



Data Mining with Weka

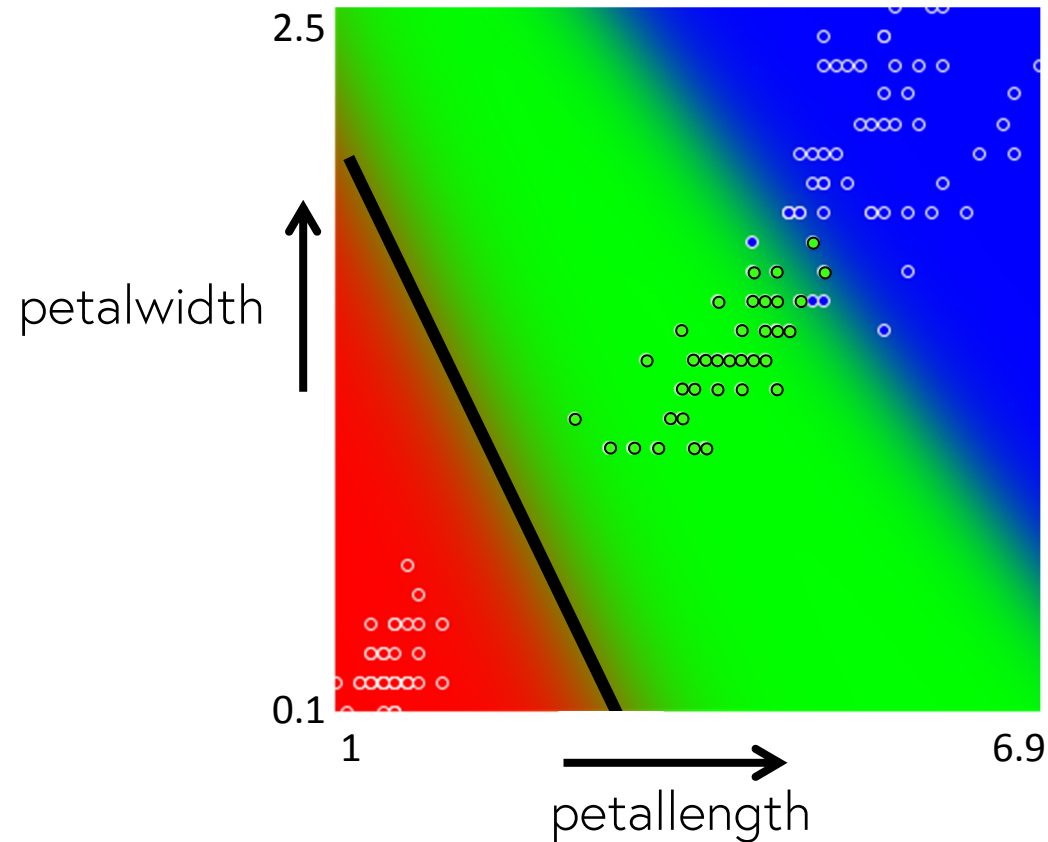
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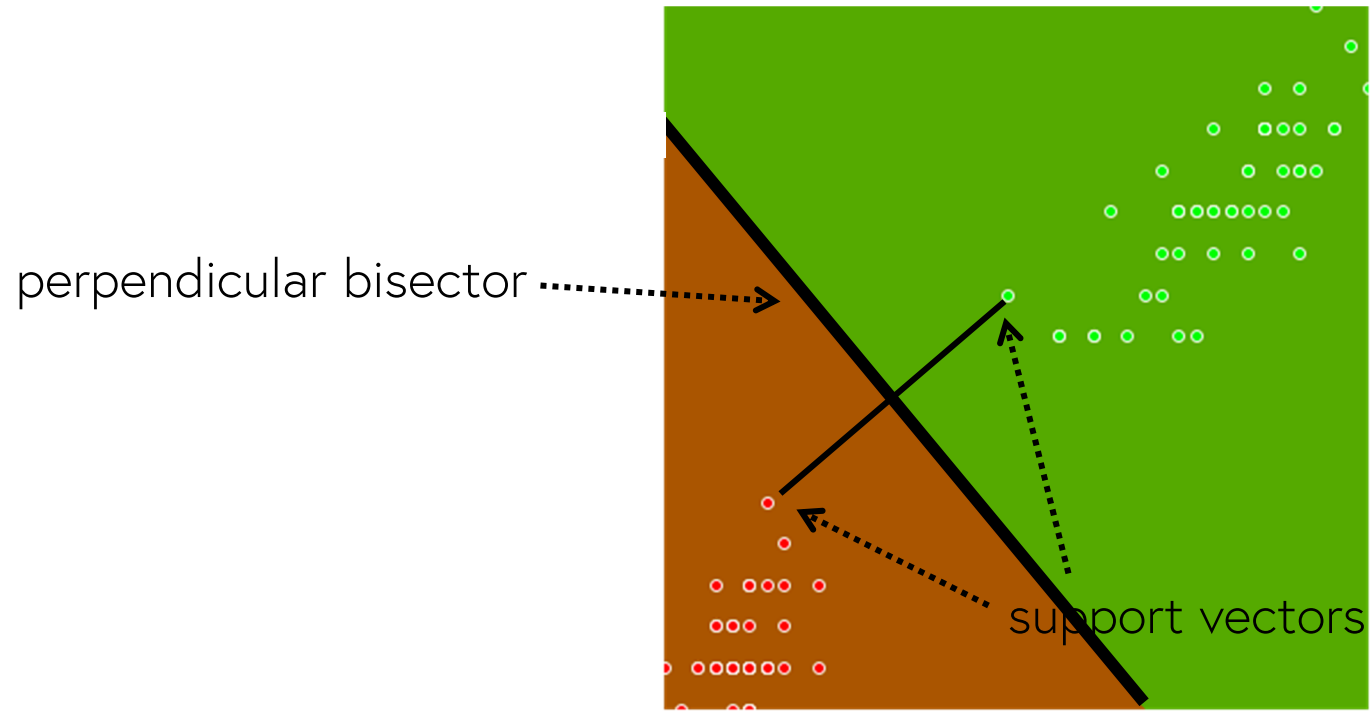
Logistic regression \Rightarrow linear boundaries

