

# Support Vector Machines

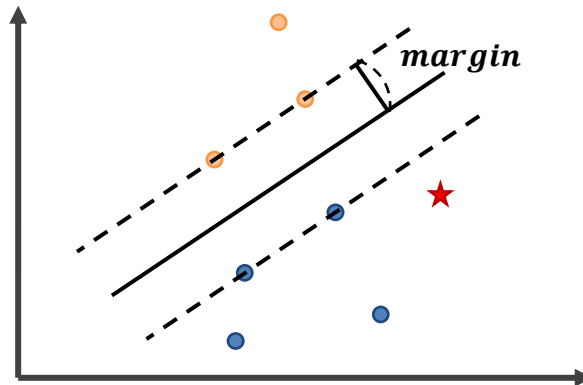
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# Overview

- ❖ What is support vector machines(SVMs)?
- ❖ Remind: Hyperplane
- ❖ Linear SVMs
- ❖ Soft margin SVMs
- ❖ Non-linear SVMs

# What is support vector machines ?

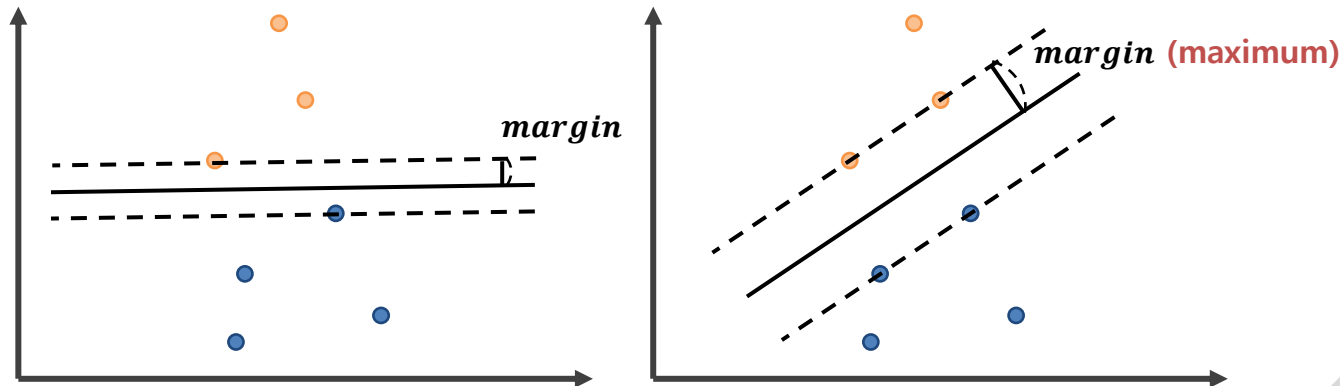
- **Support Vector Machines (SVMs)**
  - Vector space classification (using hyperplane)
  - Large margin classifier
  - Binary classifier (typical)



# What is support vector machines ?

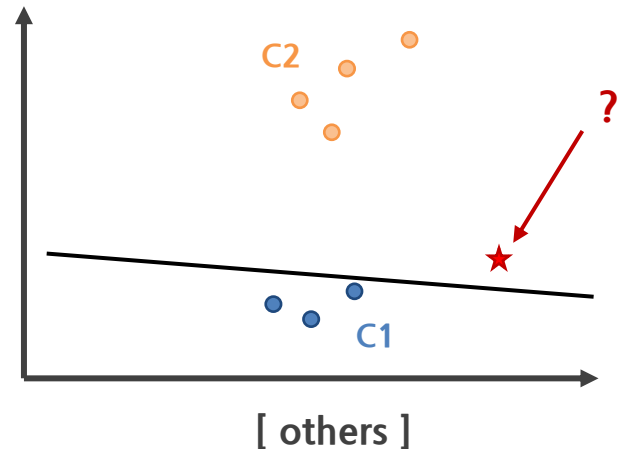
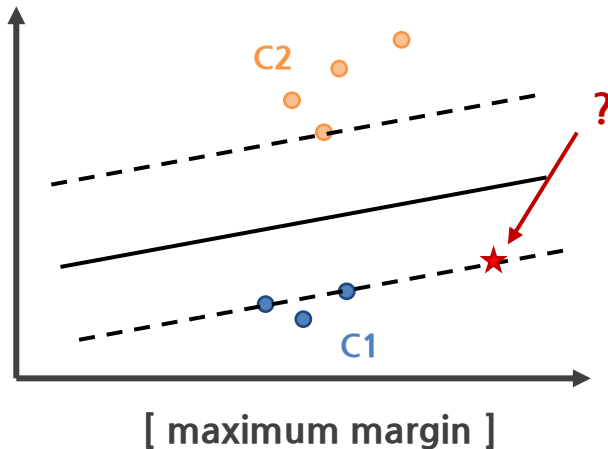
## ■ Strategy of SVMs

