

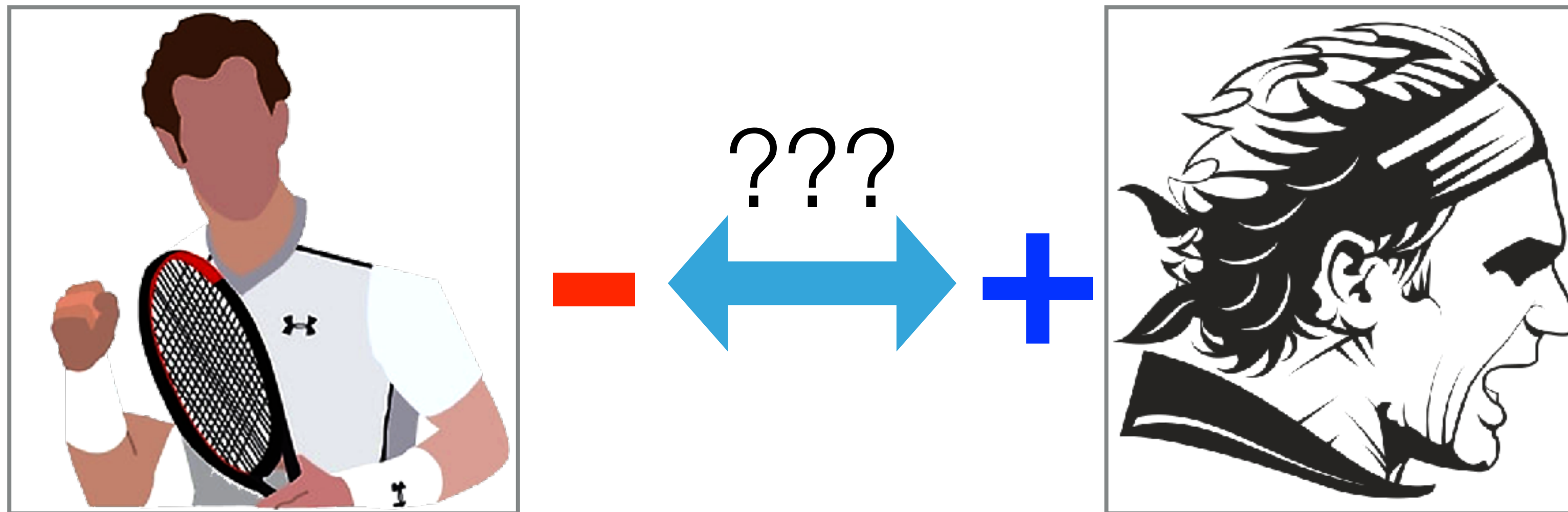
# COS234: INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING

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Topic: Linear Classification

# Who Will Win Wimbledon?



$\mathbf{x}_i$   
 $\mathbf{x}_{i+1}$

H2H	Court	Injur.	Kids	Temp.	Rack.
⋮					
4 – 7	Grass	8 – 1	0 – 2	45F	8 – 21
1 – 1	Clay	1 – 0	0 – 0	81F	3 – 12
⋮					

