

Tutorial on Support Vector Machine (SVM)

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1. What is SVM?

- In 1992, by Boser, Guyon, and Vapnik in COLT-92



Guyon

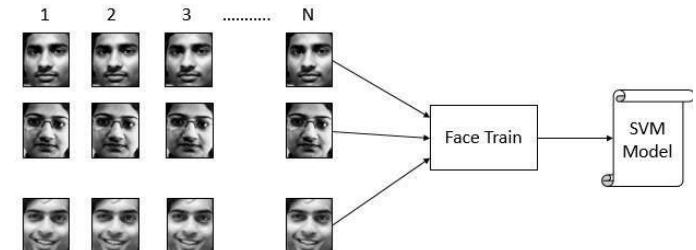
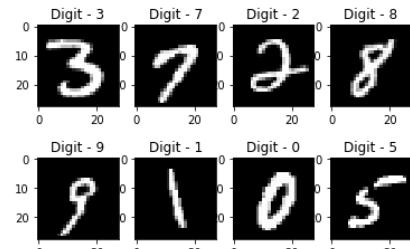


Boser



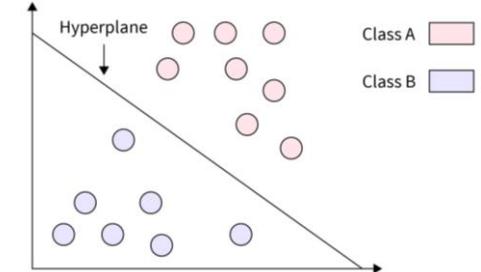
Vapnik

- **Supervised learning** (for **Classification** and **Regression**)
 - learning with label
- application areas
 - **handwritten digit recognition**
 - **face analysis**



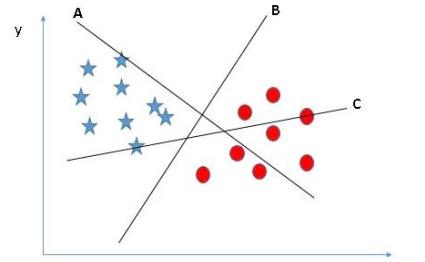
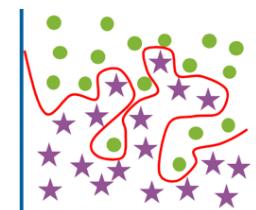
1. What is SVM?

- “Support Vector machines can be defined as systems which use **hypothesis space of a linear functions in a high dimensional feature space**, trained with a **learning algorithm from optimization theory** that implements a **learning bias** derived from statistical learning theory.”



- **hypothesis space of a linear functions in a high-dimensional feature space**
 - hypothesis space of a linear functions (선형 함수 가설 공간)
 - hypothesis space (가설 공간) : candidate models (in svm, linear functions)
 - high dimensional feature space (고차원 특성 공간)
 - if input space is too low-dimensional, impossible to separate data with many features effectively → Kernel Trick (for converting data into a higher-dimensional space)

- **learning algorithm from optimization theory that implements a learning bias**
 - learning algorithm from optimization theory (최적화)
 - optimization (optimal classification boundary)
 - maximize margin
 - learning bias (편향)
 - not capture every detail of train data (simplify model)
 - prevent overfitting (과적합 방지)