1. Calculate hyperplanes that can classify classes
2. Find the hyperplane farthest from any point
3. Classify data based on selected hyperplane



# What is support vector machines ?

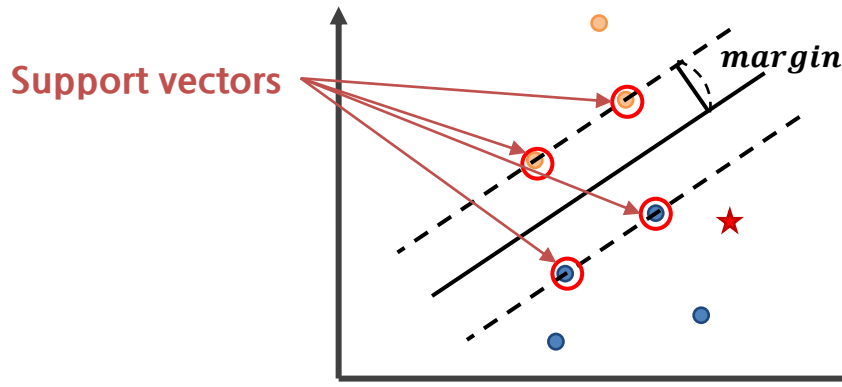
- **Why choose a maximum margin**
  - Enable clear classification
  - E.g., maximum margin vs. others



# What is support vector machines ?

## ■ Support vectors

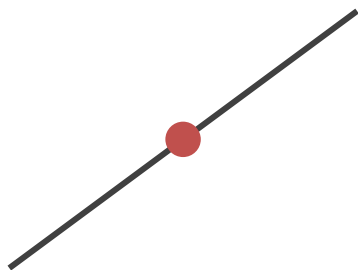
- Vectors that determine the maximum margin
- Vectors on margin lines are called support vectors



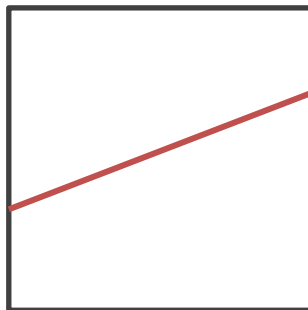
# Remind: Hyperplane

## ■ Hyperplane

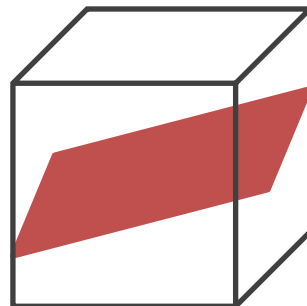
- An  $n$ -dimensional generalization of a plane
- The hyperplane is an  $n$ -dimensional representation of  $n - 1$  dimensions



[ 1 dimension ]



[ 2 dimensions ]



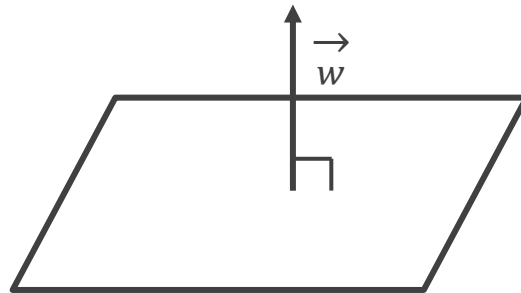
[ 3 dimensions ]

# Remind: Hyperplane

## ■ How to get

- A hyperplane  $H$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the set of points  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  that satisfy a linear equation

$$\vec{w}^T \vec{x} + b = 0$$





# Remind: Hyperplane

■ What is  $\vec{w}^T \vec{x}$  ?

