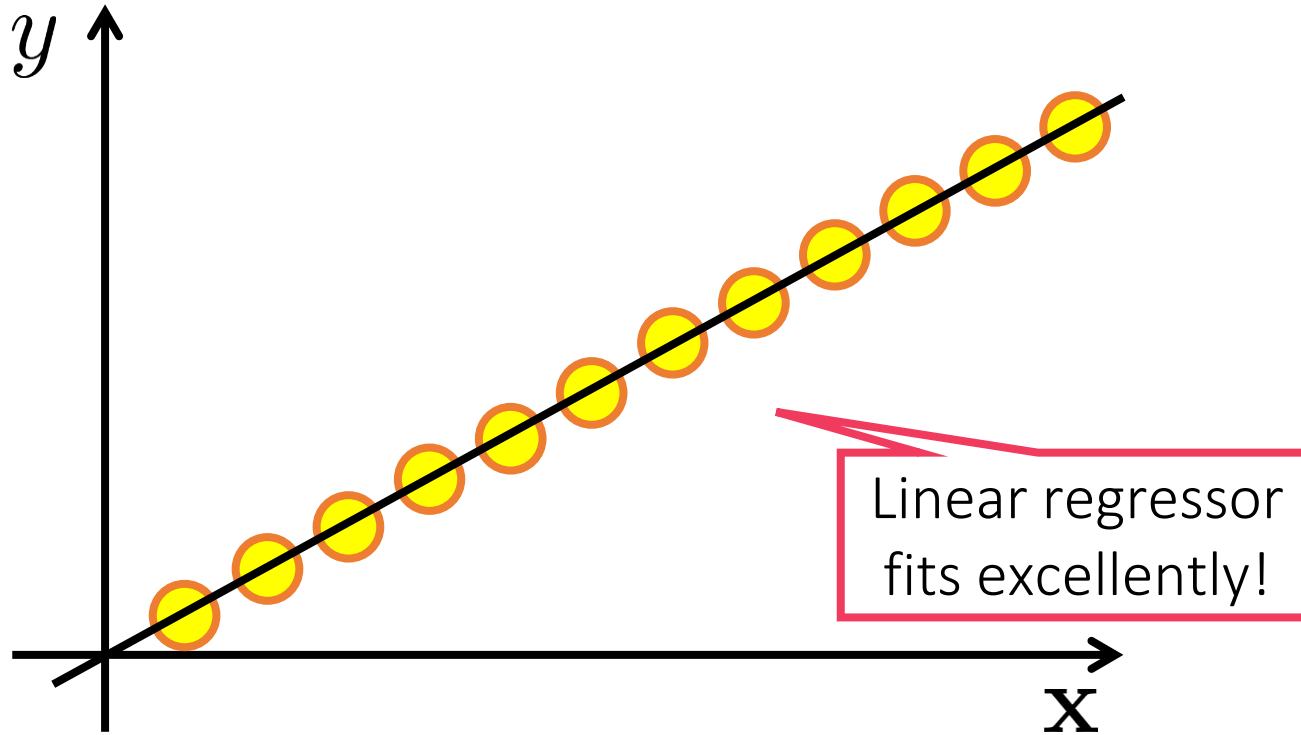
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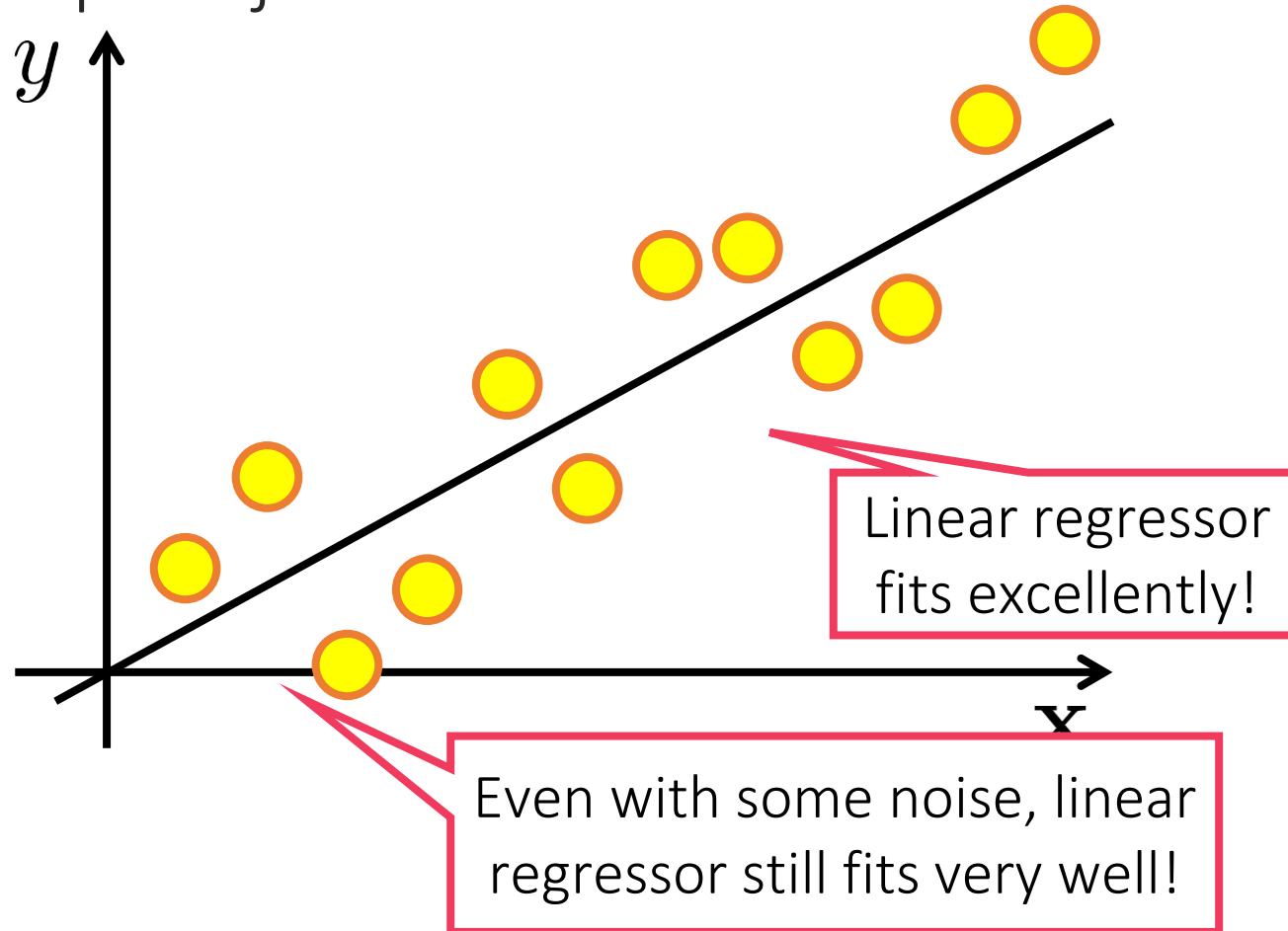
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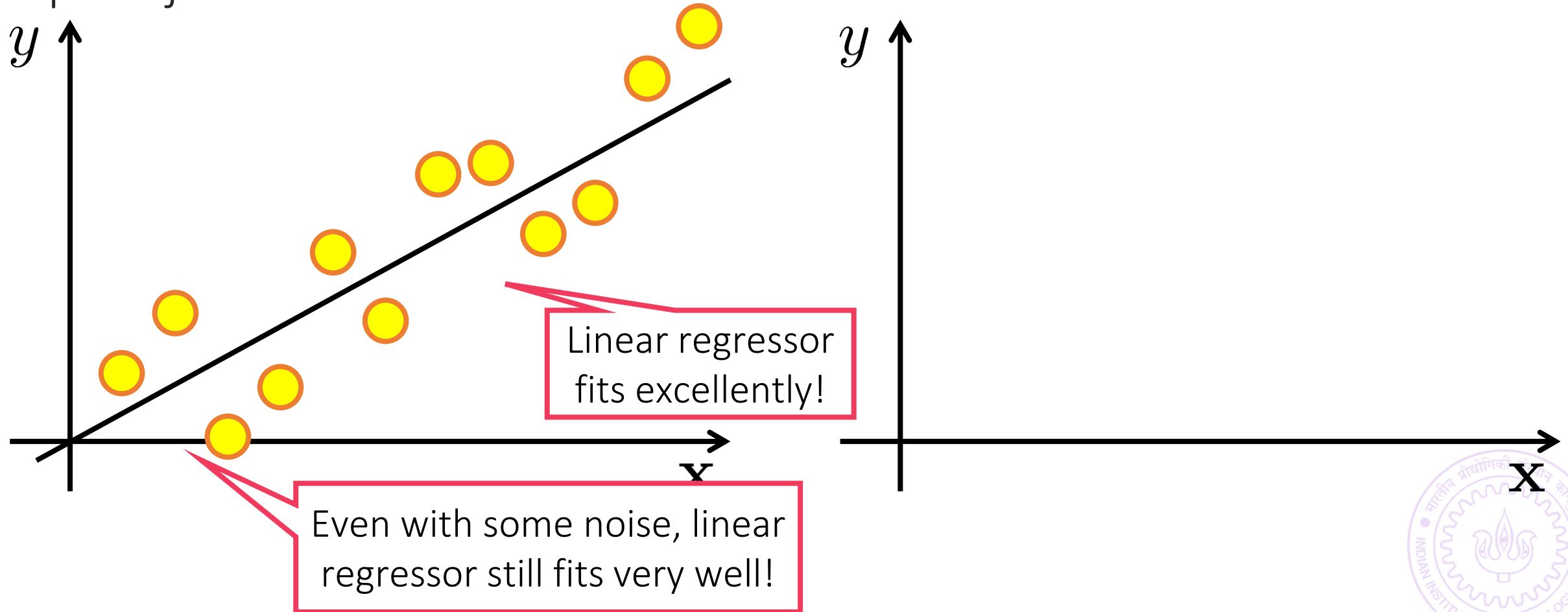
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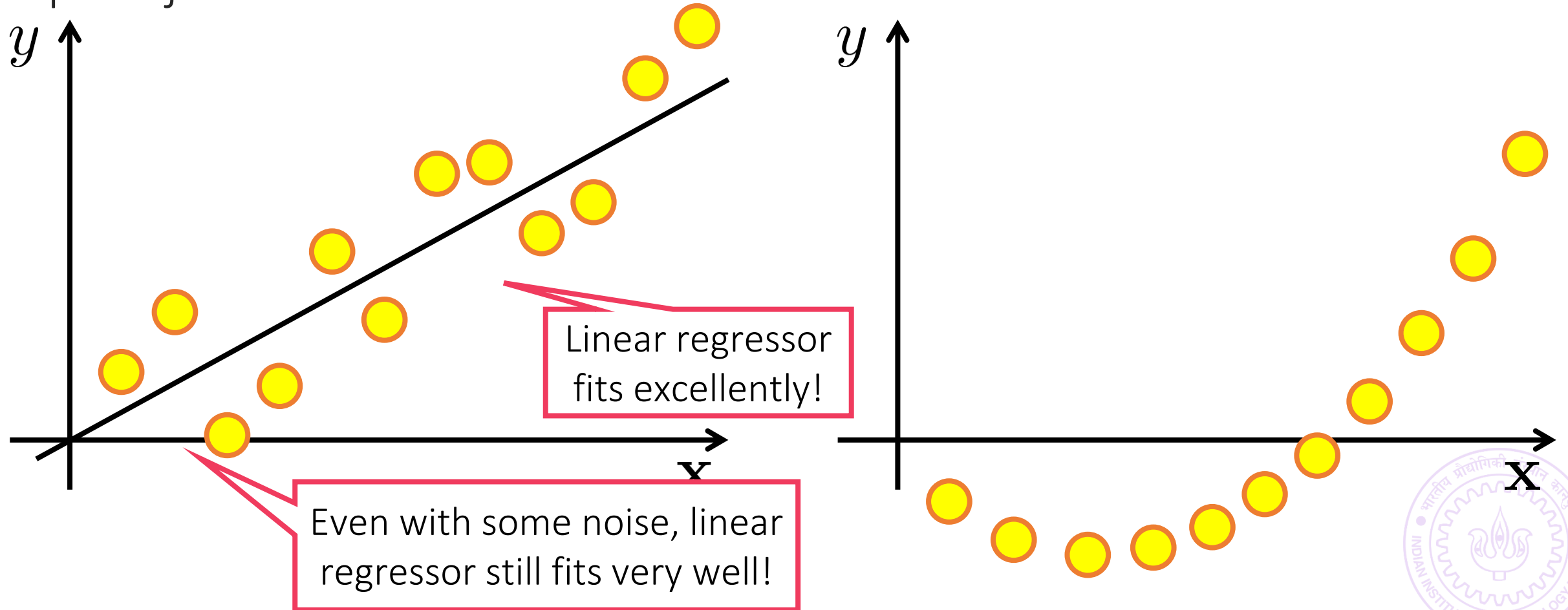
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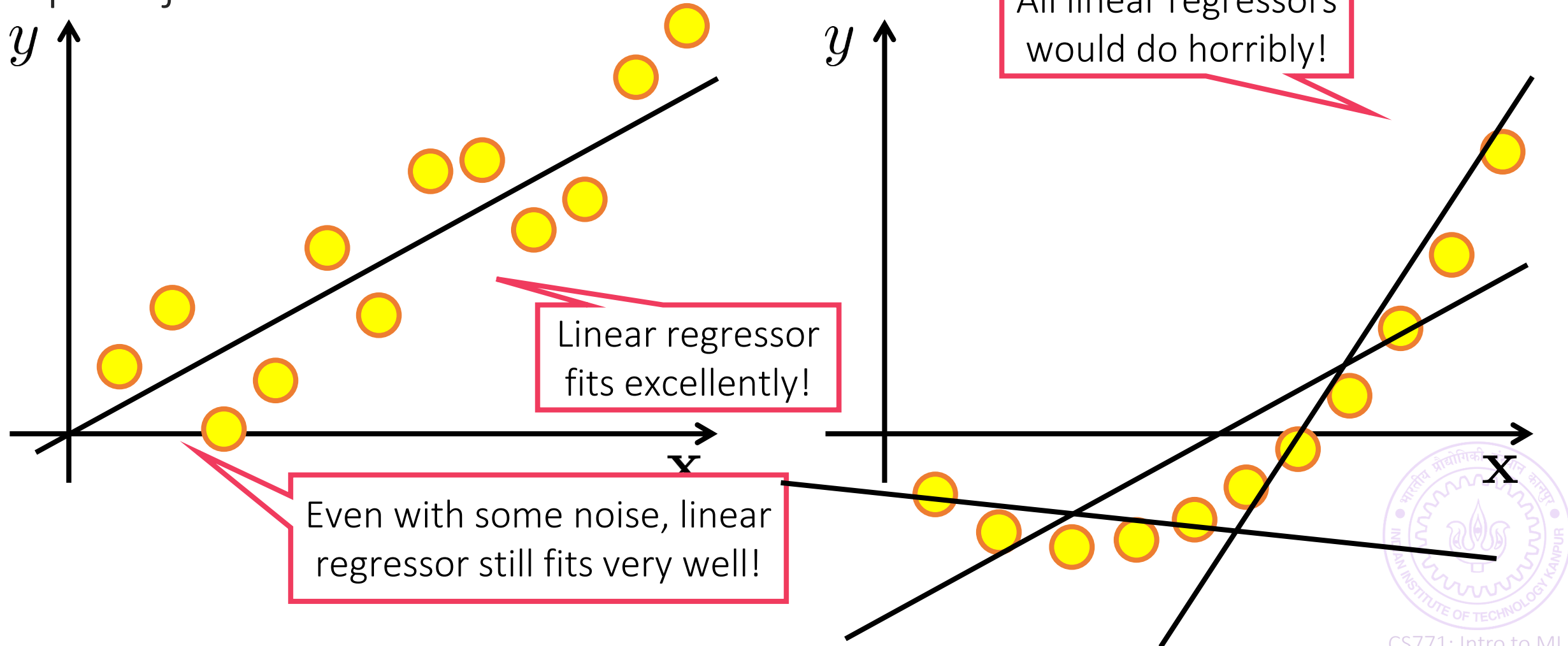
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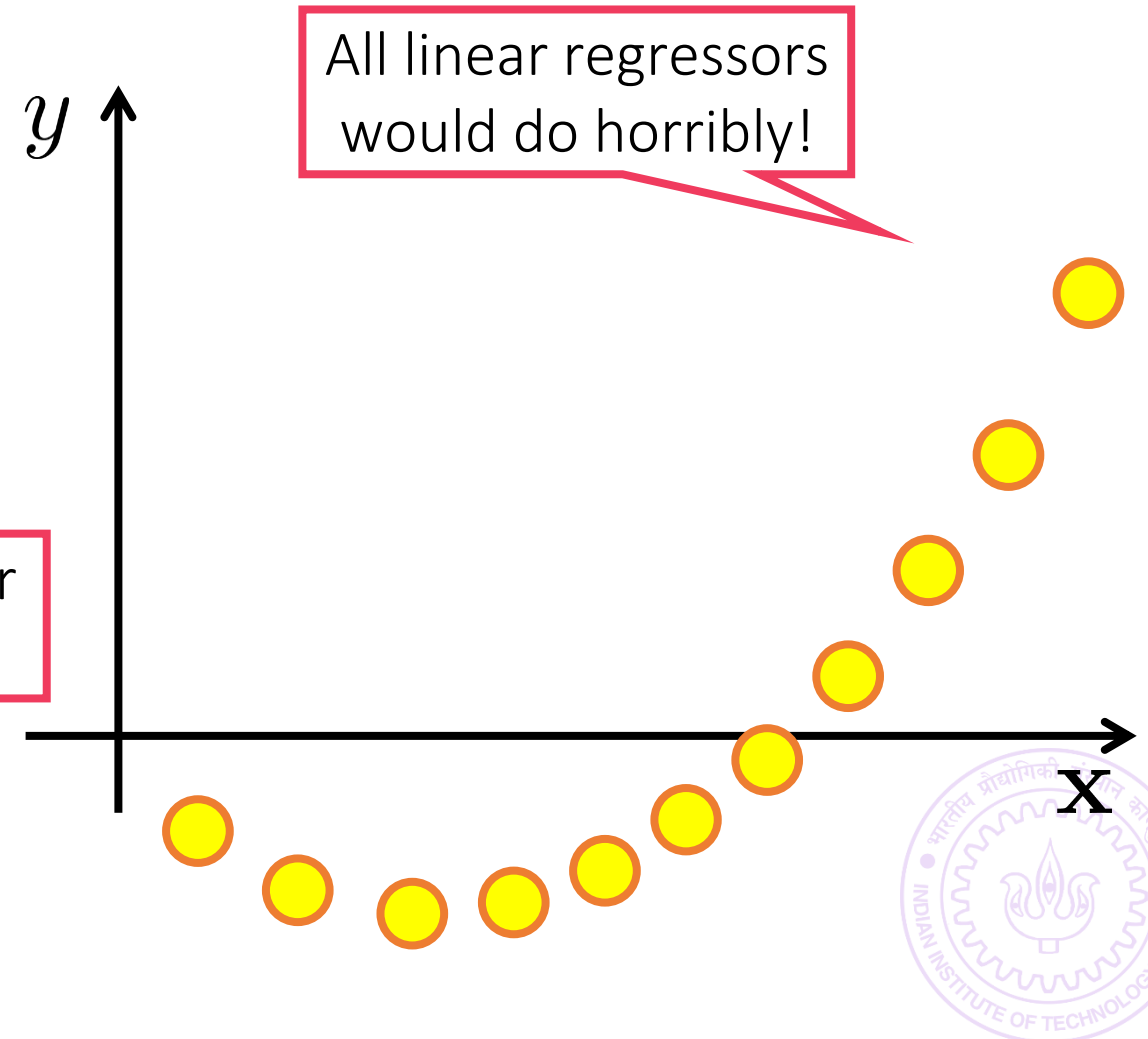
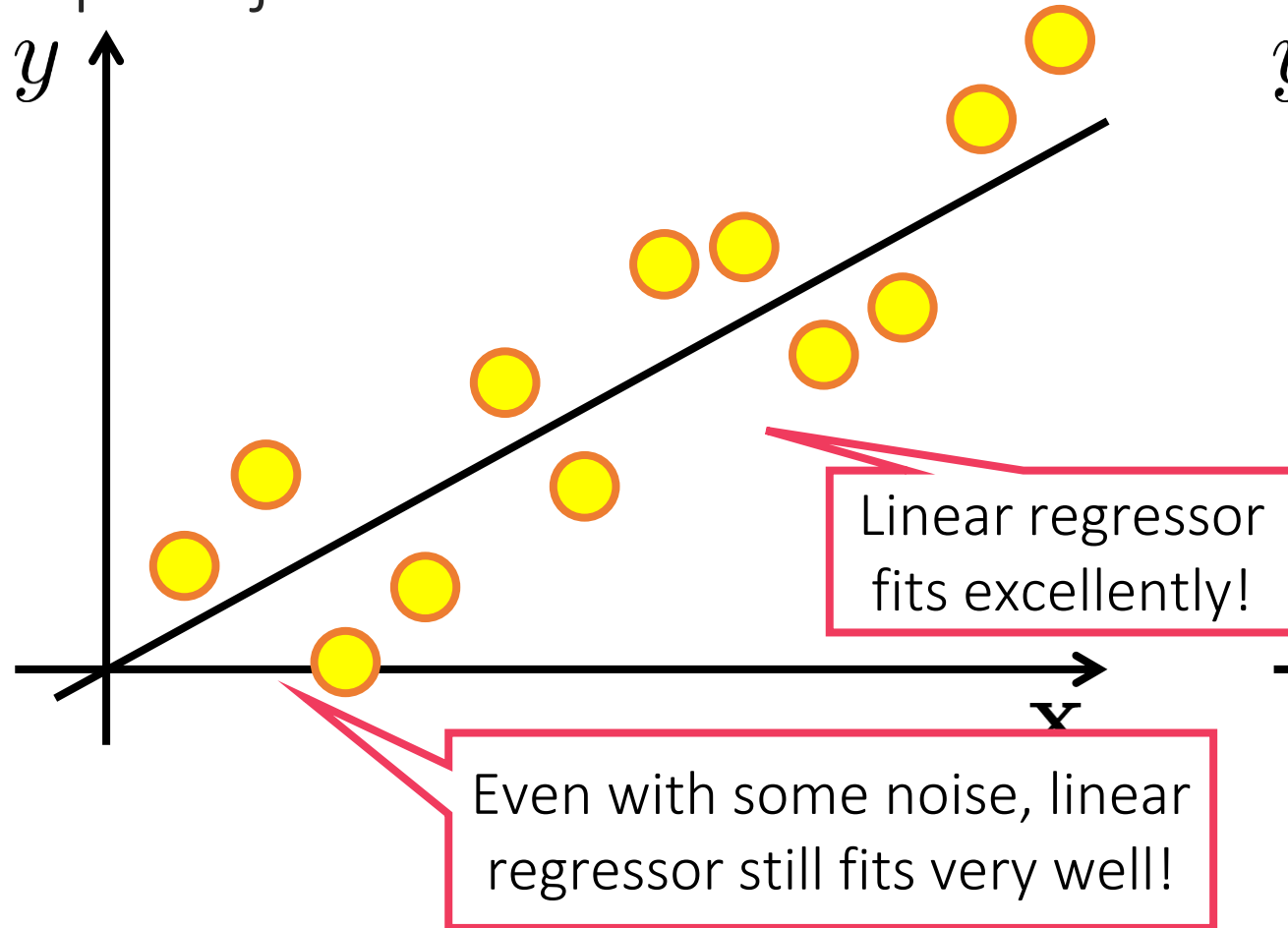
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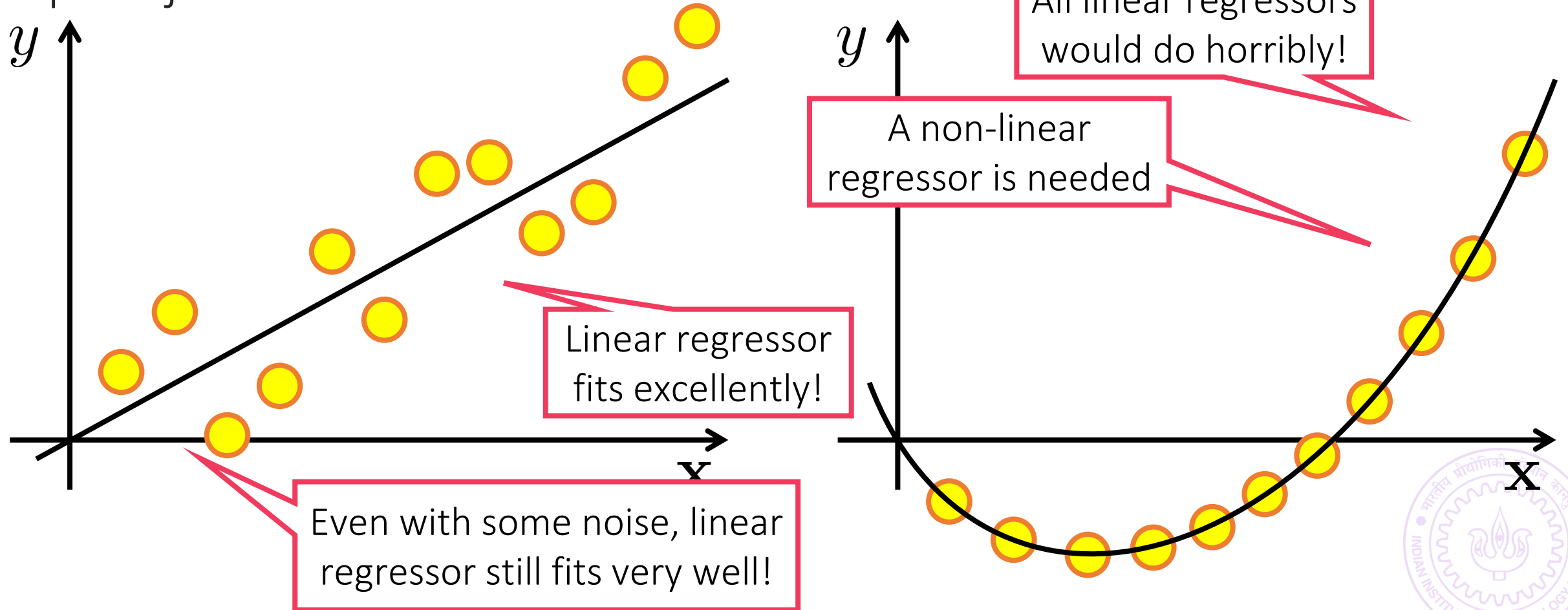
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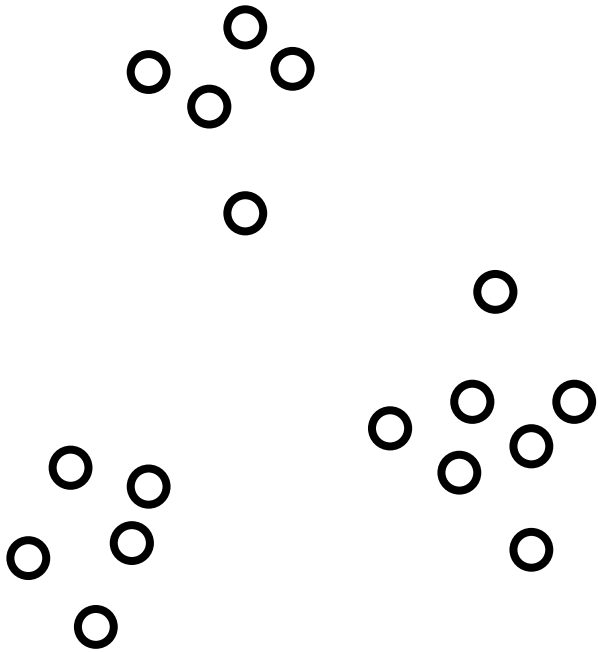
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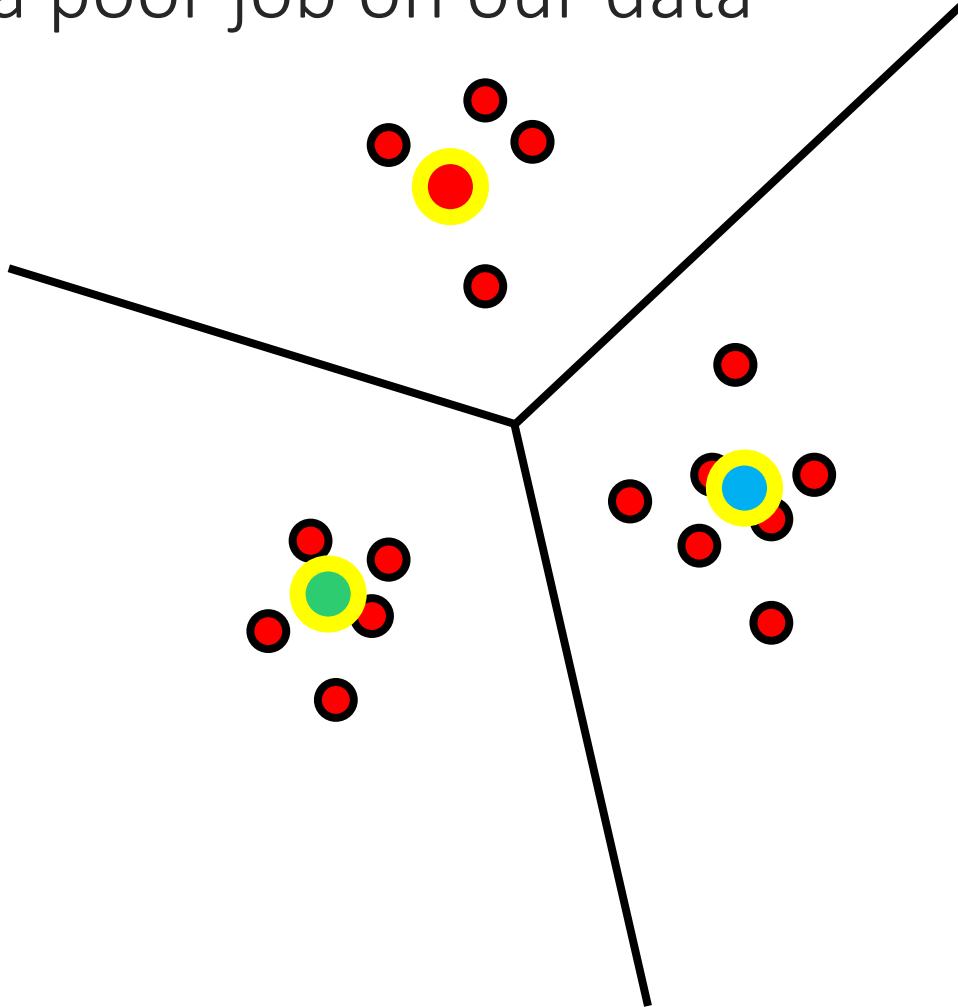
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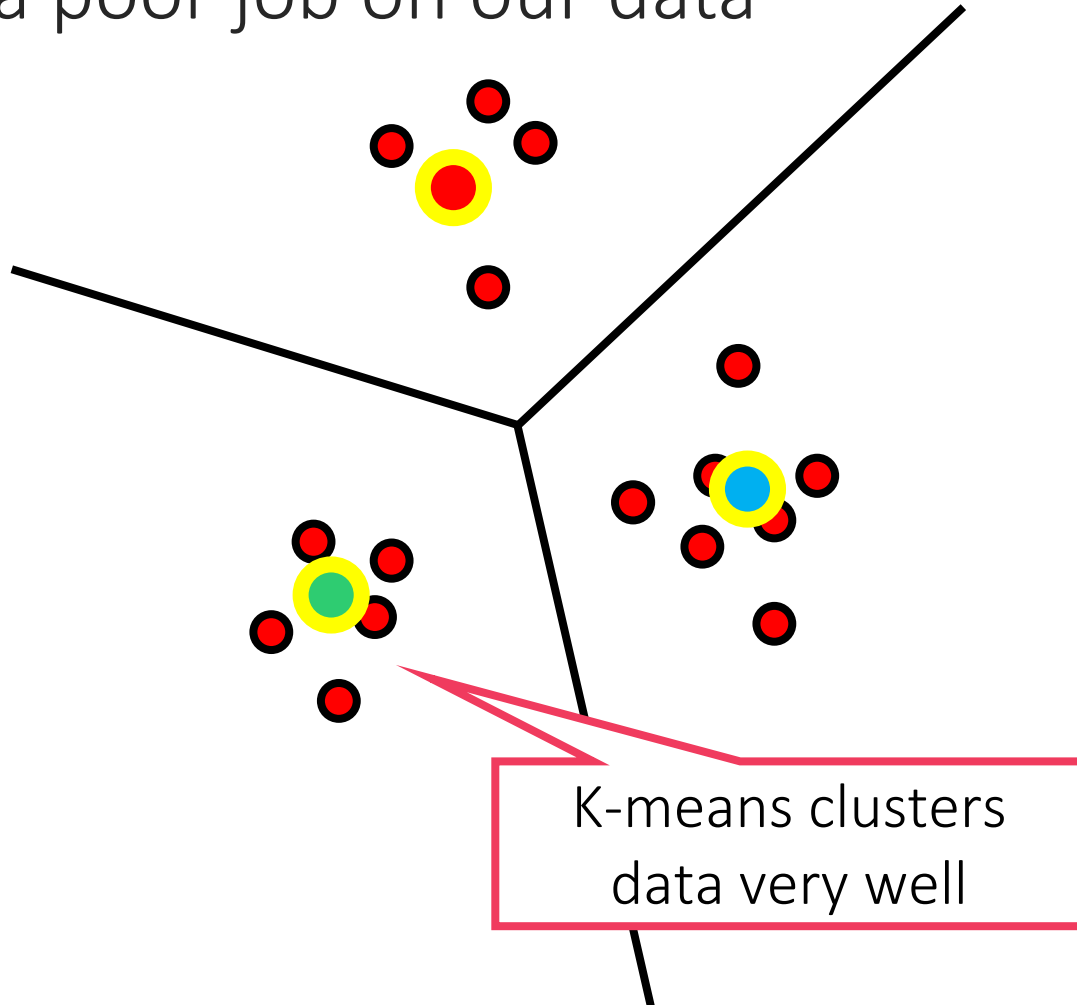
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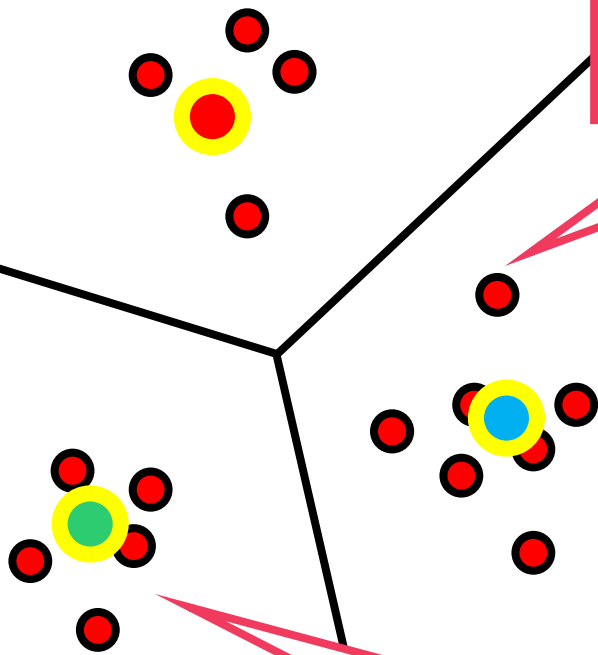


