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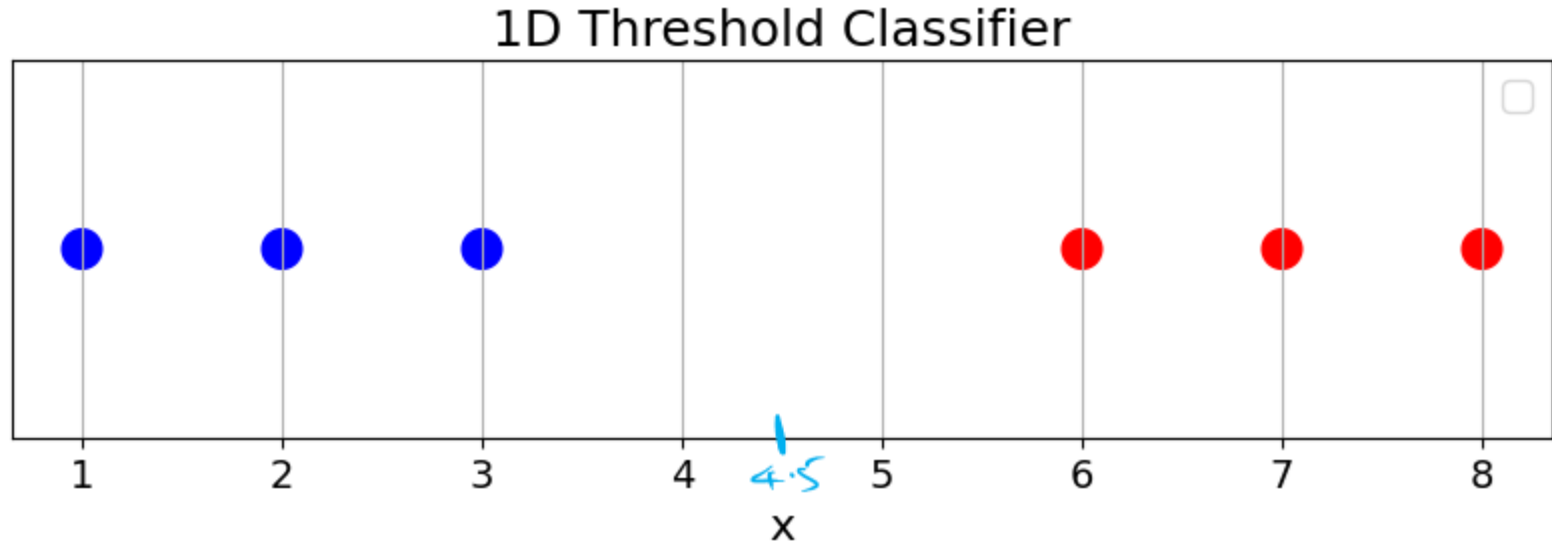
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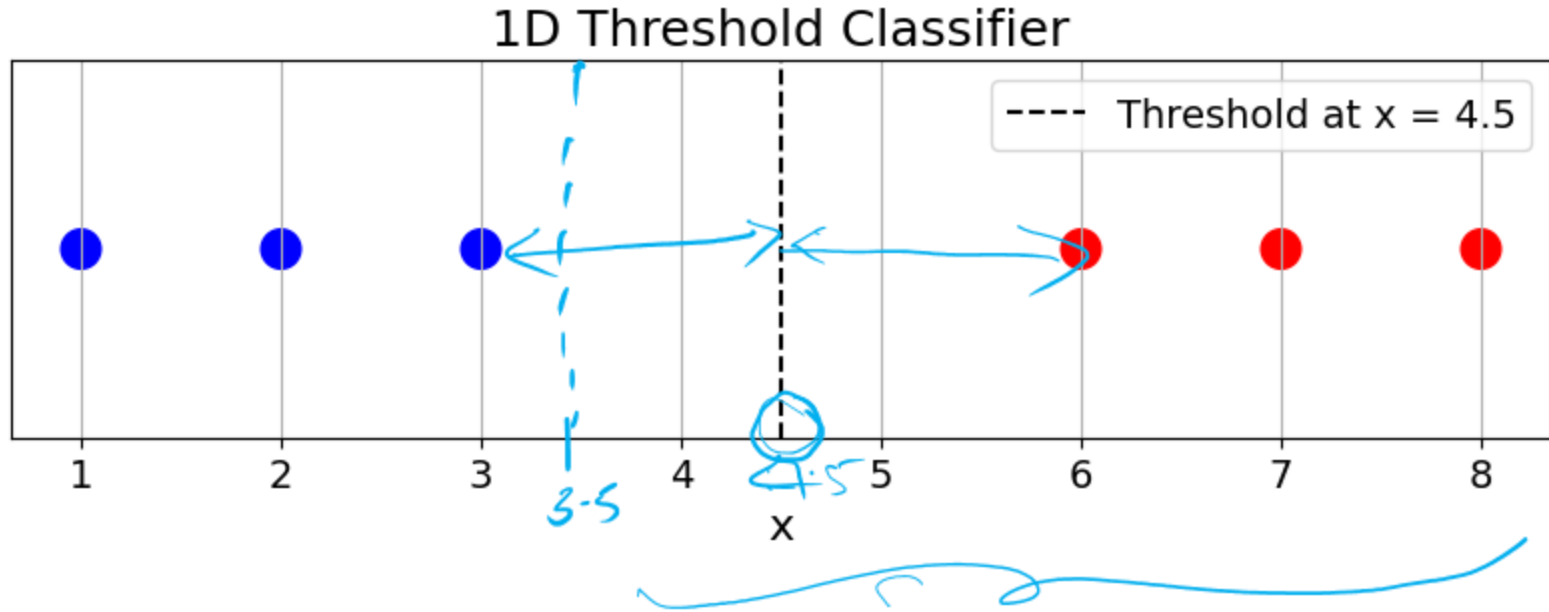
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Support Vector Machine

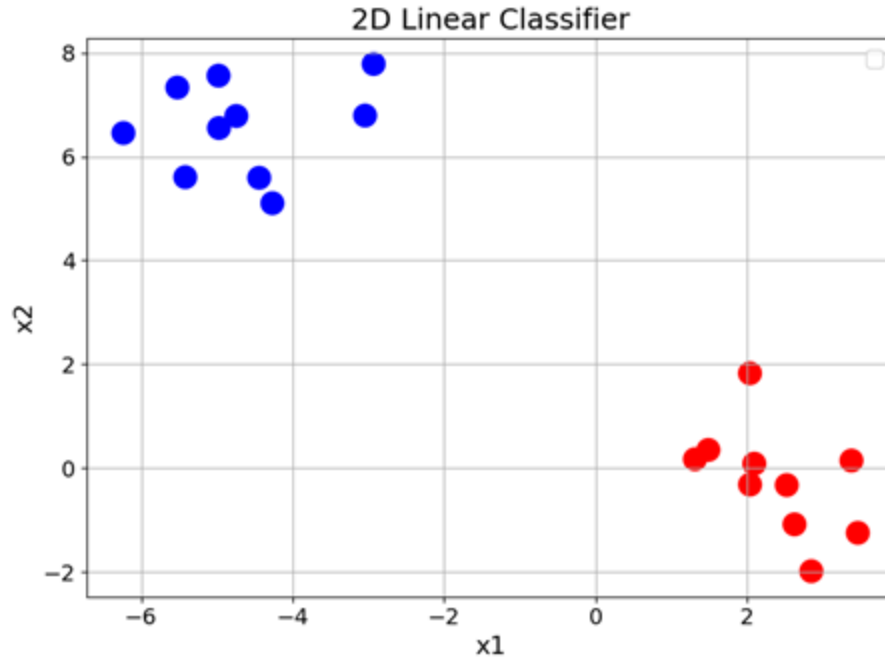
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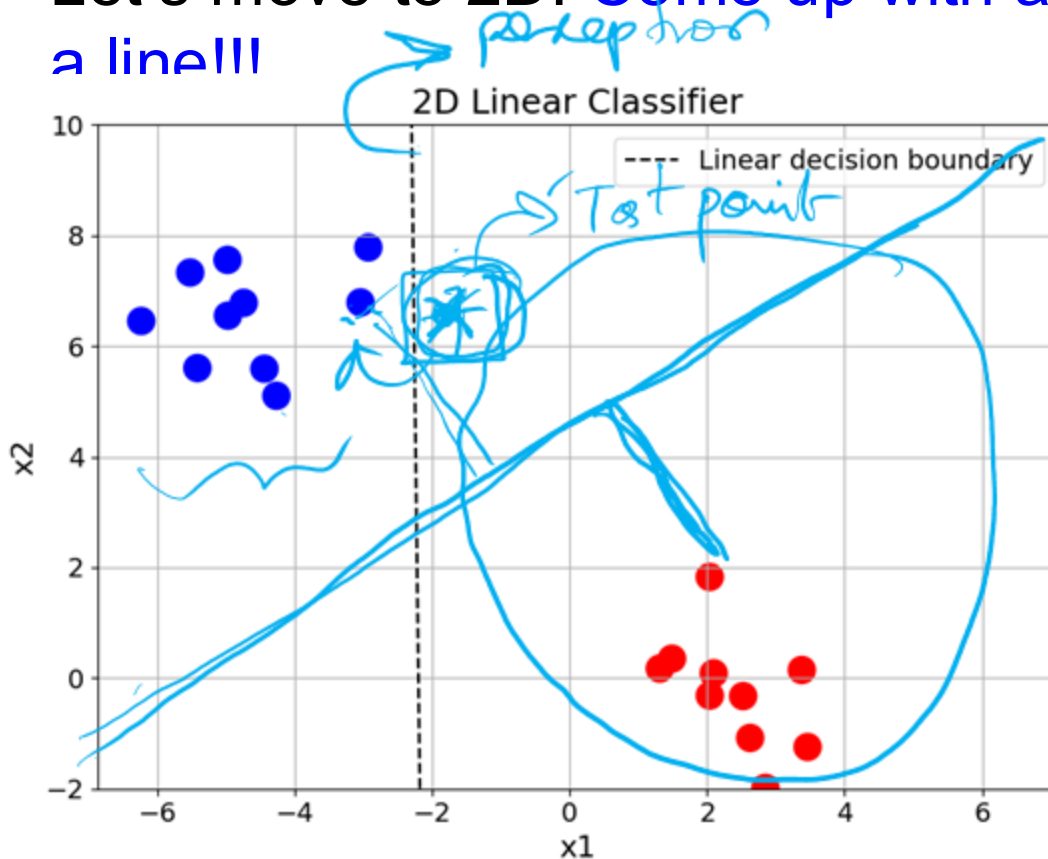
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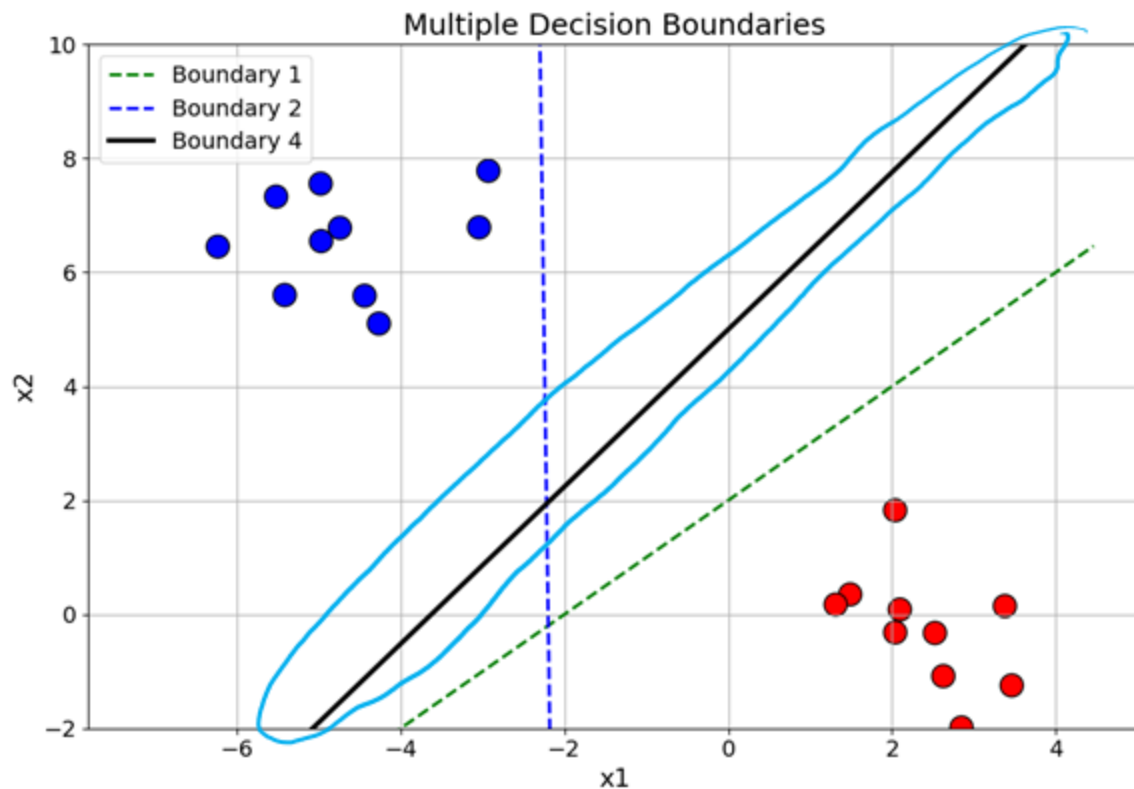


