

Support Vector Machines (SVM) are supervised learning models with associated learning algorithms that analyze data used for classification and regression analysis. SVMs are based on the idea of finding a hyperplane that best divides a dataset into two classes, as shown in the image below. Maximum Margin Maximum Margi

Por a classification task with only two features, you can think of a hyperplane as a line that linearly separates and classifies a set of data. For, three features, it's a plane. Intuitively, the further from the hyperplane our data points lie, the more confident we are that they have been correctly classified. So when new testing data are added, whatever side of the hyperplane it lands will decide the class that we assign to it. Ahyperplane in R* is a line Ahyperplane in R* is a plane Ahyperplane in R* is a plane Ahyperplane in R* is a plane

How Do WE FIND THE RIGHT HYPERPLANE? How do we best segregate the two classes within the data? The distance between the hyperplane and the nearest data point from either set is known as the margin. The goal is to choose a hyperplane with the greatest possible margin between the hyperplane and any point within the training set, giving a greater chance of new data being classified correctly.

HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY THE RIGHT HYPER-PLANE?

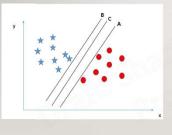
• You need to remember a thumb rule to identify the right hyper-plane:

"Select the hyper-plane which segregates the two classes better".

THE RIGHT HYPERPLANE • Here, we have three hyperplanes (A, B and C). Now, identify the right hyperplane to classify star and circle. • Hyperplane "B" has excellently performed this job.

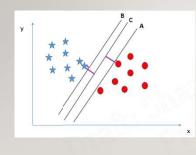
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Here, we have three hyperplanes (A, B and C) and all are segregating the classes well.
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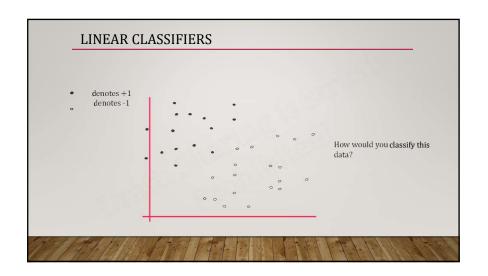


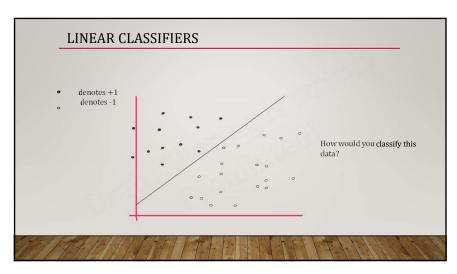
Here, maximizing the distances between nearest data point (either class) and hyperplane will help us to decide the right hyperplane. This distance is called as Margin.

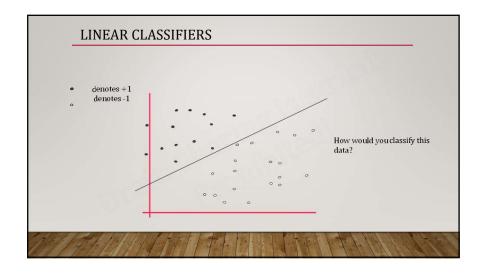
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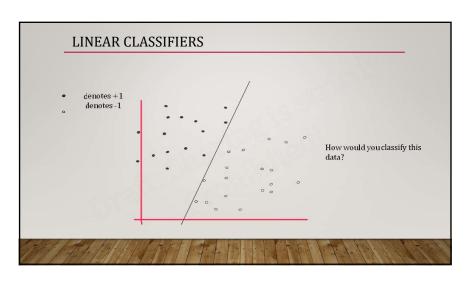


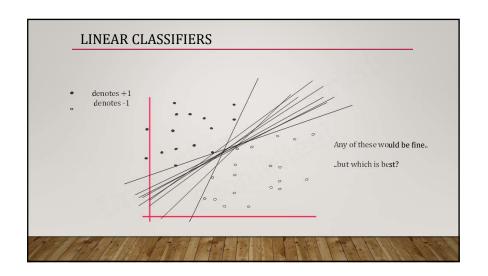
We can see that the margin for hyperplane C is high as compared to both A and B. Hence, we name the right hyperplane as C. Another lightning reason for selecting the hyperplane with higher margin is robustness. If we select a hyperplane having low margin then there is high chance of misclassification.

