

# Data Mining algorithms

2017-2018 spring

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1. Maximal margin
2. Generalization

# Plan

W1 Februar 7-9: Introduction, kNN, evaluation

W2 Februar 14-16: Evaluation, Decision Trees

W3 Februar 21-23: Linear separators, iPython, VC theorem

W4 Februar 28-march 2: Linear separators, iPython, maximal margin

**W5 March 7-9: SVM, VC theorem and Bottou-Bousquet**

W6 March 14-16: clustering (hierarchical, density based etc.), GMM, MRF, Apriori and association rules

W7 March 21-23: Recommender systems and generative models

W8 March 28-30: basics of neural networks, Sontag-Maas-Bartlett theorems, Bayes networks

W9 April 4-6:

W10 April 11-13: BN, CNN, MLP, Dropout, Batch normalization

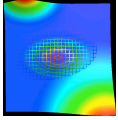
W11 April 18-20: midterm, RNN

W12 April 25-27: LSTM, GRU, attention, Image caption, Turing Machine

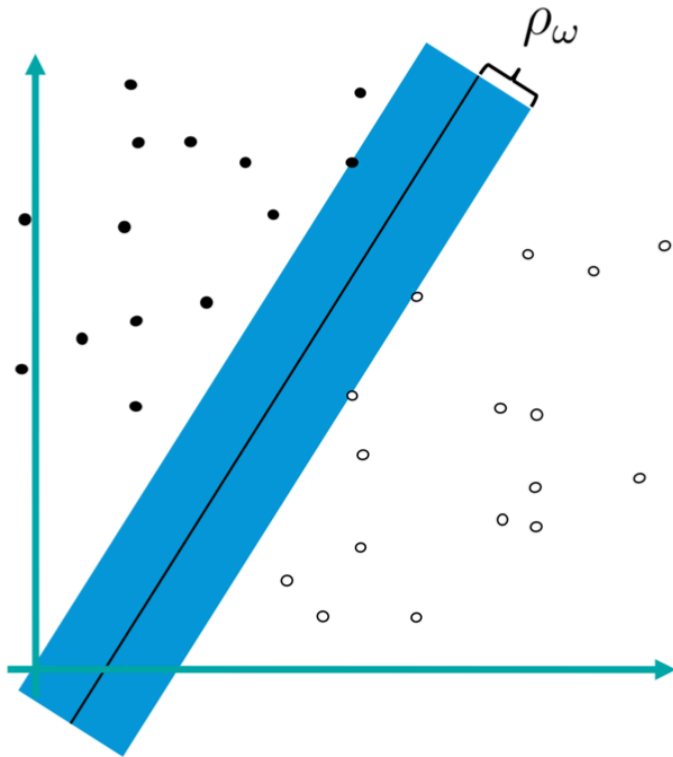
W13 May 2-4: RBM, DBN, VAE, GAN

W14 May 9-11: Boosting, Time series

W14 May 16-18: TS, Projects on Friday



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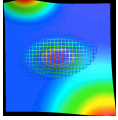


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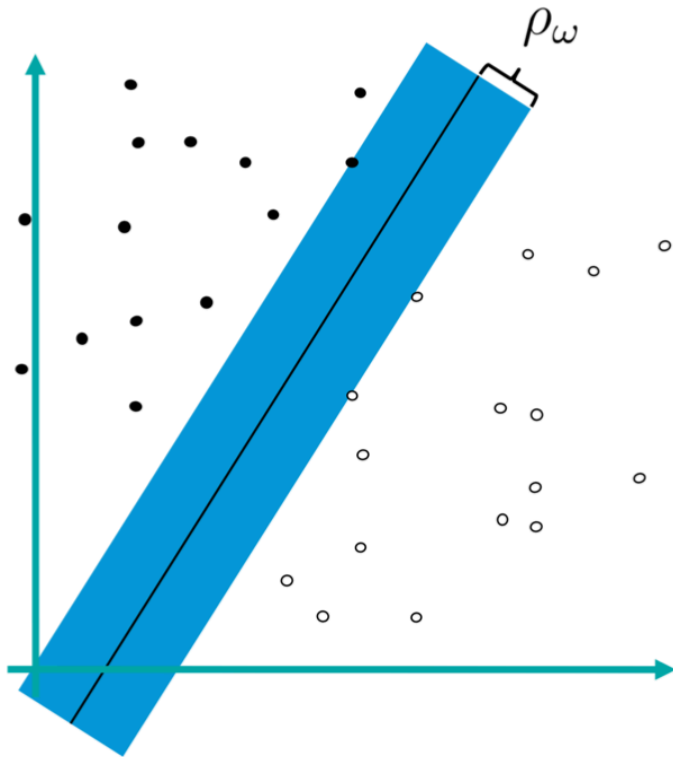
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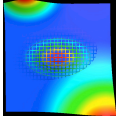
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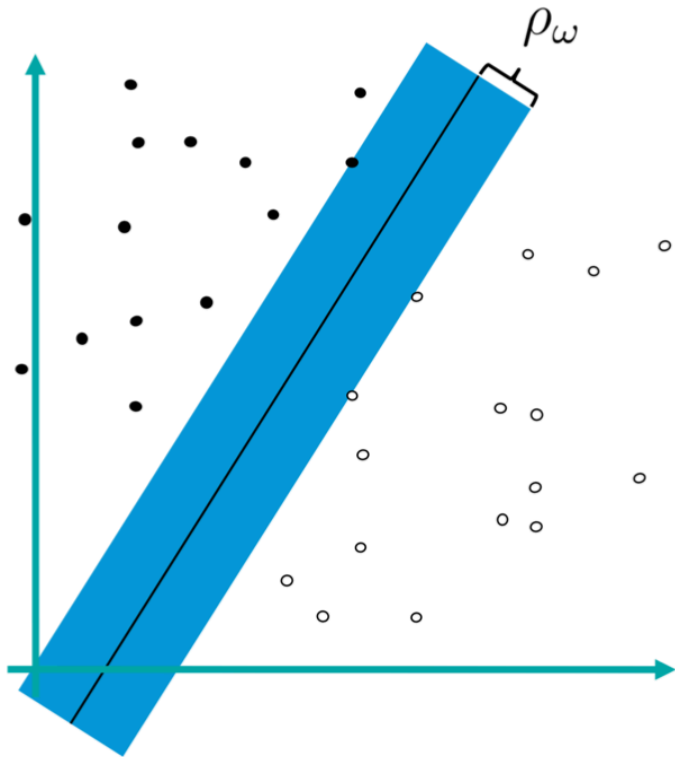
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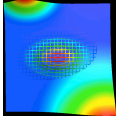


