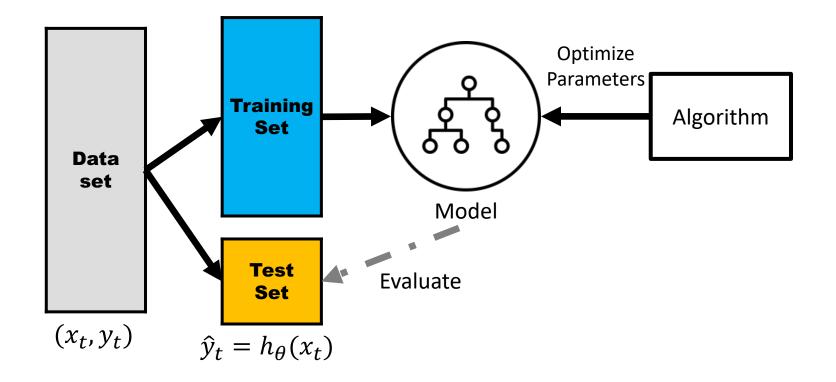


# COMP4434 Big Data Analytics

# Lecture 4 Overfitting & Support Vector Machines

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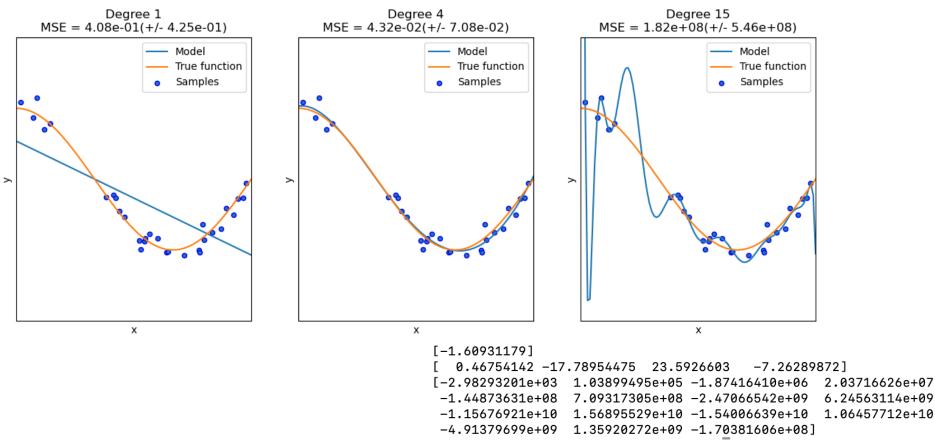
#### **Model Evaluation**



- When training the model, we can not use test set
- If we have several models, e.g., linear regression and quadratic regression, how could we evaluate them?

#### **Underfitting and Overfitting**

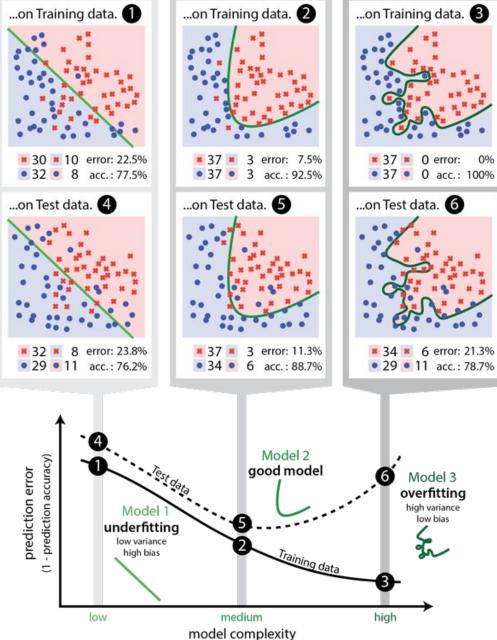
- Polynomial Regression with Degree = 4:
  - $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$



https://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto\_examples/model\_selection/plot\_underfitting\_overfitting.html