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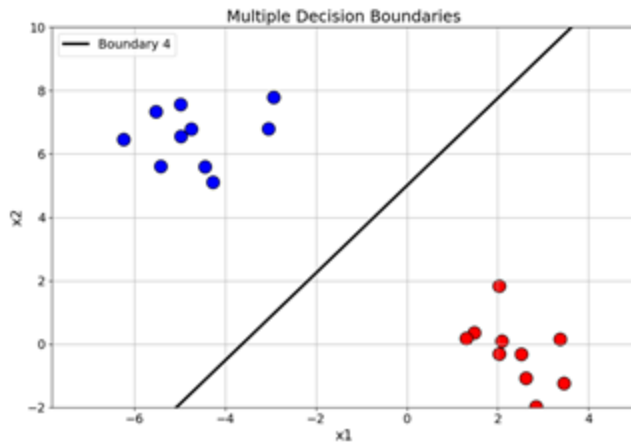
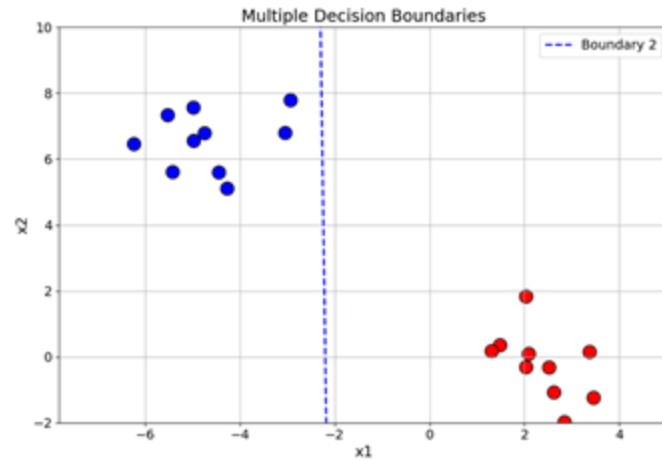
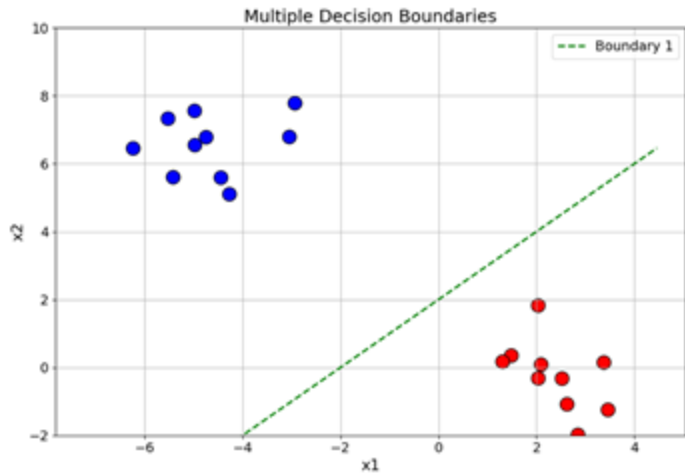
$$x_2 = -100x_1 - 220$$

This is not the only classification rule!!!



Which Decision Boundary will you choose?

Which decision boundary would you choose?



Basics of Equation of Line

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

x_2, x_1



$$x_2 = mx_1 + b$$

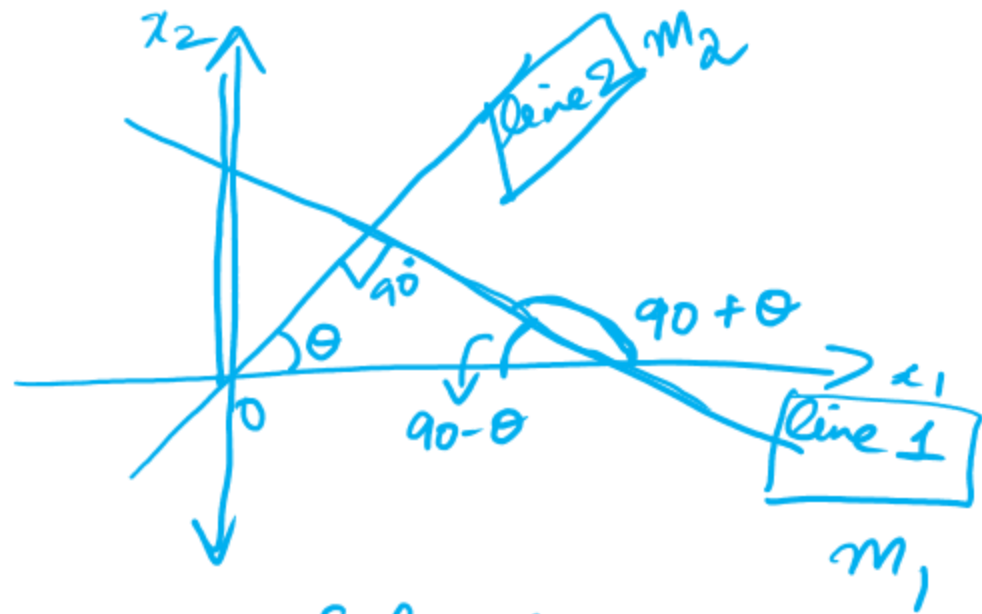
$$mx_1 - x_2 + b = 0$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w^T x + b = 0$$

What is the direction of w ?





m_1 : slope of line 1

m_2 : slope of line 2

$$\boxed{m_1 \times m_2}$$

For line 1

$$m_1 = \tan(90 + \theta)$$

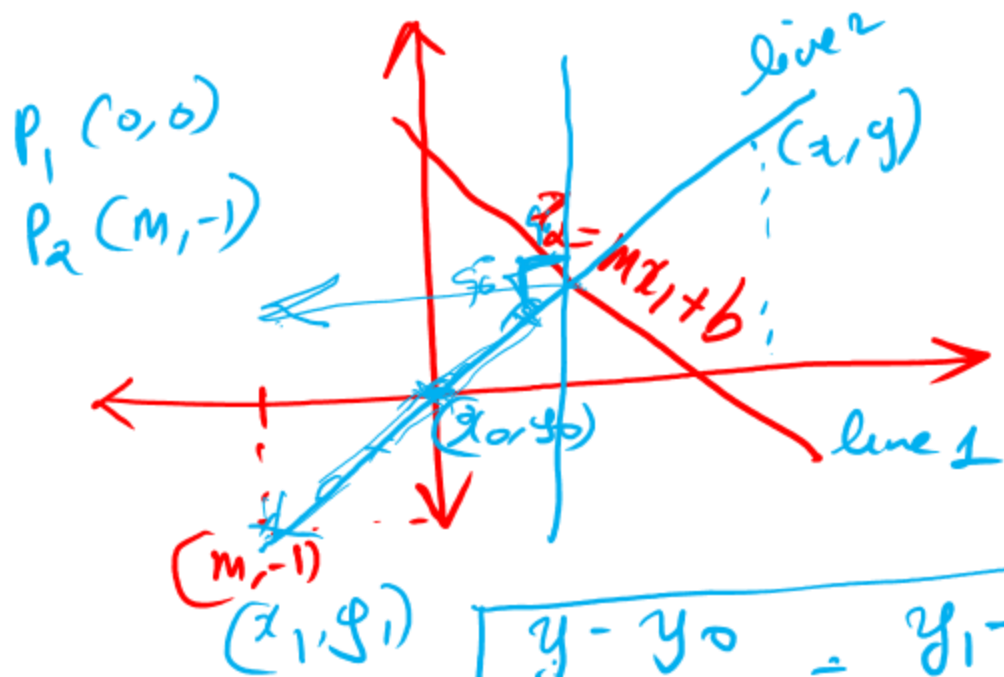
$$m_2 = \tan \theta$$

$$m_1 \times m_2$$

$$\tan(90 + \theta) \times \tan \theta$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\sin(90 + \theta)}{\cos(90 + \theta)} \times \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\cos \theta}{-\sin \theta} \times \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \underline{\underline{-1}}$$



$$\text{line 1: } x_2 = mx_1 + b$$

line 2:

$$x_2 = -\frac{x_1}{m}$$

Slope of L1:

m

Slope of L2:

$$= -\frac{1}{m}$$

$$m_1 m_2$$

$$= -1$$

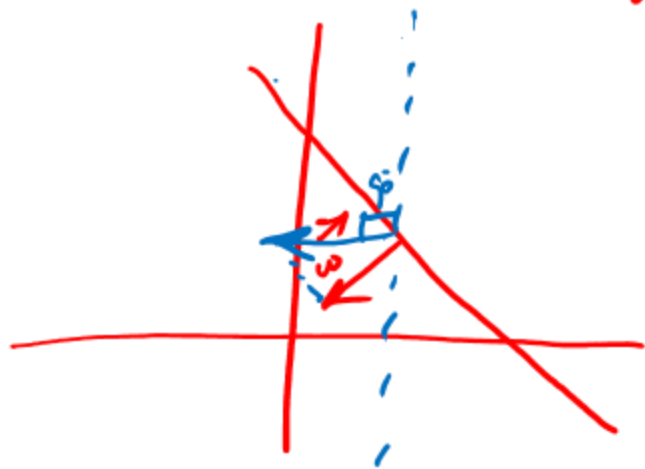
$$\left\{ \frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} \right\} \text{ constant}$$

$$\frac{y - 0}{x - 0} = \frac{-1 - 0}{m - 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{x}{m}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = x_2 \\ x = x_1 \end{cases}$$

what if I rotate my \vec{w} ?



Perceptron

Initialize $\vec{w} = \vec{0}$

while TRUE **do**

$m = 0$

for $(x_i, y_i) \in D$ **do**

if $y_i(\vec{w}^T \cdot \vec{x}_i) \leq 0$ **then**

$\vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} + y\vec{x}$

$m \leftarrow m + 1$

end if

end for

if $m = 0$ **then**

 break

end if

end while

// Initialize \vec{w} . $\vec{w} = \vec{0}$ misclassifies everything.

// Keep looping

// Count the number of misclassifications, m

// Loop over each (data, label) pair in the dataset, D

// If the pair (\vec{x}_i, y_i) is misclassified

// Update the weight vector \vec{w}

// Counter the number of misclassification

// If the most recent \vec{w} gave 0 misclassifications

// Break out of the while-loop

// Otherwise, keep looping!