Because of the monotonicity of the sigmoid function, it can be expanded into a probabilistic sense:

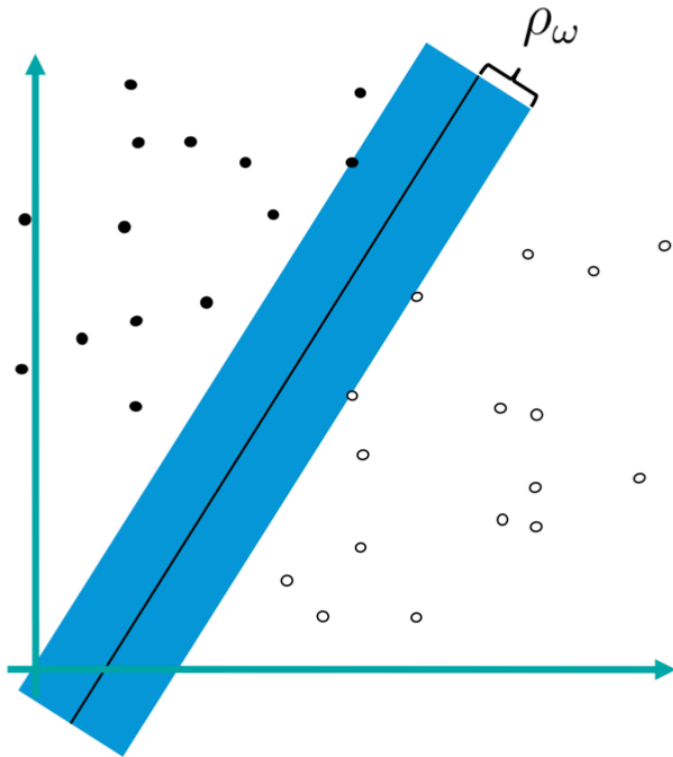
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i.e. maximizing the minimum uncertainty (difference from the undecided probability).



# Maximal margin



By definition (the minimum distance from the hyperplane (notice, we allow equality too))

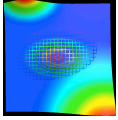
$$y(x^T \frac{\omega}{\|\omega\|}) \geq \rho_\omega$$

for all  $(x,y)$  pairs in the training set and so we can define a new hyperplane

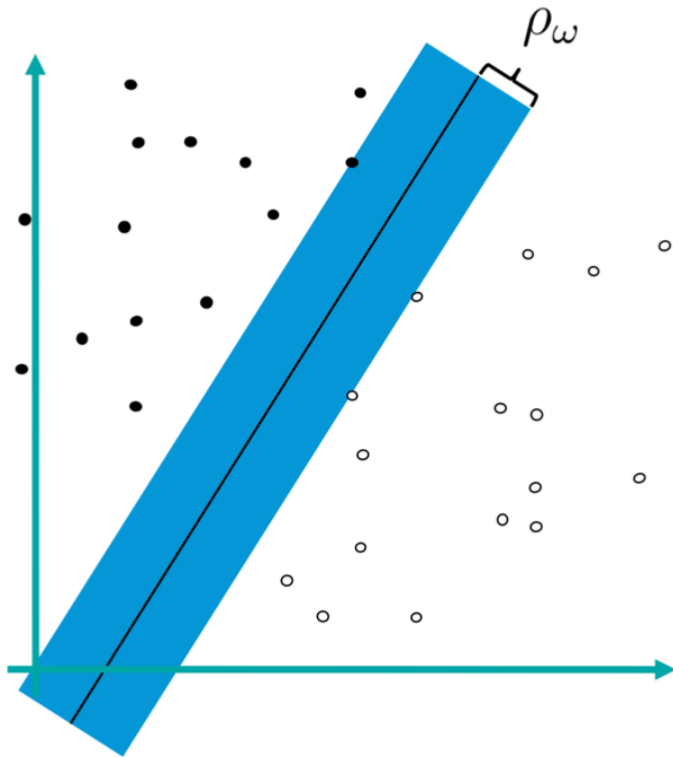
$$\omega' = \frac{\omega}{\|\omega\|\rho_\omega}$$