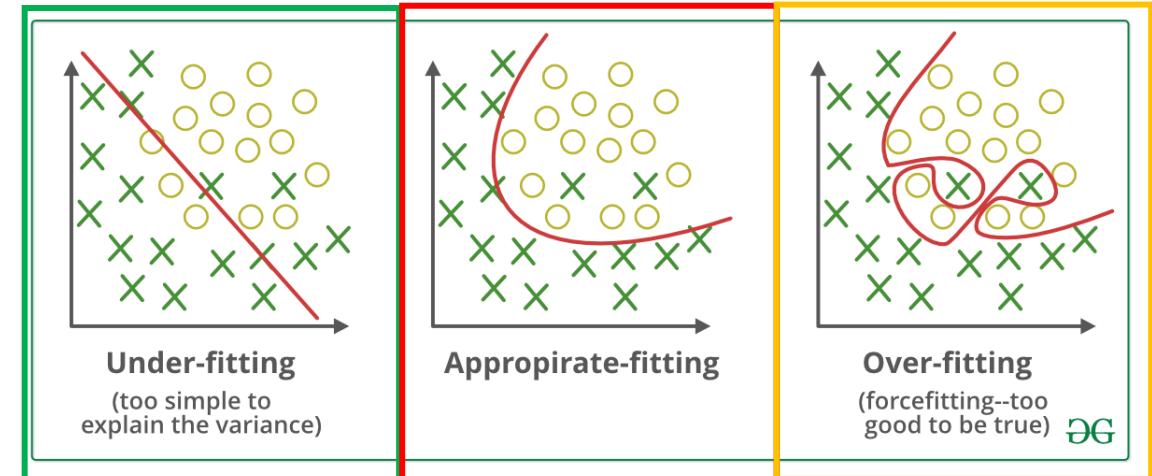
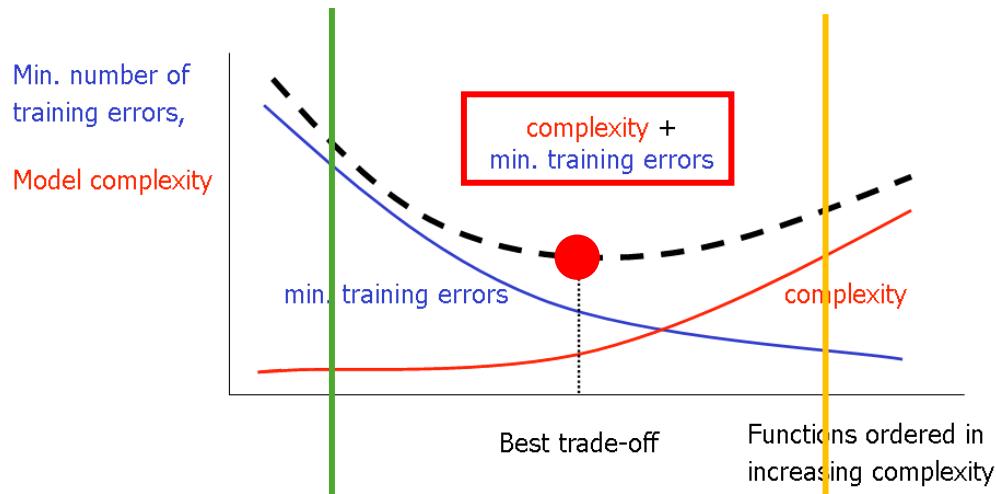


1. What is SVM?

- “**Generalized linear Classifier**”
 - generalized
 - maximize **predictive accuracy** & **avoid overfitting**
 - with statistical learning theory(for optimization): **SRM** (Structural Risk Minimization)
 - ↔ traditional approach: **ERM** (Empirical Risk Minimization) (ex. **Conventional Neural Network**)
- **ERM**: minimize loss for train data (경험적 위험 최소화)
- **SRM**: minimize loss for train data + control model complexity (prevent overfitting) (구조적 위험 최소화)
- supervised learning defined in statistical learning theory
 - Minimize
$$\int V(y, f(x))P(x, y) dx dy$$
(expectation of the error between real value y and prediction value $f(x)$)
 - Loss function of each data: $V(y, f(x))$
 - entire dataset probability distribution: $P(x, y)$

1. What is SVM?

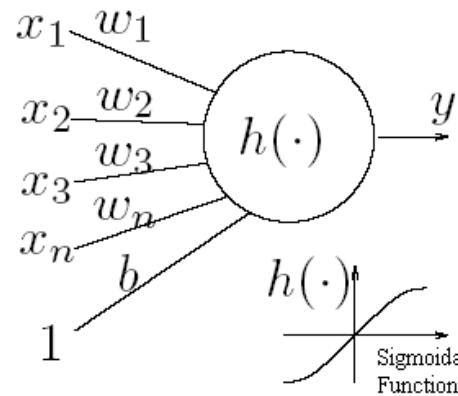
- Complexity vs Training errors
 - Find best trade-off
 - model complexity ↓ , train errors ↑ (Underfitting)
 - model complexity ↑ , train errors ↓ test errors ↑ (Overfitting) → cross validation
 - best tradeoff: $\min(\text{complexity} + \text{train errors})$



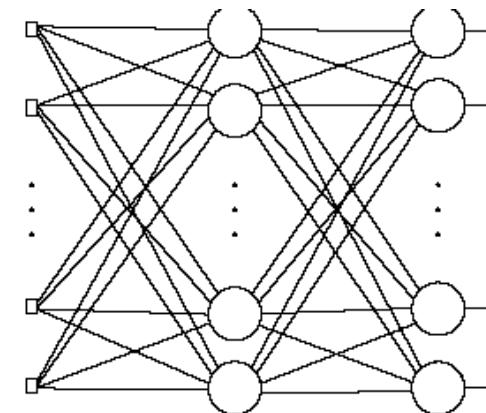
2. Why SVM?

