



Introduction to Machine Learning [Fall 2022]

Support Vector Machines (Part 2)

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Topics for today

- Whiteboarding SVMs
- Soft margin SVM

Recap: SVMs

$$f(x) := \omega^T x + b$$

$$f(x) \geq 1 \rightarrow \text{class \#1}$$

$$f(x) \leq -1 \rightarrow \text{class \#2}$$

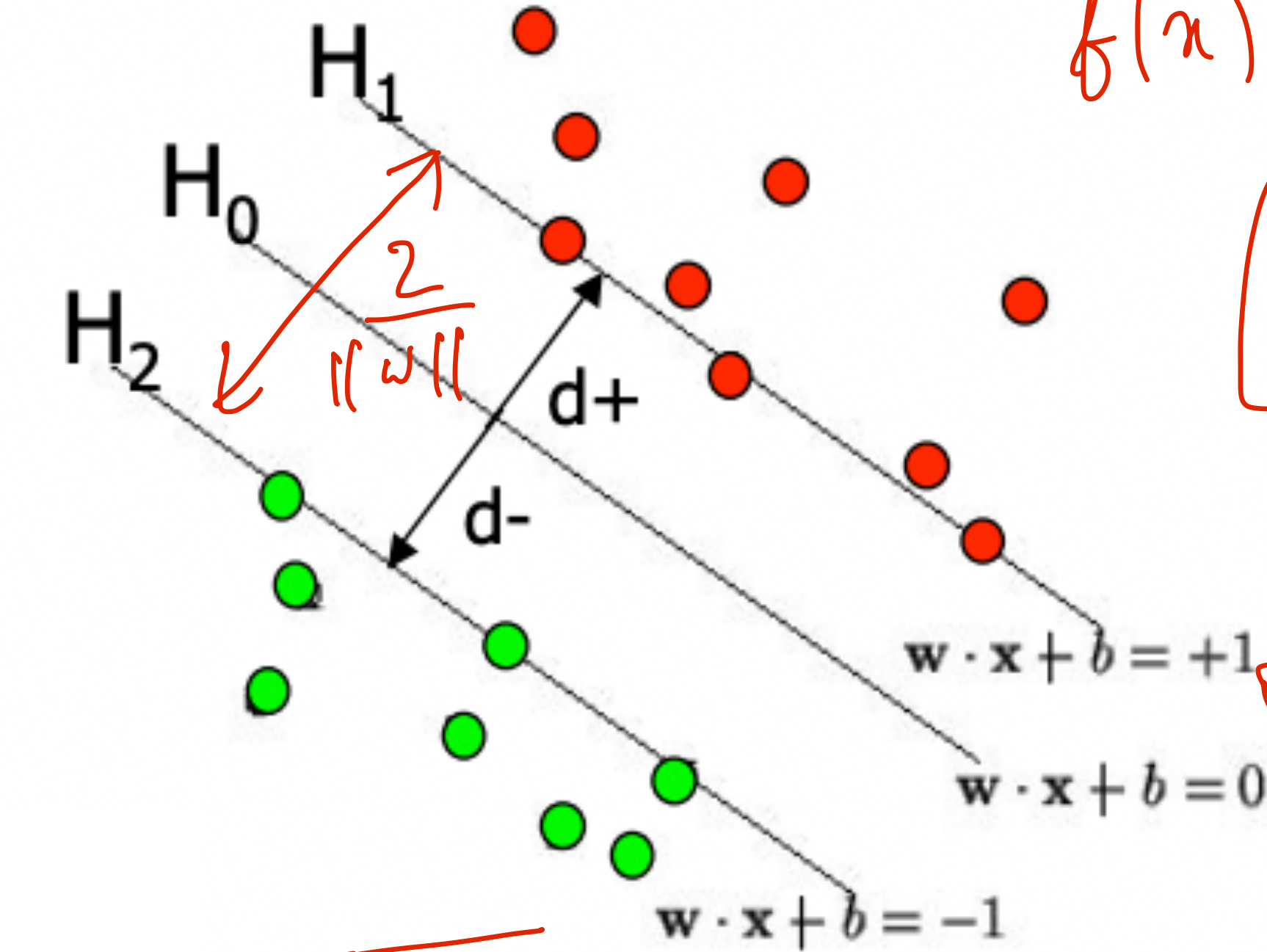
$$f(x) = 0$$

$$f(x) = 1$$

$$f(x) = -1$$

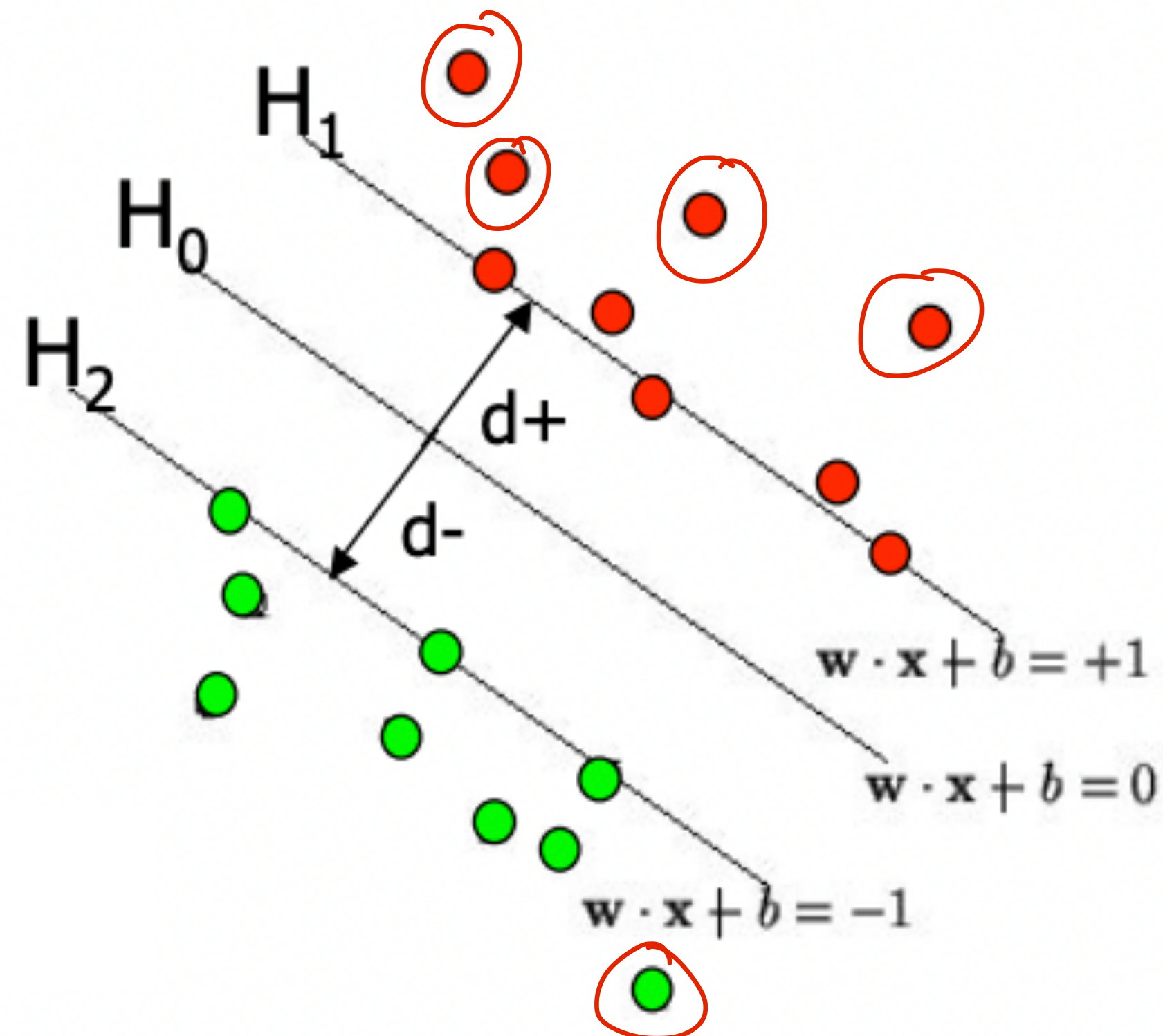
$$2\|\omega\|$$

$$\|\omega\|^2$$



$$\sqrt{\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \dots + \omega_d^2}$$

