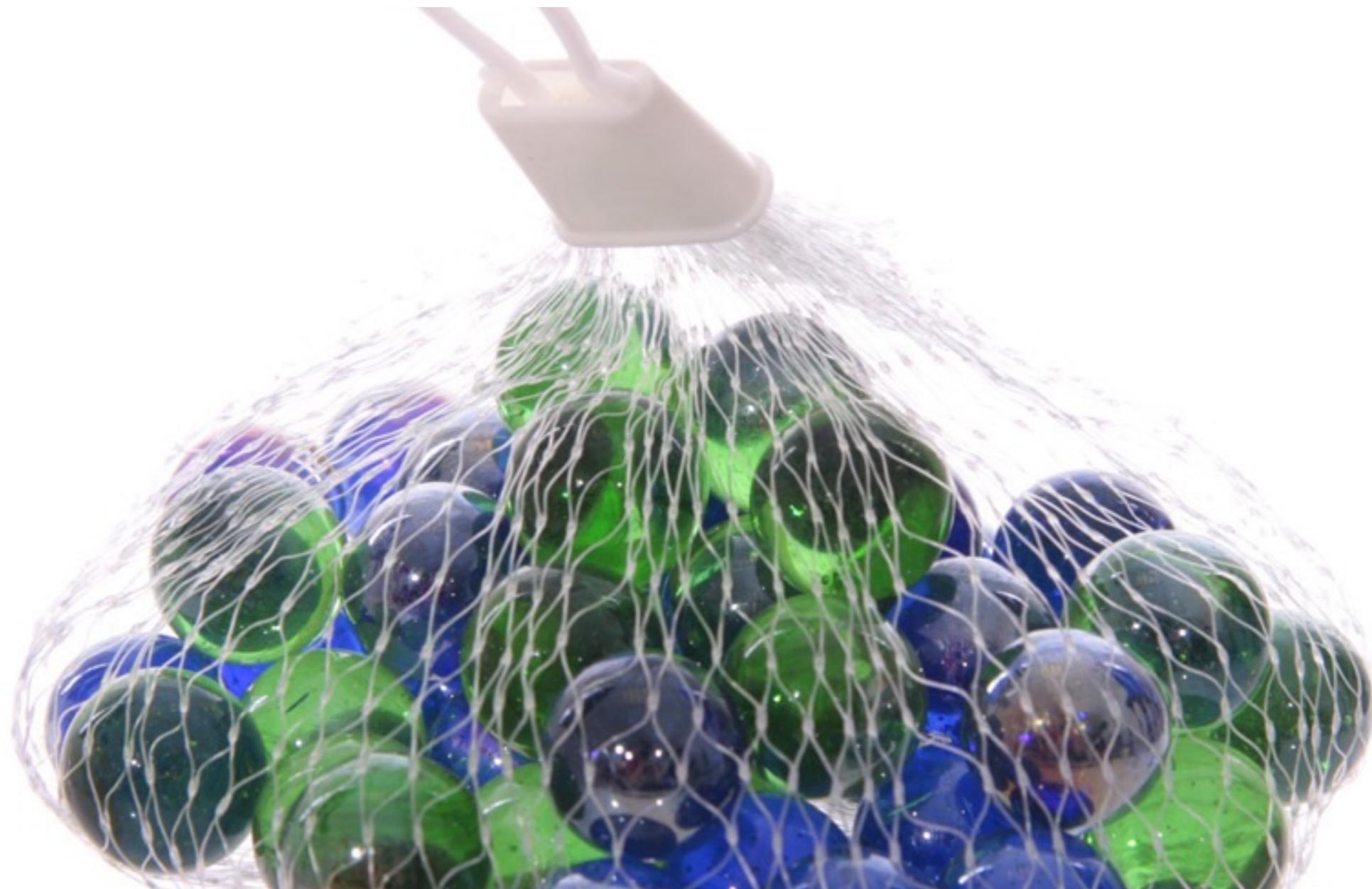


# Image classification



# Overview of today's lecture

- Introduction to learning-based vision.
- Image classification.
- Bag-of-words.
- K-means clustering.
- Classification.
- K nearest neighbors.
- Naïve Bayes.
- Support vector machine.

# Slide credits

Most of these slides were adapted from:

- Kris Kitani (16-385, Spring 2017).
- Noah Snavely (Cornell University).
- Fei-Fei Li (Stanford University).

# Course overview

1. Image processing.



Lectures 1 – 6

See also 18-793: Image and Video Processing

2. Geometry-based vision.



Lectures 7 – 12

See also 16-822: Geometry-based Methods in Vision

3. Learning-based vision.



We are starting this part now

4. Dealing with motion.

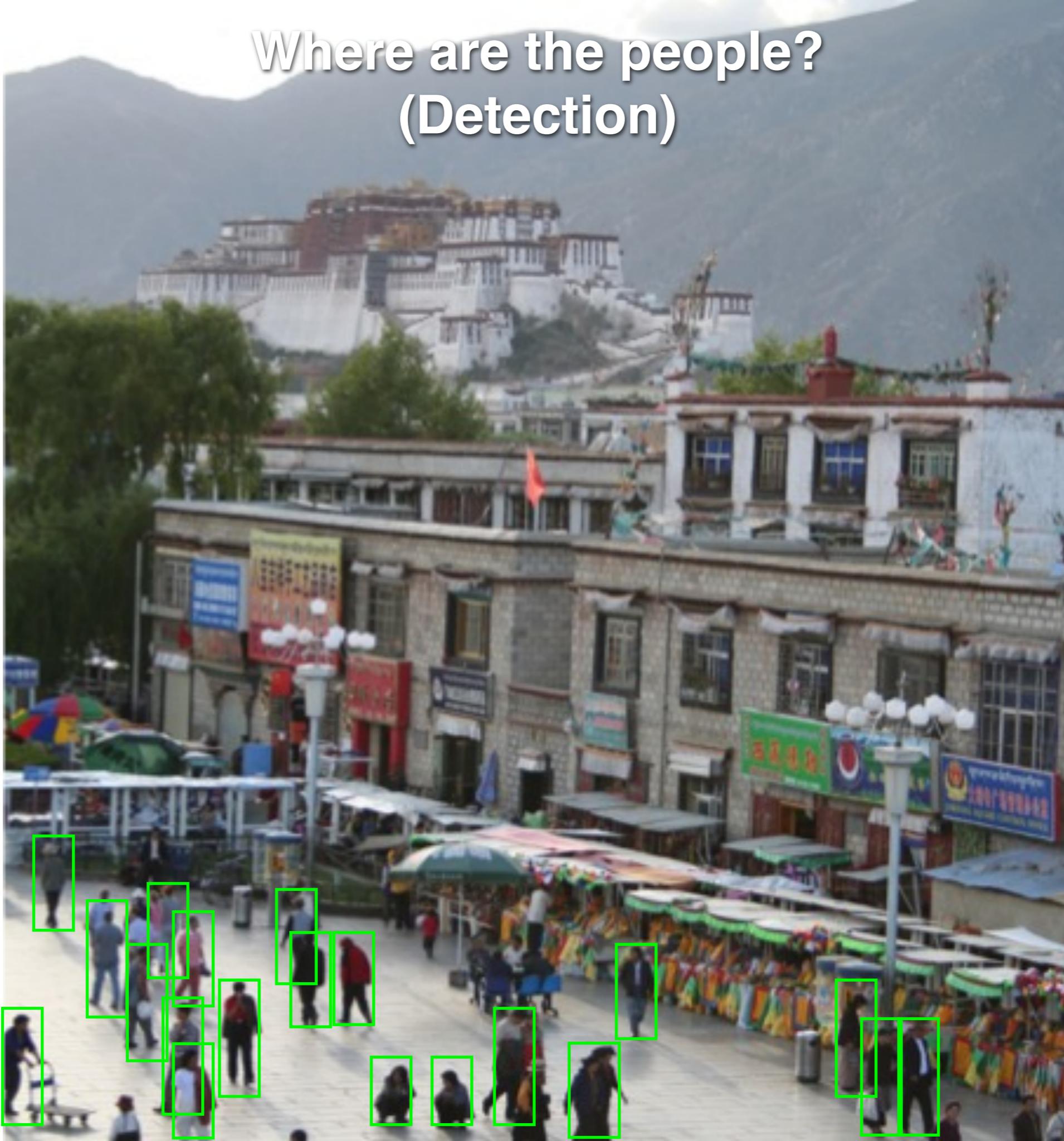
5. Physics-based vision.

What do we mean by learning-based vision or ‘semantic vision’?

# Is this a street light? (Recognition / classification)



# Where are the people? (Detection)

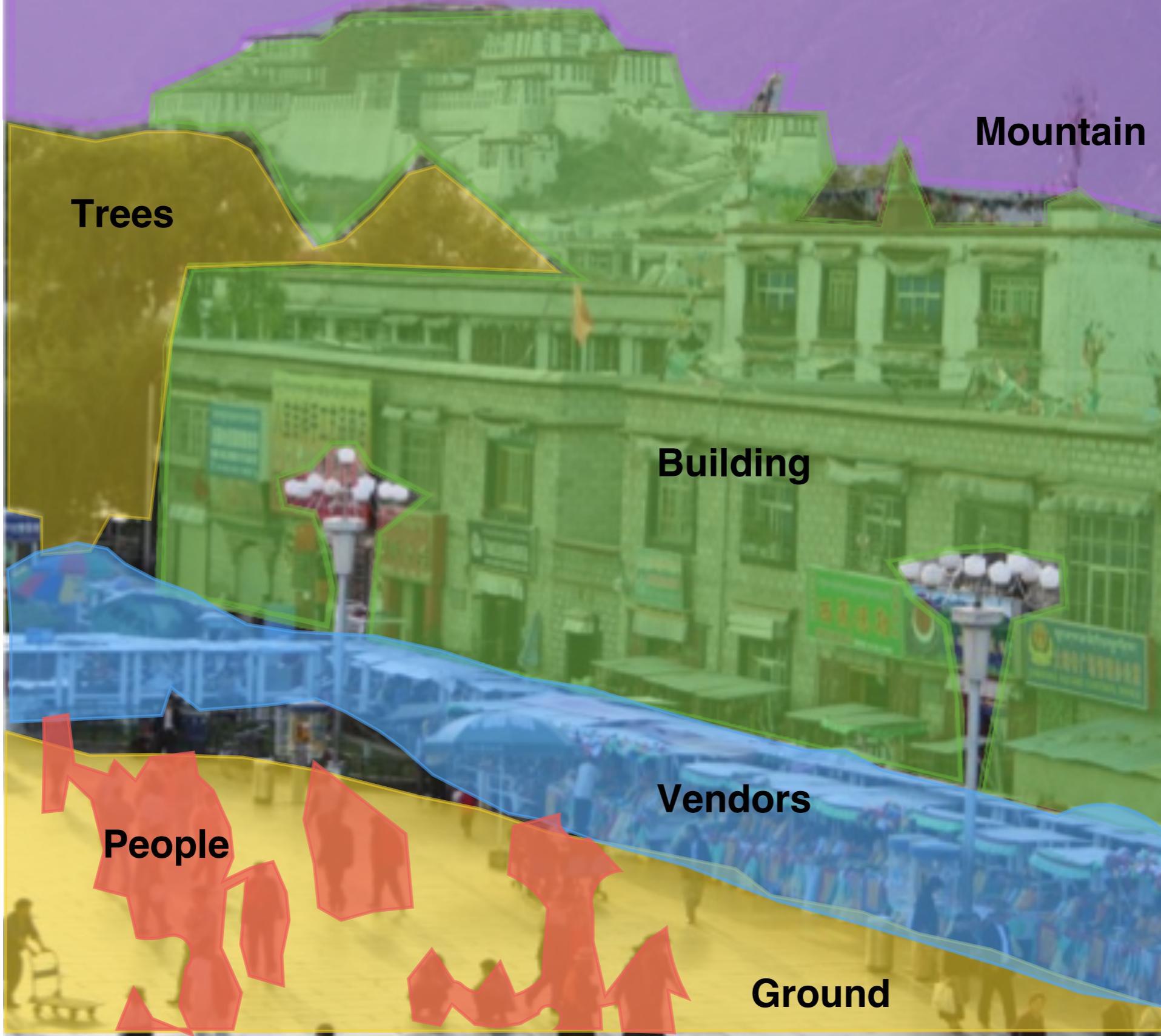


# Is that Potala palace? (Identification)



Sky

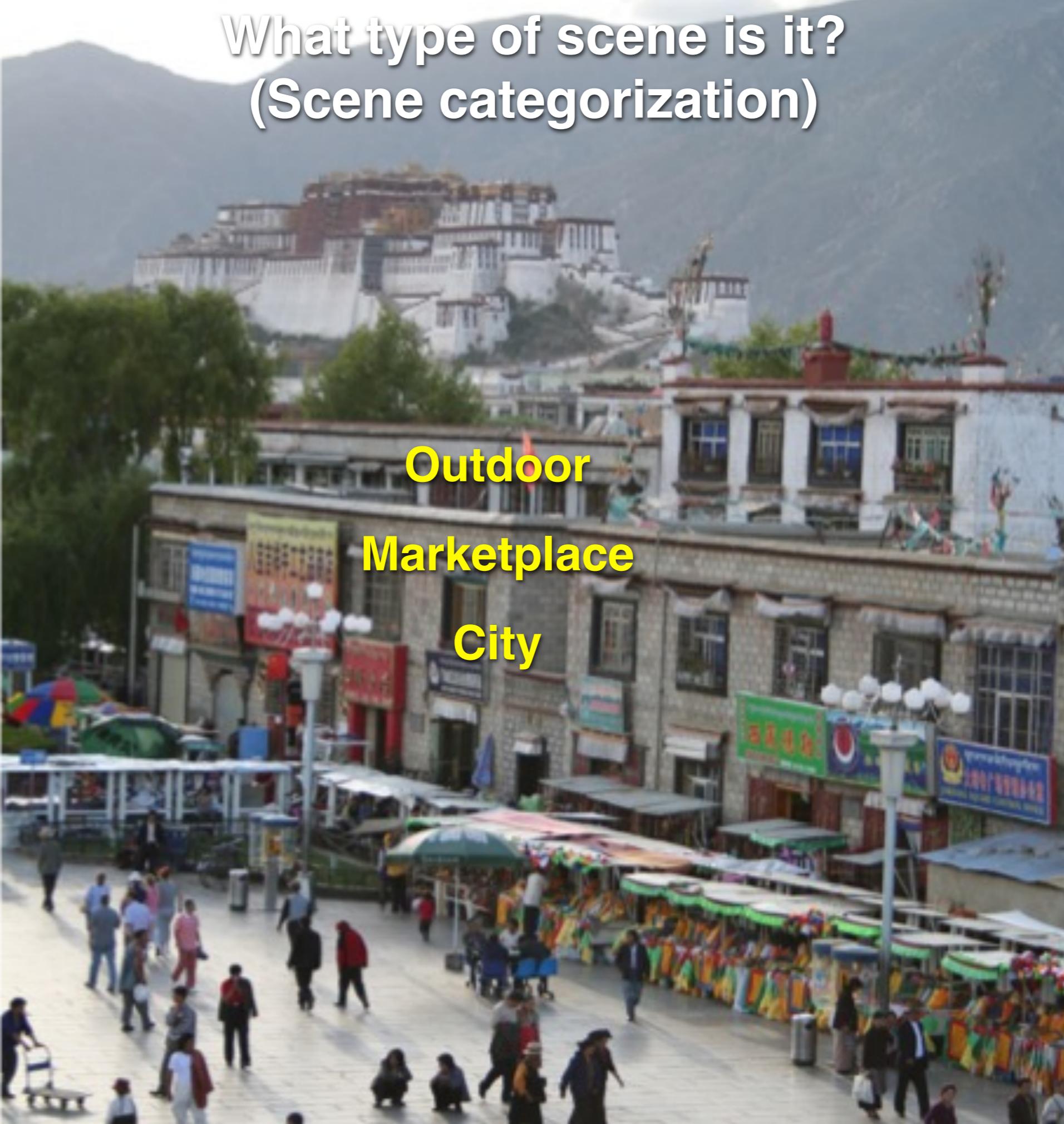
# What's in the scene? (semantic segmentation)



# What type of scene is it? (Scene categorization)

Outdoor  
Marketplace

City



# What are these people doing? (Activity / event recognition)



# Object recognition

## Is it really so hard?

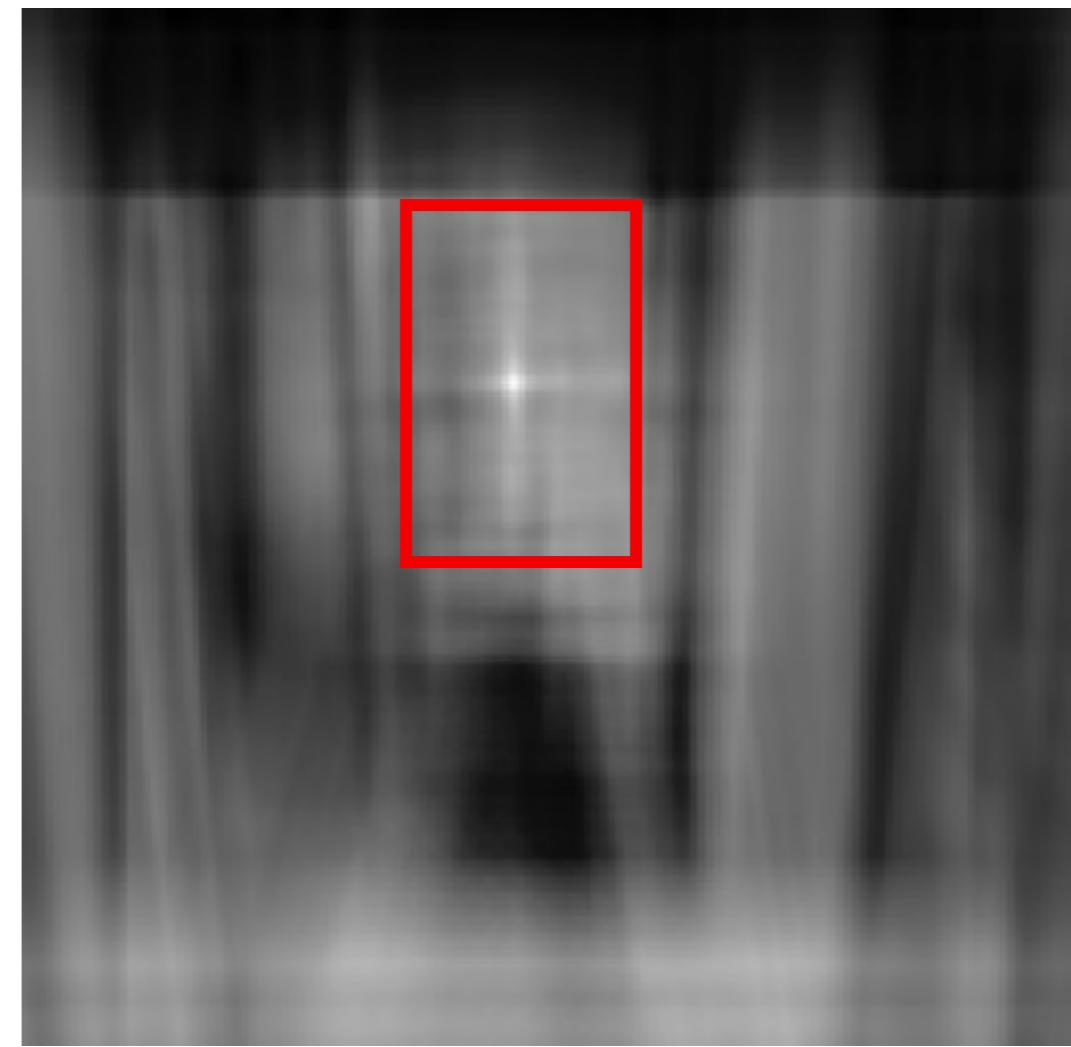
This is a chair



Find the chair in this image



Output of normalized correlation

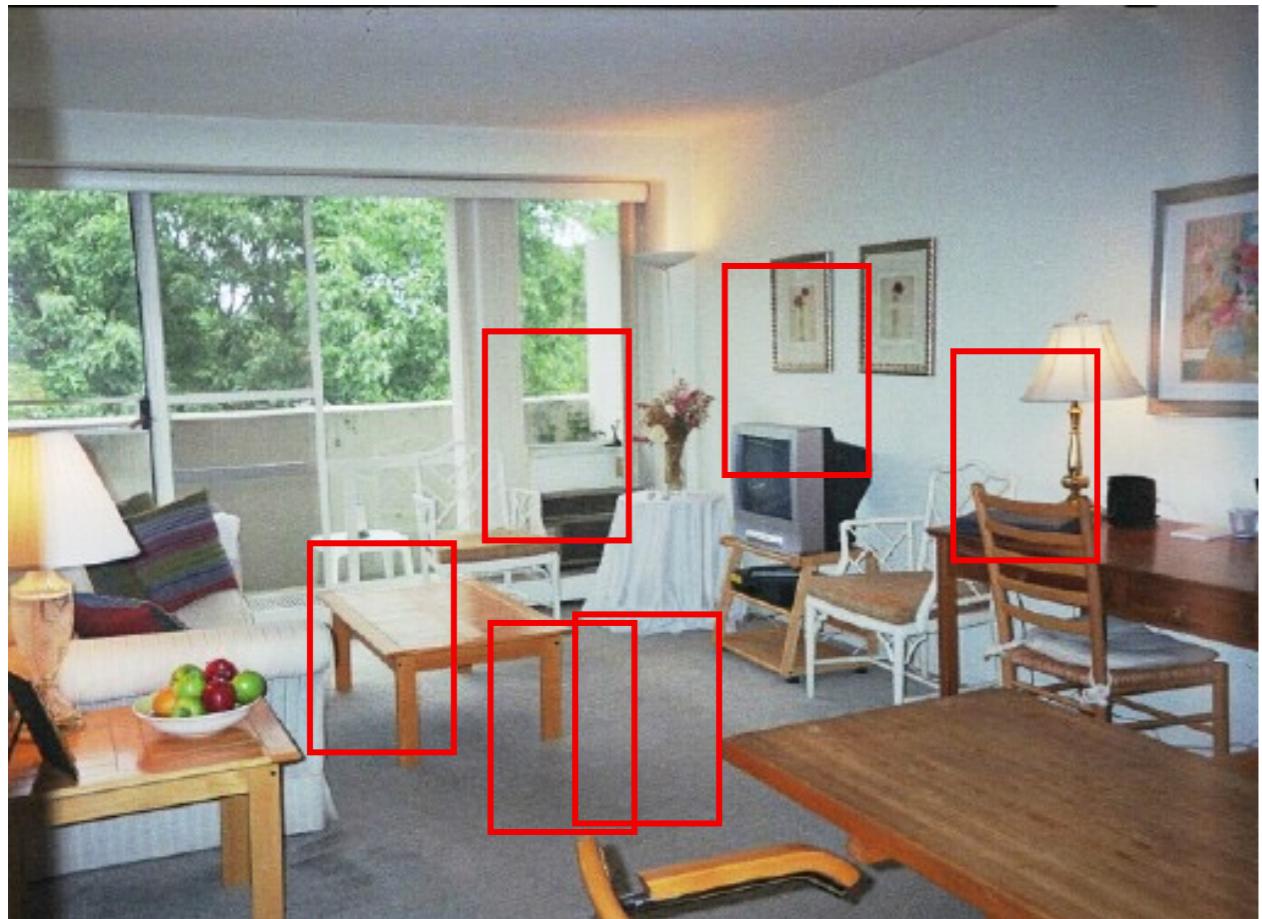




# Object recognition

## Is it really so hard?

Find the chair in this image



Pretty much garbage

Simple template matching is not going to make it

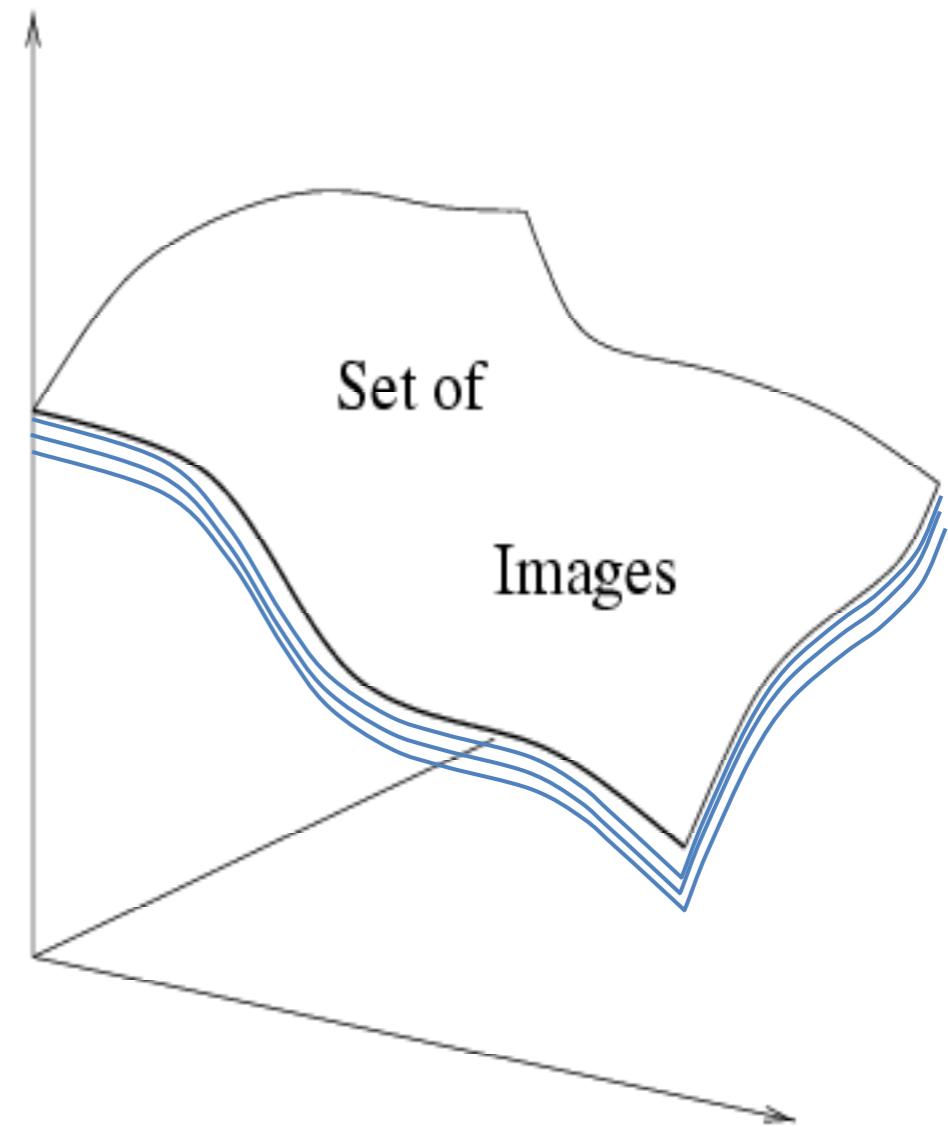
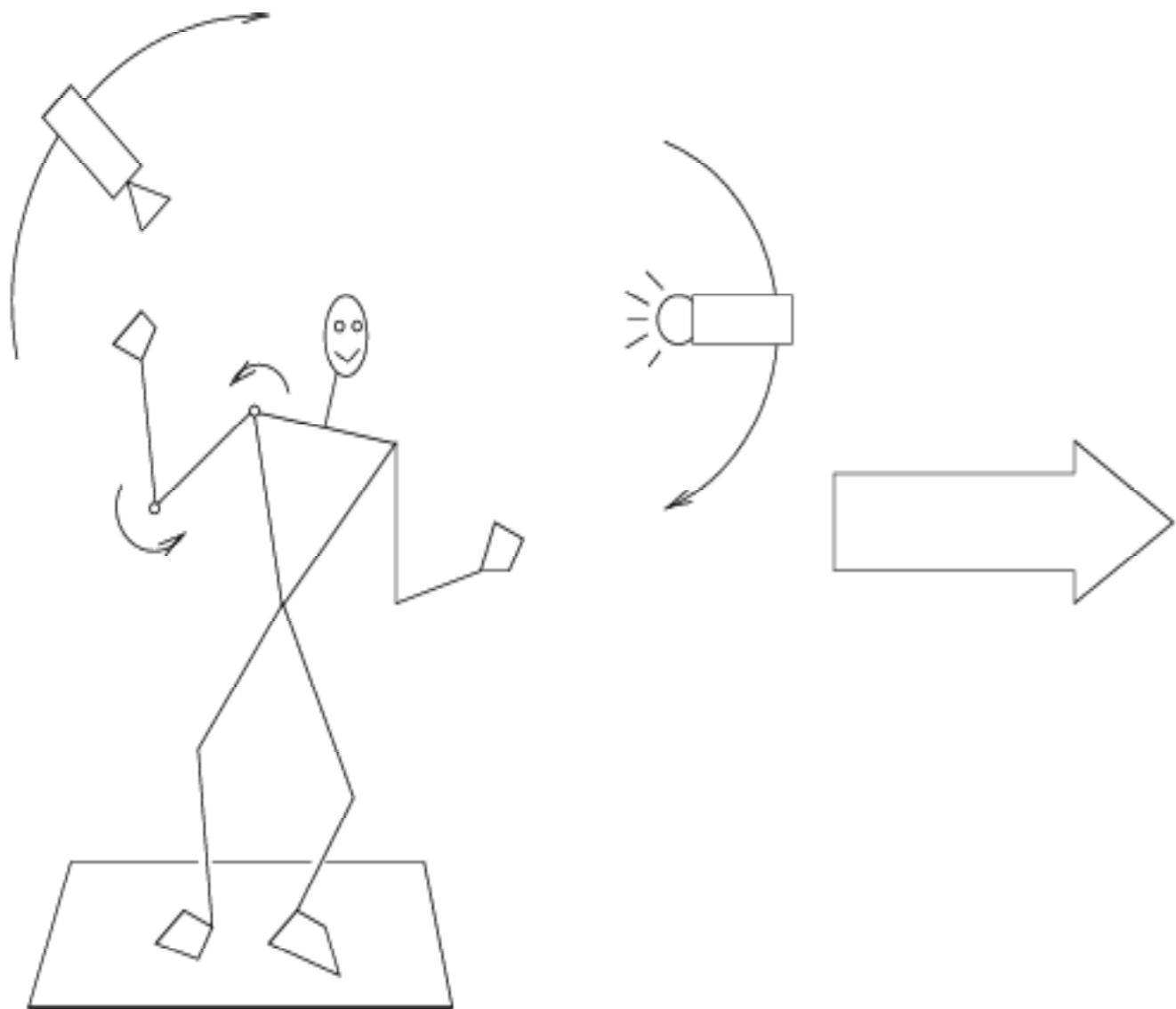
A “popular method is that of template matching, by point to point correlation of a model pattern with the image pattern. These techniques are inadequate for three-dimensional scene analysis for many reasons, such as occlusion, changes in viewing angle, and articulation of parts.” Nivatia & Binford, 1977.

# And it can get a lot harder



Brady, M. J., & Kersten, D. (2003). Bootstrapped learning of novel objects. *J Vis*, 3(6), 413-422

# Why is this hard?



Variability:

- Camera position
- Illumination
- Shape parameters

# How many object categories are there?

~10,000 to 30,000



# Challenge: variable viewpoint



Michelangelo 1475-1564

# Challenge: variable illumination

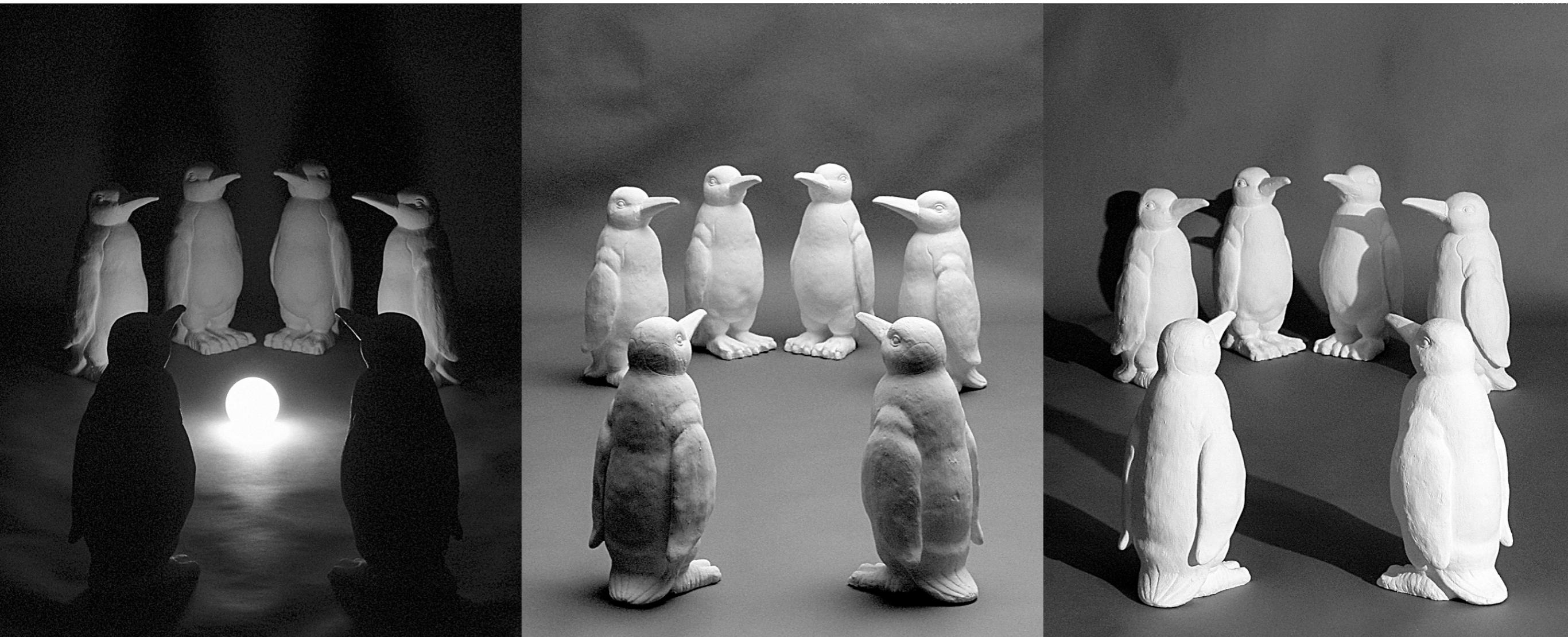


image credit: J. Koenderink

# Challenge: scale



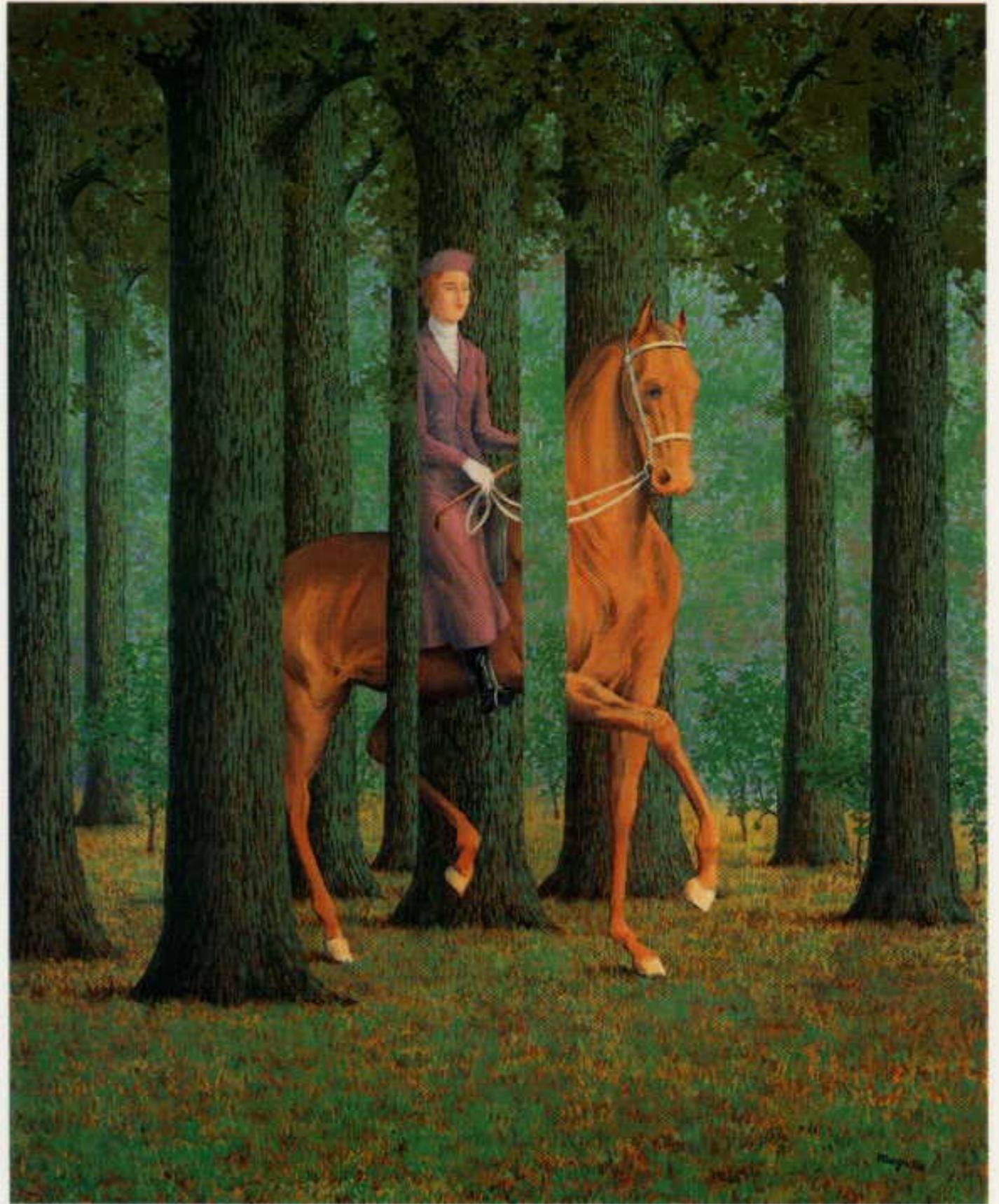
# Challenge: deformation



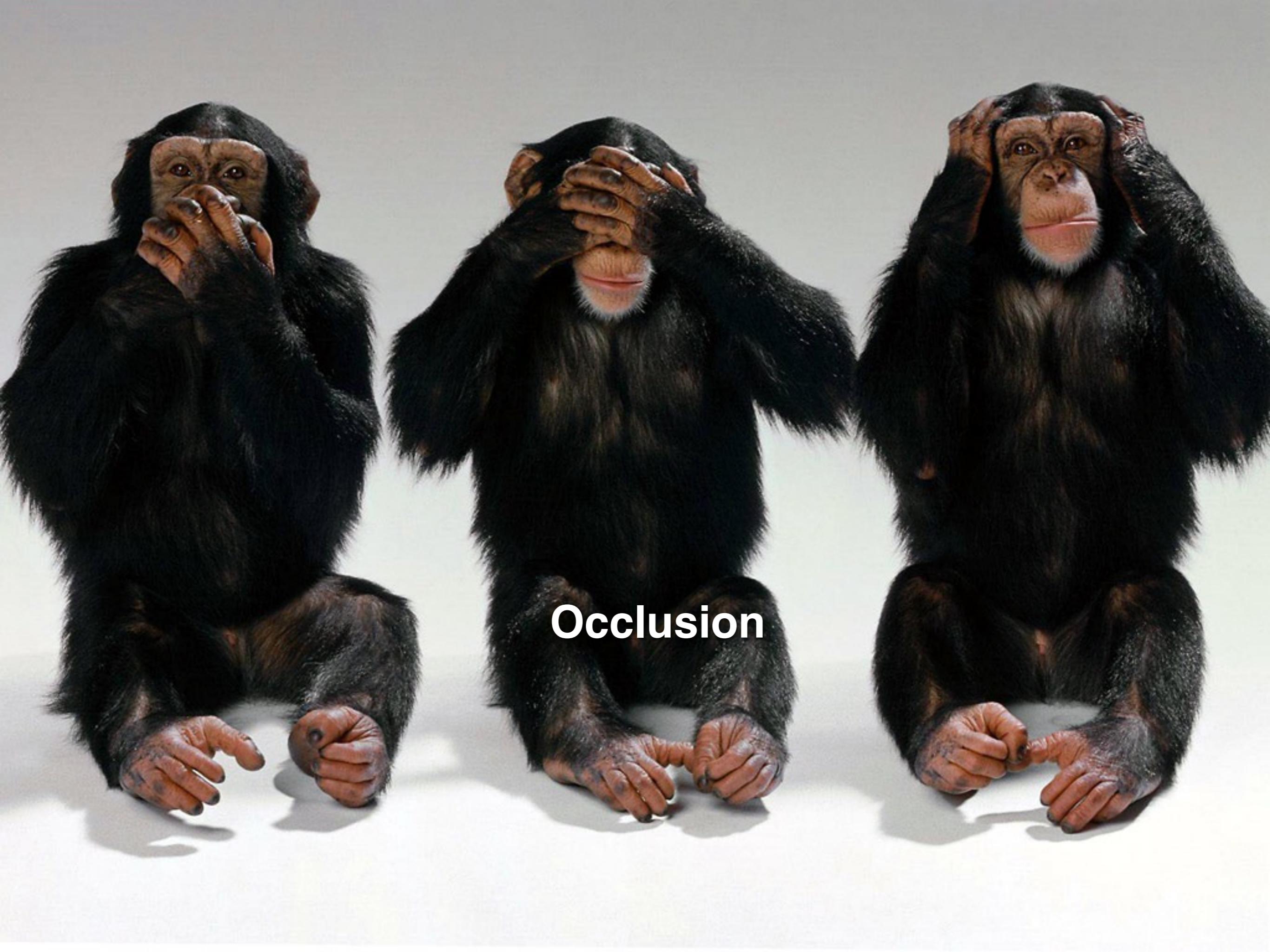


**Deformation**

# Challenge: Occlusion

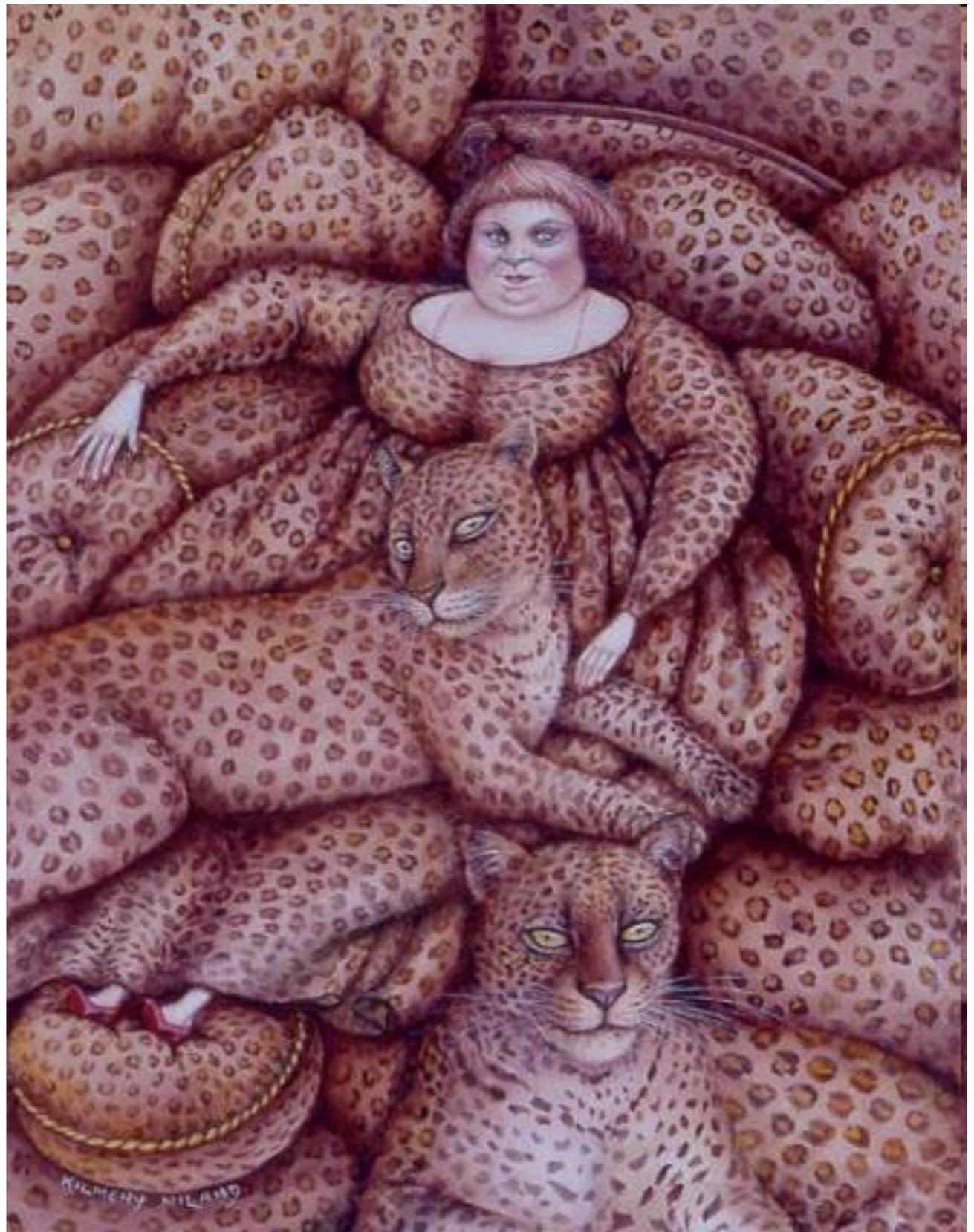


Magritte, 1957



Occlusion

# Challenge: background clutter

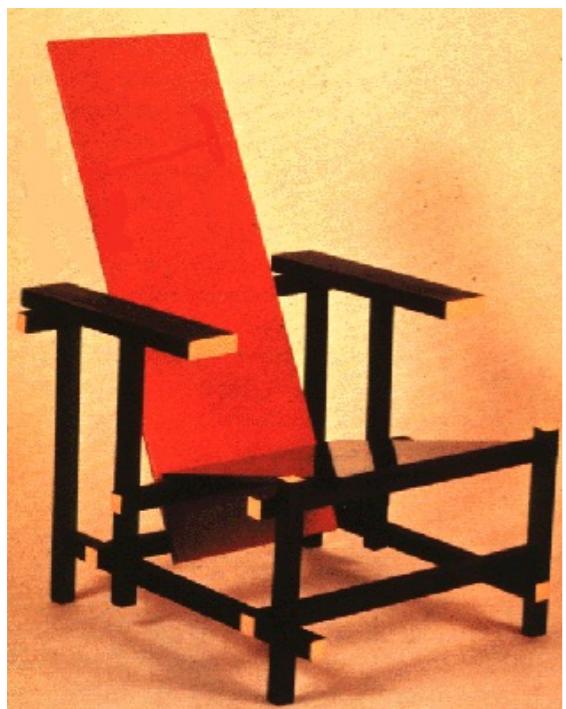


Kilmeny Niland. 1995



Challenge: Background clutter

# Challenge: intra-class variations



# Image Classification

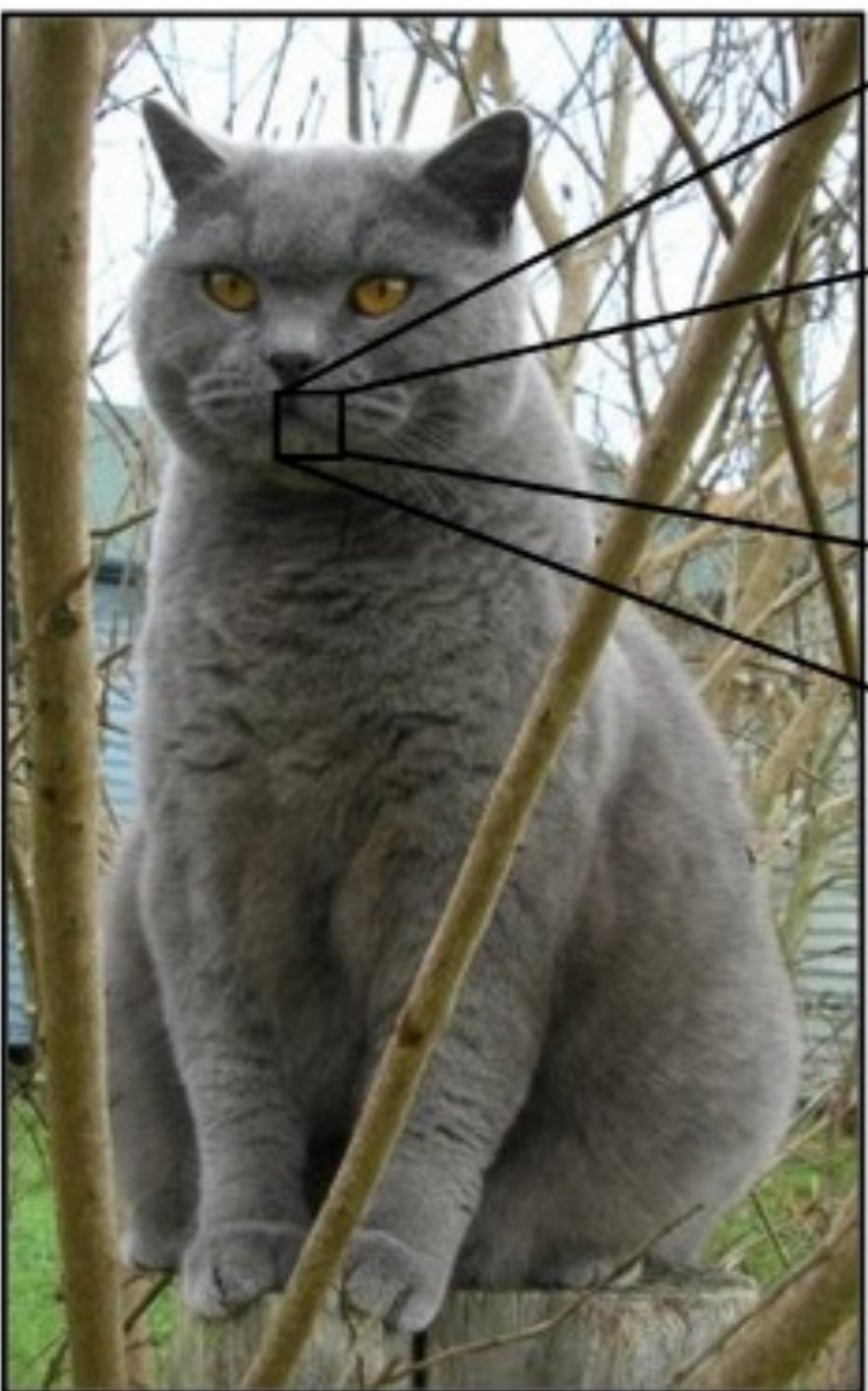


(assume given set of discrete labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



cat

# Image Classification: Problem



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What the computer sees

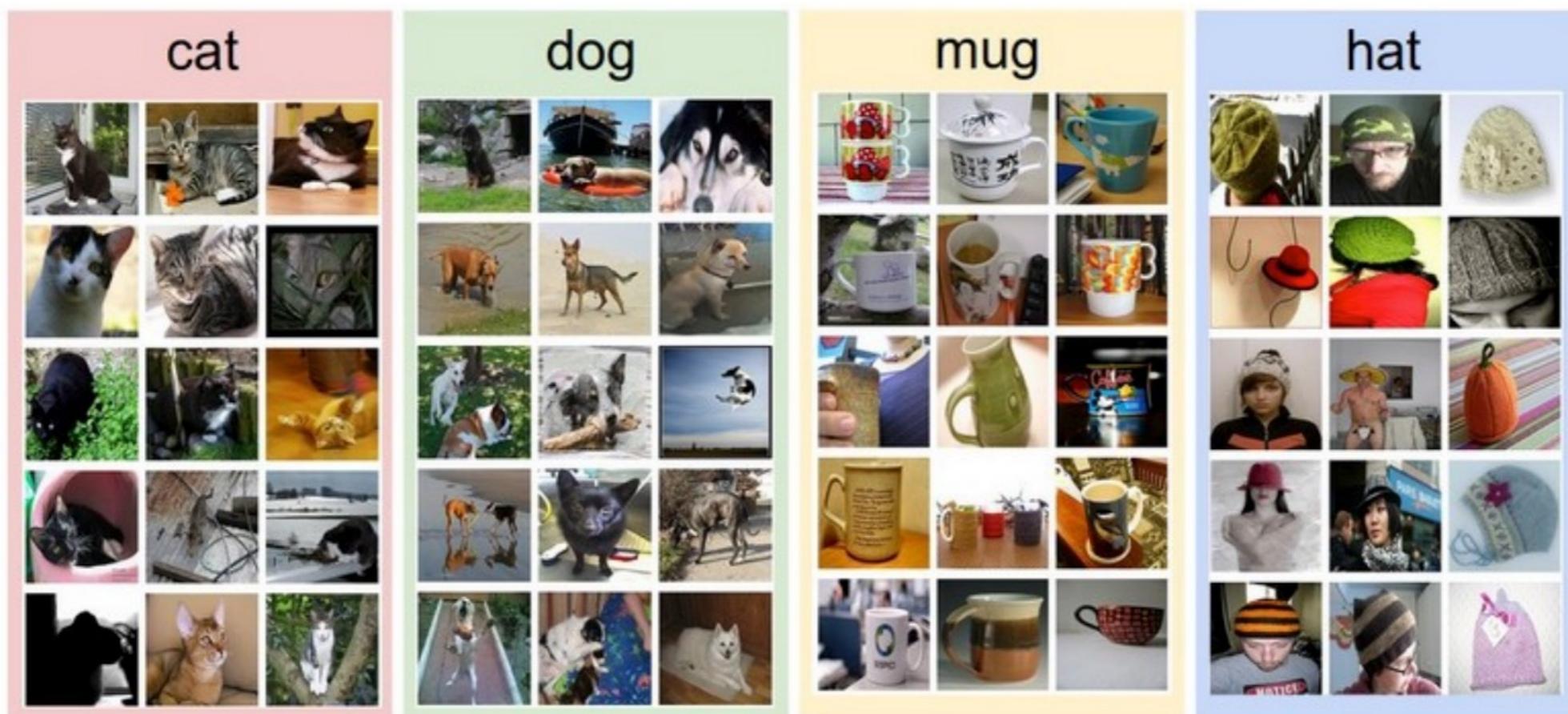
image classification

82% cat  
15% dog  
2% hat  
1% mug

# Data-driven approach

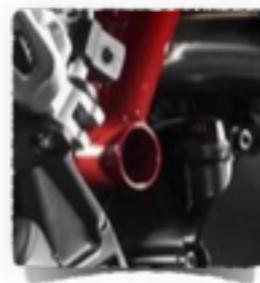
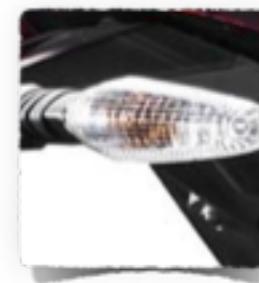
- Collect a database of images with labels
- Use ML to train an image classifier
- Evaluate the classifier on test images

Example training set

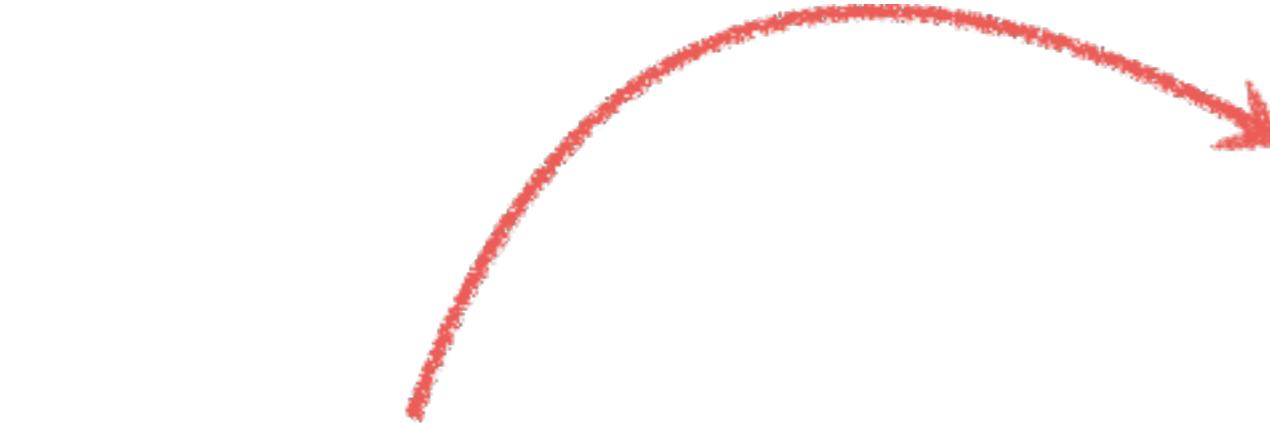


# Bag of words

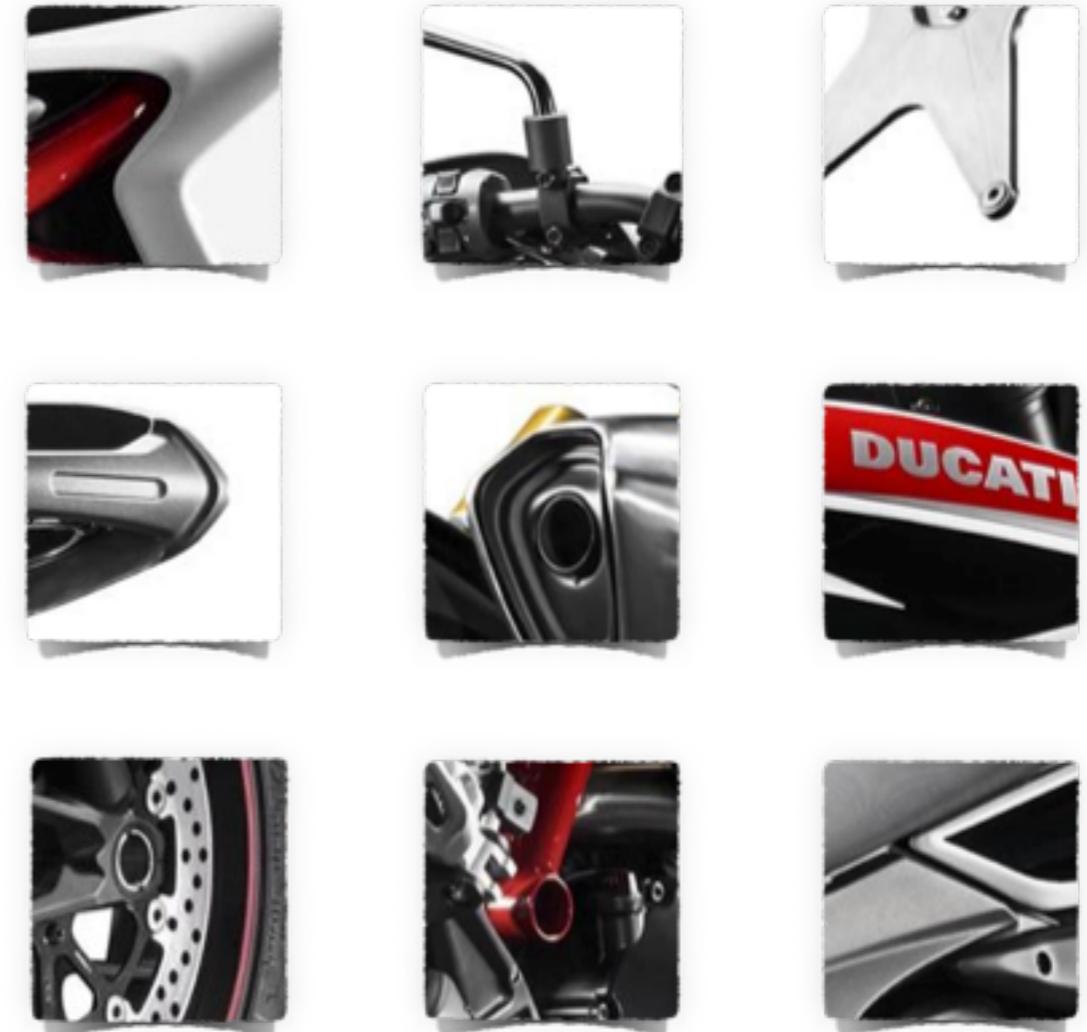
What object do these parts belong to?



Some local features  
are very informative



An object as



a collection of local features  
(bag-of-features)

- deals well with occlusion
- scale invariant
- rotation invariant

# (not so) crazy assumption



spatial information of local features  
can be ignored for object recognition

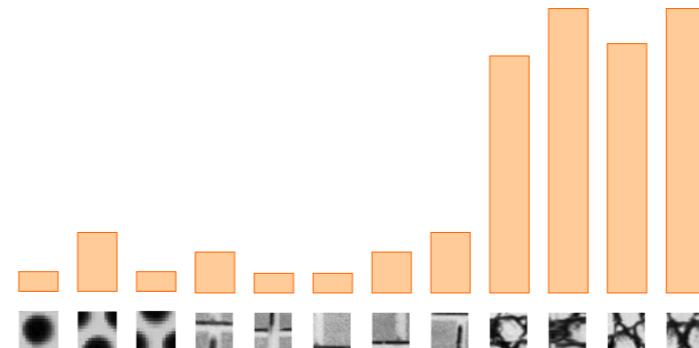
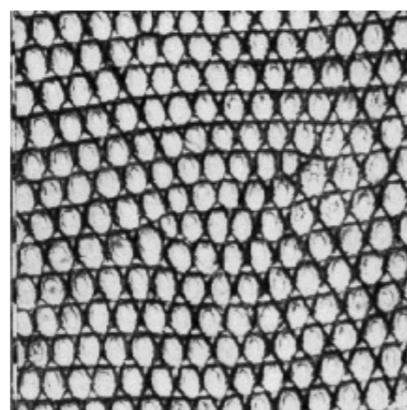
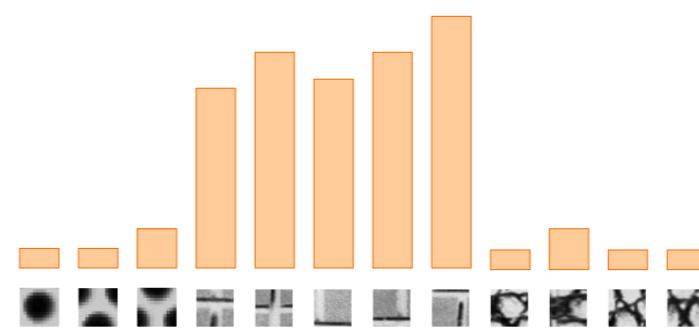
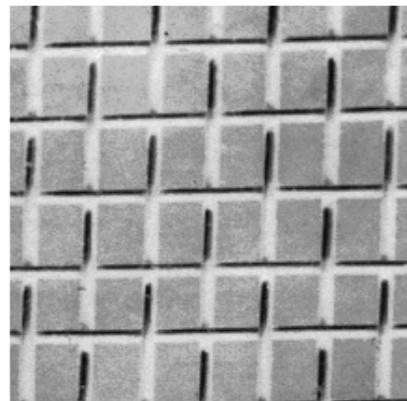
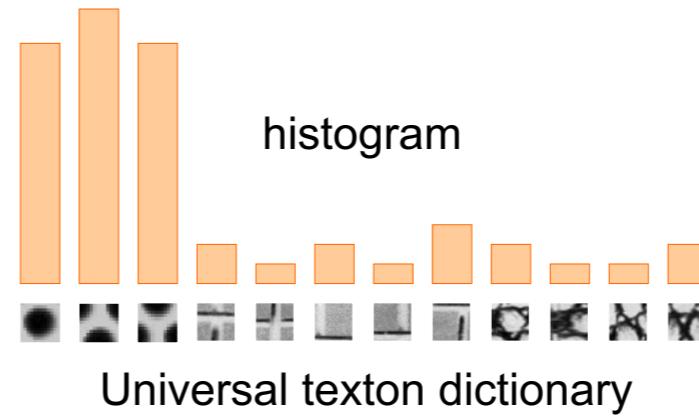
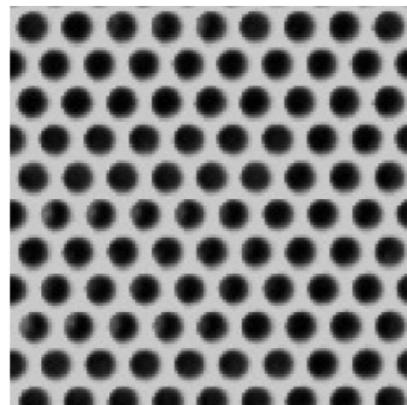
# Bag-of-features

represent a data item (document, texture, image)  
as a histogram over features

an old idea

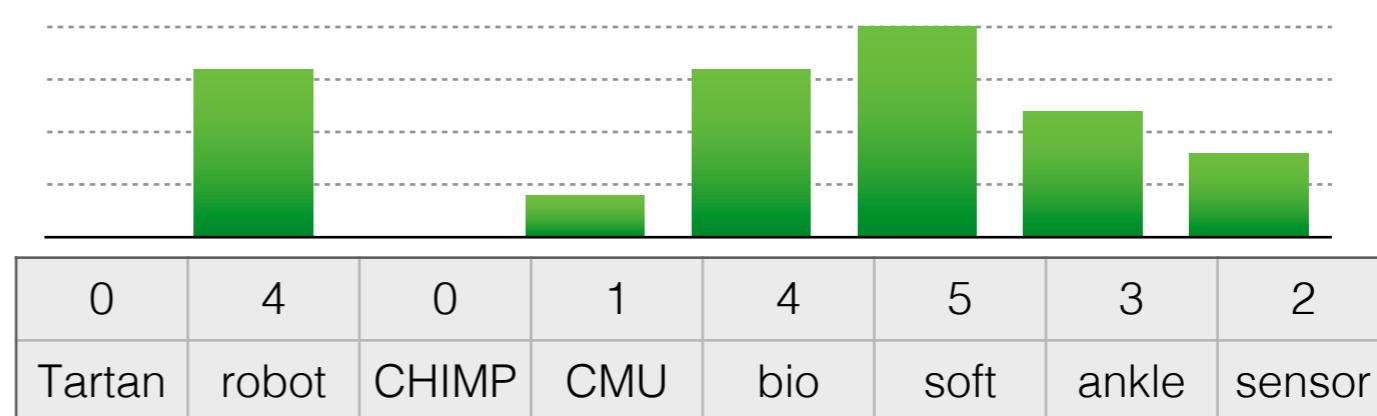
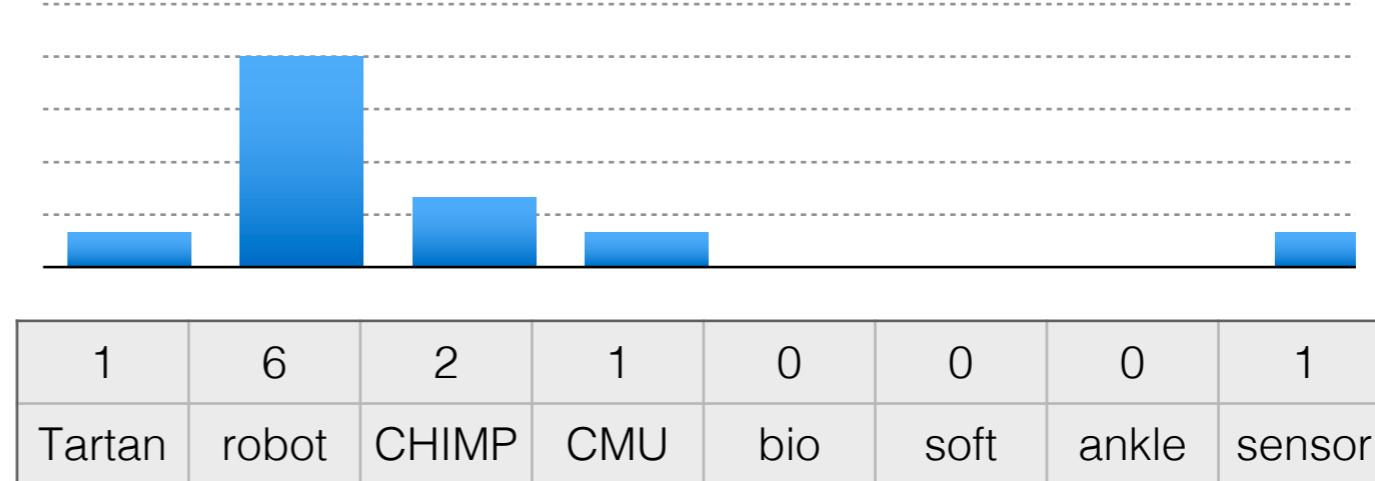
(e.g., texture recognition and information retrieval)

# Texture recognition



# Vector Space Model

G. Salton. 'Mathematics and Information Retrieval' Journal of Documentation, 1979



A document (datapoint) is a vector of counts over each word (feature)

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d}) \ n(w_{2,d}) \ \dots \ n(w_{T,d})]$$

$n(\cdot)$  counts the number of occurrences

just a histogram over words

What is the similarity between two documents?



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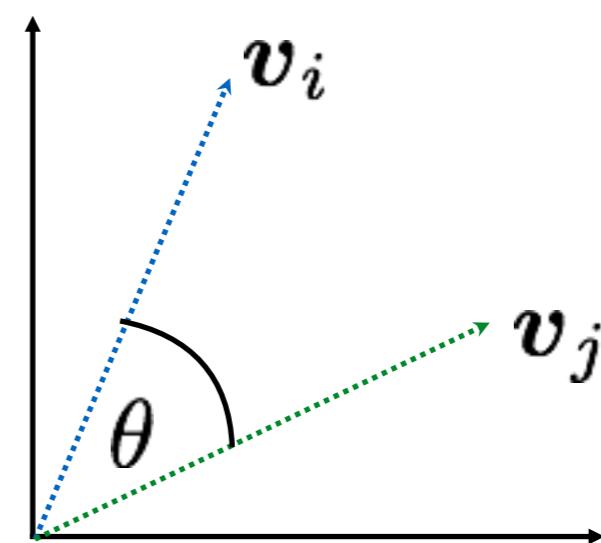
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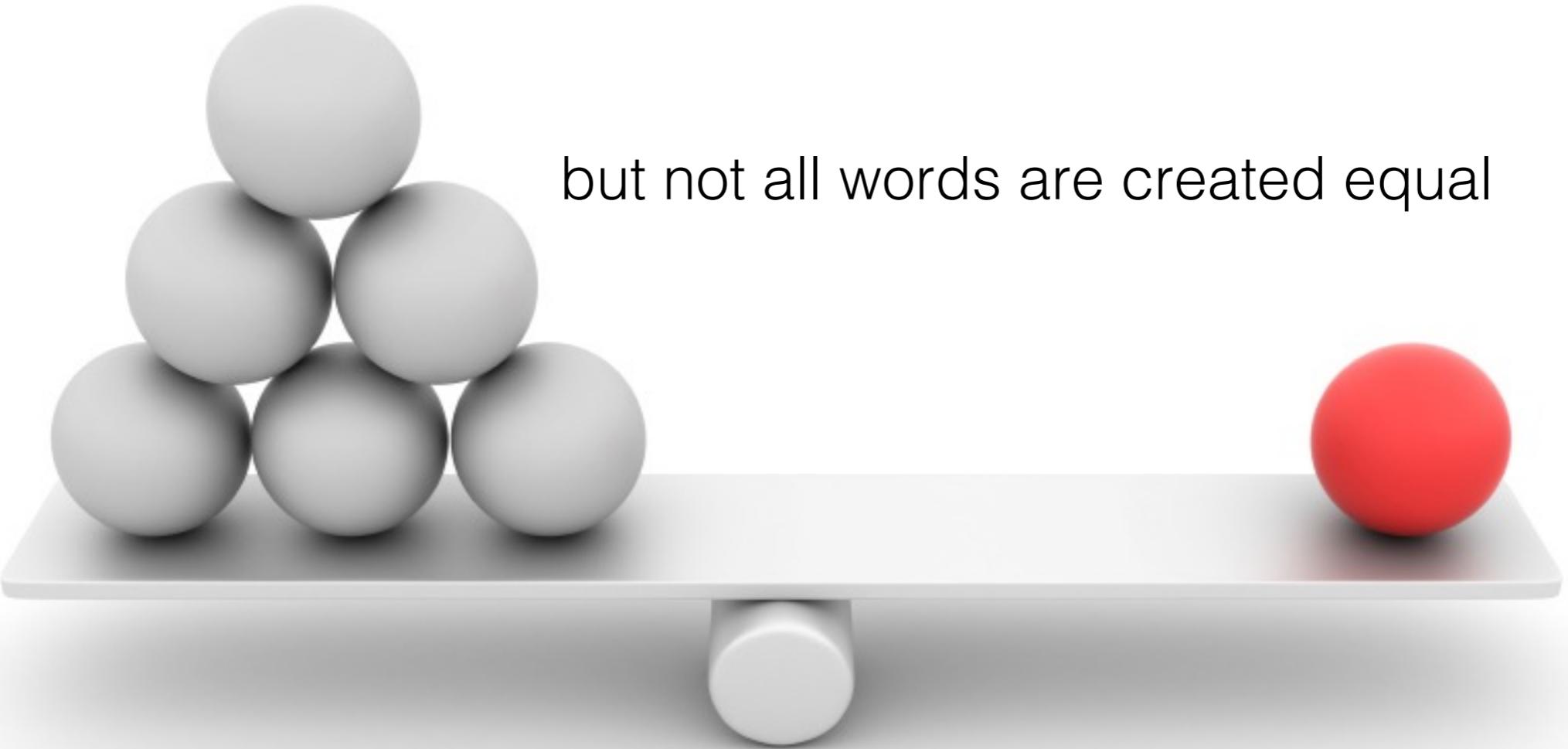
What is the similarity between two documents?



Use any distance you want but the cosine distance is fast.

