

THE PERCEPTRON

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THE PROBLEM

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

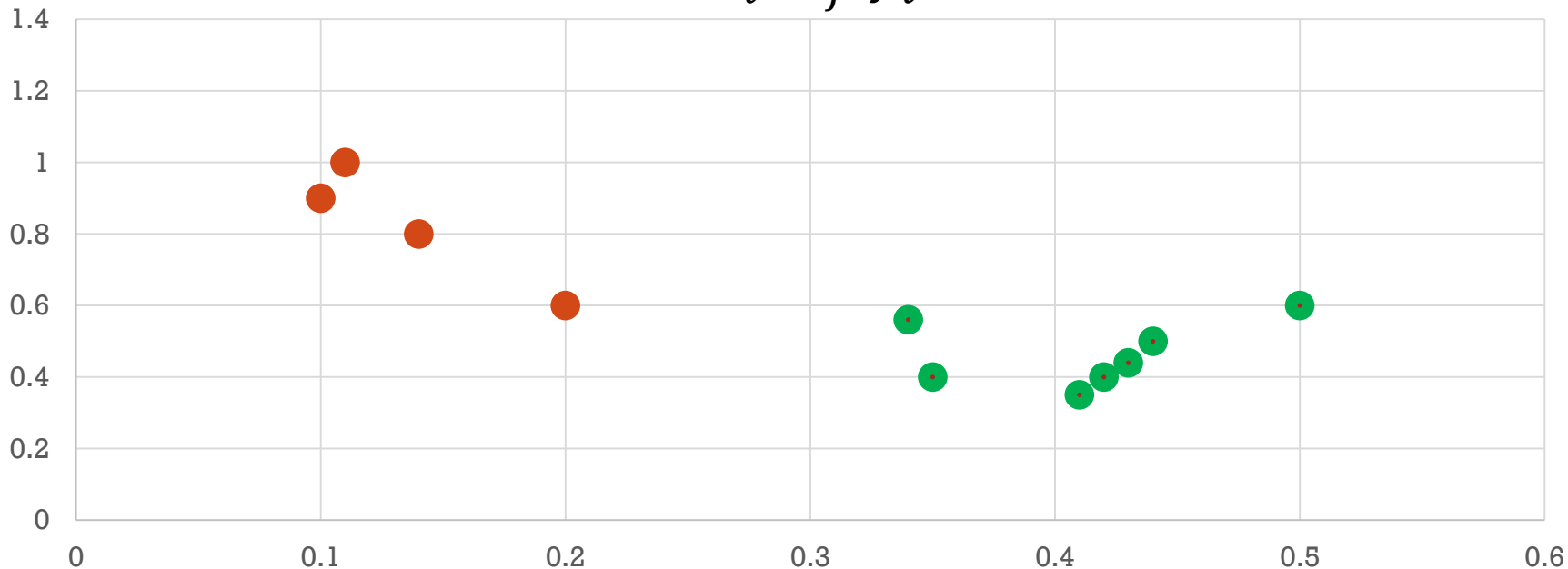
$$X = \{x_i | i \in [n], x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}, Y = \{y_i | i \in [n], y_i \in \{-1, 1\}\}$$

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 $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

