

# Week 07

- Large Margin Classification
- Kernels
- SVMs in Practice

## I. Large margin classification

### 1. Optimization objectives

Alternative view of logistic regression

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}} = g(z); \text{ \_ / \_ }$$

if  $y = 1; \Rightarrow h_{\theta}(x) \approx 1$  when  $\theta^T x \gg 0$

if  $y = 0; \Rightarrow h_{\theta}(x) \approx 0$  when  $\theta^T x \ll 0$

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

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Cost of  $-y \log\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}}\right) + (1 - y) \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}}\right)$

$y = 1$  then \\_

$y = 0$  then \\_ /

### Support vector machine

Logistic regression:

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

Support vector machine:

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

$\min_u \frac{1}{2}(u-5)^2 + 10 \rightarrow u=5$   
 $\min_u 10(u-5)^2 + 10 \rightarrow u=5$

$A + \lambda B \leftarrow$   
 $C A + B \leftarrow$   
 $C = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

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

## SVM hypothesis

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

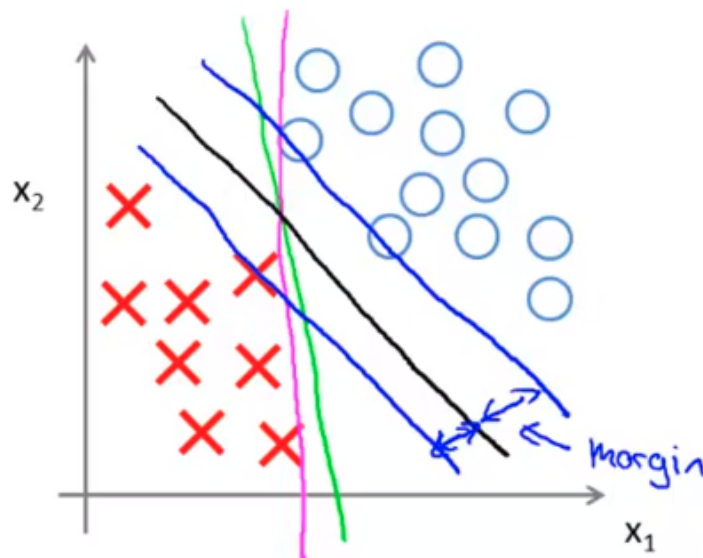
Hypothesis:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta^T x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 2. Large Margin intuition

It is about C value;

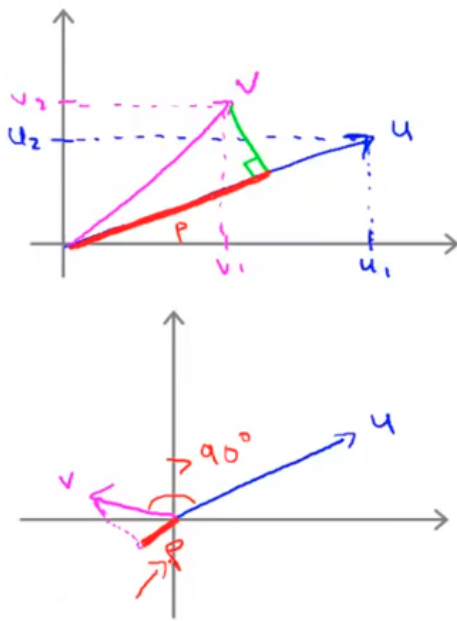
## SVM Decision Boundary: Linearly separable case



Large margin classifier

## 3. Math behind Large Margin intuition

## Vector Inner Product



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

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

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

$$p = \text{length of projection of } v \text{ onto } u. \\ \text{Signed } u^T v = \underline{p \cdot \|u\|} \leftarrow = v^T u \\ = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 \leftarrow p \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$u^T v = p \cdot \|u\| \\ p < 0$$