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) &= \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j}{\|\mathbf{v}_i\| \|\mathbf{v}_j\|} \end{aligned}$$





but not all words are created equal

# TF-IDF

Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d}) \ n(w_{2,d}) \ \cdots \ n(w_{T,d})]$$

weigh each word by a heuristic

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d})\alpha_1 \ n(w_{2,d})\alpha_2 \ \cdots \ n(w_{T,d})\alpha_T]$$

term  
frequency                          inverse document  
    frequency

$$n(w_{i,d})\alpha_i = n(w_{i,d}) \log \left\{ \frac{D}{\sum_{d'} \mathbf{1}[w_i \in d']} \right\}$$

(down-weights **common** terms)

# Standard BOW pipeline

(for image classification)

**Dictionary Learning:**  
Learn Visual Words using clustering

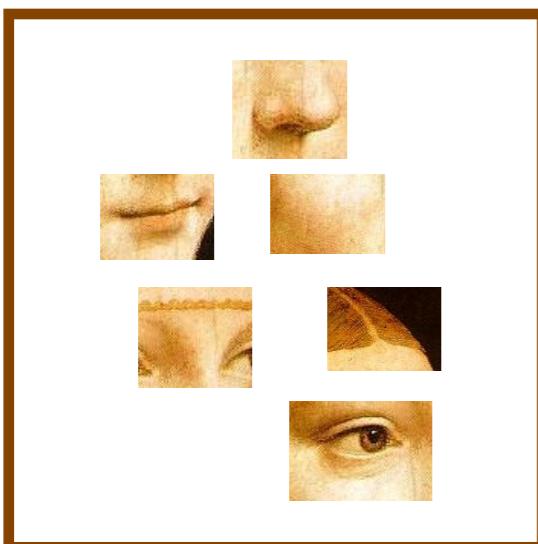
**Encode:**  
build Bags-of-Words (BOW) vectors  
for each image

**Classify:**  
Train and test data using BOWs

# Dictionary Learning:

## Learn Visual Words using clustering

1. extract features (e.g., SIFT) from images



# **Dictionary Learning:**

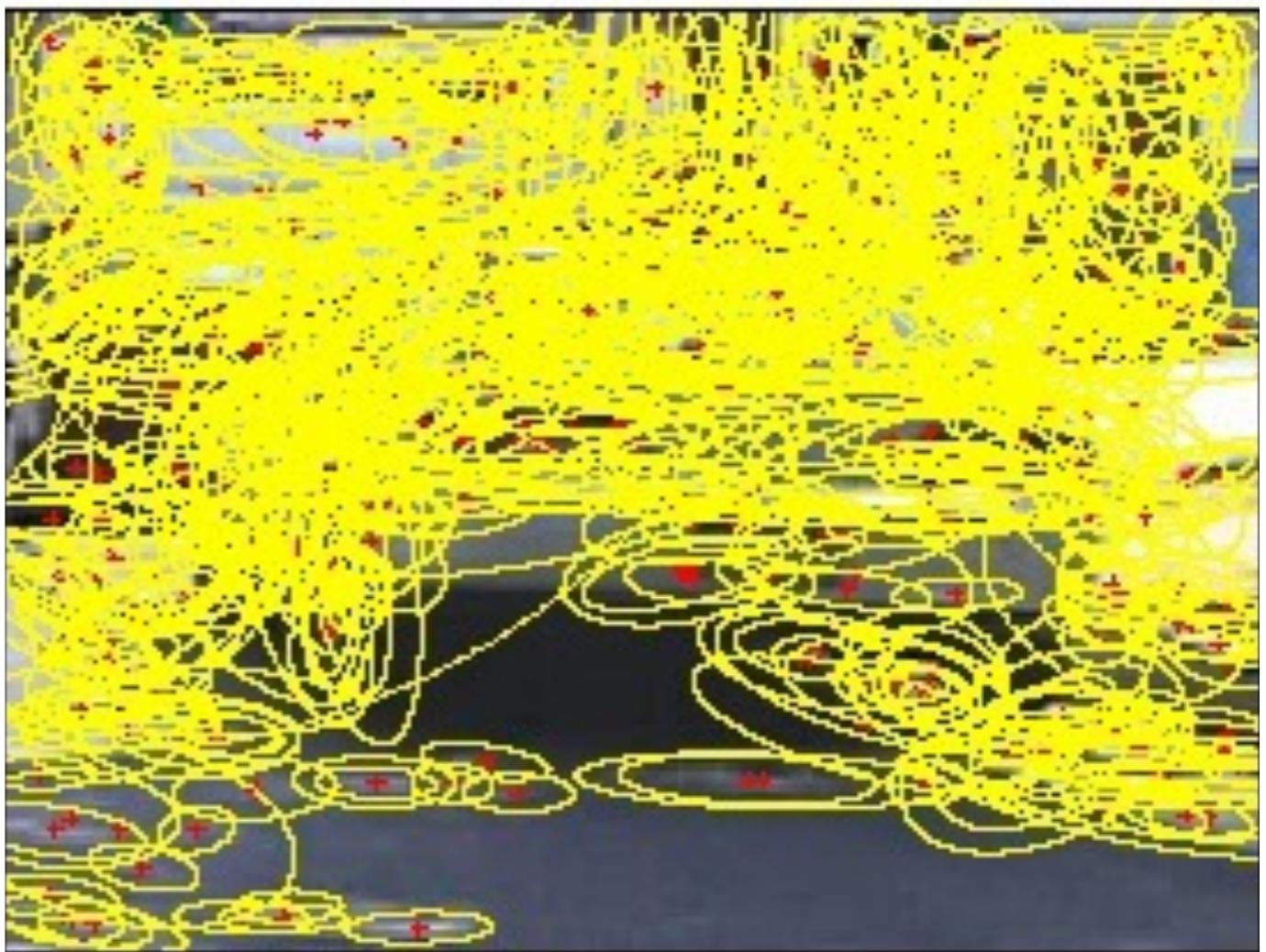
## Learn Visual Words using clustering

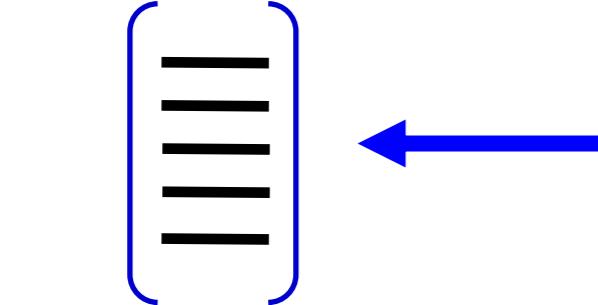
2. Learn visual dictionary (e.g., K-means clustering)



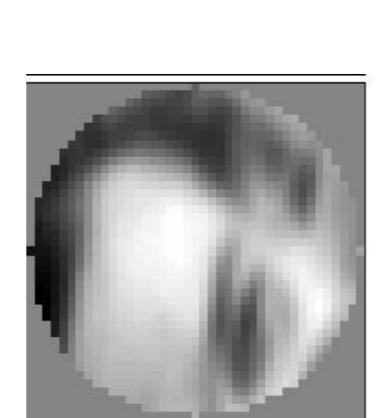
*What kinds of features can we extract?*

- Regular grid
  - Vogel & Schiele, 2003
  - Fei-Fei & Perona, 2005
- Interest point detector
  - Csurka et al. 2004
  - Fei-Fei & Perona, 2005
  - Sivic et al. 2005
- Other methods
  - Random sampling (Vidal-Naquet & Ullman, 2002)
  - Segmentation-based patches (Barnard et al. 2003)

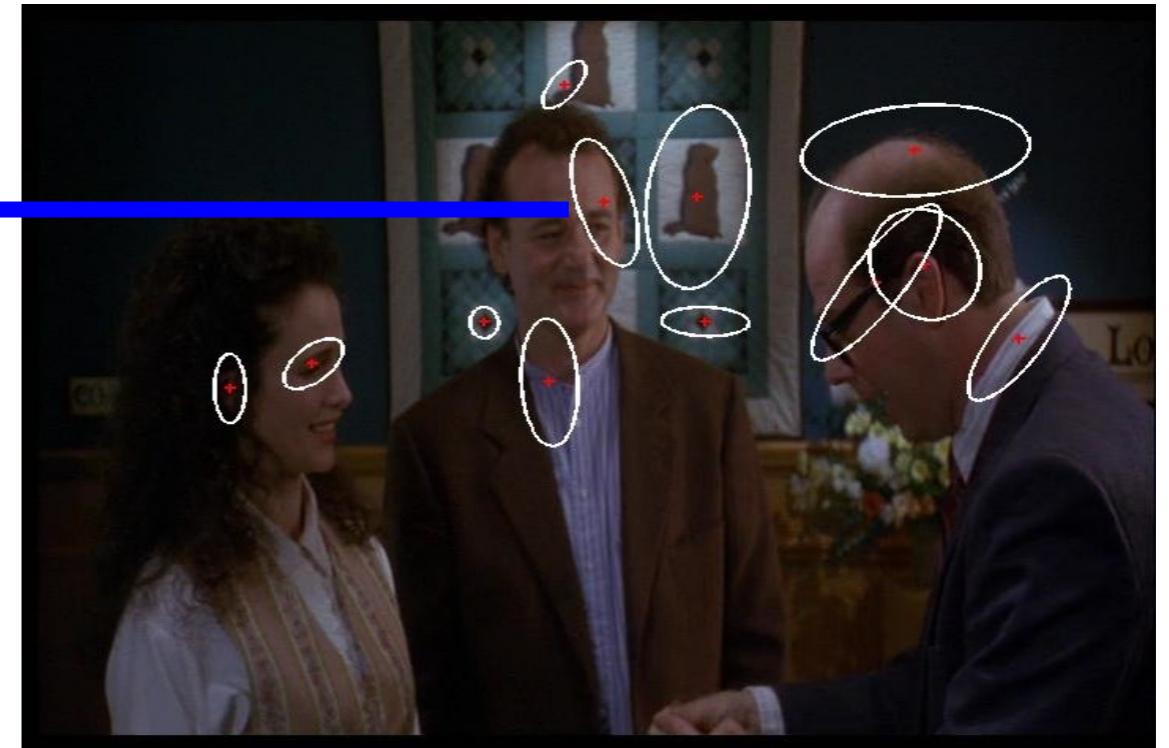




**Compute SIFT  
descriptor**  
[Lowe'99]



**Normalize patch**

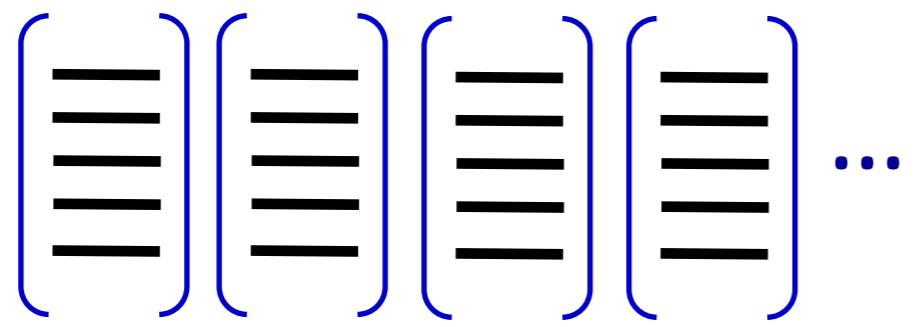


**Detect patches**

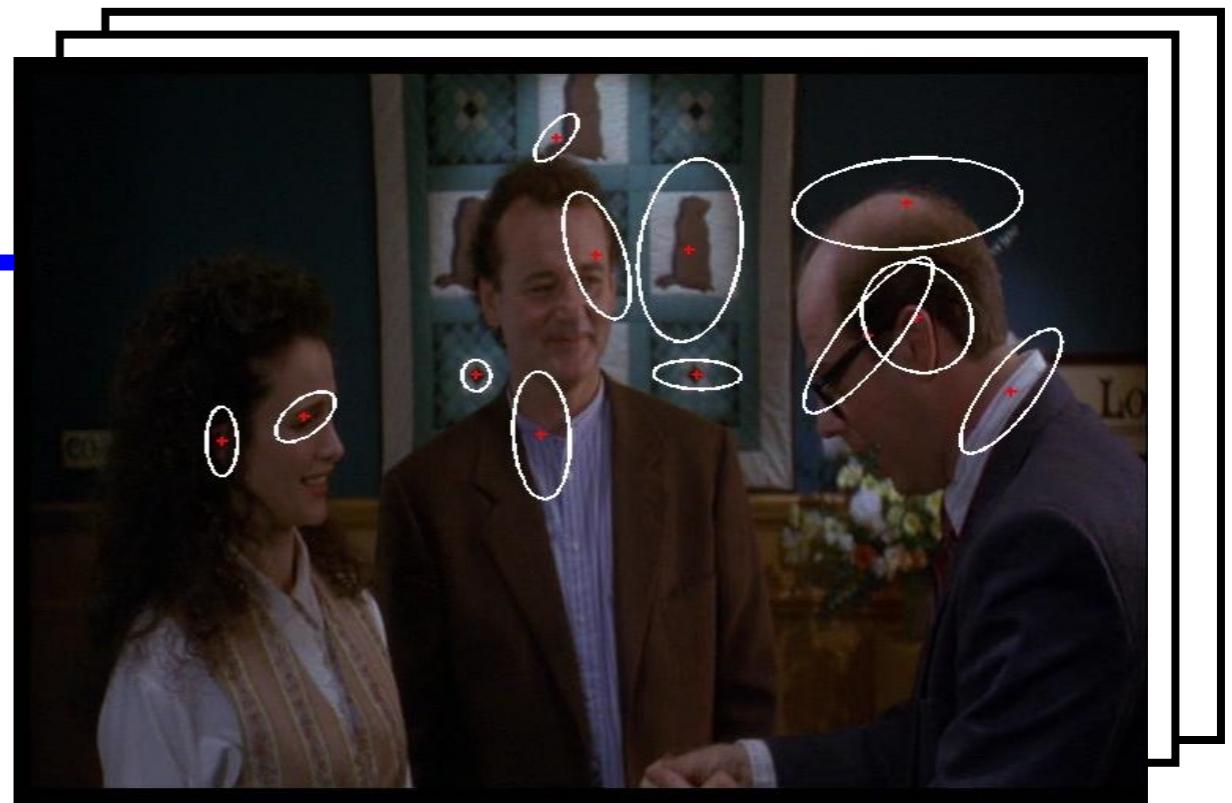
[Mikojaczyk and Schmid '02]

[Mata, Chum, Urban & Pajdla, '02]

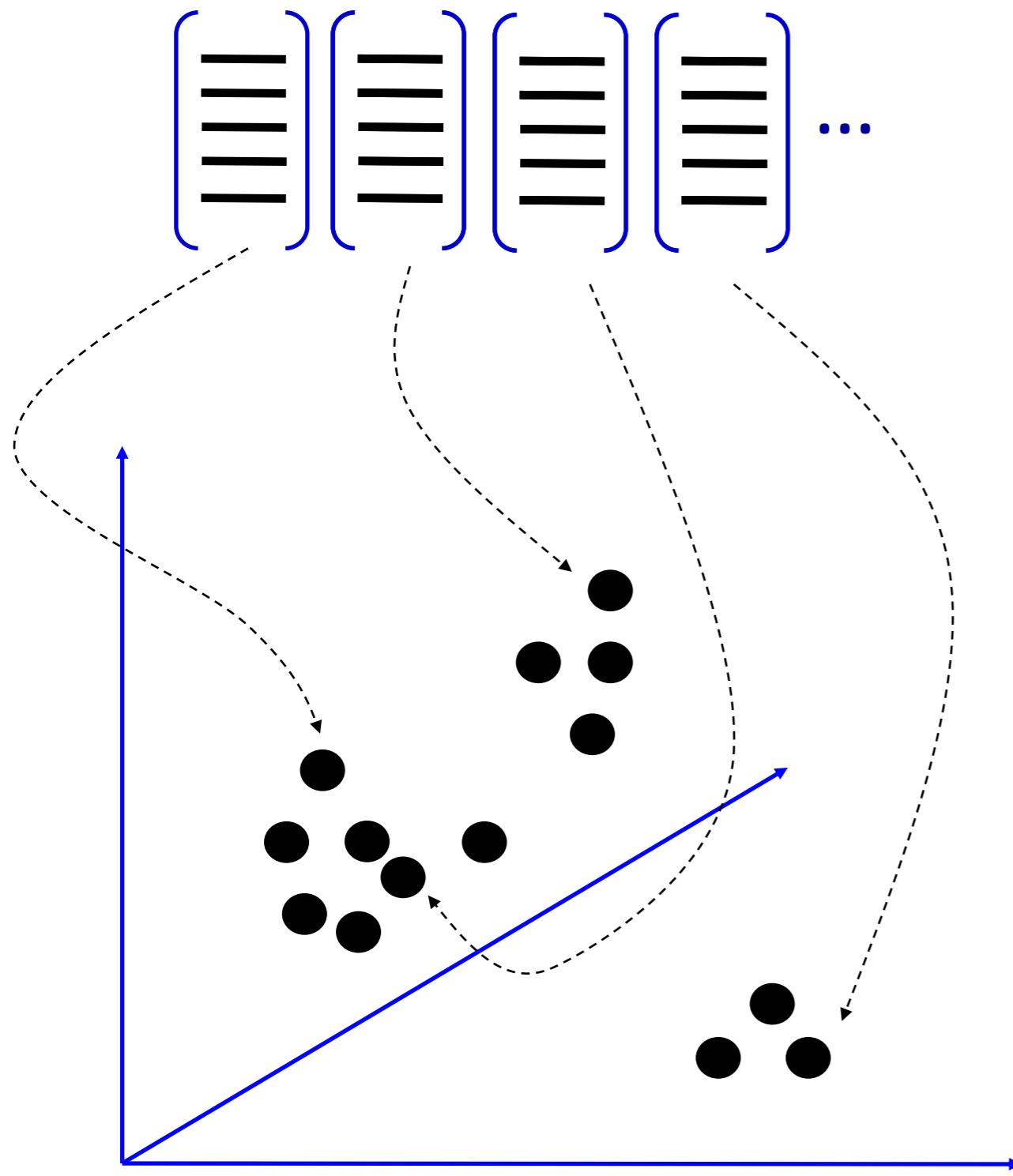
[Sivic & Zisserman, '03]

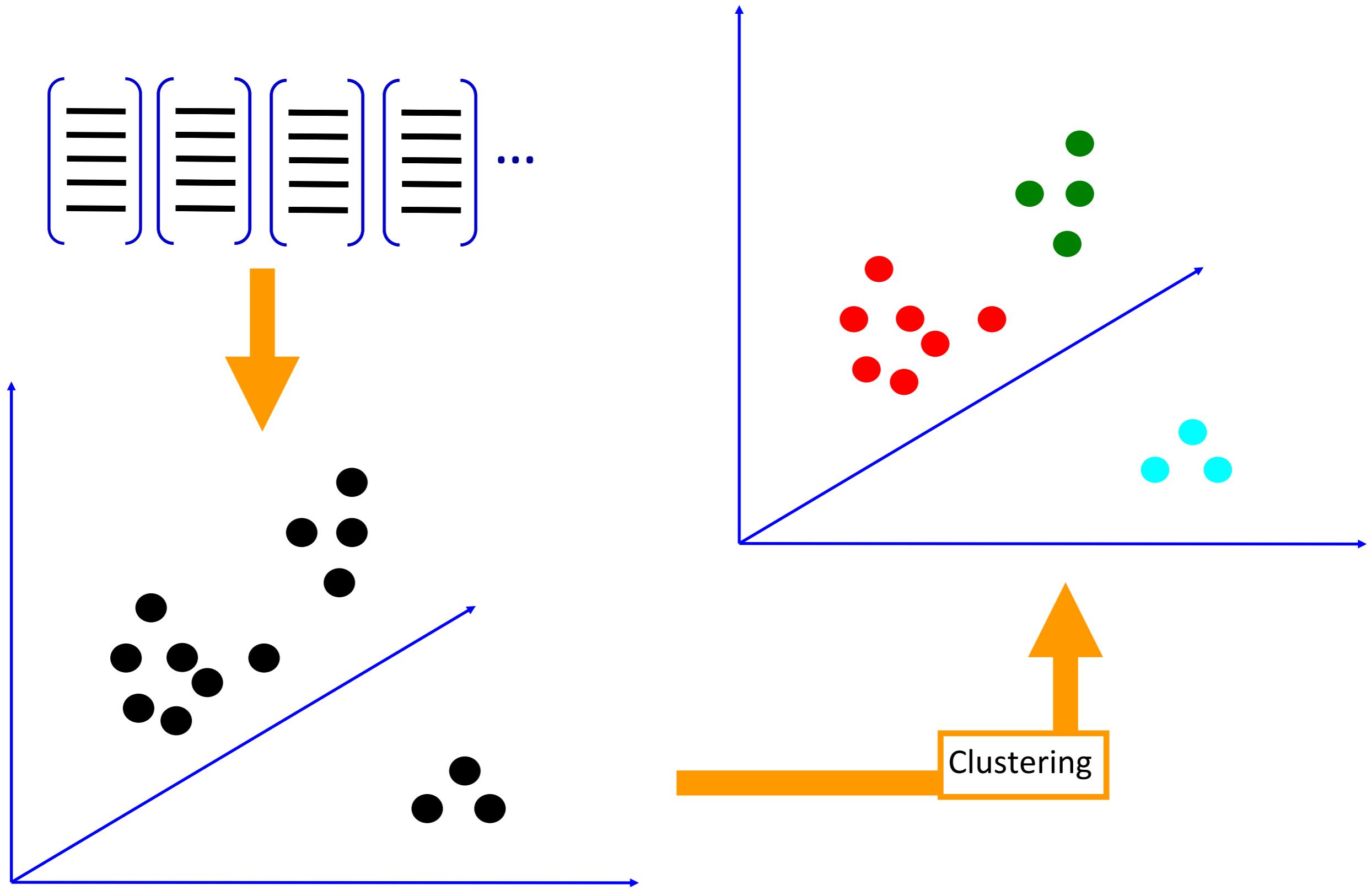


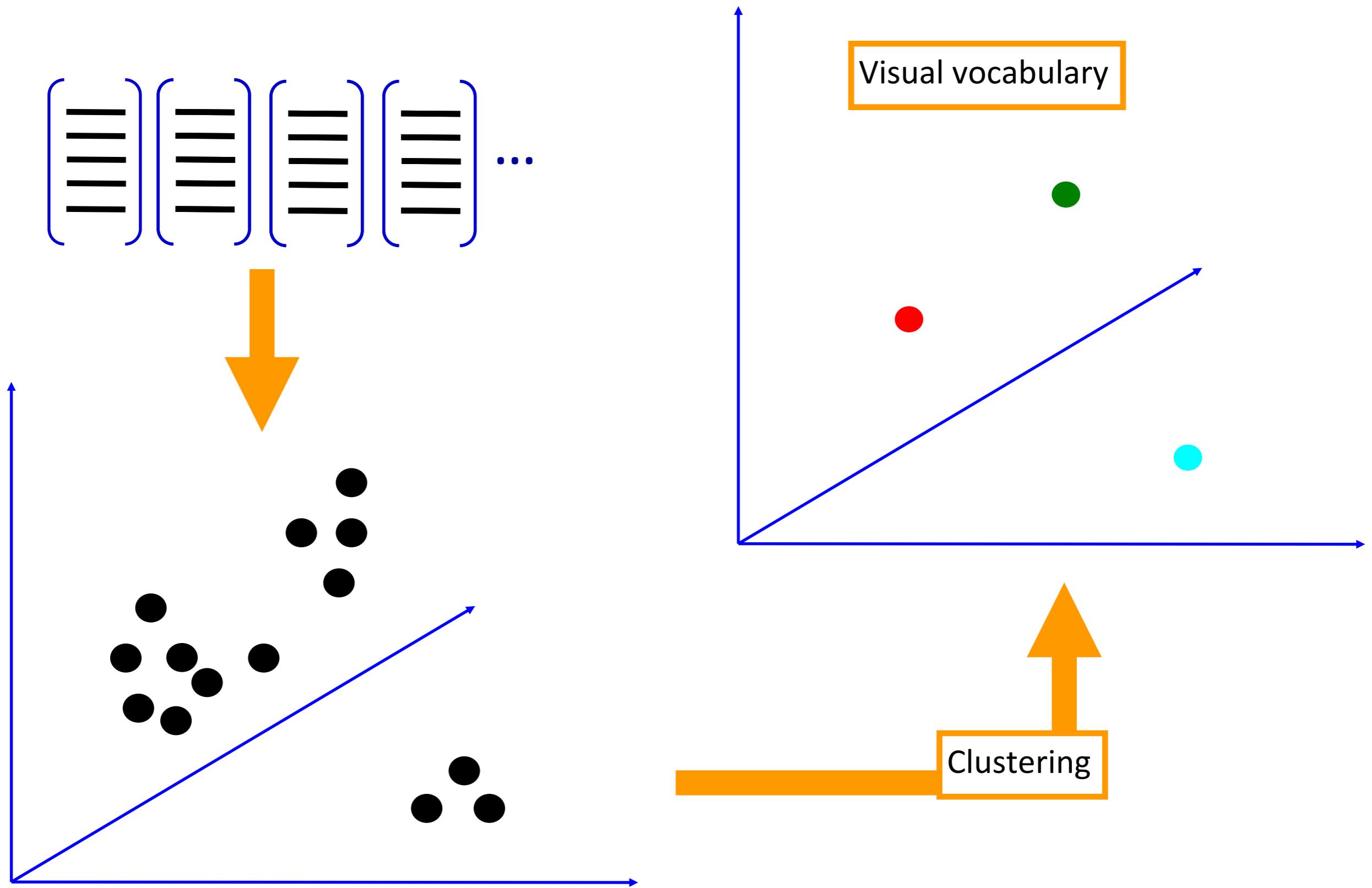
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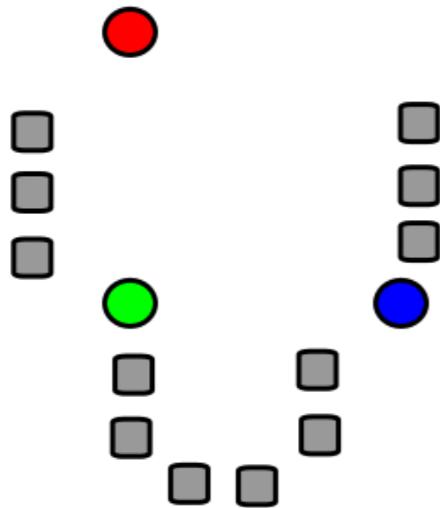
*How do we learn the dictionary?*



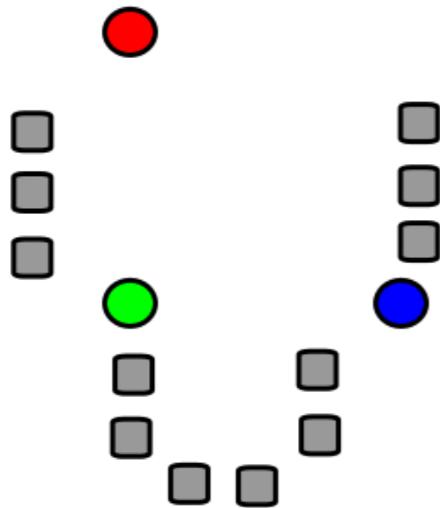




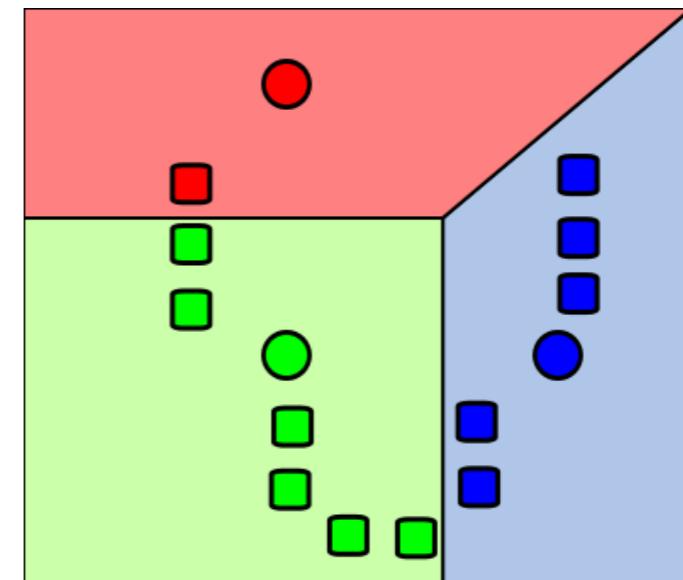
# K-means clustering



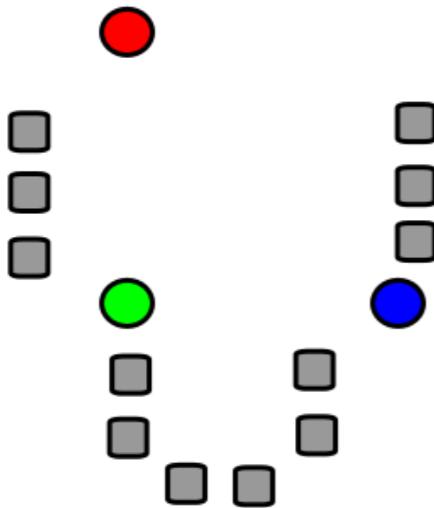
1. Select initial  
centroids at random



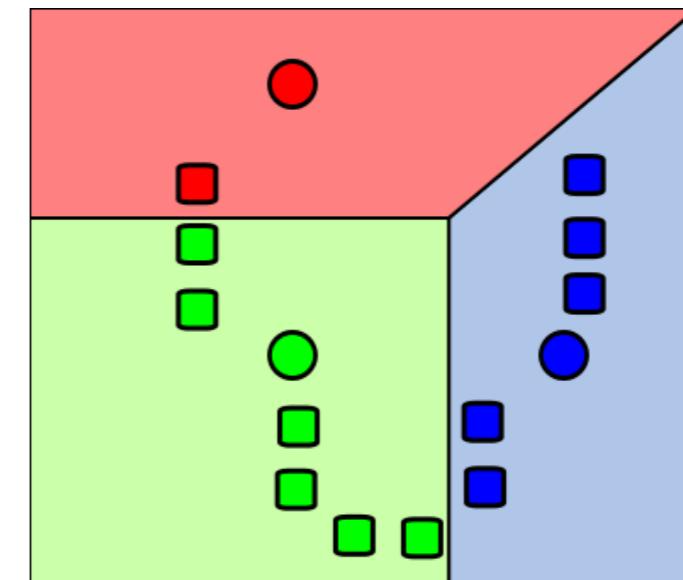
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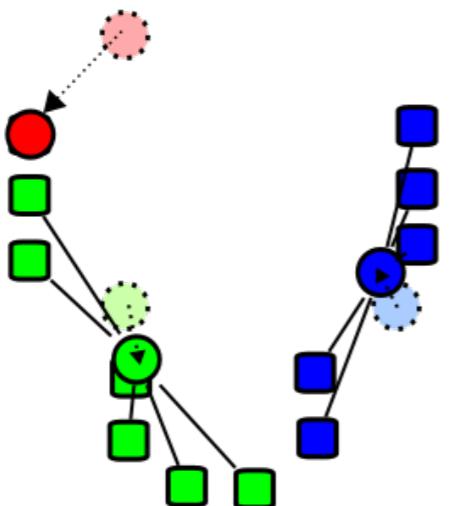
2. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest centroid.



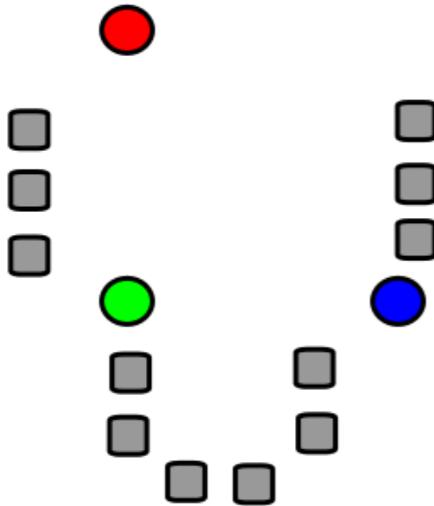
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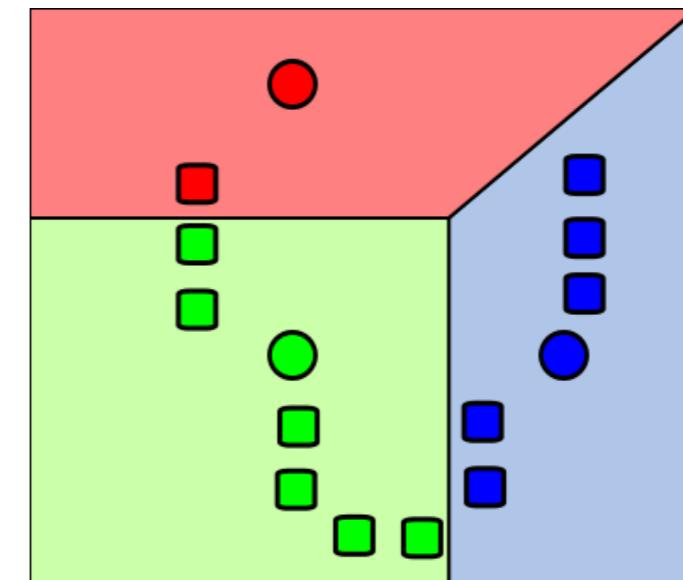
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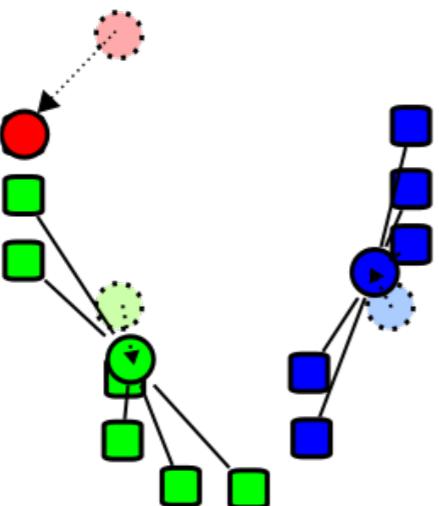
3. Compute each centroid as the mean of the objects assigned to it (go to 2)



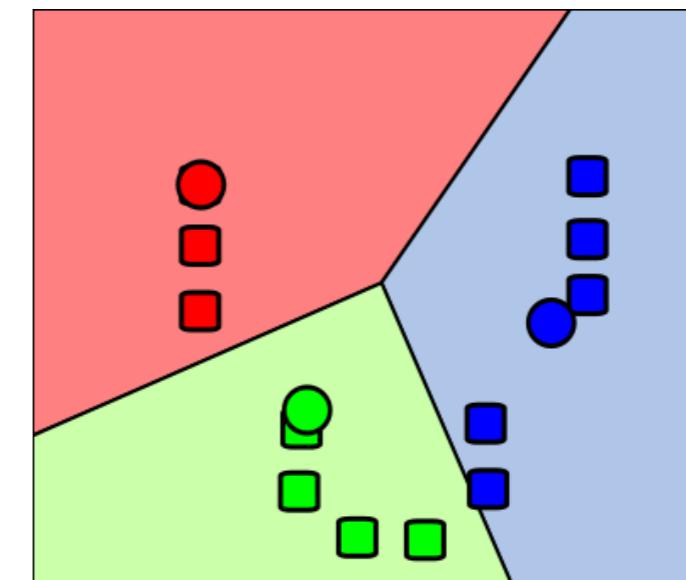
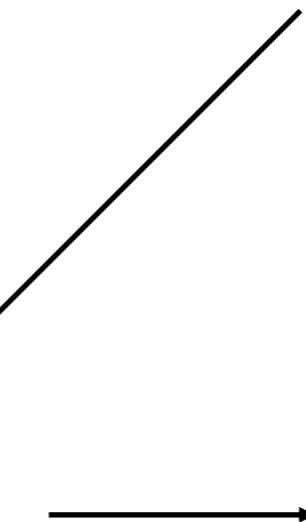
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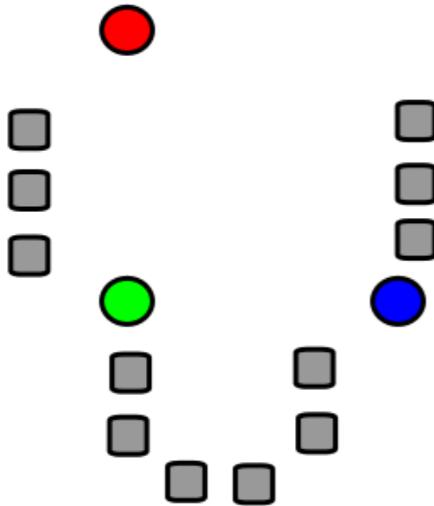
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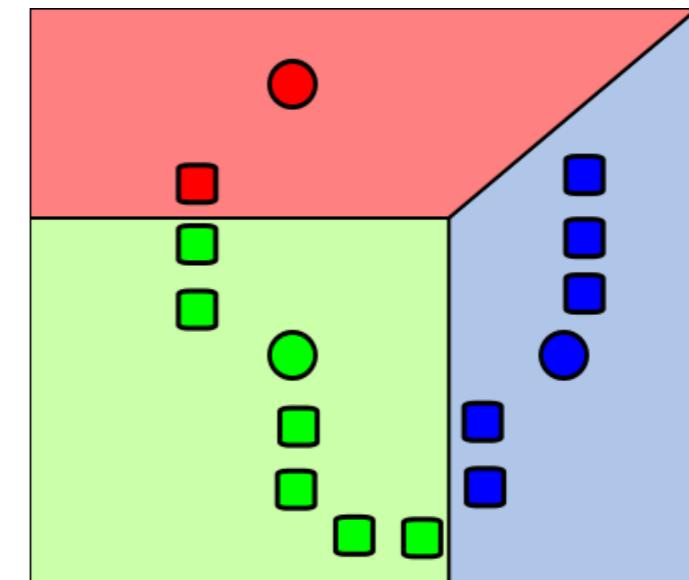
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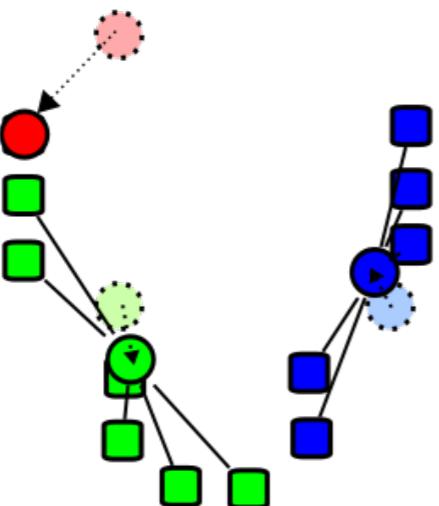
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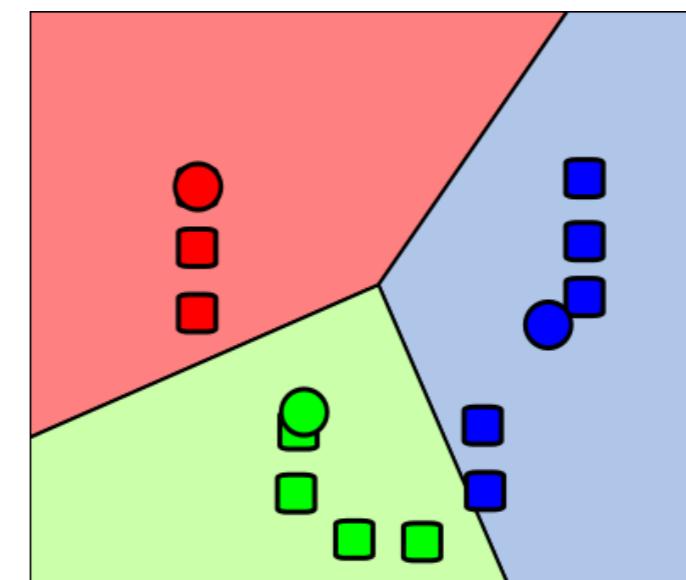
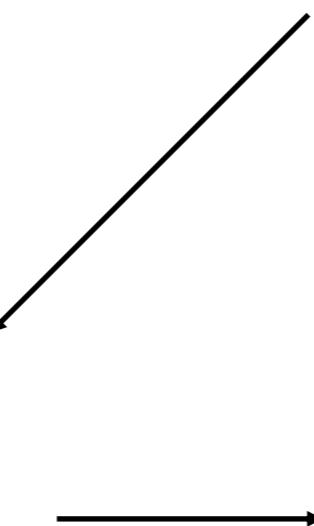
1. Select initial centroids at random



2. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest centroid.



3. Compute each centroid as the mean of the objects assigned to it (go to 2)



2. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest centroid.

Repeat previous 2 steps until no change

# K-means Clustering

Given k:

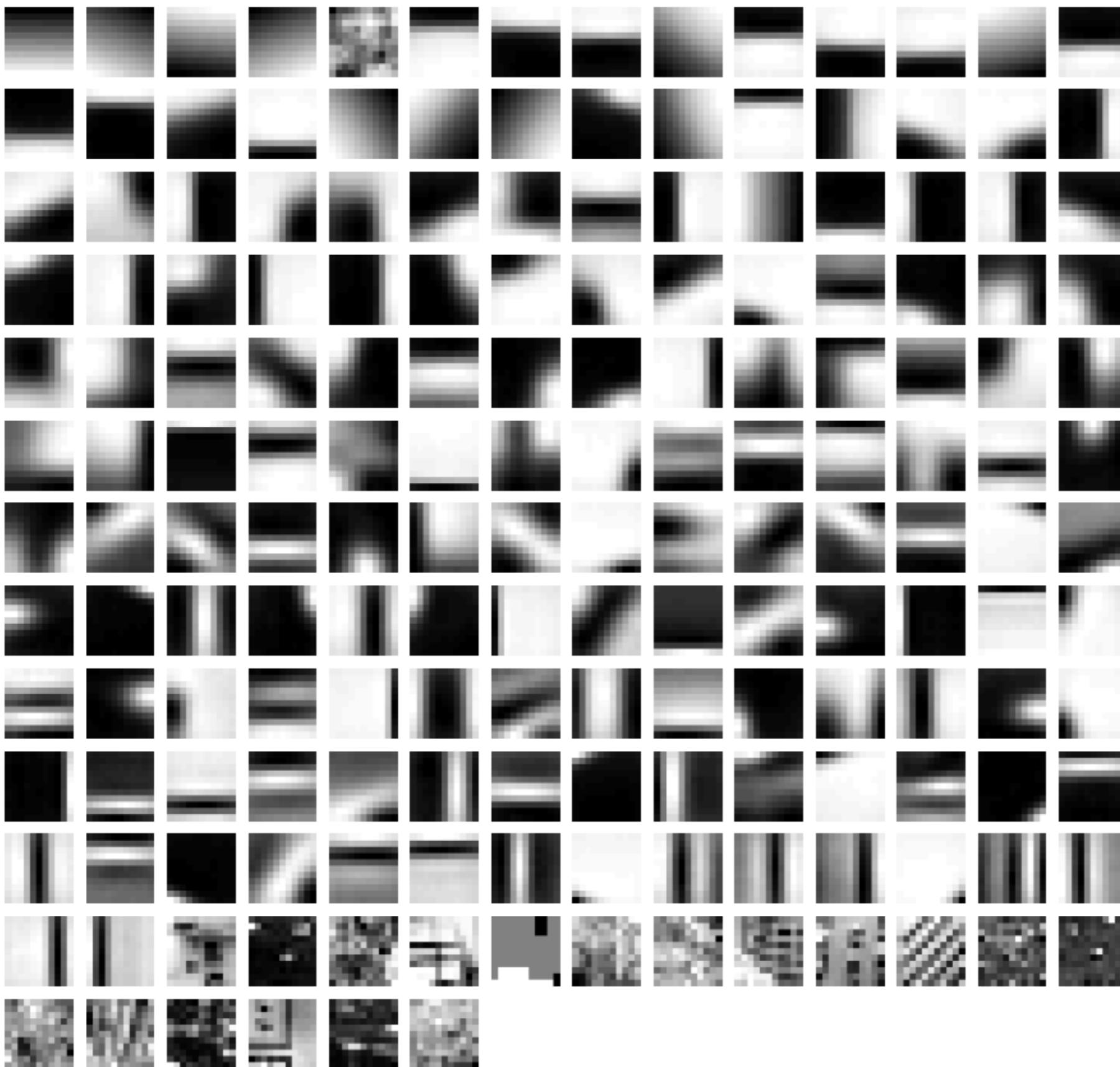
1. Select initial centroids at random.
2. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest centroid.
3. Compute each centroid as the mean of the objects assigned to it.
4. Repeat previous 2 steps until no change.

