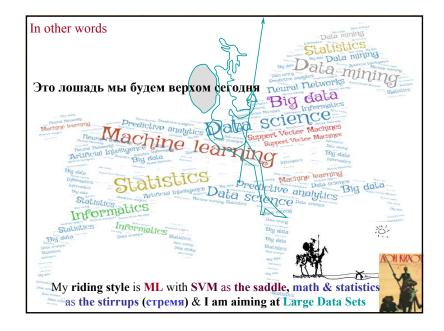
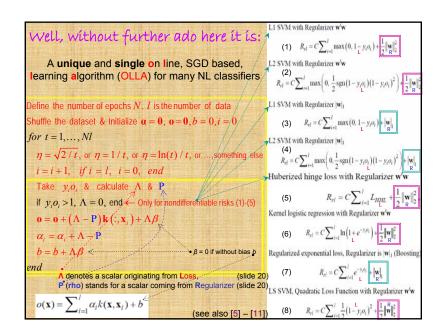


# We design a function o from examples

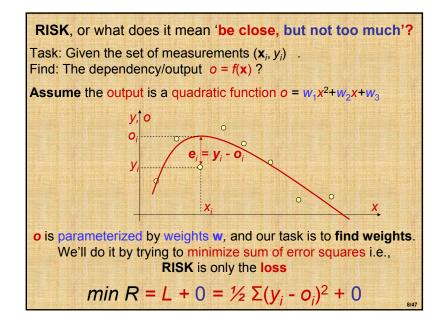
### **Different Views i.e., Issues**

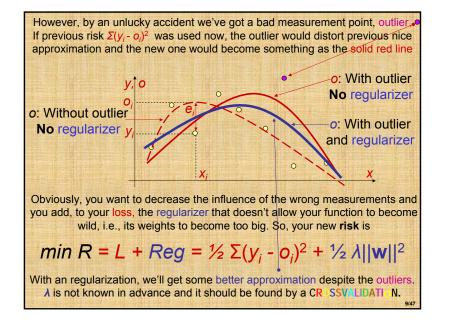
- Statistician: How many examples I need to get good o?
  What is the noise generator? What are the bounds? Are
  the data collected in a way that introduces bias? Are the
  data representative?
- Mathematician: How to represent o? Is there a solution? Is it unique? Is it stable? Can the optimal solution be given in the closed form?
- Operations Researcher: What is the risk function? Is it convex? Are there any constraints? Are they linear?
- Computer Scientist: How to compute o efficiently? Are data in a sparse format or in a dense one? Is the solution sparse or dense? What to cash and when? Can it be done in memory? Parallelize it or not? Algorithmic complexity i.e., Scalability? Is the use of GP GPUs feasible? Should we go to clouds?

