

Decision Tree

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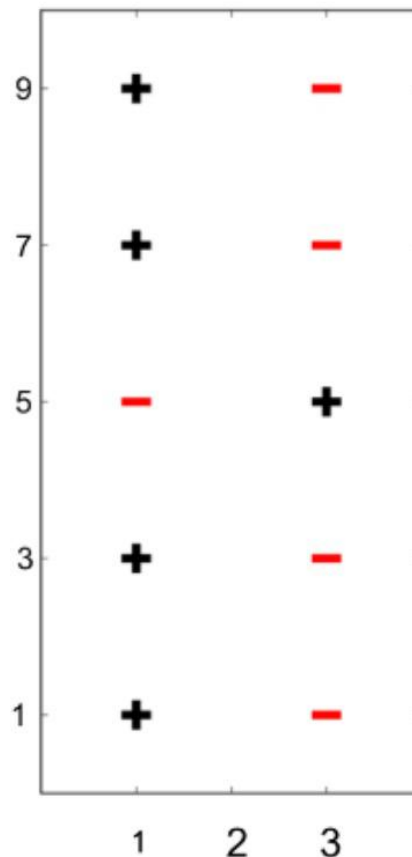
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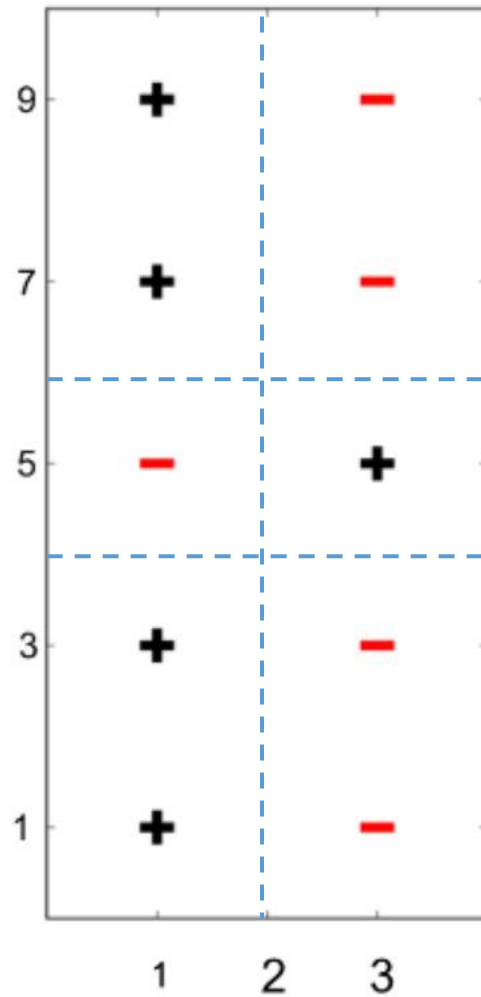
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- ❖ PTEs

Exercise

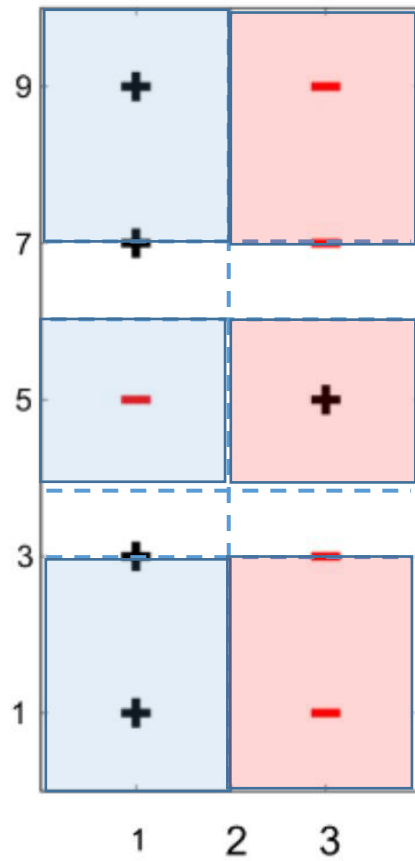
- 1) Draw the decision boundary of 1-NN
- 2) Draw the decision boundary of 3-NN



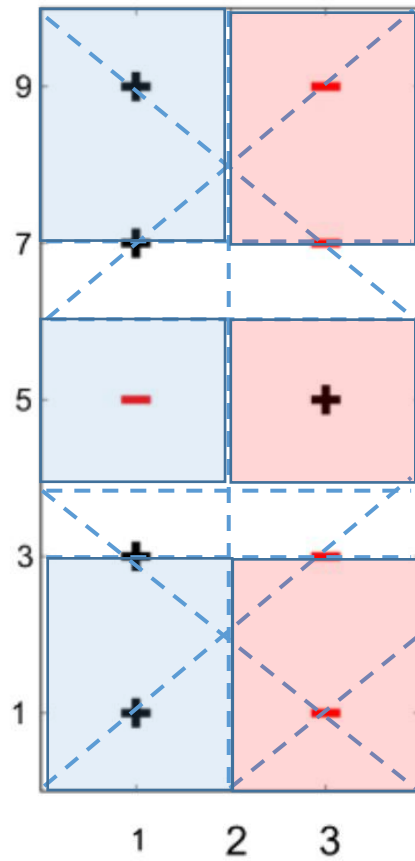
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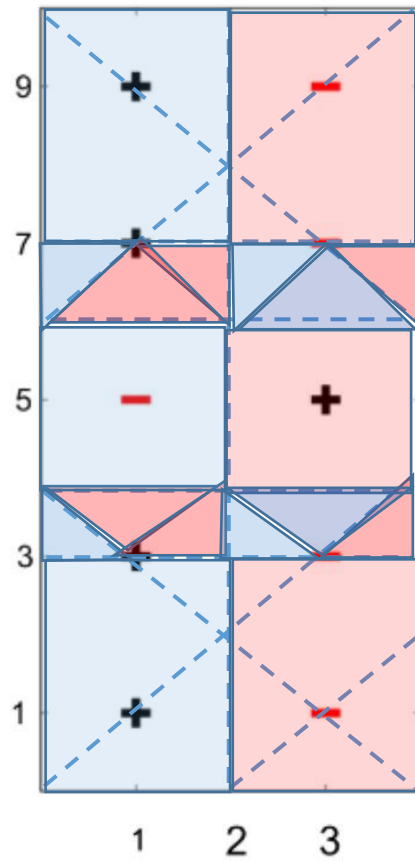
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3-NN



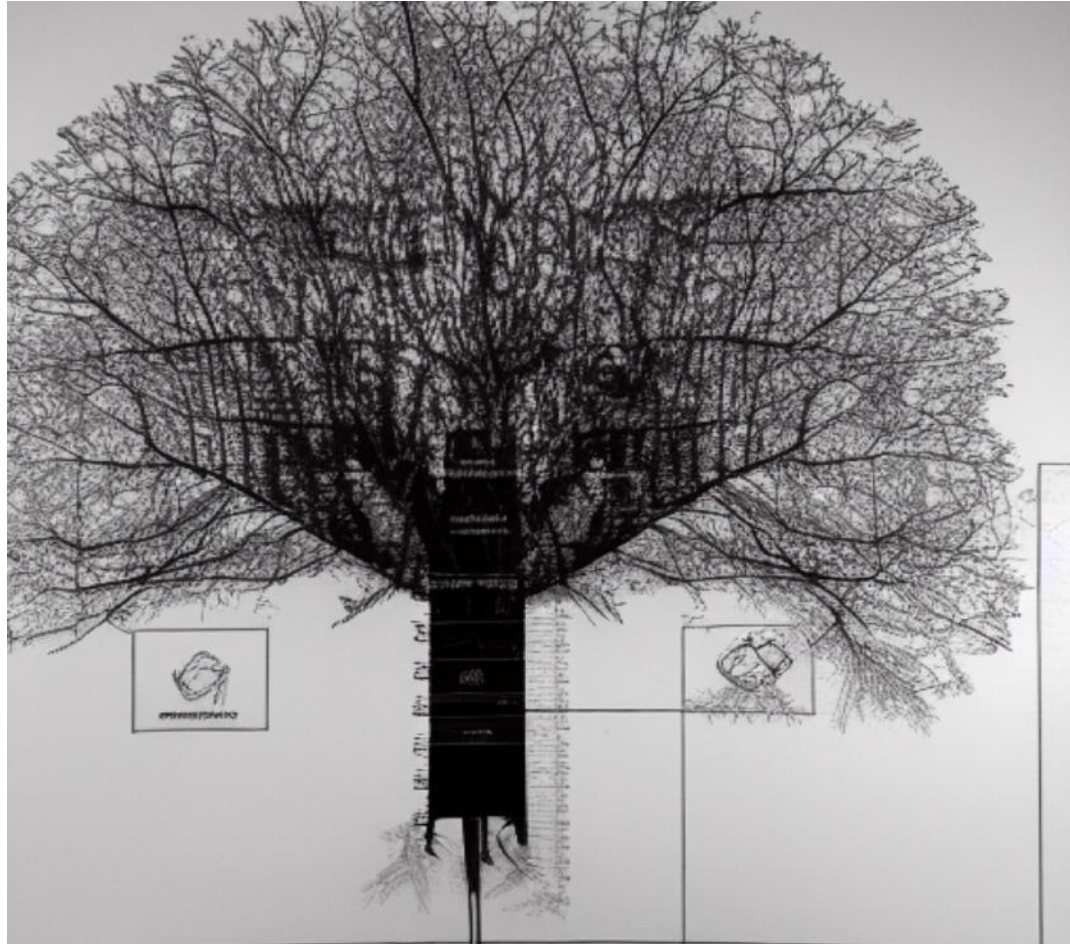
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This Lecture

- ❖ **Model/Representation:** Decision trees
- ❖ **Algorithm:** Learning decision trees (ID3 algorithm)
 - ❖ Information theory / Entropy
 - ❖ Greedy heuristic (based on information gain)

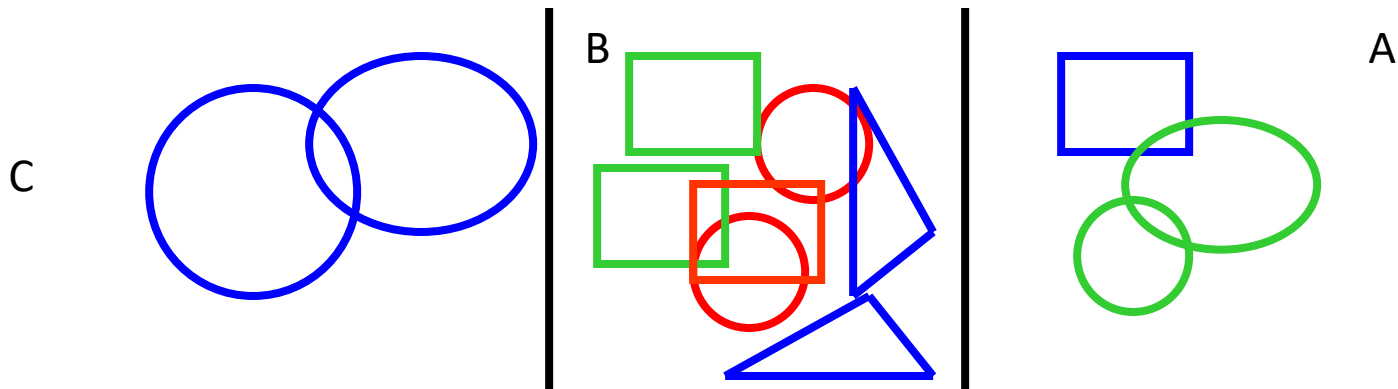
What is a decision tree?

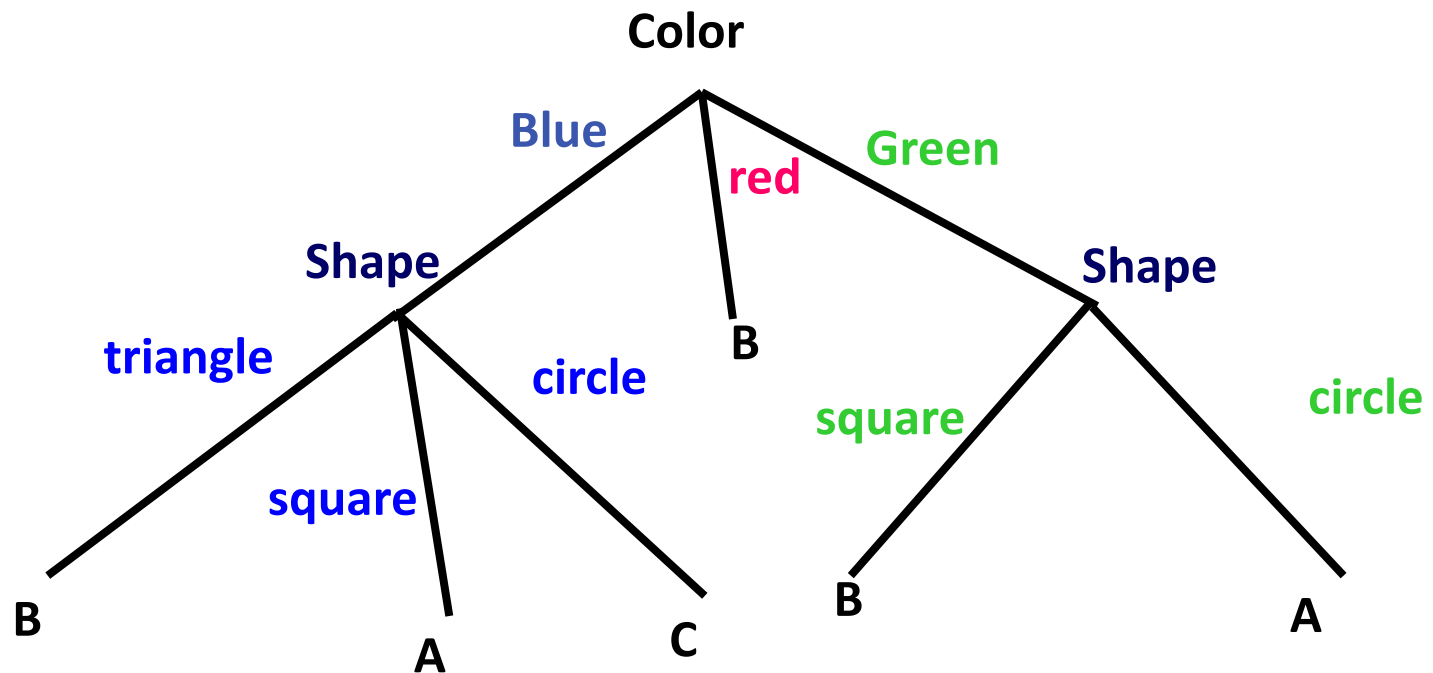
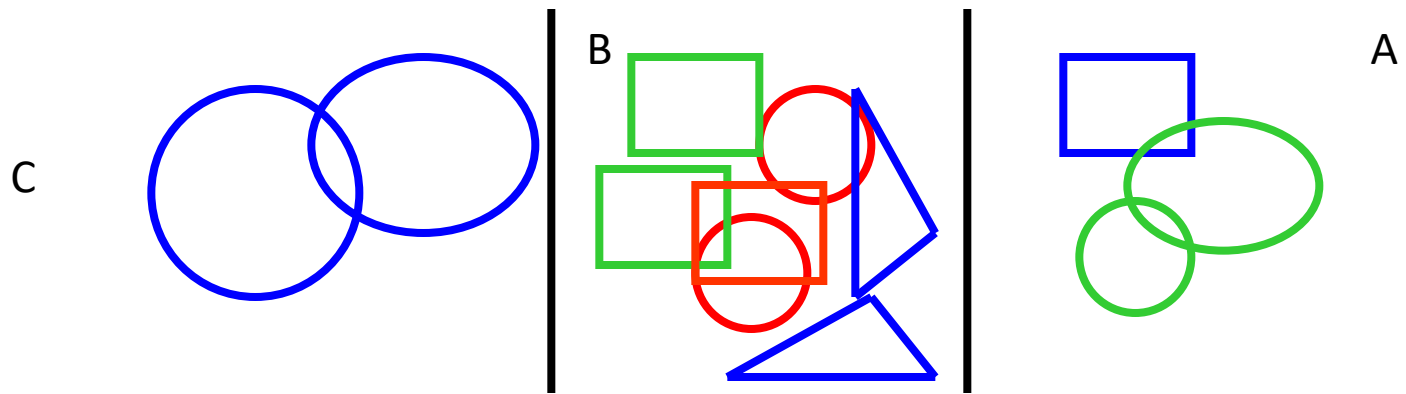


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Sample dataset

- ❖ A hierarchical data structure that represents data
- ❖ What is the label for a red triangle?