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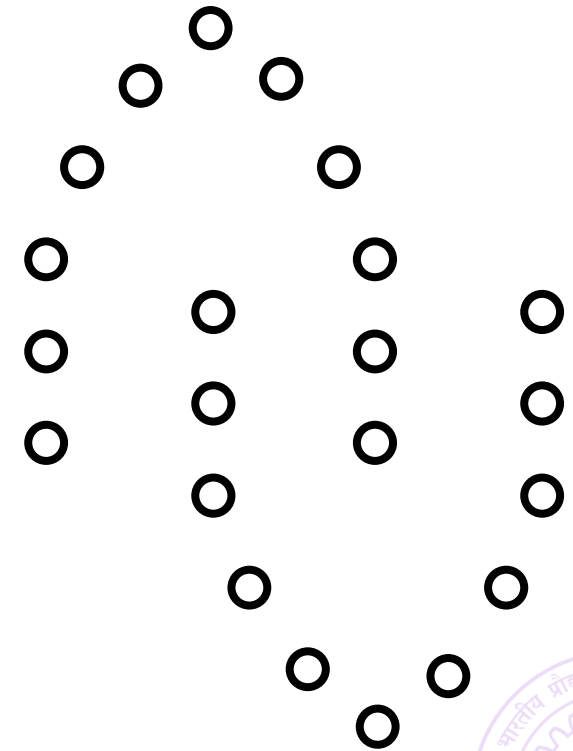
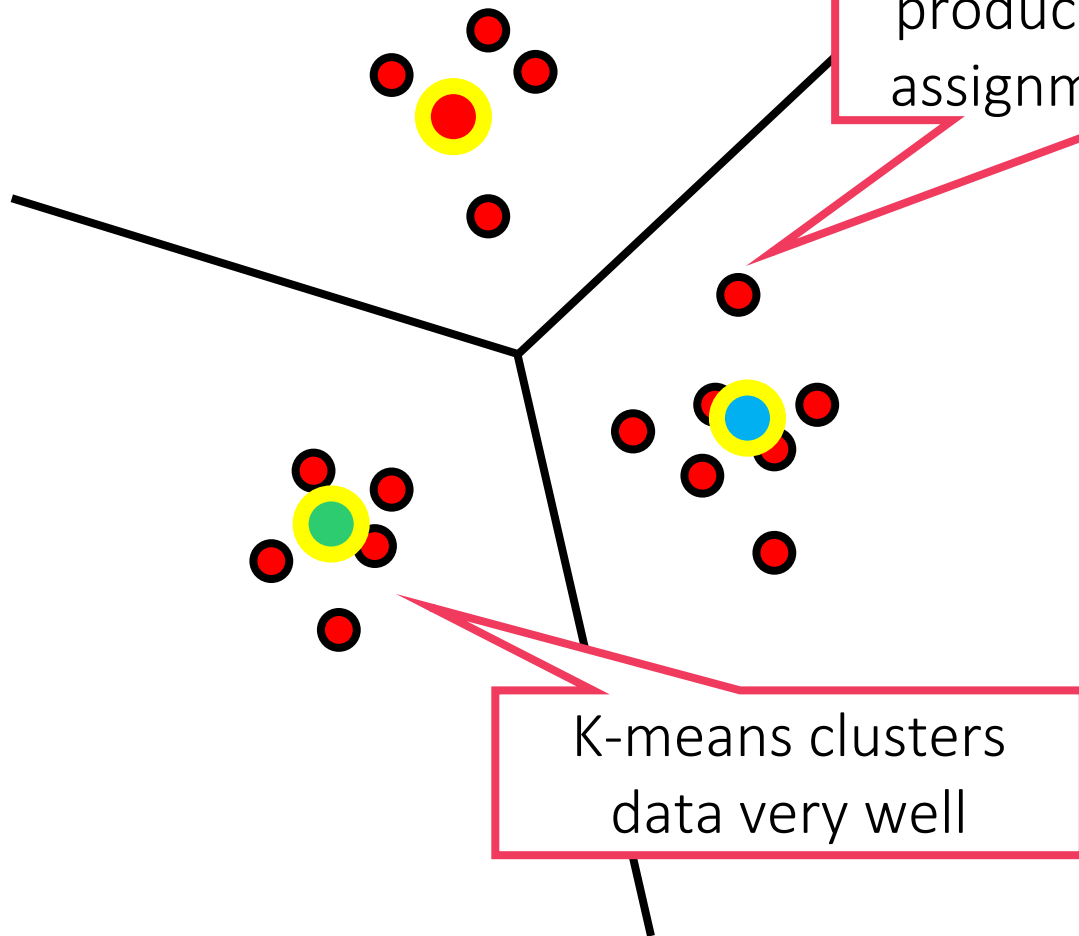