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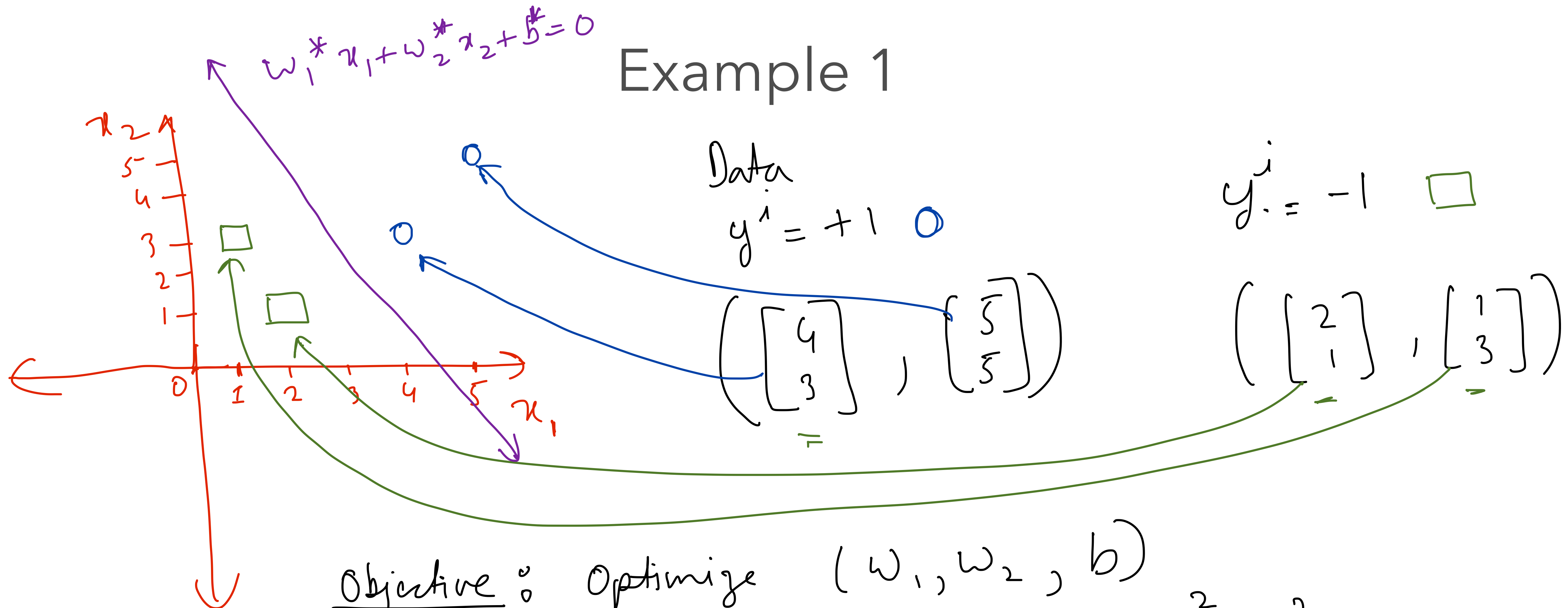


- Goal: Maximize margin / Minimize $\|w\|^2$
- Also need to satisfy $y^i f(x^i) \geq 1$ for all datapoints (x^i, y^i) .

$$\min_w \|w\|^2 \text{ subject to } y^i(w^T x^i + b) \geq 1$$

- Can be solved as a quadratic optimization problem with linear constraints.

Example 1



Objective: Optimize (w_1, w_2, b)

minimize $w_1^2 + w_2^2$

$y^i (w_1 x_1^i + w_2 x_2^i + b) \geq 1$

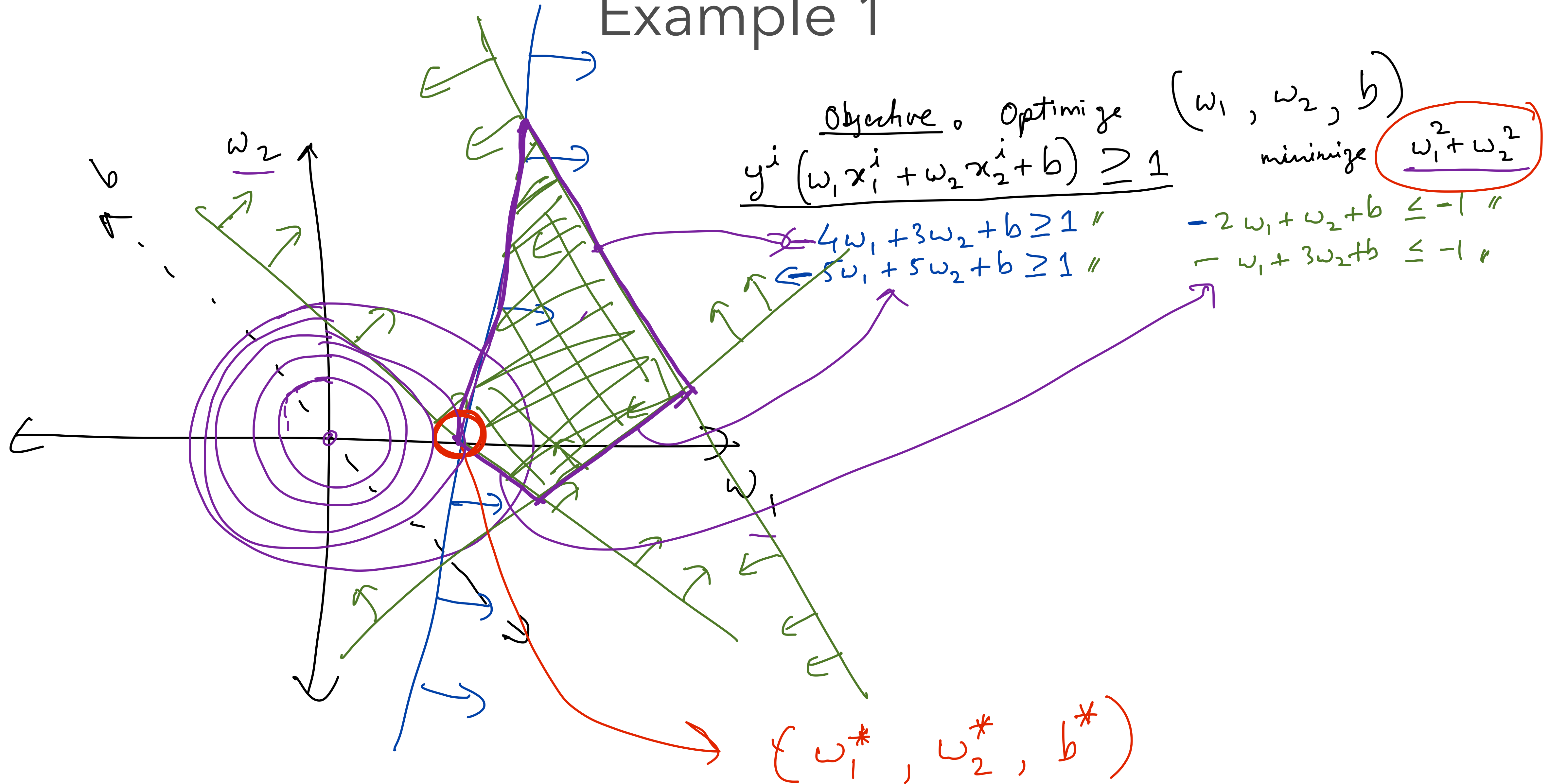
$4w_1 + 3w_2 + b \geq 1$ "