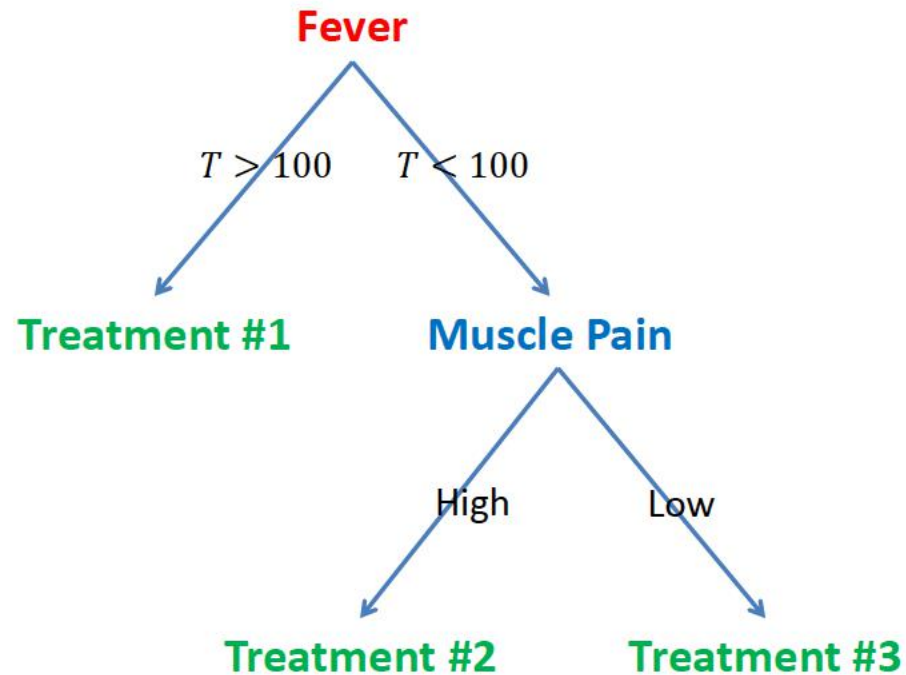




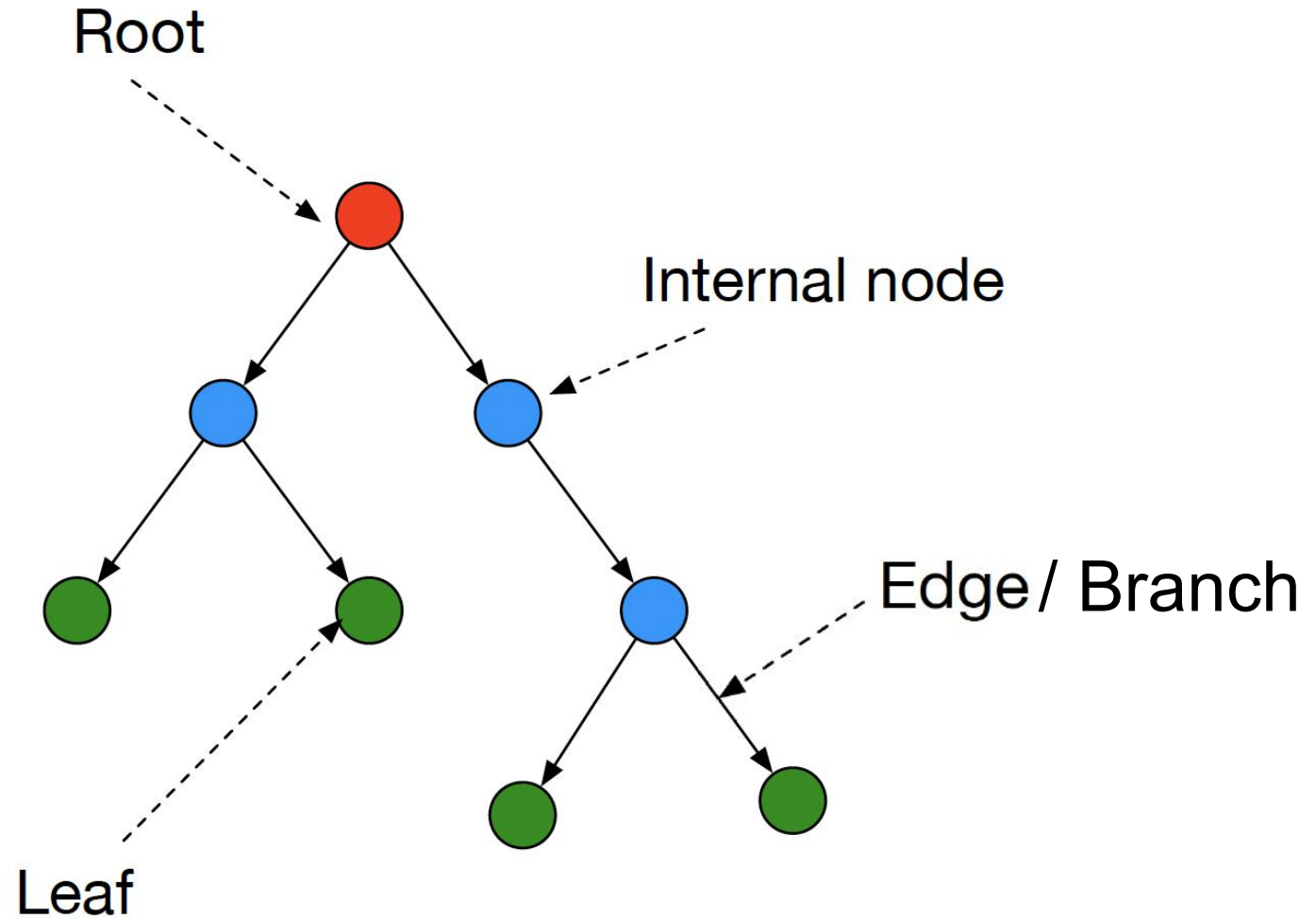
Motivations:

Many decisions are tree structures

Medical treatment



Terminology

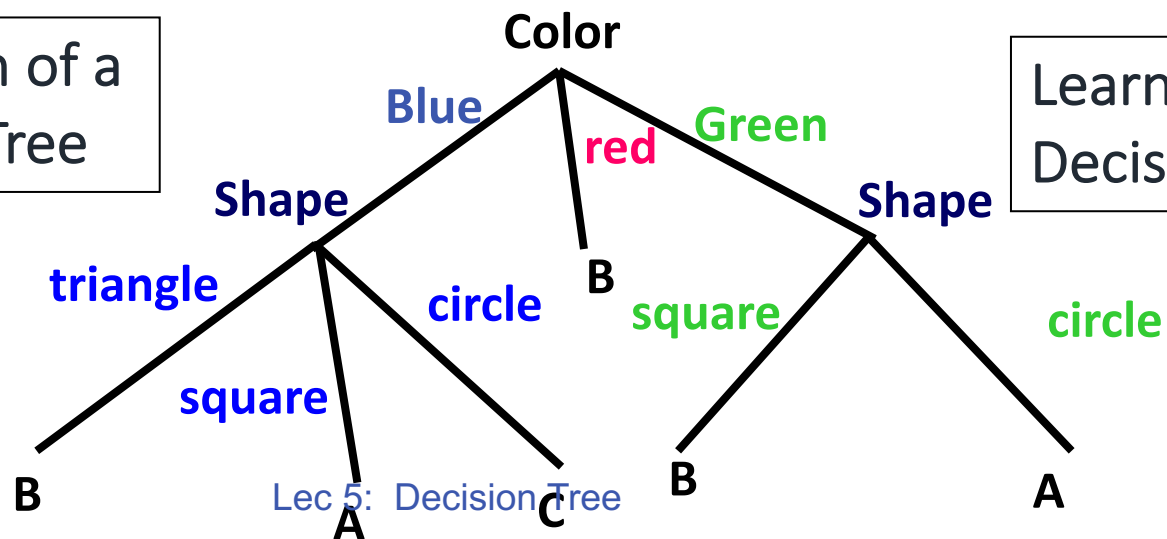


Will sometimes drop the arrows on the edges

The Representation

- ❖ Decision Trees are classifiers for instances represented as feature vectors (color= ; shape= ; label=)
- ❖ Nodes are tests for feature values
- ❖ Edges: There is one branch for each value of the feature
- ❖ Leaves specify the category (labels)
- ❖ Can categorize instances into multiple disjoint categories

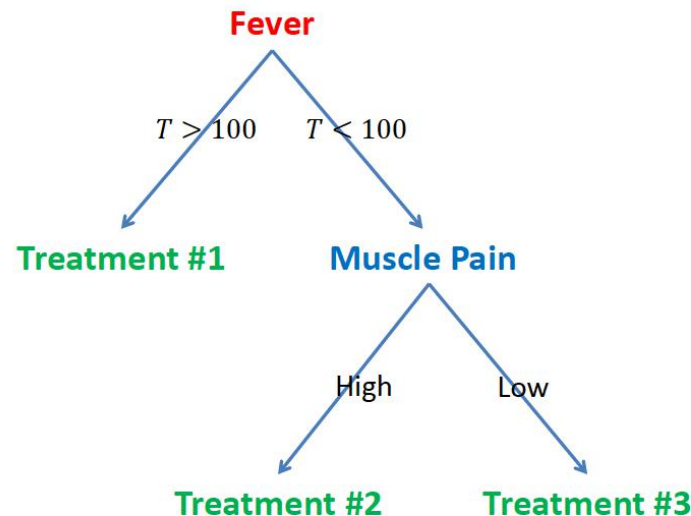
Evaluation of a
Decision Tree



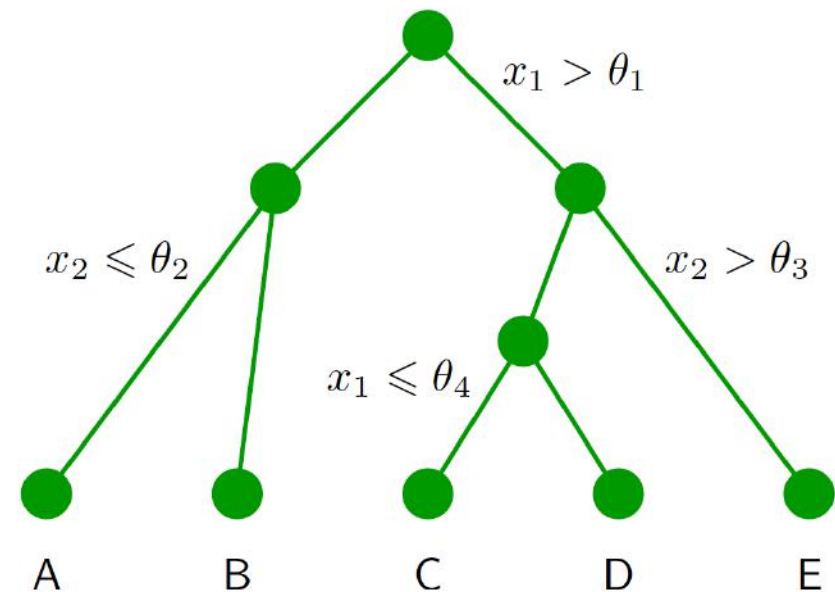
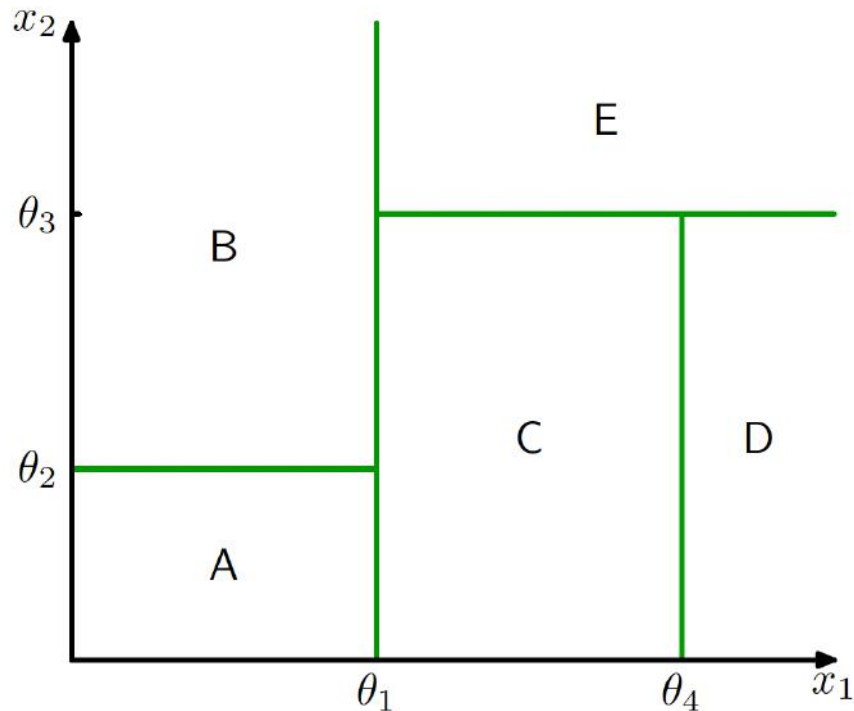
Learning a
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Handling real-valued features

- ❖ Usually, instances are represented as attribute-value pairs (color=blue, shape = square, +)
- ❖ Numerical values can be used by splitting nodes with thresholds

