

# Support Vector Machines : Vladimir Vapnik 1994 ①

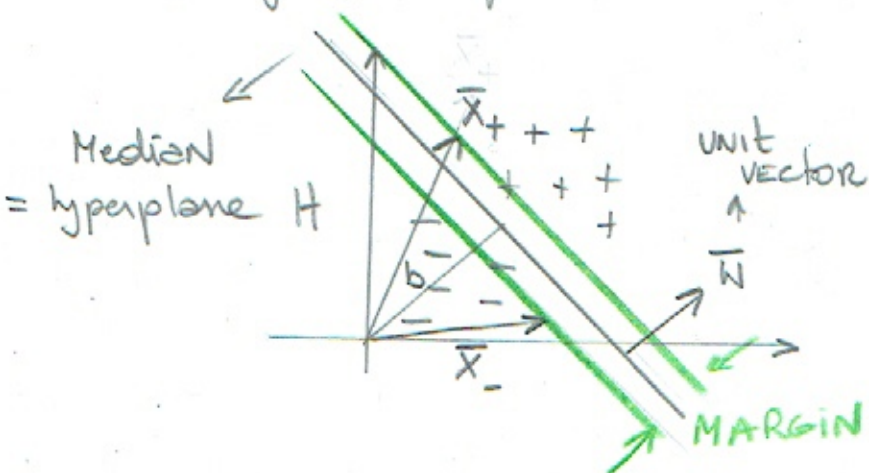
↳ classification algorithm (not so good for regression)  
 very popular  
 very powerful.

## PERCEPTRON THEOREM

If there is a hyperplane that can separate the classes there are  $\infty$  MANY!

which one is the BEST?

↓  
SVM : use hyperplane that maximizes the margin between the classes



$$W^T x + b = 0 \text{ ON } H$$

$\bar{W}$  is  $\perp$  H

$\bar{W}$  is UNIT VECTOR.

Assume 2 points  $x'$  and  $x''$  ON H.

$$\rightarrow W^T x' + b = 0$$

$$W^T x'' + b = 0$$

$$W^T (x' - x'') = 0 \rightarrow \text{MEANING } W^T \text{ AND } (x' - x'') \text{ ARE ORTHOGONAL.}$$

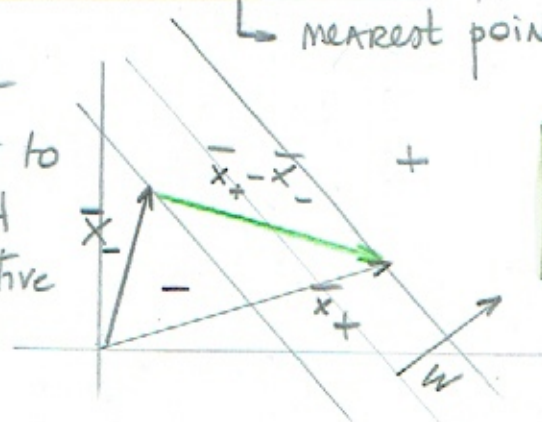
$\rightarrow W^T$  IS ORTHOGONAL TO ANY VECTOR ON THE PLANE

$$\rightarrow W^T \perp H$$

distance of vector  $\begin{cases} \bar{x}_+ \\ \bar{x}_- \end{cases}$  to H?

↳ nearest point to the plane!

$\bar{x}_+$ ,  $\bar{x}_-$  ARE vectors closest to the plane H in their respective classes.



$$\text{Margin} = (\bar{x}_+ - \bar{x}_-) \cdot \frac{\bar{W}}{\|\bar{W}\|}$$

$$\text{set: } \begin{cases} \bar{w}^T \bar{x}_+ + b \geq 1 \\ \bar{w}^T \bar{x}_- + b \leq -1 \end{cases} \rightarrow y_i (\bar{w}^T \bar{x} + b) \geq 1 \quad \text{set} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \text{ set: } y_i (\bar{w}^T \bar{x}_i + b) = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \hookrightarrow y_i = +1 \text{ in } + \\ y_i = -1 \text{ in } - \end{matrix}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  IN GUTTER

$$(1) \rightarrow \bar{w}^T \bar{x}_+ = 1 - b \rightarrow \bar{x}_+ = \frac{1-b}{w}$$

$$\bar{w}^T \bar{x}_- \leq -1 - b \rightarrow \bar{x}_- = \frac{-(1+b)}{w}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{MARGIN} = \left[ \left( \frac{1-b}{w} \right) + \left( \frac{1+b}{w} \right) \right] \cdot \frac{\bar{w}}{\|\bar{w}\|}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\|\bar{w}\|}$$

$$\text{GOAL} \rightarrow \max \frac{2}{\|\bar{w}\|} \Leftrightarrow \max \frac{1}{\|\bar{w}\|} \Leftrightarrow \min \|\bar{w}\|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\min \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{w}\|^2}$$

$$\text{subject to: } y_i (\bar{w}^T \bar{x} + b) \geq 1$$

$\rightarrow$  constraint optimization Problem  $\rightarrow$  Lagrange multipliers

$\hookrightarrow$  inequality constraints

$\hookrightarrow$  KKT (Karush-Kuhn-Tucker)

SVN: minimize  $\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{w}\|^2$  with condition that all points are correctly classified!