$5w_1 + 5w_2 + b \geq 1$ "

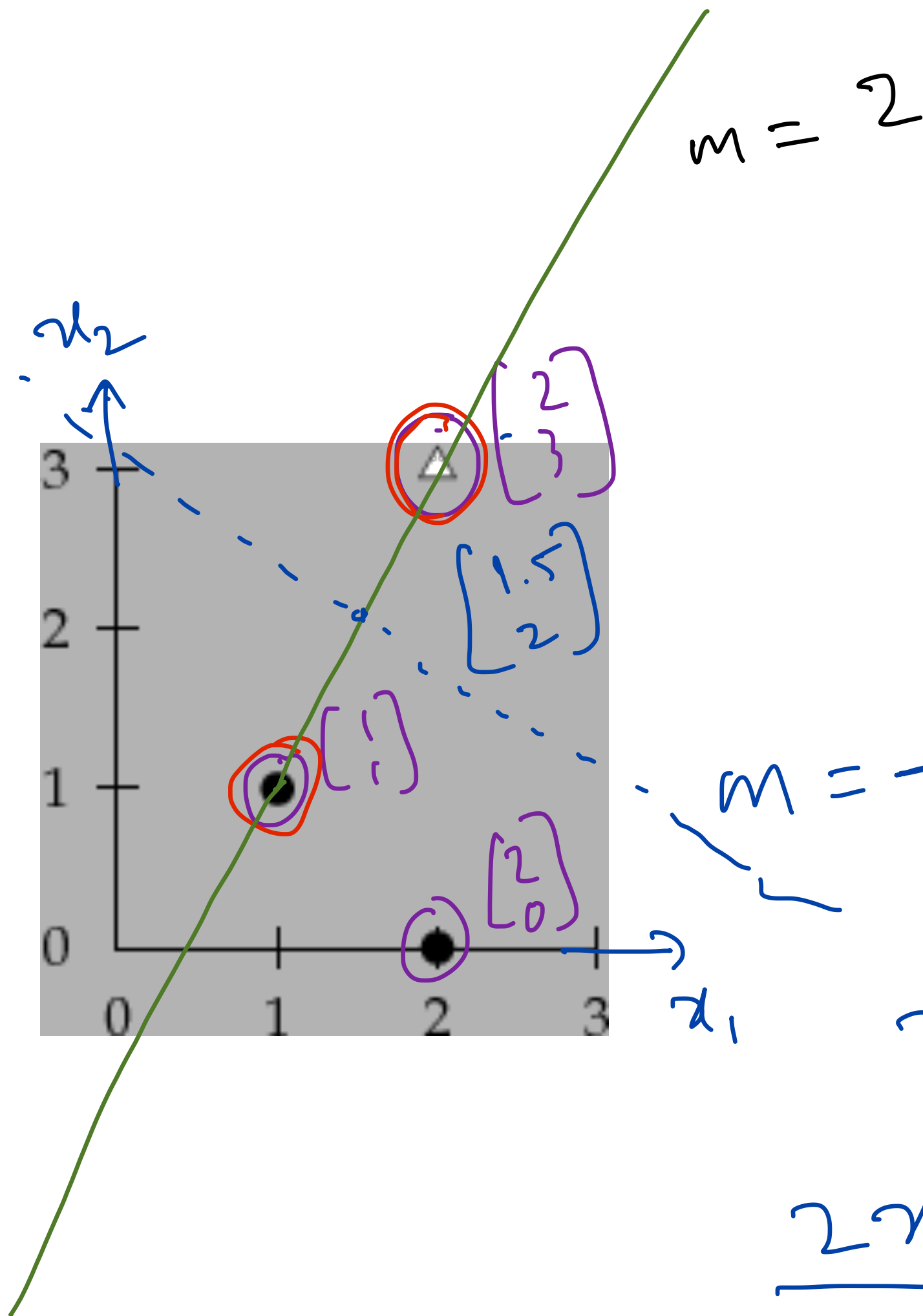
$2w_1 + w_2 + b \leq -1$ "

