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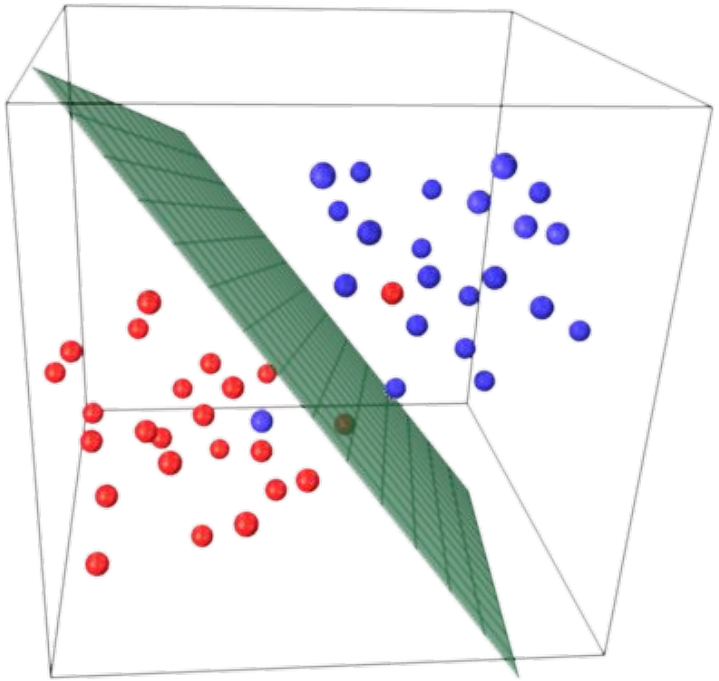

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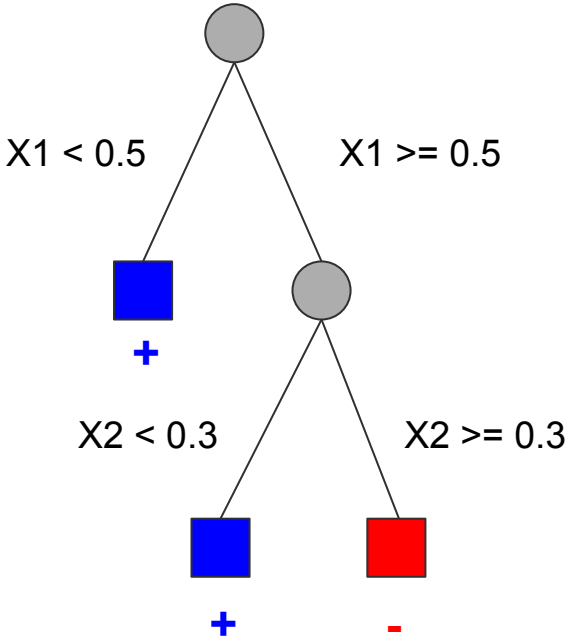
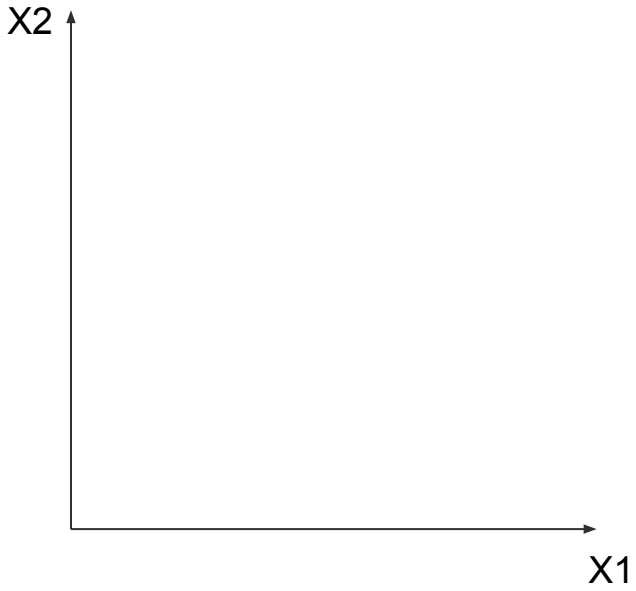
Decision Boundaries (review)

Draw the decision boundaries for… DT





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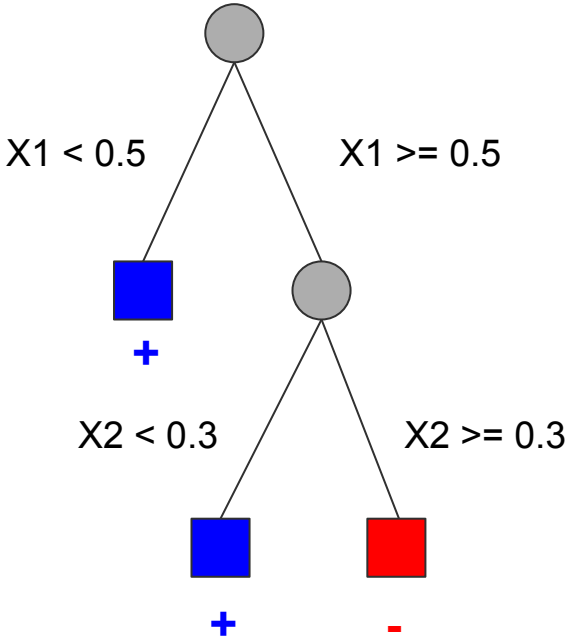