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## SVM Decision Boundary

$$\omega = (\sqrt{\omega'})^2$$

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

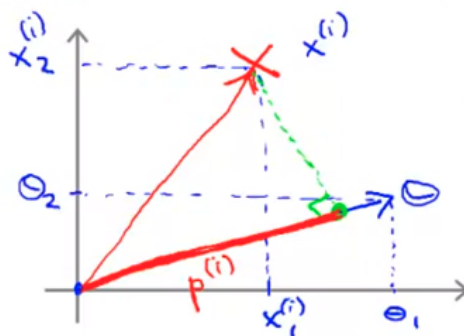
$$\text{s.t. } \theta^T x^{(i)} \geq 1 \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = 1$$

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

$$\text{Simplification: } \underline{\theta_0 = 0.} \quad \underline{n=2}$$

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

$$\theta^T x^{(i)} = ? \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ u^T v$$



$$\underline{\theta^T x^{(i)}} = \underline{p^{(i)} \cdot \|\theta\|} \leftarrow \\ = \theta_1 x_1^{(i)} + \theta_2 x_2^{(i)} \leftarrow$$

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## SVM Decision Boundary

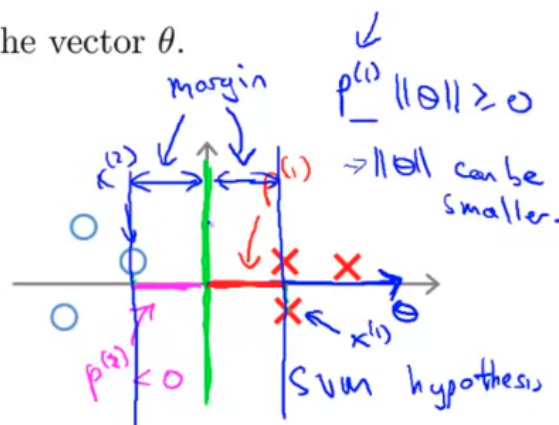
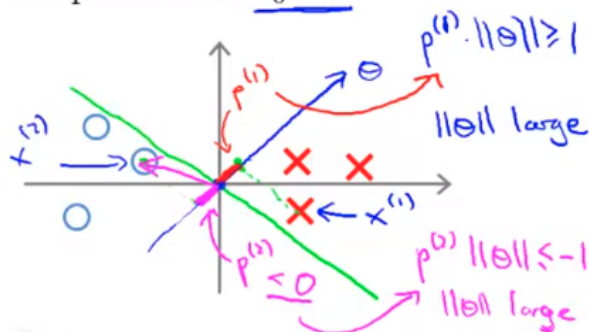
$$\Rightarrow \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\theta\|^2 \leftarrow$$

$$\text{s.t. } \boxed{p^{(i)} \cdot \|\theta\| \geq 1} \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = 1$$

$$p^{(i)} \cdot \|\theta\| \leq -1 \quad \text{if } y^{(i)} = -1$$

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

Simplification:  $\theta_0 = 0$



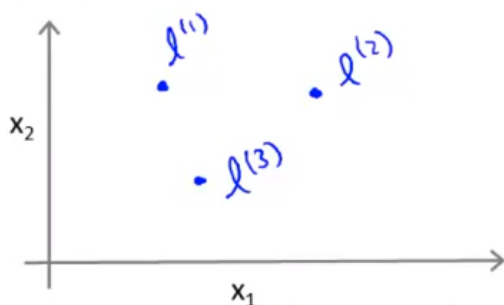
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## II. Kernels

Non-linear decision boundary:

- $h_{\theta}(x) = 1$  if polynomial  $\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots \geq 0$
  - which can be written as  $\theta_0 + \theta_1 f_1 + \dots$  where  $f_1 = x_1, \dots$
- $\Rightarrow$  Question: is a better or different choice of features  $f_1, f_2, \dots$

### 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

$$f_1 = \text{similarity}(x, \underline{l^{(1)}}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - l_j^{(1)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

