

# CS6208 : Advanced Topics in Artificial Intelligence

## Graph Machine Learning

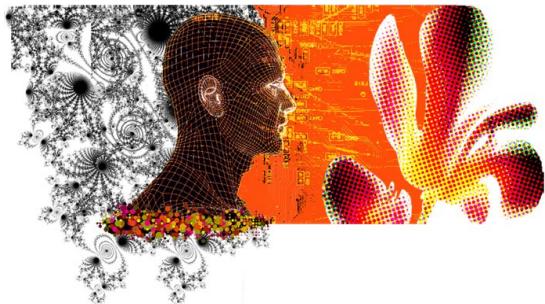
### Lecture 4 : Graph SVM

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# Course lectures

- Introduction to Graph Machine Learning
- Part 1: GML without feature learning  
(before 2014)
  - Introduction to Graph Science
  - Graph Analysis Techniques without Feature Learning
    - Graph clustering
    - Graph SVM
    - Recommendation
    - Dimensionality reduction
- Part 2 : GML with shallow feature learning  
(2014-2016)
  - Shallow graph feature learning
- Part 3 : GML with deep feature learning,  
a.k.a. GNNs (after 2016)
  - Graph Convolutional Networks (spectral and spatial)
  - Weisfeiler-Lehman GNNs
  - Graph Transformer & Graph ViT/MLP-Mixer
  - Benchmarking GNNs
  - Molecular science and generative GNNs
  - GNNs for combinatorial optimization
  - GNNs for recommendation
  - GNNs for knowledge graphs
  - Integrating GNNs and LLMs

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- Supervised classification
- Linear SVM
- Soft-margin SVM
- Kernel techniques
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# Learning techniques

- As of Feb 2023, there are five main classes of learning algorithms :
  - Supervised learning (SL) : Algorithms that use labeled data, i.e. data annotated by humans.
  - Unsupervised learning : Algorithms that learn the underlying data distribution without relying on label information, e.g. data generation.
  - Semi-supervised learning : Algorithms that use both labeled and unlabeled data.
  - Reinforcement learning (RL) : Algorithms that learn sequence of actions to maximize a future reward over time, e.g. winning games.
  - Self-supervised learning (SSL) : Algorithms that learn data representation by self-labeling, without requiring human annotations.

# Support vector machine

- In this lecture, we will focus on two specific topics :
  - Supervised classification using Support Vector Machine (SVM).
  - Semi-supervised learning that leverage graph structure to improve learning from partially labeled data.
- SVM stands as a theoretically robust and widely successful technique deployed across various applications.
- It was the prevailing machine learning model prior to the advent of deep learning.
- Its decline in popularity can be attributed primarily to the absence of a feature learning mechanism. SVM relies on features engineered by humans, which were surpassed with features learned by neural network architectures.

# Support vector machine

- SVM elegantly connects important topics in machine learning :
  - Geometric interpretation of classification tasks.
  - Ability to handle non-linear class boundaries using higher-dimensional feature maps.
  - Efficient use of the kernel trick to maintain the complexity of input data.
  - High-dimensional interpolation with the representer theorem.
  - Use of graph representations to capture data distribution regardless of labels.
  - Incorporation of graph regularization to propagate label information throughout the graph domain.
  - Primal and dual optimization methods for solving quadratic programming problems.

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# SVM formulation

- Goal : Given a set  $V$  of labeled data with two classes, the goal is to construct a classification function  $f$  that assigns the class for new, previously unseen data point by maximizing the margin between the two classes<sup>[1]</sup>.



Vladimir Vapnik

$$f : x \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$$

with  $V = \{x_i, \ell_i\}_{i=1}^n, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (data features)

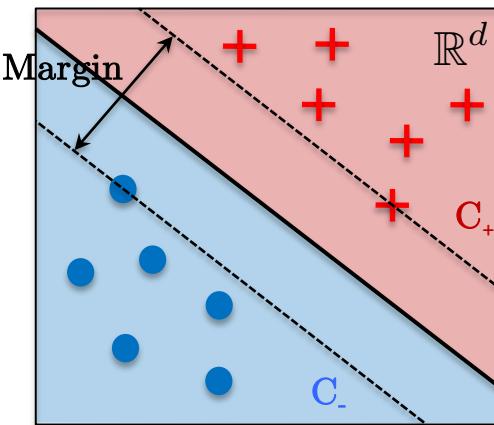
$\ell_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  (data label)

Positive label : +

$$x_i, \ell_i = +1$$

Classification function :

$$f(x) = +1, x \in C_+$$



Negative label : ●

$$x_i, \ell_i = -1$$

Classification function :

$$f(x) = -1, x \in C_-$$

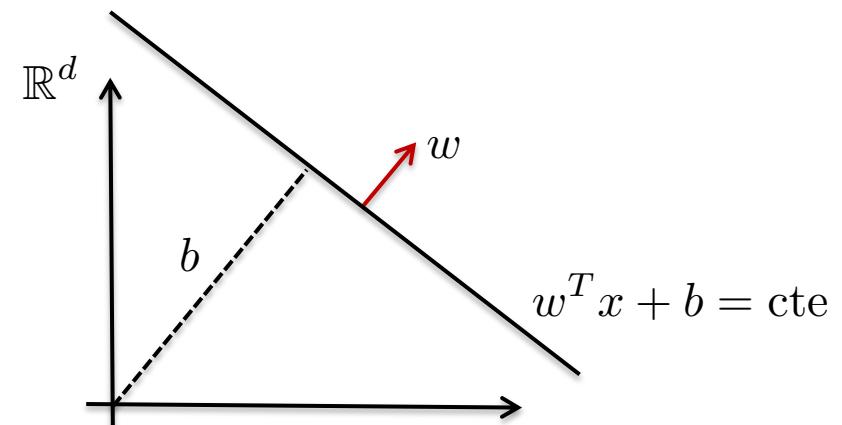
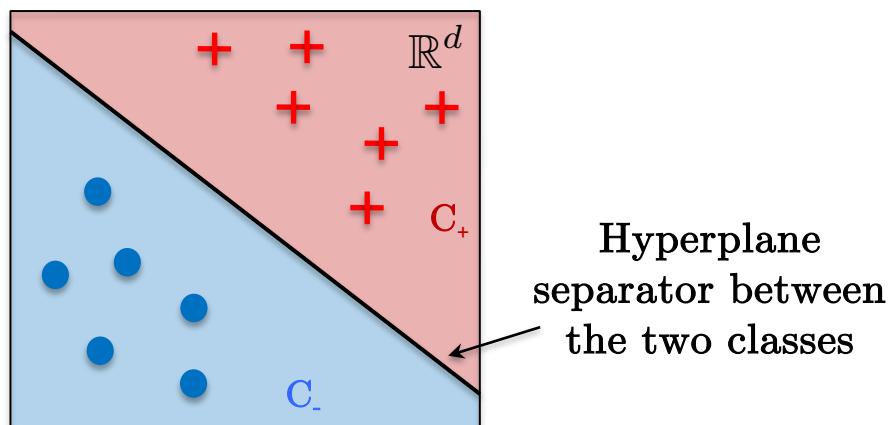


[1] Vapnik, Chervonenkis, On a perceptron class, 1964

# Linear SVM

- Assumption<sup>[1]</sup> : Training and test datasets are linearly separable, i.e. data can be separated with a straight line in 2D, a plane in 3D and a hyper-plane in higher dimensions.
- A hyper-plane is parameterized with two variables  $(w, b)$ , where  $w$  is the normal vector of the hyper-plane, i.e. determining its slope, and  $b$  is the offset or bias term :

$$\text{Hyper-plane equation : } \{x : w^T x + b = \text{cte}\}, \quad x, w \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}$$

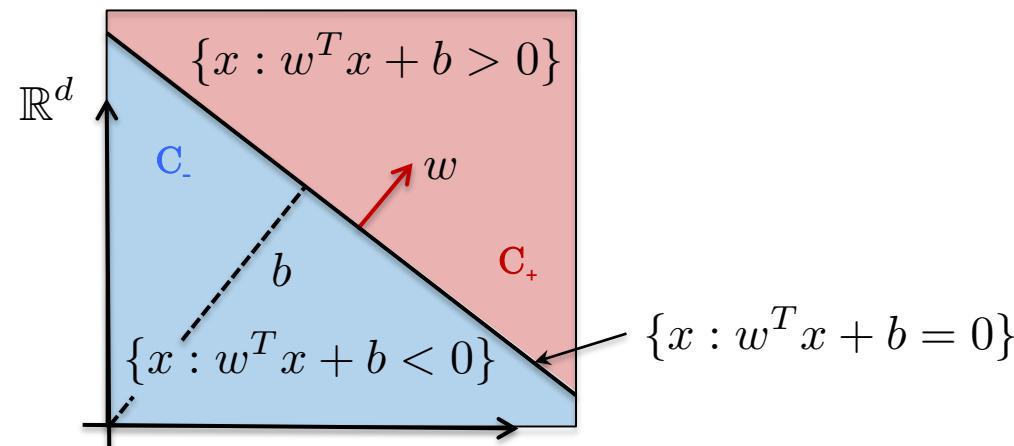


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# SVM classifier

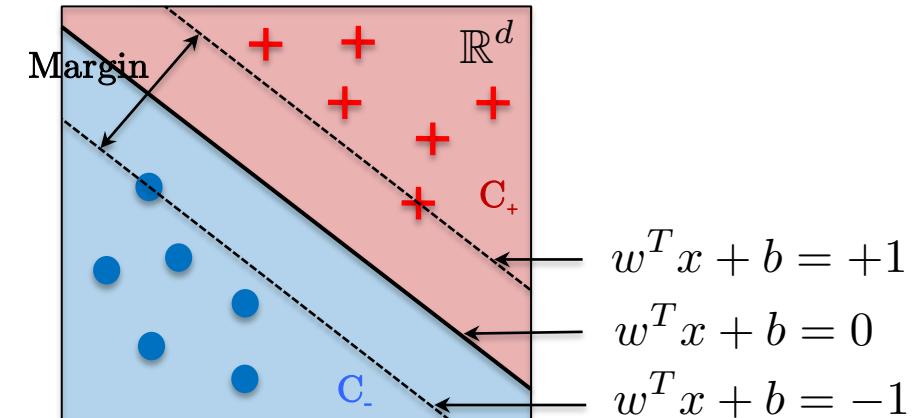
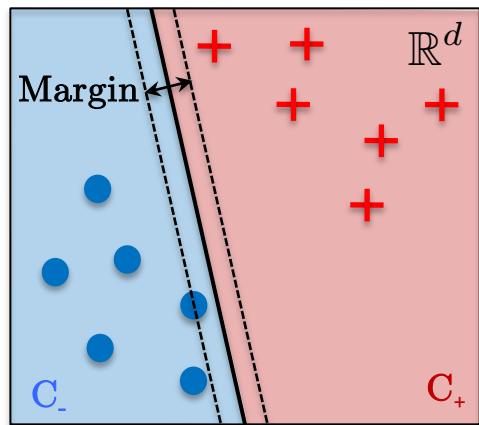
- Classification function :

$$f_{w,b}(x) = \text{sign}(w^T x + b) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } x \in C_+ \\ -1 & \text{for } x \in C_- \end{cases}$$



# Maximizing class margin

- Hyper-plane  $w^T x + b = 0$  is the class separator.
- Hyper-planes  $w^T x + b = \pm 1$  are the class margins.
- Why do we want to maximize the margin?
  - Note that multiple hyper-plane solutions exist to separate the two classes.
  - Let us select the solution that generalizes the best, i.e. the solution with the largest margin between the classes.