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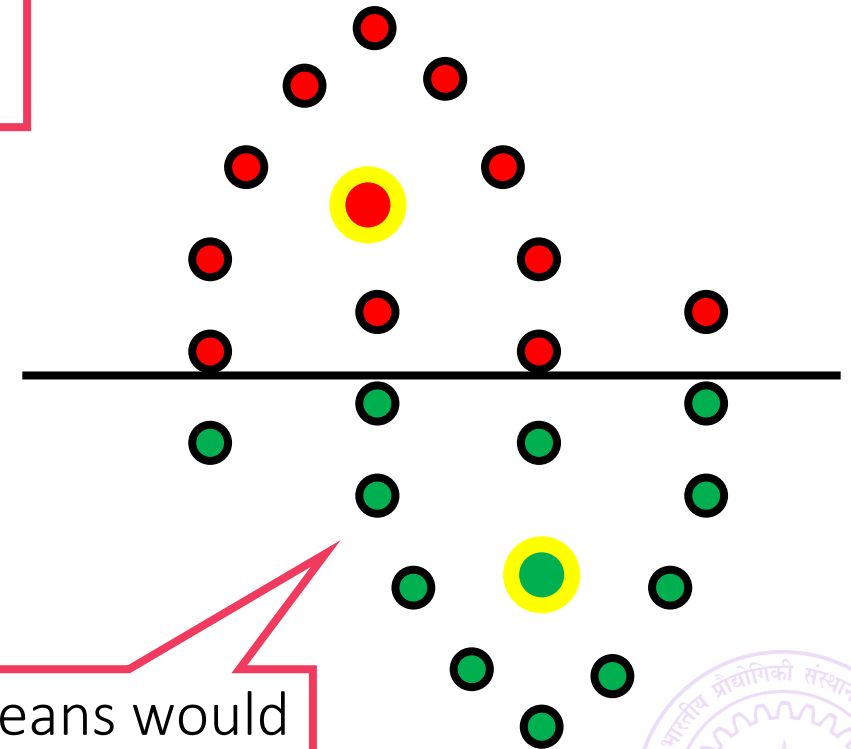
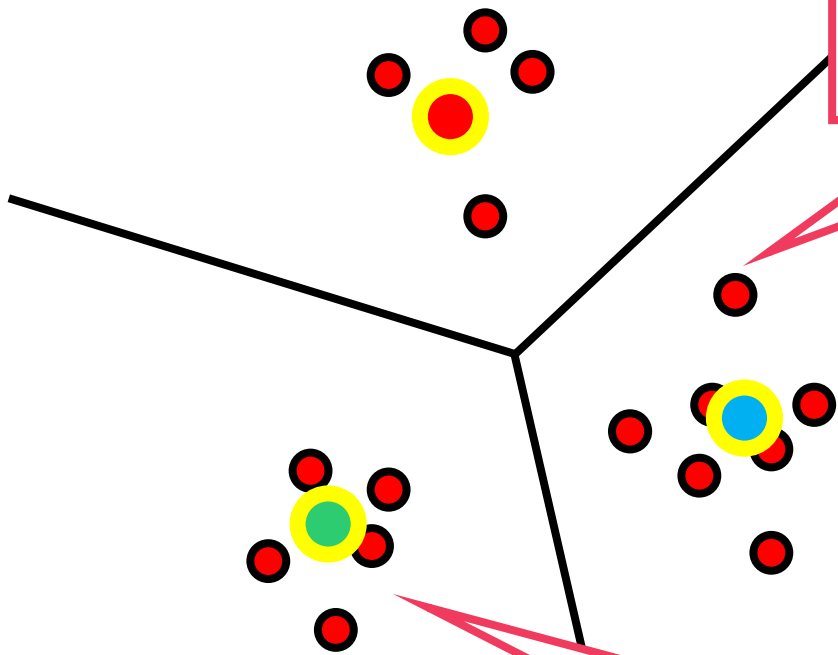
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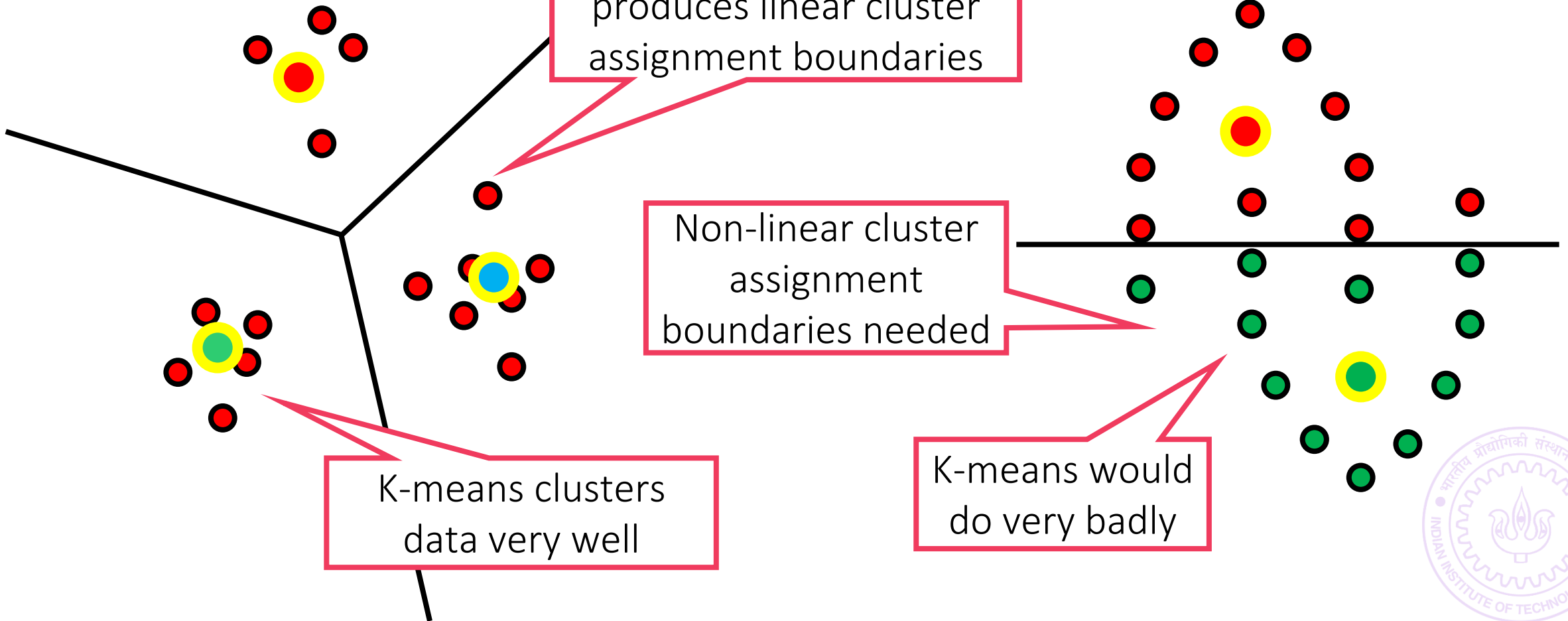
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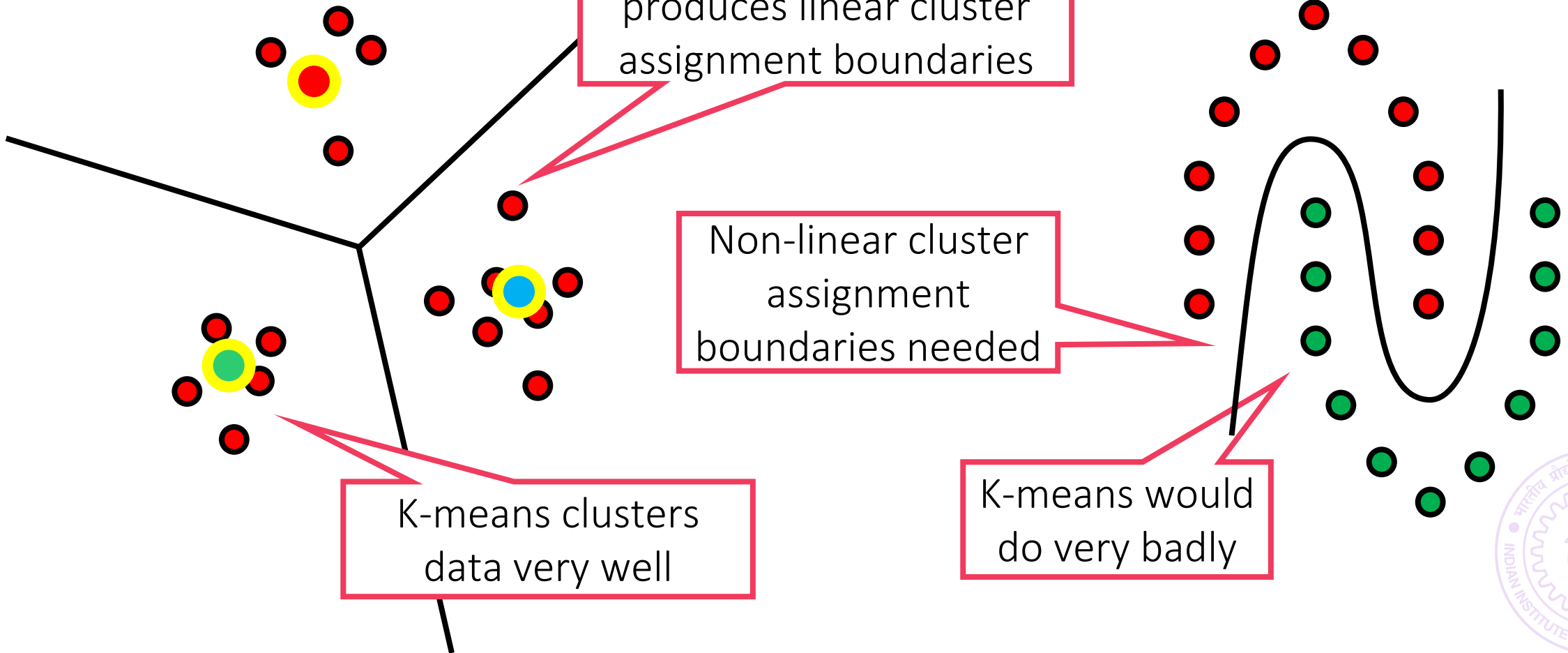
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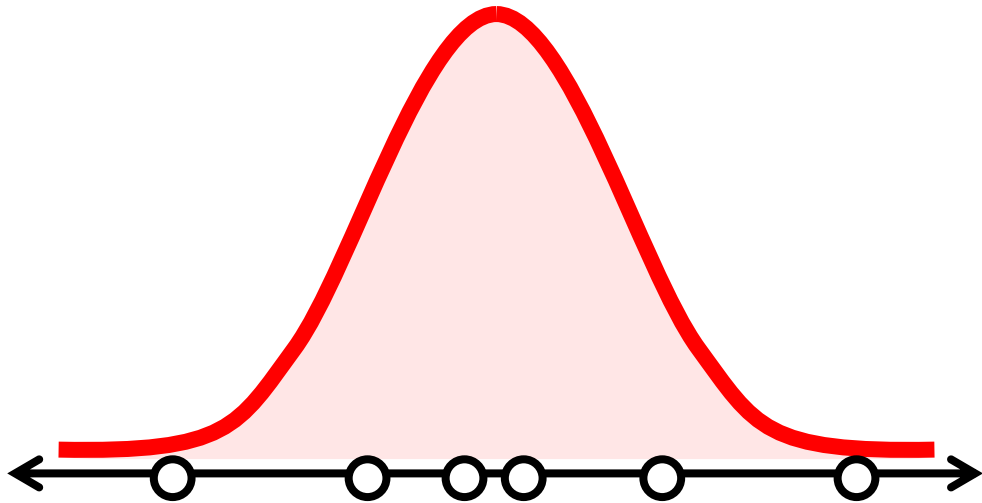
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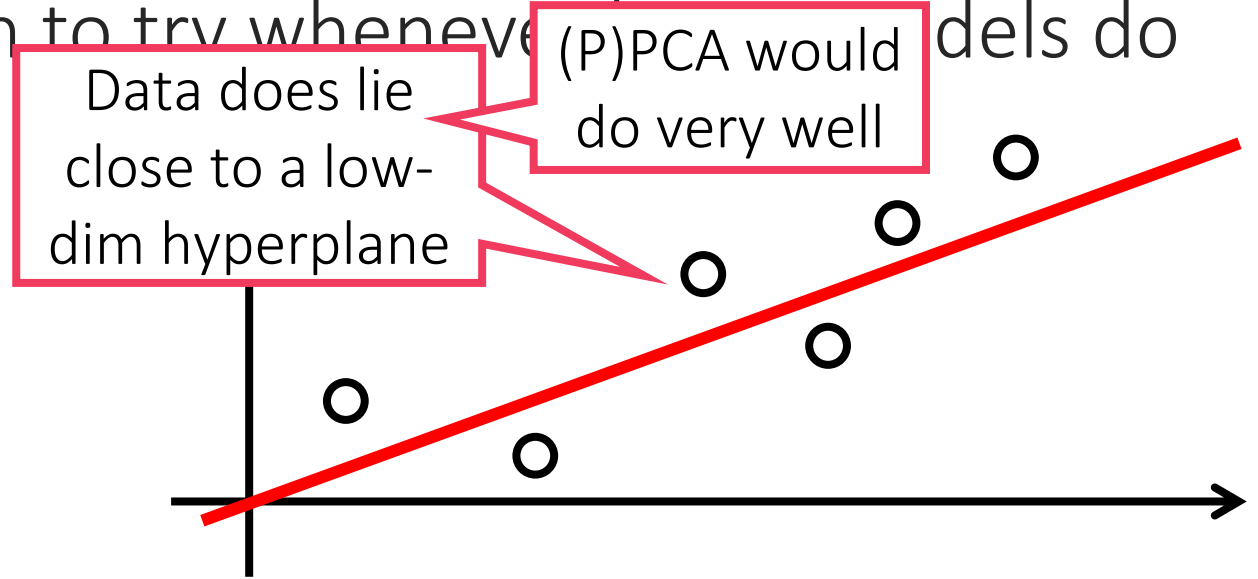
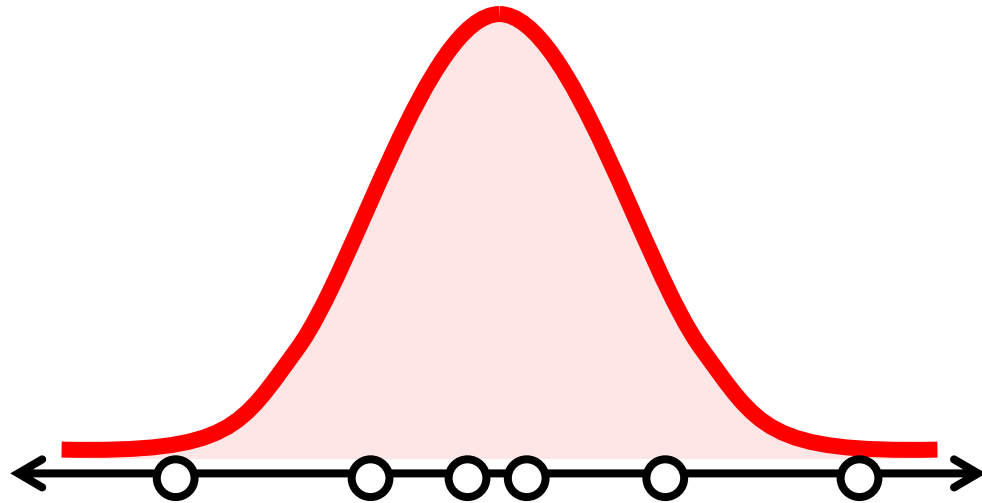
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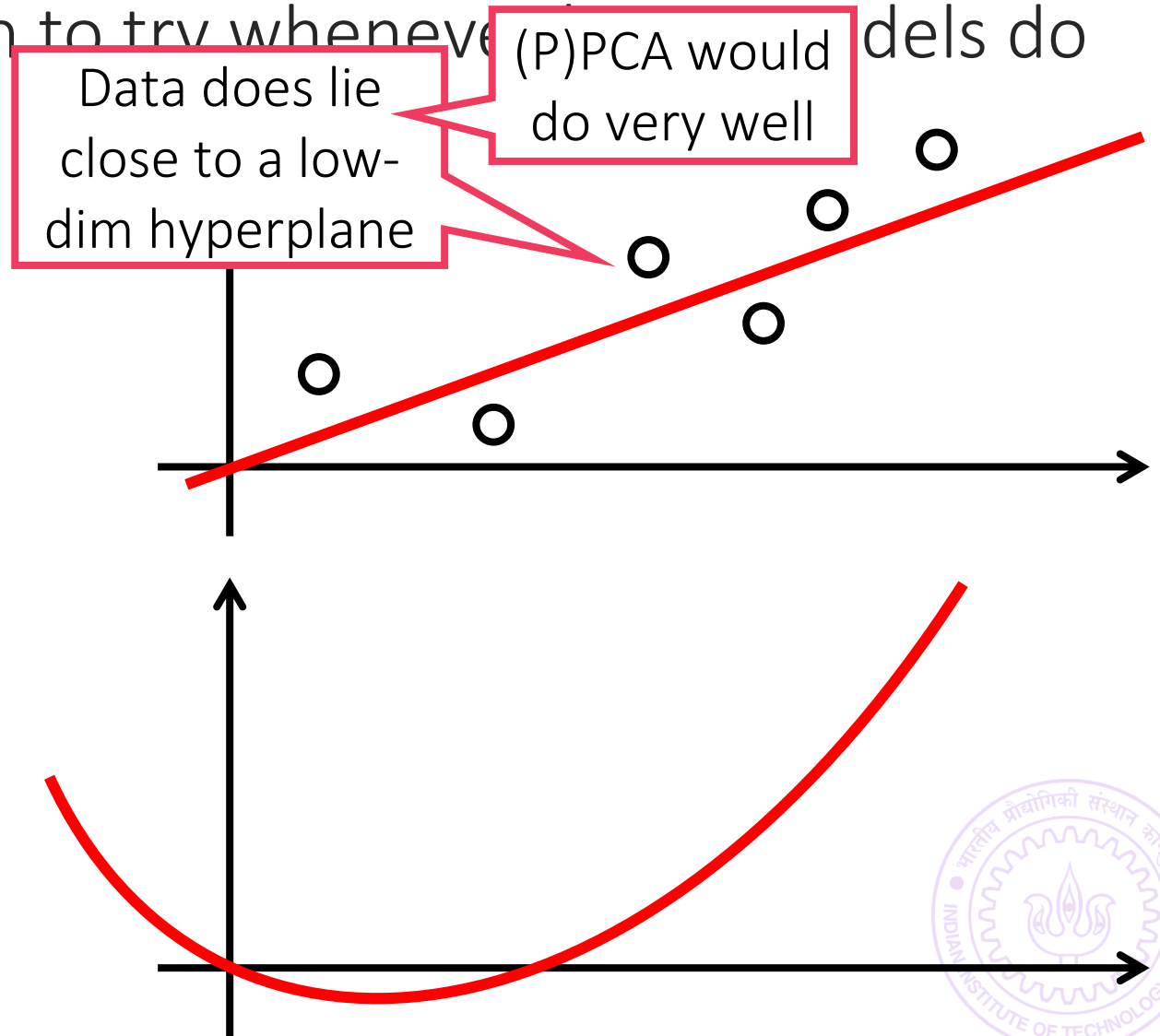
