

# Hyperplane based Classifiers (3): SVM – Some Extensions

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# Plan

- A co-ordinate ascent based optimization algo for SVM
- Some extensions of binary SVM
  - Multi-class classification using SVM
  - One-class classification (a.k.a. novelty/outlier detection) SVM



# A Co-ordinate Ascent Algorithm for SVM

- Recall the dual objective of soft-margin SVM (assuming no bias  $b$ )

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{0} \leq \alpha \leq C} \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m,n=1}^N \alpha_m \alpha_n y_m y_n \mathbf{x}_m^\top \mathbf{x}_n$$

Note that  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n y_n \mathbf{x}_n$

- Focusing on just one of the components of  $\alpha$  (say  $\alpha_n$ ), the objective becomes

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{0} \leq \alpha_n \leq C} \alpha_n - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n^2 \|\mathbf{x}_n\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n y_n \sum_{m \neq n} \alpha_m y_m \mathbf{x}_m^\top \mathbf{x}_n$$

Can compute these in the beginning itself

Can efficiently compute it if we also store  $\mathbf{w}$ . It is equal to  $\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n - \alpha_n y_n \|\mathbf{x}_n\|^2$

- The above is a simple quadratic maximization of a concave function: Global maxima
- If constraint violated, project  $\alpha_n$  in  $[0, C]$ : If  $\alpha_n < 0$ , set it to 0, if  $\alpha_n > C$ , set it to  $C$
- Can cycle through each coordinate  $\alpha_n$  in a random or cyclic fashion



# Multi-class SVM

- Multiclass SVMs (assuming  $K > 2$  classes) use  $K$  wt vectors  $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K]$

Prediction at test time:  $\hat{y}_* = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}} \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{x}_*$

- Like binary SVM, can formulate a maximum-margin problem (without or with slacks)

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname{arg min}_{\mathbf{W}} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2}{2}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{w}_{y_n}^\top \mathbf{x}_n \geq \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{x}_n + 1 \quad \forall k \neq y_n$$

Score on correct class

Score on an incorrect class  $k \neq y_n$

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname{arg min}_{\mathbf{W}} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2}{2} + C \sum_{n=1}^N \xi_n$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{w}_{y_n}^\top \mathbf{x}_n \geq \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{x}_n + 1 - \xi_n \quad \forall k \neq y_n$$

- The version with slack corresponds to minimizing a multi-class hinge loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \max \left\{ 0, 1 + \max_{k \neq y_n} \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{w}_{y_n}^\top \mathbf{x}_n \right\} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2$$

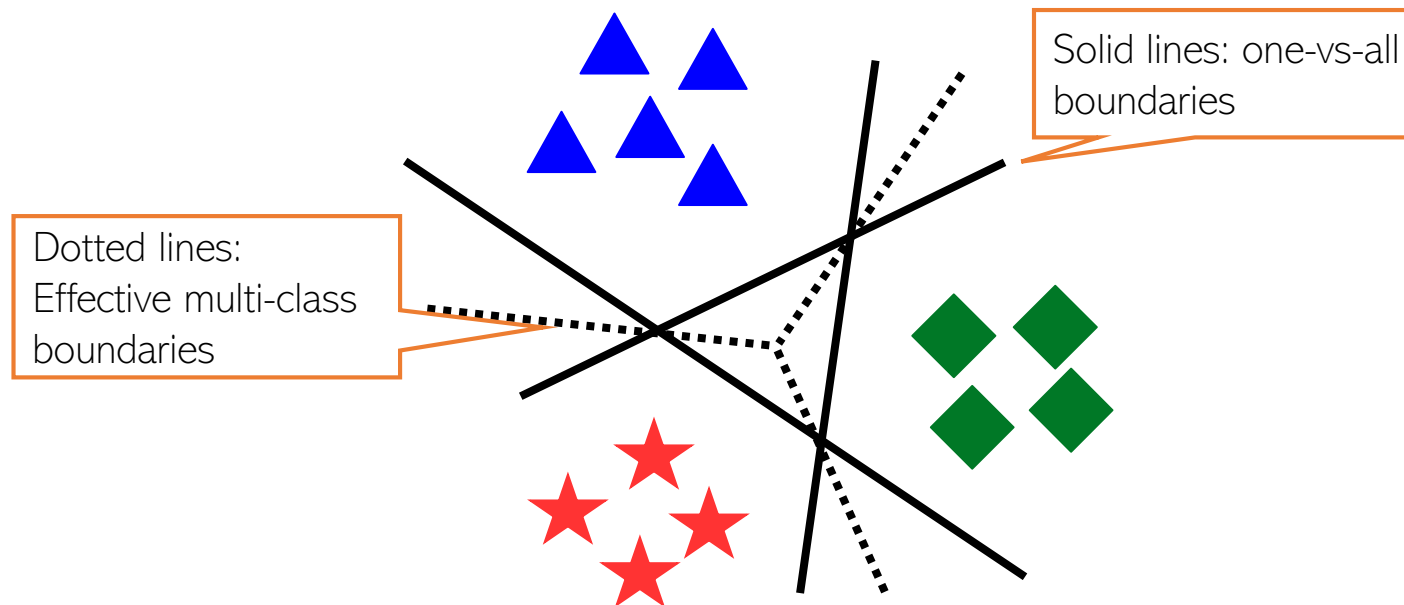
Loss=0 if score on correct class is at least 1 more than score on next best scoring class

