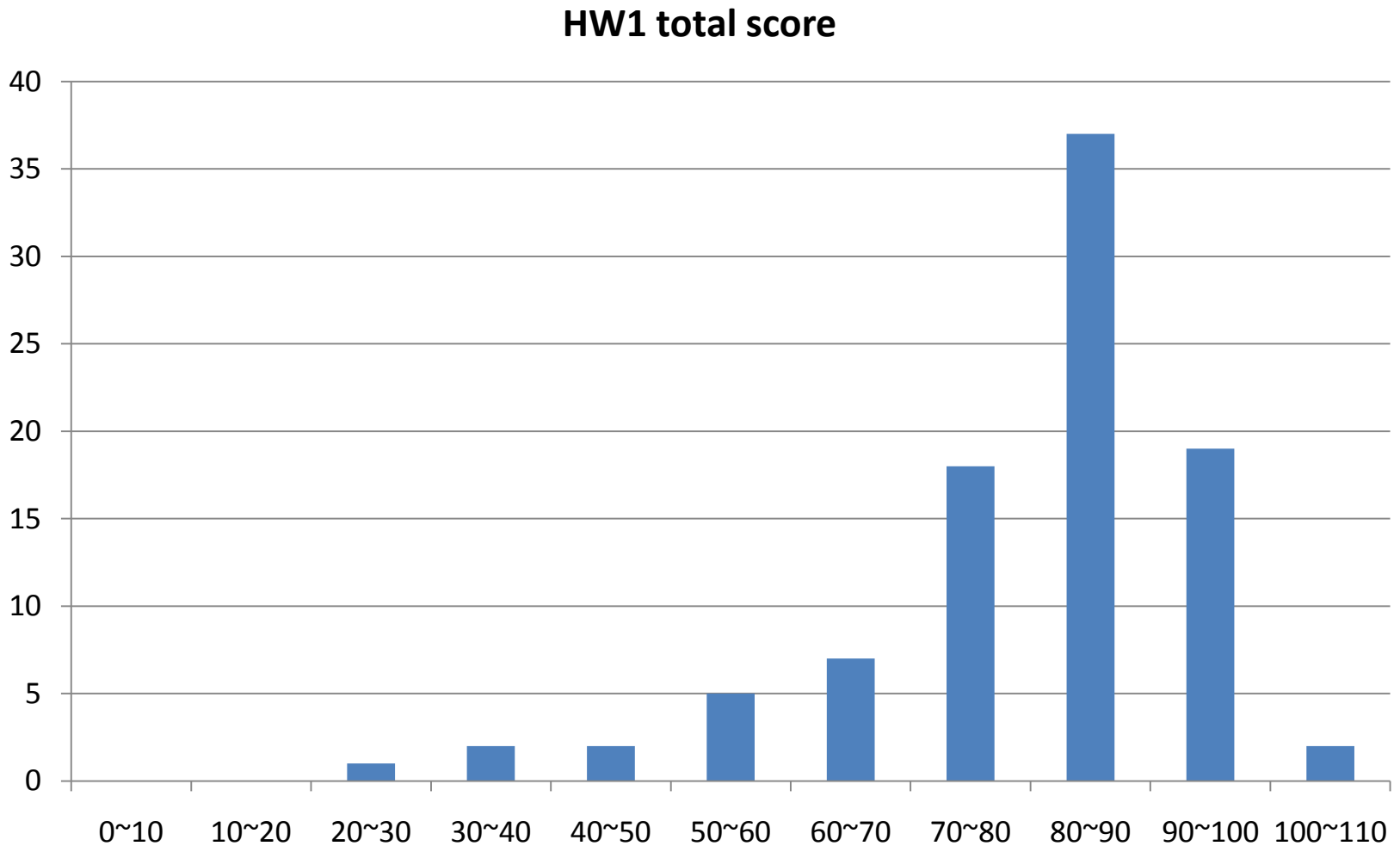


Announcements - Homework

- Homework 1 is graded, please collect at end of lecture
- Homework 2 due today
- Homework 3 out soon (watch email)
 - Ques 1 – midterm review

HW1 score distribution



Announcements - Midterm

- When: Wednesday, 10/20
- Where: In Class
- What: You, your pencil, your textbook, your notes, course slides, your calculator, your good mood :)
- What NOT: No computers, iphones, or anything else that has an internet connection.
- Material: Everything from the beginning of the semester, until, and including SVMs and the Kernel trick

Recitation Tomorrow!

