

THE PERCEPTRON

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THE PROBLEM

Given a set of n points in \mathbb{R}^d and labels:

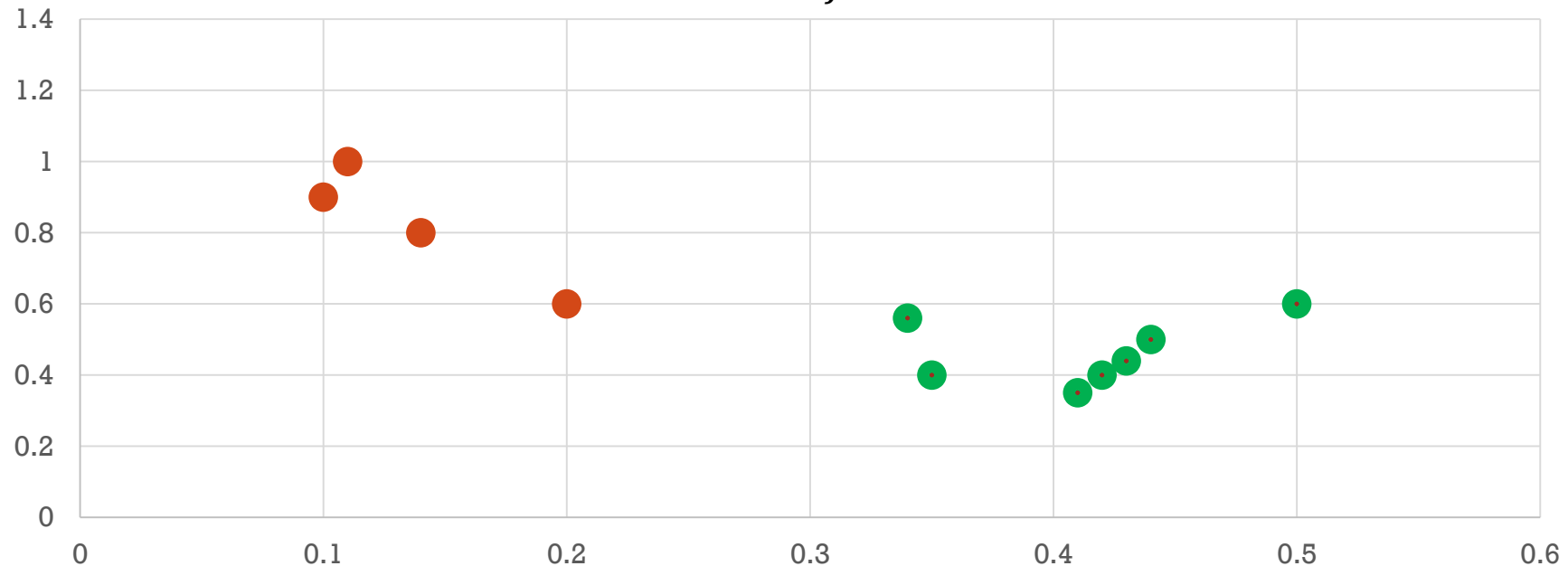
$$X = \{x_i | i \in [n], x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}, Y = \{y_i | i \in [n]\}$$

We want to find a transformation:

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

s.t.

$$x_i \mapsto_f y_i$$



DEFINITION (1): LINEAR SEPARABILITY

Let $X_0, X_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be 2 sets of points. X_0, X_1 are linearly separable if there exist $n + 1$ real numbers w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, k such that:

$$\forall x \in X_0: \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i > k$$
$$\forall x \in X_1: \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i < k$$

The above terms could also be represented as inner product: $\langle w, x \rangle$ where: $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$ and $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

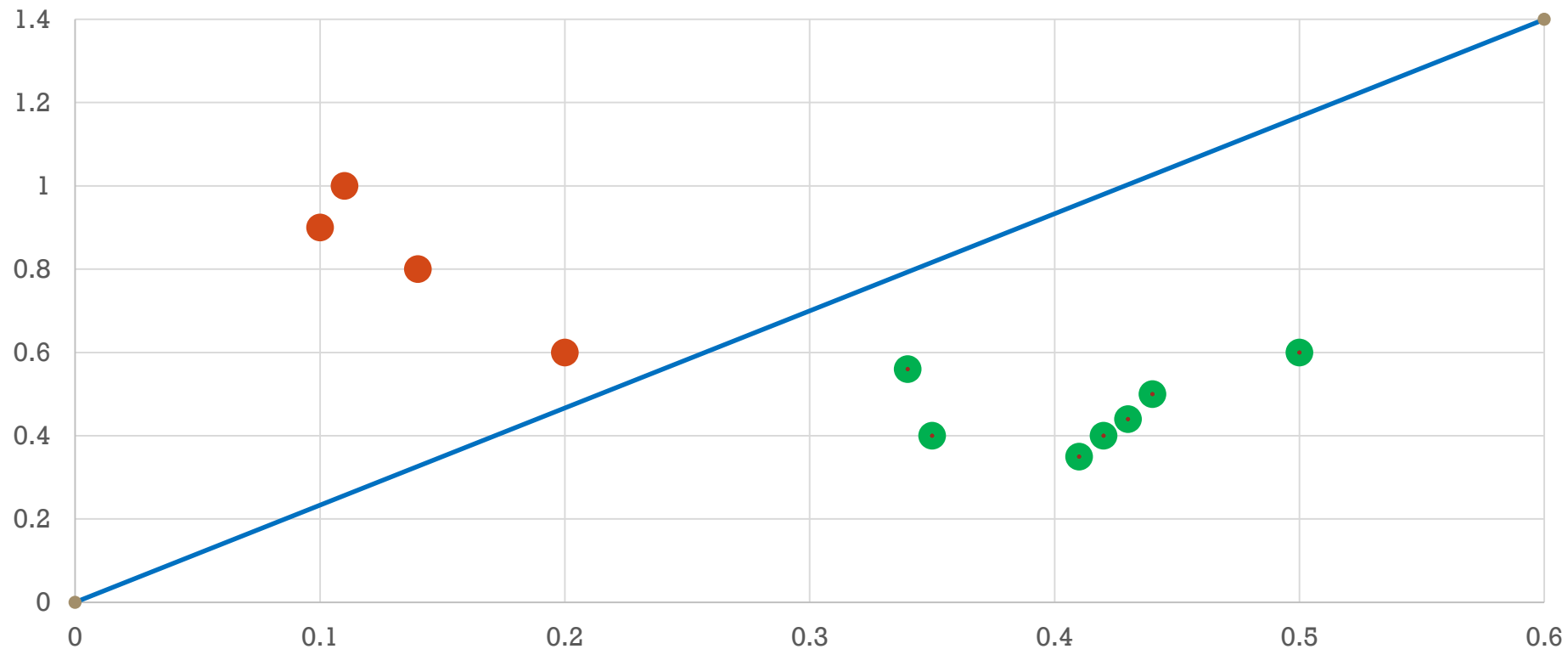


DEFINITION 1 INTERPRETATION

Given vector w , we can define a hyper-plane by:

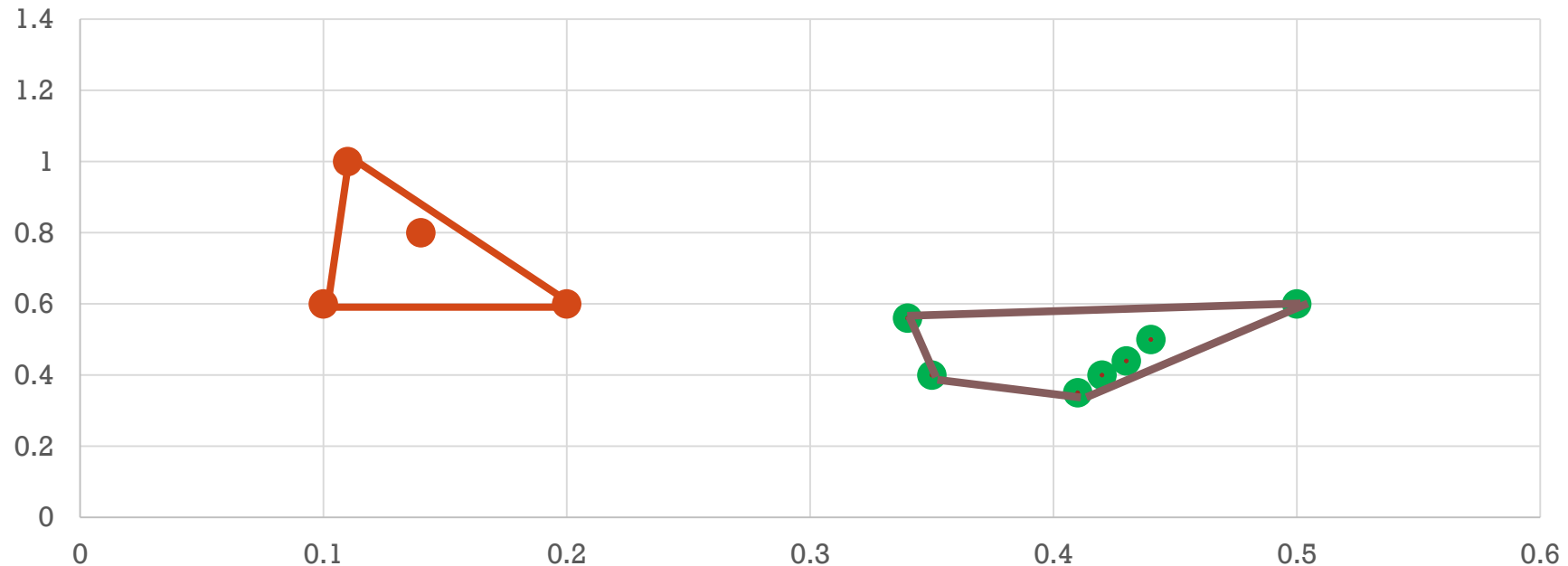
$$\langle w, x \rangle + d = 0$$

Thus, the hyper-plane separates the field into 2 regions such that all points belong to X_0 are in one region and all points belong to X_1 are in the other region.