# Maximizing class margin

- What are the parameters  $(w, b)$  that maximize the margin  $d$  between the training points?

Margin is defined with the vector  $d = x_+ - x_- \in \mathbb{R}^d$

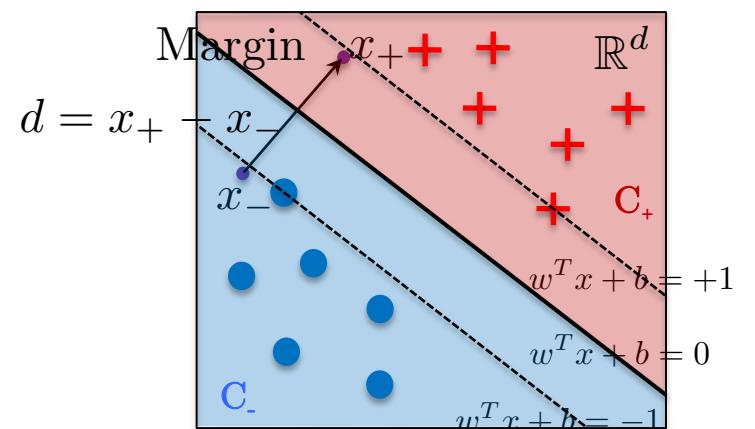
Given that  $w^T x_+ + b = +1$  and  $w^T x_- + b = -1$  and

subtracting these two lines :  $w^T(x_+ - x_-) = 2 \Rightarrow w^T d = 2$

Then taking the norm :  $\|w\|_2 \cdot \|d\|_2 = 2 \Rightarrow \|d\|_2 = \frac{2}{\|w\|_2}$

Finally,  $\max_d \|d\|_2 = \frac{2}{\|w\|_2} \Leftrightarrow \min_w \|w\|_2^2$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} w^T x_i + b \geq +1 & \text{if } x_i \in C_+ \\ w^T x_i + b \geq -1 & \text{if } x_i \in C_- \end{cases}$

Maximizing the class margin is equivalent to minimize the norm of  $w$   
while satisfying the label constraints.



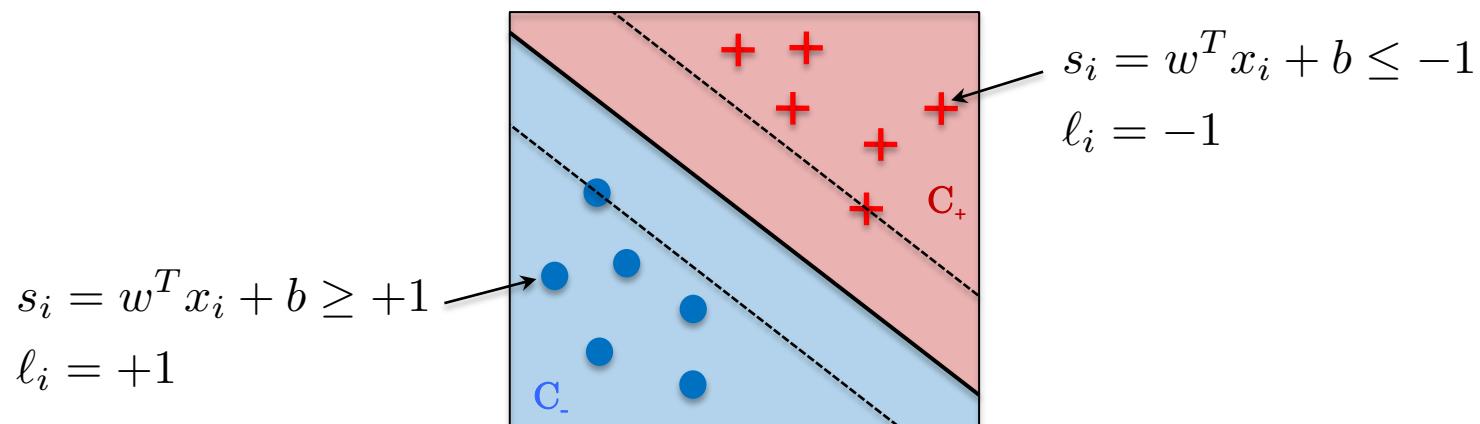
# Primal optimization problem

- Optimal value  $w^*$  is the solution of a constrained quadratic programming (QP) problem :

$$\min_w \|w\|_2^2 \text{ s.t. } \ell_i \cdot s_i \geq 1, \forall i \in V$$

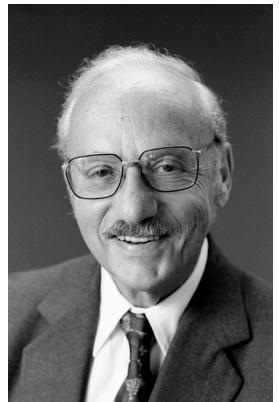
$$\text{with } s_i = w^T x_i + b = \begin{cases} \geq +1 & \text{for } x \in C_+ \\ \leq -1 & \text{for } x \in C_- \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \ell_i = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x \in C_+ \\ -1 & \text{if } x \in C_- \end{cases}$$

which can be compactly expressed as  $\ell_i \cdot s_i \geq 1, \forall i \in V$



# Primal optimization problem

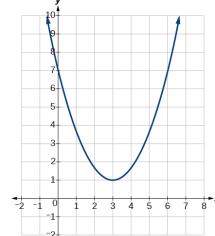
- There exists a unique solution to the QP<sup>[1,2,3]</sup> optimization problem, if the assumption of linearly separable data points is satisfied.
- Variable  $w$  is called the primal variable.



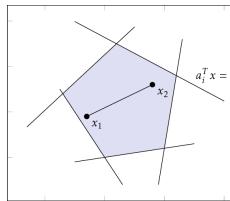
George Dantzig  
1914-2005

$$w^* = \arg \min_w \|w\|_2^2 \text{ s.t. } \ell_i \cdot s_i \geq 1, \forall i \in V \Rightarrow f_{\text{SVM}}(x) = \text{sign}((w^*)^T x + b^*)$$

Quadratic  
function



Convex set  
(polytope)



SVM  
classifier

- [1] Dantzig, Orden, Wolfe, The generalized simplex method for minimizing a linear form under linear inequality restraints, 1955  
[2] Wolfe, The Simplex Method for Quadratic Programming, 1959  
[3] Boyd, Vandenberghe, Convex Optimization, 2004

# Support vectors

- Support vectors are the data points exactly localized on the margin hyper-planes :

$$\ell_i \cdot s_i = 1, \forall x_i^{\text{sv}} \text{ (support vectors)}$$

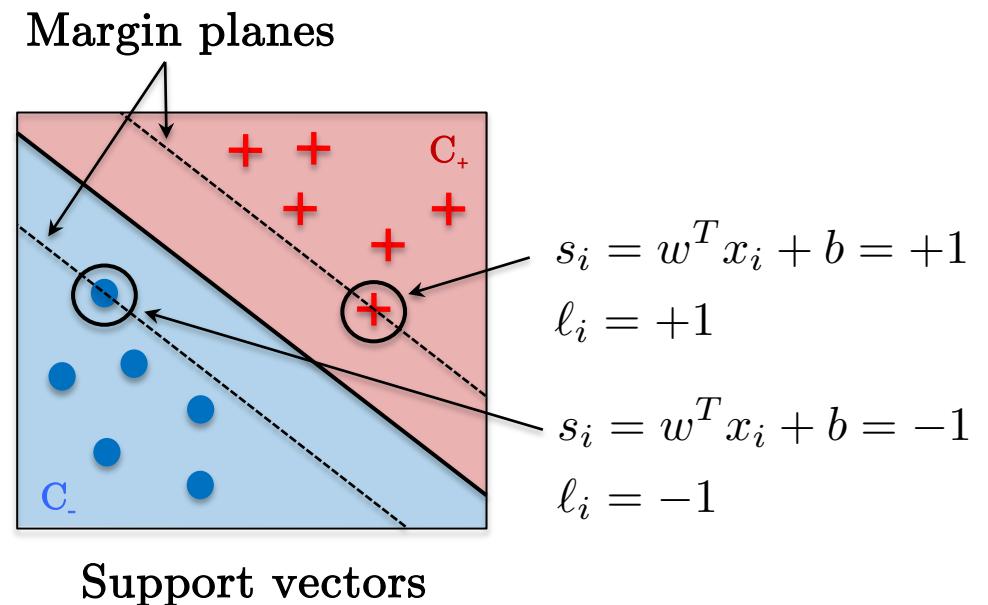
$$\ell_i \cdot ((w^*)^T x_i^{\text{sv}} + b^*) = 1$$

which gives

$$b^* = \ell_i - (w^*)^T x_i^{\text{sv}}$$

and on expectation

$$b^* = \frac{1}{|x_i^{\text{sv}}|} \sum_{x_i^{\text{sv}}} \ell_i - (w^*)^T x_i^{\text{sv}}$$



# Dual variable

- We can represent the weight vector  $w$  as a linear combination  $\alpha$  of the training data points  $x_i$ .
- The coefficient vector  $\alpha$  is referred to as the dual variable of  $w$ .
- The dual problem naturally introduces the linear kernel matrix  $K(x, y) = x^T y$  :

Given  $w = \sum_i \alpha_i \ell_i x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we have } w^T x &= \sum_i \alpha_i \ell_i x_i^T x \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i \ell_i K(x_i, x) \text{ with } K(x_i, x) = x_i^T x \\ &= \alpha^T L K(x), \quad \alpha, K(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n, L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Classification function : } f_{\text{SVM}}(x) &= \text{sign}(w^T x + b) \in \pm 1 && (\text{with primal variable}) \\ &= \text{sign}(\alpha^T L K(x) + b) \in \pm 1 && (\text{with dual variable}) \end{aligned}$$