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## **Underfitting and Overfitting**



Two classes separated by an elliptical arc

#### Underfitting

a model does not fit the data well enough

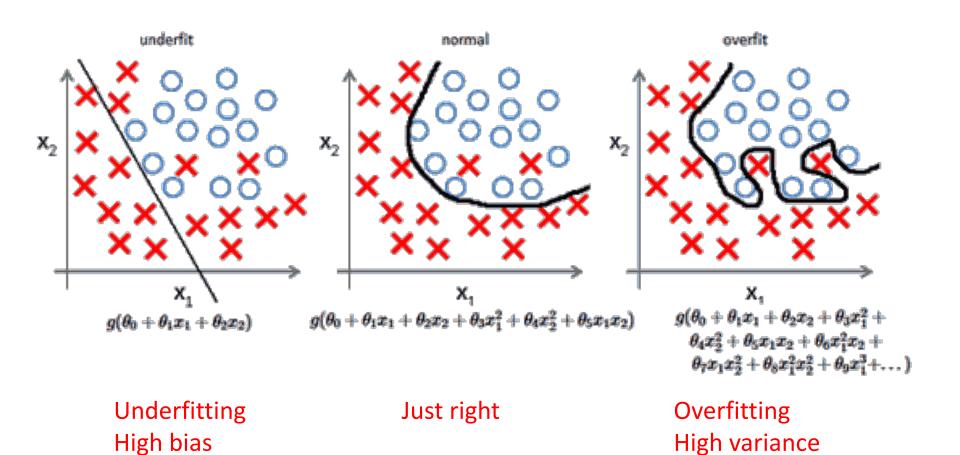
#### Overfitting

a model is too closely fit to a limited set of data and lose generalization ability

## Overfitting

- If we have too many features, the hypothesis may fit the training set very well, but fail to generalize to new examples (high variance)
- More broadly, variance also represents how similar the results from a model will be, if it were fed different data from the same process
- The bias error is from erroneous assumptions in the learning algorithm
- The variance error is from sensitivity to small fluctuations in the training set

#### **Example in Logistic Regression**



## **Address Overfitting**

- Feature Reduction
  - Manual selecting which features to keep (by domain knowledge)
  - Okay esp. when some features are really useless
- Regularization
  - Keep all features, but reduce their influence by giving smaller values to the parameter θ<sub>i</sub>
  - Okay when many features, each of which contributes a bit to predicting y

#### **Regularized Linear Regression**

Linear Regression

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n$$
$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

Regularized Linear Regression

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \left( h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 \right]$$

 The value of the cost function is NOT equivalent to prediction error. Our goal is to make prediction errors on test data small

## Understanding

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$

- Penalized term: penalize large parameter values
    $\theta_j, 1 \leq j \leq n$
- Parameter  $\lambda$ : control the tradeoff
  - Too small: degenerate to linear regression (overfitting)
  - Too large: penalize all features except  $\theta_0$ , resulting in  $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0$  (a horizontal line! underfitting)

#### **Regularized Gradient Descent**

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_{0}x_{0} + \theta_{1}x_{1} + \dots + \theta_{n}x_{n}$$

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^{2} + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_{j}^{2} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_{j}} = \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right) x_{j}^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_{j} \right)$$
Repeat until convergence {
$$\theta_{j} = \theta_{j} \left( 1 - \lambda \frac{\alpha}{m} \right) - \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right) x_{j}^{(i)}$$
}

#### **Types of Regularization Regression**

•  $\|\theta\|_2$ : Ridge Regression

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$

•  $\|\theta\|_1$ : LASSO Regression

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} |\theta_j| \right]$$

LASSO regression results in sparse solutions – vector with more zero coordinates. Good for high-dimensional problems – don't have to store all coordinates! Supplement Material: Visual for Ridge Vs. LASSO Regression https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm2C\_gTAl8c