# Lagrange

(3)

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \text{ with constraint } y_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1$$

$$- \sum \alpha_i [y_i (w^T x_i + b) - 1]$$

$$* \quad L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - \sum \alpha_i (y_i (w^T x_i + b) - 1)$$

MINIMIZE  
w, b  
MAXIMIZE  
 $\alpha$

WITH

$$\alpha_i \geq 0$$

because of inequality constraint

instead of minimizing over w, b  
subject to constraints involving  
 $\alpha$ , we can maximize over  
 $\alpha$  subject to relations obtained  
previously for w and b.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \bar{w} - \sum \alpha_i y_i x_i \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0 \text{ (VECTOR)}$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{w} = \sum \alpha_i y_i \bar{x}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \sum \alpha_i y_i \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0 \quad (**)$$

→ PUT IN (\*)  
→ free of w, b

$$(*) \quad L = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum \alpha_i y_i \bar{x}_i \right) \left( \sum \alpha_j y_j x_j \right)$$

$$- \left( \sum \alpha_i y_i \bar{x}_i \right) \cdot \left( \sum \alpha_j y_j \bar{x}_j \right)$$

$$- \sum \alpha_i y_i b \rightarrow 0 \text{ as per } (**)$$

$$+ \sum \alpha_i$$

we can train a  
classifier in high D  
WITHOUT computing  
 $\bar{w}, b$  that define  
H

(\*\*\*)

N, b free!

MAX  
 $\alpha_i \alpha_j$

$$\rightarrow L(\alpha) = \sum \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum \sum \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \bar{x}_i \cdot \bar{x}_j$$

subject to:  $\alpha_i \geq 0$   
KKT  $\sum \alpha_i y_i = 0$

→ MAX only depends on  
on dot product of  
PAIRS of samples

## Support Vectors

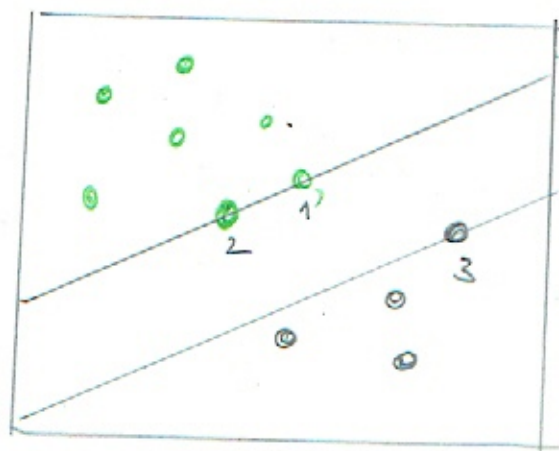
(4)

$$\text{IN GUTTER} \rightarrow y_i (\bar{w}^T x_i + b) - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow_{L(x)} \alpha > 0 \Rightarrow \bar{w} = \sum_{x_i = \text{SV}} \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

→ All points outside gutter do not contribute to  $\text{MAX } L(x)$   $\hookrightarrow \alpha = 0$

→ Robust with Respect to outliers!



3 support VECTORS!

