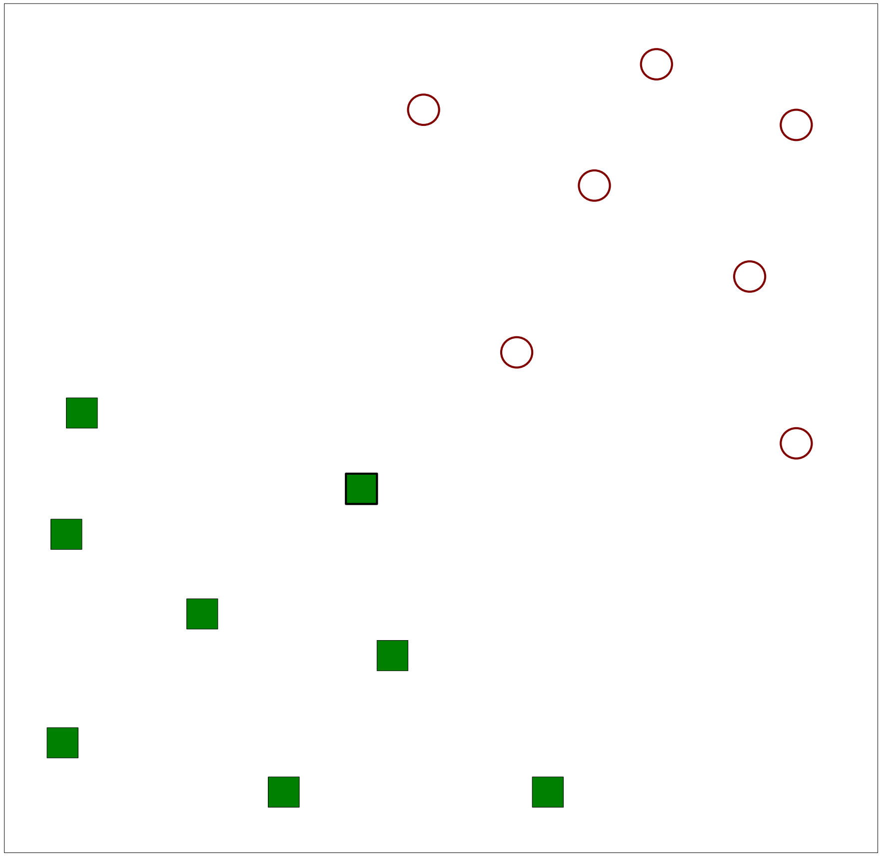
Lecture outline

- Support vector machines

- Boosting

Support Vector Machines



- Find a linear hyperplane (decision boundary) that will separate the data

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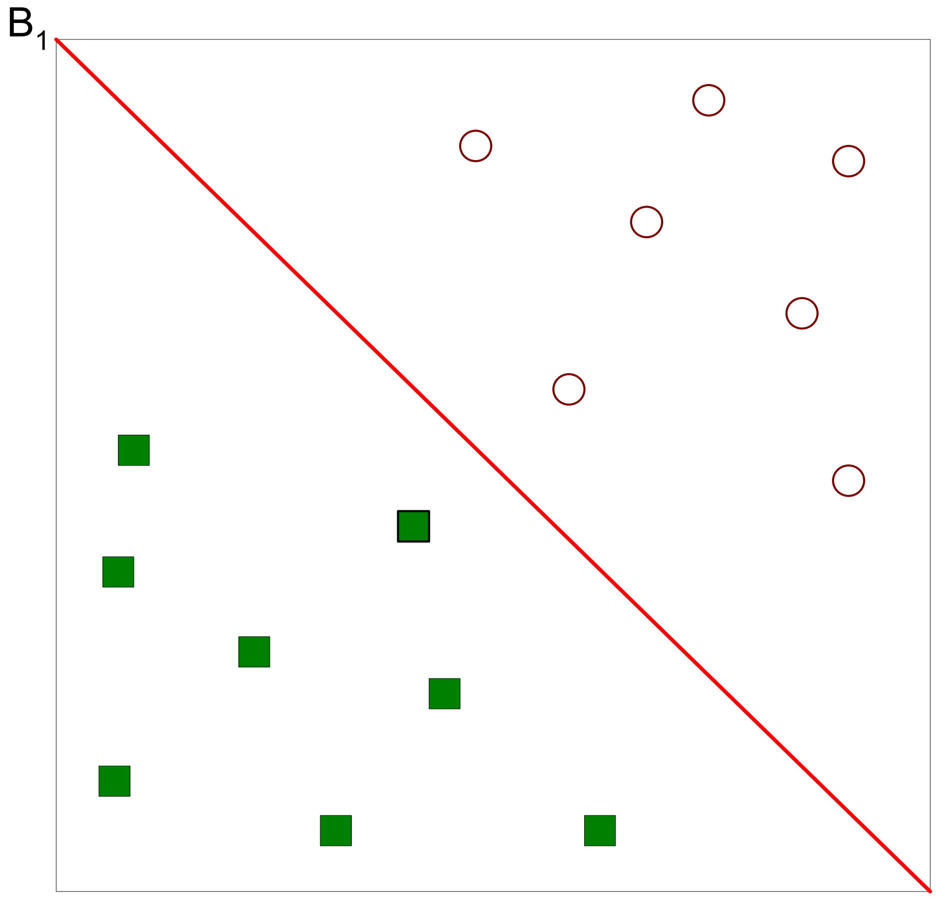