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Initialize  $\vec{w} = \vec{0}$ 
while TRUE do
   $m = 0$ 
  for  $(x_i, y_i) \in D$  do
    if  $y_i(\vec{w}^T \cdot \vec{x}_i) \leq 0$  then
       $\vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} + y\vec{x}$ 
       $m \leftarrow m + 1$ 
    end if
  end for
  if  $m = 0$  then
    break
  end if
end while

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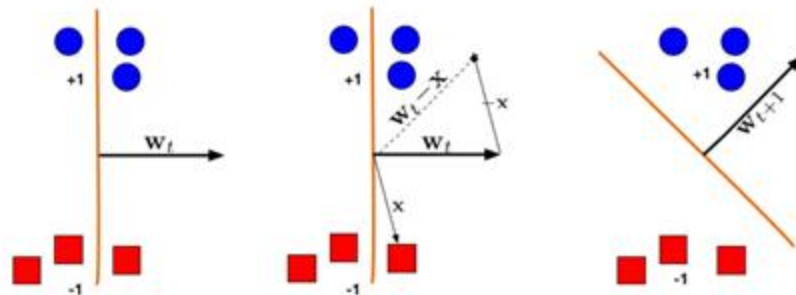
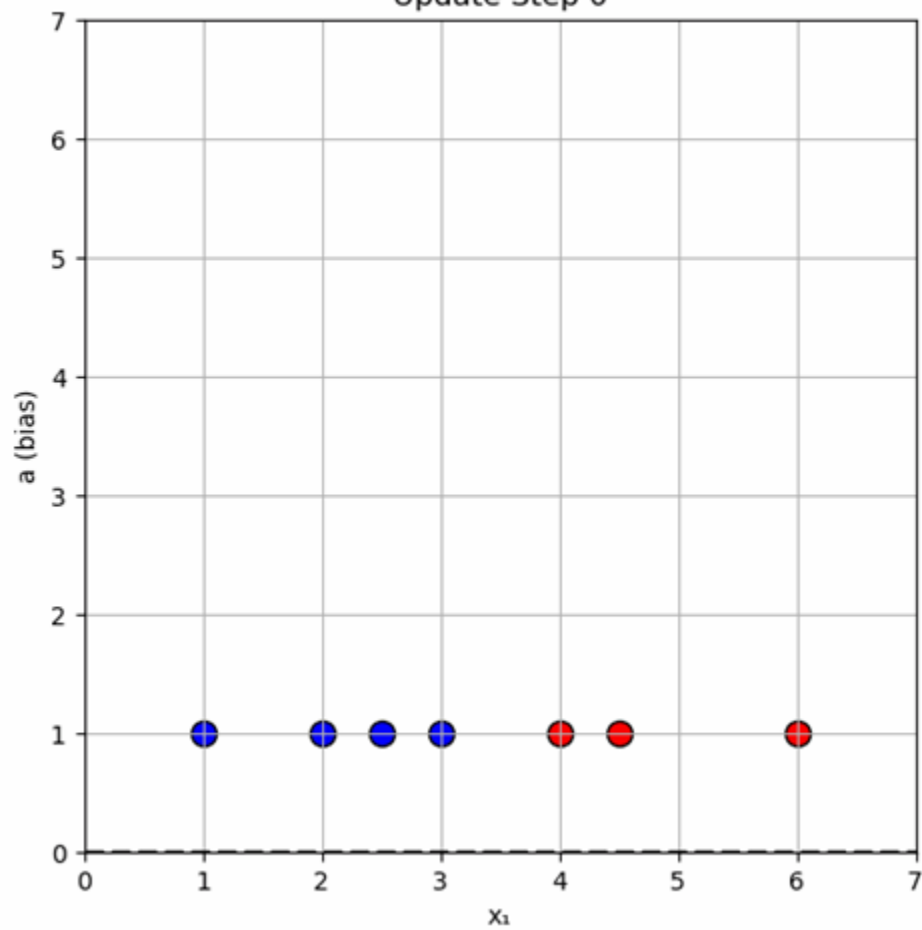
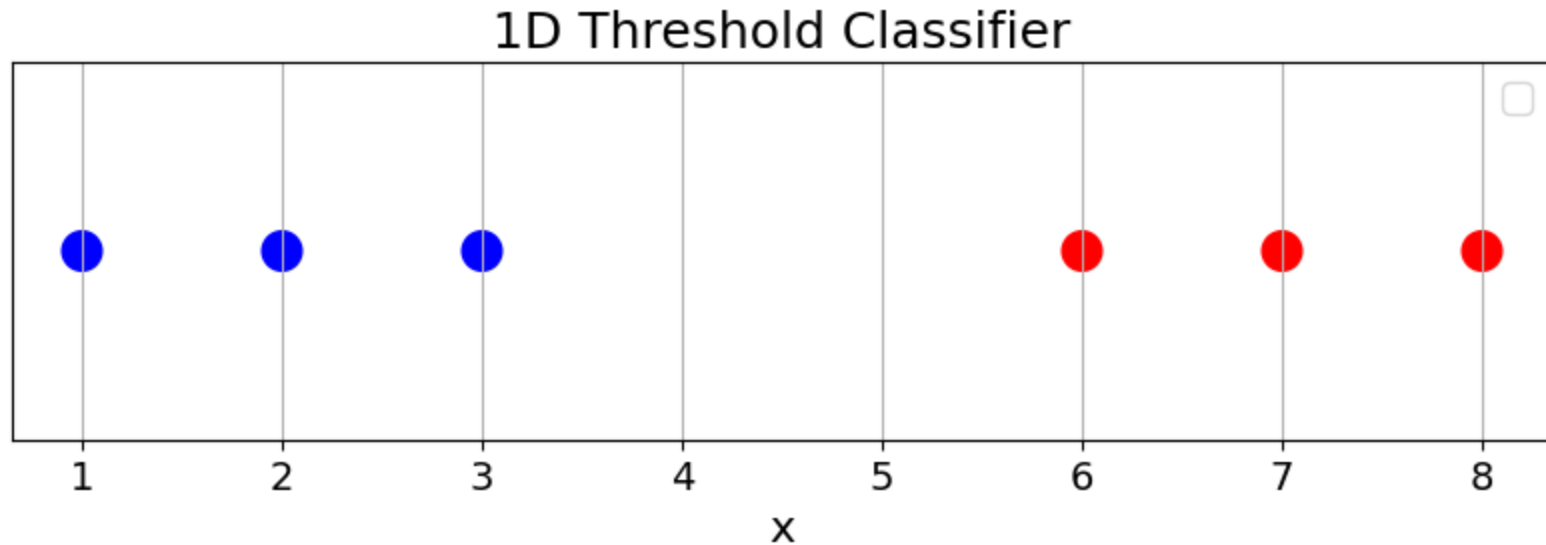


Illustration of a Perceptron update. (Left:) The hyperplane defined by \mathbf{w}_t misclassifies one red (-1) and one blue (+1) point. (Middle:) The red point \mathbf{x} is chosen and used for an update. Because its label is -1 we need to **subtract** \mathbf{x} from \mathbf{w}_t . (Right:) The updated hyperplane $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t - \mathbf{x}$ separates the two classes and the Perceptron algorithm has converged.

Update Step 0



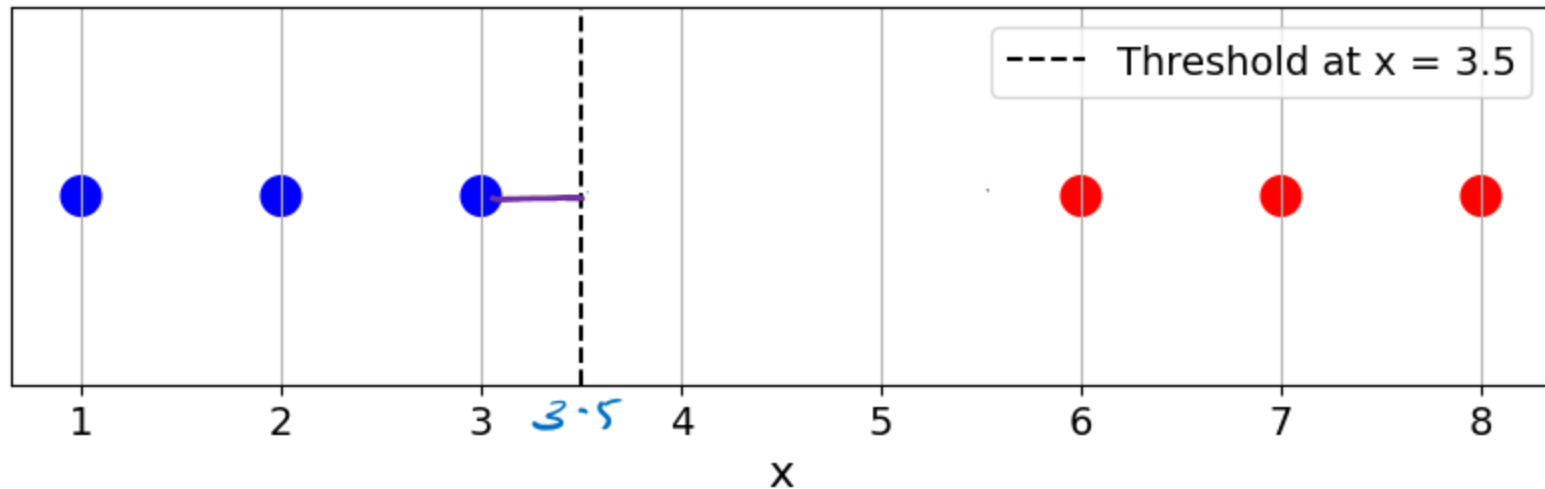
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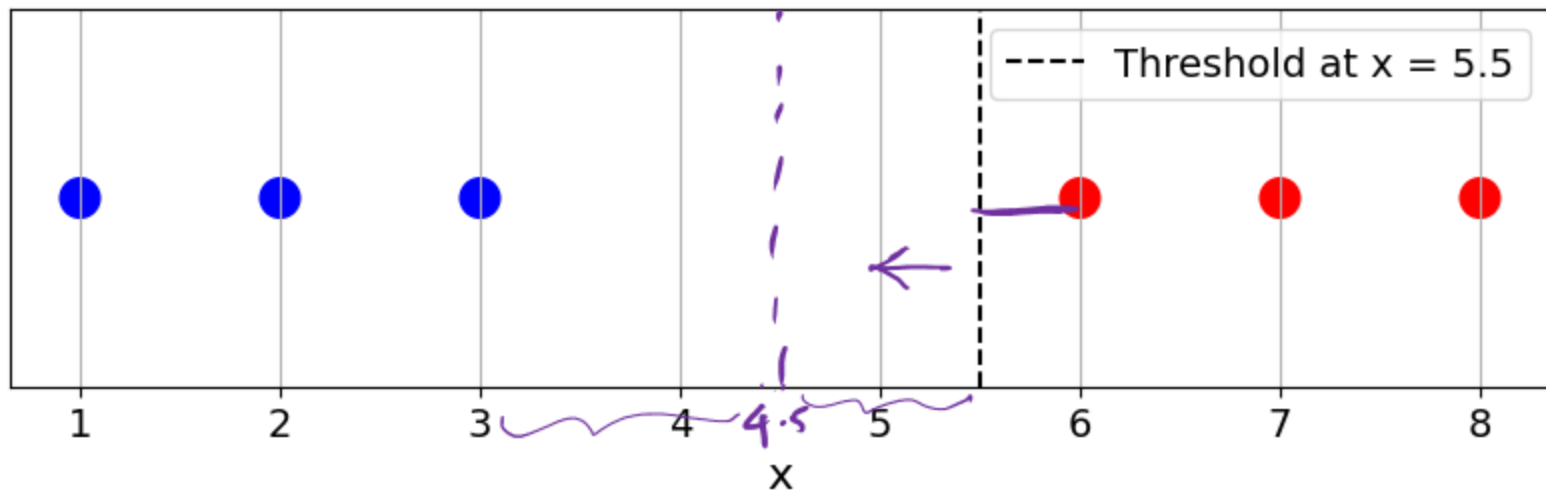
What is Margin?

Shortest distance of the data observation from the line.