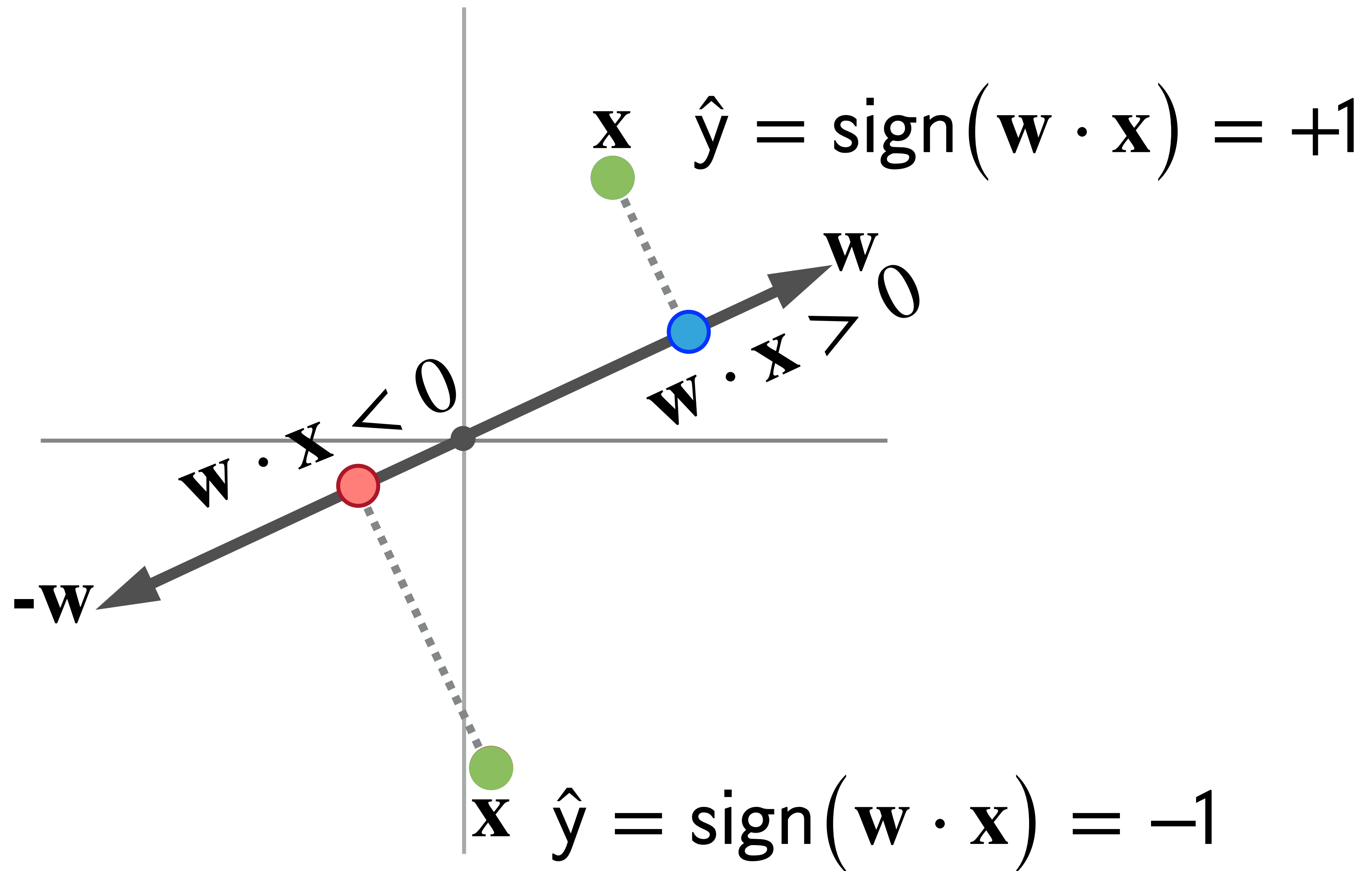
⋮
1
-1
⋮

$\mathbf{w}$

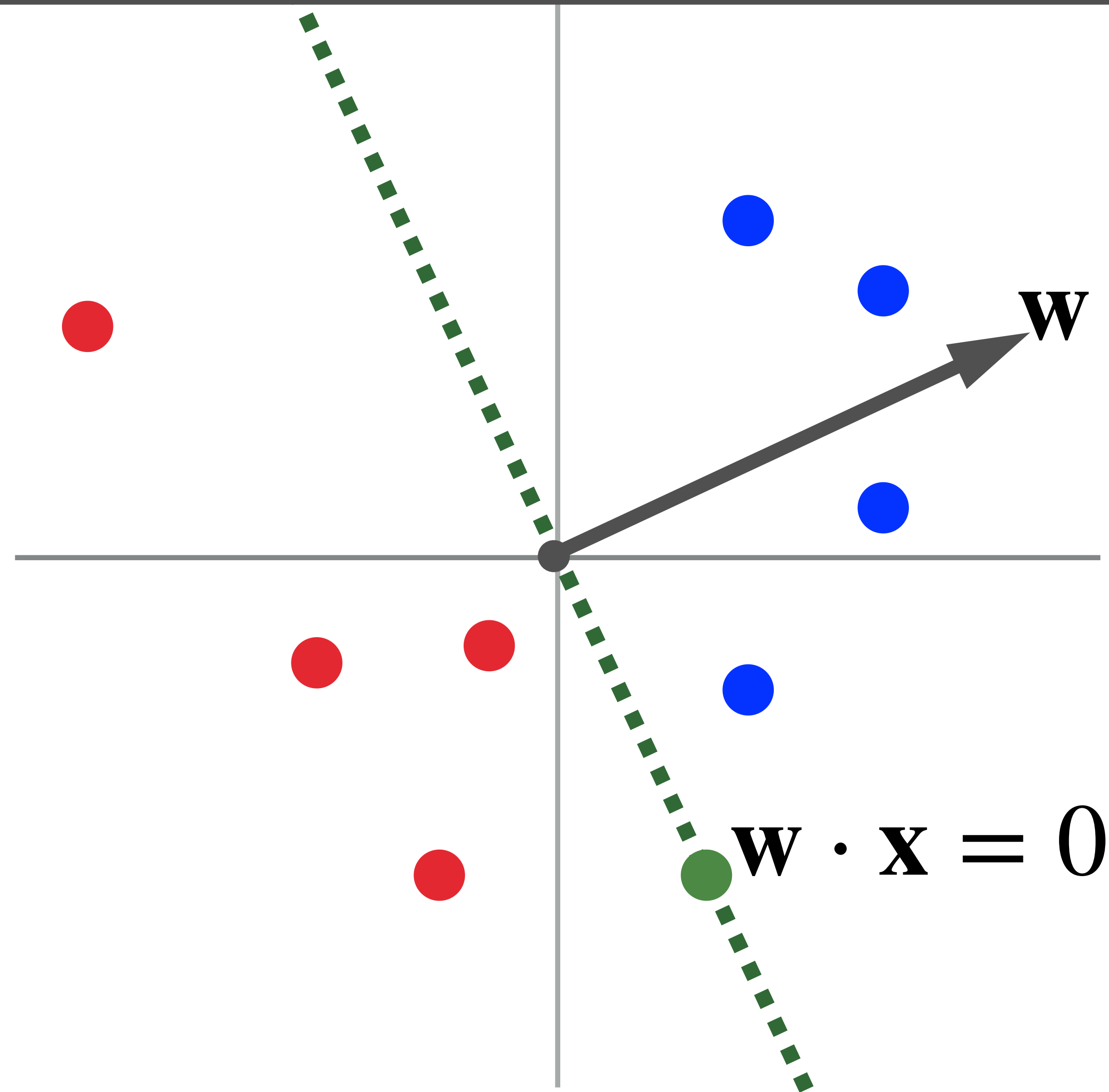
1.7	-3	2.9	12	-5	0.1
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# Classification

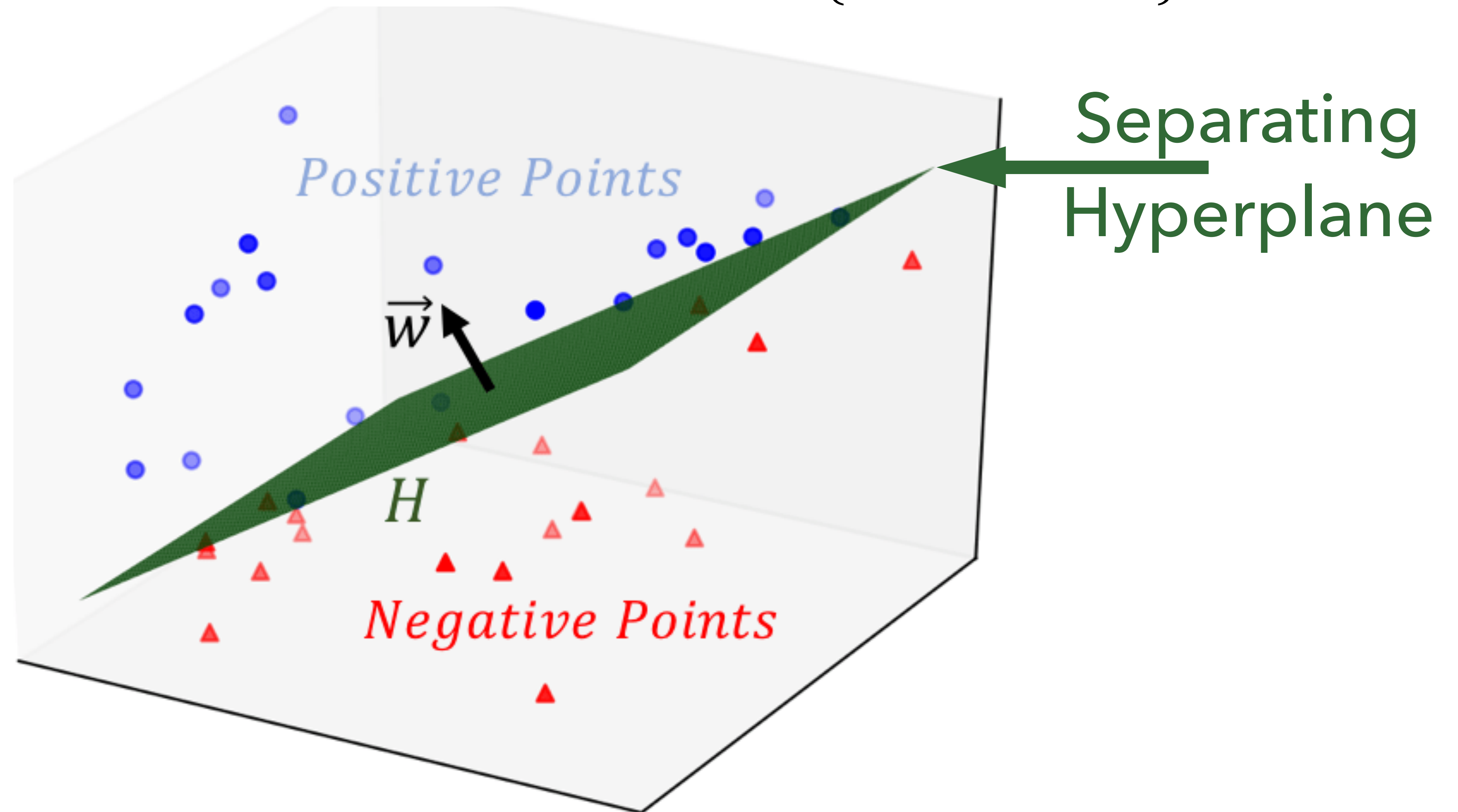
- If  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} > 0$  /\* yes, True, positive \*/  
Predict **+1**
- If  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} < 0$  /\* no, False, negative \*/  
Predict **-1**
- If  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$  /\* toss a coin \*/  
Predict **-1** w.p **0.5** & **+1** w.p **0.5**
- Prediction is  $\hat{y} = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})$