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Example 2



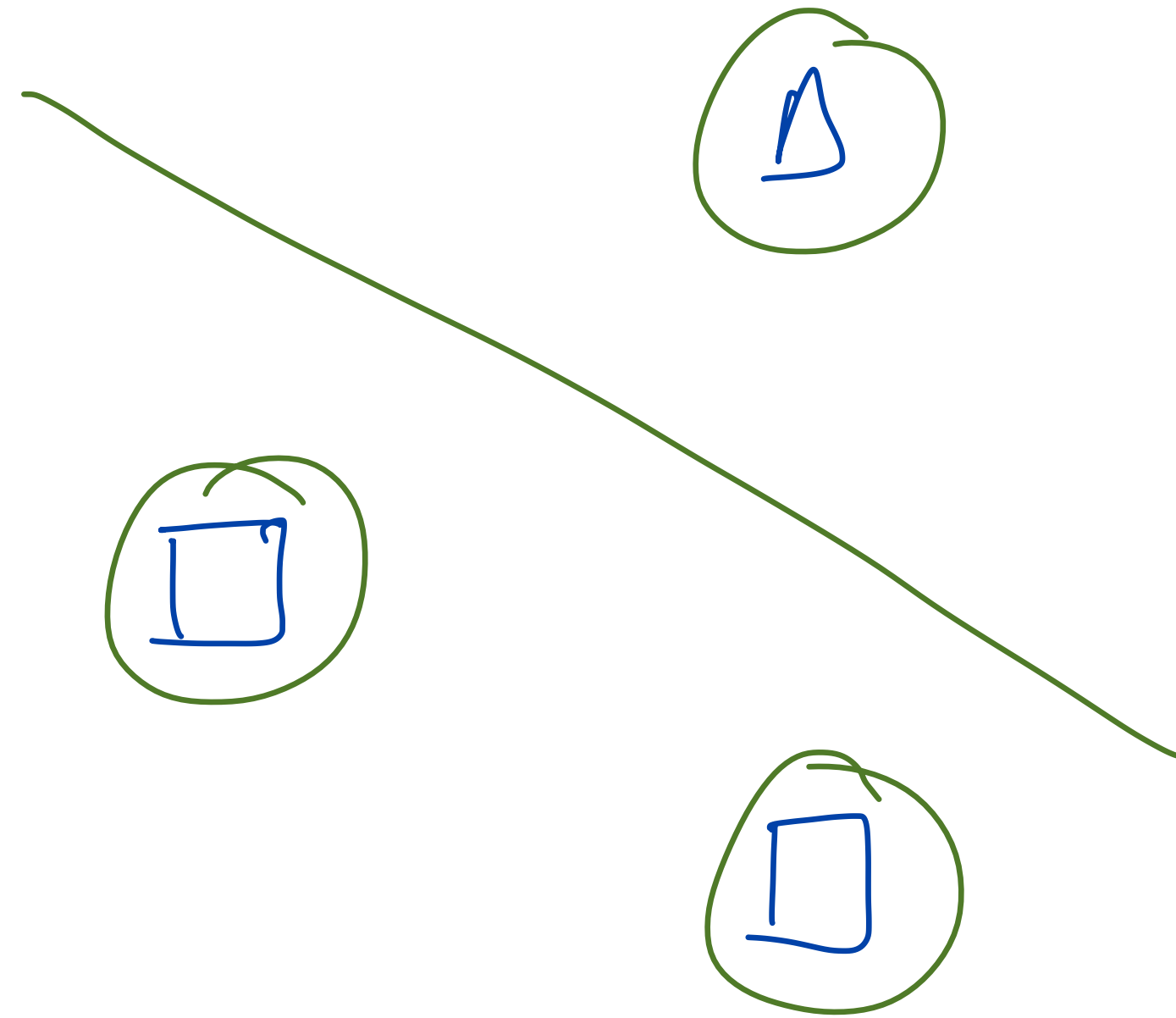
$$m = 2$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}x_1 + c$$