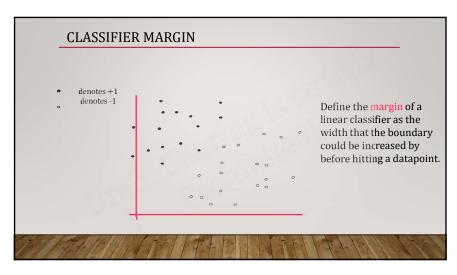


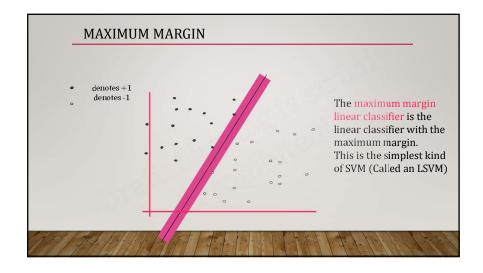


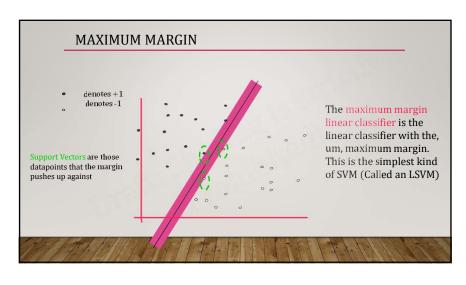




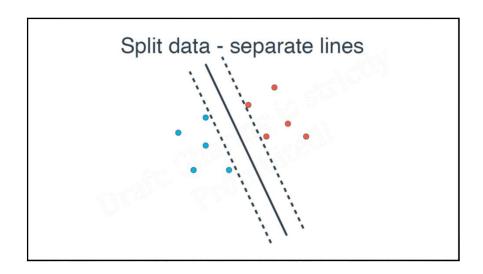


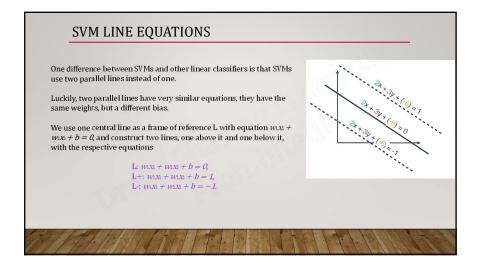


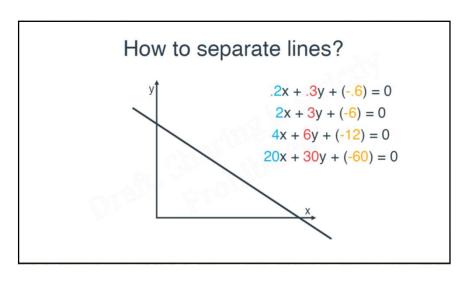


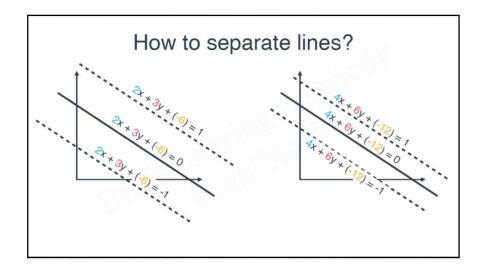


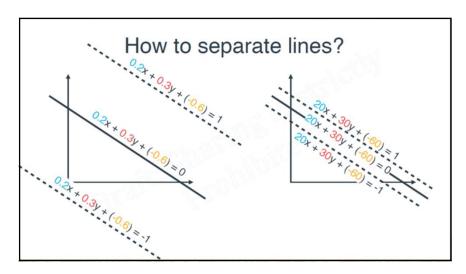
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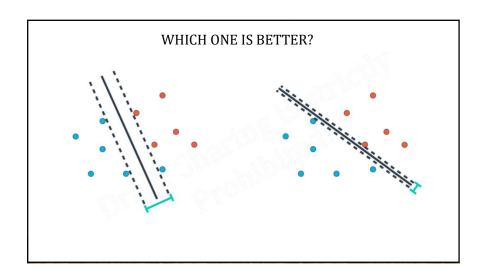