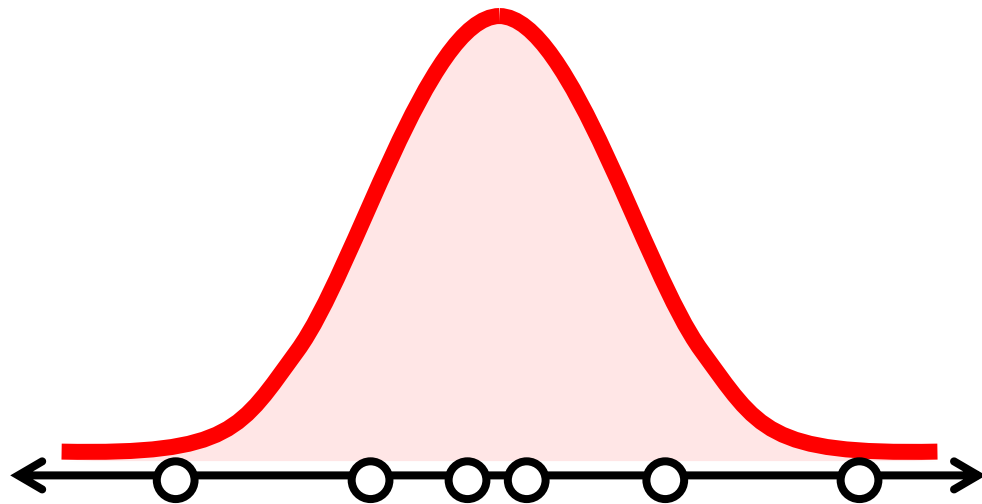
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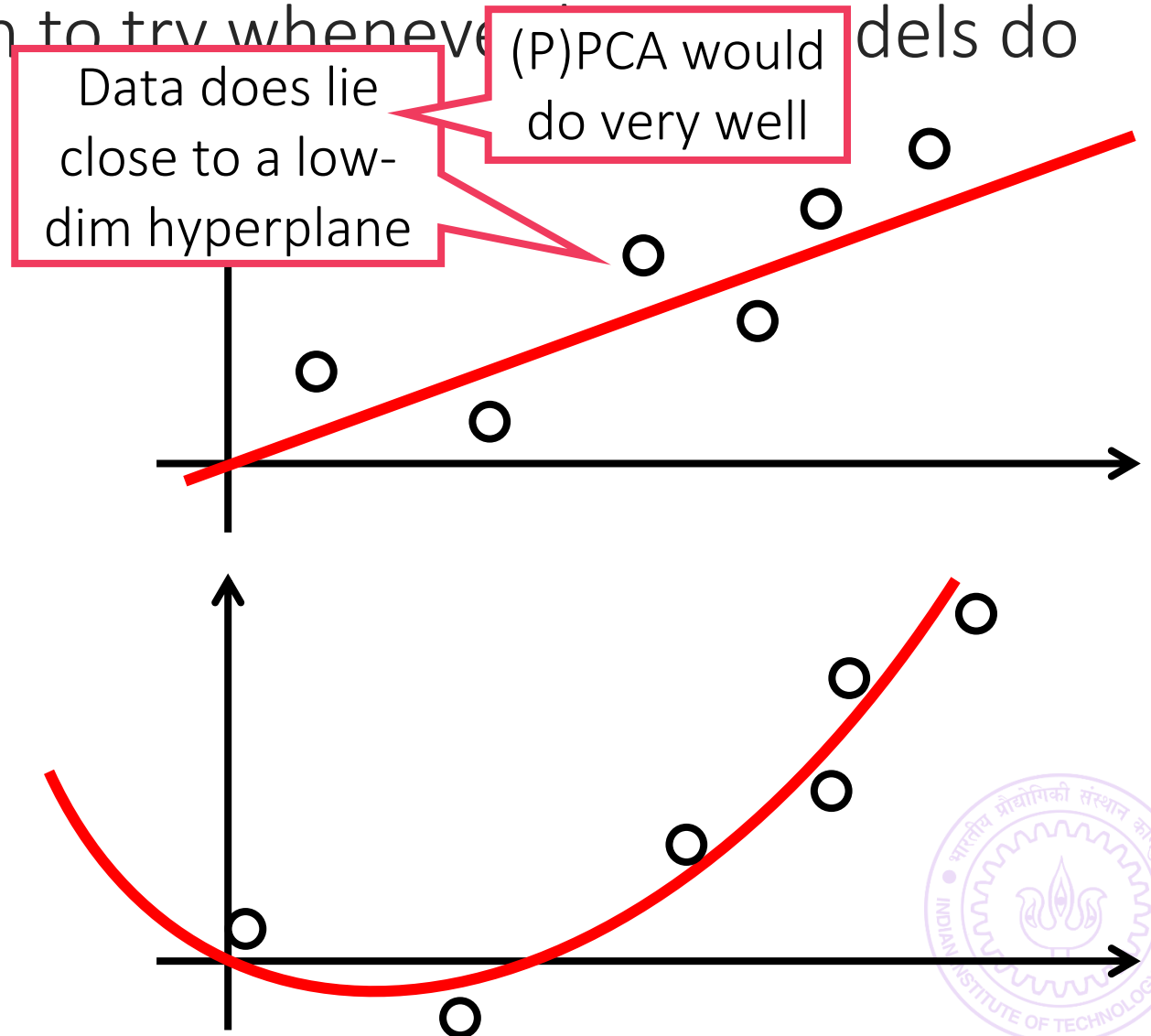
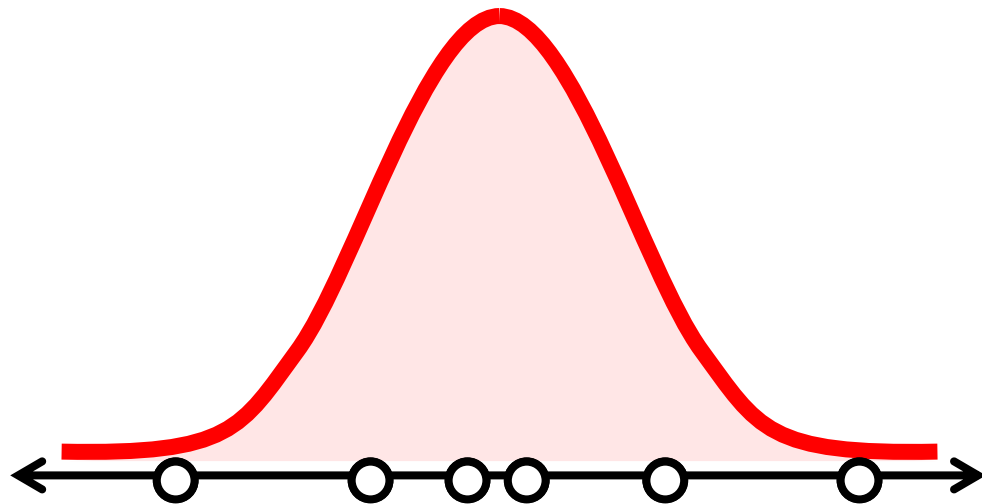
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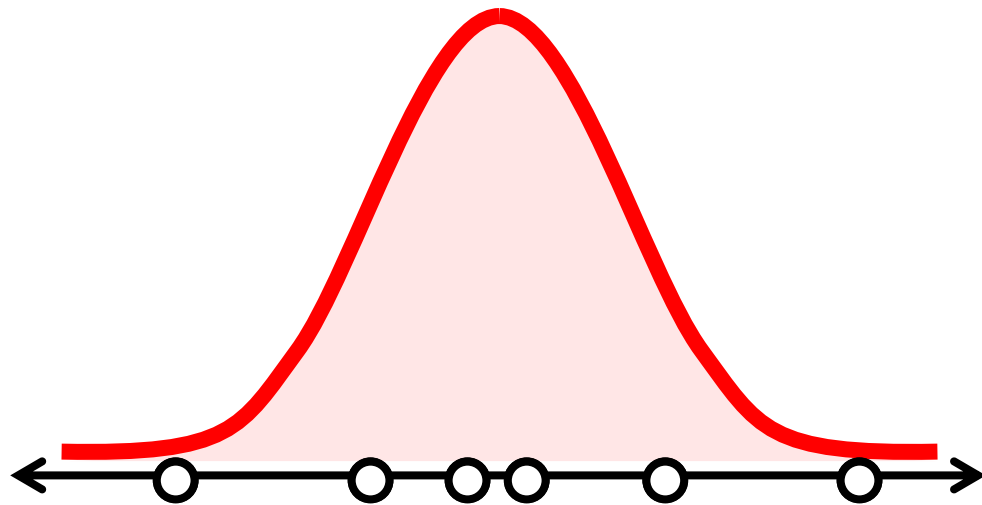
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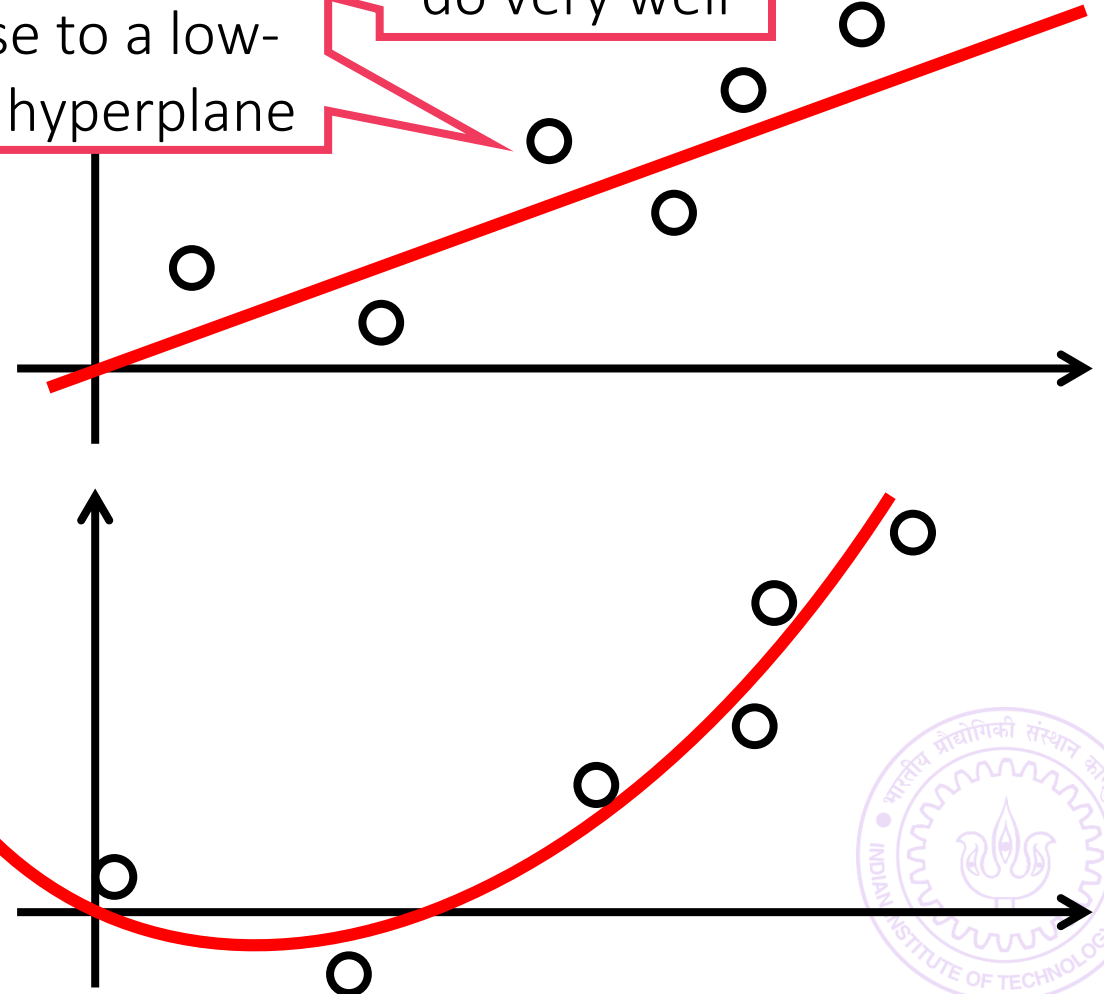
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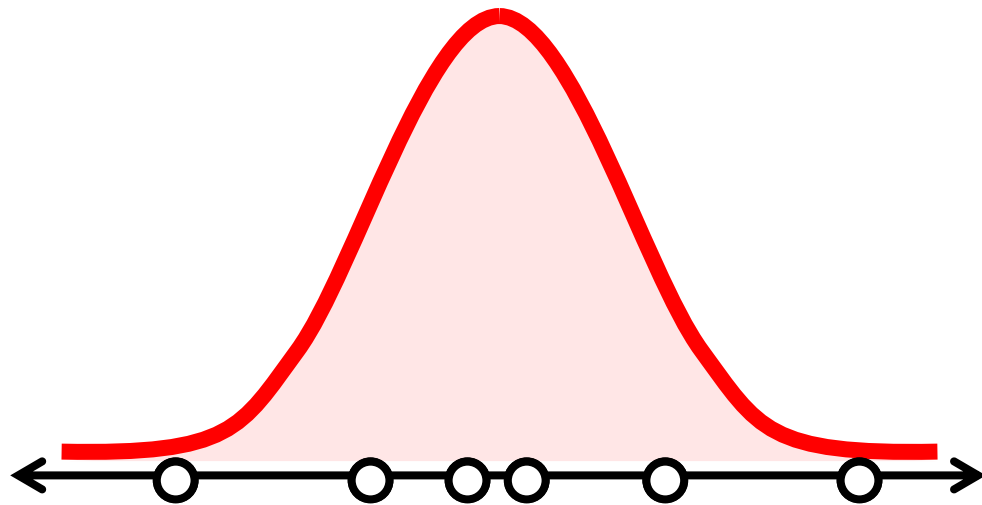
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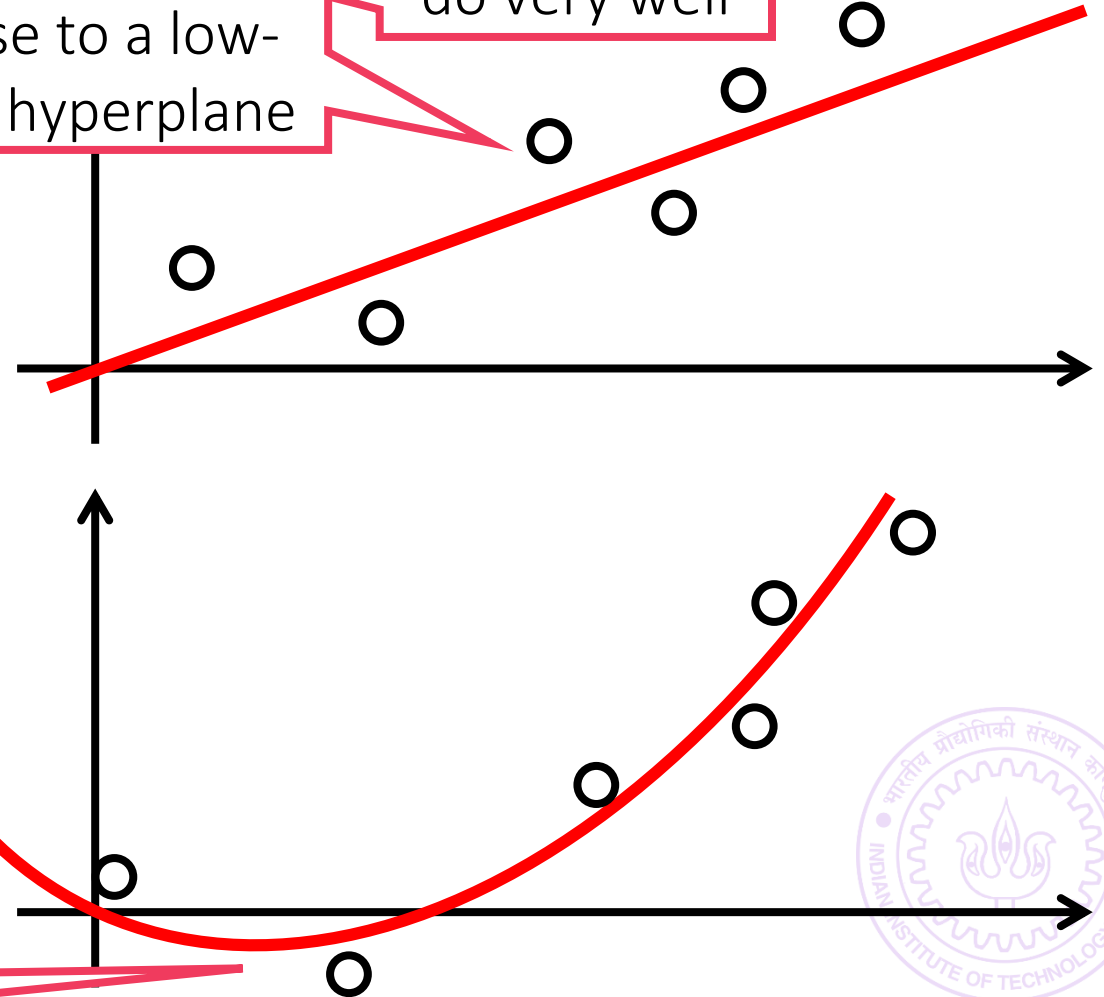