for which the following holds for all  $(x,y)$ :

$$y(x^T \omega') \geq 1$$



# Maximal margin (still a bit recap)



The original maximization problem is equivalent to minimization of the norm of the new normal vector with a new constrain, formally

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_\omega \frac{1}{2} \|\omega\|^2 \\ & \text{subject to } y_t(x_t^T \omega) \geq 1, \forall t \end{aligned}$$

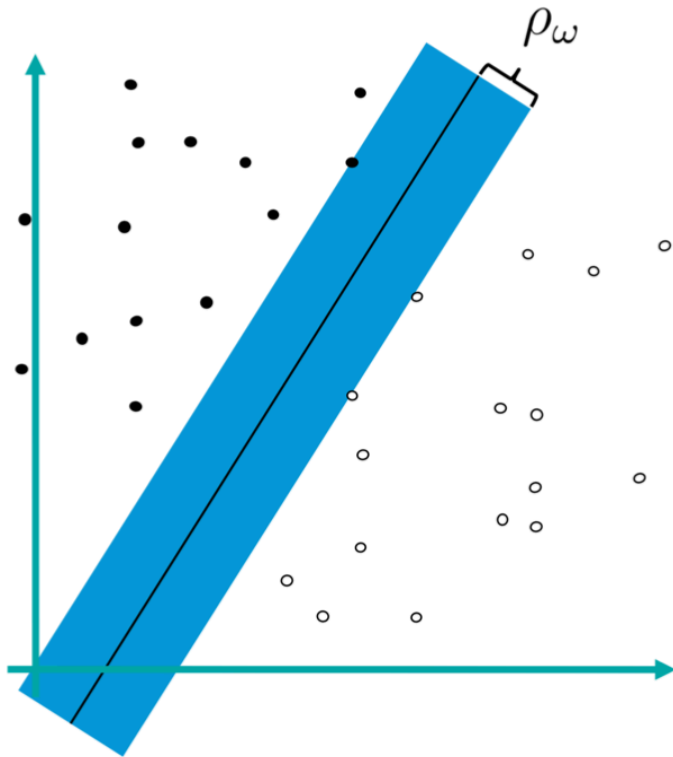
Questions:

Why the  $\frac{1}{2}$  ?

Why the square?



# Maximal margin (partially new stuff)



This convex, quadratic optimisation problem cannot be solved directly because of the constraints.

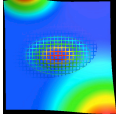
Both the constraint and value functions are cdf ->  
We can treat it is a Lagrangian problem

Formally, let be  $\alpha_t \geq 0, \forall t$  the set of primal variables of the Lagrangian (multipliers).

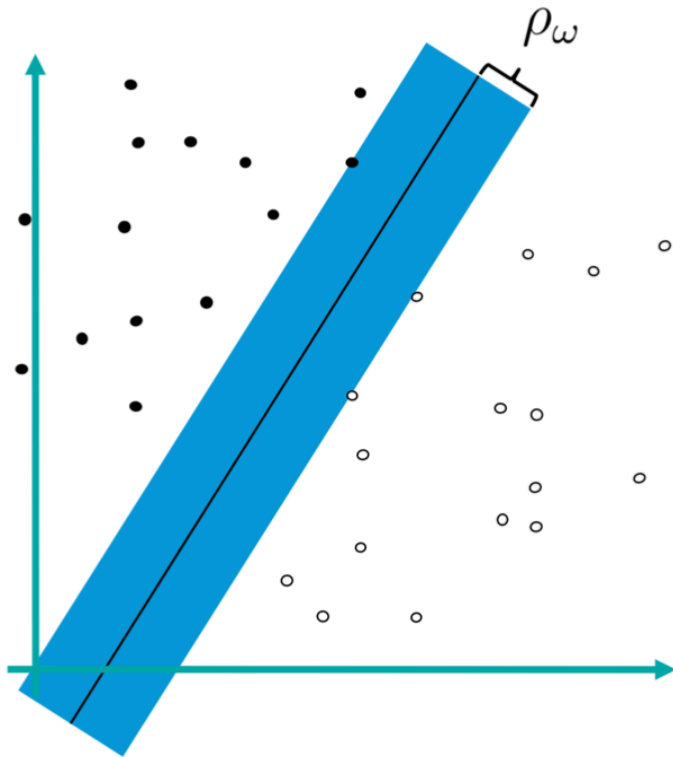
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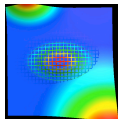