$$2x_2 + x_1 + b = 0 \implies x_1 + 2x_2 - 5.5 = 0$$

$$4 + 1.5 + b = 0 \implies b = -5.5$$



Online demo

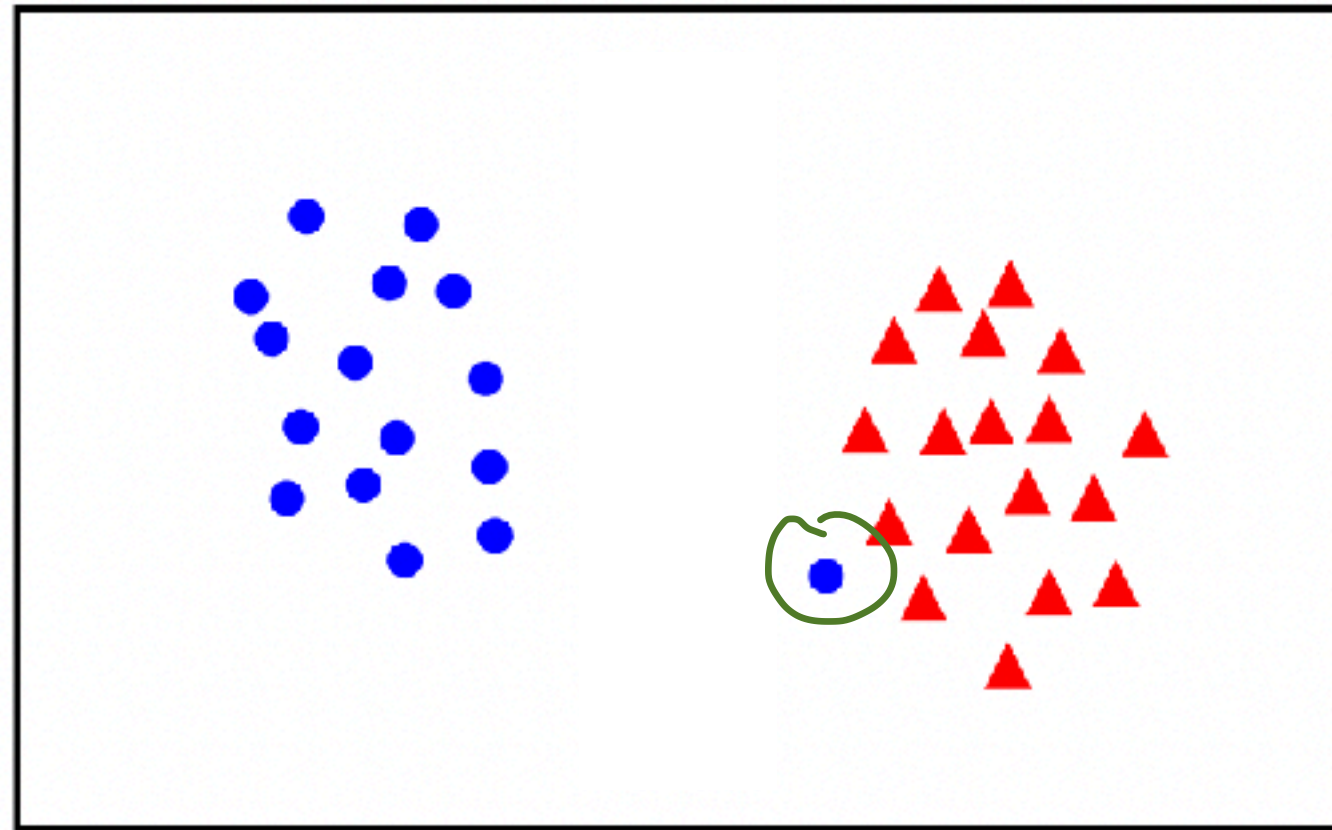
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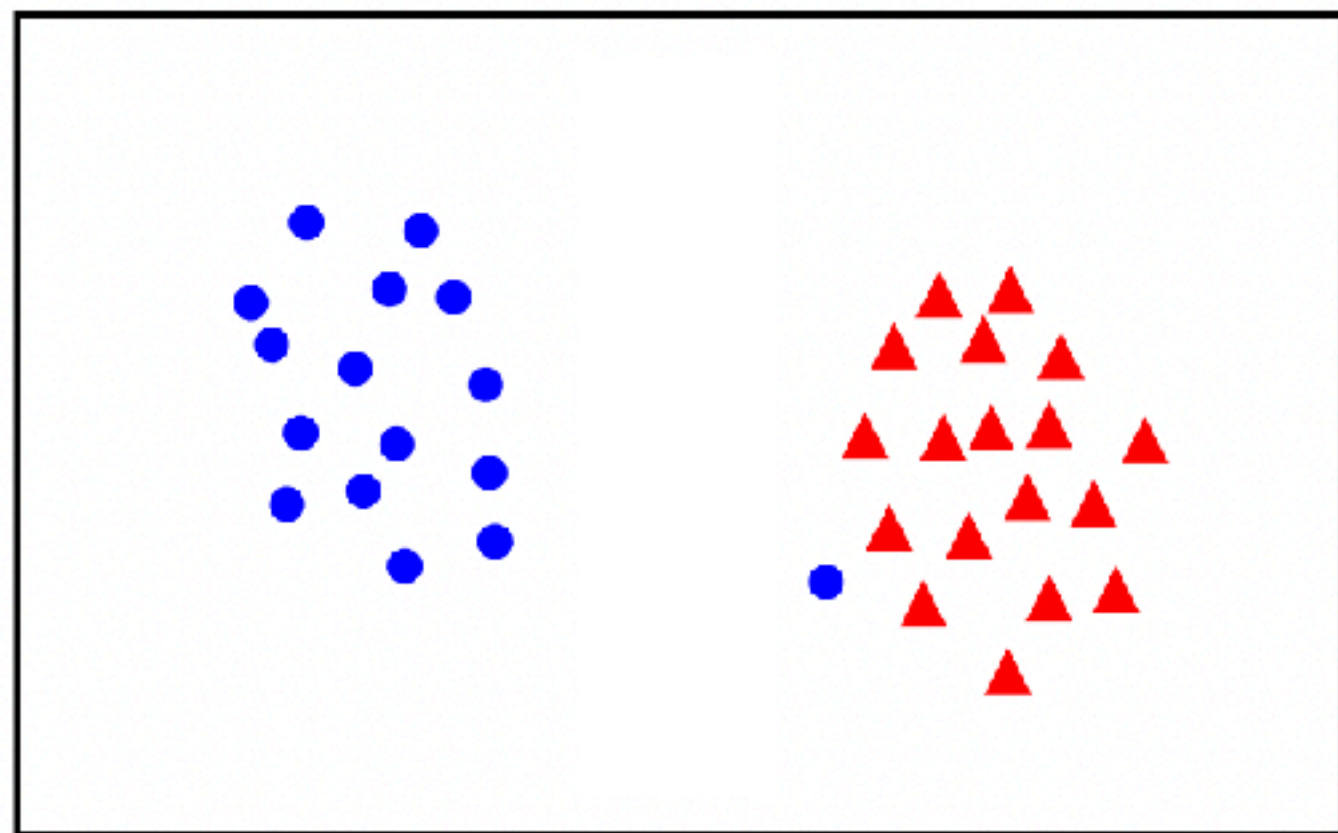
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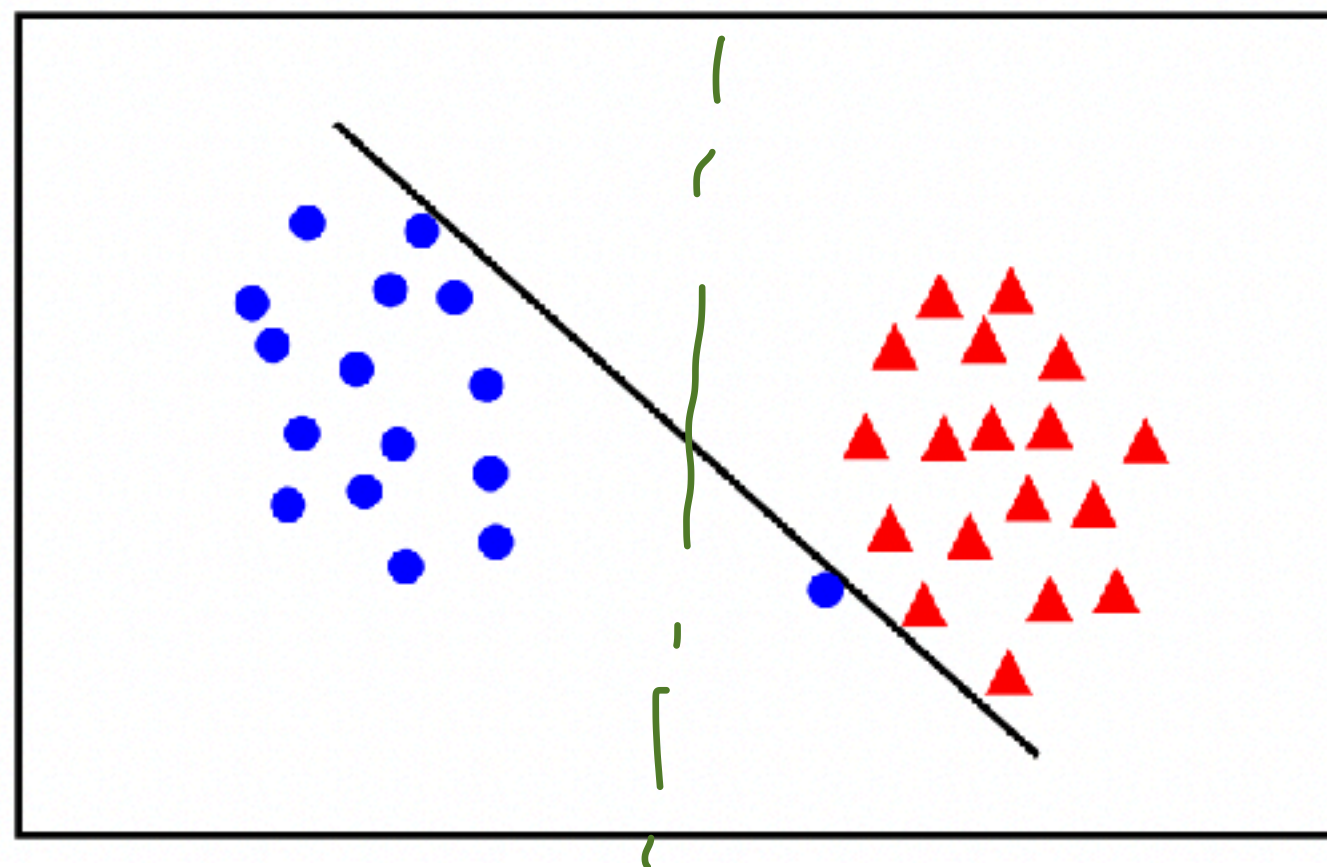
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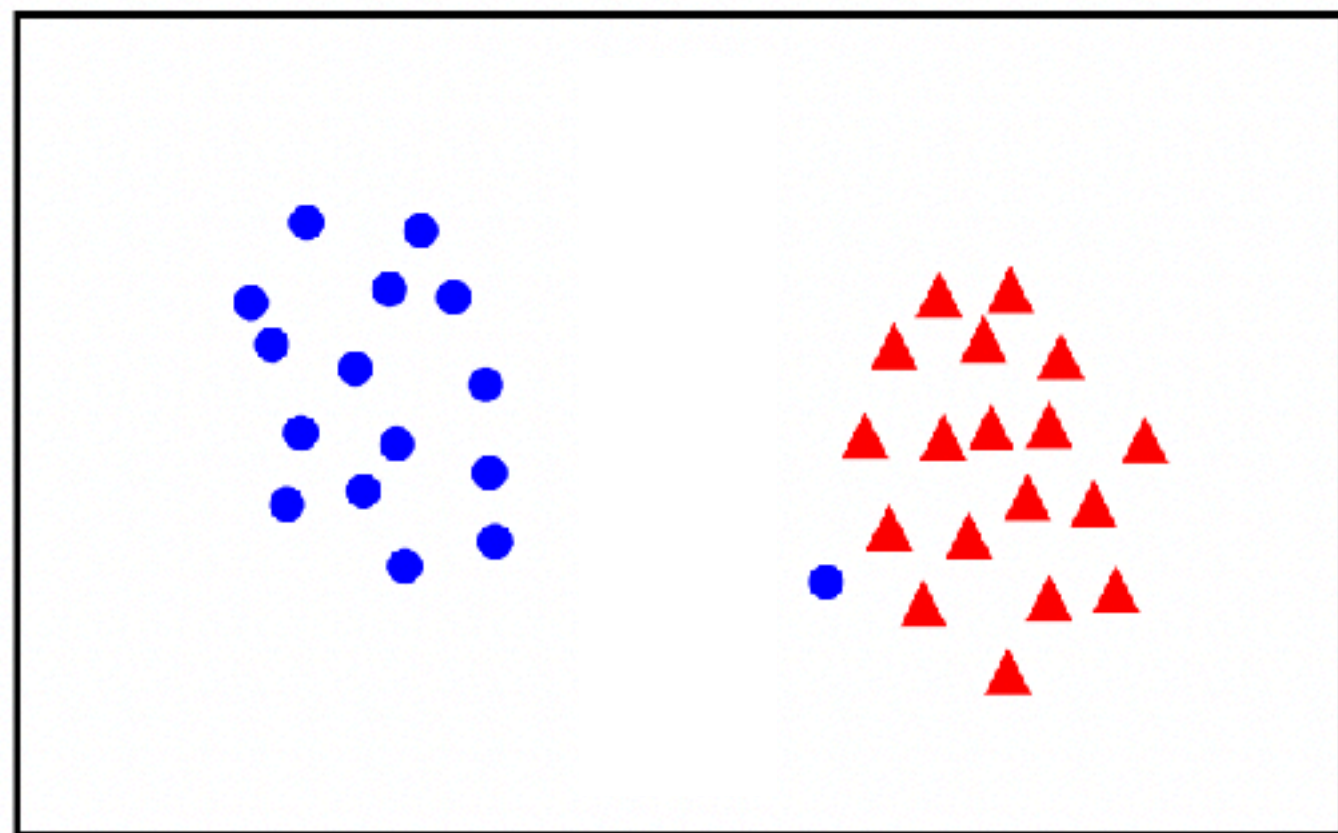
Hard margin SVM