- Linear equation :  $y = ax + b$

$$y - ax - b = 0$$

$$\vec{w} \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ -a \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w^T \cdot x &= (-b) * 1 + (-a) * x + 1 * y \\ &= y - ax - b \end{aligned}$$

It's just a different  
expression !

# Linear SVMs

## ■ How to choose hyperplane

- First, Margin calculation required

### 1. Functional margin

- Calculate margin as the result of the hyperplane function

$$y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) = |(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b)|, \mathbf{x}_i \in DataSet$$

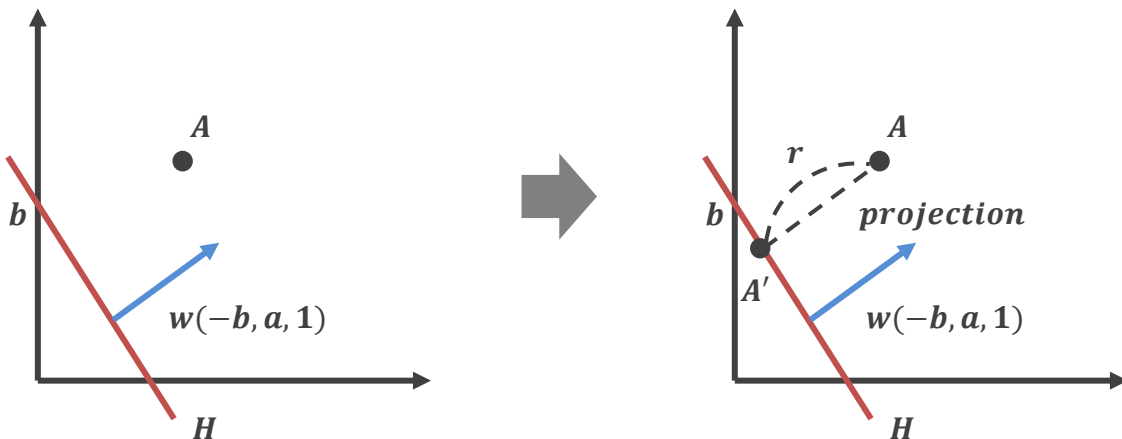
- There is a problem that the margin can be changed easily

# Linear SVMs

## ■ How to choose hyperplane

### 2. Geometric margin

- Euclidean distance between point and hyperplane



# Linear SVMs

## ■ How to choose hyperplane

- Unit vector :  $u = w/|w|$
- Orthogonal vector :  $r * u$
- Projected vector :  $x' = x - yr w/|w|$
- $w^T x' + b = 0$

$$w^T \left( x - yr \frac{w}{|w|} \right) + b = 0$$

$$r = y (w^T x + b) / w$$

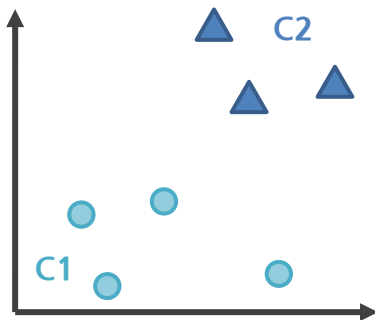
# Linear SVMs

## ■ How to choose hyperplane

- Find the hyperplane with the maximum margin

1. We have a dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  and you want to classify it

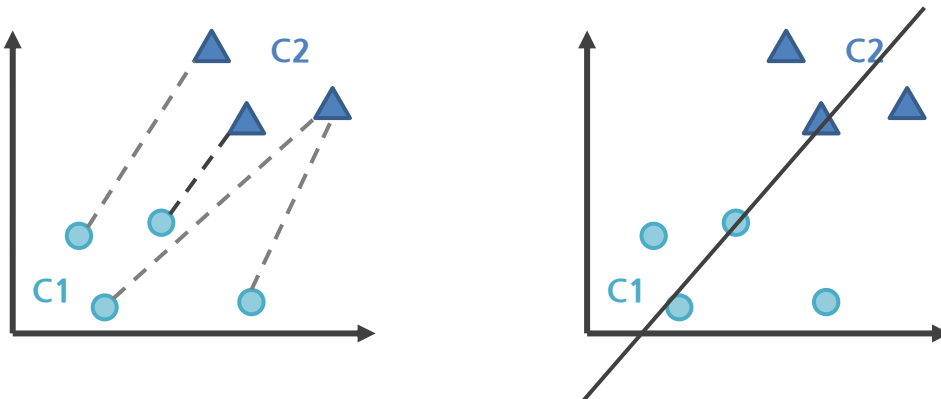
$$\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i) | x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, y_i \in \{-1, 1\}\}_{i=1}^n$$