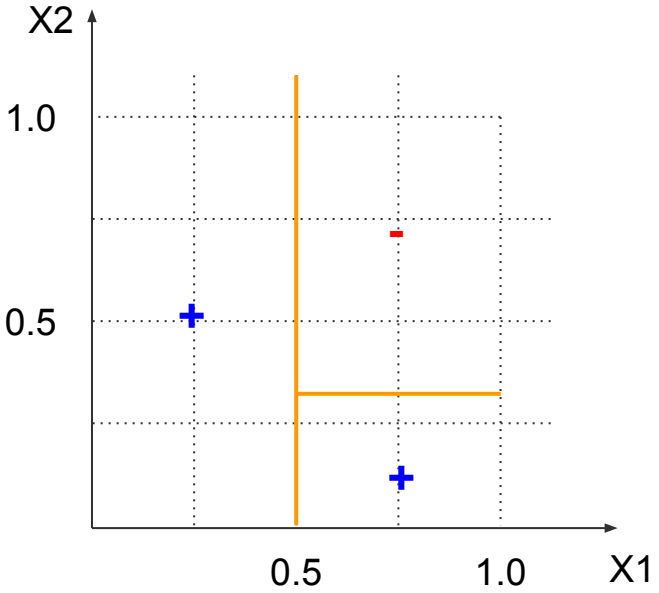

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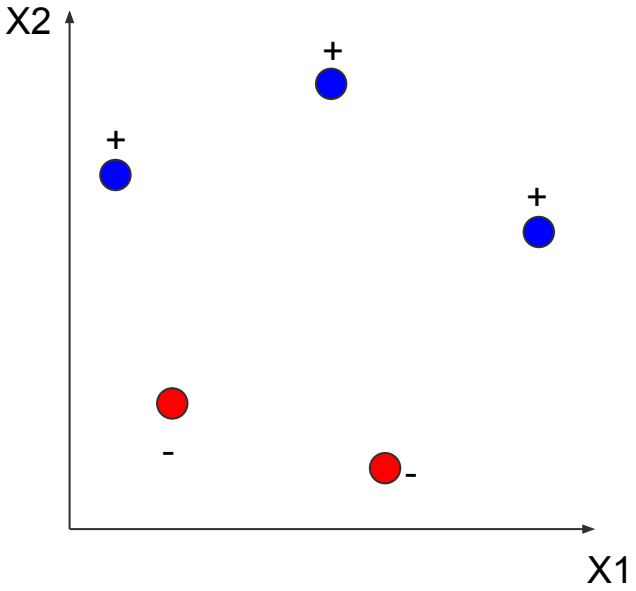

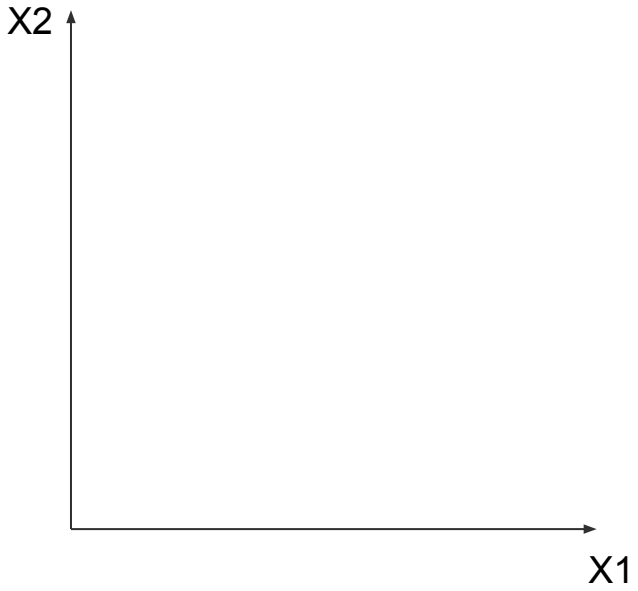

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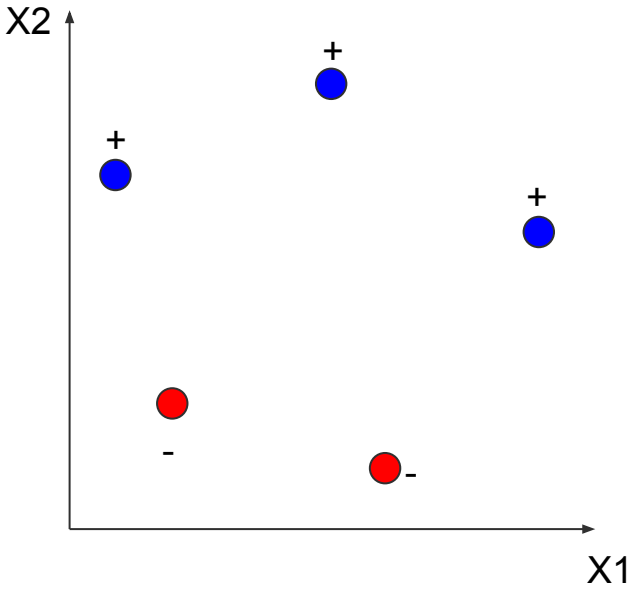