# Dual optimization problem

- The primal optimization problem can be solved with the dual problem<sup>[1,2,3]</sup> :

$$\min_w \|w\|_2^2 \text{ s.t. } \ell_i \cdot s_i \geq 1, \forall i \in V \quad (\text{primal QP problem})$$

is equivalent to

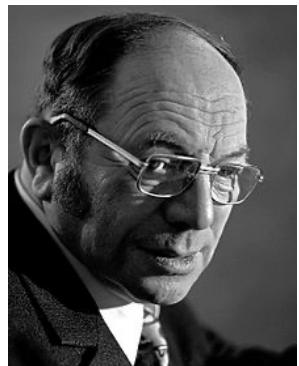
$$\min_{\alpha \geq 0} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T Q \alpha - \alpha^T 1_n \text{ s.t. } \alpha^T \ell = 0 \quad (\text{dual QP problem})$$

with  $Q = LKL \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$L = \text{diag}(\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\ell = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, K_{ij} = x_i^T x_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{linear kernel})$$



Leonid Kantorovich  
1912-1986

[1] Kantorovich, The Mathematical Method of Production Planning and Organization, 1939

[2] Dantzig, Orden, Wolfe, The generalized simplex method for minimizing a linear form under linear inequality restraints, 1955

[3] Boyd, Vandenberghe, Convex Optimization, 2004

# Optimization algorithm

- Solution  $\alpha^*$  can be computed with a simple primal-dual<sup>[1,2]</sup> iterative scheme :

Initialization :  $\alpha^{k=0} = \beta^{k=0} = 0_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Time steps satisfy  $\tau_\alpha \tau_\beta \leq \frac{1}{\|Q\| \|L\|}$  s.a.  $\tau_\alpha = \frac{1}{\|Q\|}, \tau_\beta = \frac{1}{\|L\|}$

Iterate :

$$\alpha^{k+1} = P_{\geq 0}((\tau_\alpha Q + I_n)^{-1}(\alpha^k + \tau_\alpha Q - \tau_\alpha L \beta^k)) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\beta^{k+1} = \beta^k + \tau_\beta L \alpha^{k+1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

At convergence, we have :  $\alpha^*$

Classification function :  $f_{\text{SVM}}(x) = \text{sign}(\alpha^{\star T} L K(x) + b^{\star}) \in \pm 1$



Narendra Karmarkar

[1] Karmarkar, A new polynomial-time algorithm for linear programming, 1984

[2] Boyd, Vandenberghe, Convex Optimization, 2004

# Lab 1 : Linear SVM

- Run code01.ipynb and analyze linear SVM result on
  - Linearly separable data points
  - Non-linear data points

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[5]: # Run Linear SVM

# Compute linear kernel, L, Q
Ker = Xtrain.dot(Xtrain.T)
l = l_train
L = np.diag(l)
Q = L.dot(Ker.dot(L))

# Time steps
tau_alpha = 1./ np.linalg.norm(Q,2)
tau_beta = 1./ np.linalg.norm(L,2)

# For conjuguate gradient
Acg = tau_alpha*Q + np.eye(n)

# Pre-compute J.K(Xtest) for test data
LKXtest = L.dot(Xtrain.dot(Xtest.T))

# Initialization
alpha = np.zeros([n])
beta = 0.0
alpha_old = alpha

# Loop
k = 0
diff_alpha = 1e6
num_iter = 101
while (diff_alpha>1e-3) & (k<num_iter):

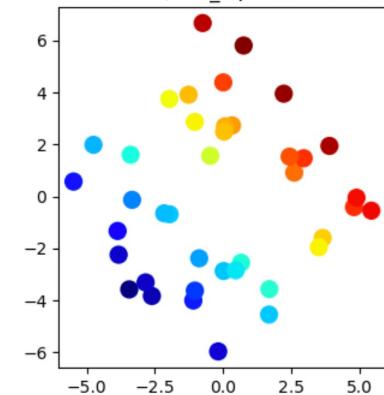
    # Update iteration
    k += 1

    # Update alpha
    # Approximate solution with conjuguate gradient
    b0 = alpha + tau_alpha - tau_alpha*l*beta
    alpha, _ = scipy.sparse.linalg.cg(Acg, b0, x0=alpha, tol=1e-3, maxiter=50)
    alpha[alpha<0.0] = 0 # Projection on [0,+infty]

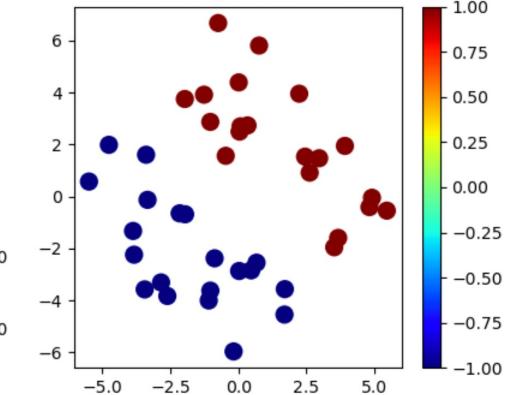
    # Update beta
    beta = beta + tau_beta*l.T.dot(alpha)

    # Stopping condition
    diff_alpha = np.linalg.norm(alpha-alpha_old)
    alpha_old = alpha
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Score function  $s(x) = w^T x + b$   
iter=200, diff\_alpha=0.02983

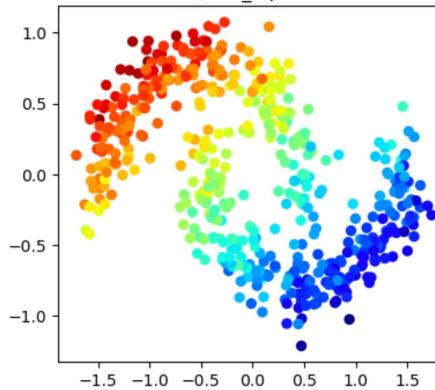


Classification function  $f(x) = \text{sign}(w^T x + b)$   
iter=200, acc=100.0

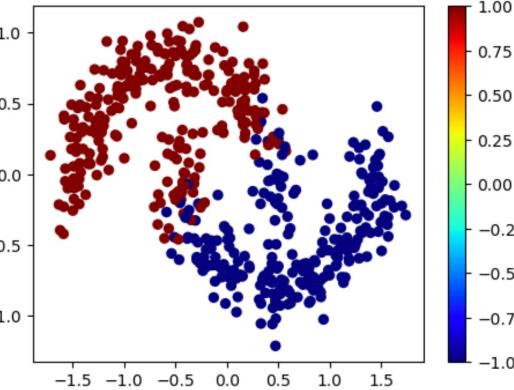


Linearly separable data points

Score function  $s(x) = w^T x + b$   
iter=200, diff\_alpha=0.29112



Classification function  $f(x) = \text{sign}(w^T x + b)$   
iter=200, acc=84.0



Non-linear data points

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# Noise

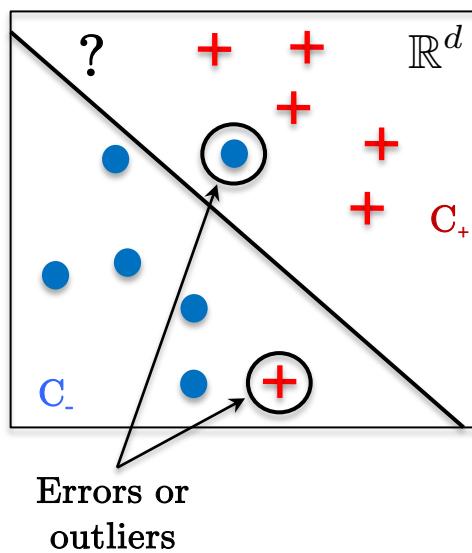
- Real-world data often contains noise and outliers, which do not satisfy the assumption of linearly separable data points.
- When dealing with non-linearly separable data, there is no mathematical solution for standard or hard-margin SVM because there does not exist a linear separator that can split the two classes perfectly, i.e. without errors.
- A new technique is necessary, referred as soft-margin SVM<sup>[1]</sup>.

Positive label : +

$$x_i, \ell_i = +1$$

Classification function :

$$f(x) = +1, \quad x \in C_+$$



Negative label : ●

$$x_i, \ell_i = -1$$

Classification function :

$$f(x) = -1, \quad x \in C_-$$

[1] Cortes, Vapnik, Support-vector networks, 1995

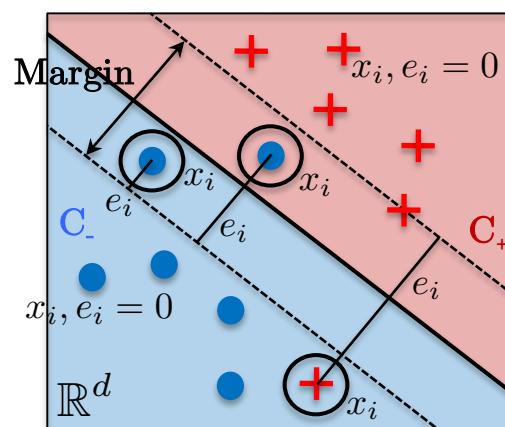
# Soft-margin SVM

- Slack variables  $e_i$  quantifies the error for each data  $x_i$  to be an outlier.
- These errors  $e_i$  will be minimized while simultaneously maximizing the margin :

$$\min_w \|w\|_2^2 \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} w^T x_i + b \geq +1 & \text{for } x_i \in C_+ \\ w^T x_i + b \leq -1 & \text{for } x_i \in C_- \end{cases} \quad (\text{Standard SVM})$$

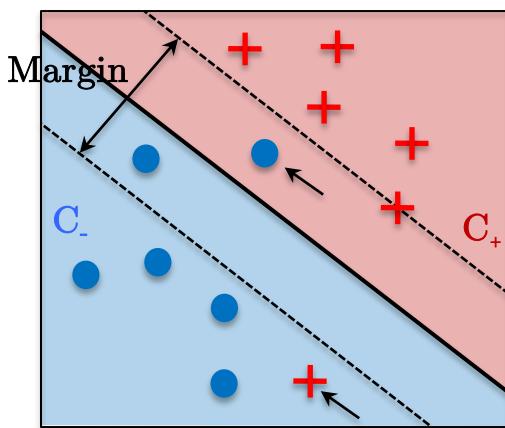
$\Downarrow$

$$\underbrace{\min_{w,e} \|w\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n e_i}_{\text{Trade-off between large margin and small errors}} \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} w^T x_i + b \geq +1 - e_i & \text{for } x_i \in C_+ \\ w^T x_i + b \leq -1 + e_i & \text{for } x_i \in C_- \\ e_i \geq 0 & \text{for } x_i \in V \end{cases} \quad (\text{Soft-margin SVM})$$

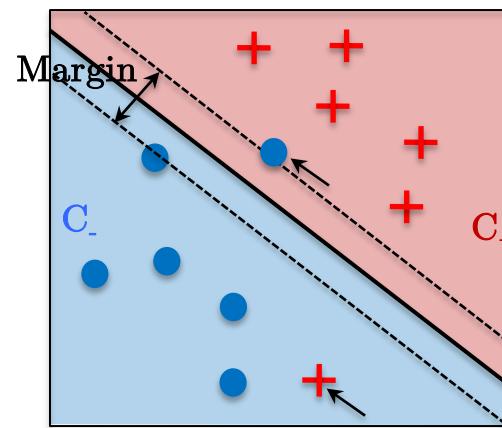


# Regularization

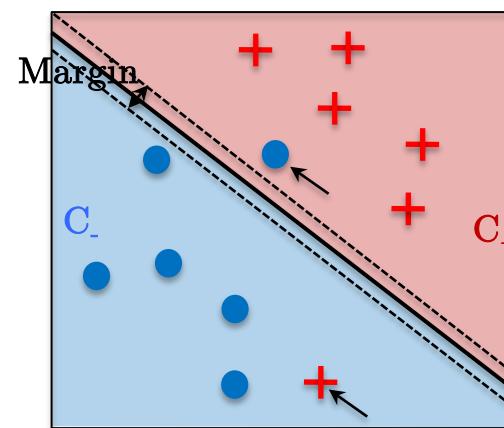
- What is the effect of varying  $\lambda$ , the regularization parameter?
  - For small  $\lambda$  values, more misclassification errors are allowed, the margin is larger.
  - For large  $\lambda$  values, misclassification errors are penalized, leading to either no errors or very few, resulting in a smaller margin.