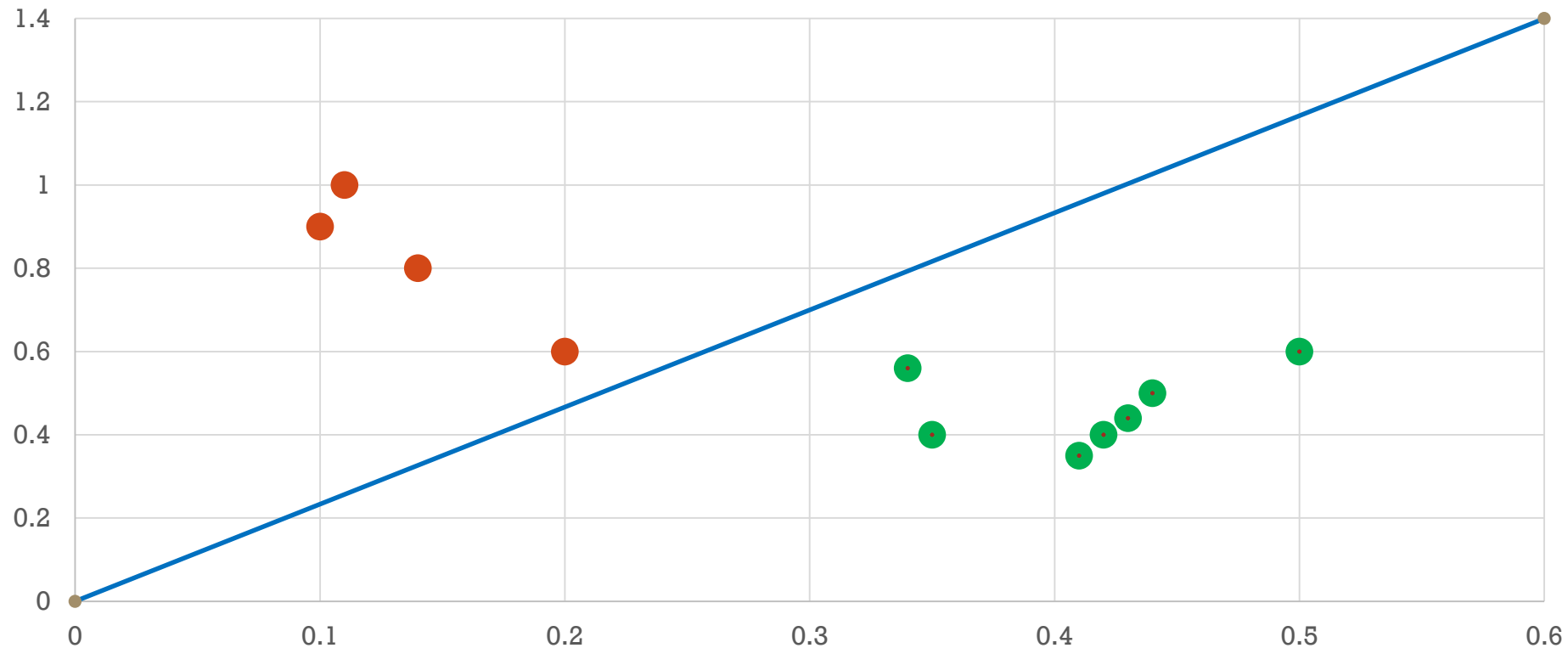


DEFINITION 1 INTERPRETATION

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

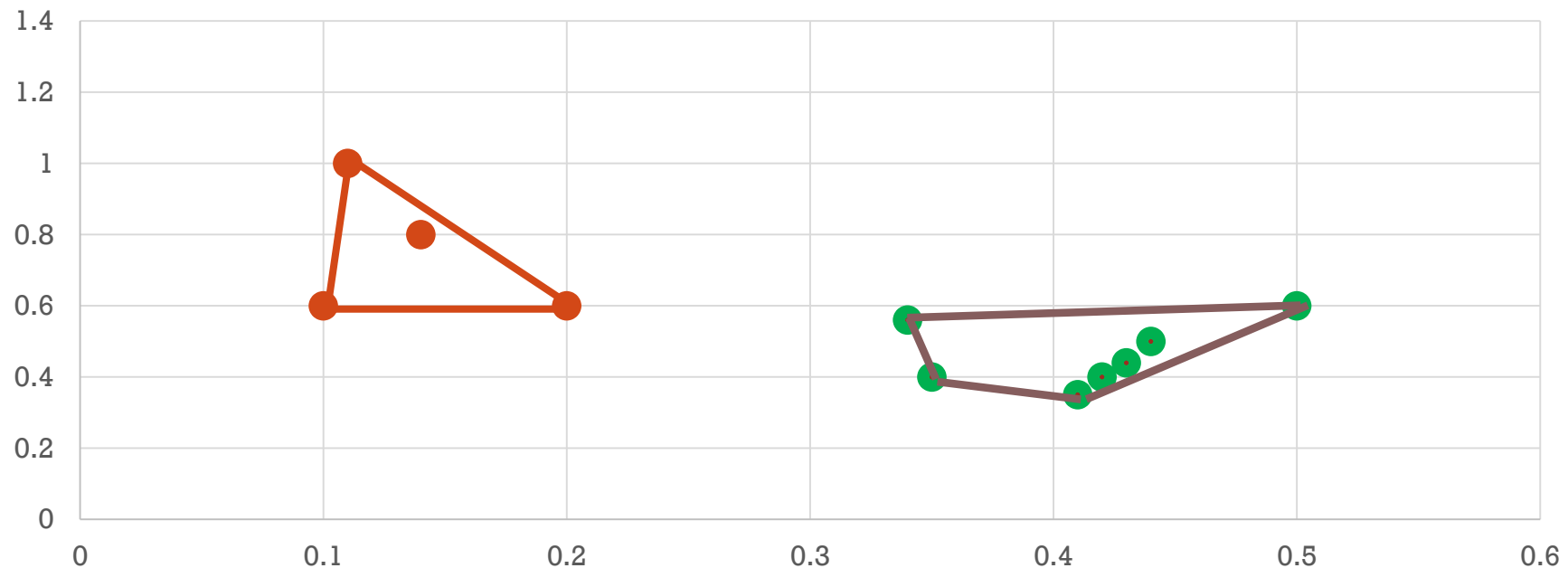
$$\langle w, x \rangle + d = 0$$

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 SEPARABILITY

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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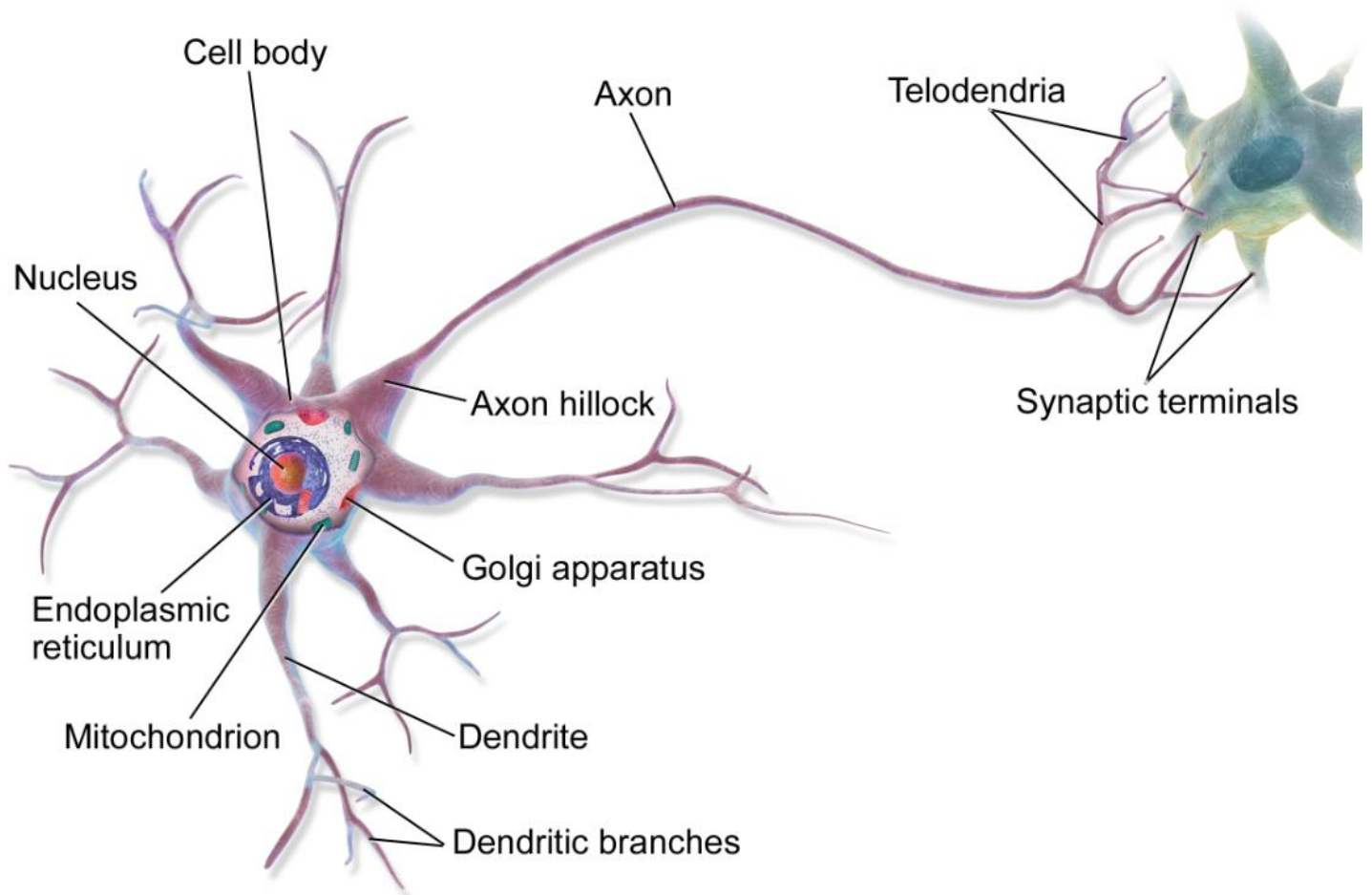


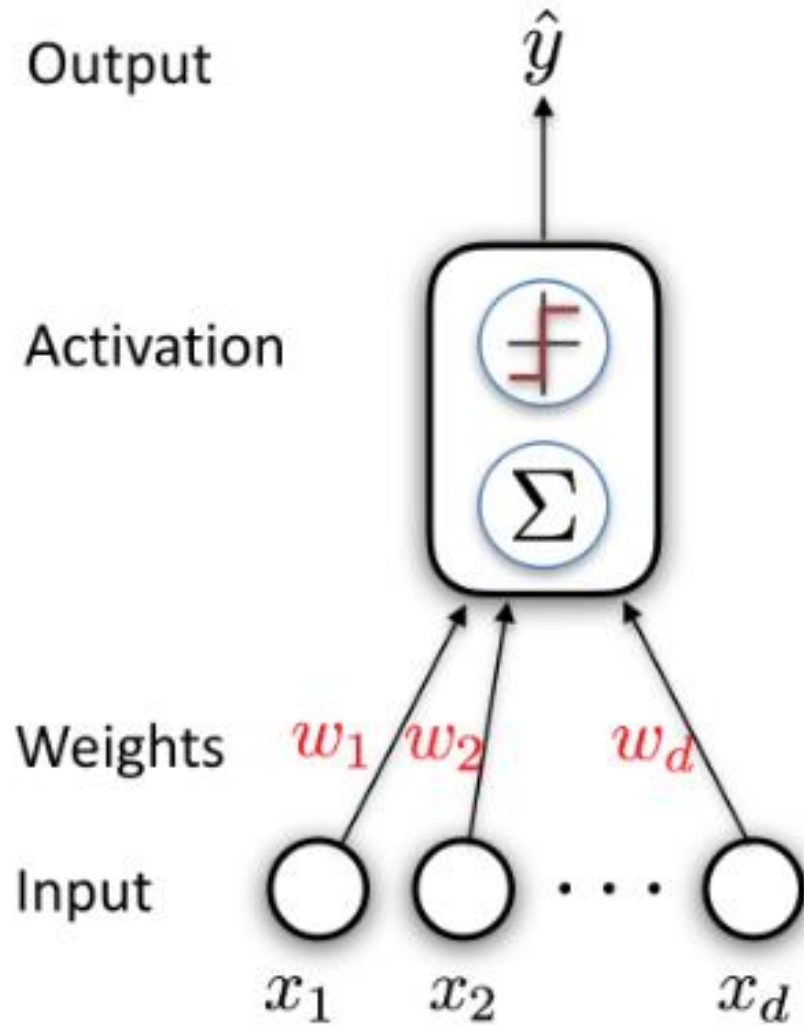
THE BIOLOGICAL NEURON - STRUCTURE

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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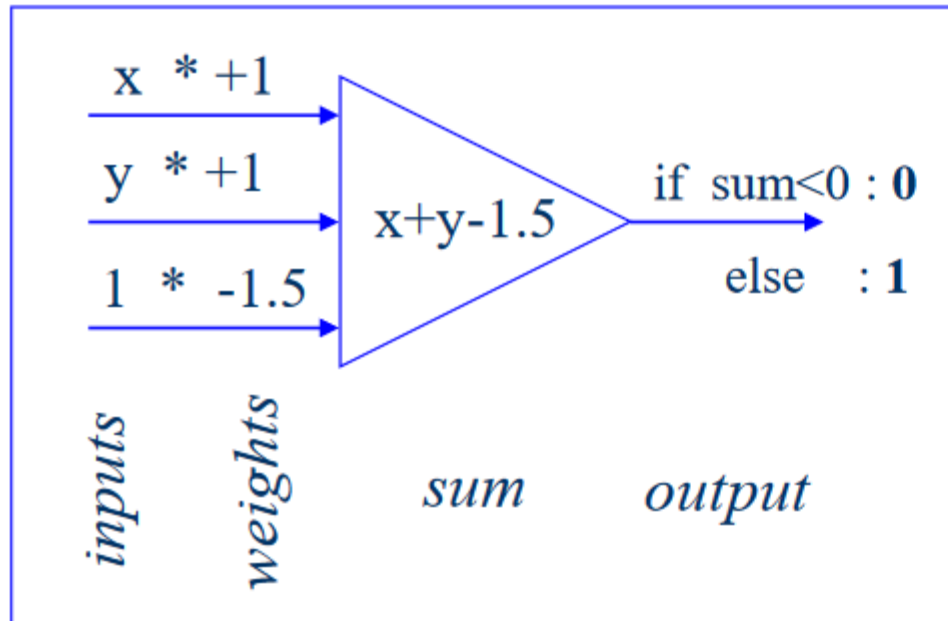
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PREHISTORY

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 paper pointed out that simple artificial “neurons” could be made to perform basic logical operations such as AND, OR and NOT