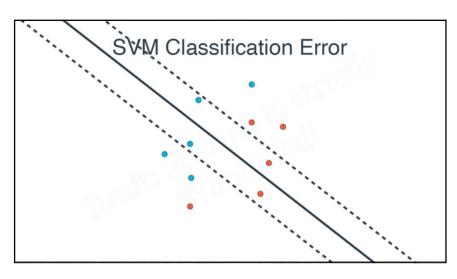


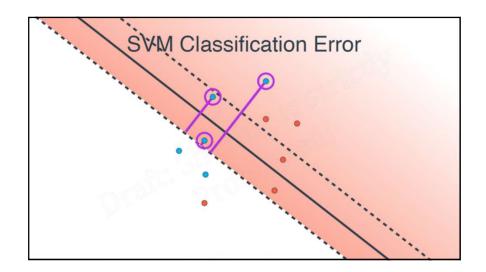


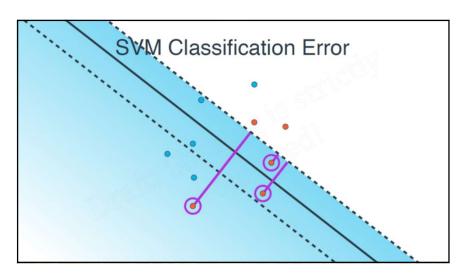


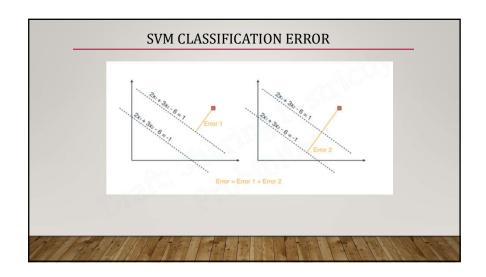


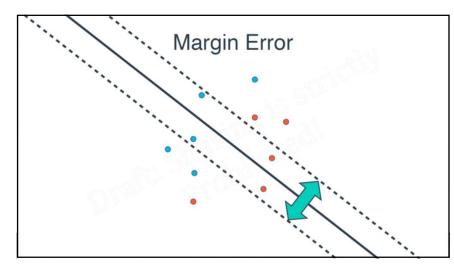


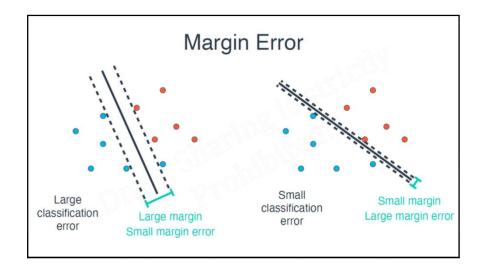


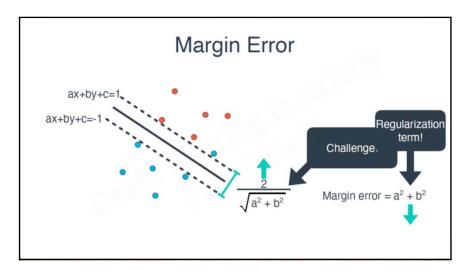


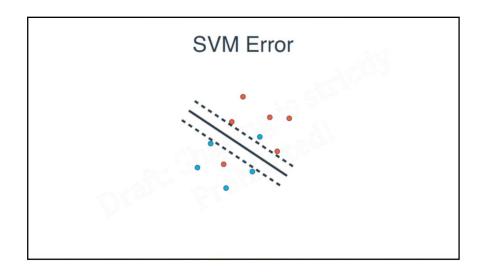


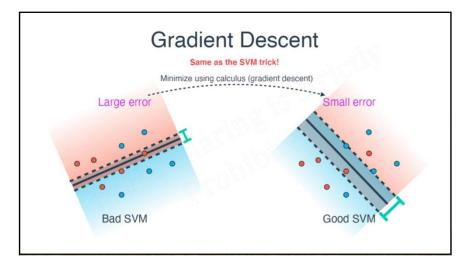


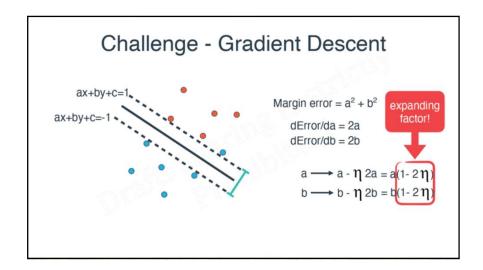


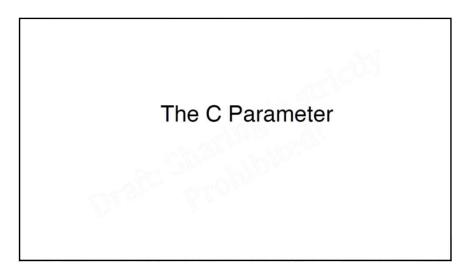


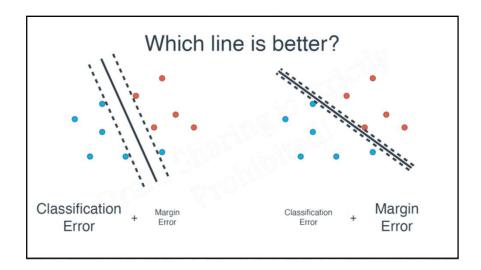


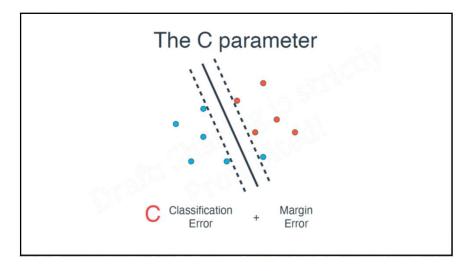


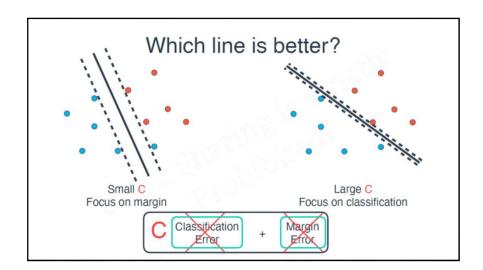


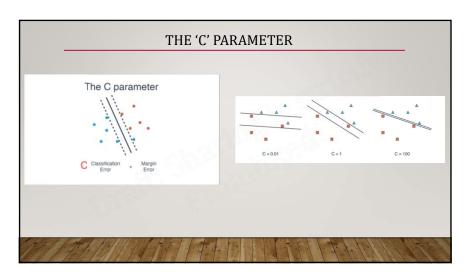


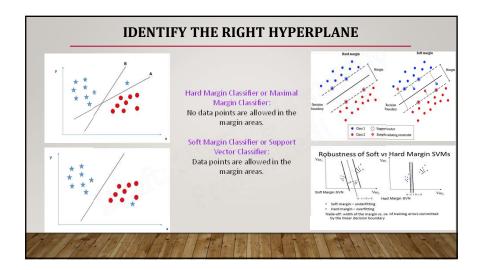


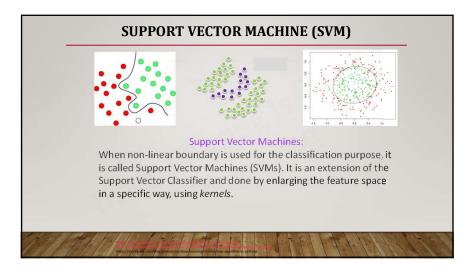












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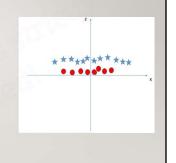
 In the scenario below, we can't have linear hyperplane between the two classes, so how does SVM classify these two classes? Till now, we have only looked at the linear hyperplane.

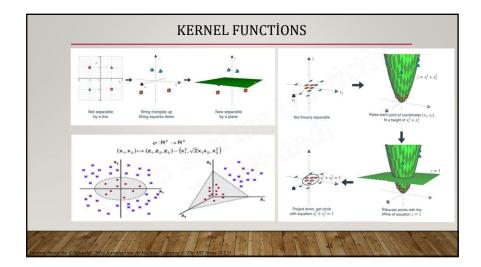


SVM can solve this problem. It solves this problem by introducing additional feature. Here, we will add a new feature $z=x^2+y^2$.