#### **Regularized Logistic Regression**

Logistic Regression

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n)$$
$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ y^{(i)} \log\left(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})\right) + \left(1 - y^{(i)}\right) \log\left(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})\right) \right]$$

Regularized Logistic Regression

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#### **Regularized Gradient Descent**

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n)}}$$

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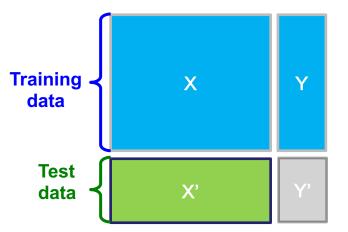
$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \left( h_\theta \left( x^{(i)} \right) - y^{(i)} \right) x_j^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_j \right)$$

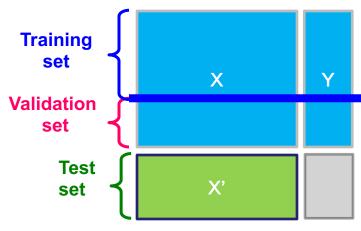
Repeat until convergence {  

$$\theta_{j} = \theta_{j} \left(1 - \lambda \frac{\alpha}{m}\right) - \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}\right) x_{j}^{(i)}$$
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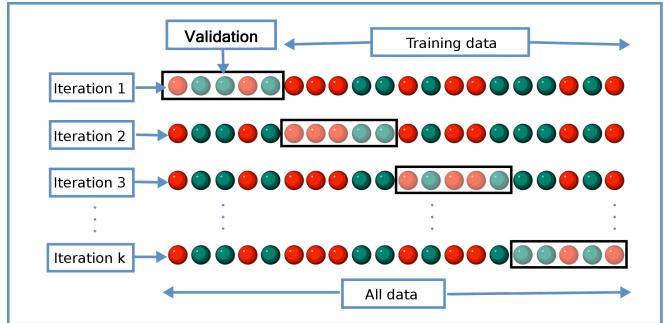
## **Validation set**

- Task: Given data (X,Y) build a model f() to predict Y' based on X'
  - Strategy: Estimate y = f(x) on (X, Y)Hope that the same f(x) also works to predict unknown Y'
    - The "hope" is called generalization
    - Overfitting: If f(x) predicts well Y but is unable to predict Y'
    - We want to build a model that generalizes well to unseen data
    - Solution: k-fold Cross-validation



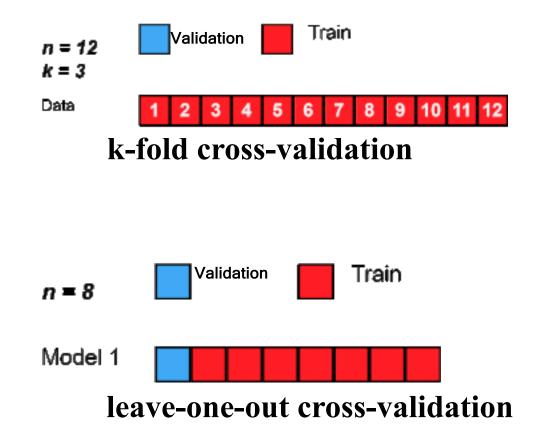


## k-fold Cross-validation



- The original sample is randomly partitioned into k equal sized subsamples
- Of the k subsamples, a single subsample is retained as the validation data for testing the model
- The remaining k 1 subsamples are used as training data
- The cross-validation process is then repeated k times, with each of the k subsamples used exactly once as the validation data
- The k results can then be averaged to produce a single estimation COMP4434

#### Leave-one-out Cross-validation



 When k = n (the number of observations), k-fold cross-validation is equivalent to leave-one-out cross-validation

