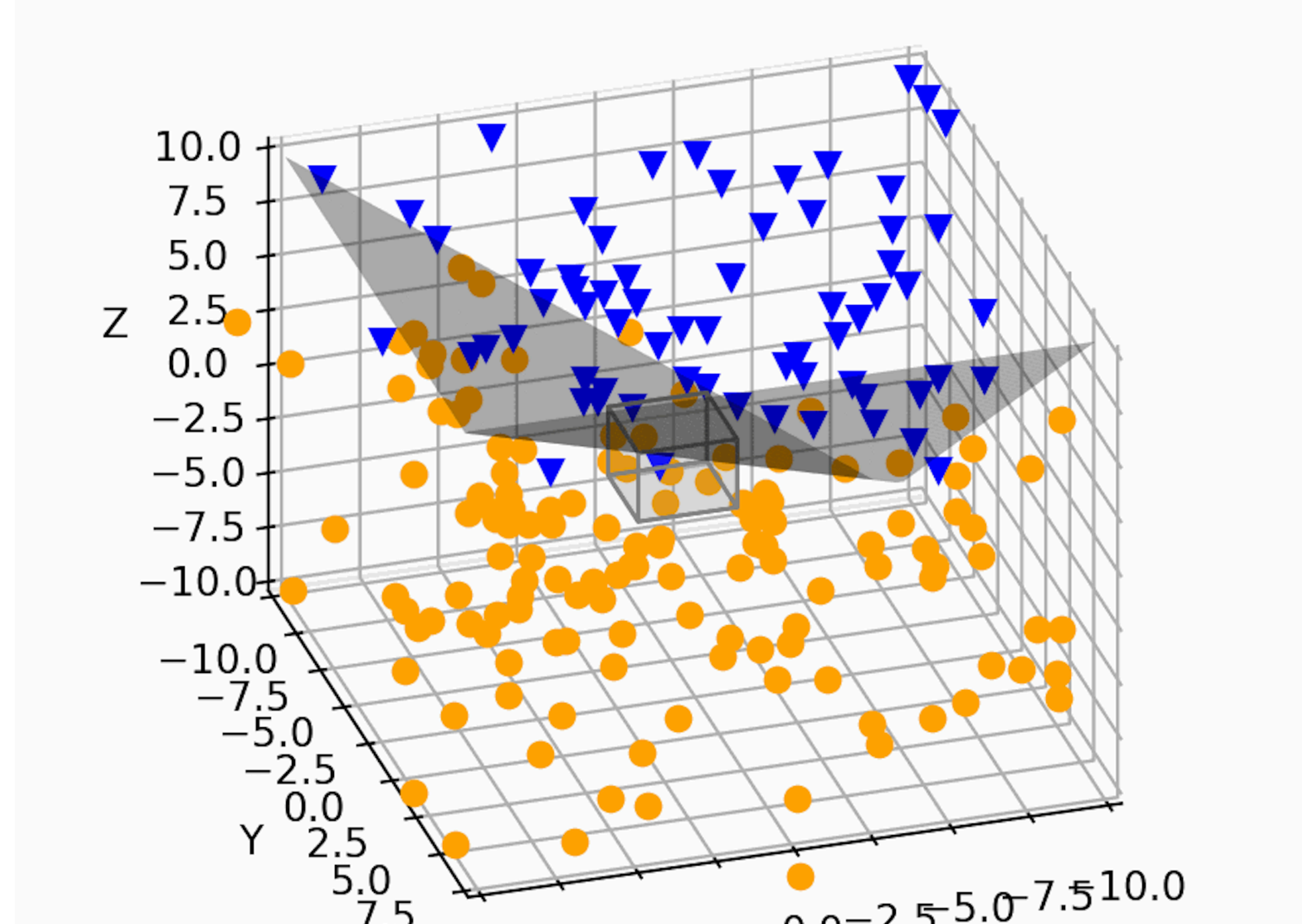


Tropical Support Vector Machines

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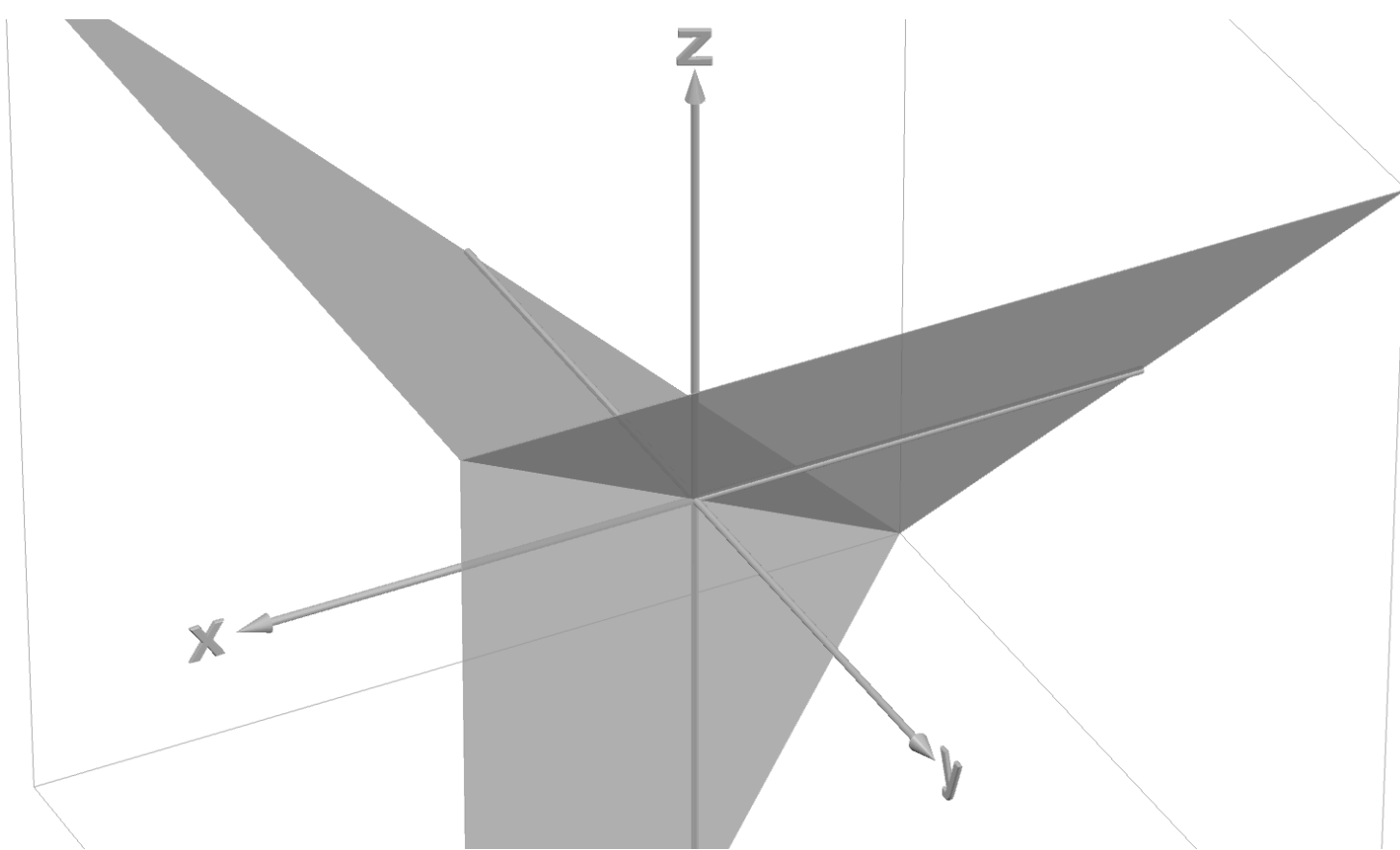
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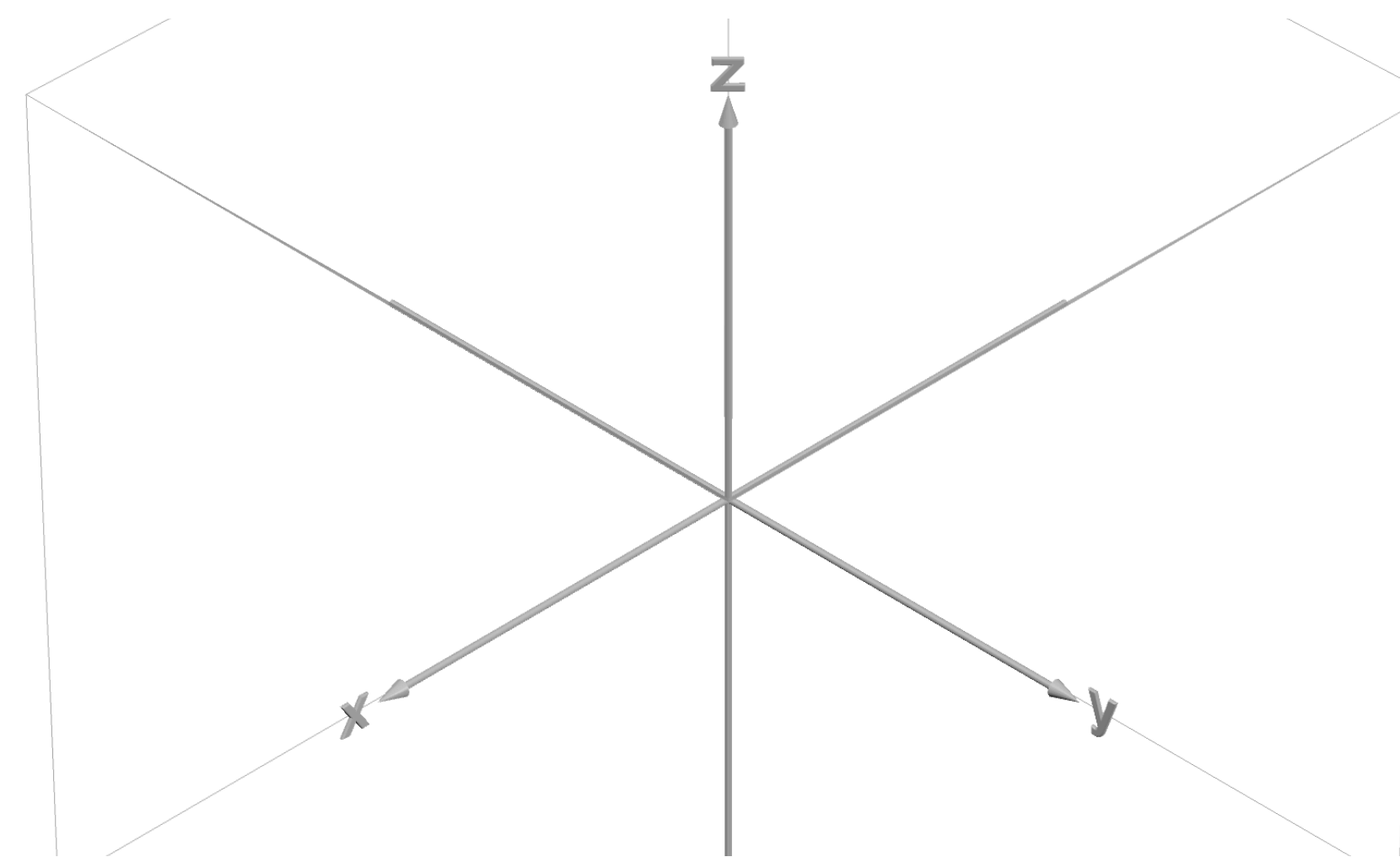