DEFINITION (2): LINEAR SEPERABILITY

Let $X_0, X_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be 2 sets of points. X_0, X_1 are linearly separable precisely when their respective convex hulls are disjoint (do not overlap)



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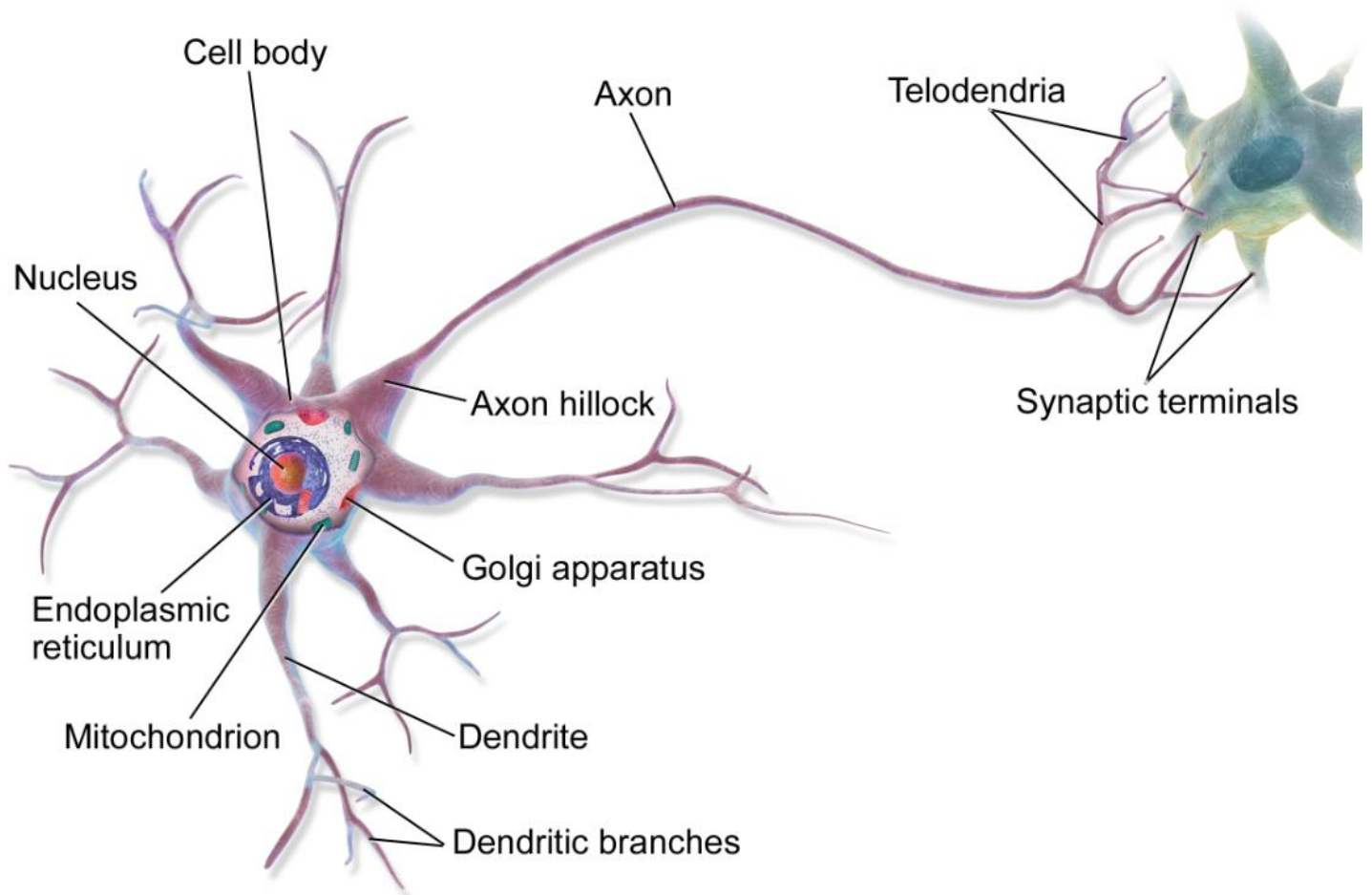


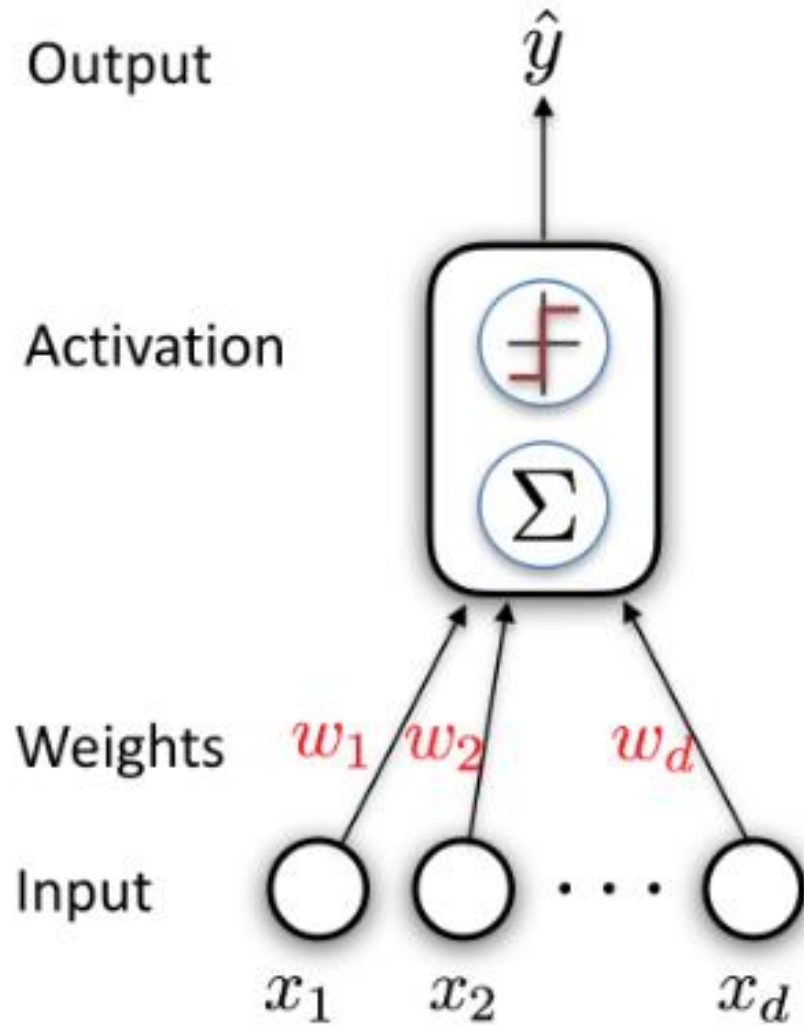
THE BIOLOGICAL NEURON - STRUCTURE

Like any other body cell, the neuron has a cell body which contains a nucleus where the DNA is stored.

From our perspective, the interesting parts are:

- Dendrites – make connections with tens of thousand of other cells; other neurons. They behave as “inputs”.
- Axon – transmits information to different neurons, muscles, and other body cells based on the signals the cell receives. Its signals are received by other cells' dendrites.





THE BIOLOGICAL NEURON – A MATHEMATICAL MODEL

- We will try to mimic the function of a neuron using mathematical tools. Given an input vector x :
 - x will be the inputs of the neuron (dendrites).
 - Define a weight, w_i , for each input, and sum all the multiplications.
 - Output the result as \hat{y} (Axon)

There's still a problem – How do we find the weights?



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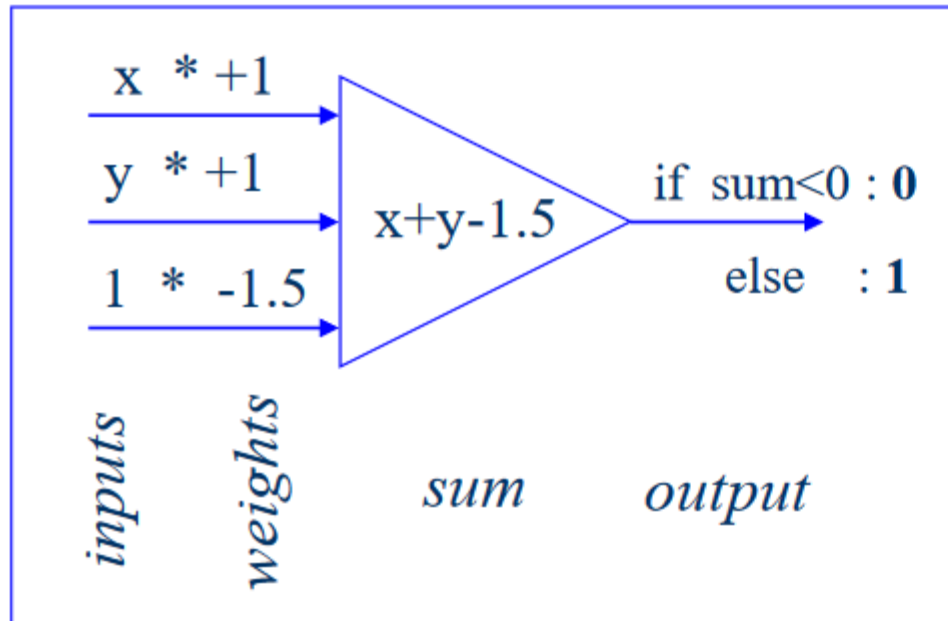
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PREHISTORY

Because of the “all-or-none” character of nervous activity, neural events and the relations among them can be treated by means of propositional logic.