# Linear SVMs

## ■ How to choose hyperplane

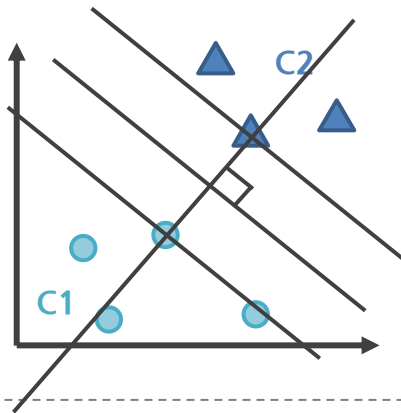
2. Find the minimum distance between data with different class labels



# Linear SVMs

## ■ How to choose hyperplane

3. Find a hyperplane with the maximum margin perpendicular to the hyperplane connecting the two vectors



# Linear SVMs

## ■ Mathematical summary

1. We have a dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  and you want to classify it

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ (x_i, y_i) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, y_i \in \{-1, 1\} \right\}_{i=1}^n$$



# Linear SVMs

## ■ Mathematical summary

2. We need to select two hyperplanes separating the data with no points between them

*for  $x_i$  having the class  $-1$*

$$w \cdot x_i + b \leq -1$$

*for  $x_i$  having the class  $1$*

$$w \cdot x_i + b \geq 1$$

*And multiply both sides by  $y_i$ , and then we get it*

$$y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for } \forall i (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

# Linear SVMs

## ■ Mathematical summary

### 3. Maximize the distance between the two hyperplanes

unit vector  $\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{w} / \|\mathbf{w}\|$

vector  $\mathbf{k} = m \cdot \mathbf{u}$

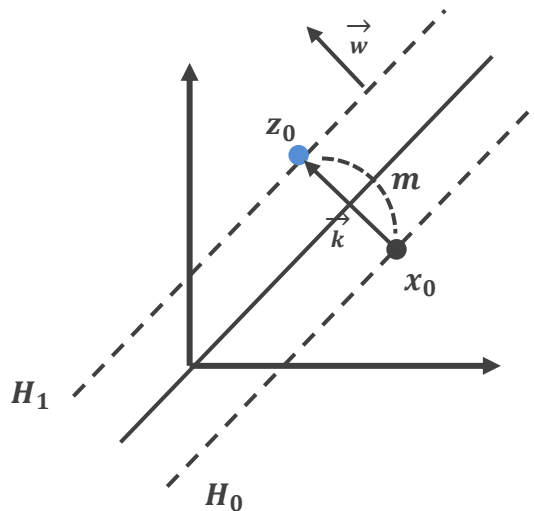
vector  $\mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{x}_0$

in  $H_1, \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{z}_0 = -b + \delta$

$\mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{k}) = -b + \delta$

$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 + m\|\mathbf{w}\| = -b + \delta$