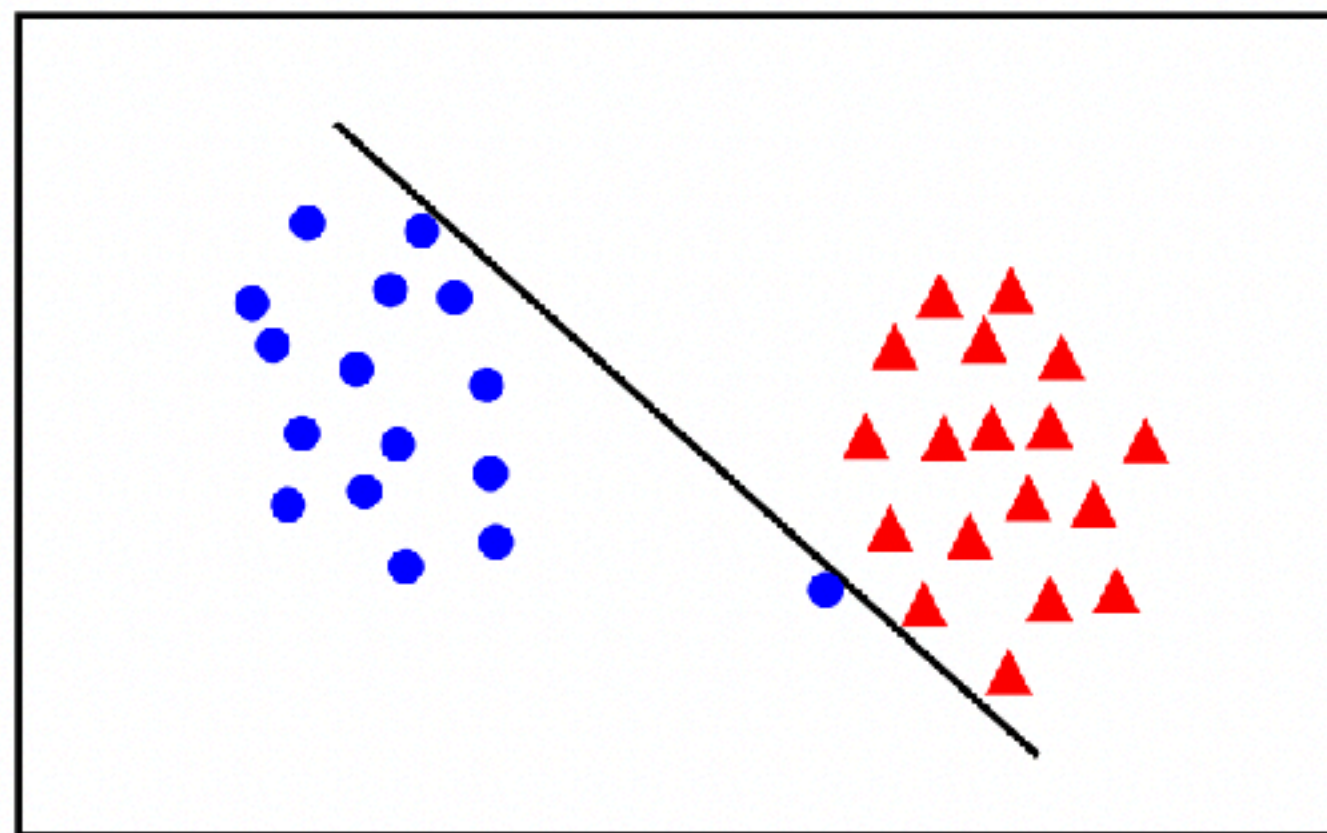
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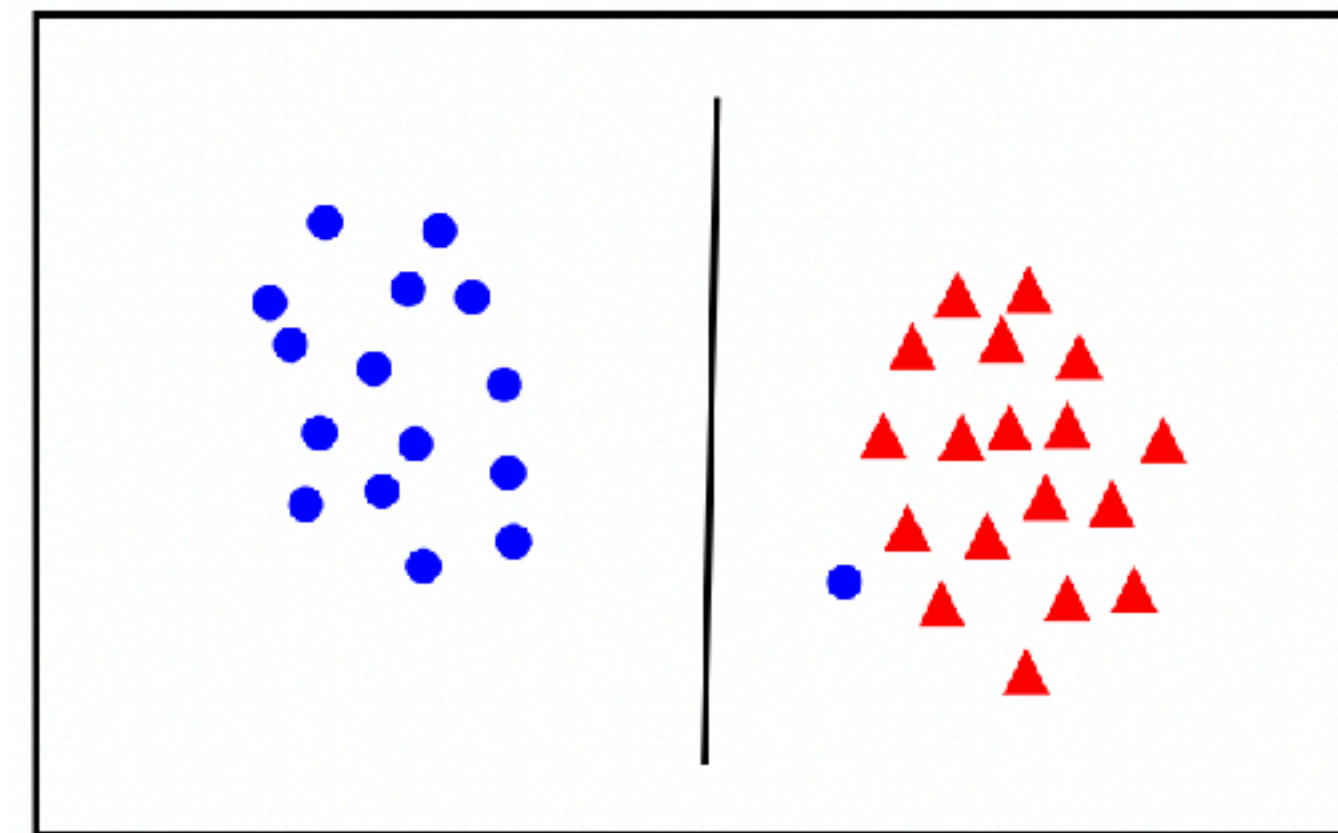
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Hard margin SVM