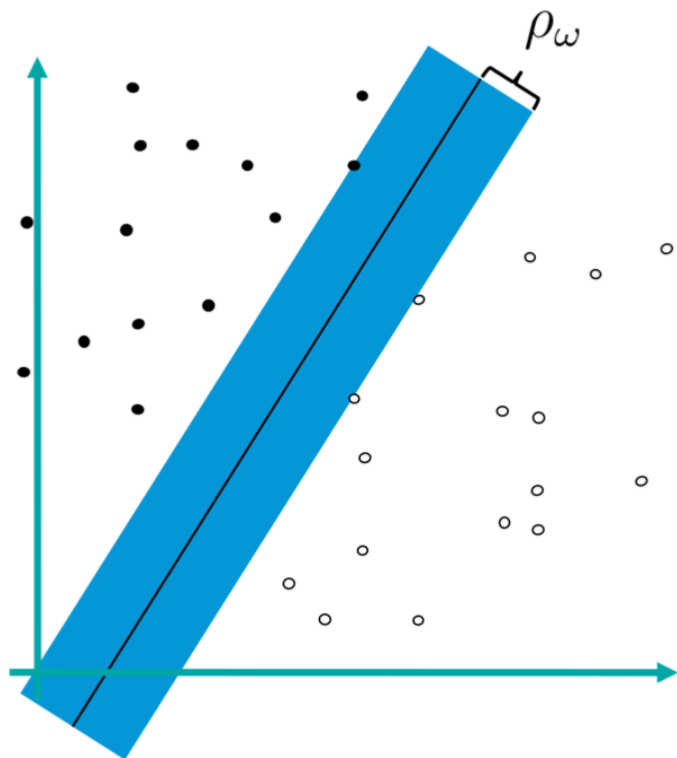
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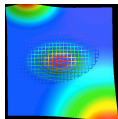
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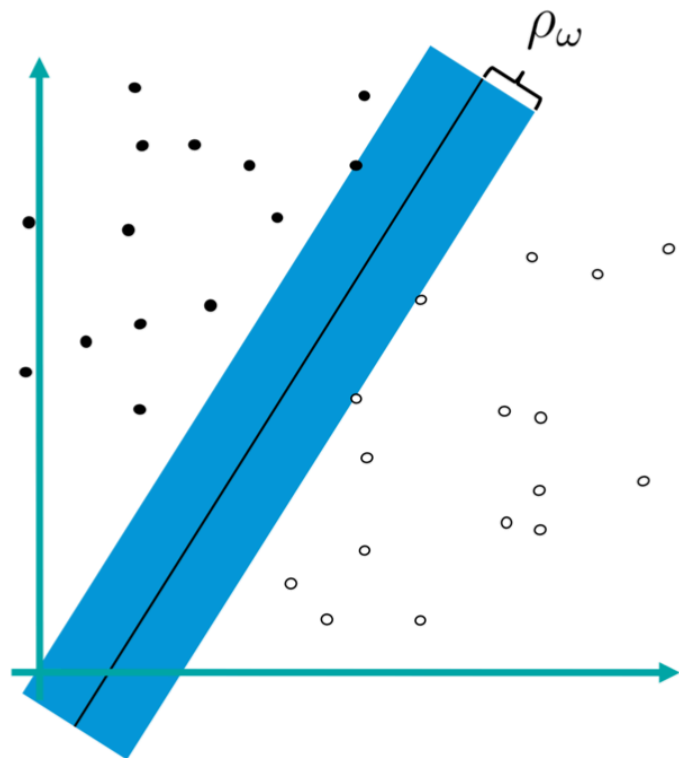
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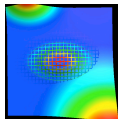
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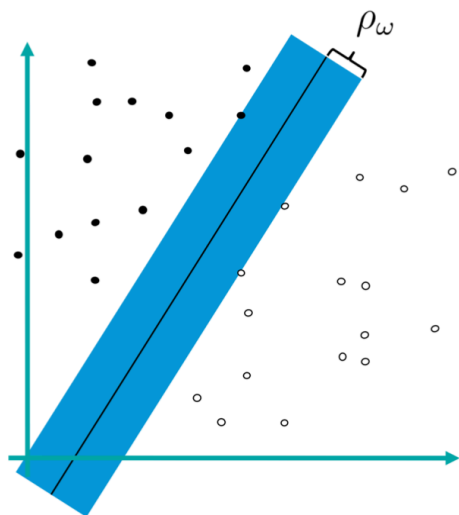
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$$\frac{\partial L(\omega, \alpha)}{\partial \omega_i} = \omega_i - \sum_{t=1}^T y_t \alpha_t x_{ti} = 0$$