$m = 2\delta / \|\mathbf{w}\|$



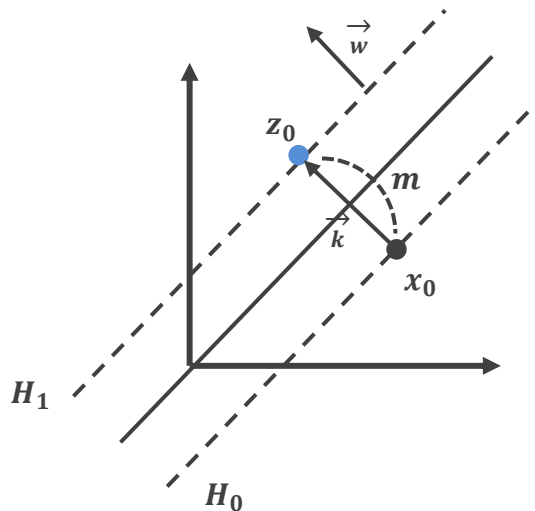
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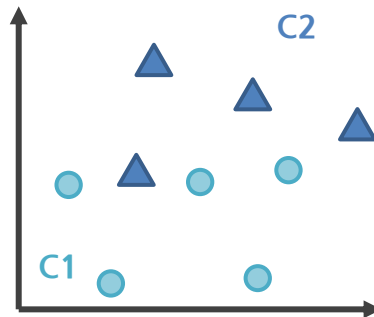
$m = 2\delta / ||w||$  is maximized,

oppositely,  $\frac{1}{2}w^T \cdot w$  is minimized



# Linear SVMs issue

- **Weakness of linear SVMs**
  - When data can't be classified linearly,

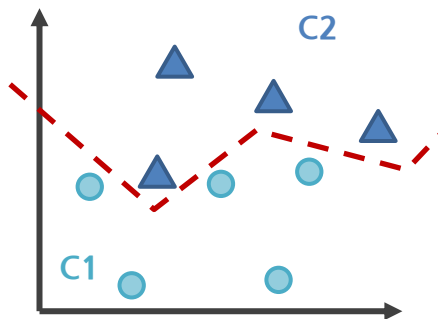
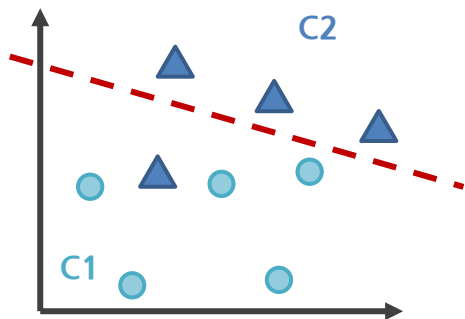


**The problem is that this is a common case !**

# Linear SVMs issue

## ■ How to solve it ?

1. Allow some errors
2. Using non-linear hyperplane (Decision boundary)



# Soft Margin SVMs

## ■ Strategies

- Allow some errors
- A penalty is given for errors: slack variables  $\xi_i$

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{w} + C \sum_i \xi_i \text{ is minimized}$$

$$\text{and for all } \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}, y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

$$\xi_i \geq 1 - y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b)$$

*if  $\xi_i = 0$ , correct classification*

*else if  $0 < \xi_i < 1$ , correct, but exceeded*

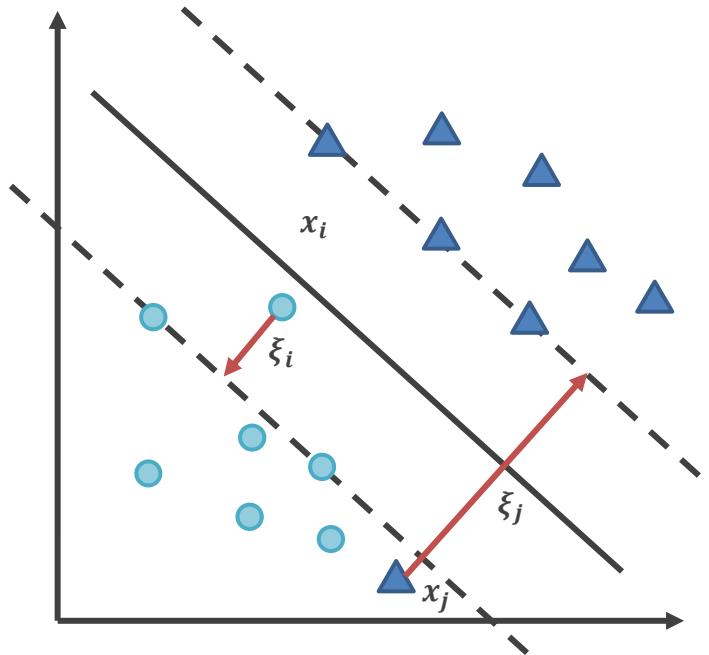
*else  $\xi_i \geq 1$ , misclassified*

# Soft Margin SVMs

- **How much error does it allow ?**
  - Tuning parameter:  $C$  (*regularization term*)
  - The threshold for the errors
  - Typically,  $C$  is a user input parameter
  - If  $C$  is too large, underfitting occurs
  - If  $C$  is too small, overfitting occurs