- ❖ Weka's boundary visualizer
 - *from the activity following "Nearest neighbor" lesson*



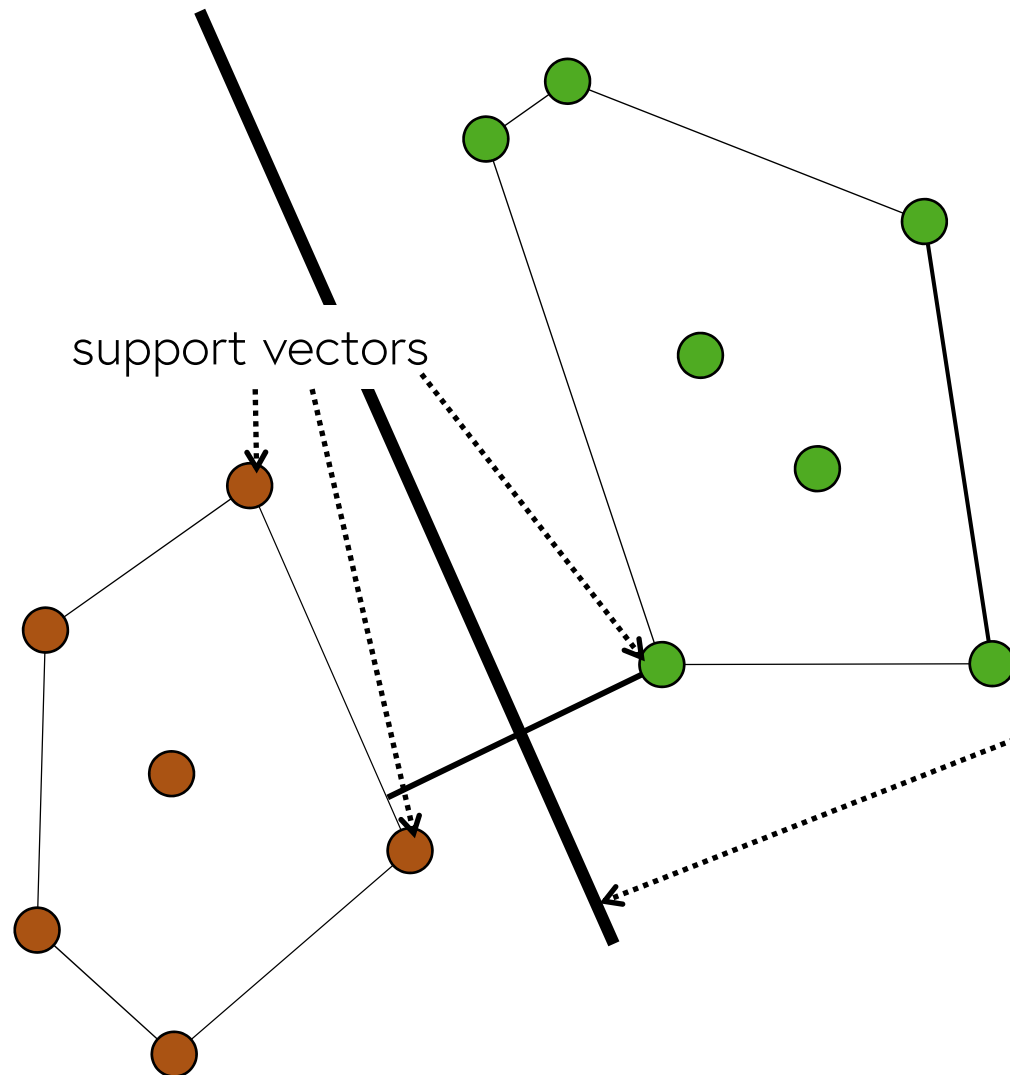
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Support vector geometry