- **Neural Networks** (신경망)

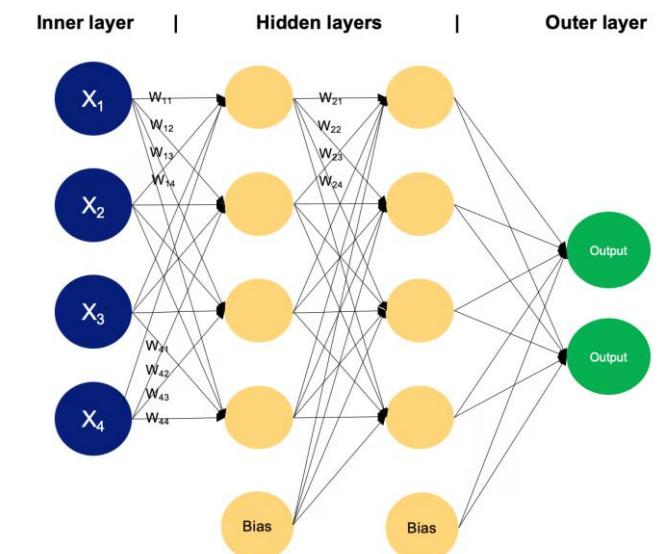
- ERM
- good result for supervised and unsupervised learning
- Single-Layer Perceptron
- **MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron)**
 - with hidden layers
 - feed forward and recurrent network



Single-Layer Perceptron

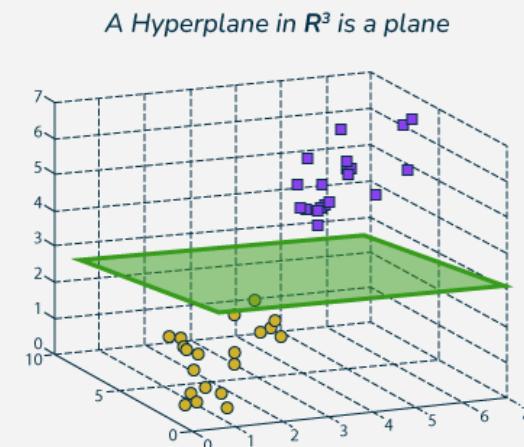
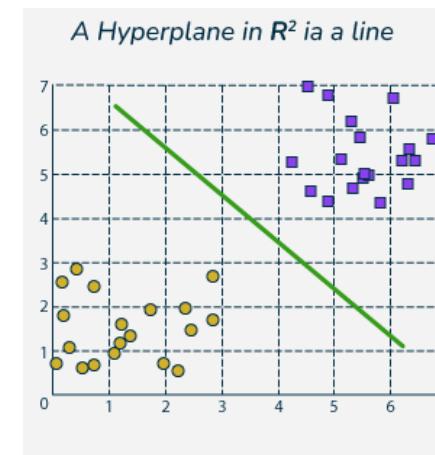
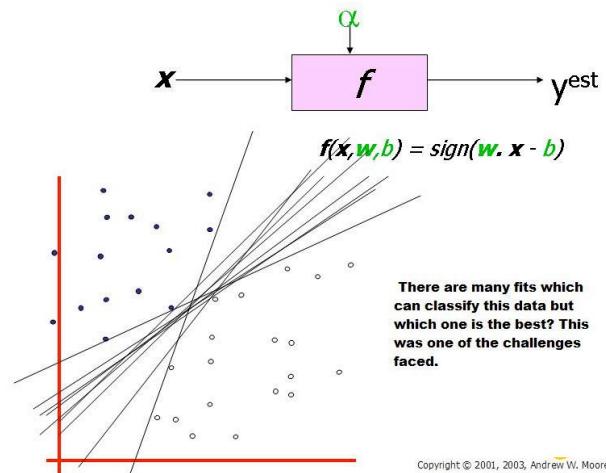
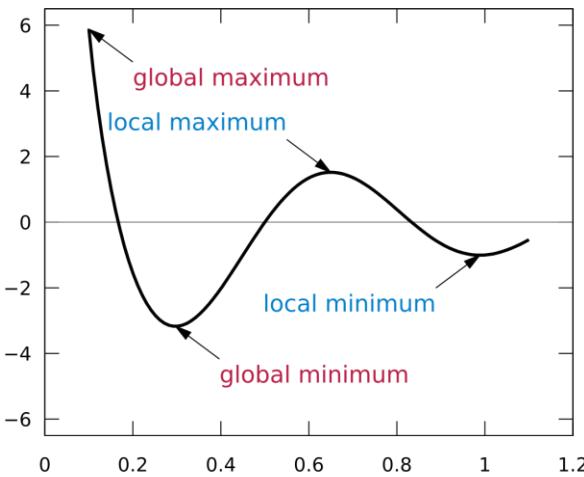