- W.S. McCulloch & W. Pitts (1943). “A logical calculus of the ideas immanent in nervous activity”, Bulletin of Mathematical Biophysics, 5, 115-137
- This seminal paper pointed out that simple artificial “neurons” could be made to perform basic logical operations such as AND, OR and NOT

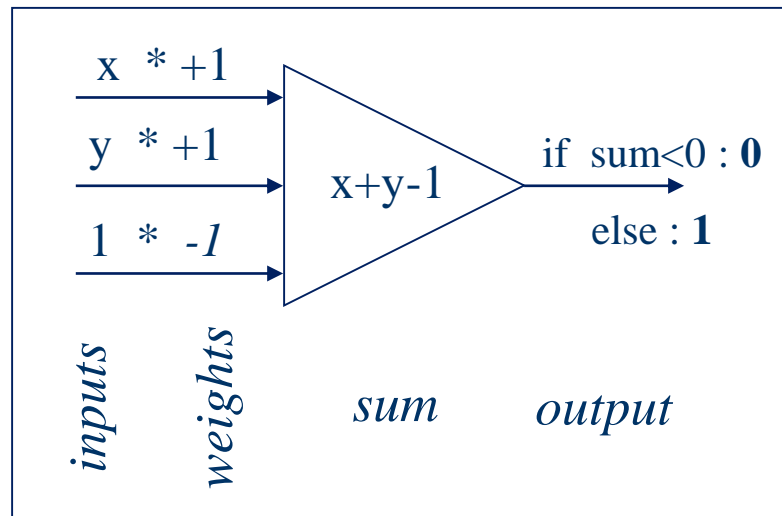


**Truth Table for Logical
AND**

x	y	x & y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

inputs *output*





Truth Table for Logical OR

x	y	$x \mid y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

inputs *output*



1958 — THE PERCEPTRON

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THE PERCEPTRON: A PROBABILISTIC MODEL FOR INFORMATION STORAGE AND ORGANIZATION IN THE BRAIN¹

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NEW NAVY DEVICE LEARNS BY DOING

Psychologist Shows Embryo
of Computer Designed to
Read and Grow Wiser

WASHINGTON, July. 7 (UPI)
—The Navy revealed the embryo of an electronic computer today that it expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence.



PERCEPTRON — THE ALGORITHM

- The goal is to find a hyper-plane separating 2 known classes.
- Consider definition (1) for linear separability:

$$\forall x \in X_0: \langle w, x \rangle > k$$

$$\forall x \in X_1: \langle w, x \rangle < k$$

\Downarrow

$$\forall x \in X_0: \langle w, x \rangle - k > 0$$

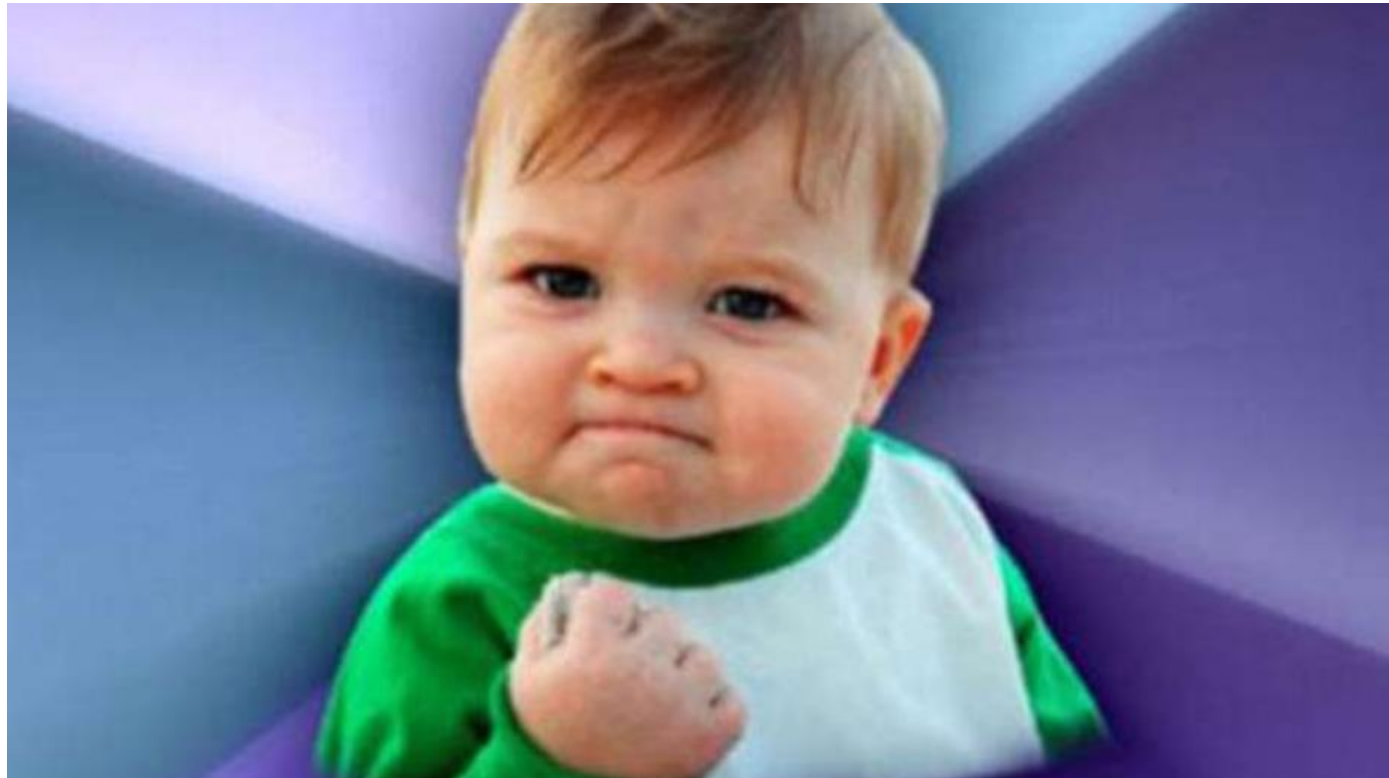
$$\forall x \in X_1: \langle w, x \rangle - k < 0$$



We can eliminate k by augmenting representation with one dimension:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= (x, 1) \\ w' &= (w, -k)\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle w', x' \rangle = (w, -k) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = w \cdot x - k$$



Algorithm: Perceptron Learning Algorithm

$P \leftarrow \text{inputs with label } 1;$

$N \leftarrow \text{inputs with label } 0;$

Initialize \mathbf{w} randomly;

while !*convergence* **do**

 Pick random $\mathbf{x} \in P \cup N$;

if $\mathbf{x} \in P$ and $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} < 0$ **then**

 | $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{x}$;

end

if $\mathbf{x} \in N$ and $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ **then**

 | $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}$;