1D Threshold Classifier



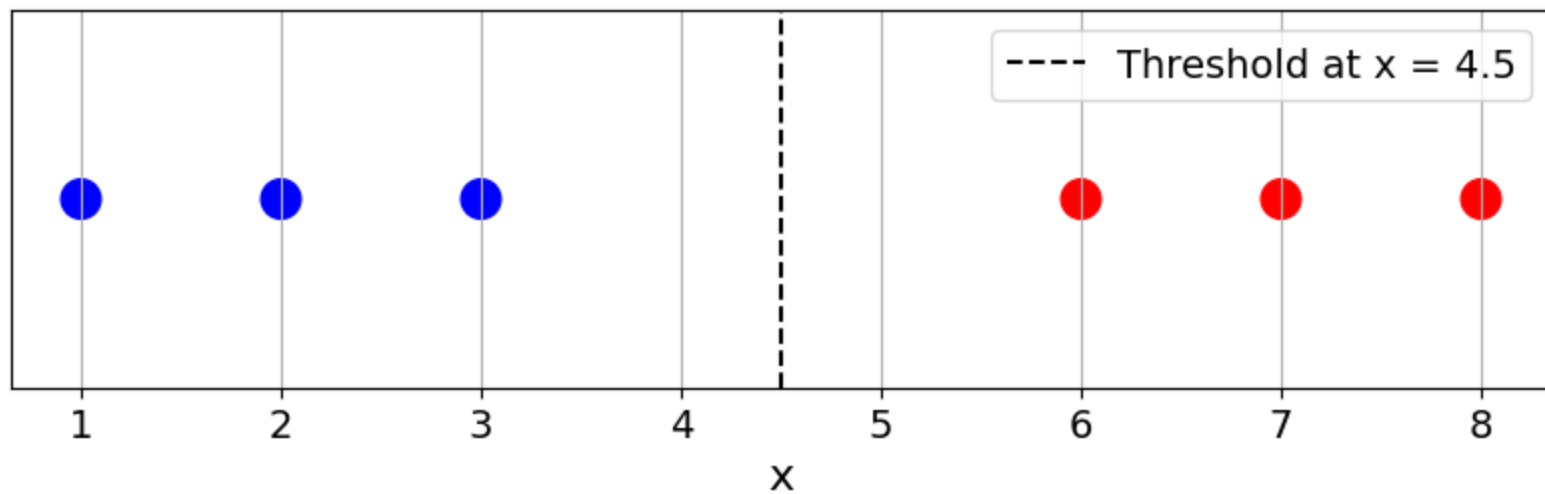
1D Threshold Classifier



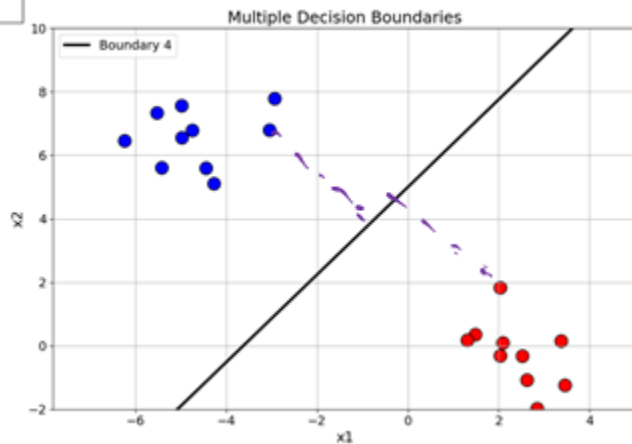
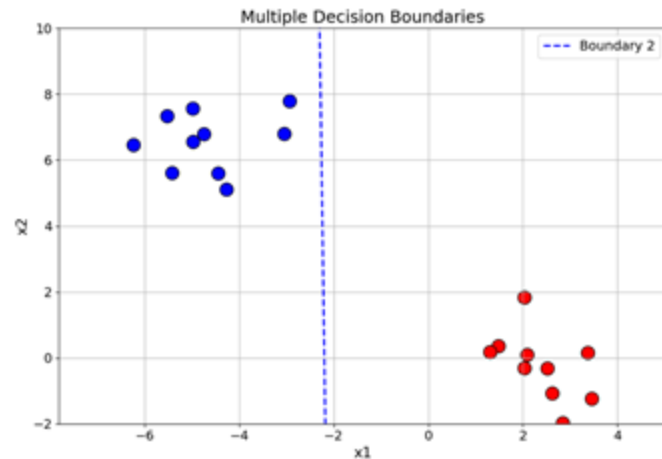
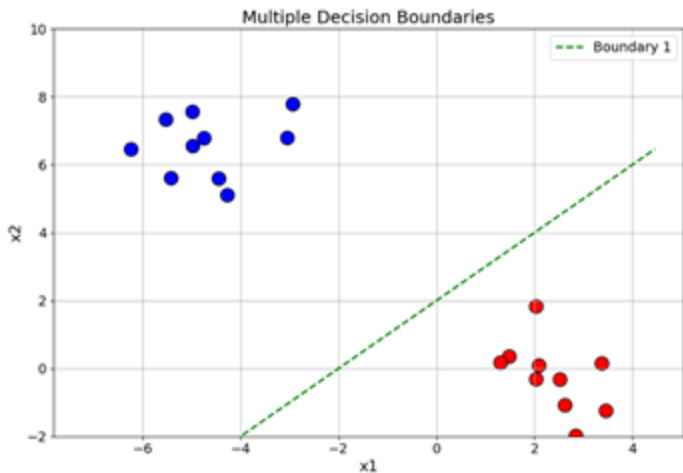
Which threshold will give you maximum margin?



1D Threshold Classifier



Which decision boundary would give you **maximum margin**?



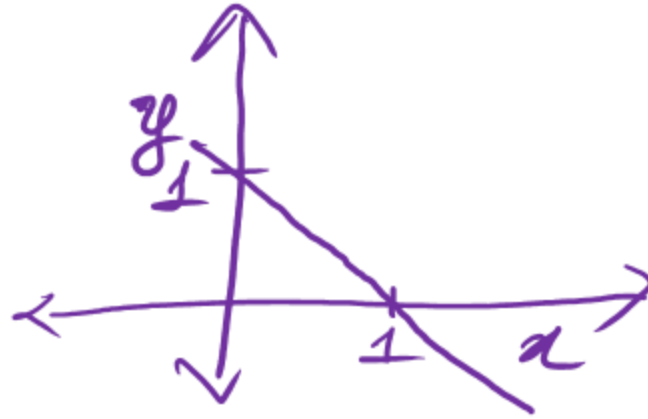
SVM

- Maximum Margin Classifier
- Margin: is the shortest distance between threshold and data observation.

Observations about Equation of Line

Consider $x+y=1$

And $5x+5y=5$



$$5x+5y=5$$

Divide by 5

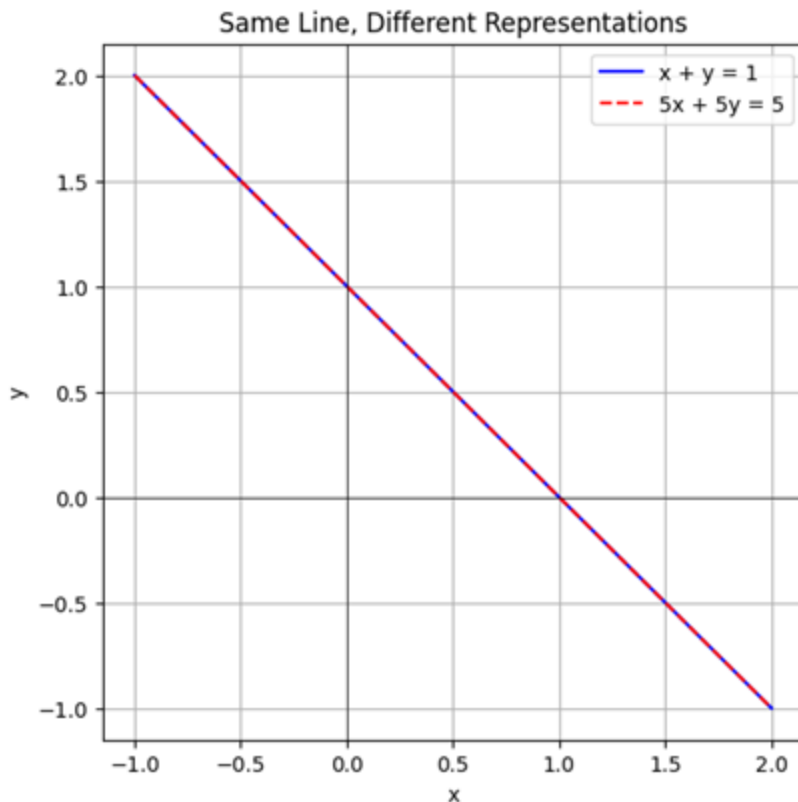
$$\frac{5x+5y}{5} = \frac{5}{5}$$

$$\frac{5(x+y)}{5} = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x+y=1}}$$

Observations about Equation of Line

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In general

1. When:

Divide both sides by $c \neq 0$:

So, they represent the same line, just written in a normalized or scaled form.

2. Similarly, if:

Divide by $c \neq 0$:

Again, it's the same line, just normalized.

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = c$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b}{c} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = -c$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b}{c} = -1$$

$$x_2 = m x_1 + b - c$$

$$m x_1 - x_2 + b = c$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = c$$

$$y = 3x + 5$$

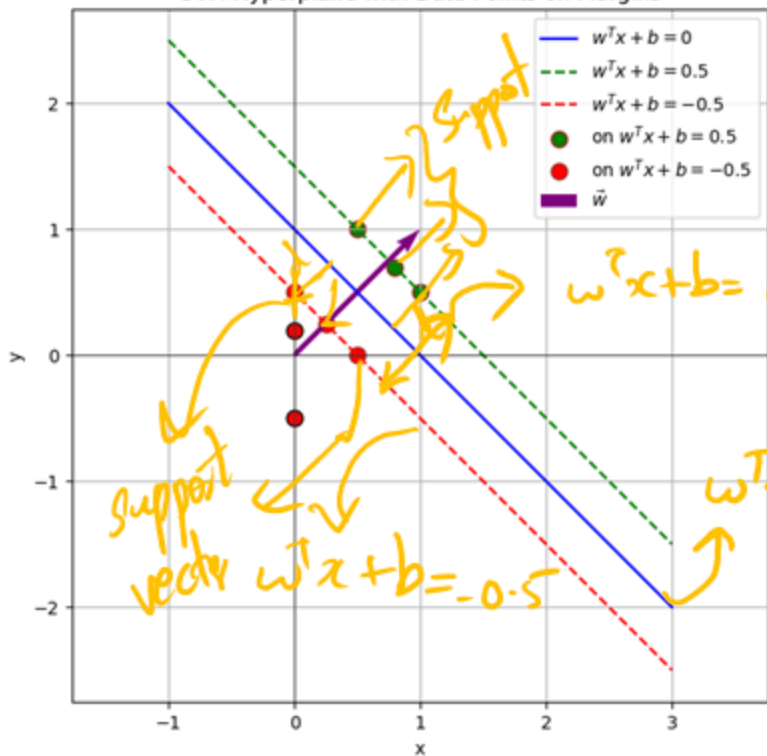
$$y = 3x + 2 + 3$$

$$-3 = 3x - y + 2$$

Observations

Bounding lines
Boundary Plane

SVM Hyperplane with Data Points on Margins



Decision Boundary:

$$x + y = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = 0 \quad \text{where } \mathbf{w} = [1, 1], b = -1$$

Positive Margin:

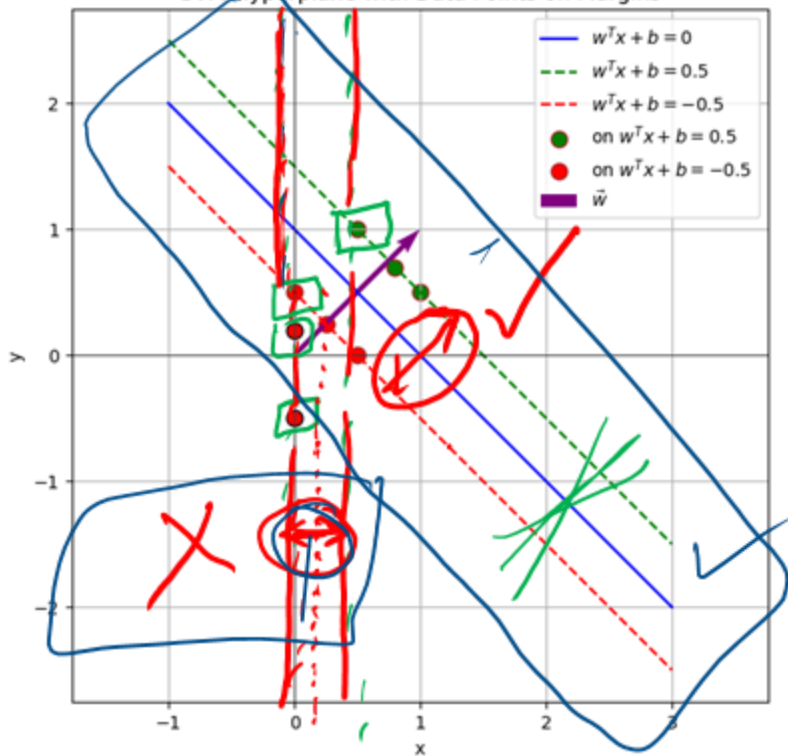
$$x + y = 1.5 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = 0.5 \quad \text{where } \mathbf{w} = [1, 1], b = -1$$