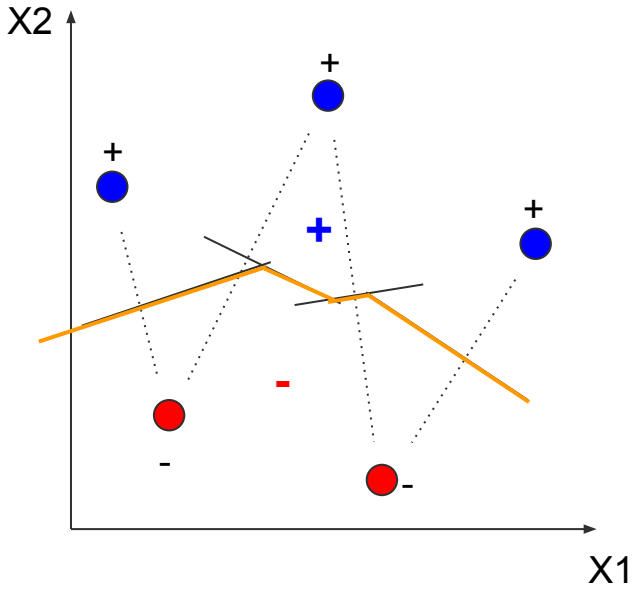

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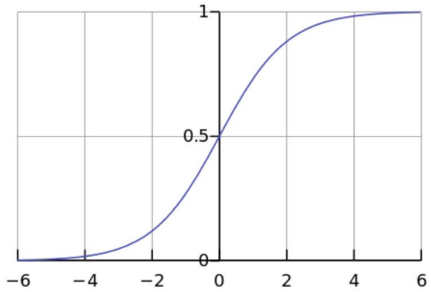

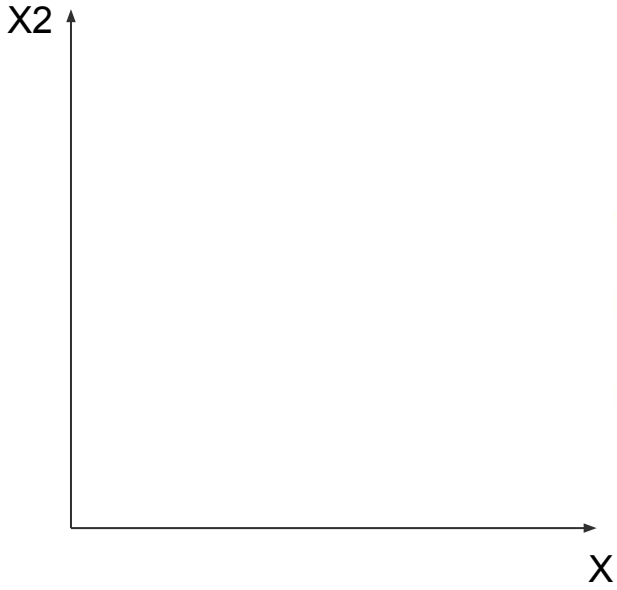

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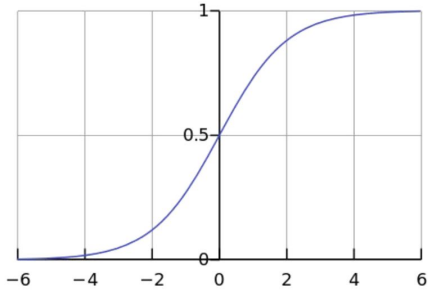

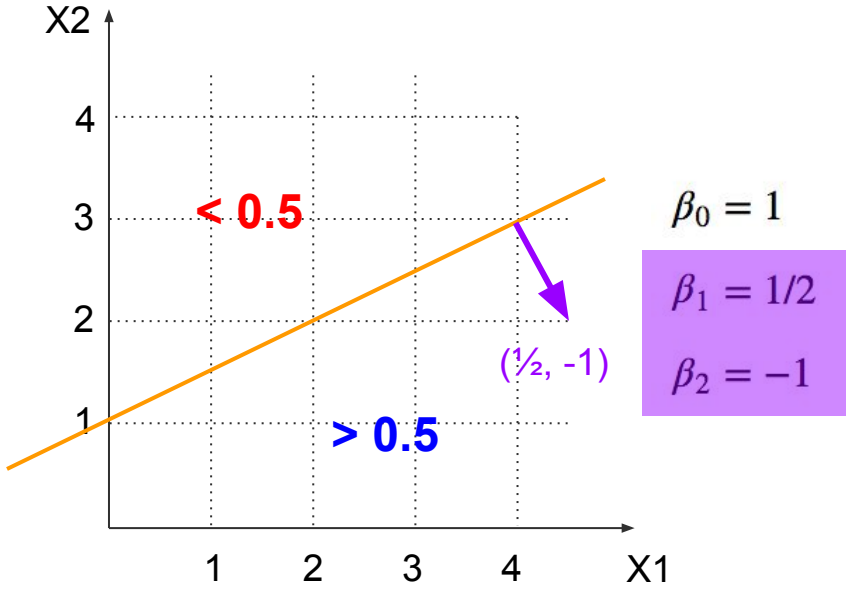

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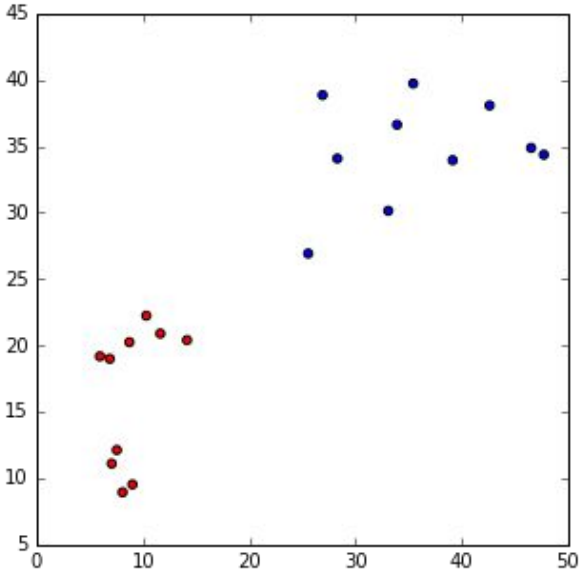

