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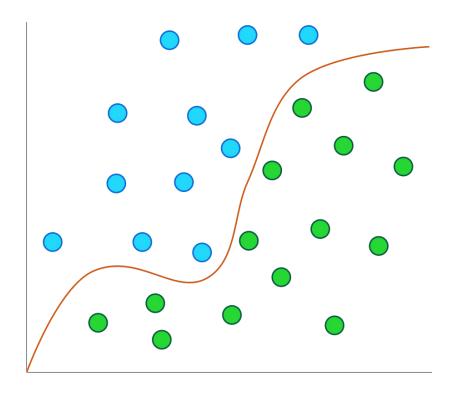


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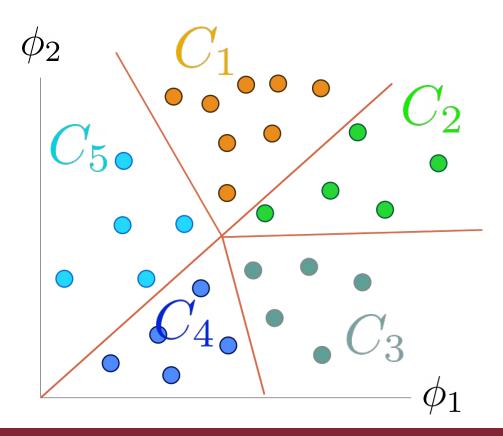
# Classification

- Given some data points  $X = \{x_1, ..., x_n\}$
- Assign to each data point a label Ci from a set of labels C = {C<sub>1</sub>, ..., C<sub>k</sub>}



# **Decision Boundaries**

- Assume that data points are represented by vectors in an m-dimensional feature space
- The classification task consists in partitioning the feature space into k partitions (where k is the number of categories)



### Linear models for classification

- A classification model is linear if the decision boundary a linear function in the feature space, i.e. a line in 2D or a m-1 dimensional hyperplane in an m dimensional feature space
- Note that being linear in the feature space does not imply that the model is linear with respect to the original data space
- We could apply a nonlinear transformation of the input φ that transforms the data space into a feature space
- For example we have seen the polynomial expansion of the input, or we can use other transformations like Radial Basis Functions
- In general we will write a data sample as its expansion into the feature space

$$\phi_{\mathbf{i}} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(\mathbf{x_i}) & \phi_1(\mathbf{x_i}) & \dots & \phi_m(\mathbf{x_i}) \end{pmatrix}^T$$

If no transformation is applied then

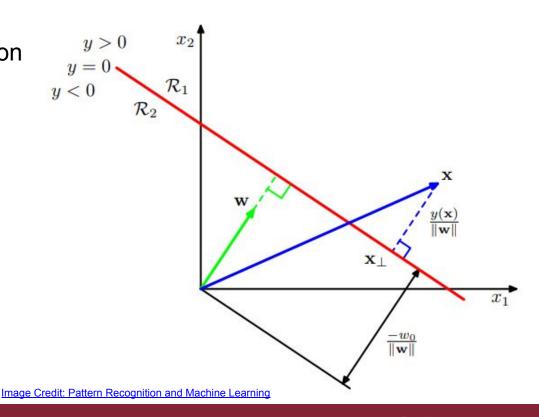
$$\phi_{\mathbf{i}} = (\phi_0(\mathbf{x_i}) = 1 \quad \phi_1(\mathbf{x_i}) = x_1 \quad \dots \quad \phi_m(\mathbf{x_i}) = x_m)^T = \mathbf{x_i}$$

# **Binary Classification**

The decision boundary is a linear function of the features

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0$$
 or  $y = \mathbf{w}^T \phi$ 

- x is assigned to  $C_1$  if y(x) >= 0 and to class  $C_2$  otherwise
- This is the geometrical interpretation for a 2D feature space