Negative Margin:

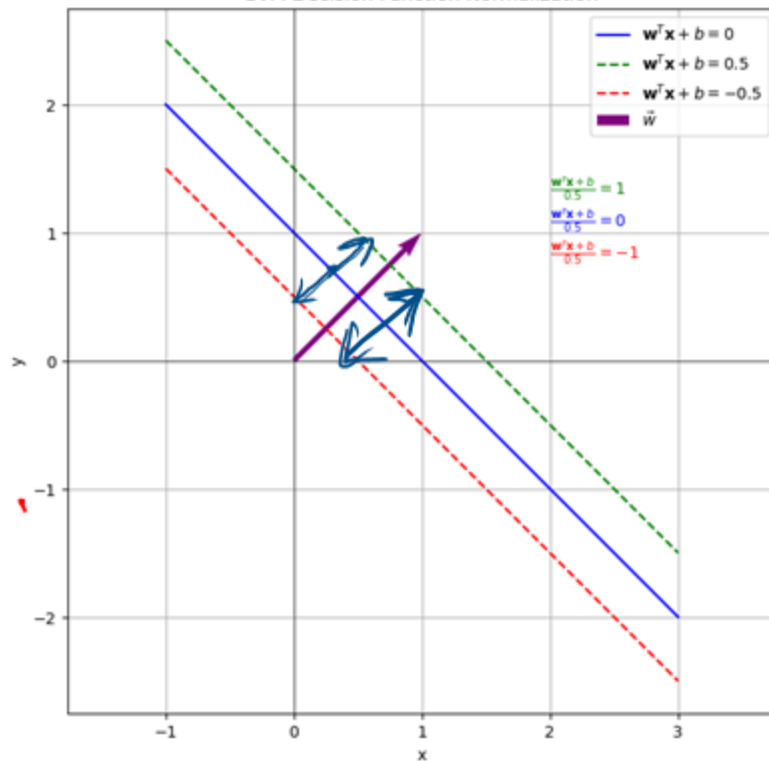
$$x + y = 0.5 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = -0.5 \quad \text{where } \mathbf{w} = [1, 1], b = -1$$

Maximising the distance between the bounding plane

SVM Hyperplane with Data Points on Margins

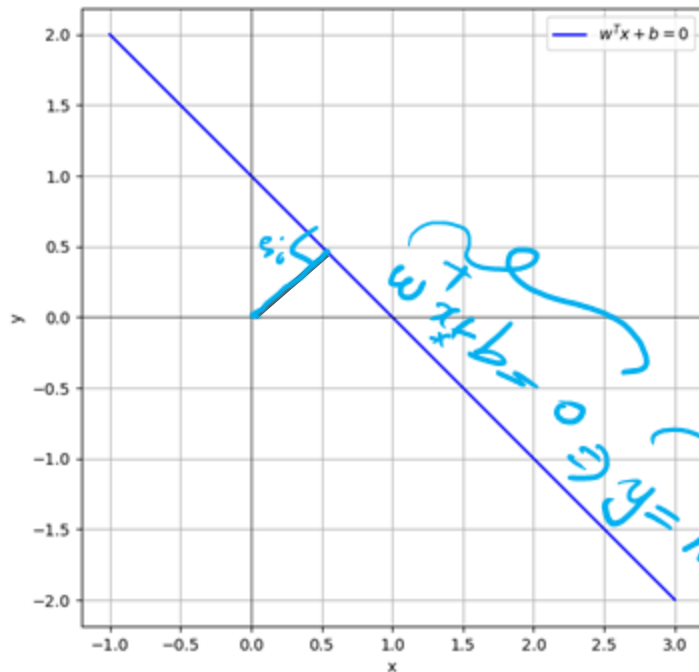
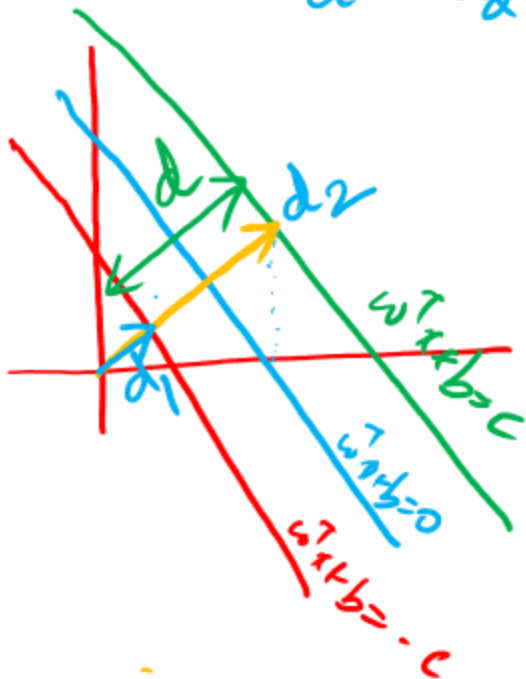


SVM Decision Function Normalization



Perpendicular Distance from origin to $x + y = 1$

$$d = d_2 - d_1$$



$$wx - y + b = 0$$
$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
$$w^T \vec{x} + b$$

Perpendicular Distance from origin to $x + y = 1$

Triangle OBC and

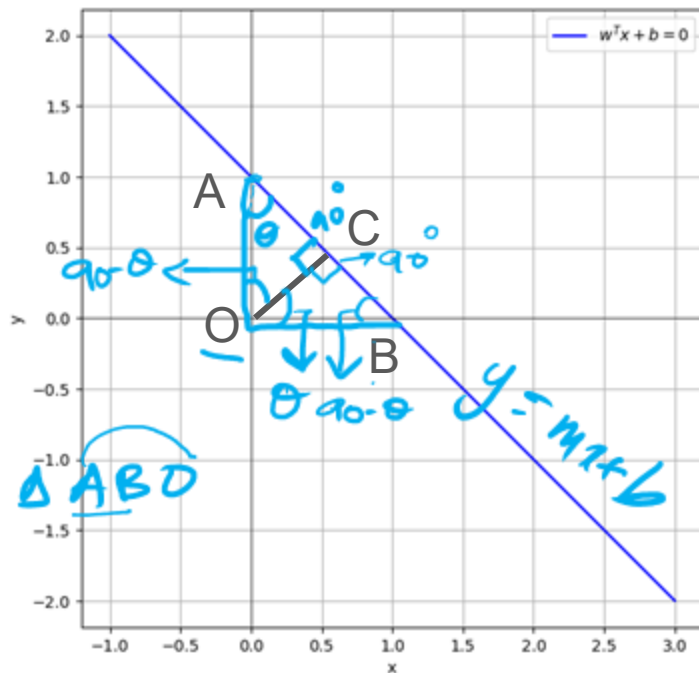
Triangle ABO

$$OB/OC = AB/OA$$

$$OC = OA \cdot OB / AB$$

$\triangle OBC$ is similar to $\triangle ABO$

$$\frac{OB}{OC} = \frac{AB}{OA}$$



find OC?

$\triangle OBC$

$$\angle COB = \theta$$

$$\angle CBO = 90^\circ - \theta$$

$$\angle OCB = 90^\circ$$

$\triangle ABO$

$$\angle OAB = \theta$$

$$\angle ABO = 90^\circ - \theta$$

$$\angle AOB = 90^\circ$$

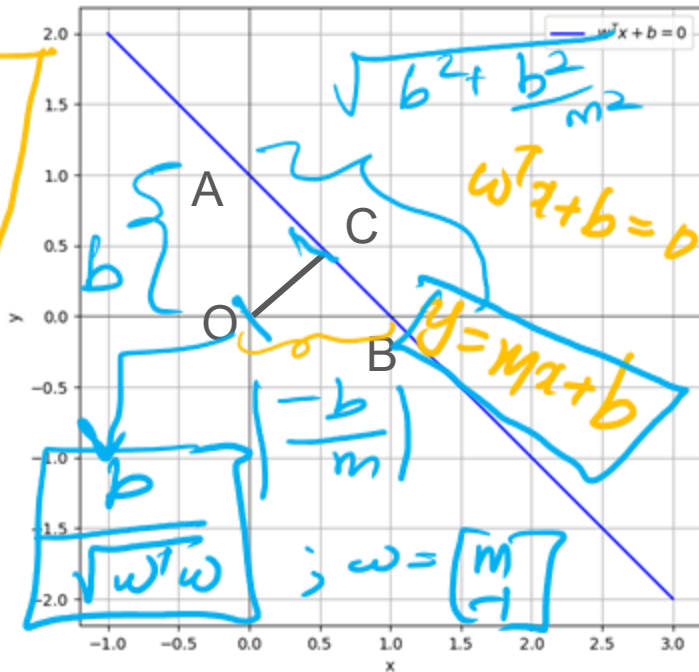
$\triangle OBC$ & $\triangle ABO$

$$\frac{OB}{OC} = \frac{AB}{OA}$$

$$OC = \frac{OB \times OA}{AB}$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega^T \omega = m^2 + 1$$



OB = ?

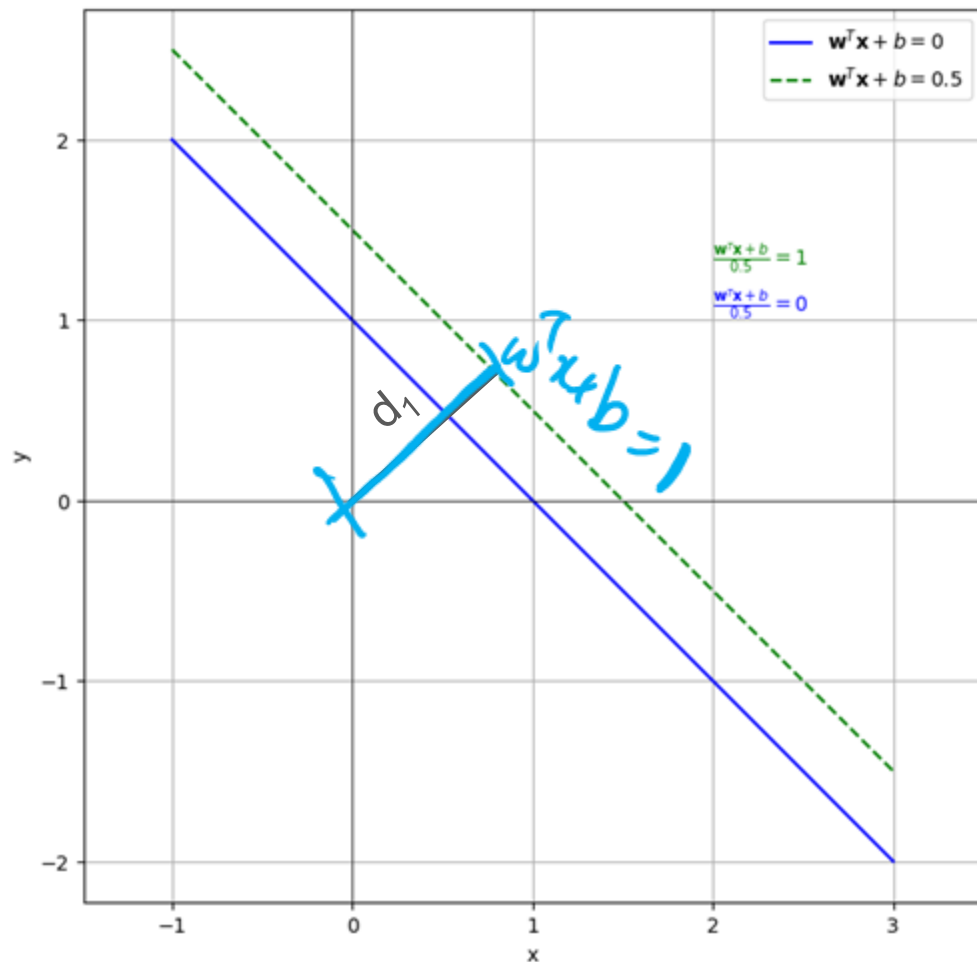
OA = ?