Tropical hyperplanes

- Max-plus semi-field: $\mathbb{R}_{\max} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ with addition $a \oplus b = \max(a, b)$ and multiplication $a \odot b = a + b$.
- Tropical hyperplane of apex $a \in \mathbb{R}_{\max}^d$: splits space depending on where $x - a$ reaches its maximum coordinate.



In 3D space

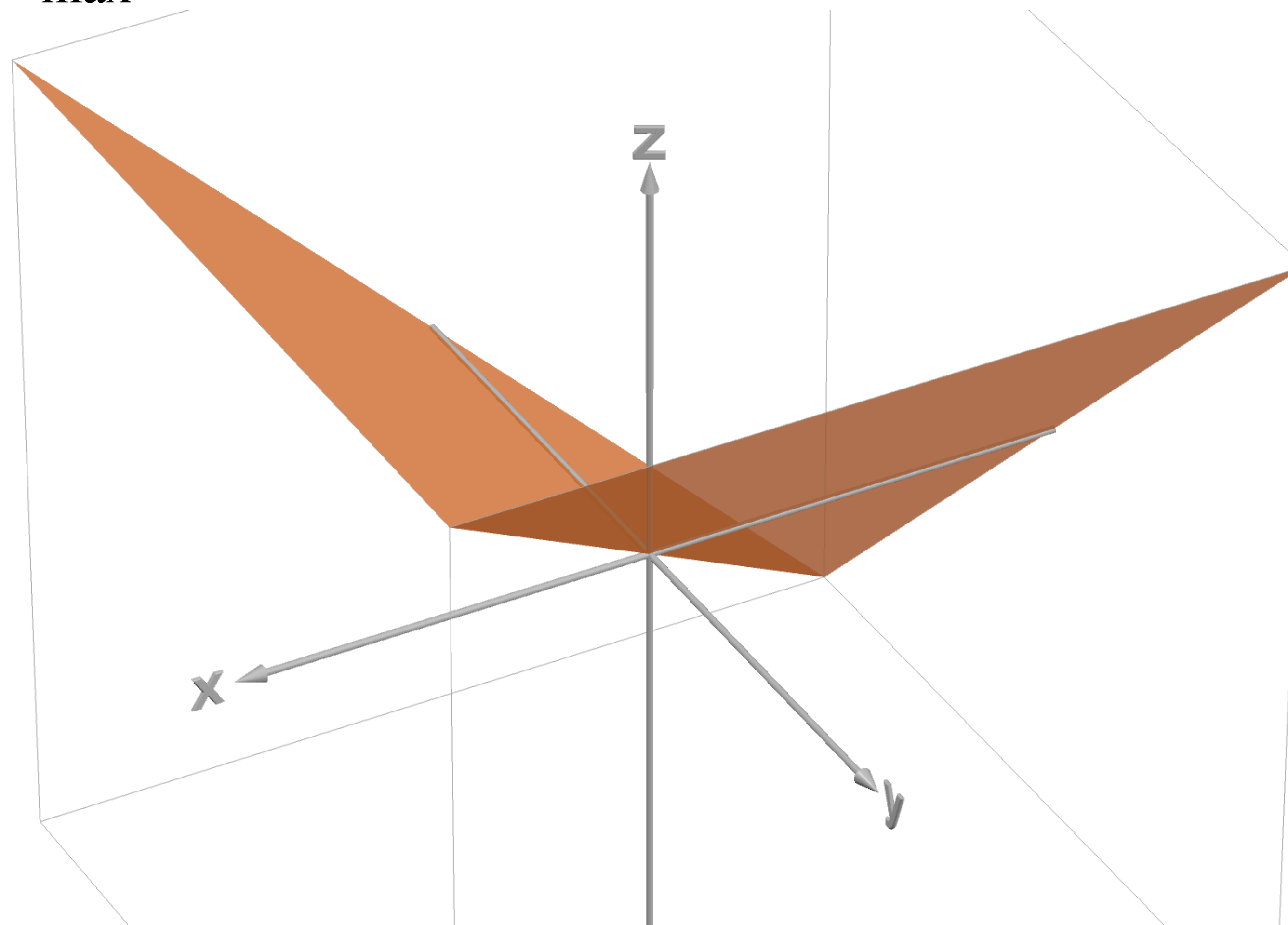


In the projective plane

- $H_a := \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{\max}^d, \quad (x - a) \text{ reaches its max coordinate at least twice}\}.$

Tropical hyperplanes

- *Tropical parametrised hyperplane* of config. $\sigma = \{I^\pm\}$:
 $H_a^\sigma := \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{\max}^d, \quad (x - a) \text{ reaches its max coordinate in } I^+ \text{ and } I^-\}$



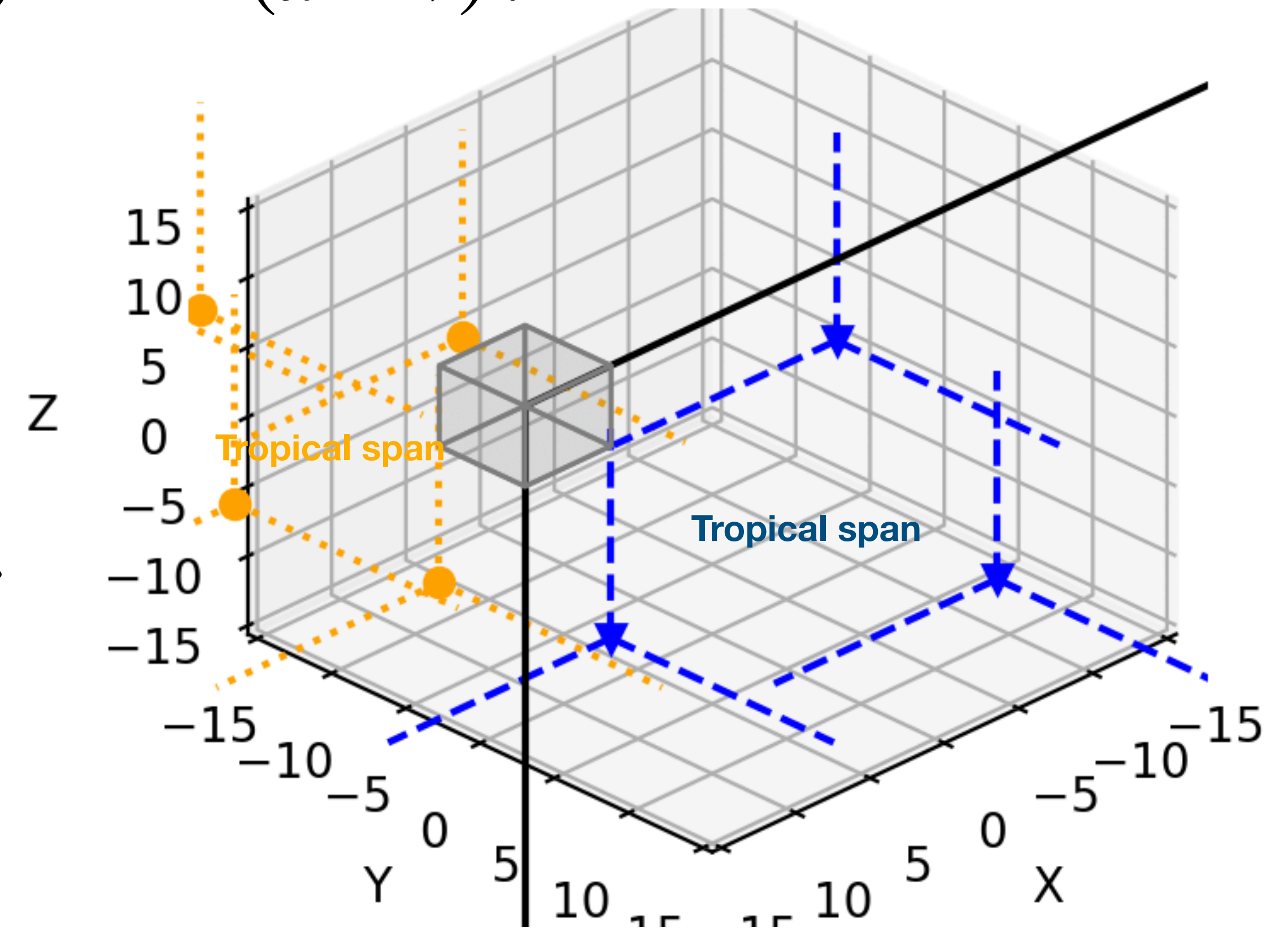
Tropical classification problem

- n classes of d -dimensional points: $X_1, \dots, X_n \subset \mathbb{R}^d$.
- Tropical distance: $d(u, v) := \max(u - v) - \min(u - v)$.
- Hard separation with margin ν :

$$\forall x^k \in X^k, \quad \arg \max_{i \in [d]} x_i^k \in I^k,$$

$$d(H_a^\sigma, x^k) = \max(x^k - a) - \max_{\ell \neq k} (x^k - a) \geq \nu.$$

- Amounts to separate tropical spans.