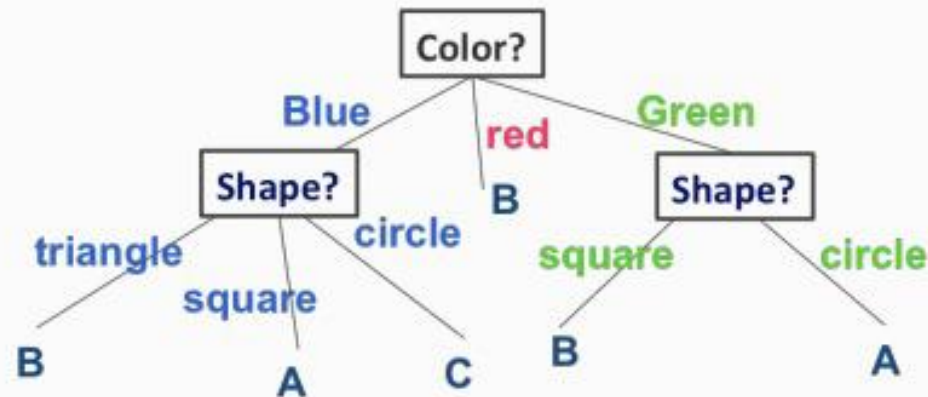


A tree partitions the feature space



Expressivity of Decision Trees

- ❖ What Boolean functions can decision trees represent?
 - any Boolean function

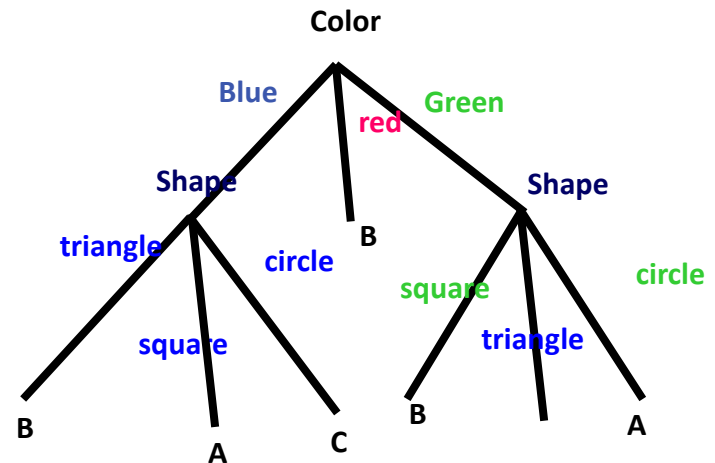
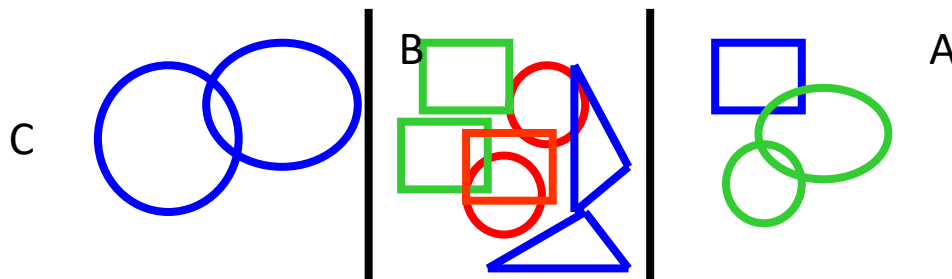


(Color=**blue** AND Shape=triangle \Rightarrow Label=B) AND
(Color=**blue** AND Shape=square \Rightarrow Label=A) AND
(Color=**blue** AND Shape=circle \Rightarrow Label=C) AND....

Learning a decision tree

Basic Decision Trees Learning Algorithm

- ❖ Data is processed in Batch
(i.e. all the data available)
- ❖ Recursively build a decision tree top down.



DT algorithm: ID3(S , Attributes, Label)

- ❖ A recursive algorithm
- ❖ Recursively build a decision tree top down.
- ❖ Base case:

 If all examples are labeled the same

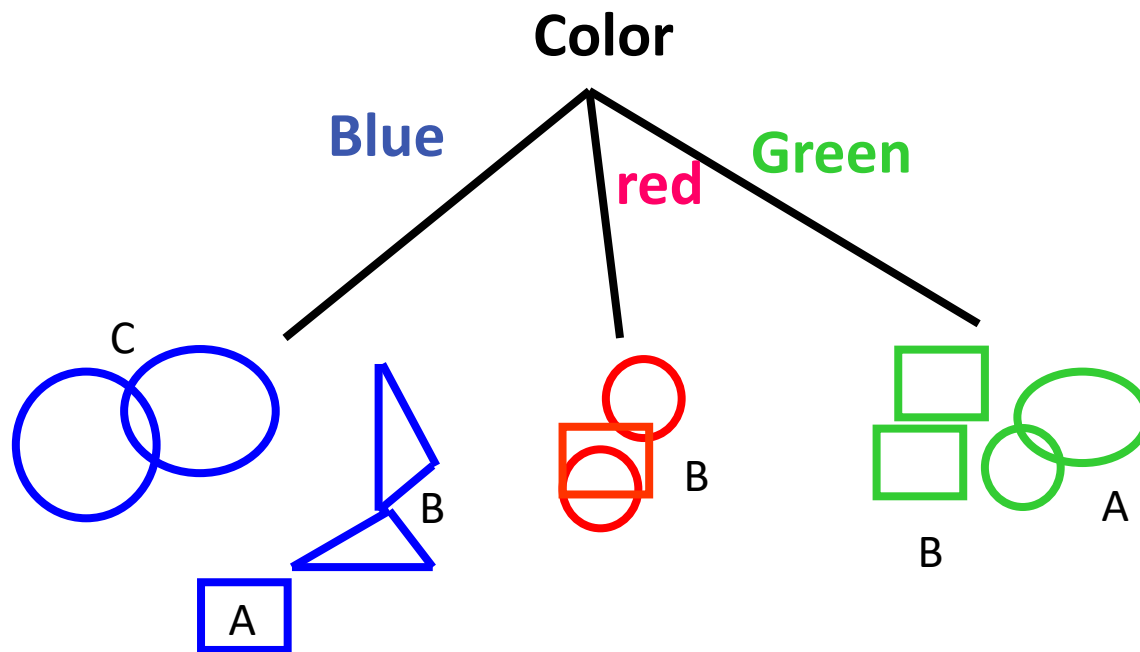
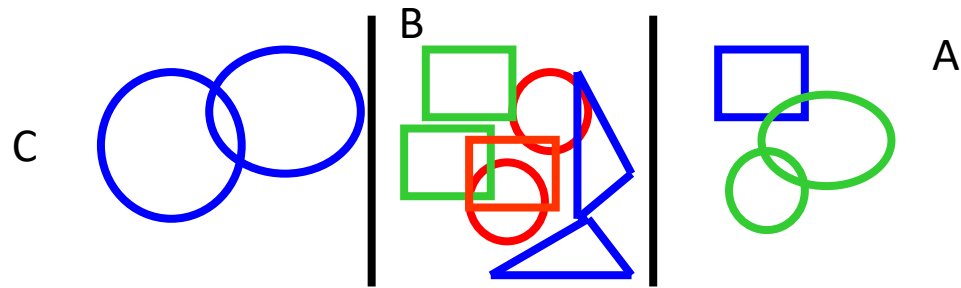
 Return a single node with the label

Otherwise

 Pick an attribute and create branches

 Split the tree

 (see next slide for details)



DT algorithm: ID3(S , Attributes, Label)

1. If all examples have a same label

Base case

return a single node tree with Label

2. A = attribute in Attributes that best classifies S

3. For each possible value v of A

1. Add a new tree branch corresponding to $A=v$

2. Let S_v be the subset of examples in S with $A=v$

3. if S_v is empty:

add leaf node with the common value of Label in S

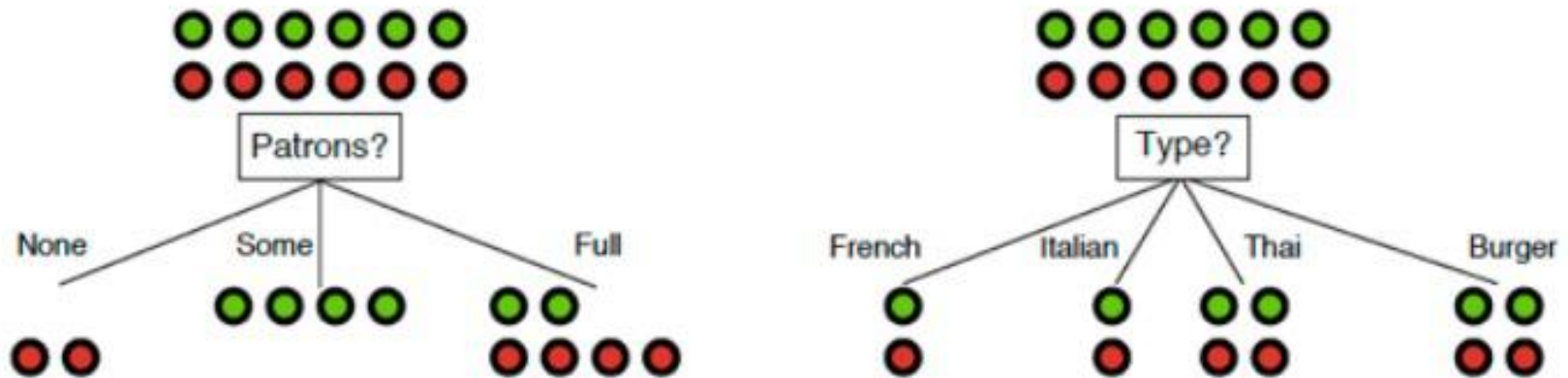
else: below this branch add the subtree

ID3(S_v , Attributes - $\{A\}$, Label)

Which attribute to split?

- ❖ The goal is to have the resulting decision tree as small as possible
 - ❖ Finding the minimal decision tree consistent with the data is NP-hard
- ❖ A greedy heuristic search for a simple tree (cannot guarantee optimality)

Which attribute to split?



Patrons? is a better choice—gives **information** about the classification

How to quantify it?

The most popular heuristics is based on **information gain**

How to measure information gain?

- ❖ Idea: Gaining information reduces uncertainty
- ❖ Uncertainty can be measured by entropy



Vincent Van Gogh: Bedroom in Arles

High entropy



By Ursus Wehrli

Low entropy

How to measure information gain?

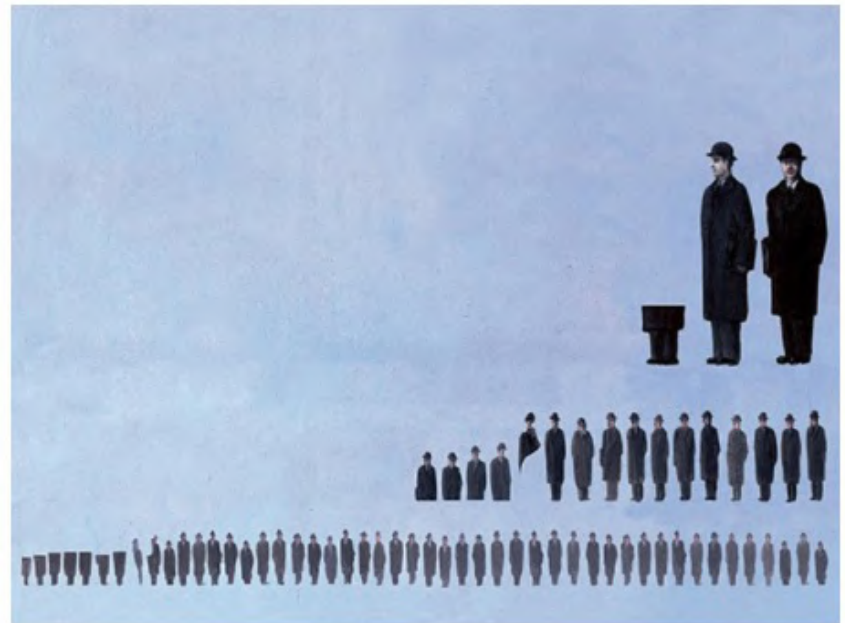
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René Magritte "Golconda"



High entropy

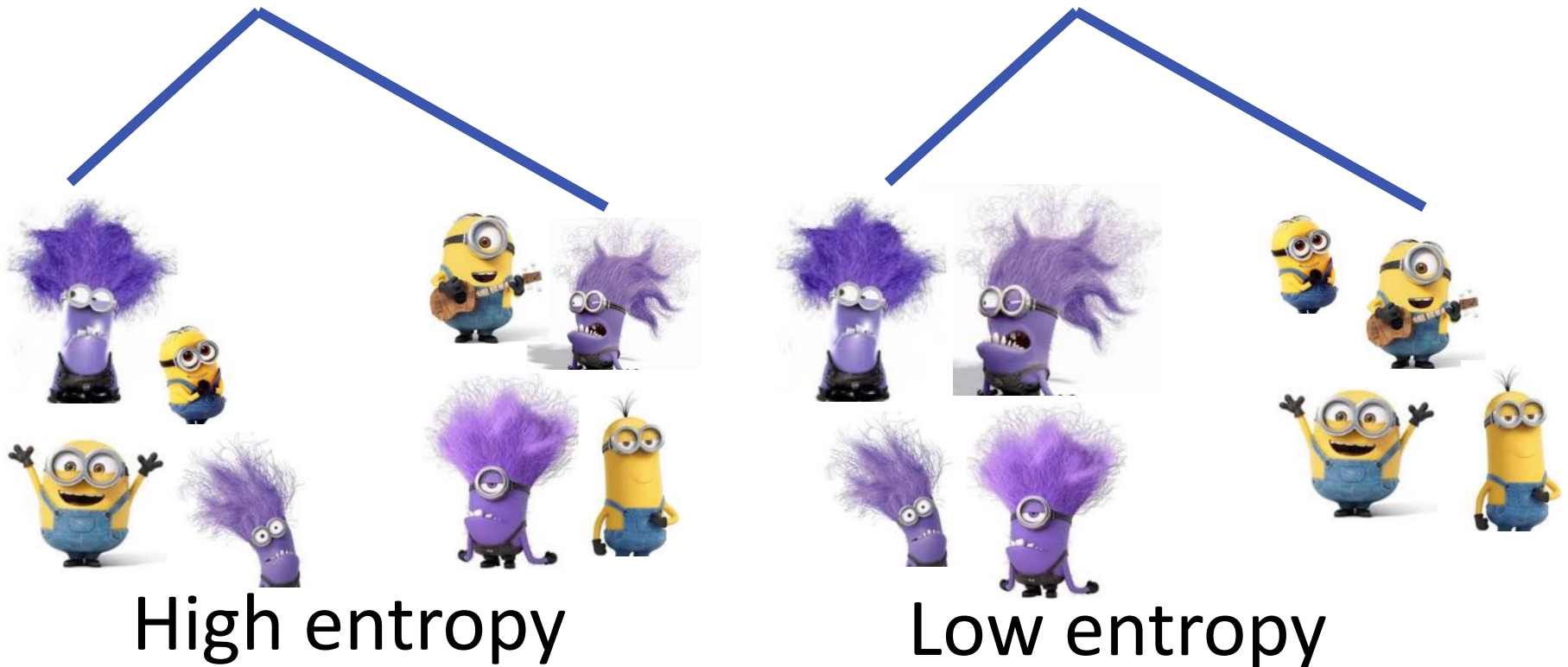
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Entropy

- ❖ Entropy (impurity, disorder) of a set of examples, S , relative to a binary classification is:

$$H[S] = -P_+ \log_2(P_+) - P_- \log_2(P_-)$$

- ❖ where P_+ is the proportion of positive examples in S and P_- is the proportion of negatives.

