

Foundations of Machine Learning

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Support Vector Machines

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So far in FoML

- Intro to ML and Probability refresher
- MLE, MAP, and fully Bayesian treatment
- Supervised learning
 - a. Linear Regression with basis functions
 - b. Bias-Variance Decomposition
 - c. Decision Theory - three broad classification strategies
 - d. Neural Networks
- Unsupervised learning
 - a. K-Means, Hierarchical, and GMM for clustering
- Kernelizing linear Models
 - a. Dual representation, Kernel trick



For today

- SVM



Support Vector Machines

- Kernel method with sparse a solution
 - Inference needs kernel function values only at a subset of training data

Support Vector Machines

- Solution for a convex optimization problem
- Applications
 - Classification
 - Regression
 - Anomaly detection



SVM for binary classification



SVM for binary classification

- Setting: linearly separable data with two labels $\{-1, 1\}$
- Model: linear model with fixed basis functions

$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)^T$$

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) + b$$

$$\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N)^T$$

SVM for binary classification

- \exists at least one choice of model parameters to classify the training data correctly

Recap: Perceptron for linearly separable data

- Finds a solution in finite steps
- One of infinite solutions
- May not be best (in some sense)



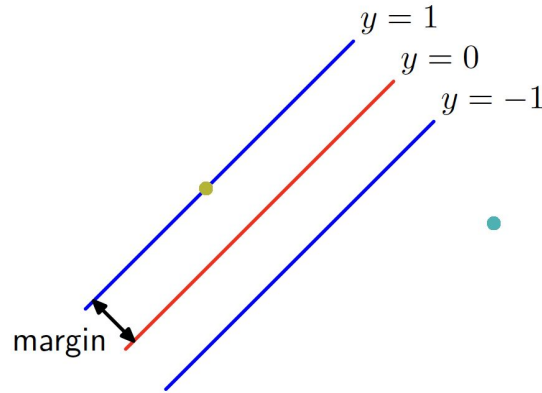
Which one to pick?

- Among the multiple solutions
- We must pick the one that generalizes well
 - how?



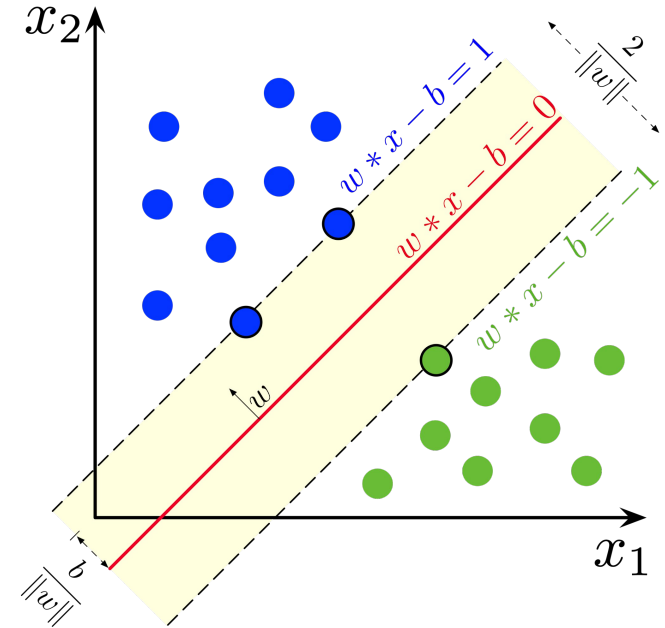
Margin

- SVM approach through 'margin'
- Smallest distance between the decision boundary and any of the samples



Margin

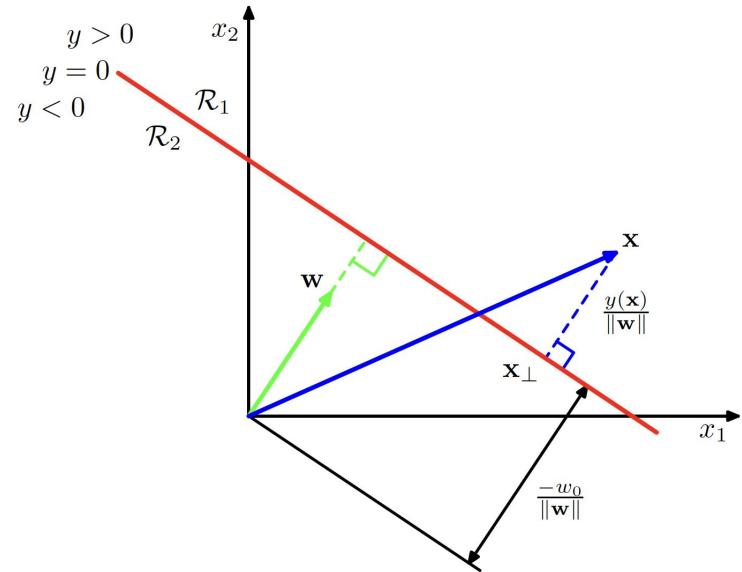
- Decision boundary is chosen to maximize the margin



SVM for binary classification

$$\frac{t_n y(\mathbf{x}_n)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = \frac{t_n (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + b)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}.$$

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \left\{ \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \min_n [t_n (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + b)] \right\}$$



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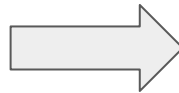
Need to consider the scaling invariance

$$t_n (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + b) \geq 1, \quad n = 1, \dots, N.$$



SVM for binary classification

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$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

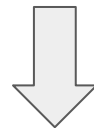
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SVM for binary classification

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{w}, b} \left\{ \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \min_n [t_n (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + b)] \right\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

$$t_n (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + b) \geq 1, \quad n = 1, \dots, N.$$



$$L(\mathbf{w}, b, \mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \{t_n (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + b) - 1\}$$



Next

- SVM (continued)