$AB = ?$

$$\frac{\frac{b}{m} \times b}{\sqrt{b^2 + b^2}} \quad \frac{1}{m^2}$$

$$\frac{b^2 \sqrt{m^2}}{m \sqrt{m^2+1}} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{\sqrt{m^2+1}}$$

SVM Decision Function Normalization



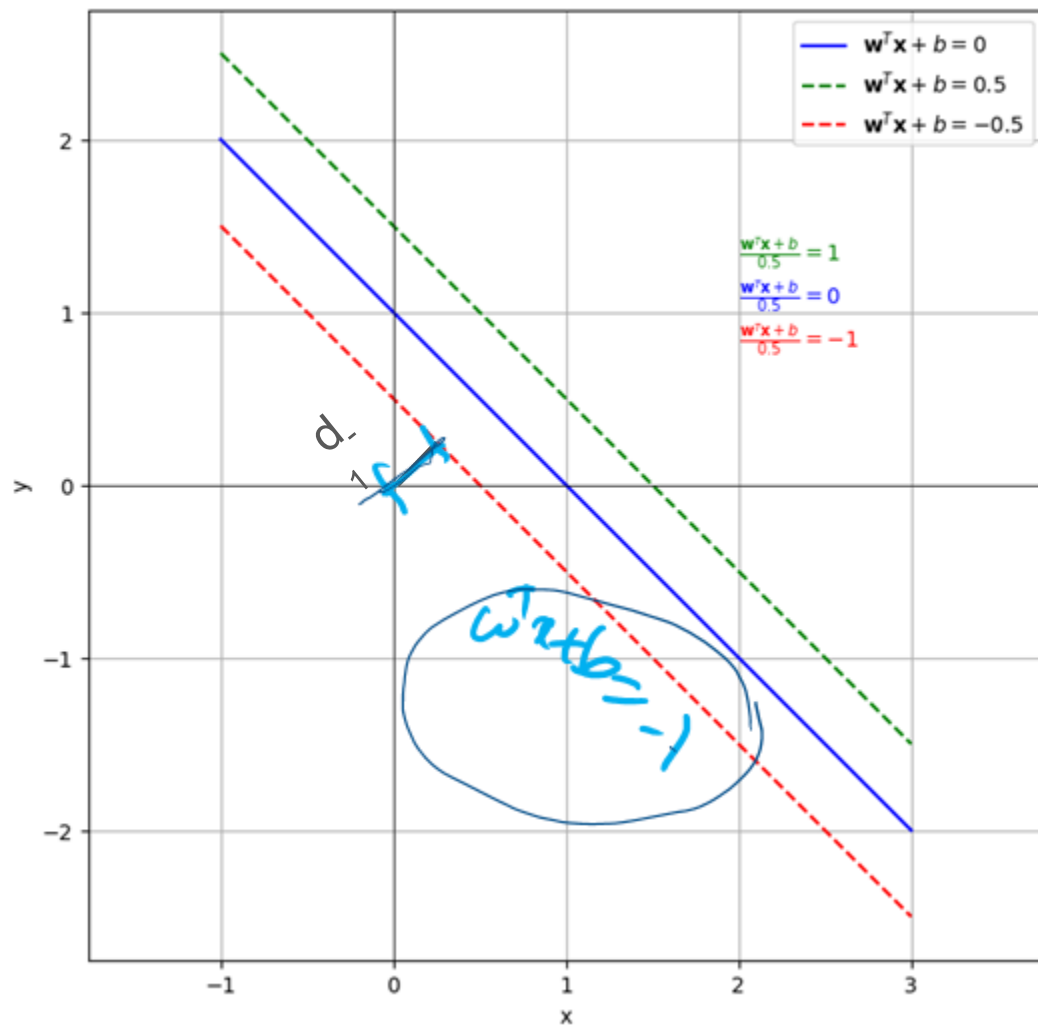
that for $w^T x + b = 0$
the distance from origin is

$$\frac{b}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

if $w^T x + b = 1$
 $w^T x + b - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{|b-1|}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

SVM Decision Function Normalization



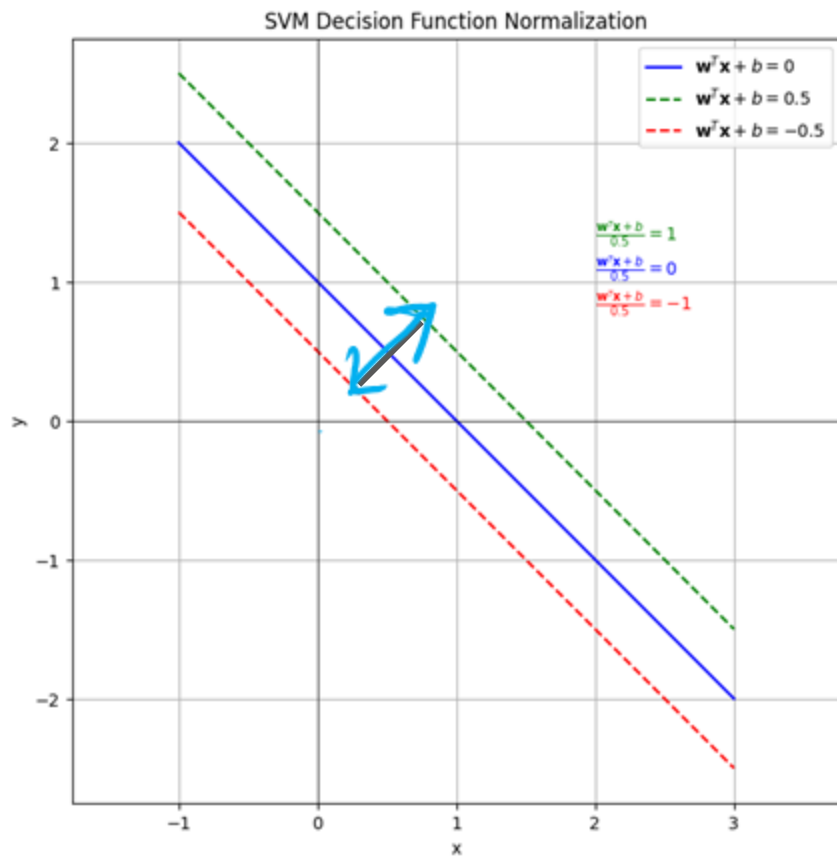
$$w^T x + b = -1$$

$$\frac{|b+1|}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

$$w^T x + (b+1) = 0$$

$$\frac{b+1}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

How to find the distance between the bounding planes?



$$d = d_1 - d_{-1}$$
$$\frac{|b-1|}{\sqrt{w^T w}} - \frac{|b+1|}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{|-2|}{\sqrt{w^T w}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

$$q = \frac{2}{b}$$

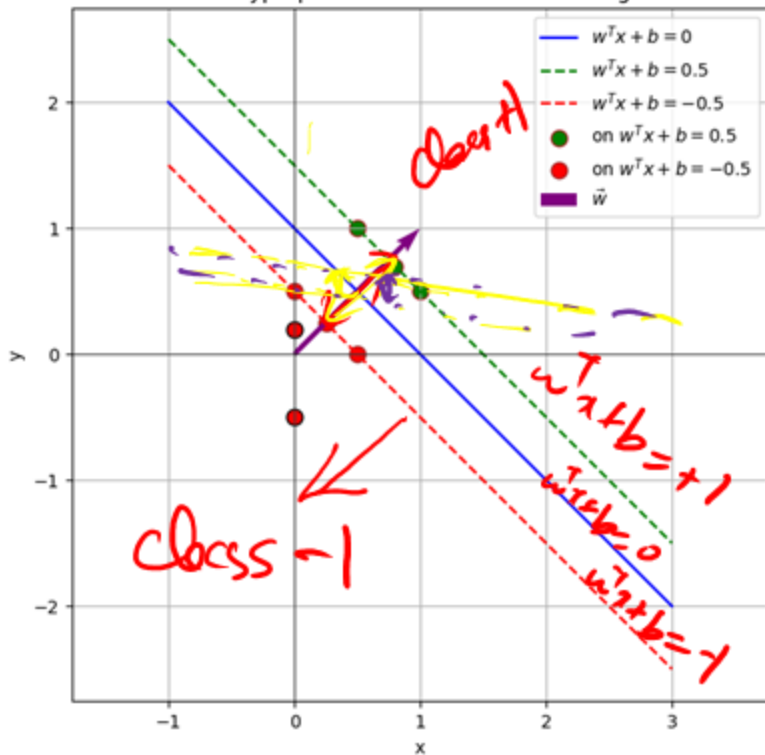
$$\max \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

subject to

$$\max \frac{1}{w^T b}$$

$$\max \frac{1}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

SVM Hyperplane with Data Points on Margins



Geometric (Max-Margin) Formulation:

$$\max_{w,b} \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

subject to:

$$w^T x^i + b \geq 1 \quad \forall x^i \in \mathcal{X}_+$$

$$w^T x^i + b \leq -1 \quad \forall x^i \in \mathcal{X}_-$$

Equivalent Convex Formulation (Minimization):

$$\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} w^T w$$

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$$\begin{matrix} -5 < -1 \\ 5 > 1 \end{matrix}$$

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Case I

what if $y^{(i)} = +1$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b \geq 1$$

Case II

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b \leq -1$$

$y^{(i)} = -1$

We encode both constraints:

- $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b \geq 1$ for $y^i = +1$
- $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b \leq -1$ for $y^i = -1$