Stationary points: where the derivative is zero



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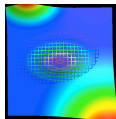
Recap:

The normal vector is a linear combination of the training samples:

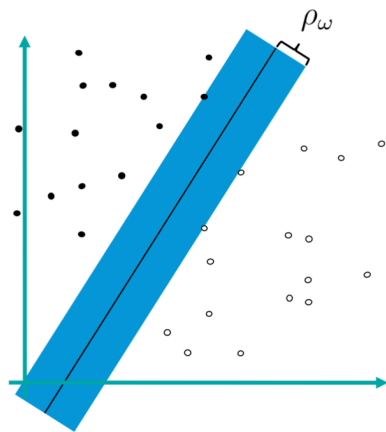
$$\omega = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t y_t x_t$$

Let put everything into the kitchen sink:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\omega, \alpha) = L(\alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j - \sum_{i=1}^T \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j \end{aligned}$$



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So our final optimization (dual)

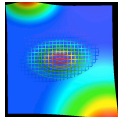
Notice, the second set of constraints come from the bias term.

How can we solve such a problem? Seems complicated.

$$\text{maximize}_{\alpha} L(\alpha) = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^T \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$

$$\text{subject to } \alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i$$

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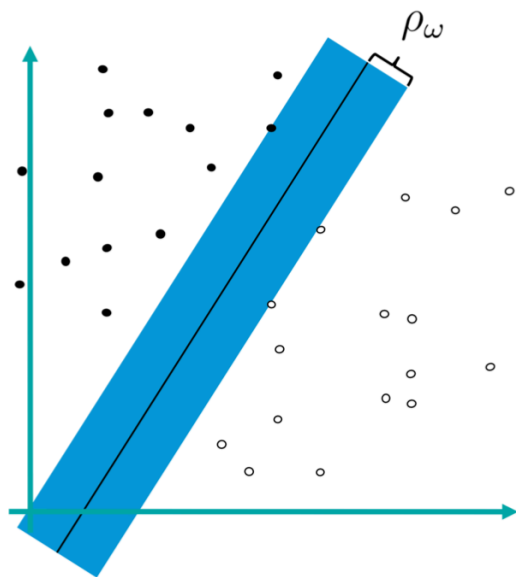
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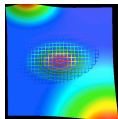
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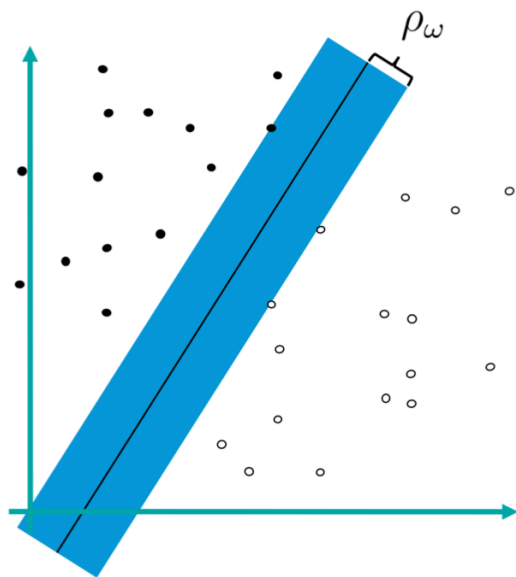
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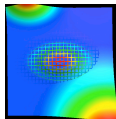
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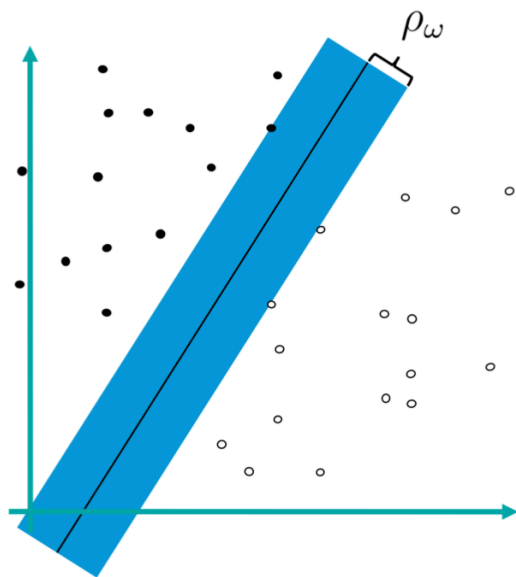
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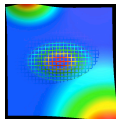
and

Unnecessary points?

$$\omega = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t x_t = \sum_{x_i \in SV} \alpha_i x_i$$