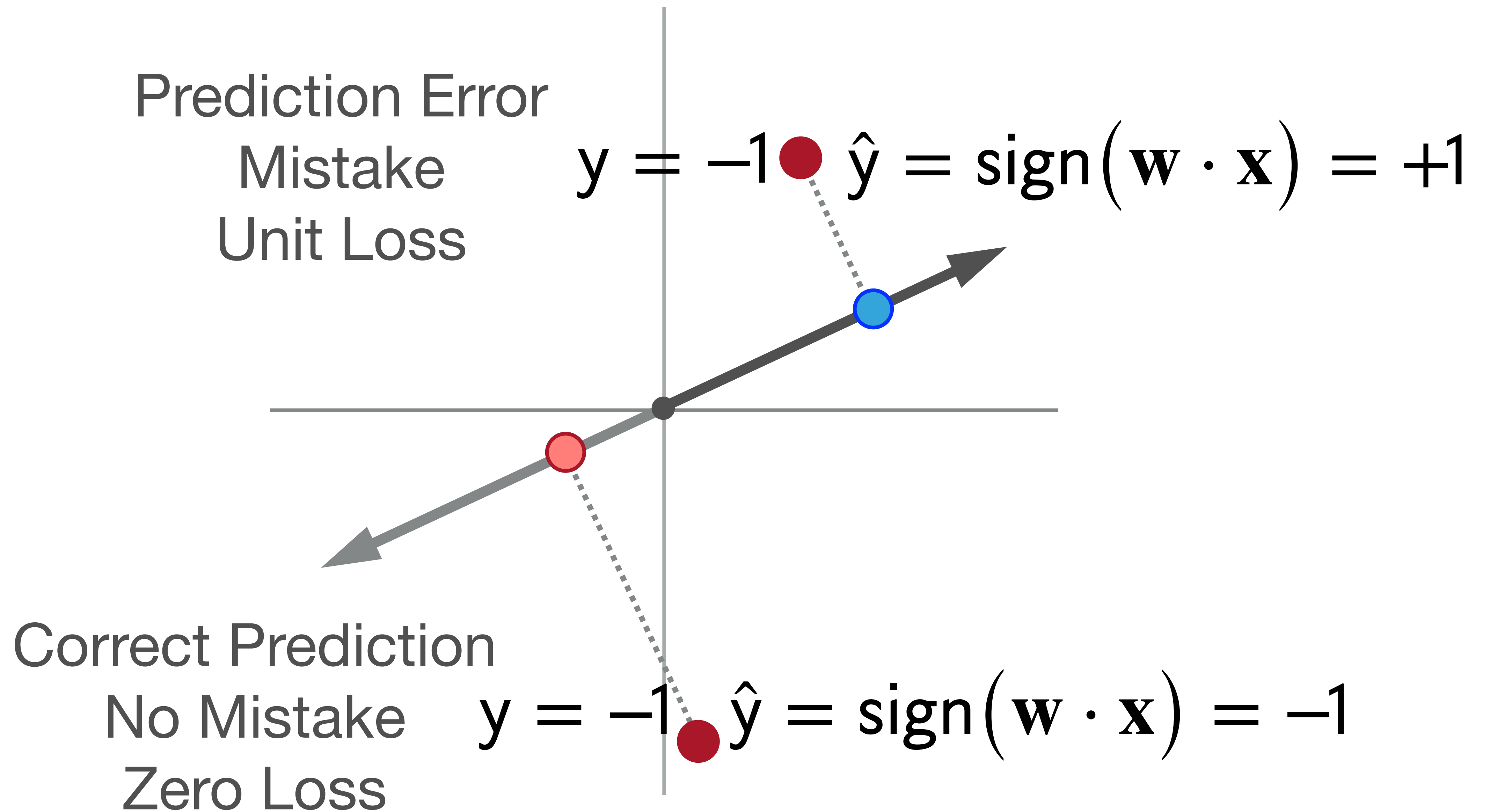
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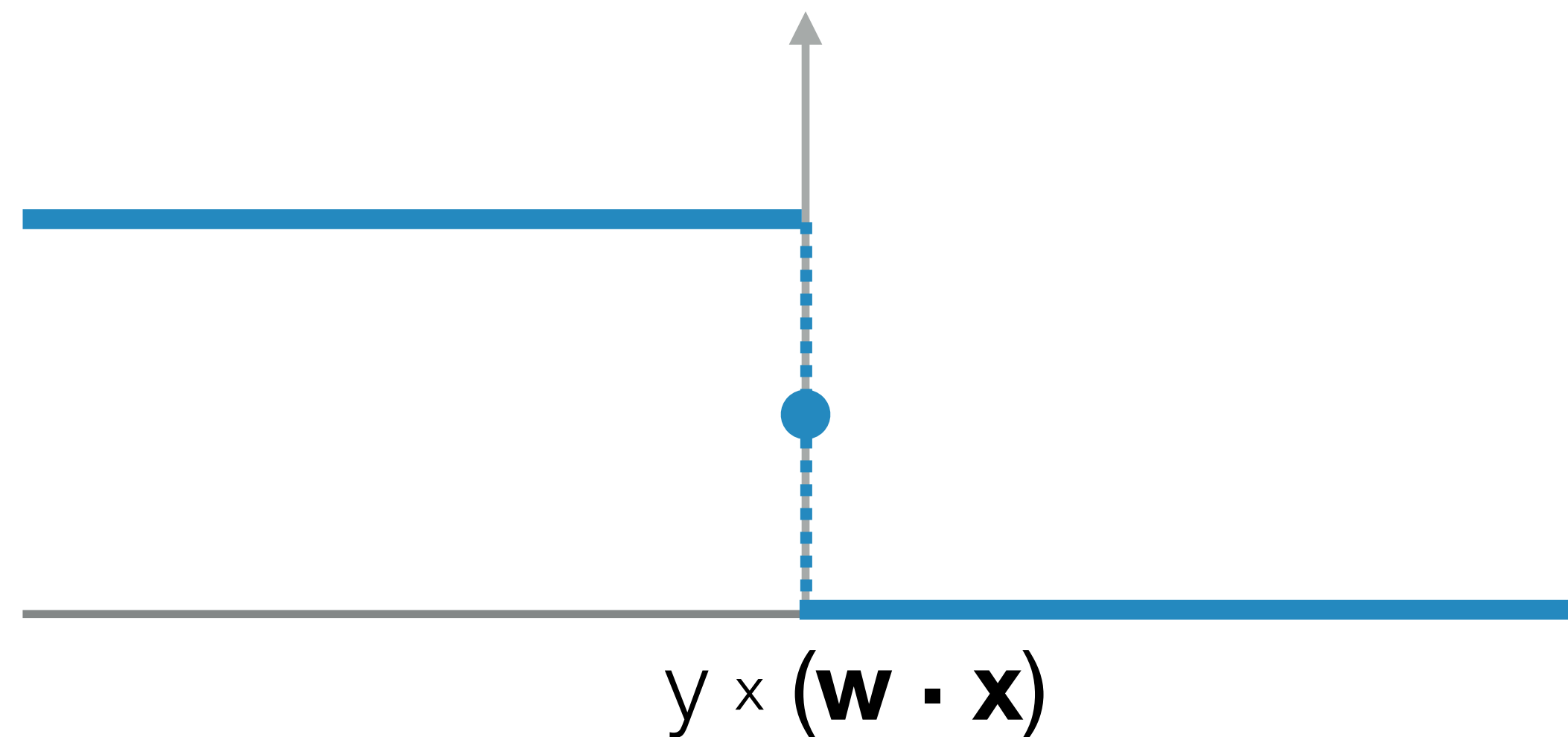
$\mathbf{w}$  is **d dimensional**  $\Rightarrow$  **hyperplane** is **subspace** whose **dimension** is **d-1**