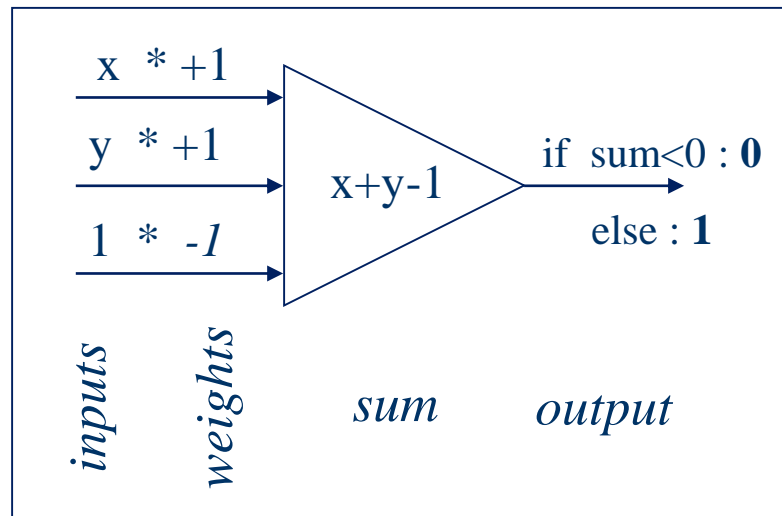


**Truth Table for Logical
AND**

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

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

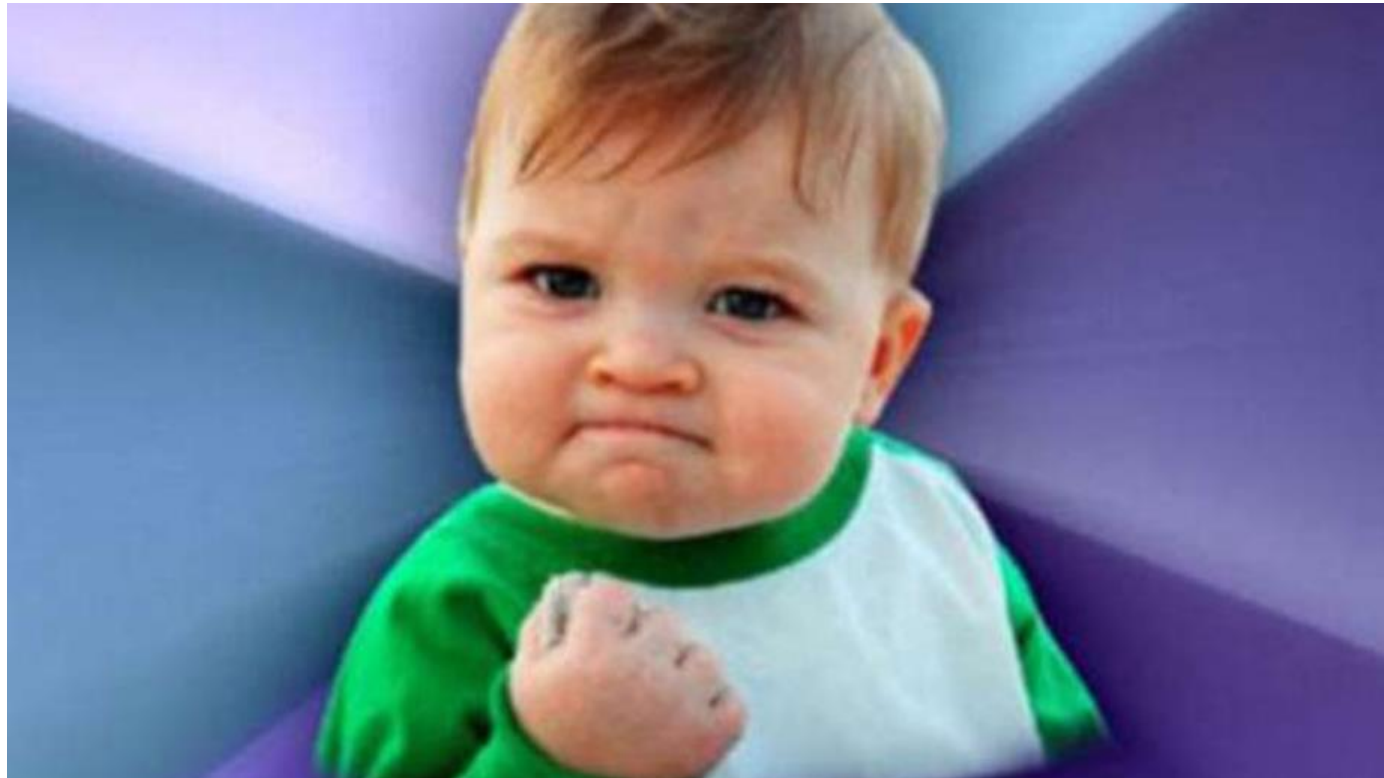
$$\forall x \in X_1: \langle w, x \rangle - k < 0$$



We can eliminate k by augmenting representation with one dimension:

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

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



PERCEPTRON — THE ALGORITHM

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

$N \leftarrow \text{inputs with label } -1$

$w \leftarrow \bar{0}$

while a stopping criterion isn't met:

pick $(x, y) \in X \times Y$

$\hat{y} = \text{sign}(\langle w, x \rangle)$

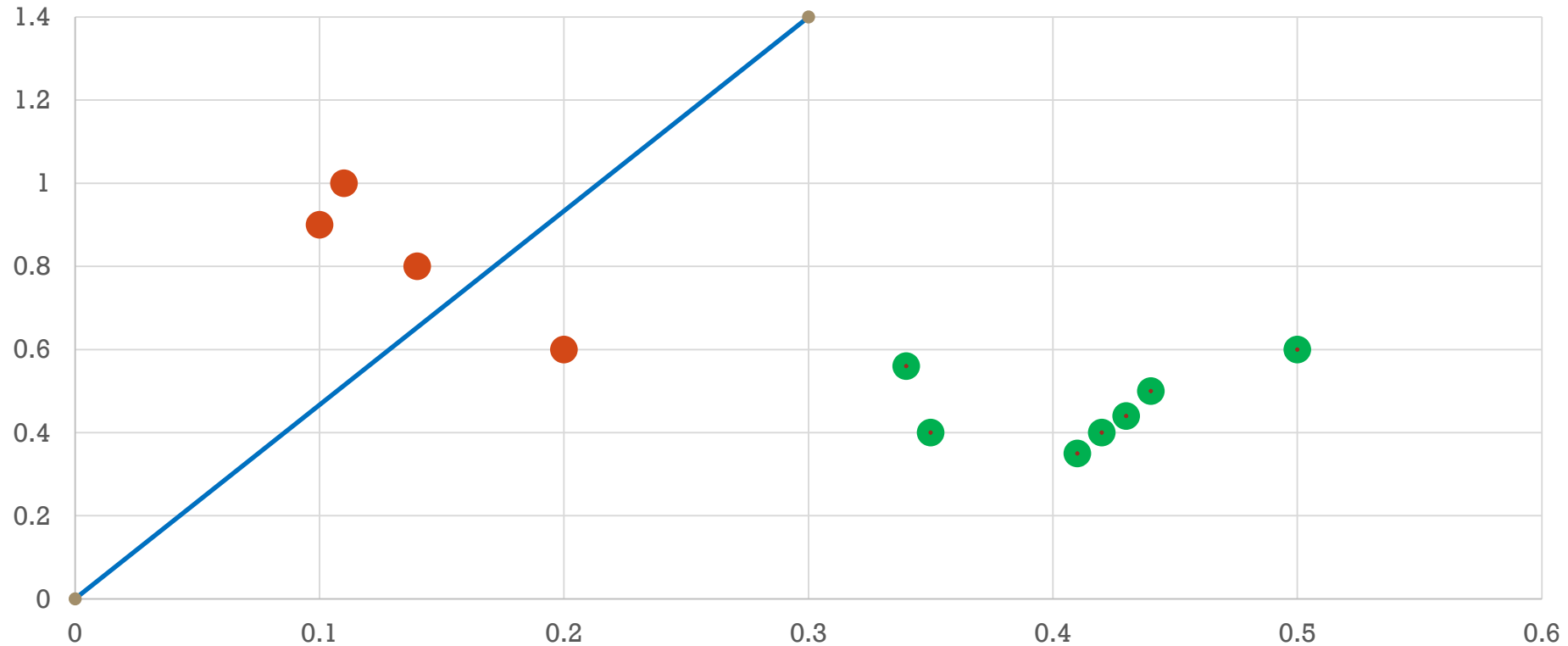
if $\hat{y} \neq y$:

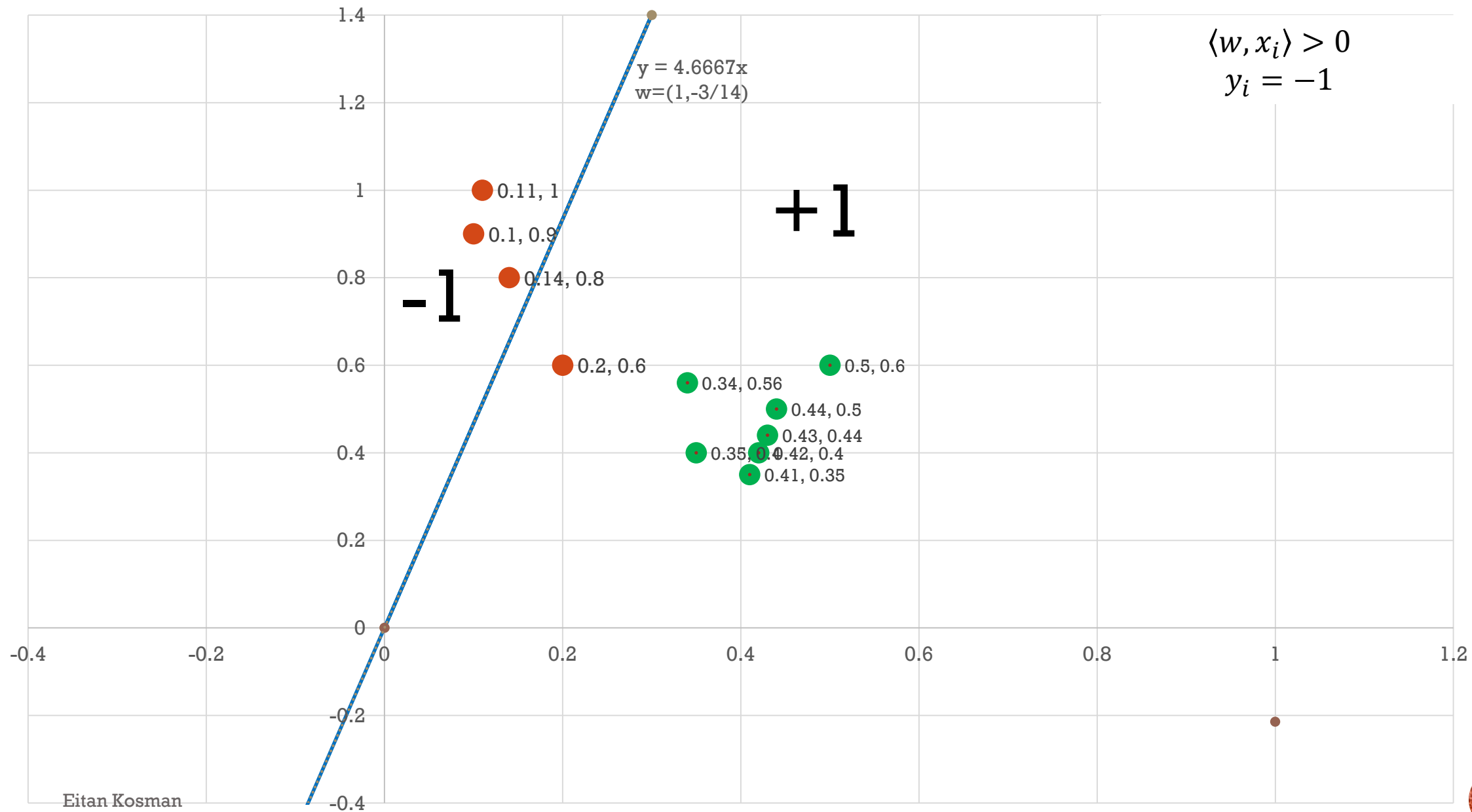
$w \leftarrow w + yx$

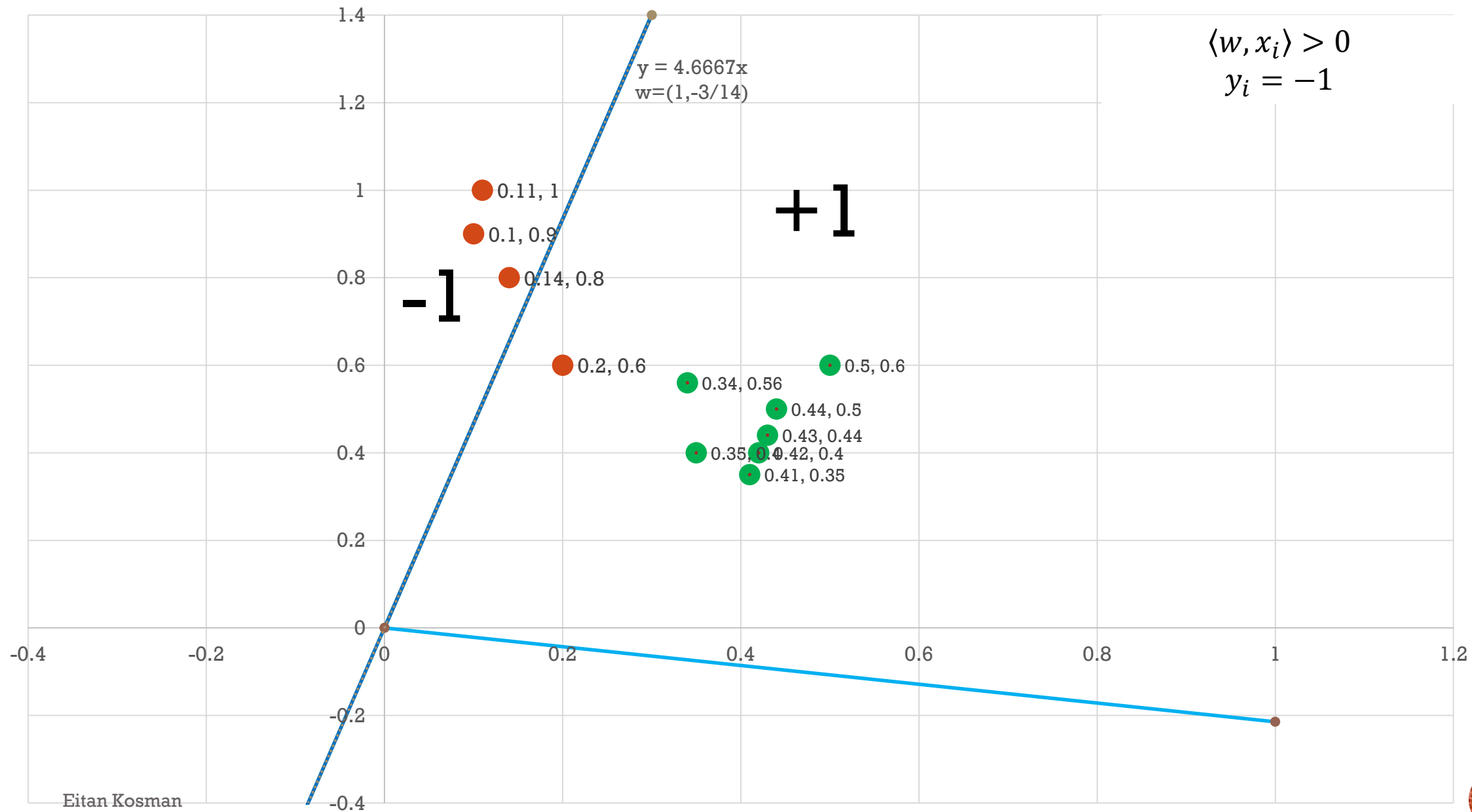


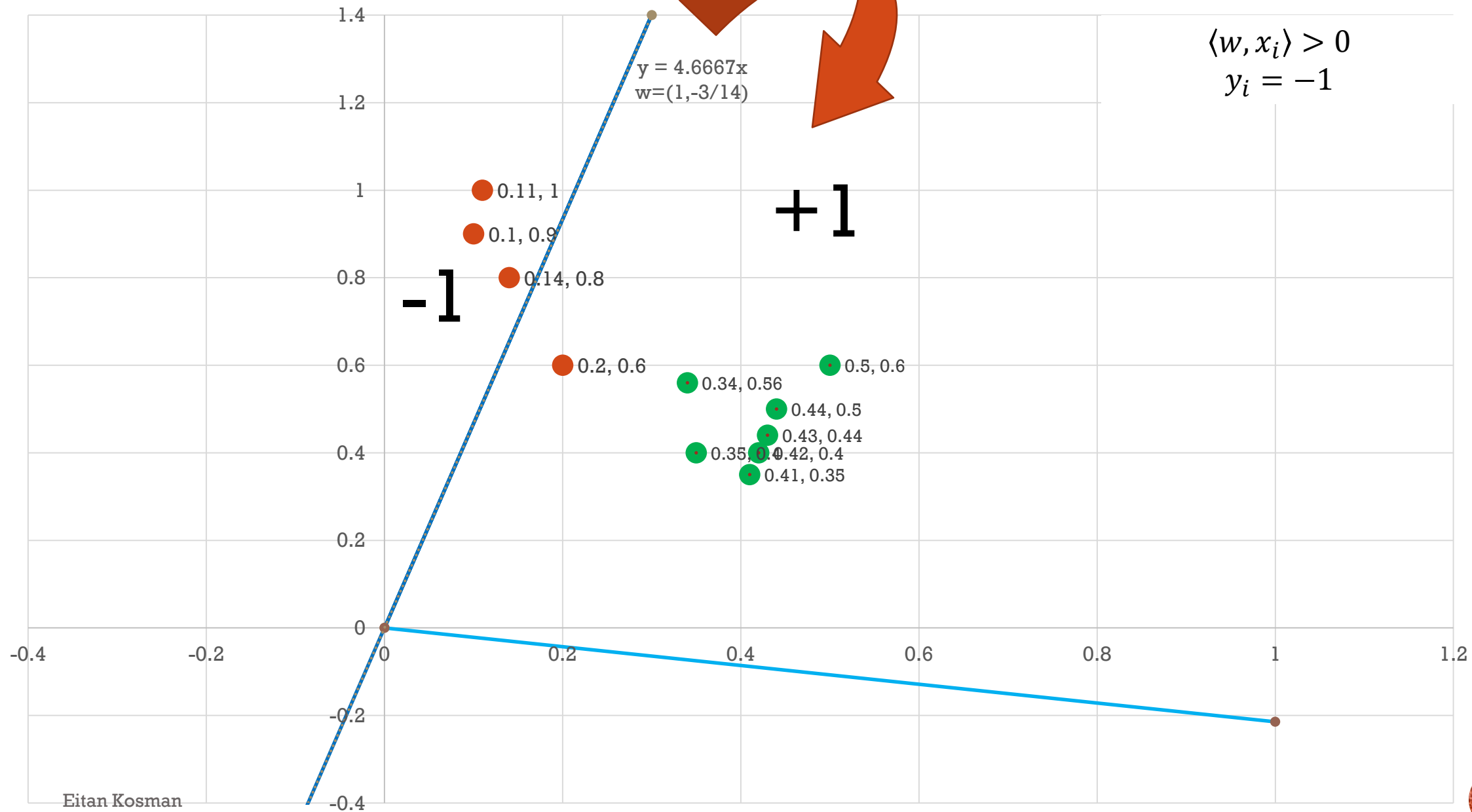
WEIGHTS UPDATE : INTUITION

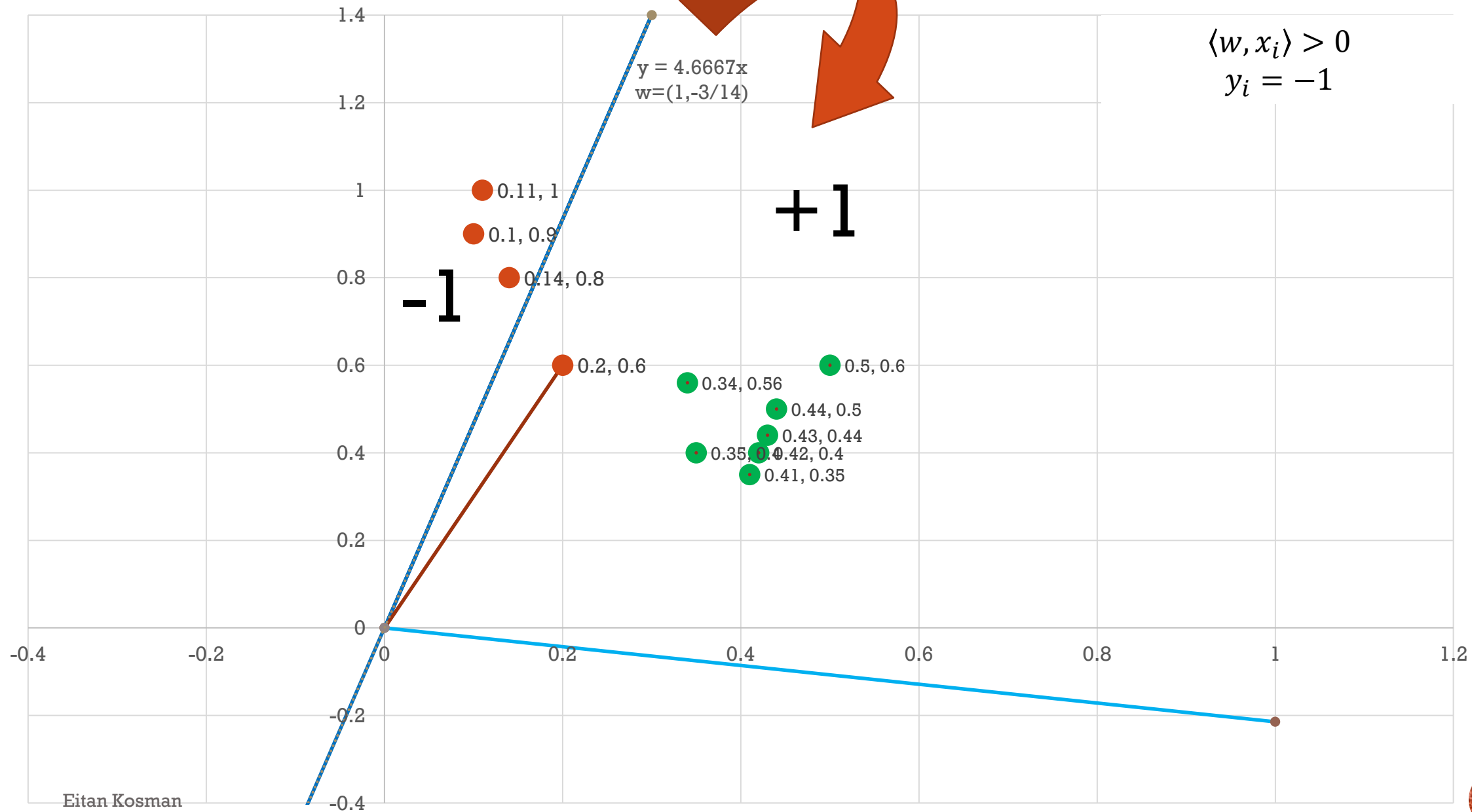
The orange points are from class -1 and the green points are from class +1.
How would we update the decision line so that it classifies all the points correctly?