- Boosting, SVM (convex optimization),
Midterm review!
- Strongly recommended!!
- Place: NSH 3305 (Note: change from last time)
- Time: 5-6 pm



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Support Vector Machines

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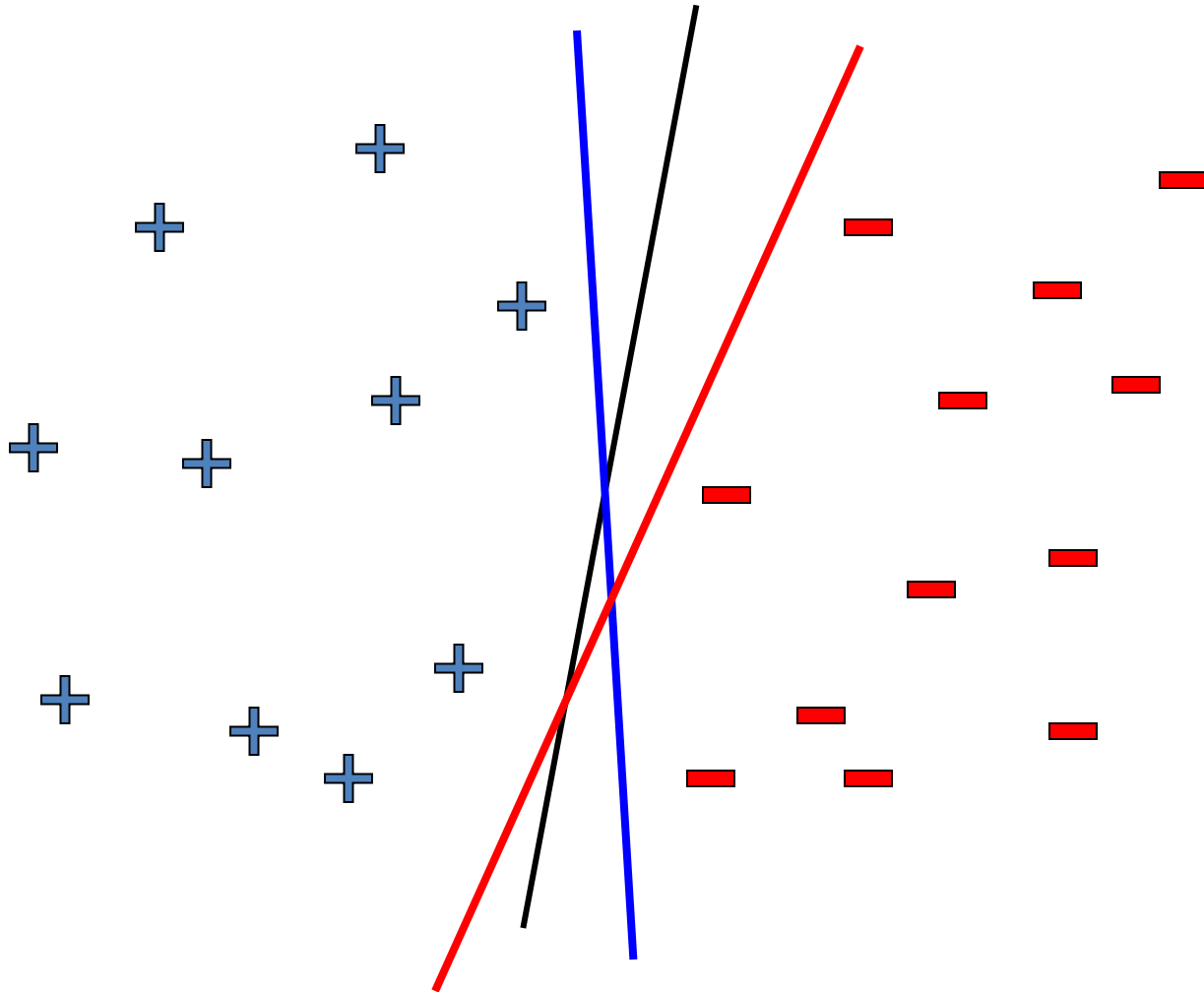
MACHINE LEARNING DEPARTMENT



