UVA CS 4774: Machine Learning

S4: Lecture 21 Extra: (SVM Optimization and Dual basic)

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Module IV Extra

What Left in SVM?

- Support Vector Machine (SVM)
  - ✓ History of SVM
  - ✓ Large Margin Linear Classifier
  - ✓ Define Margin (M) in terms of model parameter
  - ✓ Optimization to learn model parameters (w, b)
  - ✓ Linearly Non-separable case (soft SVM)
  - ✓ Optimization with dual form
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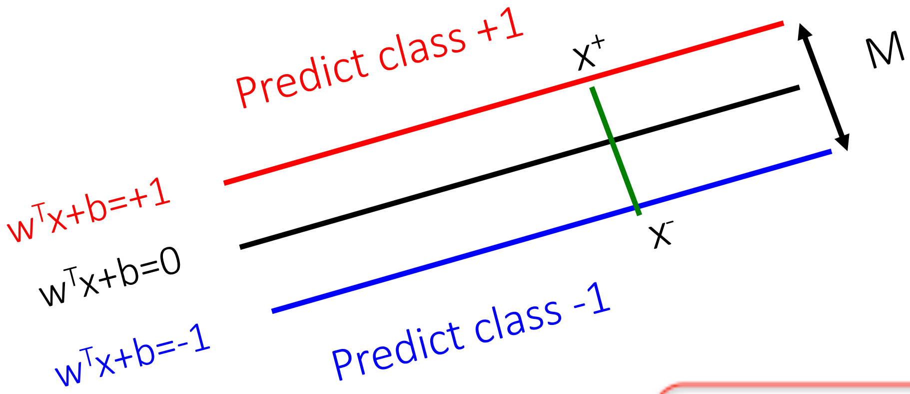
$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0, \qquad \alpha_i \geq 0 \qquad \forall i$$

Optimization Step
i.e. learning optimal parameter for SVM



$$M = \frac{2}{\sqrt{w^T w}}$$

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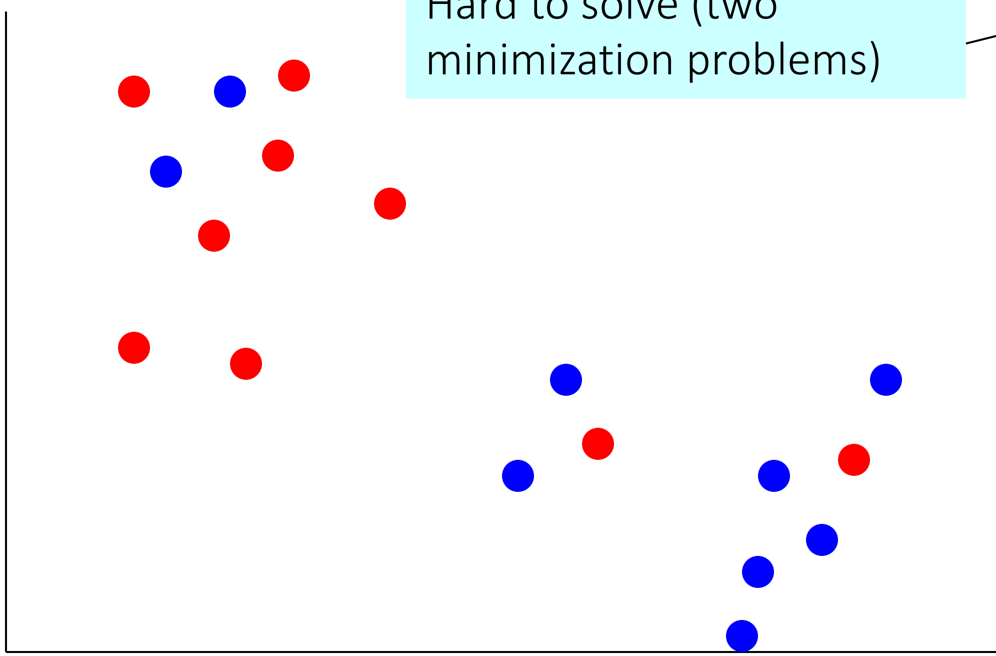

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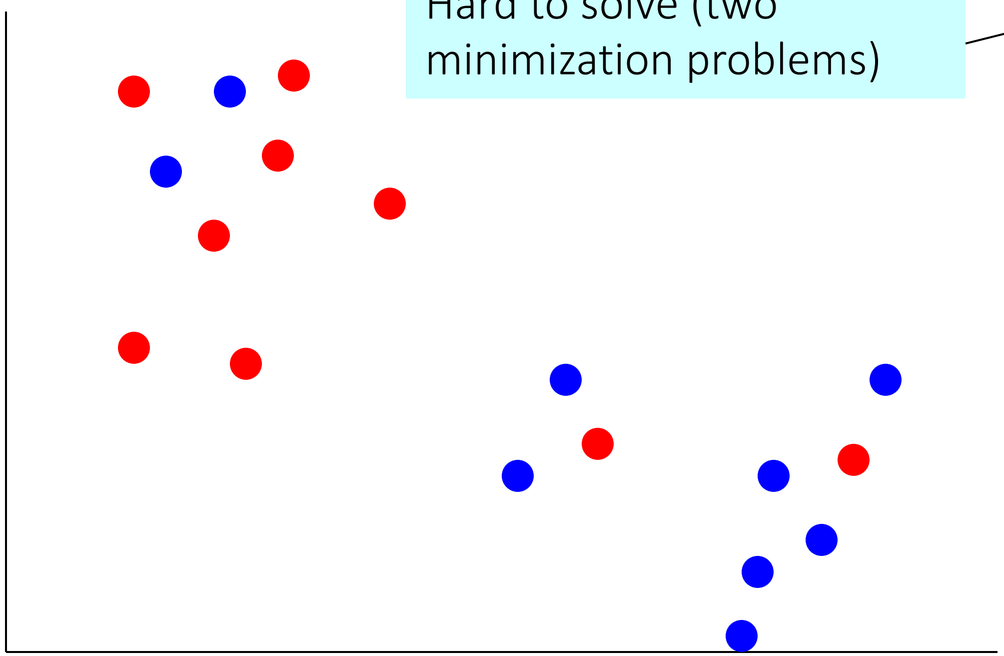

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  min $w^T w/2$

  min #errors

- Penalize training errors:

 min $w^T w/2+C*$(#errors)