## *From what **data** should I learn the dictionary?*

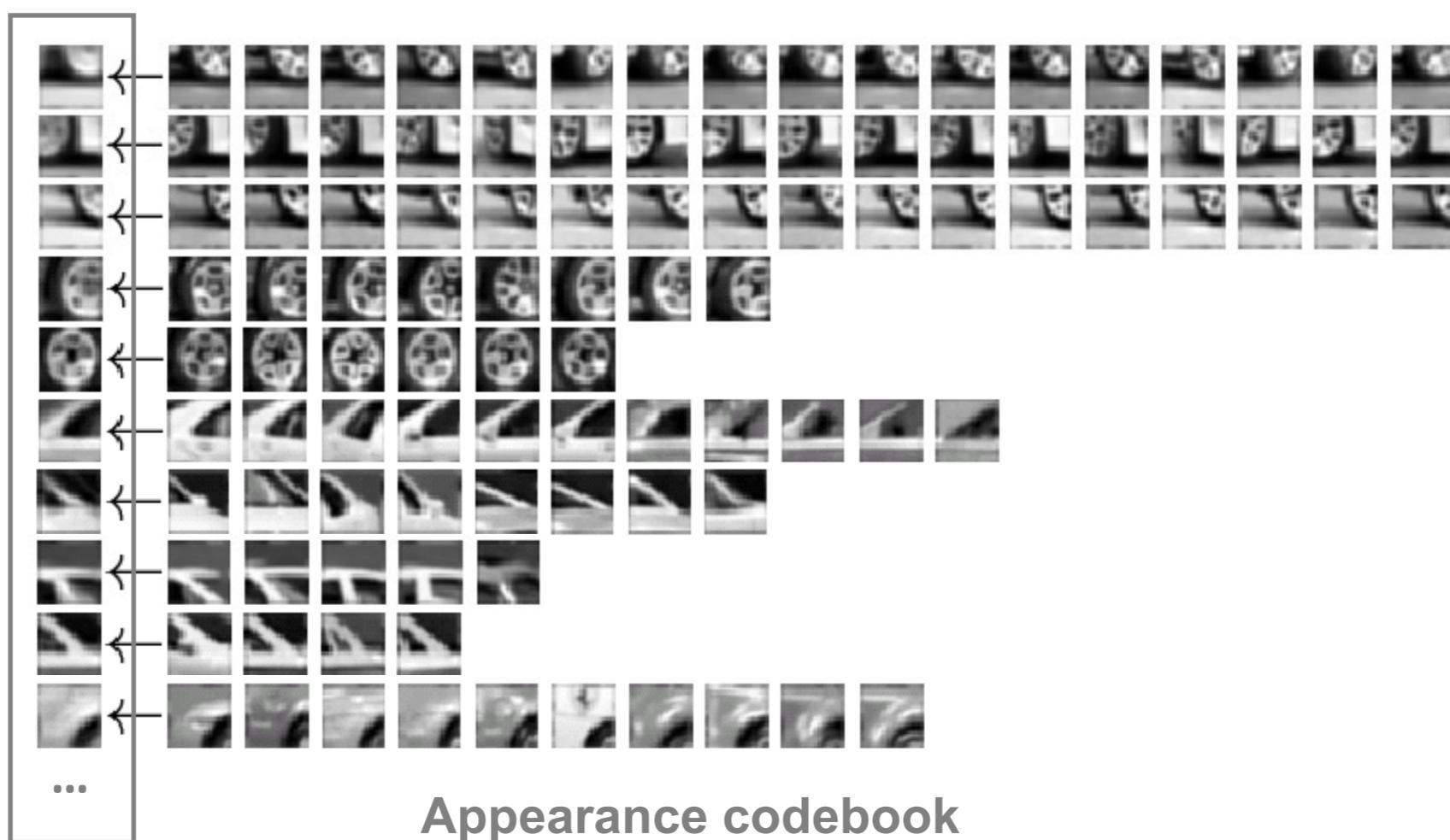
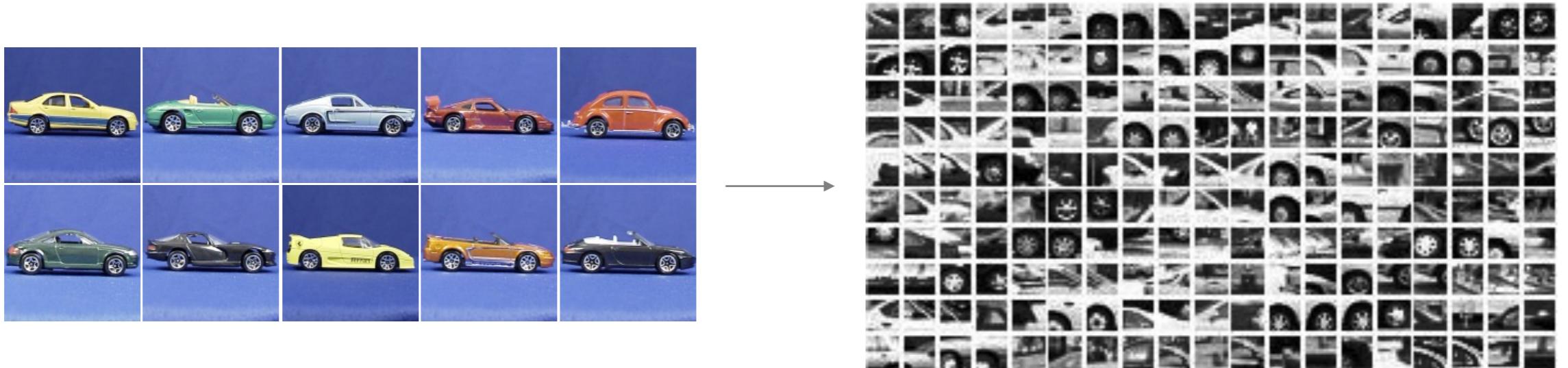
- Dictionary can be learned on separate training set
- Provided the training set is sufficiently representative, the dictionary will be “universal”

# Example visual dictionary

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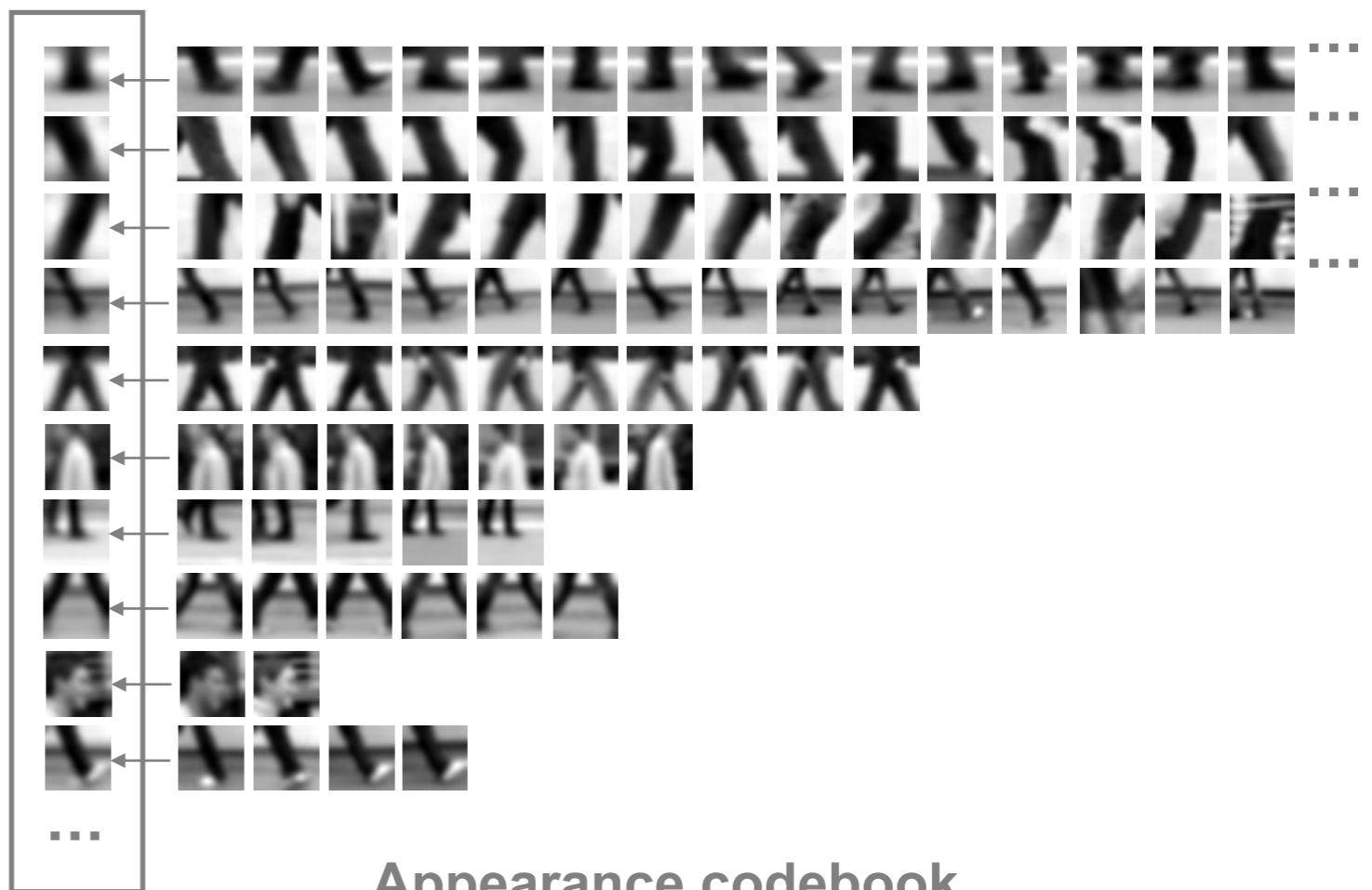
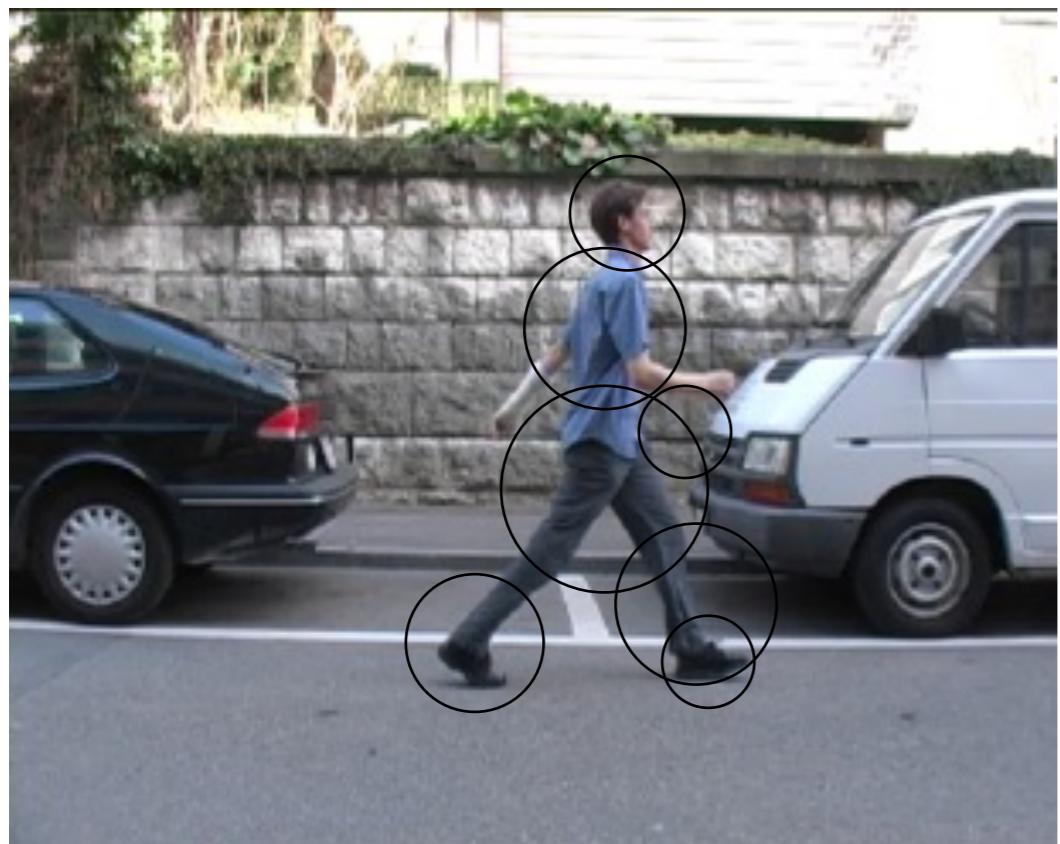


# Example dictionary



# Another dictionary

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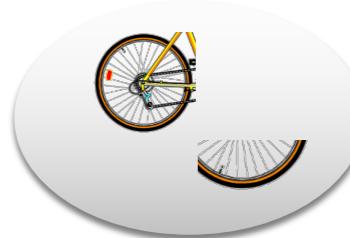


Appearance codebook

**Dictionary Learning:**  
Learn Visual Words using clustering

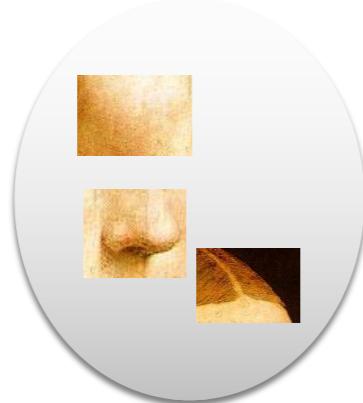
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for each image

**Classify:**  
Train and test data using BOWs



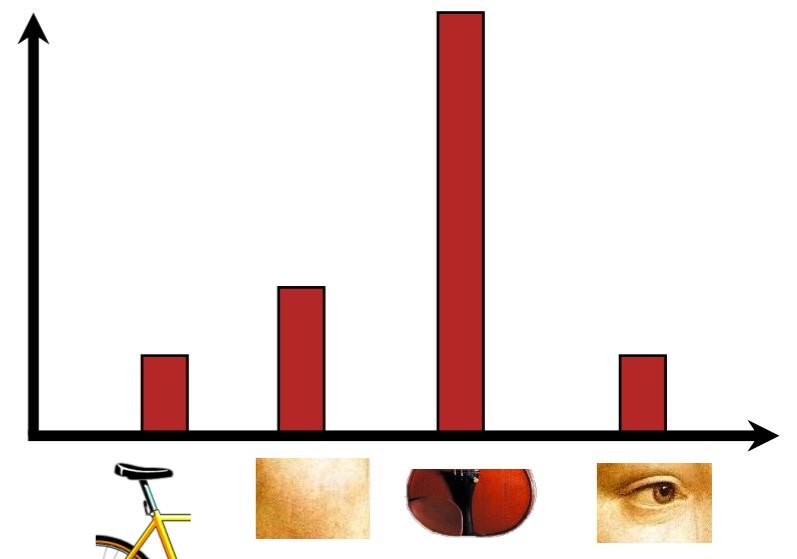
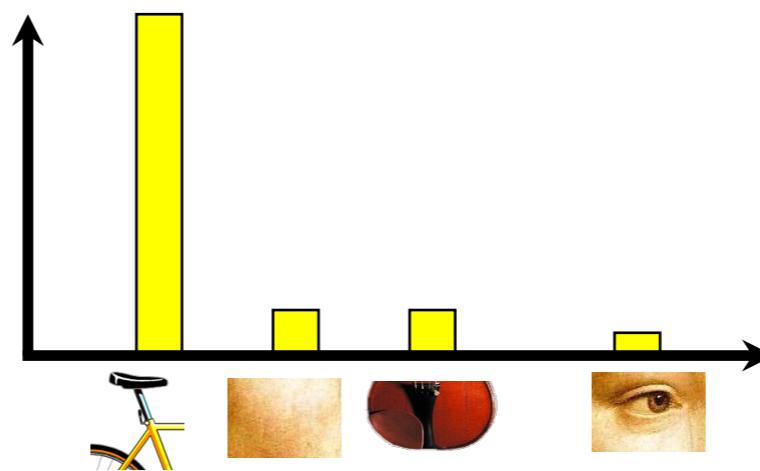
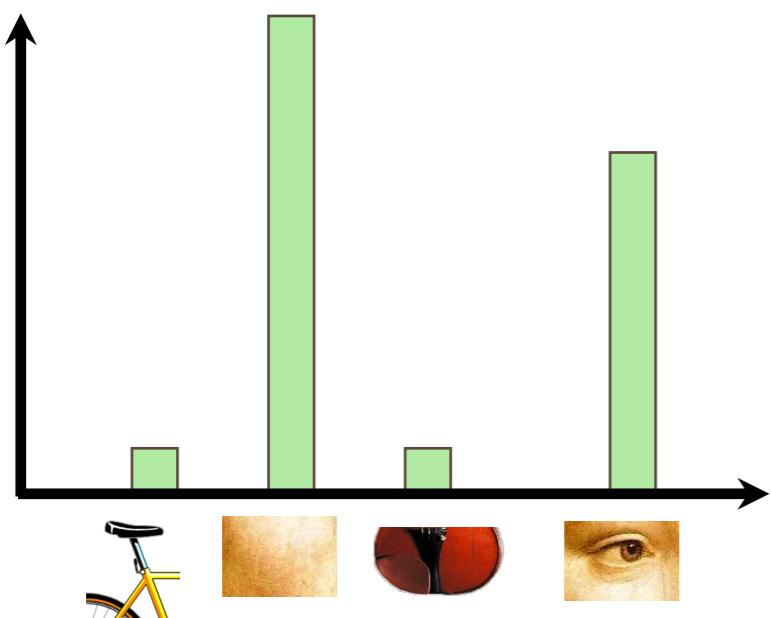
1. Quantization: image features gets associated to a visual word (nearest cluster center)

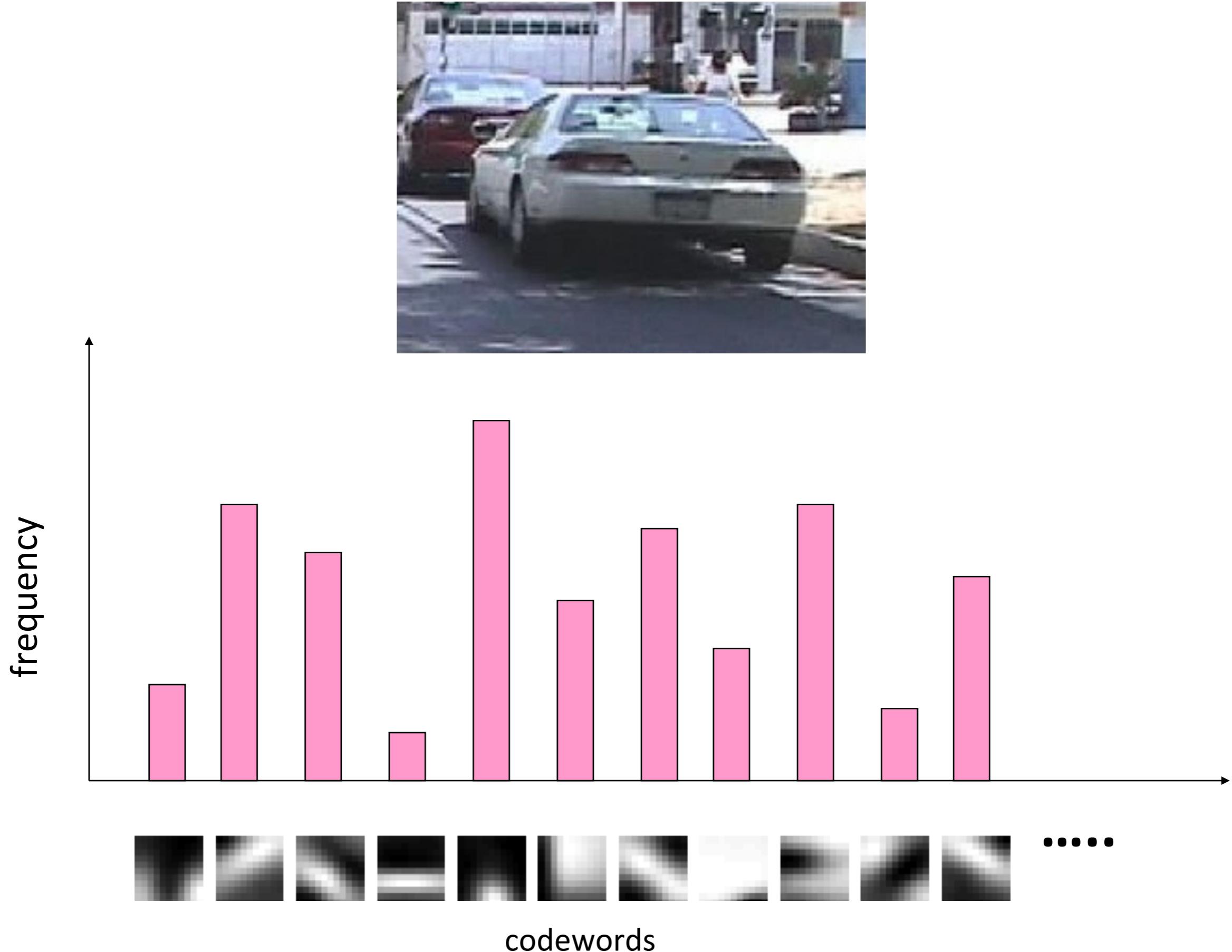
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2. Histogram: count the  
number of visual word  
occurrences



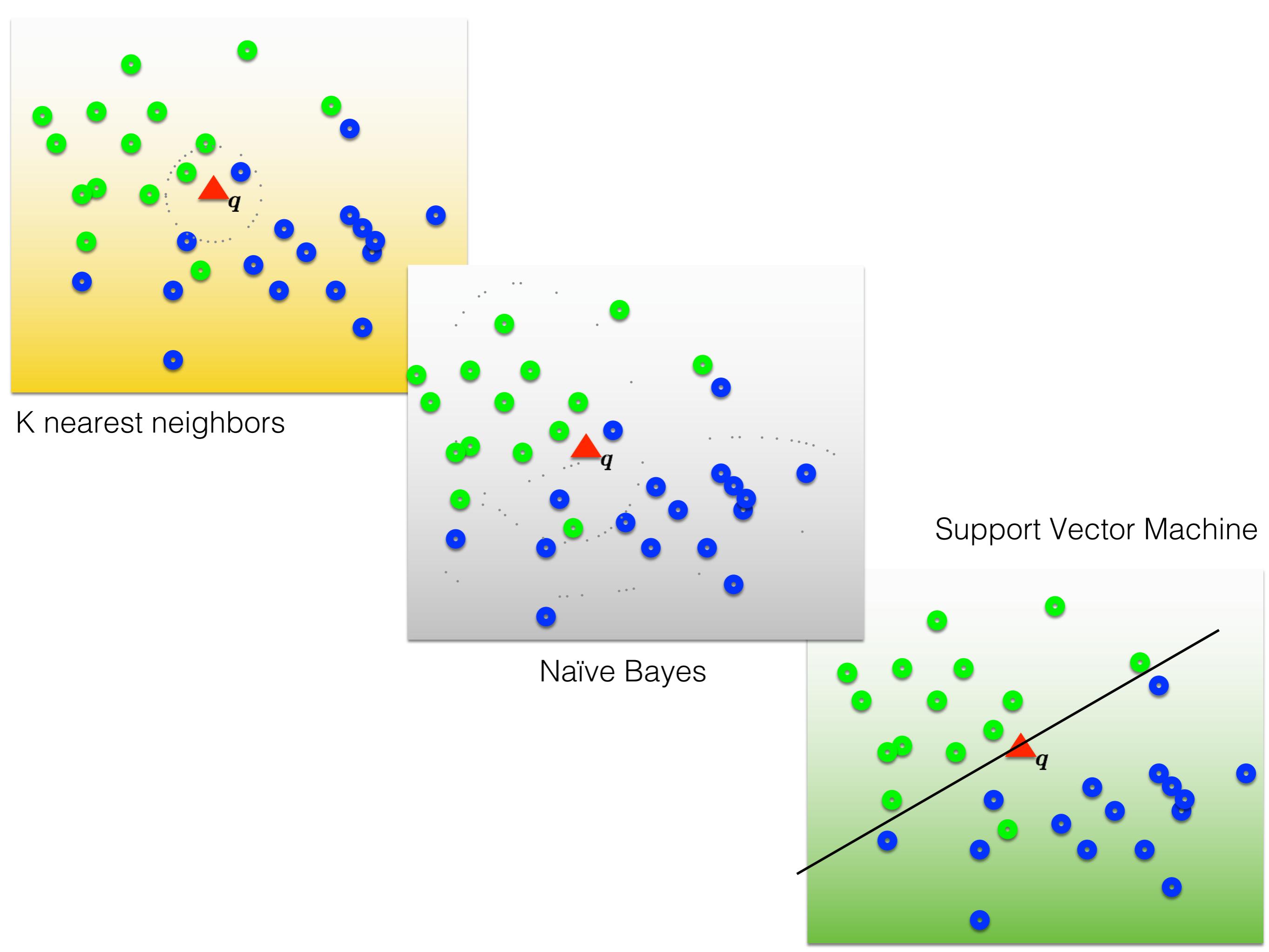


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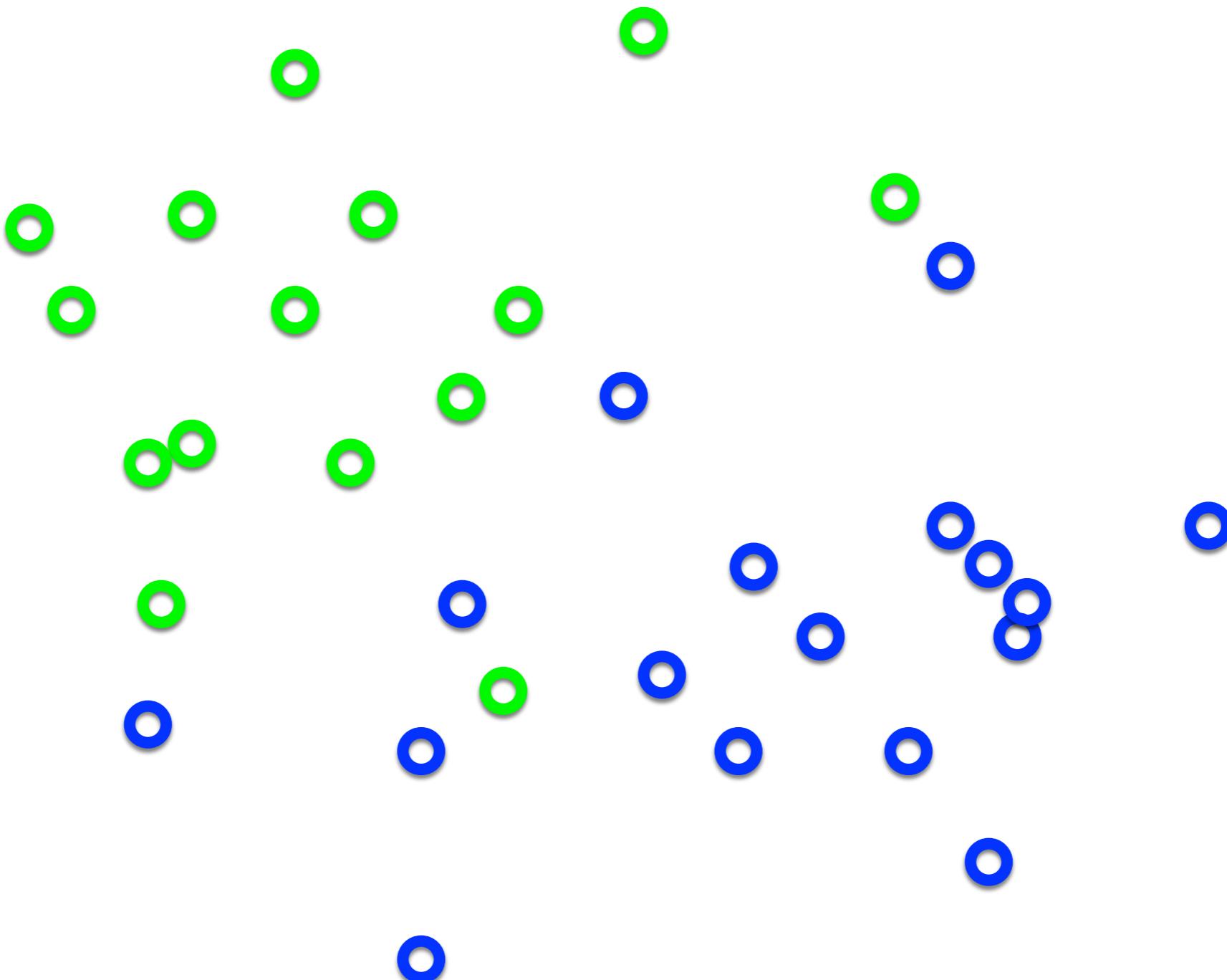
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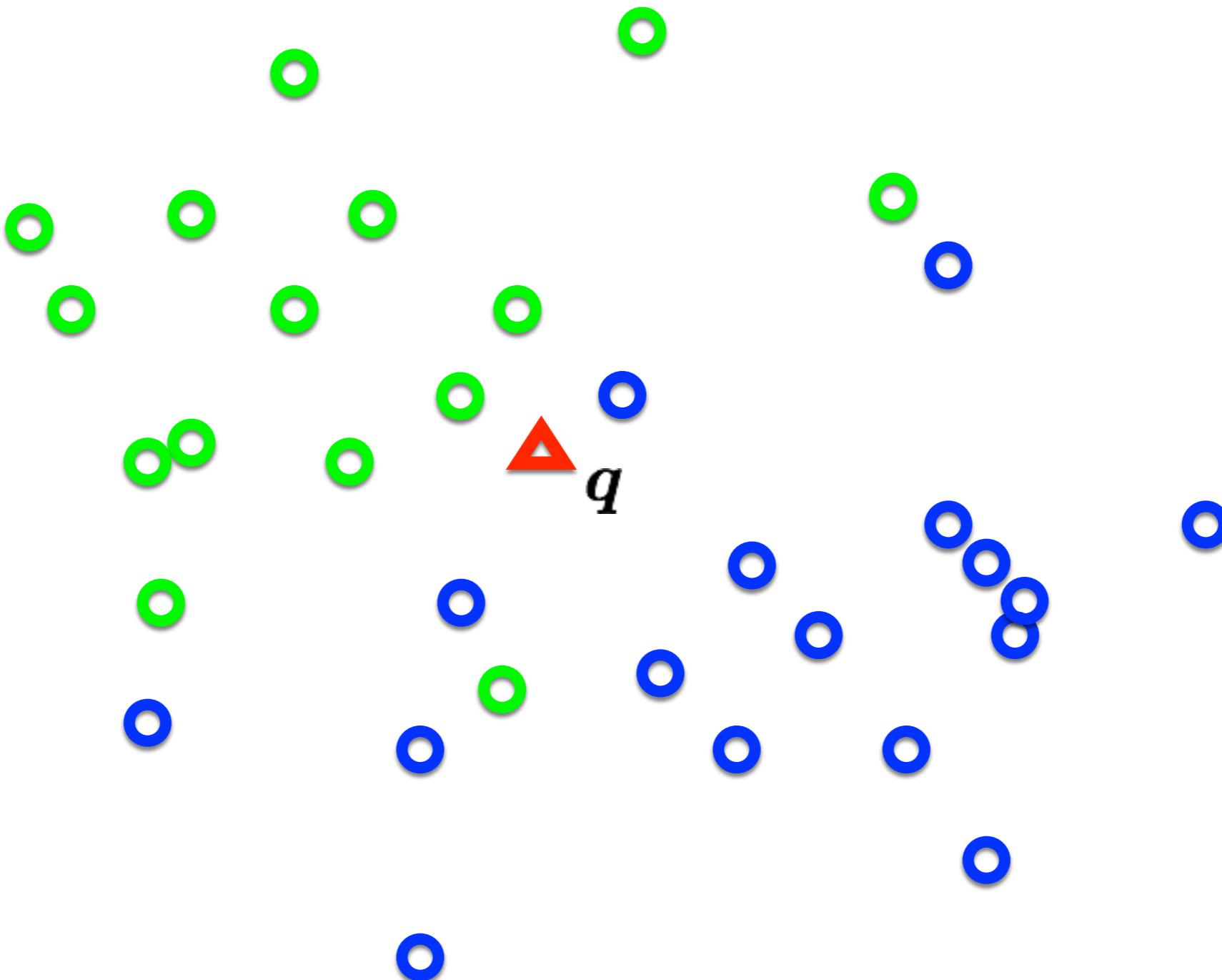


# K nearest neighbors

# Distribution of data from two classes

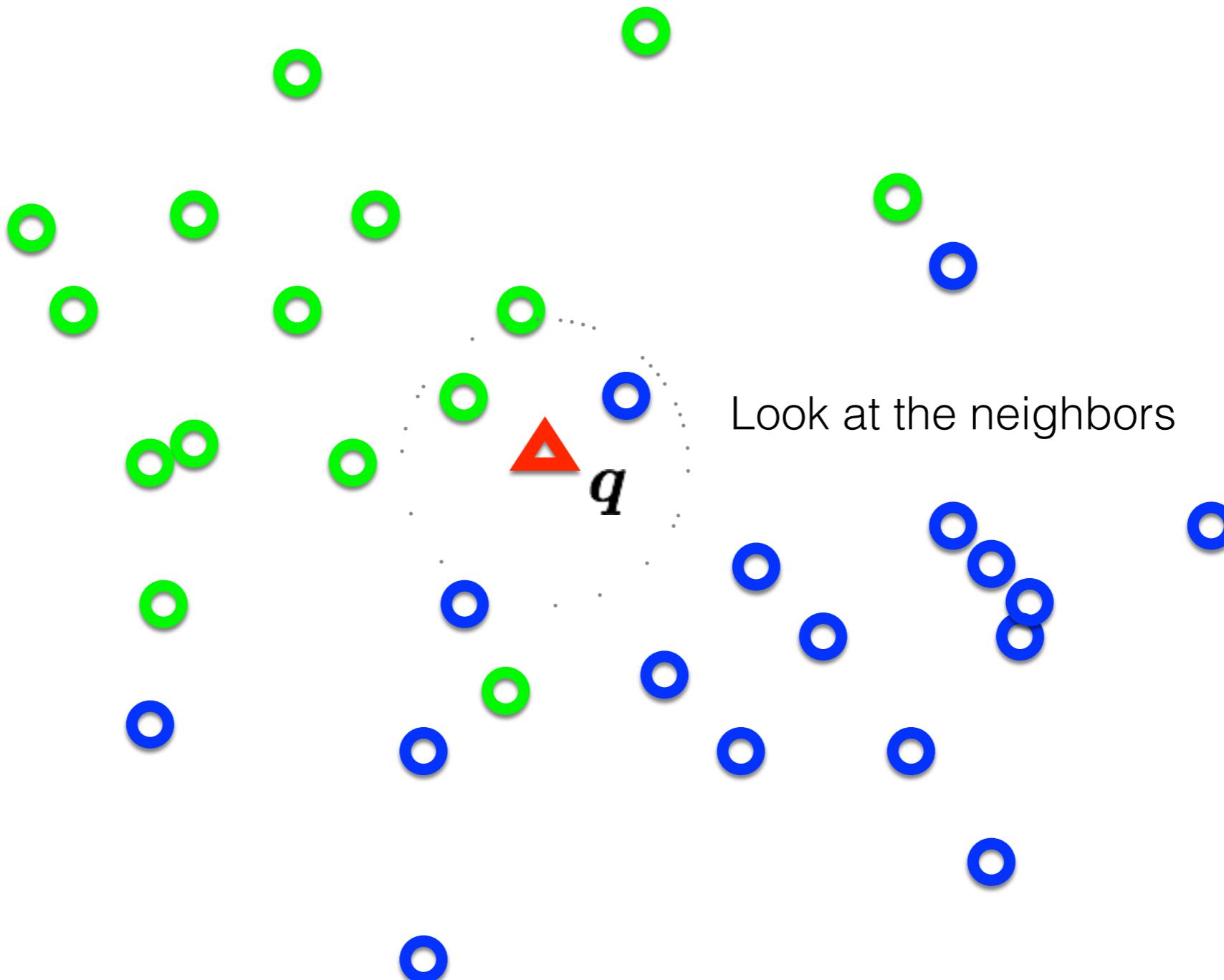


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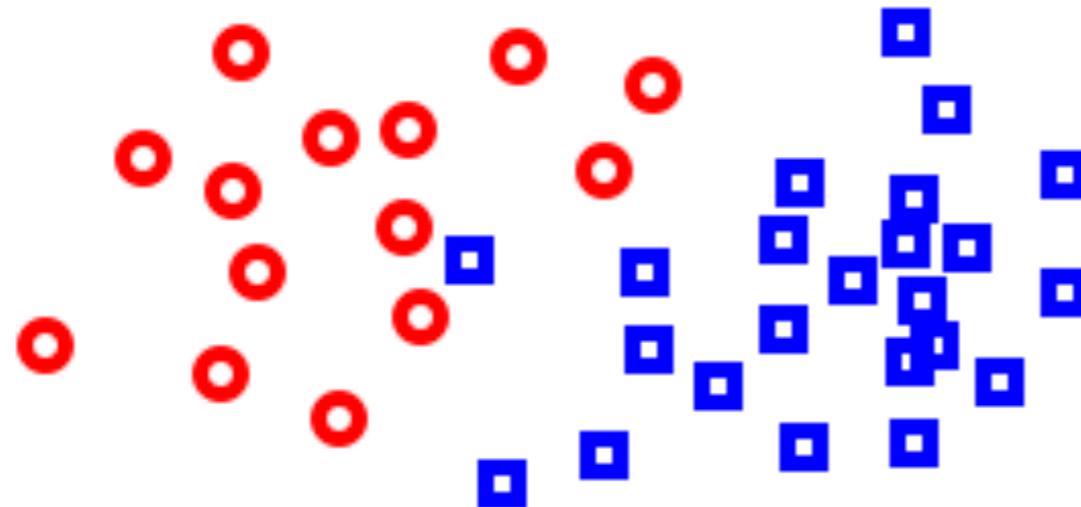


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# Distribution of data from two classes



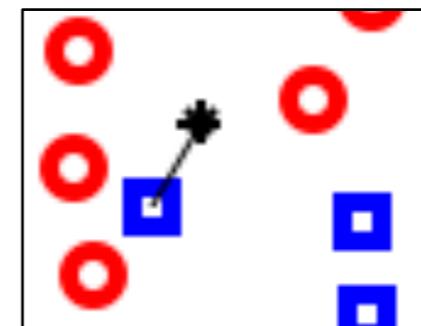
# K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) Classifier



Non-parametric pattern classification approach  
Consider a two class problem where each sample consists of two measurements  $(x, y)$ .

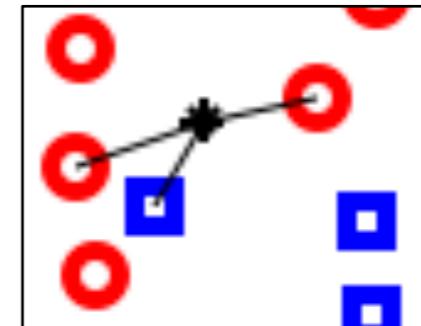
For a given query point  $q$ , assign the class of the nearest neighbor

$k = 1$



Compute the  $k$  nearest neighbors and assign the class by majority vote.