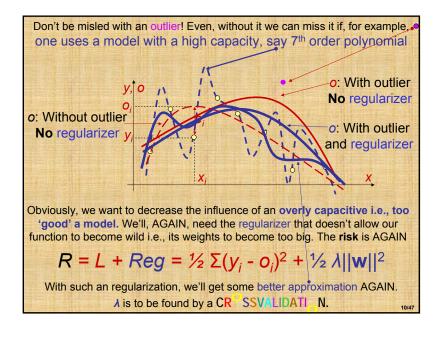


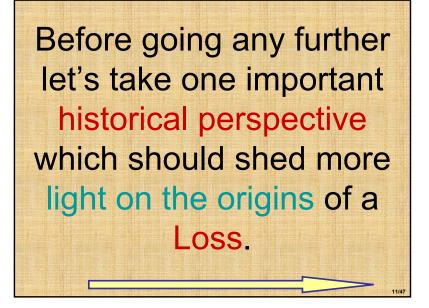




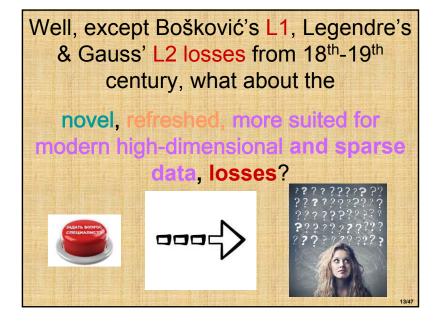


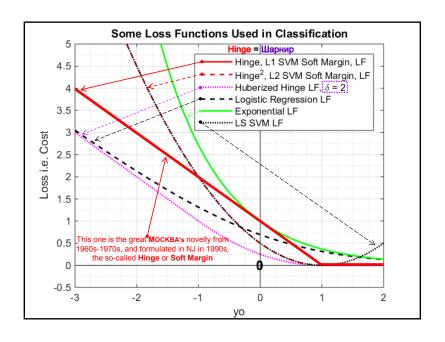


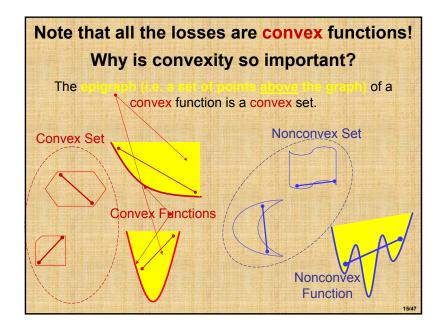




Mid 18<sup>th</sup> century, my countryman©, Serbian-Italian i.e. Ragusan, i.e., Dubrovnik, scientist Ruđer Bošković introduced L1 norm min Σ<sub>i</sub>|y<sub>i</sub> - o<sub>i</sub>| => min Σ<sub>i</sub>|e<sub>i</sub>| He solved it geometrically!
 End of 18<sup>th</sup> and beginning of 19<sup>th</sup> century there were French & German Legendre and Gauss who introduced L2 norm, min ½ Σ<sub>i</sub>(y<sub>i</sub> - o<sub>i</sub>)<sup>2</sup> => min ½ Σ<sub>i</sub>e<sub>i</sub><sup>2</sup> 'Easy' to solve, and they solved it, analytically!
 And, so it was sum-of-error-squares ruled the (data) science for more than 170 years. Still going strong!
 A lot has changed since 1960s-1970s, and all of it has started here in MOCKBA. That's when our story begins!







# Posing the problem 1st way

Consider the finite data set  $D: (\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_l, y_l), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n, y \in \{+1, -1\}, I \text{ data points pairs } (\mathbf{x}_l, y_l), \text{ assumed to be generated independently from the same distribution } P.$ 

Find a decision function (model) o(x) which represents a mapping function  $o: \mathcal{H}^n \to \mathcal{H}$  that (approximately) minimizes the risk (composed as a sum of a loss and an regularizer) given in (1).

$$\inf_{o \in H} R_{rl} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} L(y_i, o(\mathbf{x}_i)) + \lambda \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{o}\|_2^2$$
(1)

Notice the slight change in using penalty parameter C instead of A

where H is a Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS), L denotes loss functionals,  $|| . ||_2$  is the regularizer which is L2 norm and rl stands for regularized loss.

This problem posing differs from a standard risk used in SVMs.

# Posing the problem 2<sup>nd</sup> way

A geometrical approach of a classic SVMs' ([1] - [5])

$$\underbrace{\min_{(\mathbf{w},b)\in H_o x \Re}} = C \sum_{i=1}^{l} L\left(y_i, o_{(\mathbf{w},b)}(\mathbf{x}_i)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$
Loss Regularizer

where  $H_o$  is a general Hilbert space and a function  $o(\mathbf{w}, b)$  is defined in terms of an affine hyperplane specified, i.e., parameterized, by  $(\mathbf{w}, b)$  in this space.

It is important to state that both approaches are equivalent for a fixed value of the bias term b.

([12]

# Stochastic, i.e., Online, Learning

Well, let's minimize the Risk! In our stochastic GD instead of minimizing

$$\underbrace{\min_{i=1}^{l} R_{rl}}_{l} = C \sum_{i=1}^{l} L\left(y_i, o_{(\mathbf{w},b)}(\mathbf{x}_i)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

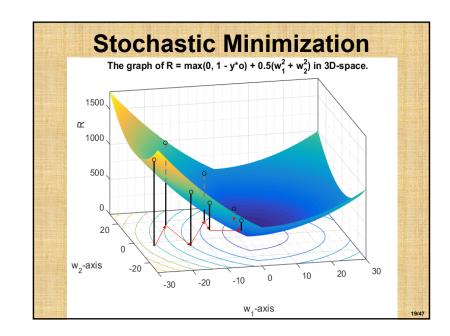
 $(\mathbf{w},b)\in H_o x\Re$  we minimize

$$\underbrace{\min_{(\mathbf{w},b)\in H_0x\Re}} = CL\left(y_i,o_{(\mathbf{w},b)}(\mathbf{x}_i)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