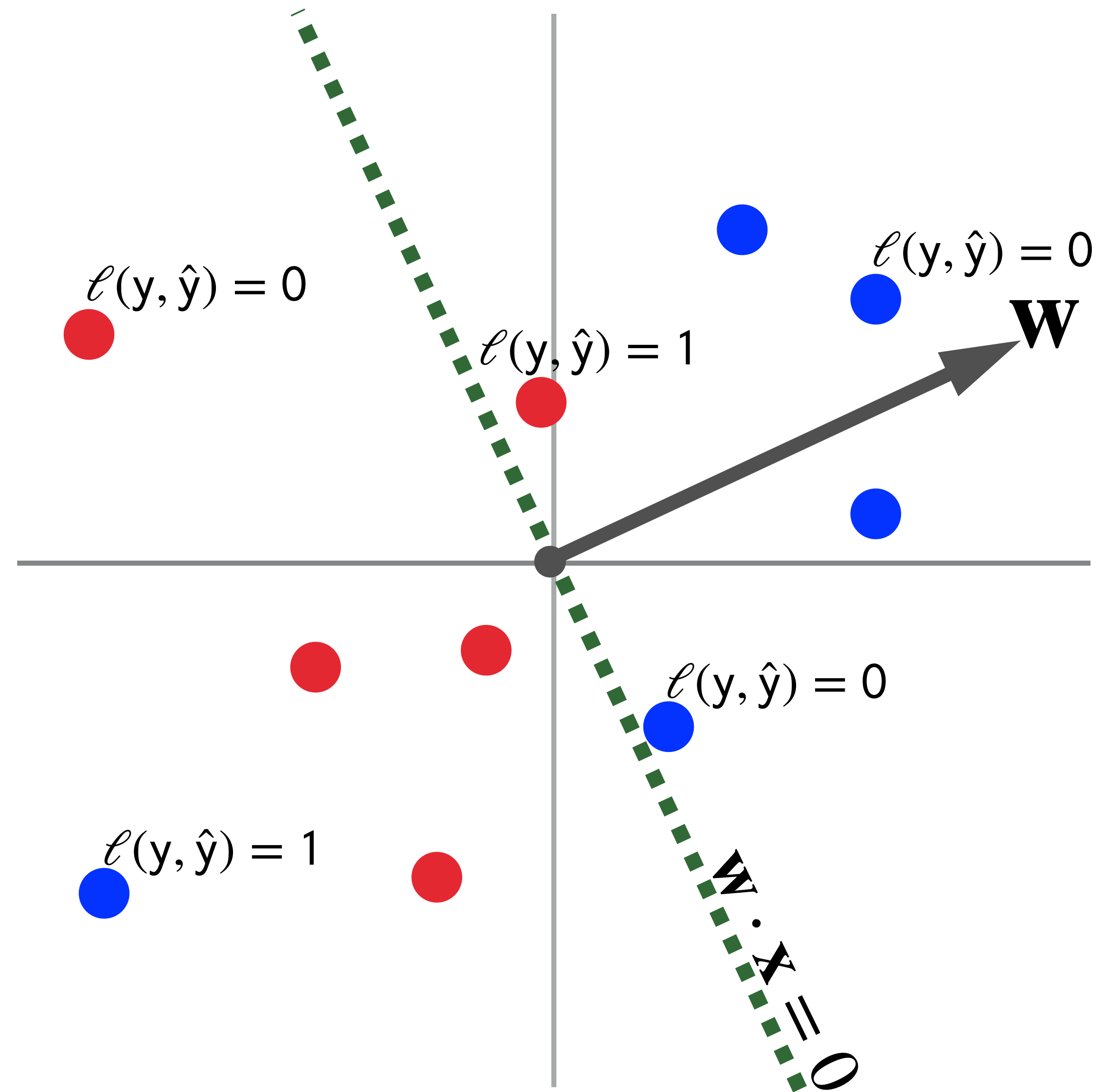


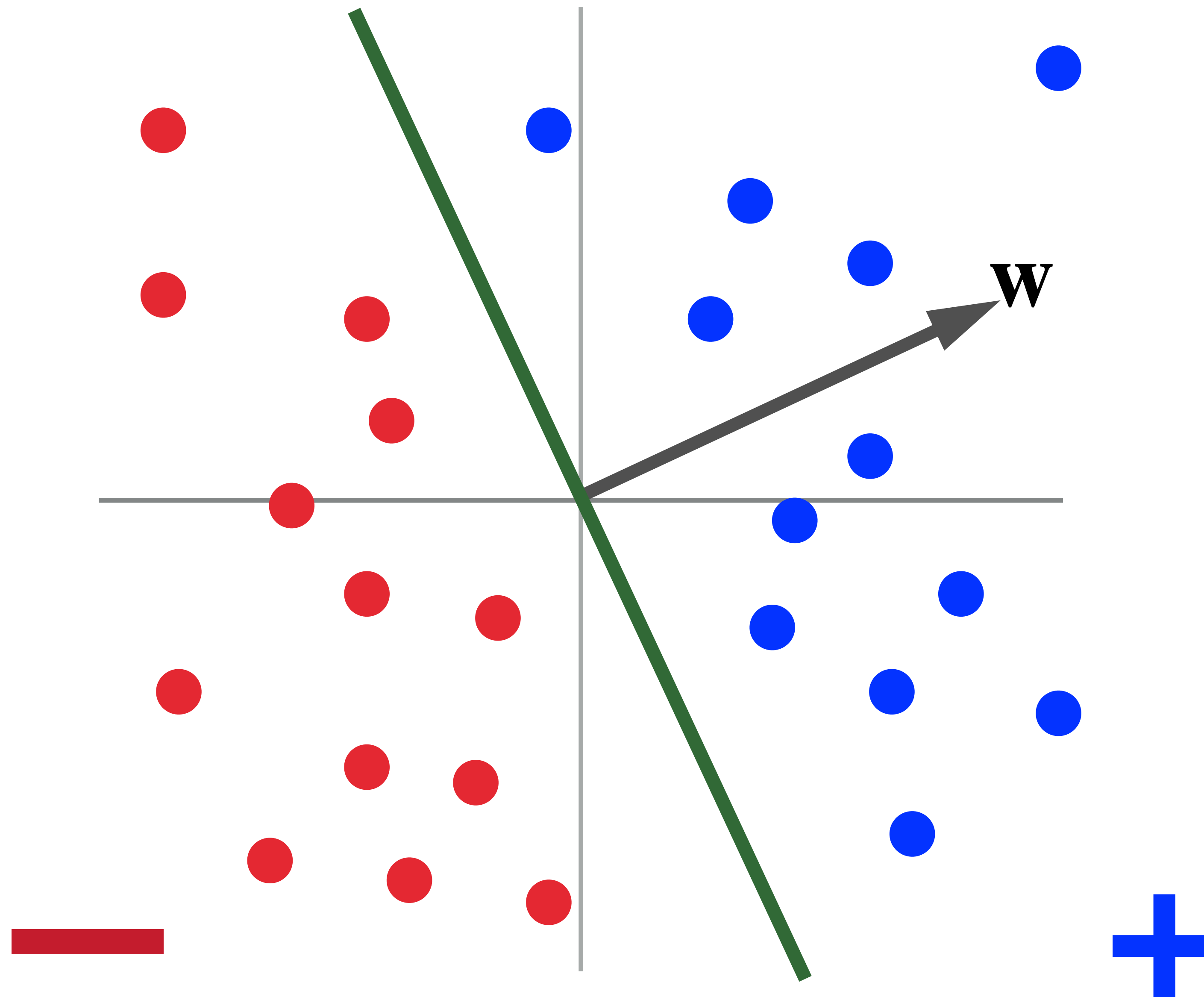


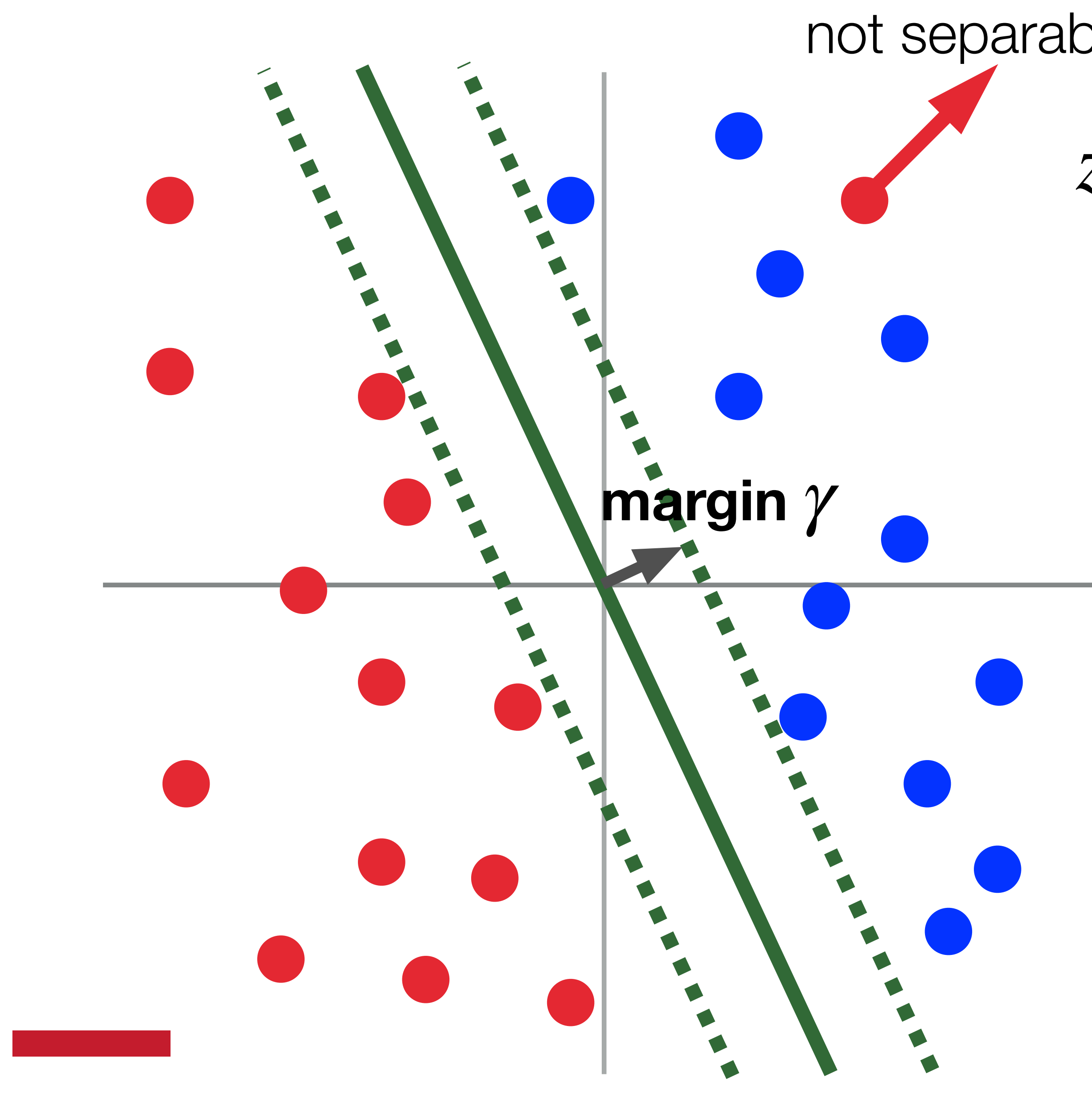
# 0-1 Loss

- For classification problems where  $y, \hat{y} \in \{-, +\}$  we could consider  $\ell$ :  
$$\ell(y, \hat{y}) = 1 - \frac{|\hat{y} + y|}{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \text{ if } y \neq \hat{y} \text{ and } 0 \text{ o.w.} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{1}[y \neq \hat{y}]$$