Here we define $0 \log 0 = 0$

Entropy (formal definition)

- ❖ If a random variable S has K different values, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_K , its entropy is given by

$$H[S] = - \sum_{v=1}^K P(S = a_v) \log_2 P(S = a_v)$$



$$H[S] = -\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 1$$



$$H[S] = -\frac{1}{1} \log_2 (1) = 0$$

Entropy (intuition)

- ❖ In average, how many bits do we need to send the message (#bits/#length of message)



Entropy (intuition)

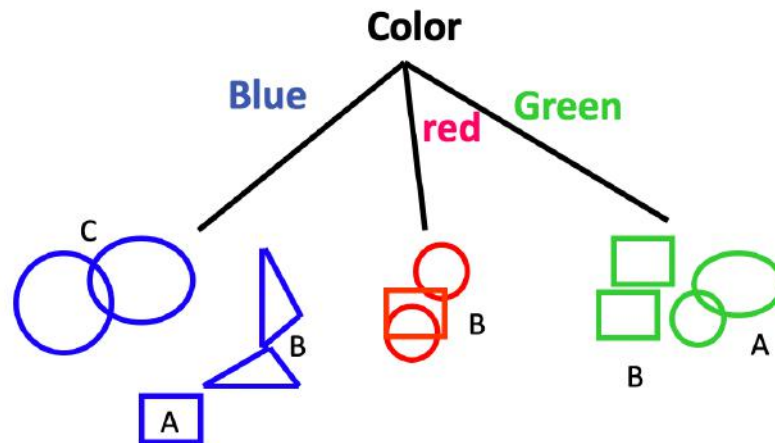
- ❖ In average, how many bits do we need to send the message (#bits/#length of message)
- ❖ Consider you have four possible tokens (a,b,c,d). What is the best way to encode them?
- ❖ All examples belong to the same category
e.g., aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
– no need to communicate (or just 1 bit)
- ❖ If all the examples are equally mixed (0.25, 0.25,0.25,0.25):
e.g., abbacacdd.....
two bits for each token: (a:00, b:01, c:10, d:11)
- ❖ If $\frac{1}{4}$ of message is a, and $\frac{1}{2}$ is b and $\frac{1}{4}$ is c in average:
e.g., abbbbacc.....
(a:00, b:1, c:01, d:--)

Information Gain

- ❖ The information gain of an attribute a is the expected reduction in entropy caused by partitioning on this attribute

$$Gain(S, A) = Entropy(S) - \sum_{v \in \text{Values}(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} Entropy(S_v)$$

- ❖ S_v is the subset of S for which attribute a has value v .
- ❖ The entropy of partitioning the data is calculated by weighing the entropy of each partition by its size



Will I play tennis today?

	O	T	H	W	Play?
1	S	H	H	W	-
2	S	H	H	S	-
3	O	H	H	W	+
4	R	M	H	W	+
5	R	C	N	W	+
6	R	C	N	S	-
7	O	C	N	S	+
8	S	M	H	W	-
9	S	C	N	W	+
10	R	M	N	W	+
11	S	M	N	S	+
12	O	M	H	S	+
13	O	H	N	W	+
14	R	M	H	S	-

Outlook: S(unny),
O(vercast),
R(ainy)

Temperature: H(ot),
M(edium),
C(ool)

Humidity: H(igh),
N(ormal),
L(ow)

Wind: S(trong),
W(eak)

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7	O	C	N	S	+
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10	R	M	N	W	+
11	S	M	N	S	+
12	O	M	H	S	+
13	O	H	N	W	+
14	R	M	H	S	-

Current entropy:

$$p = 9/14$$

$$n = 5/14$$

$$H(\text{Play?}) = -(9/14) \log_2(9/14)$$

$$-(5/14) \log_2(5/14)$$

$$\approx 0.94$$

Information Gain: Outlook

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Information Gain: Outlook

Outlook = sunny: 5 of 14 examples

$$p = 2/5 \quad n = 3/5 \quad H_s = 0.971$$

	O	T	H	W	Play?
1	S	H	H	W	-
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Information Gain: Outlook

Outlook = sunny: 5 of 14 examples

$$p = 2/5 \quad n = 3/5 \quad H_s = 0.971$$

Outlook = overcast: 4 of 14 examples

$$p = 4/4 \quad n = 0 \quad H_o = 0$$

	O	T	H	W	Play?
1	S	H	H	W	-
2	S	H	H	S	-
3	O	H	H	W	+
4	R	M	H	W	+
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Outlook = overcast: 4 of 14 examples

$$p = 4/4 \quad n = 0 \quad H_O = 0$$

Outlook = rainy: 5 of 14 examples

$$p = 3/5 \quad n = 2/5 \quad H_R = 0.971$$

Expected entropy:

$$(5/14) \times 0.971 + (4/14) \times 0 + (5/14) \times 0.971 \\ = 0.694$$

Information gain:

$$0.940 - 0.694 = 0.246$$

Information Gain: Humidity

	O	T	H	W	Play?
1	S	H	H	W	-
2	S	H	H	S	-
3	O	H	H	W	+
4	R	M	H	W	+
5	R	C	N	W	+
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Information Gain: Humidity

Humidity = High:

$$p = 3/7 \quad n = 4/7$$

$$H_h = 0.985$$

	O	T	H	W	Play?
1	S	H	H	W	-
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Humidity = High:

$$p = 3/7 \quad n = 4/7$$

$$H_h = 0.985$$

Humidity = Normal:

$$p = 6/7 \quad n = 1/7$$

$$H_o = 0.592$$

Expected entropy:

$$(7/14) \times 0.985 + (7/14) \times 0.592 = \mathbf{0.7885}$$

Information Gain: Humidity

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Expected entropy:

$$(7/14) \times 0.985 + (7/14) \times 0.592 = 0.7885$$

Information gain:

$$0.940 - 0.7885 = 0.1515$$

Which feature to split on?

Information gain:

Outlook: 0.246

Humidity: 0.151

Wind: 0.048

Temperature: 0.029

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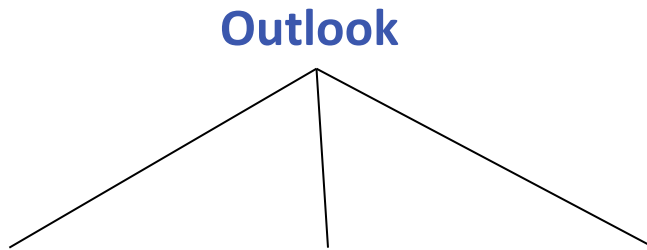
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→ Split on Outlook

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An Illustrative Example



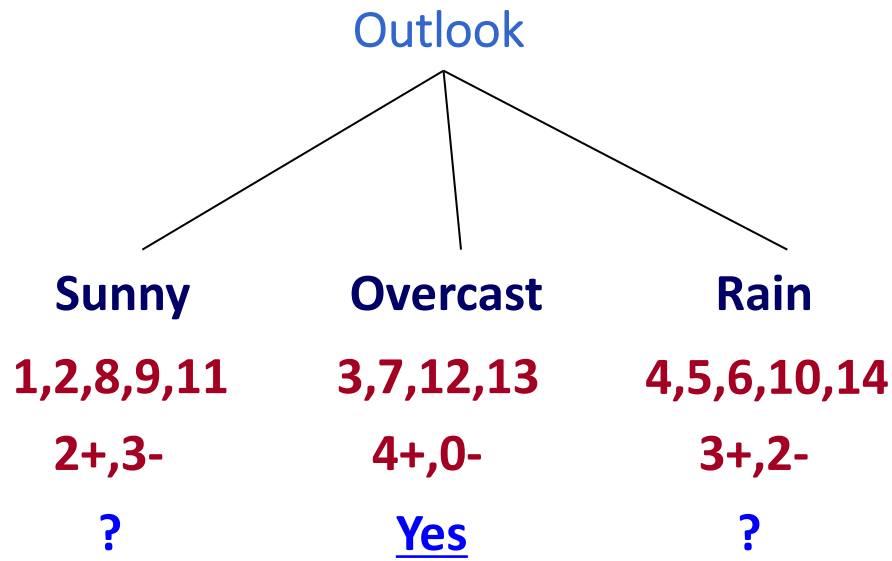
$\text{Gain}(S, \text{Humidity}) = 0.151$

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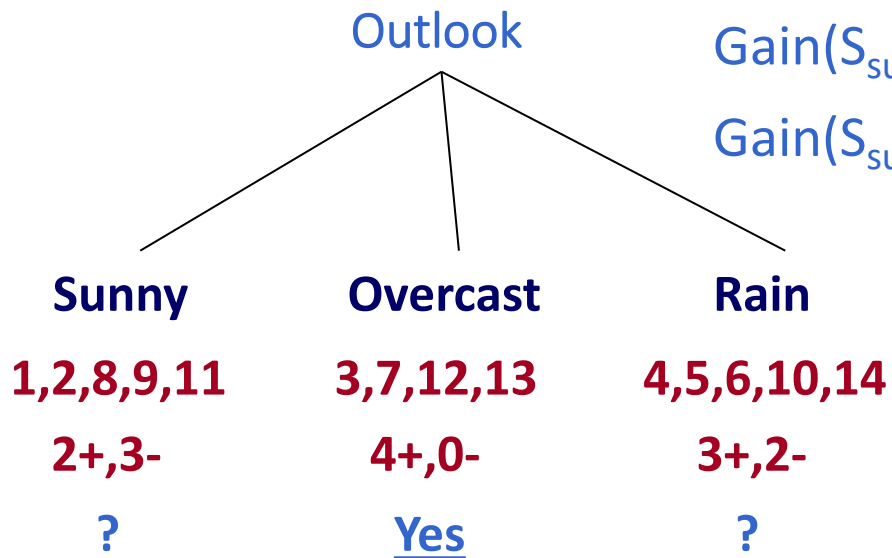


Continue until:

- Every attribute is included in **path**, or,
- All examples in the leaf have same label

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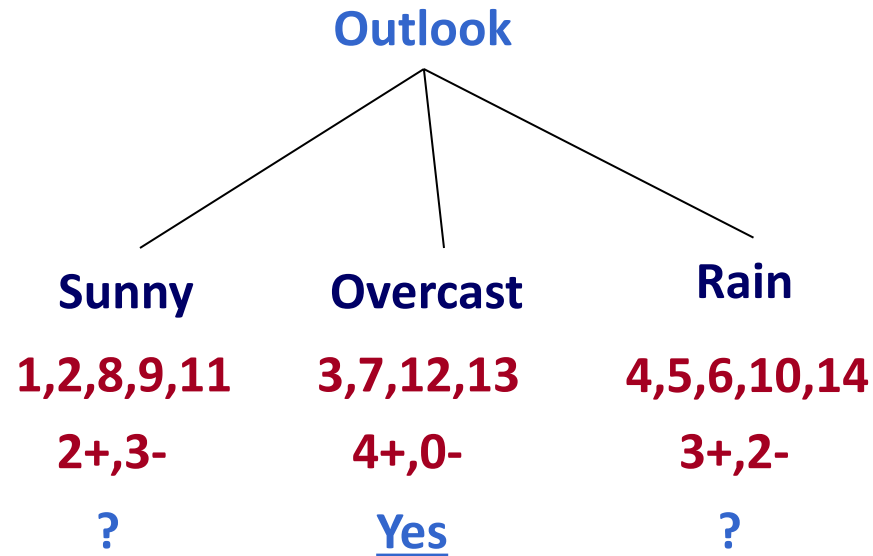
$$\text{Gain}(S_{\text{sunny}}, \text{Humidity}) = .97 - (3/5) \cdot 0 - (2/5) \cdot 0 = .97$$

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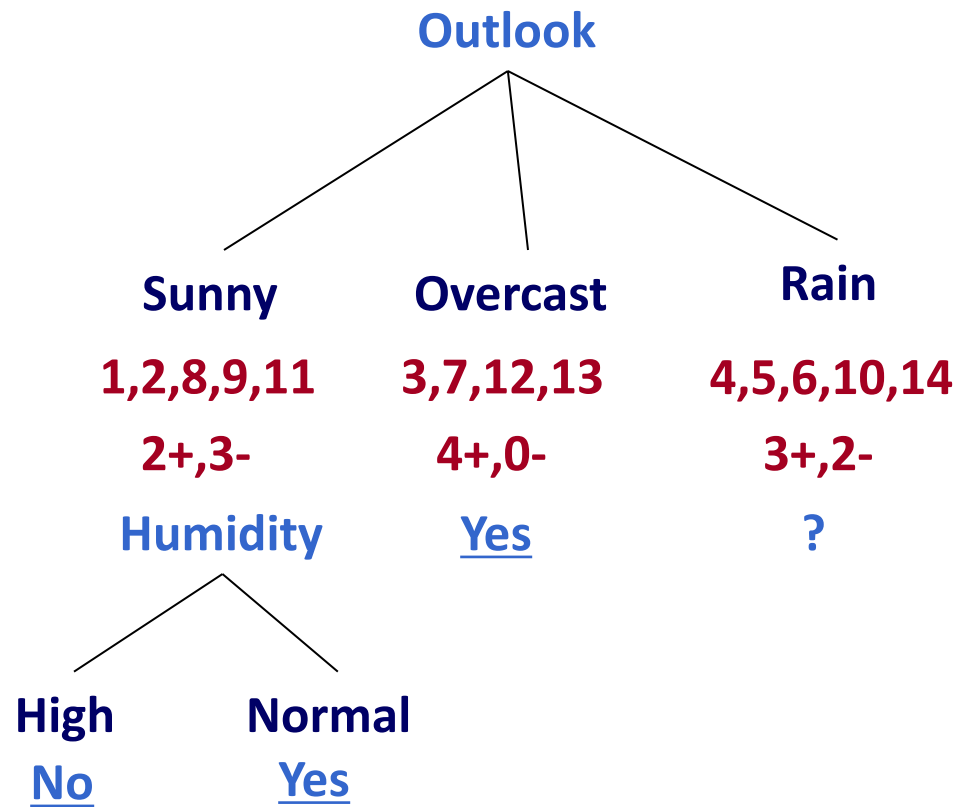
$$\text{Gain}(S_{\text{sunny}}, \text{wind}) = .97 - (2/5) \cdot 1 - (3/5) \cdot .92 = .02$$

Day	Outlook	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	PlayTennis
1	Sunny	Hot	High	Weak	No
2	Sunny	Hot	High	Strong	No
8	Sunny	Mild	High	Weak	No
9	Sunny	Cool	Normal	Weak	Yes
11	Sunny	Mild	Normal	Strong	Yes

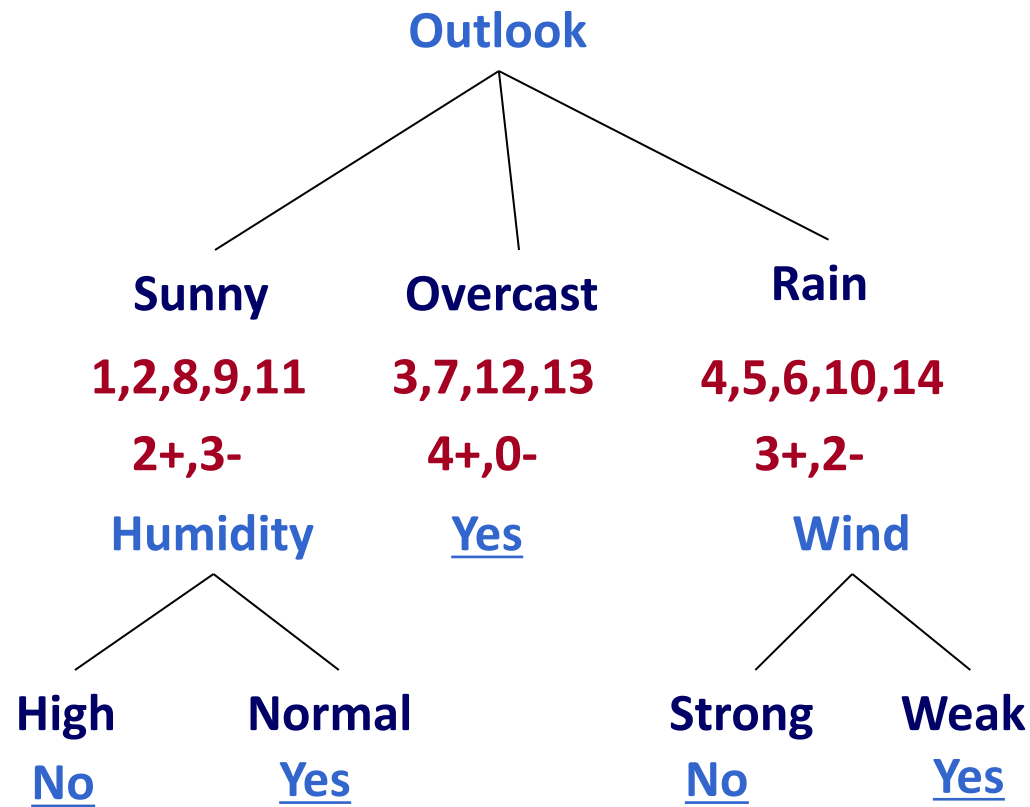
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Summary: Learning Decision Trees

1. **Representation**: What are decision trees?