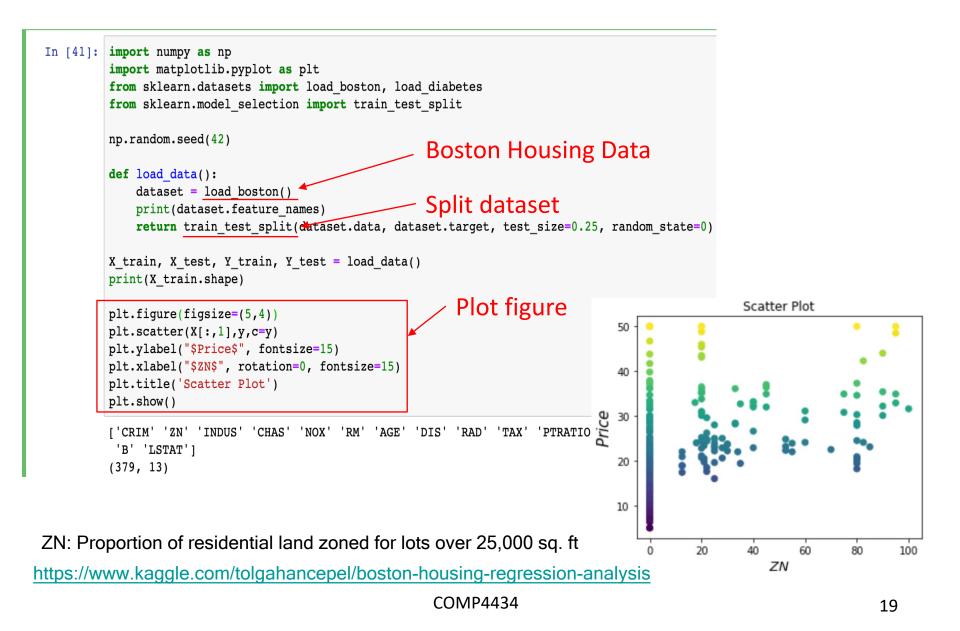
## **Boston Housing (has an ethical problem)**

The Boston Housing Dataset consists of price of houses in various places in Boston. The Boston Housing Dataset has 506 cases. There are **13** Features in each case of the dataset. Alongside with price, the dataset also provide information such as Crime (CRIM), areas of non-retail business in the town (INDUS), the age of people who own the house (AGE), and there are many other attributes.

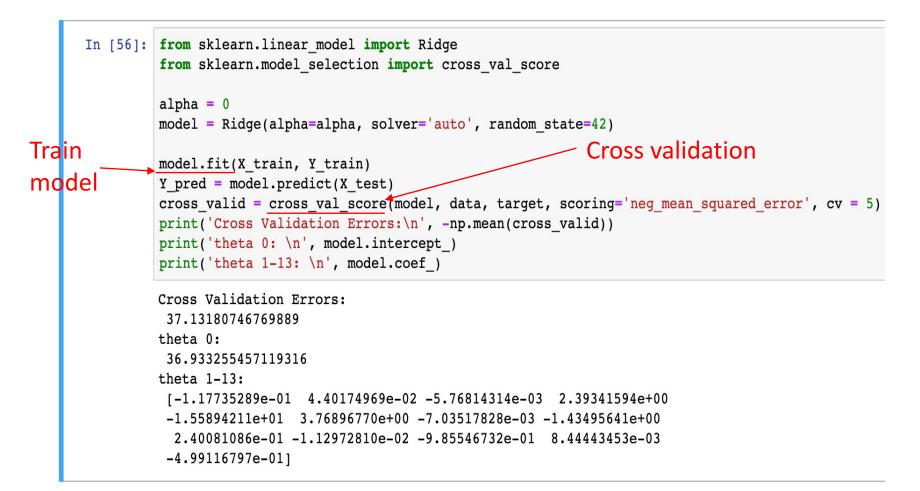
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from sklearn.datasets import load_boston
boston_dataset = load_boston()
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0.006	18.0	2.31	0.0	0.538	6.575	65.2	4.090	1.0	296.0	15.3	396.9	4.98	24.0
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#### **Generate Training Data**