- One Possible Solution

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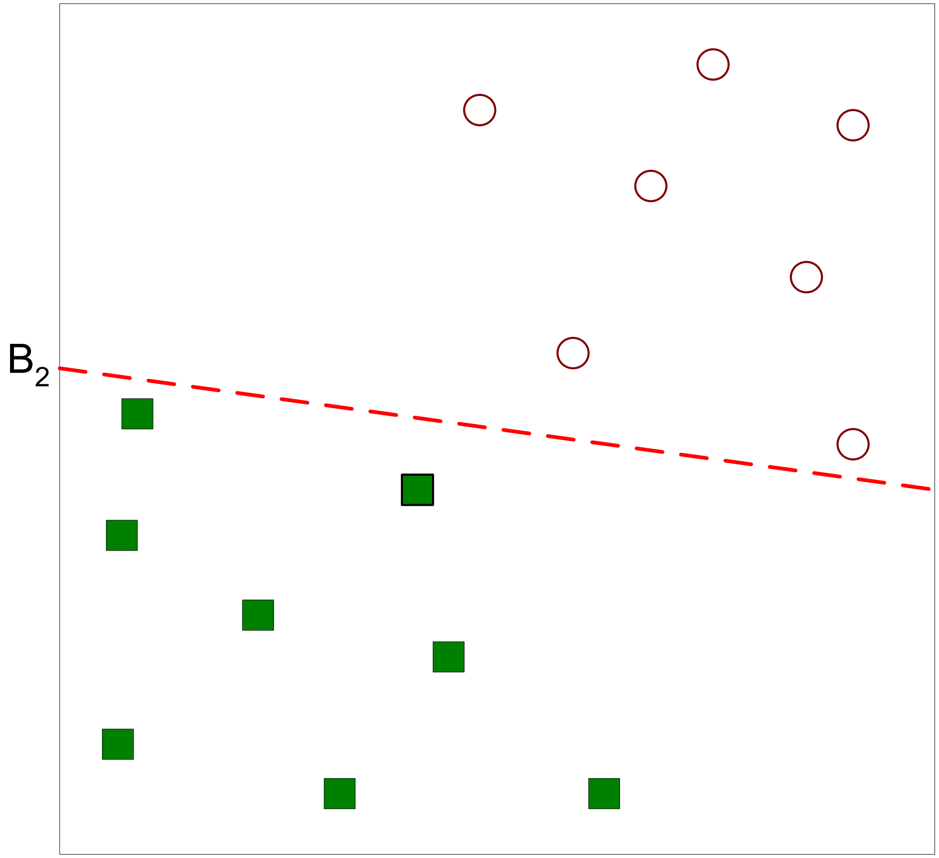