- ❖ A hierarchical data structure that represents data

2. **Algorithm**: Learning decision trees

The ID3 algorithm: A greedy heuristic

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- ❖ Otherwise, find the “most informative” attribute and split the data for different values of that attributes
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Linear Models

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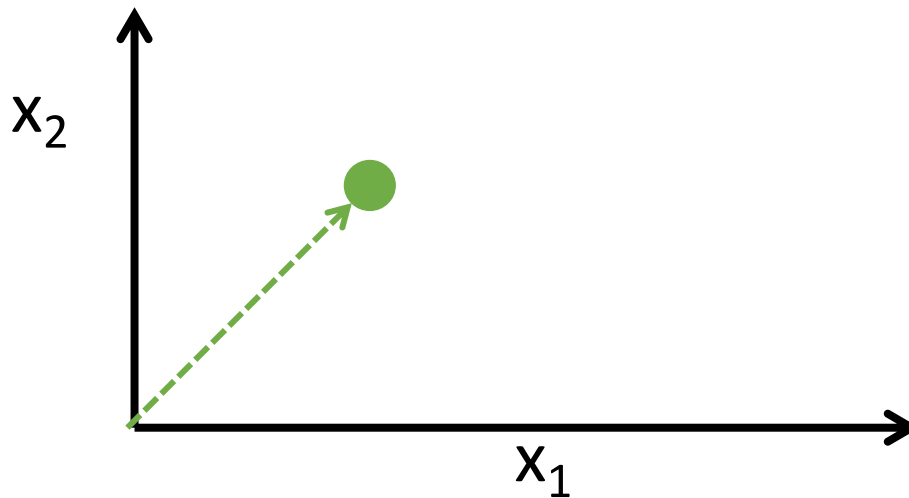
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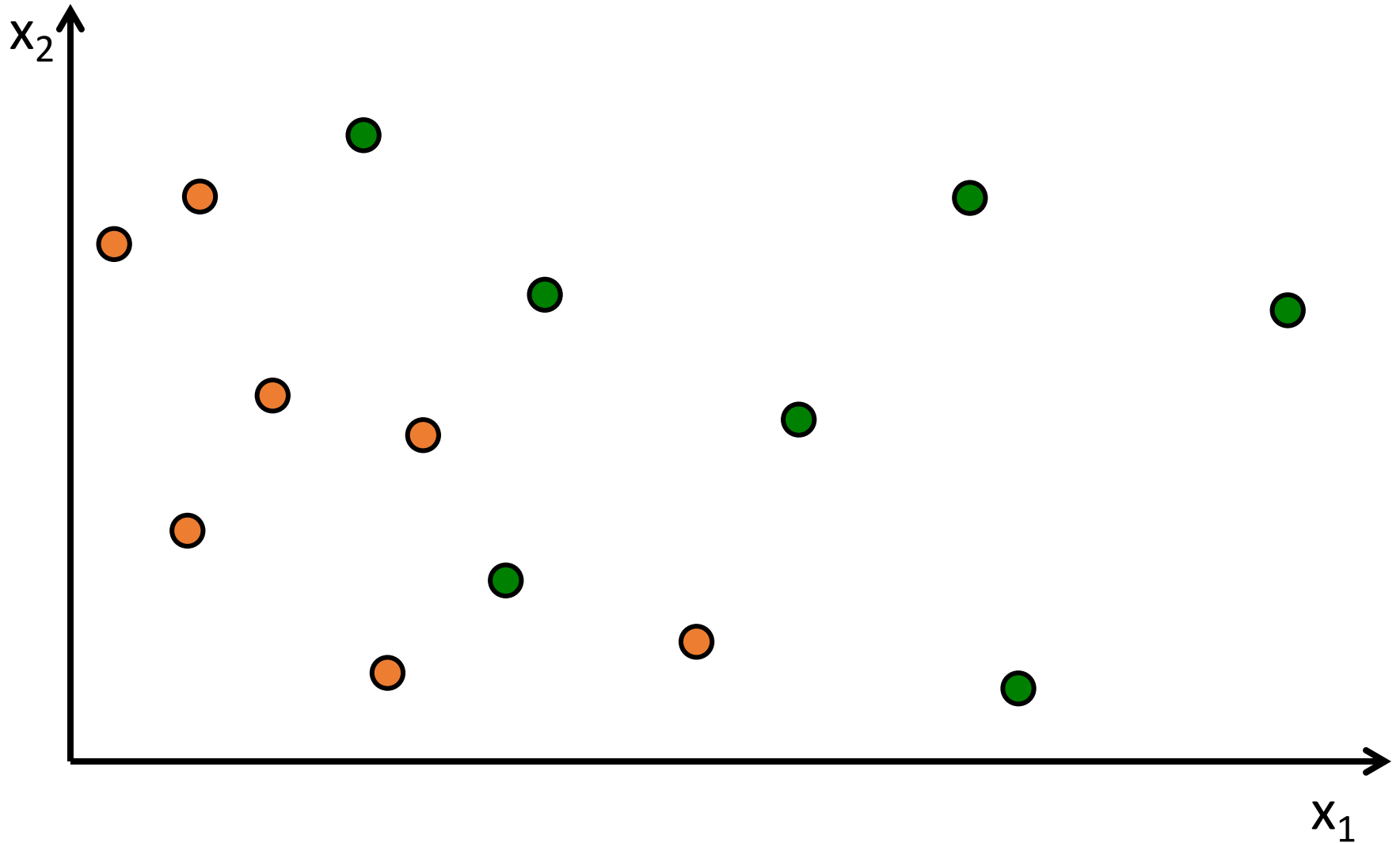
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Recap: \mathcal{X} as a vector space

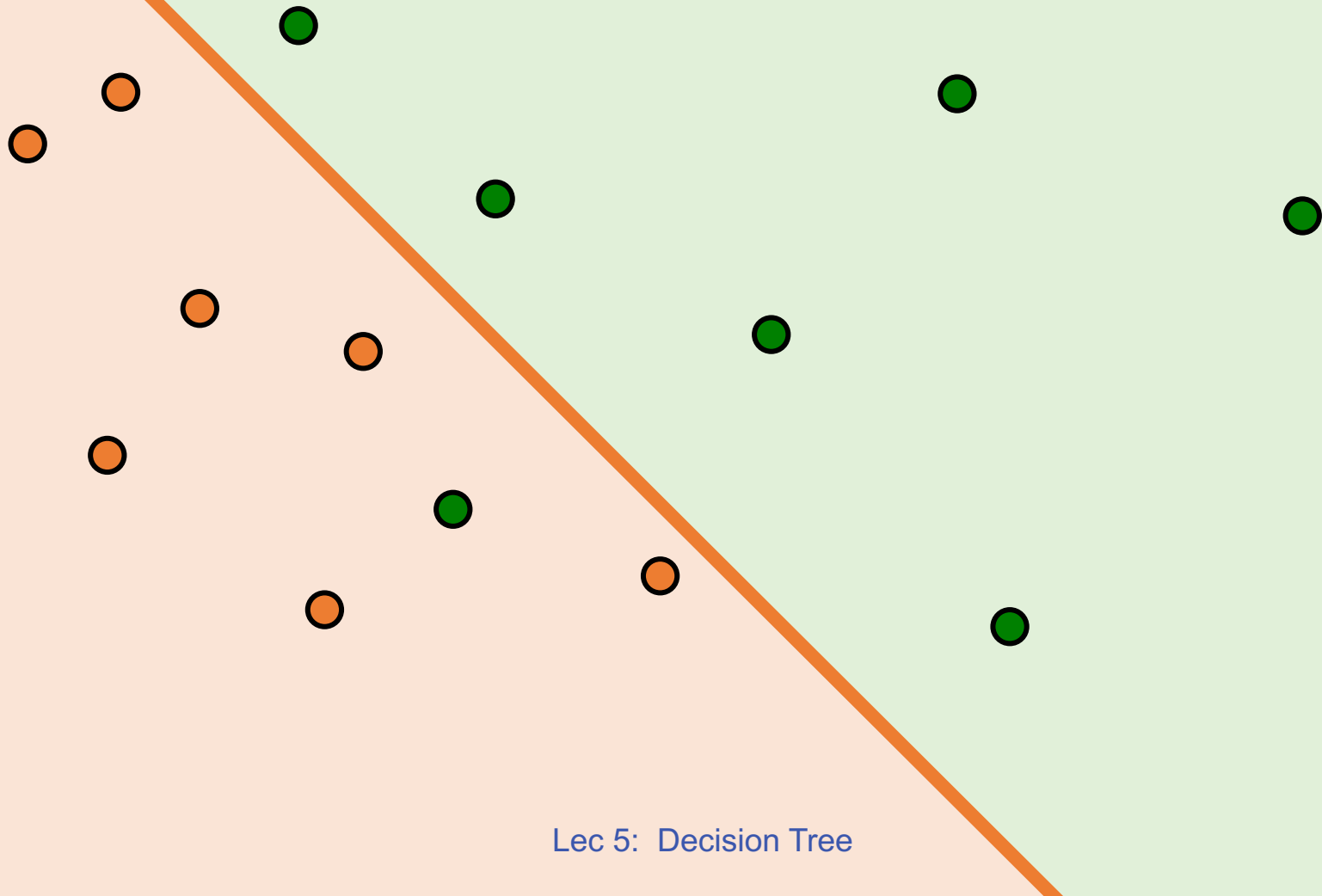
- ❖ \mathcal{X} is an N-dimensional vector space (e.g. \mathbb{R}^N)
 - ❖ Each dimension = one feature.
- ❖ Each \mathbf{x} is a **feature vector** (hence the boldface \mathbf{x}).
- ❖ Think of $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \dots x_N]$ as a point in \mathcal{X} :



