

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

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Introduction

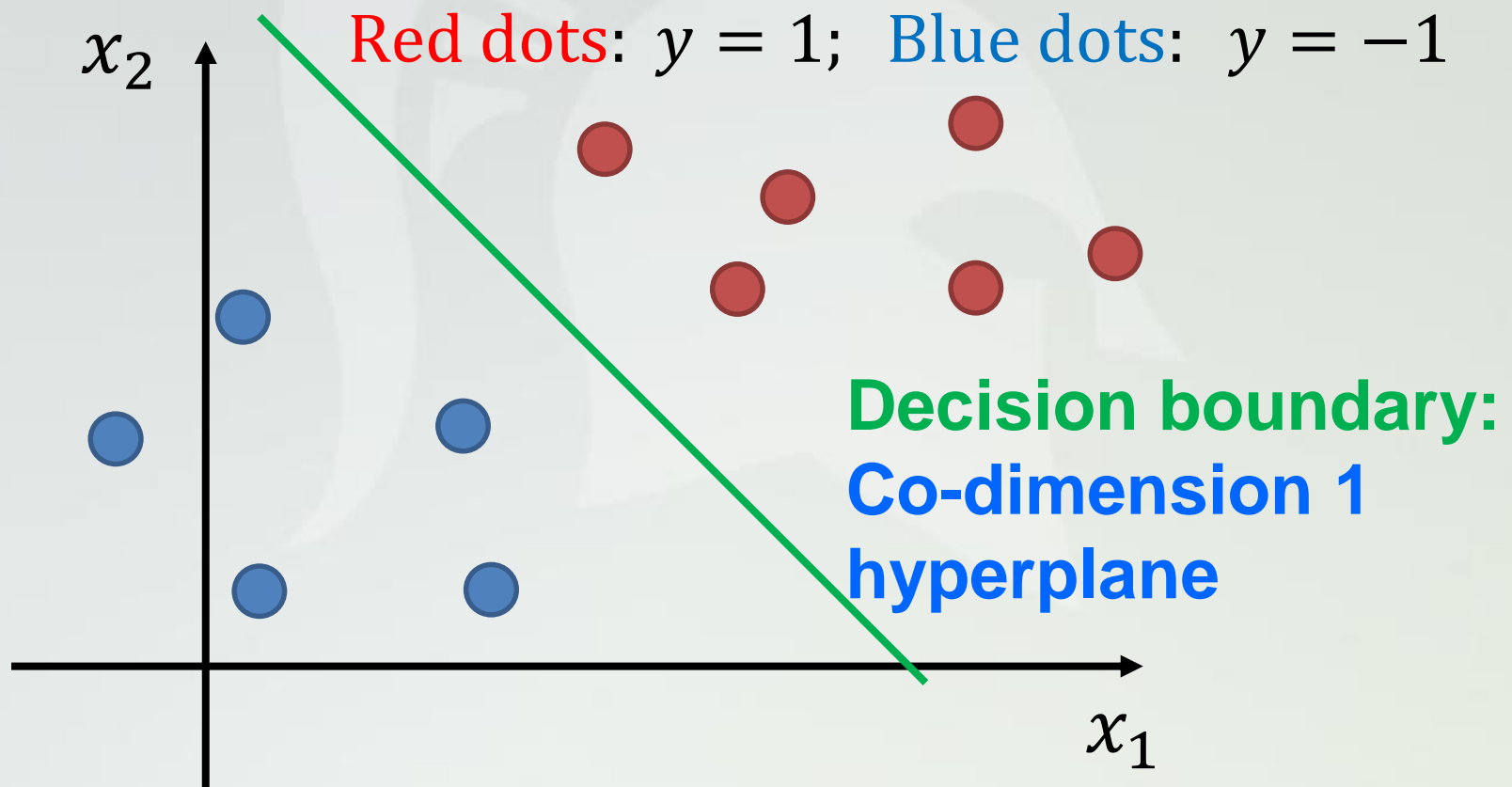
- One of top ten methods in data science
- Classification
- Regression, i.e., support vector regression (SVR)
- Supervised learning in general
- For unsupervised learning:

Support vector clustering (SVC) by Hava Siegelmann and Vladimir Vapnik

SVM for linear Classifiers

Decision Boundary

Training set: $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n, y^{(i)} \in \{-1, 1\}\}_{i=1}^M$

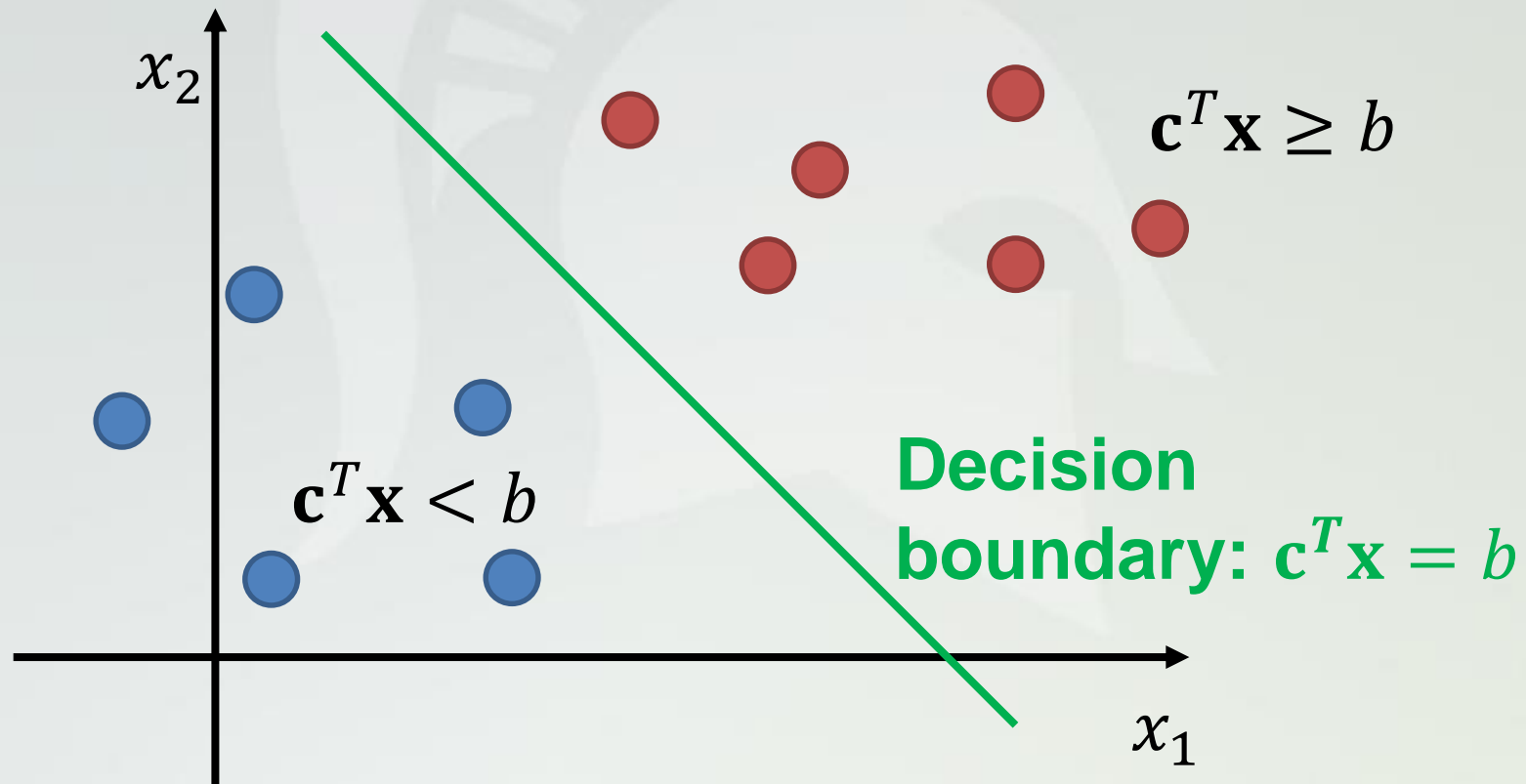


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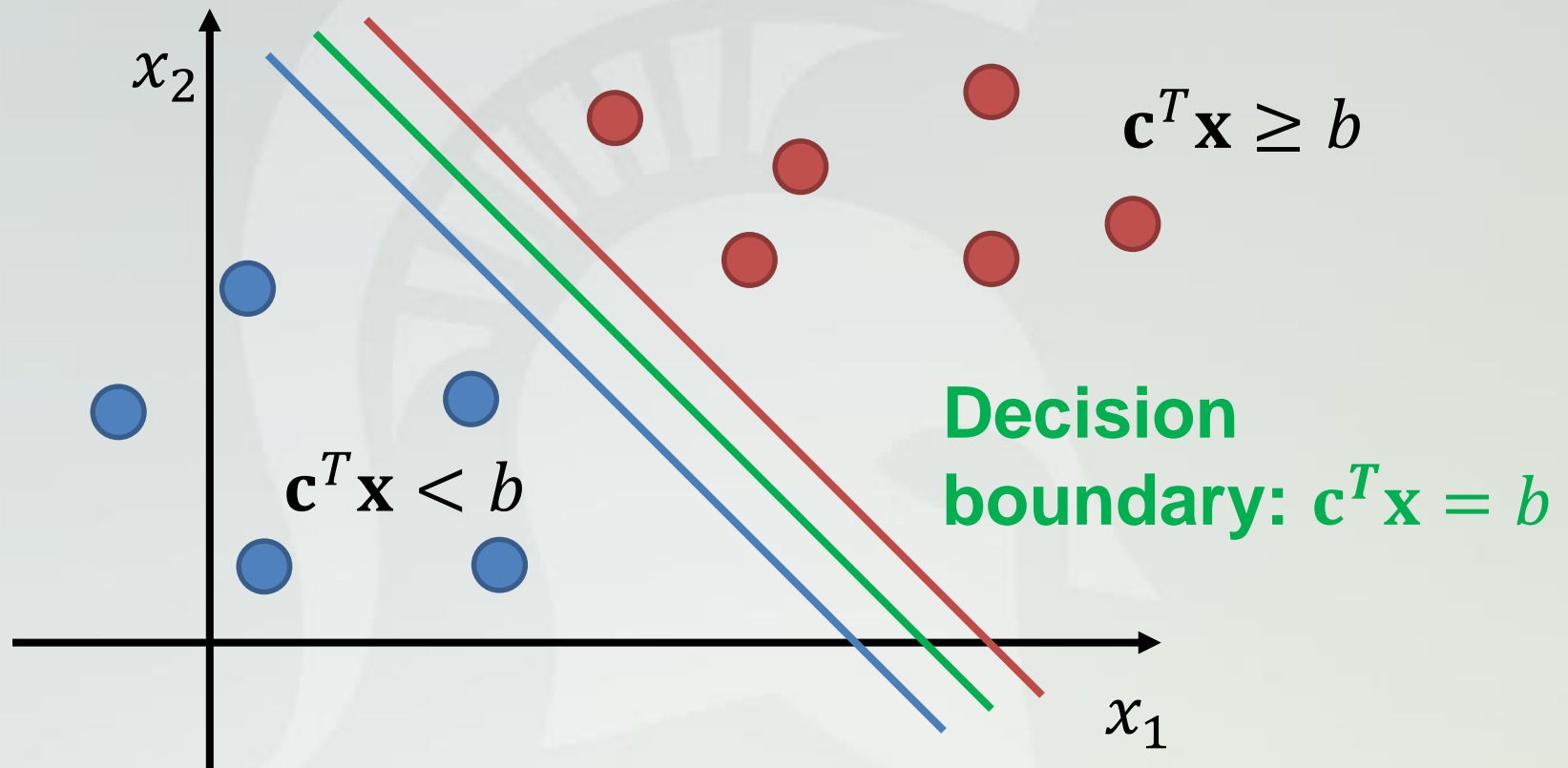
Recall:

$$\mathbf{x} = (1, x_1, \dots, x_n)^T,$$

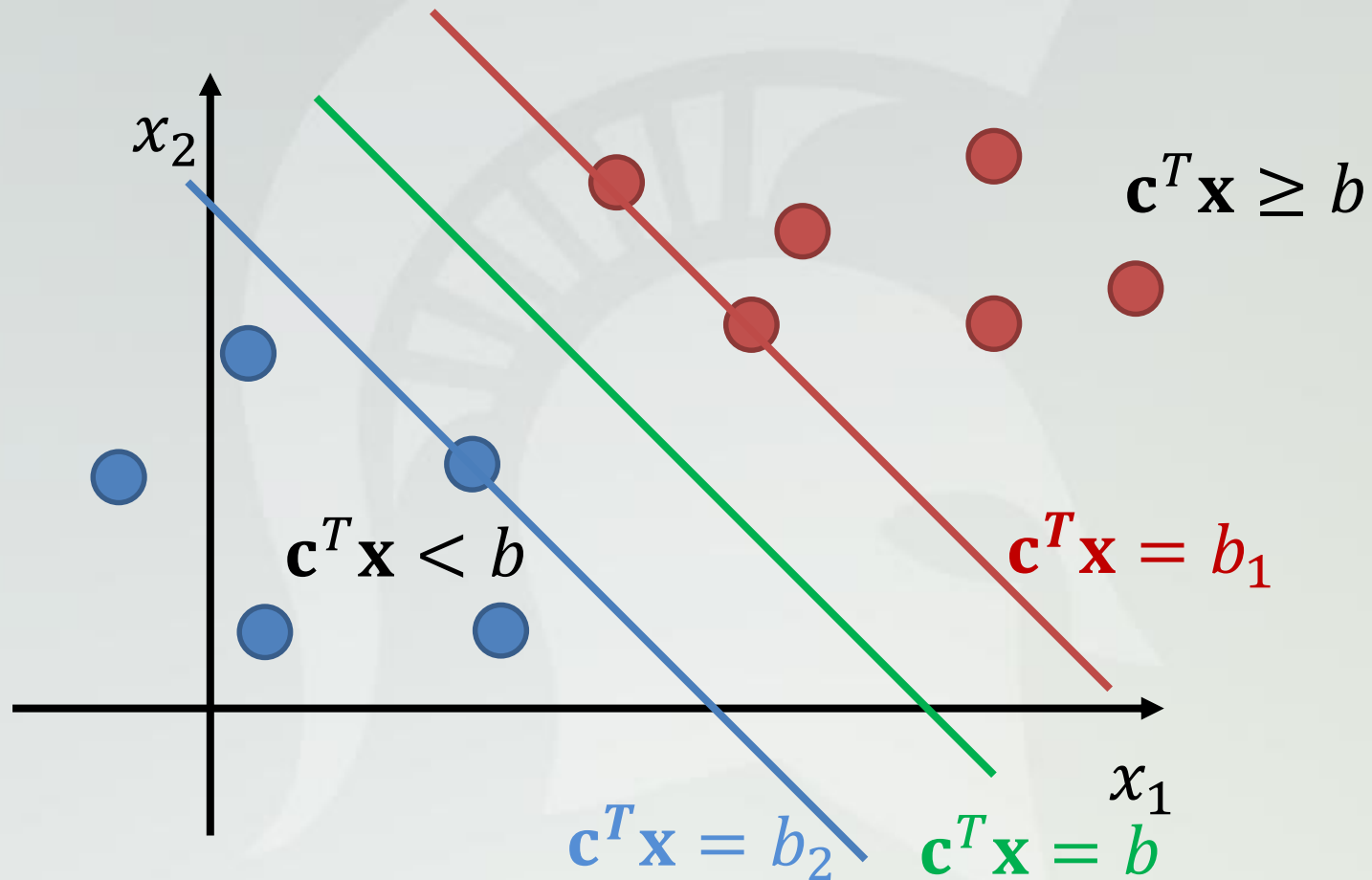
$$\mathbf{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n)^T$$



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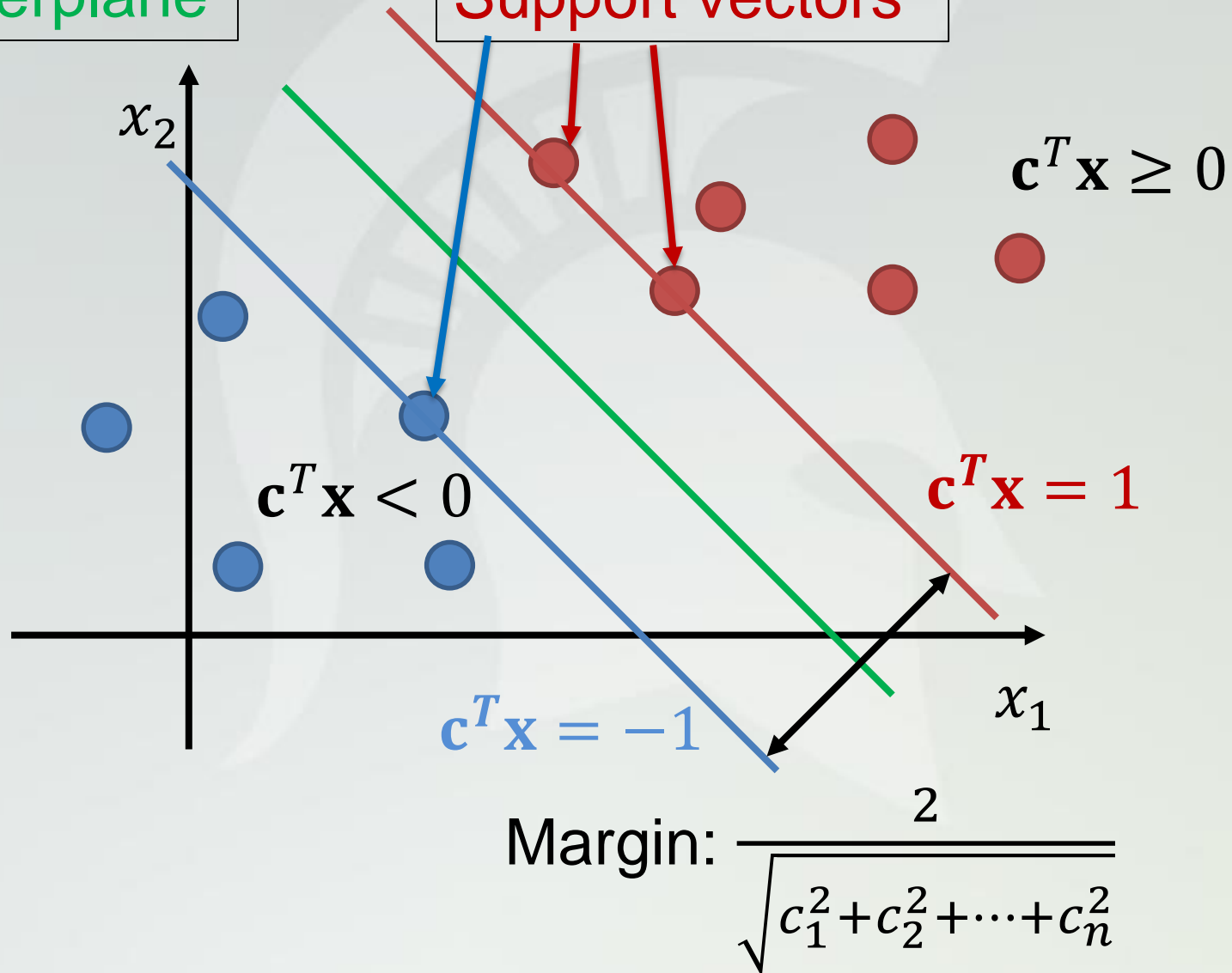