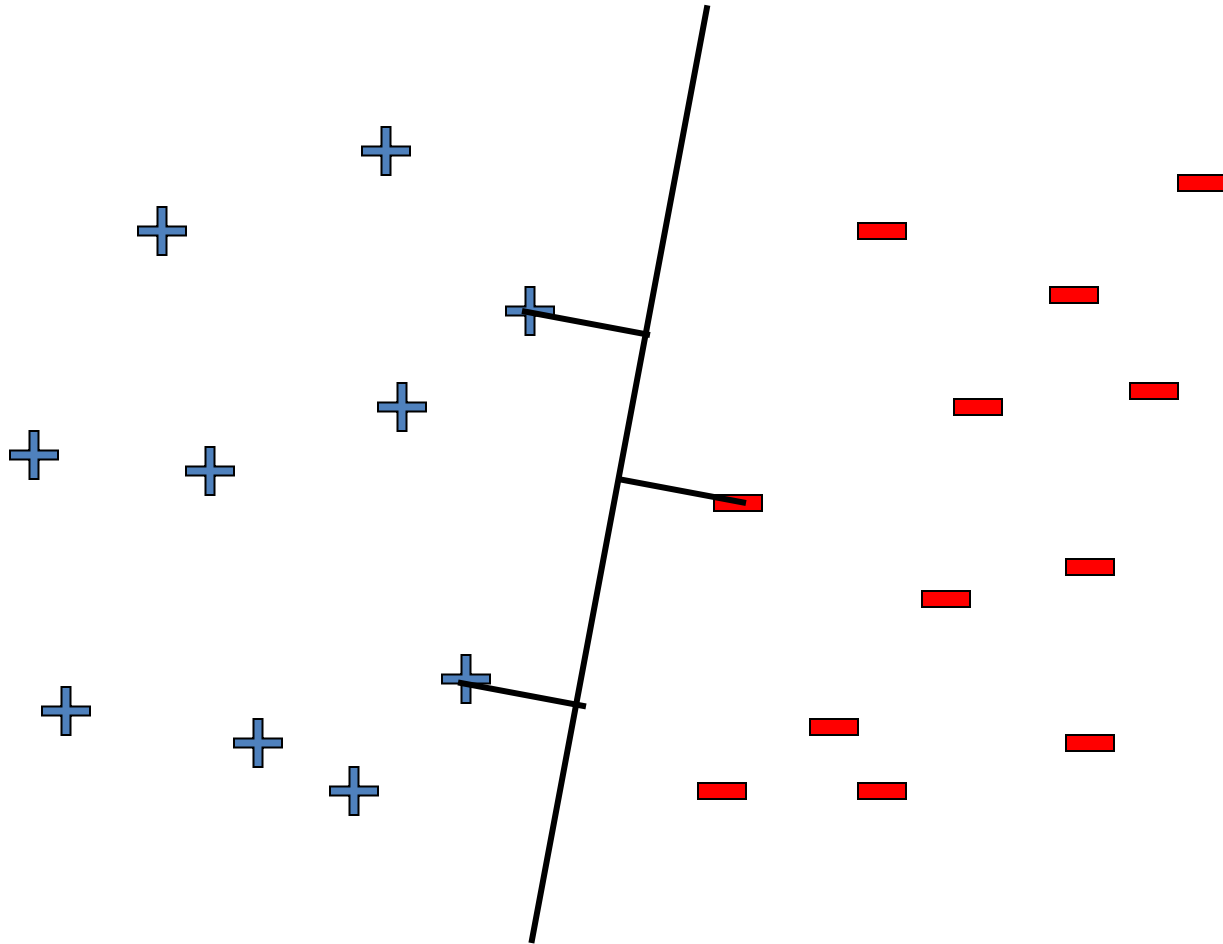
At Pittsburgh G-20 summit ...



Linear classifiers – which line is better?



Pick the one with the largest margin!

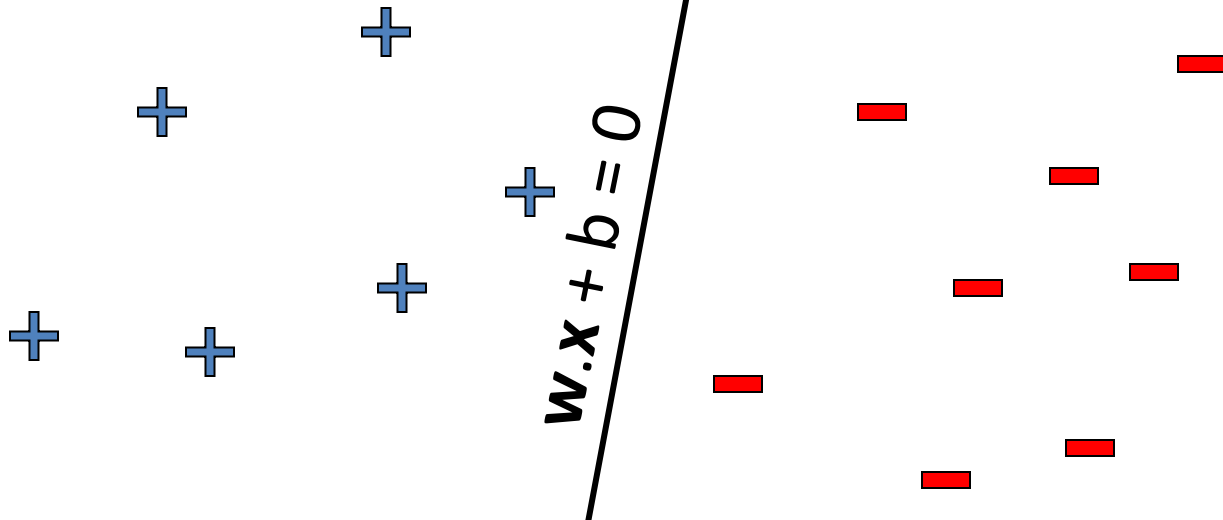


Parameterizing the decision boundary

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \sum_j w^{(j)} x^{(j)}$$

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b > 0$$

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b < 0$$



Example i ($= 1, 2, \dots, n$):