Small  $\lambda$  value



Intermediate  $\lambda$  value



Large  $\lambda$  value

# Hinge loss

- The soft-margin SVM technique penalizes :
  - Misclassifications of training data points.
  - Correct classifications of training points that fall inside the margin area.
- The constrained optimization problem can be reformulated as an unconstrained problem :

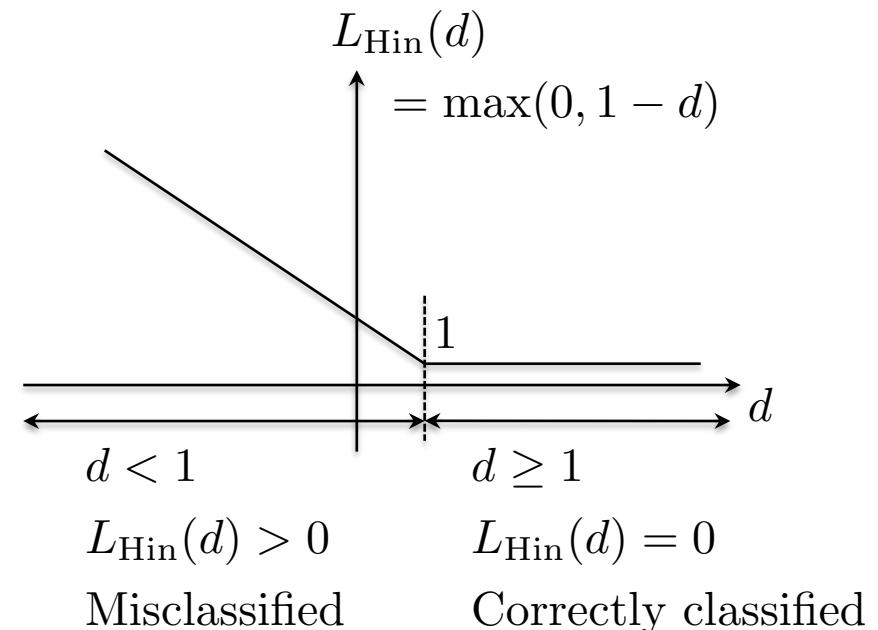
$$\min_{w,e} \|w\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} w^T x_i + b \geq +1 - e_i & \text{for } x_i \in C_+ \\ w^T x_i + b \leq -1 + e_i & \text{for } x_i \in C_- \\ e_i \geq 0 & \text{for } x_i \in V \end{cases}$$

↔

$$\min_{w,e} \|w\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \max(0, 1 - \ell_i s_i),$$

where  $s_i = w^T x_i + b$  (score function)

$L_{\text{Hin}}(d_i) = \max(0, 1 - d_i)$ ,  $d_i = \ell_i s_i$  (Hinge loss)



# Loss functions

- There exist multiple loss functions<sup>[1]</sup> :

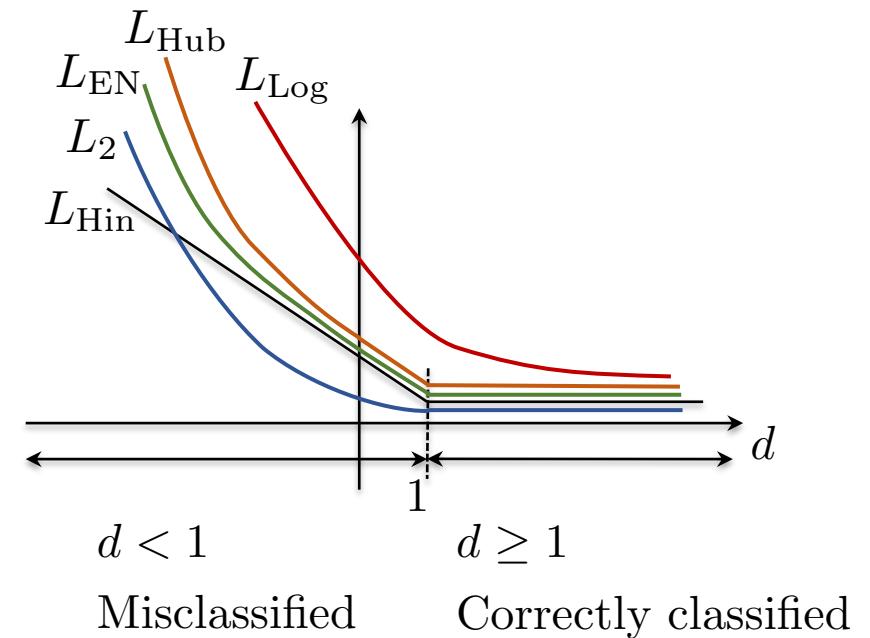
$$L_2(d_i) = \begin{cases} (1 - d_i)^2 & \text{if } d_i < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{L2 loss})$$

$$L_{\text{EN}}(d_i) = \begin{cases} (1 - d_i)^2 + \beta|1 - d_i| & \text{if } d_i < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Elastic net loss})$$

$$L_{\text{Hub}}(d_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - d_i & \text{if } d_i \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(1 - d_i)^2 & \text{if } 0 < d_i < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Huber loss})$$

$$L_{\text{Log}}(d_i) = \exp(1 - d_i) \quad (\text{Logistic loss})$$

$$L_{\text{Hin}}(d_i) = \max(0, 1 - d_i) \quad (\text{Hinge loss})$$



[1] Rosasco, De Vito, Caponnetto, Are loss functions all the same? 2004

# Dual optimization problem

- As previously, the primal optimization problem can be solved with the dual problem :

$$\min_{w,e} \|w\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \quad \text{s.t. } \ell_i \cdot s_i \geq 1 - e_i, \quad e_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in V \quad (\text{primal QP problem})$$

is equivalent to

$$\min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \lambda} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T Q \alpha - \alpha^T 1_n \quad \text{s.t. } \alpha^T \ell = 0 \quad (\text{dual QP problem})$$

Modification

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$$L = \text{diag}(\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\ell = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, K_{ij} = x_i^T x_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{linear kernel})$$

# Optimization algorithm

- Solution  $\alpha^*$  can be computed with the following iterative scheme :

Initialization :  $\alpha^{k=0} = \beta^{k=0} = 0_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Time steps satisfy  $\tau_\alpha \tau_\beta \leq \frac{1}{\|Q\| \|L\|}$  s.a.  $\tau_\alpha = \frac{1}{\|Q\|}, \tau_\beta = \frac{1}{\|L\|}$

Iterate :

$$\alpha^{k+1} = P_{0 \leq \cdot \leq \lambda}((\tau_\alpha Q + I_n)^{-1}(\alpha^k + \tau_\alpha Q - \tau_\alpha L \beta^k))$$