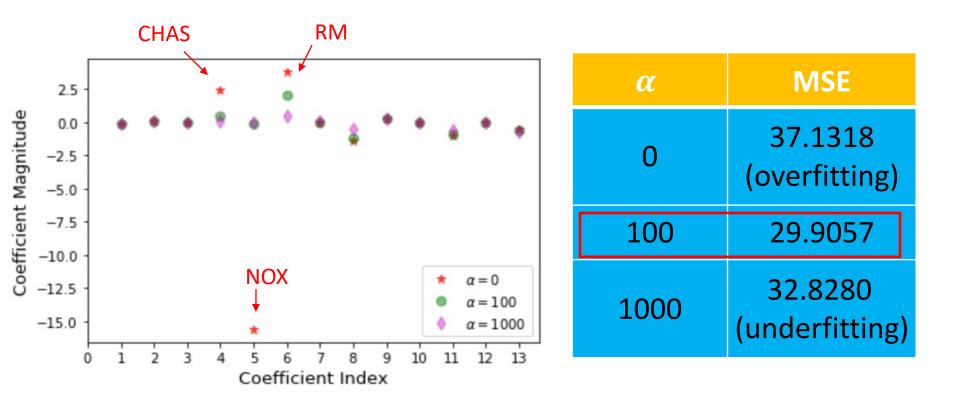


#### **Build Model**



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h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_{13} x_{13}
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## **Regularization**



The magnitudes of coefficient indices 4,5,6 are considerably reduced after regularization with  $\alpha$  = 100, resulting in lower mean square error

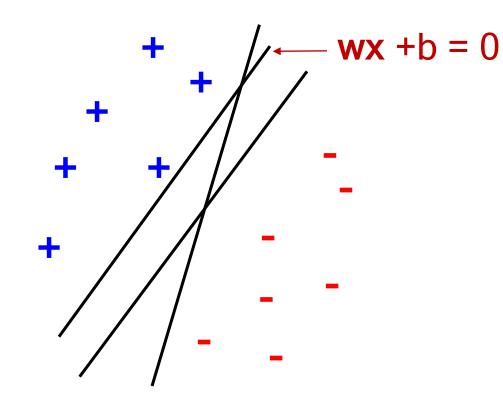
## **History of Support Vector Machines**

- SVM was first introduced in 1992 [1]
- SVM becomes popular because of its success in handwritten digit recognition
  - 1.1% test error rate for SVM. This is the same as the error rates of a carefully constructed neural network, LeNet 4.
    - See Section 5.11 in [2] or the discussion in [3] for details

- [1] B.E. Boser *et al.* A Training Algorithm for Optimal Margin Classifiers. Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Workshop on Computational Learning Theory 5 144-152, Pittsburgh, 1992.
- [2] L. Bottou *et al.* Comparison of classifier methods: a case study in handwritten digit recognition. Proceedings of the 12th IAPR International Conference on Pattern Recognition, vol. 2, pp. 77-82.
- [3] V. Vapnik. The Nature of Statistical Learning Theory. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Springer, 1999.

## **Support Vector Machines**

Want to separate "+" from "-" using a line



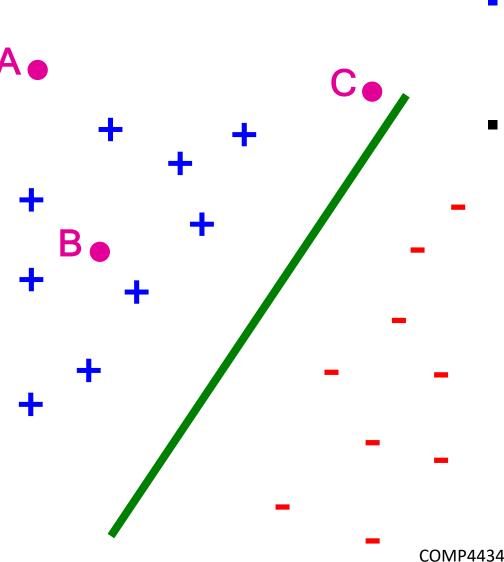
Data:

- Training examples:
  - $(x^{(1)}, y_1) \dots (x^{(m)}, y_m)$
- Each example *i*:
  - $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (\mathbf{x}_1^{(i)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_d^{(i)})$ 
    - $x_j^{(i)}$  is real valued
  - $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$

Which is best linear separator (defined by w)?