- Alas, this loss function is difficult to work with and often we need  $\hat{y} \in \mathfrak{R}$  (why?)









not separable since  $\gamma \leq 0$

$z$  w.r.t  $\mathbf{w}$  ;  $(\mathbf{x}, y)$  is:

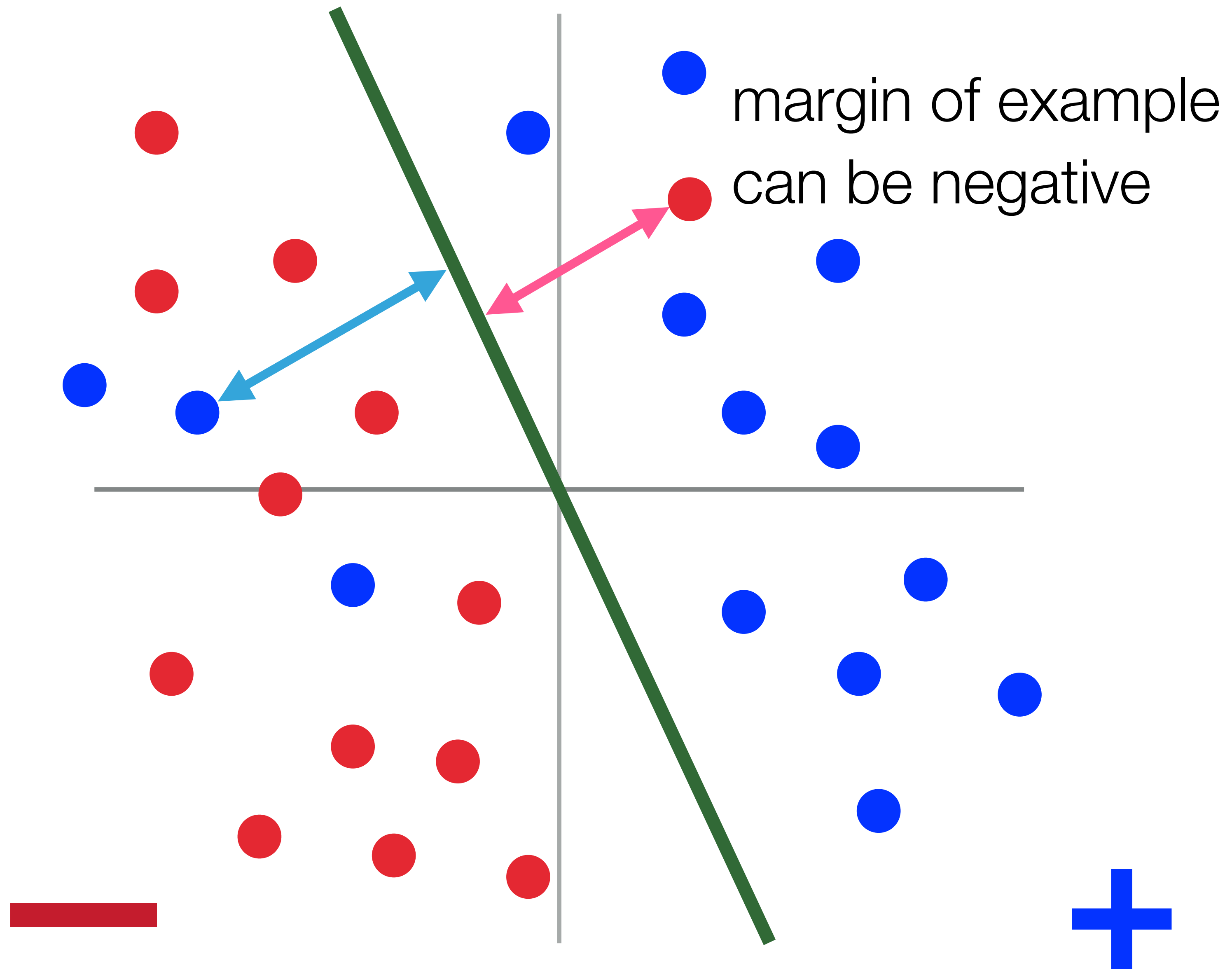
$$y \times (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

data linearly-separable  
with margin  $\gamma > 0$

$$\gamma = \min_i z_i = \min_i y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i)$$