Tropical Binary Classification Example

Describing tropical spans

- **Shapley operator:** non-decreasing map over \mathbb{R}_{\max}^d verifying $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{\max}, T(\lambda + x) = \lambda + T(x)$.
- For T a Shapley map, we define $\mathcal{S}(T) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad x \leq T(x)\}$.
- Important example: *tropical projections*:

$$\forall i \in [p], \quad P_X(x)_i = \max_{j \in [p]} \left\{ X_{ij} + \min_{k \in [d]} (-X_{kj} + x_k) \right\}.$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{S}(P_X) = \text{Span}(X).}$$

- Hence *tropical projections* describe the sets we want to separate.

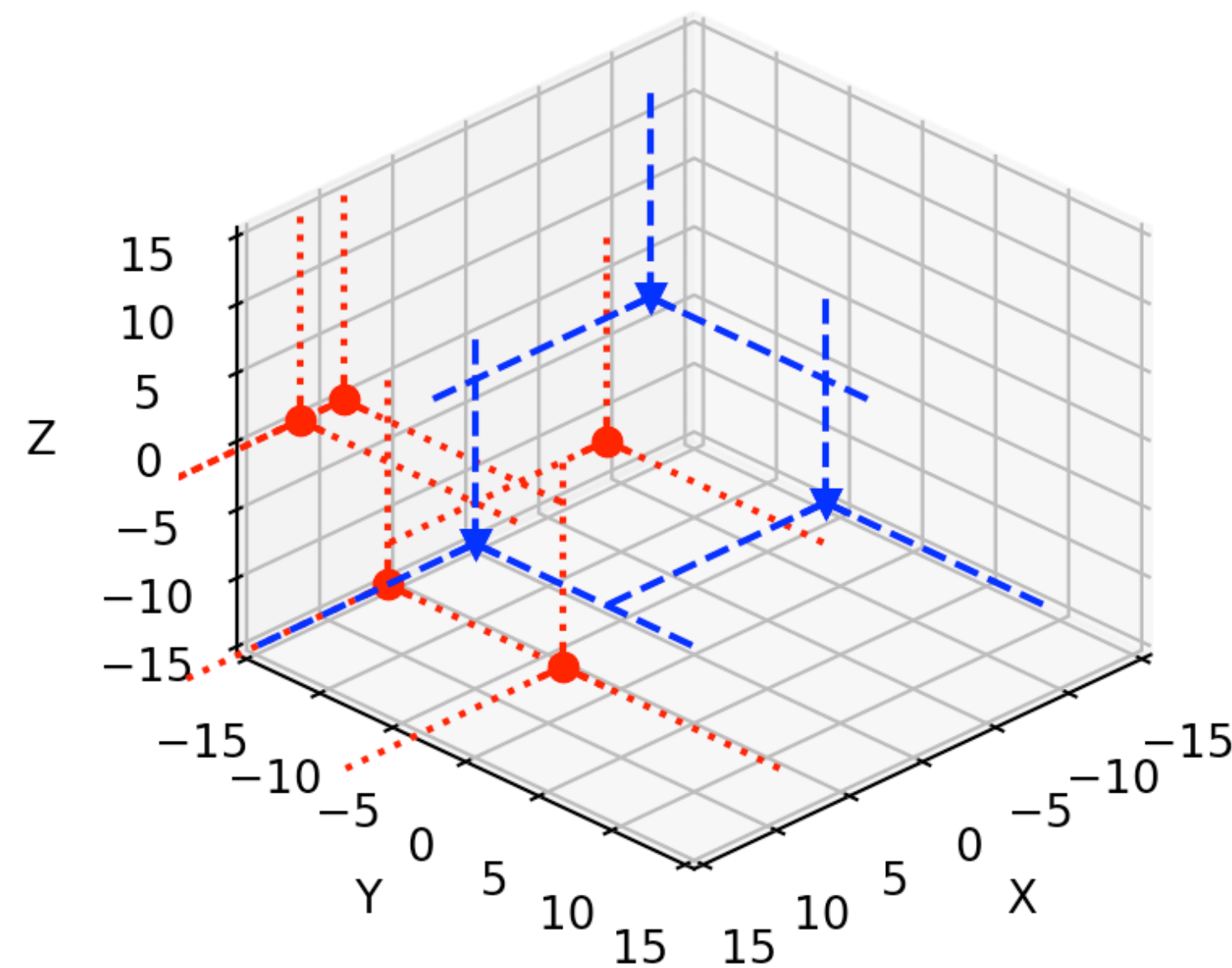
Dealing with non-separability

- **Objective:** Evaluating overlap $V^+ \cap V^-$ in terms of distance to separability.
- $\mathcal{S}(T^+ \wedge T^-) = \mathcal{S}(T^+) \cap \mathcal{S}(T^-)$: we have a Shapley for the intersection.
- We can make it *diagonal-free*.
- [Allamigeon, Gaubert et al.] $\rho(T) = \text{inrad } \mathcal{S}(T)$ when T DF.
- Eigenpairs computable in pseudo-polynomial time with Krasnoselskii-Mann.

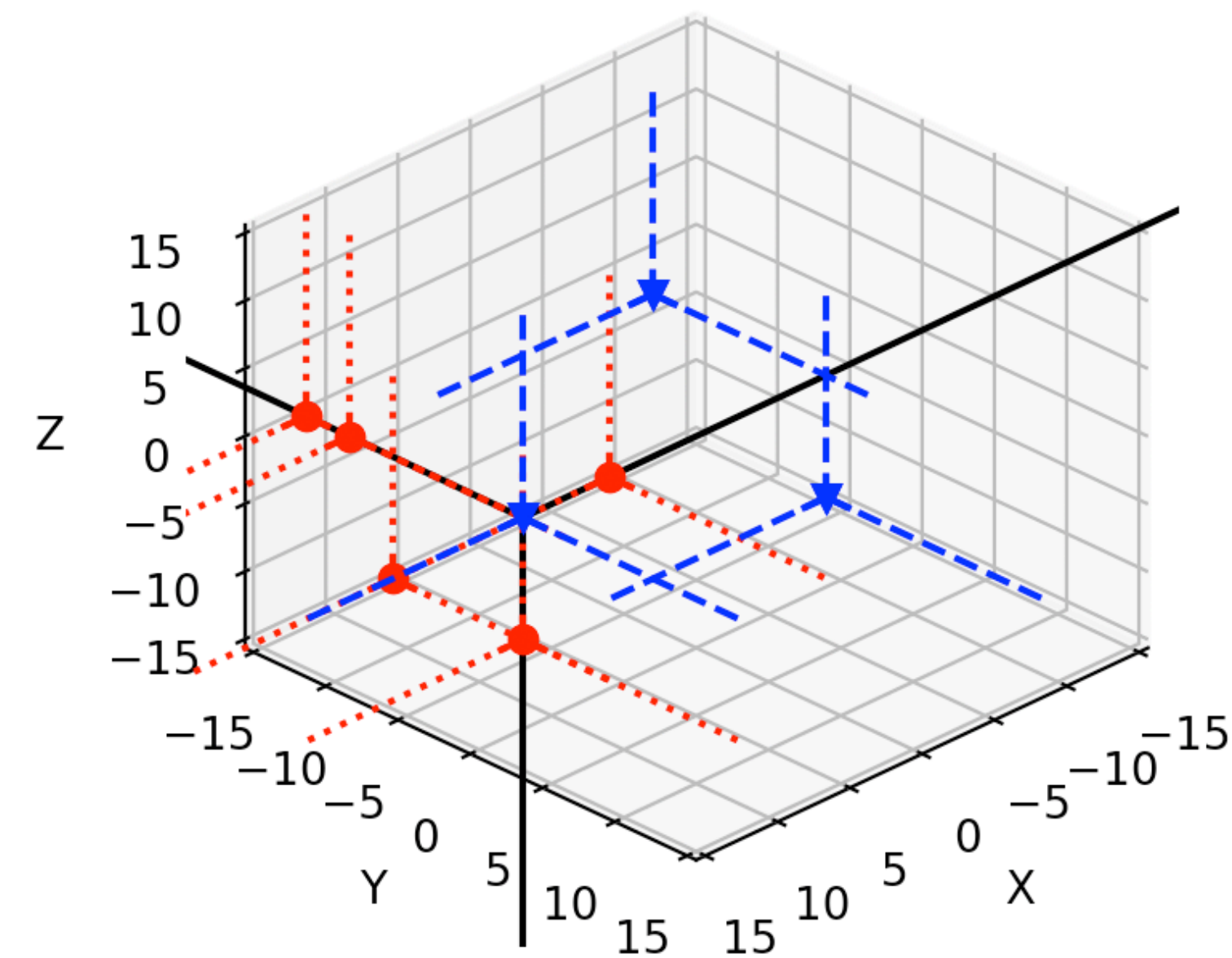
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- **Proposition.** Projecting points at distance less than $\rho(T)$ over H_a nullifies the interior of $V^+ \cap V^-$, with a eigenvector associated with $\rho(T)$.

