# MLEA: Machine Learning Kernels methods

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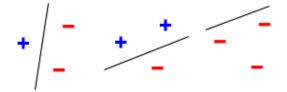


### Vapnik-Chervonenkis dimension

- measure of the capacity of a statistical classification algorithm (how complicated it can be)
- cardinality of the largest set of points that the algorithm can shatter, for each possible combination of labels
- Core concept in Vapnik-Chervonenkis theory

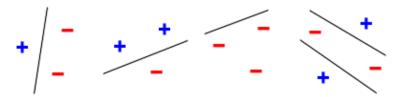


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VC dimension for a linear classifier handling data of dimension N:  ${\sf N}+1$ 

#### VC dim-based model selection

#### Definition

TestingSet Error  $\leq$  TrainingSet Error  $+ \sqrt{\frac{h(\log(2R/h)+1)-\log(\mu/4)}{R}}$  With h the VC dimension of the classification model R the size of the trainingset True with probability  $1-\mu$ 



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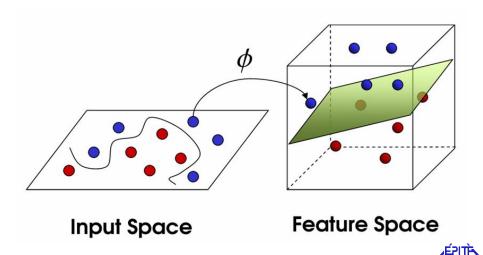
# Separability of patterns

#### Cover's Theorem (1965)

A complex pattern-classification problem cast in a high-dimensional space nonlinearly is more likely to be linearly separable than in low dimensional space

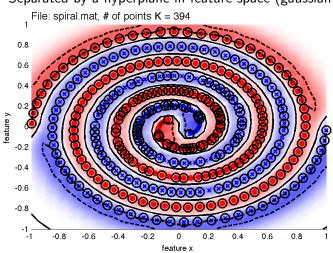


# Feature Space projection



# the two spirals

Separated by a hyperplane in feature space (gaussian kernels)



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Combining n features  $\phi_1...\phi_n$  results in a feature mapping

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#### Kernel

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Suppose we are given a feature mapping  $\phi: \chi \to \kappa \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ The corresponding kernel is the inner product function  $K: \chi \times \chi \to \mathbb{R}$  such as:

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \langle \phi(x_i), \phi(x_j) \rangle$$



#### The kernel trick for SVM

- Replace dot product by kernel functions
- the dot product is done in the feature space



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Consider  $x = [x_1, x_2]^t$  and  $y = [y_1, y_2]^t$ .

The feature mapping is quite explicit:

$$K(x,y) = 1 + x_1^2 y_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2 + x_2^2 y_2^2 + 2x_1 y_1 + 2x_2 y_2$$

The projection of x in the feature space is :

$$\phi(x) = [1, x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1 x_2, x_2^2, \sqrt{2}x_1, \sqrt{2}x_2]^t$$

### Common Kernels

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#### Exercise: Kernel VC Dimension

Give the VC dimension of a SVM using:

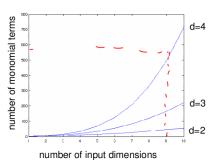
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- RBF Kernel
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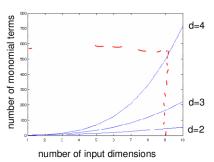
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- implicit mapping not necessary
- allow to project the data to infinite feature space



### Positive semi-definite Kernel Function

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A kernel function K is said to be positive semi-definite if

$$\forall (x_1,..,x_n) \in \chi^n, \forall (c_1,..,c_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \neq 0$$

$$\sum_{i,j} K(x_i,x_j) c_i c_j \geq 0$$



#### Gram matrix

#### Definition

Given a kernel K:  $\chi \times \chi \to \mathbb{R}$  and a set  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, ..., x_m) \in \chi^m$  of m objects in  $\chi$ , we call the  $m \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  with:

$$\mathbf{G_{ij}} = K(x_i, x_j)$$

the Gram matrix of K at x.



#### Lemma

#### Definition

A  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be positive semi-definite if and only if:

$$\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^N, v^T \mathcal{M} v \geq 0$$

#### Lemma

Given a positive semi-definite kernel function K

$$\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, ..., x_m) \in \chi^m$$

the corresponding Gram Matrix **G** will be positive semi-definite.



#### Mercer Theorem

#### Theorem

If K is a positive semi-definite kernel then there exists a function  $\phi$  such that:

$$K(x, y) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle$$



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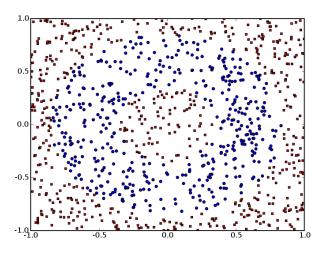
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- if the number of feature is large, non linear mapping may not improve performances
- moreover it will be much slower!!
- Don't start with the RBF Kernel.