Multi-Layer Perceptron



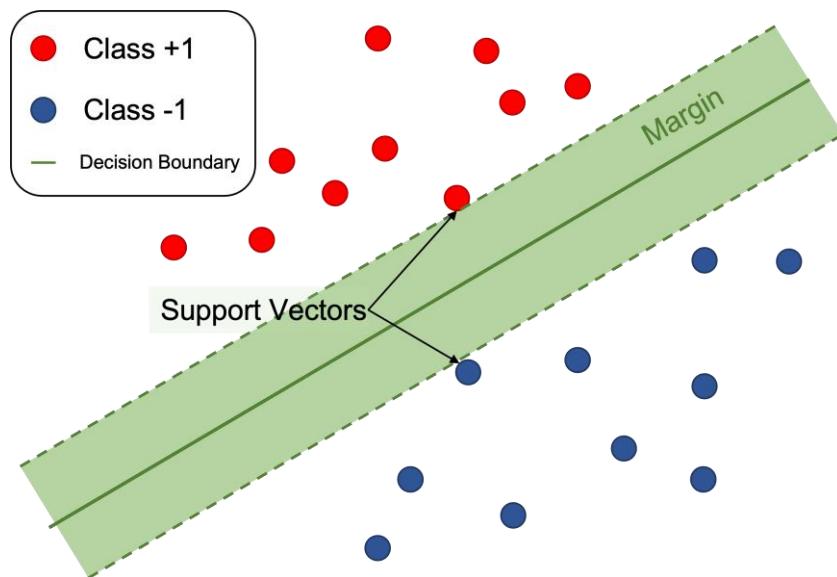
2. Why SVM?

- Issues of Neural Networks
 - local minima
 - how many neurons for optimization
 - not unique solution (many hyper-planes(linear classifiers)) → which one is the best(optimal) solution?
 - hyper-plane (초평면): (n-1)-dim subspace that divides the n-dim space into two parts



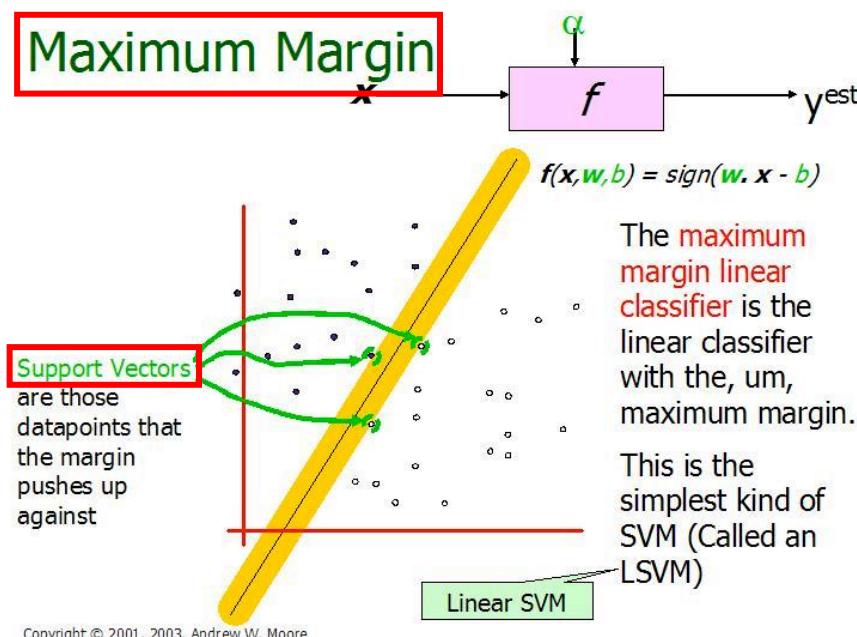
2. Why SVM?

- Maximum margin classifier(hyper plane)
 - Margin: min distance between decision boundary and support vector
 - support vector: the nearest data point from decision boundary
 - **object: Maximize Margin**



2. Why SVM?

- Why max margin?
 - improve empirical performance (generalization)
 - even if small error in the location of the boundary, least chance of misclassification
 - avoid local minima (vs. Neural Net)
- Ex) Linear SVM (LSVM) (in this thesis..)

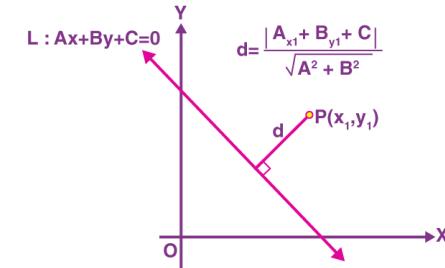


3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

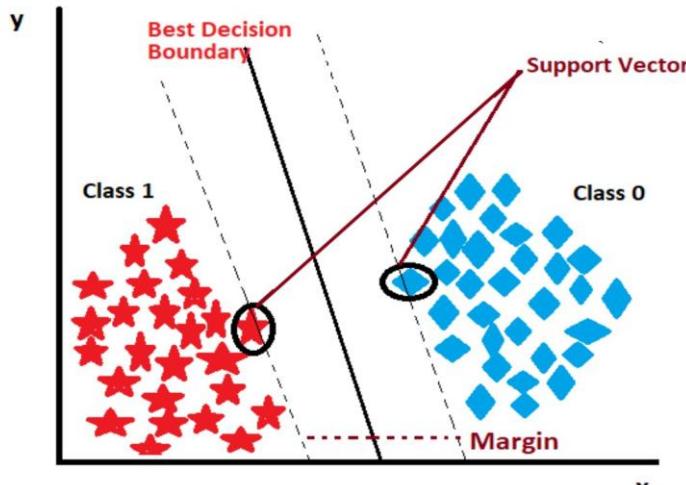
- How to get Margin

- min distance between decision boundary and arbitrary data point
= distance between decision boundary and support vectors

$$\text{margin} = \arg \min_{x \in D} d(x) = \arg \min_{x \in D} \frac{|x \cdot w + b|}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2}}$$