Hard to encode in a QP problem

$C \nearrow$ penalize errors more

SVM: $\min_{\vec{w}, b} \; w^T w + \underbrace{C}_{} (\# \text{errors})$

Ridge Regression:

$$\min_{\vec{\theta}} \; \underbrace{\lambda}_{} \theta^T \theta + J(\theta)$$

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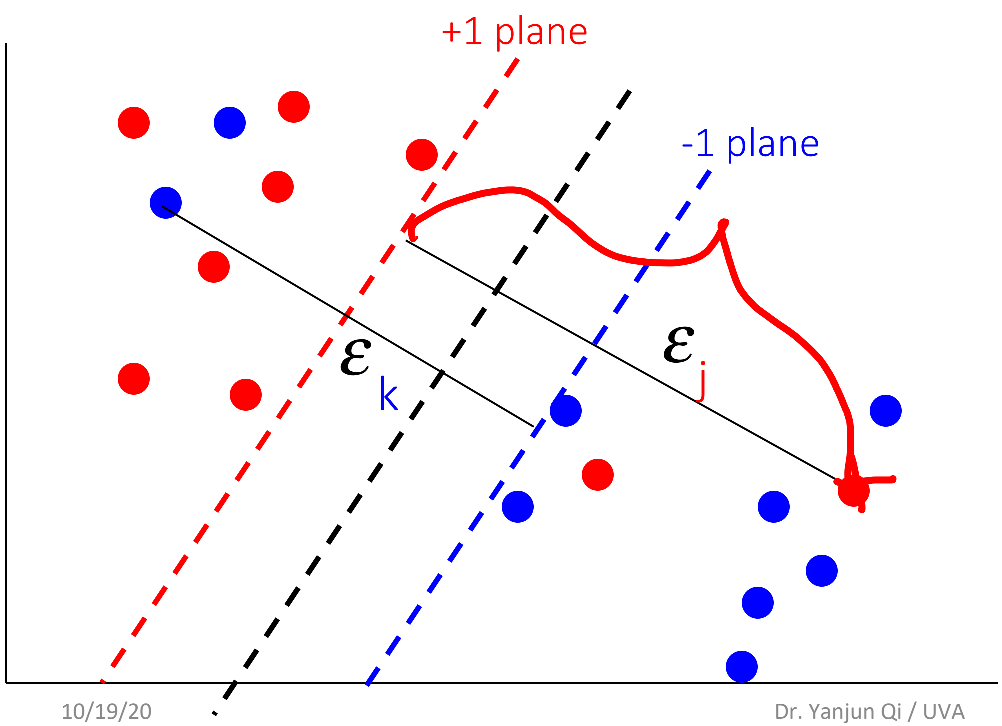

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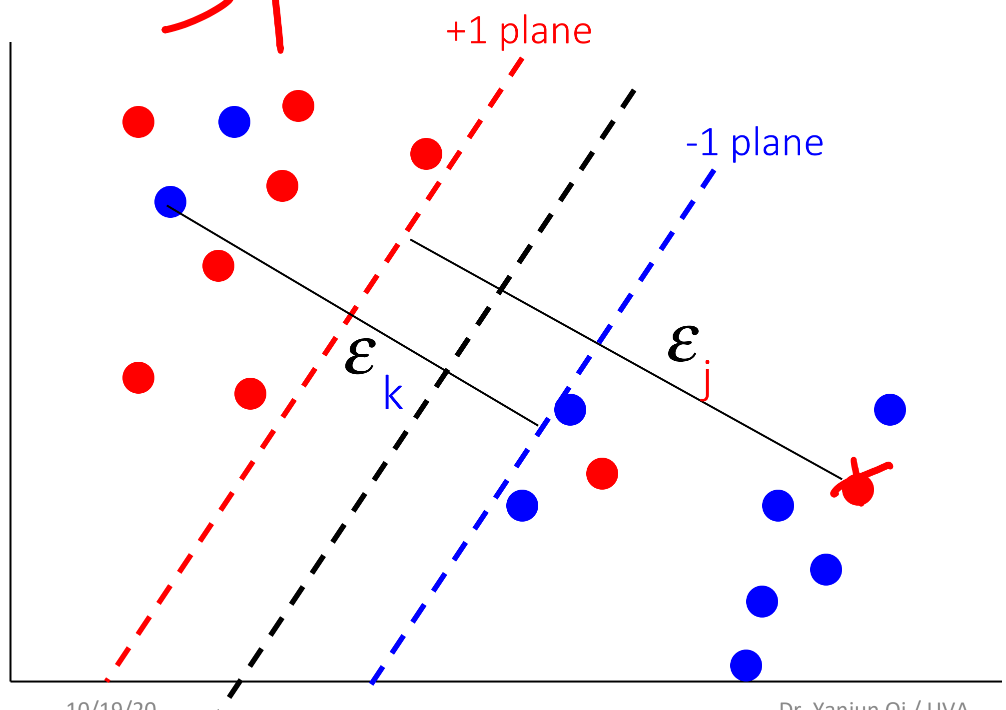

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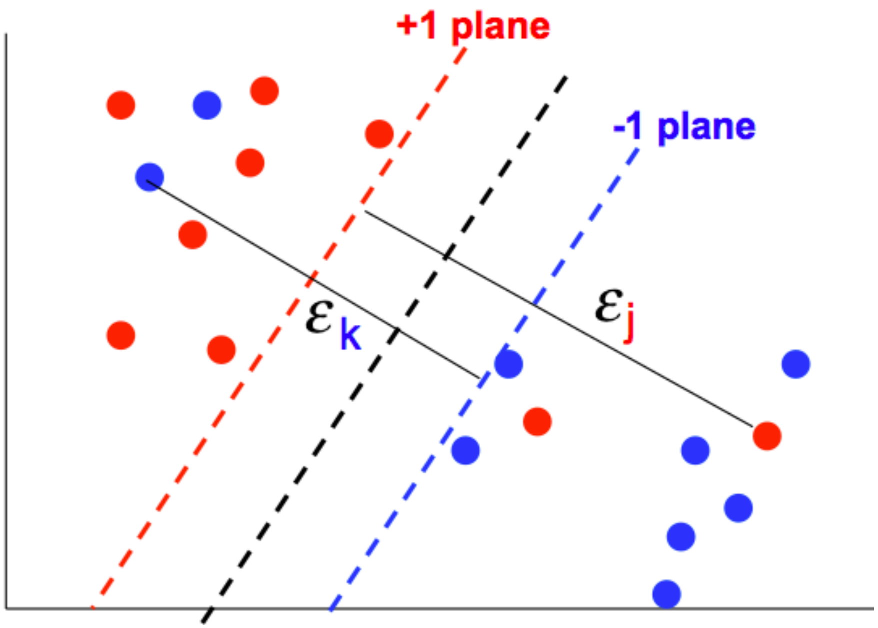
Wait. Are we missing something?

