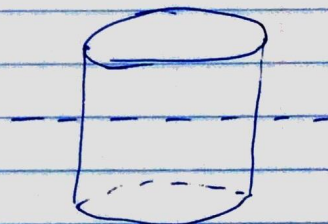


### Problem 1:

① cylinders of a fixed radius  $r > 0$  and fixed length  $l > 0$ .

- If we ~~slide~~ slice the cylinder in the direction of the dashed line on the right, we will have a circle in 2-D with radius  $r$ .



We want to argue that the VC dimension of a circle is 3.

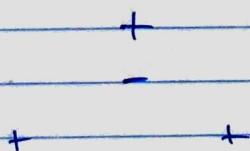
Given 3 points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , it's clear that we will always find a circle that cover all + points. For example, let ~~at~~ <sup>the</sup> 3 points be:

So the VC dimension  $\geq 3$ .

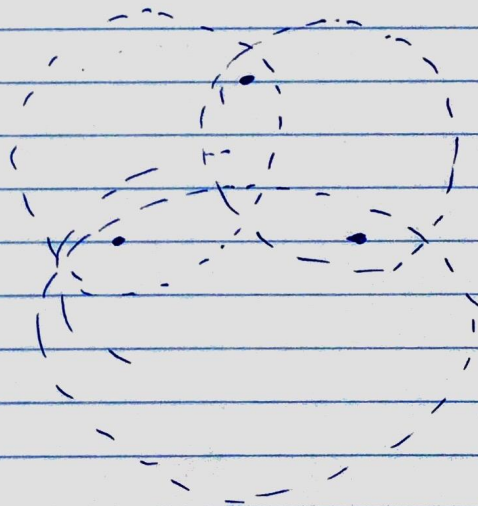
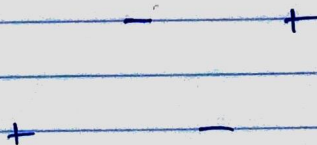
- If we have 4 points, then a circle will not be able to cover all the + points.

We have two cases:

Case 1:



Case 2:



In both cases, we cannot find a circle that covers the + points. Also, if we have more than 4 points, then we can always find a group of 4 points that looks like one of the cases above.

$\Rightarrow$  VC dimension of circle is 3.

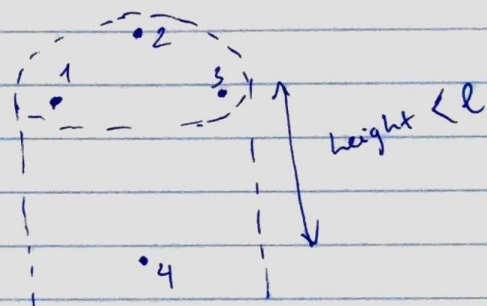


- Now we will argue that the VC dimension of a cylinder in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is 4.

Given 4 points like this:

The 3 points at the top will make up a plane  $p$ . The point below will not be on plane  $p$ , but on a plane that is lower in height from plane  $p$ .

The height difference is less than  $l$ .



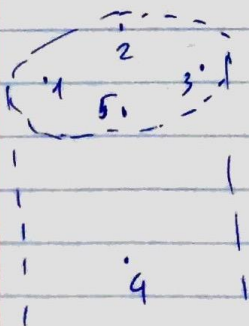
We choose those 4 points such that we ~~can~~ can classify the 3 points on plane  $p$  with a circle, and that circle can extend the ~~the~~ length to also cover the lower point (point 4).

It's clear that we can classify the 3 points on plane  $p$ . For point 4, if it is  $+$  then we move the cylinder down to cover ~~the~~ it; if it is  $-$  then we move the cylinder up to avoid it. Either way, we can classify all 4 points.

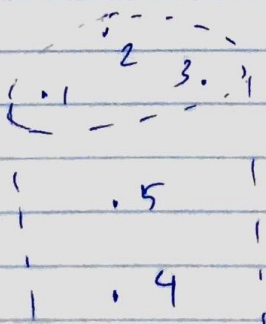
$$\Rightarrow \underline{VC(H) \geq 4}$$

- when we add one more point ~~to~~ to the 4 points above, we have 3 cases:

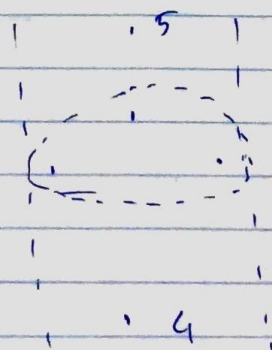
case 1



case 2



case 3



Case 1: point 5 is on the same plane as <sup>points</sup> 1, 2, 3.