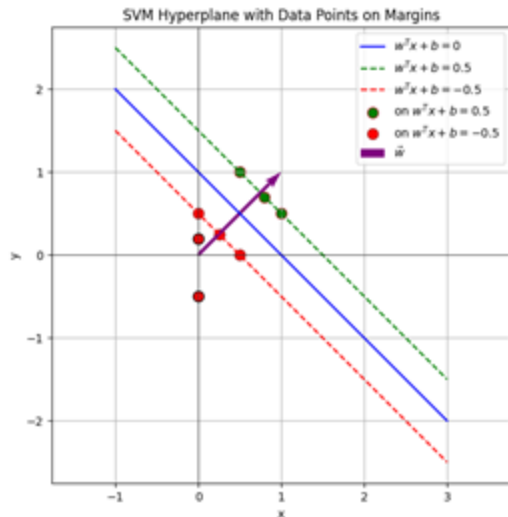
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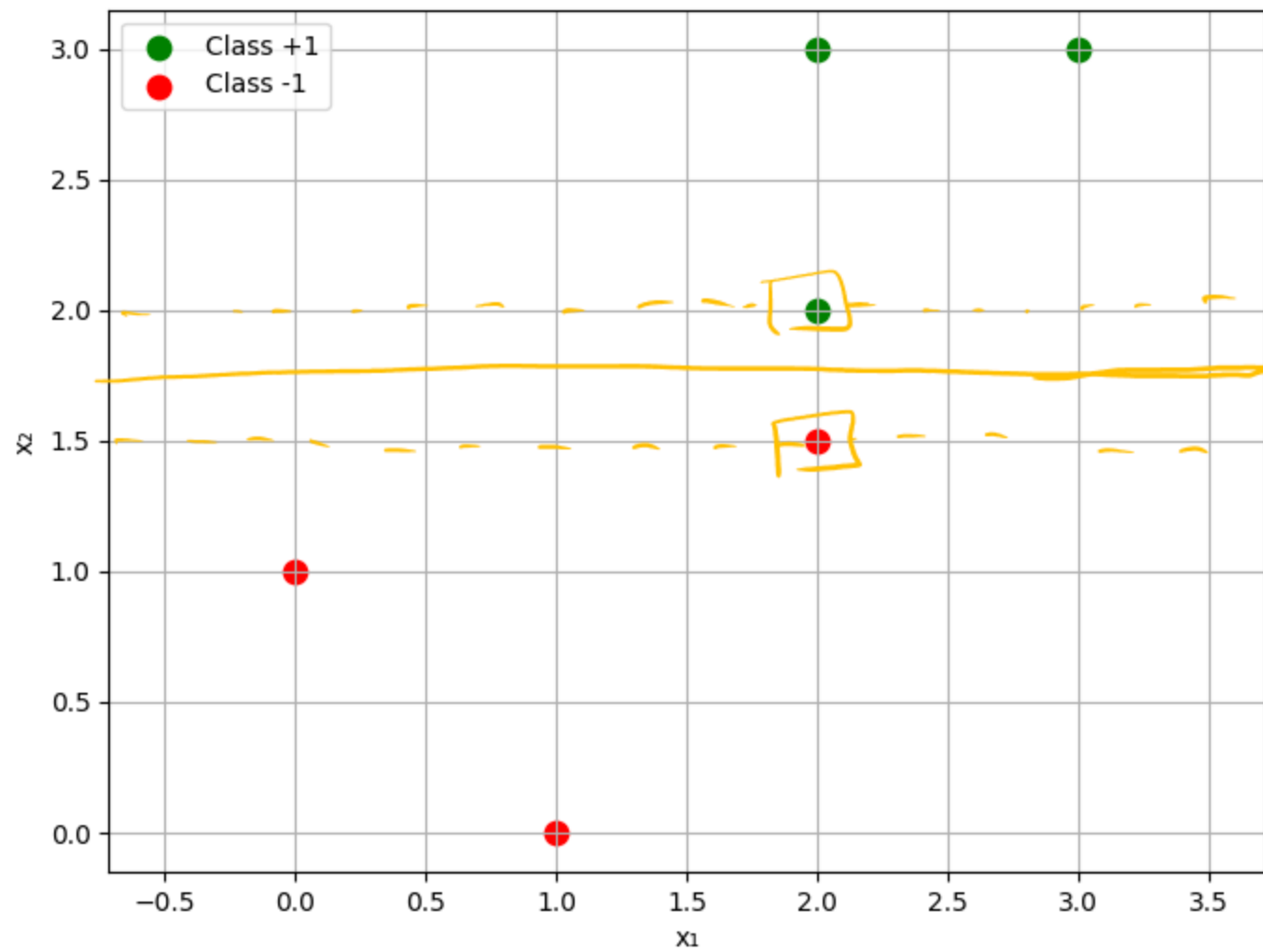
Case I $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b) \geq \underbrace{y_i \times 1}_{=1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \\ \text{subject to:} \quad & y^i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i \end{aligned}$$

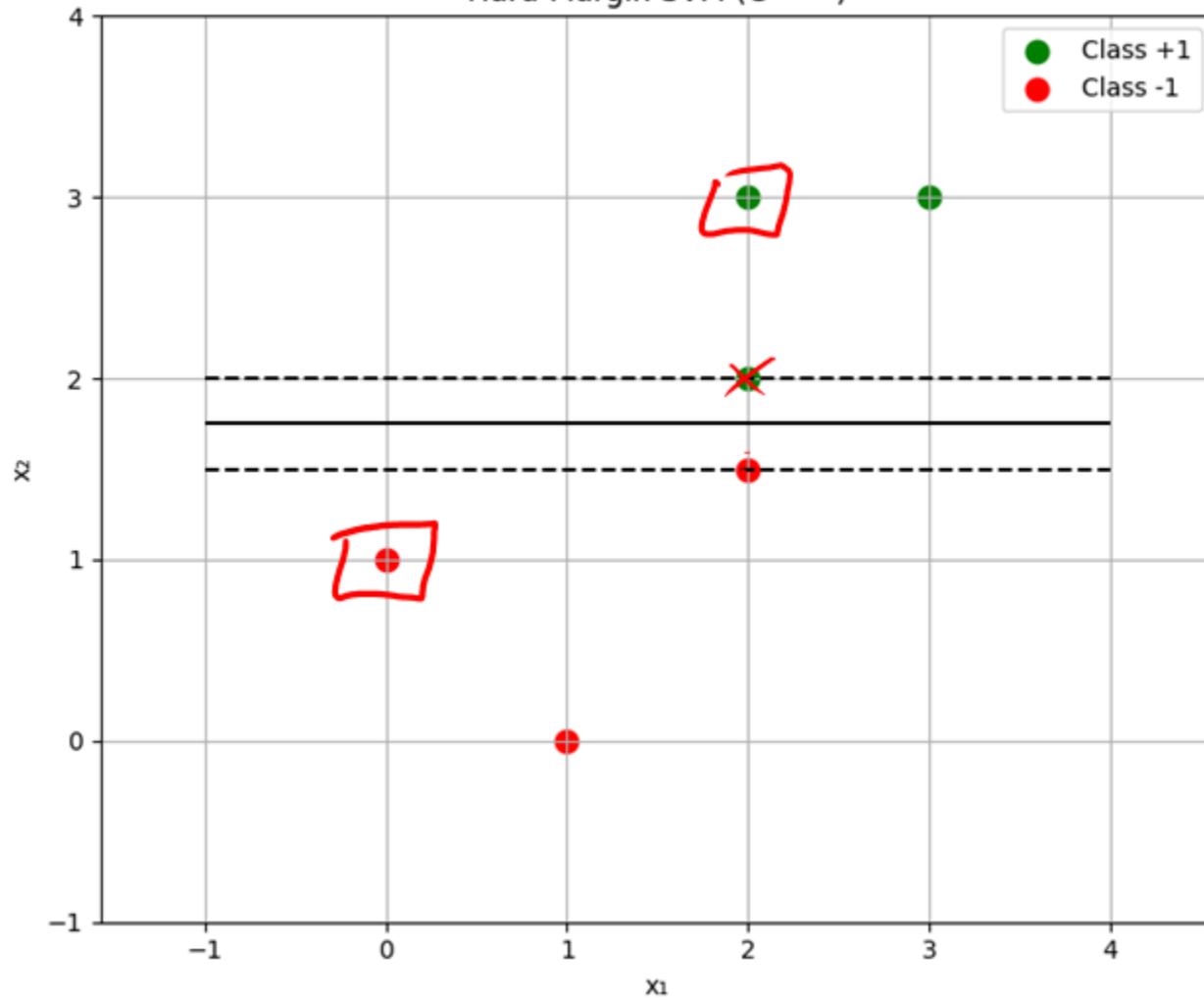
Case II $y^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b) \geq y_i(-1)$

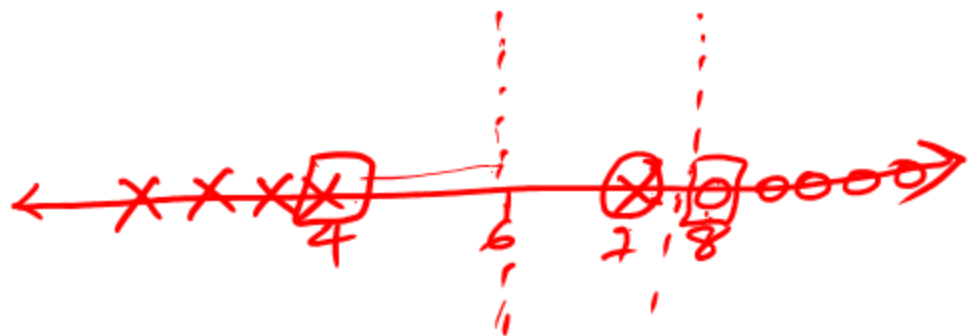
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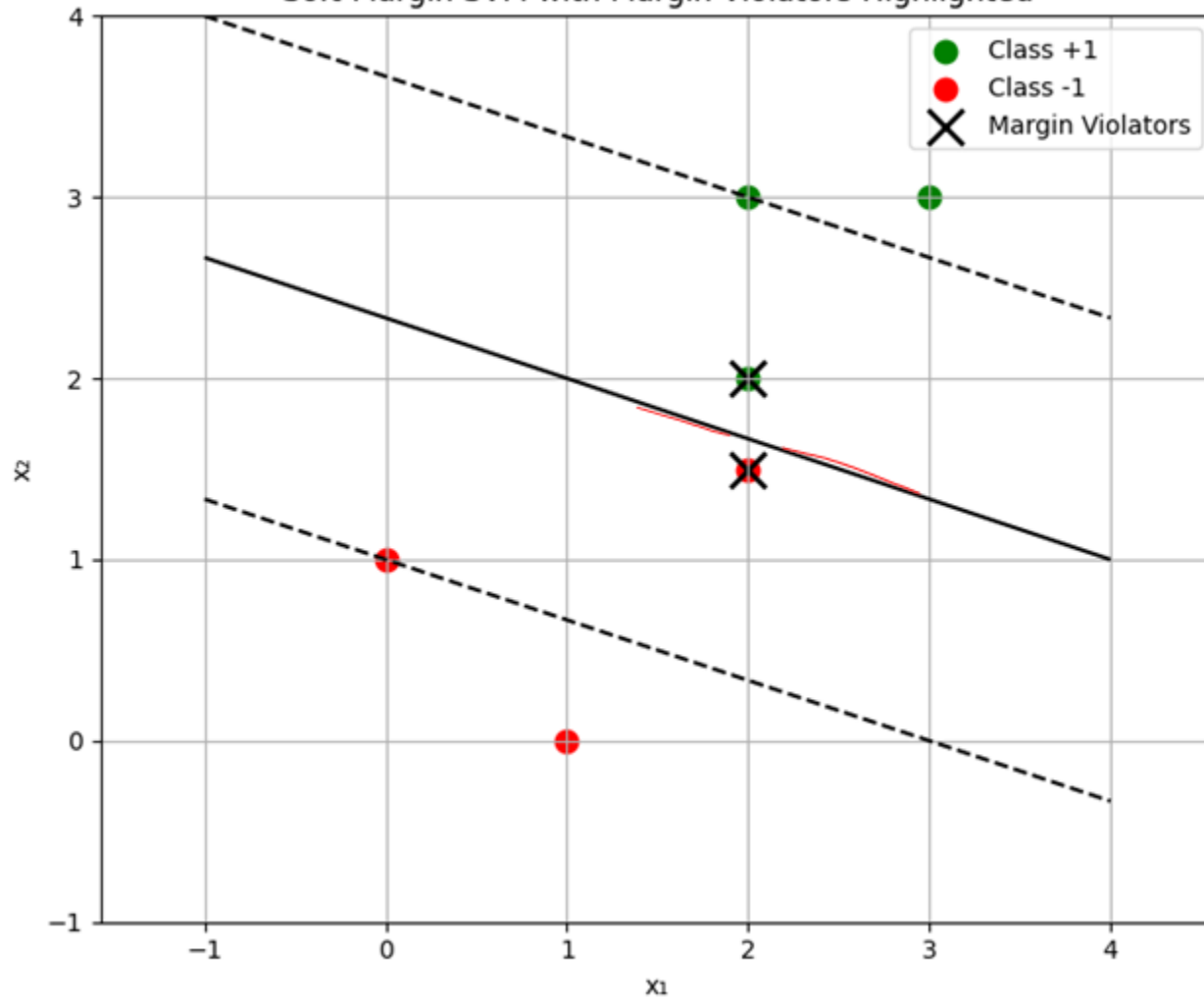
Hard-Margin SVM ($C \rightarrow \infty$)





SVM with soft
Margin

Soft-Margin SVM with Margin Violators Highlighted



SVM with soft margin

✓ Soft-Margin SVM Formulation (Non-linearly separable)

We now allow slack $\xi^i \geq 0$ to **soften** the constraints:

$$y^i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b) \geq 1 - \xi^i$$

and penalize the slack in the objective.