The adjective stochastic origins from the fact that we go from a data point  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to the data point  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1}$  randomly and in each iteration step we minimize R<sub>d</sub> by updating the weight vector w as in the good old perceptron, meaning by using gradient descent

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} - \eta \frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$$

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### $o(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) + b$

Update coefficients L2 SVM with Regularizer w'w for all 8 models here:

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_i + \Lambda - \mathbf{P}$$
$$b = b + \Lambda \beta$$

Huberized hinge loss with Regularizer w'w

$$y_i o_i \le 1 - \delta$$
  $\Lambda = \eta C y_i$   
 $\eta C y_i (1 - y_i o_i)$ ,  $P = \eta \alpha$ 

 $1 - \delta < y_i o_i \le 1 \qquad \Lambda = \frac{\eta C y_i \left(1 - y_i o_i\right)}{s} \; , \quad P = \eta \alpha_i$ 

Kernel logistic regression with Regularizer www

$$\Lambda = \frac{\eta C y_i}{\left(1 + e^{y_i o_i}\right)}, \qquad \qquad P = \eta e^{-i \phi_i}$$

Exponential loss with Regularizer |w|1 (Boosting)

$$\Lambda = \frac{\eta C y_i}{e^{y_i \phi_i}}$$

 $P = \eta sgn(\alpha_i)$ 

LS SVM, Quadratic Loss Function with Regularizer www

 $\Lambda = \eta C y_i (1 - y_i o_i),$ 

L1 SVM with Regularizer w'w

 $\Lambda = \eta C y_i$ ,

$$\Lambda = \eta C y_i (1 - y_i o_i), \quad P = \eta \alpha_i$$

 $P = \eta \alpha_i$ 

L1 SVM with Regularizer |w|1

$$\Lambda = \eta C y_i,$$
  $P = \eta \operatorname{sgn}(\alpha_i)$ 

L2 SVM with Regularizer |w|1

$$\Lambda = \eta C y_i (1 - y_i o_i), \quad P = \eta \operatorname{sgn}(\alpha_i)$$

A curiosity: Compare L2 SVM and LS-SVM both with w'w regularizer Updates are same, algorithms are not! What's the difference? The LS SVM's loss function is both continuous and differentiable and the tiny loop  $y_i o_i > 1$  in the code doesn't apply. Consequences:

L2 SVM is sparse, LS SVM is dense

# **Example: Derivation of an OL Algorithm for**

L2 SVM with ||w||<sup>2</sup> Regularizer Minimize Minimize  $R_{rl} = C \max \left( 0, \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn} \left( 1 - y_i o_i \right) \left( 1 - y_i o_i \right)^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \| \mathbf{w} \|_2^2$ Section 1,  $y_i o_i < 1$ :  $\frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = -Cy_i \left( 1 - y_i (\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{x}_i + b) \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{w}$ Section 1 Section 2  $\frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial b} = -Cy_i \left( 1 - y_i (\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{x}_i + b) \right)$ 

$$\frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial x} = -Cy_i \left( 1 - y_i (\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{x}_i + b) \right) \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{w}$$

 $\frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial b} = -Cy_i \left( 1 - y_i (\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{x}_i + b) \right)$ 

$$(\mathbf{x}_i + b)$$
  $\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{o}_i < 1$   $\partial R_{rl} = 0$ 

Section 2,  $y_i o_i >= 1$ :  $\frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{w}$ ,  $\frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial b} = 0$ Having the gradients, use the SGD equation  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} - \eta \frac{\partial R_{rl}}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$  (slide 18), and an equivalent one for b, and you'll get the update coefficients for the L2 SVM in a kernel space as

$$\Lambda = \eta C y_i \left( 1 - y_i o_i \right)$$

and the updates for the coefficients of expansions are  $\alpha_i = \alpha_i + \Lambda - \mathbf{P}$ 

SGD has been known for "ages" !!! СГД был известен "возрастов" !!!