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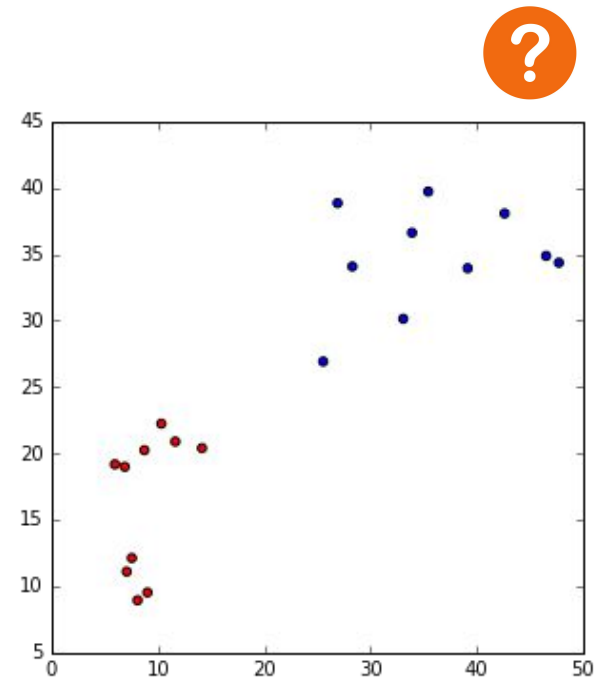

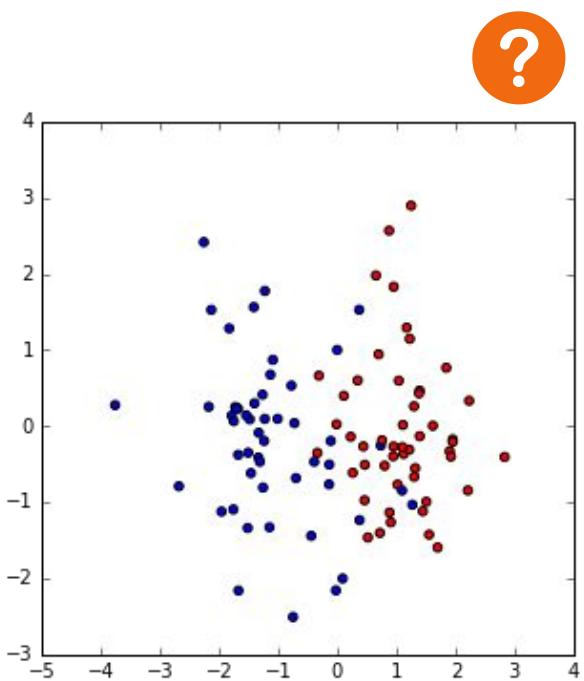

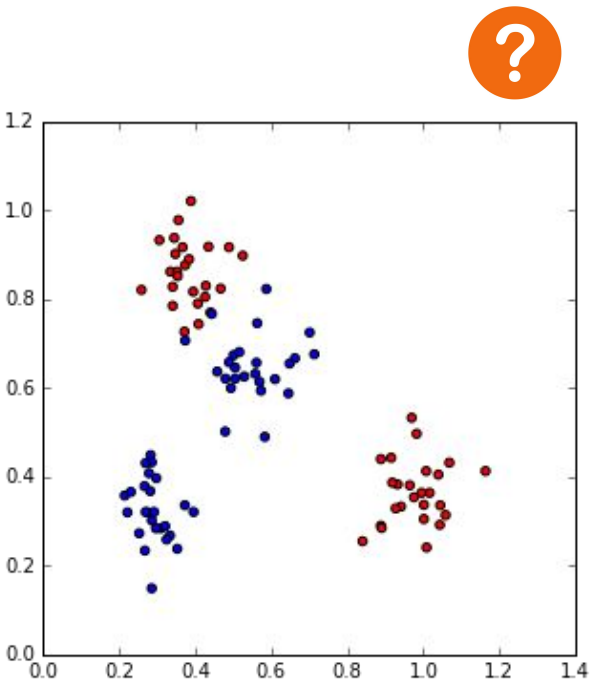

Re-Formalizing Classification as a separation problem

Reality VS Model

REALITY

	type	income	education	prestige
accountant	prof	62	86	82
pilot	prof	72	76	83
architect	prof	75	92	90
author	prof	55	90	76
chemist	prof	64	86	90
minister	prof	21	84	87
professor	prof	64	93	93
dentist	prof	80	100	90
reporter	wc	67	87	52
engineer	prof	72	86	88
undertaker	prof	42	74	57
lawyer	prof	76	98	89

data

(x_1, y_1)

...