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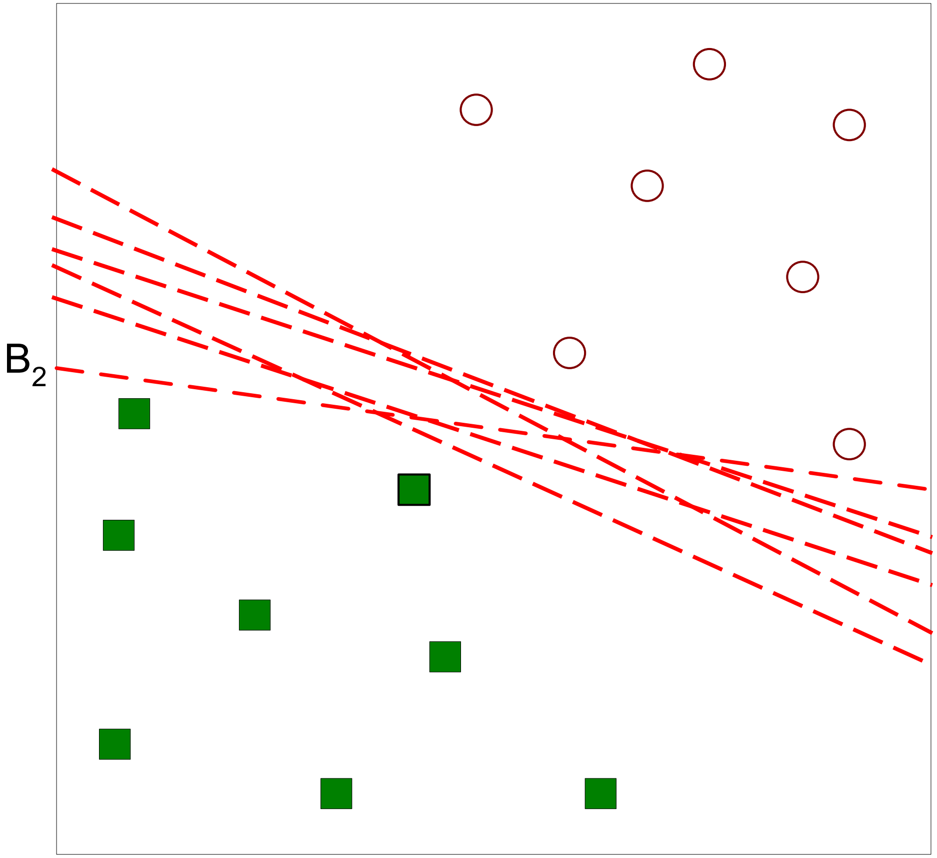

- Other possible solutions

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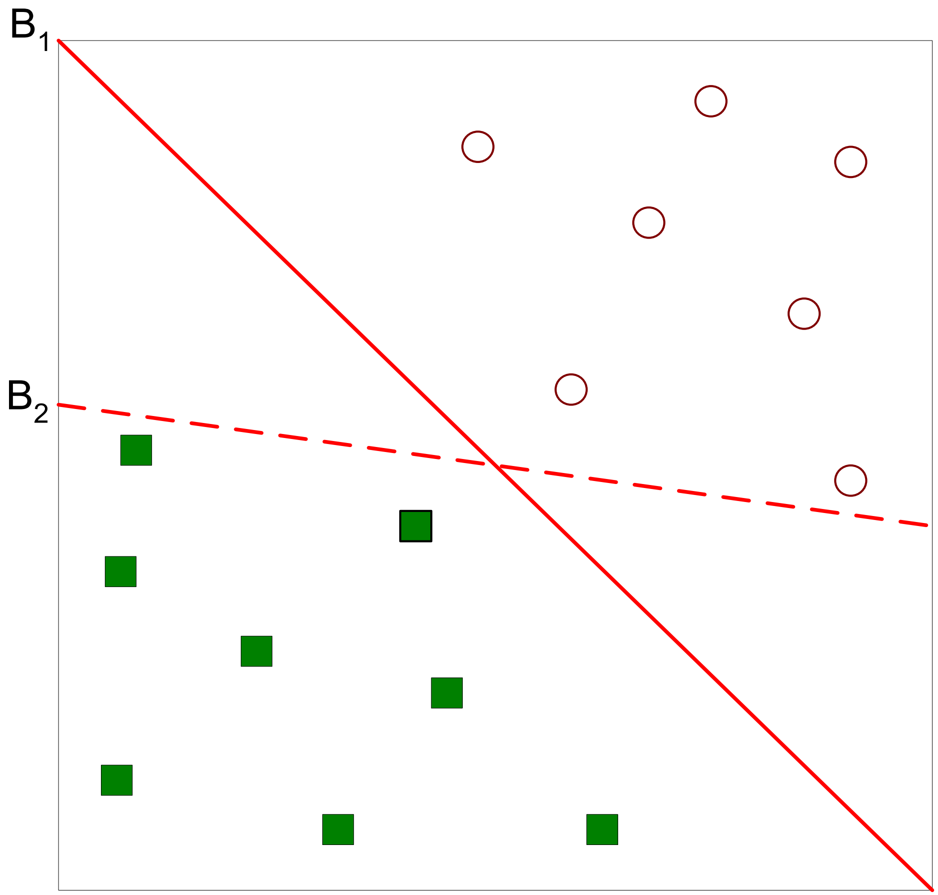

- Which one is better? B1 or B2?
- How do you define better?