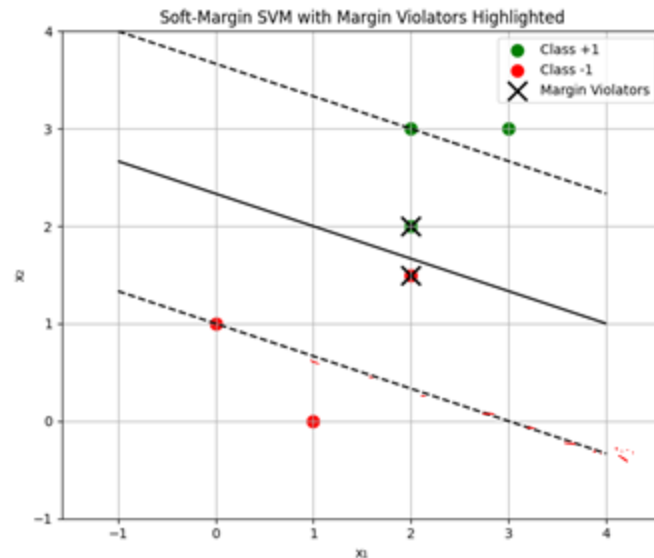
$$y^i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

✓ Final Soft-Margin SVM (Primal Form):

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi^i \\ \text{subject to:} \quad & y^i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + b) \geq 1 - \xi^i, \quad \forall i \\ & \xi^i \geq 0, \quad \forall i \end{aligned}$$

🧠 Interpretation

- ξ^i measures how much a point violates the margin.
- $C > 0$ controls the **trade-off** between maximizing margin and allowing violations:
 - Large C → penalizes violations heavily → acts like hard margin
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SVM with soft margin

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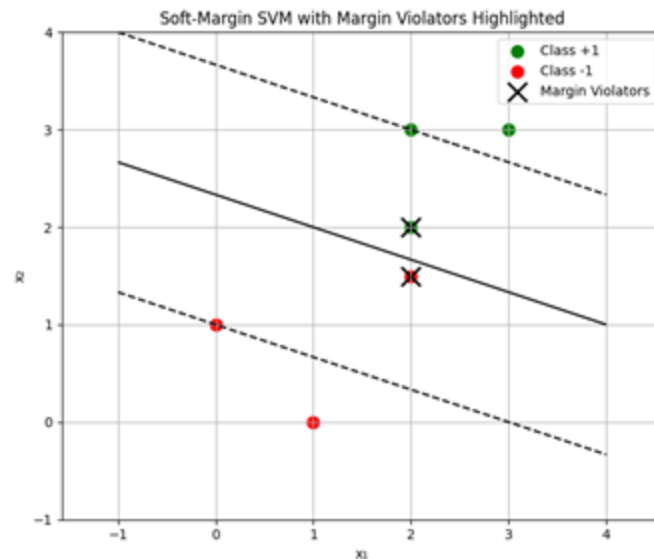
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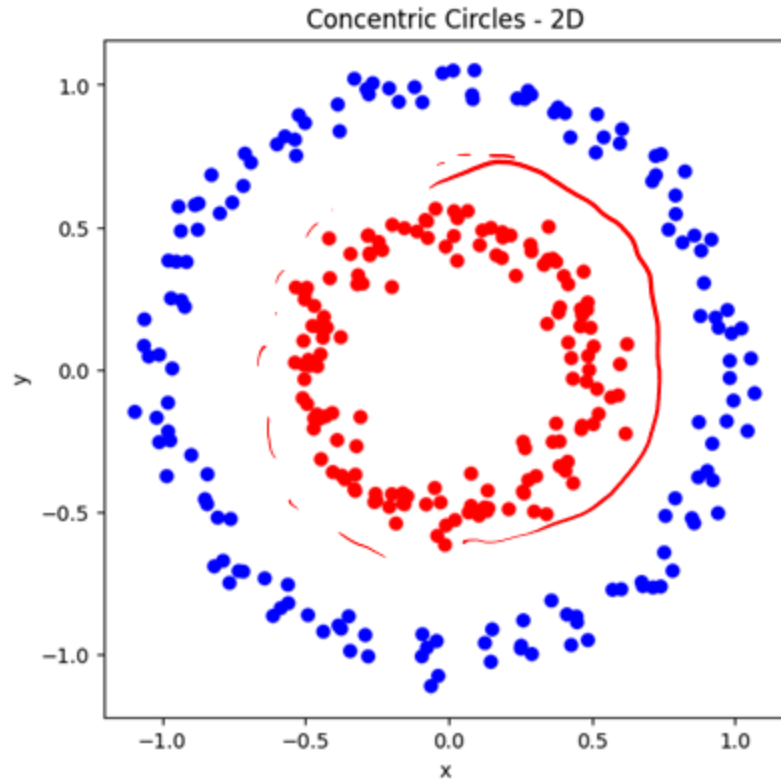
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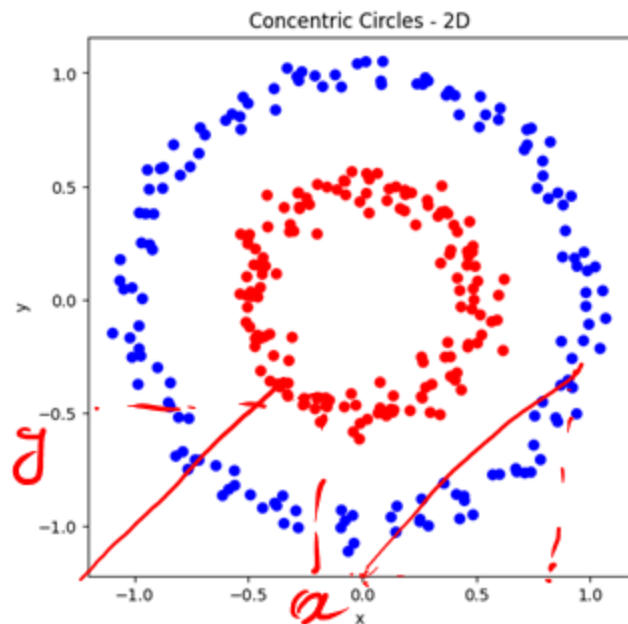
What if the data is not linearly separable?



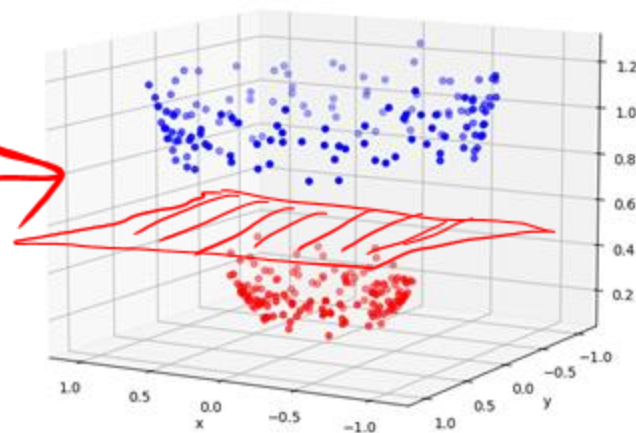
Kernel Trick

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, x^2 + y^2)$$

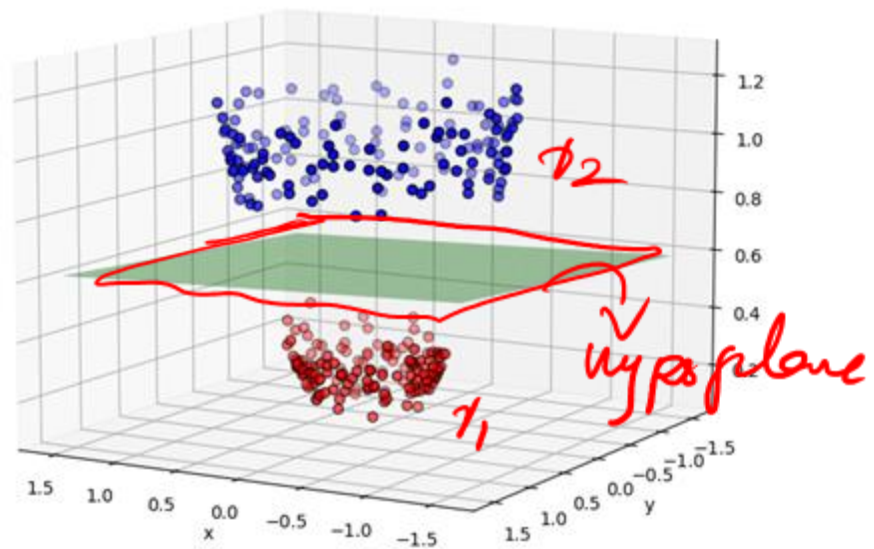
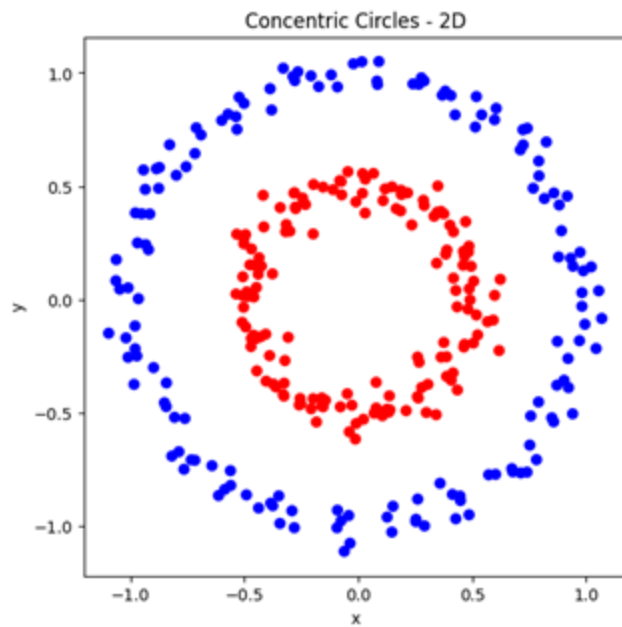
$$\varphi(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, x^2 + y^2)$$



Mapped to 3D: $(x, y, x^2 + y^2)$



Decision Plane Separating Circles

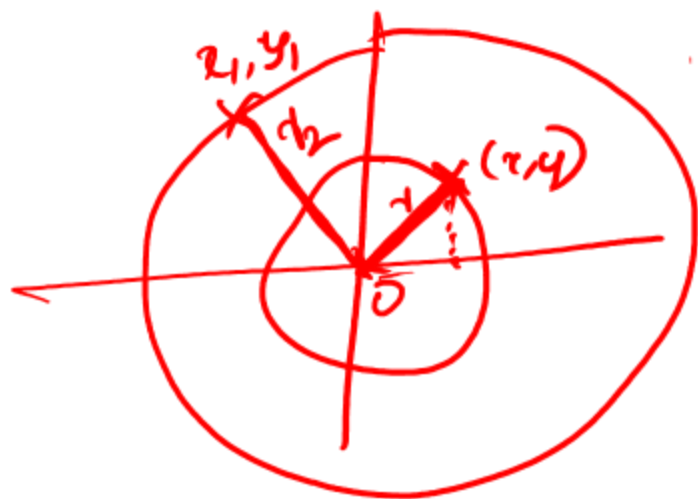


Kernels

Hyperparameters

Kernel, c

Kernel Name	Equation	Notes
Linear Kernel	$K(x, z) = x^\top z$ ✓	No mapping — simple dot product.
Polynomial Kernel	$K(x, z) = (x^\top z + c)^d$ ✓	Adds non-linearity with degree d . c is a constant (often 1).
Radial Basis Function (RBF) Kernel	$K(x, z) = \exp(-\gamma \ x - z\ ^2)$ ✓	Infinite-dimensional mapping! Most popular.
Sigmoid Kernel	$K(x, z) = \tanh(\kappa x^\top z + c)$ ✓	Inspired by neural networks (like MLPs).
Laplacian Kernel	$K(x, z) = \exp(-\gamma \ x - z\)$ ✓	Similar to RBF but uses $\ x - z\ $ instead of $\ x - z\ ^2$.
Chi-Squared Kernel	$K(x, z) = \exp\left(-\gamma \sum \frac{(x_i - z_i)^2}{x_i + z_i}\right)$ ✓	Used in histogram-based data (e.g., images).
ANOVA Kernel	$K(x, z) = \sum \exp(-\gamma (x_i - z_i)^2)$ ✓	Used in regression and bioinformatics.



$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}$$

$$r^2 < r_2^2$$

$$r < r_2$$

On squaring both sides

$$x^2 + y^2$$

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2$$

$$(x, y, r^2), (x_1, y_1, r_2^2)$$