Final optimization for linearly non-separable case



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Two optimization problems:

For the separable and non separable cases

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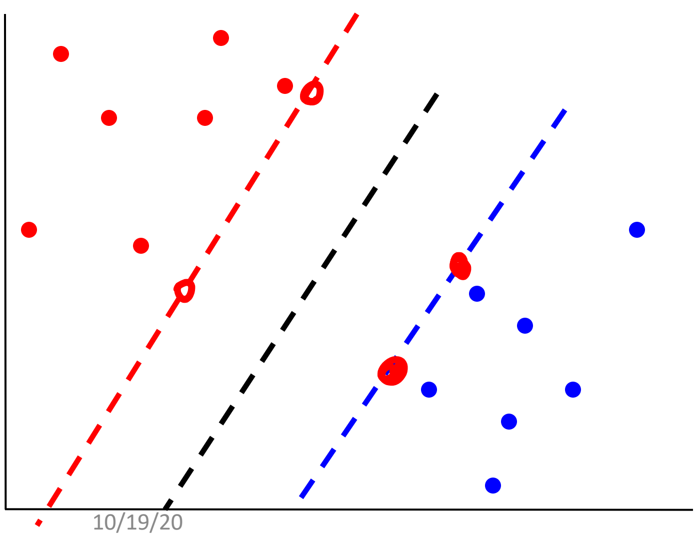
separable



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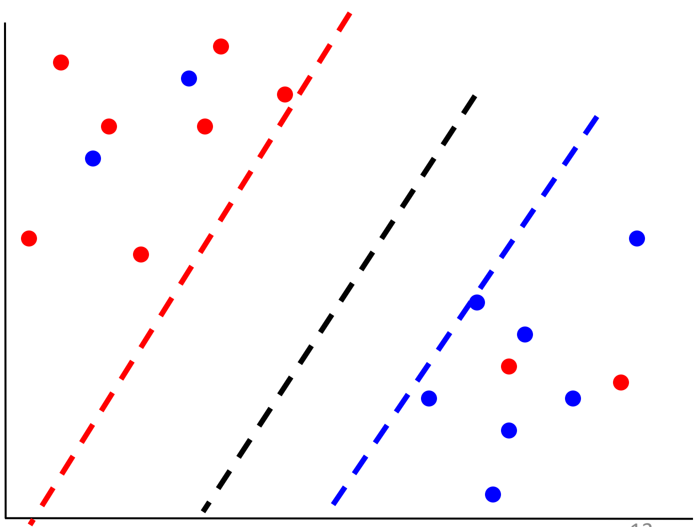

Model Selection, find right C

Training

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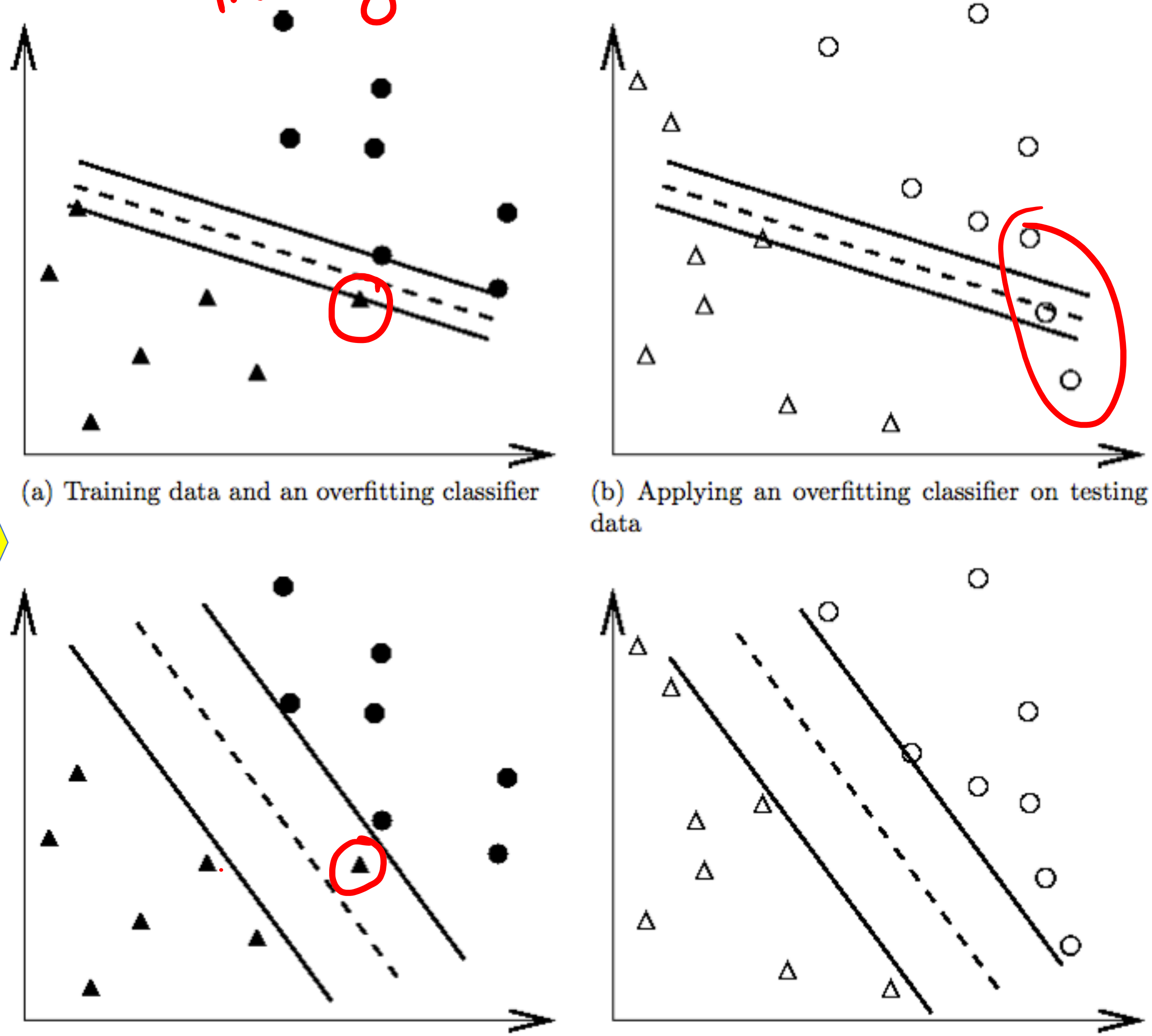

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(b) Applying an overfitting classifier on testing data

(c) Training data and a better classifier

(d) Applying a better classifier on testing data

Select the right penalty parameter C

small C

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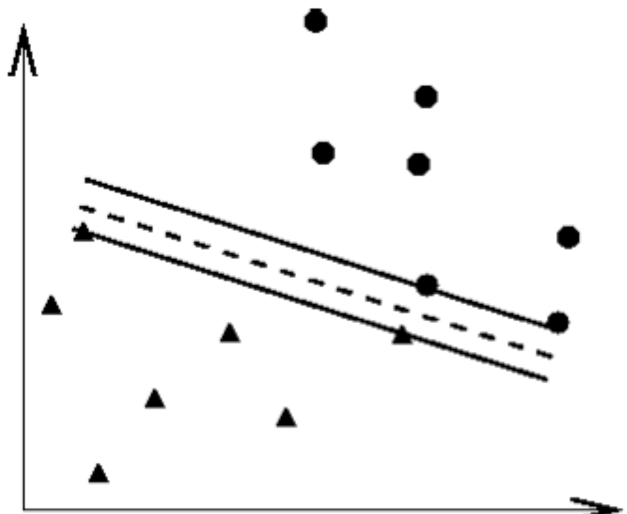
A large value of C means that misclassifications are bad - resulting in smaller margins and less training error (but may lead more expected true error).