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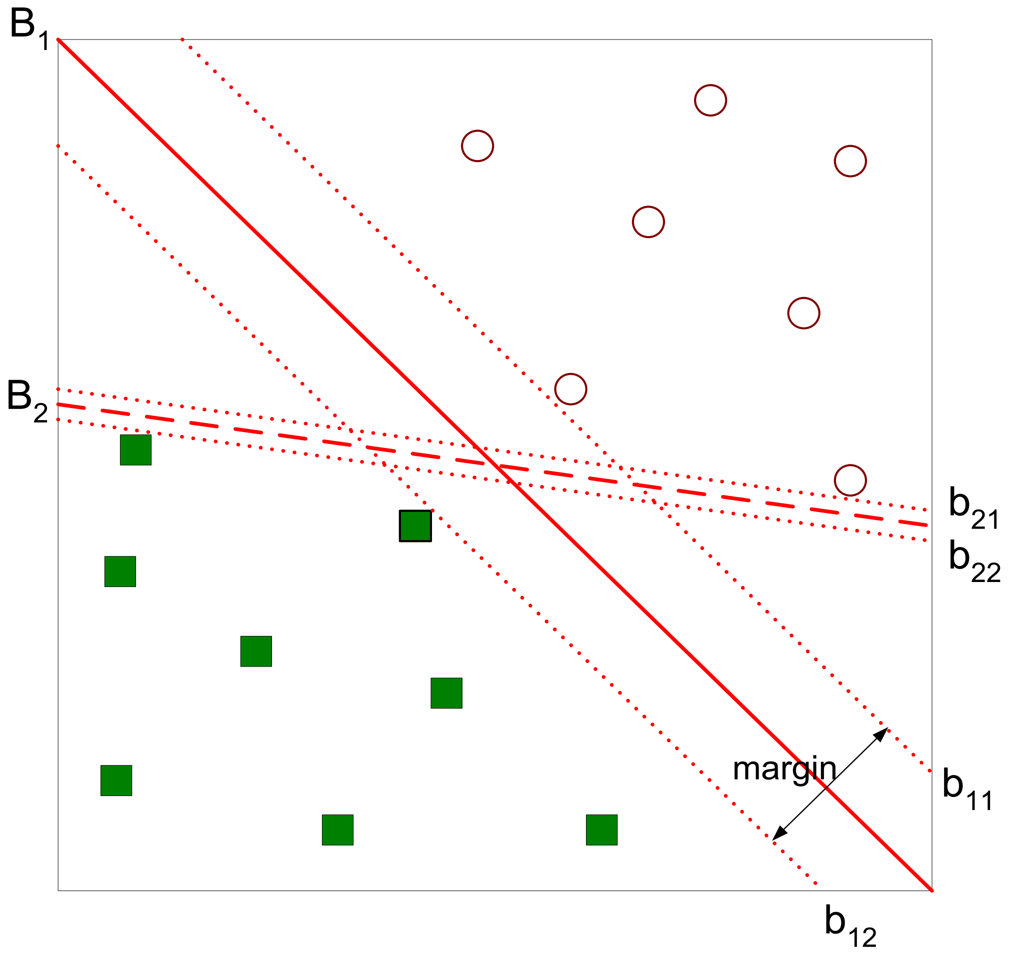

