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Assume  $x$  was  $k$  times (say was measured in a different unit; remember the normalization of the data). For example, when  $k = 2$ , the data will look like:

$$(-2, +1), (0, -1), (+2, -1)$$

- (A)  $w$  and  $b$  will also become  $k$  times.
- (B)  $w$  will remain the same, while  $b$  will become  $\frac{b}{k}$ .
- (C) **[Ans]**  $b$  will remain the same, while  $w$  will become  $\frac{w}{k}$
- (D)  $w$  and  $b$  will remain the same.
- (E) No such systematic change is possible for  $w$  and  $b$ . The problem will have to be solved afresh.

There is a popular problem called “parity”. Consider  $\mathbf{x}$  be  $d$ -dimensional,  $d > 1$  which each  $x_i \in \{-1, +1\}$  and  $y$  be  $+1$  if the number of  $+1$  in  $\mathbf{x}$  is odd and else  $-1$ .

(A) This problem is linearly separable.

(B) **[Ans]** When  $d = 2$ , this problem reduced to *ExoR*.

(C) **[Ans]** This is an example of a linearly non-separable problem.

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Consider an extension, we add some small zero mean Gaussian noise  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  to each of the samples and create 10 variations each. (total of 30 samples). (Assume  $\sigma = 0.5$ .)

We solve the SVM problem.

- (A) We expect around 20 Support Vectors. (non zero  $\alpha$ s)
- (B) We will have only two Support Vectors.
- (C) The optimal values of  $w$  and  $b$  will become 10 times.
- (D) **[Ans]** The optimal values of  $w$  and  $b$  will remain almost the same.
- (E) Margin remains the same.
- (F) None of the above.

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Consider the ExOR problem. There are four samples and four  $\alpha$ s and four support vectors.

We can generalize this observation as:

**"For any linearly non-separable problem, number of support vectors is same as number of samples."**

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We solved SVM for a linearly in-separable data:

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and obtained:  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = 1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 2$

**“Assume we had an additional (4th) sample  $(+2, +1)$  in our data, the  $\alpha$ s for the first three samples, will remain the same.”**

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