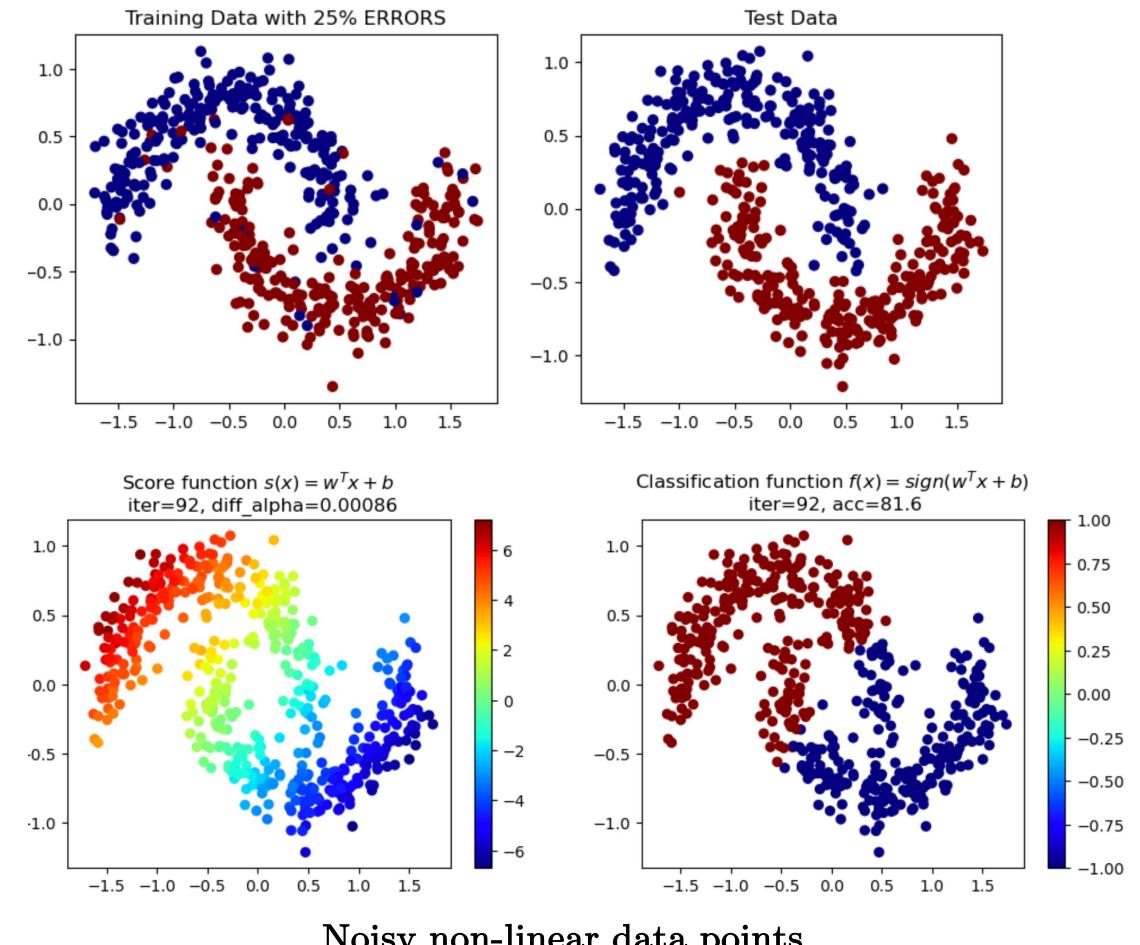
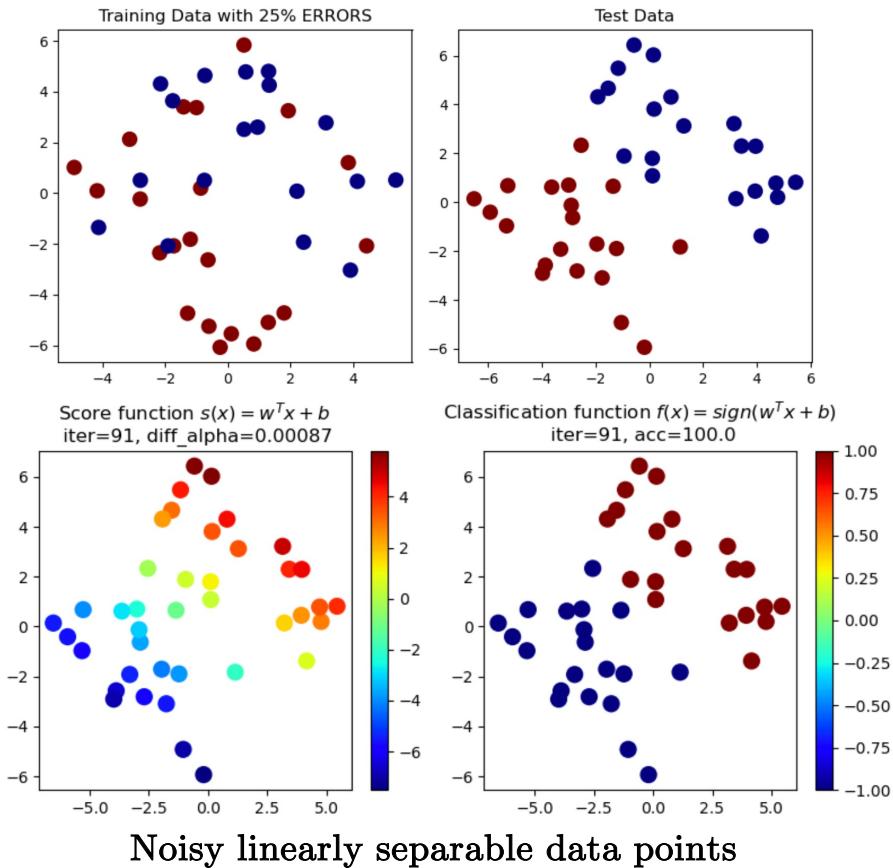
$$\beta^{k+1} = \beta^k + \tau_\beta L \alpha^{k+1}$$

At convergence, we have :  $\alpha^*$

Classification function :  $f_{\text{SVM}}(x) = \text{sign}(\alpha^{*T} L K(x) + b^*) \in \pm 1$

# Lab 2 : Soft-margin SVM

- Run code02.ipynb and analyze SVM result on
  - Noisy linearly separable data points
  - Noisy non-linear data points



# Outline

- Supervised classification
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- **Kernel techniques**
- Non-linear/kernel SVM
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# High-dimensional interpolation

- How can we perform function interpolation in high-dimensional spaces?
- Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space<sup>[1]</sup> (RKHS) : A space associated to bounded, symmetric, positive semidefinite (PSD) operator called a kernel  $K(x, x) : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  that can reproduce any smooth function  $h(x) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- Representer theorem<sup>[1,2]</sup> : Any continuous smooth function  $h$  in a RKHS can be represented as a linear combination of the kernel function  $K$  evaluated at the training data points  $x_i$  :

$$h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(x, x_i) + b, \quad x, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, b \in \mathbb{R}, d \gg 1$$



David Hilbert  
1862-1943



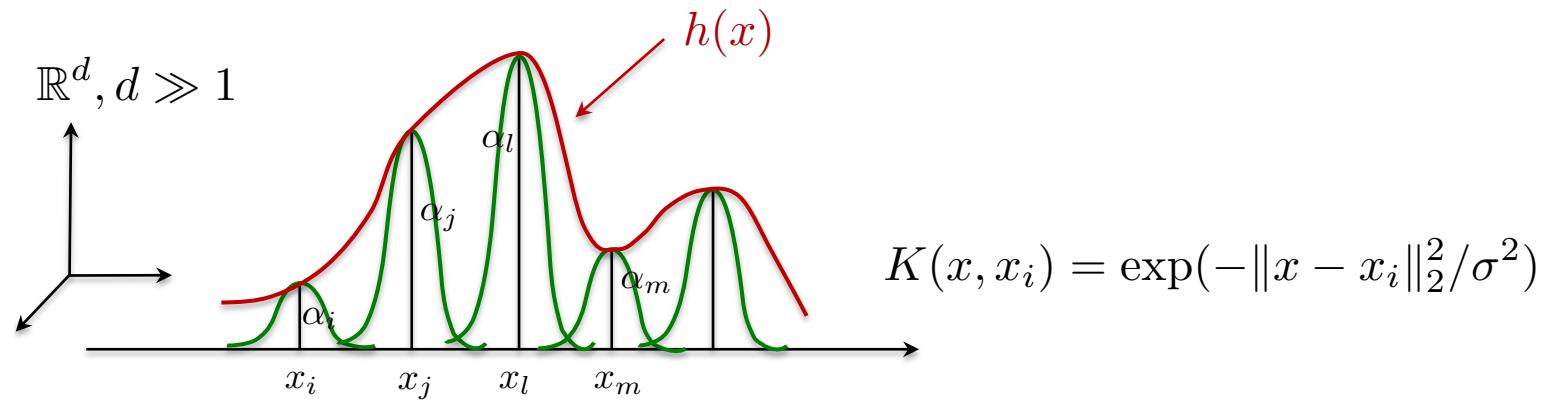
Bernhard  
Schölkopf

[1] Beurling, On two problems concerning linear transformations in Hilbert space, 1948

[2] Scholkopf, Herbrich, Smola, A generalized representer theorem, 2001

# Representer Theorem

- Illustration of the Representer theorem to interpolate functions in high-dimensional spaces :



$$h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(x, x_i) + b \in \mathbb{R}$$

with the most common kernels are defined as

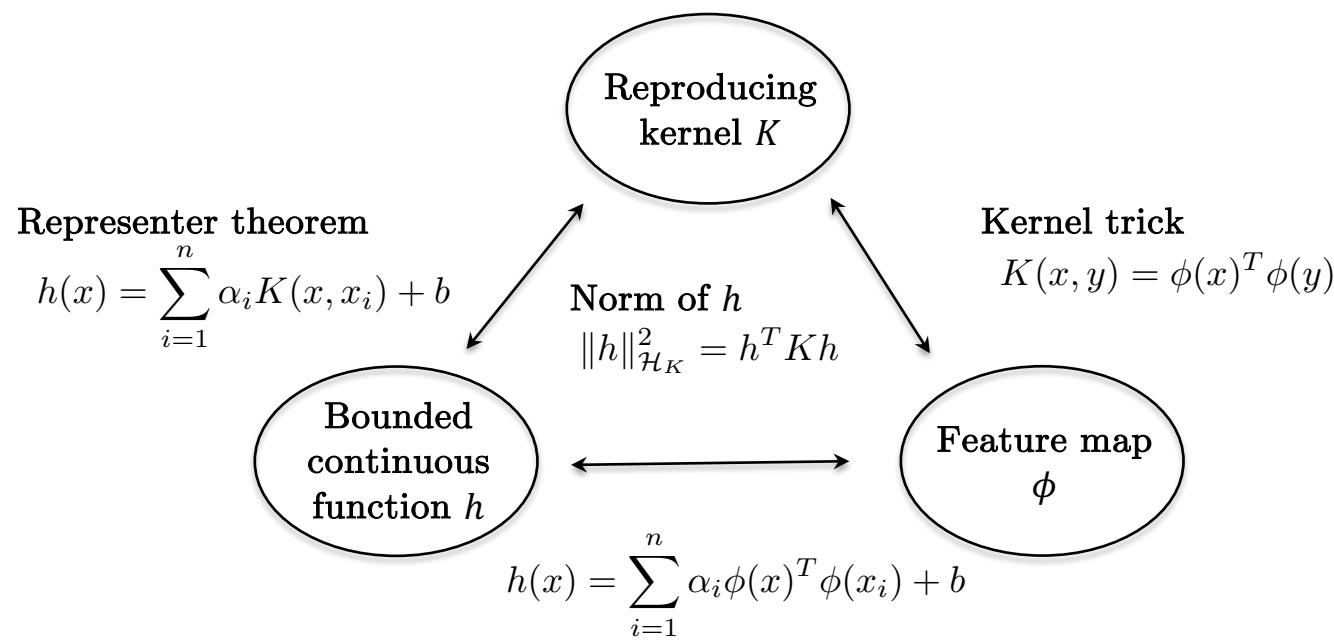
$$K(x, y) = x^T y \quad (\text{linear kernel})$$

$$K(x, y) = \exp(-\|x - y\|_2^2/\sigma^2) \quad (\text{Gaussian kernel})$$

$$K(x, y) = (ax^T y + b)^c \quad (\text{polynomial kernel})$$

# Feature map, kernel trick and interpolation

- Any feature map  $\phi$  defines a reproducing kernel  $K$ , and inversely.
- Any kernel  $K$  can be used to design a smooth high-dim function  $h$ .

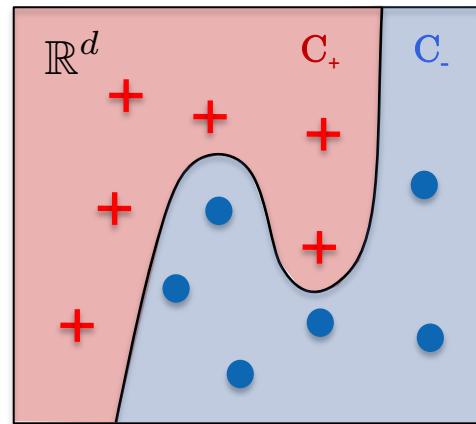


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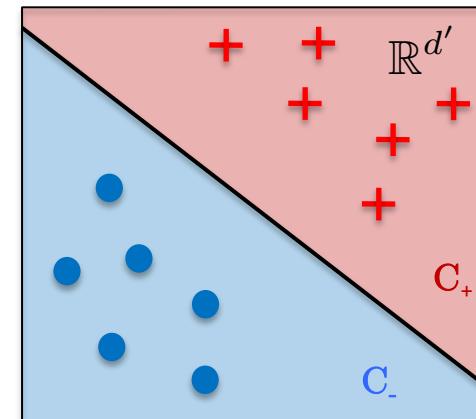
# Feature engineering for non-linear data

- Linear models, s.a. original and soft-margin SVM, assume linearly separable data points.
- But in many real-world scenarios, datasets are not linearly separable, i.e. a hyper-plane cannot distinguish between distinct classes.
- How to address this challenge and classify complex/non-linear datasets with linear separators?
- Feature engineering approach<sup>[1]</sup> : Project the data into a higher-dimensional space using a feature map  $\phi$  where the data becomes linearly separable.