- Find hyperplane maximizes the margin => B1 is better than B2

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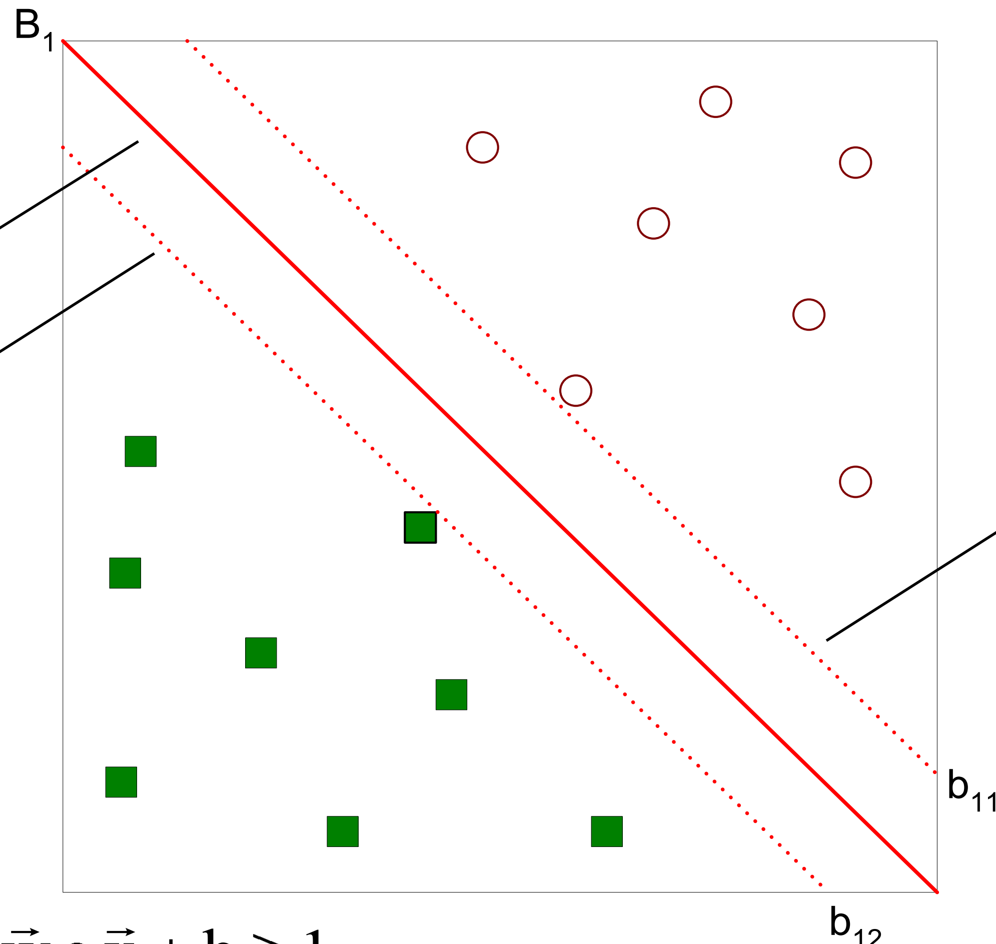


$$\vec{w} \bullet \vec{x} + b = 0$$

$$\vec{w} \bullet \vec{x} + b = -1$$

$$\vec{w} \bullet \vec{x} + b = +1$$

$$f(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathrm{w}} \bullet \vec{\mathrm{x}} + \mathrm{b} \geq 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathrm{w}} \bullet \vec{\mathrm{x}} + \mathrm{b} \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Margin} = \frac{2}{\| \vec{w} \|^2}$$

Support Vector Machines

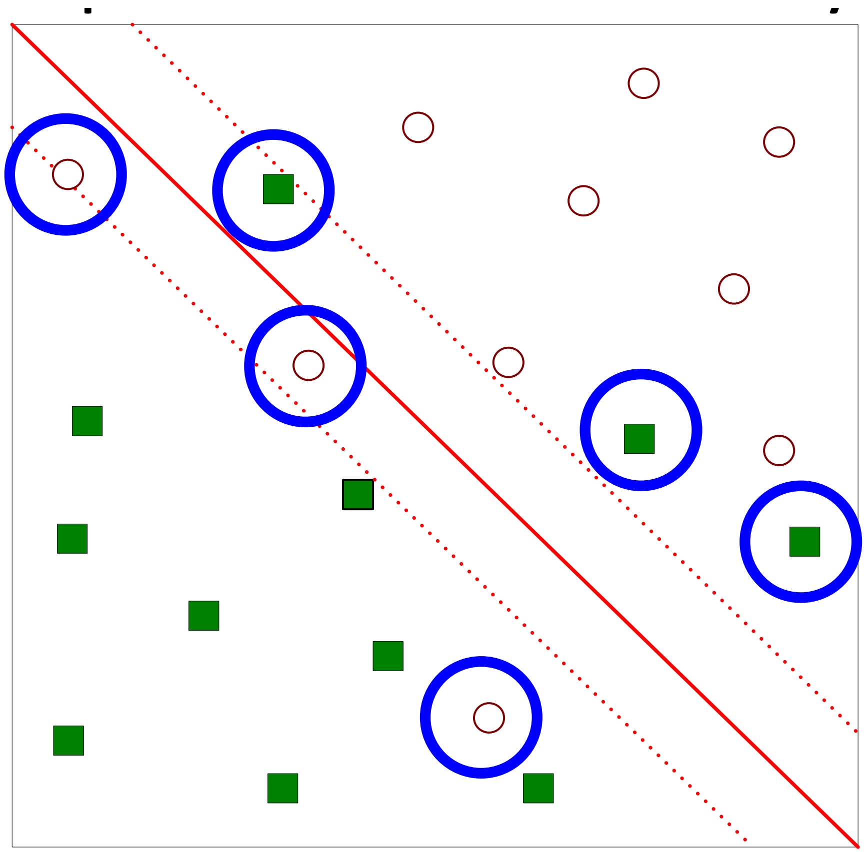
- We want to maximize: $\mathrm{Margin} = \dfrac{2}{||w||^2}$
  - Which is equivalent to minimizing: $L(w) = \dfrac{||w||^2}{2}$
  - But subjected to the following constraints:

$$f(\vec{x}_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathrm{w}} \bullet \vec{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{i}} + \mathrm{b} \geq 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathrm{w}} \bullet \vec{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{i}} + \mathrm{b} \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

    - This is a constrained optimization problem
      - Numerical approaches to solve it (e.g., quadratic programming)

Support Vector Machines

- What if the problem is not linearly separable?



Support Vector Machines

- What if the problem is not linearly separable?
  - Introduce slack variables
    - Need to minimize:

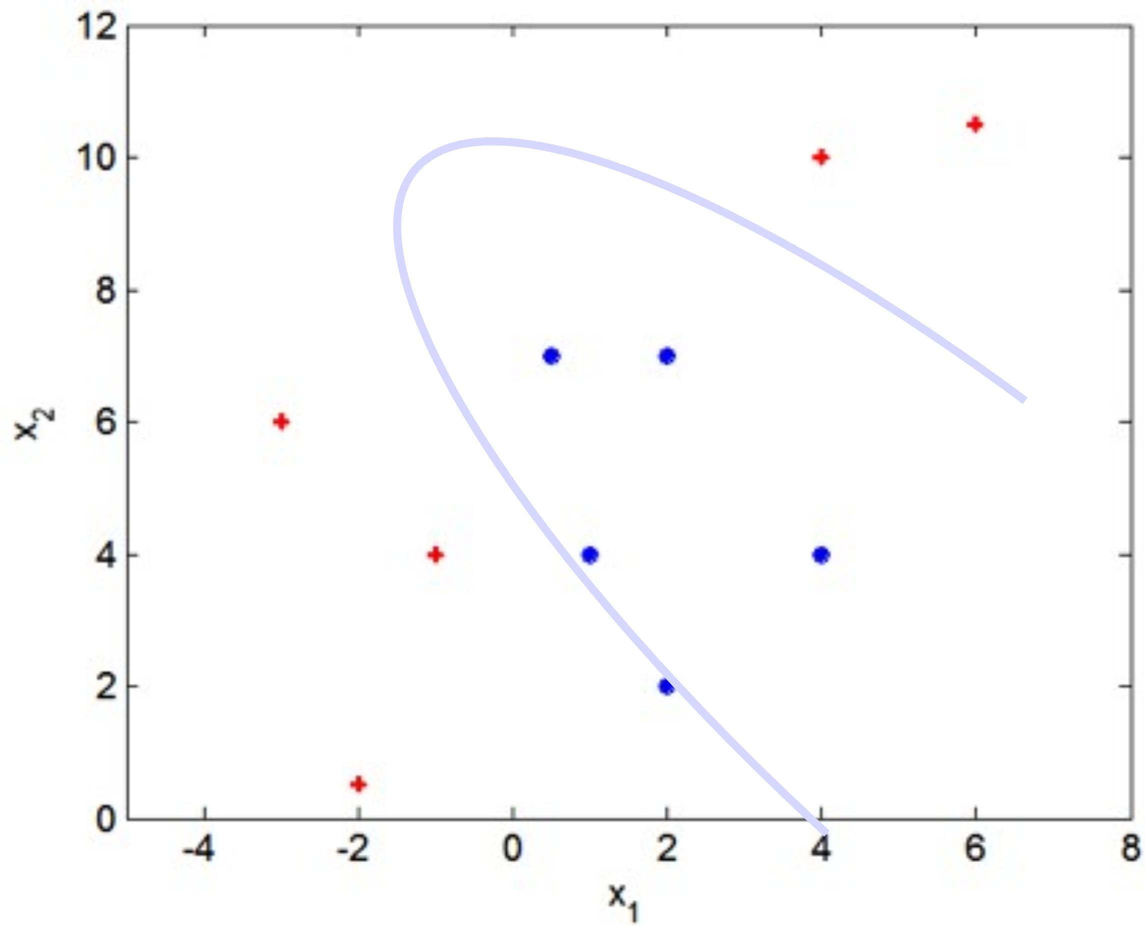
$$L(w) = \frac{\|\vec{w}\|^2}{2} + C\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_i^k\right)$$