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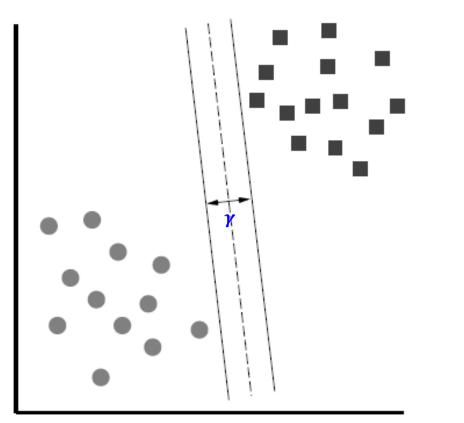
## Largest Margin

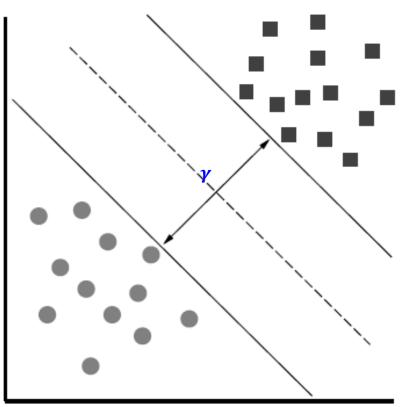


- Distance from the separating hyperplane corresponds to the "confidence" of prediction
- Example:
  - We are more confident about the class of A and B than of C

#### **Largest Margin**

Margin  $\gamma$  (gamma): Distance of closest example from the decision line/hyperplane

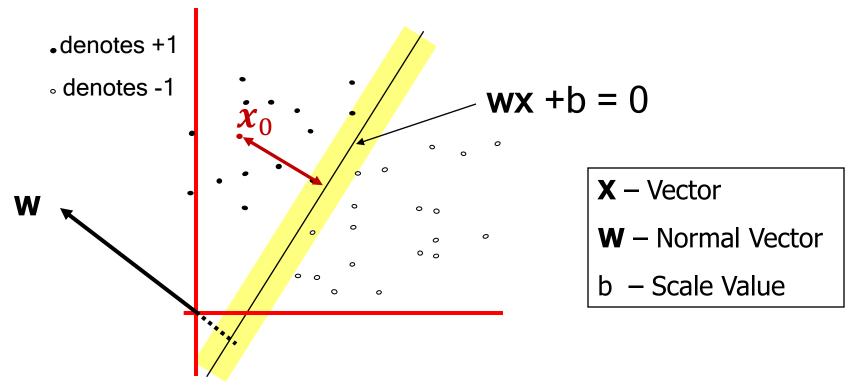




The reason we define margin this way is due to theoretical convenience and existence of generalization error bounds that depend on the value of margin.

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#### **Distance from a point to a line**

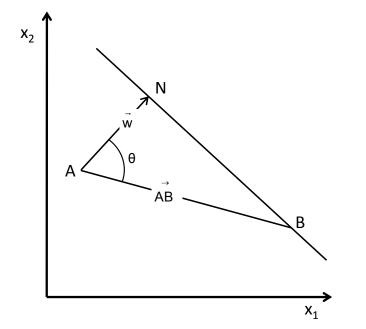


What is the distance expression for a point x<sub>0</sub> to a line wx+b= 0?