(x_n, y_n)

$x \quad y$

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predictive
normative
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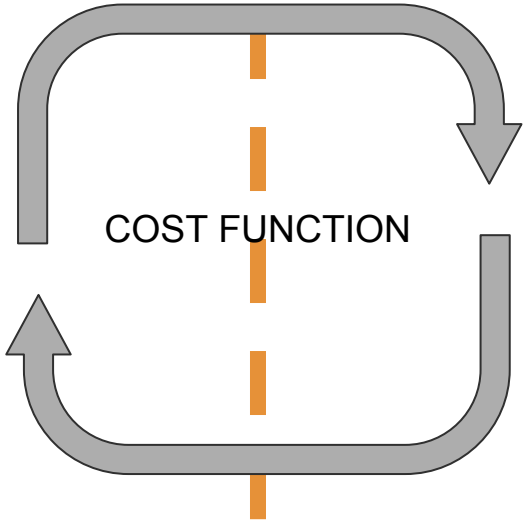

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Supervised Learning : Classification

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Categorial output
(classes)

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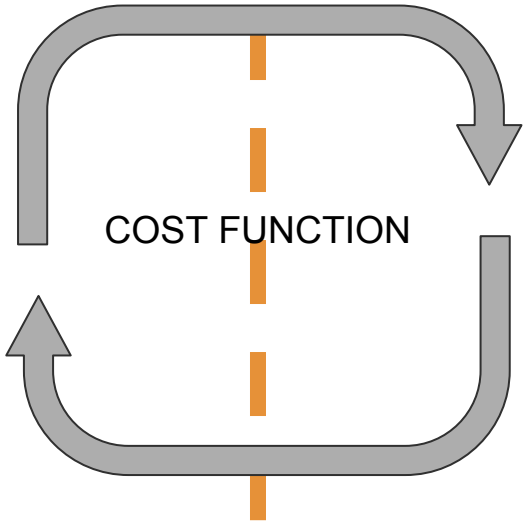

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Classification : how LogReg does it

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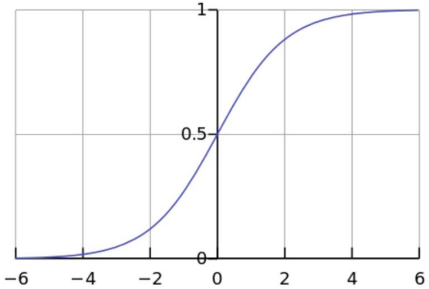
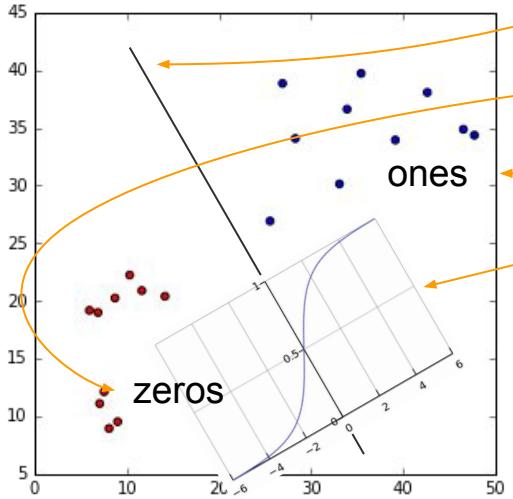


Classification : how LogReg shows in sample space

REALITY



MODEL

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It (badly) translates as :
computes the probability of being in one of the two classes
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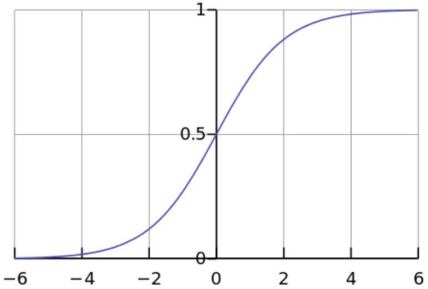

Classification : let's strip LogReg from probabilities

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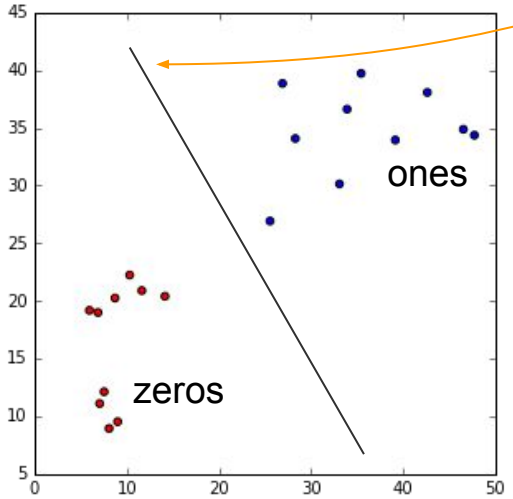

MODEL

$$(\beta_0 + \beta_1 . x_1 + \cdots + + \beta_p . x_p) > 0$$

It (badly) translates as :
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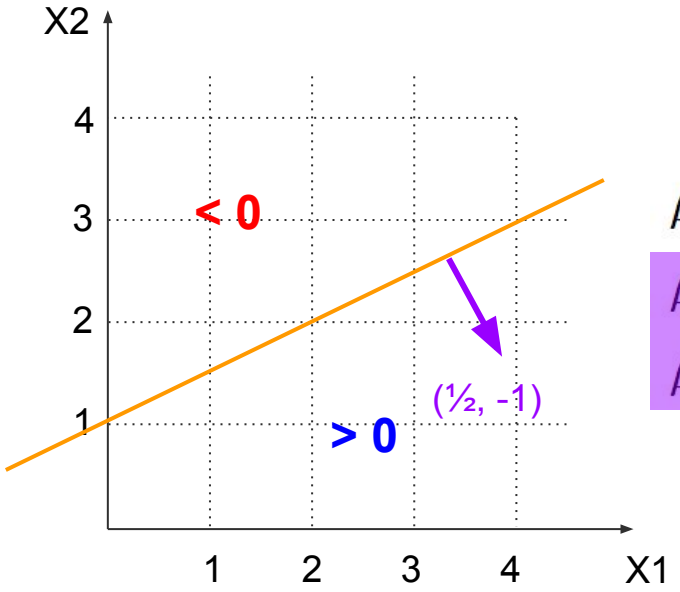