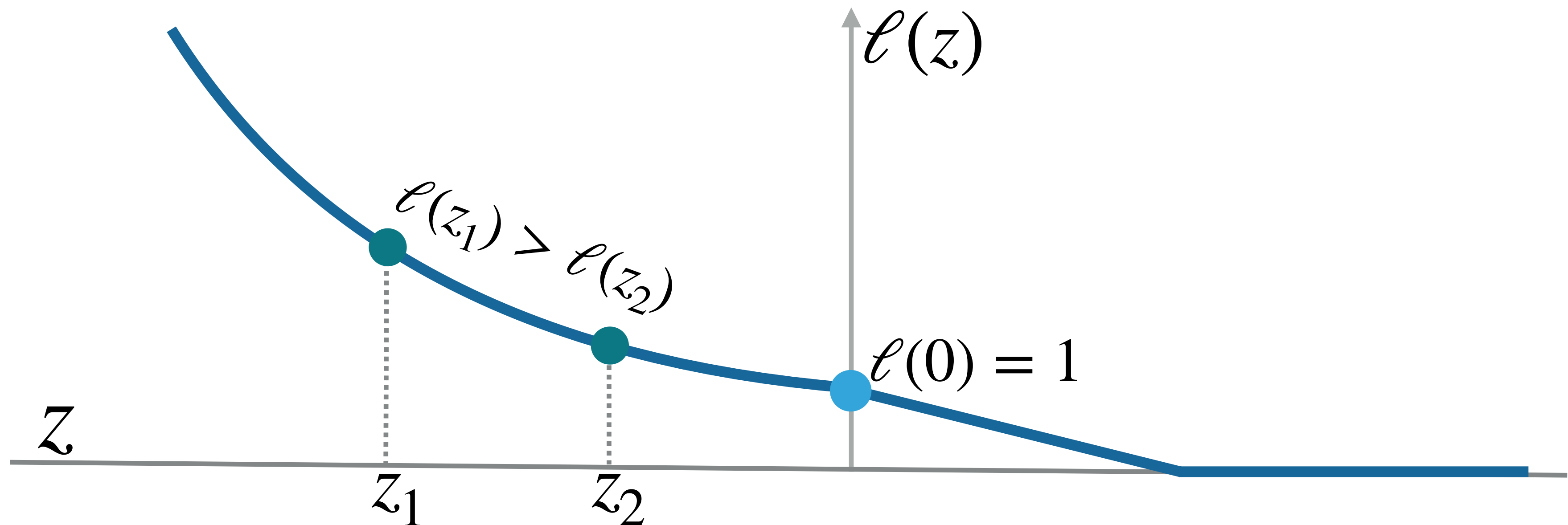
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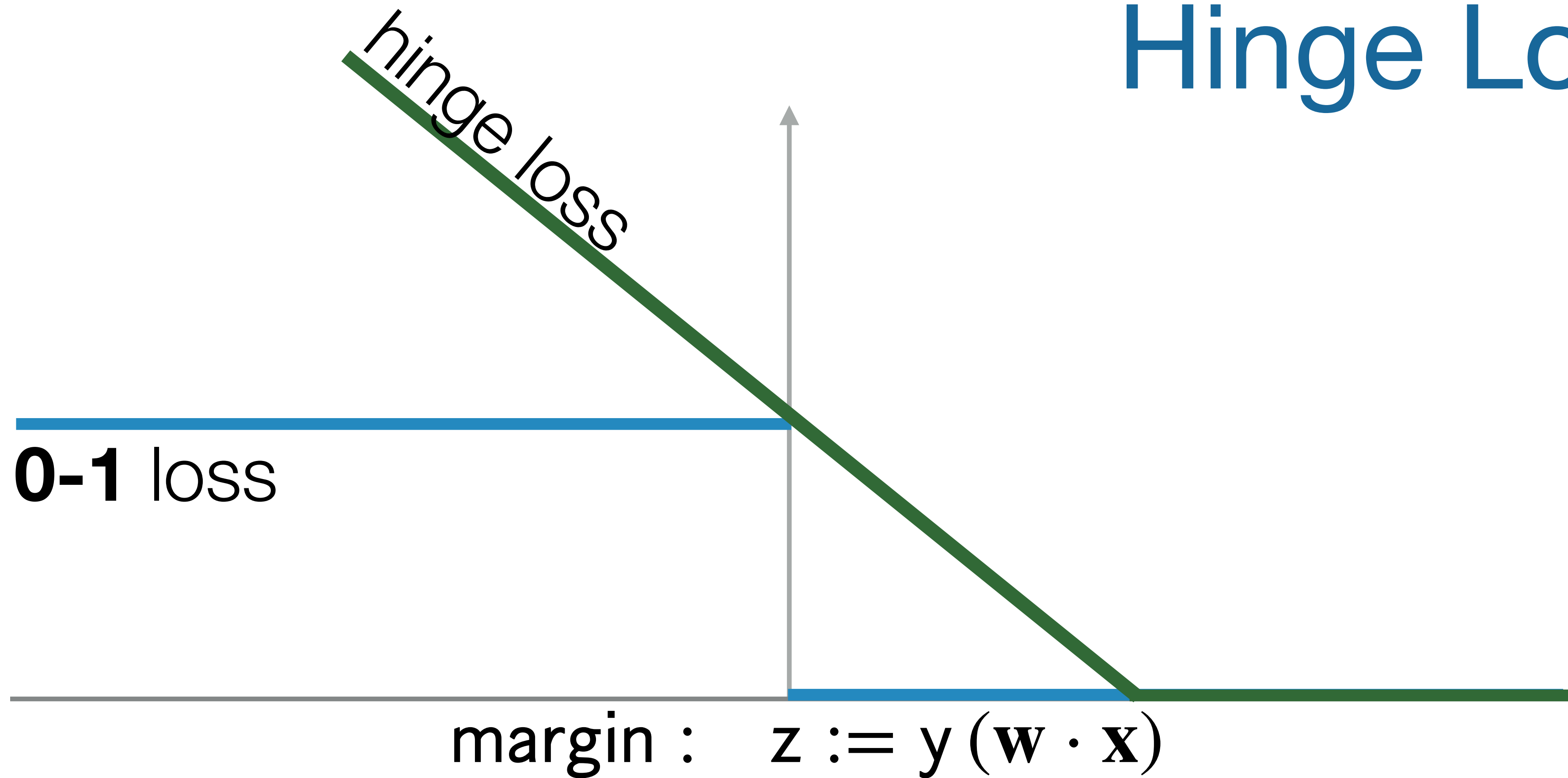