end

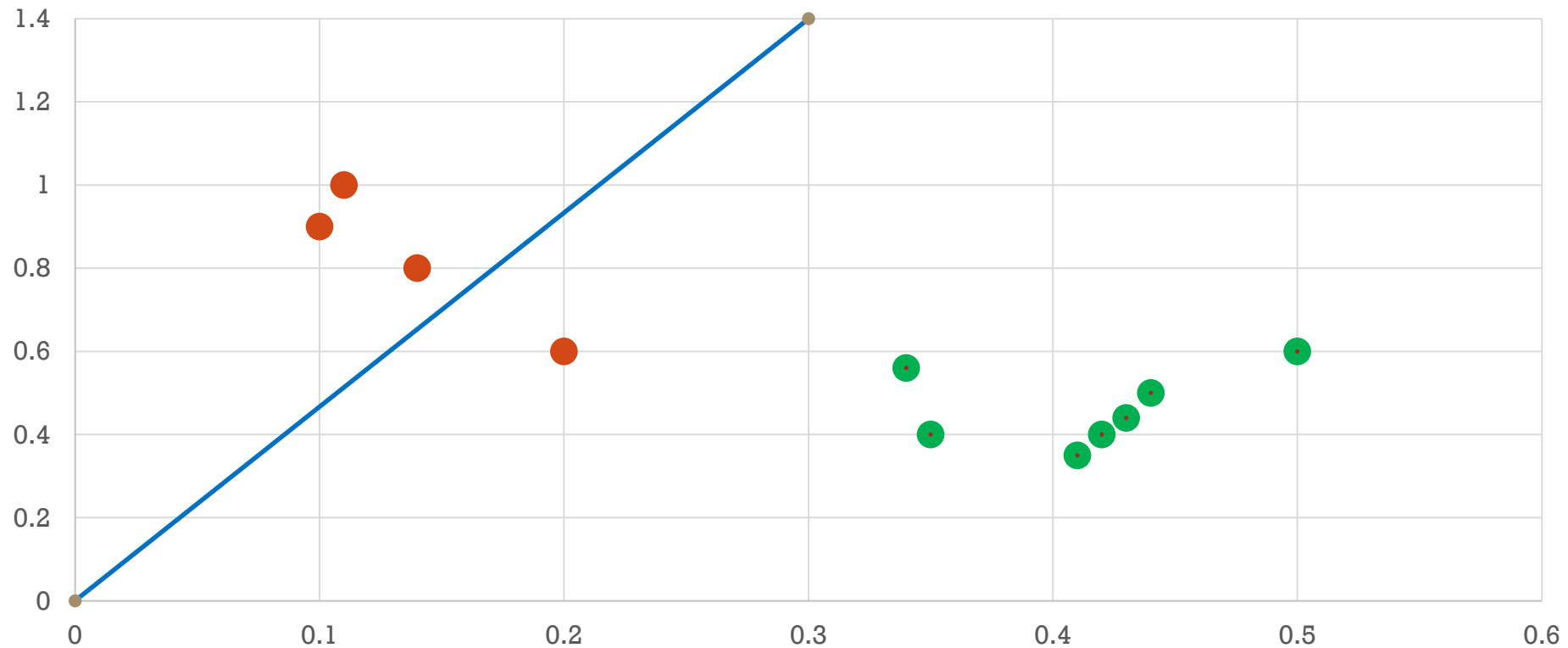
end

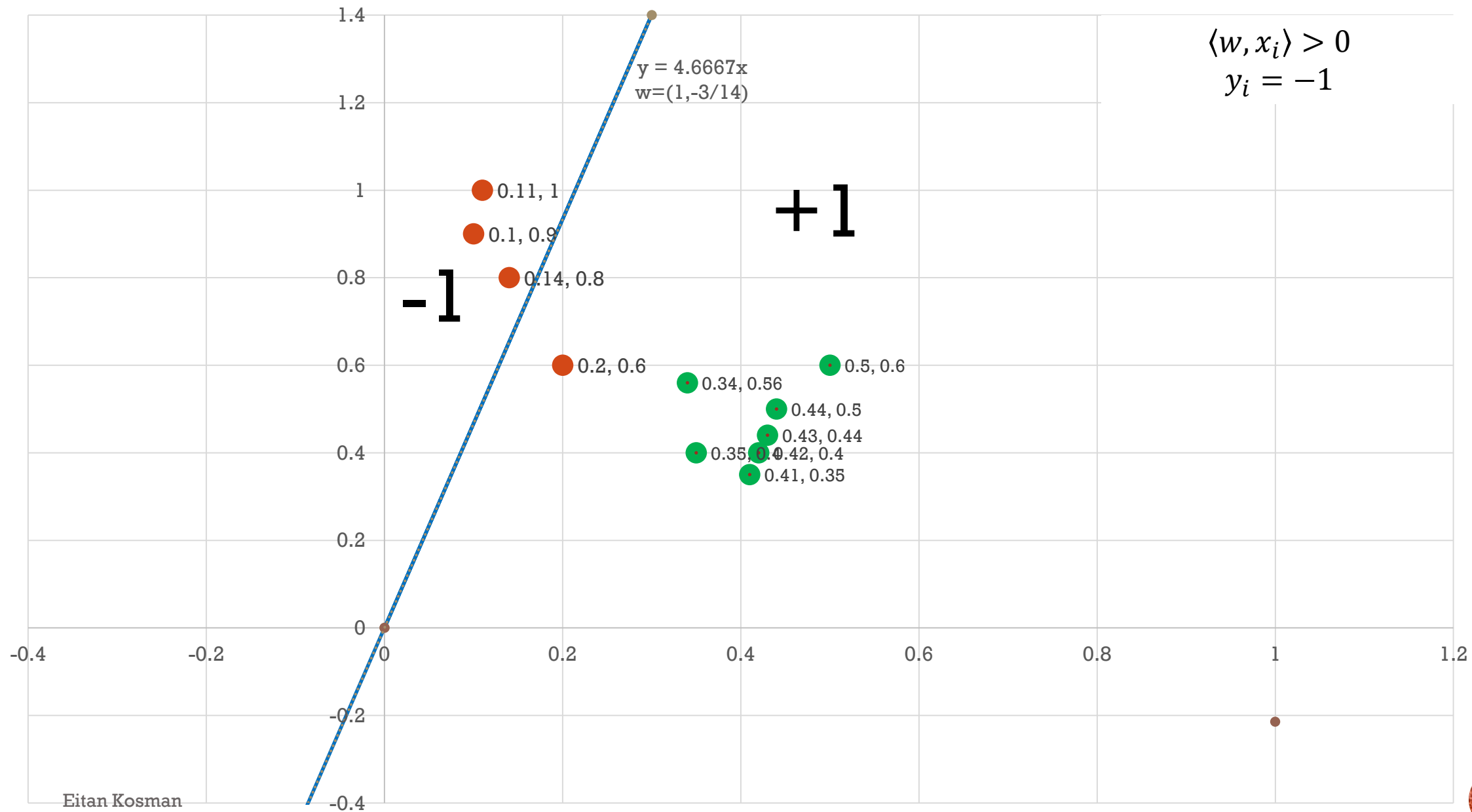
//the algorithm converges when all the
inputs are classified correctly