The whole NN field, and its famous EBP, in 1980s, and later, is based on the good old SGD. This includes the newest algorithm dubbed "Deep Learning" (DL). Here, at the conference Neuroinformatics 2016 in Moscow, there are both a plenary presentation & papers on DL and many articles on NN.

What is then, if anything, new, different, exclusive, in proposed OLLA here?

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# A: Related to Classifiers and Risks 1: Should one use bias term b or not (if not, β = 0, ctherwise β = 1)? 2: Should one use regularizer and if so which one | |w||<sub>1</sub> or |w||<sub>1</sub> or |...???, & if not, P = 0, otherwise it is as given an above 20)? B: Related to the SGD procedure 3: Should the update procedure 4: or, by using the worst violator? 5: How heave experimental answers are in [14,15])? What is the stopping state() (some experimental answers are in [14,15])? 7: How to calculate the final weights vector to the king the last, everaging α over a in exacts, averaging over the last 10% of α changes of ...? [14] 8: Now to choose learning rate y that 1/t, or 2/1t, or ...? 10: Can the use of more than improve the convergence? 10: Why not as the second order information value, why not perform a

Newton-Raphson step instead of an SGD? Does it improve? I think Yes!

- 12. What at au' hyperparameter values C, Gaussian's shape parameter σ, polynomial order,...? Well, we always have CR SSV LIDATI N

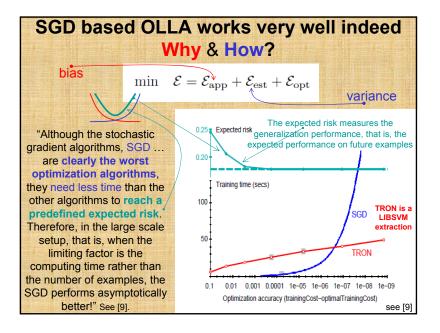
C: Related to the classic issues of kernelized classifiers

OLLA performs really good on many datasets. Why & How?

- 11. Gaussian or Polypernial kernel, or, ...?

**Issues** (in fact, **Plenty of Issues**)

Classic Actually, a few, but important things: 1 The risk of classic NNs is typically loss only, which is sum-oferrors squares  $R = \sum (y_i - o_i)^2$ . Sure, they were regularizing too and this was dubbed ridge regression i.e., weight decay. 2 In addition, a classic NN optimizes both the HL weights (which define the positions & shapes of basis functions) and the OL ones. This then often leads to non-convex optimization. 3 Model's sparsity, i.e. size, represented by the # of HL neurons doesn't result from the learning. Crossvalidation is needed. 4 – For SVMs the **risk** is composed of both, basically, novel (osses) and, essentially, old regularizers but with a new meaning of e.g., ||w||. 5 - The so-called OL weights are optimized only while the HL ones are kept predefined i.e., fixed. Convexity @ . 6 - Also, kernels are applied here, which brought a lot of novel insights into the whole ML learning field. 7 – Model's sparsity (# of SVs/neurons) arises from the learning.



### Claims about OLLA feasibility for large datasets 1

- First, what is the large dataset?
- It's a changing notion, but as of today we'll use adjective large whenever, say, one has around, more or much more than 1 million samples, or

stated in PC's CPU training time, whenever CPU time goes over, say, 1 day, or in terms of PC's memory, whenever we can't store data and/or design matrices in memory,

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### Claims about OLLA feasibility for large datasets 2

Major speeding up "trick" is implemented when instead of a 'classic' calculation of  $o_i$  by computing a vector, dot, product  $\mathbf{k}_i^*\mathbf{\alpha}$  as

$$o_i = \mathbf{k} \left( \mathbf{x}_i, : \right) \mathbf{\alpha} + b$$

we used a scalar-vector product in the line

$$\mathbf{o} = \mathbf{o} + (\Lambda - P) \mathbf{k} (:, \mathbf{x}_i) + \Lambda \beta$$

For large datasets, this is an even larger "trick" ©

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### Claims about OLLA feasibility for large datasets 3

The second speeding up "trick" is implemented by expressing update coefficients Λ in terms of (already calculated)  $y_i o_i$  value for all models

(except for L1 SVM. Its  $\Lambda$  is constant i.e., it doesn't depend upon  $y_i o_i$ ).

Check A-s on slide 20.

