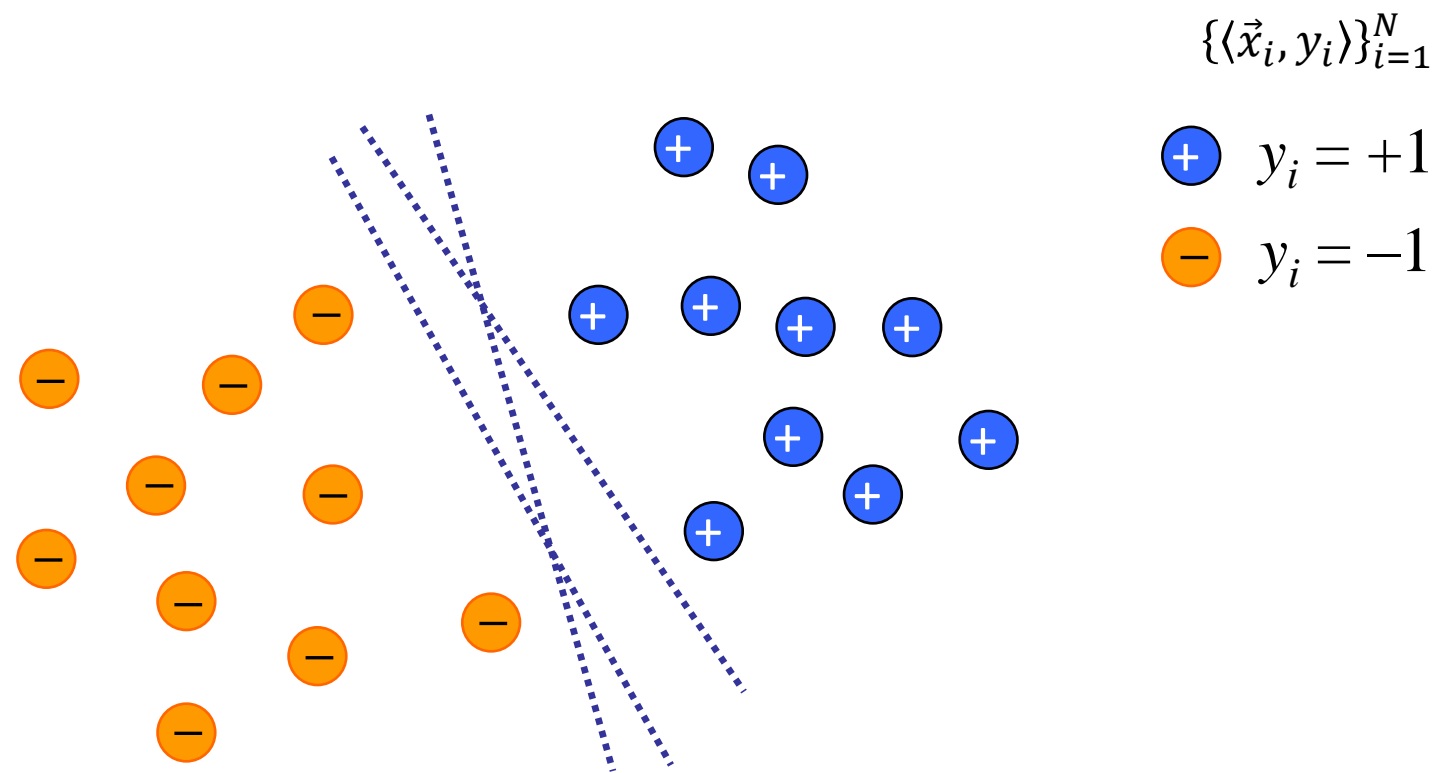


## Chapter 7 – SVM

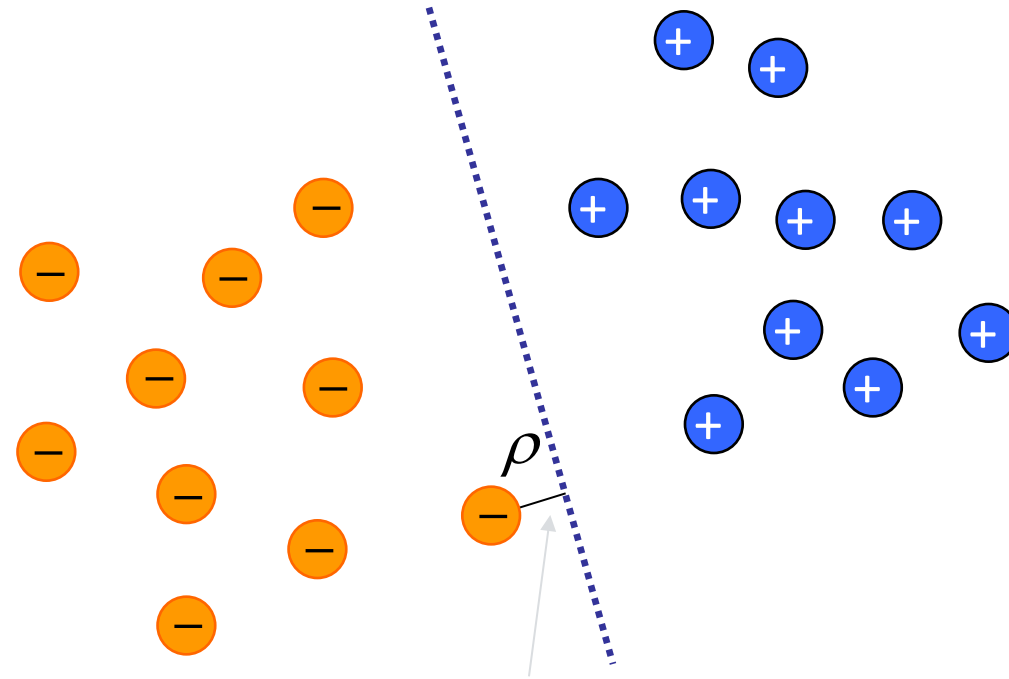
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# Linearly Separable Patterns