$$d(\mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{|\mathbf{x}_0 \cdot \mathbf{w} + b|}{\sqrt{||\mathbf{w}||_2^2}} = \frac{|\mathbf{x}_0 \cdot \mathbf{w} + b|}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d w_i^2}}$$

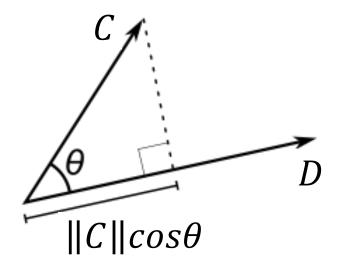
http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Point-LineDistance2-Dimensional.html

### Distance from a point to a line (method 2)



$$\left\|\overrightarrow{AN}\right\| = \left\|\overrightarrow{AB}\right\|\cos \theta = \left\|\overrightarrow{AB}\right\| \left\|\overrightarrow{AB}\right\| \left\|\overrightarrow{W}\right\| = \frac{\overrightarrow{AB}}{\left\|\overrightarrow{AB}\right\|} = \frac{\overrightarrow{AB}}{\left\|w\right\|}$$

$$=\frac{(x_{B1} - x_{A1}, x_{B2} - x_{A2})^{\top} (-w_{1}, -w_{2})}{\|w\|}$$
$$=\frac{w^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_{\mathsf{A}} - w^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_{\mathsf{B}}}{\|w\|} = \frac{w^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_{\mathsf{A}} + \mathsf{b}}{\|w\|}$$



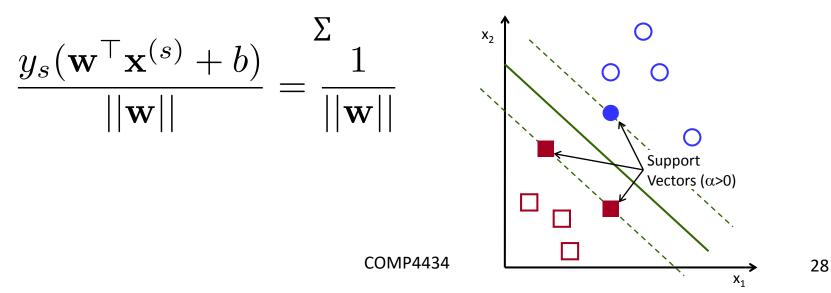
## $C \cdot D = \|C\| \cdot \|D\| \cdot \cos \theta$

#### **Linear SVM Mathematically**

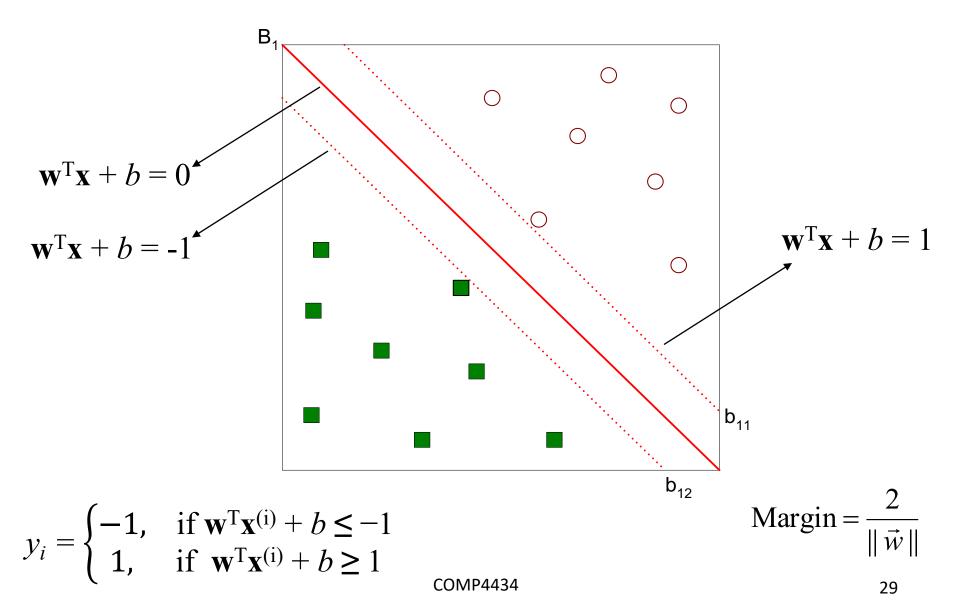
Let training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y_i)\}_{i=1..n}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d, y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  be separated by a hyperplane with margin  $\gamma$ . Then for each training example  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y_i)$ :