$k = 3$



# Nearest Neighbor is competitive

40281508803272726475529284686500876171127400776386420140578274711366  
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## MNIST Digit Recognition

- Handwritten digits
- 28x28 pixel images:  $d = 784$
- 60,000 training samples
- 10,000 test samples

Yann LeCunn

	Test Error Rate (%)
Linear classifier (1-layer NN)	12.0
K-nearest-neighbors, Euclidean	5.0
K-nearest-neighbors, Euclidean, deskewed	2.4
K-NN, Tangent Distance, 16x16	1.1
K-NN, shape context matching	0.67
1000 RBF + linear classifier	3.6
SVM deg 4 polynomial	1.1
2-layer NN, 300 hidden units	4.7
2-layer NN, 300 HU, [deskewing]	1.6
LeNet-5, [distortions]	0.8
Boosted LeNet-4, [distortions]	0.7

## **What is the best distance metric between data points?**

- Typically Euclidean distance
- Locality sensitive distance metrics
- Important to normalize.  
Dimensions have different scales

## **How many K?**

- Typically  $k=1$  is good
- Cross-validation (try different  $k!$ )

# Distance metrics

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \cdots + (x_N - y_N)^2} \quad \text{Euclidean}$$

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} = \frac{x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_N y_N}{\sqrt{\sum_n x_n^2} \sqrt{\sum_n y_n^2}} \quad \text{Cosine}$$

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \frac{(x_n - y_n)^2}{(x_n + y_n)} \quad \text{Chi-squared}$$

# Choice of distance metric

- Hyperparameter

L1 (Manhattan) distance

$$d_1(I_1, I_2) = \sum_p |I_1^p - I_2^p|$$

L2 (Euclidean) distance

$$d_2(I_1, I_2) = \sqrt{\sum_p (I_1^p - I_2^p)^2}$$

- Two most commonly used special cases of p-norm

$$\|x\|_p = \left( |x_1|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad p \geq 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

# CIFAR-10 and NN results

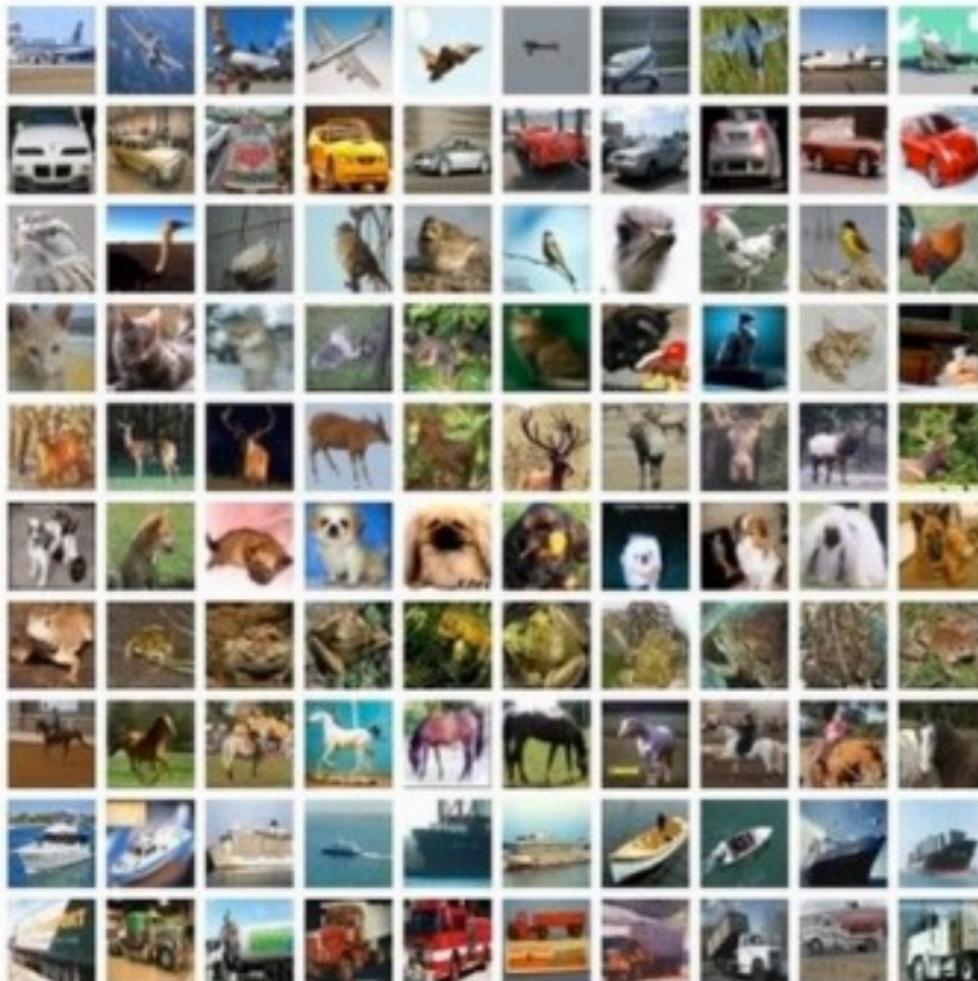
Example dataset: **CIFAR-10**

**10 labels**

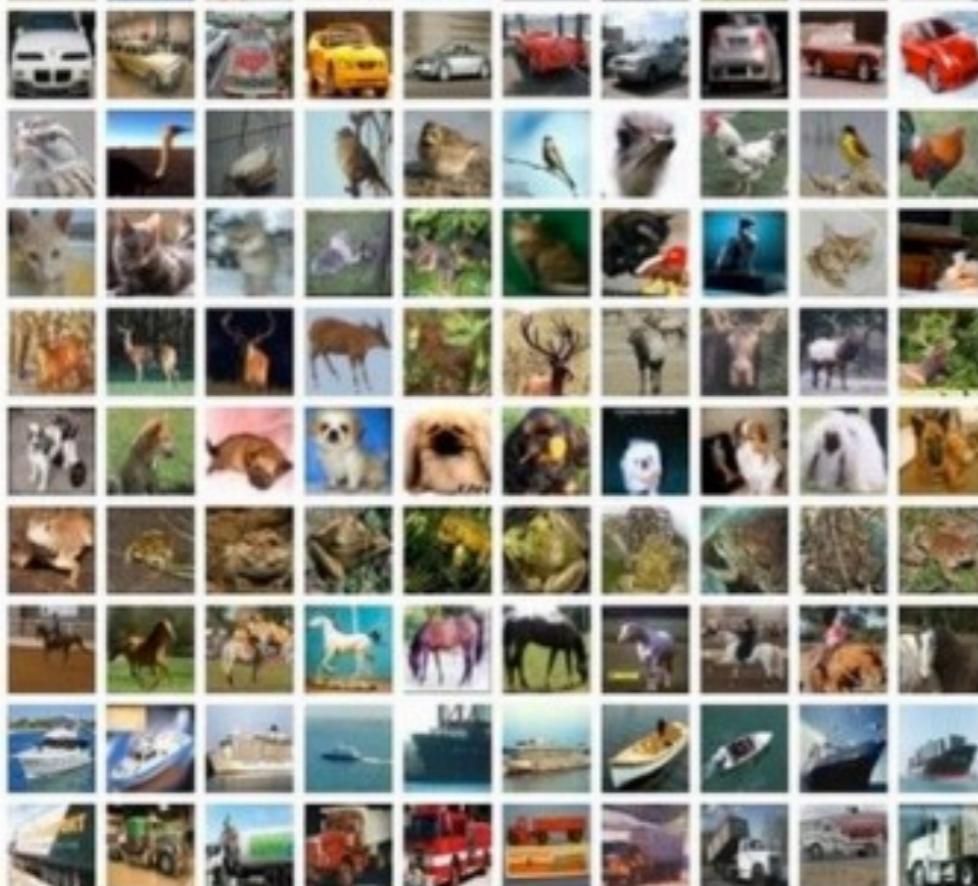
**50,000** training images

**10,000** test images.

airplane



automobile



bird



cat



deer



dog



frog



horse



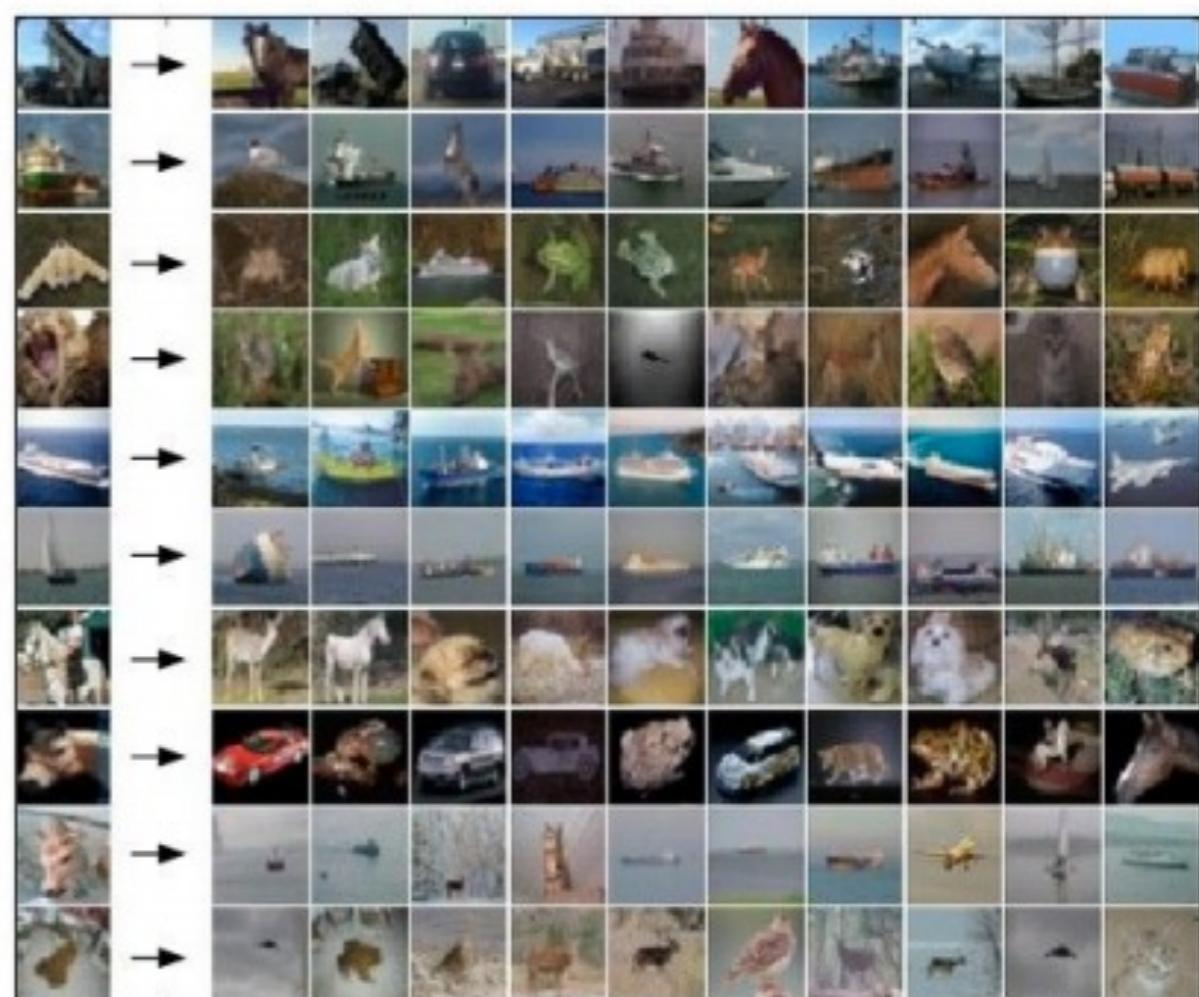
ship



truck

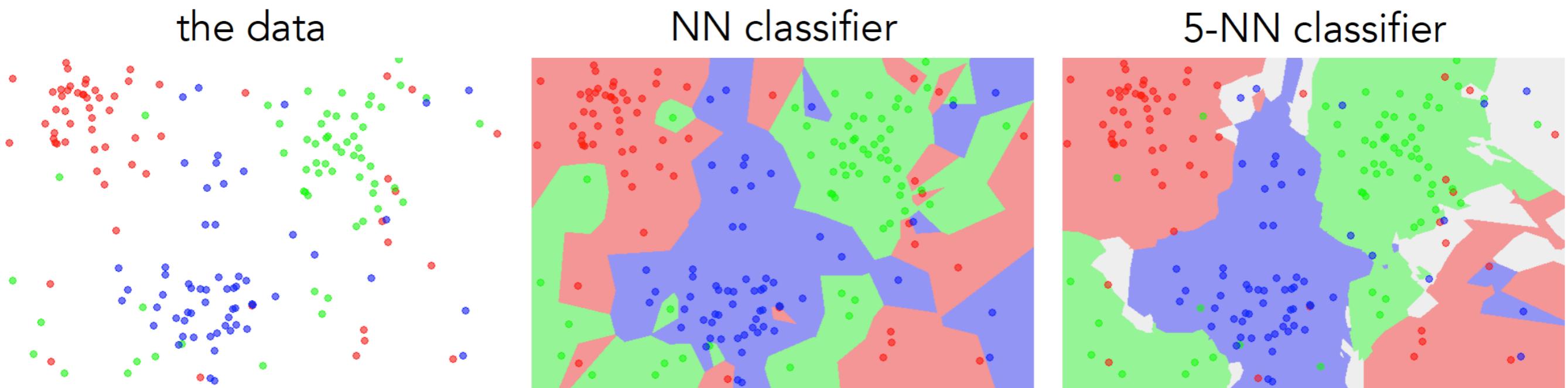


For every test image (first column),  
examples of nearest neighbors in rows



# k-nearest neighbor

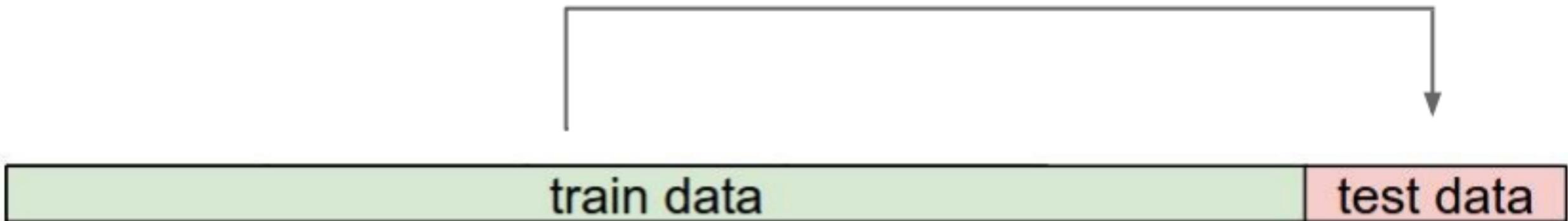
- Find the k closest points from training data
- Labels of the k points “vote” to classify



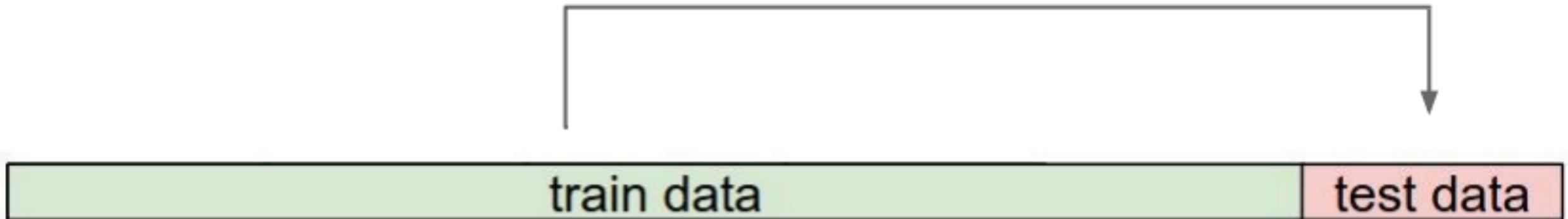
# Hyperparameters

- What is the best distance to use?
- What is the best value of k to use?
- i.e., how do we set the hyperparameters?
- Very problem-dependent
- Must try them all and see what works best

Try out what hyperparameters work best on test set.

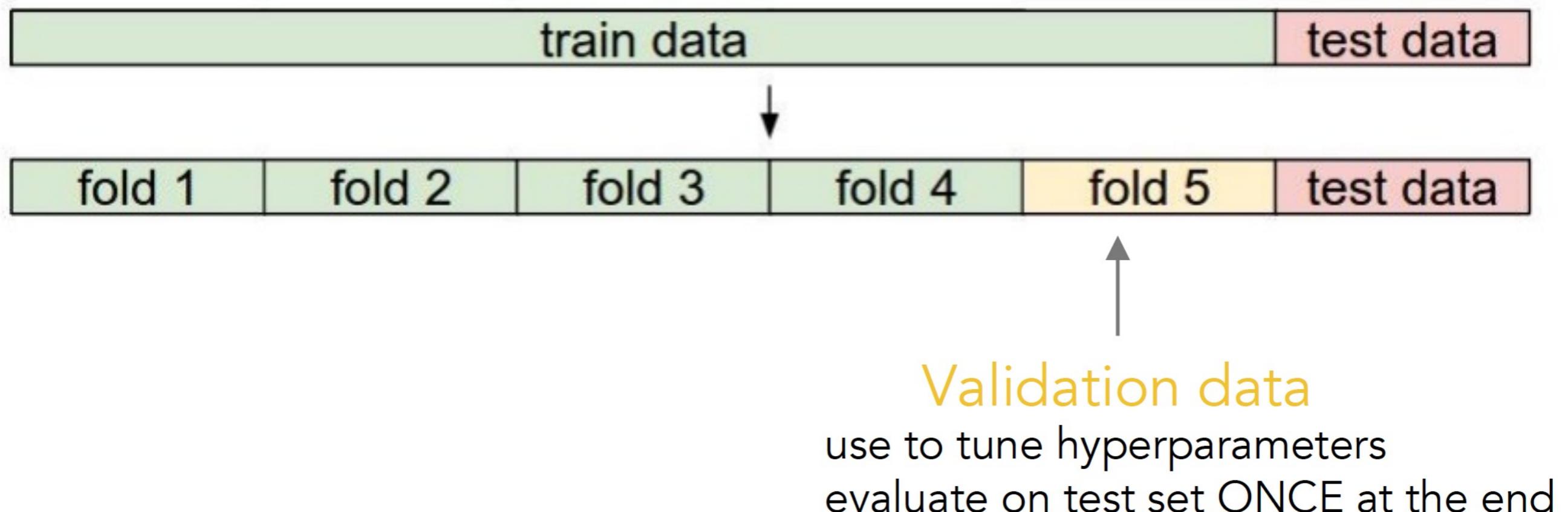


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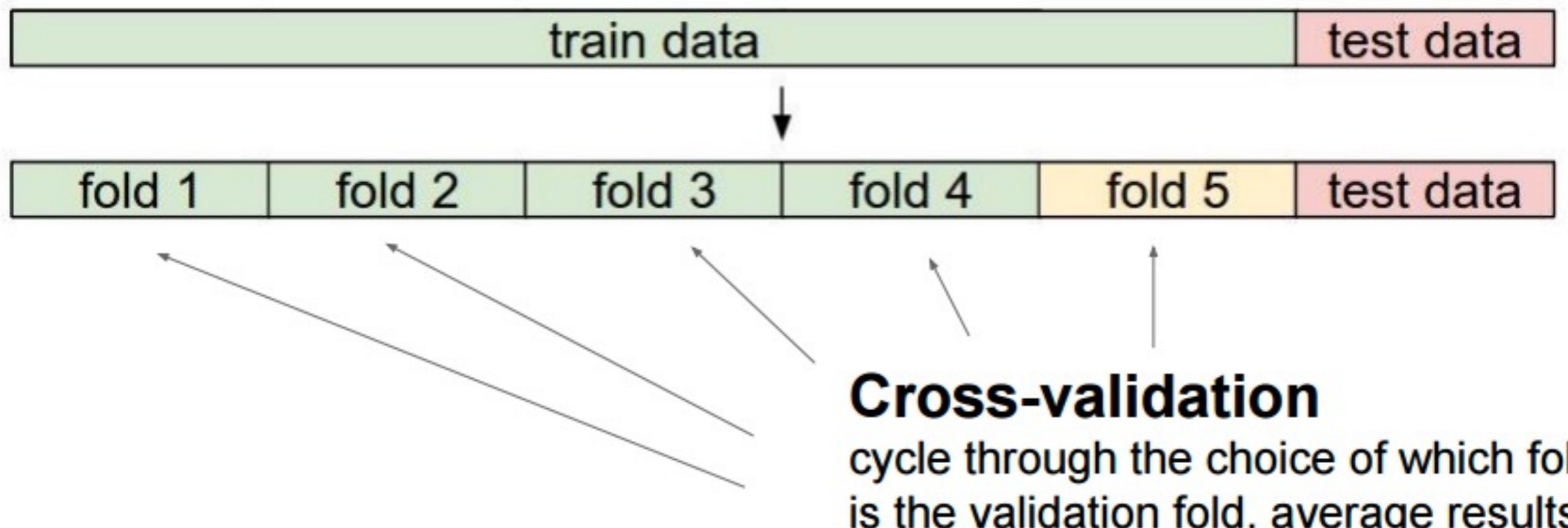


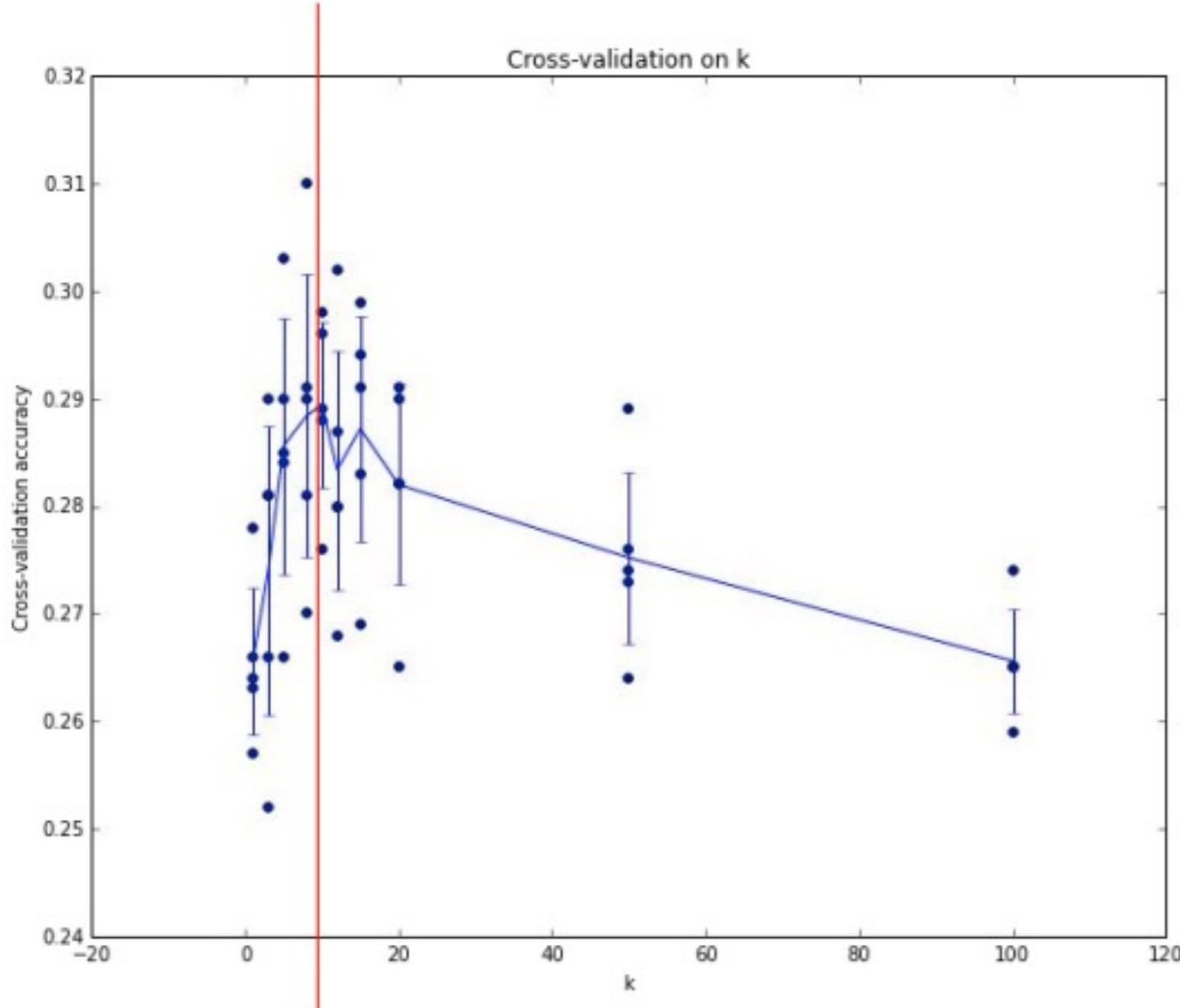
VERY BAD IDEA! The test set is a proxy for the generalization performance!  
Use only VERY SPARINGLY, at the end.

# Validation



# Cross-validation





Example of  
5-fold cross-validation  
for the value of **k**.

Each point: single  
outcome.

The line goes  
through the mean, bars  
indicated standard  
deviation

(Seems that  $k \approx 7$  works best  
for this data)

# How to pick hyperparameters?

- Methodology
  - Train, validate, test
- Train for original model
- Validate to find hyperparameters
- Test to understand generalizability

## **Pros**

- simple yet effective

## **Cons**

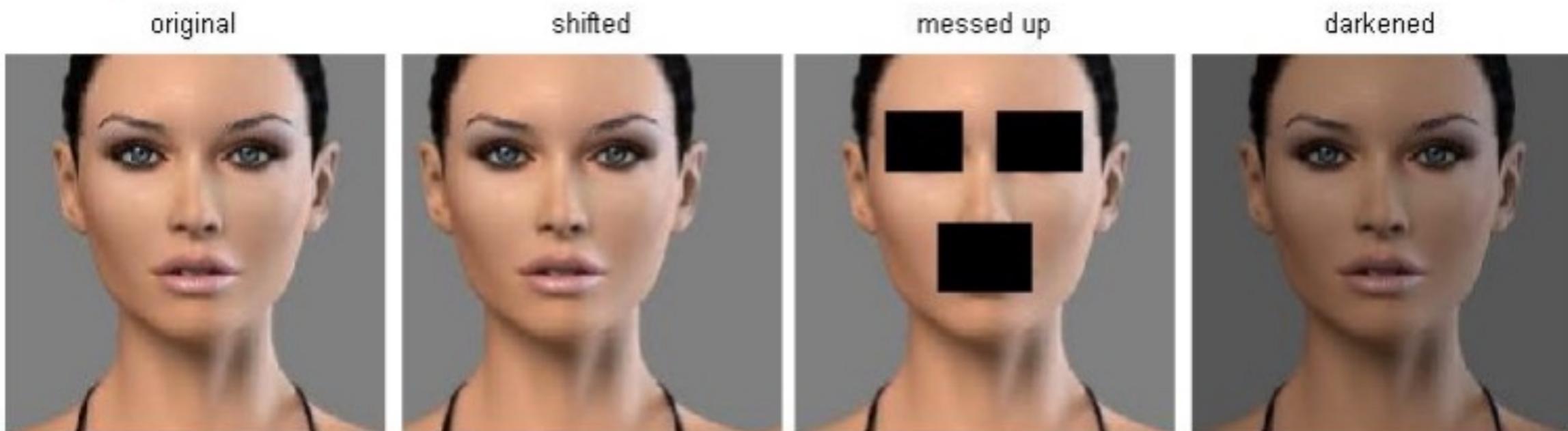
- search is expensive (can be sped-up)
- storage requirements
- difficulties with high-dimensional data

# kNN -- Complexity and Storage

- N training images, M test images
- Training:  $O(1)$
- Testing:  $O(MN)$
- Hmm...
  - Normally need the opposite
  - Slow training (ok), fast testing (necessary)

## k-Nearest Neighbor on images **never used**.

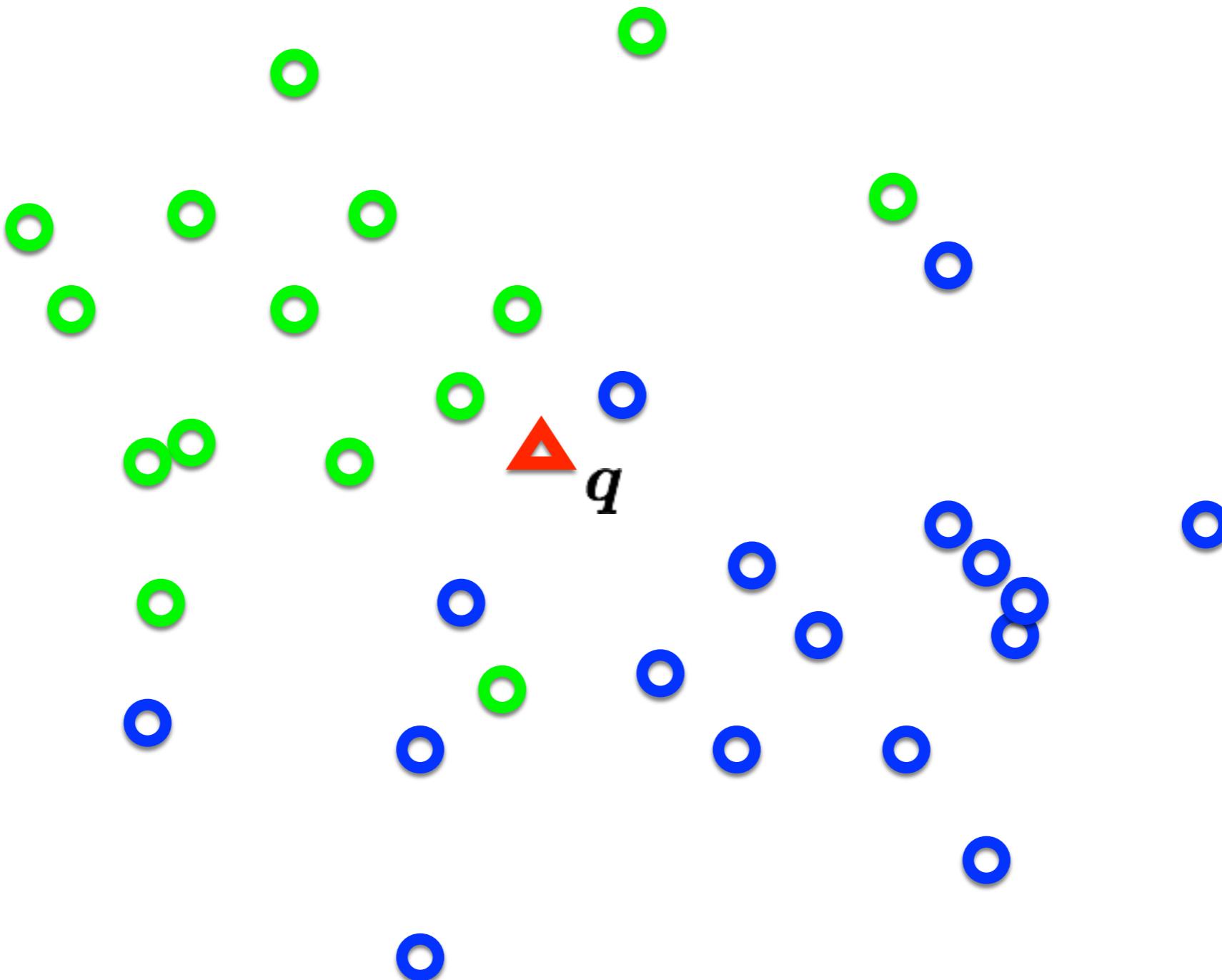
- terrible performance at test time
- distance metrics on level of whole images can be very unintuitive



(all 3 images have same L2 distance to the one on the left)

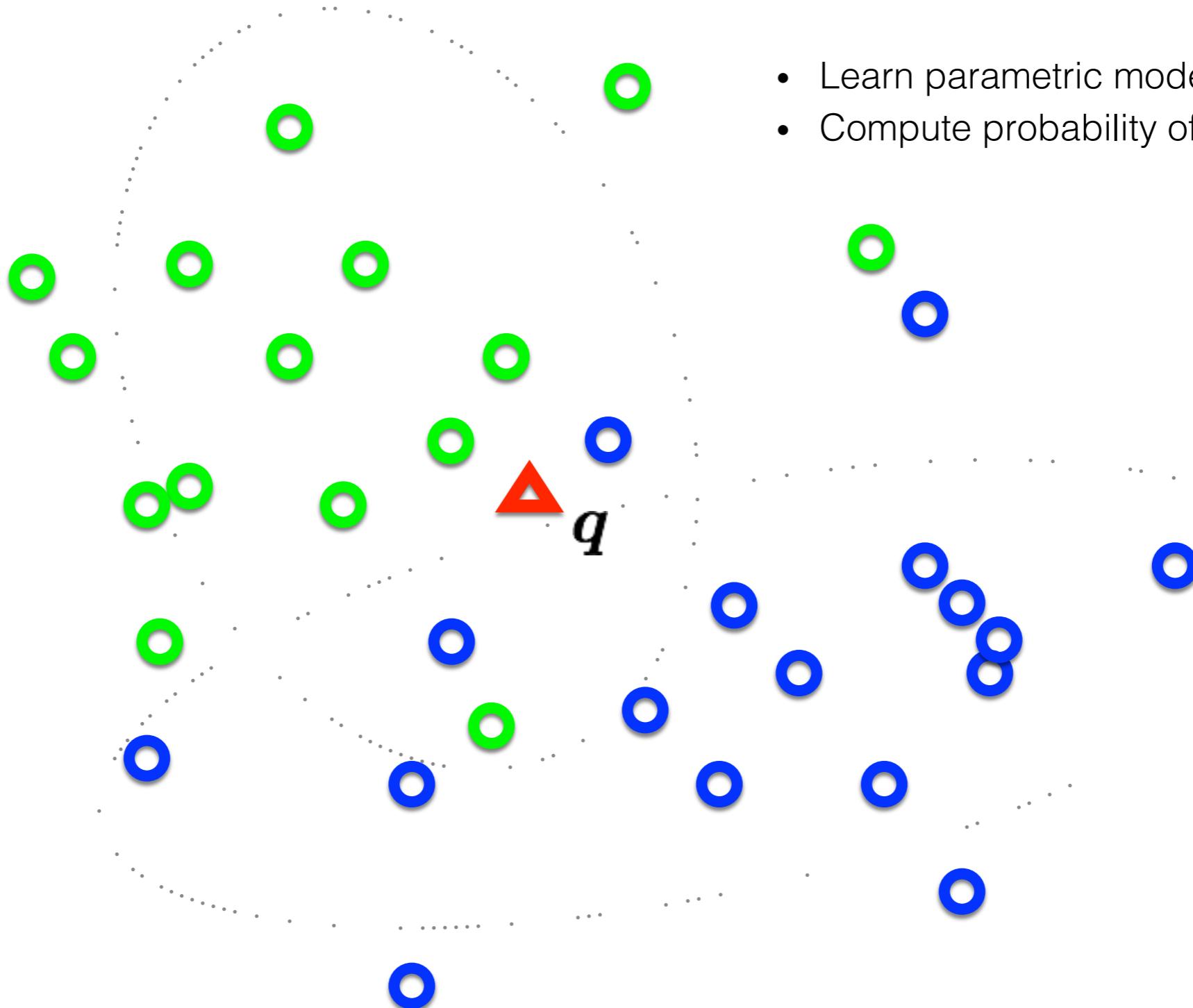
# Naïve Bayes

# Distribution of data from two classes



*Which class does  $q$  belong to?*

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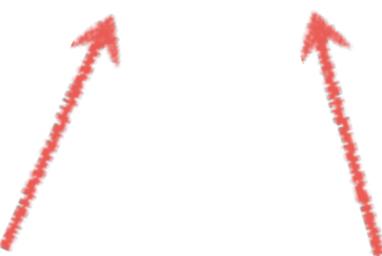


- Learn parametric model for each class
- Compute probability of query

This is called the posterior.

the probability of a class  $z$  given the observed features  $X$

$$p(z|X)$$



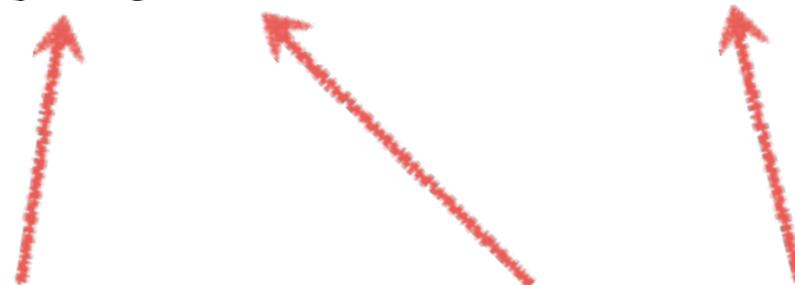
For classification,  $z$  is a discrete random variable  
(e.g., car, person, building)

$X$  is a set of observed features  
(e.g., features from a single image)

(it's a function that returns a single probability value)

This is called the posterior:  
the probability of a class  $z$  given the observed features  $X$

$$p(z|x_1, \dots, x_N)$$



For classification,  $z$  is a  
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(e.g., car, person, building)

Each  $x$  is an observed feature  
(e.g., visual words)

(it's a function that returns a single probability value)

## Recall:

The posterior can be decomposed according to  
**Bayes' Rule**

$$p(A|B) = \frac{\text{likelihood} \quad \text{prior}}{\text{posterior}} \quad p(B|A)p(A)$$

In our context...

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})}{p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)}$$

The naive Bayes' classifier is solving this optimization

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(z | \mathbf{X})$$

MAP (maximum a posteriori) estimate

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} \frac{p(\mathbf{X}|z)p(z)}{p(\mathbf{X})} \quad \text{Bayes' Rule}$$

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(\mathbf{X}|z)p(z) \quad \text{Remove constants}$$

To optimize this...we need to compute this



Compute the likelihood...