Crammer-Singer  
Multi-class SVM



# Multi-class SVM using Binary SVM

- Can use binary classifiers to solve multiclass problems
- One-vs-All** (also called **One-vs-Rest**): Construct  $K$  binary classification problems



- All-Pairs**: Learn  $K$ -choose-2 binary classifiers, one for each pair of classes  $(j, k)$

Whichever class  $k$  wins the most over other classes (or has the largest total scores against all other classes) is the prediction

$$y_* = \arg \max_k \sum_{j \neq k} w_{j,k}^T \mathbf{x}_*$$

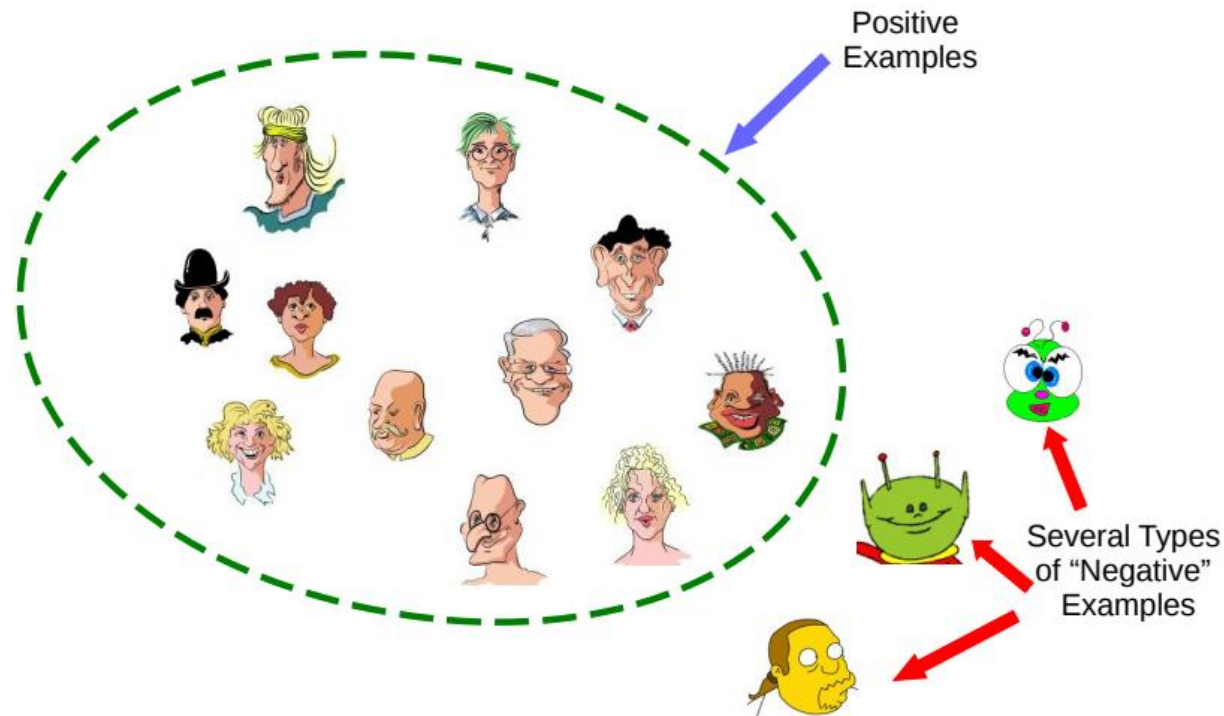
Weight vector of the pairwise classifier for class  $j$  and  $k$