A small C results in more training error, hopefully better true error.

small C



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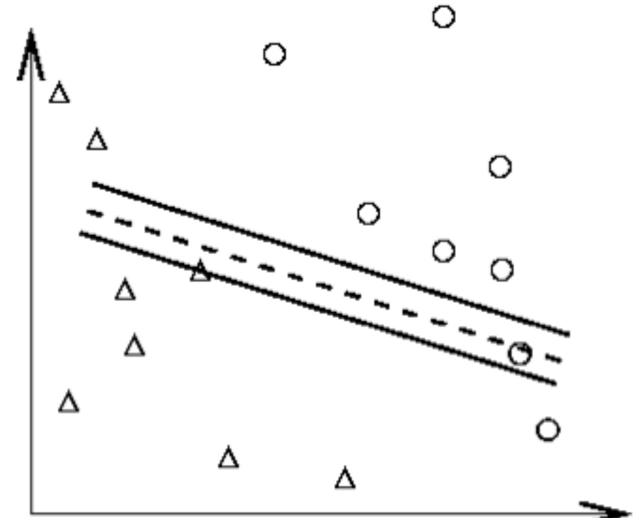

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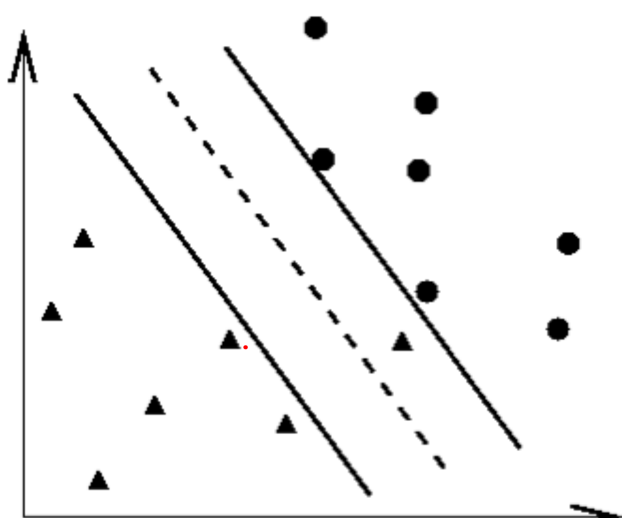

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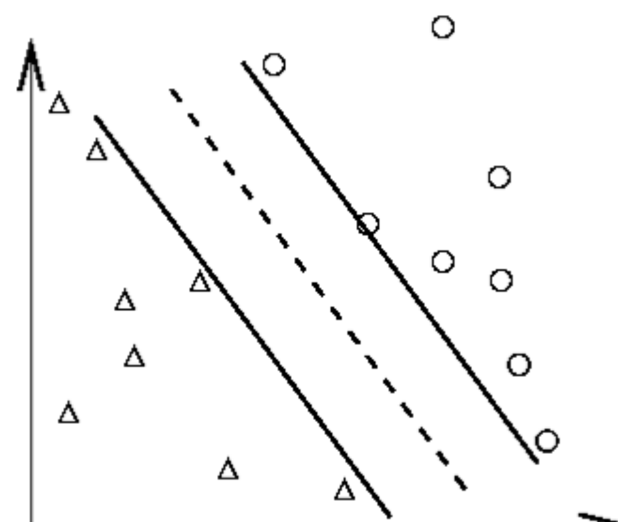

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Hinge Loss for Soft SVM

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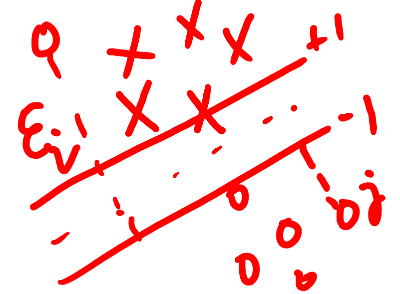

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subject to:

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vs. Hard SVM

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- Instead of solving these QPs directly we will solve a dual formulation of the SVM optimization problem
- The main reason for switching to this type of representation is that it would allow us to use a neat trick that will make our lives easier (and the run time faster)

Optimization Review: Ingredients

- Objective function
- Variables
- Constraints

Find values of the variables that minimize or maximize the objective function while satisfying the constraints

Optimization Review: Constrained Optimization

$\min_u u^2$

s.t. $u >= b$

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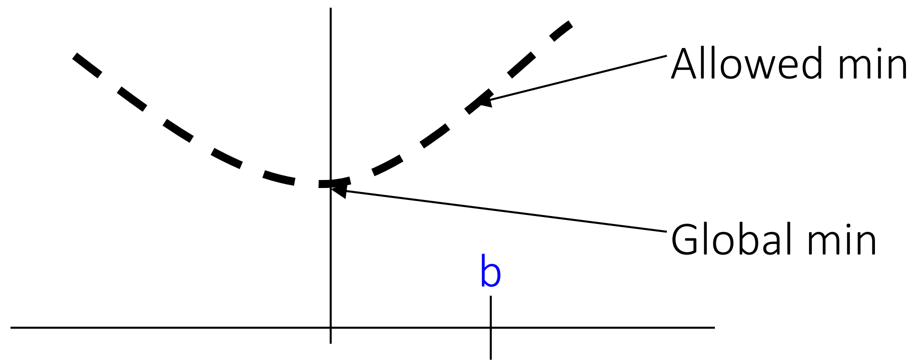

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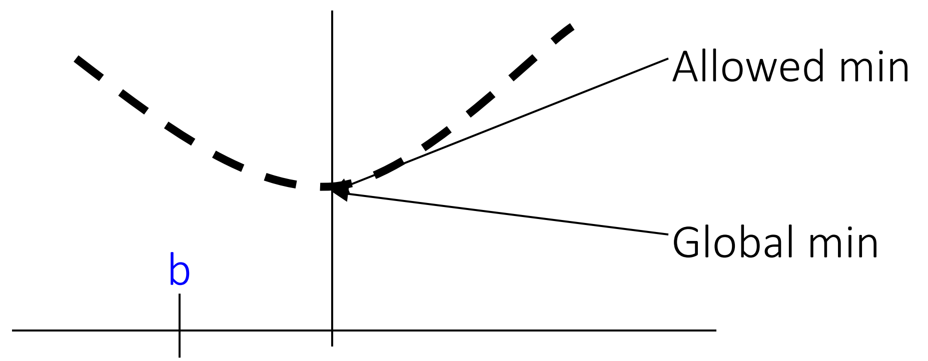