A naive Bayes' classifier assumes all features are  
***conditionally independent***

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) &= p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{z}) \cdots p(\mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

To compute the MAP estimate

Given (1) a set of known parameters

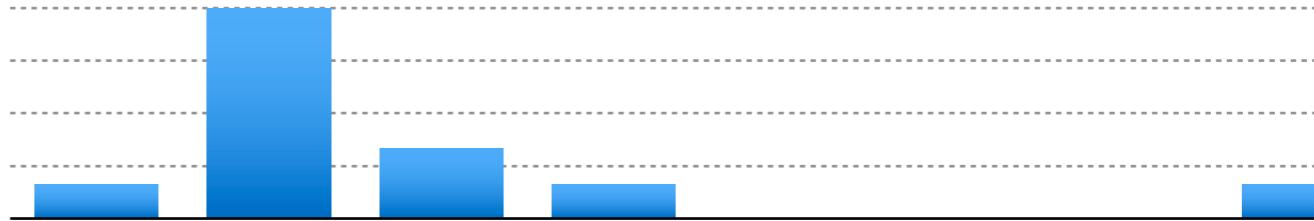
(2) observations

$$p(\mathbf{z}) \quad p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$$

$$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

Compute which  $\mathbf{z}$  has the largest probability

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} p(\mathbf{z}) \prod_n p(x_n | \mathbf{z})$$



count	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	1
word	Tartan	robot	CHIMP	CMU	bio	soft	ankle	sensor
p(x z)	0.09	0.55	0.18	0.09	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.09

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(X|z) &= \prod_v p(x_v|z)^{c(w_v)} \\
 &= (0.09)^1 (0.55)^6 \cdots (0.09)^1
 \end{aligned}$$

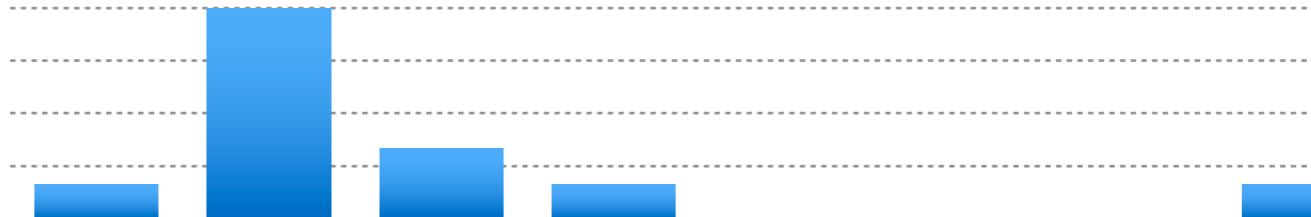
Numbers get really small so use log probabilities

$$\log p(X|z = \text{'grandchallenge'}) = -2.42 - 3.68 - 3.43 - 2.42 - 0.07 - 0.07 - 0.07 - 2.42 = -14.58$$

$$\log p(X|z = \text{'softrobot'}) = -7.63 - 9.37 - 15.18 - 2.97 - 0.02 - 0.01 - 0.02 - 2.27 = -37.48$$

\* typically add pseudo-counts (0.001)

\*\* this is an example for computing the likelihood, need to multiply times **prior** to get posterior



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$$\log p(X|z=\text{bio inspired}) = -37.48$$



count	0	4	0	1	4	5	3	2
word	Tartan	robot	CHIMP	CMU	bio	soft	ankle	sensor
p(x z)	0.0	0.21	0.0	0.05	0.21	0.26	0.16	0.11

$$\log p(X|z=\text{grand challenge}) = -94.06$$

$$\log p(X|z=\text{bio inspired}) = -32.41$$

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# Support Vector Machine

# Image Classification



(assume given set of discrete labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



cat

# Score function



class scores

# Linear Classifier

define a **score function**

data (histogram)

$$f(x_i, W, b) = Wx_i + b$$

class scores

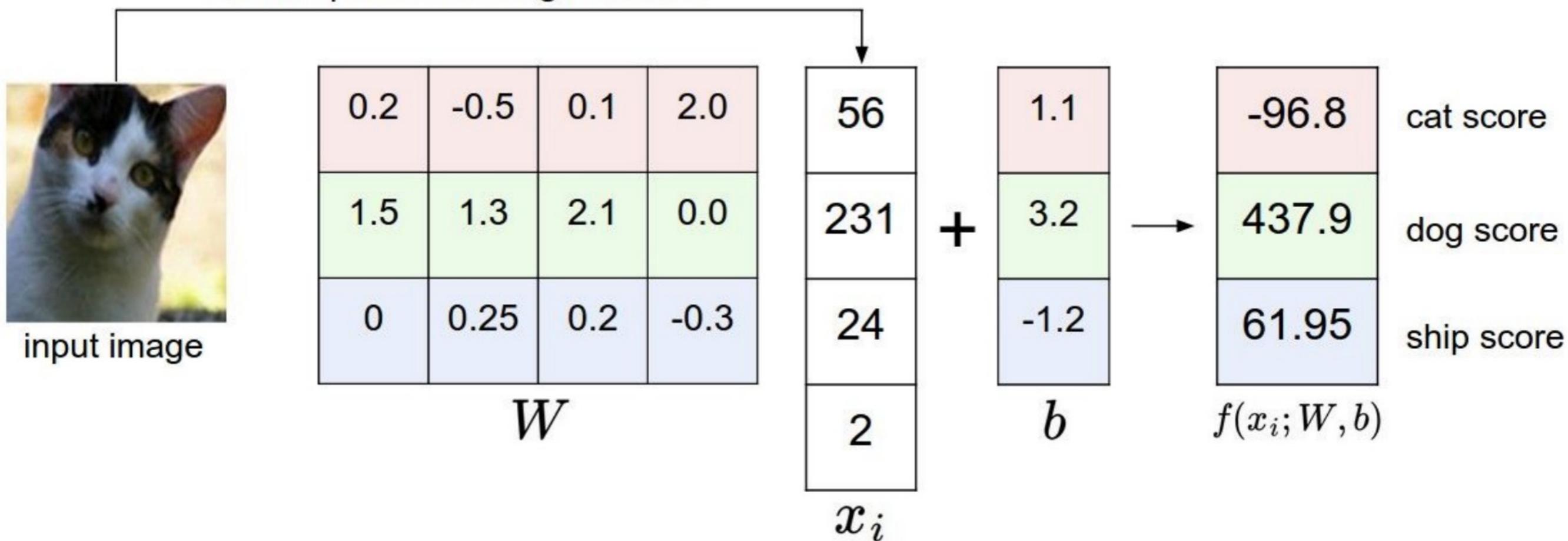
“weights”

“parameters”

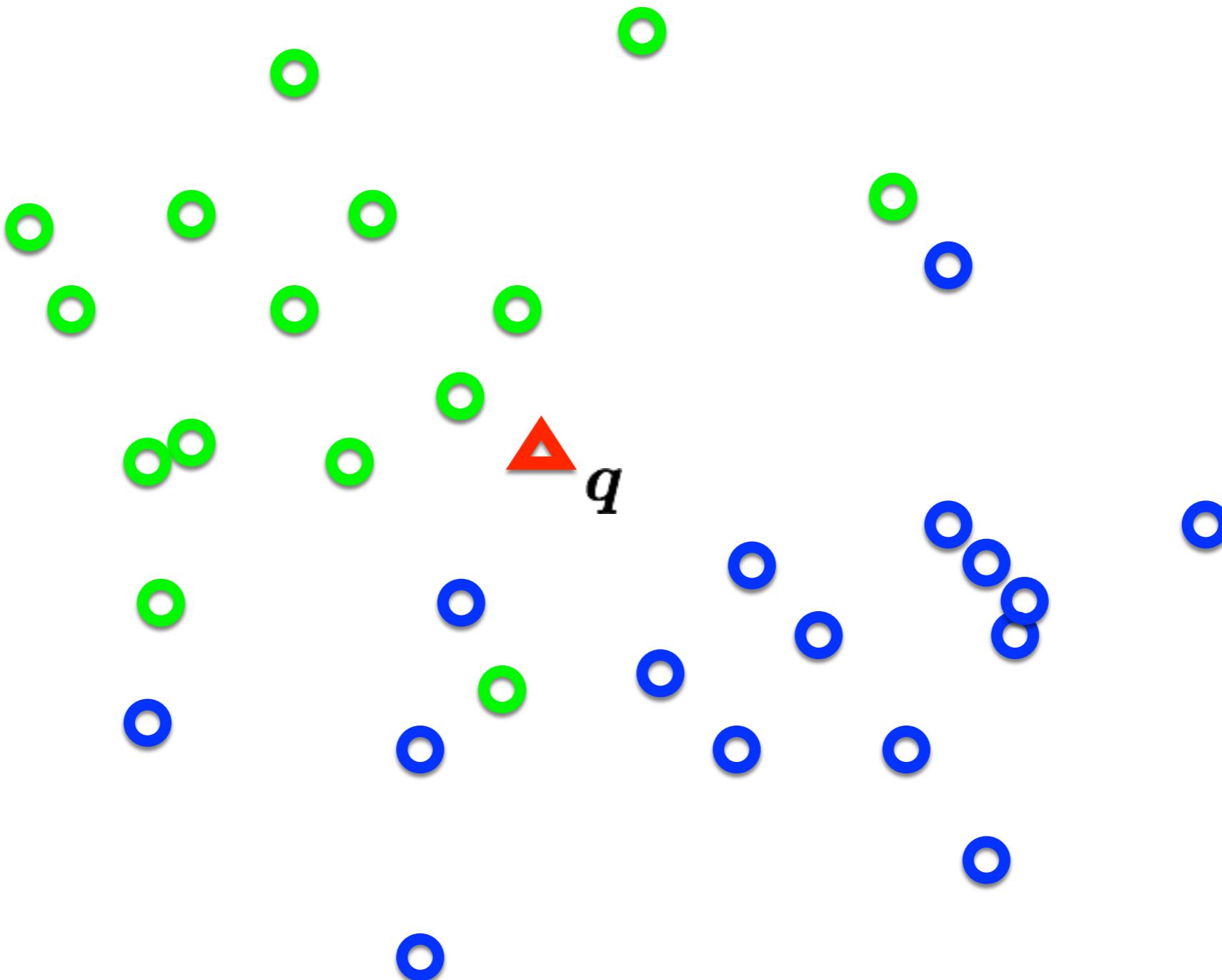
“bias vector”

## Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (**cat/dog/ship**)

Convert image to histogram representation

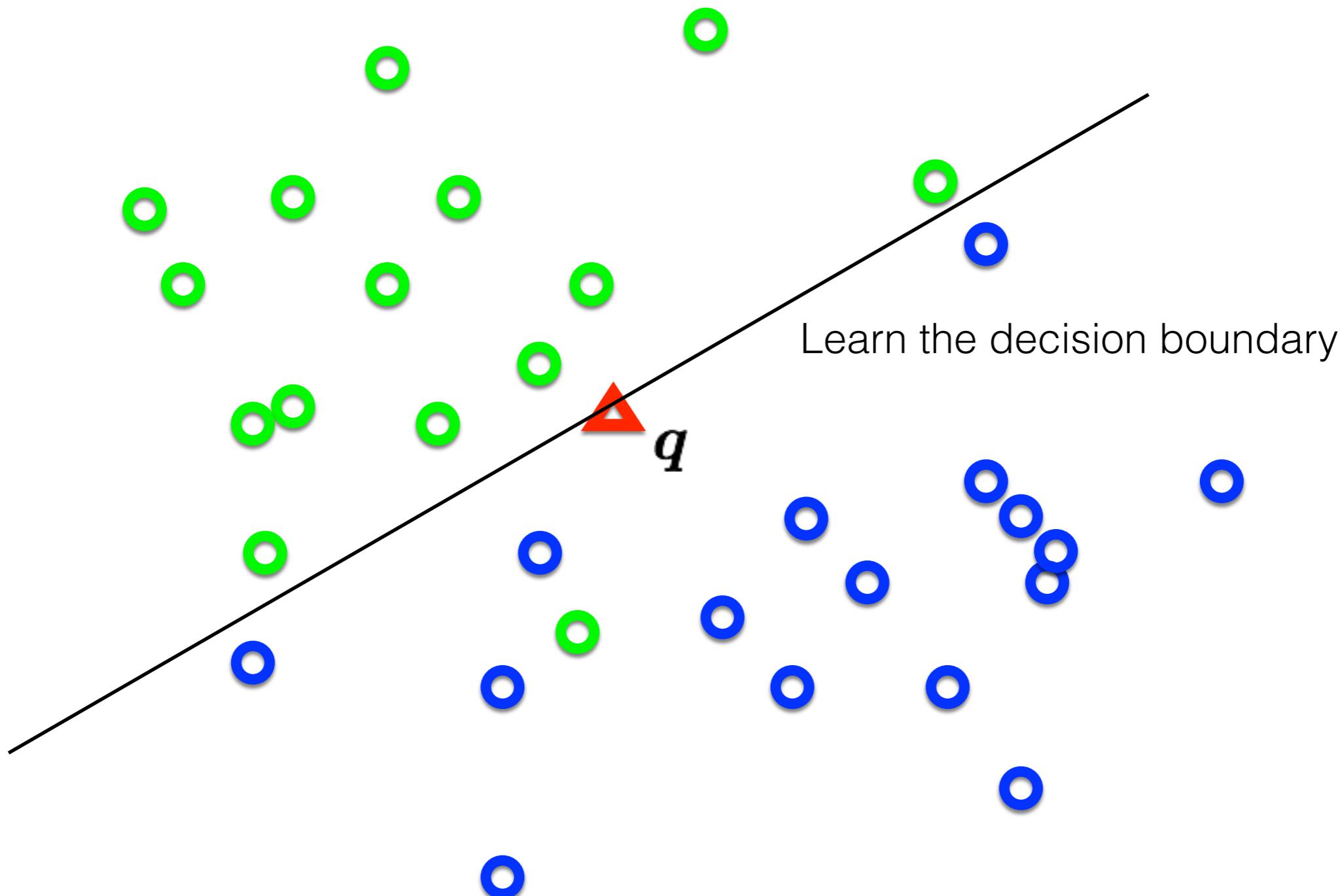


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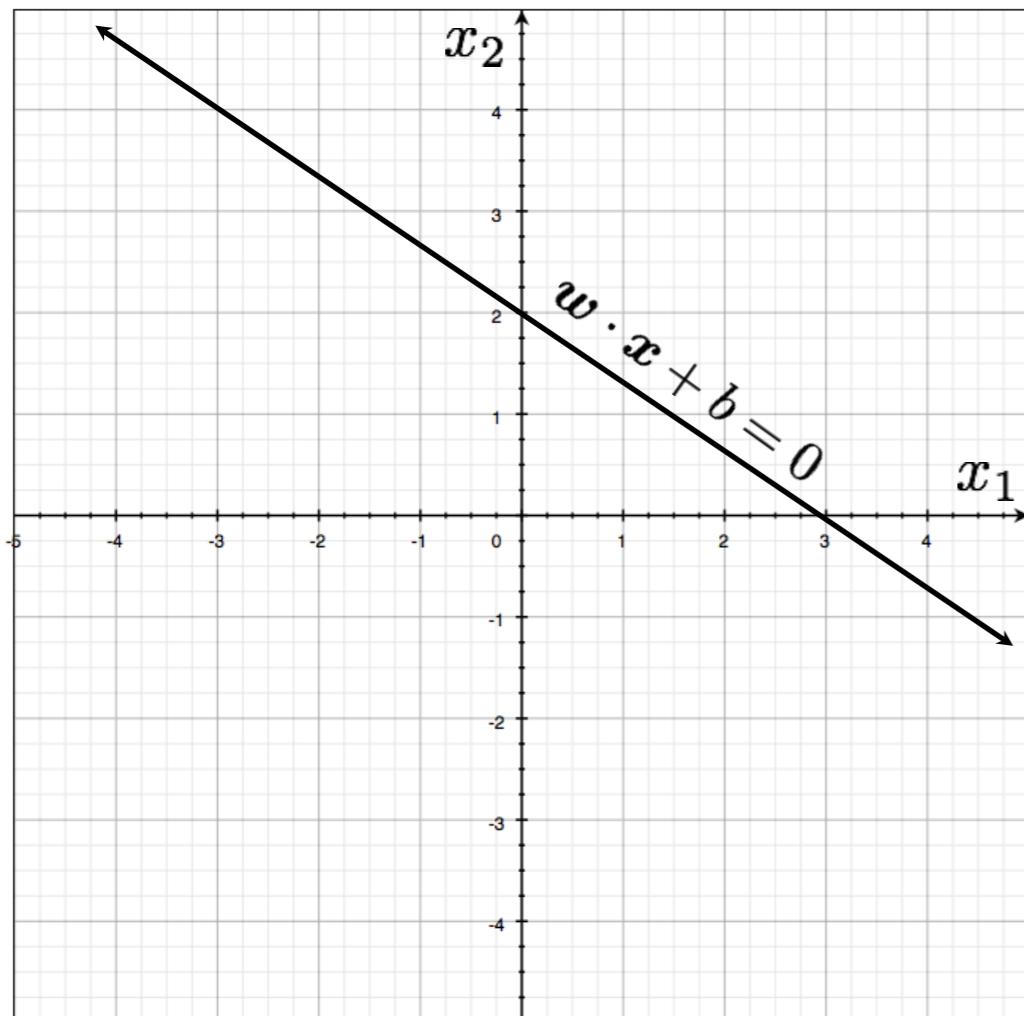
# Distribution of data from two classes



First we need to understand hyperplanes...

# Hyperplanes (lines) in 2D

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$$



a line can be written as  
dot product plus a bias

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}^2$$

another version, add a weight 1  
and push the bias inside

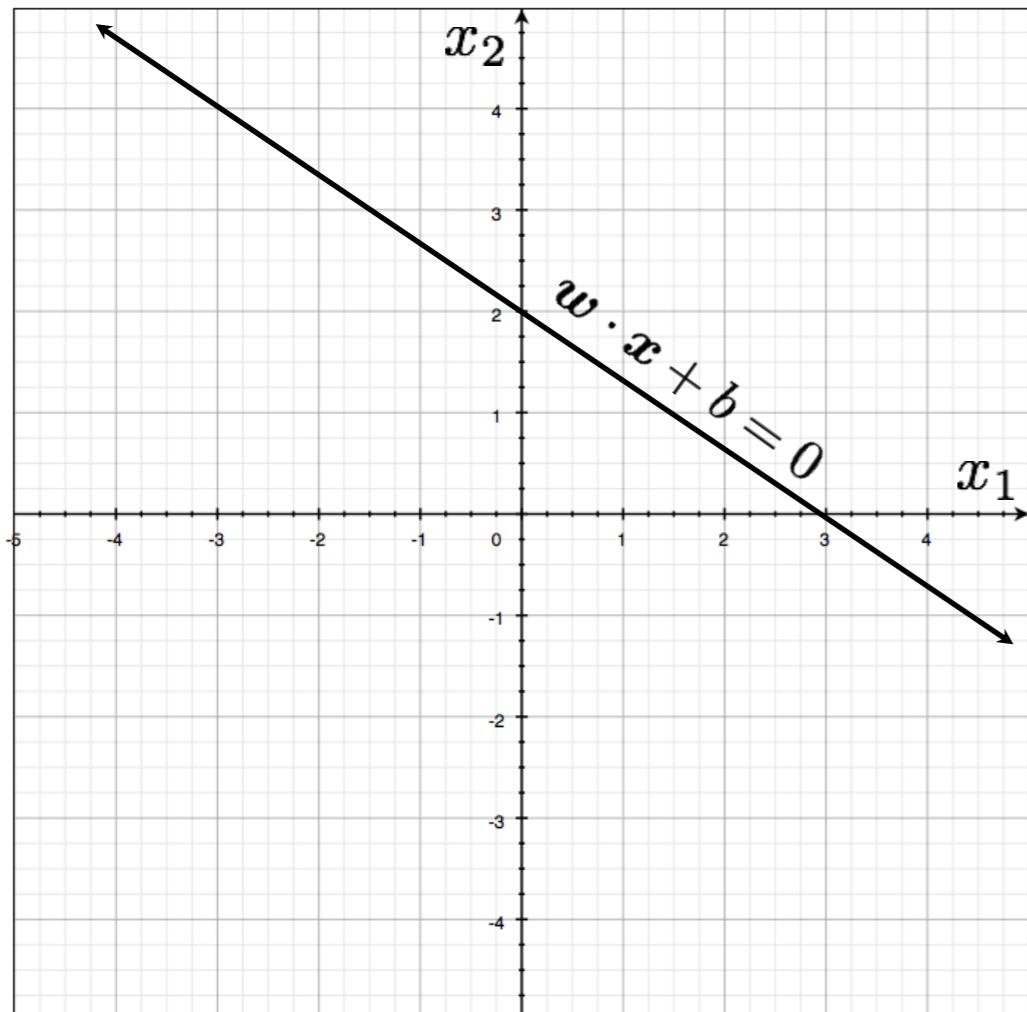
$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}^3$$

# Hyperplanes (lines) in 2D

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0 \quad (\text{offset/bias outside}) \quad \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (\text{offset/bias inside})$$

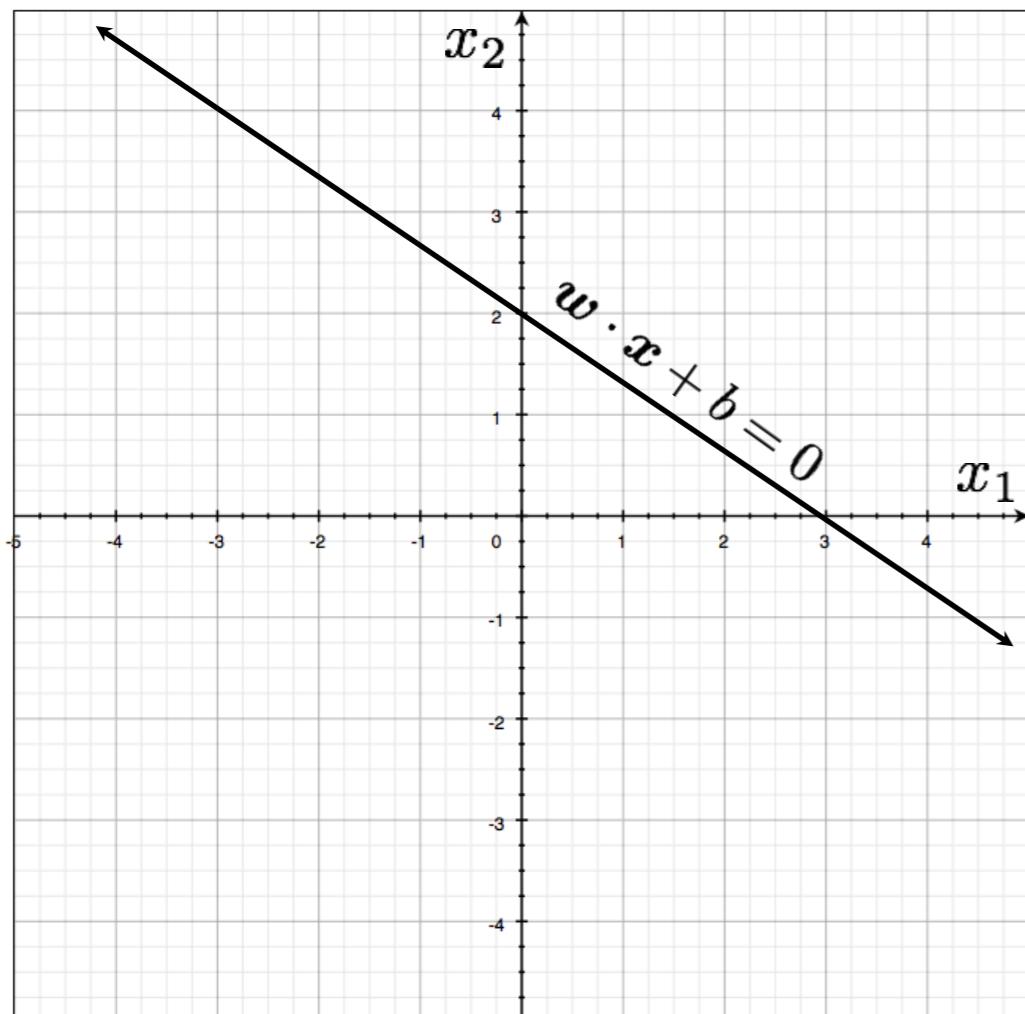
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**Important property:**  
*Free to choose any normalization of  $w$*

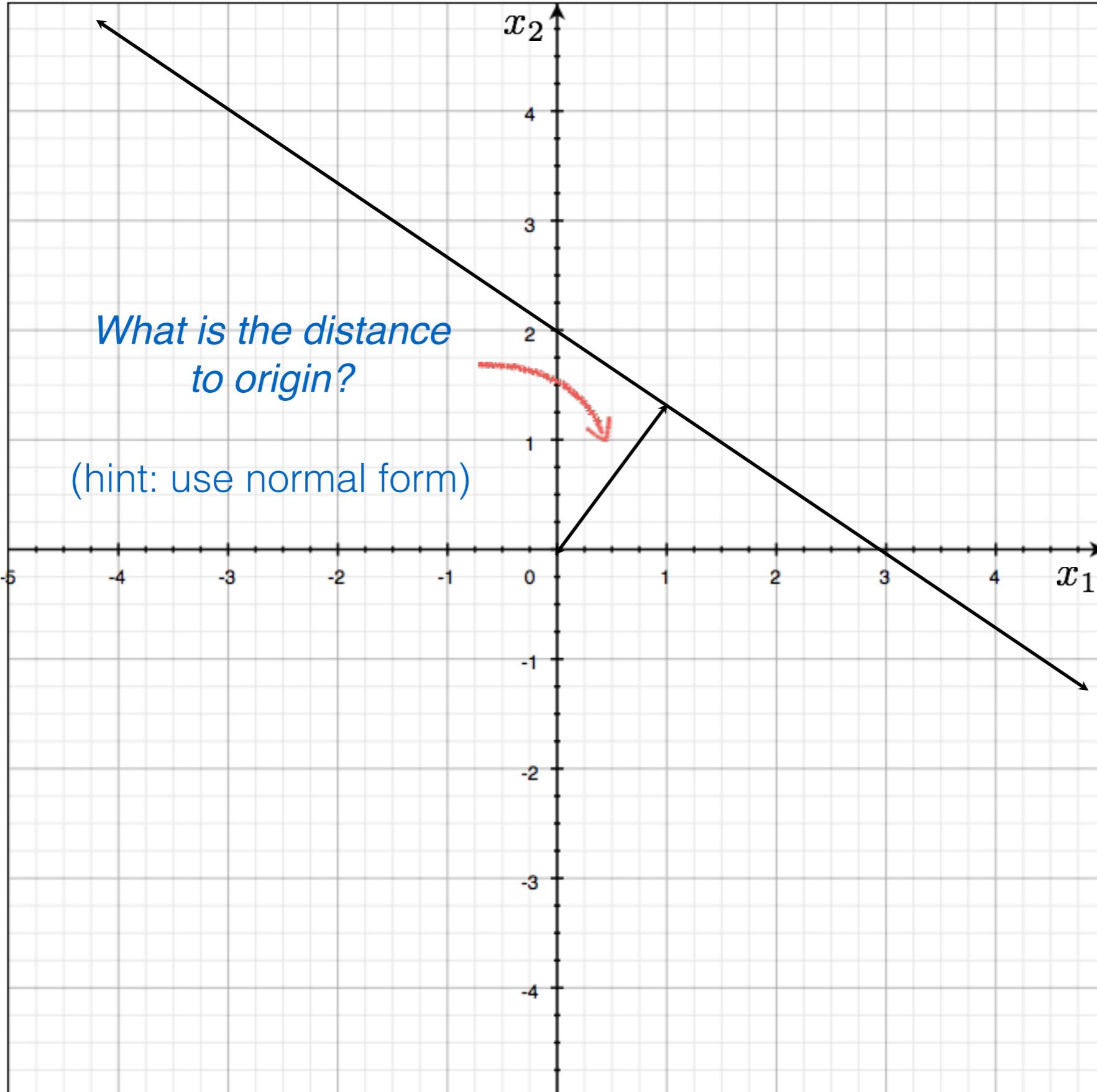
The line

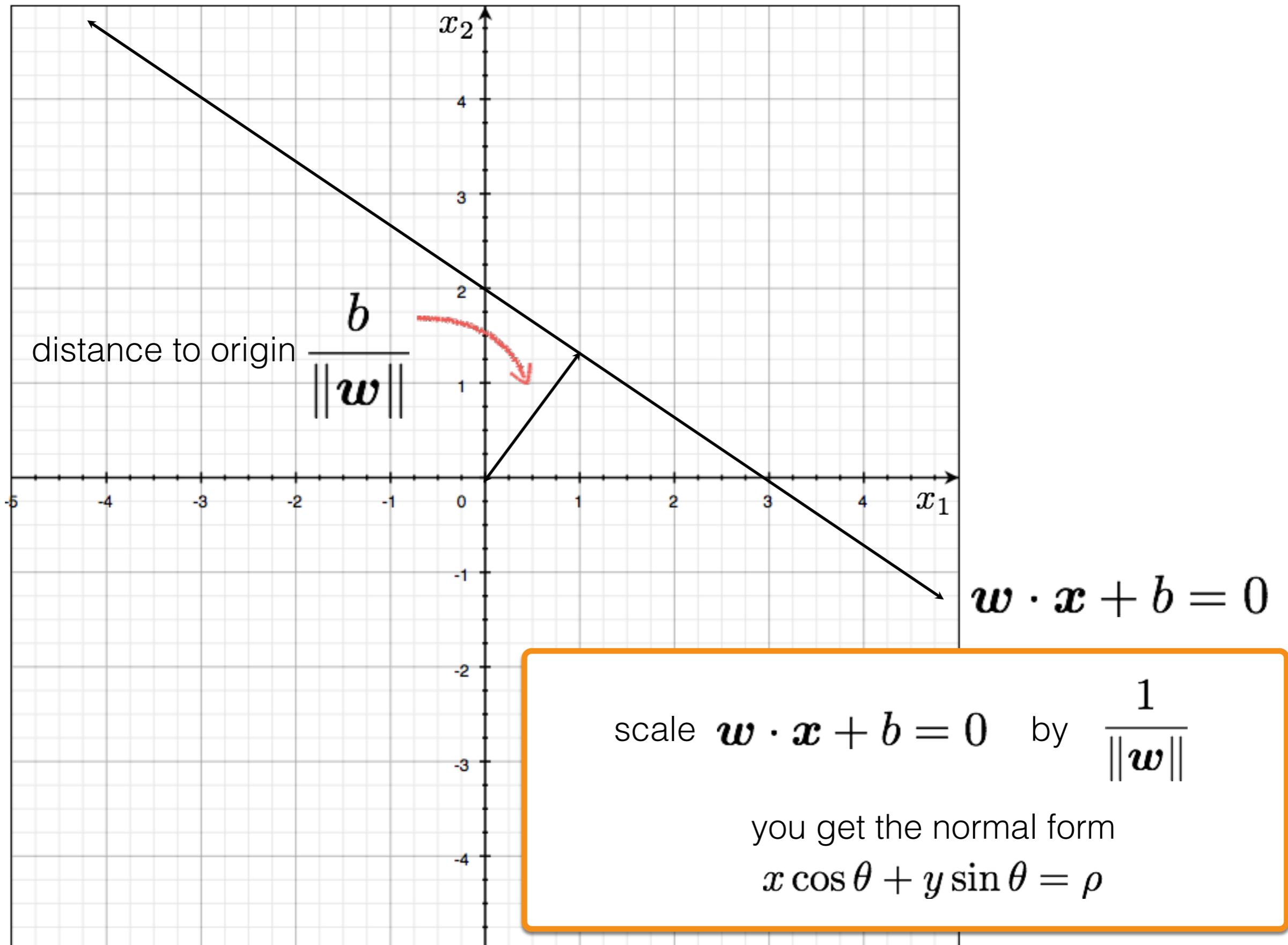
$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$$

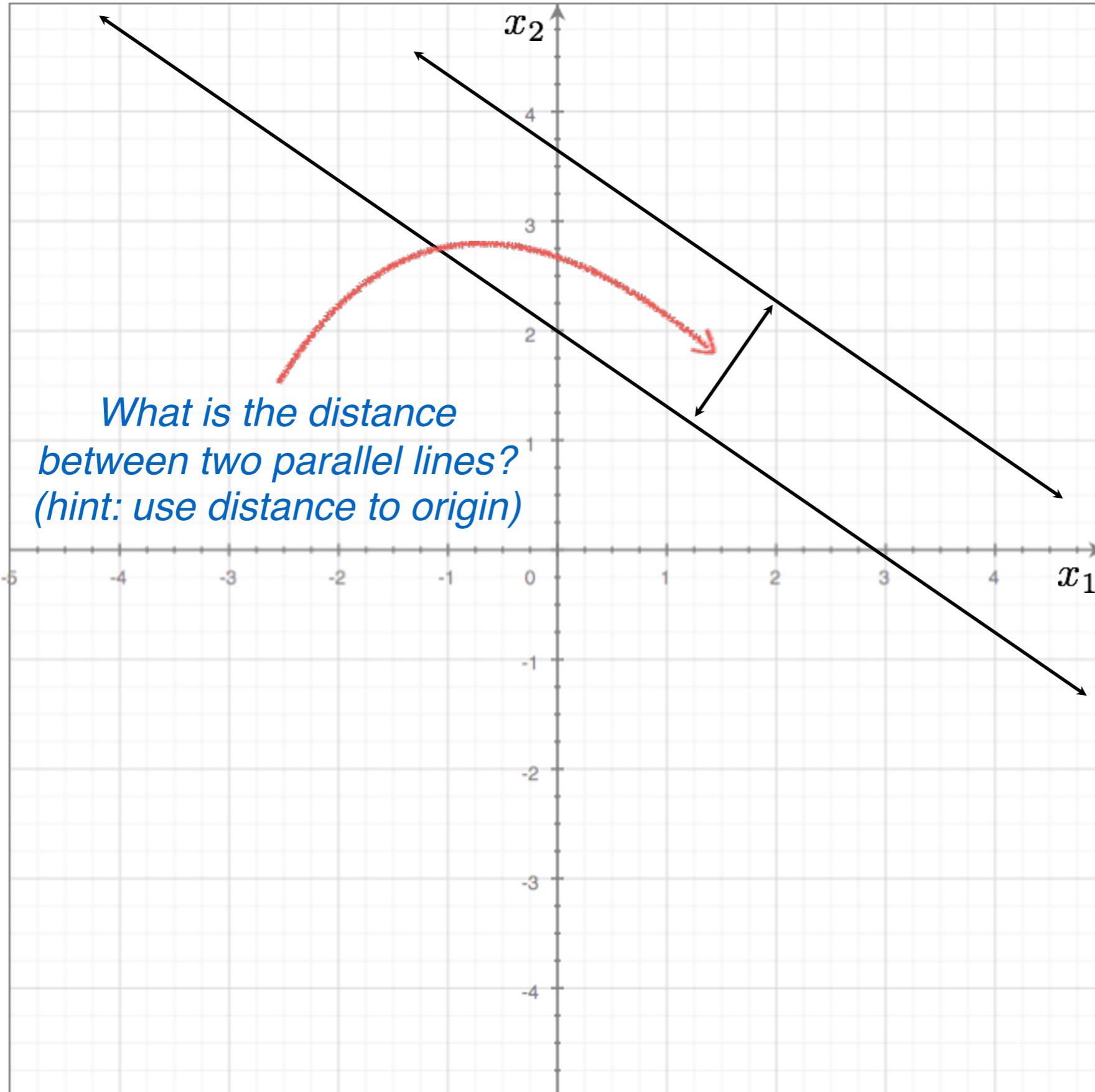
and the line

$$\lambda(w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b) = 0$$

define the same line

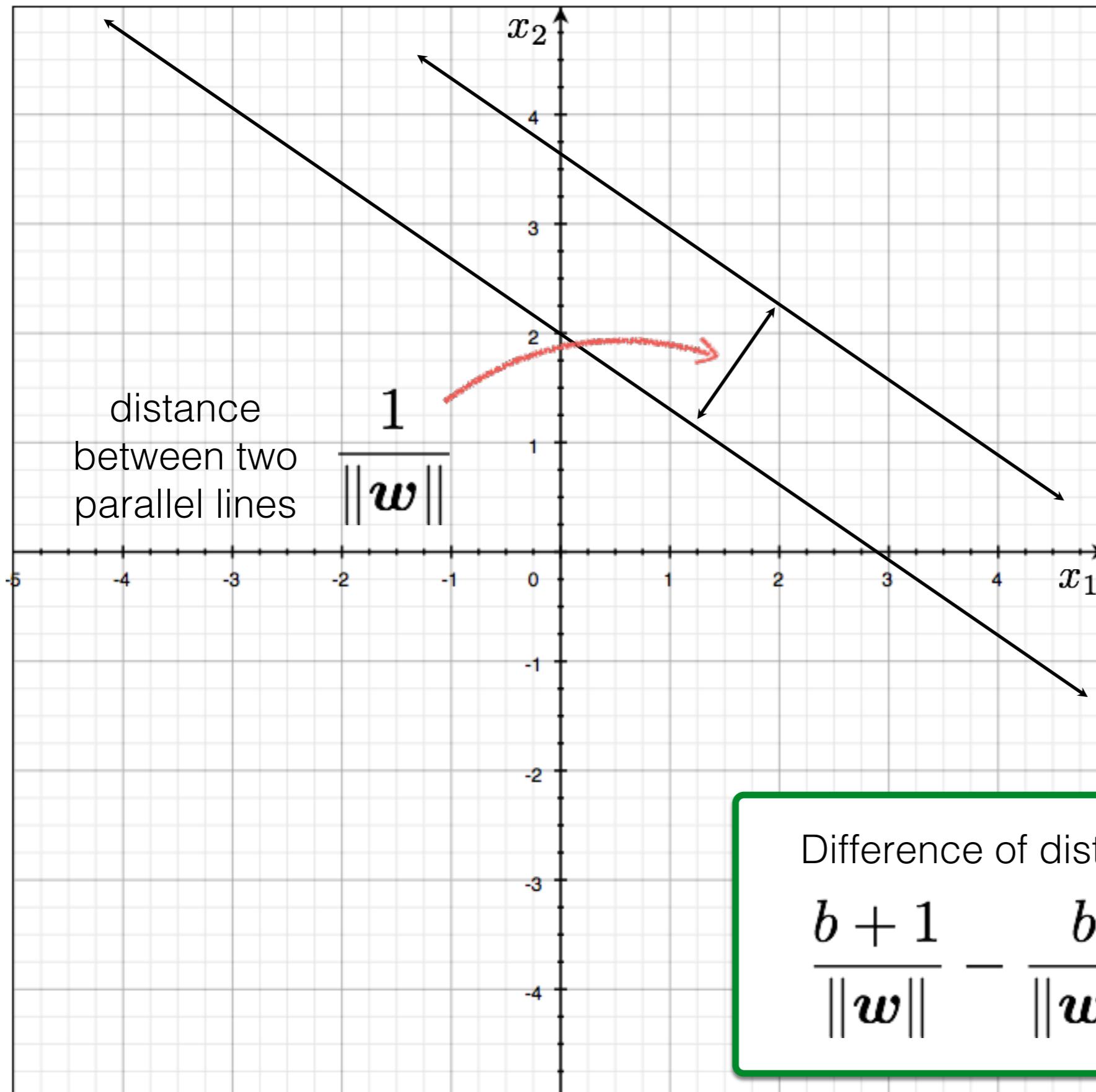






$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = -1$$

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0$$



$$w \cdot x + b = -1$$

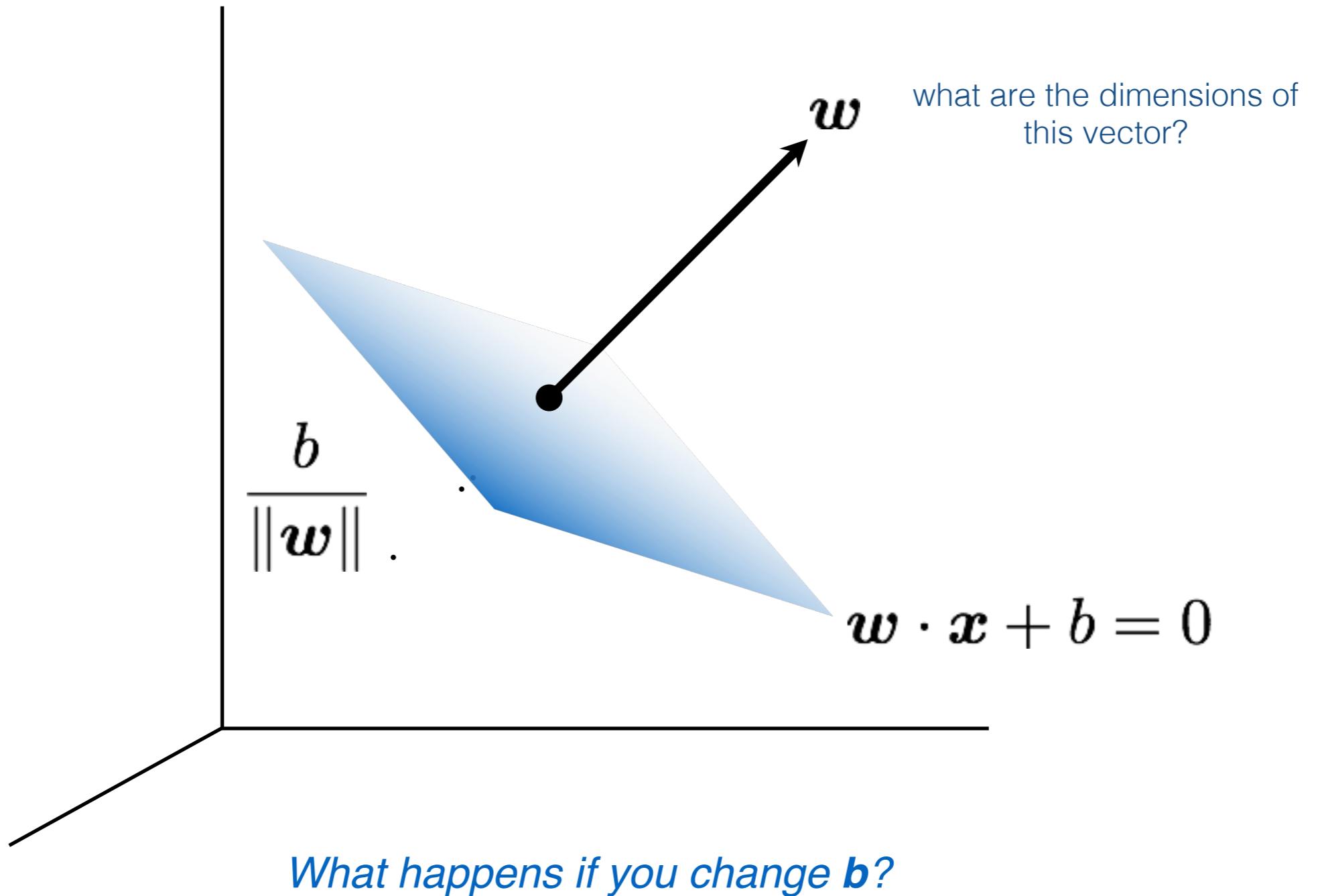
$$w \cdot x + b = 0$$

Difference of distance to origin

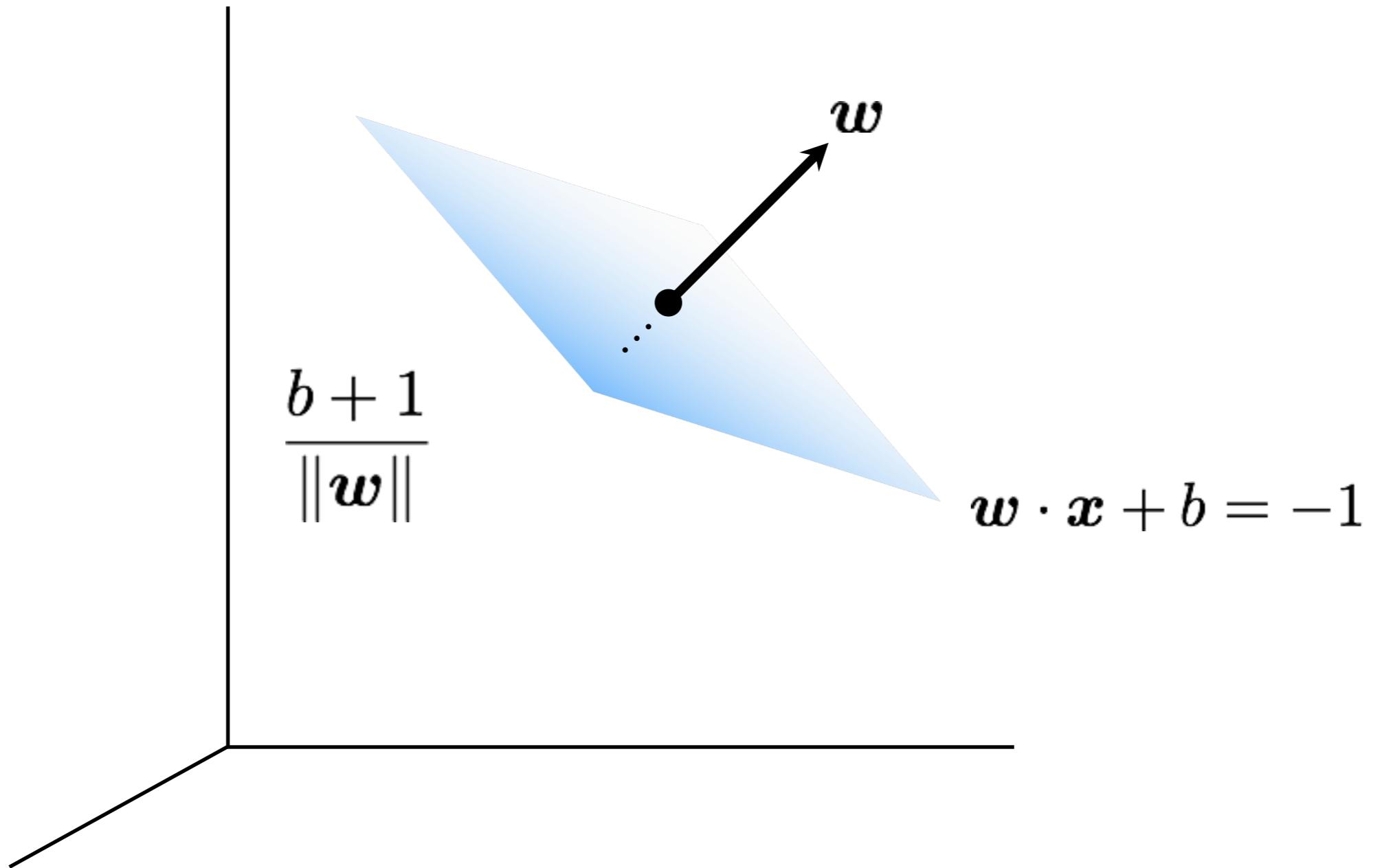
$$\frac{b+1}{\|w\|} - \frac{b}{\|w\|} = \frac{1}{\|w\|}$$

Now we can go to 3D ...