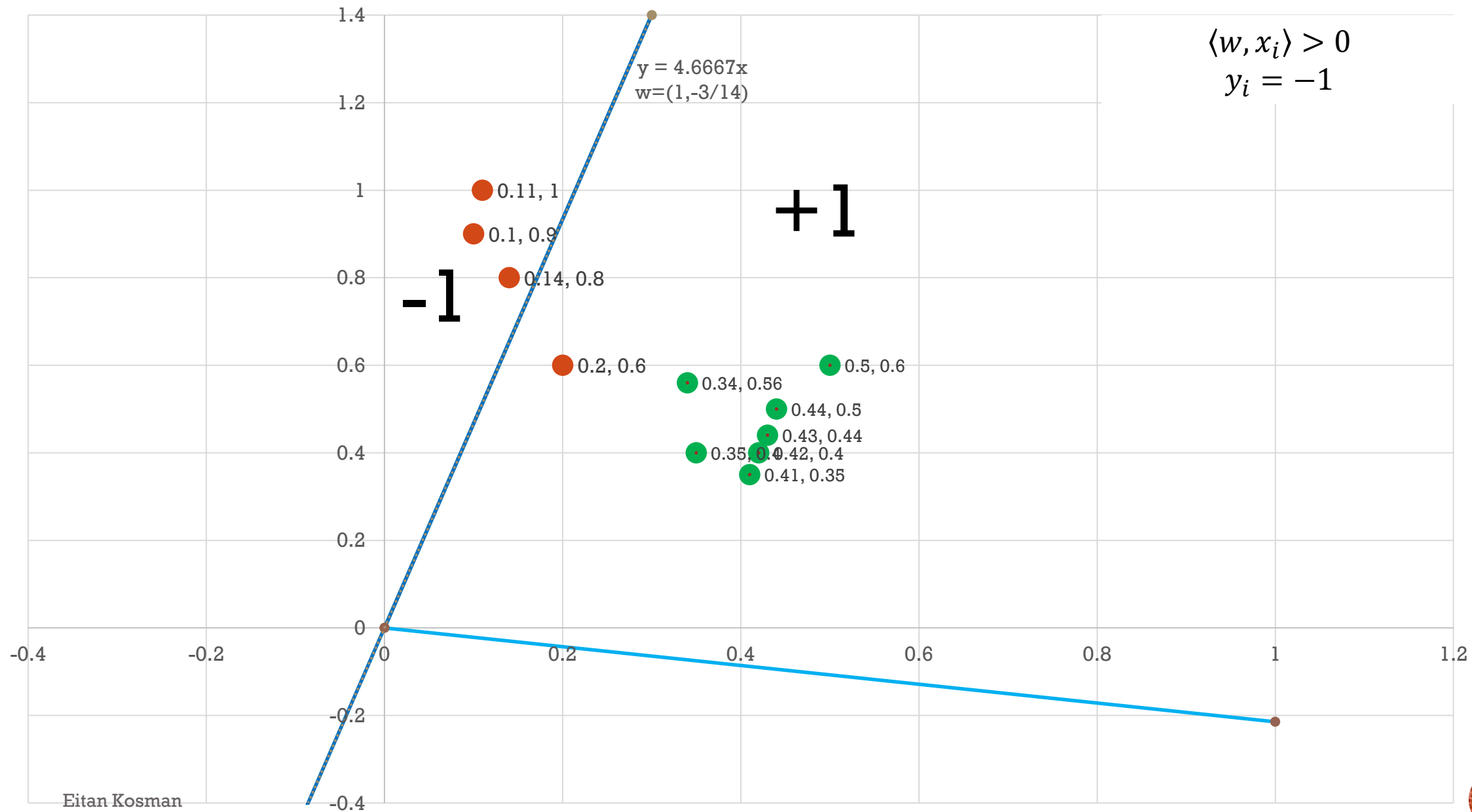


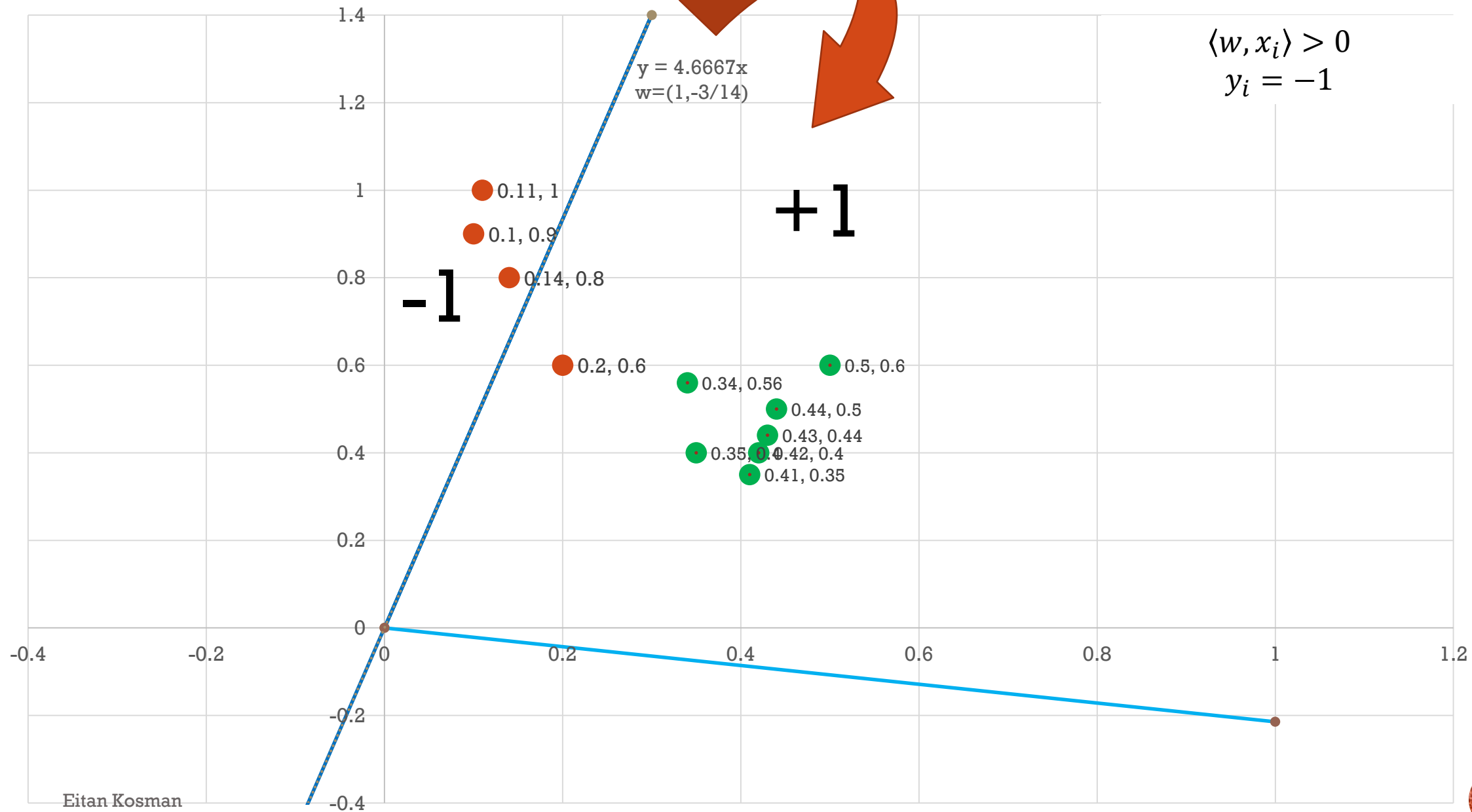
WEIGHTS UPDATE : INTUITION

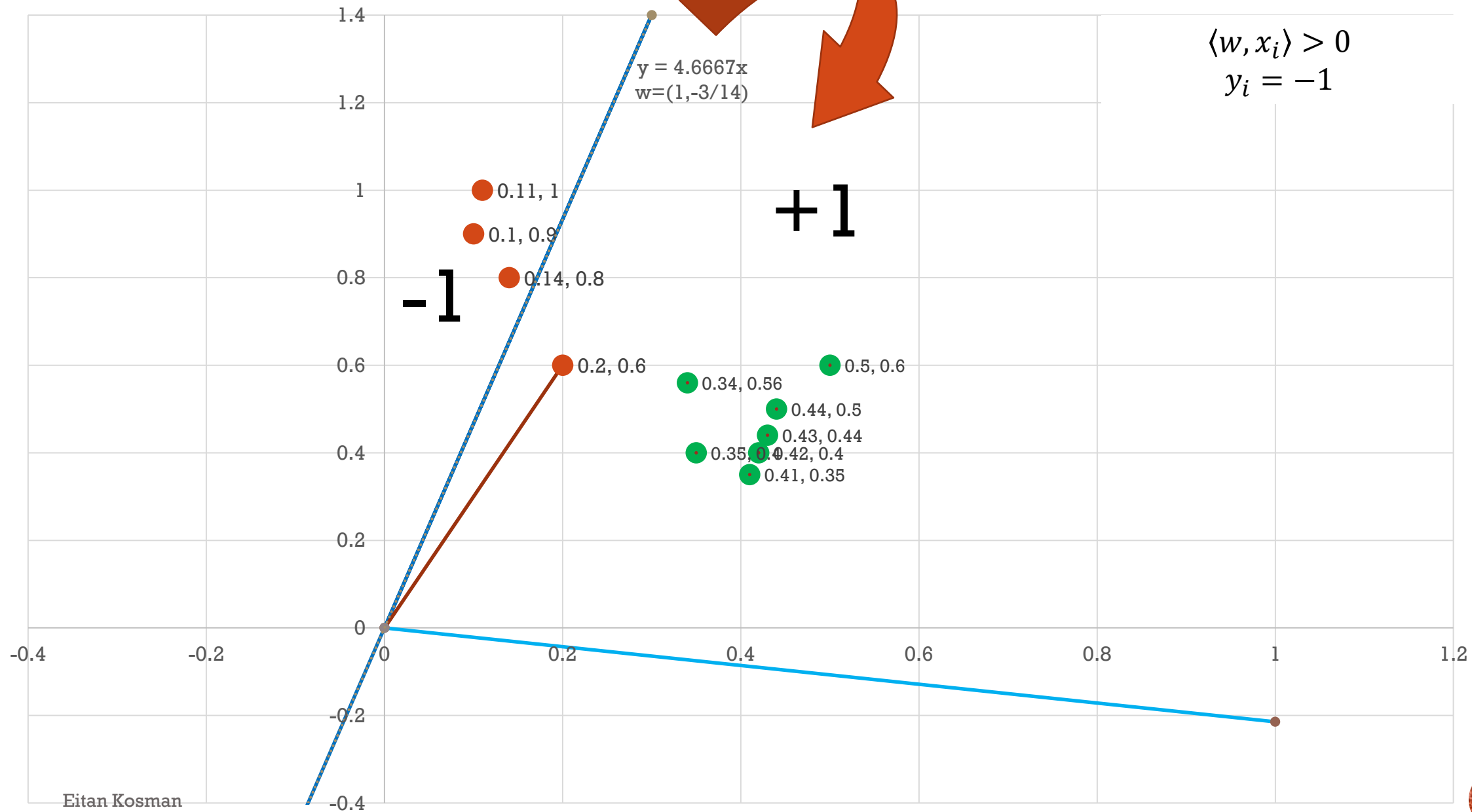
The orange points are from class -1 and the green points are from class +1.
How would we update the decision line so that it classifies all the points correctly?