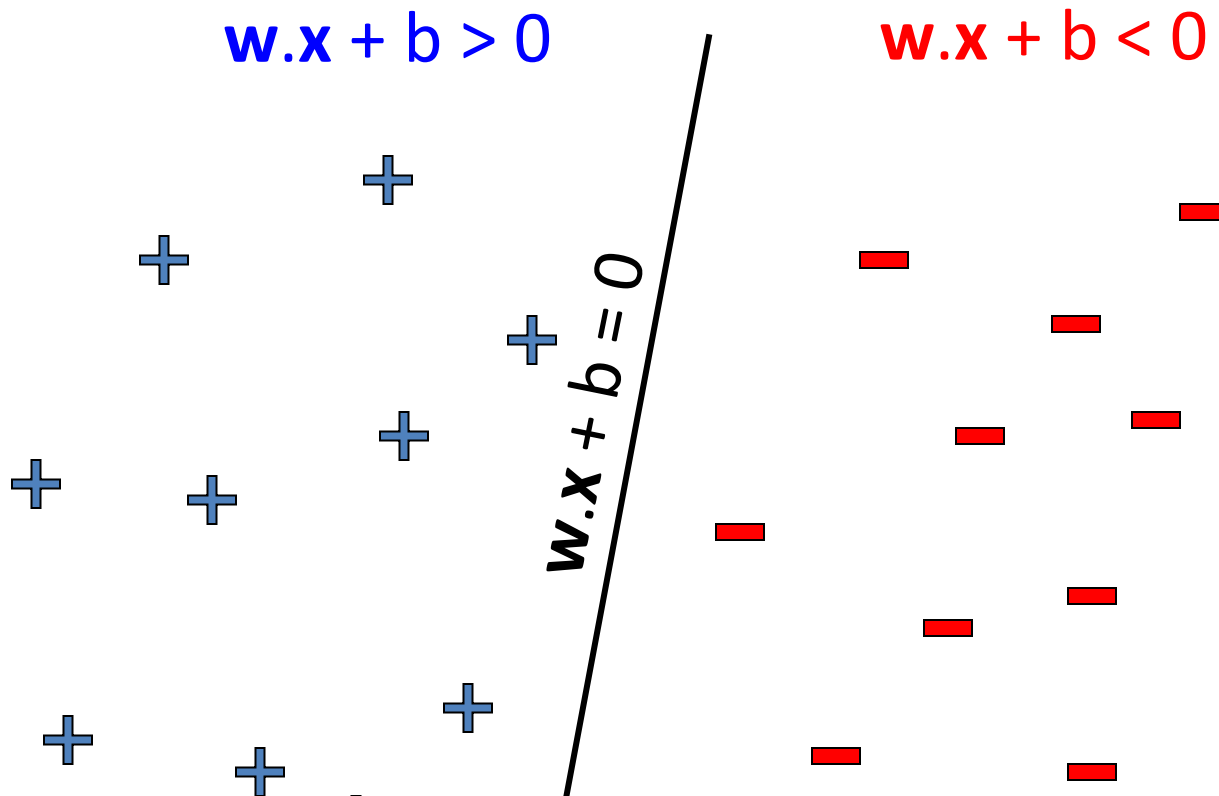
$\langle x_i^{(1)}, \dots, x_i^{(m)} \rangle$ — m features

$y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ — class

Data:

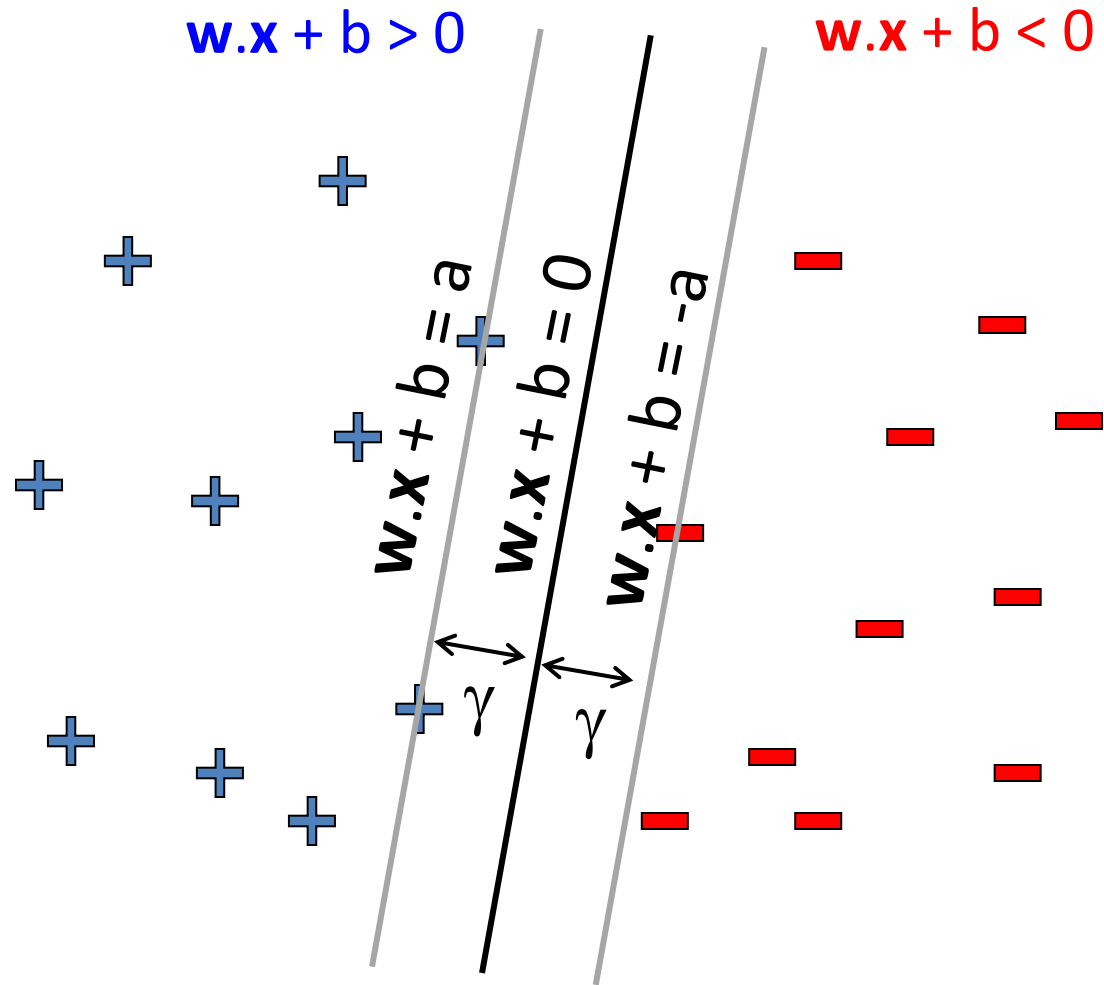
$\langle x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_1^{(m)}, y_1 \rangle$
 \vdots
 $\langle x_n^{(1)}, \dots, x_n^{(m)}, y_n \rangle$