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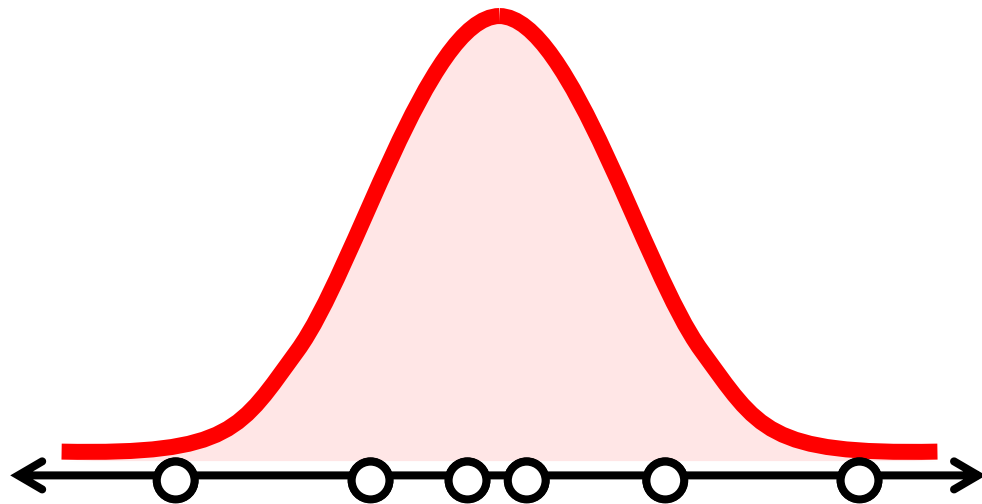
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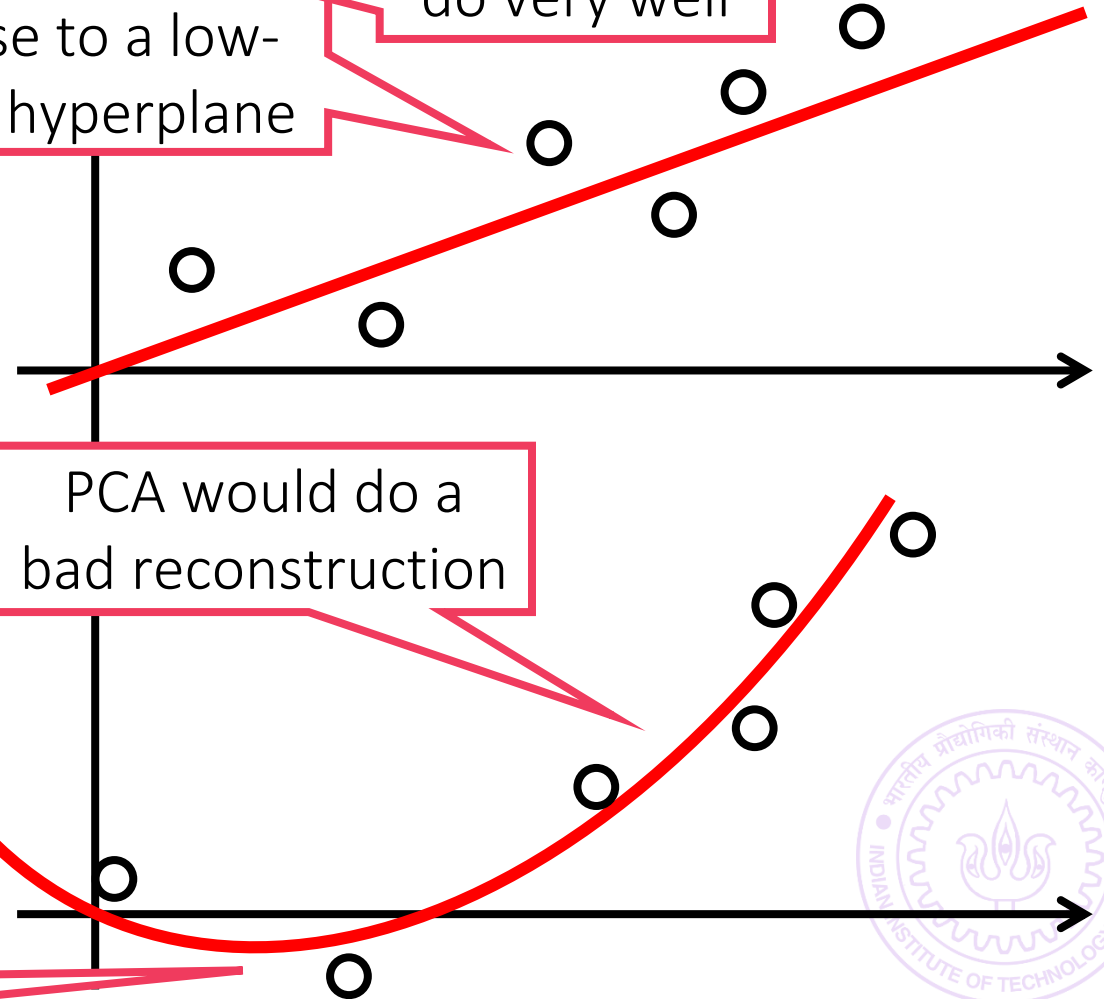
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The Blessing of Dimensionality