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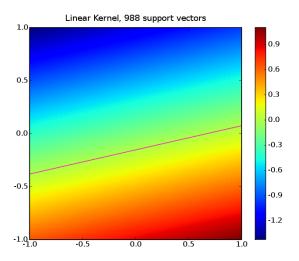


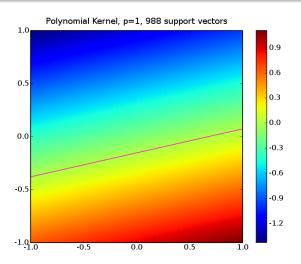
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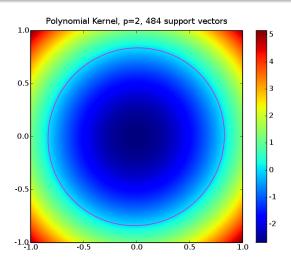


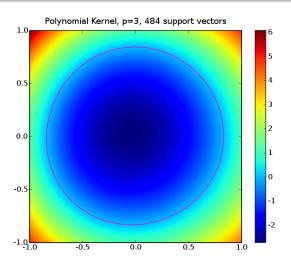


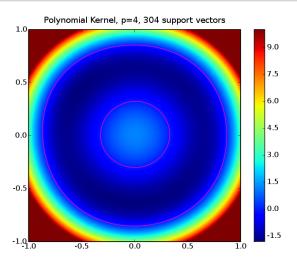
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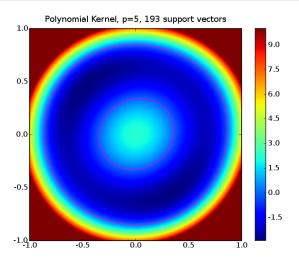


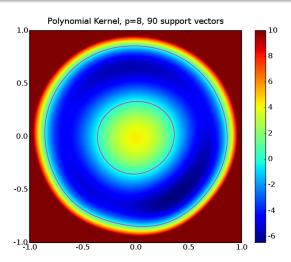


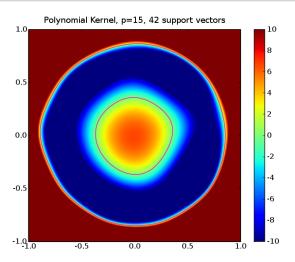


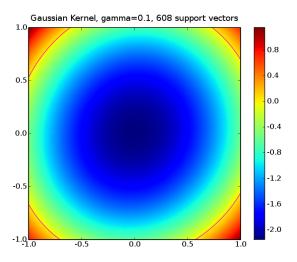


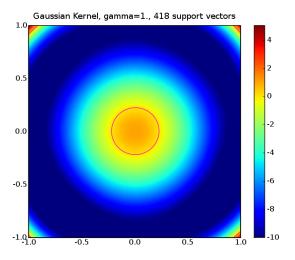


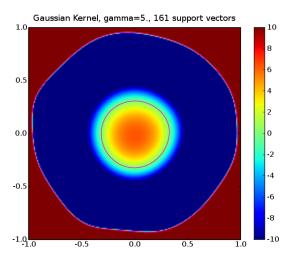


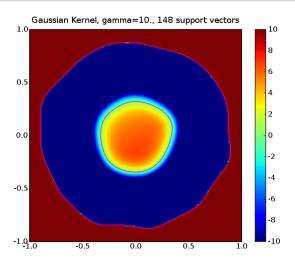


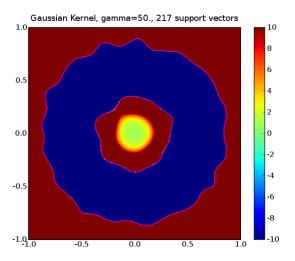


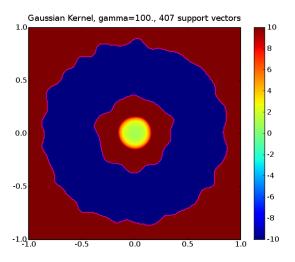


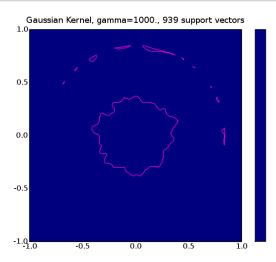






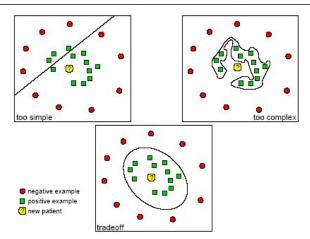






### SVM parameters should be chosen wisely

#### **Underfitting and Overfitting**







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