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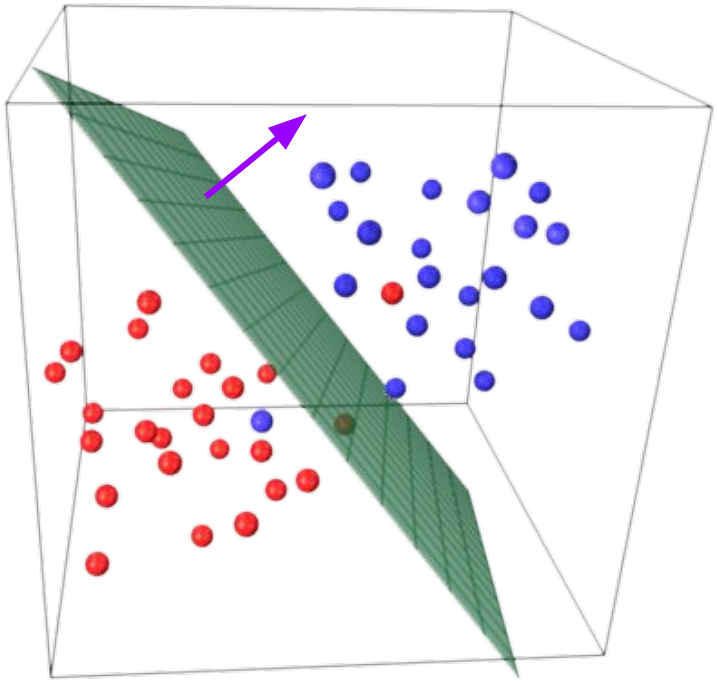

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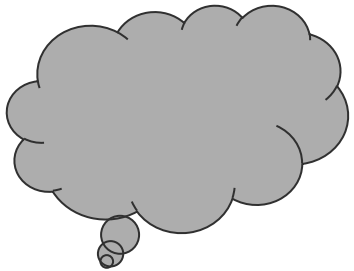

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(Has dimension N-1)

Classification as a hyperplane pb

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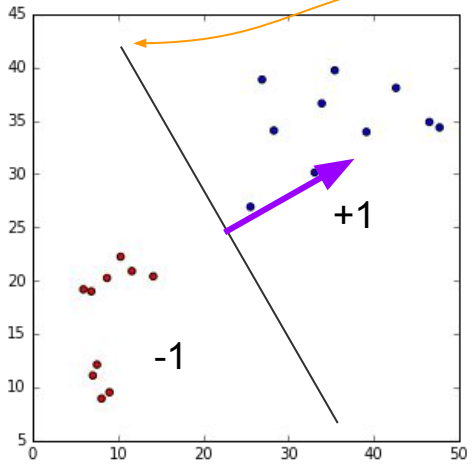

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or, simply put...

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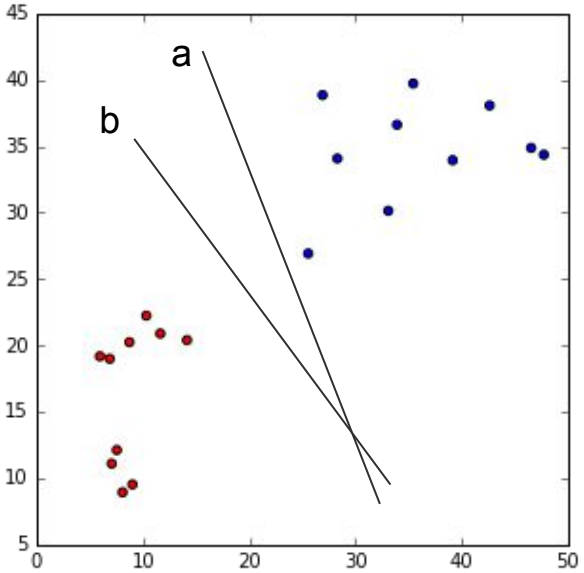

Between boundary a and b, I choose b because…

(or)

I bet b would win over a in a k-fold contest because...