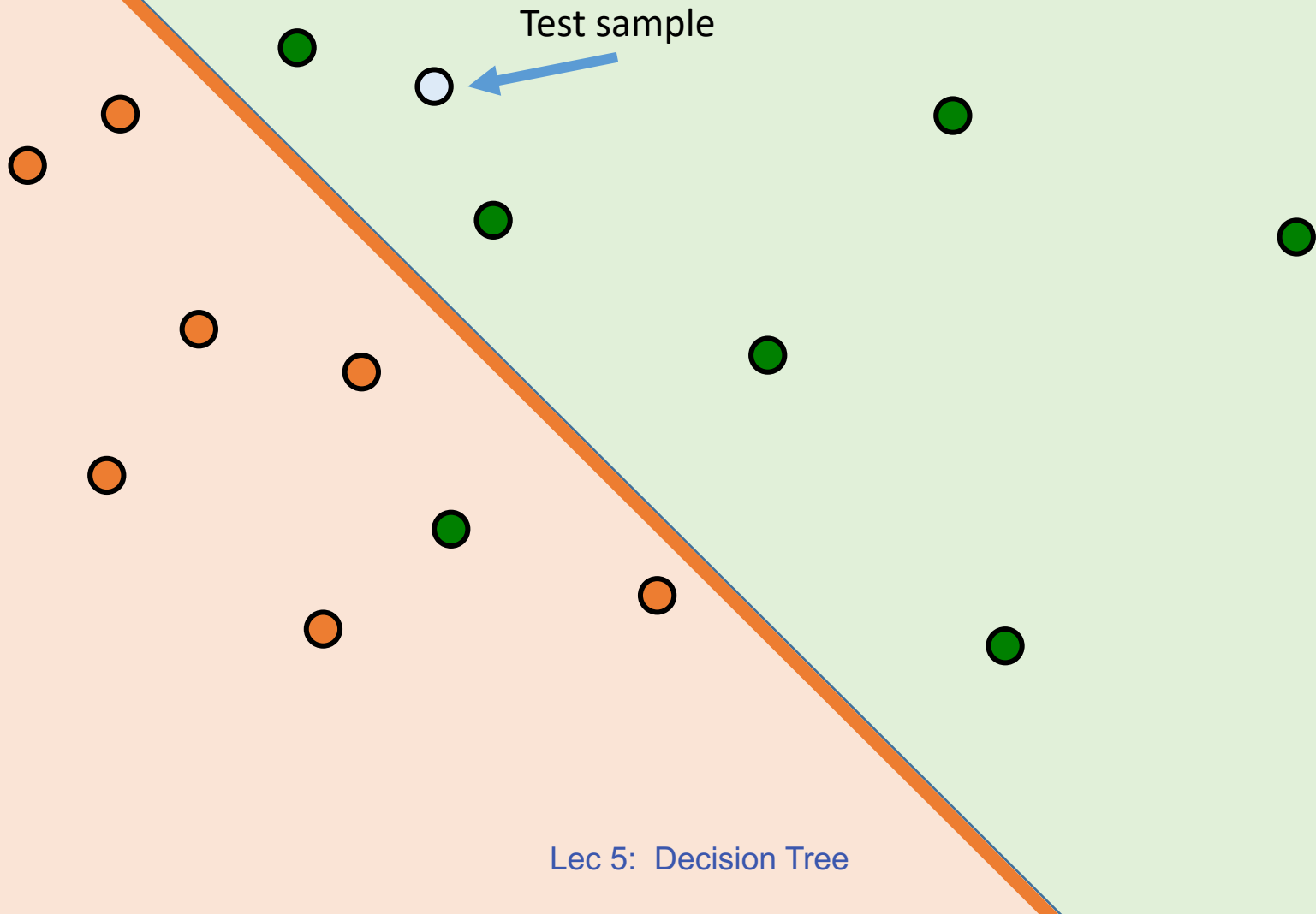
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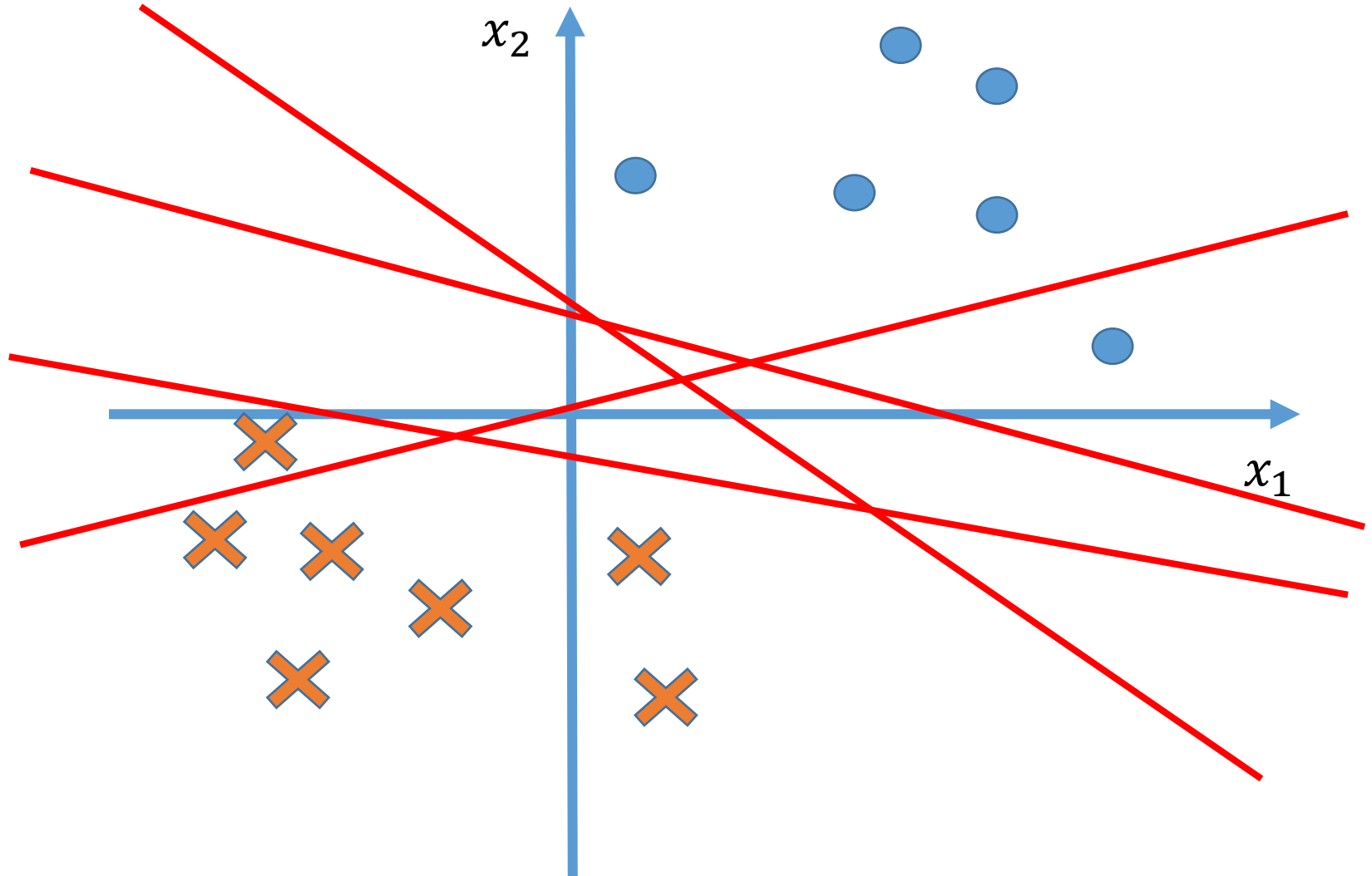
Hyperplane Separates the Space



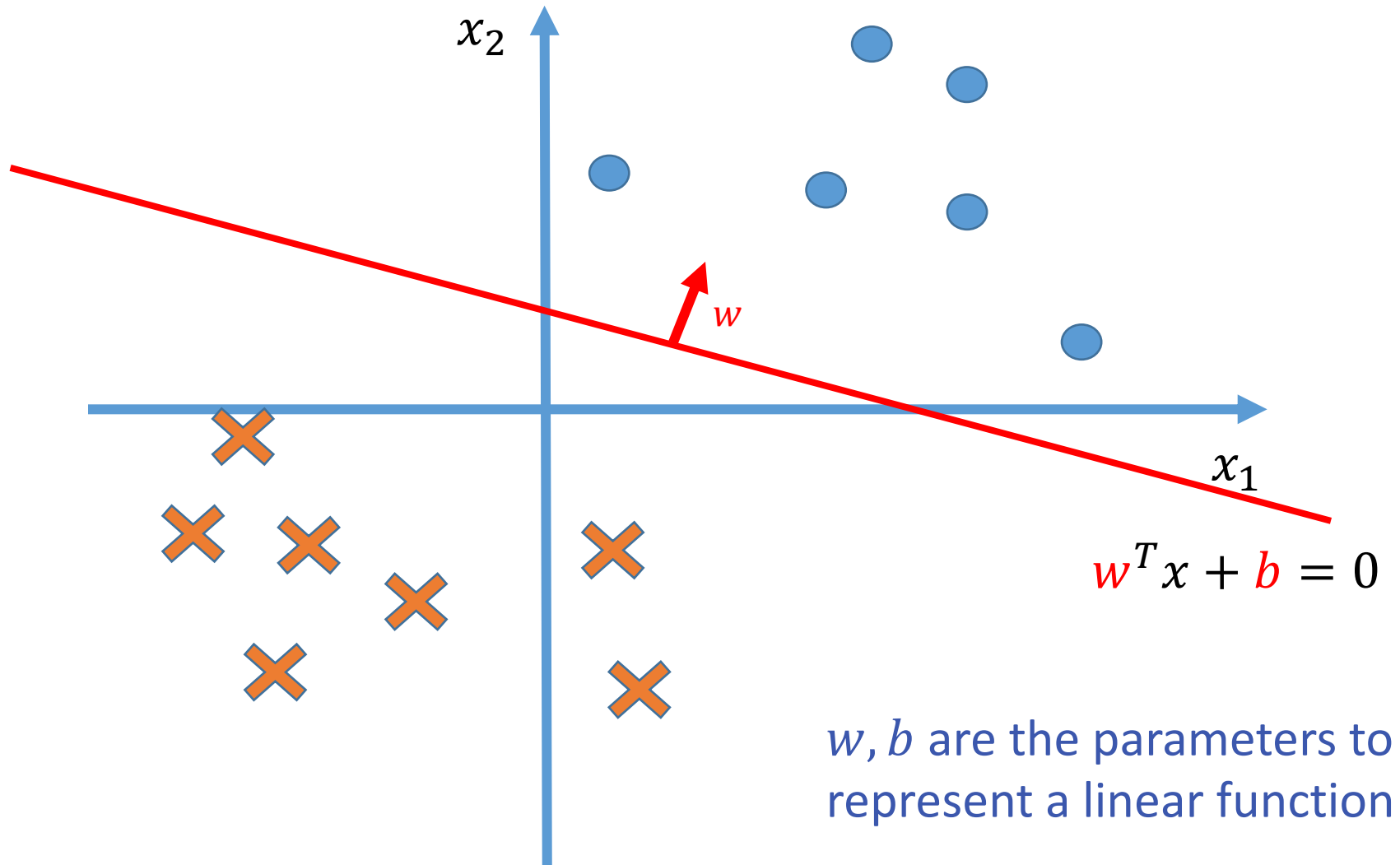
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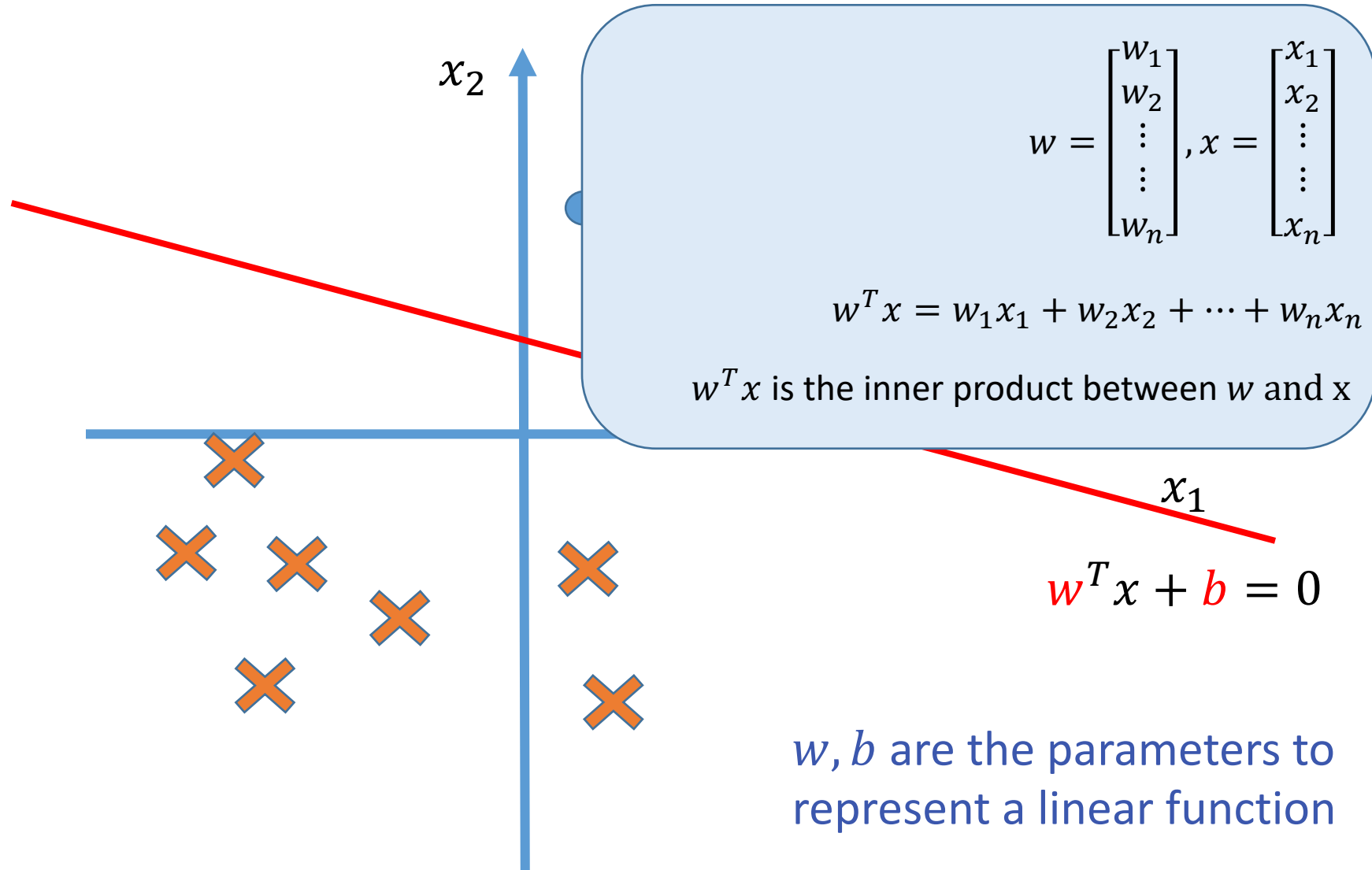
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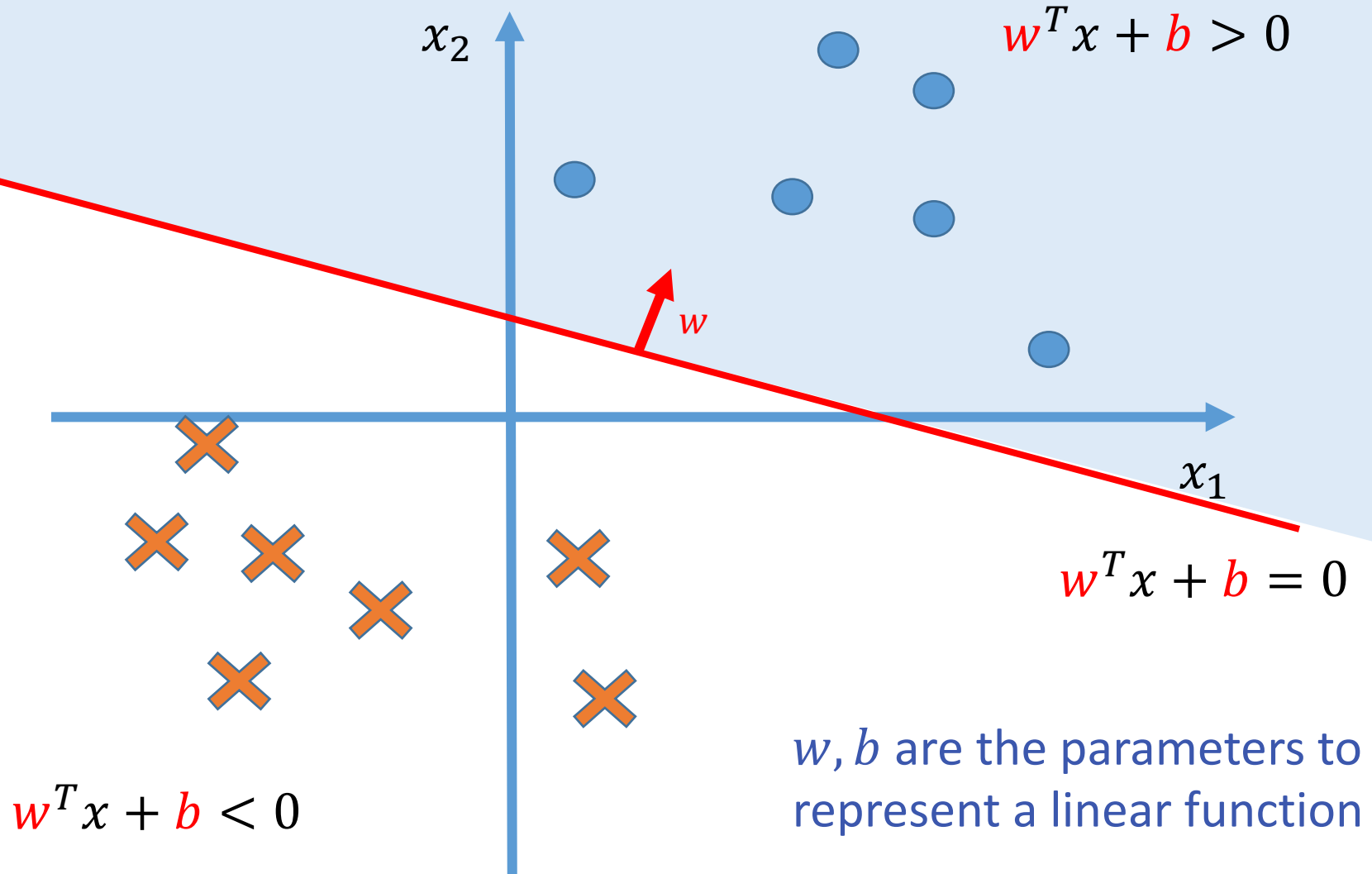
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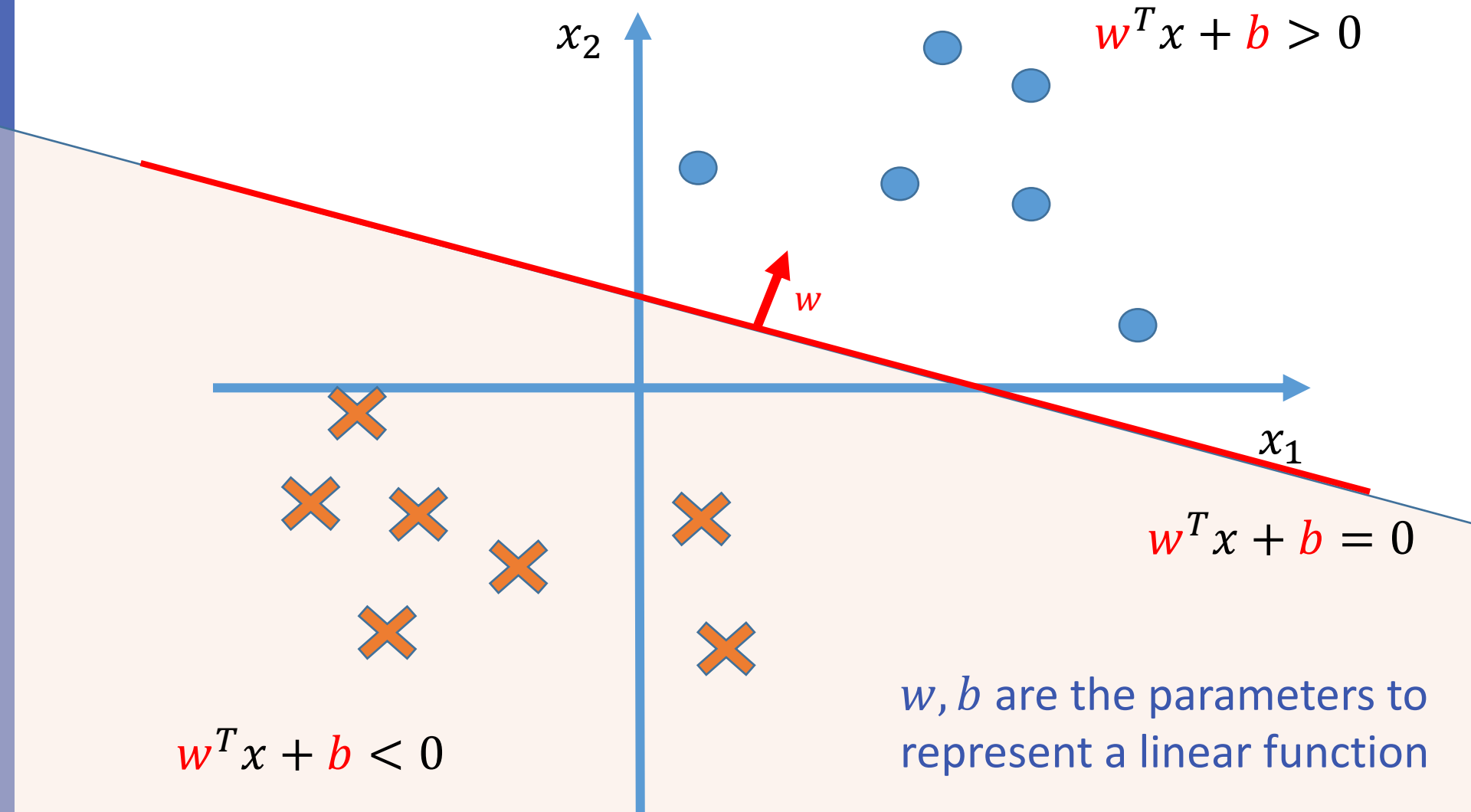
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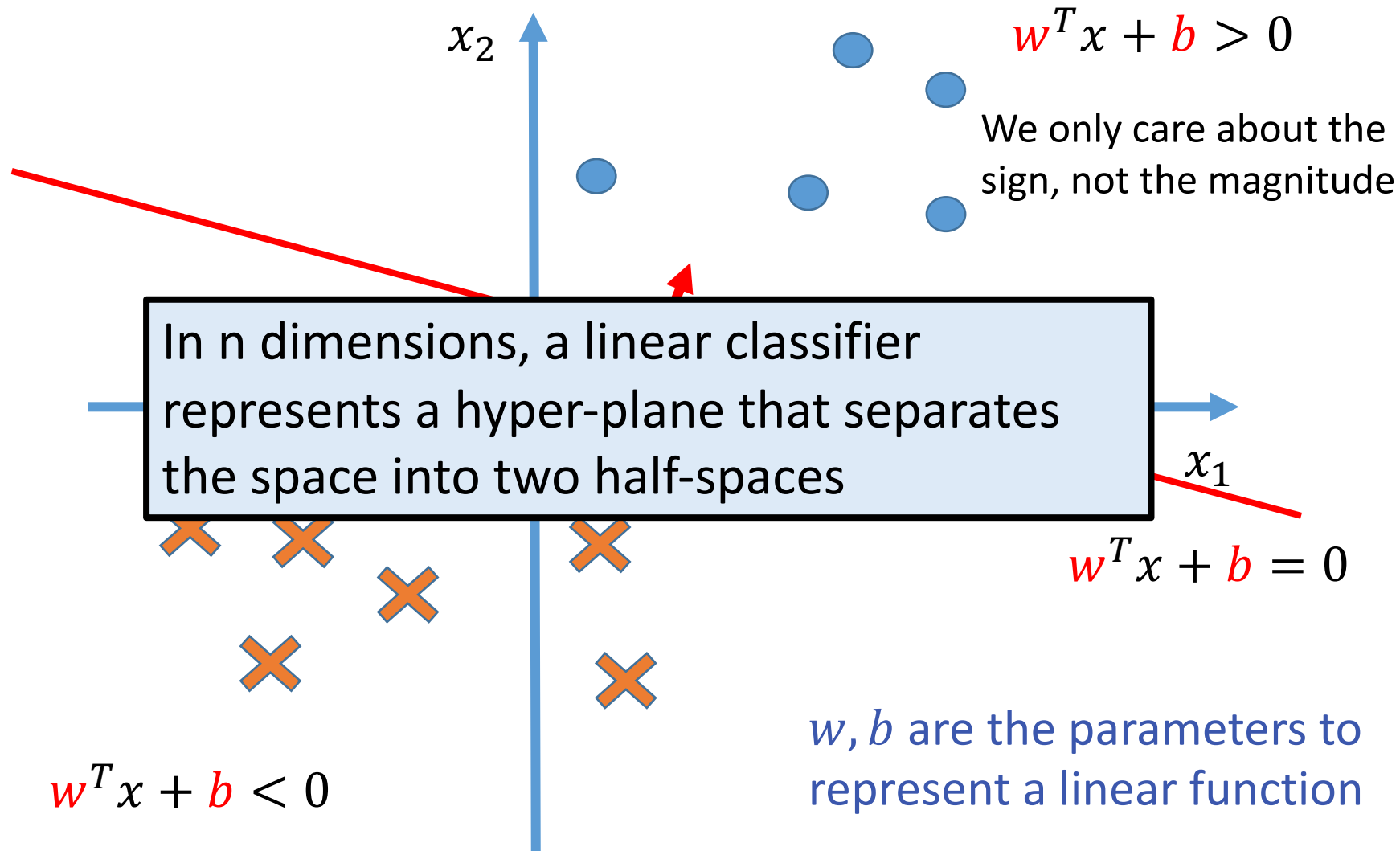