# Margin-based Losses

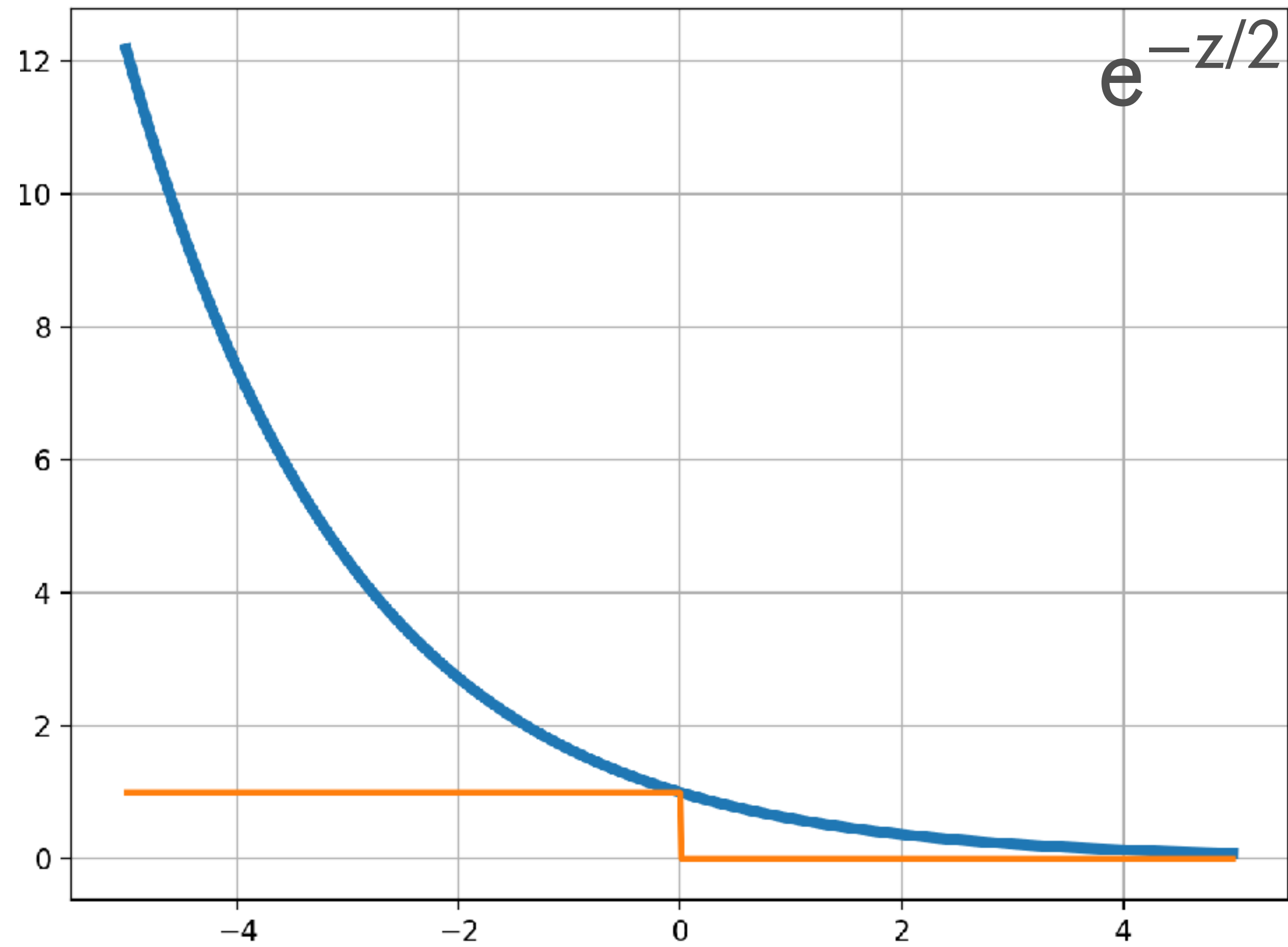
- $z := y(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = 0$  loss should be  $\geq 1$
- $z \rightarrow \infty$  loss should  $\rightarrow 0$  ;  $z \rightarrow -\infty$  loss should  $\gg 0$  and often  $\rightarrow \infty$
- If  $z_1 < z_2$  we typically want  $\ell(z_1) > \ell(z_2)$