Parameterizing the decision boundary



“confidence” $= (w \cdot x_j + b) y_j$

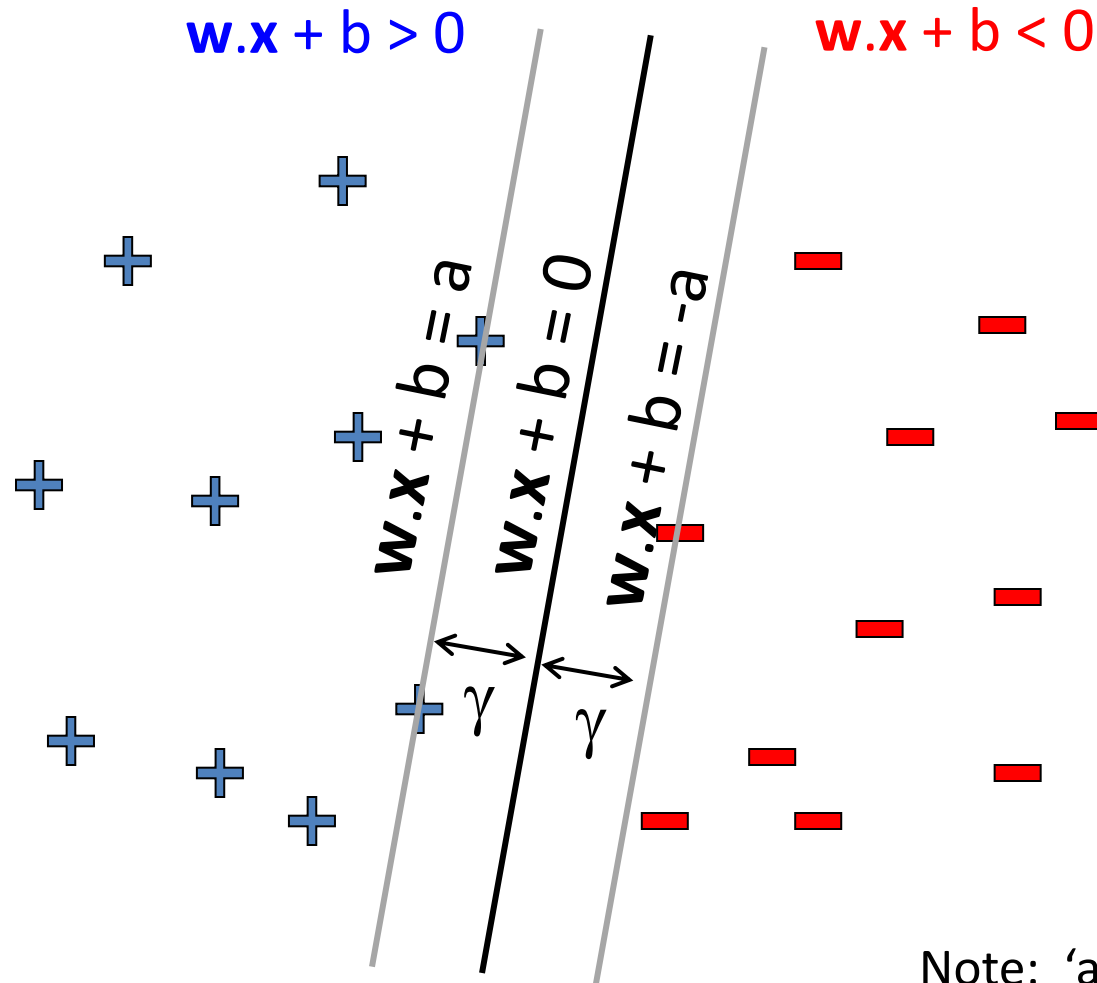
Maximizing the margin



Distance of closest examples from the line/hyperplane

$$\text{margin} = \gamma = 2a / \|w\|$$

Maximizing the margin



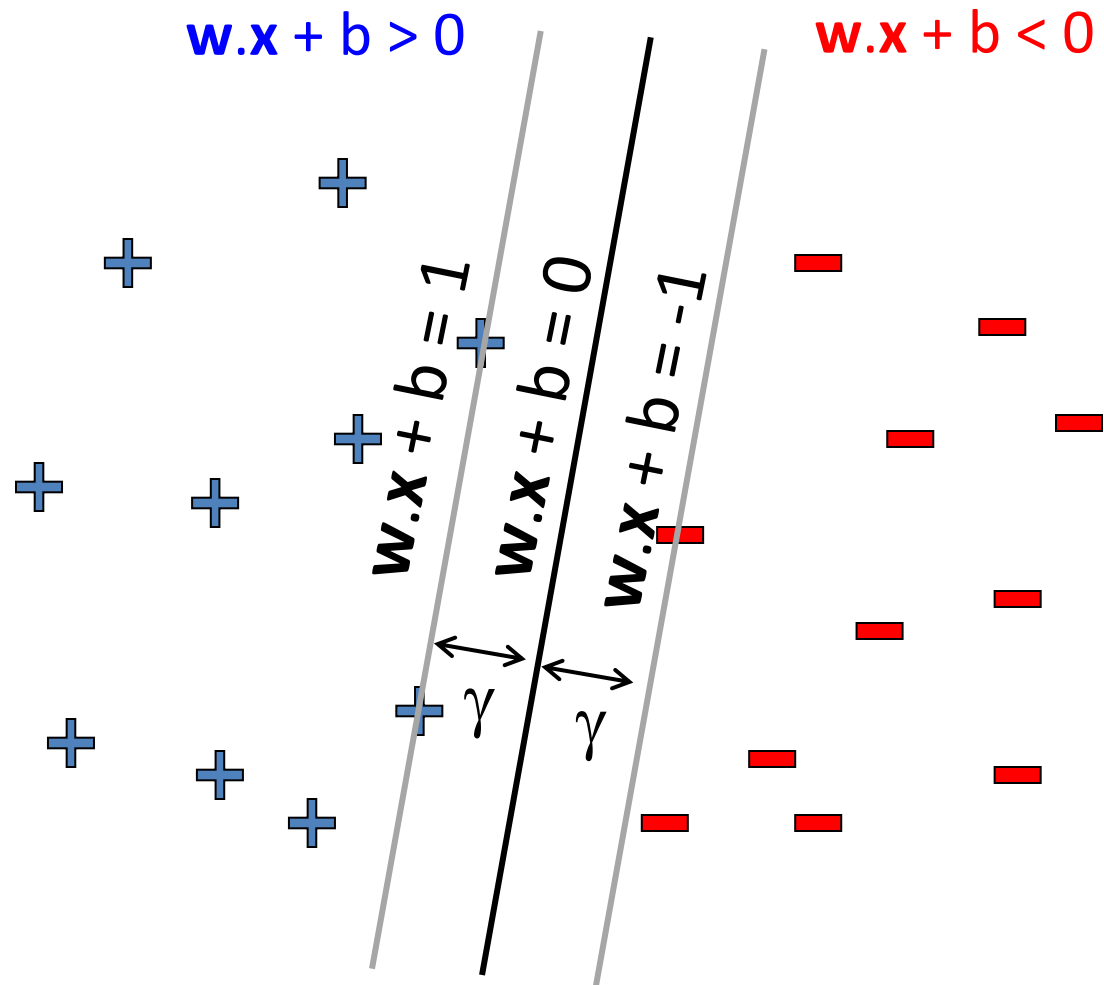
Distance of closest examples from the line/hyperplane

$$\text{margin} = \gamma = 2a / \|w\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{w, b} \quad & \gamma = 2a / \|w\| \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (w \cdot x_j + b) y_j \geq a \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