Non-linear dataset  
and separator

Feature map  $\phi(\cdot)$   
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d'}$   
 $d' > d$  (possibly  $d' \gg d$ )



Linear dataset  
and separator

[1] Aizerman et-al, Theoretical foundations of the potential function method in pattern recognition learning, 1964

# Kernel trick

- Non-linear mapping  $\phi$  enables the separation of non-linear data points.
- However, this approach entails operating in a larger feature space compared to the original one, resulting in increased complexity of  $O(d')$  where  $d' \gg d$ .
- To address this issue, the kernel trick was devised<sup>[1,2]</sup>, offering a solution without the explicit use of the mapping  $\phi$ .
  - With this approach, computing the kernel operator/matrix is defined as  $K = \phi^T \phi$ , rather than  $\phi$  individually, making the exact expression of  $\phi$  irrelevant.
  - Some standard kernel operators include :

$K(x_i, x_j) = x_i^T x_j$	Time consuming	(linear kernel for linear k-means)
$K(x_i, x_j) = \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j) = \exp(-\ x_i - x_j\ _2^2 / \sigma^2)$		(Gaussian kernel)
$K(x_i, x_j) = (ax_i^T x_j + b)^c$	Efficient kernel computation	(Polynomial kernel)

[1] Aizerman et-al, Theoretical foundations of the potential function method in pattern recognition learning, 1964

[2] Guyon, Boser, Vapnik, Automatic capacity tuning of very large VC-dimension classifiers, 1993

# Non-linear/kernel SVM

- Primal optimization problem<sup>[1]</sup> w.r.t.  $w$  :

$$\min_{w,e} \|w\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \begin{array}{ll} w^T \phi(x_i) + b \geq +1 - e_i & \text{for } x_i \in C_+ \\ w^T \phi(x_i) + b \leq -1 + e_i & \text{for } x_i \in C_- \\ e_i \geq 0 & \text{for } x_i \in V \end{array} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Kernel SVM})$$

- Dual optimization problem w.r.t.  $\alpha$  :

$$\min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \lambda} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T Q \alpha - \alpha^T 1_n \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \alpha^T \ell = 0$$

with  $Q = LKL \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$L = \text{diag}(\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\ell = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, K_{ij} = \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j) \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{generalized kernel})$$

Function  $\phi$  is never used explicitly.

[1] Boser, Guyon, Vapnik, A training algorithm for optimal margin classifiers, 1992

# Non-linear/kernel SVM

- Decision function  $f(x)$  :

Given  $w = \sum_i \alpha_i \ell_i \phi(x_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{we have } w^T x &= \sum_i \alpha_i \ell_i \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x) \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i \ell_i K(x_i, x) \text{ with } K(x_i, x) = \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x) \\ &= \alpha^T L K(x), \quad \alpha, K(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n, L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Classification function : } f_{\text{SVM}}(x) &= \text{sign}(w^T \phi(x) + b) \quad (\text{with primal variable}) \\ &= \text{sign}(\alpha^T L K(x) + b) \quad (\text{with dual variable})\end{aligned}$$

# Optimization algorithm

- Solution  $\alpha^*$  can be computed with the following iterative scheme :

Initialization :  $\alpha^{k=0} = \beta^{k=0} = 0_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Time steps satisfy  $\tau_\alpha \tau_\beta \leq \frac{1}{\|Q\| \|L\|}$  s.a.  $\tau_\alpha = \frac{1}{\|Q\|}, \tau_\beta = \frac{1}{\|L\|}$

Iterate :

$$\alpha^{k+1} = P_{0 \leq \cdot \leq \lambda}((\tau_\alpha Q + I_n)^{-1}(\alpha^k + \tau_\alpha Q - \tau_\alpha L \beta^k))$$

$$\beta^{k+1} = \beta^k + \tau_\beta L \alpha^{k+1}$$

At convergence, we have :  $\alpha^*$

Classification function :  $f_{\text{SVM}}(x) = \text{sign}(\alpha^{*T} L K(x) + b^*) \in \pm 1$

Generalized  
kernel

# Supervised learning for classification

- SVM belongs to the class of supervised classification algorithms.
- In general, algorithms of this class can be described as follows:

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n L_{\text{data}}(f_i, \ell_i)$$

with

$$\text{Representer theorem : } f(x) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(x, x_i)\right) \in \pm 1$$

$$\text{Norm of } f \text{ in RKHS : } \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 = \langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K} = \sum_{ij} f_i f_j K_{ij} = f^T K f \quad (\text{smoothness/regularity of } f)$$

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 = \|w\|_2^2 \quad \text{for } f(x) = w^T x \quad (\text{linear SVM})$$

$$\text{Misclassification error : } L_{\text{data}}(s_i, \ell_i) = L_{\text{Hin}}(d_i = s_i \ell_i) = \max(0, 1 - d_i) \quad (\text{Hinge loss})$$

Hyper-parameter  $\lambda > 0$  controls the trade-off between regularization and data fidelity.

# Lab 3 : Kernel/non-linear SVM

- Run code03.ipynb and analyze kernel SVM result on
  - Noisy non-linear data points
  - Real-world text documents

Real-world graph of articles

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# Dataset
mat = scipy.io.loadmat('datasets/data_20news_50labels.mat')
Xtrain = mat['Xtrain']
l_train = mat['l'].squeeze()
n = Xtrain.shape[0]
d = Xtrain.shape[1]
nc = len(np.unique(Cgt_train))
print(n,d,nc)
Xtest = mat['Xtest']
Cgt_test = mat['Cgt_test'] - 1; Cgt_test = Cgt_test.squeeze()
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Run kernel SVM

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# Run kernel SVM

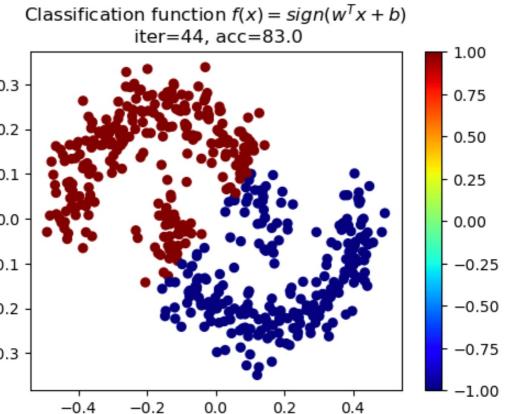
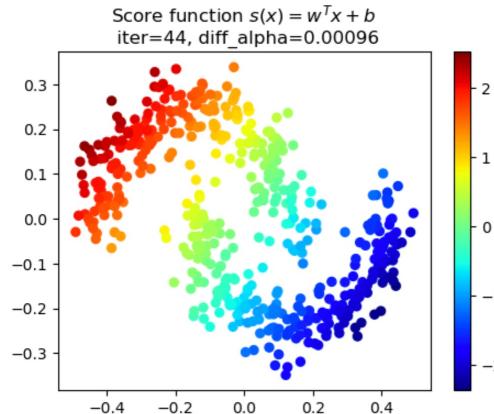
# Compute Gaussian kernel, L, Q
sigma = 0.5; sigma2 = sigma**2
Ddist = sklearn.metrics.pairwise.pairwise_distances(Xtrain, Xtrain, metric='euclidean', n_jobs=1)
Ker = np.exp(- Ddist**2 / sigma2)
Ddist = sklearn.metrics.pairwise.pairwise_distances(Xtrain, Xtest, metric='euclidean', n_jobs=1)
KXtest = np.exp(- Ddist**2 / sigma2)
l = l_train
L = np.diag(l)
Q = L.dot(Ker.dot(L))

# Time steps
tau_alpha = 10/ np.linalg.norm(Q, 2)
tau_beta = 0.1/ np.linalg.norm(L, 2)

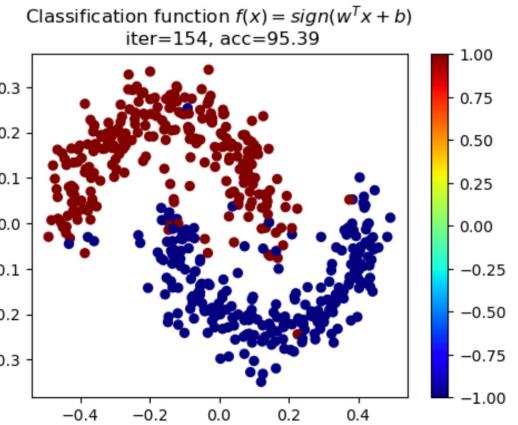
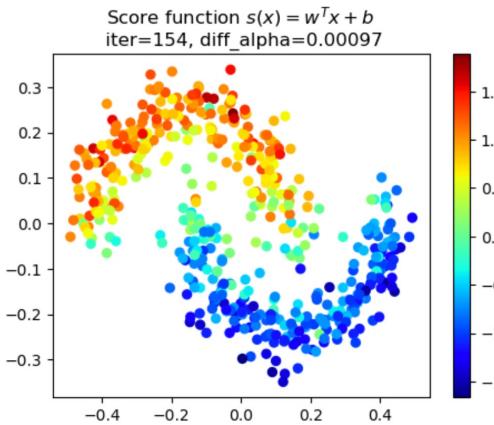
# For conjugate gradient
Acg = tau_alpha* Q + np.eye(n)

# Pre-compute J(K(Xtest) for test data
LKXtest = L.dot(KXtest)

# Error parameter
lamb = 3 # acc: 87.5
Kernel SVM iter, diff_alpha : 100 0.00099
acc : 87.5
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Linear SVM



Kernel SVM

# Outline

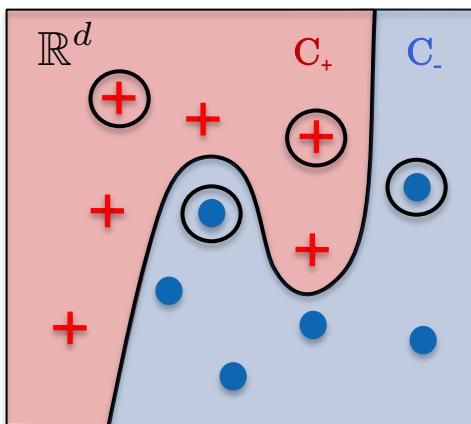
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# Semi-supervised classification

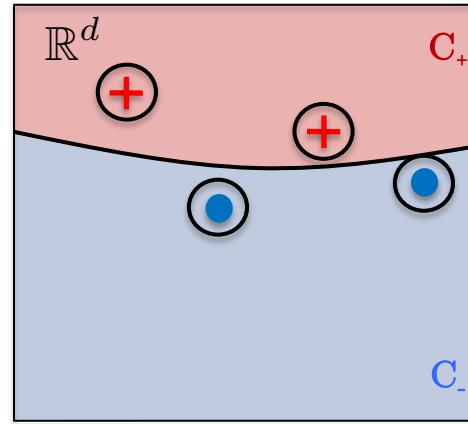
- Semi-supervised classification (SSC) leverages both labeled and unlabeled data to boost the classification process.
- Labeled data, annotated by humans, provide precise insights into class membership, offering a rich information for learning.
- However, human annotation is time-consuming, costly, susceptible to human biases and errors.
- In contrast, unlabeled data depict the underlying structure of the data distribution.
- Collecting unlabeled data is efficient, cheap, but inherently noisy.
- SSC proves particularly beneficial when labeled data are scarce.
  - The situation where  $n \ll m$ , where the number  $n$  of labeled instances is significantly smaller than the number  $m$  of unlabeled instances.
  - An extreme scenario is when each class has only one labeled instance,  $n = 1$ .