# Margin-Based Hinge Loss



# Exponential Loss

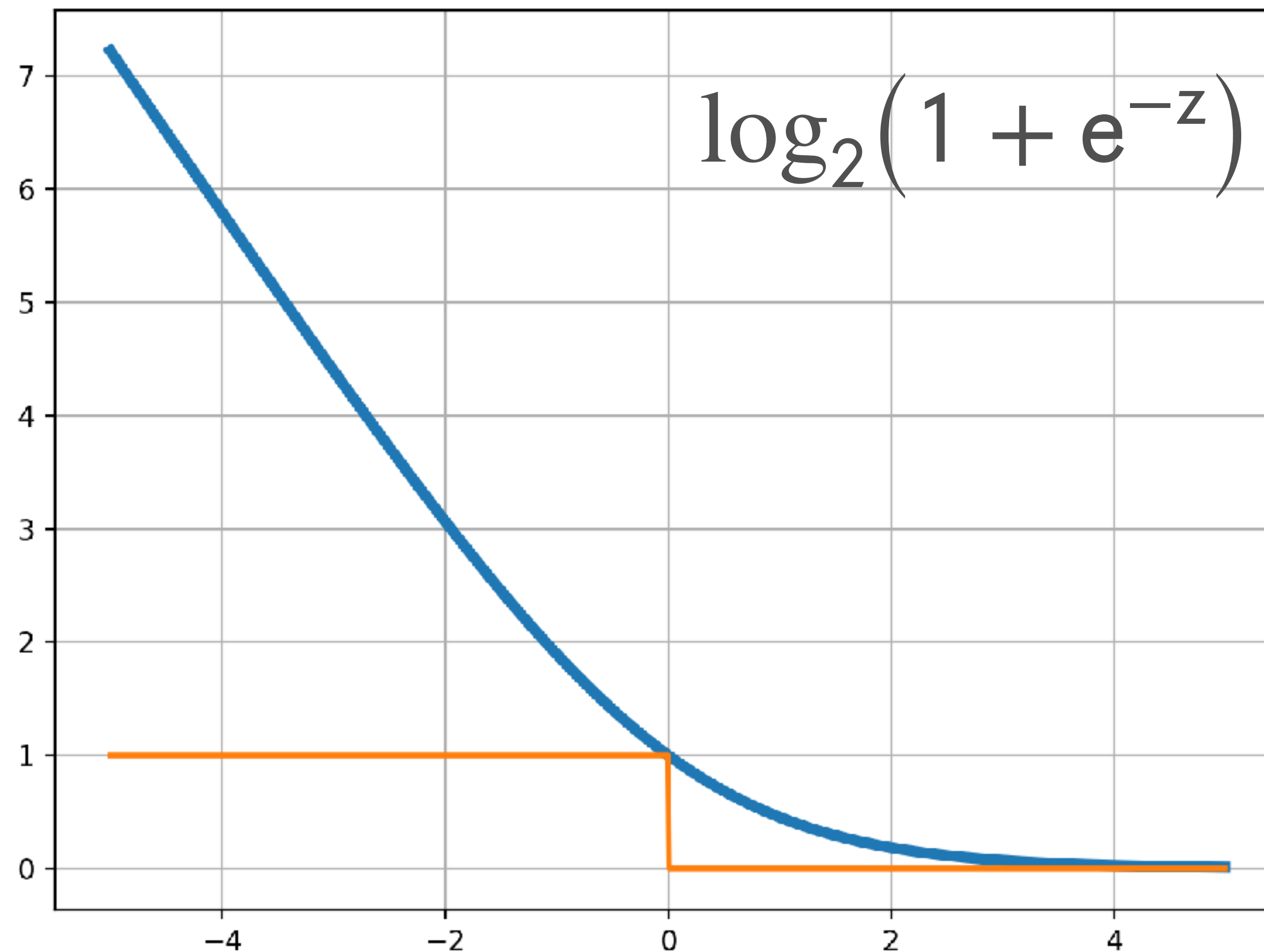




# Logistic (Log) Loss

$$\log(1 + e^{-z}) \sim e^{-z} \text{ for } z \gg 0$$

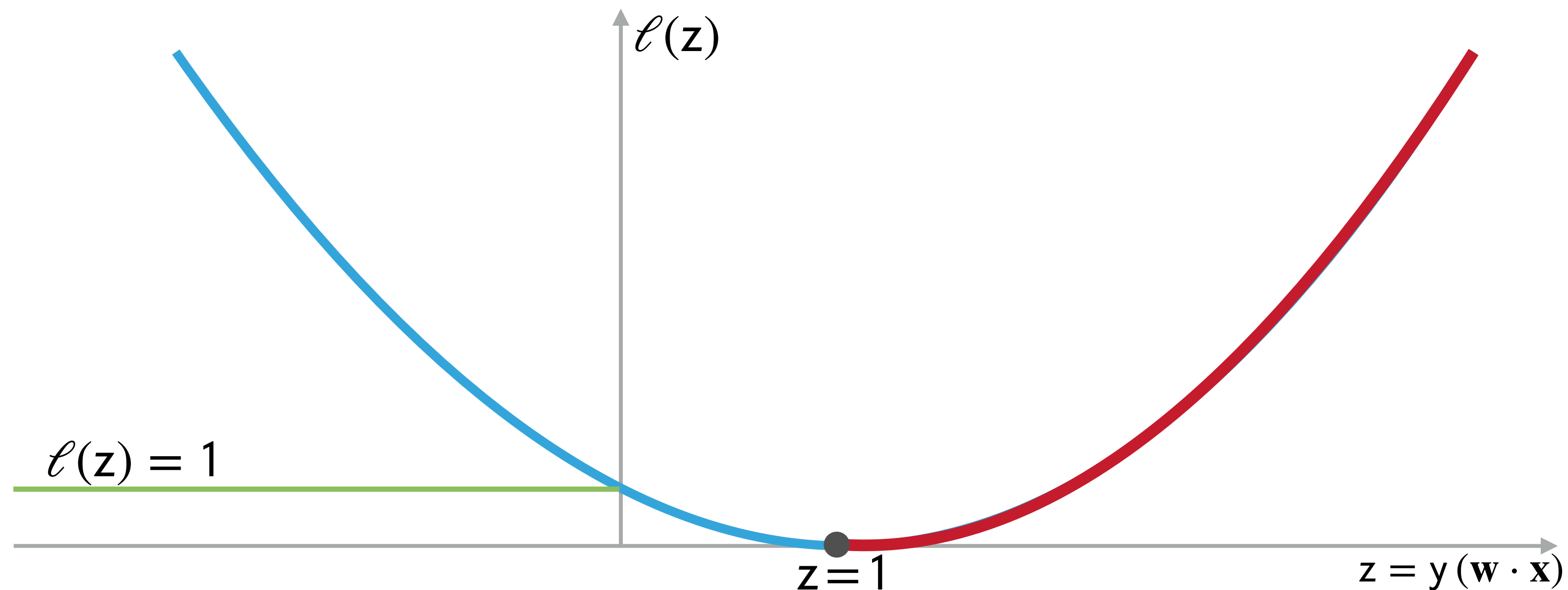
$$\log(1 + e^{-z}) \sim -z \text{ for } z \ll 0$$



# Squared Error?

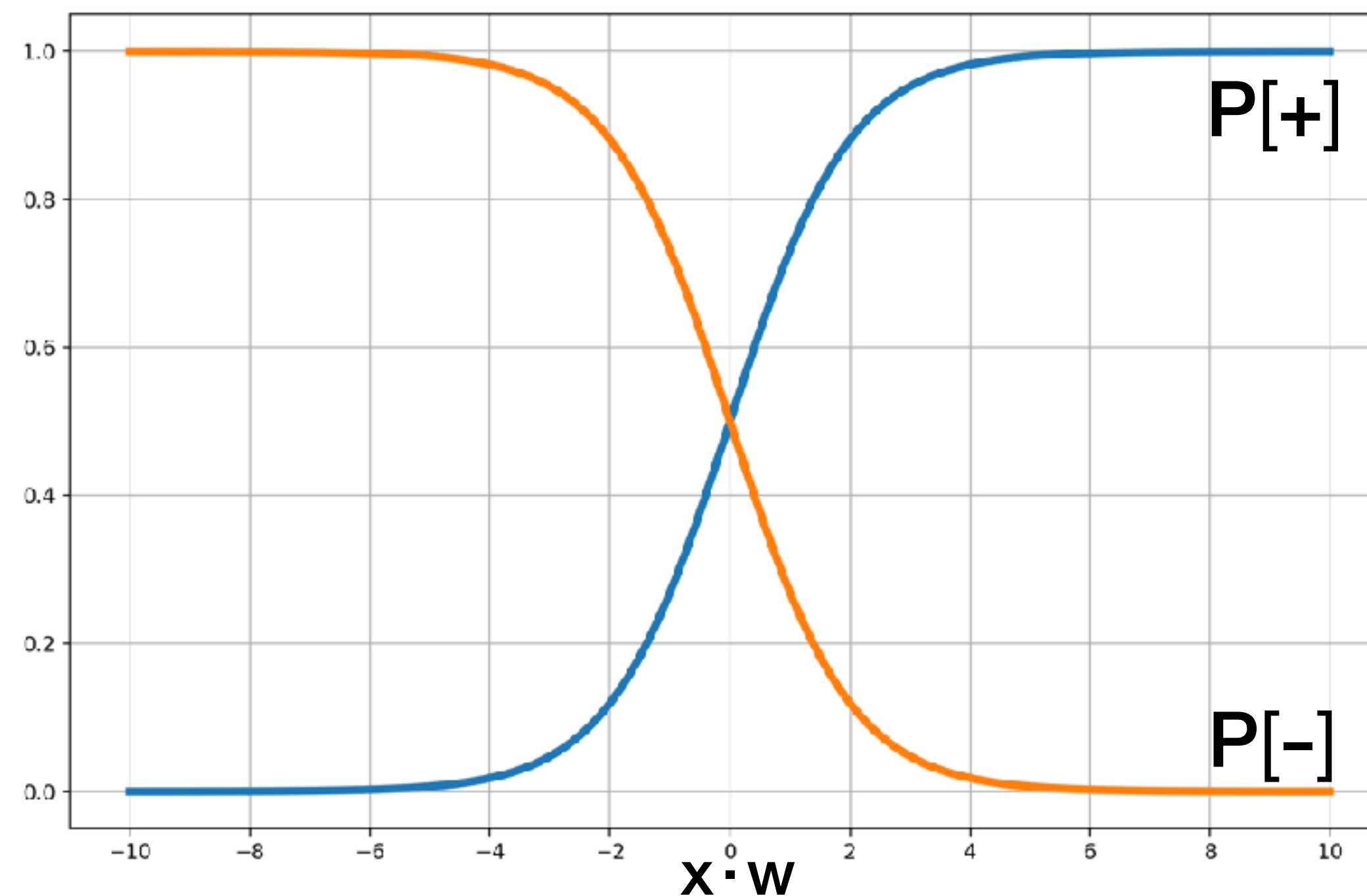
- Recall that  $z = y \times (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})$
- Though  $y$  takes only two values  $\{-1, +1\}$  use as target
- Squared error:

$$(y - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})^2 = y^2(y - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})^2 = (y^2 - y \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})^2 = (1 - z)^2$$



# Logistic Regression

- Given  $\mathbf{x}$  "probability" of  $y$  to be  $+1$ :  $\mathbf{P}[+1 | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}] = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$
- Probability of  $y$  to be  $-1$ :  $\mathbf{P}[-1 | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}] = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$



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- Probability of  $y$  to be  $-1$ :  $\mathbf{P}[- | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}] = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$
- Combine two cases:  $\mathbf{P}[y | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}] = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$

Predict  $+1$  w.p.  $\mathbf{P}[+ | \mathbf{x}]$  and  $-1$  w.p.  $\mathbf{P}[- | \mathbf{x}]$

- Define loss to be negative of log-probability (log-likelihood):

$$-\log(\mathbf{P}[y | \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}]) = \log(1 + e^{-z})$$