Note: 'a' is arbitrary (can normalize equations by a)

Support Vector Machines



$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w,b} \quad & w \cdot w \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (w \cdot x_j + b) y_j \geq 1 \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

Solve efficiently by quadratic programming (QP)

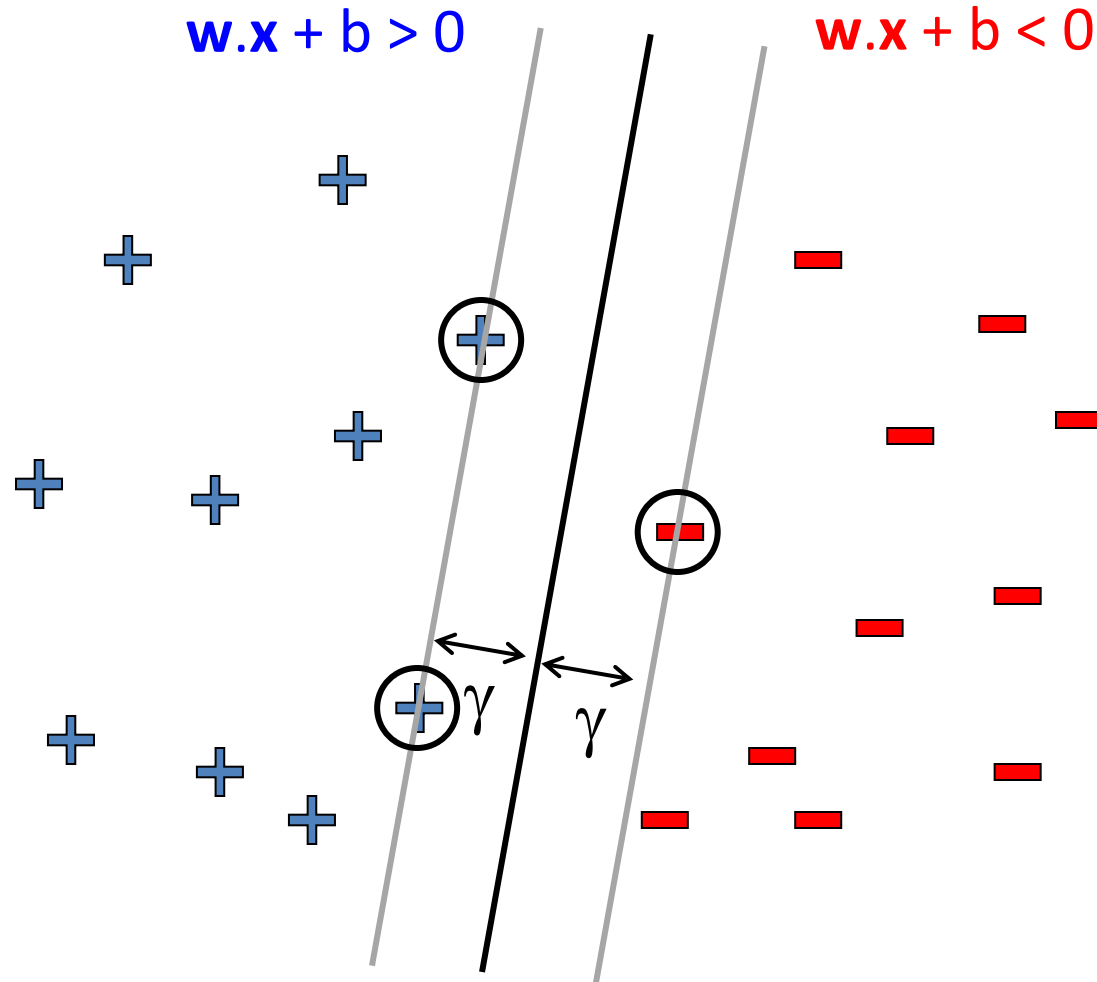
- Well-studied solution algorithms

Linear hyperplane defined by “support vectors”

Support Vectors

$$w \cdot x + b > 0$$

$$w \cdot x + b < 0$$



Linear hyperplane defined by
“support vectors”