Raw inseparable



Inrad method, inseparable
(apex = [8. -4. -4.], margin = 0.0)



Optimal margin in the separable case

- Let (a, λ) the unique eigenpair: in the separable case, $\lambda < 0$.
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- *Proof.* As T^\pm are non-expansive, we have for $x^\pm \in V^\pm$:

$$x_i^\pm \leq \max(x^\pm - a) + T^\pm(a)_i.$$

- For instance, let $i \in I^-$. Then $T^+(a)_i = \lambda + a_i$, so for $x^+ \in V^+$:

$$x_i^+ - a_i \leq \max(x^+ - a) + \lambda.$$

- And:

$$d(H_a^\sigma, x^+) = \max(x^+ - a) - \max(x^+ - a)_{I^-} \geq -\lambda.$$

- For the optimality, when T^\pm is in the form:

$$T^\pm(x) := \sup_{v \in V^\pm} (v_i + \min(-v + x)).$$

- For $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find $v \in V^+$ such that:

$$T^+(a)_i - \varepsilon \leq v_i - \max(v - a) \leq T^+(a)_i.$$

- Hence:

$$\lambda - \varepsilon \leq v_i - a_i - \max(v - a) \leq \lambda.$$

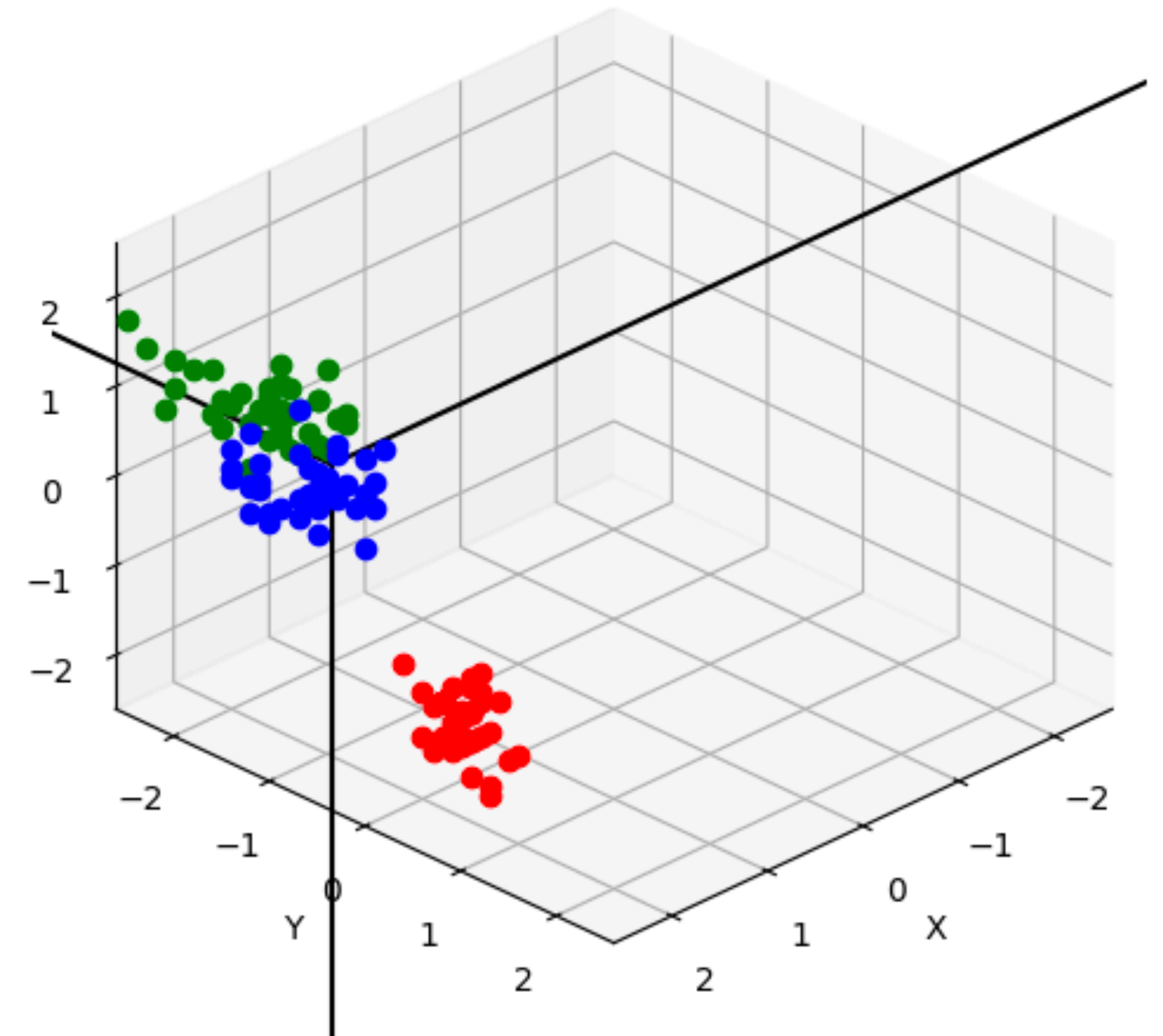
Topics being explored

1. Hard-Margin Multi-Classification

All-Vs-All $T := \bigvee_{1 \leq k < l \leq n} T^k \wedge T^l$

Same proofs!

One-Vs-All? $T^{(1)} := T^1 \wedge \left(\bigvee_{j \neq 1} T^j \right).$



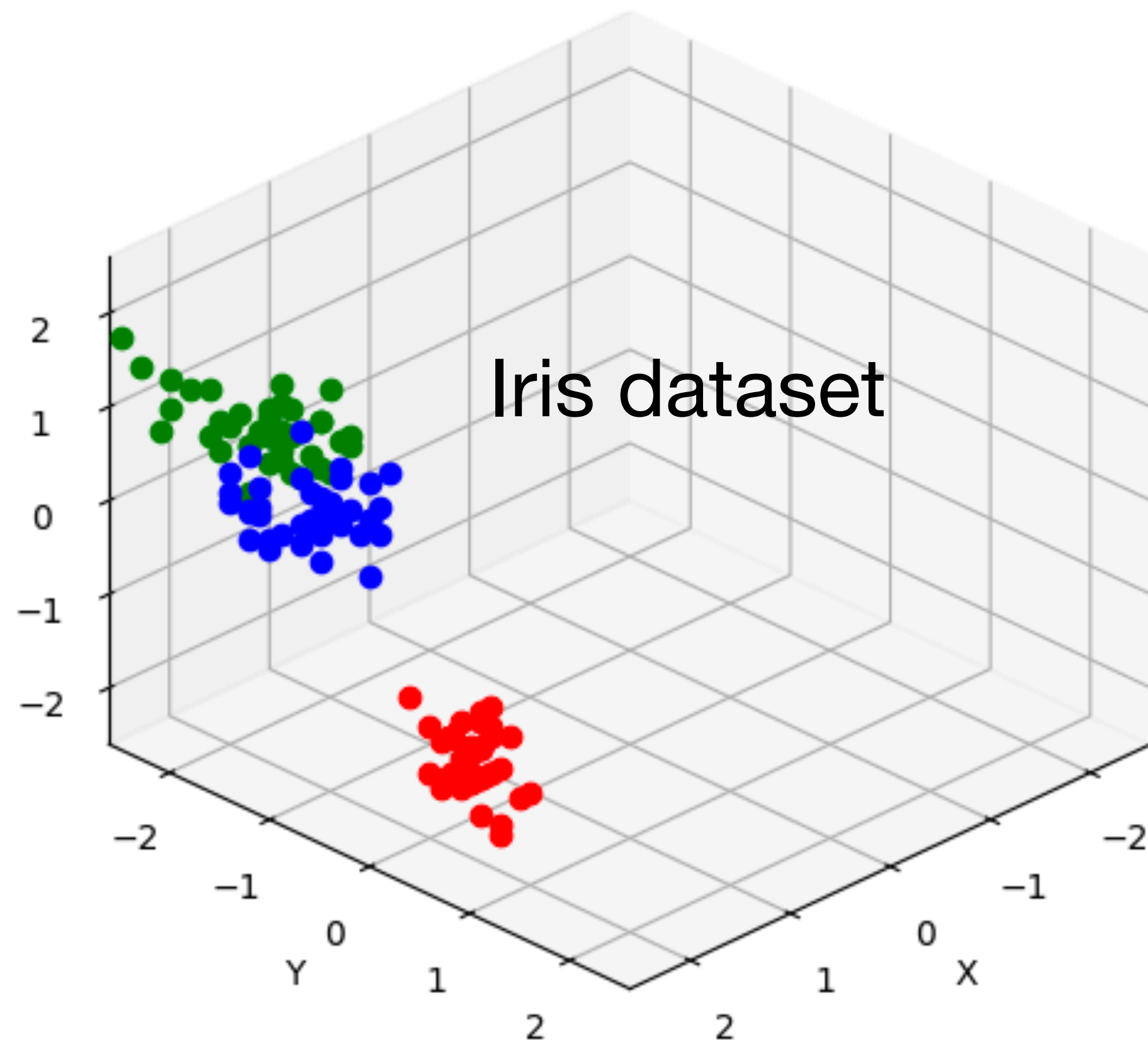
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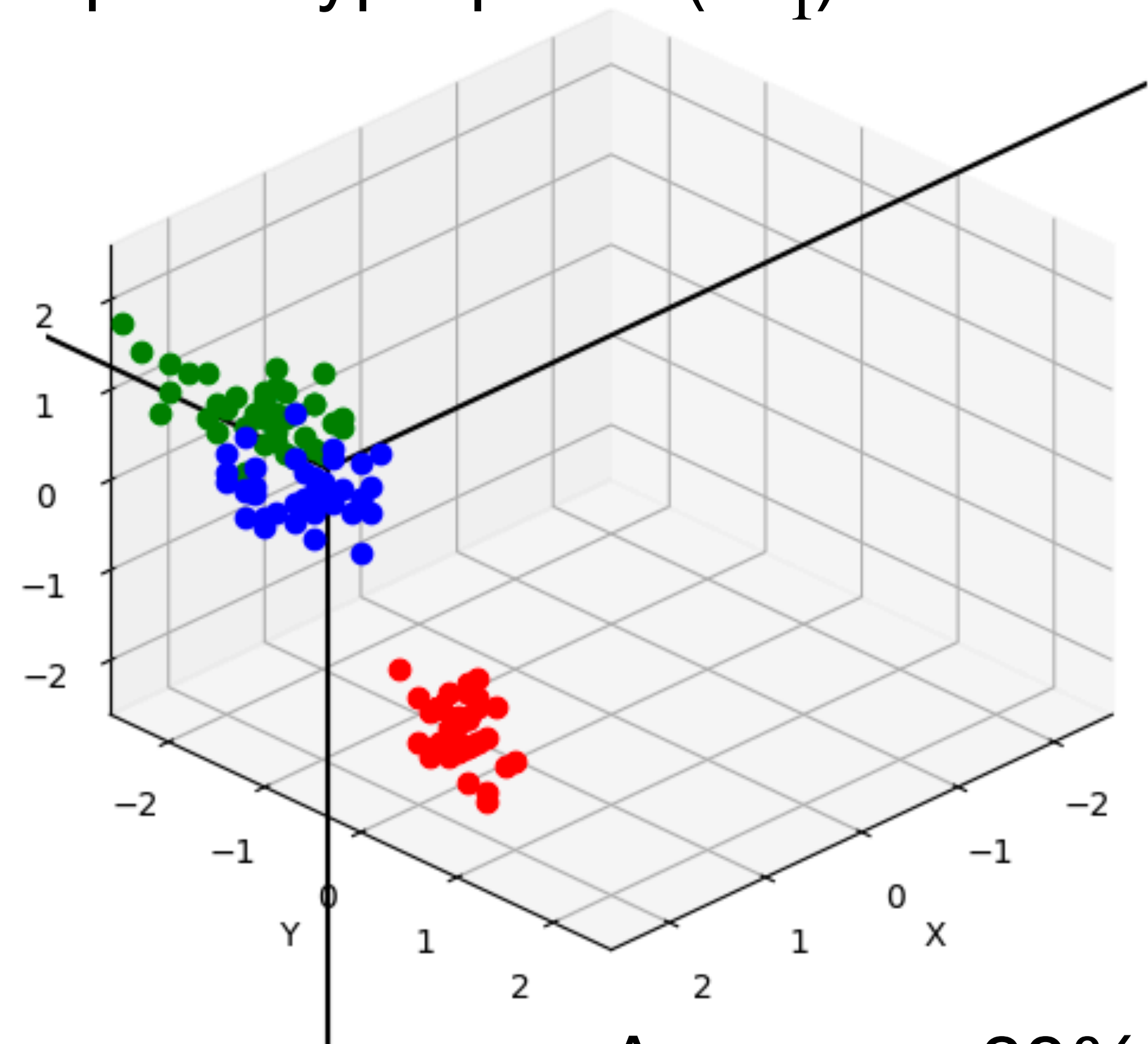
- Initial space: \mathbb{R}^d .
- New space: $\text{ver}(x) := \left(\langle x, \alpha \rangle \right)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{A}}$.
- We consider integer combinations of features: $\mathcal{A}_s := (s\Delta_d) \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$.
- Ex: \mathcal{A}_1 corresponds to initial space, \mathcal{A}_2 also contains all sums of 2 features...
- [Zhang, 18] Feedforward neural networks + ReLU \equiv Tropical Rational Functions