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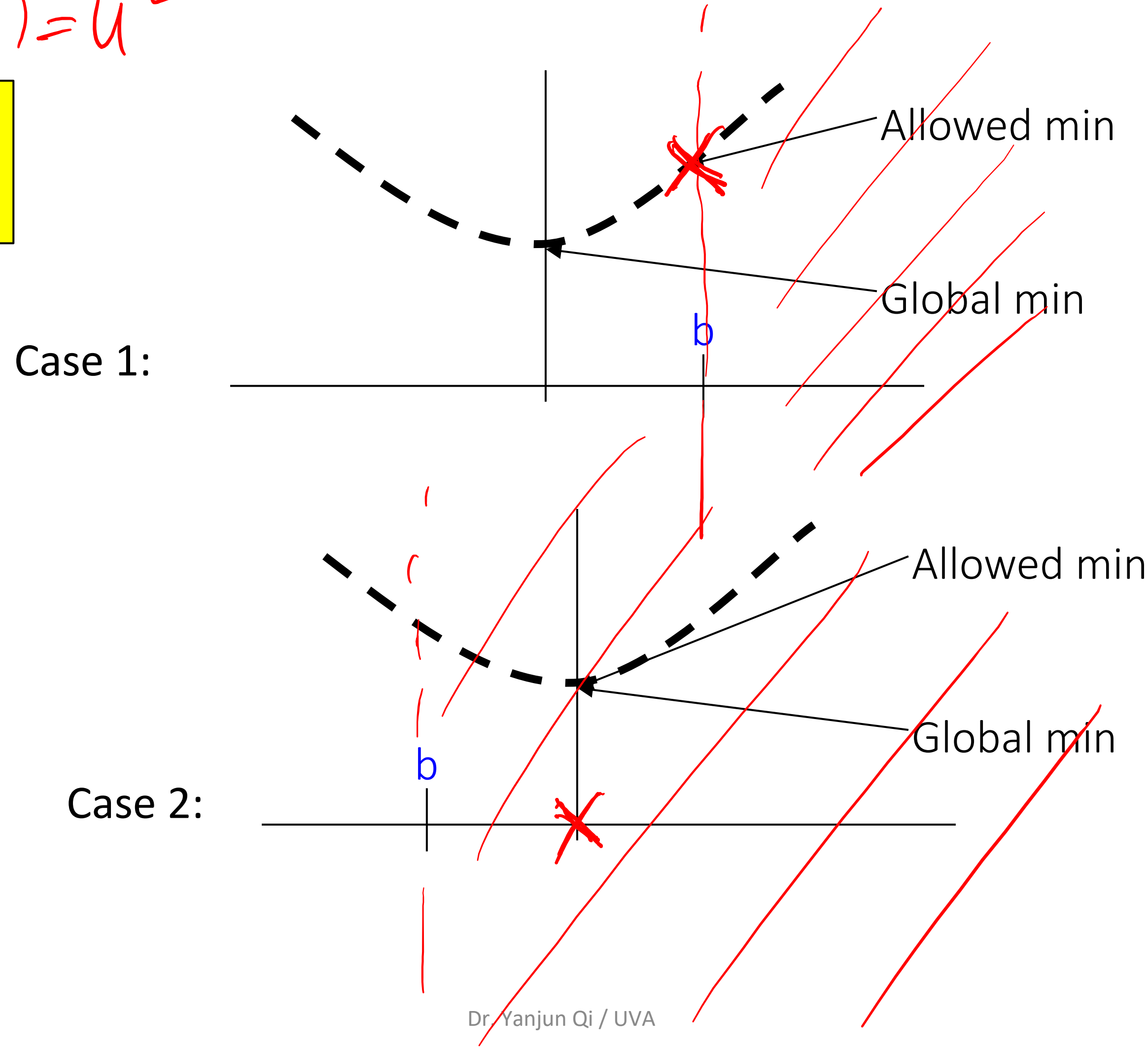

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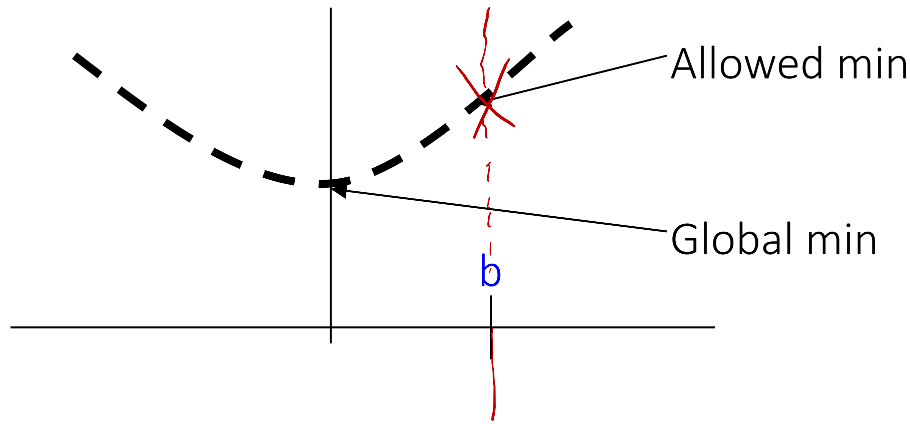

$$\begin{cases} b > 0 \\ f(u^*) = b^2 \\ u^* = b \end{cases}$$

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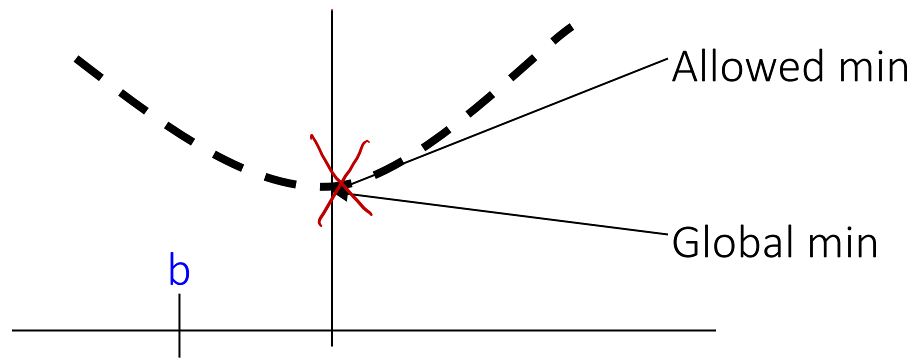

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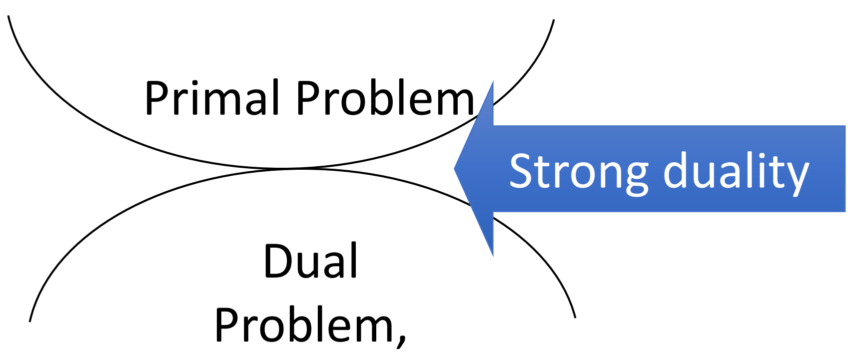
Optimization Review: Dual Problem (Extra)

- Solving dual problem if the dual form is easier than primal form

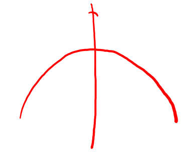
- Need to change primal minimization to dual maximization (OR → Need to change primal maximization to dual minimization)