    - Subject to:

$$f(\vec{x}_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathrm{w}} \bullet \vec{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{i}} + \mathrm{b} \geq 1 - \xi_{\mathrm{i}} \\ -1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathrm{w}} \bullet \vec{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{i}} + \mathrm{b} \leq -1 + \xi_{\mathrm{i}} \end{cases}$$

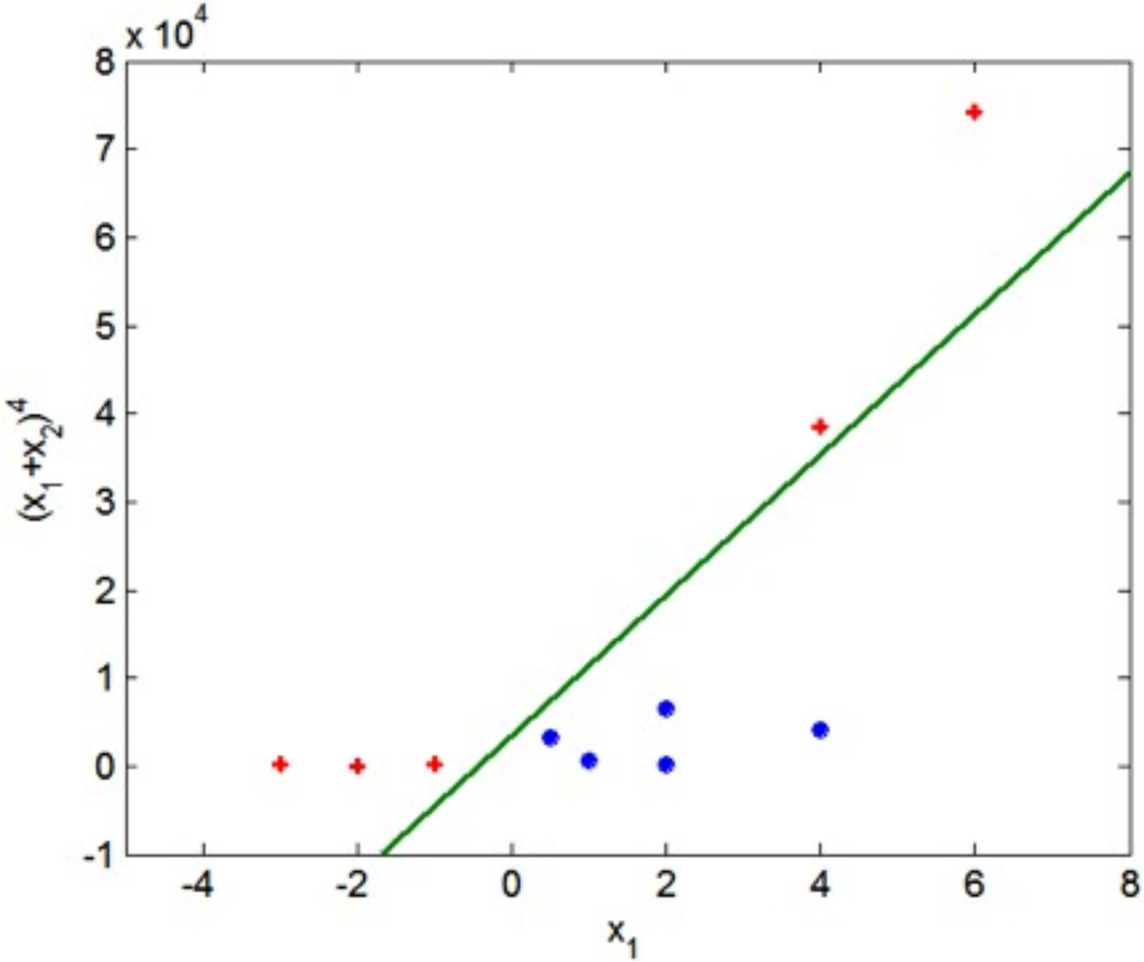
Nonlinear Support Vector Machines

- What if decision boundary is not linear?



Nonlinear Support Vector Machines

- Transform data into higher dimensional space



Ensemble Methods

- Construct a set of classifiers from the training data

- Predict class label of previously unseen records by aggregating predictions made by multiple classifiers

Why does it work?