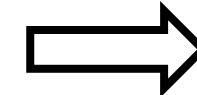
- decision boundary line: $x \cdot w + b = 0$
- red box means distance between data point x and decision boundary line



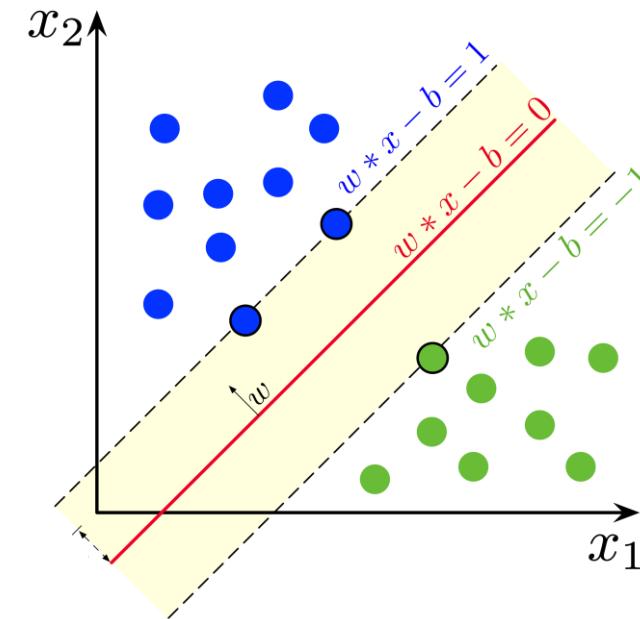
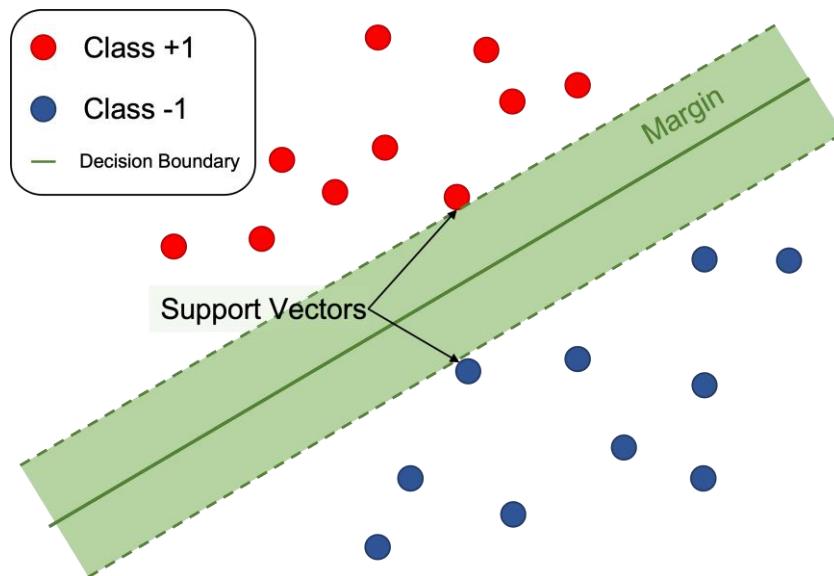
3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

- constraints [a], [b], [c]
 - define two **margin boundaries**: each support vectors on each line

$$\begin{aligned}[a] & \text{If } Y_i = +1; w x_i + b \geq 1 & \text{class } Y_i = +1 \\[b] & \text{If } Y_i = -1; w x_i + b \leq -1 & \text{class } Y_i = -1\end{aligned}$$