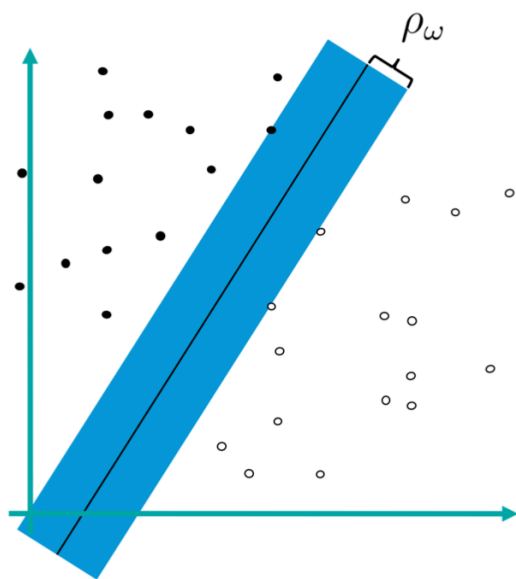






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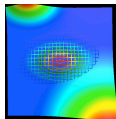
With a simple loss (penalty measure) the 1-Norm Soft Margin problem is



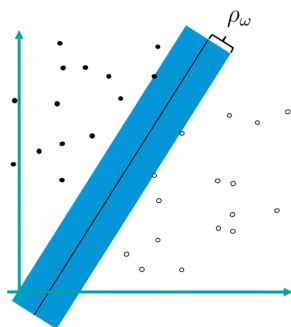
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|\omega\|^2 + C \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_t \\ & \text{subject to } y_i(x_i^T \omega) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \forall i \\ & \quad \xi_i \geq 0, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is the same as before (previously determined constant).

Let us check the Lagrangian!



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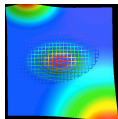


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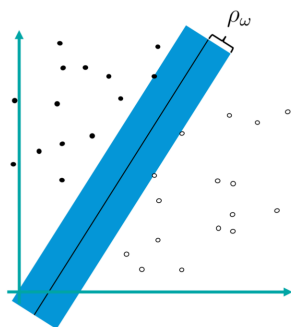
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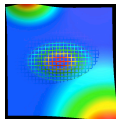
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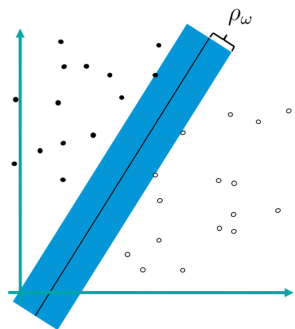
What is next? Derivative!

$$\frac{\partial L(\omega, \xi, \alpha, \beta)}{\partial \omega_i} = \omega_i - \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t y_t x_{ti} = 0$$

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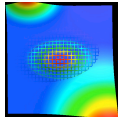
$$\frac{\partial L(\omega, \xi, \alpha, \beta)}{\partial \xi_i} = C - \alpha_i - \beta_i = 0, \forall i$$

Notice the gradient respect to the normal vector does not include neither the loss or the second constraint -> identical to the case of non-soft margin!!! (Cortes-Vapnik 1995)

Since we know from KKT that both set of multipliers are positive:

$$\alpha_i (y_i x_i^T \omega - 1 + \xi_i) = 0, \forall i$$

$$\xi_i (C - \alpha_i) = 0, \forall i.$$



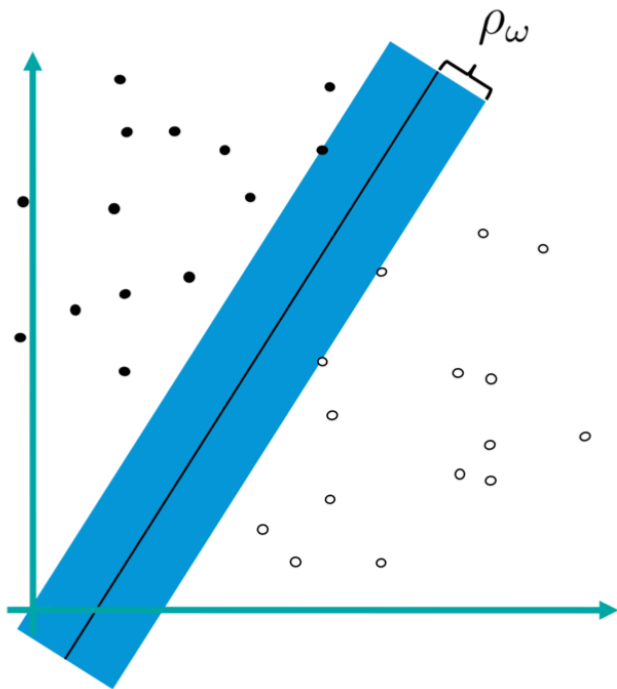
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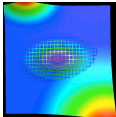
The C upper is an upper bound and finally we arrived at:

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Where the derivatives are simple:

$$\frac{\partial W(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_i} = 1 - y_i \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t y_t x_i^T x_t$$





# Maximal margin (a bit of recap)

Replace the scalar product with a kernel and the final algorithm is:

## *Algorithm 1-Norm Soft Margin SVM*

Given a training set  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_T\}$  with  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \forall i$ , a positive real valued constant  $C$ , a positive real valued learning rate  $\eta$  and a kernel function  $K(x, y) = \phi(x)^T \phi(y)$

$\alpha \leftarrow 0$

repeat

for  $i = 1$  to  $T$

1.  $\alpha_i^{new} \leftarrow \alpha_i^{old} + \eta \frac{\partial W(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_i} = \alpha_i^{old} + \eta(1 - y_i \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t y_t K(x_t, x_i))$

2. if  $\alpha_i < 0$  then  $\alpha_i \leftarrow 0$

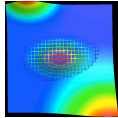
else

- if  $\alpha_i > C$  then  $\alpha_i \leftarrow C$

end for

until we reach a stopping criterion

return  $\alpha$



# Brief intro to VC theorem

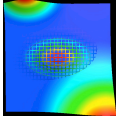
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Overall: 70 cases

Out of them:

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Having one correct answer: 16

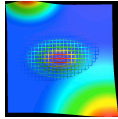
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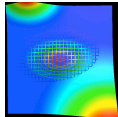
# Vapnik-Chervonenkis theorem

The Vapnik-Chervonenkis theorem explains the connection between generalisation, training set selection and model selection.

Empirical risk:

$$R_{emp}(f) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T l(f(x_t), y_t)$$

The theorem states that if we optimize for a binary loss function (0 if  $f(x_i) = y_i$  and 1 if not) over a set of independent samples from a fixed distribution  $D$  with known labels (the training set) than the true risk  $R_{true}(f)$  (the expected value of the loss function over  $D$ ) is upper bounded by the empirical risk plus an additional value depending on the chosen function's capabilities.



# Vapnik-Chervonenkis theorem

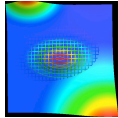
The VC-theorem [Vapnik and Chervonenkis, 1971]:  
the worst case scenario

For binary classification with a binary loss function and a chosen function class  $\mathcal{F}$  the generalisation (the difference between the true and the empirical risk) is bounded as follows

$$P(\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} | R_{emp}(f) - R_{true}(f) | > \epsilon) \leq 8\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{F}, T)e^{-\frac{T\epsilon^2}{32}}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E}[\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} | R_{emp}(f) - R_{true}(f) |] \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{\log \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{F}, T) + \log 2}{T}}$$

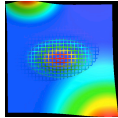


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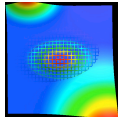
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For binary labels the maximum and the ideal would be  $S(F,T) = 2^T$  but in practice usually it is not the case.

To capture this amount, they defined the so called Vapnik-Chervonenkis dimension (VC-dimension) that is independent from the size of the training set.



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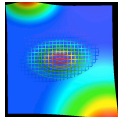
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According to Sauer's lemma [Sauer, 1972] the shattering coefficient is upper bounded

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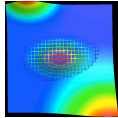
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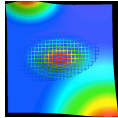
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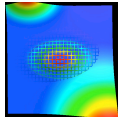
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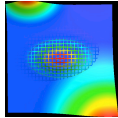
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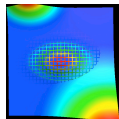
The embedded linear space has a dimension

$$d' = \sum_{k=1}^D \binom{d+k-1}{k} + 1$$



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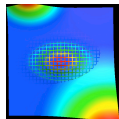
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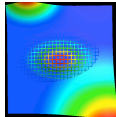
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Shattering coefficient will be high if  $T$  is high  $\rightarrow$  the upper bound increase



Optimisation for low true risk is a balance between low empirical risk and low VC-dimension.



## Vapnik Chervonenkis dimension in general (HK book)

Let  $U$  be a set of  $n$  points in the plane.

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a given error parameter.

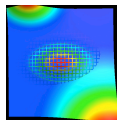
Pick a random sample  $S$  of size  $s$  from  $U$ .

Let  $R$  be query rectangle, estimate  $|R \cap U|$  by the quantity

$$\frac{n}{s} |R \cap S|$$

We wish to assert that the fractional error is at most  $\varepsilon$  for every rectangle  $R$ , i.e., that

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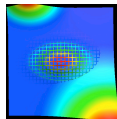
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There is a small probability that the sample is atypical:  
Example picking no points from a rectangle  $R$  which has a lot of points.

We can only assert the above with high probability or that its negation holds with very low probability:

$$\text{Prob} \left( \left| |R \cap U| - \frac{n}{s} |R \cap S| \right| > \varepsilon n \text{ for some } R \right) \leq \delta$$

where  $\delta > 0$  is another error parameter.