For simplicity: choose $b = 0$, $b_1 = 1$, $b_2 = -1$

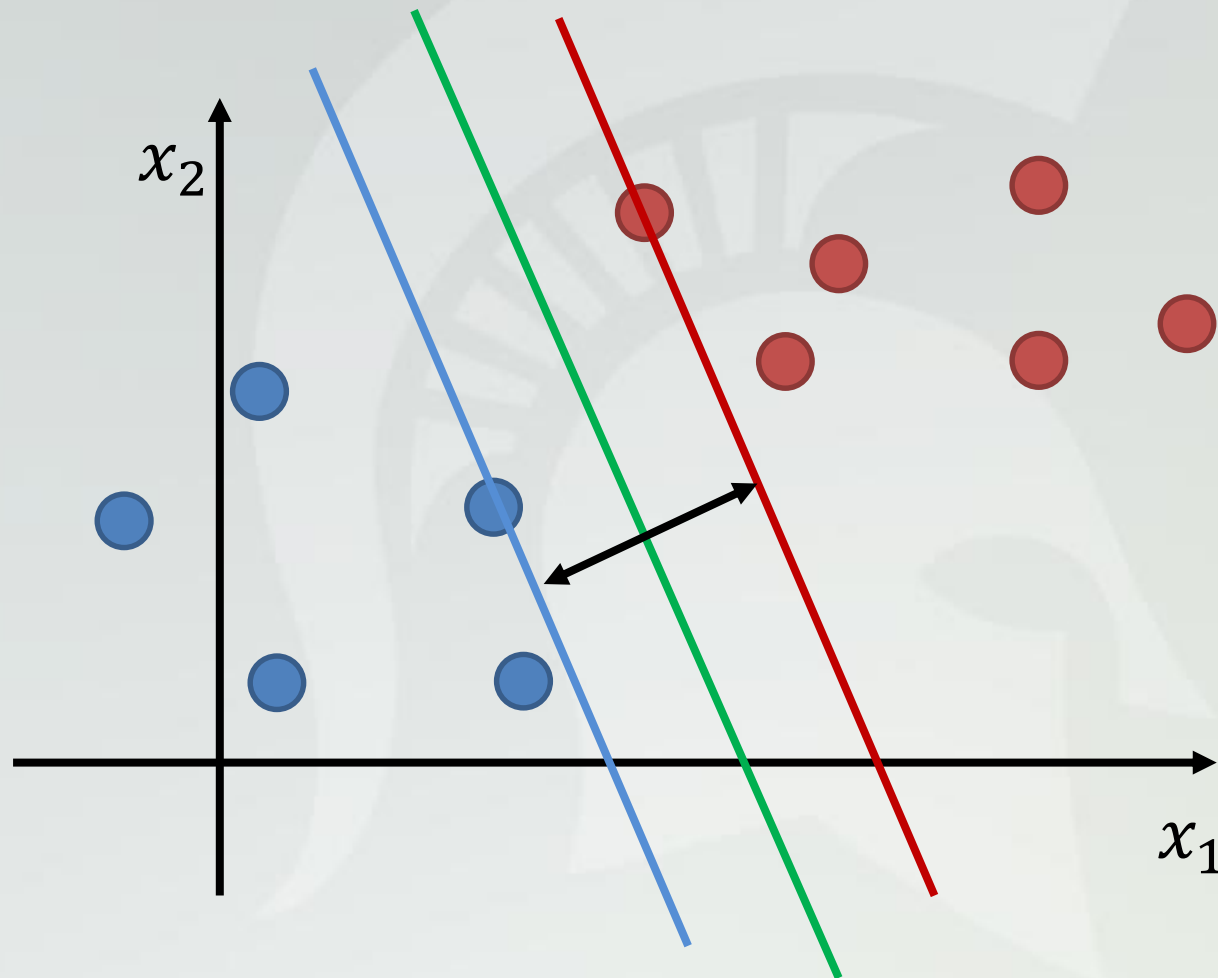
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hyperplane

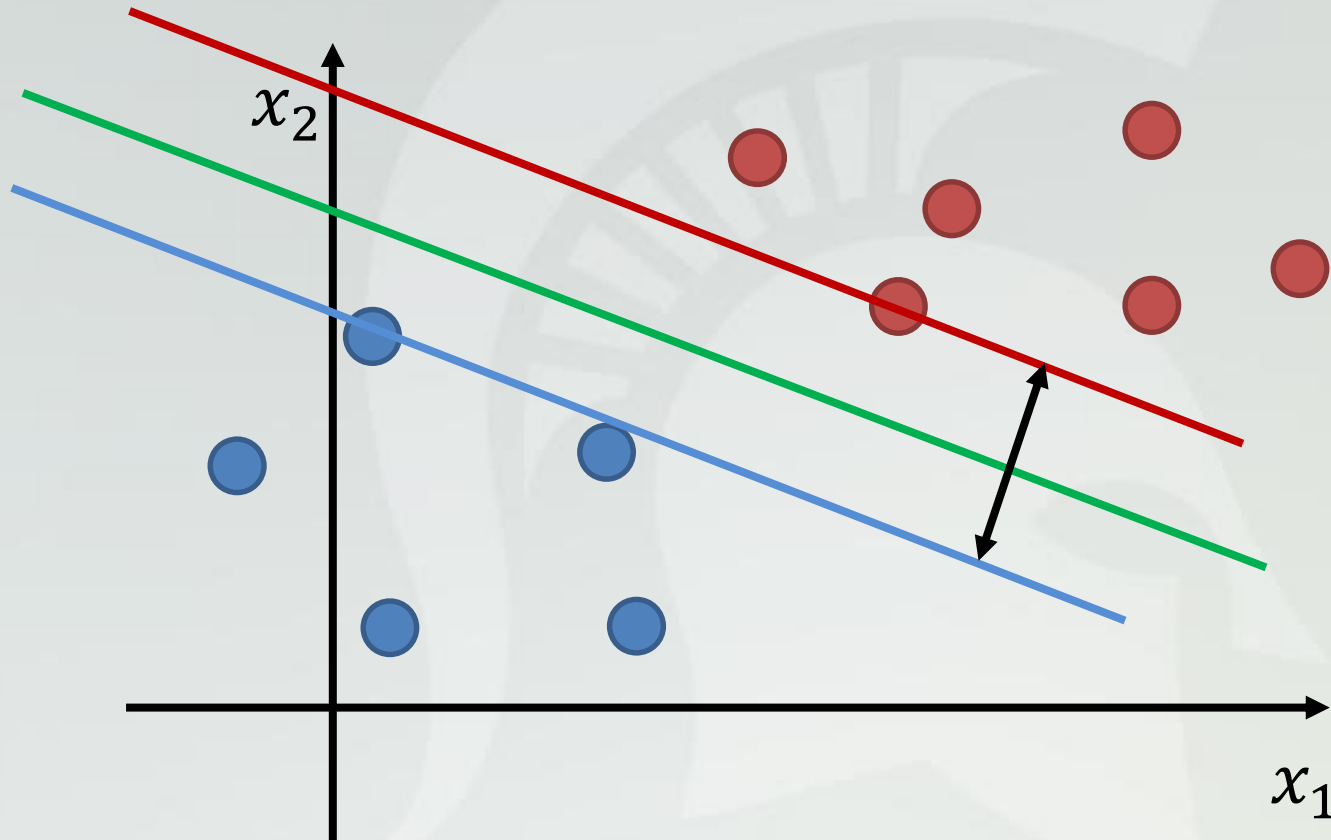
Support vectors



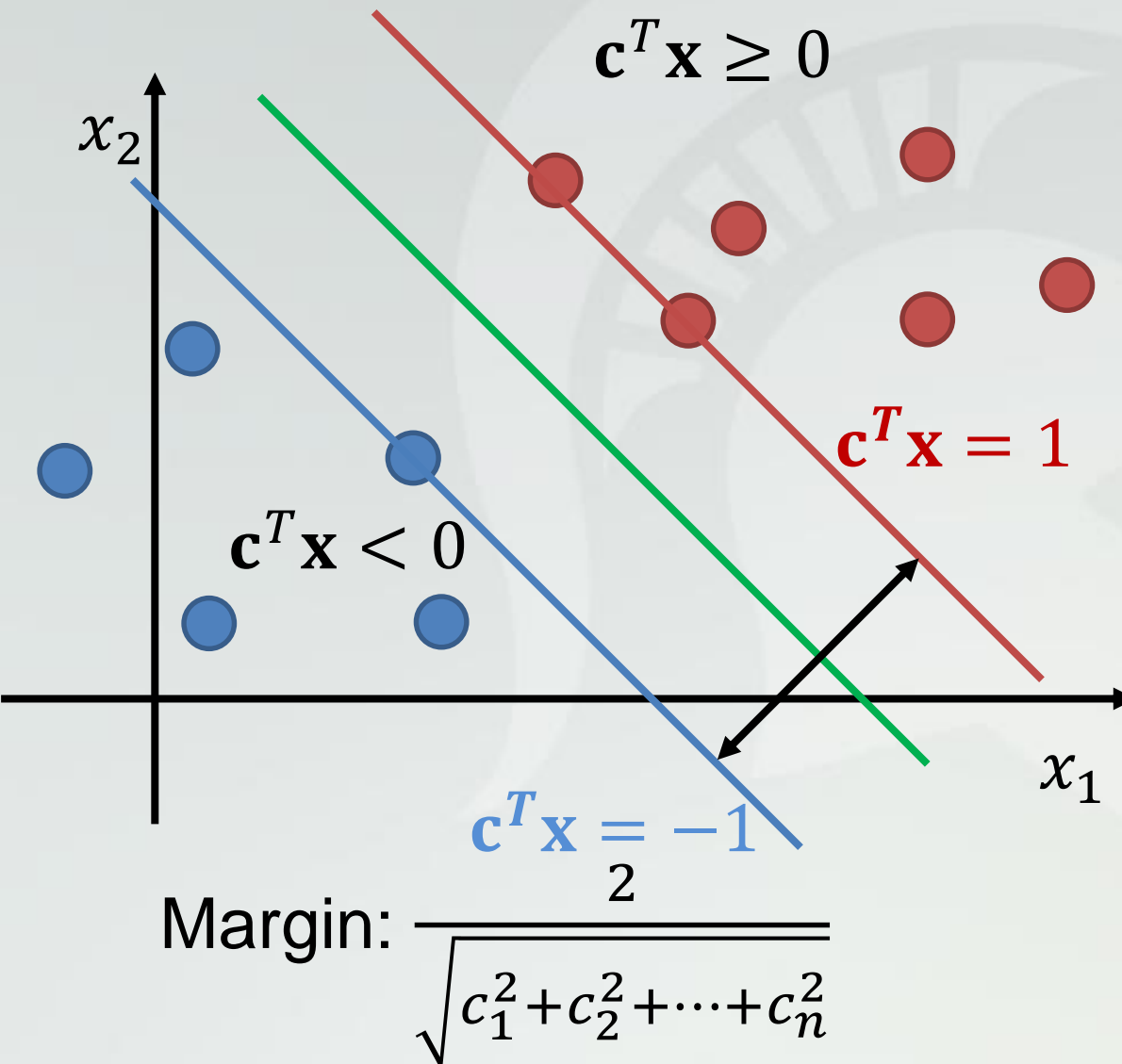
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Decision Boundary



Optimization Objective



Maximize the margin:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2}}$$

Subject to

$$c^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1 \text{ if } y^{(i)} = 1$$

or

$$c^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \leq -1 \text{ if } y^{(i)} = -1$$

(in SVM, we label negative class as -1 instead of 0)

Optimization Objective

- Maximize

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_n^2}}$$

Subject to

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- Equivalent to (dual problem):

Minimize:

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- Equivalent to
Minimize:

$$\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_n^2}$$

Subject to $y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1$

Loss function

Predictor?

$$p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = c_0 + c_1 x_1 + \cdots + c_n x_n$$

Predictor

Minimize: Loss function

$$L(\mathbf{c}) = L(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n) = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_n^2}$$

$$\text{Subject to } y^{(i)} p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1$$

- Classifier: Take threshold=0

if $p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ then $y = 1$

if $p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ then $y = -1$

Loss Function

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Predictor

Minimize:

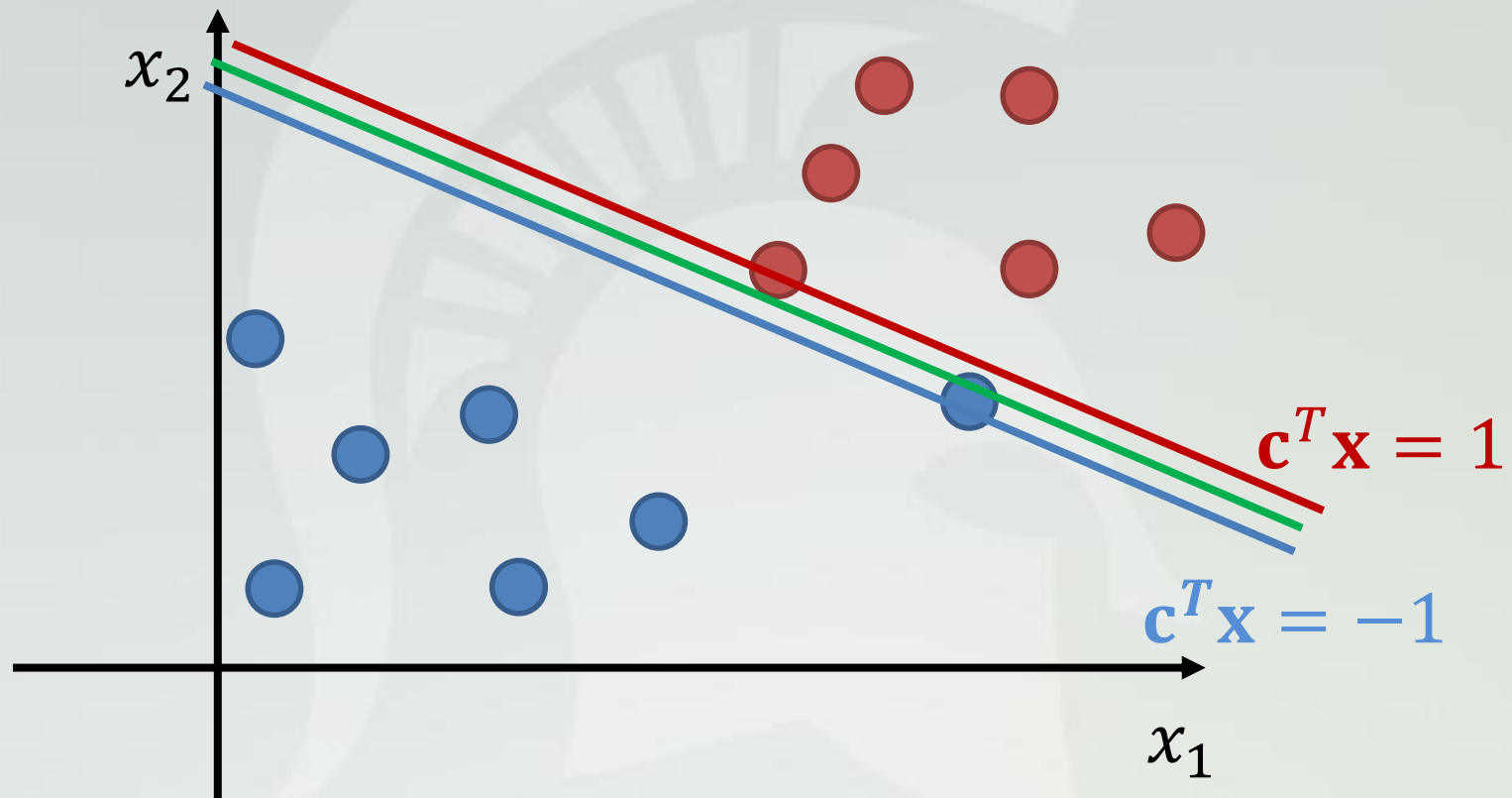
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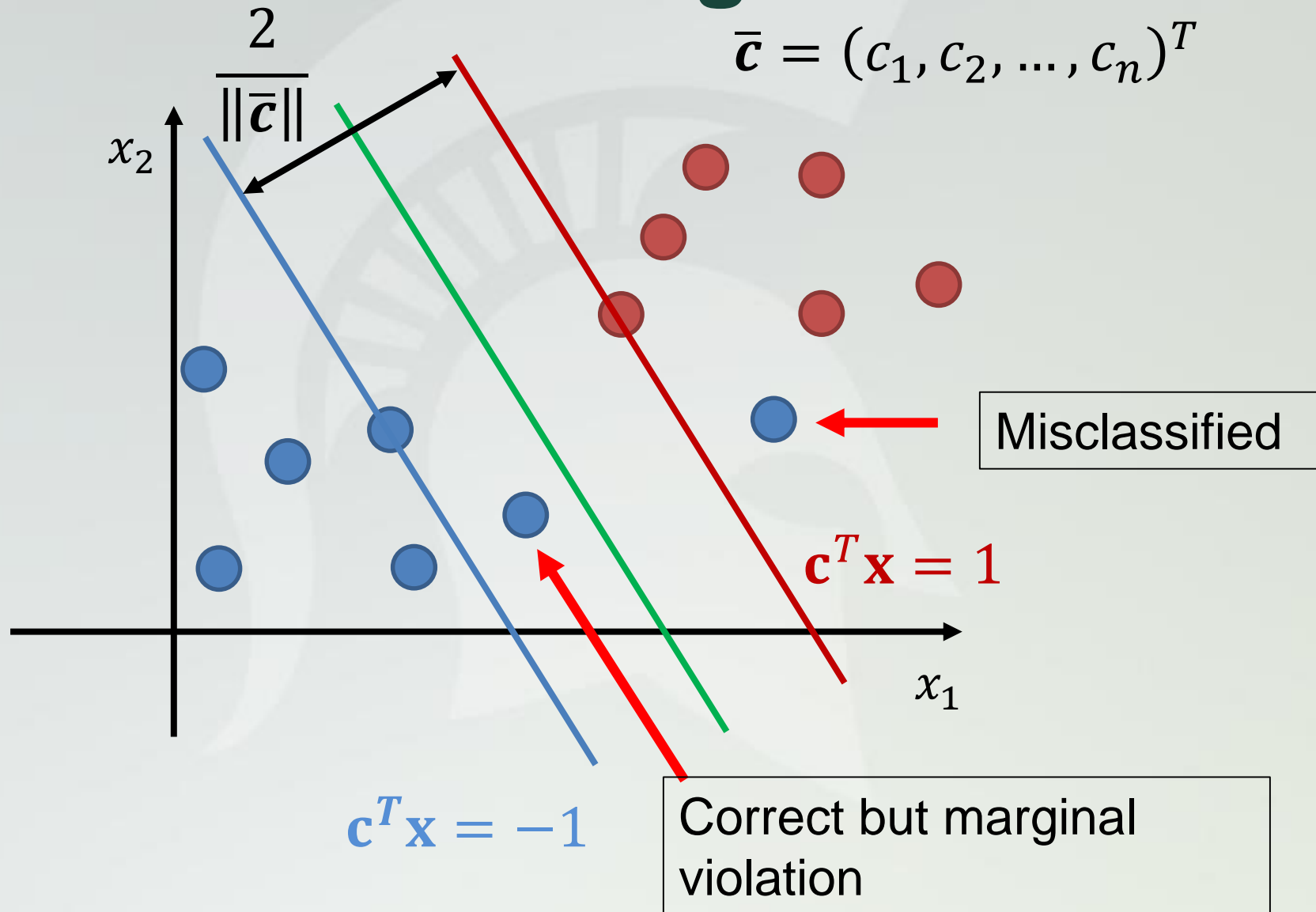
Subject to $y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1$

Simplified condition

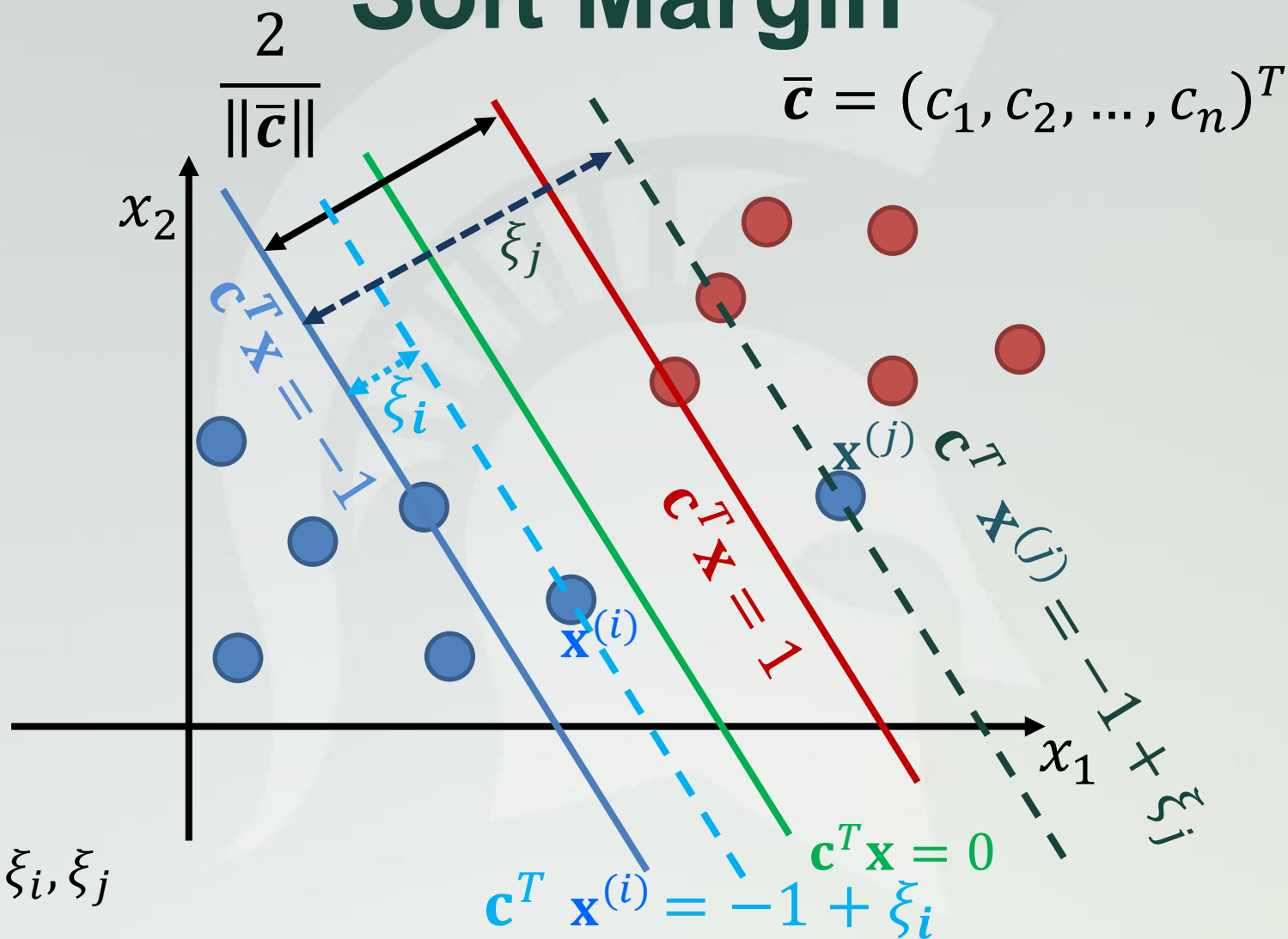
Hard Margin



Soft Margin



Soft Margin



$$0 \leq \xi_i, \xi_j$$

$\xi_i < 1$ (Correct but marginal violation)

$\xi_j > 1$ (incorrect) If $\xi_k = 0$: perfect



Minimize ξ_k !

Loss Function for Soft Margin

Modified loss function

Predictor

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Minimize:

Loss function

$$L(\mathbf{c}) = L(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n) = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_n^2}$$

Subject to $y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1 - \xi_i$, with $\xi_i \geq 0$

Modified condition

Loss Function for Soft Margin

Predictor

$$p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = c_0 + c_1 x_1 + \cdots + c_n x_n$$

Minimize:

Loss function

$$L(\mathbf{c}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = L(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_M) =$$

$$\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_n^2} + \sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i$$

Regularization

Subject to $y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1 - \xi_i$, with $\xi_i \geq 0$

Loss Function for Soft Margin

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Subject to $y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1 - \xi_i$, with $\xi_i \geq 0$

λ : regularization parameter

If $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$?

then $\sum_{i=1}^M \xi_i \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \xi_i = 0 \Rightarrow$ hard margin

Simplify Loss Function

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Subject to $y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \geq 1 - \xi_i$, with $\xi_i \geq 0$

Hinge loss

$$\xi_i = \max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

Simplify Loss Function

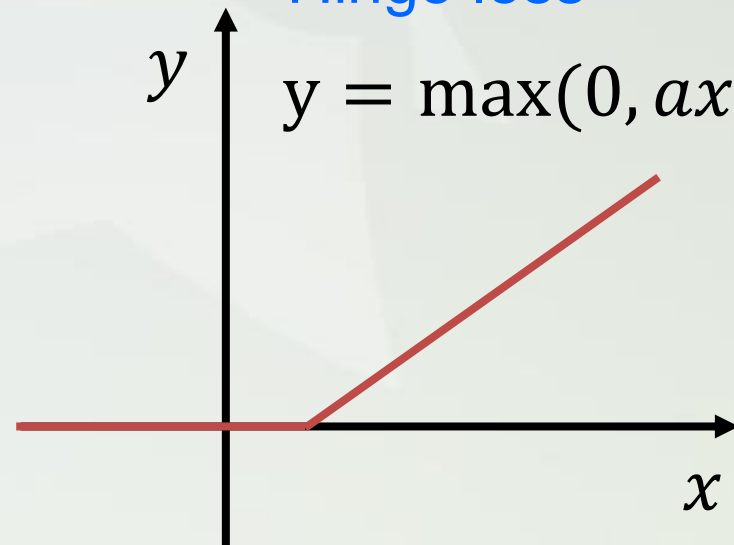
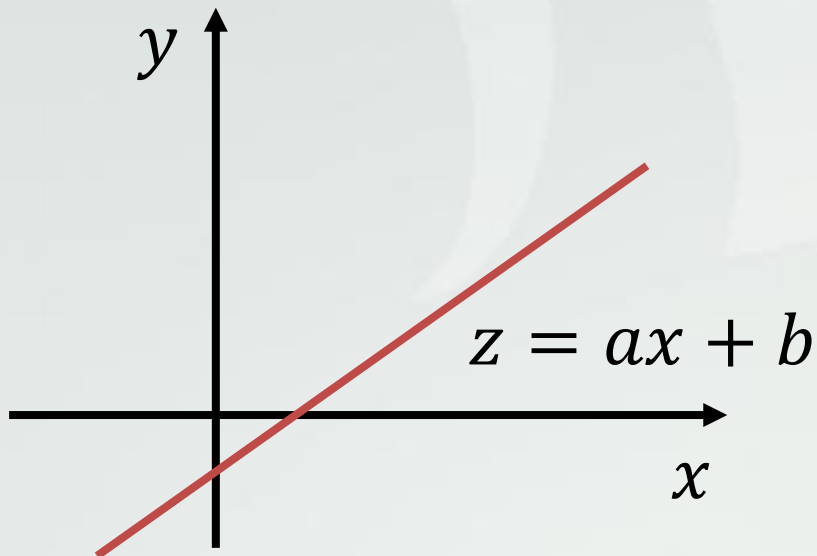
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$$y = \max(0, ax + b)$$



How to Minimize Loss Function

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- Our loss function is convex



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- The loss function is convex
- In convex function, local minimum is the global minimum
- Loss function can be optimized by
 - Quadratic optimization method
 - Gradient descent (continuity condition)?

Sub-gradient descent

For non-differentiable objective functions

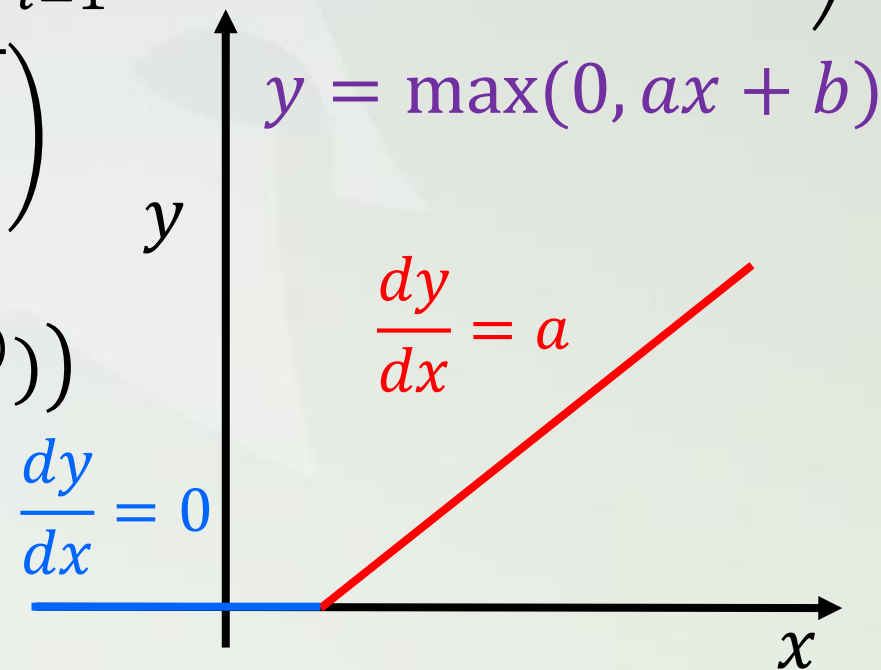
$$\mathbf{c} := \mathbf{c} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} L(\mathbf{c})$$

$:= \mathbf{c}$

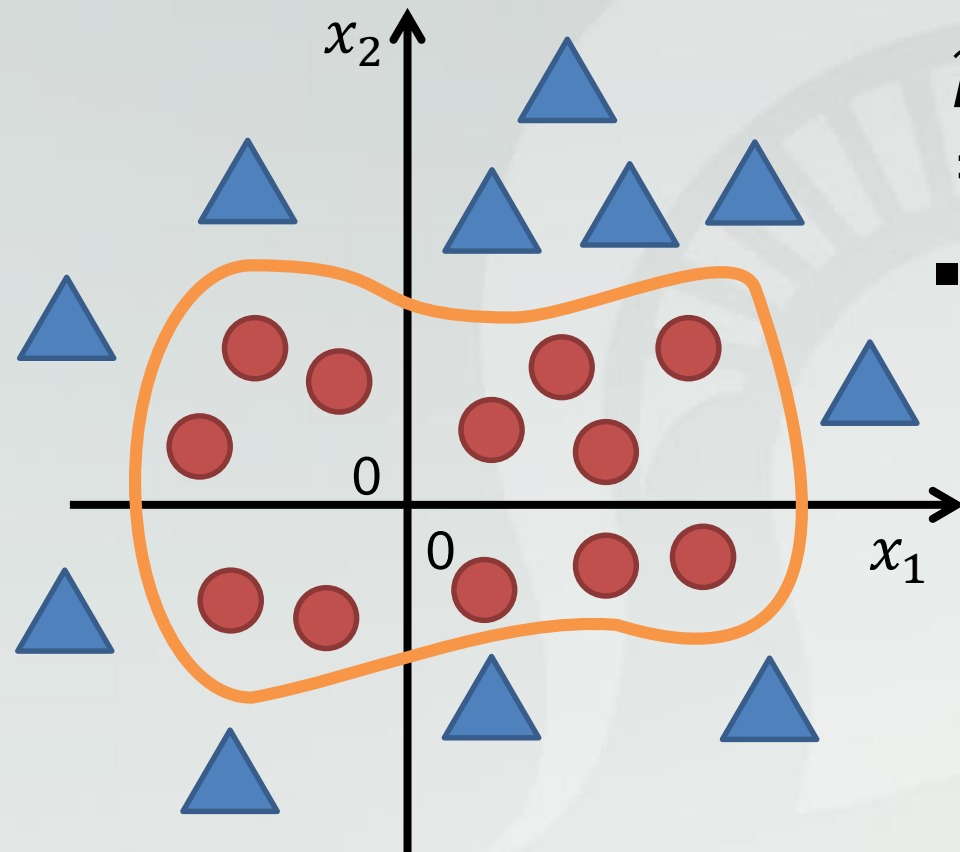
$$- \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \left(\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M \max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right)$$

$$:= \mathbf{c} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \left(\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2} \right)$$

$$- \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} (\max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$$



SVM for Nonlinear Classifiers



- Linear predictor:

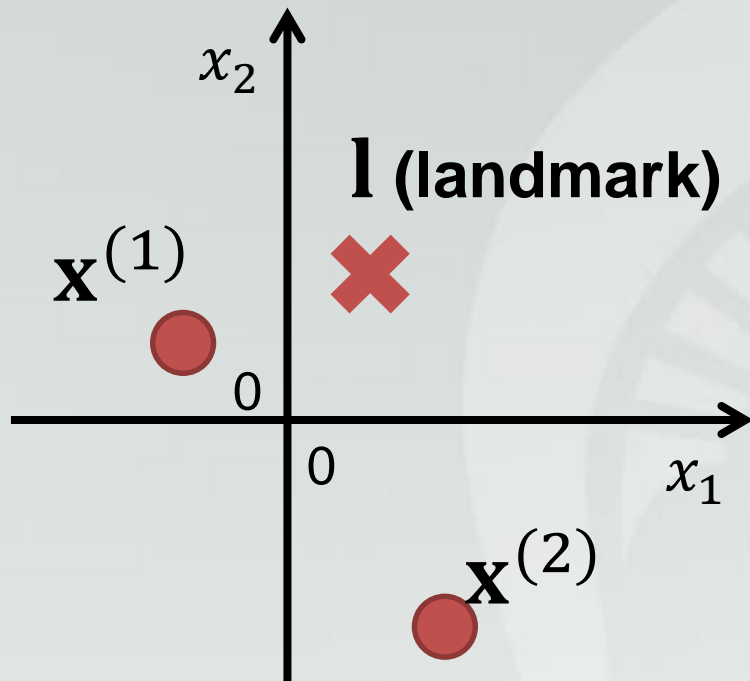
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$$= c_0 + c_1 x_1 + \cdots + c_n x_n$$
- Nonlinear predictor => nonlinear decision boundary:

- $p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_{11}x_1 + \cdots + c_{1k}x_1^k + c_{21}x_2 + \cdots$
- $p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + c_2x_1^2 + c_3x_1x_2 + \cdots + c_mx_1x_2 \cdots x_n$

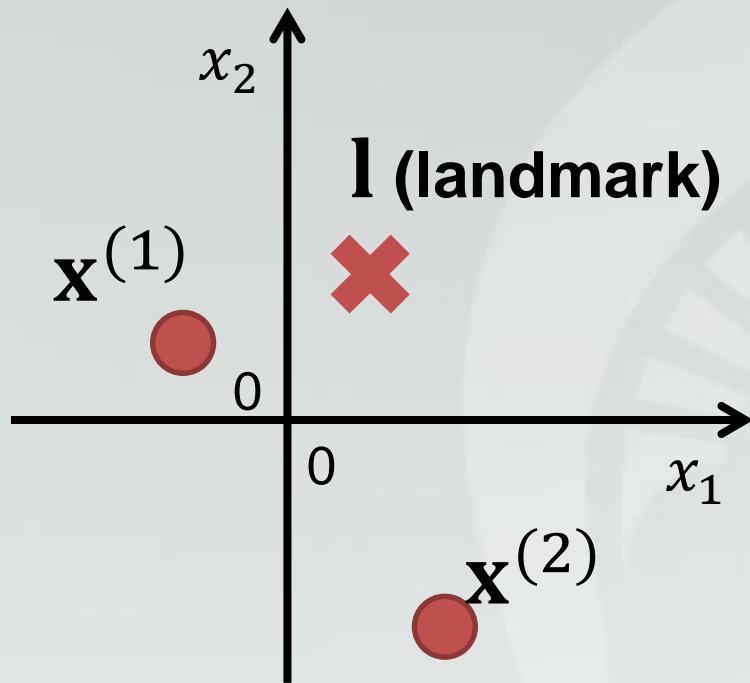
Drawback: High risk of overfitting

SVM for Nonlinear Classifiers



- Use **kernel** (Kernel method, Vapnik 1963)
 - A similarity function $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l})$
 - $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l})$ define how similar a given data point \mathbf{x} to the pre-defined landmark \mathbf{l}
 - $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ is more similar (or close) to \mathbf{l} than $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ if $k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{l}) > k(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \mathbf{l})$

SVM for Kernel Classifiers



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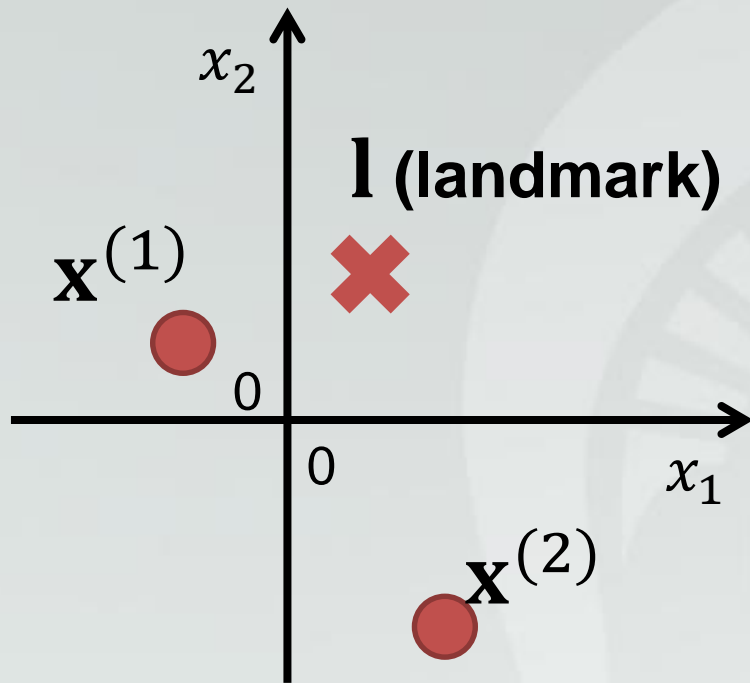
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Kernel functions:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) = \frac{1}{1 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\|}$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\|}{\eta}\right)^v} \quad (\text{lorentz})$$

SVM for kernel Classifiers



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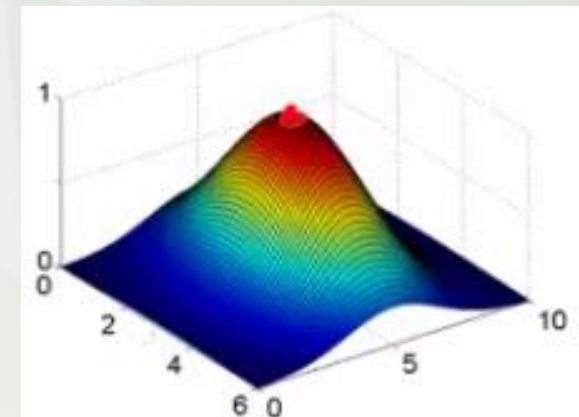
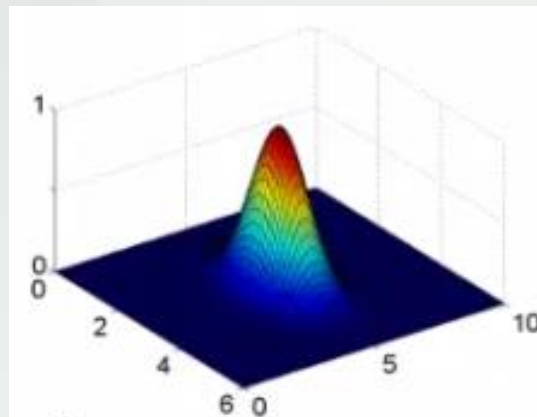
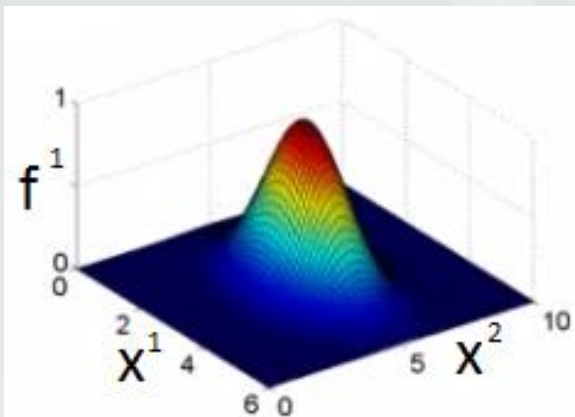
$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\|}{\sigma}\right)^\nu} \quad (\text{Lorentz})$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) = e^{-\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\|}{\sigma}\right)^\nu} \quad (\text{exponential})$$

- if \mathbf{x} very close to $\mathbf{l} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\| \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) \rightarrow 1$
- if \mathbf{x} far away from $\mathbf{l} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) \rightarrow 0$
- In exponential kernel, when $\nu = 2$ we get Gauss kernel $e^{-\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{l}\|}{\sigma}\right)^2}$

SVM for Nonlinear Classifiers

- Gaussian kernel: $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) = e^{-\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{l}\|}{\sigma}\right)^2}$
- σ : standard deviation
- σ^2 : variance, define how steep from the landmark (the top) to the ground
- $\mathbf{l} = (3, 5)^T$ with three σ^2 values: 1, 0.5, and 3.0



Predictor with Kernels

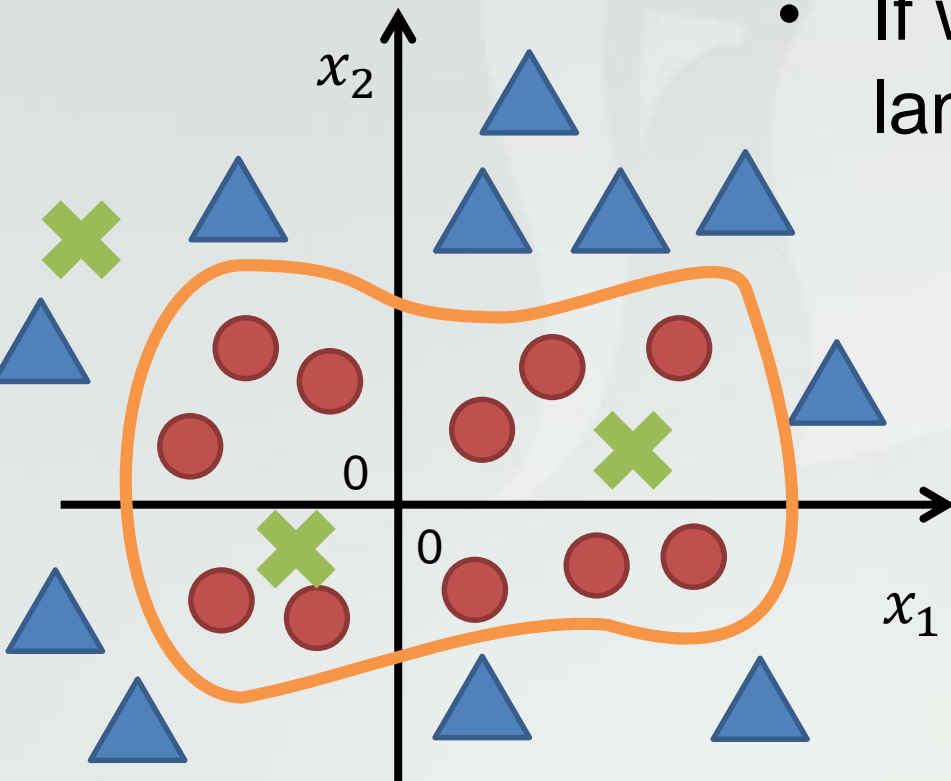
- Make use the predictor for linear classifier

$$p_c(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n$$

- If we use landmarks = use similarity functions
= use kernels

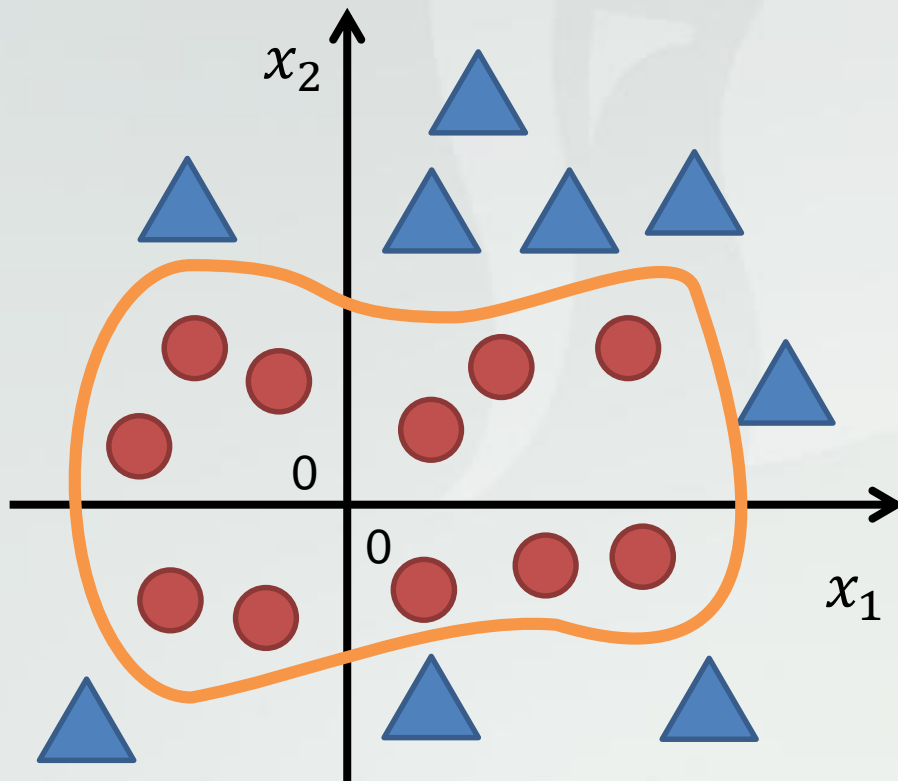
- If we use three landmarks: $\mathbf{l}^{(1)}, \mathbf{l}^{(2)}, \mathbf{l}^{(3)}$

$$p_c(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_1k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}^{(1)}) + c_2k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}^{(2)}) + c_3k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}^{(3)})$$



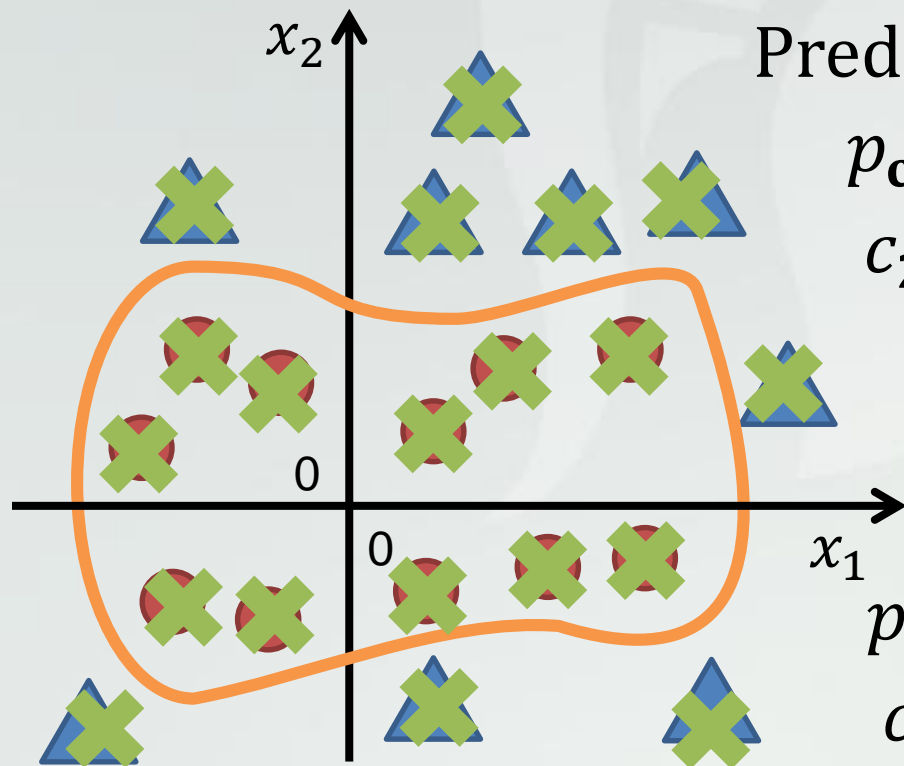
How to Choose Landmarks?

- Assume our training data is $(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(M)}, y^{(M)})$
- How to choose landmarks for a given training data? ([kernel trick, Guyon and Vapnik, 1992](#))



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- How to choose landmarks for a given training data? $\mathbf{l}^{(1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{l}^{(2)} = \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{l}^{(M)} = \mathbf{x}^{(M)}$



Predictor for M landmarks

$$p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_1 k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}^{(1)}) + c_2 k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}^{(2)}) + \dots + c_M k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}^{(M)})$$

We have

$$p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_1 k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(1)}) + c_2 k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) + \dots + c_M k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(M)})$$

Loss Function with Kernels

- Predictor

$$p_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + c_1 k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(1)}) + \cdots + c_M k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(M)})$$

- Loss function without kernel

$$L(\mathbf{c}) = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_n^2} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M \max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

- Loss function with kernels

$$L(\mathbf{c})$$

$$= \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \cdots + c_M^2} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M \max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$$

Loss Function with Kernels

- Predictor

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$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \equiv \left(1, k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}), k(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}), \dots, k(\mathbf{x}^{(M)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right)^T$$

Kernel Selections for SVM

- Not all similarity kernels are valid. Must satisfy **Mercer's theorem**

$$k: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = k(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}) \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

$$\int \int g(\mathbf{x}) k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) g(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} \geq 0$$

(positive semidefinite)

for all vector $g \in \mathcal{H}$ and k (Hilbert–Schmidt integral operator)

$$\int \int |k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})|^2 d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} < \infty$$

Mercer's requirement ensures that the loss function is convex in the dual form when using quadratic optimization method.

Kernel Selections for SVM

- If kernel does not meet the Mercer conditions, no global minimum is guarantee, but one can use gradient descent to find a local minimum.

Commonly used Kernels

- Linear kernel (or dot product kernel)

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{z}$$

- Polynomial

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = (\alpha \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{z} + r)^d$$

- Radial basic function (RBF)

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = e^{-\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{z}\|}{\sigma}\right)^v}$$

- Sigmoid

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\gamma \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{z}}} \text{ or } \tanh(\gamma \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{z} + r)$$

- Are these kernels Hilbert-Schmidt?

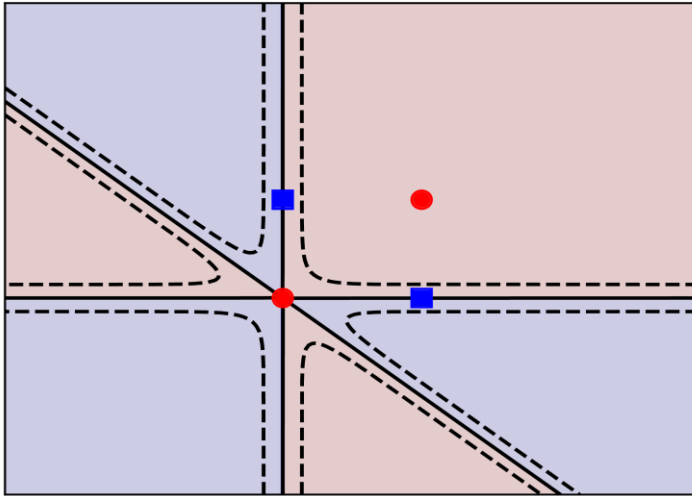
Discussions

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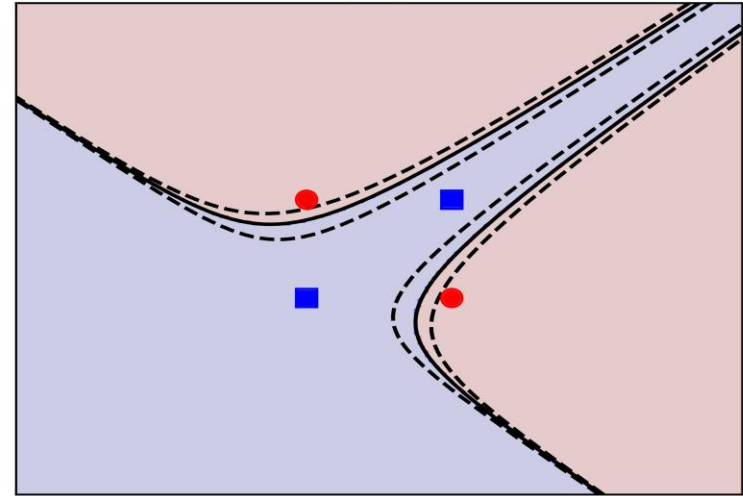
- Radial basic functions are commonly used
- Use polynomial for linear separation
- Sigmoid often performs worst
- Should try a variety of kernels for a given problem

Discussions -- Examples

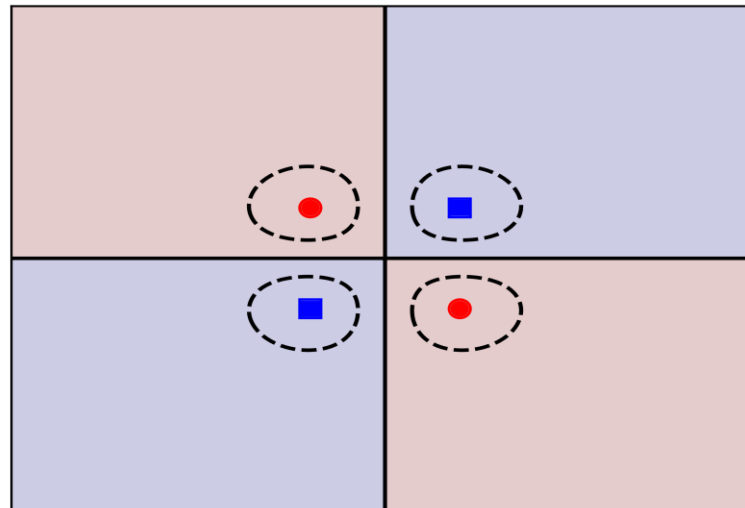
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poly

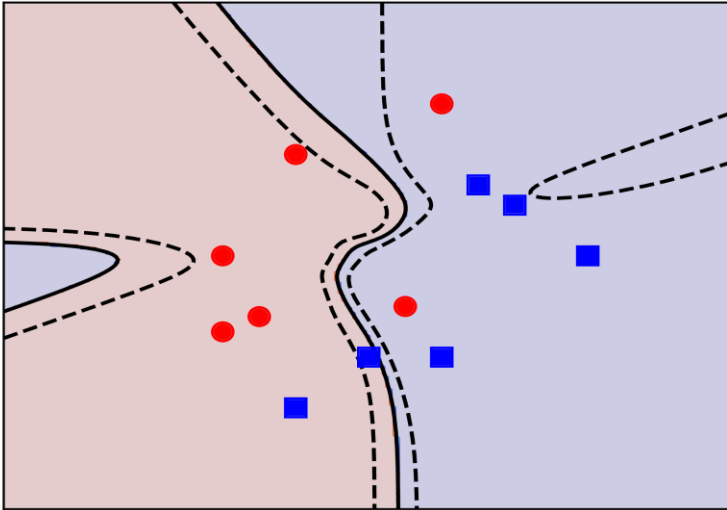


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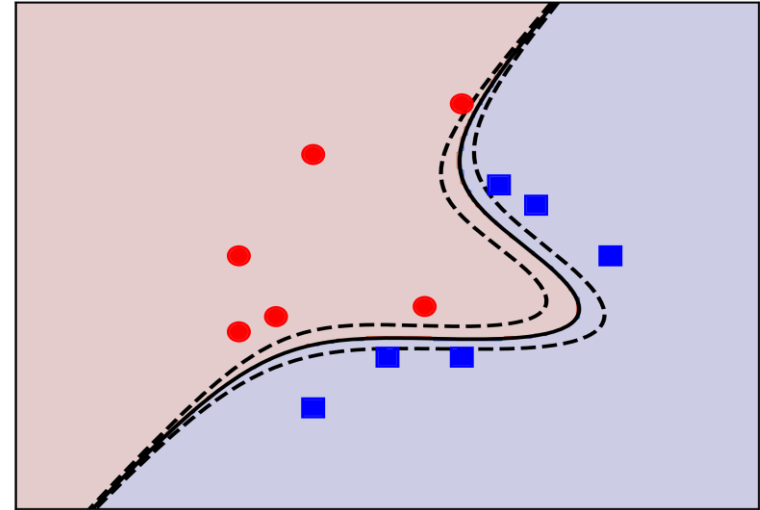


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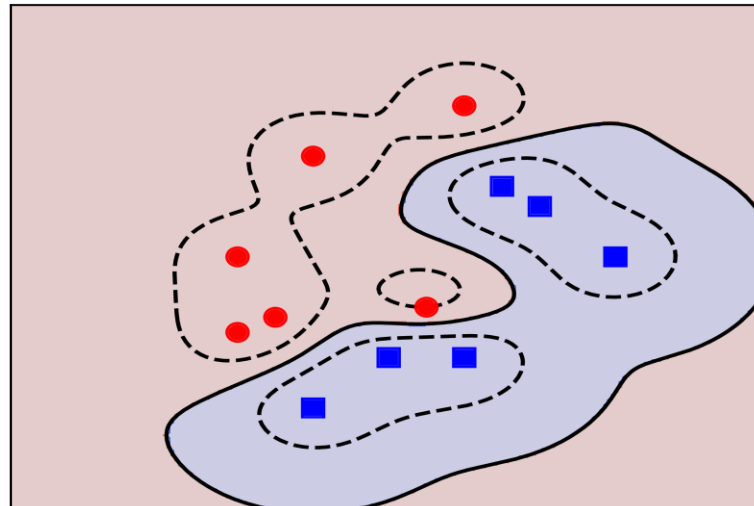
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Discussions

- Support vector clustering (for unsupervised learning), a fundamental method in data science
- Multiclass SVM:
 - ❖ multiple binary classification problems:
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F11494683_28.
 - ❖ single optimization problem:
<http://jmlr.csail.mit.edu/papers/volume2/crammer01a/crammer01a.pdf>

Discussions

- **Support vector regression (SVR)** (Vladimir N. Vapnik)

Minimize $\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{\mathbf{c}}\|^2$

subject to
$$\begin{cases} y^{(i)} - \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \leq \varepsilon \\ \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \leq \varepsilon \end{cases} \quad (\text{where } \varepsilon \geq 0)$$

- **Least squares support vector machine (LS-SVM):** (Suykens and Vandewalle)

Discussions

- **Mathematical issues?**

1. Kernels (Reproducing kernels, Frames, Separable, etc.)
2. Regularization and stability (Tikhonov)

$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} L(\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{K}), \quad \text{where } \mathcal{R}(f) = \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$$

$$L(\mathbf{c}) = \sqrt{c_1^2 + \cdots + c_M^2} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M \max(0, 1 - y^{(i)} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$$

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$$

Discussions

- **Transductive support vector machines (semi-supervised learning):** The training and test sets are minimized together.

Training set: $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n, y^{(i)} \in \{-1, 1\}\}_{i=1}^M$

Test set: $\mathcal{D}^* = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mid \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}_{i=1}^N$

- **Manifold learning for semi-supervised learning:**

$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} L(\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{R}(f),$$

$$\mathcal{R}(f) = \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + \gamma_I \|f\|_I^2$$

$$\|f\|_I^2 = \frac{1}{(M+N)^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{M+N} W_{ij} (f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f(\mathbf{x}_j))^2$$