# Soft Margin SVMs

- Example figure

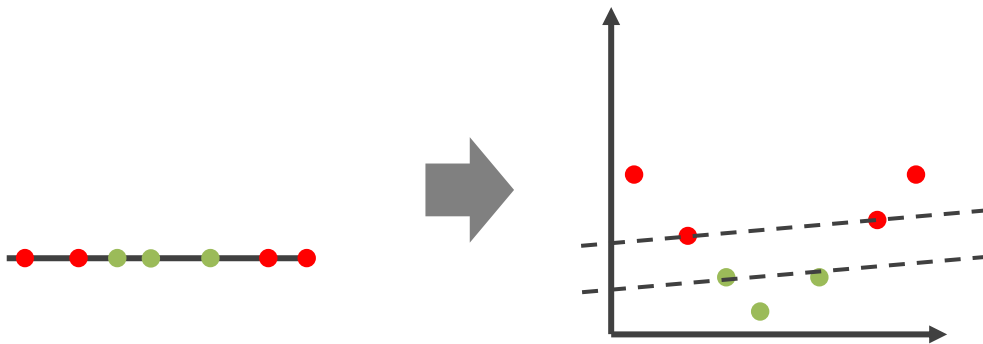




# Non-linear SVMs

- **It does not allow errors**

- Use a strong margin as is
- How ? *Kernel trick*:  $K(x, y)$
- Map a dataset to a higher dimensional space



# Non-linear SVMs

- **How to apply *kernel trick* ?**
  - Must be converted to applicable form first
  - Lagrange dual problem
    - ✓ Converting a minimization problem to a maximization problem
    - ✓ Satisfy *KKT condition* to reduce duality gap  
(For more information, search Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions)

# Non-linear SVMs

- How to apply *kernel trick* ?
- Lagrange dual problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w,b} ||\mathbf{w}'|| \\ \text{s. t. } (wx_j + b)y_j \geq 1, \forall j \end{aligned}$$

Transformation

$$\begin{aligned} L(w, b, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} w \cdot w - \sum_j \alpha_j [(wx_j + b)y_j - 1] \\ &= \sum_j \alpha_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j x_i x_j y_i y_j \\ &\therefore \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(x, \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

# Non-linear SVMs

- How to apply *kernel trick* ?

$$\varphi(x_i)\varphi(x_j) = K(x_i, x_j)$$

$$L(w, b, \alpha) = \sum_j \alpha_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(x_i, x_j)$$

$$w = \sum_j \alpha_j \varphi(x_j) y_j, b = y_j - w x_j \Rightarrow b = y_j - \sum_i \alpha_i \varphi(x_i) y_i \varphi(x_j)$$

$$f(\varphi(x)) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x) + y_j - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x_j) \right)$$