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Maximum margin hyperplane



Support vectors define the boundary
All other instances can be deleted without changing it!

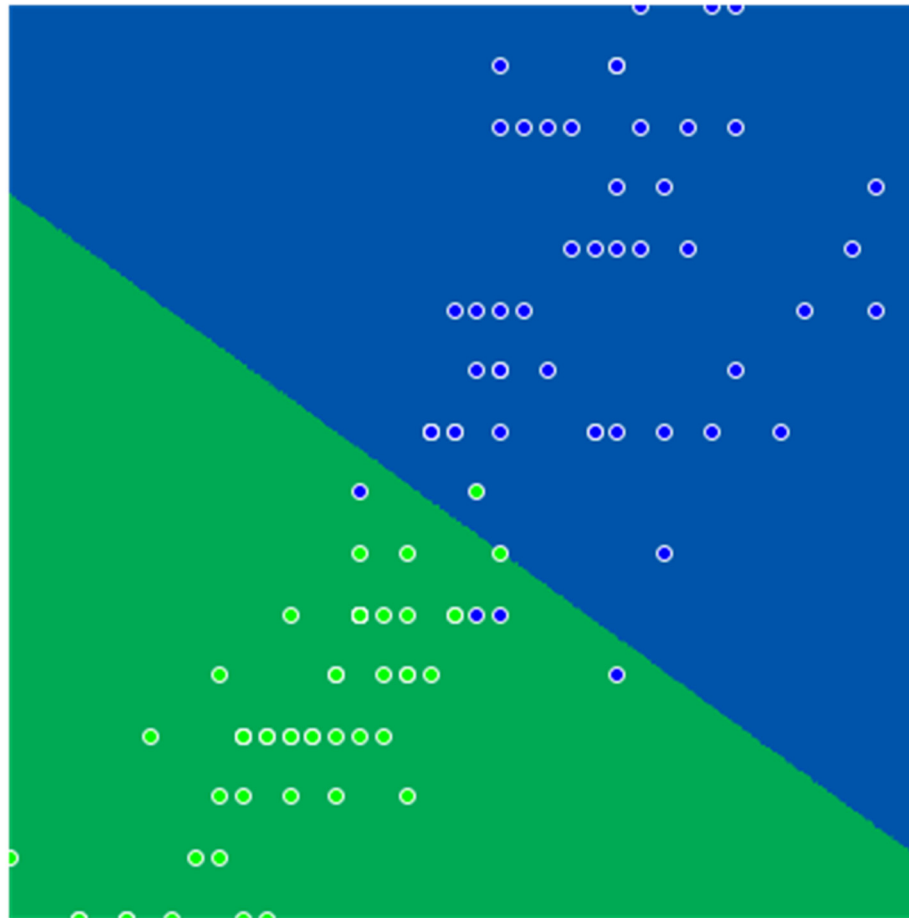
$$x = b + \sum \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{a(i)} \bullet \mathbf{a}$$

sum over support
vectors $\mathbf{a(i)}$

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Classes that are not linearly separable

(more complex)



Support vector machines

- ❖ Linear decision boundary
 - but can get more complex boundaries with the "Kernel trick"
- ❖ Very resilient to overfitting
 - boundary depends on a very few points
- ❖ Weka: `functions>SMO`
 - restricted to two classes
 - so use Multiresponse linear regression ... or Pairwise linear regression
- ❖ Weka: `functions>LibSVM`
 - External library for support vector machines
 - faster than SMO, more sophisticated options