Claims about an OLLA feasibility for large datasets 4

The proposed OLLA produces (mostly, but not always & not for the last 2 classifiers) **sparse models** (**many**  $\alpha_i = 0$ ) and an efficient code shall readily perform both an iterative calculation of only  $k(:, x_i)$  & an effective cashing strategy for  $k_i$ s.

Calculation of  $\mathbf{k}_i$  is the most time consuming operation. For 1 million samples,  $\mathbf{k}_i$  is an (10<sup>6</sup>,1) vector. (Parallelization, Use of GPUs or Clouds might help).

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# **Experimental Results 1:**

OL Classifiers

Comparisons of performances of SMO and OL L1 SVM Algorithm

Dataset, #of data / dim	Error Rate SMO, %	Error Rate OL L1SVM %	OL L1SVM is that time faster
Cancer, 198 / 32	24.00	25.62	4.1
Sonar, 208 / 60	34.70	24.35	3.68
Vote, 232 / 16	22.68	8.09	1.89
Eukaryotic 2,427 / 20 4 vs. rest	36.05	14.55	5.67
Prototask, 8,192 / 21	33.57	11.28	5.61
Reuters 11,069 / 8,315	5.65	4.48	4.10
Chess board, 8,000 / 2	13.62	4.27	7.65
Two normally distributed classes, 15,000 / 2	28.25	7.82	41.50

Results of 5-fold CV. OL L1 SVM WITHOUT Regularizer



### Statisticianskoye

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Operation Researchers
and Mathematicians live

and, they fight (compete) very fiercely with ideas, experiments and papers.

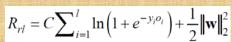
There are no axes (yet), but there is still a kind of "По телу катилась дрожь"

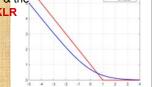
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Some discussion on Kernel Logistic Regression & the Import Vector Machine [13] and how, actually, RKLR can become sparse by using OLLA





Claims, or 'common knowledge', about RKLR

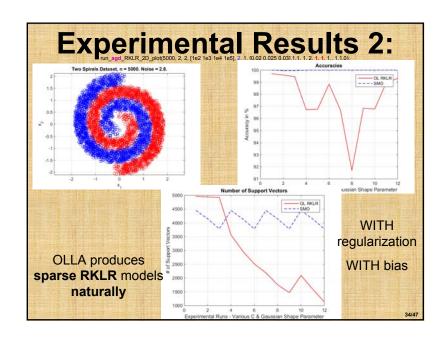
### Advantages of RKLR:

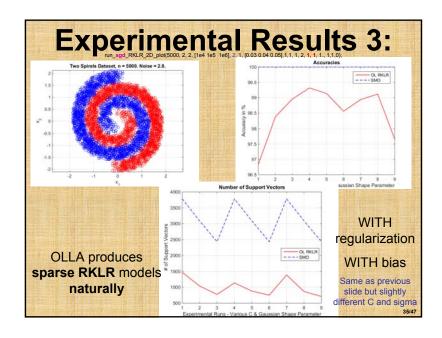
- Offers a natural estimate of the class probability p(x).
- •Can naturally be generalized to the M-Class case through kernel multi-logit regression.

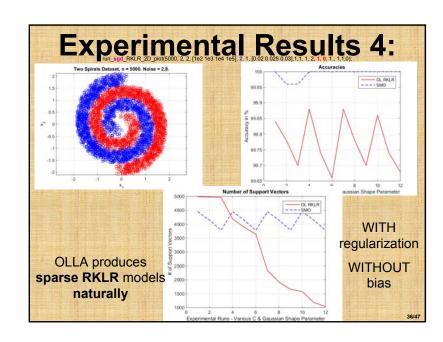
### Disadvantages of RKLR:

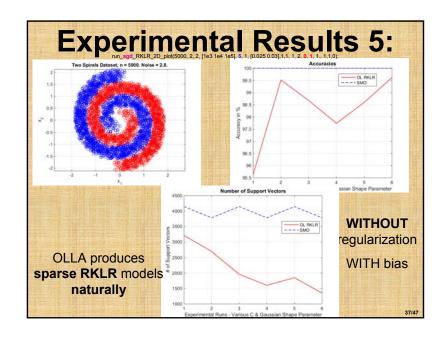
•RKLR's solution is  $o(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$  but all the  $\alpha_i$  are nonzero i.e., the solution is not sparse. So, [13] proposed IVM. Quite a sophisticated (read, complicated) algorithm.