Soft margin SVM



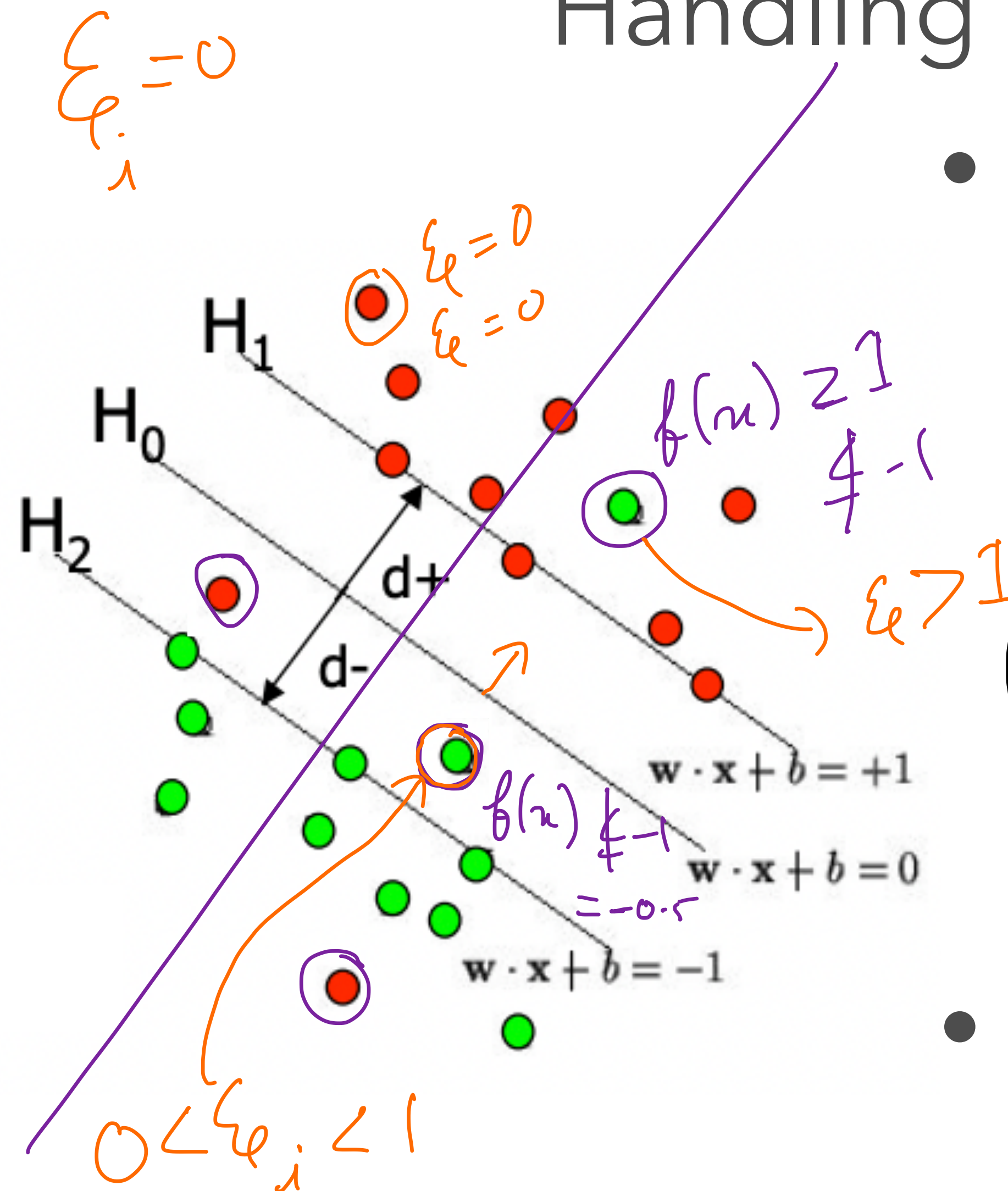
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$$y^i(w^T x^i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

Handling margin violations



- Goal:

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d, \xi_i \in \mathbb{R}} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i^n \xi_i$$

min margin (pointing to $\|w\|^2$)

min slack (pointing to $\sum_i^n \xi_i$)