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High dimensionality is often criticized for the hardships it brings

Algorithms become expensive, kNN behaves weirdly, much more training data is needed to learn good models ☹

Collectively called the “curse of dimensionality”

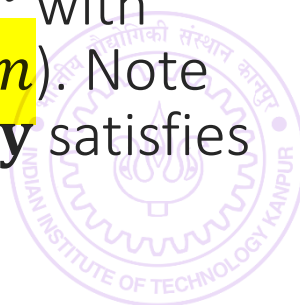
However, large dimensionality also allows powerful and flexible models

As an extreme case, consider n feature vectors in $d \geq n$ dimensions (not a typo) with all n feature vectors linearly independent i.e. $\text{rank}(X) = n$

Easy to see that perfect classification, regression is possible for this data

Proof: let \mathbf{y} be label vector $\mathbf{y} \in \{-1, 1\}^n$ for classfn, $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for regression. Let $X = U\Sigma V^\top$ be the (thin) SVD of the feature matrix X with $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ with $V^\top V = I_d = UU^\top = U^\top U$ (be careful that we may have $VV^\top \neq I_n$ since $d \geq n$). Note that Σ is invertible since we have the thin SVD. Then, the model $\mathbf{w} = V\Sigma^{-1}U^\top \mathbf{y}$ satisfies $X\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{y}$ i.e. perfect learning. To see why, note that