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Tropical hyperplane (\mathcal{A}_1)

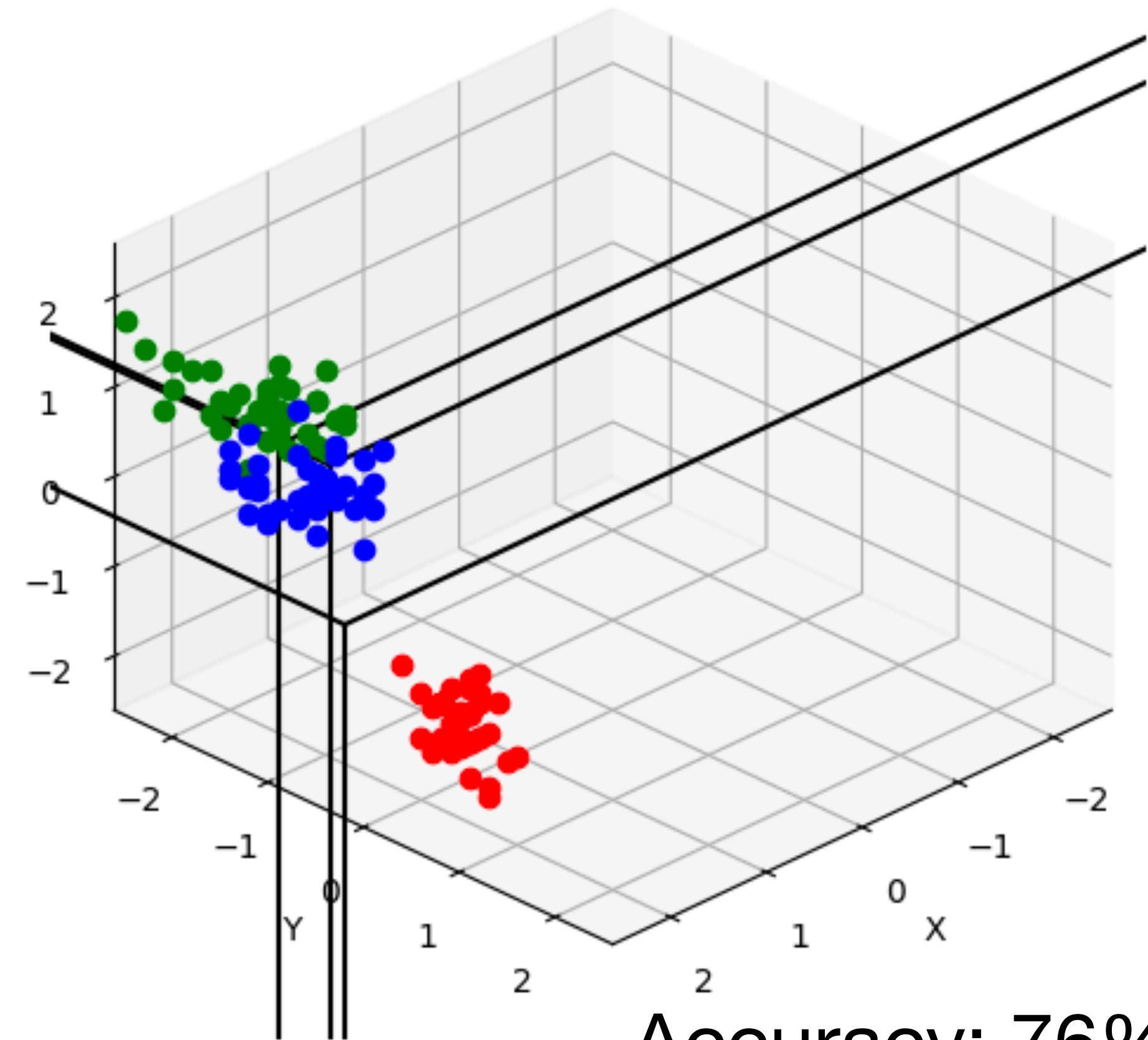
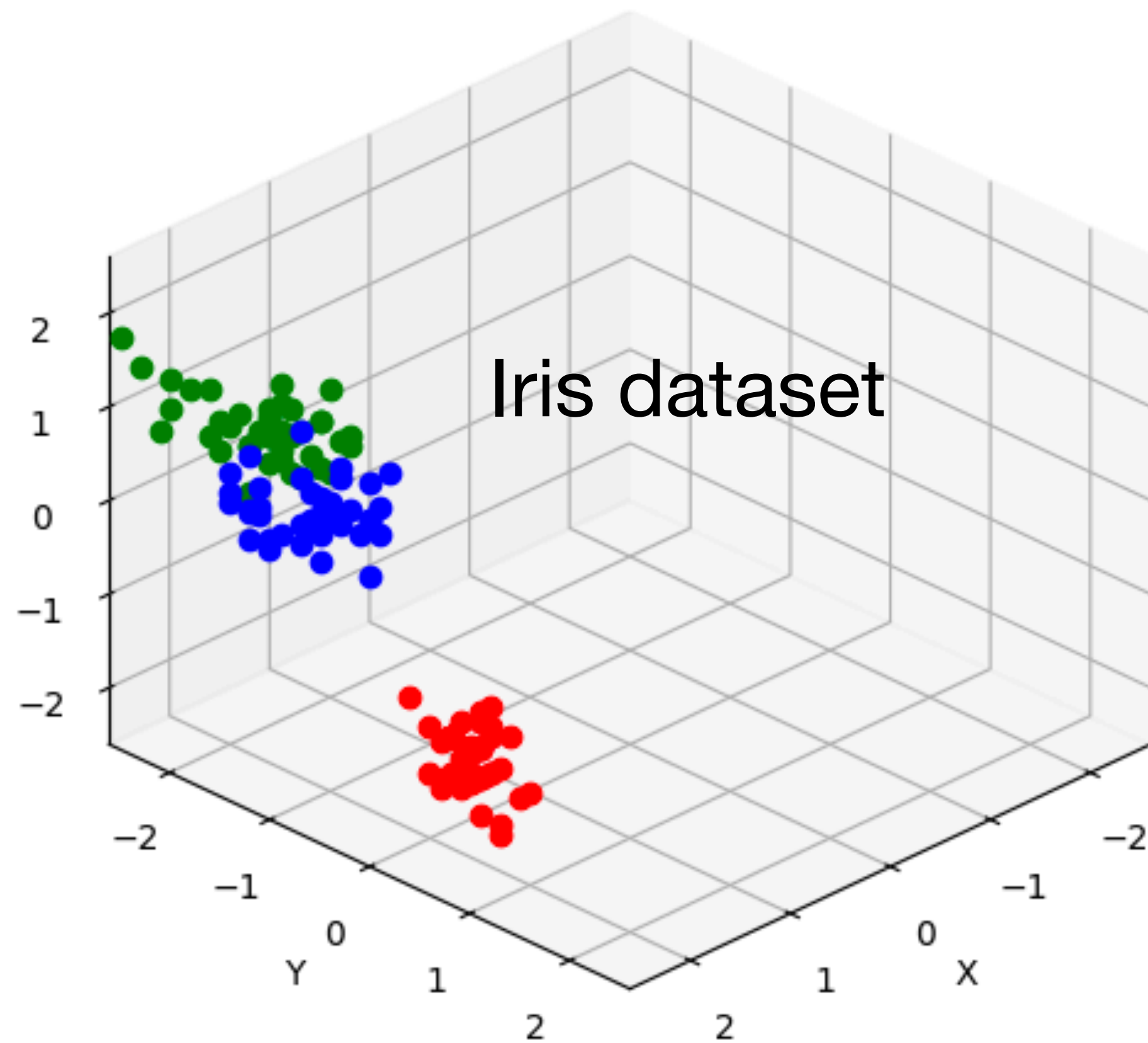


Accuracy: 80%

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One-vs-all hyperplanes (\mathcal{A}_1)