Potentially, indefinite hyperplane

# Linearly Separable Patterns

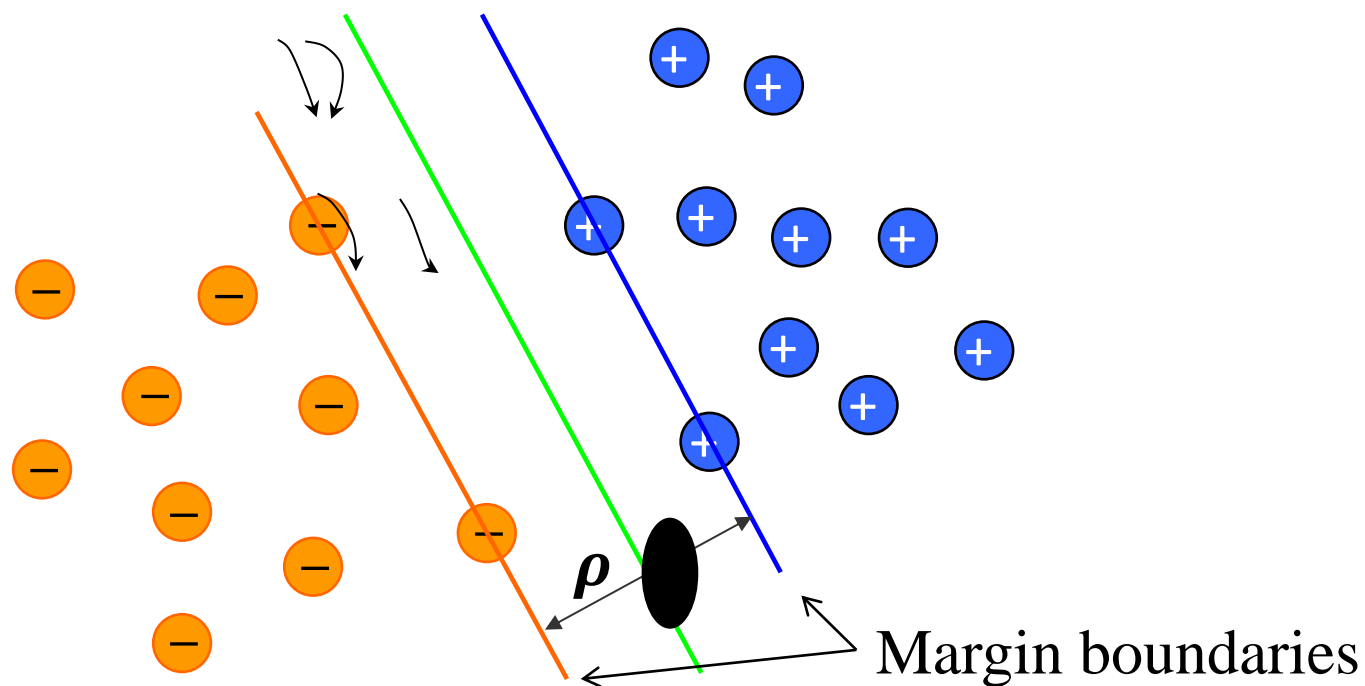


***Margin of separation:*** the separation between the