# Hyperplanes (planes) in 3D

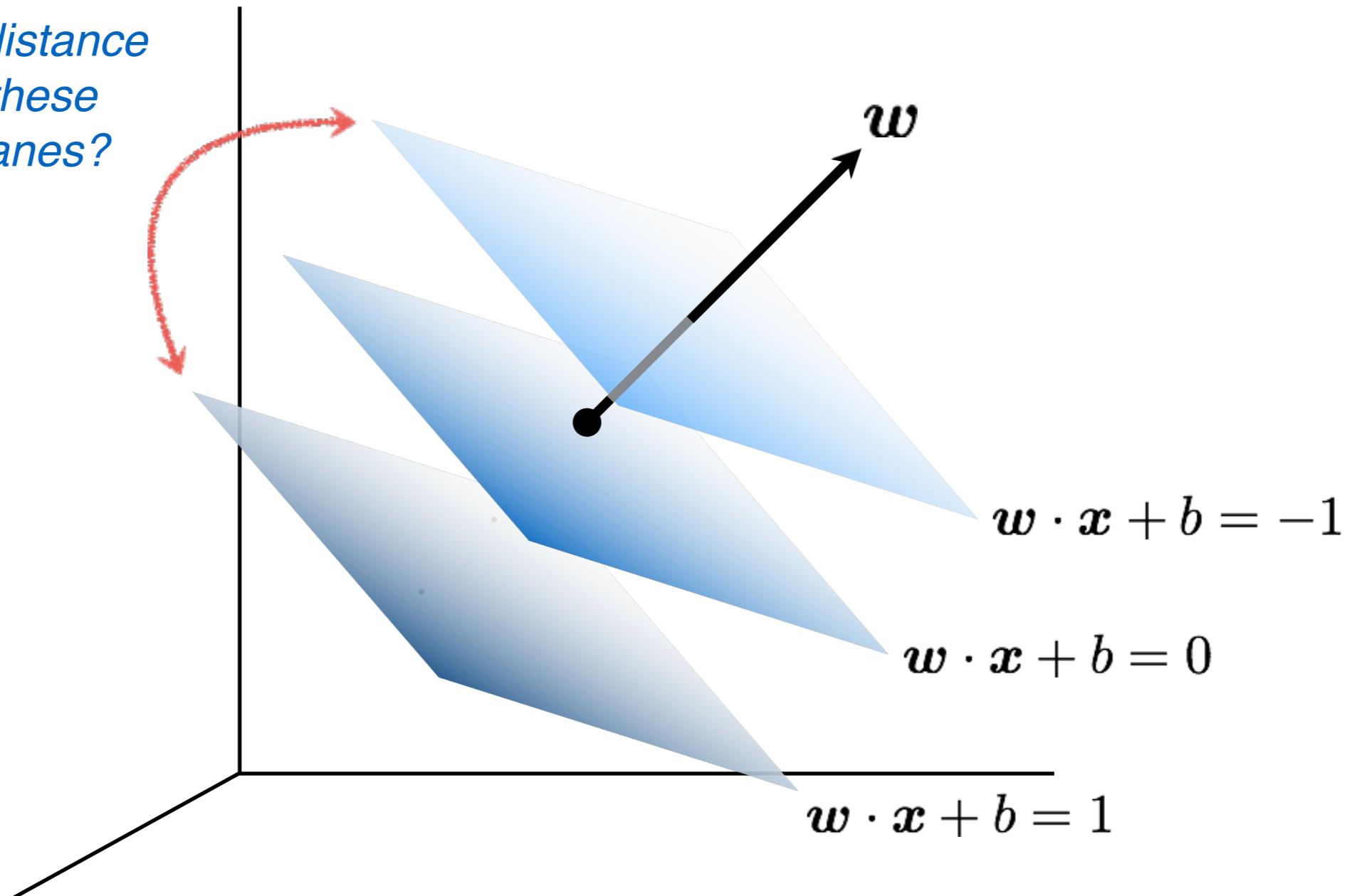


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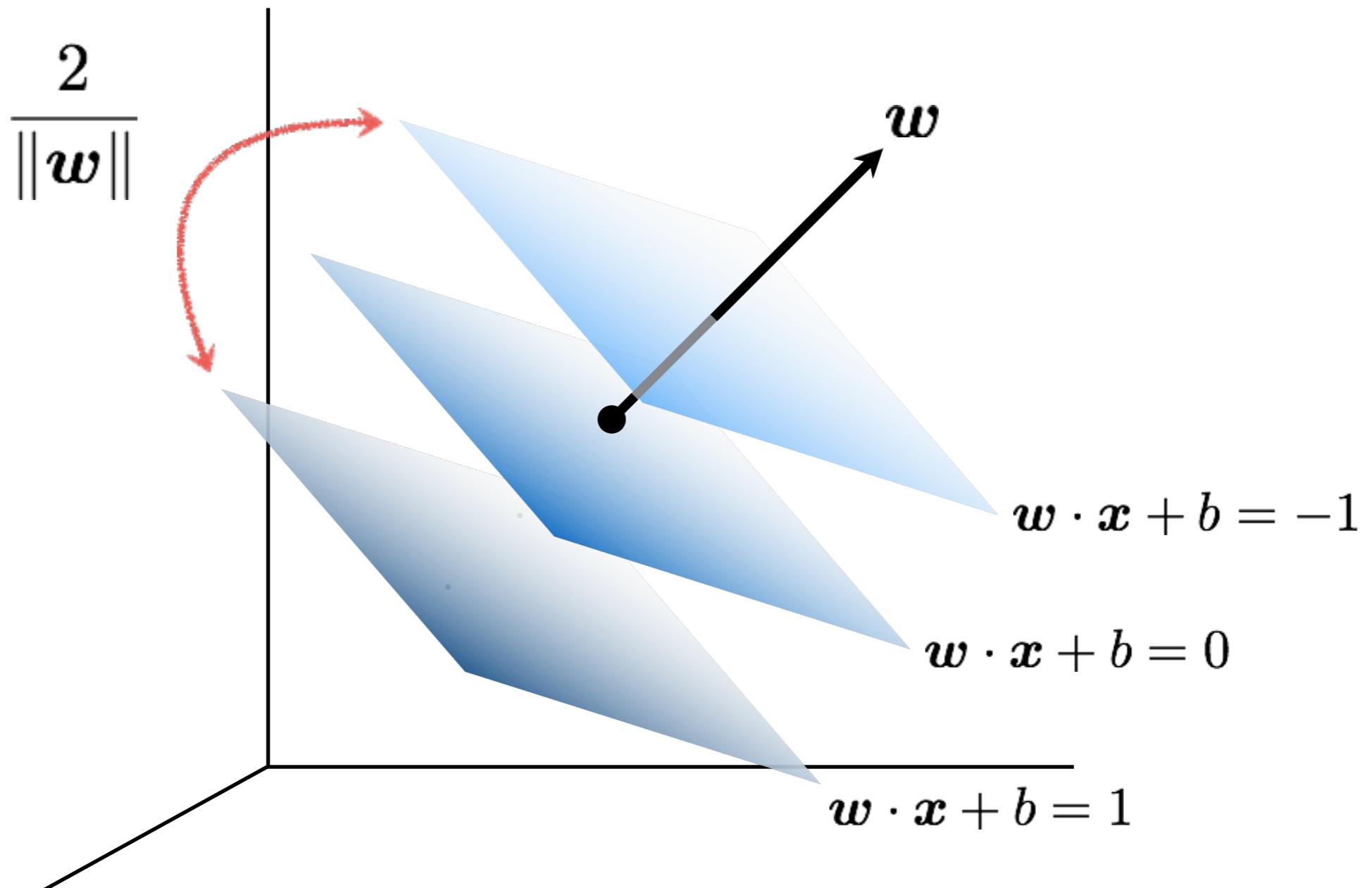


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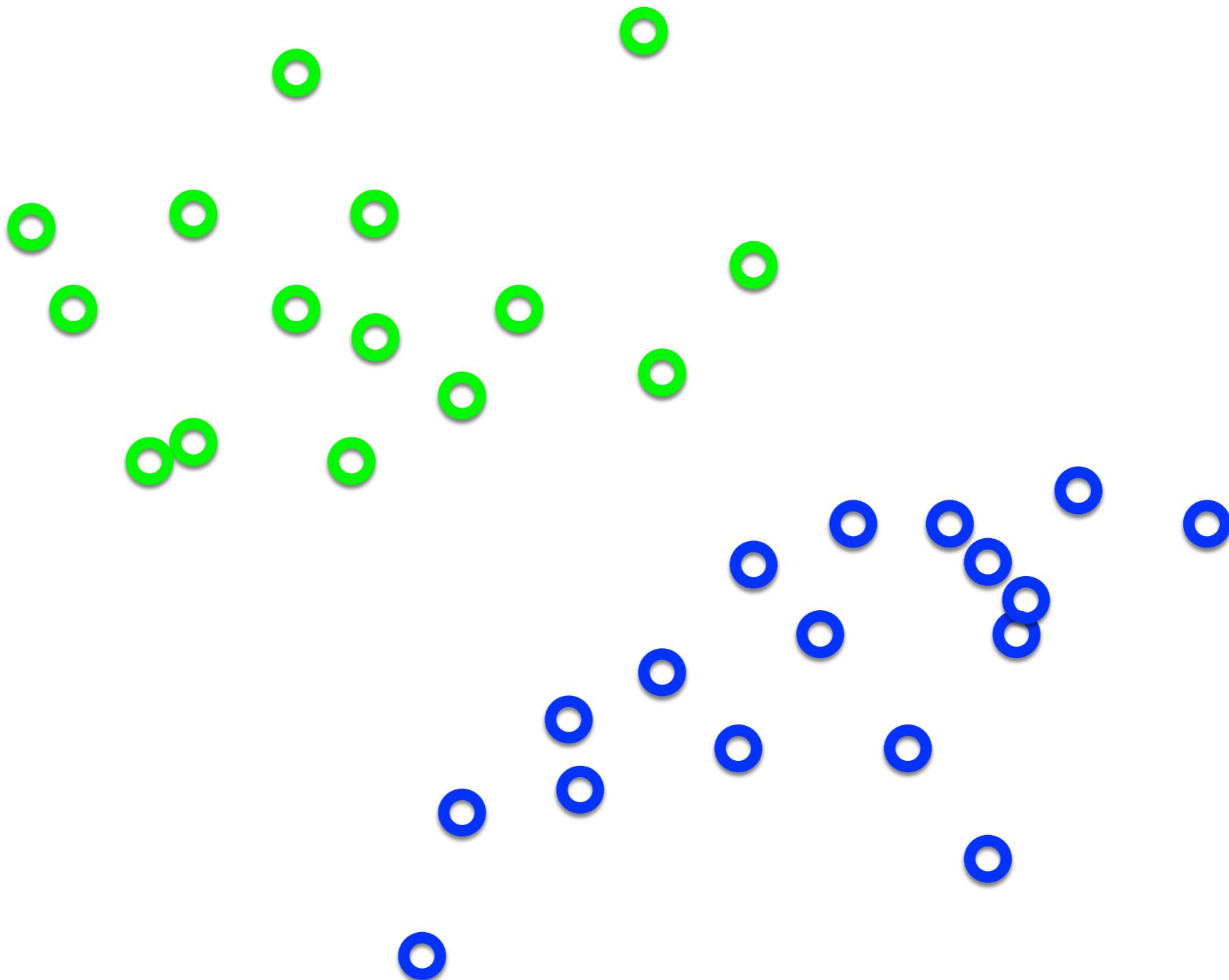
*What's the distance  
between these  
parallel planes?*



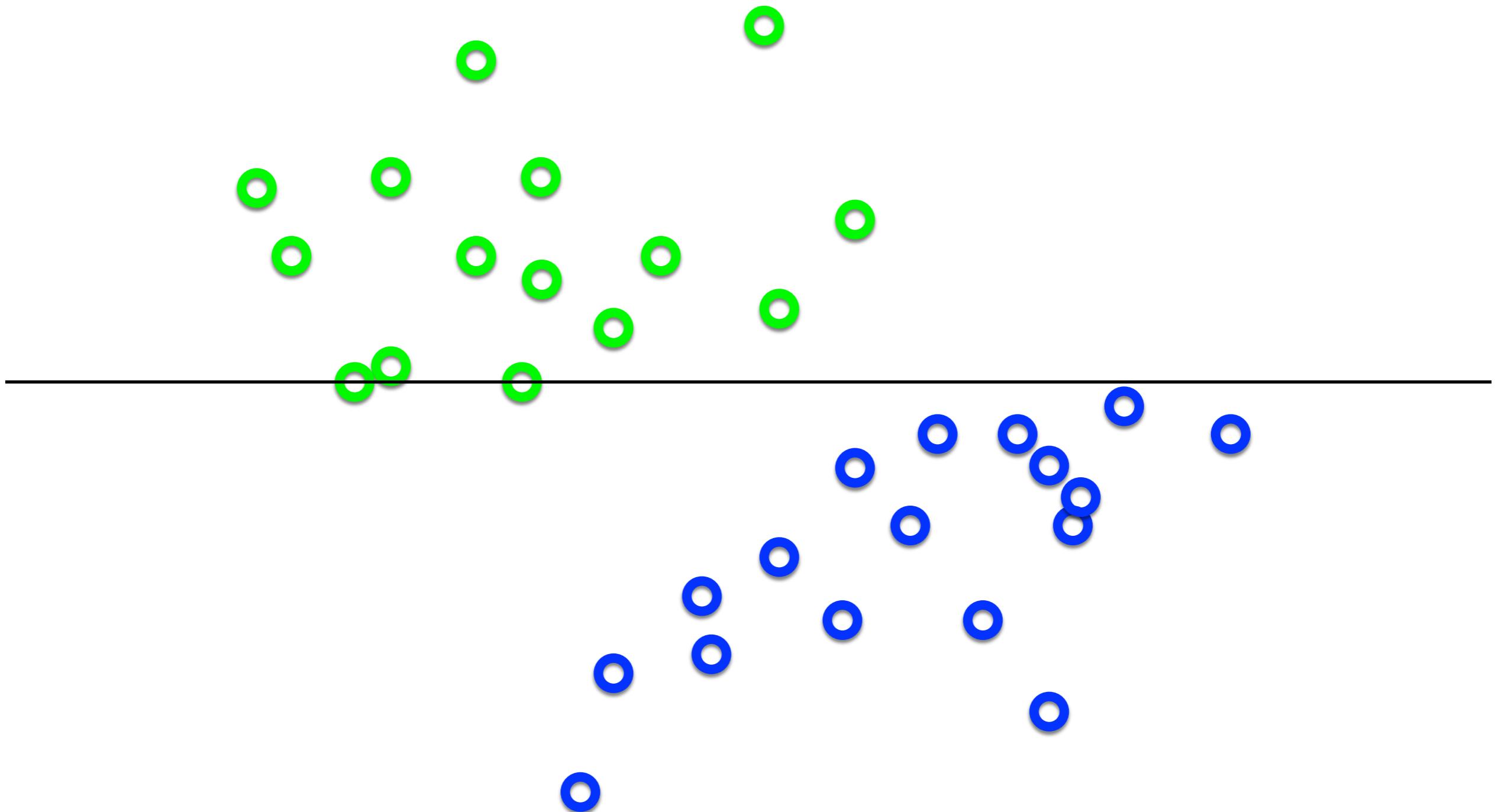
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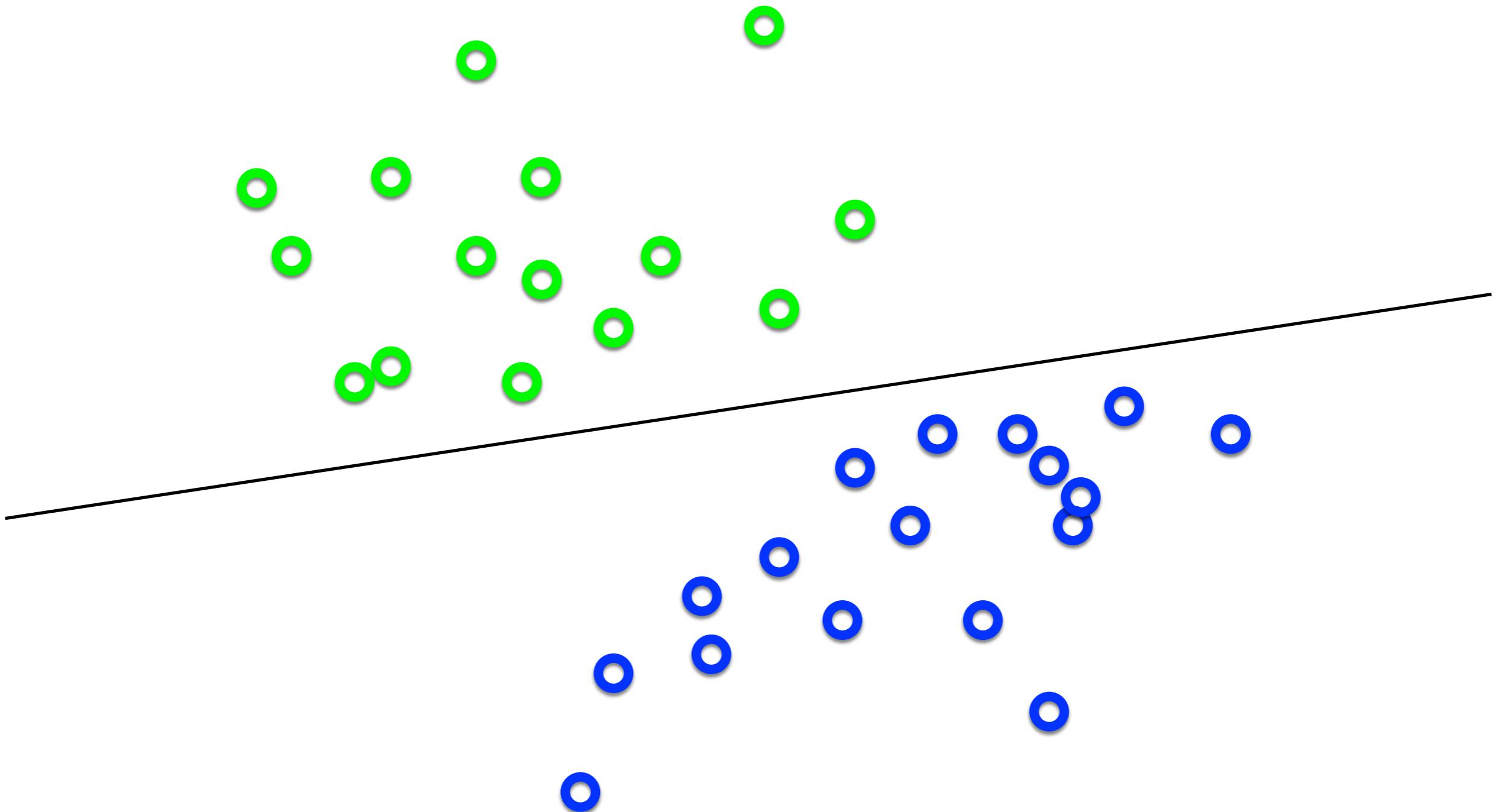
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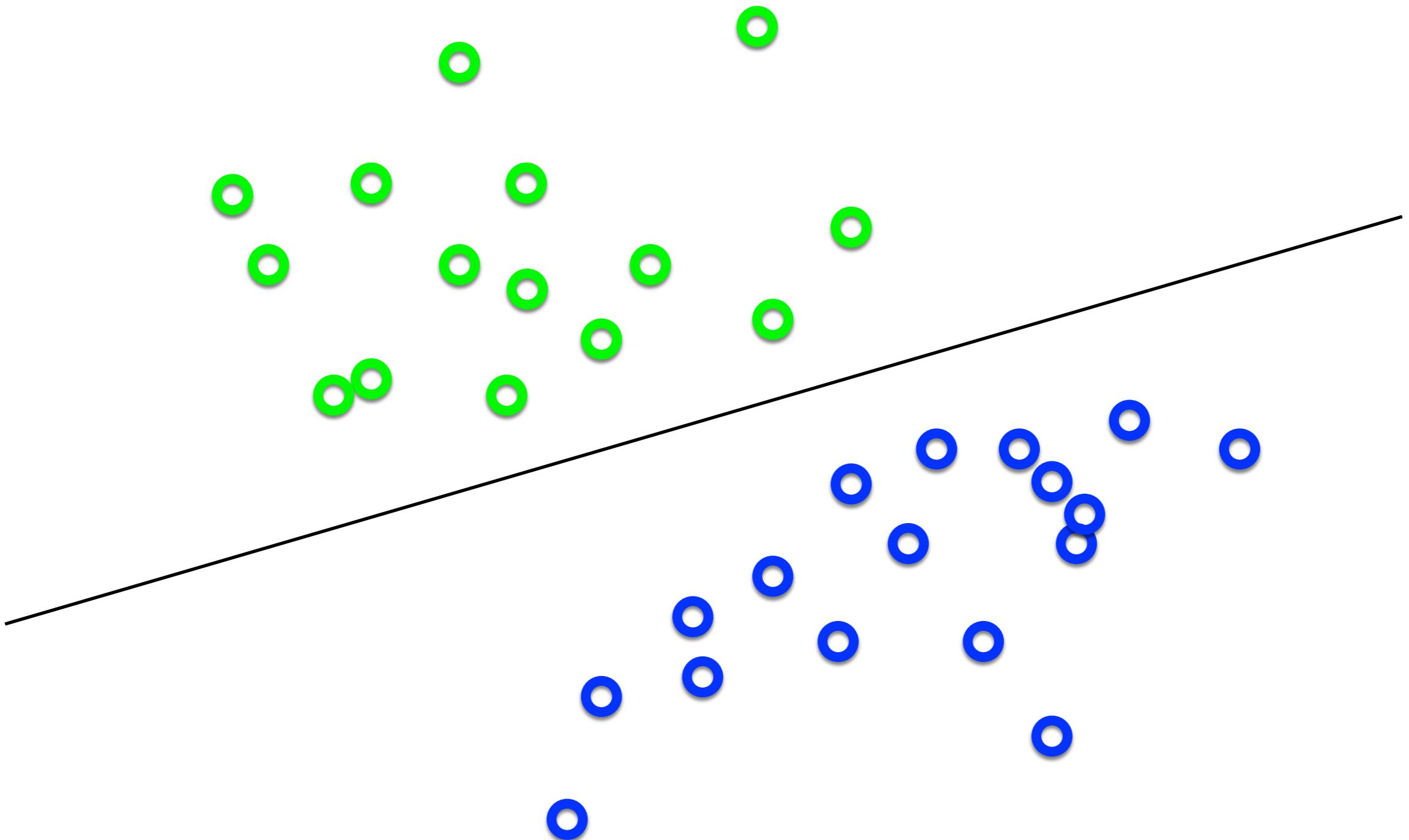
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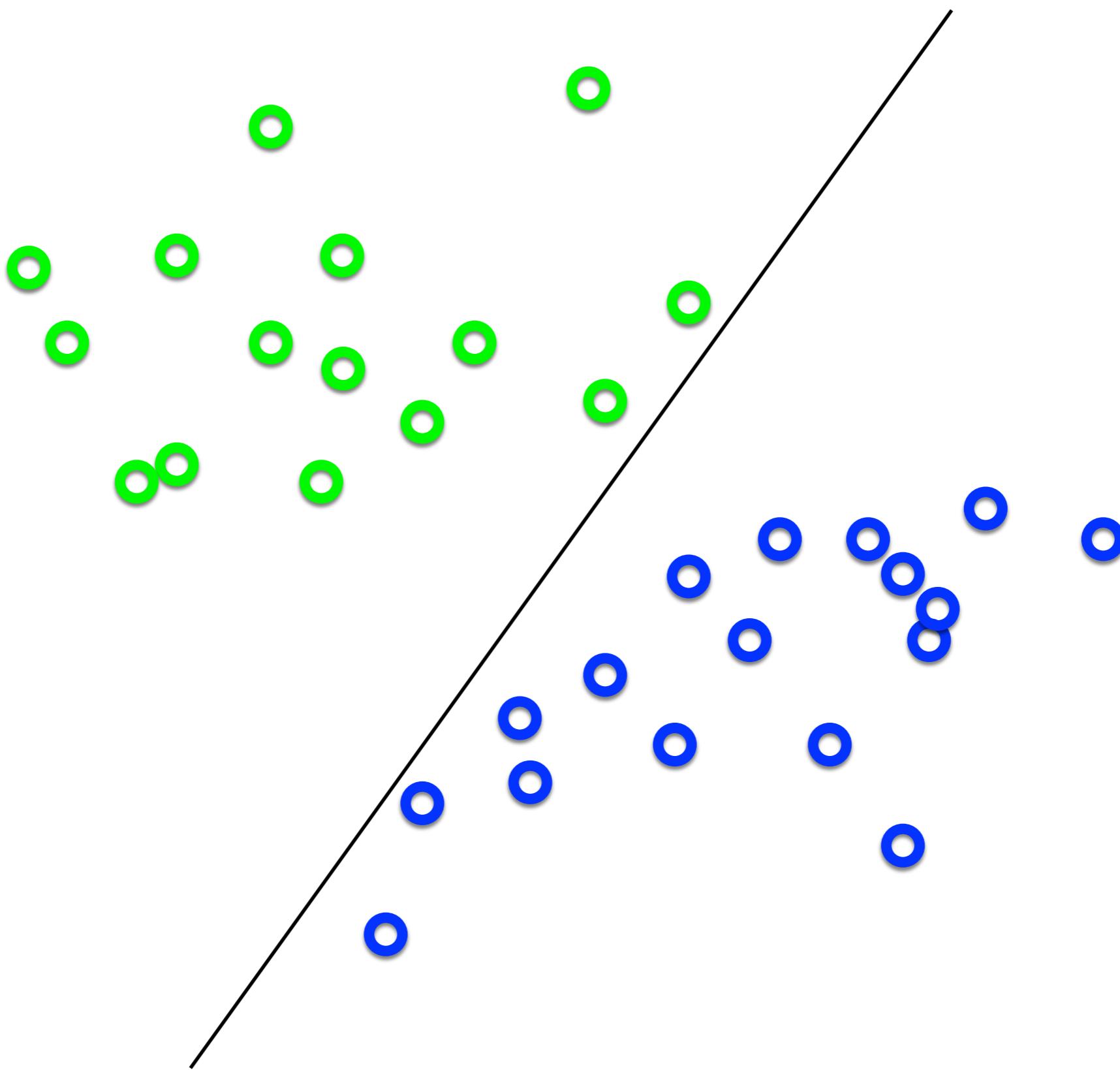
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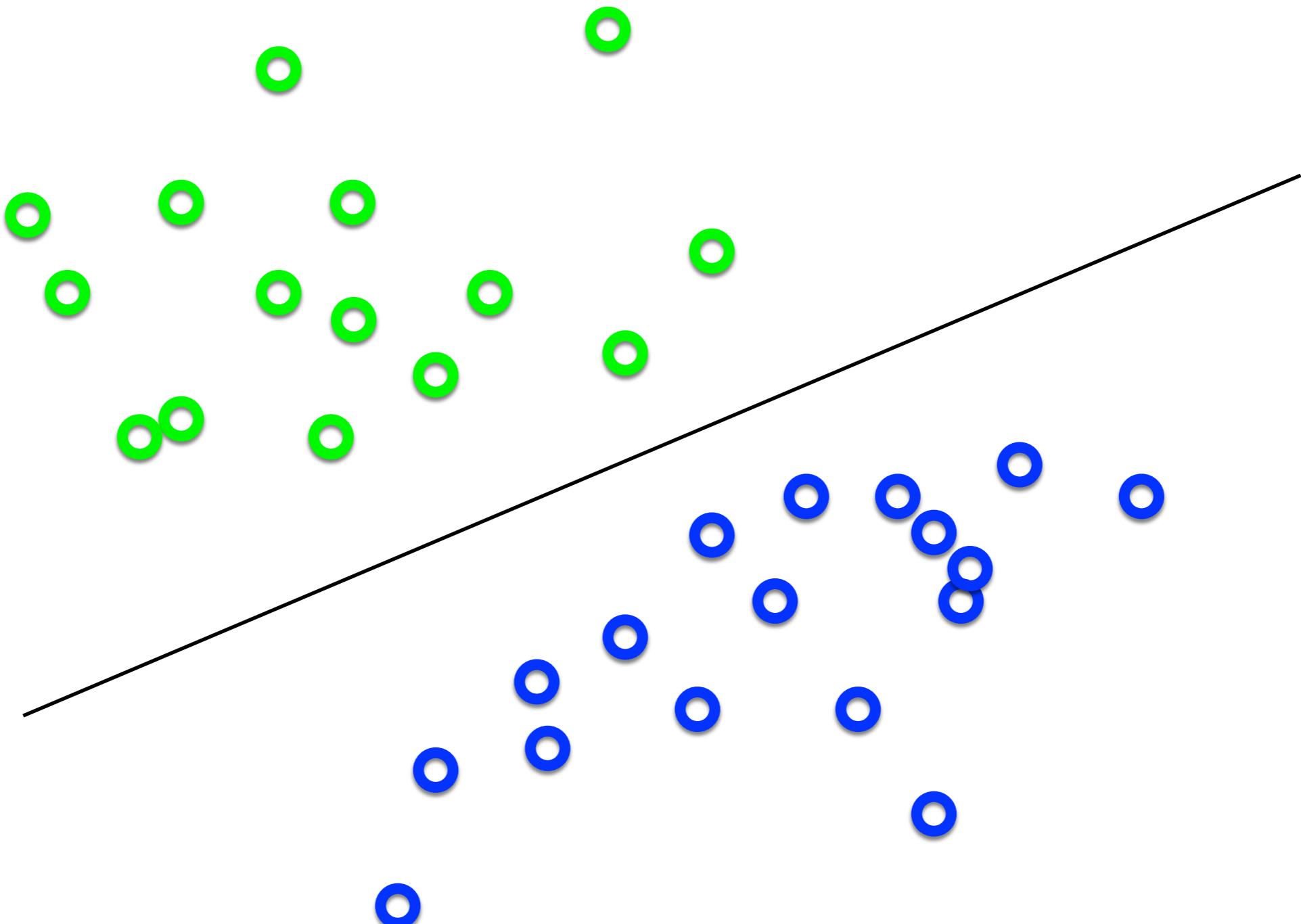
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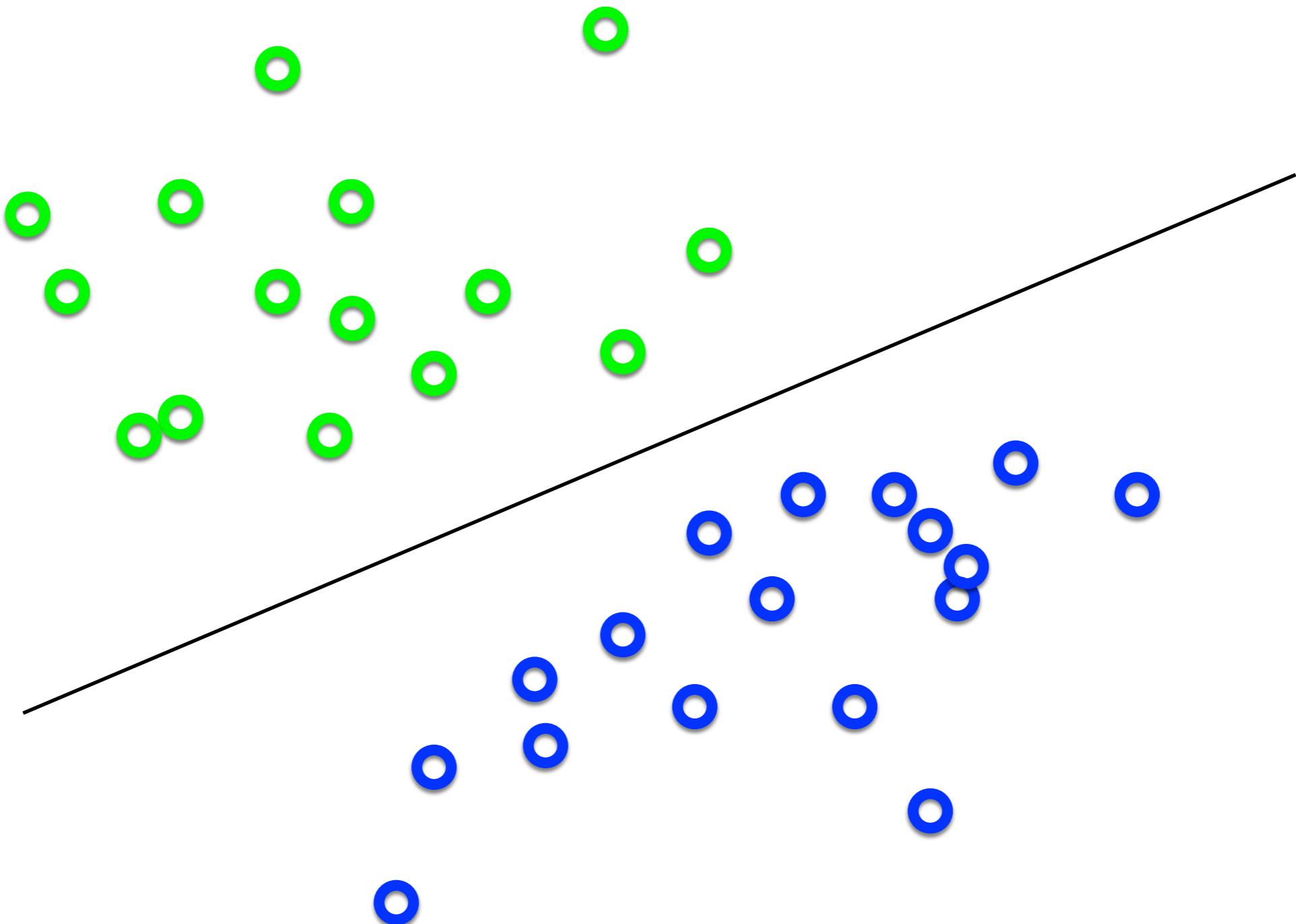