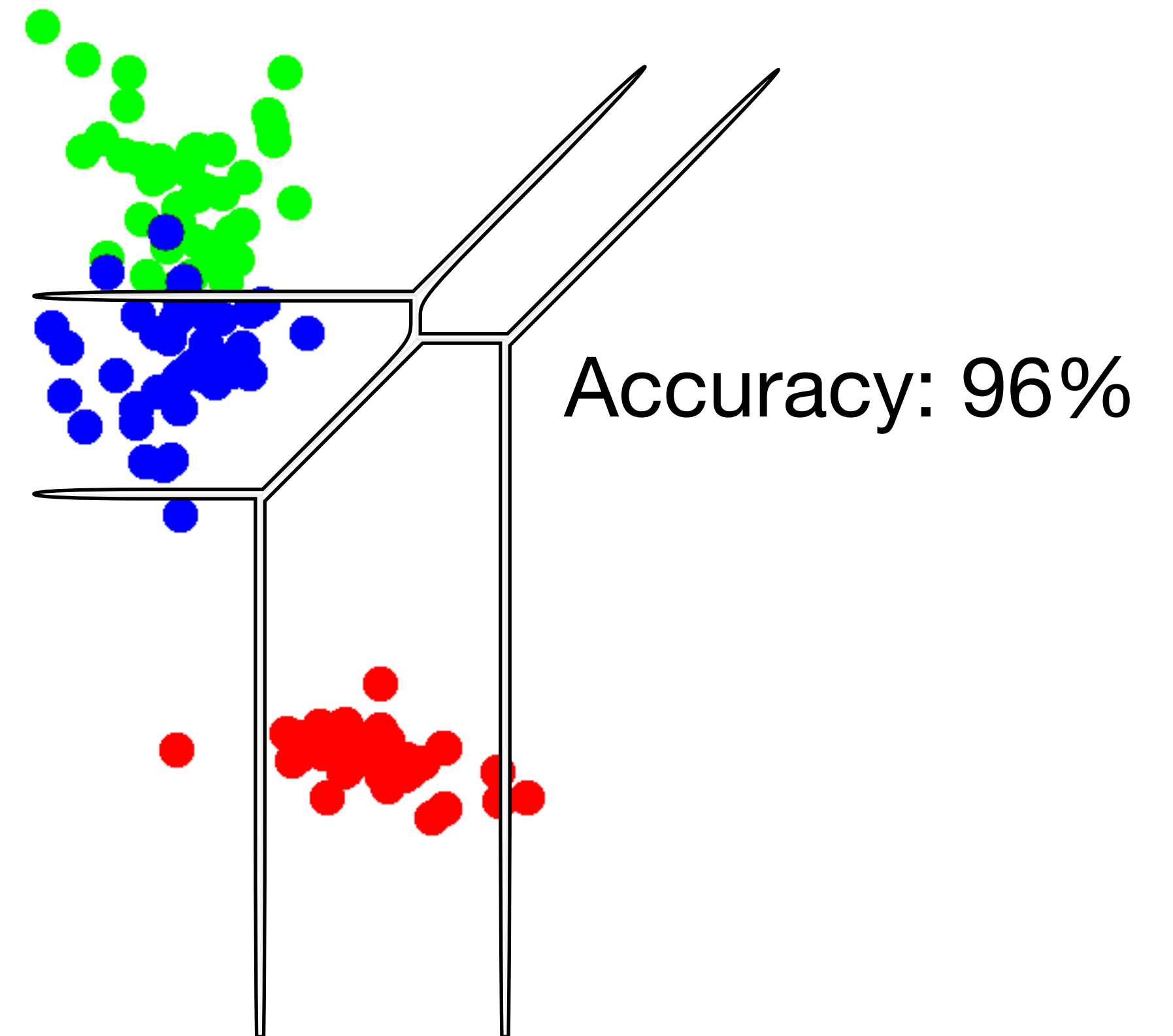
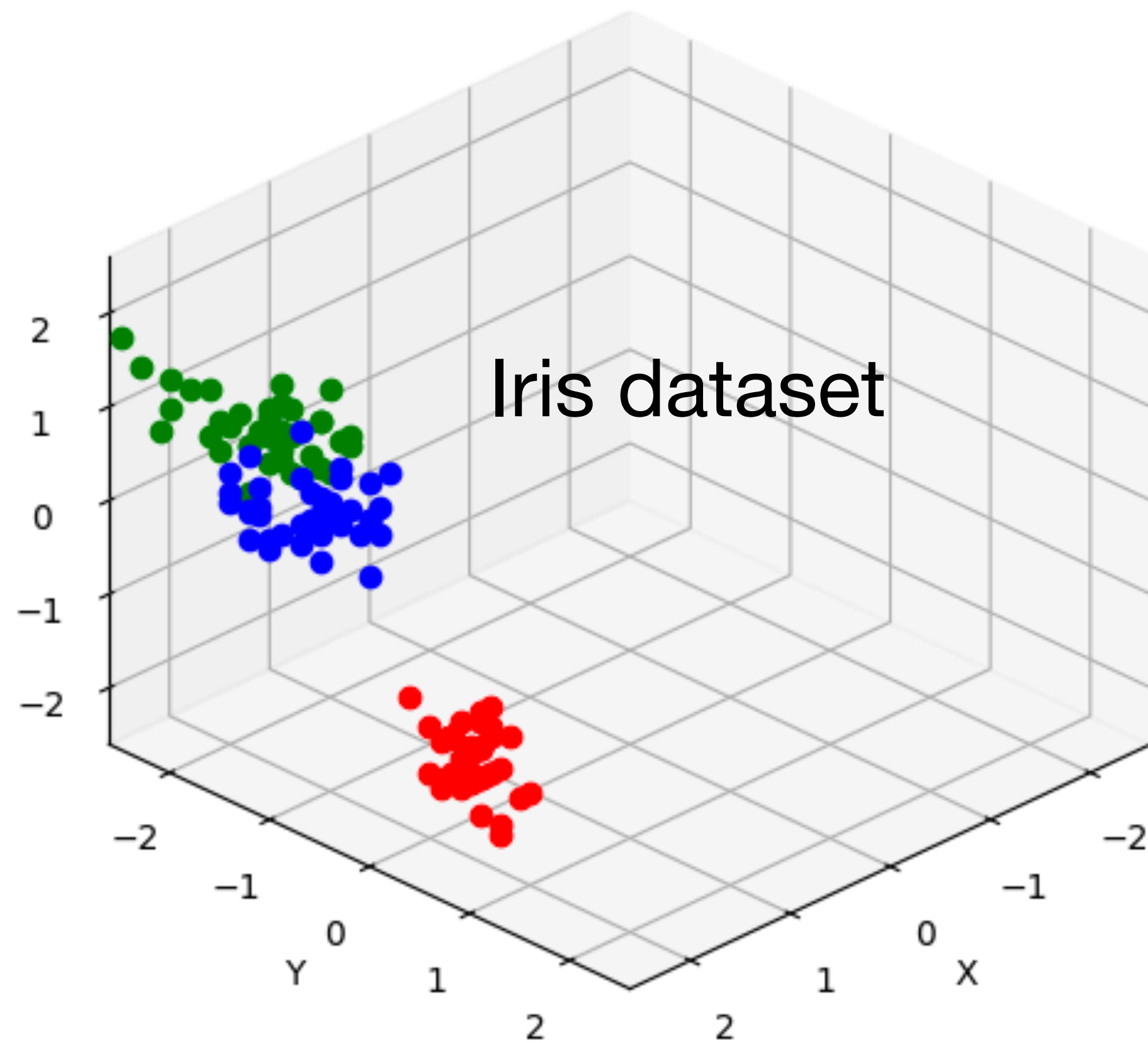
Accuracy: 76%

Blue class hard to separate

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Veronese trick (\mathcal{A}_2) : better!