# Non-linear SVMs

- **How to apply *kernel trick* ?**
- Typically, choose from three main kernels

1. Quadratic kernel

$$K(x, y) = (xy + 1)^p$$

2. Radial basis function (rdf)

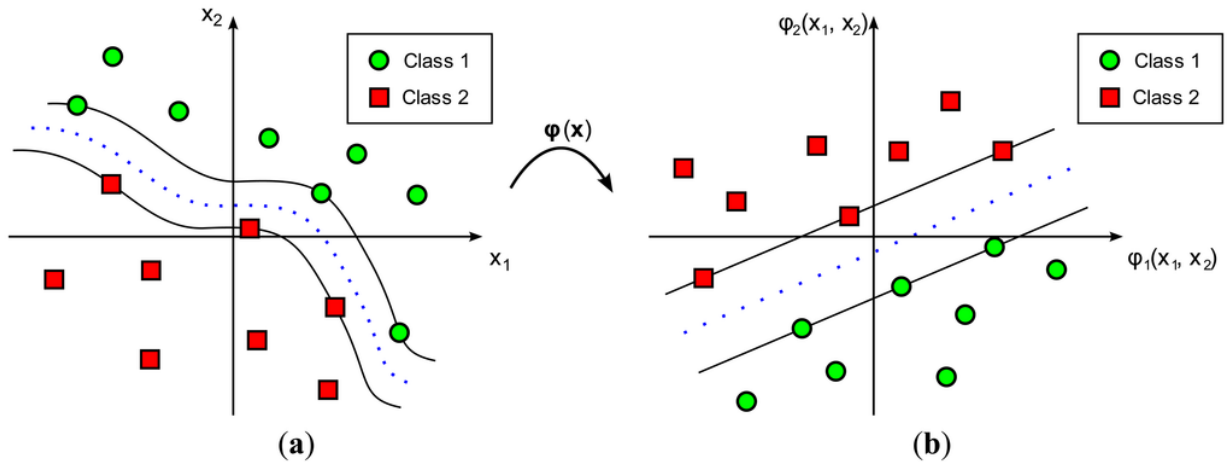
$$K(x, y) = e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

3. Hyperbolic tangent

$$K(x, y) = \tanh(\alpha xy + \beta), \text{ commonly } \alpha = 2, \beta = 1$$

# Non-linear SVMs

- The result of the *kernel trick*



# Other issue

## ■ Multiclass SVMs

- It is generally a binary classifier
- It can classify multiclass in a naïve approach
- Recursively classify 1:N
- Data point that is not classified or has multi-class labels may exist

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
- Purpose
  - Process paper-based documents by converting printed or handwritten text into an electronic form
- This is a difficult problem due to the many variants in handwritten style and printed fonts
- Errors or typos can result in embarrassing or costly mistakes in a business environment



# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 1 – collecting data
  - Dataset
    - Letter dataset
    - Can be downloaded from UCI Machine Learning Data Repository
      - <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml>
  - Characteristics of the dataset
    - The dataset contains 20,000 examples of 26 English alphabet capital letters as printed using 20 different randomly reshaped and distorted black and white fonts

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 1 – collecting data
  - The following figure provides an example of some of the printed glyphs



# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 2 – exploring and preparing the data
  - Import the CSV data file
    - > letters <- read.csv("letterdata.csv")
  - Confirm that we have received the data with the 16 features that define each example of the letter class
    - > str(letters)

```
> letters <- read.csv("letterdata.csv")
> str(letters)
'data.frame':  20000 obs. of  17 variables:
 $ letter: Factor w/ 26 levels "A","B","C","D",...
 $ xbox  : int   2  5  4  7  2  4  4  1  2 11 ...
 $ ybox  : int   8 12 11 11  1 11  2  1  2 15 ...
 $ width : int   3  3  6  6  3  5  5  3  4 13 ...
 $ height: int   5  7  8  6  1  8  4  2  4  9 ...
```

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 2 – exploring and preparing the data
  - The first 16,000 records (80 percent) to build the model
    - > letters\_train <- letters[1:16000, ]
  - The next 4,000 records (20 percent) to test
    - > letters\_test <- letters[16001:20000, ]
  - The data have already randomized, so no need to perform random function

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 3 – training a model on the data
  - When it comes to fitting an SVM model in R, there are several outstanding packages to choose from
    - The e1071 package from the Department of Statistics at the Vienna University of Technology
      - Provides an R interface to the award winning LIBSVM library, a widely used open source SVM program written in C++
    - The klaR package from the Department of Statistics at the Dortmund University of Technology
      - Provides functions to work with this SVM implementation directly within R
    - kernlab package

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 3 – training a model on the data