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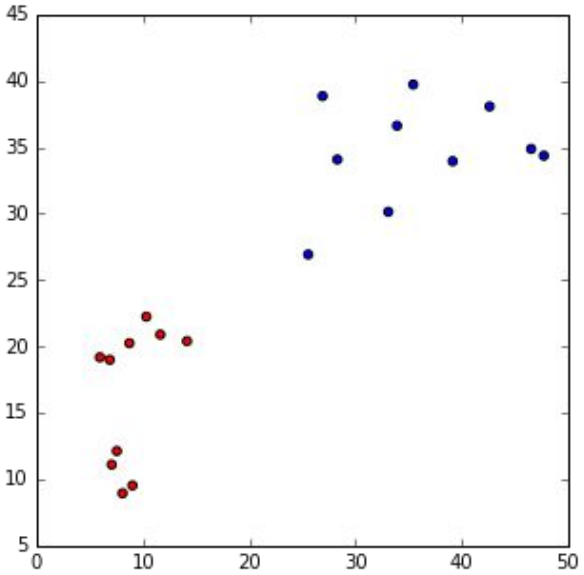
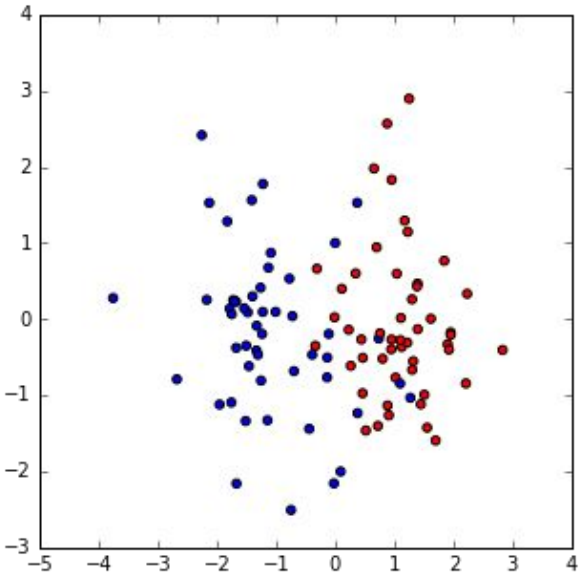
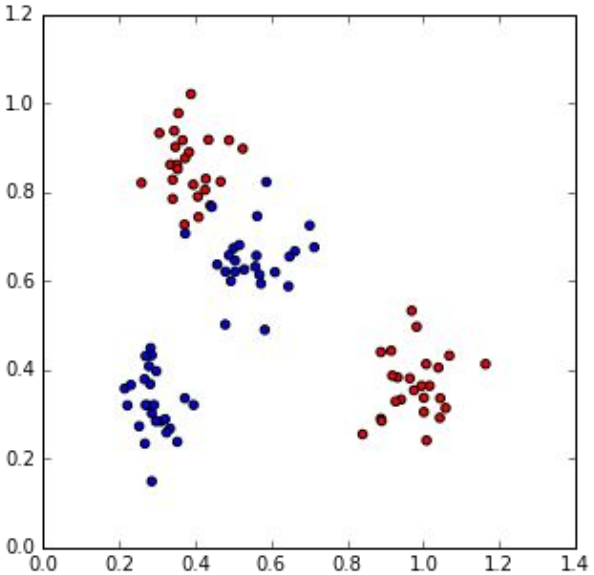
MMC







Maximum Margin Classification

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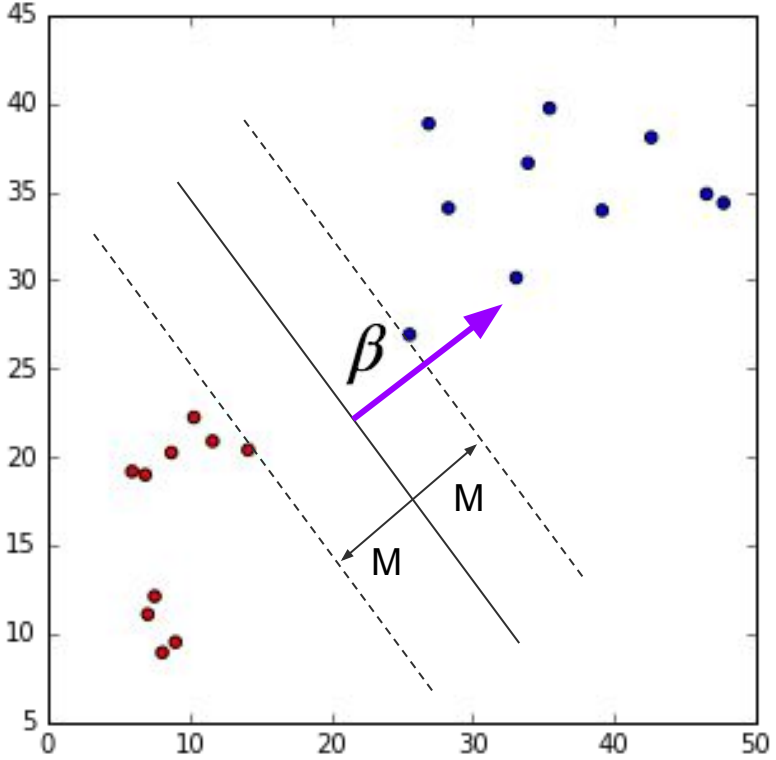

The distance from the hyperplane to the nearest training data point.

We'd like to find a hyperplane that maximizes that margin !