In this case we cannot classify 4 points on the same plane with a circle so we fail to classify 5 points.

Case 2: point 5 ~~has a height~~ is not on plane  $p$ , but has a height that makes it between plane  $p$  and point 4.

If point 4 is + and point 5 is -, then it's impossible for a cylinder to cover all + points.

Case 3: point 5 is higher than plane  $p$ .

If height of 5 - height of 4  $> l$ , then we cannot classify the case when point 5 and 4 are both +.

If height of 5 - height of 4  $\leq l$ , then we cannot classify the case when both 5 and 4 are -.

(a) Sample complexity

$$M \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( 4 \ln \frac{2}{\delta} + 8 \cdot VC(H) \ln \frac{13}{\epsilon} \right)$$

We have  $\epsilon = 0.2$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$ ,  $VC(H) = 4$

$$\Rightarrow M \geq \frac{1}{0.2} \left( 4 \ln \frac{2}{0.05} + 8 \cdot 4 \cdot \ln \frac{13}{0.2} \right)$$

$$M \geq 5 (4 \ln(40) + 32 \cdot \ln(65))$$

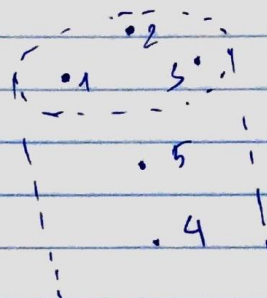


1b) If we also have cylinders that cover - points then we will have VC dimension of 5.

The new hypothesis space will solve case 2 in the discussion before.

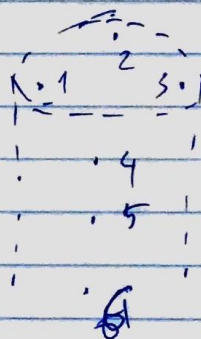
If point 5 is - and point 4 is +, we will use a cylinder to cover all - points, that way we can ignore the point 4.

In other cases of point 5, we can still cover all + points.



Now let's try to add one more point, then we would see case 1 and case 3 again, and we cannot ~~see~~ solve those cases. Look at case 2, we would see something like this

If point 4 is -, point 5 is +, point 6 is -, then we cannot ~~find~~ classify these points.



Note that if we add more than one point we still have the 3 cases above.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{VC(H) = 5}$$



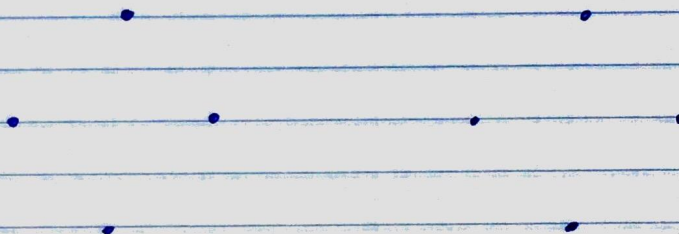
(4)

## (2) Pair of axis aligned rectangles.

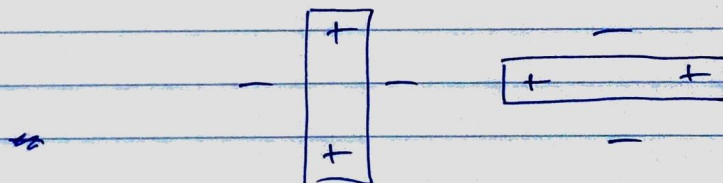
- From the lecture, we have VC dimension of a single axis aligned rectangle is 4.

- we want to argue that two rectangles will have VC dimension of 8.