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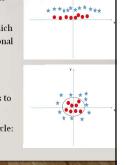
- . Now, let's plot the data points on axis x and z:
- In this plot, points to consider are:
 - All values for z would be positive always because z is the squared sum of both x and y
 - In the original plot, red circles appear close to the origin of x and y axes, leading to lower value of z and star relatively away from the origin result to higher value of z.

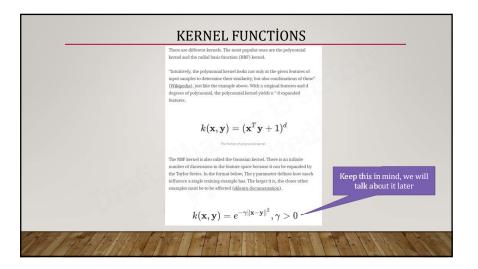


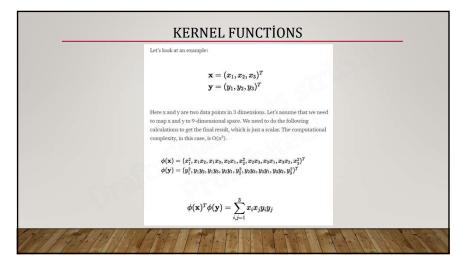


KERNEL TRICK

- In SVM, it is easy to have a linear hyperplane between these two classes.
 But, another burning question which arises is, should we need to add this feature manually to have a hyperplane.
- No, SVM has a technique called the kernel trick. These are functions which takes low dimensional input space and transform it to a higher dimensional space i.e. it converts non separable problem to separable problem, these functions are called kernels.
- It is mostly useful in non-linear separation problem. Simply put, it does some extremely complex data transformations, then find out the process to separate the data based on the labels or outputs you've defined.
- · When we look at the hyperplane in original input space it looks like a circle:







KERNEL FUNCTIONS

However, if we use the kernel function, which is denoted as k(x,y), instead of doing the complicated computations in the 9-dimensional space, we reach the same result within the 3-dimensional space by calculating the dot product of x-transpose and y. The computational complexity, in this case, is O(n).

$$egin{aligned} k(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) &= (\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{y})^2 \ &= (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + x_3y_3)^2 \ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^3 x_ix_jy_iy_j \end{aligned}$$

In essence, what the kernel trick does for us is to offer a more efficient and less expensive way to transform data into higher dimensions. With that saying, the application of the kernel trick is not limited to the SVM algorithm. Any computations involving the dot products (x,y) can utilize the kernel trick.