- Only valid when the original optimization problem is convex/concave (strong duality)



Concrete derivation in L11Extra-SVMoptimDual

$$f(u): \begin{cases} \min u^2 \\ \text{s.t. } u \geq b \end{cases}$$



$$g(\alpha): \begin{cases} \max -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} + b\alpha = \max\left\{ \underbrace{-\left(\frac{\cancel{\alpha}}{2} - b\right)^2}\ \underbrace{+b^2} \right\} \\ \text{s.t. } \alpha \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{if}_{\ b \geq 0}\ b = \alpha/2, & u^* = b, \quad g^* = b^2 \\ \text{if}_{\ b < 0}\ b \neq \alpha/2, & \alpha^* = 0, \quad g^* = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \alpha(b - u) = 0 \qquad \text{KKT condition}$$

Optimization Review: Lagrangian Duality (Extra)

- The Primal Problem

Primal:

$$\min_w \quad f_0(w)$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad f_i(w) \le 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots, k$$

"Method of Lagrange multipliers"
convert to a higher-dimensional problem

The generalized Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(w, \alpha) = f_0(w) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_i f_i(w)$$

the a's ($a_i \ge 0$) are called the Lagarangian multipliers

Lemma:

$$\max_{\alpha, \alpha_i \ge 0} \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha) = \begin{cases} f_0(w) & \text{if } w \text{ satisfies primal constraints} \\ \infty & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

A re-written Primal:

$$\min_w \max_{\alpha, \alpha_i \ge 0} \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha)$$

Optimization Review: Lagrangian Duality, cont. (Extra)

- Recall the Primal Problem:

$$\min_w \max_{\alpha, \alpha_i \geq 0} L(w, \alpha)$$

- The Dual Problem:

$$\max_{\alpha, \alpha_i \geq 0} \min_w L(w, \alpha)$$

- **Theorem (weak duality):**

$$d^* = \max_{\alpha, \alpha_i \geq 0} \min_w L(w, \alpha) \quad \leq \quad \min_w \max_{\alpha, \alpha_i \geq 0} L(w, \alpha) = p^*$$

- **Theorem (strong duality):**

Iff there exist a saddle point of $L(w, \alpha)$

we have $d^* = p^*$

Dual representation of the hard SVM QP

- We will start with the linearly separable case
- Instead of encoding the correct classification rule and constraint we will use Lagrange multiplies to encode it as part of the our minimization problem

Min $(w^T w)/2$

s.t.

$(w^T x_i + b) y_i >= 1$

Recall that Lagrange multipliers can be applied to turn the following problem:

$$L_{primal}(\underbrace{w,b}, \underbrace{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i \left(y_i(\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1 \right)$$

The Dual Problem (Extra)

$$\max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} \underbrace{\min_{w,b} L(w,b,\alpha)}$$

Dual formulation

- We minimize L with respect to w and b first:

$$\nabla_w L(w,b,\alpha) = w - \sum_{i=1}^{train} \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0, \quad (*)$$

$$\nabla_b L(w,b,\alpha) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{train} \alpha_i y_i = 0,} \quad (**)$$

Note that **(*)** implies: $\left[w = \sum_{i=1}^{train} \alpha_i y_i x_i \right]$ $(***)$

- Plus (***) back to L , and using (**), we have:

$$\max_{\alpha \geq 0} \; L(w,b,\alpha) = \sum_{i=1} \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j)$$

Summary: Dual for hard SVM (Extra)

Solving for **w** that gives maximum margin:

1. Combine objective function and constraints into new objective function, using Lagrange multipliers \alpha$_i$

$$L_{primal} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^{N}\alpha_i\left(y_i(\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1\right)$$

2. To minimize this Lagrangian, we take derivatives of **w** and *b* and set them to 0:

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3. Substituting and rearranging gives the dual of the Lagrangian:

$$L_{dual} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j$$

which we try to maximize (not minimize).

4. Once we have the *alpha*$_i$, we can substitute into previous equations to get **w** and *b*.
5. This defines **w** and *b* as linear combinations of the training data.

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{train} \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

Summary: Dual SVM for linearly separable case

$O(n)$
#para

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Easier than original QP, more efficient algorithms exist to find a_i; e.g. SMO (see extra slides)

Dual formulation for linearly non-separable case

prima linear soft margin + Hinge

$\{ \varepsilon_i \; \forall i$

$\{ w, b$

$O(n+p+\cancel{1})$

Dual target function:

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{i,j}} \alpha_i \alpha_j \mathrm{y}_\mathrm{i} y_j \mathbf{x_i}^T \mathbf{x_j}$$

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Prediction via Dual Weights for linear case

$f(x_{ts}) = \text{Sign}(w^T x_{ts} + b)$

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To evaluate a new sample x_{ts} we need to compute:

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Dual SVM – Training using Kernel Matrix

Our dual target function:

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Dot product among all training samples

$$\begin{array}{c} \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \\ i \\ \vdots \\ n \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 1, 2, \dots, j, \dots, n \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} & \vdots & \\ & \vdots & \\ & \vdots & \\ \dots & x_i^T x_j & \dots \\ & \vdots & \\ & \vdots & \end{array} \right] \end{array}_{n \times n}$$

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Margin + Hinge Loss

QP with Dual form

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i y_i$$

Dual Weights

$$\underset{\mathbf{w},b}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{p} w_i^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_i$$

$$\text{subject to } \forall \mathbf{x}_i \in Dtrain : y_i \left(\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b \right) \geq 1 - \varepsilon_i$$

$$\max_\alpha \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x_i}^T \mathbf{x_j}$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0, \qquad \alpha_i \geq 0 \qquad \forall i$$

Support vectors: non-zero a_i

- only a few a_i can be nonzero!!

$$\forall i \Rightarrow \alpha_i\left(y_i(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_i+b)-1\right)=0, \quad i=1,\ldots,n$$