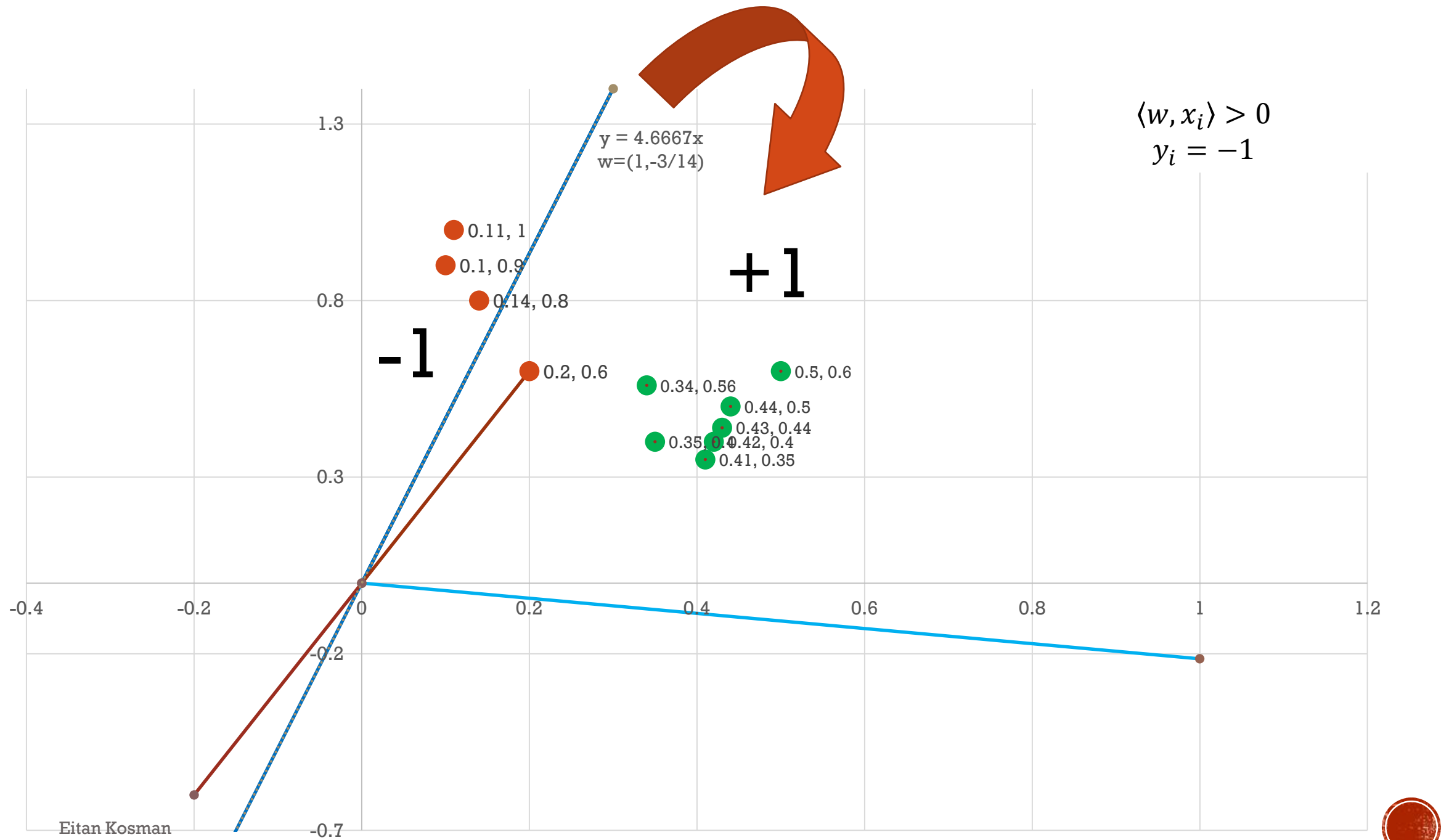


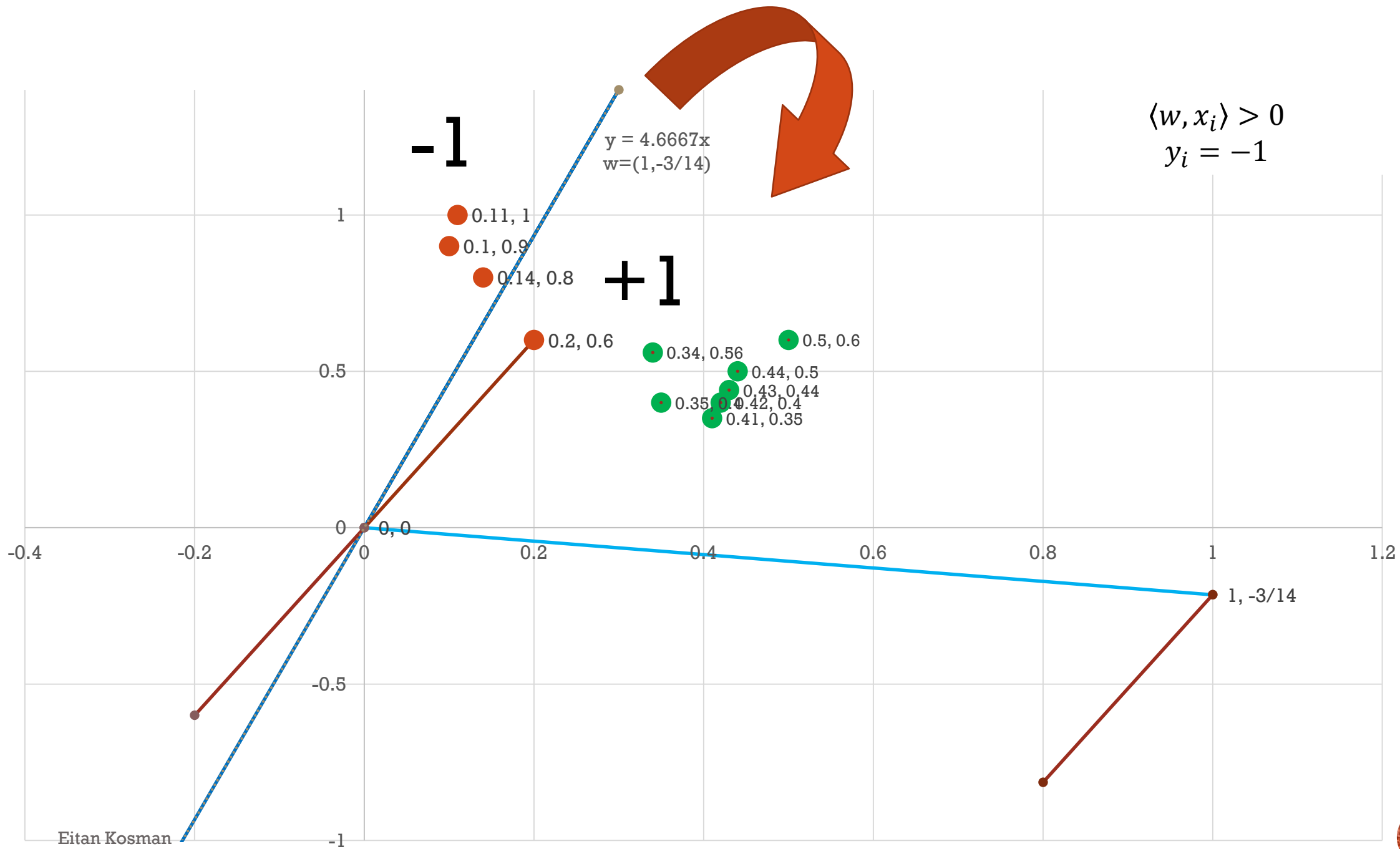


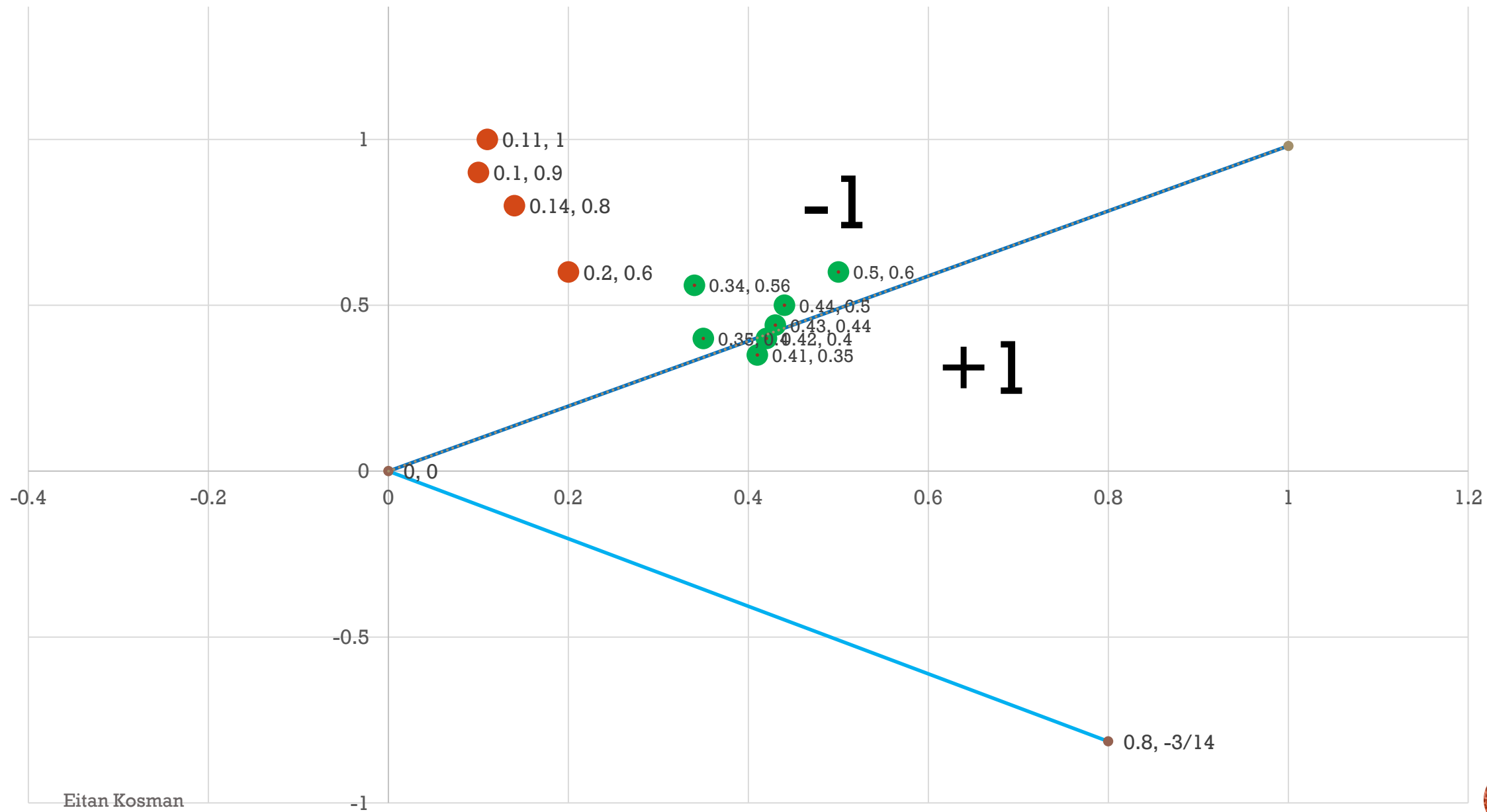


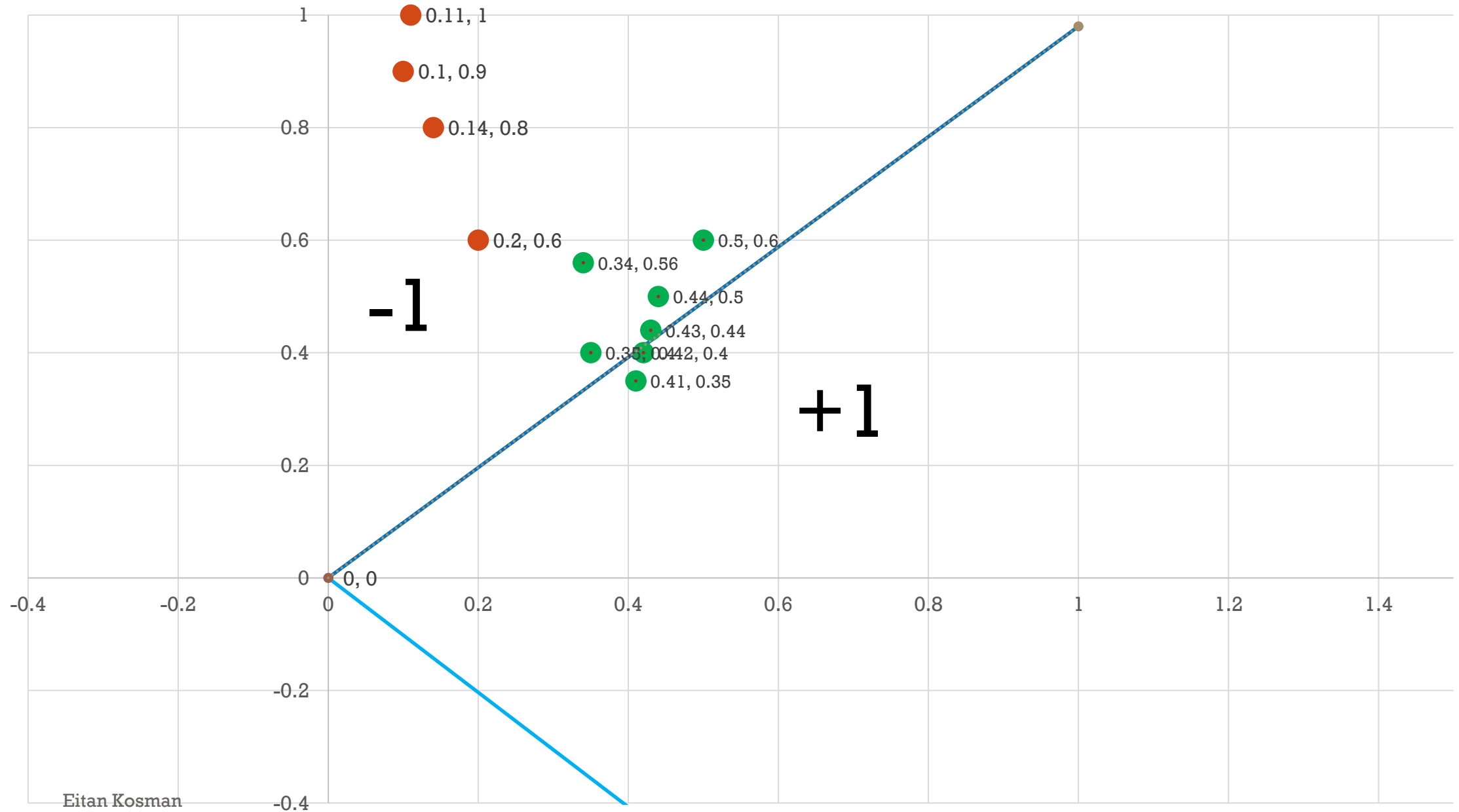












MISTAKE BOUND

Theorem:

Let $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$, where $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ be a sequence of labeled examples and assume it is linearly separable.

Denote:

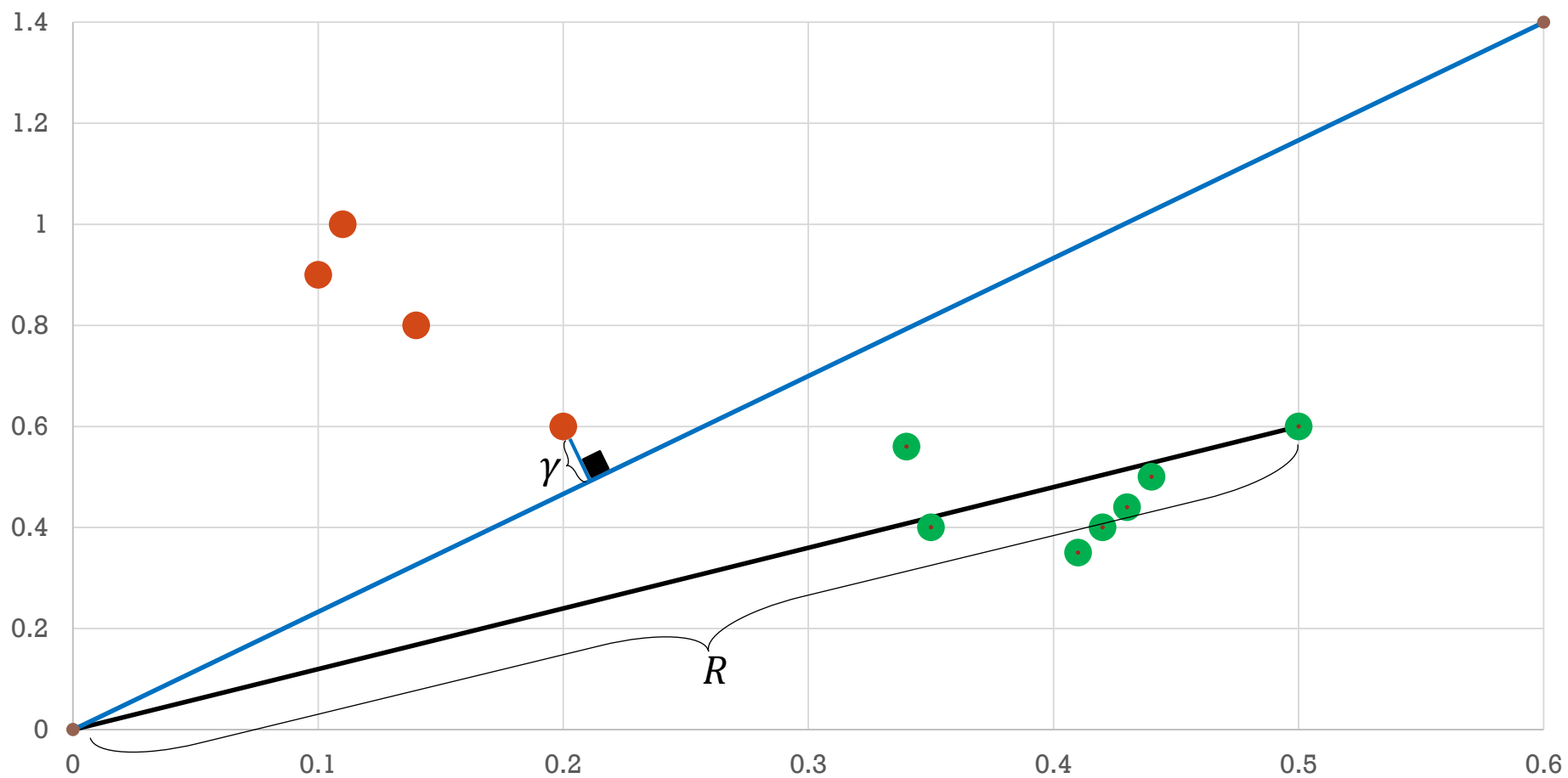
$$R = \max_i ||x_i||$$

Suppose there exists a vector w^* , $\gamma > 0$ such that $||w^*|| = 1$ and $\forall i, y_i(w^{*T} x_i) \geq \gamma$, then the number of mistakes made by the Perceptron algorithm of this sequence of example is $O\left(\left(\frac{R}{\gamma}\right)^2\right)$



$$R = \max_i \|x_i\|$$

$$\forall i, y_i(w^{*T} x_i) \geq \gamma$$



MISTAKE BOUND

Let $w_1 = 0$ (initial weight vector) and denote w_k the weight vector after the k' th mistake.

Lemma 1: $w_{t+1} \cdot w^* \geq w_t \cdot w^* + \gamma$

Lemma 2: $\|w_{t+1}\|^2 \leq \|w_t\|^2 + R^2$



MISTAKE BOUND

Lemma 1: $w_{t+1} \cdot w^* \geq w_t \cdot w^* + \gamma$

The t' s update occurred when the perceptron did a mistake on sample (x_i, y_i) .