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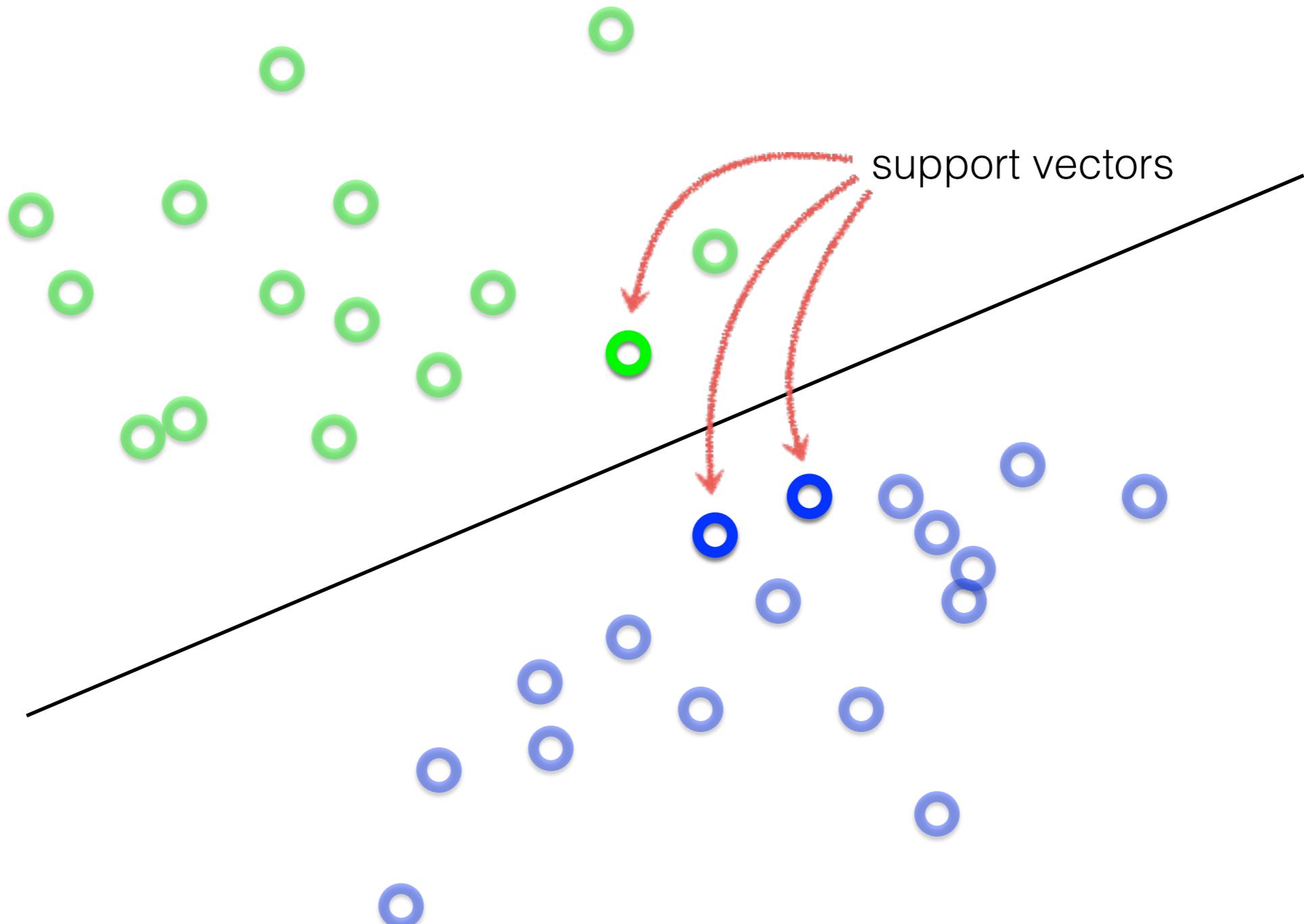
**Intuitively**, the line that is the  
farthest from all interior points

# What's the best $w$ ?



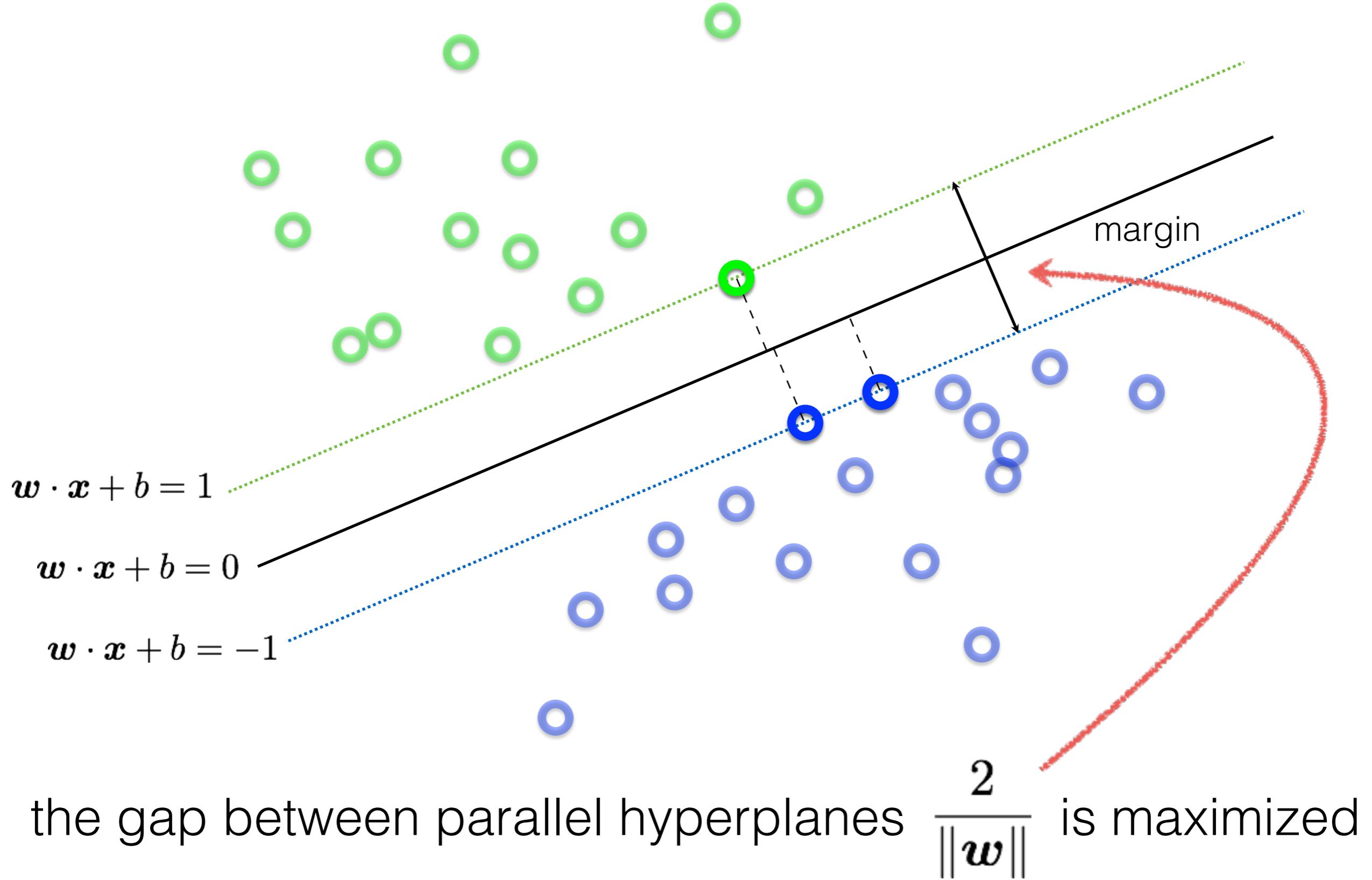
**Maximum Margin solution:**  
most stable to perturbations of data

# What's the best **w**?



Want a hyperplane that is far away from 'inner points'

Find hyperplane  $\mathbf{w}$  such that ...



Can be formulated as a maximization problem

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

$$\text{subject to } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b \begin{cases} \geq +1 & \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ \leq -1 & \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{cases} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

*What does this constraint mean?*



label of the data point

*Why is it  $+1$  and  $-1$ ?*

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Equivalently,

*Where did the 2 go?*

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{w}\|$$

subject to  $y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N$

*What happened to the labels?*

# ‘Primal formulation’ of a linear SVM

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{w}\|$$

Objective Function

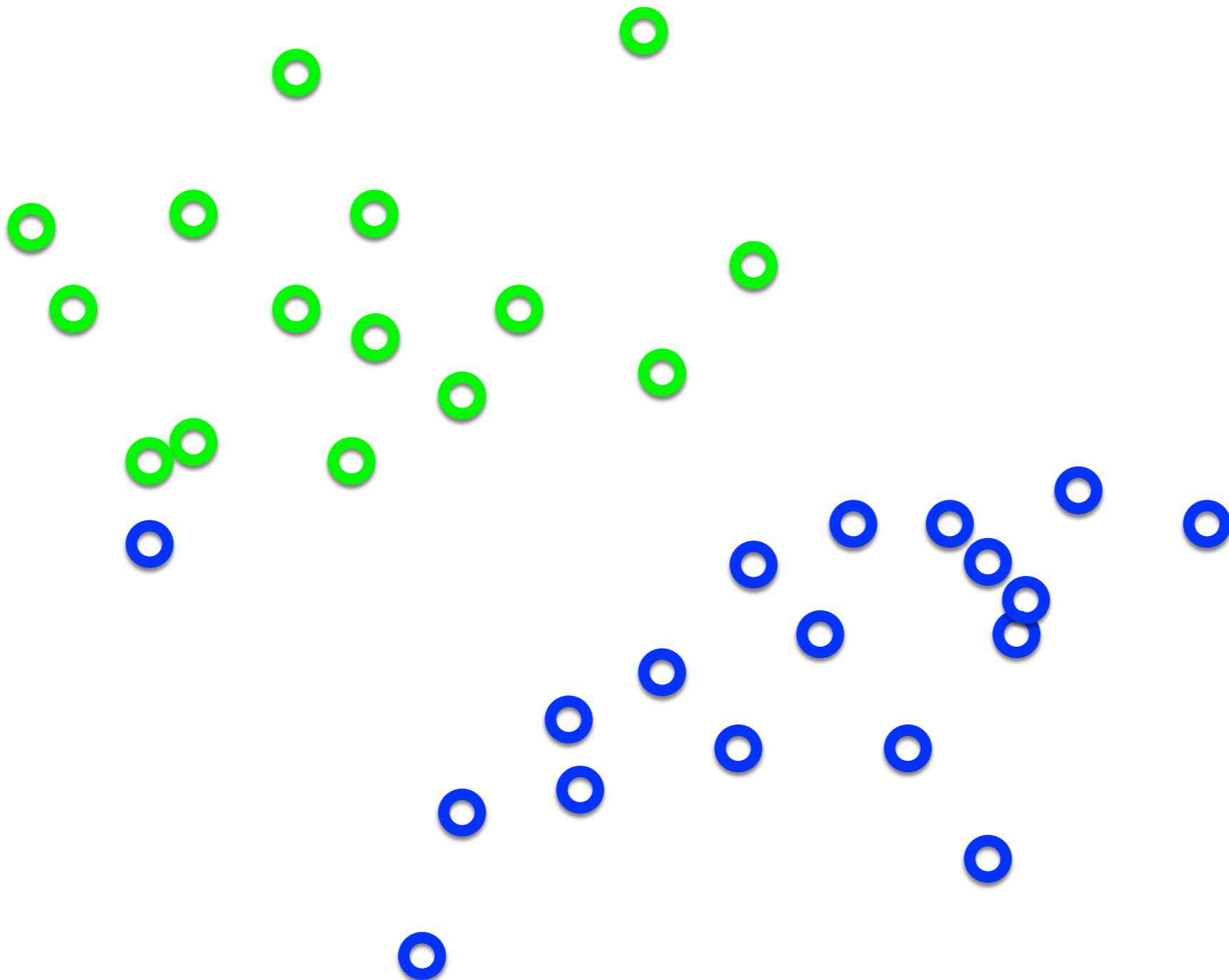
subject to  $y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

Constraints

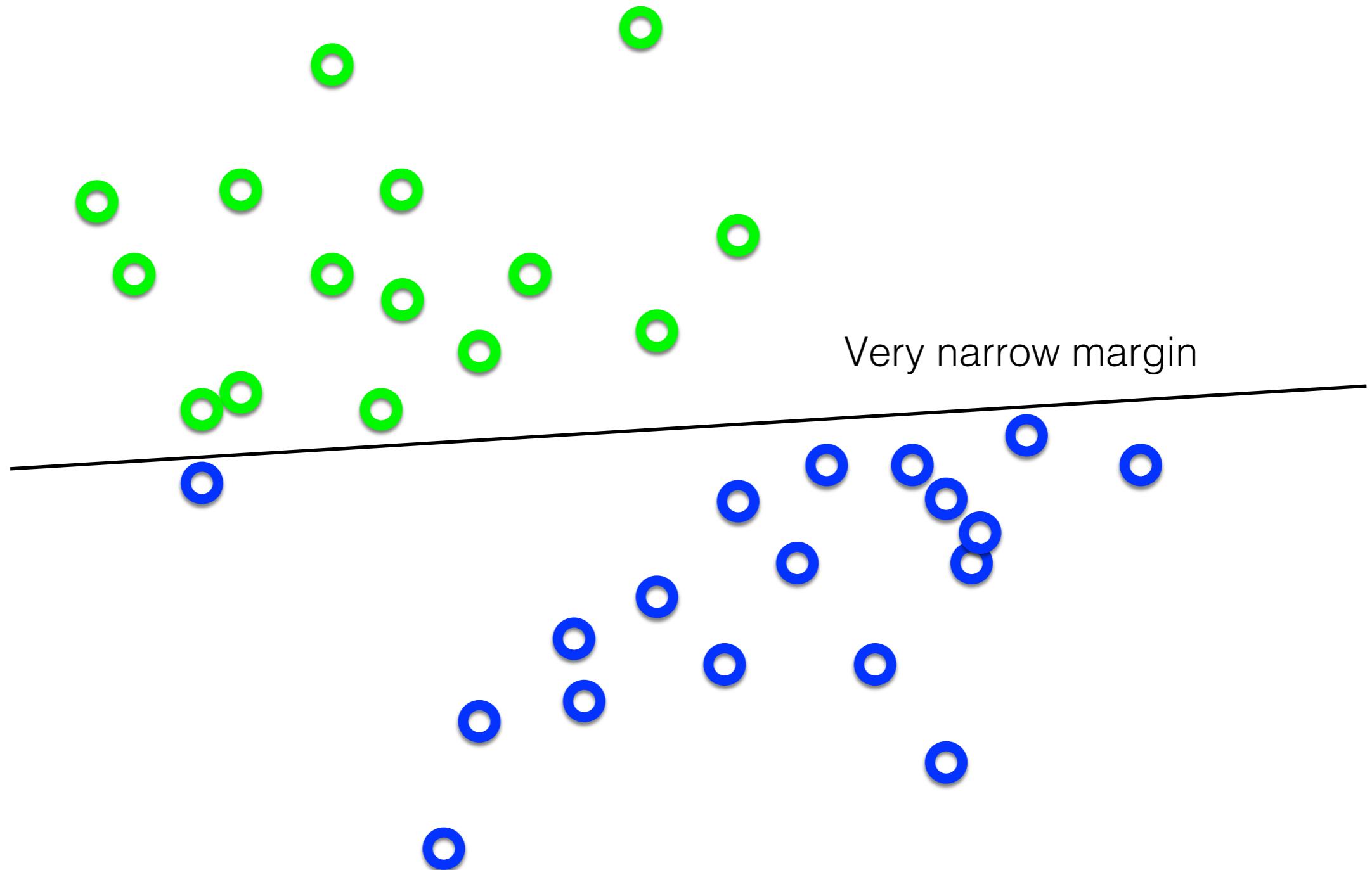
This is a convex quadratic programming (QP) problem  
(a unique solution exists)

‘soft’ margin

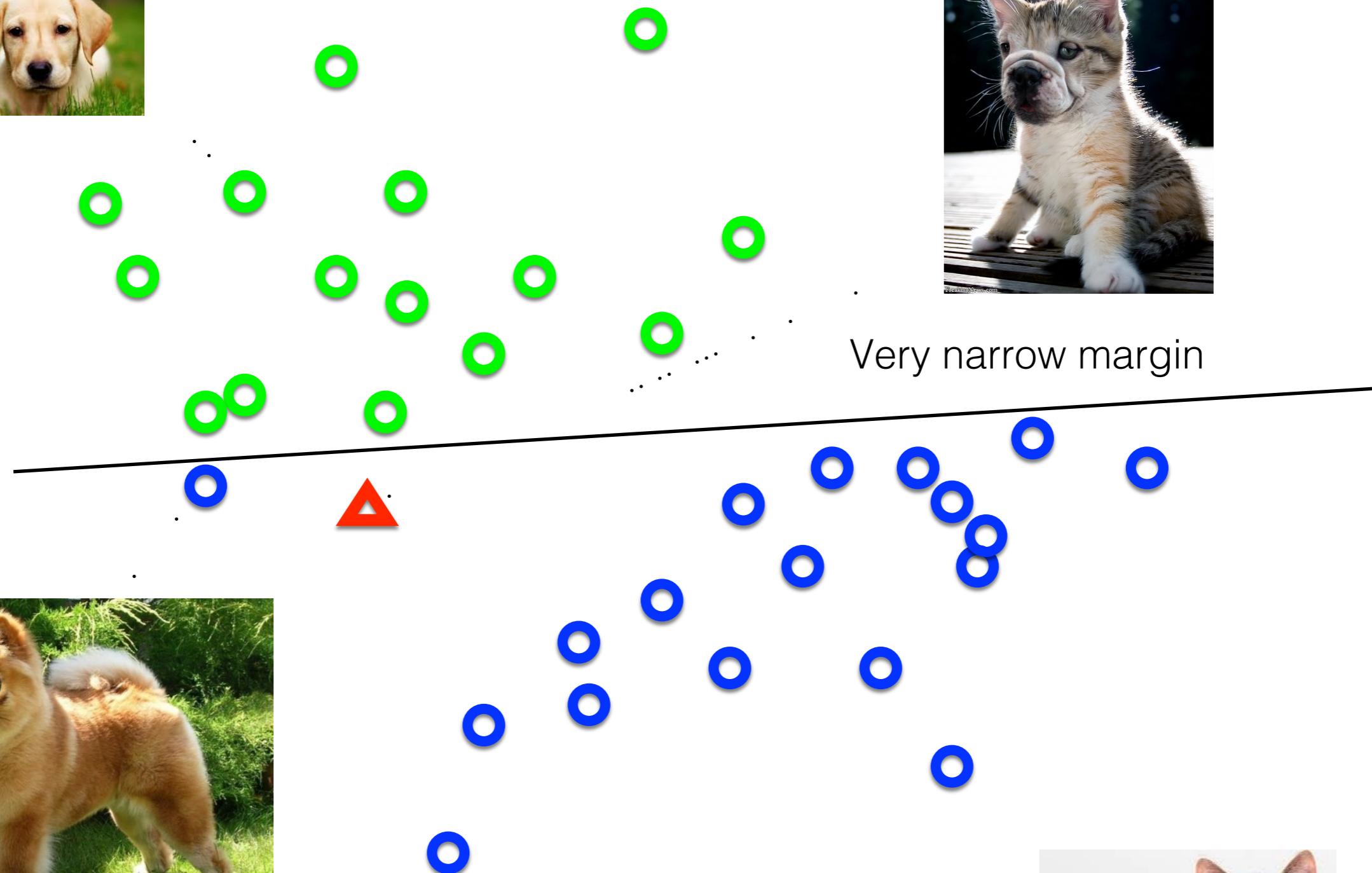
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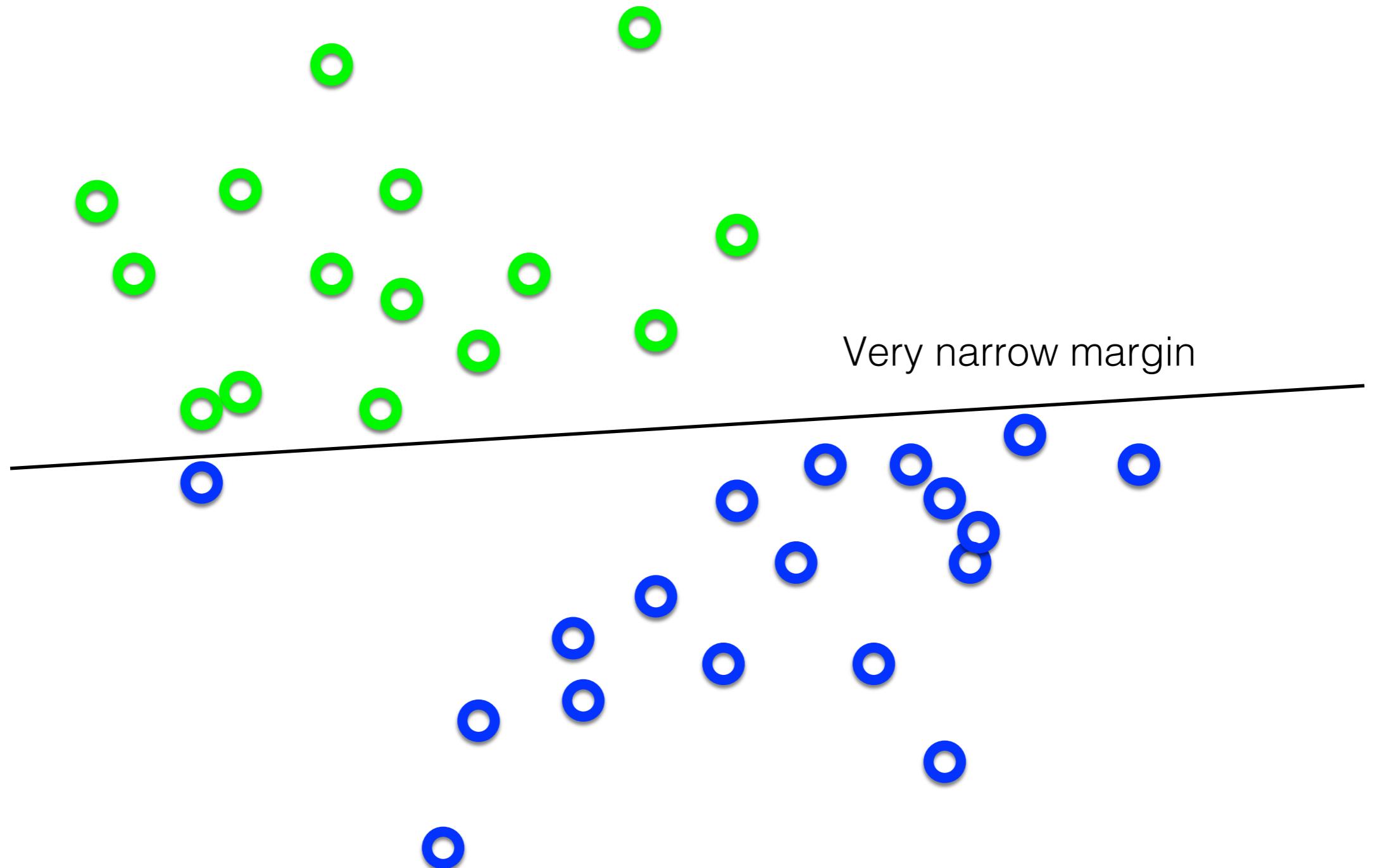
# What's the best **w**?



# Separating cats and dogs

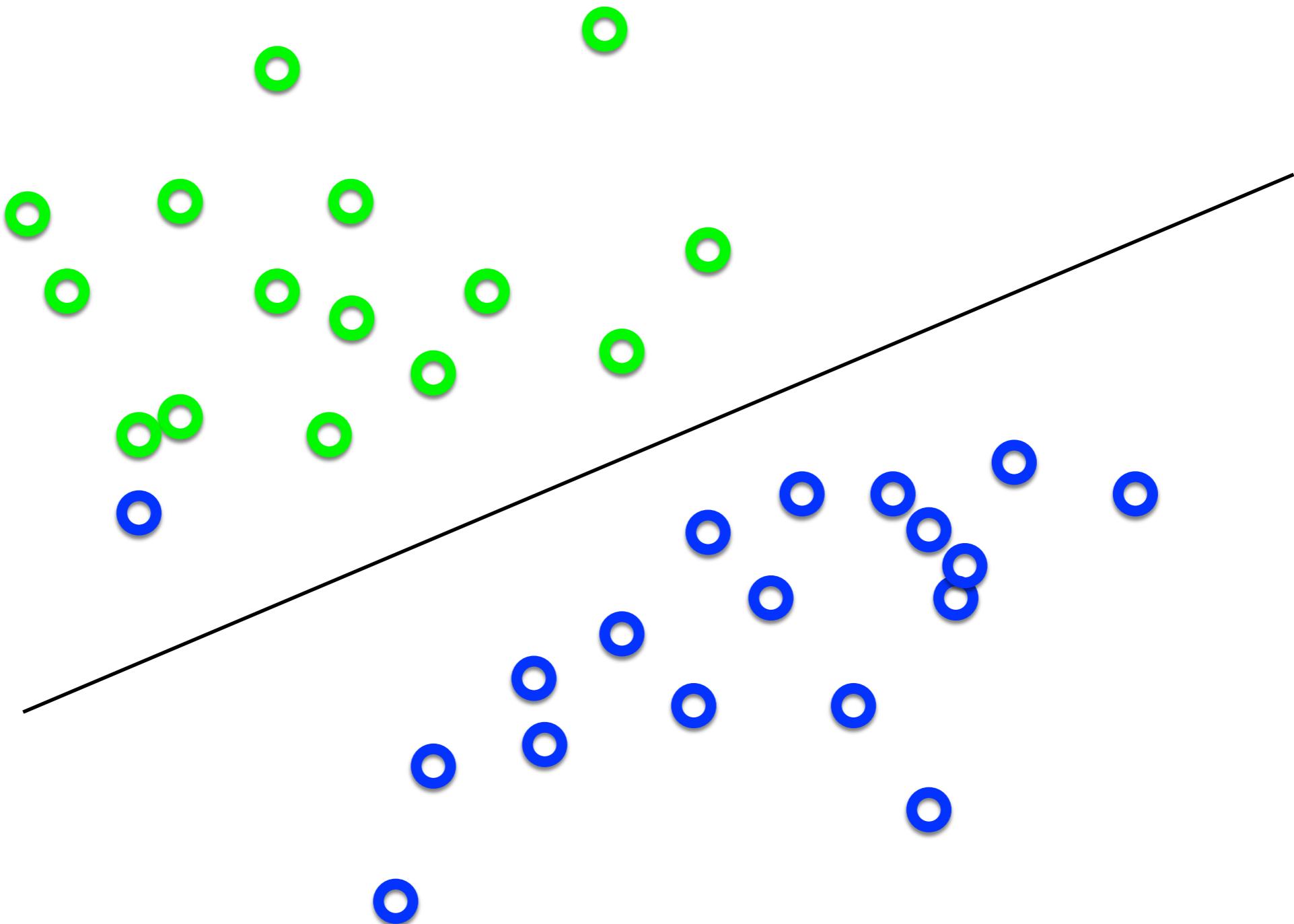


# What's the best $w$ ?



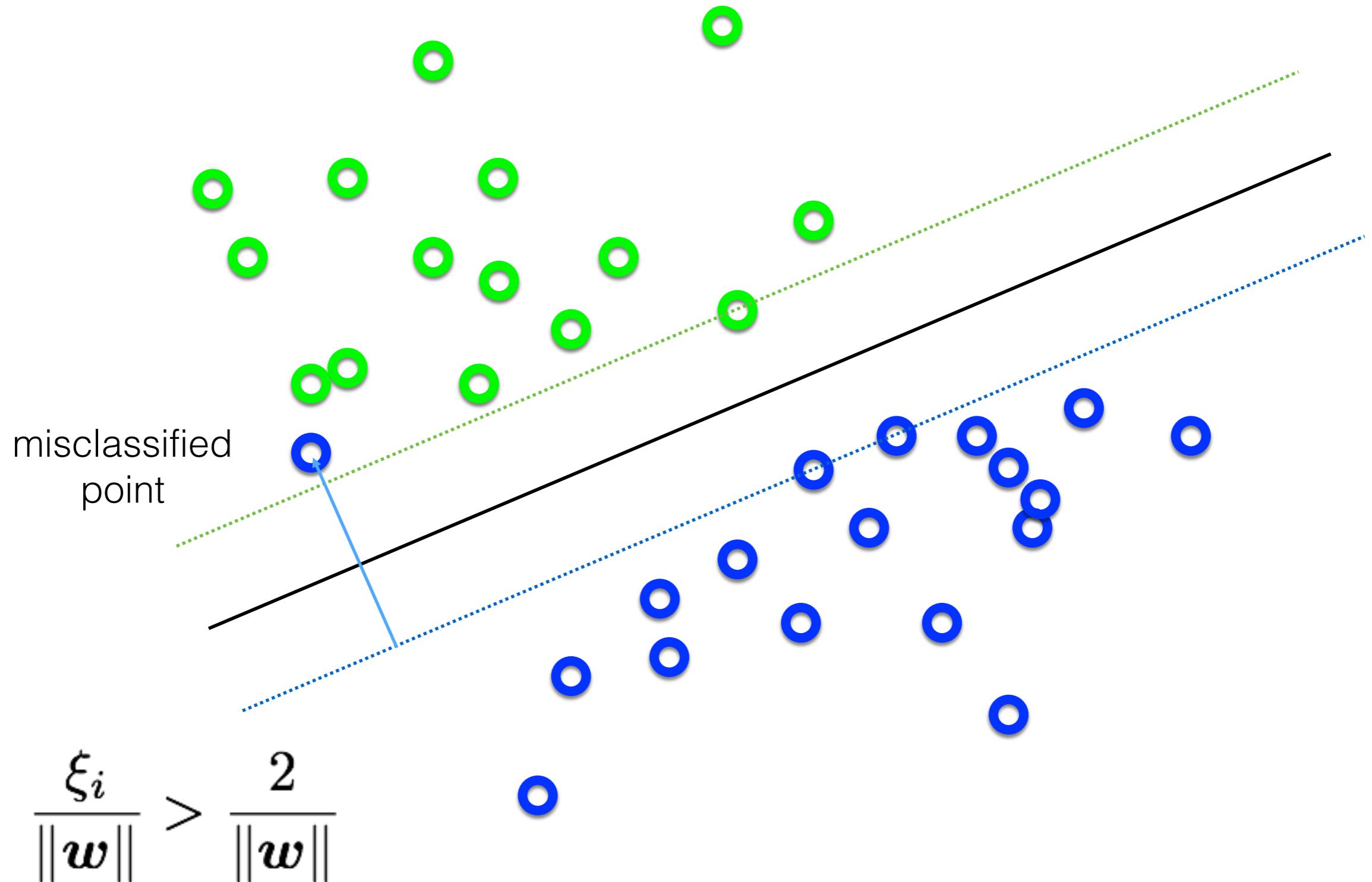
**Intuitively**, we should allow for some misclassification if we can get more robust classification

# What's the best **w**?



Trade-off between the MARGIN and the MISTAKES  
(might be a better solution)

Adding slack variables  $\xi_i \geq 0$



# ‘soft’ margin

objective

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\xi}} \|\boldsymbol{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$$

subject to

$$y_i(\boldsymbol{w}^\top \boldsymbol{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

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The slack variable allows for mistakes,  
as long as the inverse margin is minimized.

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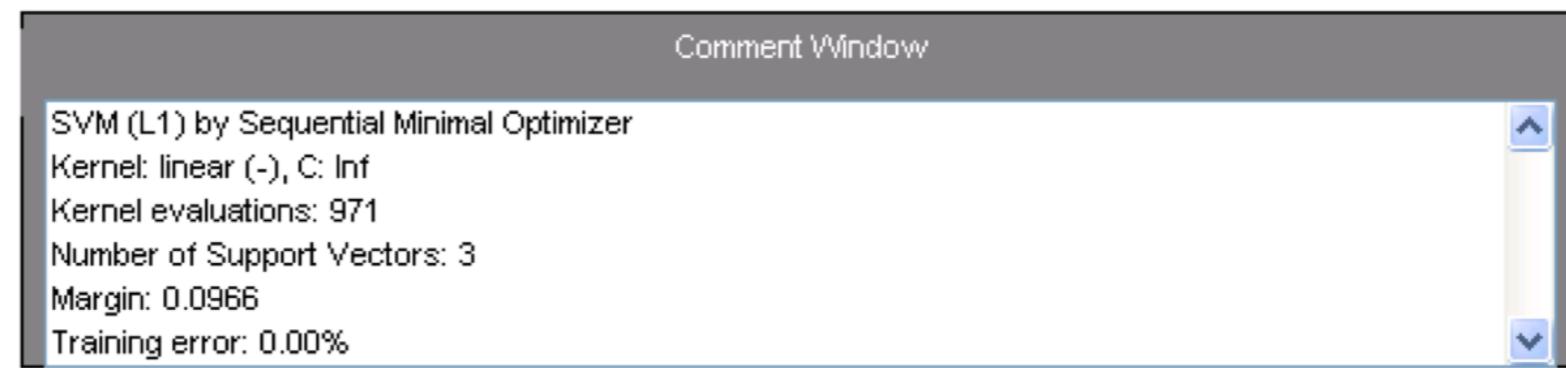
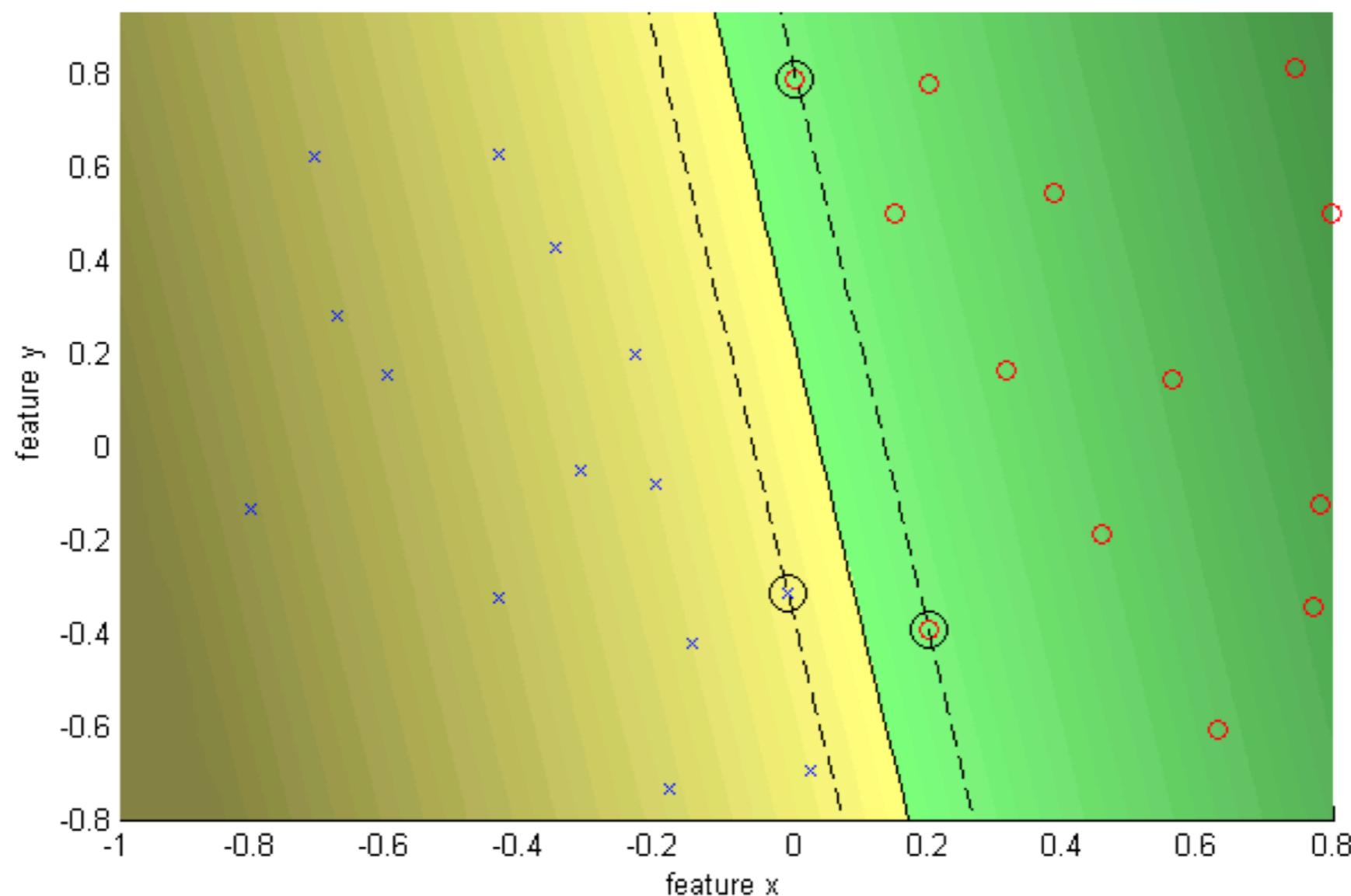
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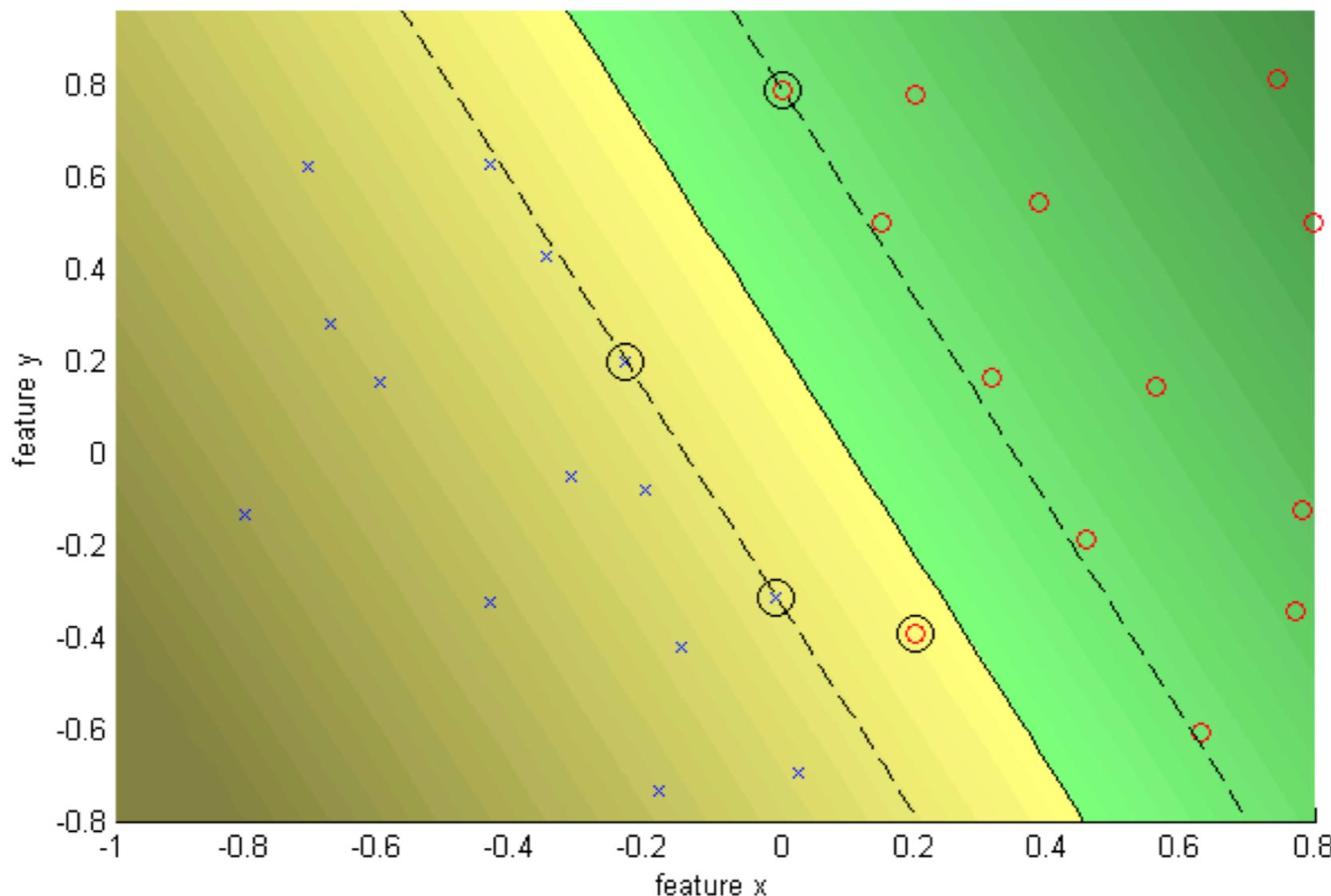
$$y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

- Every constraint can be satisfied if slack is large
- C is a regularization parameter
  - Small C: ignore constraints (larger margin)
  - Big C: constraints (small margin)
- Still QP problem (unique solution)

# $C = \text{Infinity}$ hard margin



# $C = 10$ soft margin



Comment Window

SVM (L1) by Sequential Minimal Optimizer  
Kernel: linear (-), C: 10.0000  
Kernel evaluations: 2645  
Number of Support Vectors: 4  
Margin: 0.2265  
Training error: 3.70%