$y_i(w^T x_i + b) > 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0$

$+1 \quad w^T x + b = 1$

$\alpha_i > 0$

$w^T x + b = -1$

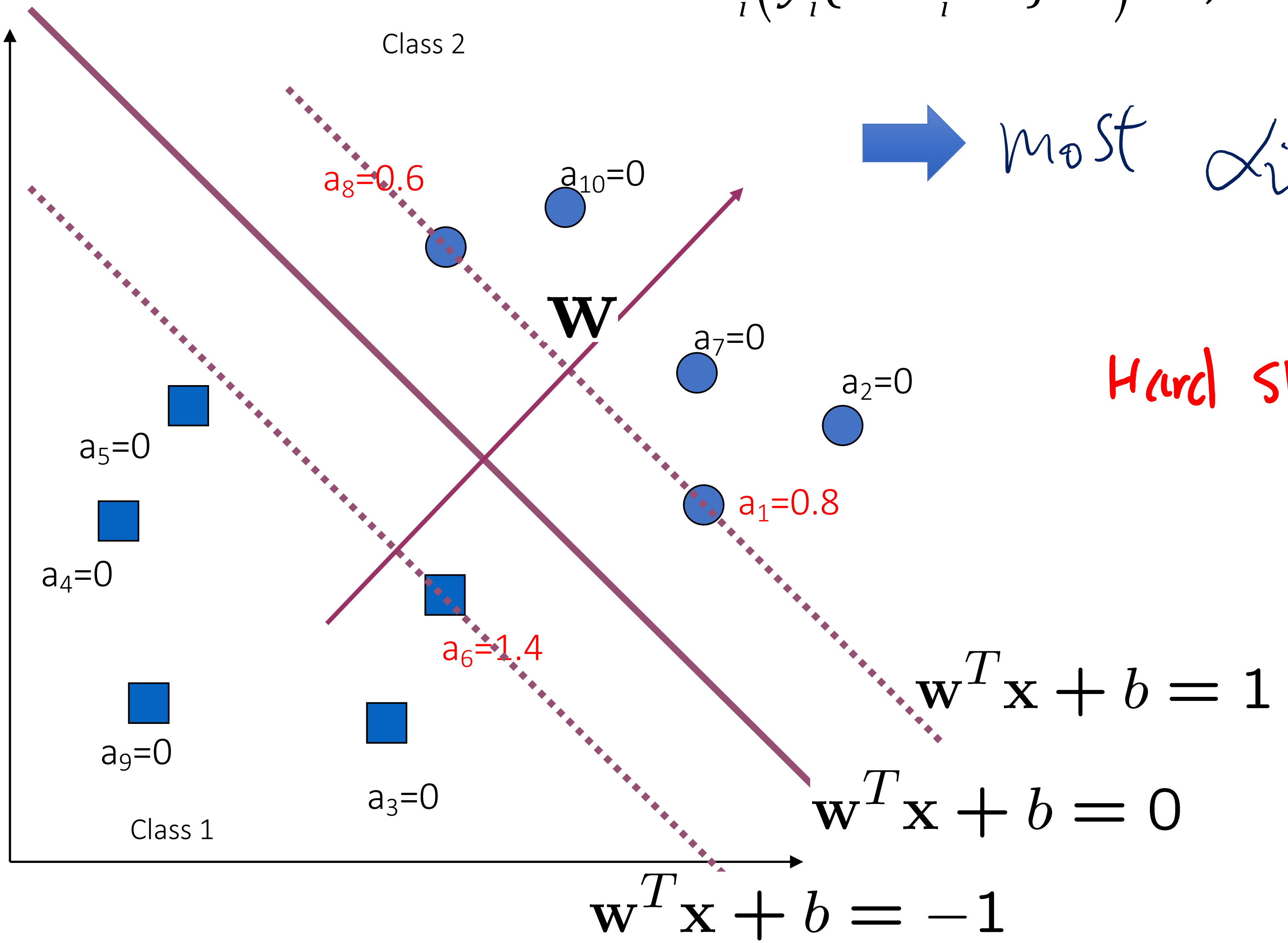
-1

$< -1 \quad \alpha_i = 0$

$$\alpha_i\left(y_i(\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}_i+b)-1\right)=0,\quad i=1,\ldots,n$$

most $\alpha_i = 0$

Hard SVM



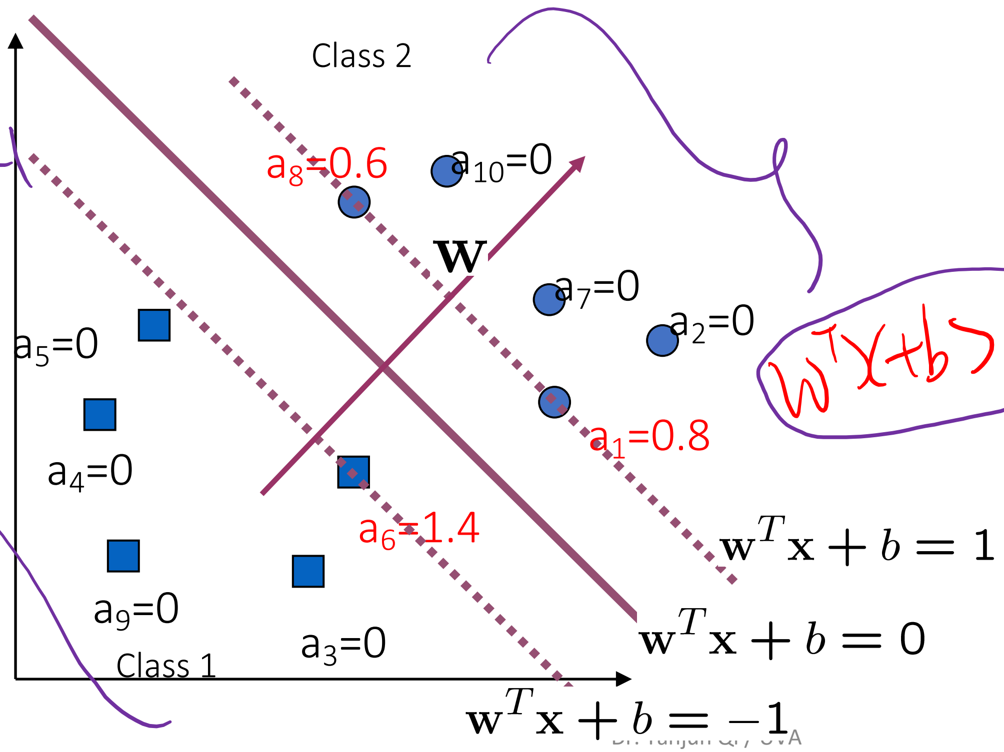
- only a few a_i can be nonzero! Ie.

$$y_i(\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}_i+b)=1$$

$$\alpha_i\big(y_i(\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}_i+b)-1\big)=0,\quad i=1,\ldots,n$$