If $y_i = 1$:

$$w_{t+1} \cdot w^* = (w_t + x_i) \cdot w^* = w_t \cdot w^* + \underbrace{x_i \cdot w^*}_{\geq \gamma} = w_t \cdot w^* + \gamma$$

If $y_i = -1$:

$$w_{t+1} \cdot w^* = (w_t - x_i) \cdot w^* = w_t \cdot w^* - \underbrace{x_i \cdot w^*}_{\geq \gamma} = w_t \cdot w^* + \gamma$$



MISTAKE BOUND

Lemma 2: $||w_{t+1}||^2 \leq ||w_t||^2 + R^2$

The t 's update occurred when the perceptron did a mistake on sample (x_i, y_i) .

If $y_i = 1$:

$$||w_{t+1}||^2 = ||w_t + x_i||^2 = ||w_t||^2 + 2 \underbrace{w_t \cdot x_i}_{\substack{< 0, \text{ since} \\ \text{a mistake} \\ \text{has occurred}}} + \underbrace{||x_i||^2}_{\leq R^2} \leq ||w_t||^2 + R^2$$

If $y_i = -1$:

$$||w_{t+1}||^2 = ||w_t - x_i||^2 = ||w_t||^2 - 2 \underbrace{w_t \cdot x_i}_{\substack{> 0, \text{ since} \\ \text{a mistake} \\ \text{has occurred}}} + \underbrace{||x_i||^2}_{\leq R^2} \leq ||w_t||^2 + R^2$$



MISTAKE BOUND

Now, equipped with the two lemmas, we know that from Lemma 1:

$$\begin{aligned}w_1 &= \bar{0} \\w_2 \cdot w^* &\geq w_1 \cdot w^* + \gamma = \gamma \\w_3 \cdot w^* &\geq w_2 \cdot w^* + \gamma \geq \gamma + \gamma = 2\gamma\end{aligned}$$

Assume: $w_t \cdot w^* \geq (t - 1) \cdot \gamma$

Thus –

$$w_{t+1} \cdot w^* \geq w_t \cdot w^* + \gamma \geq (t - 1) \cdot \gamma + \gamma = t \cdot \gamma$$

Moreover, from lemma 2:

$$\begin{aligned}|w_1| &= 0 \\|w_2|^2 &\leq |w_1|^2 + R^2 = R^2 \\|w_3|^2 &\leq |w_2|^2 + R^2 \leq R^2 + R^2 = 2R^2\end{aligned}$$

Assume: $|w_t|^2 \leq (t - 1)R^2$

Thus –

$$|w_{t+1}|^2 \leq |w_t|^2 + R^2 \leq (t - 1)R^2 + R^2 = tR^2$$



MISTAKE BOUND

Recap:

After T mistakes:

$$w_{T+1} \cdot w^* \geq T \cdot \gamma$$

$$|w_{T+1}|^2 \leq TR^2$$

\Downarrow

$$\gamma T \leq \underbrace{w_{T+1} \cdot w^*}_{\text{scalar}} = |w_{T+1} \cdot w^*| \stackrel{\substack{\text{Cauchy} \\ \text{Schwarz}}}{\leq} |w_{T+1}| \cdot \underbrace{|w^*|}_{=1} = |w_{T+1}|$$

\Downarrow

$$\gamma^2 T^2 \leq |w_{T+1}|^2 \leq TR^2$$

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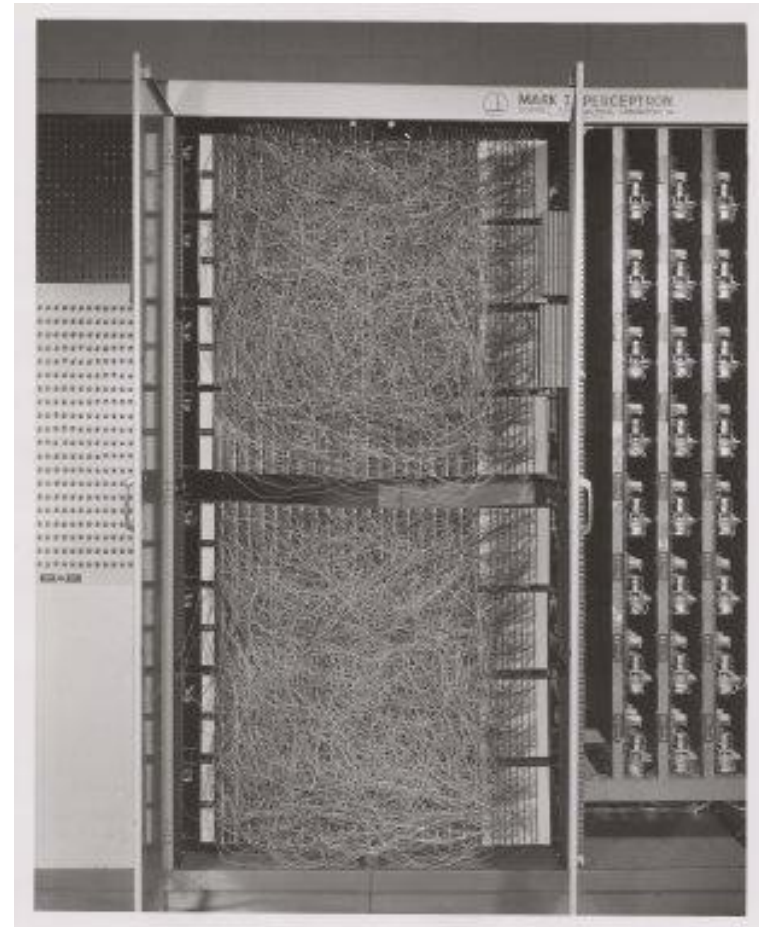
$$T \leq \frac{R^2}{\gamma^2}$$



THE FALL OF THE PERCEPTRON

The first computer built around the concept of perceptron looked like this.

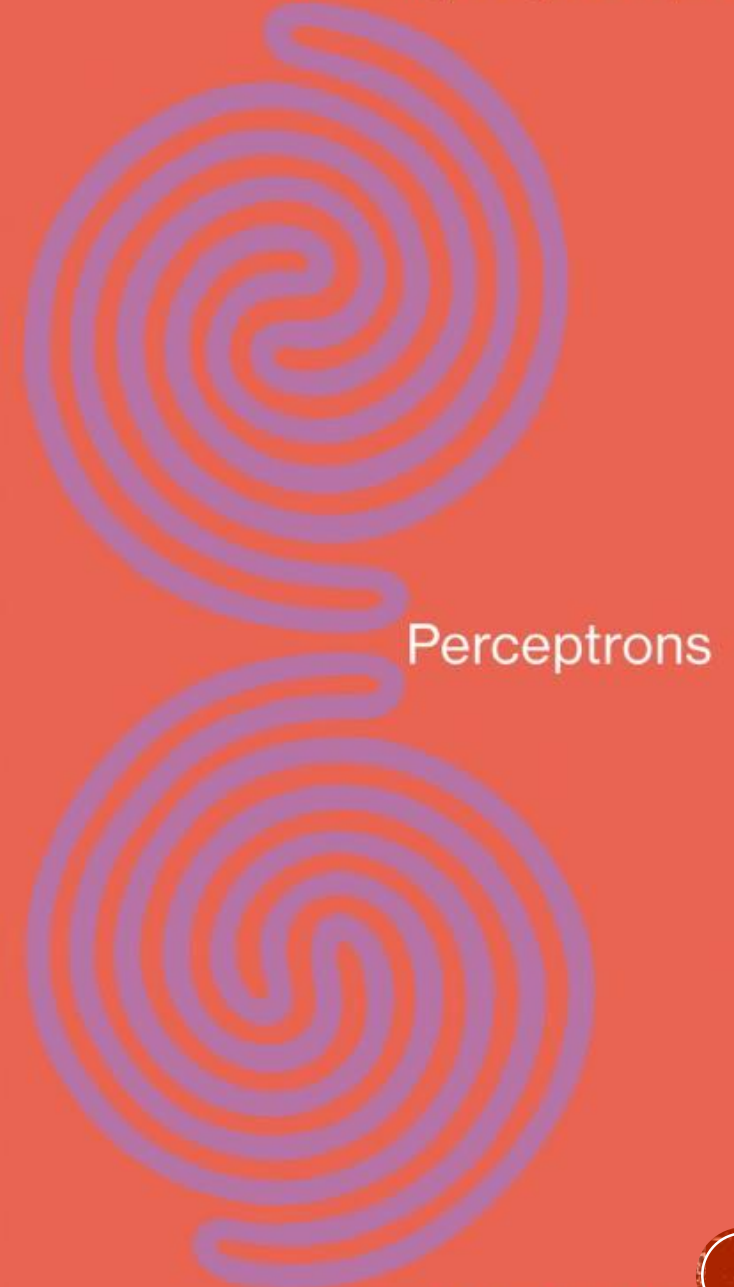
Even the wiring was supposed to simulate the connections of neurons.



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However, a paper describing the perceptron's shortcomings, particularly that it was effective only at solving simple problems, led to a drastic drop in interest in artificial neural networks in the 1960's.

Unless input categories were “linearly separable”, a perceptron could not learn to discriminate between them. **Example:**



XOR