# Geometric structure

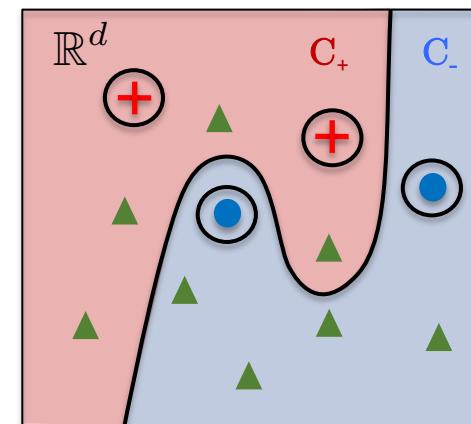
- Unlabeled data encapsulate valuable statistical information, particularly the geometric structure of the data distribution.
- How to leverage this information within the supervised SVM classification framework?



Labeled data  $+$ , ●  
Supervised classification



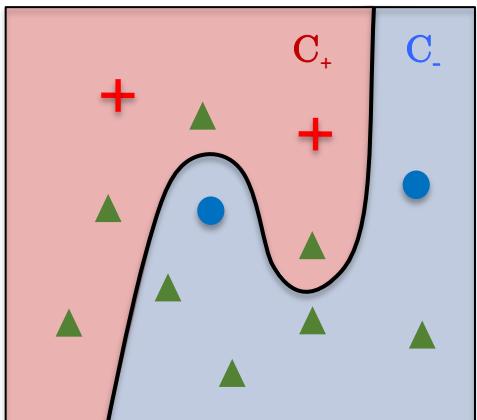
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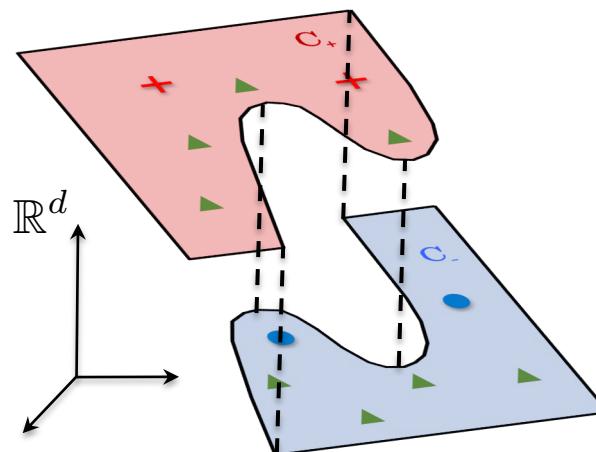
Labeled data  $+$ , ●  
Unlabeled data ▲  
Semi-supervised classification

# Manifold and graph

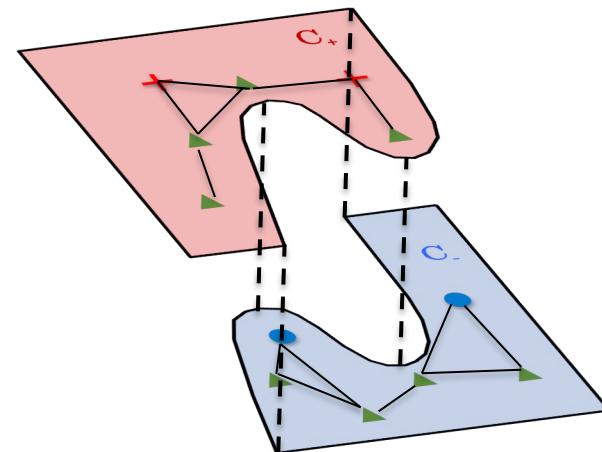
- The data distribution remains unchanged regardless of whether labels are present or absent.
- Both labeled and unlabeled data points are assumed to belong to a manifold within the  $d$ -dimensional feature space.
- This manifold is estimated using a k-nearest neighbor graph constructed from the data points, serving as an approximation of the underlying manifold structure.



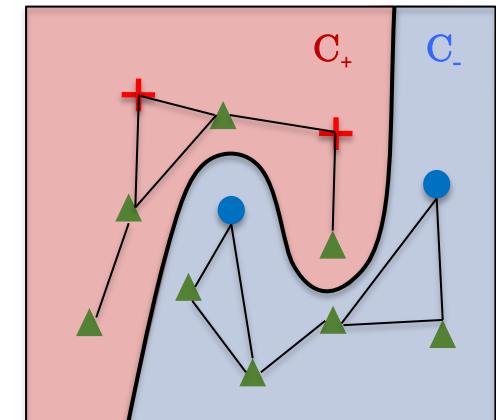
Labeled data  $\textcolor{red}{+}$ ,  $\bullet$   
Unlabeled data  $\blacktriangle$   
Semi-supervised classification  
on manifold



Manifold  $M$  embedded  
in  $R^d$ . Data points are  
sampled from  $M$ .



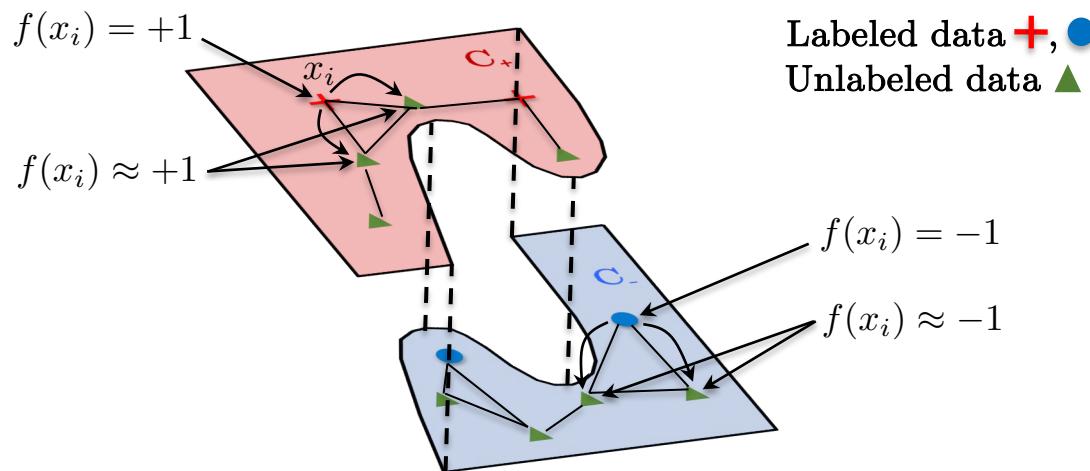
Manifold  $M$  is  
represented by a k-NN  
graph of the data points.



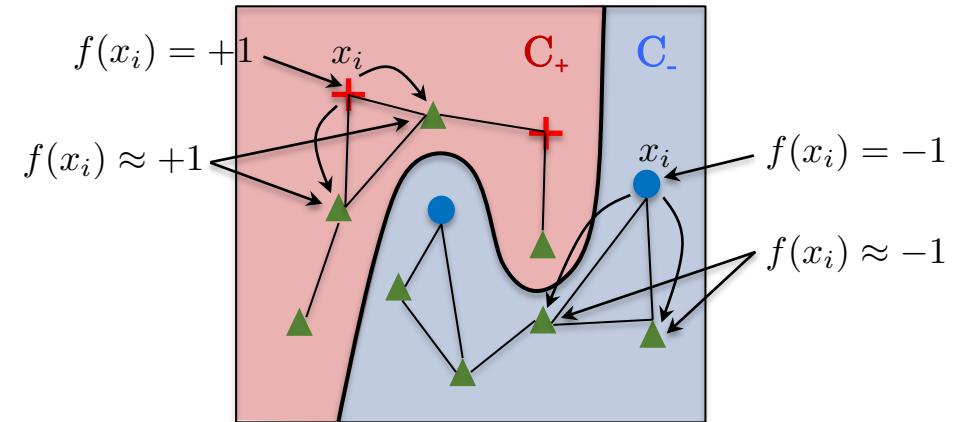
Graph  $G = (V, E, A)$   
k-NN graph

# Manifold regularization

- We aim to ensure that the classification function  $f(x)$  exhibits smoothness across the manifold, which is approximated by the k-NN graph.
- This smoothness constraint will propagate the label information throughout the graph, i.e. neighboring data points will tend to share the same label.



Manifold  $M$  is represented by a  
k-NN graph of the data points.



Graph  $G=(V,E,A)$   
k-NN graph

# Graph regularization

- Graph regularization is usually implemented through loss minimization techniques.
- A widely used regularization loss is the Dirichlet energy<sup>[1]</sup>, which is defined as:

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla f|^2$$

(continuous Dirichlet energy)

$$\approx \sum_{ij \in V} A_{ij} |f(x_i) - f(x_j)|^2 \quad (\text{discrete Dirichlet energy})$$

$$\approx f^T L f \in \mathbb{R}, \quad f \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad L = I - D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad (\text{Laplacian matrix})$$

$$D = \text{diag}(d) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad d = A \mathbf{1}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (\text{degree vector})$$

- Minimizing the Dirichlet energy enforces the smoothness of the function on the graph domain, i.e.  $f(x_i) \approx f(x_j)$  for  $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$ , ensuring that the function values at neighboring data points are similar.