$$[c] \text{ For all } i; y_i(w x_i + b) \geq 1$$

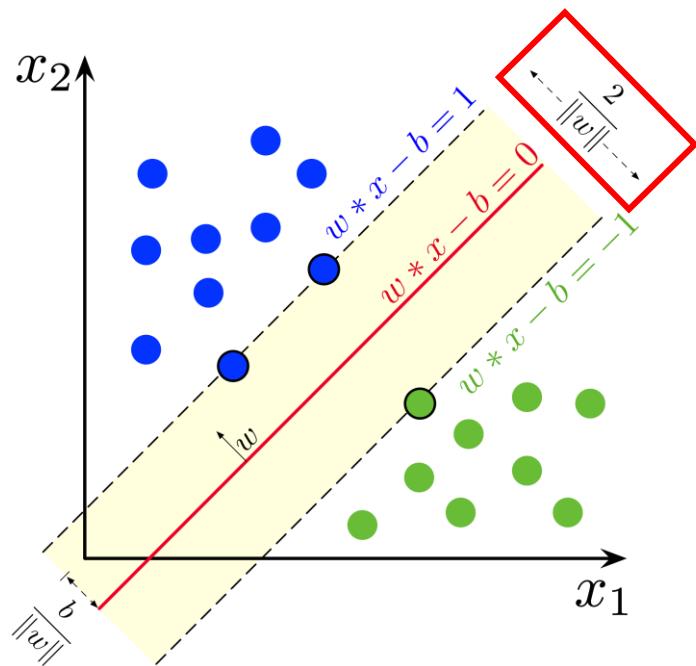


3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

- simplify margin formula (with [c] constraint)
 - distance between $wx + b = 1$ and $wx + b = -1$

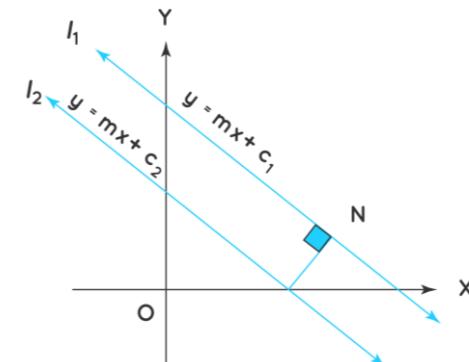
$$\text{margin} = \arg \min_{x \in D} d(x) = \arg \min_{x \in D} \frac{|x \cdot w + b|}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2}}$$

[c] For all i ; $y_i(wx_i + b) \geq 1$



$$(\|w\| = \sqrt{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_n^2})$$

$$\text{distance} = \frac{|1 - (-1)|}{\|w\|} = \frac{2}{\|w\|}$$



$$d = \frac{|c_2 - c_1|}{\sqrt{1 + m^2}}$$

3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

- **object** (with simplified margin)

- **maximize** $\frac{2}{\|w\|}$
= minimize $\|w\|$
= minimize $\frac{1}{2}\|w\|^2$ (due to gradient descent for optimization)

$$\Phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$
$$S.T. \quad y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1$$

$\Phi(w)$ = loss function (minimize, optimize)
→ **Quadratic function** (이차 최적화 문제)

- Quadratic function → construct Dual problem (쌍대 문제) & Lagrange multiplier α_i (라그랑즈 승수)

$$\max_a \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j)$$
$$S.T. \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

→ optimal α_i

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i, \quad b = y_k - w \cdot x_k \quad \text{for any } x_k \text{ with } \alpha_k \neq 0$$

- classification function
 - decide label ($f(x) \rightarrow +1/-1$ class)

$$f(x) = w \cdot x + b = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (x_i \cdot x) + b$$

3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

- Primal (loss function)

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \\ S.T. \quad & y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Dual (with α_i)

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\alpha} \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) \\ S.T. \quad & \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i, \quad b = y_k - w \cdot x_k \quad \text{for any } x_k \text{ with } \alpha_k \neq 0$$

- classification function

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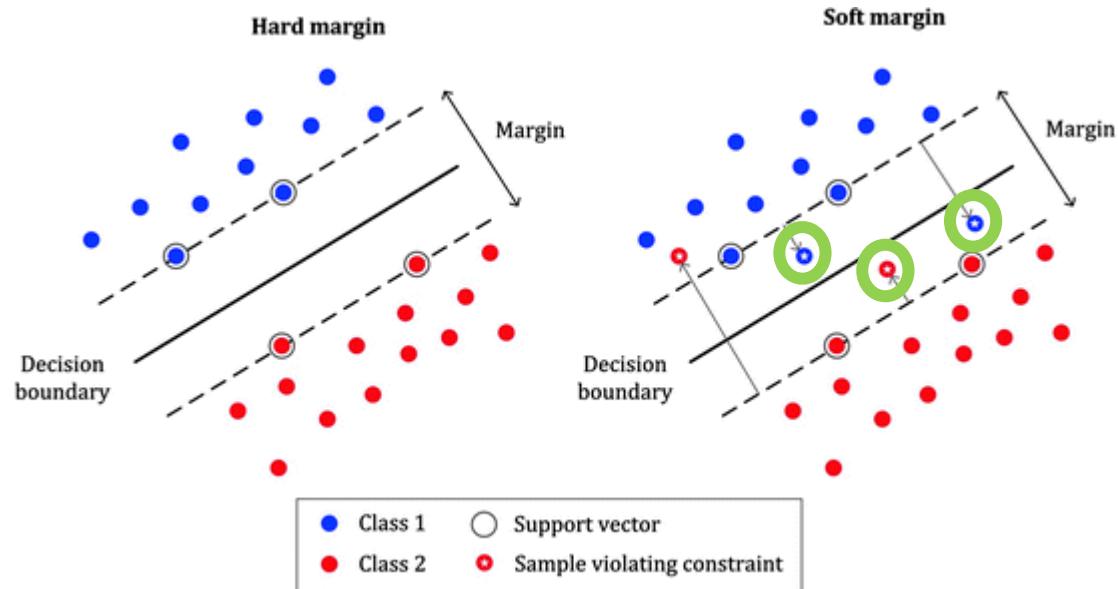
→ Hard Margin SVM