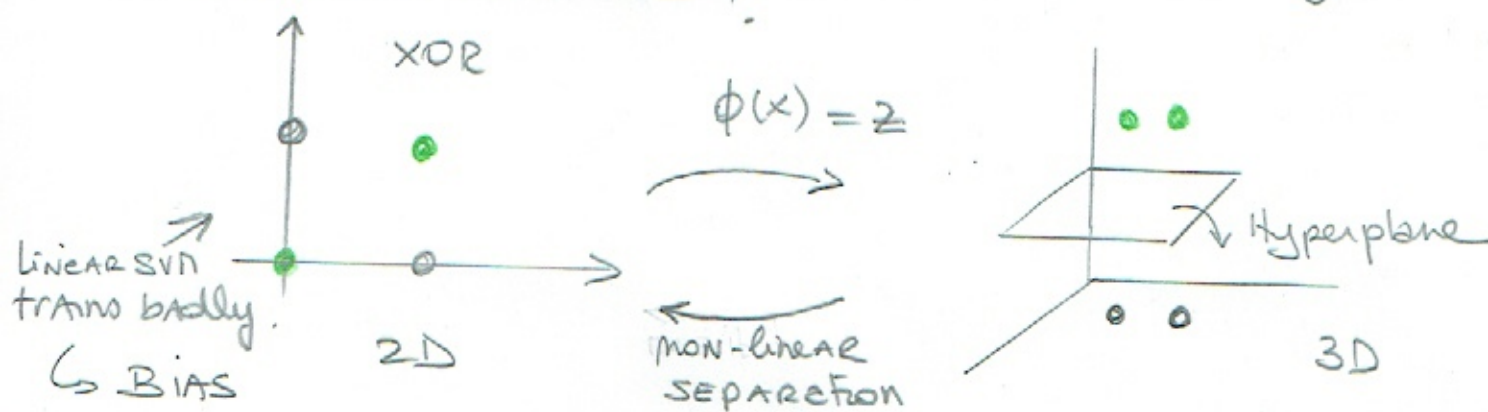
↓  
Achieve the MARGIN!

$$\bar{w} = \sum_{\text{SV}} \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$w$  has  $d$  dimensions  
but: only 3  $\alpha$ s contribute  
in above example!

up to now we worked with  
linearly SEPARABLE DATA.

→ what happens if the DATA IS NOT linearly SEPARABLE in 2D?





2D  $\rightarrow$  3D  $\Rightarrow d \uparrow \Rightarrow$  computationally more expensive (5)

(\*\*\*)  
p3  $\rightarrow \alpha(\alpha) = \sum \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j y_i y_j \alpha_i \alpha_j \mathbf{z}_i^T \mathbf{z}_j$

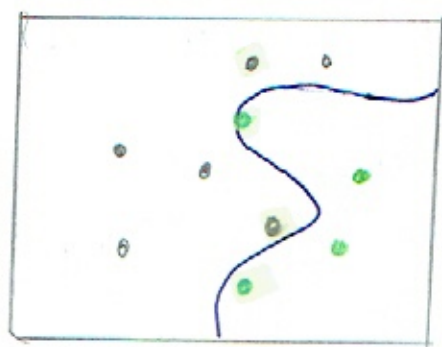
What if we go from 2D  $\rightarrow 10^6$ D

- \*  $\alpha$ s ARE related to number of TRAINING Samples AND NOT dependent on dimension of  $\mathbf{z}$
- \*  $\mathbf{z}_i^T \mathbf{z}_j$  is not really a concern even if dimension  $\mathbf{z}$  is  $10^6$

NOW: ASSUME we found hyperplane in  $\mathbf{z}$ -SPACE

$\rightarrow$  what happens in 2D-space

$\hookrightarrow$  support vectors live in  $\mathbf{z}$ -space!



$\nwarrow$   
look for them in 2D

$\nwarrow$   
we know which are the vectors that are support vectors!  
 $\alpha \neq 0$

KERNEL TRICK

$\rightarrow$  if we use  $\mathbf{K}(x, y) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle$   $\Rightarrow$  dot product = SCALAR  
 $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

to calculate  $\langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle$

we would calculate  $\phi(x), \phi(y)$  first and then do dot product

$\downarrow$   
 $\phi$  is function  
 $d \rightarrow m$

with  $m \gg d$

WITH kernel  $\rightarrow$  no need to go to  $m$ -dim space!

example:  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 = d$  (6)

$$\phi(x) = (x_1x_1, x_1x_2, x_1x_3, x_2x_1, x_2x_2, x_2x_3, x_3x_1, x_3x_2, x_3x_3)$$

$$K(x, y) = (\langle x, y \rangle)^2$$

↳ 9 dot products

$$\phi(x) = (1, 2, 3, 2, 4, 6, 3, 6, 9)$$

$$\phi(y) = (16, 20, 24, 20, 25, 30, 24, 30, 36)$$

$$K(x, y) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle = 16 + 40 + 72 + 40 + 100 + 180 + 72 + 180 + 324 = 1024$$

3D  $\rightarrow$  9D

Same Result but much FASTER!

$$K(x, y) = (4 + 10 + 18)^2 = 1024$$

### KERNEL functions

$$K(x, y) = x^T y \quad \text{linear}$$

$$K(x, y) = (1 + x^T y)^p \quad \text{polynomial}$$

$$K(x, y) = e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \text{RBF (RADIAL BASE FUNCTION)}$$

VERY popular!  
works out of the box  
Every problem becomes  
linearly separable