Given 8 points



For any labeling, a single axis aligned rectangle can classify the group of 4 points on the left, and the remaining rectangle will handle the group on the right. For example:



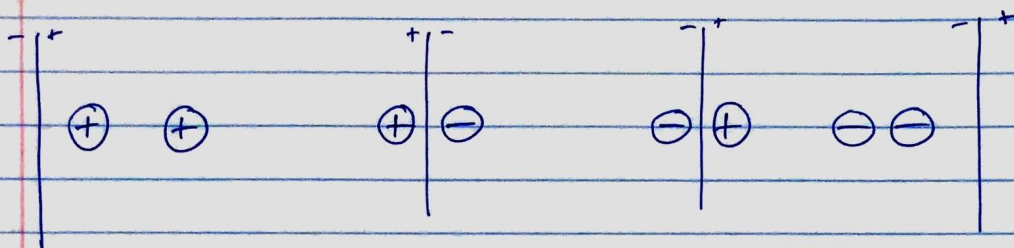
- If we add one or more points, then we no longer have two groups of 4 points. There will be at least one group of 5 or more points, which a single rectangle cannot classify.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{VC(H) = 8}$$

Problem 1.3

We have 3 linear classifiers.

let's try to classify two points:



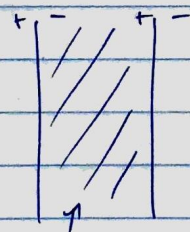
So we need 4 different linear separators to classify two points.  
 $\Rightarrow VC(H) < 2$

— we can always classify one point with 3 linear separators

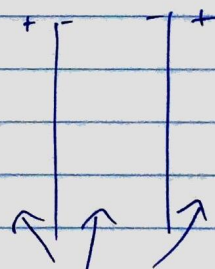
$$\Rightarrow VC(H) \geq 1$$

The reason is, if we have two distinct linear separators, then there will be a space where the predictions of the two linear separators overlap.

Examples:



overlap



everywhere has overlap predictions.

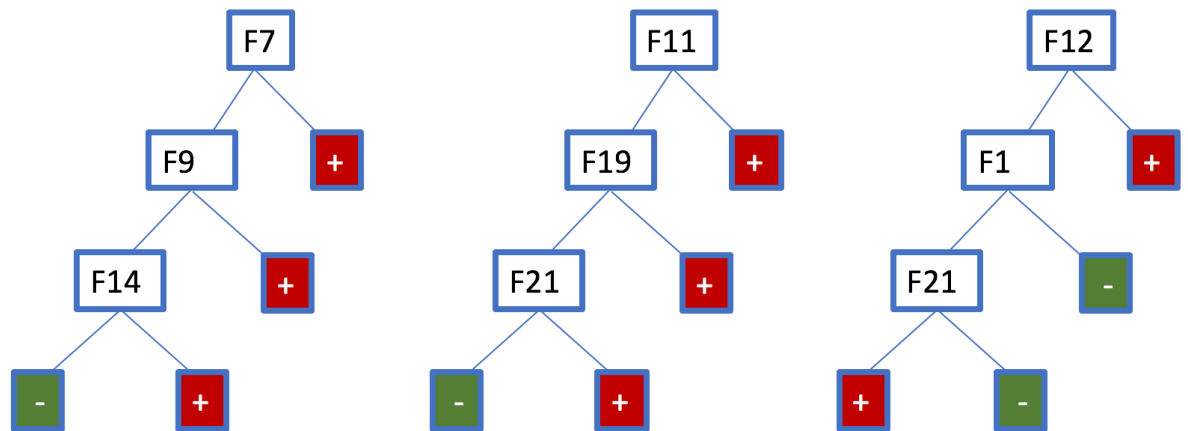
— Therefore I guess the min and max VC dimension of 3 distinct linear separators are both 1



Problem 2:

1.