Positive score if class  $k$  wins over class  $j$  in pairwise comparison



# One-class Classification

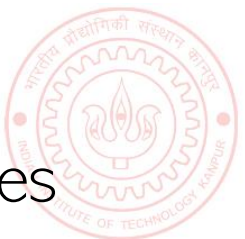
- Can we learn from examples of just one class, say positive examples?
- May be desirable if there are many types of negative examples



"Outlier/Novelty Detection" problems can also be formulated like this



- One-class classification is an approach to learn using only one class of examples

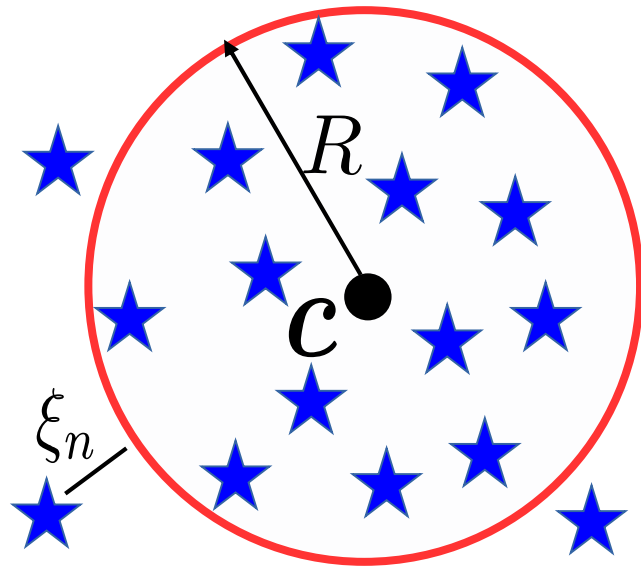


# One-class Classification via SVM-type Methods

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- There are two popular SVM-type approaches to solve one-class problems

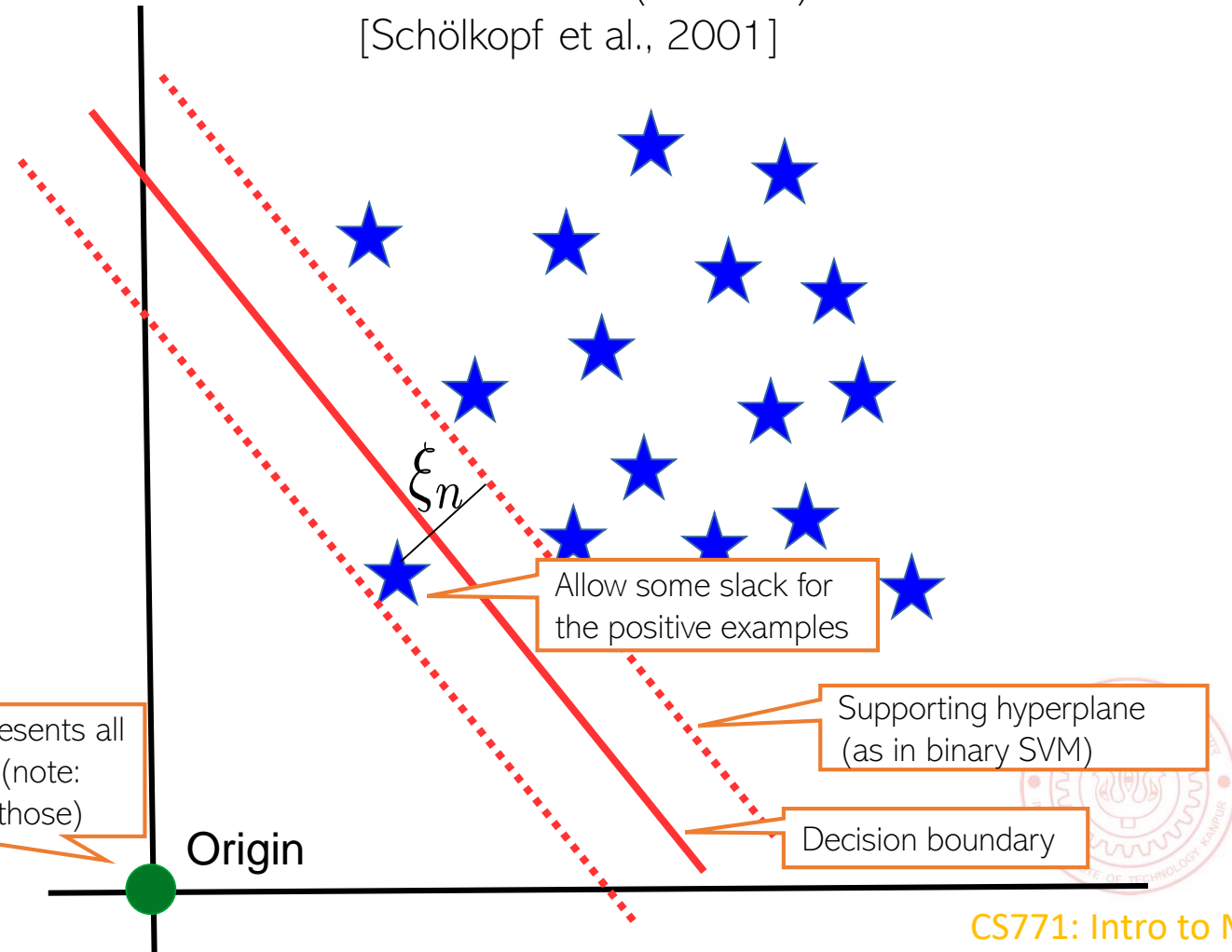
“Support Vector Data Description” (SVDD)  
[Tax and Duin, 2004]