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

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

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

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

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

Example:

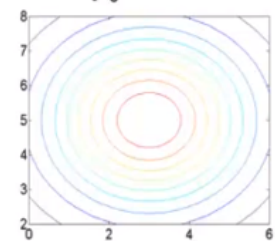
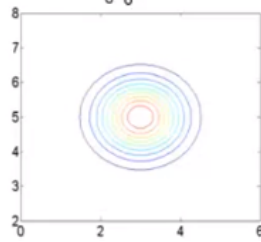
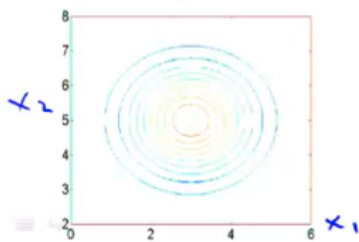
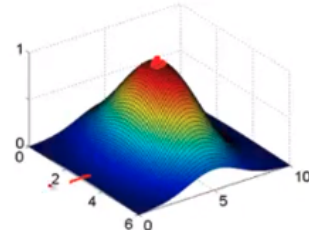
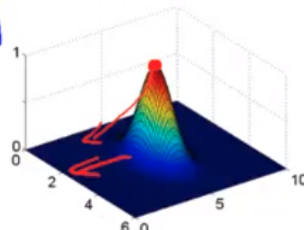
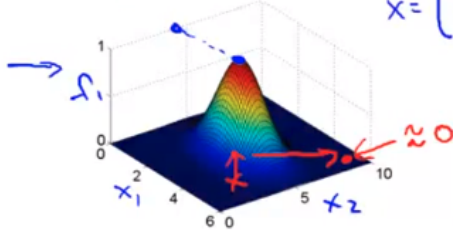
$$\rightarrow l^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_1 = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(1)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

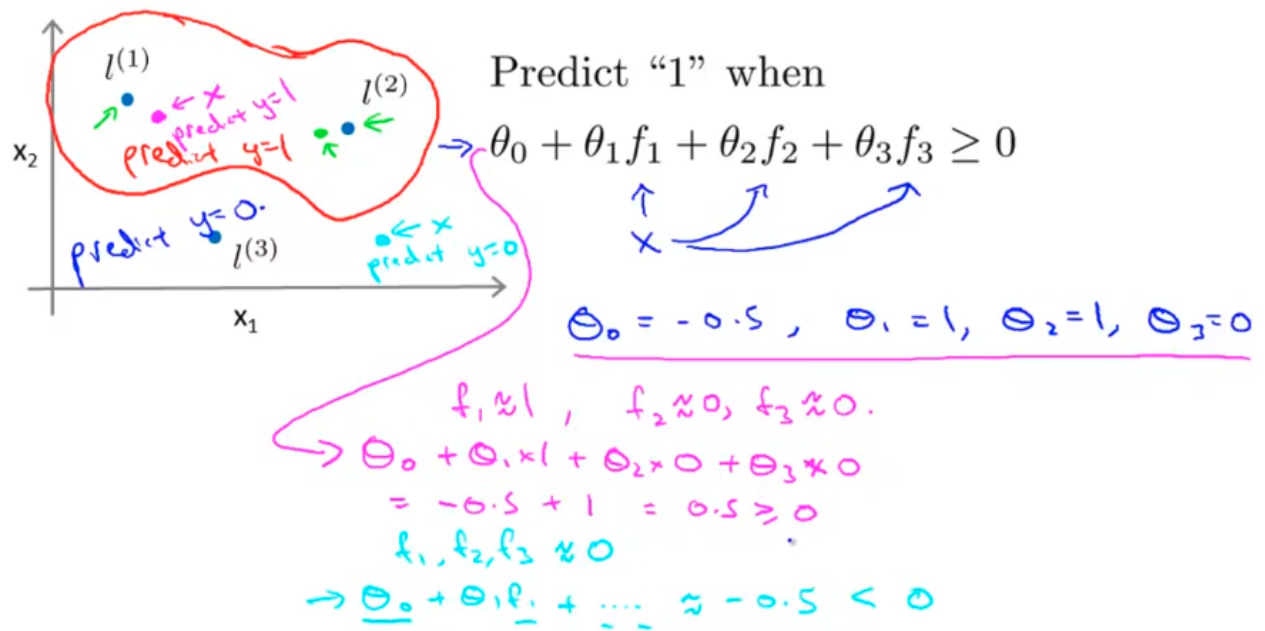
$$\rightarrow \sigma^2 = 1$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^2 = 0.5$$