$C \rightarrow \infty$ Hard margin

$C \rightarrow 0$

$\|w\|^2 = 0$

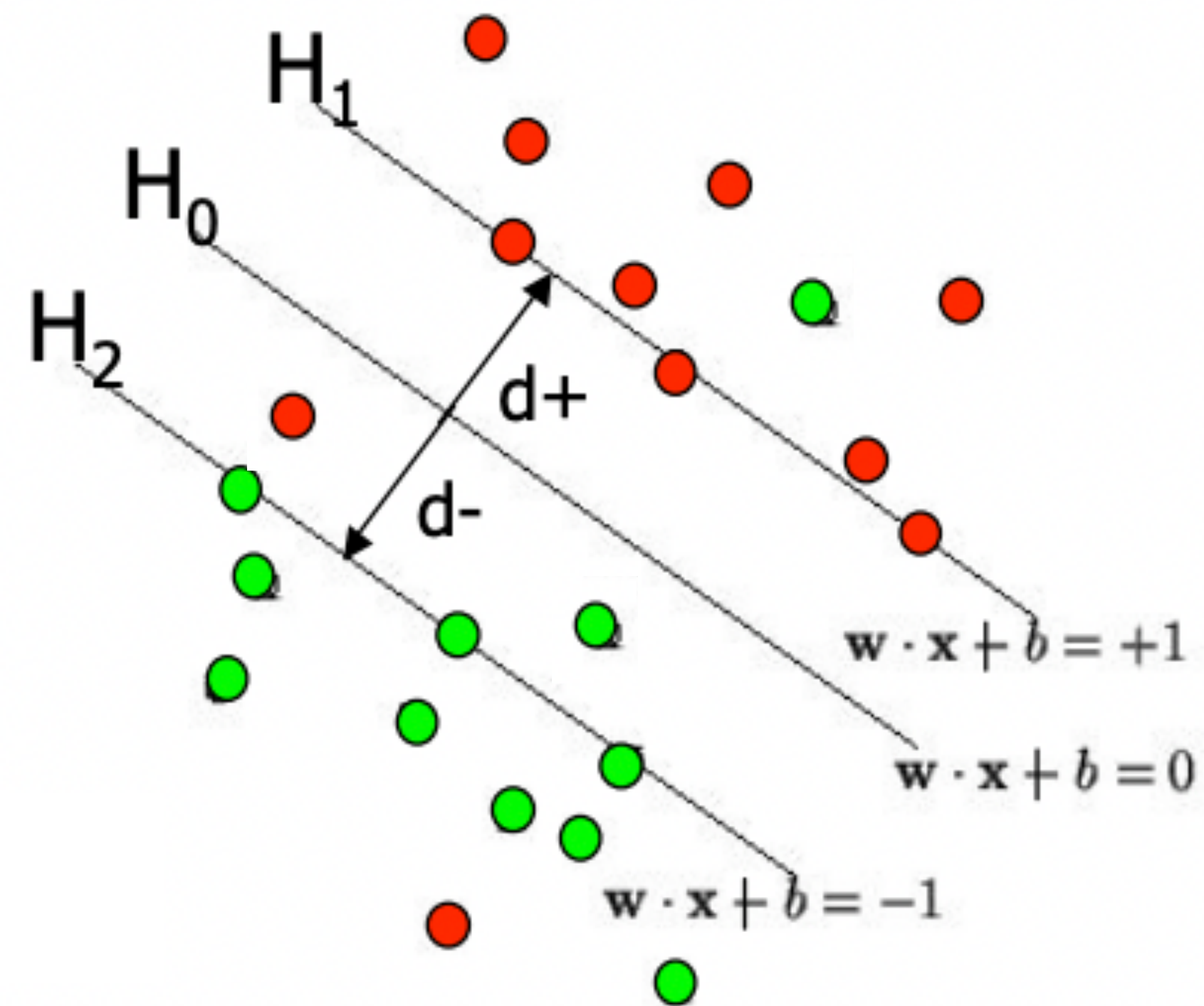
$$\text{subject to } y^i(w^T x^i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

$$\text{and } \underline{\xi_i \geq 0}$$

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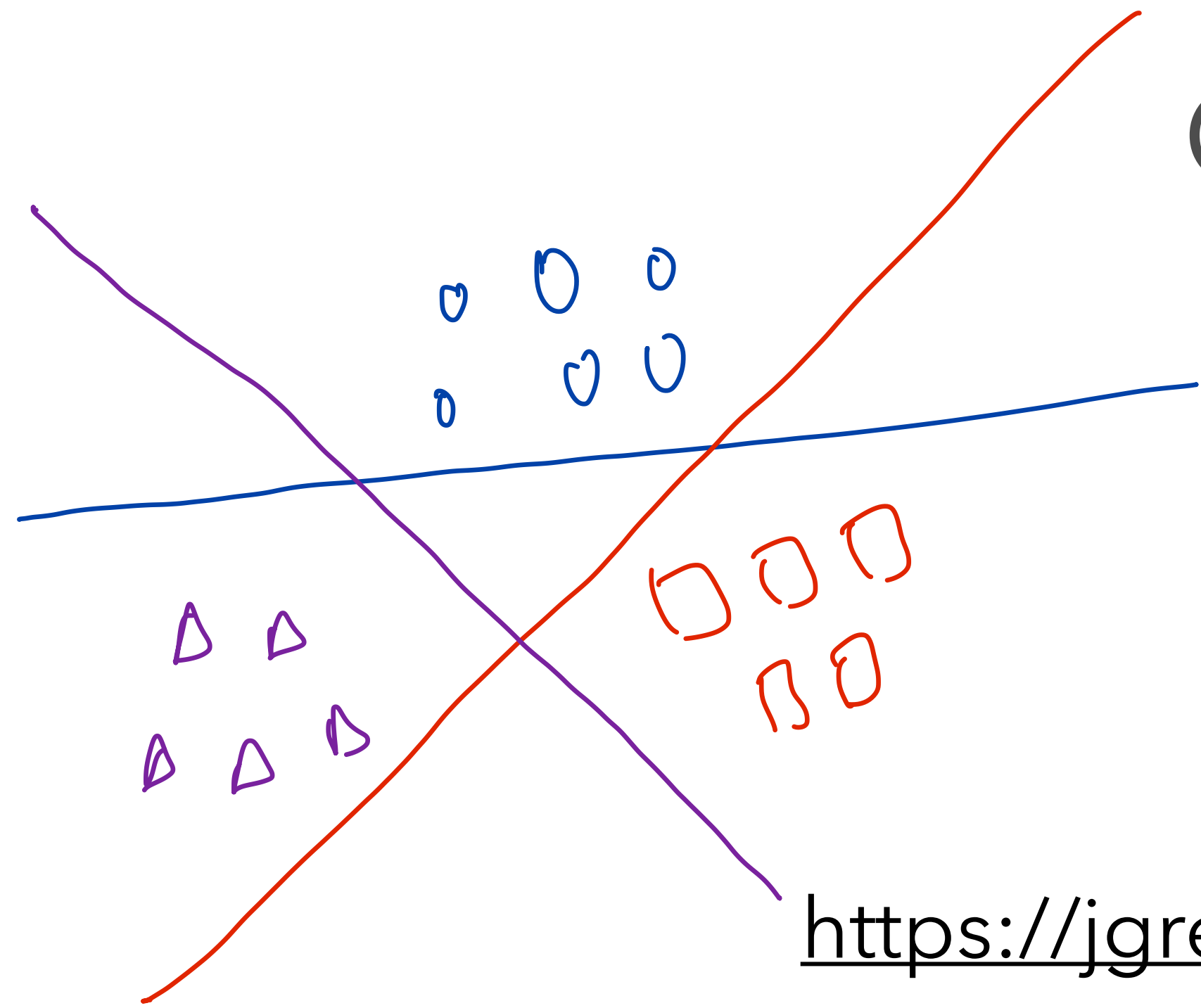
$$w^*, b^*, \xi^*$$

Interpretation through Loss function



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Additional Reading

- Original paper: http://image.diku.dk/imagecanon/material/cortes_vapnik95.pdf
- <http://pyml.sourceforge.net/doc/howto.pdf>
- Quadratic Programming: <https://scaron.info/blog/quadratic-programming-in-python.html>

Questions?