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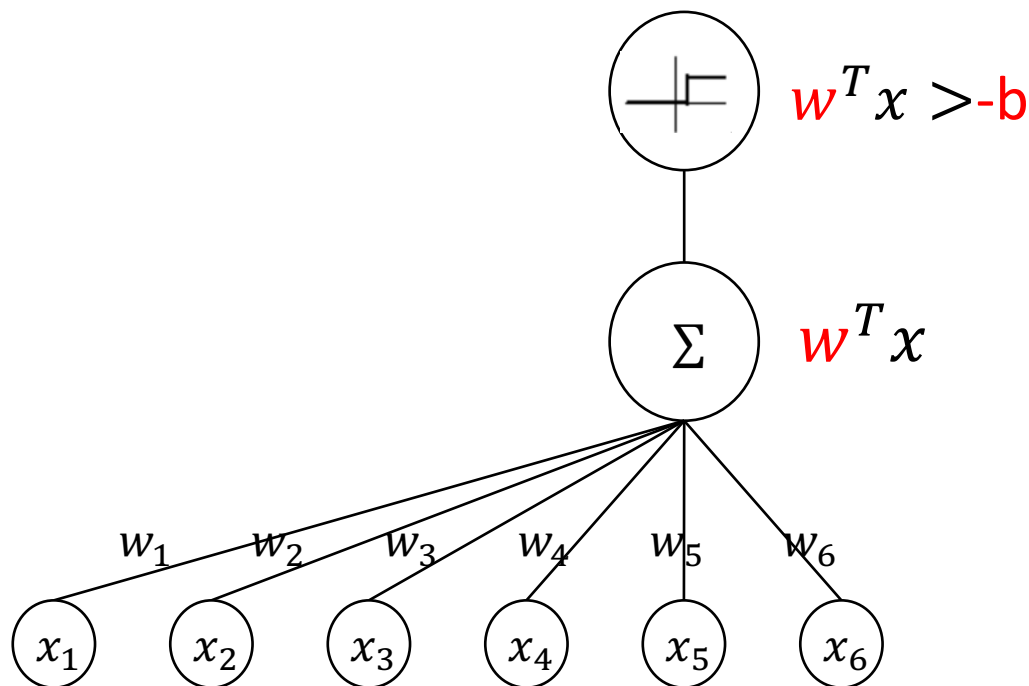
w, b are the parameters to represent a linear function