- attempt to classify data **with noise** exactly
- **sensitive to noise (overfitting)**

→ Soft Margin SVM: ignore few data points

3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

- **Soft Margin SVM**
 - ignore few data points



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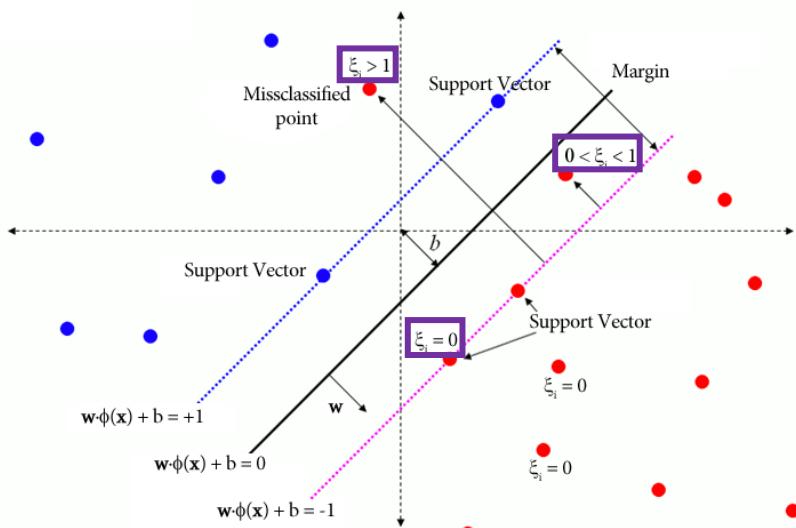
→ Soft Margin SVM: with slack variable ξ

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \\ \text{S.T. } & y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \end{aligned}$$

- C is trade-off between maximizing margin and penalizing slack variable

$$\Rightarrow \min L = \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum_k \lambda_k (y_k(w^T x_k + b) + s_k - 1) + \alpha \sum_k s_k$$

- slack variable(ξ): how much each point violate the margin requirement (for noise)



- $\xi \uparrow$, noise \uparrow
- $\xi > 1$
- $0 < \xi < 1$
- $\xi = 0$ (noise X)

3. Mathematical formulation of SVM

- Dual (with α_i)

$$\max_a \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j)$$
$$S.T. \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i, \quad b = y_k - w \cdot x_k \quad \text{for any } x_k \text{ with } \alpha_k \neq 0$$

→ **Soft Margin SVM:** constraint with C

$$\max_a \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j)$$
$$S.T. \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

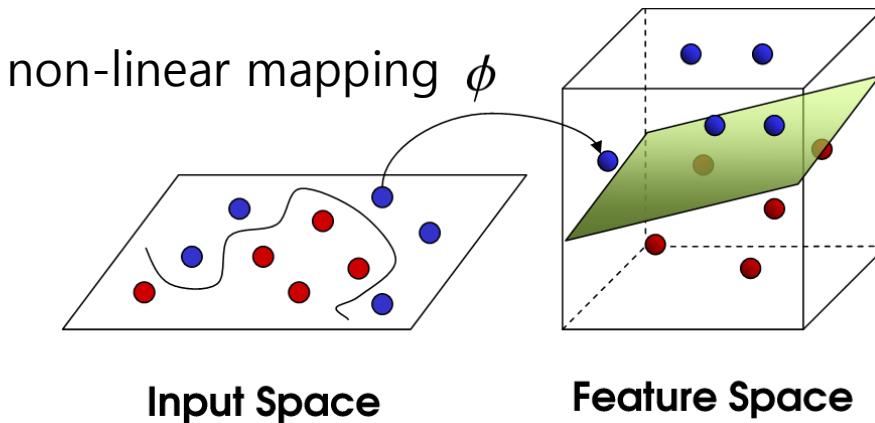
$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i, \quad b = y_k - w \cdot x_k \quad \text{for any } x_k \text{ with } \alpha_k \neq 0$$

- classification function (same)

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (x_i \cdot x) + b$$

4. Kernel Trick

- mapping **non-linear data** to **high-dimension** → linear separation in high-dim feature space
(impossible in original input space)