$$\sigma^2 = 3$$





We can learn pretty complex non-linear decision boundary, like what is just drew up where we predict positive when we're close to either one of the two landmarks. And we predict negative when we're very far away from any of the landmarks. And so this is part of the idea of kernels of and how we use them with the support vector machine, which is that we define these extra features using landmarks and similarity functions to learn more complex nonlinear classifiers.

## 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:

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

$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_m \end{bmatrix}$  (ignore  $\theta_0$ )  $m = 10,000$

$\sum_j \theta_j^2 = \theta^T \theta \leftarrow \|\theta\|^2$

$\theta^T M \theta$

Change  $x$  by  $f$ .

- SVM parameters:
  - $C$
  - Large: Lower bias, high variance. small  $\lambda$



- Small: High bias, low variance. large  $\lambda$

o  $\sigma^2$

- Large: Features  $f_i$  vary more smoothly + Higher bias, lower variance. --^--
- Small: Features  $f_i$  vary less smoothly + lower bias, high variance. \_/\_

### III. SVMs in practice

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

Need to specify:

→ Choice of parameter C.

Choice of kernel (similarity function):

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

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

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n \geq 0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

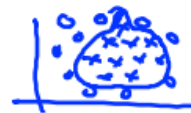
→ n large, m small

→ Gaussian kernel:

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

Need to choose  $\sigma^2$ .

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , n small  
and/or n large



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Kernel (similarity) functions:

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function f = kernel(x1, x2)
    f = exp(- (||x1 - x2||^2) / (2 * sigma^2))
return
```

Handwritten notes:  $x^{(i)}$ ,  $l^{(j)} = x^{(j)}$ ,  $x \rightarrow \begin{matrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_m \end{matrix}$

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

→  $\|x - l\|^2$

$$v = x - l$$

$$\|v\|^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2$$

$$= \underbrace{(x_1 - l_1)^2}_{1000 \text{ feet}^2} + \underbrace{(x_2 - l_2)^2}_{1-5 \text{ bedrooms}} + \dots + (x_n - l_n)^2$$

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

## 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:

$$k(x, l) = (x^T l + \text{constant})^{\text{degree}}$$

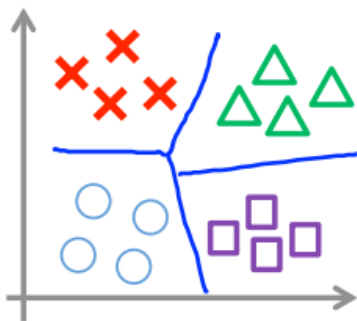
Handwritten notes for polynomial kernel:  $(x^T l)^3$ ,  $(x^T l)^2 + 1$ ,  $(x^T l + 5)$

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

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

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## 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  $(\theta^{(i)})^T x$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ y=1 & y=2 & & \theta=K \end{matrix}$$



## 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.  $n \geq m$ ,  $n = 10,000$ ,  $m = 10 \dots 1000$ )

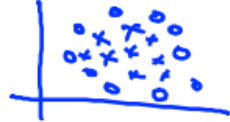
→ Use logistic regression, or SVM without a kernel ("linear kernel")

→ 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: ( $n = 1-1000$ ,  $m = 50,000+$ )

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



→ Neural network likely to work well for most of these settings, but may be slower to train.