for most $\alpha_i \Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0$

$w^T x + b < -1$



$w^T x + b > 1$

$y_i(w^T x_i + b) - 1$

> 1

> 0

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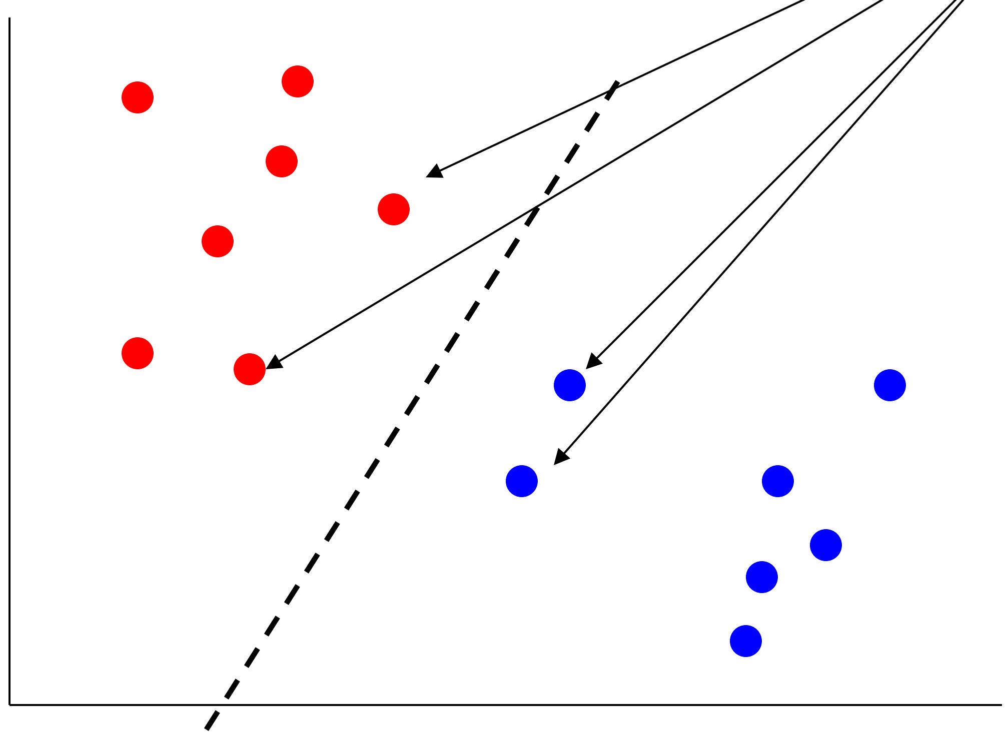
We call the training data points whose a_i's are nonzero the **support vectors** (SV)

Dual SVM - interpretation

training points

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i y_i$$

$\alpha_i \geq 0$



For α that are 0, no influence

Dual SVM– Testing

Dot product with ("all" ??) training samples

To evaluate a new sample x_{ts} we need to compute:

$$\widehat{y_{ts}} = \text{sign}(\mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}} x_{ts} + b) = \text{sign}(\sum_{\mathrm{i}=1..\mathrm{n}} \alpha_i \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{ts} + b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \widehat{y_{ts}} = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{\underset{\Downarrow \ \alpha_i > 0}{i \in SupportVectors}} \alpha_i y_i \left(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_{ts} \right) + b \right)$$

For \alpha$_i$ that are 0,

no influence

Support Vectors for the Soft-SVM

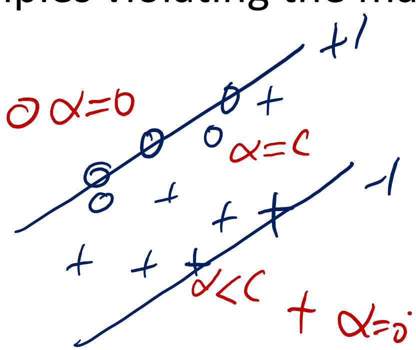
$$\alpha_i\left(y_i(\mathbf{w}\cdot\mathbf{x}_i+b)-1+\varepsilon_i\right)=0,\quad i=1,\ldots,n$$

- Support vectors are
  - Samples on the margin:

$$y_i\left(\mathbf{x}_i\cdot\mathbf{w}+b\right)=1,$$

$$0<\alpha_i<C$$

  - Samples violating the margin (mostly inside the margin area):



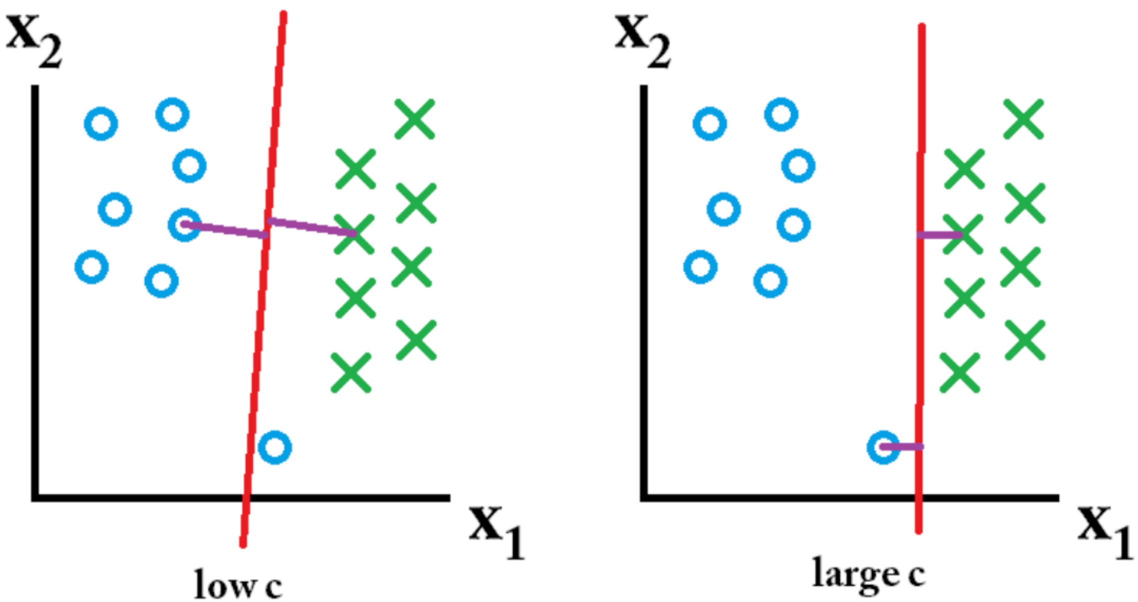
$$y_i\left(\mathbf{x}_i\cdot\mathbf{w}+b\right)<1,$$

$$\alpha_i=C$$

More in L11Extra-SVMoptimDual

Value C and Number of Support Vectors (no clear relation!!!)

C is how hard we want to punish misclassified examples in the training set.
So for large values of C, it would make sense that if misclassifed examples are severely punished, then it will choose a small margin with not many support vectors.
For small values of C, it would broaden the margin, and as a result, end up getting more points inside of the margin (if not easily separable), so there would be possibly more support vectors.
I thought that this StackExchange post described it pretty well.
As in this example, the small c has more "support vectors" than the large c



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(Recap)

KNN: $\hat{y}_{ts} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in \text{kNeighbors-of } X_{ts}} y_i$

find k neighbor of X_{ts} ~ $O(n \times)$

SVM: $\hat{y}_{ts} = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i K(\vec{X}_i, \vec{X}_{ts}) + b$

para ~ $O(n)$

Logistic Regression / Linear Classifier

$\hat{y}_{ts} = \sigma(W^T X_{ts} + b)$

para ~ $O(p)$

Summary of SVM

- Support Vector Machine (SVM)
  - ✓ History of SVM
  - ✓ Large Margin Linear Classifier
  - ✓ Define Margin (M) in terms of model parameter
  - ✓ Optimization to learn model parameters (w, b)
  - ✓ Non linearly separable case
  - ✓ Optimization with dual form
  - ✓ Nonlinear decision boundary
  - ✓ Practical Guide
    - ✓ File format / LIBSVM
    - ✓ Feature preprocsssing
    - ✓ Model selection
    - ✓ Pipeline procedure

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