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**Question 1:**

To estimate the value of  $\mathbf{w}$ , we will use the formula  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{x_k \in N_s} \lambda_k \mathbf{x}_k y_k$ .

$\mathbf{w} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 y_1 + \lambda_3 \mathbf{x}_3 y_3$  since  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = 0$ .

Plugging in the respective values for all the parameters, we get that the  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.8 \\ 0 \\ 0.075 \end{pmatrix}$ .

To classify the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , we use the formula  $y = \mathbf{w}^T * \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + w_b$  which is equal to  $2.8 > 0$ . Therefore, the point belongs to the **+1** class.

**Question 2:**

Given the following formula for the two gutters:  $\mathbf{w}^T x + w_b = \pm 1$ .

Therefore, the equations are:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1.8 & 0 & 0.075 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \\ x_c \end{pmatrix} + 1 = \pm 1$

or

$1.8x_a + 0.075x_c + 1 = +1$  and  $1.8x_a + 0.075x_c + 1 = -1$ .

Finally, the equations for the gutters are:

$1.8x_a + 0.075x_c = 0$  and  $1.8x_a + 0.075x_c + 2 = 0$

**Question 3:**

We are going to check which of the given samples fall into the margin by using the following equation:

$$-1 < \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b < 1$$

For sample 1:  $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.125 \end{pmatrix}$

We evaluate  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + w_b$  which is equal to  $(1.8 \ 0 \ 0.075) * \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.125 \end{pmatrix} + 1 = \mathbf{0.909}$ .

Since  $-1 < \mathbf{0.909} < 1$ , this falls into the gutter area.

For sample 2:  $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0.15 \\ 0.225 \end{pmatrix}$

We evaluate  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_2 + w_b$  which is equal to  $(1.8 \ 0 \ 0.075) * \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0.15 \\ 0.225 \end{pmatrix} + 1 = \mathbf{0.736}$ .

Since  $-1 < \mathbf{0.736} < 1$ , this falls into the gutter area.

For sample 3,  $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.75 \\ 0.325 \end{pmatrix}$

We evaluate  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_3 + w_b$  which is equal to  $(1.8 \ 0 \ 0.075) * \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.75 \\ 0.325 \end{pmatrix} + 1 = \mathbf{0.564}$ .

Since  $-1 < \mathbf{0.564} < 1$ , this falls into the gutter area.

For sample 3:  $x_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.65 \\ 0.425 \end{pmatrix}$

We evaluate  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_4 + w_b$  which is equal to  $(1.8 \ 0 \ 0.075) * \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.65 \\ 0.425 \end{pmatrix} + 1 = \mathbf{0.391}$ .

Since  $-1 < \mathbf{0.391} < 1$ , this falls into the gutter area.

*All of the provided samples fall within the gutter margin.*

#### Question 4:

1. The condition  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b) \geq -1$  represents **misclassified** samples falling in the gutter area.
2. The condition  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b) \leq -1$  represents **misclassified** samples falling on the outer sides of the gutter.
3. The condition  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b) \geq 1$  represents **correctly** classified samples.
4. The condition  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b) \leq 1$  represents **correctly** classified samples falling in the gutter area.
5. The condition  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b) \geq 0$  represents **correctly** classified samples falling in the gutter area.
6. The condition  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_b) \leq 0$  represents **misclassified** samples falling in the gutter area.