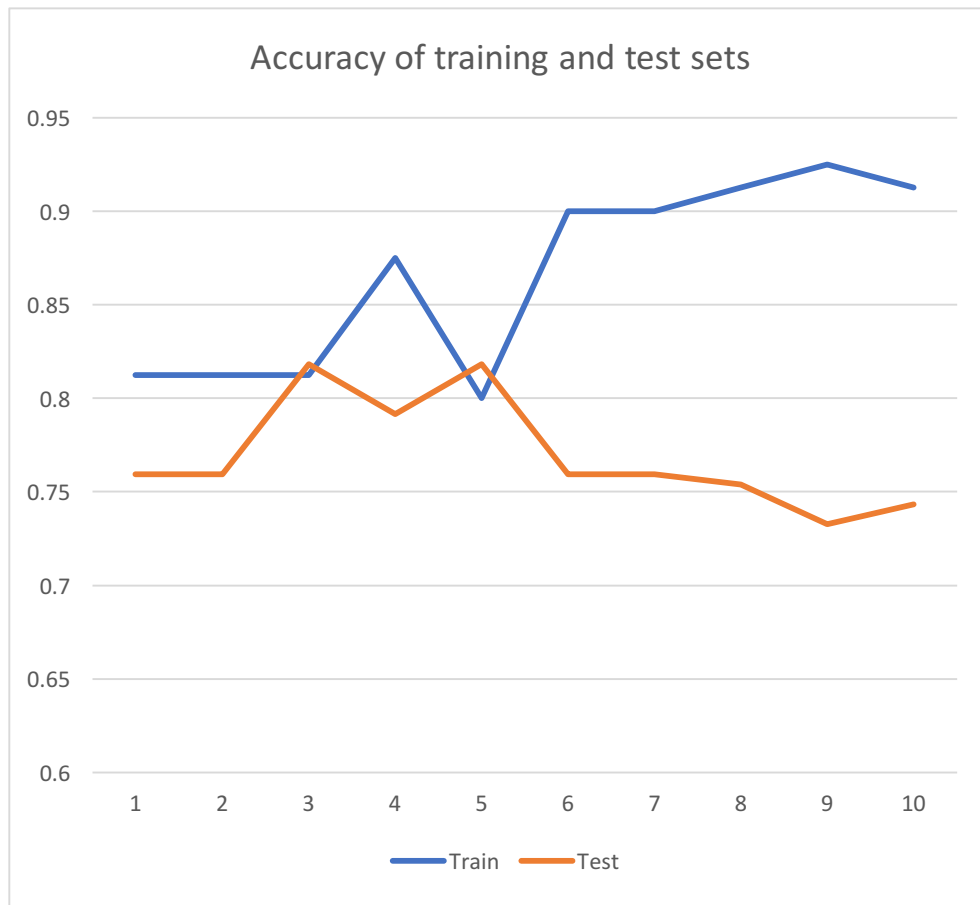
a. The 3 selected trees are (in order left to right):



**The errors are respectively: 0.1875, 0.2692, 0.3404.**

b. Run the adaBoost algorithm for 10 rounds.

Iteration	Train	Test
1	0.8125	0.7594
2	0.8125	0.7594
3	0.8125	0.8182
4	0.875	0.7914
5	0.8	0.8182
6	0.9	0.7594
7	0.9	0.7594
8	0.9125	0.754
9	0.925	0.7326
10	0.9125	0.7433



## 2. Coordinate descent

- a. When running coordinate descent, I just iterate over the trees in the order that I built them. After completing 500 loops over all trees, I get the **exponential loss of 39.691**.

The values of alpha are listed at the end of this paper. There are 88 alpha values, each correspond to a tree in the hypothesis space.

- b. The accuracy of the classifier trained by **coordinate descent is 0.7005**.

- c. The accuracy of **adaBoost with M=20 is 0.668**.

The alphas learned by adaBoost are very different from the ones learned by coordinate descent. No alpha value of adaBoost is negative, but there are many negative alphas in coordinate descent. Also, because we use  $M=20$  in adaBoost, alpha would have at most 20 nonzero values. Meanwhile, alpha with coordinate descent has 44 nonzero values.



List of alphas generated by coordinate descent:

alpha 0 : 0  
alpha 1 : -2.11136914605  
alpha 2 : 0  
alpha 3 : -0.764582190176  
alpha 4 : 0  
alpha 5 : -0.492332893361  
alpha 6 : 0  
alpha 7 : -0.414782041468  
alpha 8 : 0  
alpha 9 : -4.40585498748  
alpha 10 : 0  
alpha 11 : -2.81003779319  
alpha 12 : 0  
alpha 13 : 0.801991500919  
alpha 14 : 0  
alpha 15 : 0.519026835117  
alpha 16 : 0  
alpha 17 : 0.31751616799  
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alpha 19 : 0.141265303489  
alpha 20 : 0  
alpha 21 : 0.137296705114  
alpha 22 : 0  
alpha 23 : 0.108798260393  
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alpha 28 : 0  
alpha 29 : 4.02545218409  
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alpha 33 : -2.7467516857  
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alpha 36 : 0  
alpha 37 : 1.97905322099  
alpha 38 : 0  
alpha 39 : 0.754239138272  
alpha 40 : 0  
alpha 41 : 0.387701528922  
alpha 42 : 0  
alpha 43 : 0.256301751523  
alpha 44 : 0  
alpha 45 : -0.453426019943

alpha 46 : 0  
alpha 47 : -0.277082109197  
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