- Suppose there are 25 base classifiers
  - Each classifier has error rate, $\varepsilon = 0.35$
  - Assume classifiers are independent
  - Probability that the ensemble classifier makes a wrong prediction:

$$\sum_{i=13}^{25} \epsilon^i (1-\epsilon)^{25-i} = 0.06$$

Examples of Ensemble Methods

- How to generate an ensemble of classifiers?
  - Bagging
  - Boosting

Bagging

- Sampling with replacement

Original Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bagging (Round 1)	7	8	10	8	2	5	10	10	5	9
Bagging (Round 2)	1	4	9	1	2	3	2	7	3	2
Bagging (Round 3)	1	8	5	10	5	5	9	6	3	7

- Build classifier on each bootstrap sample
- Each sample has probability $1-(1 - 1/n)^n$ of being selected

Boosting

- An iterative procedure to adaptively change distribution of training data by focusing more on previously misclassified records
  - Initially, all **N** records are assigned equal weights
  - Unlike bagging, weights may change at the end of boosting round

Boosting

- Records that are wrongly classified will have their weights increased
- Records that are classified correctly will have their weights decreased

Original Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Boosting (Round 1)	7	3	2	8	7	9	4	10	6	3
Boosting (Round 2)	5	4	9	4	2	5	1	7	4	2
Boosting (Round 3)	4	4	8	10	4	5	4	6	3	4

- Example 4 is hard to classify
- Its weight is increased, therefore it is more likely to be chosen again in subsequent rounds

Example: AdaBoost

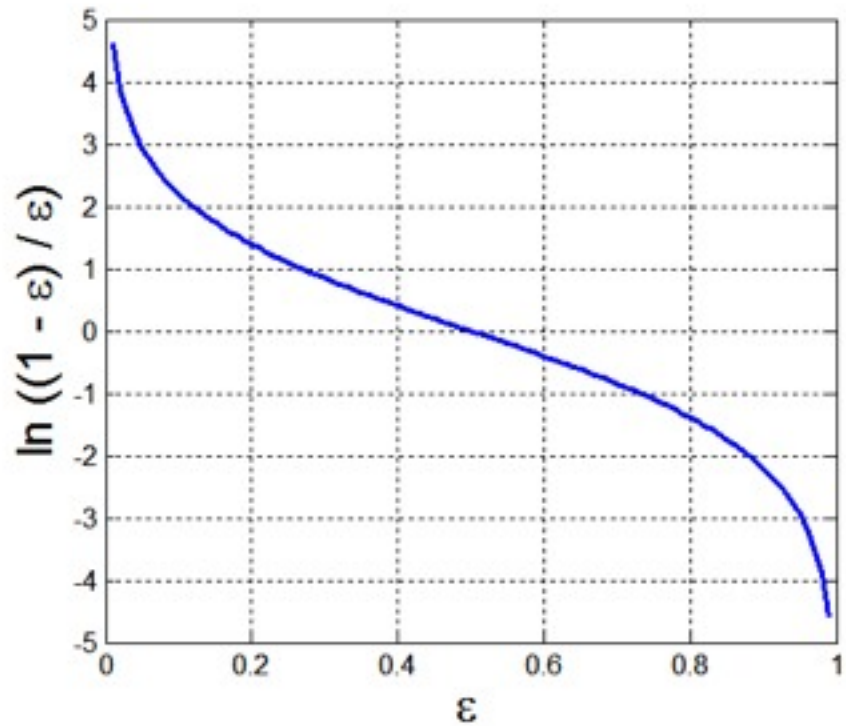
- Base classifiers: **C_1, C_2, …, C_T**
- Data pairs: **(x_i, y_i)**

- Error rate:

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_j \delta \left(C_i(x_j) \neq y_j \right)$$

- Importance of a classifier:

$$\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_i}{\epsilon_i} \right)$$



Example: AdaBoost

- Classification:

$$C^* = \arg\max_y \sum_{j=1}^{T} \alpha_j \delta\left(C_j(x) = y\right)$$

- Weight update for every iteration t and classifier j :

$$w_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{w_i^{(t)}}{Z_t} \begin{cases} \exp^{-\alpha_j} & \text{if } C_j(x_i) = y_i \\ \exp^{\alpha_j} & \text{if } C_j(x_i) \neq y_i \end{cases}$$

where Z_j is the normalization factor

- If any intermediate rounds produce error rate higher than **50%**, the weights are reverted back to **1/n**