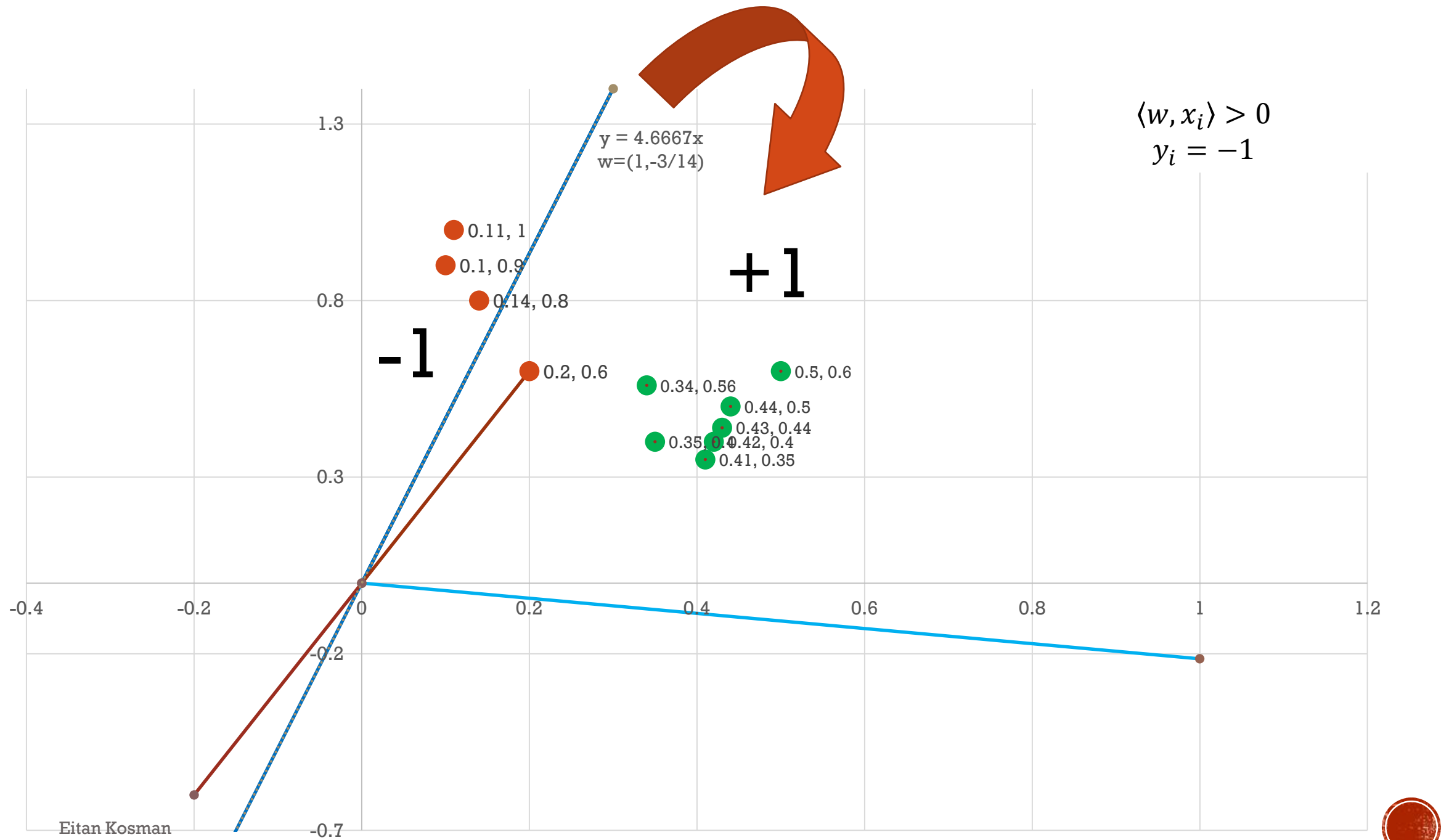


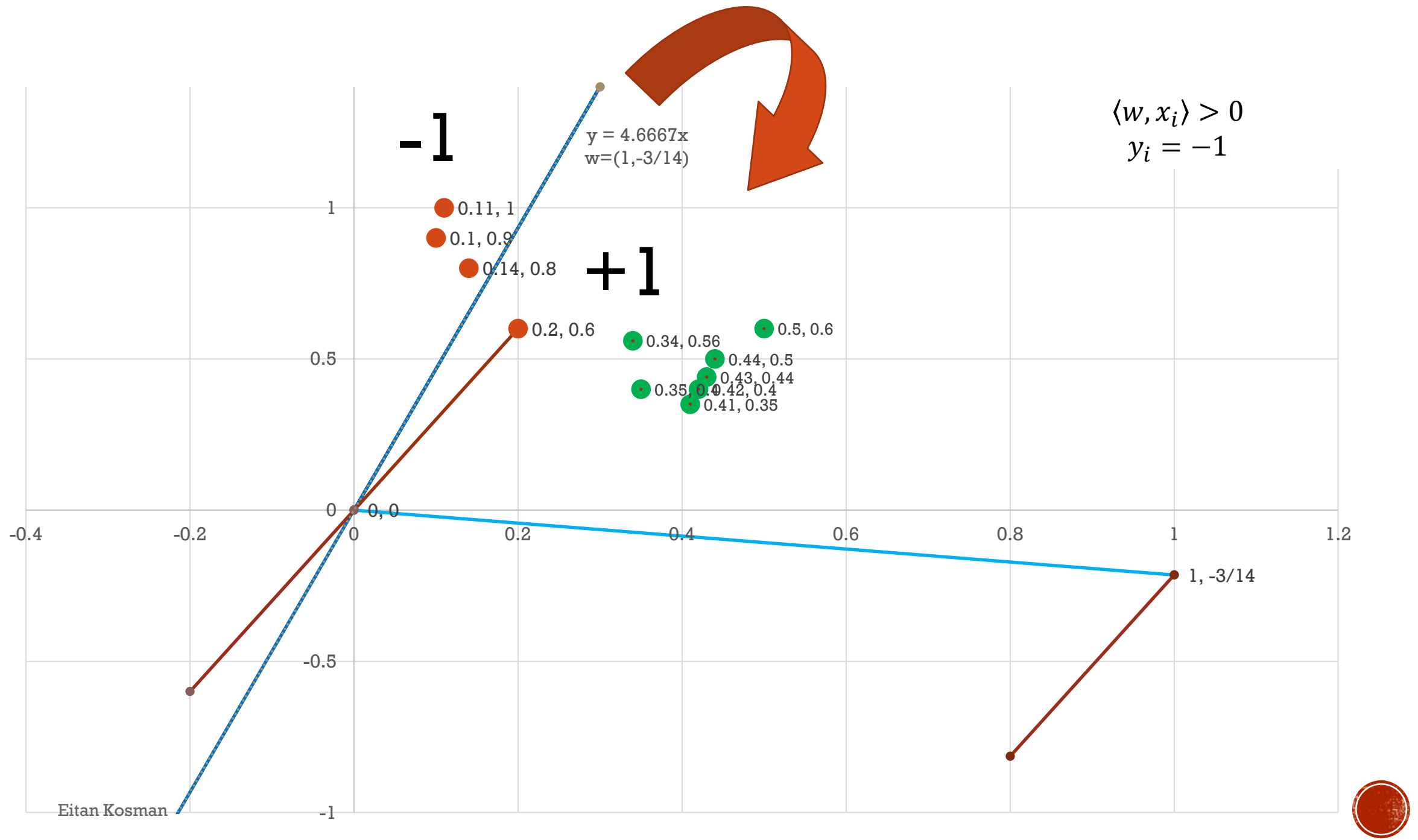


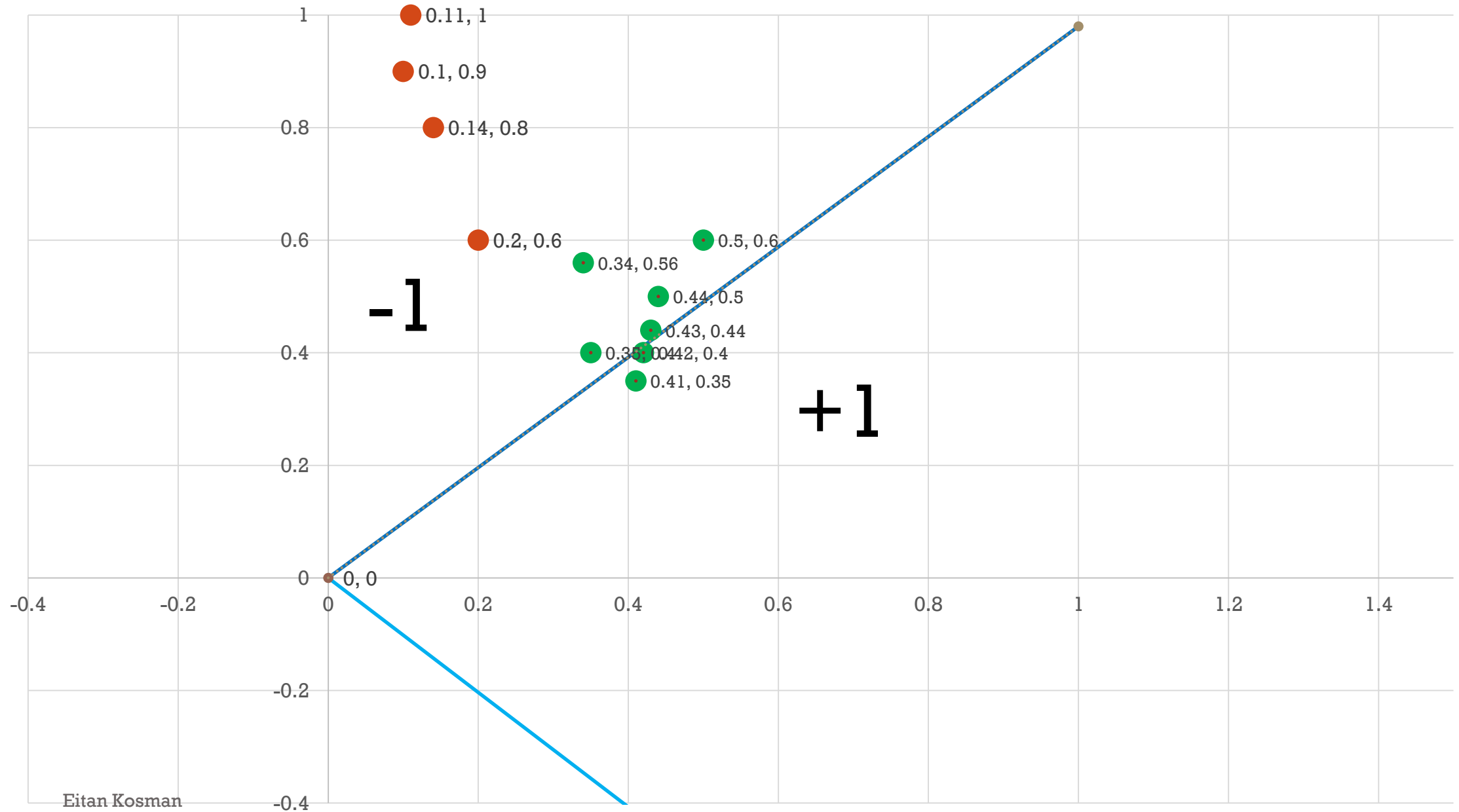












MISTAKE BOUND

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:

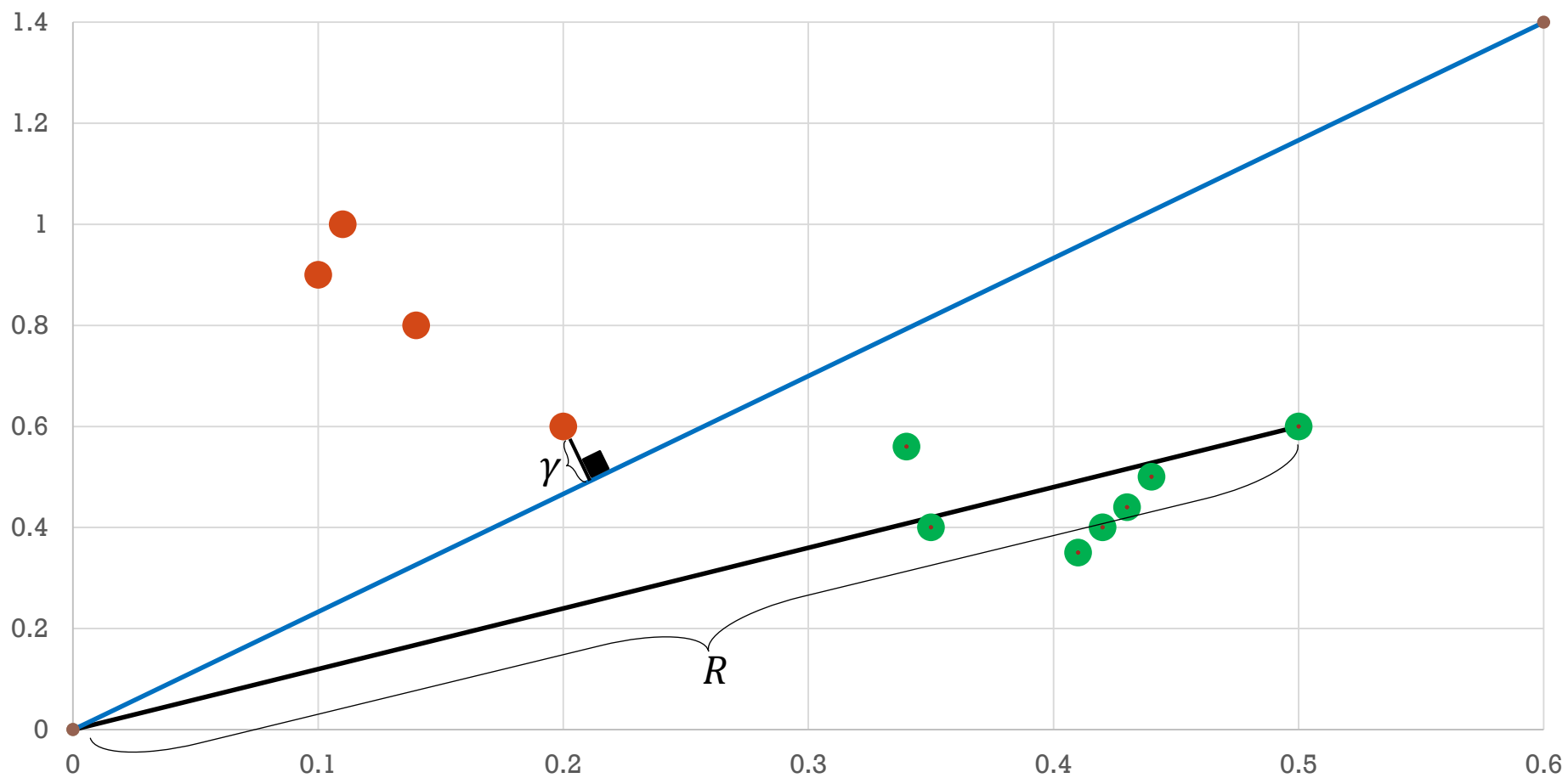
$$R = \max_i ||x_i||$$

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 examples 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 $y_i = 1$:

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

If $y_i = -1$:

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



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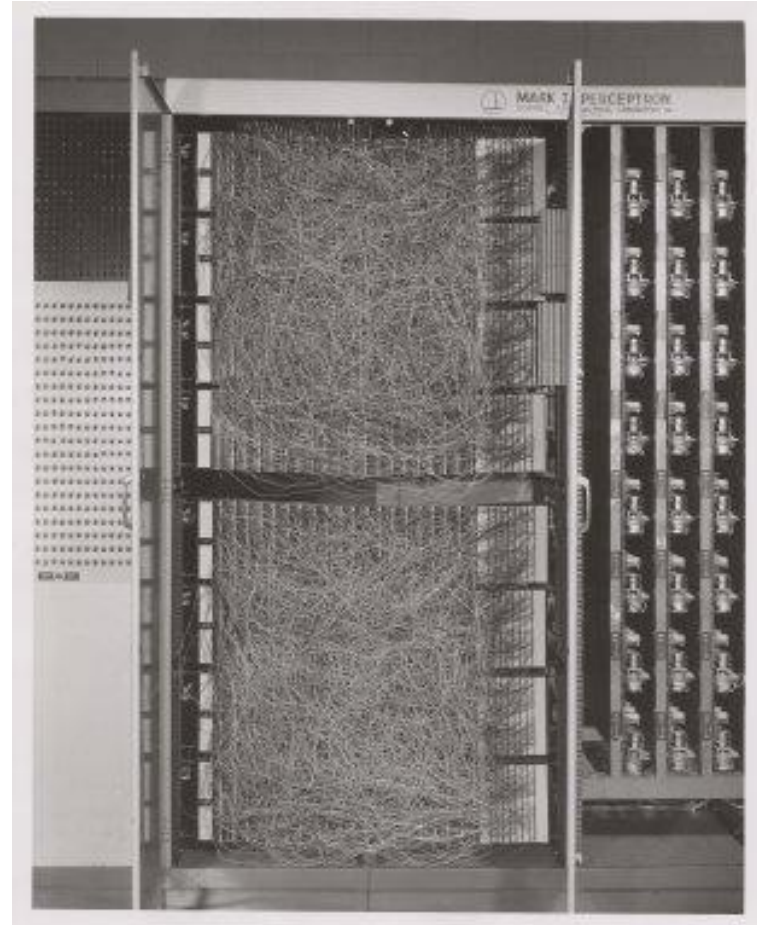
$$T \leq \frac{R^2}{\gamma^2}$$



THE FALL OF THE PERCEPTRON

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

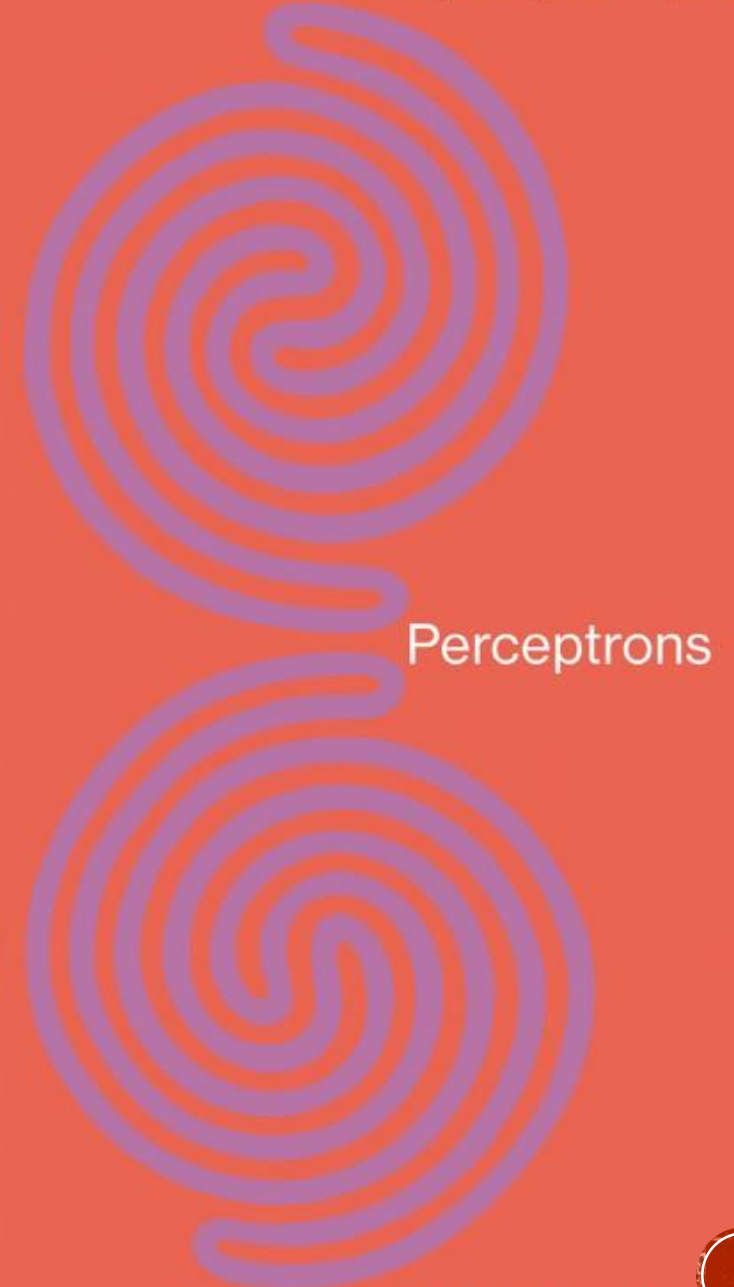
Even the wiring was supposed to simulate the connections of neurons.