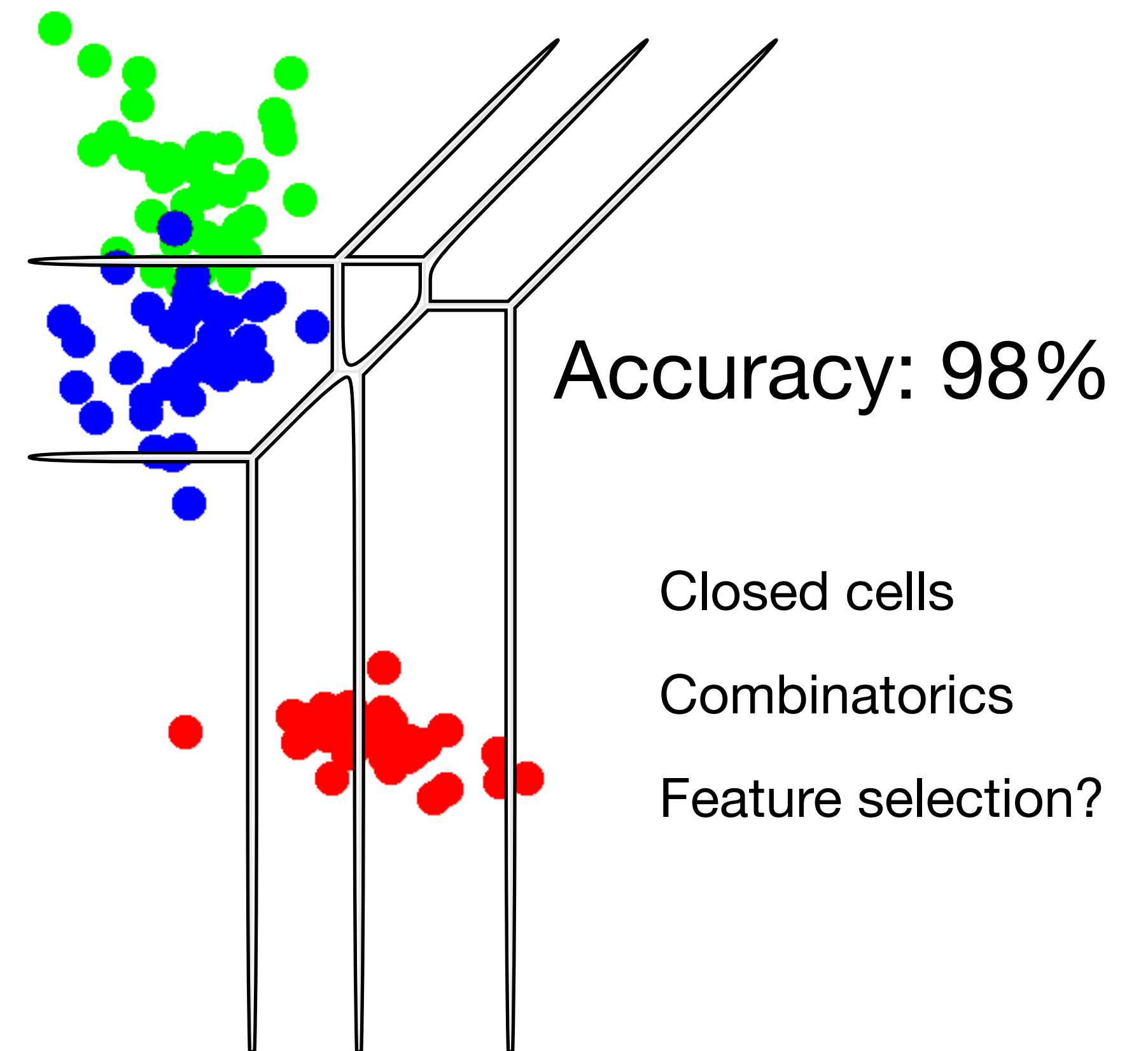
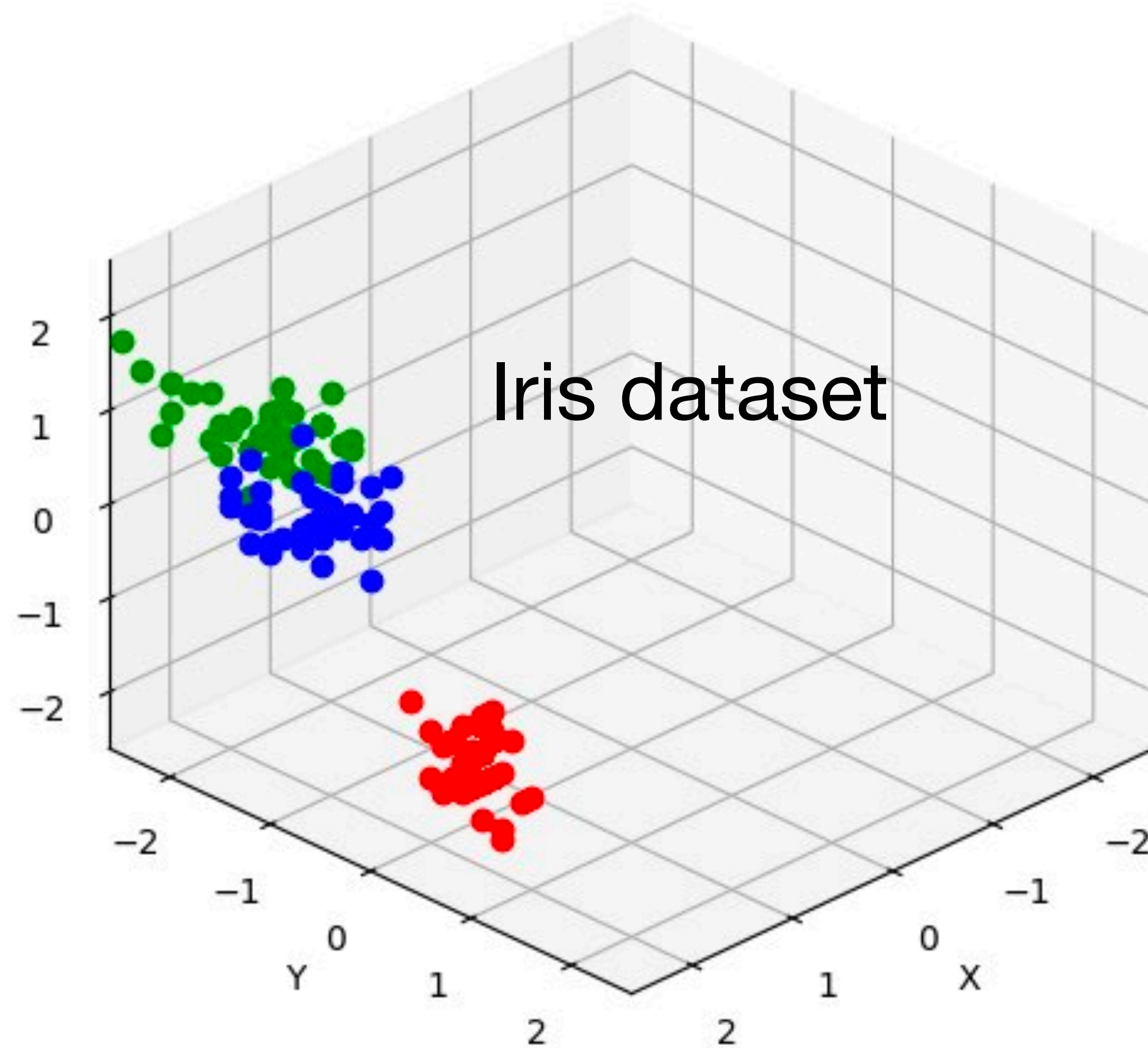


Generated with Polymake, approximate overlap

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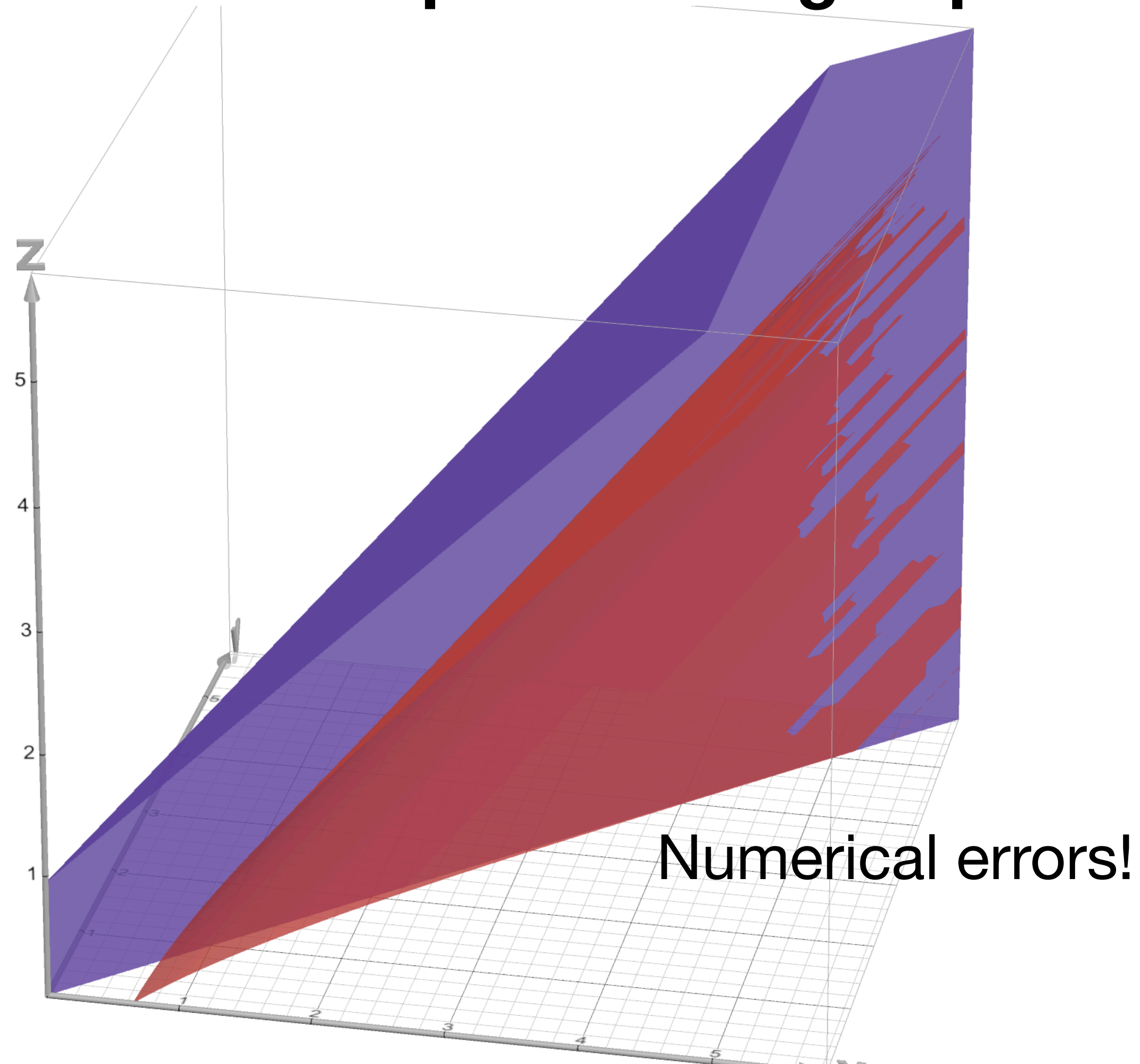
Veronese trick (\mathcal{A}_3) : overfitting!