EXAMPLES

For example let x and y be defined as x = (x1,x2,x3) and y = (y1,y2,y3).

The mapping to 9 dimensions would be

f(x) = (x 1x1, x1x2, x1x3, x2x1, x2x2, x2x3, x3x1, x3x2, x3x3)

We can define a kernel which would be equivalent to the above equation $K(x,y)=dot(x,y)=xy=(x^T\!y)^2$

Let, x = (1, 2

y = (1, 2, 3)y = (4, 5, 6).

Then: f(x) = (1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 6, 3, 6, 9)f(y) = (16, 20, 24, 20, 25, 30, 24, 30, 36)

Calculating < f(x), f(y)>, gives us 16 + 40 + 72 + 40 + 100 + 180 + 72 + 180 + 324 = 1024

instead of doing so many calculations, if we apply the kernel instead: $K(x,y)=(4+10+18)^{-4}2=32^2=1024$

KERNEL FUNCTIONS

· Consider polynomials of degree q:

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{y} + 1)^{2}$$

$$= (x_{1}y_{1} + x_{2}y_{2} + 1)^{2}$$

$$= 1 + 2x_{1}y_{1} + 2x_{2}y_{2} + 2x_{1}x_{2}y_{1}y_{2} + x_{1}^{2}y_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}y_{2}^{2}$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = [1, \sqrt{2}x_{1}, \sqrt{2}x_{2}, \sqrt{2}x_{1}x_{2}, x_{1}^{2}, x_{2}^{2}]^{T} \quad \text{Find } \phi(\mathbf{Y}) \text{ same way}$$

Notice that $\phi(X) \& \phi(Y)$ are in 6 dimensional space. But, you don't need to convert X & Y to six dimensions. You just apply kernel function K(x,y) and get six dimensional dot product calculations of $\phi(X)$. $\phi(Y)$ in two dimensions.

(Cherkassky and Mulier, 1998)

KERNEL FUNCTIONS

• Let's look at the previous example in a bit more detail

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{x}) = [x_1^2 \ x_2^2 \ \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 \ \sqrt{2}x_1 \ \sqrt{2}x_2 \ 1]$$

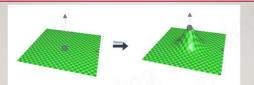
 The SVM classifier deals only with inner products of examples (or feature vectors). In this example,

$$\begin{array}{lll} \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \phi(\mathbf{x}') & = & x_1^2 x_1'^2 + x_2^2 x_2'^2 + 2x_1 x_2 x_1' x_2' + 2x_1 x_1' + 2x_2 x_2' + 1 \\ & = & (1 + x_1 x_1' + x_2 x_2')^2 \\ & = & \left(1 + (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}')\right)^2 \end{array}$$

so the inner products can be evaluated without ever explicitly constructing the feature vectors $\phi(\mathbf{x})$!

• $K(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}') = \left(1+(\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}')\right)^2$ is a *kernel function* (inner product in the feature space)

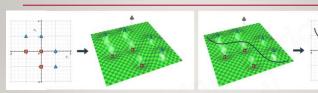
RADIAL BASIS FUNCTION (RBF) KERNEL



Imagine if you had a point in the plane, and the plane was like a blanket. Then you pinch the blanket at that point, and raise it. This is how a *radial basis function* looks like.

We can raise the blanket at any point we like, and that gives us one different radial basis function. The *radial basis function kernel* (also called rbf kernel) is precisely the set of all radial basis functions for every point in the plane.

RADIAL BASIS FUNCTION (RBF) KERNEL



Lift the plane at every triangle, and push it down at every square. Then simply draw a plane at height 0, and intersect it with our surface. This is the same as looking at the curve formed by the points at height 0.

Imagine if there is a landscape with mountains and with the sea. The curve will correspond to the coastline, namely, where the water and the land meet. This gives us the curves (when we project everything back to the plane), and we obtain our desired classifier:

