



# Summer School ML

## *V Non-Linear Models*

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## Basic Types of Machine Learning Algorithms

Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning

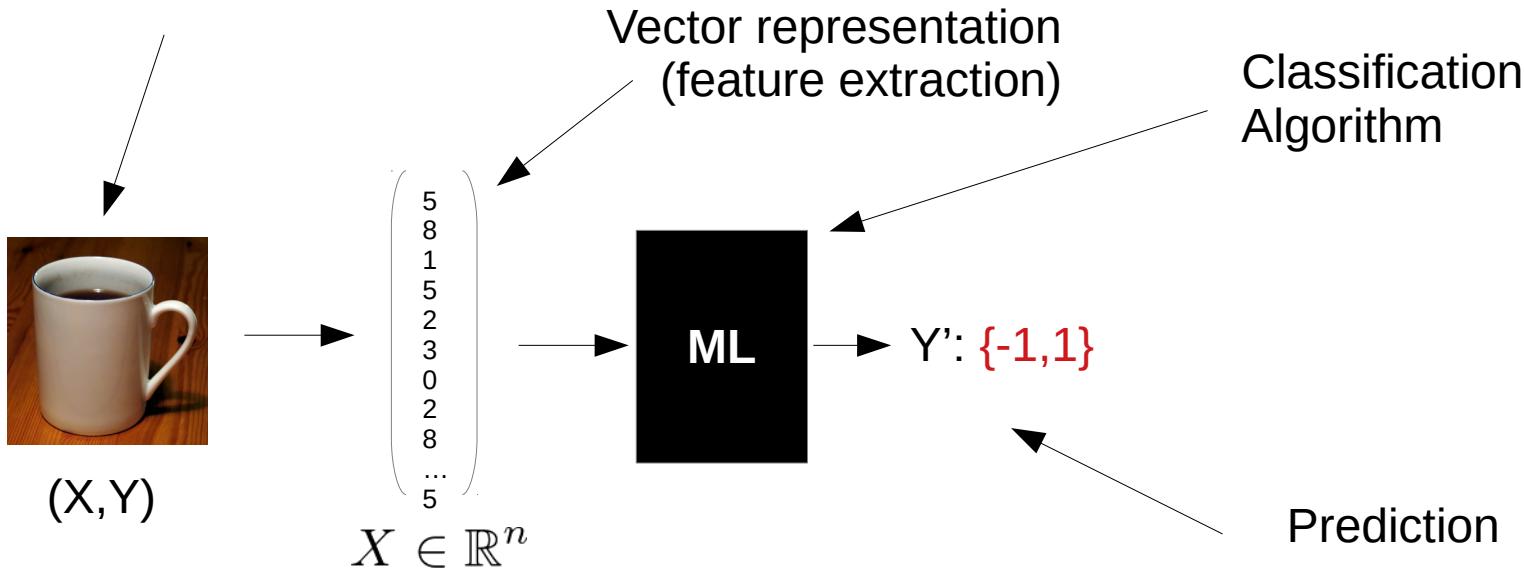
Reinforcement Learning

- Labeled data
- Direct and quantitative evaluation
- Learn model from „ground truth“ examples
- Predict unseen examples

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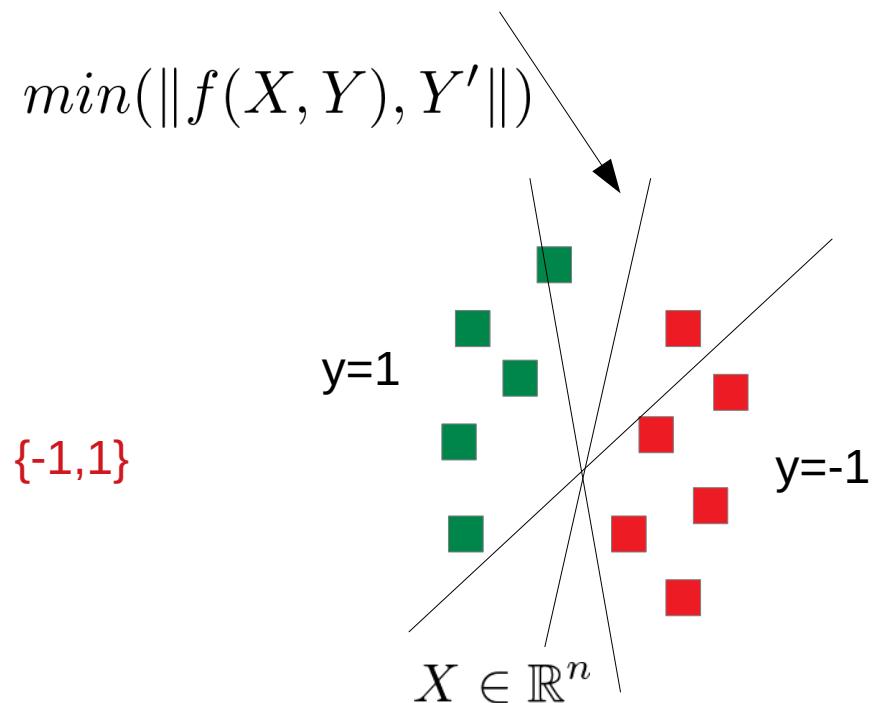
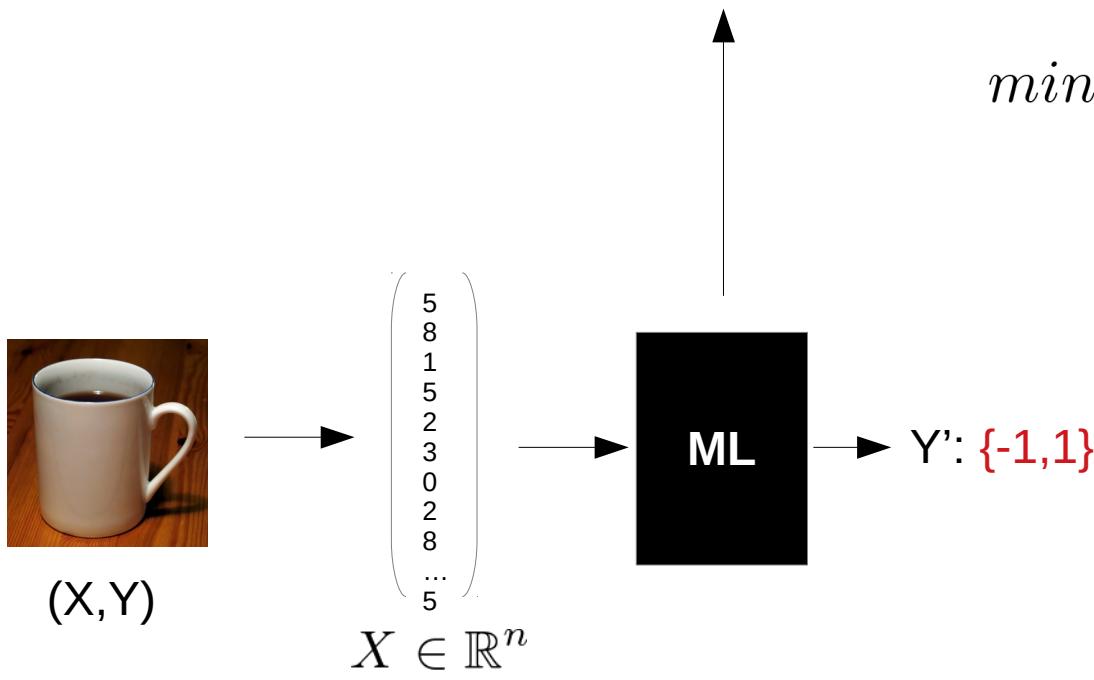
## Supervised Learning: Annotated Training Data

Annotated Train Data



# Recall: Classification

**LEARNING:** is a optimization problem → Finding the best function separating



# Recall: Linear Classifier

A Simple Linear Model: **binary** classification

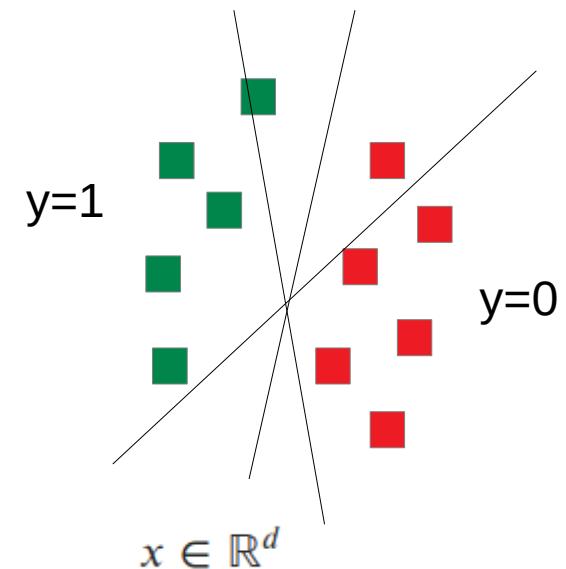
Parameterization of prediction function  $f$   
with  $d$ -dimensional data as:

$$f(x) = y' = w^T x = \sum_{j=0}^d w_j x_j$$

With data samples  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Model parameters  $w \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Model: hyper plane



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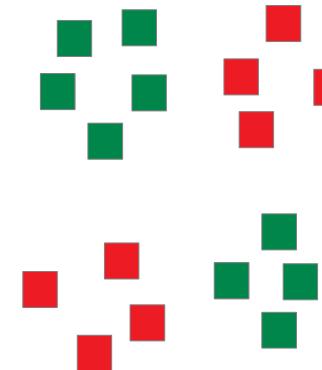
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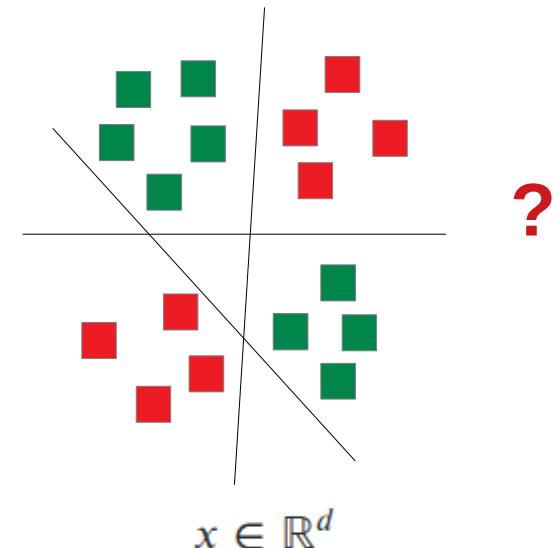
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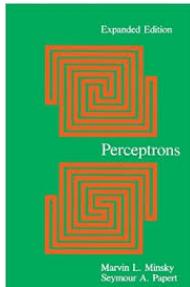
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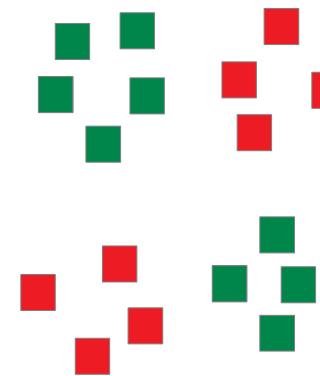
Example:

- known as “X-Or” Problem
- one reason for the so-called “AI Winter”



Caused by the Minsky book  
On the shortcomings of the  
First neural networks...

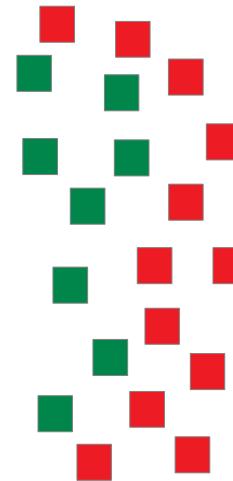
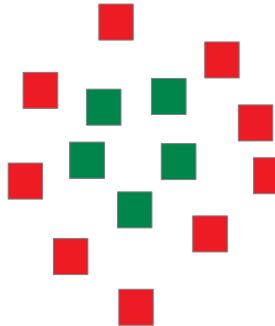
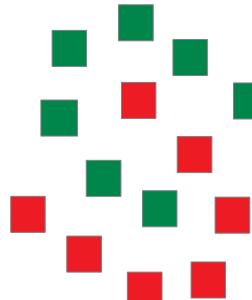
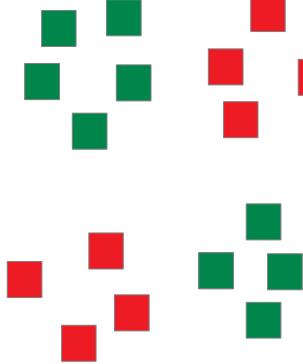
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More simple (binary 2D) examples:



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- **very high dimensional feature spaces often time allow linear models to Separate the data**
- **very simple (linear) model even can be of advantage in theses settings:**
  - “curse of dimensionality”
  - Avoid overfitting

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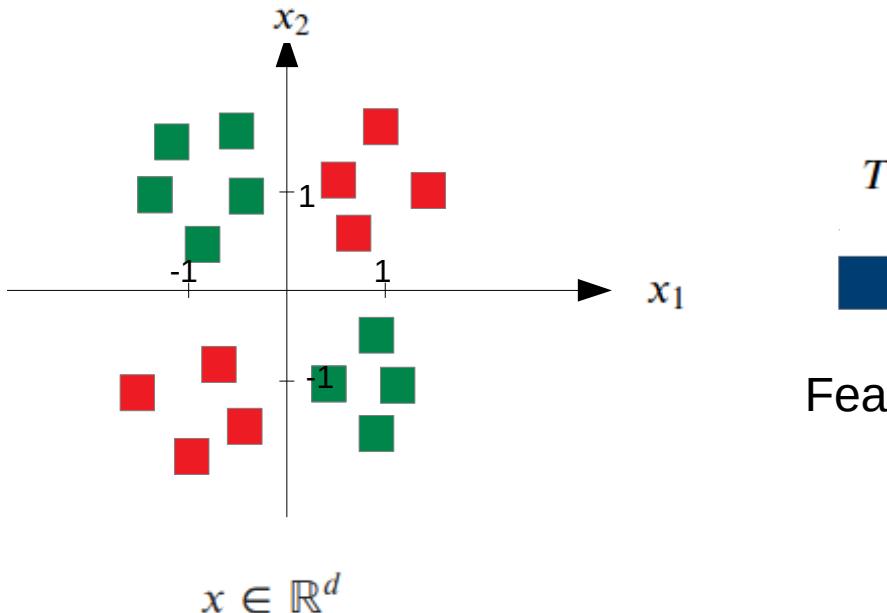
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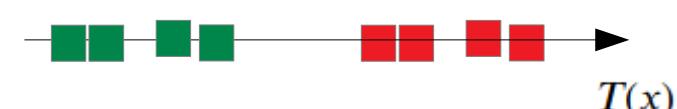
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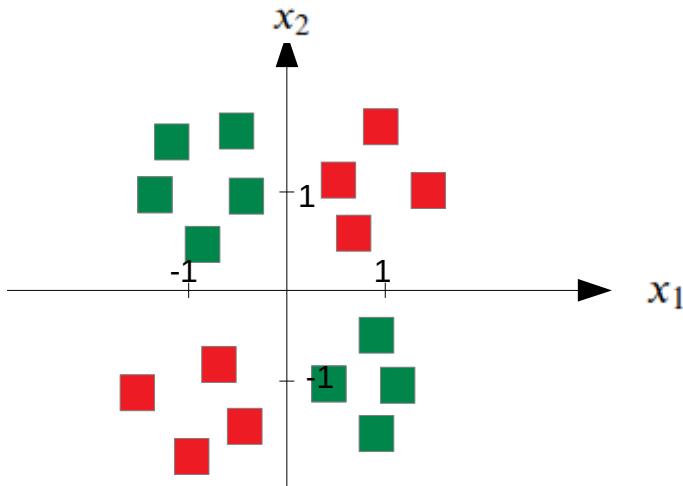
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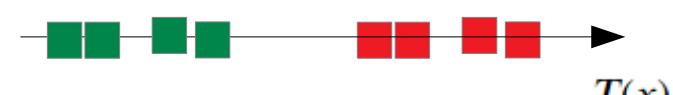
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**NOTE:** just an example, usually not  
That simple for real data.

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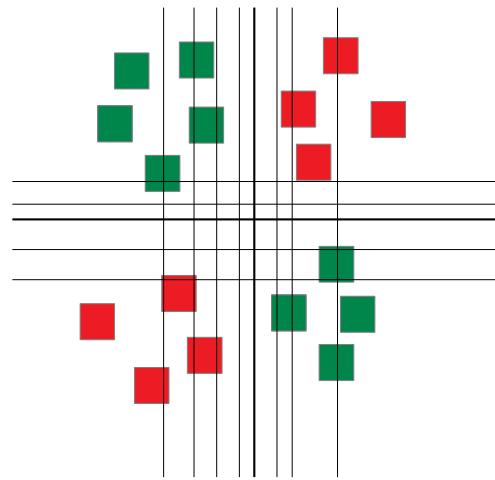
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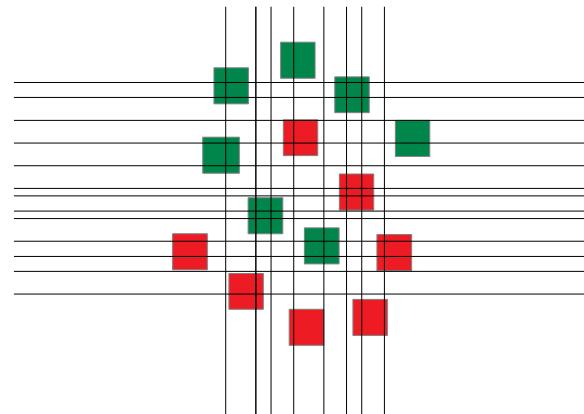
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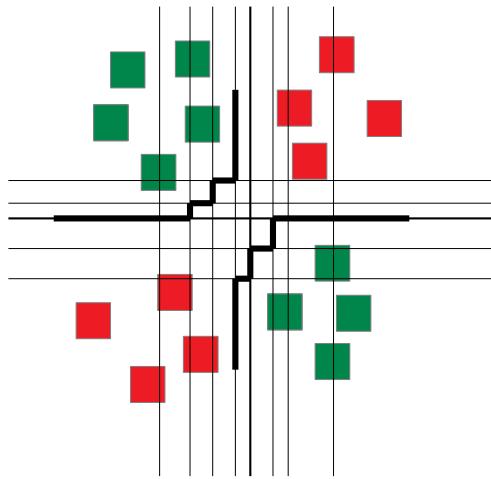
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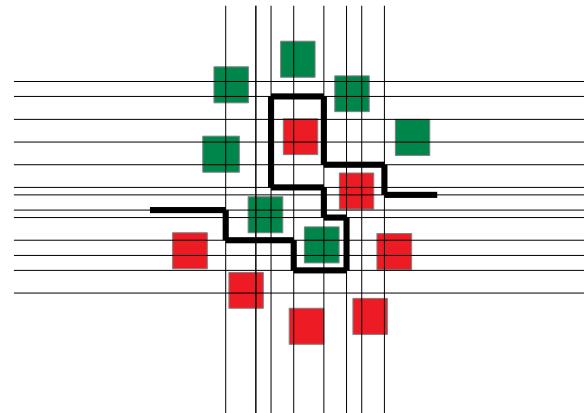
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2. use ensembles of linear models → approximation of non-linear models by piece-wise linear models



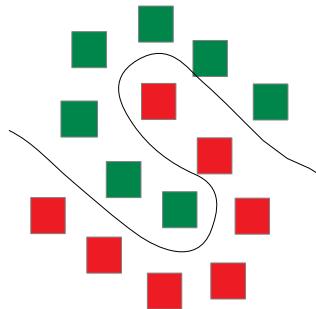
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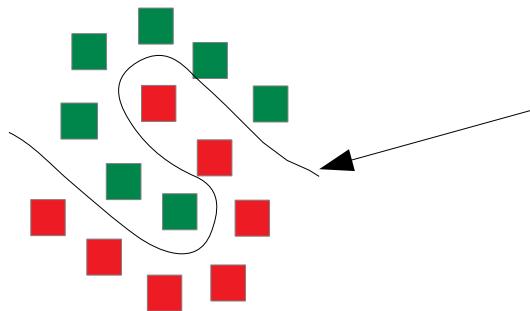
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How to parameterize the non-linear model?

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Step I: add a very simple element-wise  
non-linear mapping.

(like in the previous feature extraction example)

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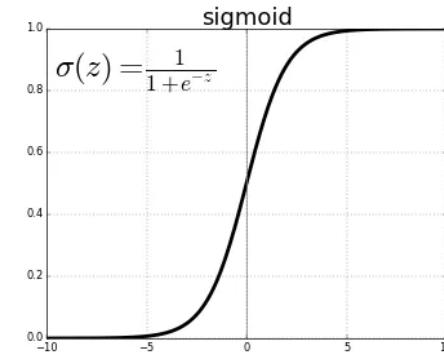
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**Properties:**

- Between 0 and 1 → pseudo probability interpretation
- Stable range of output → gradient optimization



Common choices:

- **Sigmoid function**
- Tanh
- ...

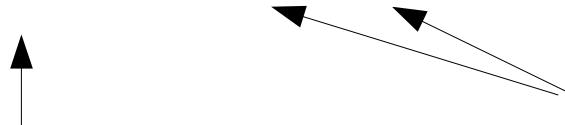
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$W$  are now Matrices to produce vector outputs

Step II: concatenate several of these operations

(like we do in the ensemble approach )

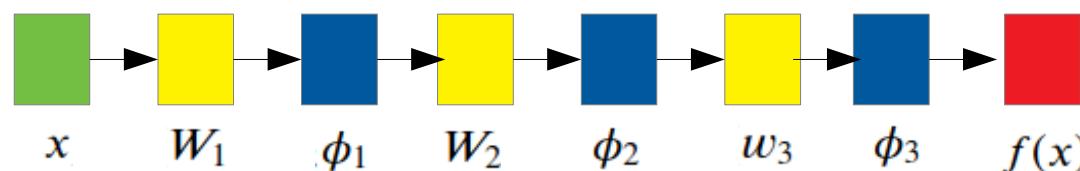
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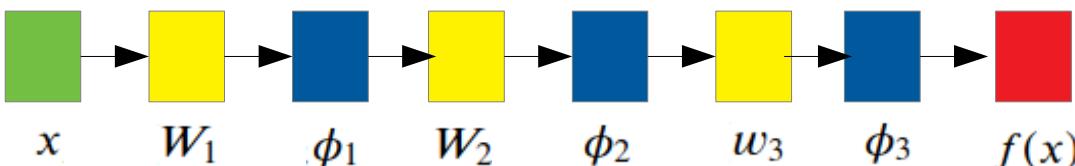
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**Note:** there is a theoretical prove that we need only two concatenations to approximate any smooth function if the W are large enough!



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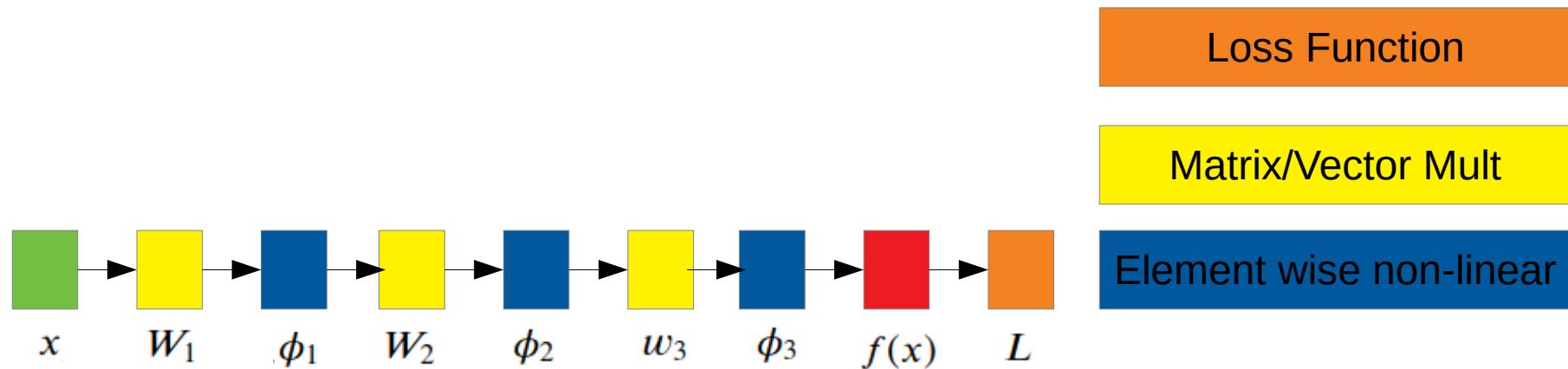
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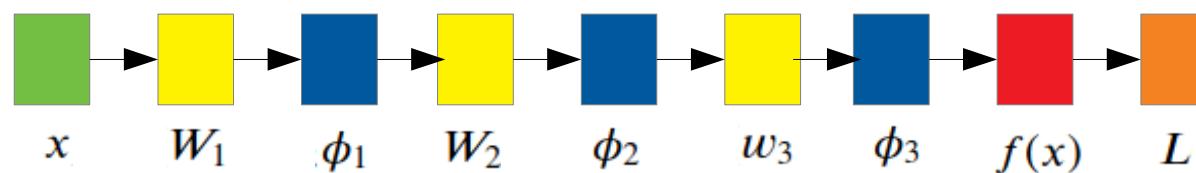
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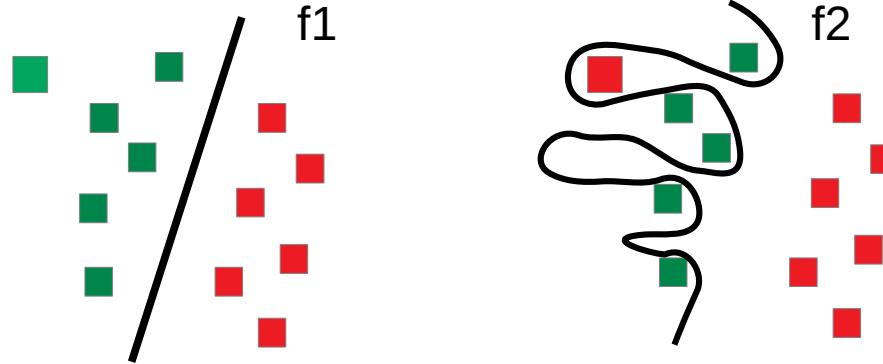
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Recall **OVERRFITTING**

Model “to close” to train data

With non-linear model much more likely to happen in practice.

→ we need to work against this...



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## Adding regularization term to the Loss function

→ here L2 regularization:

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All parameters to be learned

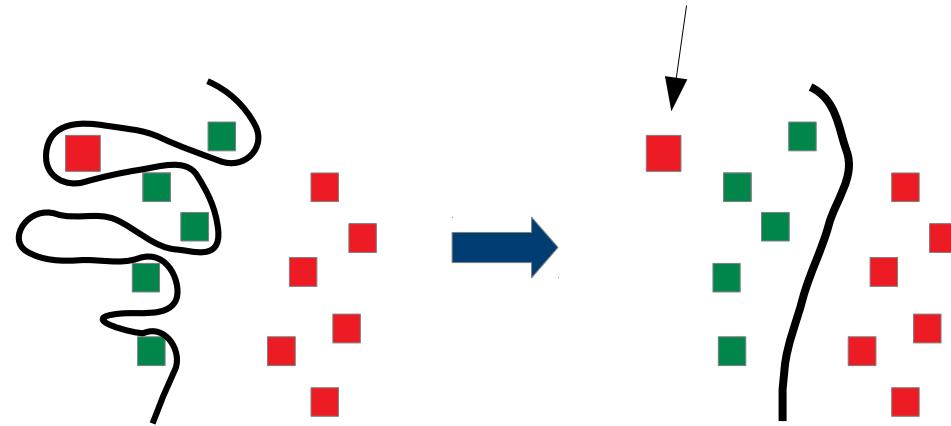
Scalar hyper parameter: impact of regularization

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→ L1 regularization:

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Regularization will punish high parameter values  
 → smoother model  
 → training errors allowed !

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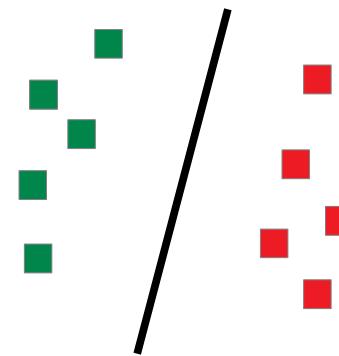
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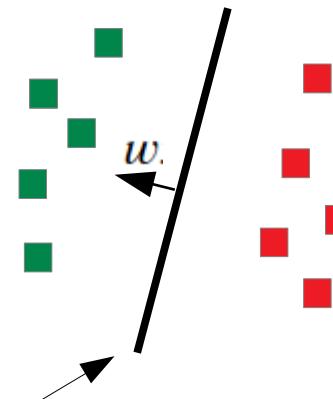


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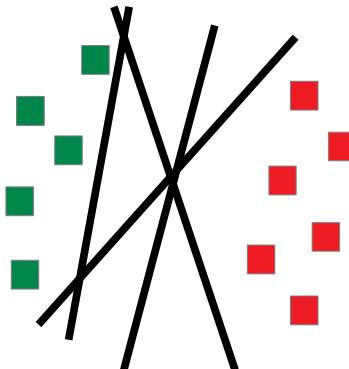
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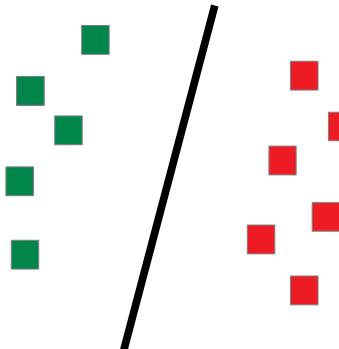


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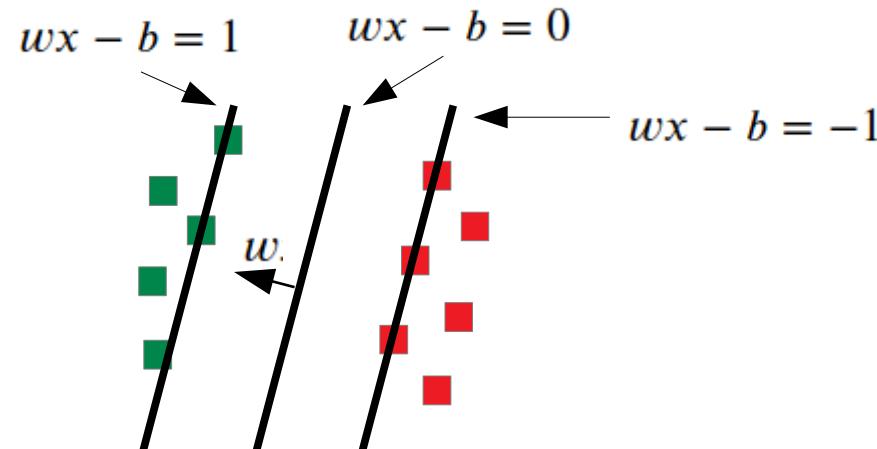
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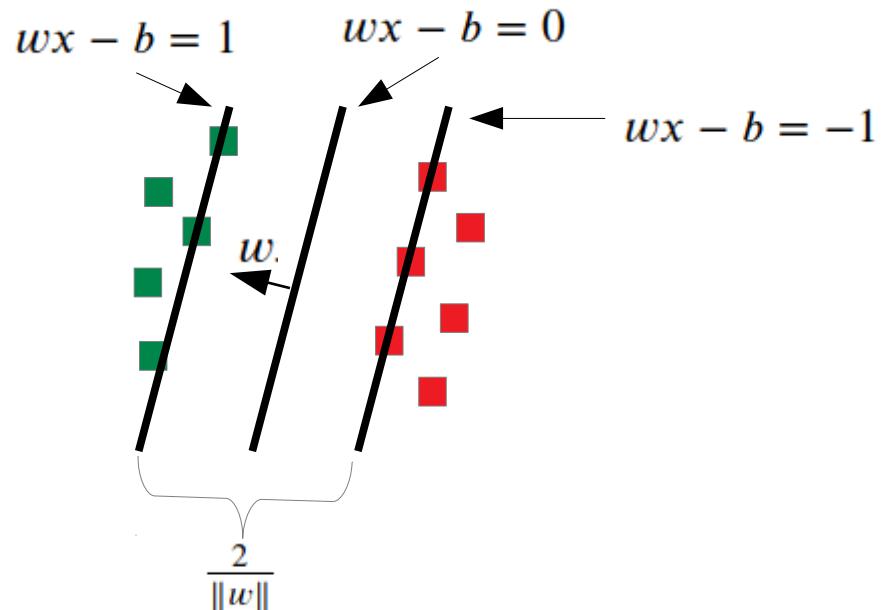
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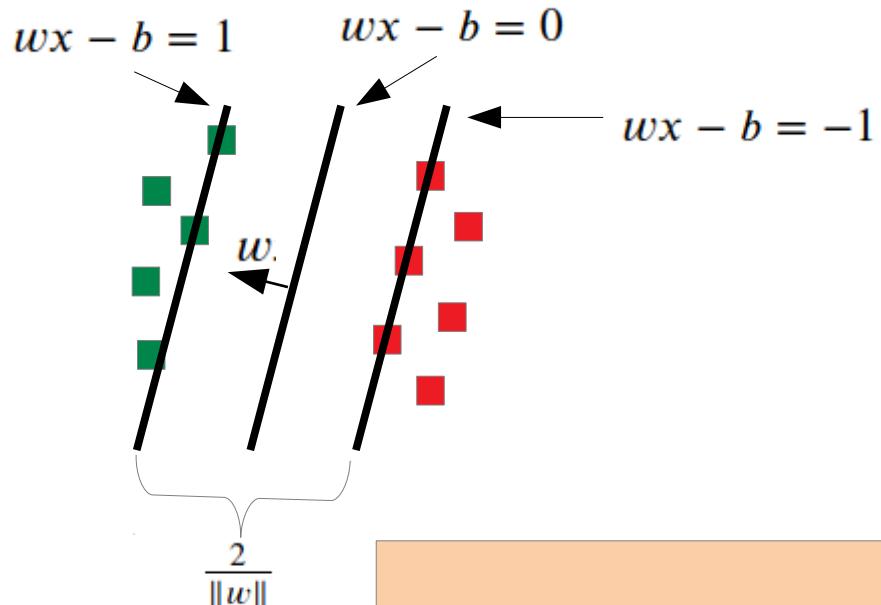
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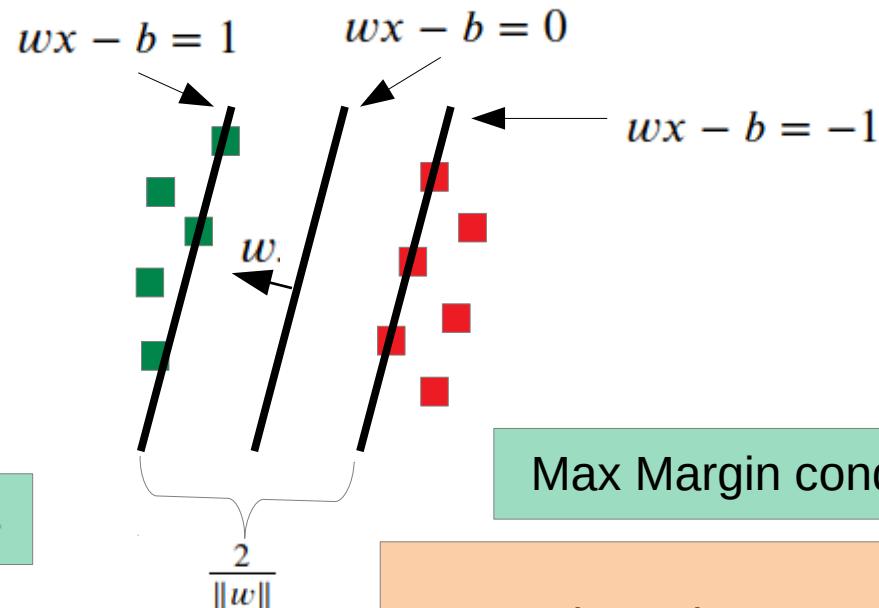
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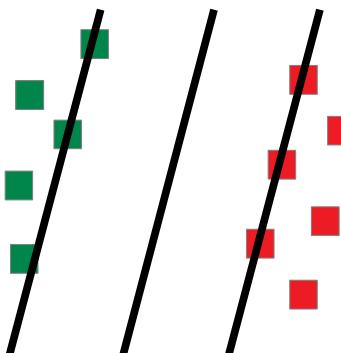
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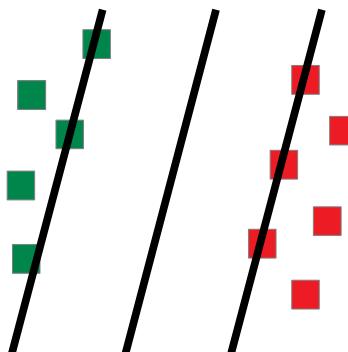
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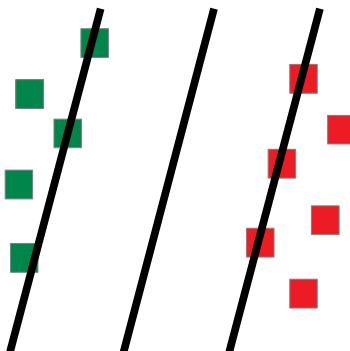
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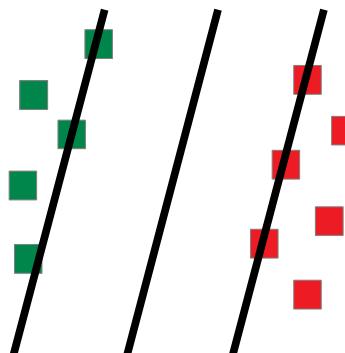
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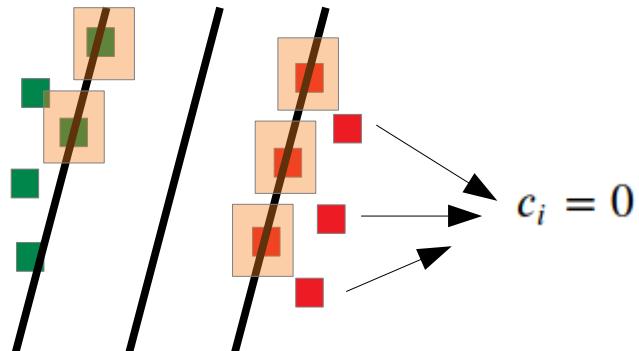
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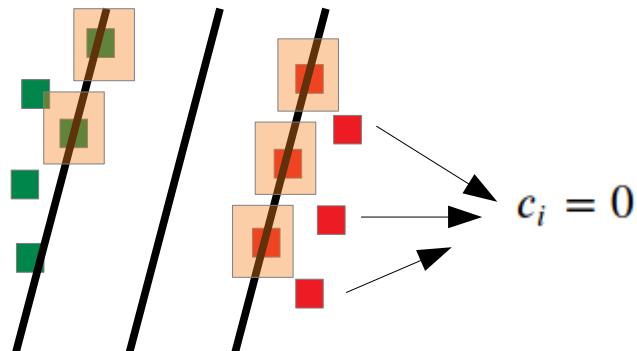
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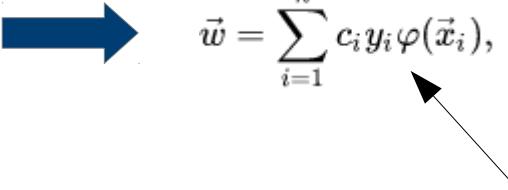
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“Kernel Trick”: replace explicit non-linear function by *kernel*

$$k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) = \varphi(\vec{x}_i) \cdot \varphi(\vec{x}_j)$$



Always a dot-product in some space

$$\text{maximize } f(c_1 \dots c_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i c_i (\varphi(\vec{x}_i) \cdot \varphi(\vec{x}_j)) y_j c_j$$

# Support Vector Machines

“Kernel Trick”: replace explicit non-linear function by *kernel*

$$\begin{aligned} k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) &= \varphi(\vec{x}_i) \cdot \varphi(\vec{x}_j) \\ \text{maximize } f(c_1 \dots c_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i c_i (\varphi(\vec{x}_i) \cdot \varphi(\vec{x}_j)) y_j c_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i c_i k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) y_j c_j \end{aligned}$$

re-write

Popular Kernels:

Polynomial (of degree d)

$$k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) = (\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j)^d$$

Gauss (or RBF)

$$k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) = \exp(-\gamma \|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\|^2)$$

# Support Vector Machines

## SVM Inference:

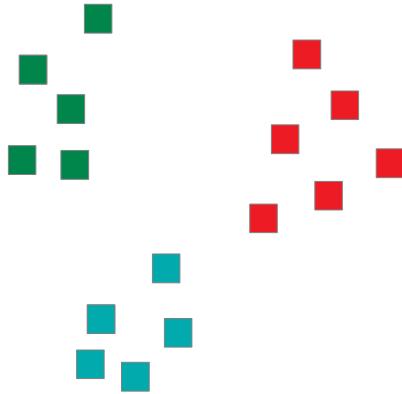
→ evaluate kernel with all Support Vectors and take the sign

$$\vec{z} \mapsto \text{sgn}(\vec{w} \cdot \varphi(\vec{z}) - b) = \text{sgn}\left(\left[\sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{z})\right] - b\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= \vec{w} \cdot \varphi(\vec{x}_i) - y_i = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n c_j y_j \varphi(\vec{x}_j) \cdot \varphi(\vec{x}_i) \right] - y_i \\ &= \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n c_j y_j k(\vec{x}_j, \vec{x}_i) \right] - y_i. \end{aligned}$$

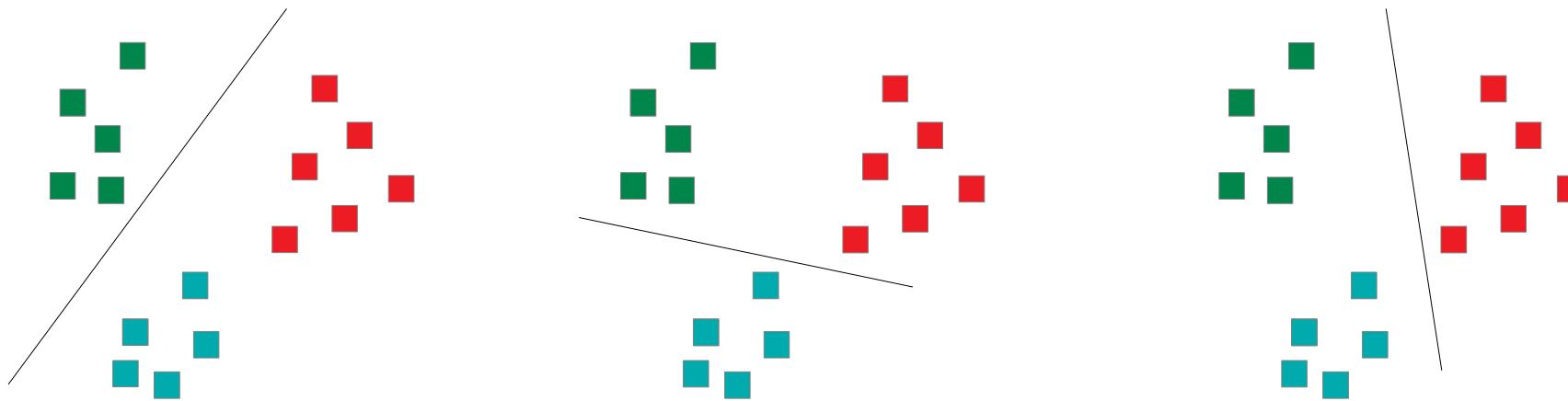
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Multi class problems:



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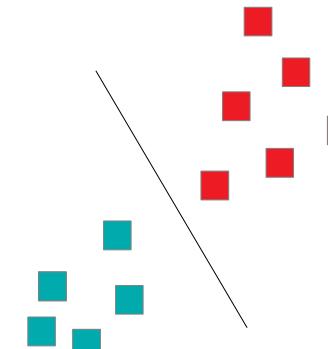
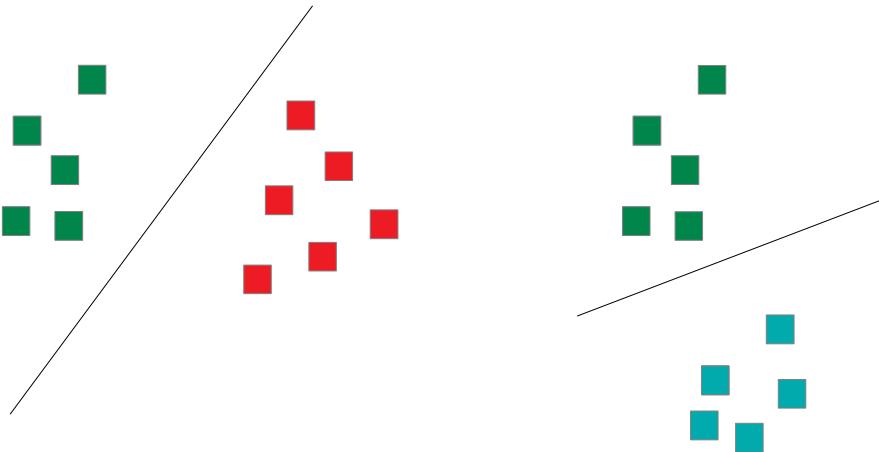
Multi class problems: 1-vs-Rest



N models, take best.

# Support Vector Machines

Multi class problems: 1-vs-1



$N(N-1)/2$  models – tree execution, take best.

## Motivation:

- Modeling a learning problem, we have many parameters to set:
  - Feature extraction algorithm
  - Feature selection and reduction
  - Choice of the learning algorithm
  - Parameters of the learning algorithm
  - ...
- **How to find the best model ?**

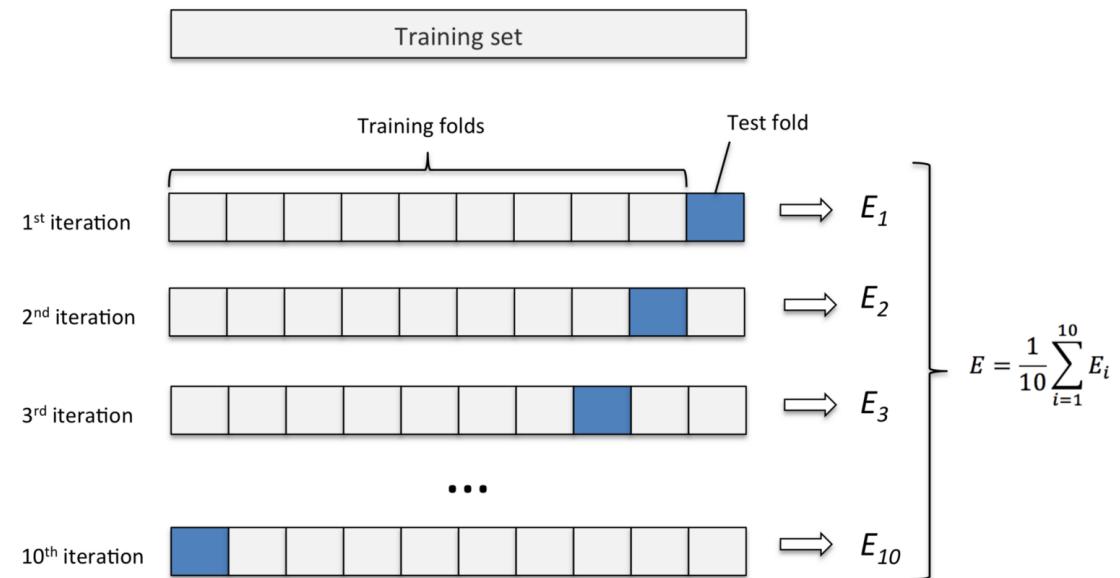
## How to find the best model ?

- We already have quality measures to compare models, like
  - Accuracy
  - F-Measure
  - ROC
  - ...
- **But there are two problems:**
  - Do not over fit on the test data (→ can't test too often to stay unbiased)
  - Computational complexity (→ can't try every possible combination)

## Tuning a model without test data

### Simple approach: n-fold cross validation

- Split train data into n parts
- Train on n-1 parts – test on the left out part
- Repeat n-times, leaving out a different part each time
- Average test results



# Hyper-Parameter Optimization

## How to find the best model ?

- Grid-search over the parameter space
  - Very expensive
  - How to space the grid ?
- **Random Search**
  - Cheaper than grid-search
  - Quite effective
- Bayesian optimization
  - “optimal” next parameter set for testing

**Lab exercises coming up ...**