Support vector machine syntax
using the <code>ksvm()</code> function in the <code>kernlab</code> package
<b>Building the model:</b> <pre>m &lt;- ksvm(target ~ predictors, data = mydata,           kernel = "rbfdot", C = 1)</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>target</b> is the outcome in the <code>mydata</code> data frame to be modeled</li><li>• <b>predictors</b> is an R formula specifying the features in the <code>mydata</code> data frame to use for prediction</li><li>• <b>data</b> specifies the data frame in which the <b>target</b> and <b>predictors</b> variables can be found</li><li>• <b>kernel</b> specifies a nonlinear mapping such as "<b>rbfdot</b>" (radial basis), "<b>polydot</b>" (polynomial), "<b>tanhdot</b>" (hyperbolic tangent sigmoid), or "<b>vanilladot</b>" (linear)</li><li>• <b>C</b> is a number that specifies the cost of violating the constraints, i.e., how big of a penalty there is for the "soft margin." Larger values will result in narrower margins</li></ul> <p>The function will return a SVM object that can be used to make predictions.</p> <b>Making predictions:</b> <pre>p &lt;- predict(m, test, type = "response")</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>m</b> is a model trained by the <code>ksvm()</code> function</li><li>• <b>test</b> is a data frame containing test data with the same features as the training data used to build the classifier</li><li>• <b>type</b> specifies whether the predictions should be "<b>response</b>" (the predicted class) or "<b>probabilities</b>" (the predicted probability, one column per class level).</li></ul> <p>The function will return a vector (or matrix) of predicted classes (or probabilities) depending on the value of the <code>type</code> parameter.</p> <b>Example:</b> <pre>letter_classifier &lt;- ksvm(letter ~ ., data =   letters_train, kernel = "vanilladot") letter_prediction &lt;- predict(letter_classifier,   letters_test)</pre>

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 3 – training a model on the data
  - Call the `ksvm()` function on the training data and specify the linear (that is, vanilla) kernel using the `vanilladot` option
    - > `install.packages("kernlab")`
    - > `library(kernlab)`
    - > `letter_classifier <- ksvm(letter ~ ., data = letters_train, kernel = "vanilladot")`

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 3 – training a model on the data
  - Result of ksvm() function

```
> letter_classifier
Support Vector Machine object of class "ksvm"

SV type: C-svc (classification)
parameter : cost C = 1

Linear (vanilla) kernel function.

Number of Support Vectors : 7037

Objective Function Value : -14.1746 -20.0072 -23.5628 -6.2009 -7.5524
-32.7694 -49.9786 -18.1824 -62.1111 -32.7284 -16.2209...

Training error : 0.130062
```



# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 4 – evaluating model performance
  - The `predict()` function allows us to use the letter classification model to make predictions on the testing dataset
    - > `letter_predictions <- predict(letter_classifier, letters_test)`
  - Because we didn't specify the `type` parameter, the `type = "response"` default was used
  - This returns a vector containing a predicted letter for each row of values in the test data
  - Using the `head()` function, we can see the following result
    - > `head(letter_predictions)`
    - [1] U N V X N H
    - Levels: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 4 – evaluating model performance
  - To examine how well our classifier performed, we need to compare the predicted letter to the true letter in the testing dataset
    - `table()` function

```
> table(letter_predictions, letters_test$letter)
```

letter_predictions	A	B	C	D	E
A	144	0	0	0	0
B	0	121	0	5	2
C	0	0	120	0	4
D	2	2	0	156	0
E	0	0	5	0	127

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 4 – evaluating model performance
  - The following command returns a vector of TRUE or FALSE values, indicating whether the model's predicted letter agrees with the actual letter in the test dataset
    - > agreement <- letter\_predictions == letters\_test\$letter
  - From result, we see that the classifier correctly identified the letter in 3,357 out of the 4,000 test records

```
> table(agreement)
agreement
FALSE  TRUE
643   3357
```

# Example – performing OCR with SVMs

- Step 5 – improving model performance
  - By using a more complex kernel function, we can map the data into a higher dimensional space, and potentially obtain a better model fit
    - Gaussian RBF kernel

```
> letter_classifier_rbf <- ksvm(letter ~ ., data = letters_train, kernel = "rbfdot")
```
    - Next, we make predictions as done earlier

```
> letter_predictions_rbf <- predict(letter_classifier_rbf, letters_test)
```
    - Finally, we'll compare the accuracy to our linear SVM

```
> agreement_rbf <- letter_predictions_rbf == letters_test$letter
> table(agreement_rbf)
```

agreement_rbf	
FALSE	TRUE
275	3725

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