DATA SCIENCE WITH PYTHON: SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES #424

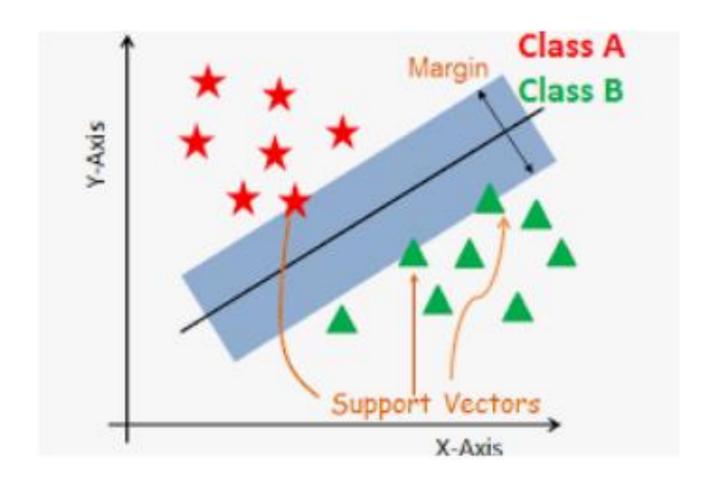
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Support Vector Machine(SVM)

- Support Vector Machine is a Supervised Machine Learning model which is used for both classification and regression problems.
- The goal of SVM is to create a best line that can segregate the n dimensional space into classes, so that when new data is put in space, it can identify the correct class.
- The best line is known as hyperplane.
- When the data is linear, hyperplane is known as straight line and when data is non linear hyperplane is a plane.
- SVM chooses vectors that help in creating the hyperplane and these vectors are known as support vectors



SVM can be of two types:

•Linear SVM:

Linear SVM is used for linearly separable data, which means if a dataset can be classified into two classes by using a single straight line.

•Non-linear SVM:

Non-Linear SVM is used for non-linearly separated data, which means if a dataset cannot be classified by using a straight line.

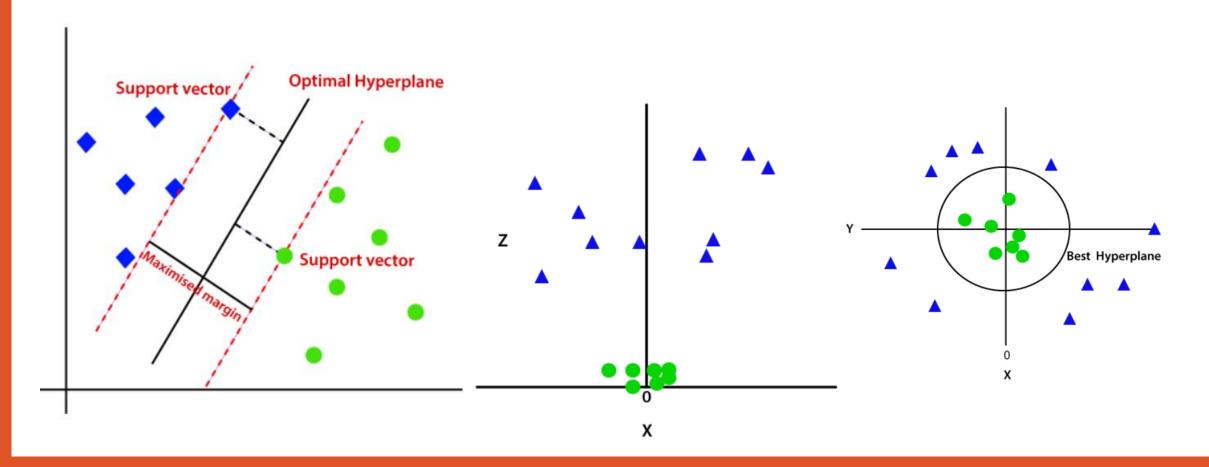
How does SVM works?

Linear SVM:

It chooses best fit hyperplane with the help of support vectors and performs the algorithm on 2D dimensional plane.

Non-linear SVM:

It chooses the best fit hyperplane with the help of support vectors by visualizing the data points on 3D plane.



Advantages:

- 1.SVM works relatively well when there is a clear margin of separation between classes.
- 2.SVM is more effective in high dimensional spaces.
- 3.SVM is effective in cases where the number of dimensions is greater than the number of samples.
- 4.SVM is relatively memory efficient

Disadvantages:

- 1.SVM algorithm is not suitable for large data sets.
- 2.SVM does not perform very well when the data set has more noise i.e. target classes are overlapping.
- 3.In cases where the number of features for each data point exceeds the number of training data samples, the SVM will underperform.
- 4.As the support vector classifier works by putting data points, above and below the classifying hyperplane there is no probabilistic explanation for the classification.