Learn a ball of smallest possible radius  $R$  centered at location  $\mathbf{c}$  that enclosed all positive examples (all some positives to “slack off” and fall outside)

Pretend that origin represents all the negative examples (note: we aren't given any of those)

“One-Class SVM” (OC-SVM)  
[Schölkopf et al., 2001]



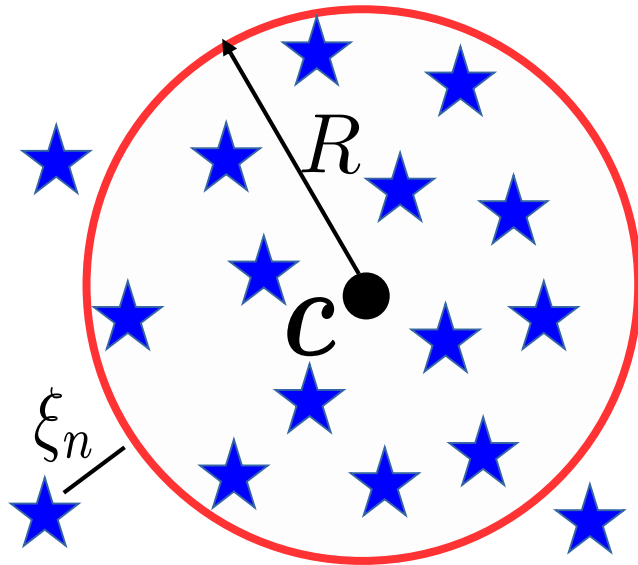
Allow some slack for the positive examples

Supporting hyperplane (as in binary SVM)

Decision boundary

# One-class Classification via SVM-type Methods

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Want to keep the ball's radius as small as possible

Hyperparameter  $\nu$  to trade-off b/w the two terms

Want to keep training error (sum of slacks) to be small

$$\arg \min_{R, c, \xi} R^2 + \frac{1}{\nu N} \sum_{n=1}^N \xi_n$$

Want all training examples to fall within the ball (up to some slack  $\xi_n$ )