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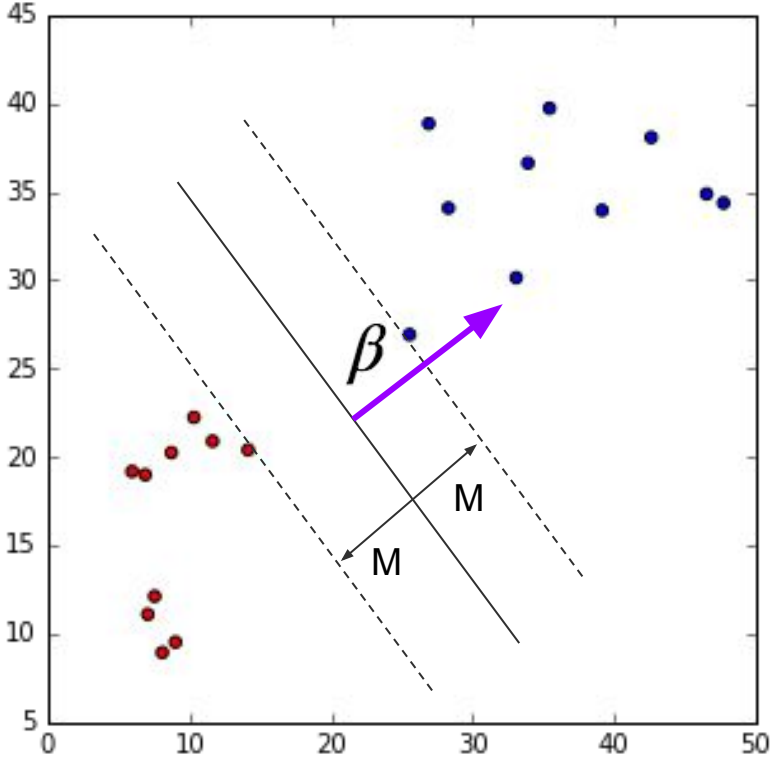

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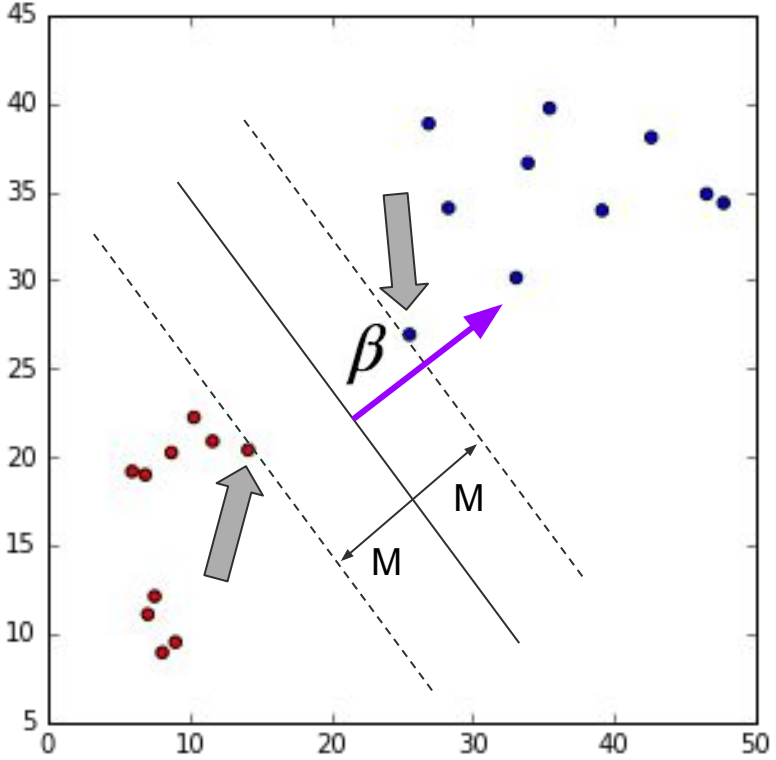

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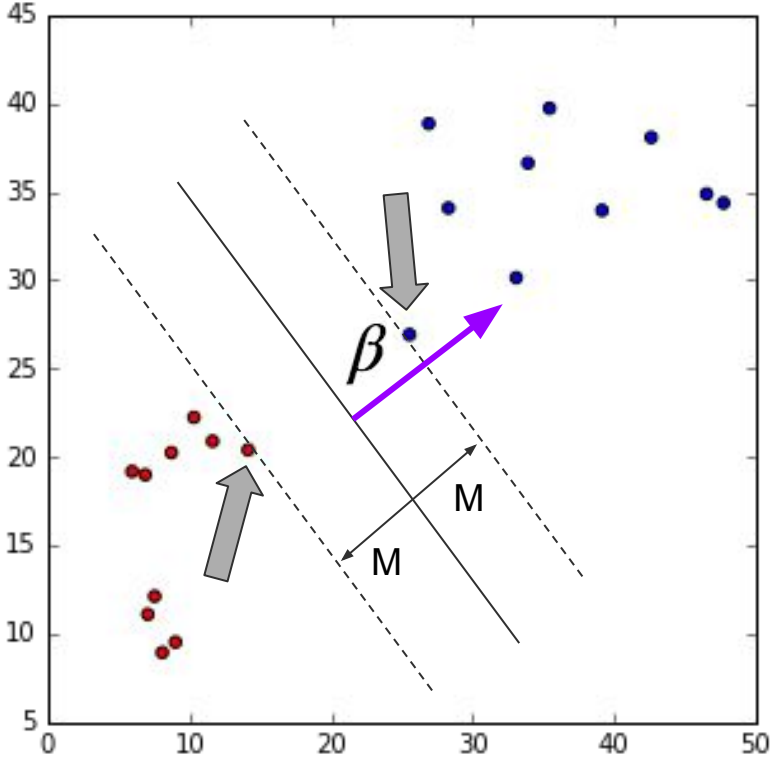
Points that condition the margin.
Points that have a direct influence on the margin.
Points that end up being the closest to the hyperplane.

MMC and Scaling...



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Individual Assignment

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