hyperplane and the closest data point.

# SVM – Geometric Interpretation

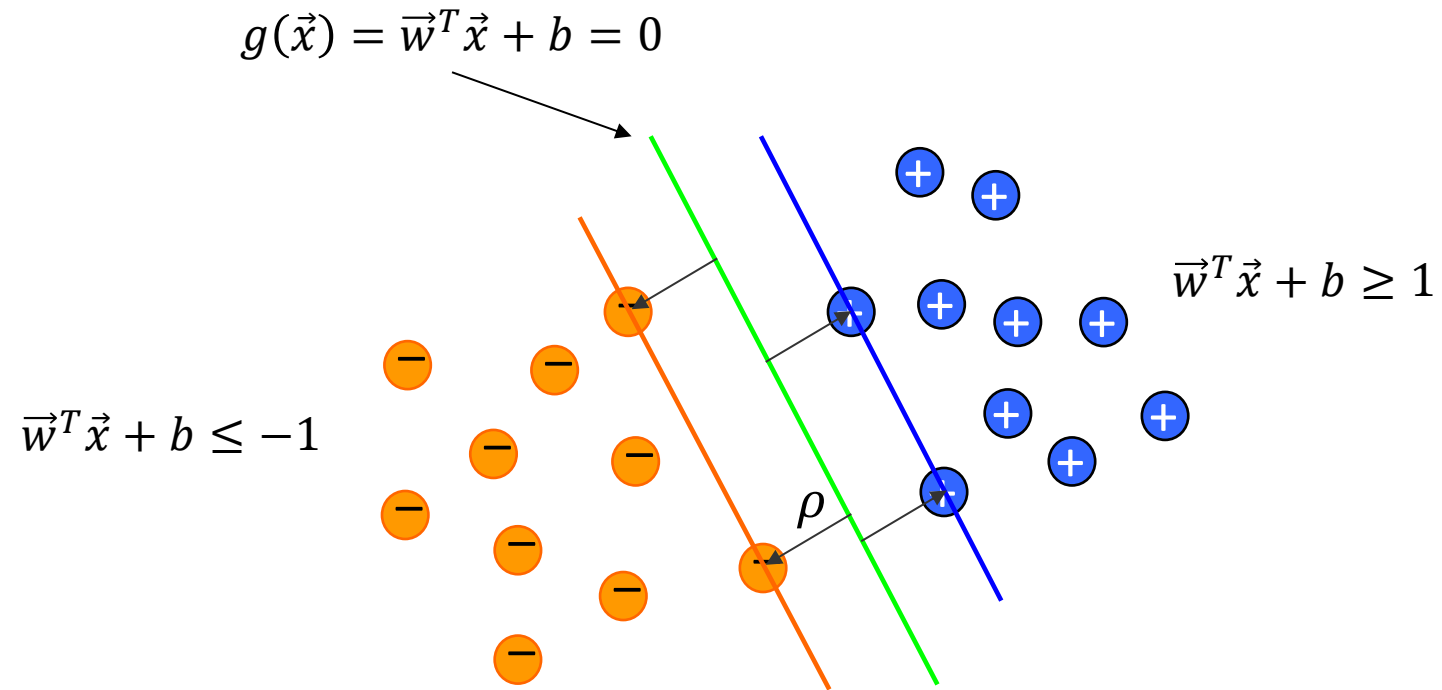
SVM Learning finds a separation with the maximal margin

Support Vectors



$\rho$ : Margin of separation

# SVM – Mathematical Formulation



A Support Vector  $\vec{x}^{(s)}$  satisfies

$$r^{(s)} = \frac{g(\vec{x}^{(s)})}{\|\vec{w}\|} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\|\vec{w}\|} & \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ -\frac{1}{\|\vec{w}\|} & \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{cases}$$

# SVM Learning – Linearly Separable Patterns

Training data:  $\{\langle \vec{x}_i, y_i \rangle\}_{i=1}^N$

Find the optimal hyperplane by minimizing the cost function

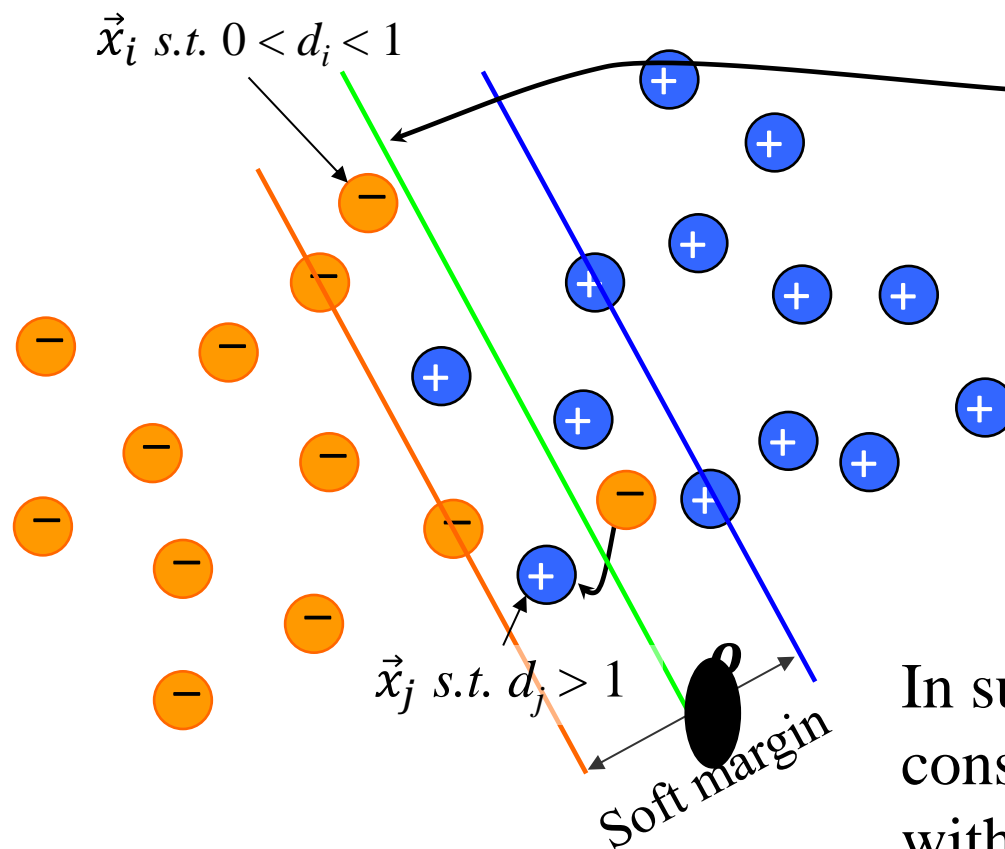
$$C(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{w}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \vec{w}^T \vec{w}$$

subject to the constraints

$$g(\vec{x}_i)y_i = (\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b)y_i \geq 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

Objective function:  $\frac{1}{2} \|\vec{w}\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [y_i (\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b) - 1]$

# SVM – Linearly Non-separable Patterns



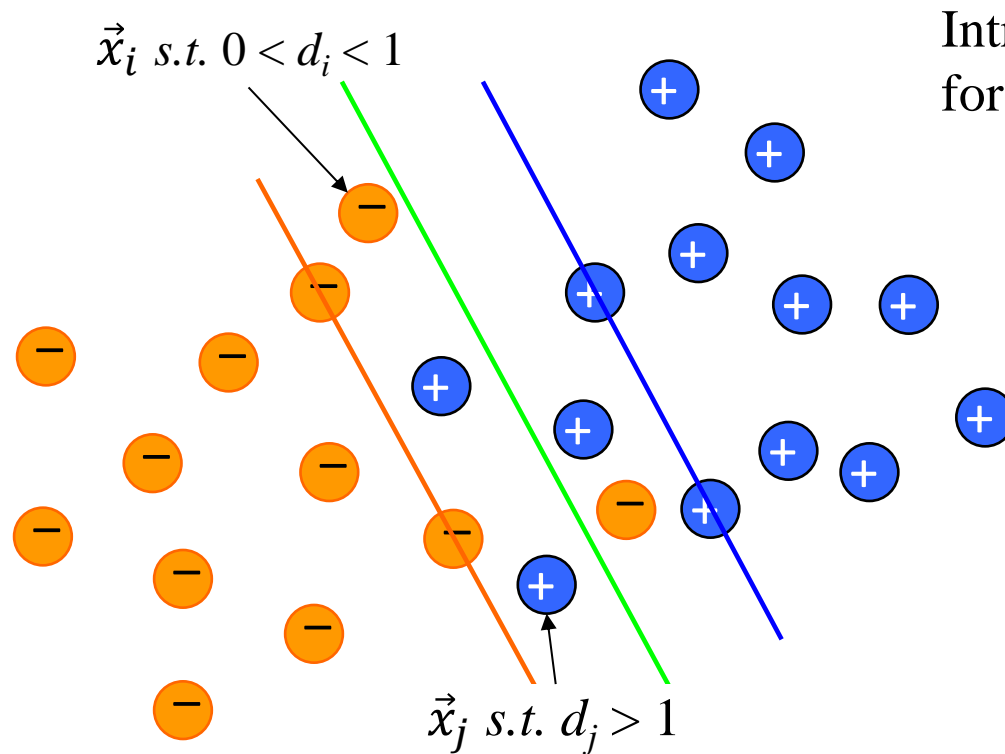
(a) A data point falls inside the region of separation but on the right side of the decision surface.

(b) A data point falls on the wrong side of the decision surface.

In such a case, it is impossible to construct a separating hyperplane without misclassifications

Construct an optimal hyperplane that minimizes the probability of classification error.

# SVM – Linearly Non-separable Patterns



Introduce a non-negative slack variable  $d_i$  for each sample  $\langle \vec{x}_i, y_i \rangle$

$$y_i(\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - d_i$$

$d_i$  measures the deviation of  $\vec{x}_i$  from the ideal separation

Find a separating hyperplane ( $\vec{w}$  &  $b$ ) that minimizes

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{I}(d_i - 1)$$

$$\mathbf{I}(d_i - 1) = \begin{cases} 0 & d_i \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Subject to the constraints  $y_i(\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - d_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

NP-complete problem !



# SVM – Linearly Non-separable Patterns

Simplify the computation by formulating the minimization problem as

$$\Phi(\vec{w}, b, \{d_i\}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N d_i$$

Subject to  $y_i(\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - d_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

$\sum_{i=1}^N d_i$  is the upper bound on the number of misclassifications.

More general  $\sum_{i=1}^N h(d_i)$

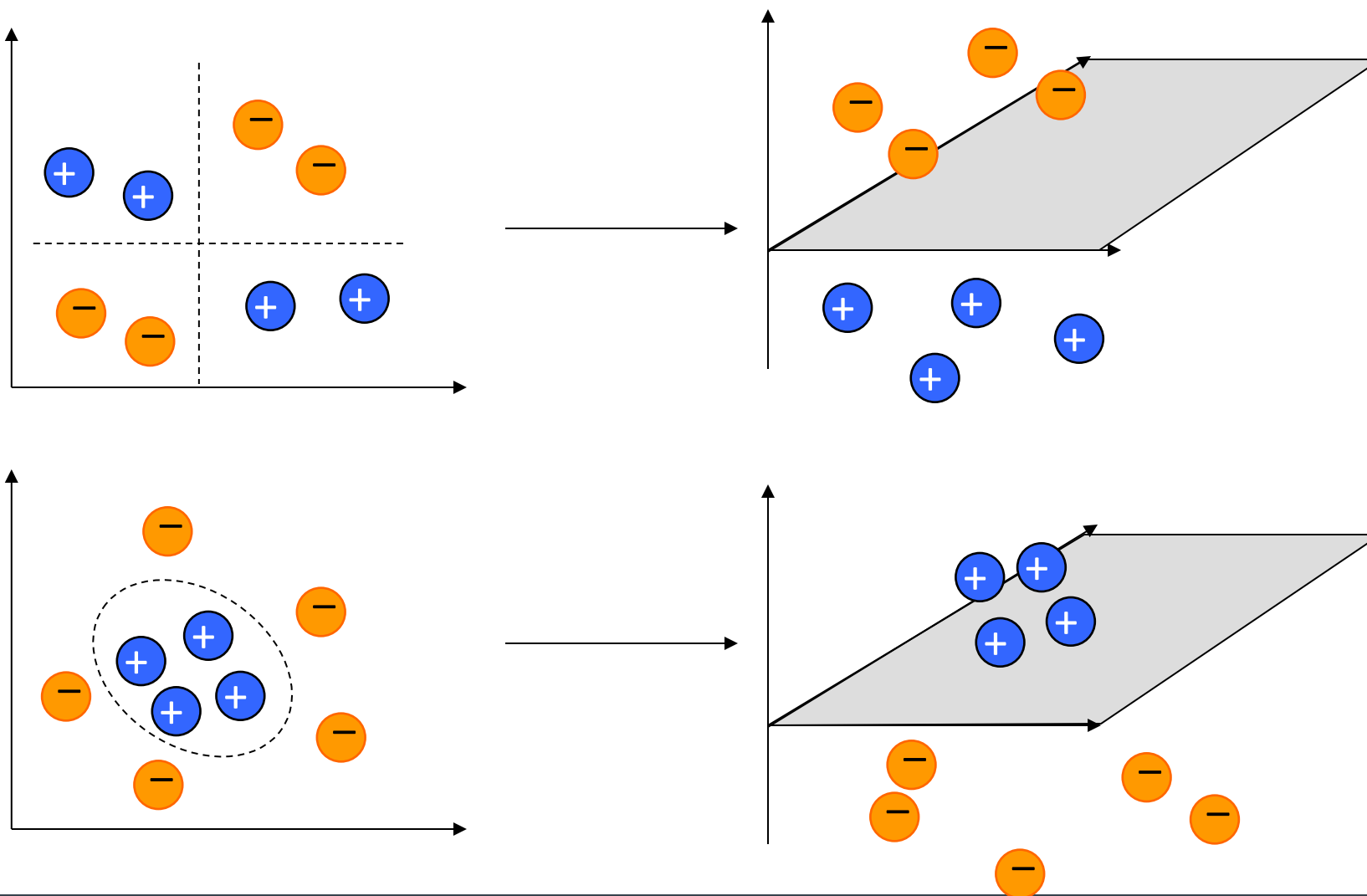
$C$  to be decided by the user. It controls the trade-off between minimizing training errors and controlling model complexity.

The above problem can be converted into its dual problem that maximizes

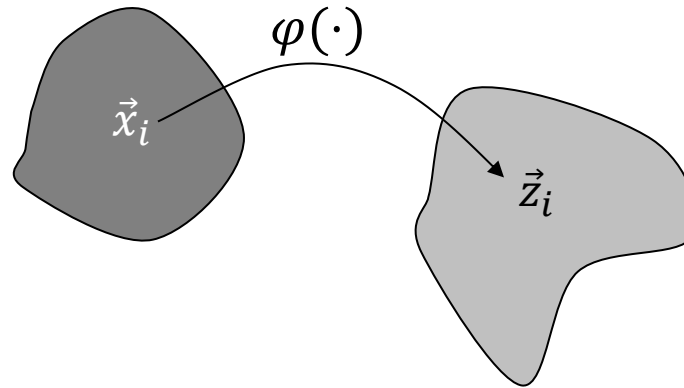
$$Q(\{\alpha_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \vec{x}_i^T \vec{x}_j$$

Subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$  &  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

# Feature Spaces and Kernels



Linearly Separable in Higher Dimension



Inner-product kernel

$$K(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) = \vec{z}_i^T \vec{z}_j = \varphi(\vec{x}_i)^T \varphi(\vec{x}_j)$$

$$\text{Maximize } Q(\{\alpha_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j)$$

$$\text{Subject to } \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Supporter Vectors are found in the space defined by  $\varphi(\vec{x})$   
without going into that space

$$\text{Classify new sample } y(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i K(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_i) + b$$

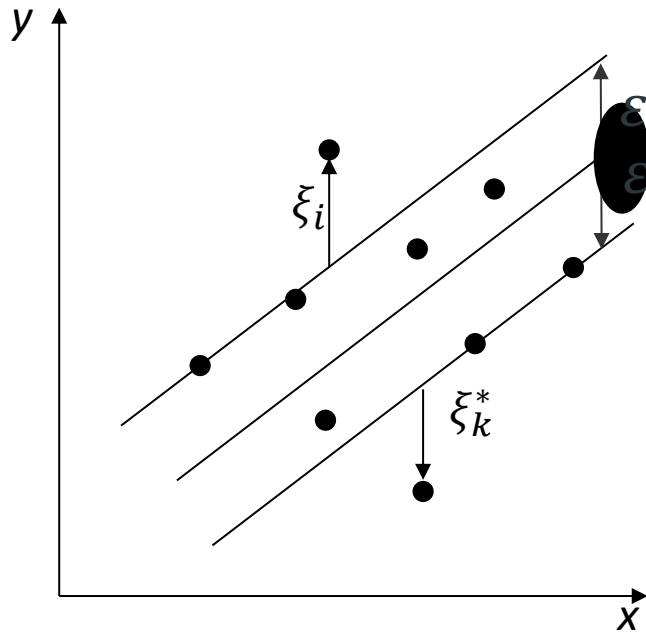
For comparison, the objective function without using kernels is  $Q(\{\alpha_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \vec{x}_i^T \vec{x}_j$

## Examples of Inner-Product Kernels

Kernel	Inner-product Kernel
Polynomial function	$(s\vec{x}_i^T \vec{x}_j + t)^d$
Radial-basis function	$\exp\left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \ \vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\ ^2\right)$
Hyperbolic tangent	$\tanh(s\vec{x}_i^T \vec{x}_j + t)$

# Support Vector Regression

The goal is to find the flattest  $\varepsilon$ -tube around the hyperplane that contains the most training samples. Define  $\varepsilon$  as the margin.



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

subject to the constraints

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$y_i - (\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b) \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i$$

$$(\vec{w}^T \vec{x}_i + b) - y_i \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i^*$$

$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$$