$$\text{s.t. } \|x_n - c\|^2 \leq R^2 + \xi_n \quad \forall n$$

$$\xi_n \geq 0$$

Prediction Rule:  $y_* = +1$  if  $\|x_* - c\|^2 - R^2 < 0$

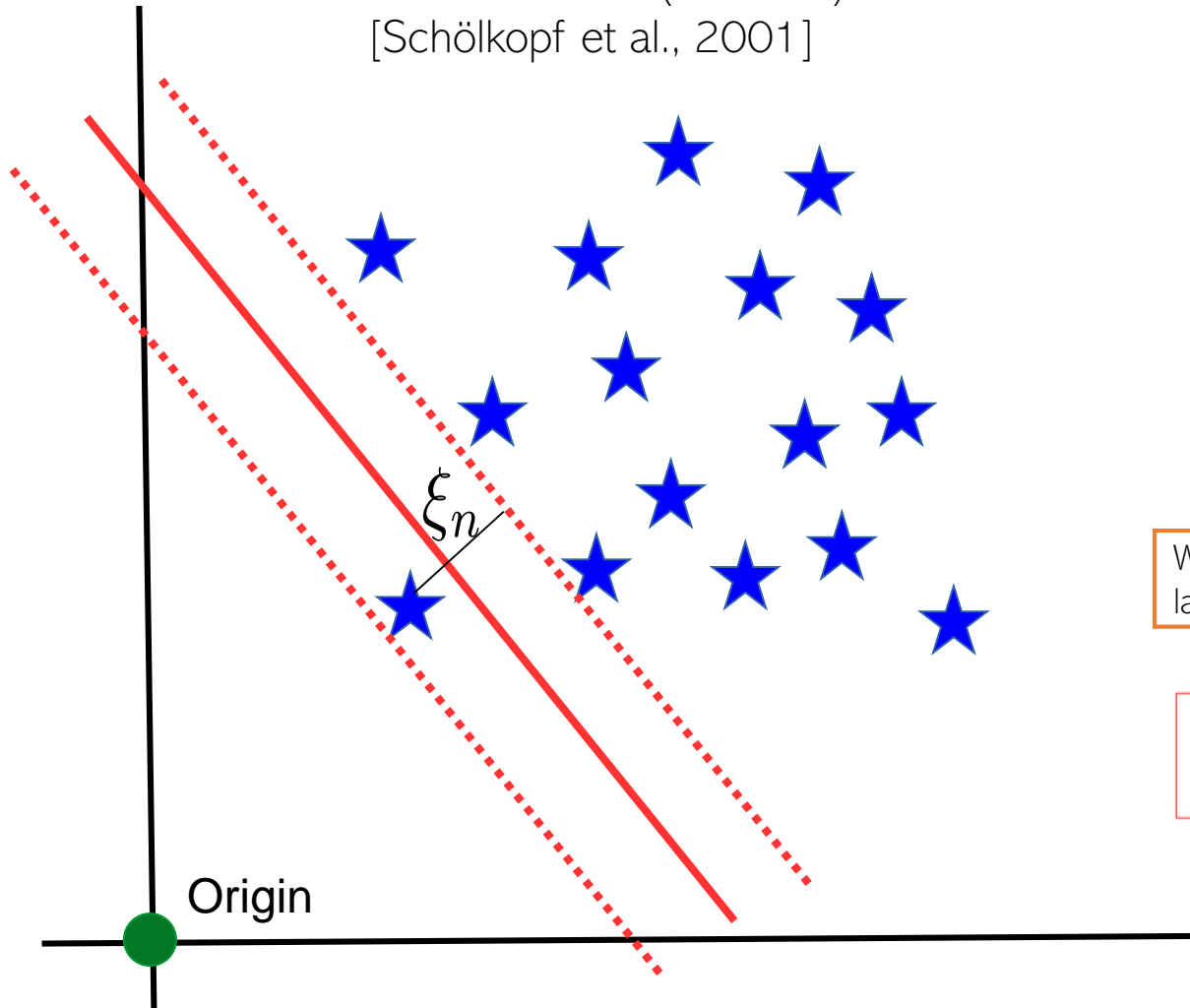




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Maximize the margin  
(similar to binary SVM)

Want to keep training error  
(sum of slacks) to be small

An offset term  
(want it large)

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w}, \rho, \xi} ||\mathbf{w}||^2 + \frac{1}{\nu N} \sum_{n=1}^N \xi_n - \rho$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n \geq \rho - \xi_n \quad \forall n$$
$$\xi_n \geq 0$$

Want a sufficiently  
large score (say  $\rho$ )

Prediction Rule:  $y_* = +1$  if  $\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_* > \rho$



# Coming up next

- Kernel methods and nonlinear SVM via kernels