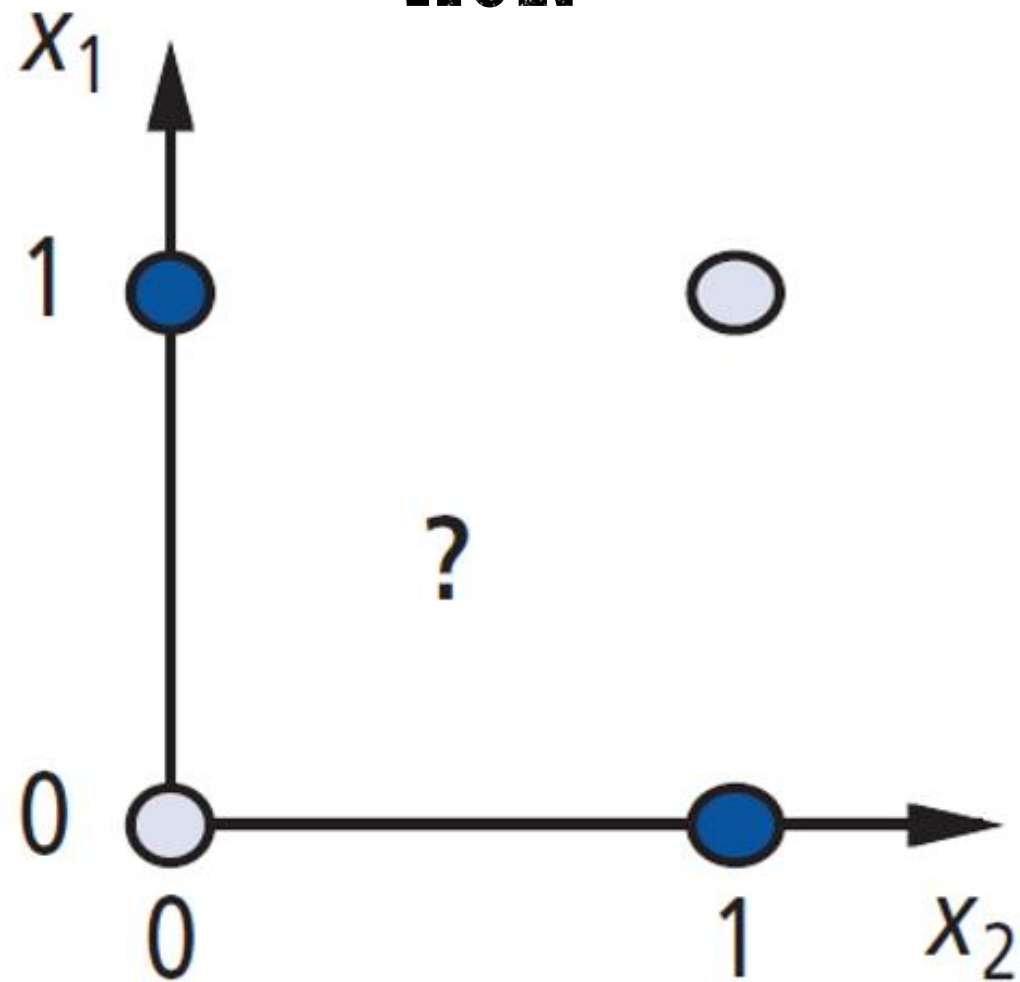
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However, a paper describing the perceptron's shortcomings, particularly that it was effective only at solving simple problems, led to a drastic drop in interest in artificial neural networks in the 1960's.

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



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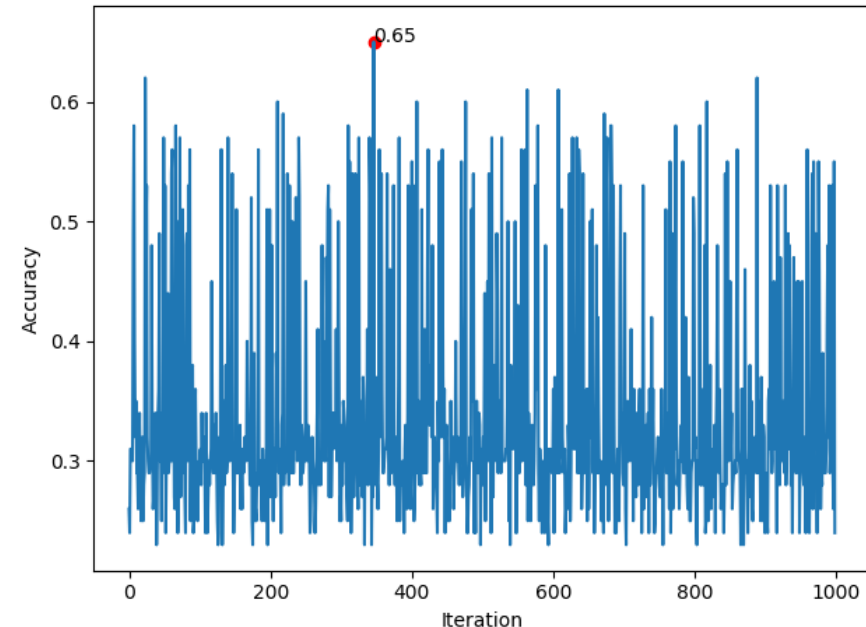
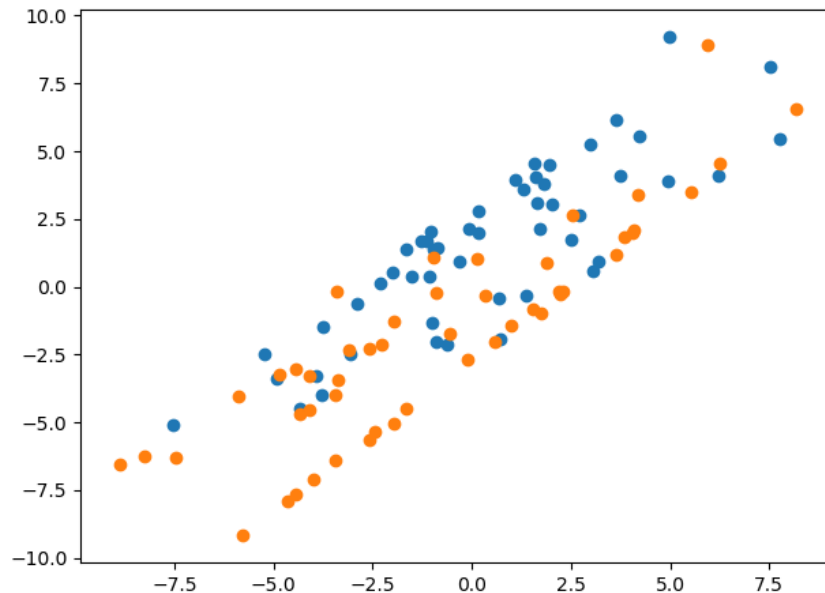


STOPPING CRITERIONS

The mistake bound holds only if the dataset is linearly separable.

If it's not the case, one could define other criteritions:

- Approach 1: Consider the perceptron as an any-time algorithm. When the user is out of time or resources, return the current weights.
- Approach 2: After each update, calculate the accuracy, and remember the weights corresponding to the highest accuracy:



KERNEL PERCEPTRON

- Lets have a look at the learning rule:

if $\hat{y} \neq y_i$:

$$w \leftarrow w + y_i x_i$$

- Thus, we can infer that the weights vector w learned by the Perceptron's algorithm is a linear combination of all the data points:

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

- α_i is a “mistake-counter” - how many times the perceptron made a mistake on sample x_i
- We can rewrite the prediction formula of a new observation x' as:

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign} \left[\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i \right)^T x' \right] = \text{sign} \left[\sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i^T x' \right]$$



KERNEL PERCEPTRON

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign} \left[\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i \right)^T x' \right] = \text{sign} \left[\sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i^T x' \right]$$

- In other words, the dual problem is finding the α'_i 's. The new learning algorithm would loop thru the samples and make predictions, but now it will update a “mistake counter” vector α rather than updating a weights vector w .

- First observation:

We can define a threshold s , and during learning we can zero (and consider dropping samples from the dataset) any mistake-counter that reaches a value above it, i.e.:

if $\alpha_i \geq s$:

$\alpha_i \leftarrow 0$

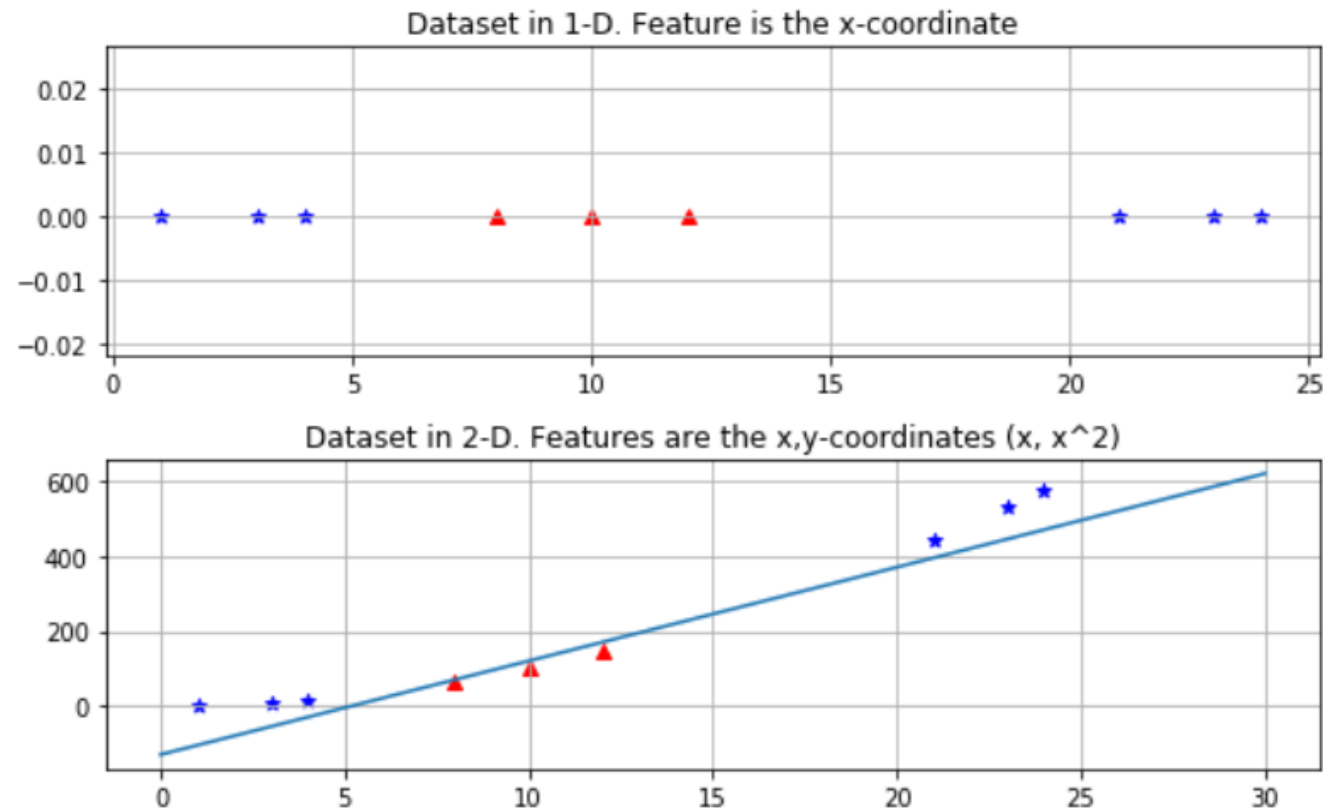
drop x_i from the dataset

- This could help us detecting outliers

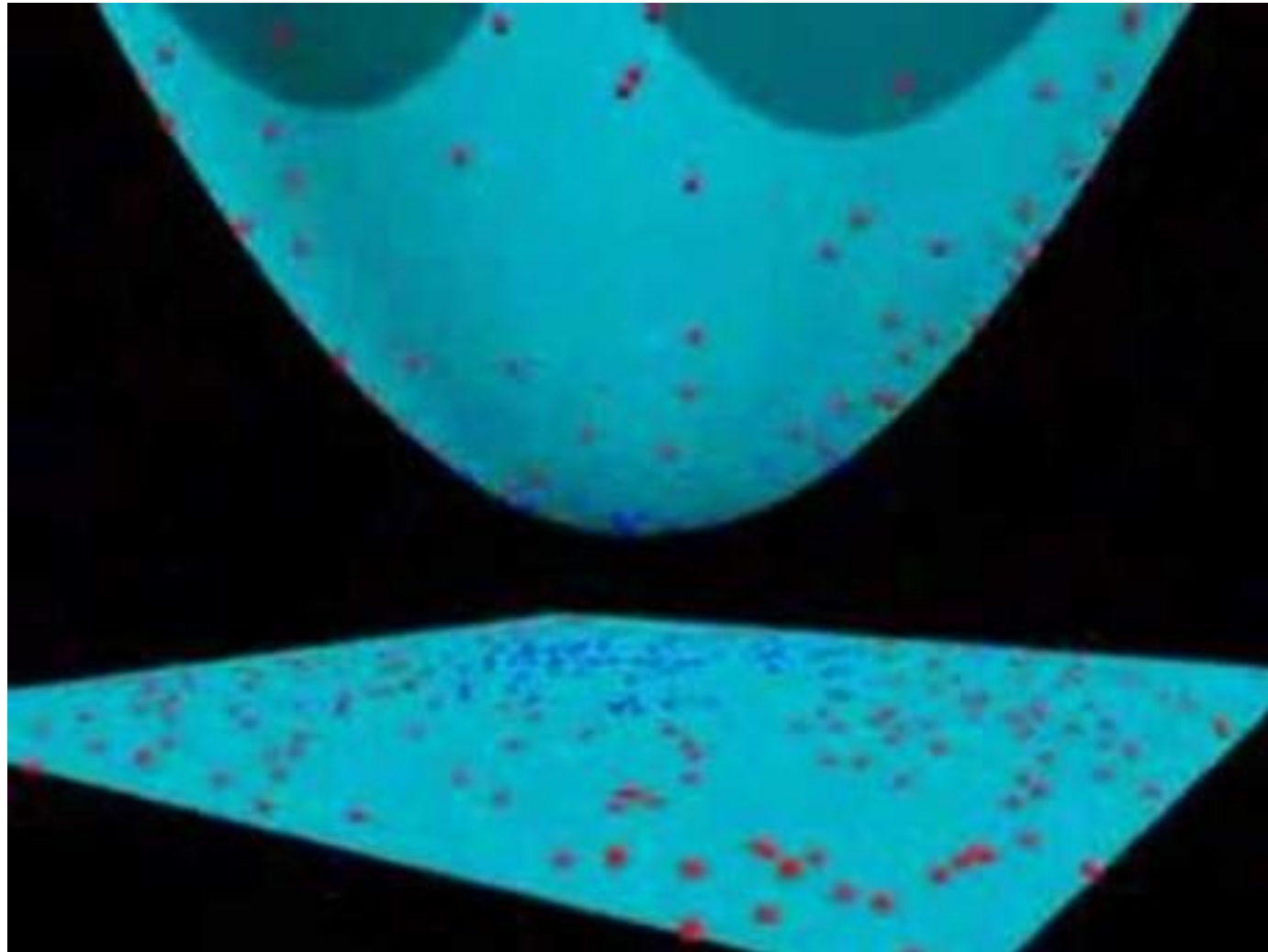


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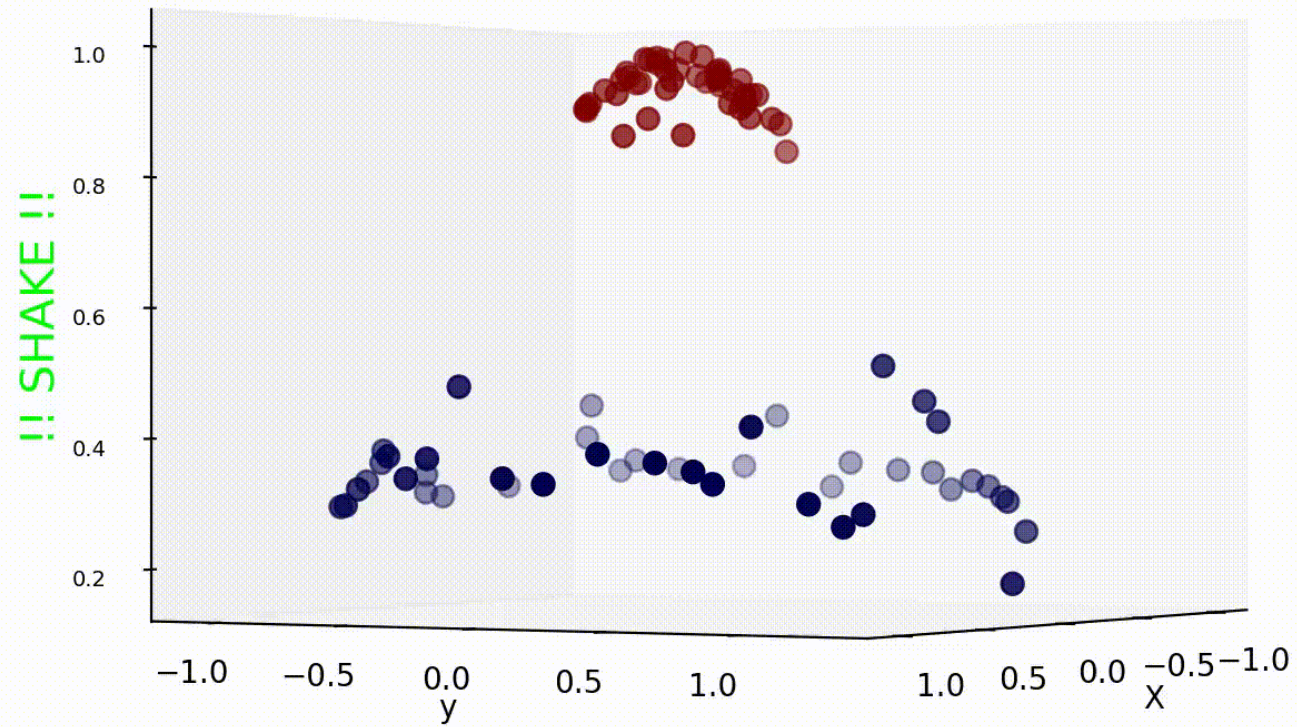
- Second observation:
- While there exist datasets that aren't linearly separable in a given form (set of features), we can find a transformations to another space where the points are linearly separable:



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- Our next goal is to find transformations to spaces where our datasets are linearly separable. But firstly, we have to find a method to apply these transformations effectively.
- Let \mathbb{R}^n be the original features' space and \mathbb{R}^m be the new features' space. We want to find a transformation:

$$\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

- The original prediction rule was:

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign} \left[\sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i^T x' \right]$$

- In the new features' space, the prediction rule would become:

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign} \left[\sum_i \alpha_i y_i \varphi(x_i)^T \varphi(x') \right]$$

- In a low dimensions space, we cannot deal with more complex datasets.
- In a high dimensions space, the computations become very slow.
- A new trick called – “**The Kernel Trick**” – comes to the rescue!



KERNEL PERCEPTRON

- It makes it possible to get the same results as if you added many features, without adding them in practice.
- Usually, we define a kernel K such that $K(x, y) = \varphi^T(x)\varphi(y)$ and find a direct formula that doesn't involve any transformation to a higher dimension space.
- Example:

$$\varphi(y) = \varphi\left(\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2}u_1 \\ \sqrt{2}u_2 \\ \sqrt{2}u_1u_2 \\ u_1^2 \\ u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The inner product:

$$\varphi^T(u)\varphi(v) = 1 + 2u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2 + 2u_1u_2v_1v_2 + u_1^2v_1^2 + u_2^2v_2^2 = (1 + u^T v)^2$$

Note that computing that dot product $u^T v$ in the original features' space is less expensive than computing the dot product in the transformed space.



KERNEL PERCEPTRON

- Examples of the most used kernel functions:

$K(x, y) = (x^T y + 1)^p$ – *Polynomial kernel of degree*

$K(x, y) = e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}|x-y|^2}$ – *Gaussian kernel*

$K(x, y) = e^{-\gamma|x-y|^2}$ – *RBG kernel*

$K(x, y) = \tanh(\eta x^T y + \theta)$ – *Sigmoid kernel*



KERNEL PERCEPTRON — THE ALGORITHM

Initialize a mistake-counter vector $\alpha \leftarrow 0$

While some stopping criterion isn't met:

For each x_j, y_j in the training set:

Predict $\hat{y} = \text{sign}(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x_j))$

If $\hat{y} \neq y_j$:

$$\alpha_j \leftarrow \alpha_j + 1$$

- The prediction rule:

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign} \left[\sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x') \right]$$