[1] Belkin, Niyogi, Laplacian Eigenmaps and Spectral Techniques for Embedding and Clustering, 2001

# Semi-supervised classification with graphs

- SSC optimization problem with graph smoothness :

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n L_{\text{data}}(f_i, \ell_i) + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla f|^2$$

- Graph SVM<sup>[1]</sup> :

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} f^T K f + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n L_{\text{Hin}}(f_i, \ell_i) + \gamma f^T L f$$

with

$$\text{Representer theorem : } f(x) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(x, x_i) + b\right) \in \pm 1$$



Misha Belkin

[1] Belkin, Niyogi, Sindhwani, Manifold regularization: A geometric framework for learning from labeled and unlabeled examples, 2006

# Optimization algorithm

- Dual optimization problem :

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} f^T K f + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n L_{\text{Hin}}(f_i, \ell_i) + \gamma f^T L f$$

with

$$\text{Representer theorem : } f(x) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^\star K(x, x_i) + b\right) \in \pm 1$$

$$\text{Optimization problem : } \alpha^\star = \arg \min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \lambda} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T Q \alpha - \alpha^T 1_n \quad \text{s.t. } \alpha^T \ell = 0$$

$$\text{with } Q = LHK(I + \gamma LK)^{-1}HL \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\text{Solution : } \xi^\star = (I + \gamma LK)^{-1}HL\alpha^\star$$

## Lab 4 : Graph SVM

- Run code04.ipynb and analyze Graph SVM result on
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    - Real-world text documents

## Real-world graph of articles

Dataset has 10 labeled data and 40 unlabeled data

## Run Graph SVM

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# Run Graph SVM

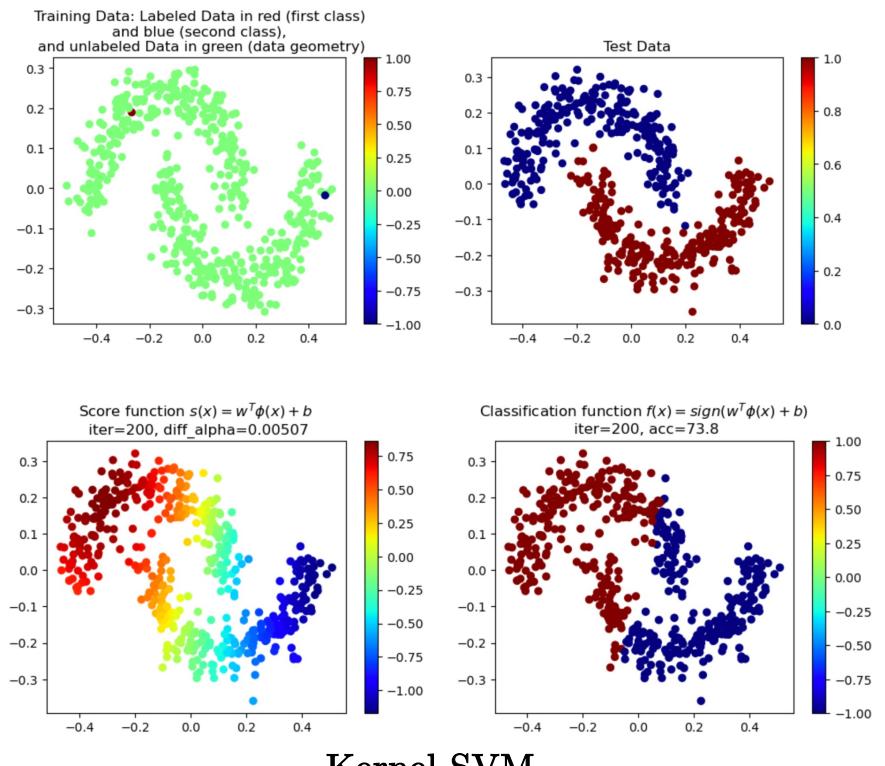
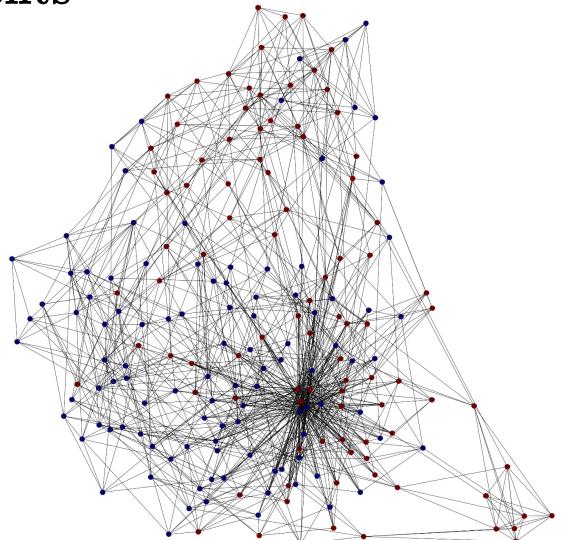
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Ddist = sklearn.metrics.pairwise.pairwise_distances(Xtrain, Xtest, metric='euclidean', n_jobs=1)
Ktest = np.exp(-Ddist**2 / sigma2)

# Compute kNN graph
kNN = 8
gamma = 100
A = construct_knn_graph(Xtrain, kNN, 'cosine')
Lap = graph.laplacian(A).todense()

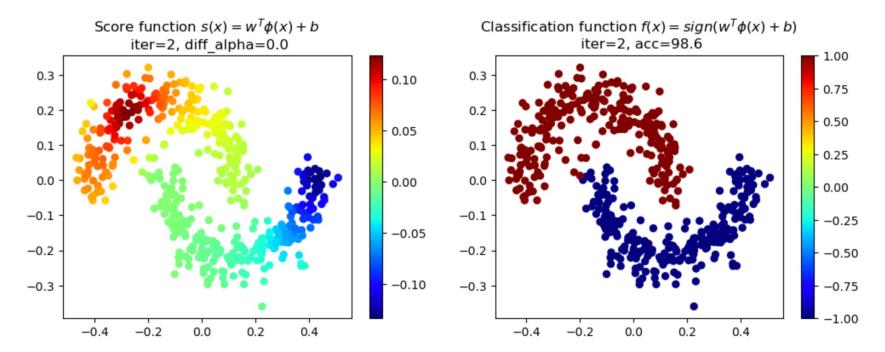
# Compute Indicator function of labels
H = np.zeros([n])
H[np.abs(L_train)>0.0] = 1
H = np.diag(H)

k-NN graph with cosine distance
Graph SVM iter, diff_alpha : 2 0.0
acc : 78.5

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## Kernel SVM

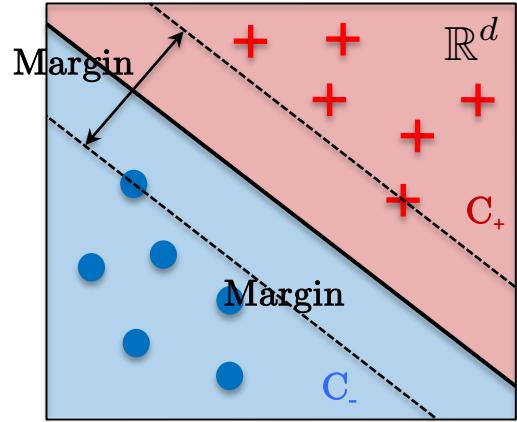


Graph SVM

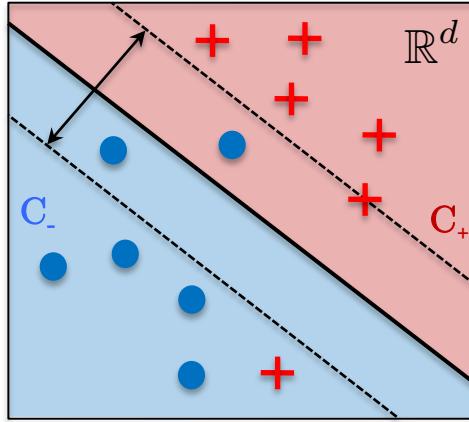
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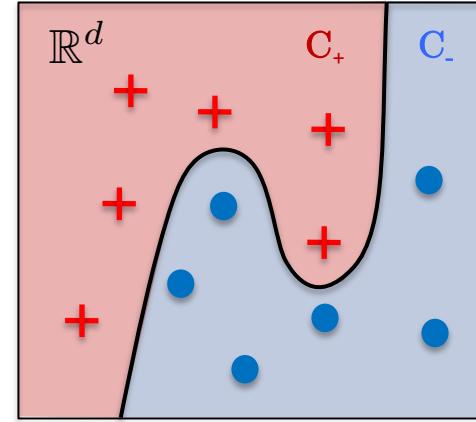
# History of SVM techniques



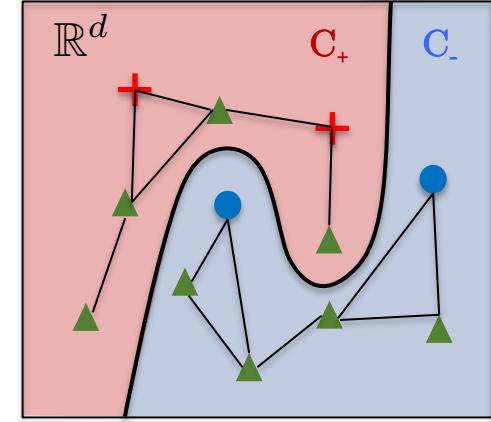
Linear SVM<sup>[1]</sup>  
Supervised learning



Soft-Margin SVM<sup>[2]</sup>  
Supervised learning



Non-Linear/Kernel SVM<sup>[3]</sup>  
Supervised learning



Graph SVM<sup>[4]</sup>  
Semi-supervised learning

[1] Vapnik, Chervonenkis, On a perceptron class, 1964

[2] Cortes, Vapnik, Support-vector networks, 1995

[3] Boser, Guyon, Vapnik, A training algorithm for optimal margin classifiers, 1992

[4] Belkin, Niyogi, Sindhwani, Manifold regularization: A geometric framework for learning from labeled and unlabeled examples, 2006

# Summary

- General class of semi-supervised optimization techniques :

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n L_{\text{data}}(f_i, \ell_i) + \gamma L_{\text{graph}}(f)$$

where

Norm of  $f$  in RKHS :  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 = f^T K f$  (smoothness/regularity of  $f$ )

Misclassification error :  $L_{\text{data}}(f_i, \ell_i)$  (training prediction)

Graph regularization :  $L_{\text{graph}}(f)$  (smoothness of  $f$  on graph domain)

with

$$L_{\text{data}} = \begin{cases} \text{Hinge} \\ L_2 \\ L_1 \\ \text{Huber} \\ \text{Logistic} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad L_{\text{graph}} = \begin{cases} \text{Dirichlet} : \|\nabla \cdot\|^2 \\ \text{Total variation}^{[1]} : \|\nabla \cdot\|_1 \\ \text{Wavelets} : \|\nabla_{\text{wav}} \cdot\|^2 \end{cases}$$

[1] Bresson, Zhang, TV-SVM: Total variation support vector machine for semi-supervised data classification, 2012



Questions?