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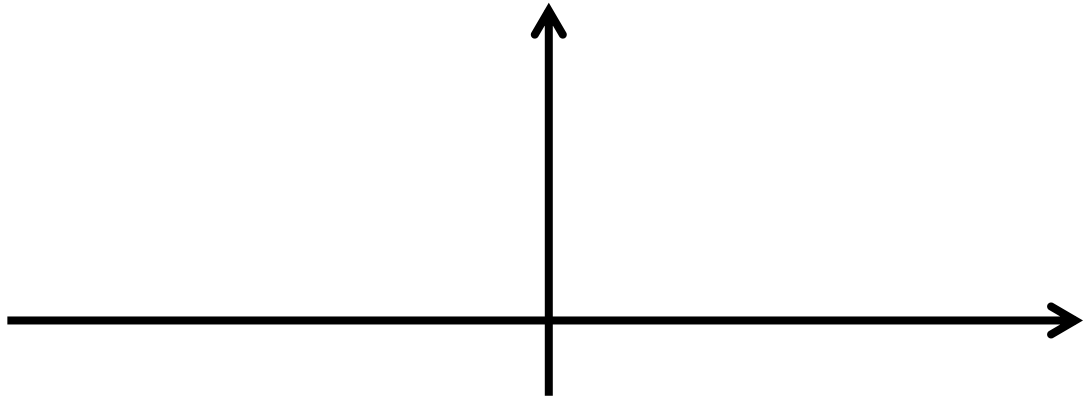
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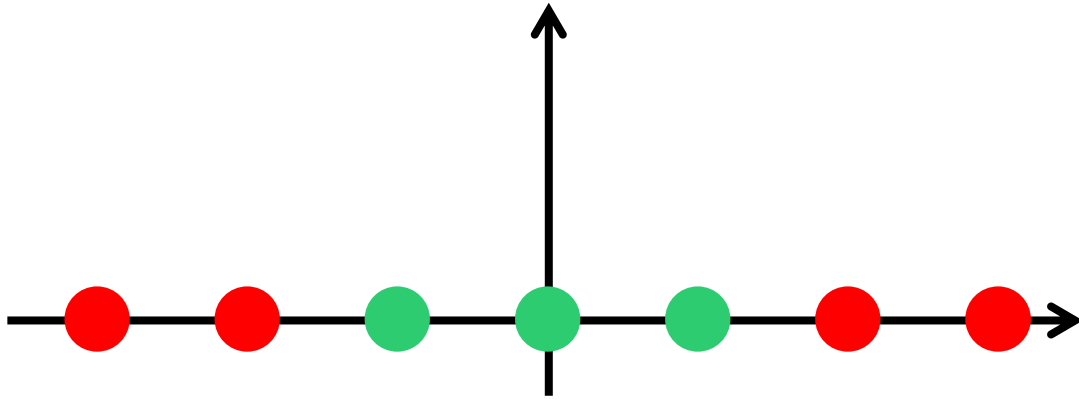
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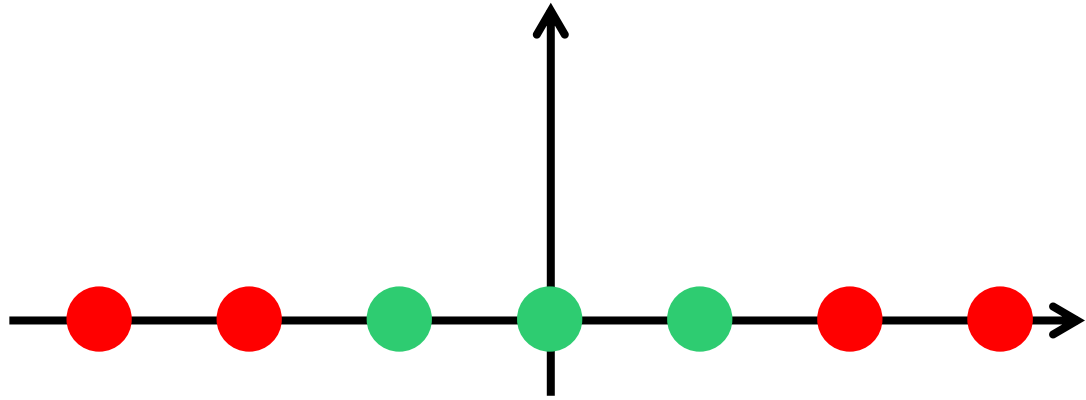
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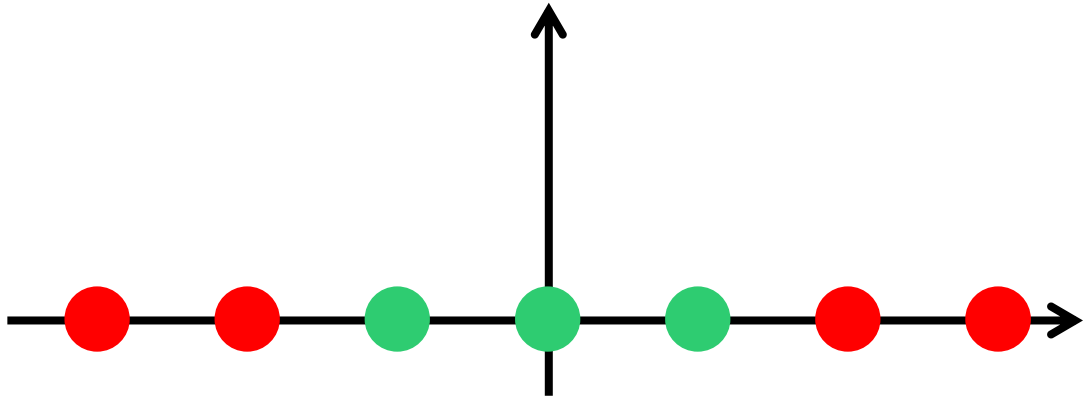
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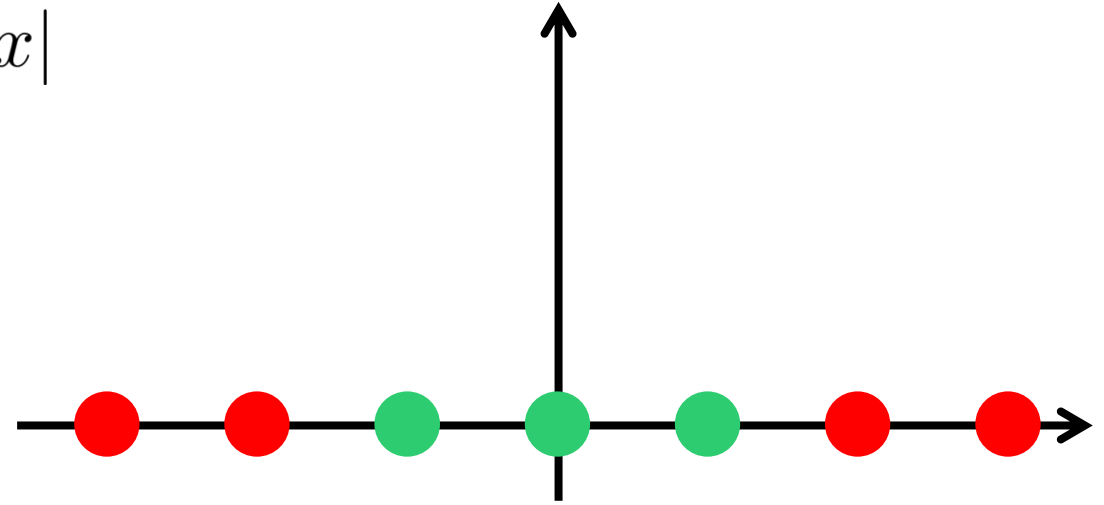
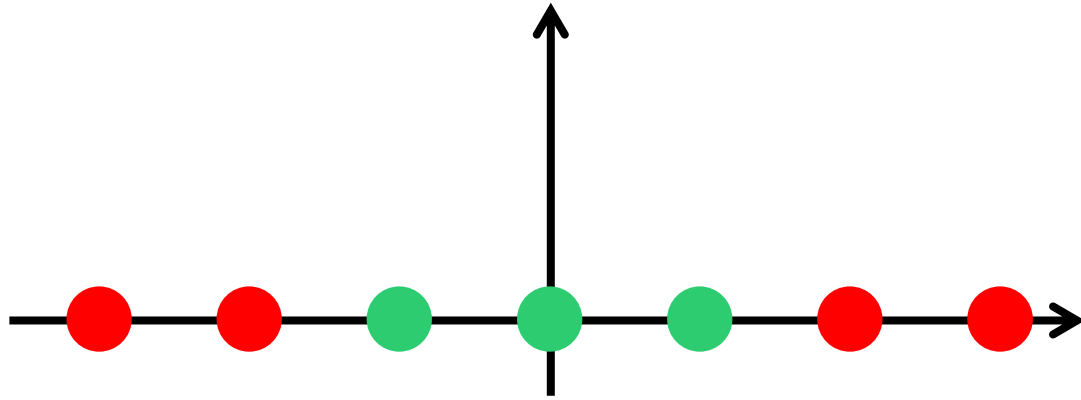
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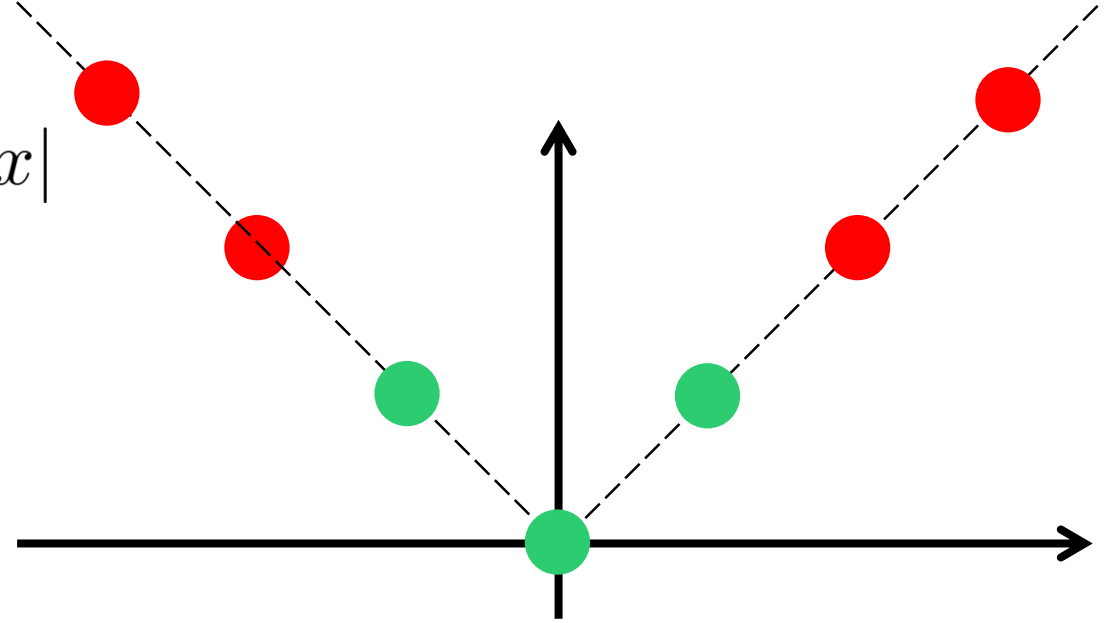
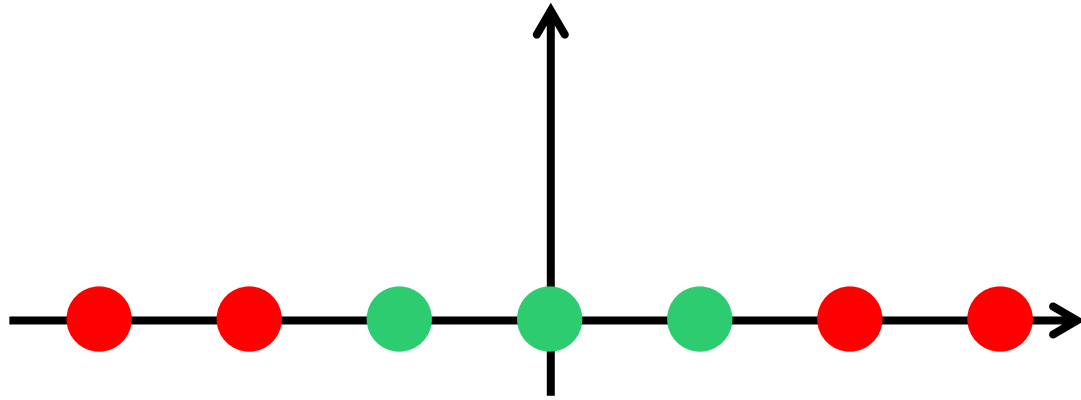
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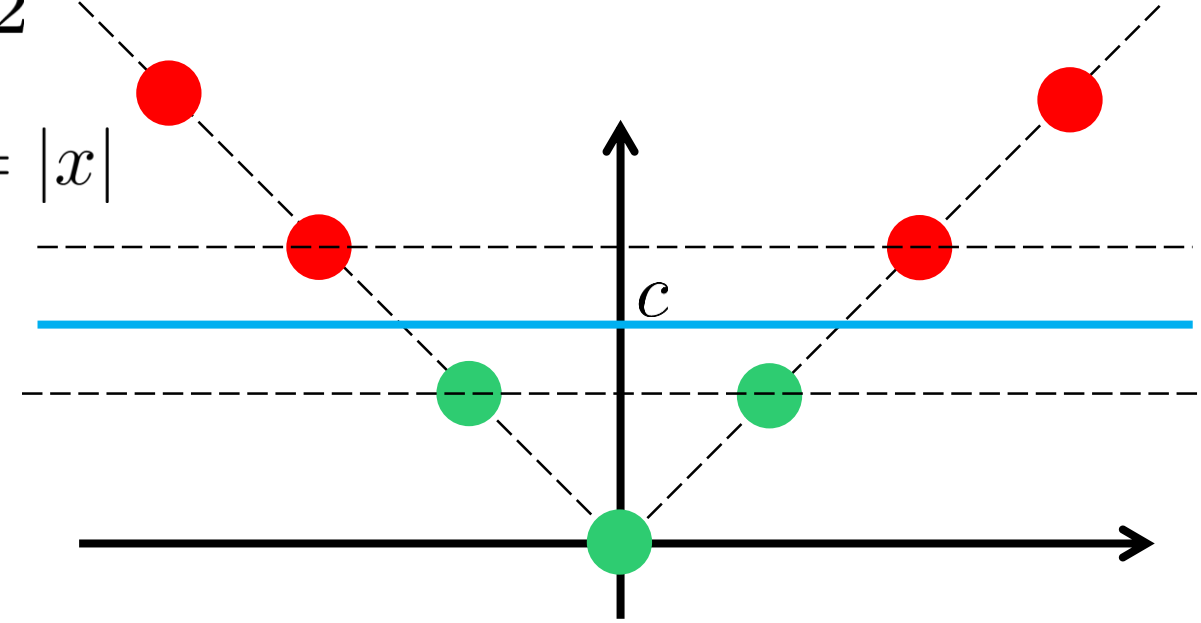
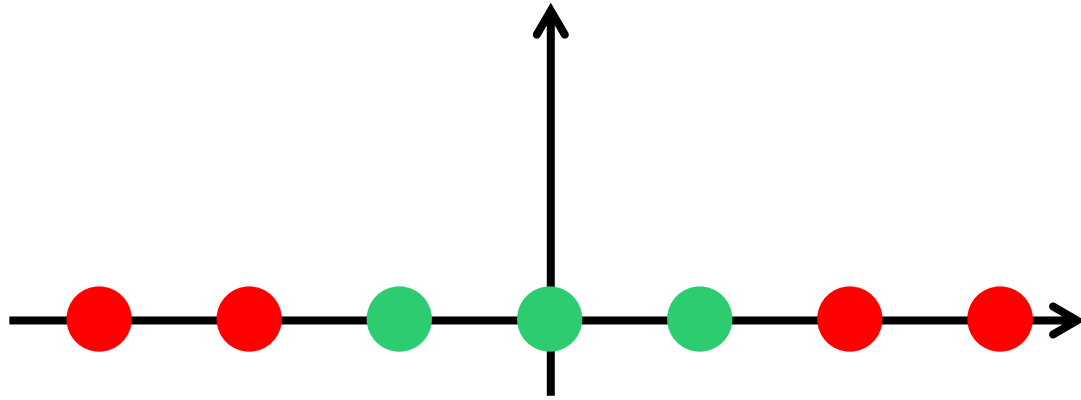
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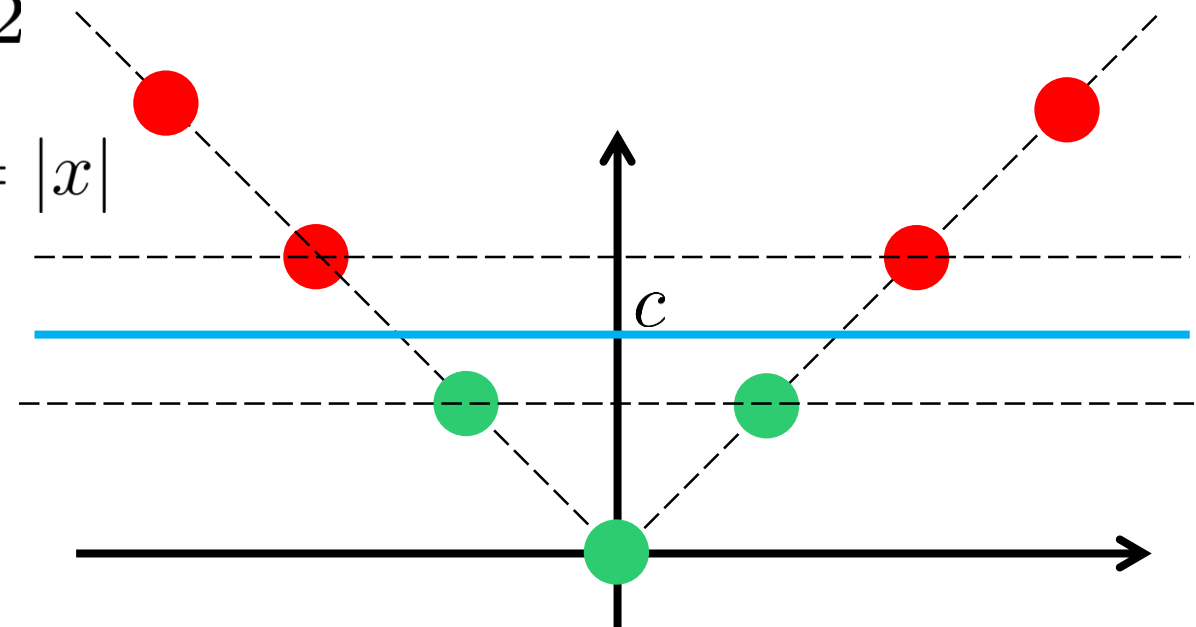
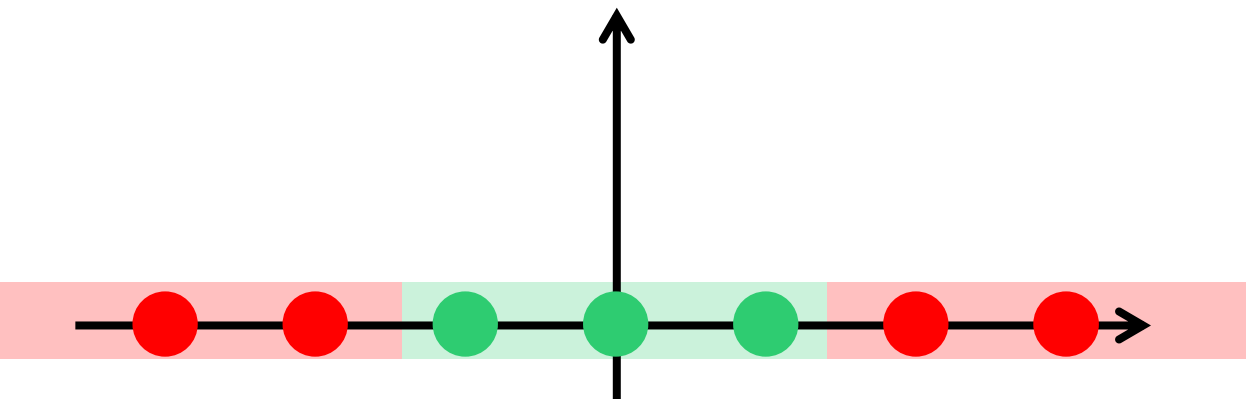
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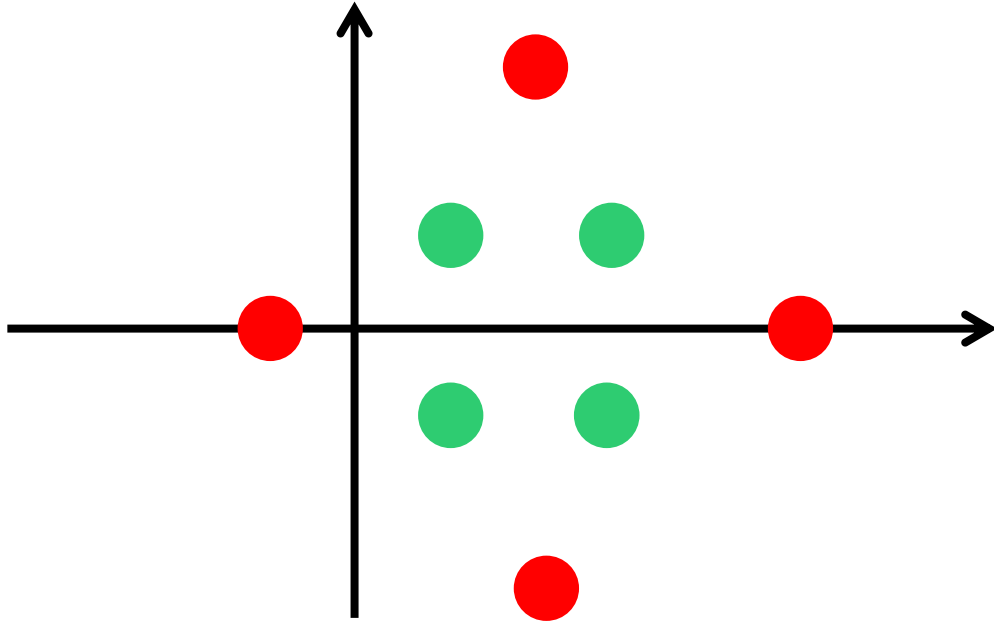
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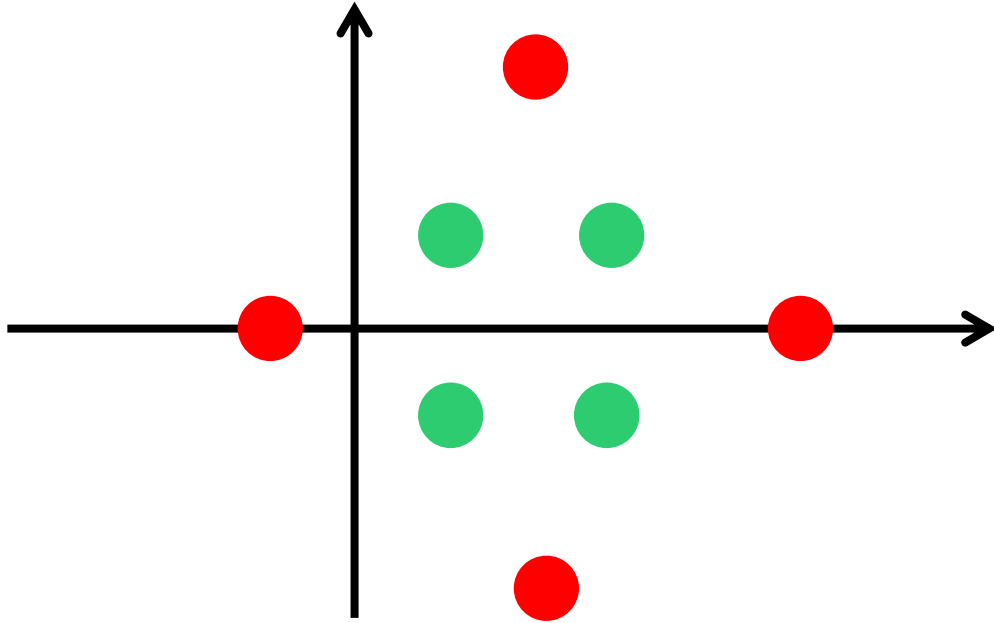
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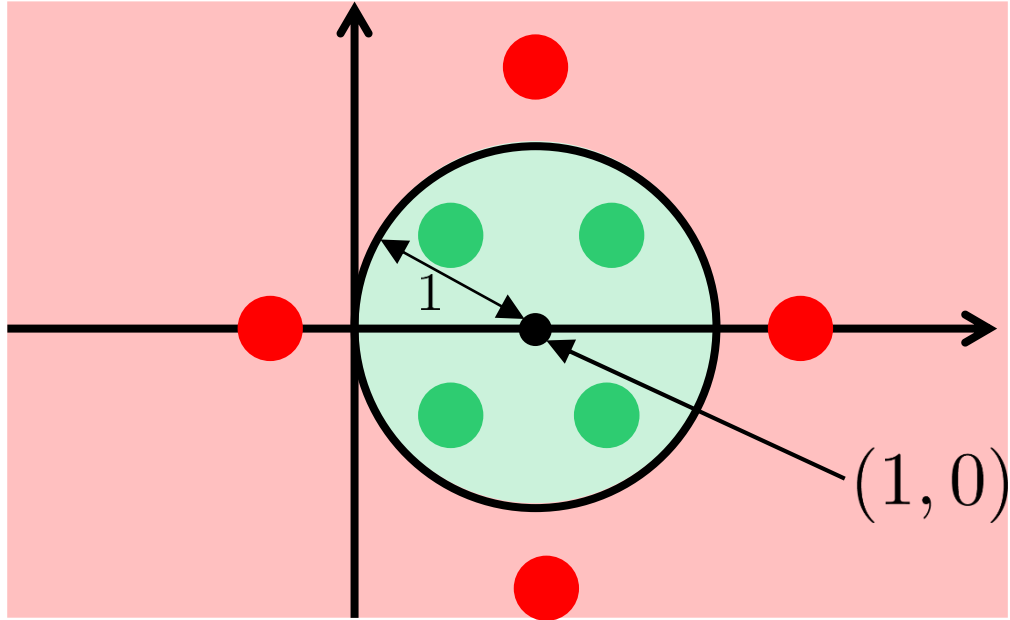
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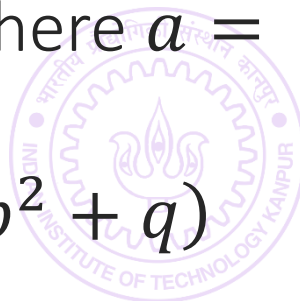
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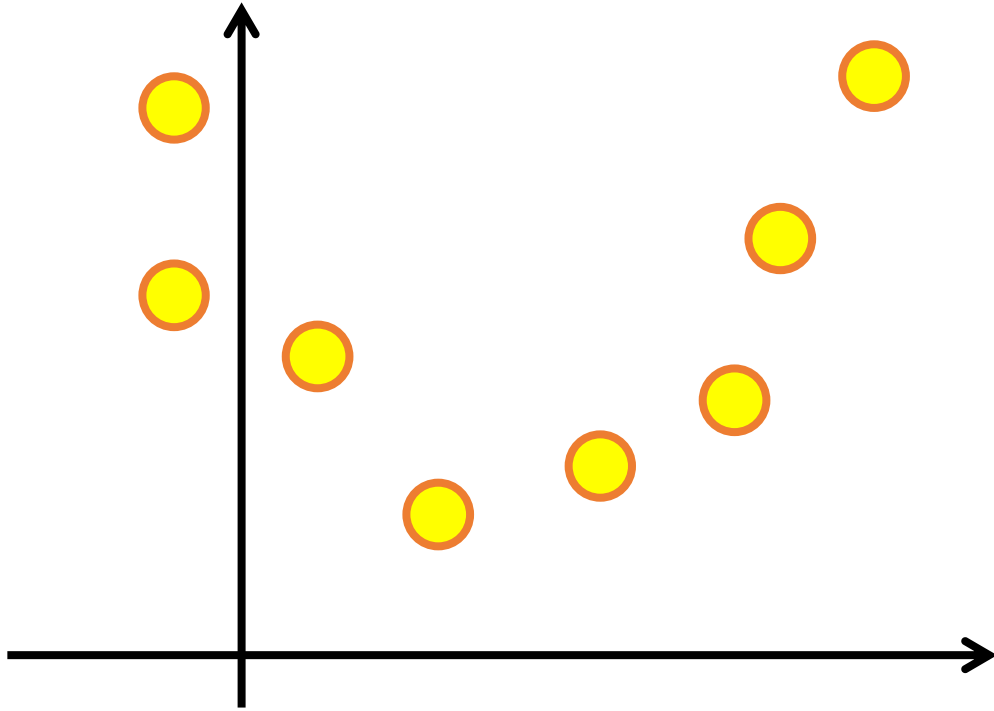
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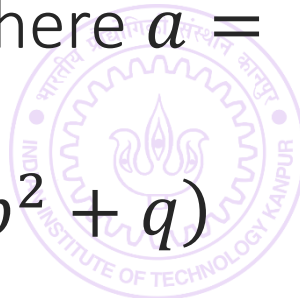
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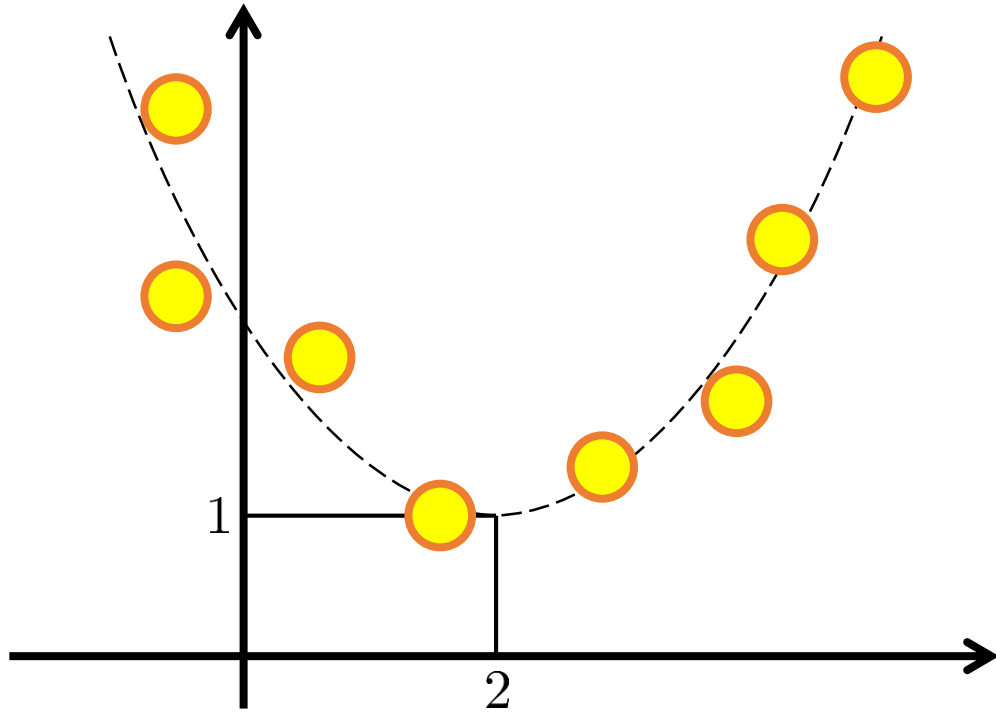
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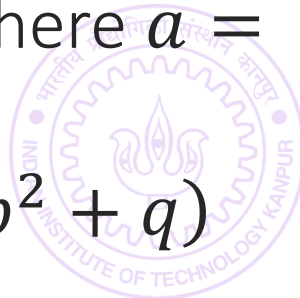
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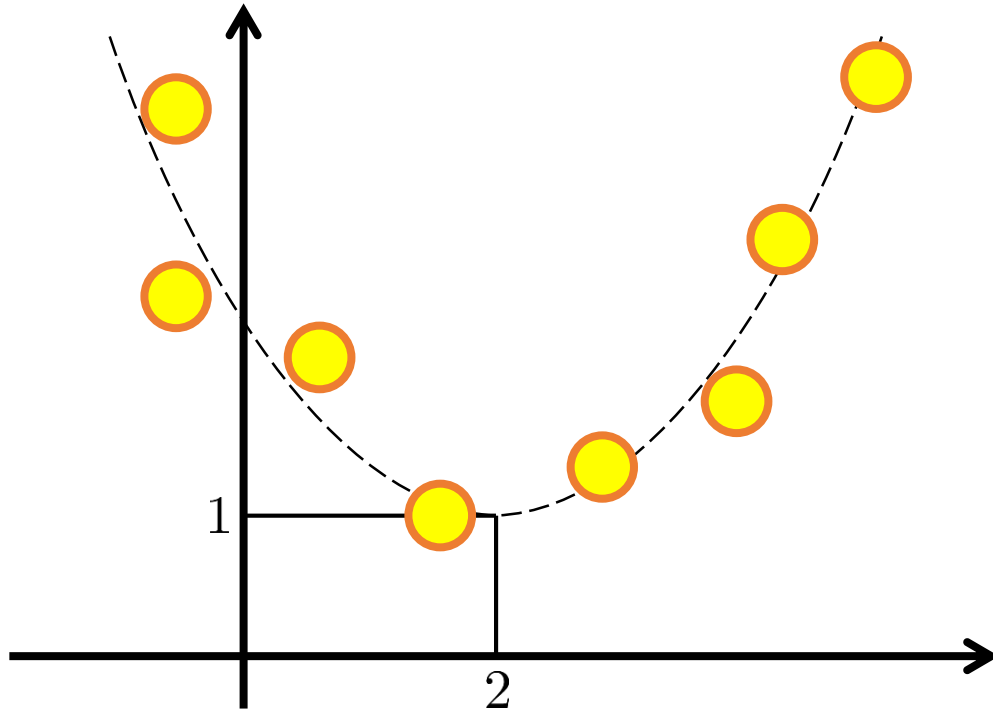
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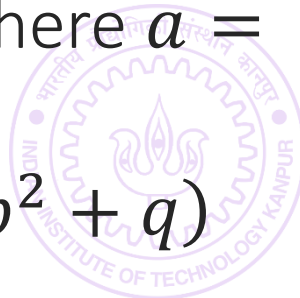