- Kernel Function:** $K(x, y) = \Phi(x) \cdot \Phi(y)$
 - x, y : original (non-linear) input space
 - Φ : mapping x, y to higher-dimension
 - Why dot-product?**
 - for similarity measure between two feature vectors
 - based on Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces, RKHS (재생 커널 힐베르트 공간)
 - If K satisfies Mercer's condition ($K(x, y) = K(y, x)$) (머서 조건, symmetric) & positive definite (inner product = 0, \forall input (양의 정부호)), kernel represents inner product

4. Kernel Trick

- **Inner product** of Kernel Trick
 - Instead of original variable(w, b) (primal), inner products of data sets (for dual problem)

$$f(x) = w \cdot x + b = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (x_i \cdot x) + b$$

- add Pairwise data for interaction between variables
 - $x = [x_1, x_2]$
 - $\Phi(x) = [x_1, x_2, x_1 \cdot x_2]$: add $(x_1 \cdot x_2)$ pairwise
 - Why?
 - new features
- Inner product computing is so computationally expensive (kernel function)
 - $K(x, y) = \Phi(x) \cdot \Phi(y)$
 - Ex. $x = (x_1, x_2), z = (z_1, z_2)$
 - non-kernel (direct inner product computation)
 - $\Phi(x) = (x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2)$
 - $\Phi(z) = (z_1^2, \sqrt{2}z_1z_2, z_2^2)$
 - $\Phi(x) \cdot \Phi(z) = x_1^2z_1^2 + 2x_1x_2z_1z_2 + x_2^2z_2^2$
 - kernel function (ex. polynomial)
 - $K(x, z) = (x \cdot z)^2$
→ operation to be performed in input space rather than high-dim feature space

4. Kernel Trick

- Type of Kernel Function

1. Polynomial

$$K(x, x') = \langle x, x' \rangle^d \quad \text{Non-linear patterns by expanding } \langle x, x' \rangle \text{ into d-th order polynomial}$$

$$K(x, x') = (\langle x, x' \rangle + 1)^d \quad \text{first formulation(pure polynomial) has Hessian problem (to zero)}$$

2. Gaussian RBF(Radial Basis Function)

$$K(x, x') = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-x'\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

3. Exponential RBF

$$K(x, x') = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-x'\|}{\sigma}\right)$$

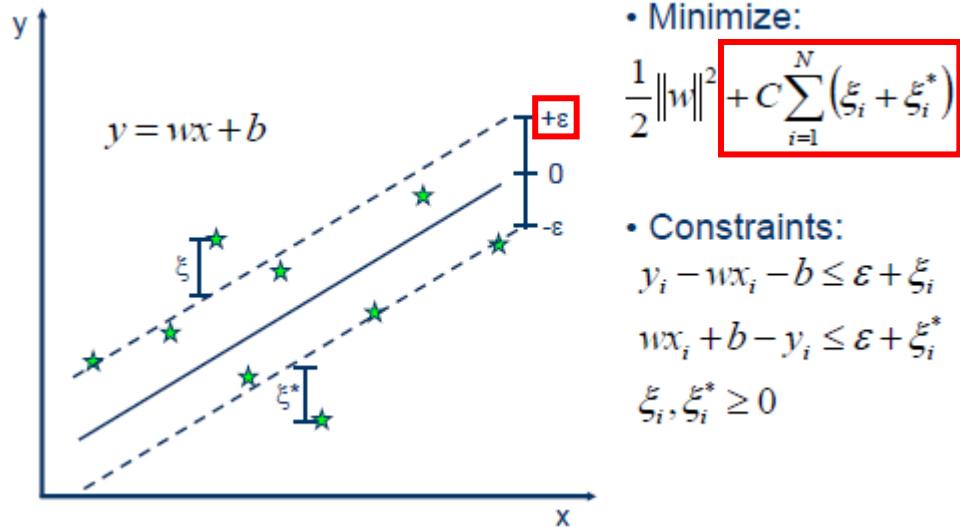
4. MLP

$$K(x, x') = \tanh(\rho \langle x, x' \rangle + \theta)$$

+) Fourier, splines, B-splines, additive kernels and tensor products

5. SVR (Support Vector Regressor)

- SVR
 - ϵ : tolerance range of error between real point and predictive line
 - ξ_i : error when prediction < real
 - ξ_i^* : error when prediction > real



• Minimize:

$$\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$

• Constraints:

$$y_i - wx_i - b \leq \epsilon + \xi_i$$
$$wx_i + b - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^*$$
$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$$

6. Advantage & Disadvantage

- Advantage
 - easy training
 - No local optimal unlike neural network
 - scale relatively well to high-dimensional data
 - trade off between complexity and error explicity
- Disadvantage
 - select appropriate kernel function