#### **Multiclass Classification**

- I can handle the case of multiple classes using different approaches:
  - one-versus-the-rest: for each class I train a classifier to separate points in that class from those that are not in that class
  - one-versus-one: for each pair of classes i train a classifier to distinguish the two classes and then apply a majority voting scheme
  - k-class discriminant: training k linear function and assign the point to the class that maximizes  $y_k(x)$

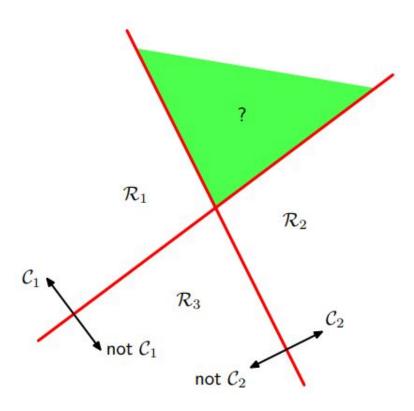
## one-versus-the-rest

- Train k classifiers, one for each class, to classify samples belonging to that class versus samples not belonging to that class
- The classifier

$$y_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w_i}^T \mathbf{x} + w_{i0}$$

classifies class Ci versus all other classes

- This approach leads to ambiguous regions, as shown in the figure
- The training is negatively affected by the classes imbalance



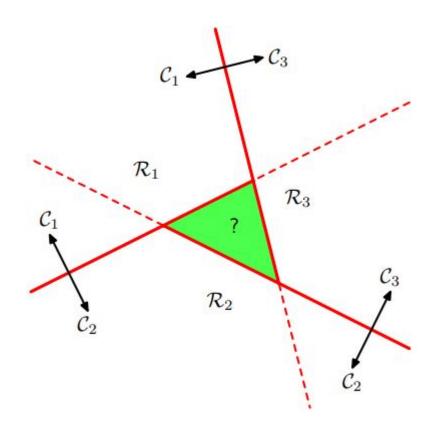
#### one-versus-one

- Train k(k-1)/2 classifiers, one for each pair of classes
- the classifier

$$y_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w_{ij}}^T \mathbf{x} + w_{ij0}$$

classifies class Ci versus class Cj

- Again some regions of the input space are not labelled correctly, as shown in the figure
- High cost, I've to train a huge number of classifiers



#### k class discriminant

A K-class discriminant comprises k linear functions of the form

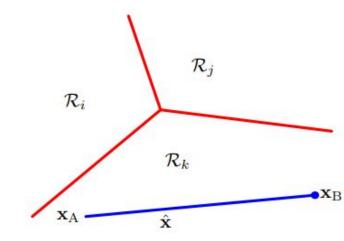
$$y_k(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w_k}^T \mathbf{x} + w_{k0}$$

- a point x is assigned to class  $C_k$  if  $y_k(x) > y_j(x)$  for all  $j \neq k$
- the decision boundary between classes Ck and Cj is therefore given by the equation  $y_k(x) = y_i(x)$
- the decision boundary corresponds to a D-1 dimensional hyperplane with equation:

$$(\mathbf{w_k} - \mathbf{w_j})^T \mathbf{x} + w_{k0} - w_{j0} = 0$$

# k class discriminant

- With this approach there are no ambiguous regions in the input space
- To show this, consider two points x<sub>A</sub> and x<sub>B</sub> both inside region R<sub>K</sub>



• Then consider the line  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  connecting them:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda \mathbf{x_A} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x_B}$$
 with  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ 

- for the linearity of the discriminant functions we get  $y_k(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \lambda y_k(\mathbf{x_A}) + (1 \lambda)y_k(\mathbf{x_B})$
- now, knowing that  $y_k(\mathbf{x_A}) > y_j(\mathbf{x_A})$  and  $y_k(\mathbf{x_B}) > y_j(\mathbf{x_B})$   $\forall j \neq k$  we can conclude that  $y_k(\mathbf{\hat{x}}) > y_j(\mathbf{\hat{x}})$   $\forall j \neq k$  and so every point in  $\mathbf{\hat{x}}$  also lies in  $R_k$

Classification

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