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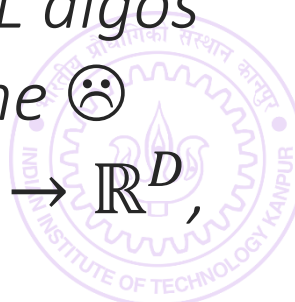
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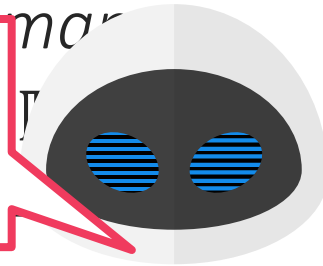
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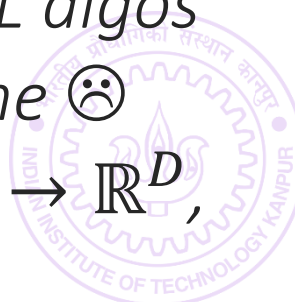


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KERNELS

Give measures of similarity

High value \Rightarrow Similar points

Example: Gaussian, polynomial

Nice similarity functions satisfy the *Mercer's theorem*

Supports kNN, LwP and can be used to implement SVMs, least squares regression and much more

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DISTANCE MEASURES

Give measures of dissimilarity

High value \Rightarrow Different points

Example: Euclidean, Mahalanobis

Nice distance functions satisfy metric or norm properties

Can be used for (multi-label) classification, regression via kNN or LwP. Can also be used for clustering via k-means



Mercer Kernels

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Suppose $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ are any two unit vectors

The dot product is a natural notion of similarity between these vectors

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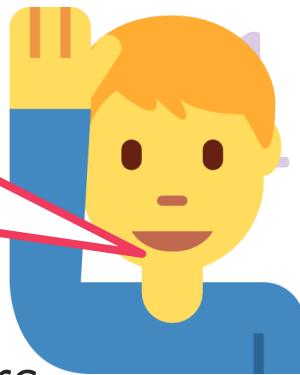
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Examples of Kernels

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When $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ are vectors

Linear kernel $K_{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$

Quadratic kernel $K_{\text{quad}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + 1)^2$

Polynomial kernel $K_{\text{poly}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + c)^p, c \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N}$

Gaussian kernel $K_{\text{gauss}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \exp(-\gamma \cdot \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2)$

Laplacian kernel $K_{\text{lap}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \exp(-\gamma \cdot \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_1)$

All of the above are Mercer kernels

*There indeed exist feature maps ϕ for each of them (proving so a bit tedious)
 p, γ need to be tuned. Large p, γ can cause overfitting*

Notice all the above are indeed notions of similarity

Take two unit vectors $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1 = \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$ (unit for sake of normalization). Easy to verify that $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is largest when $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ and smallest when $\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{y}$



Mercer Kernel Feature Maps

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Linear kernel $K_{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$

Use $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$. Called “linear” for a reason: any linear function over $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ is just a linear function over the original features \mathbf{x}

Quadratic kernel $K_{\text{quad}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + 1)^2$

We have $(\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + 1)^2 = 1 + 2 \cdot \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \sum_{i,j}^d \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle$, when $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = [\phi_0(\mathbf{x}), \phi_1(\mathbf{x}), \phi_2(\mathbf{x})] \in \mathbb{R}^{d^2+d+1}$ where $\phi_0(\mathbf{x}) = [1] \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $\phi_1(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\phi_2(\mathbf{x}) = [\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_d \mathbf{x}_d] \in \mathbb{R}^{d^2}$

Similar constructions (more tedious to write) for polynomial kernel

Called “quadratic” for a reason: any linear function over $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ is a quadratic function over the original features \mathbf{x} . Verify for the simple case $d = 1$ yourself

If we use a linear ML algo over $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d^2+d+1}$, can learn any quadratic function over original features $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Polynomial kernel of degree p similarly allows learning of degree p polynomial functions over original data



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Warning: may exist more than one map ϕ for the same kernel K

Example: we used $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = [\phi_0(\mathbf{x}), \phi_1(\mathbf{x}), \phi_2(\mathbf{x})]$ for quadratic. However $\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) = [\phi_0(\mathbf{x}), \tilde{\phi}_{11}(\mathbf{x}), \tilde{\phi}_{12}(\mathbf{x}), \phi_2(\mathbf{x})]$ with $\tilde{\phi}_{11}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} = \tilde{\phi}_{12}$ gives same K

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Learning a linear function over the features $\phi_{\text{gauss}}(\mathbf{x})$ amounts to learning an infinite-degree polynomial over \mathbf{x} . Gauss/Lap are very powerful kernels, often called *universal kernels*. By using these kernels, theoretically speaking, one can learn *any* function over data (details beyond scope of CS771)



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Let $c_i(x)$ be the count of word i in string \mathbf{x}

Intersection kernel $K_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \min\{c_i(\mathbf{x}), c_i(\mathbf{y})\}$ (Mercer kernel)

Normalize intersection kernel $K_{\text{int-n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\min\{c_i(\mathbf{x}), c_i(\mathbf{y})\}}{\sqrt{c_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot c_i(\mathbf{y})}}$ (define $\frac{0}{0} = 0$)

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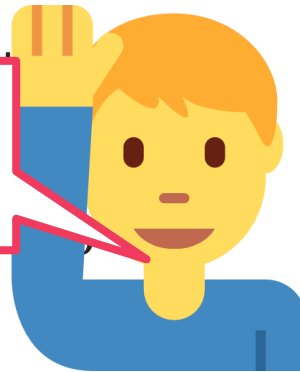
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N-gram, substring, Fisher kernels: other kernels between two strings

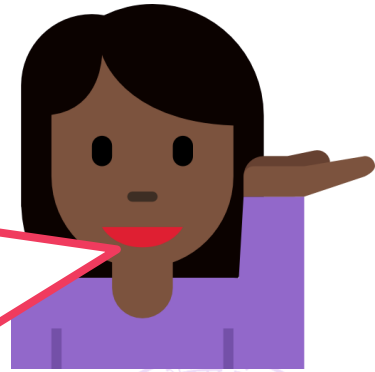
Random walk kernels between two graphs

Subtree, convolutional kernels between two trees

Pyramid kernel used in vision ... combination of intersection kernels

In practice, we often use a linear method first e.g. SVM/ridge regression. If that gives unsatisfactory performance, often we jump directly to Gaussian kernel 😊 although we should not neglect polynomial/other domain specific kernels.

There exist “kernel learning” methods that can learn the most appropriate kernel for us or else tune the kernel parameters e.g. p, c, γ for us automatically



Creating New Kernels

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Method 1: combine old kernels. If K_1, K_2 are existing Mercer kernels

$K_3 = c_1 \cdot K_1 + c_2 \cdot K_2$ is also a Mercer kernel if $c_1, c_2 \geq 0$

$$K_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = c_1 \cdot K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + c_2 \cdot K_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$K_4 = K_1 \cdot K_2$ is also a nice kernel

$$K_4(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \cdot K_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$K_5(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) / \sqrt{K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) \cdot K_1(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y})}$ gives a normalized kernel

Method 2: find a new feature rep. for data $\phi_{\text{new}}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and use

$$K_{\text{new}}(x, y) = \langle \phi_{\text{new}}(x), \phi_{\text{new}}(y) \rangle$$

Method 3: mix and match. Take new data rep. $\phi_{\text{new}}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and an old kernel K_{old}

$$K_{\text{newer}}(x, y) = K_{\text{old}}(\phi_{\text{new}}(x), \phi_{\text{new}}(y))$$



Creating

The normalized kernel actually normalizes the feature map as well. Verify that if ϕ is a map for K_1 then a map for K_5 is $\tilde{\phi}$ where

Method 1

$$\tilde{\phi}: \mathbf{x} \mapsto \frac{\phi(\mathbf{x})}{\|\phi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{H}}}$$

$$K_3 = c_1 K_1 + c_2 K_2 \text{ is also a Mercer kernel if } c_1, c_2 \geq 0$$

$K_4 =$ If K_1 gives very large values (in magnitude), some algorithms may suffer. The normalized version K_5 will always give values between $[-1,1]$

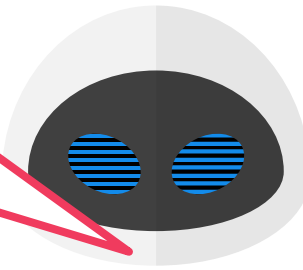
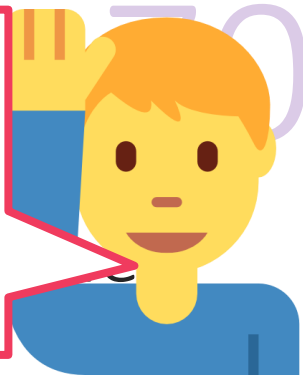
$K_5(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) / \sqrt{K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) \cdot K_1(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y})}$ gives a normalized kernel

Method 2: find a new feature rep. for data $\phi_{\text{new}}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and use

$$K_{\text{new}}(x, y) = \langle \phi_{\text{new}}(x), \phi_{\text{new}}(y) \rangle$$

Method 3: mix and match. Take new data rep. $\phi_{\text{new}}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and an old kernel K_{old}

$$K_{\text{newer}}(x, y) = K_{\text{old}}(\phi_{\text{new}}(x), \phi_{\text{new}}(y))$$



kNN with Kernels

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All that is needed to execute kNN is compute Euclidean distances

If working with kernel K with map ϕ , need $\|\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \phi(\mathbf{y})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}} \text{ is just fancy notation for } \|\cdot\|_2 \text{ in a Hilbert space } \mathcal{H} \\ \|\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \phi(\mathbf{y})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &= \|\phi(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - 2\langle\phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{y})\rangle + \|\phi(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2 \\ &= \langle\phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x})\rangle - 2\langle\phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{y})\rangle + \langle\phi(\mathbf{y}), \phi(\mathbf{y})\rangle \\ &= K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) - 2K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + K(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

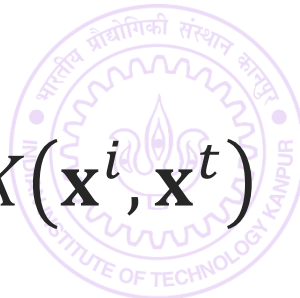
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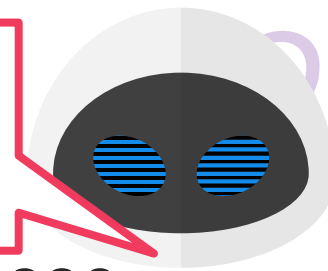
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kNN

This is a recurring theme in kernel learning. **Never ever compute $\phi(\cdot)$.** Instead, express all operations in the ML algo in terms of inner product computations which are then expressible as kernel computations



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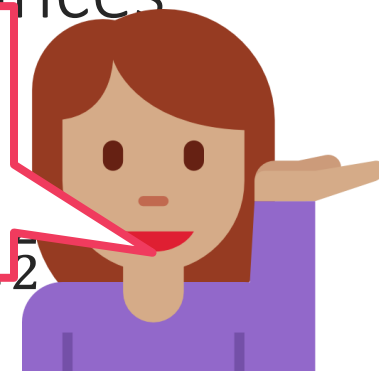
If working with kernel Indeed, computing $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ usually takes $\mathcal{O}(d)$ time

$\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ is just if $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ but computing $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ may take much longer e.g. for Gaussian kernel it will take ∞ time

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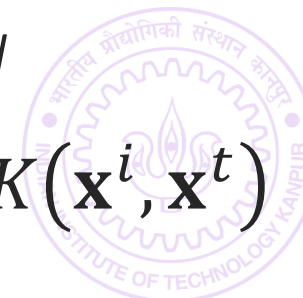
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LwP with Kernels

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Given train data (\mathbf{x}^i, y^i) , $y^i \in \{-1, 1\}$, we earlier found prototypes $\mathbf{p}^+ = \frac{1}{n_+} \cdot \sum_{y^i=1} \mathbf{x}^i$ and $\mathbf{p}^- = \frac{1}{n_-} \cdot \sum_{y^i=-1} \mathbf{x}^i$ and used them to predict on test point \mathbf{x}^t as $\text{sign}(\|\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{p}^-\|_2^2 - \|\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{p}^+\|_2^2)$

If using a kernel K with map ϕ , we should now compute new prototypes as $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}^+ = \frac{1}{n_+} \cdot \sum_{y^i=1} \phi(\mathbf{x}^i)$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}^- = \frac{1}{n_-} \cdot \sum_{y^i=-1} \phi(\mathbf{x}^i)$ and predict using $\text{sign}(\|\phi(\mathbf{x}^t) - \tilde{\mathbf{p}}^-\|_2^2 - \|\phi(\mathbf{x}^t) - \tilde{\mathbf{p}}^+\|_2^2)$

Need to be careful now – cannot compute these new prototypes explicitly

Instead, as before, we reduce the above to kernel computations instead

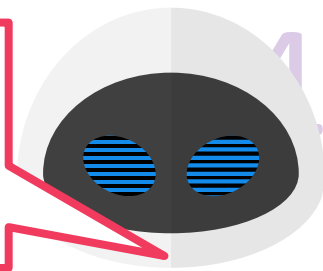
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LwP

Observe that in LwP with kernels, we now have to store entire training data whereas earlier we just had to store two prototypes. This is common in kernel learning – larger model sizes and longer prediction times

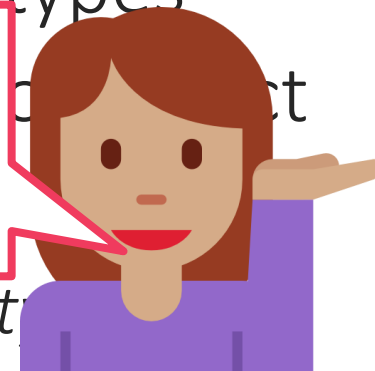


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There are ways in which kernel methods can be sped up and model sizes reduced. Will see those techniques later



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