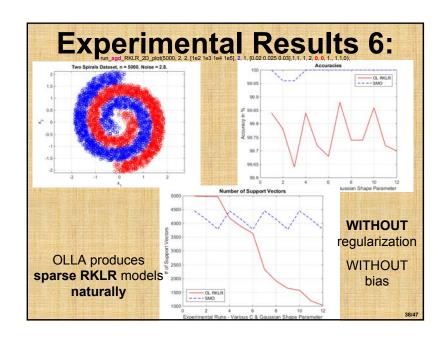
Believe it, or try it!!!

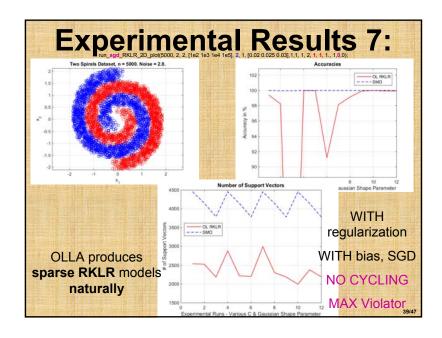


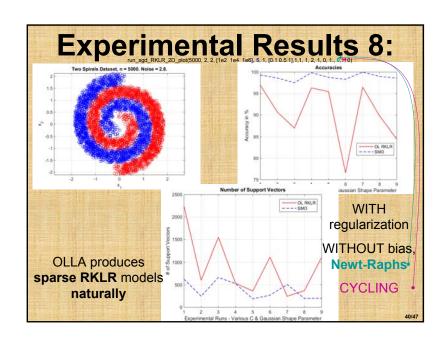


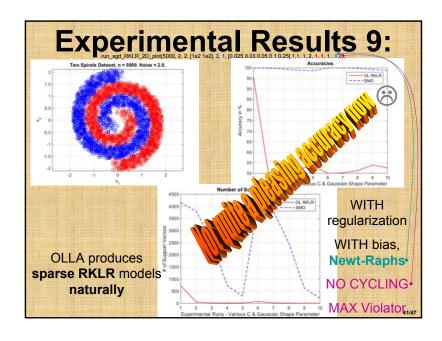


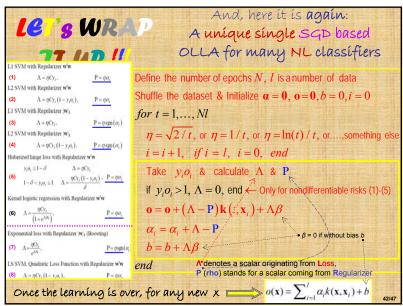














### Basic Remarks and Comments 1

- The unique and single online, SGD based, learning algorithm for a variety of nonlinear (kernel) classifiers is derived and introduced.
- ❖ Algorithm works for all datasets, but it is aimed for large ones.
- There are many open issues related to the new algorithm, but the very first experimental results point to both an efficient/fast and accurate algorithm.
- ❖ Some theoretical insights and experiments on real datasets should possibly resolve some issues satisfactorily.
- The approach used & presented may be helpful in developing learning algorithms for other classifiers or regression models.
- ❖ An efficient output vector o(x) update and cashing of kernel columns **k**, is crucial for achieving the faster speed.

## Basic Remarks and Comments 2

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Final Thoughts & Recommendations



- ❖ A unique and single learning algorithm for various nonlinear i.e., kernelized, classifiers is presented & recommended here:
- It is extremely simple, and all what it is asking for is a great enthusiastic PROGRAMMER & a lot of EXPERIMENTING.
- ❖ C++, ... Python, Java, CUDA, Julia, Hadoop & Hive supported by Kafka or Storm, Scala & who-knows-which-one-else, ..., (including a honorably mentioned MAT AB, are offering themselves.
- Sure, some (already mentioned) practical and theoretical issues will be met and addressed during the course of implementation but

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первые экспериментальные результаты являются весьма пер тивнымии

# Заключительная мысль The final thought

SGD based OLLA seems really to be The Algorithm ©

It is very new and hence there are not too many results.

But, it is simpler, faster and more accurate than, or equal to, the other well established machine learning tools.

Consequently,

it deserves more thorough theoretical investigation as well as more experimenting, applications and comparisons.

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