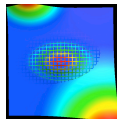


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Pick  $s$  samples uniformly at random from the  $n$  points in  $U$ . For one fixed  $R$ , the number of samples in  $R$  is a random variable which is the sum of  $s$  independent 0-1 random variables, each with probability  $q = \frac{|R \cap U|}{n}$  of having value one. So, the distribution of  $|R \cap S|$  is Binomial( $s, q$ ).

Using Chernoff bounds (chapter 2 in HK book!), for  $0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1$ :

$$\text{Prob} \left( \left| |R \cap U| - \frac{n}{s} |R \cap S| \right| > \epsilon n \right) \leq 2e^{-\epsilon^2 s / (3q)} \leq 2e^{-\epsilon^2 s / 3}$$



# Vapnik Chervonenkis dimension

Set system  $(U, S)$  consists of a set  $U$  along with a collection  $S$  of subsets of  $U$ .

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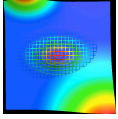
The VC-dimension of the set system  $(U, S)$  is the maximum size of any subset of  $U$  shattered by  $S$ .

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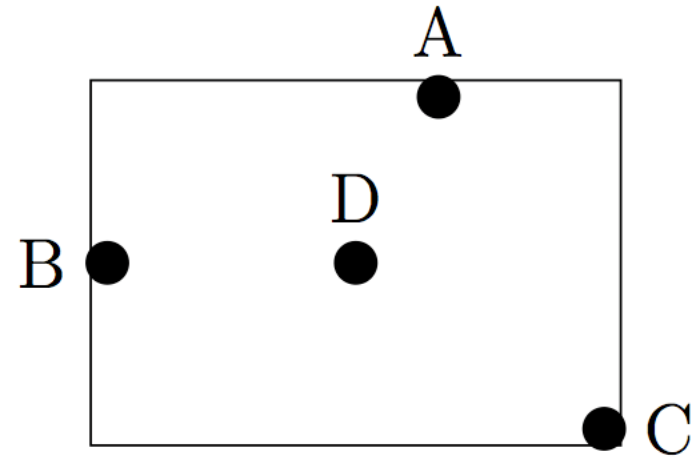
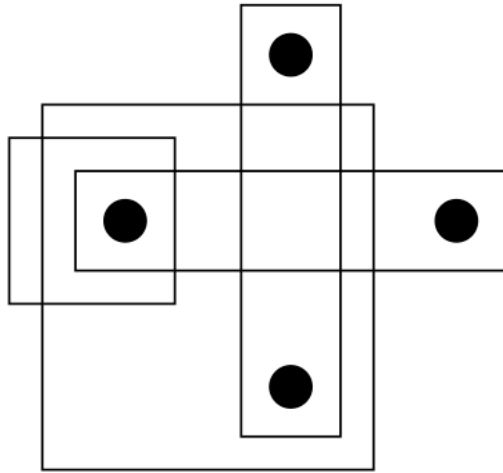
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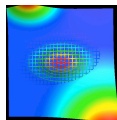
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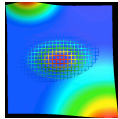
## Theorem (Radon):

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## VC dimension of Half spaces in d-dimensions:

Define a half space to be the set of all points on one side of a hyper plane, i.e., a set of the form  $\{x \mid a \cdot x \geq a_0\}$ .

Radon's theorem implies that half-spaces in d-dimensions do not shatter any set of  $d+2$  points.

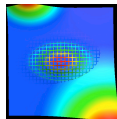


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Sketch of proof:

Divide the set of  $d+2$  points into sets  $A$  and  $B$ . Suppose that some half space separates  $A$  from  $B$ . Then the half space contains  $A$  and the complement of the half space contains  $B$ . This implies that the half space contains the convex hull of  $A$  and the complement of the half space contains the convex hull of  $B$ . Thus,  $\text{convex}(A) \cap \text{convex}(B) = \emptyset$  a contradiction.

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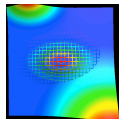
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## Spheres in d-dimensions

A sphere in d-dimensions is a set of points of the form  $\{x \mid |x - x_0| \leq r\}$ . The VC- dimension of spheres is  $d + 1$ .

## Convex polygons

Consider the system of all convex polygons in the plane. For any positive integer  $n$ , place  $n$  points on the unit circle. Any subset of the points are the vertices of a convex polygon. Clearly that polygon will not contain any of the points not in the subset. This shows that convex polygons can shatter arbitrarily large sets, so the VC-dimension is **infinite**.



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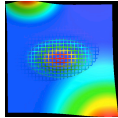
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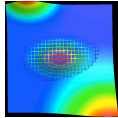
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The error has three parts and they are additive:

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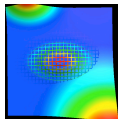
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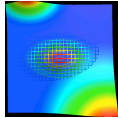
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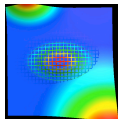
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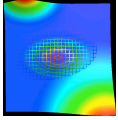
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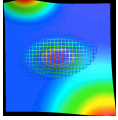
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Large-scale vs. small-scale learning act differently

And now for something completely different!



# Project works