$$\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b \leq -\gamma/2 \quad \text{if } y_i = -1$$
  
$$\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b \geq \gamma/2 \quad \text{if } y_i = 1 \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad y_i(\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \geq \gamma/2$$

For every support vector x<sup>(s)</sup> the above inequality is an equality.
 After rescaling w and b by γ/2 in the equality, we obtain that distance between each x<sup>(s)</sup> and the hyperplane is



#### Linear Support Vector Machine (SVM)

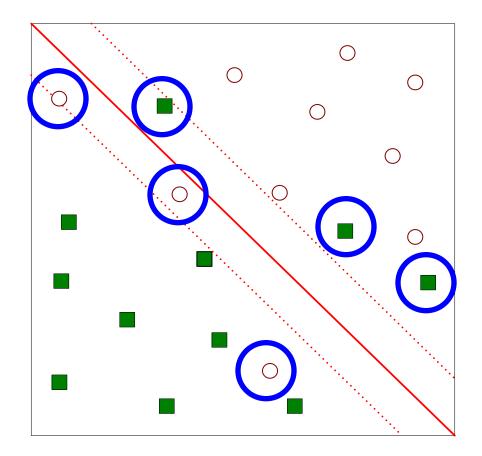


## Linear SVM Mathematically (cont.)

- Then the margin can be expressed through (rescaled) w and b as: New margin  $\gamma' = \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$
- Then we can formulate the *quadratic optimization problem:* Find w and b such that  $\mathbf{y}' = \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$  is maximized and for all  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y_i), i = 1 \dots m : y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \ge 1$
- Which can be reformulated as:

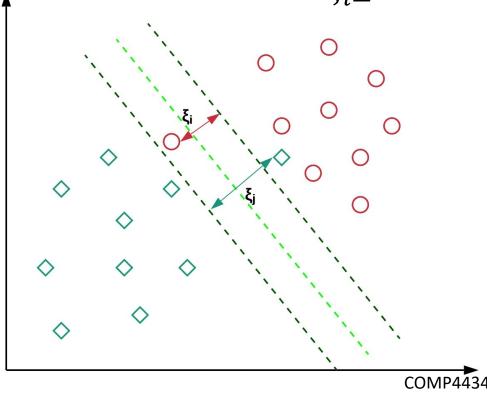
Find w and b such that  $\Phi(\mathbf{w}) = ||\mathbf{w}||^2 = \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w} \text{ is minimized}$ and for all  $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y_i), i=1 \dots m : y_i (\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b) \ge 1$ 

#### What if the problem is not linearly separable



## SVM with soft margin

- Need to minimize:  $\frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||^2 + C\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i^2\right)$
- subject to:  $\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b \leq -1 + \xi_{i}$  if  $y_{i} = -1$   $\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}^{(i)} + b \geq 1 \xi_{i}$  if  $y_{i} = 1$   $\xi_{i} \geq 0$



## **Characteristics of SVM**

- The learning problem is formulated as a convex optimization problem
- Efficient algorithms are available to find the global minima
- High computational complexity for building the model
- Robust to noise
- Overfitting is handled by maximizing the margin of the decision boundary
- SVM can handle irrelevant and redundant attributes better than many other techniques
- The user needs to provide the type of kernel function & cost function (for nonlinear SVM)
- Difficult to handle missing values