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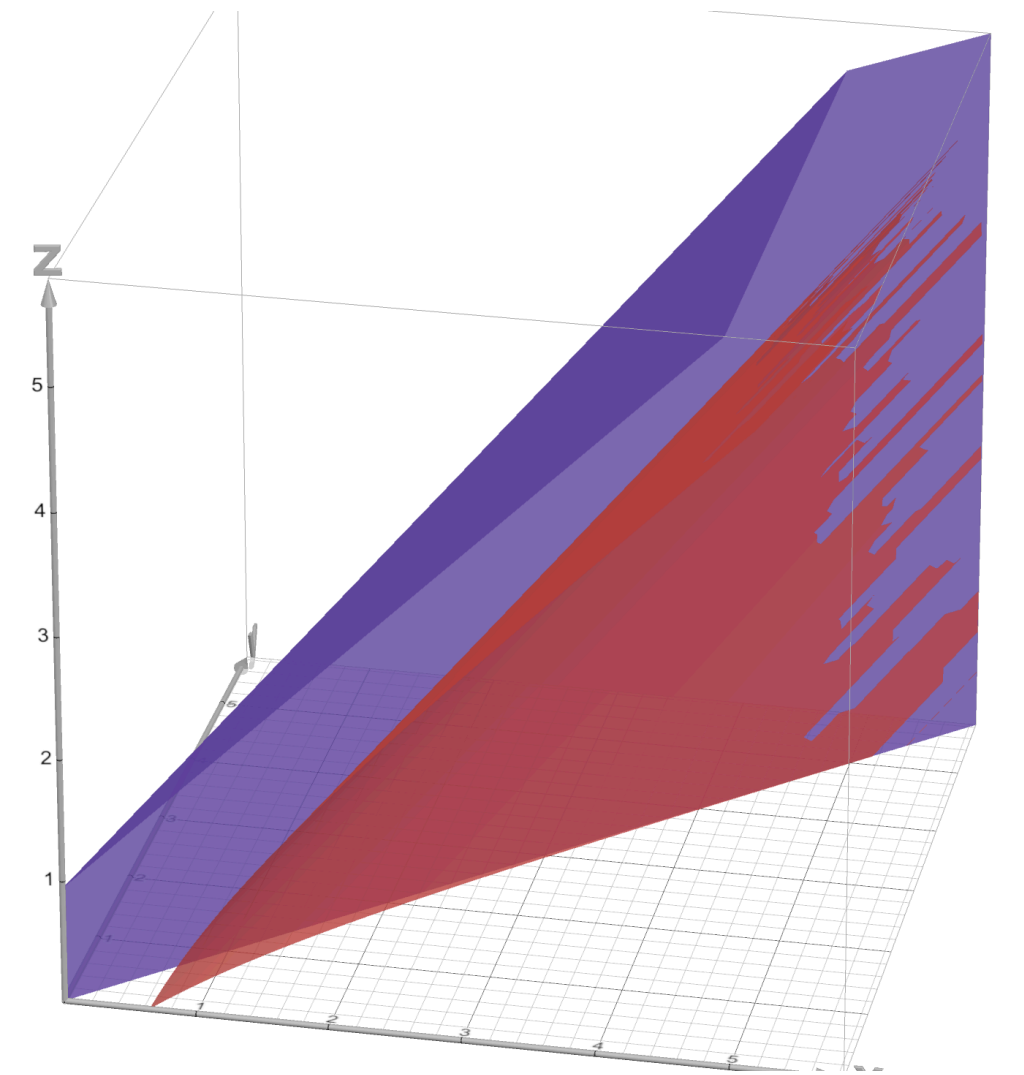
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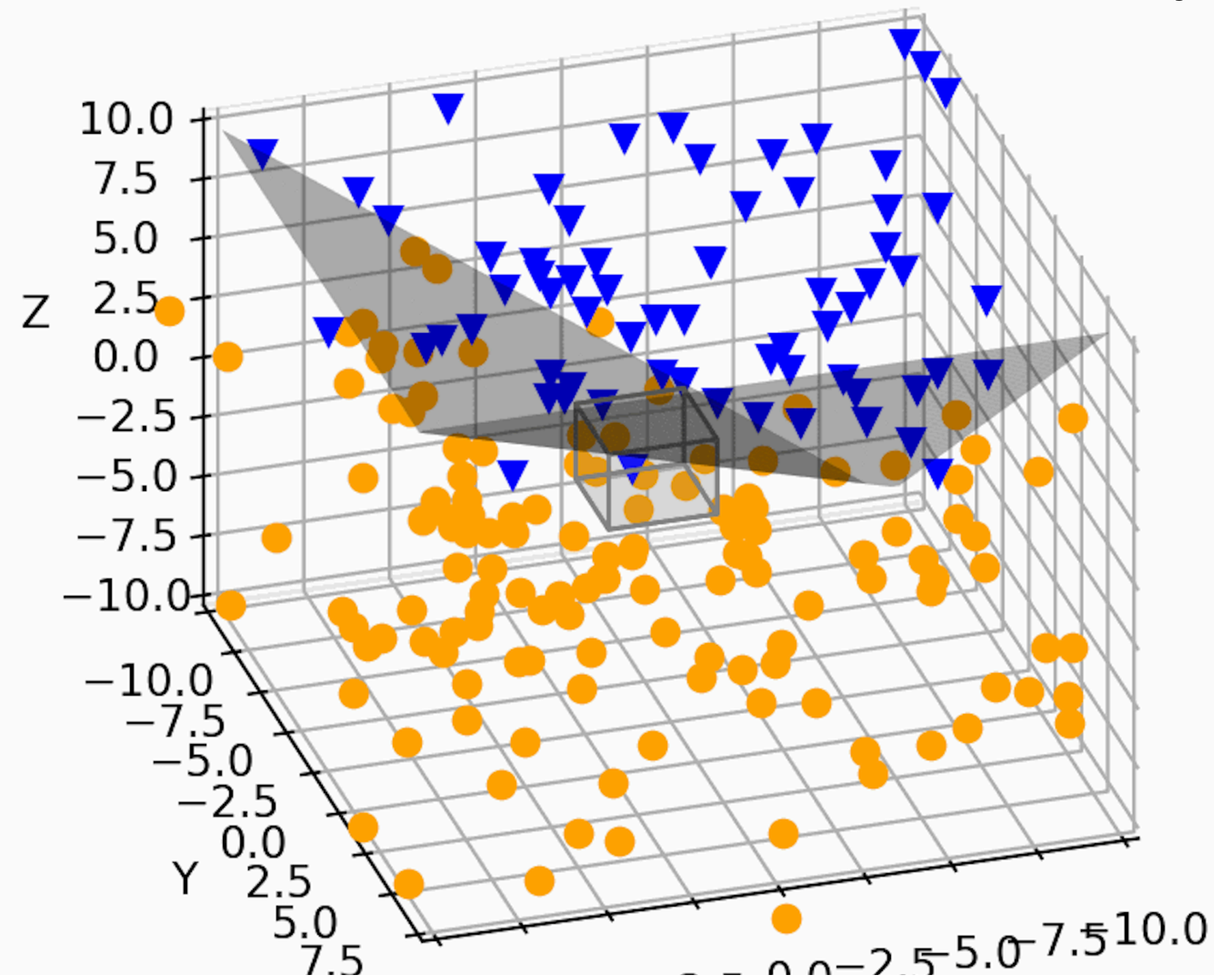
- New data: $x^\beta = (x_{ij}^\beta := e^{\beta X_{ij}})_{ij}$.
- Hypersurface converges: $d_H(\beta^{-1} \log H^\beta, H^{trop}) \leq \beta^{-1} \log d$.
- When d high, β has to compensate, however if $\beta \bar{X}$ too high, numerical error!
- Tropical method will give higher numerical accuracy on higher dimensions.
- ***Bridging linear and tropical SVM theories?***



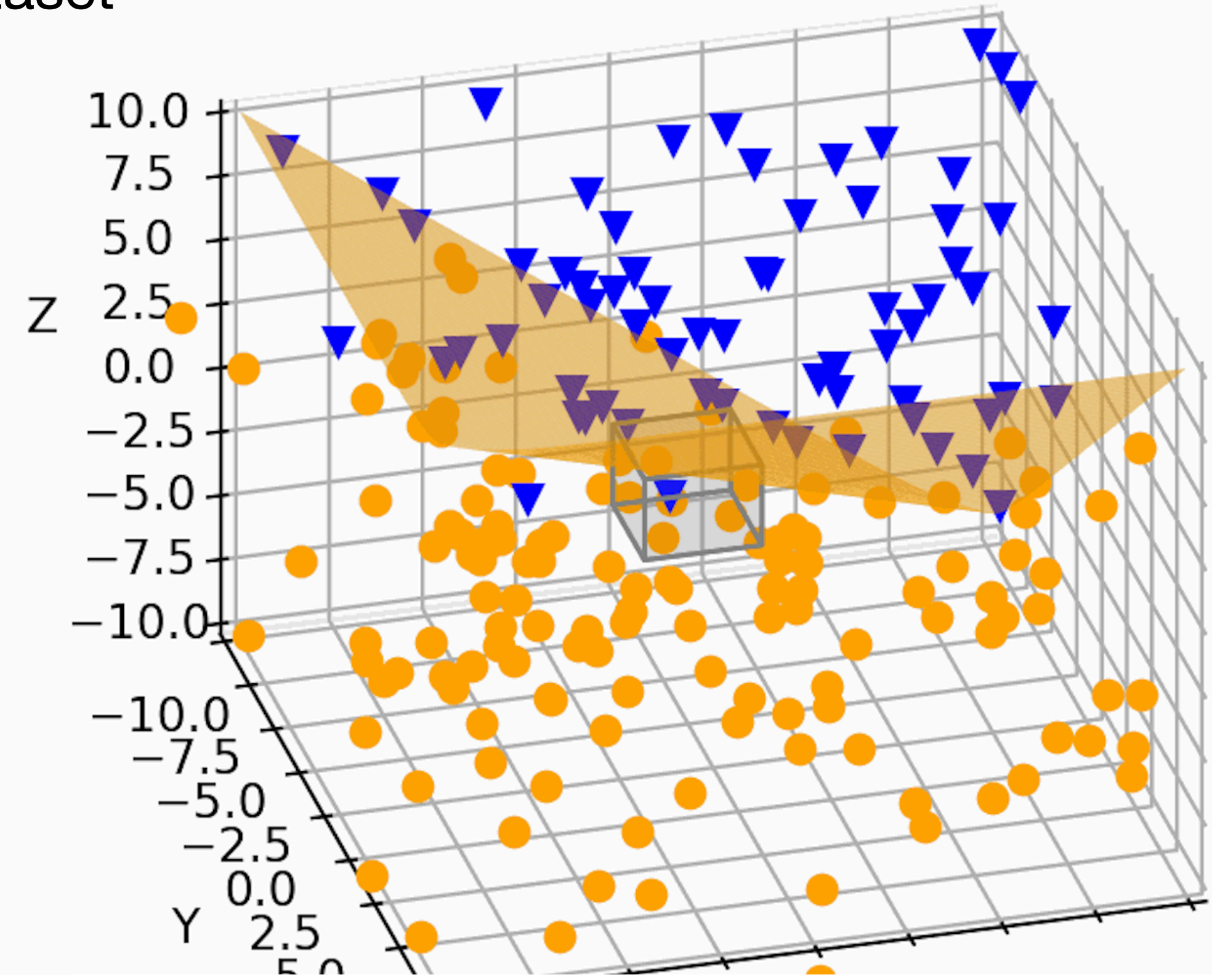
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Toy dataset



Tropical hyperplane



Classical hyperplane on logarithmic paper

$$d = 3, \quad \beta = 10$$