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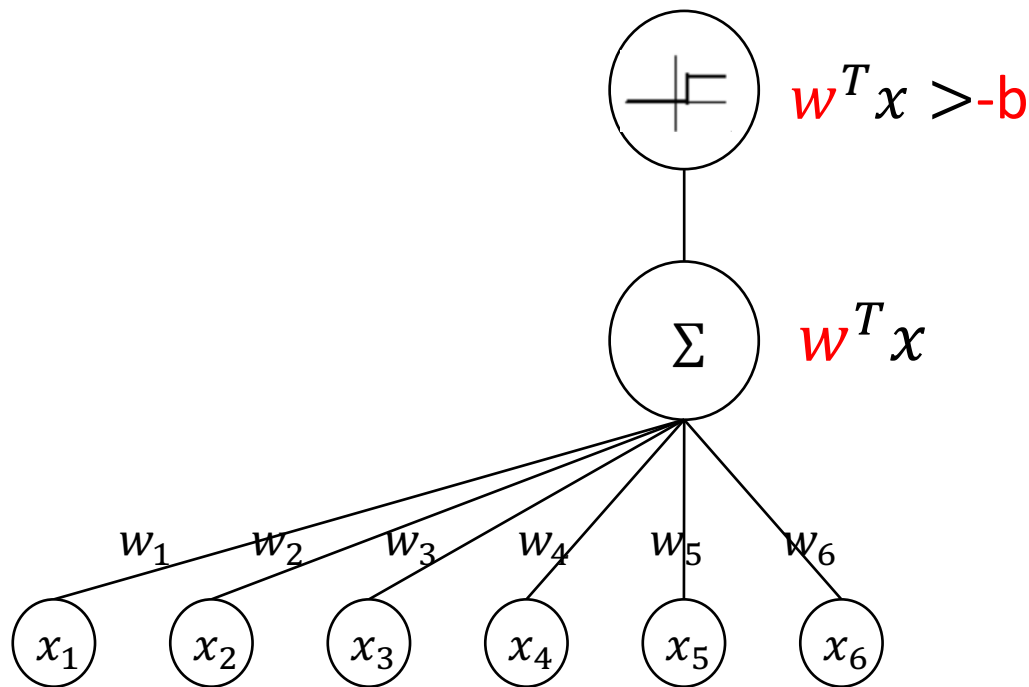
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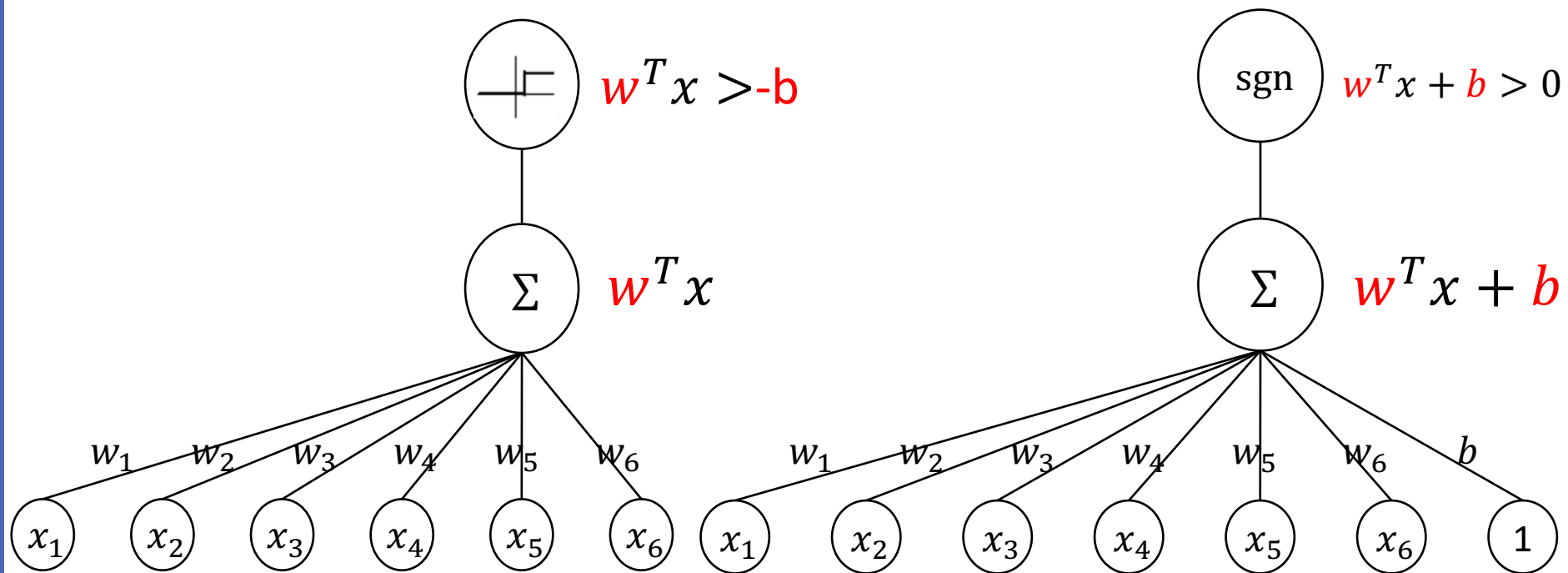
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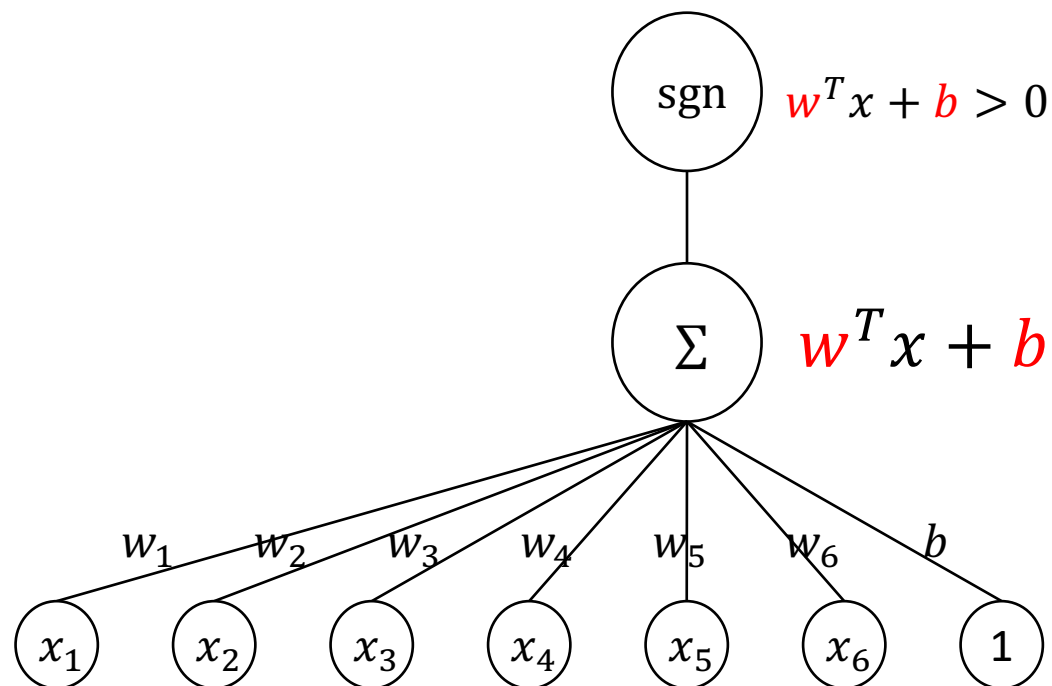
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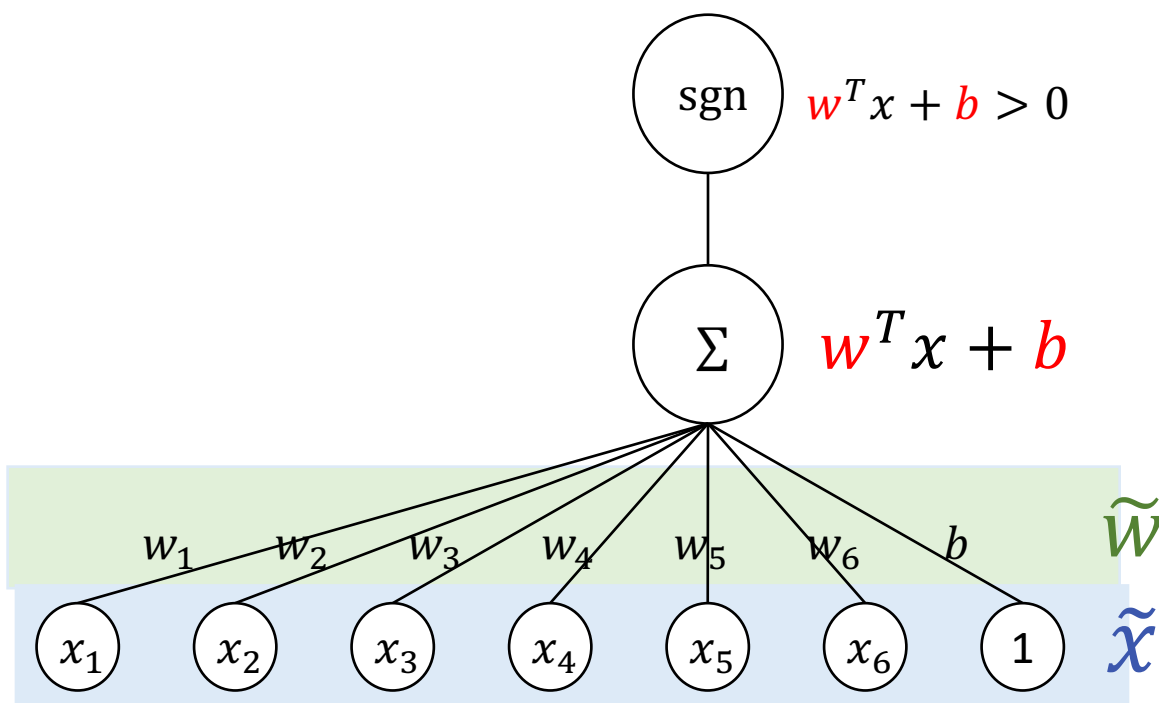


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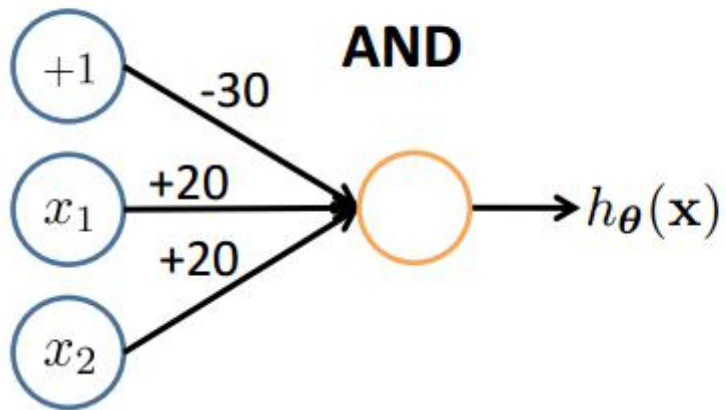


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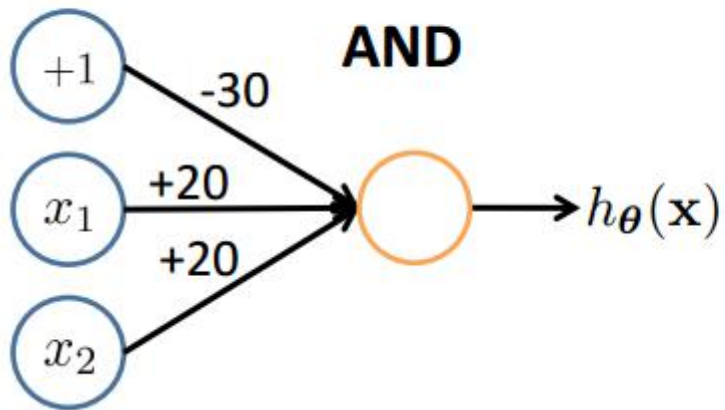
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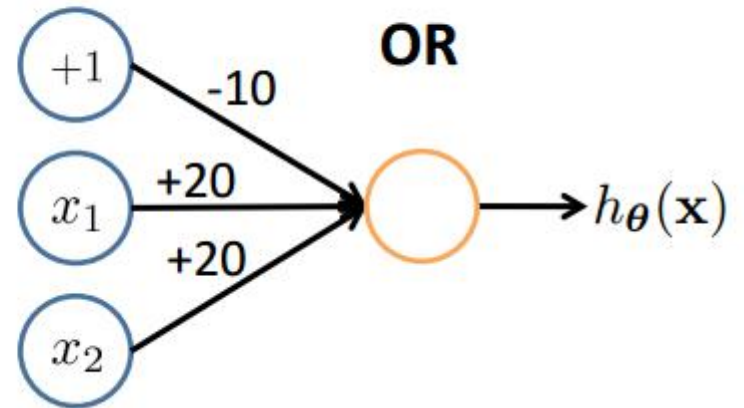
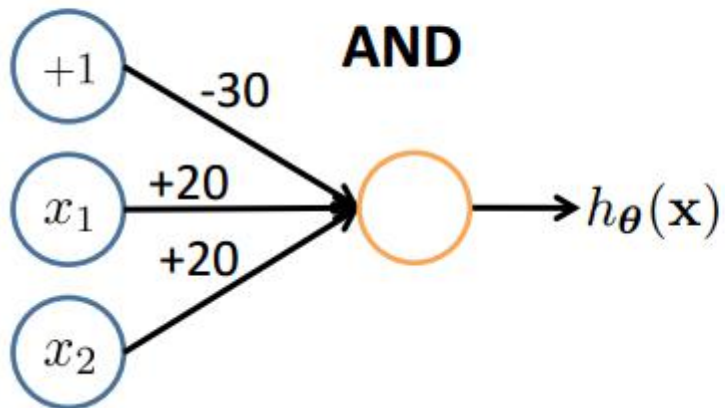


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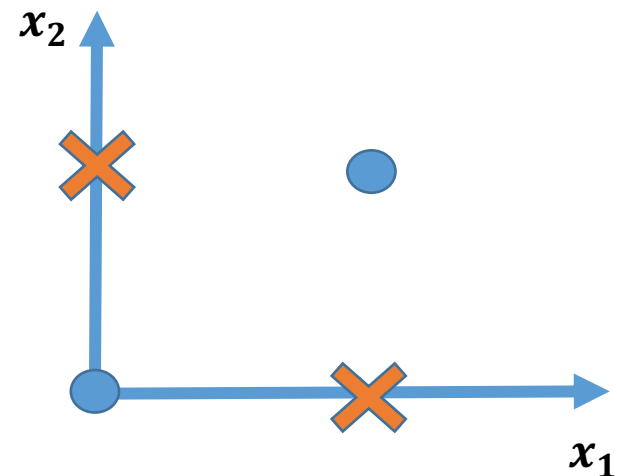
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Limitation

❖ Can linear model represent XNOR ?

x_1	x_2	y
0	0	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
1	1	1

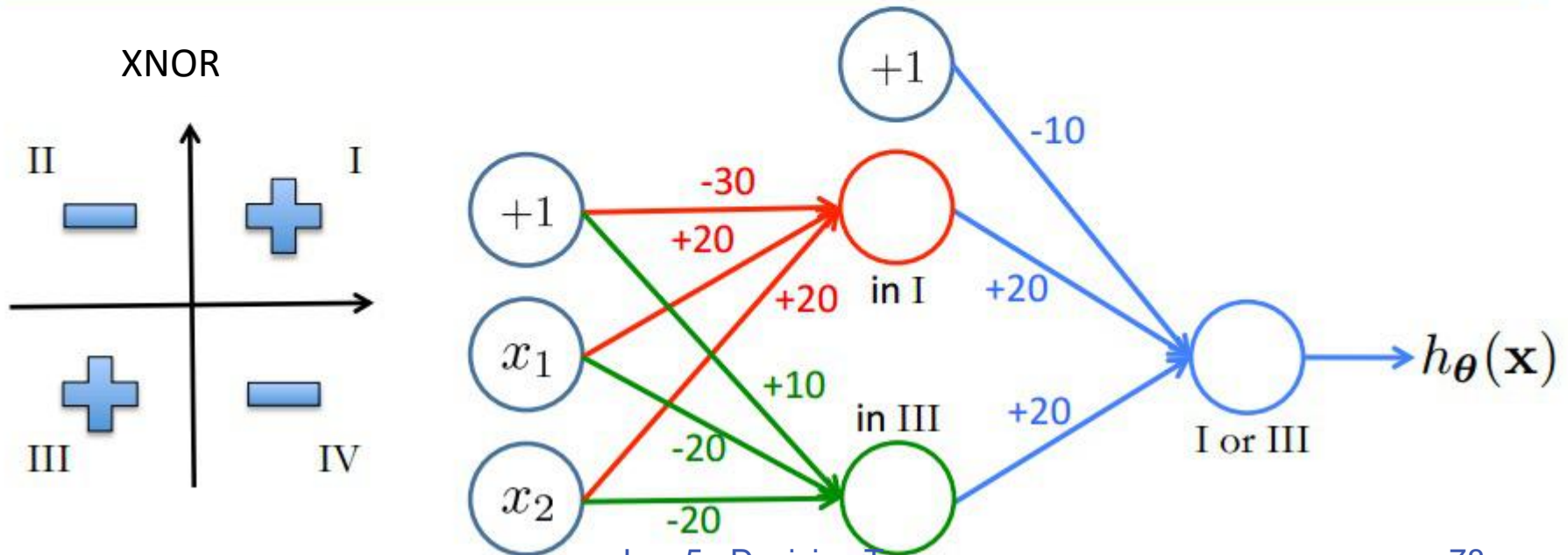
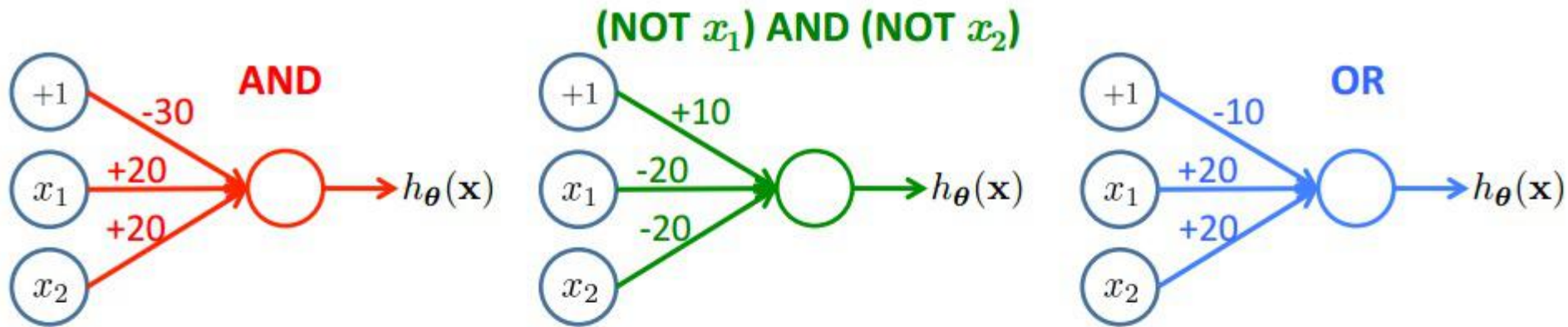


Assume the separating hyper plane is $w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$

From the four points we have:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} w_1 + b < 0 \\ w_2 + b < 0 \\ b \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} w_2 < 0 \left. \begin{array}{l} w_1 + w_2 + b < 0 \\ w_1 + w_2 + b \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Multi-layer Perceptron (NN)



Learning a Linear Classifier

- ❖ There are several algorithms/models
 - ❖ Perceptron
 - ❖ Logistic Regression
 - ❖ (Linear) Support Vector Machines
 - ❖ ...
- ❖ Based on different assumptions, you get different linear models