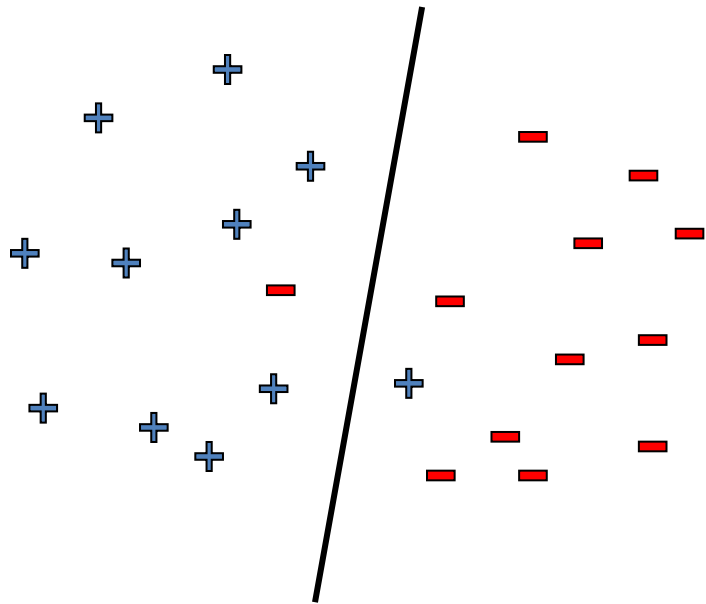
Moving other points a little
doesn't effect the decision
boundary

only need to store the
support vectors to predict
labels of new points

How many support vectors in
linearly separable case?

$$\leq m+1$$

What if data is not linearly separable?



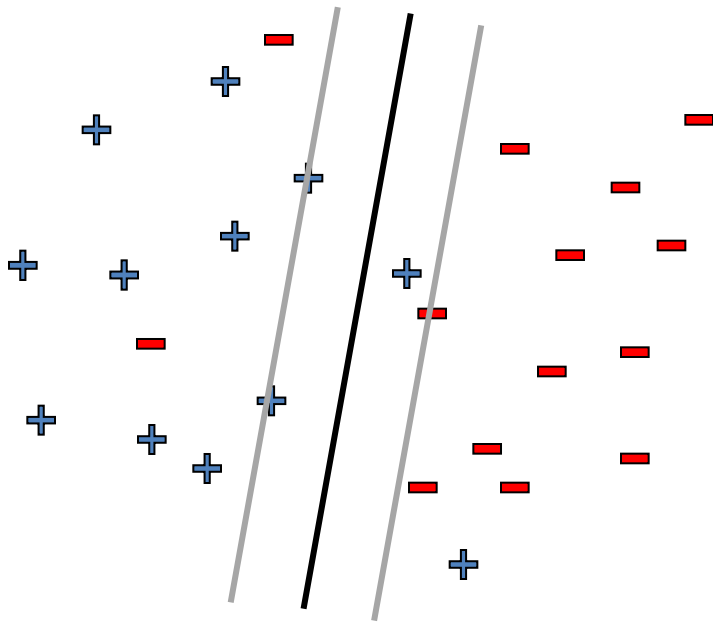
Use features of features
of features of features....

$$x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2, \dots, \exp(x_1)$$

But run risk of overfitting!

What if data is still not linearly separable?

Allow “error” in classification



$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} + C \# \text{mistakes} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b) y_j \geq 1 \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

Maximize margin and minimize
mistakes on training data

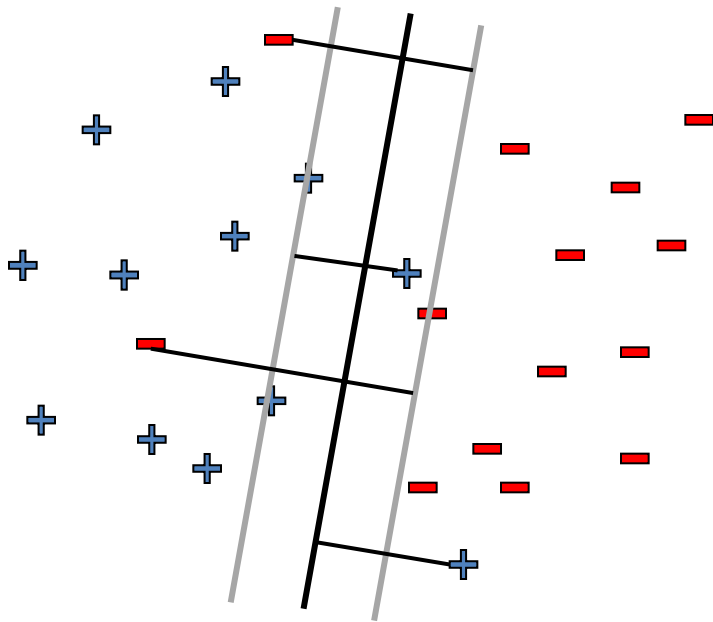
C - tradeoff parameter

Not QP ☹️

0/1 loss (doesn't distinguish between
near miss and bad mistake)

What if data is still not linearly separable?

Allow “error” in classification



Soft margin approach

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} + C \sum_j \xi_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b) y_j \geq 1 - \xi_j \quad \forall j \\ & \xi_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

ξ_j - “slack” variables
= (>1 if x_j misclassified)
pay linear penalty if mistake

C - tradeoff parameter (chosen by cross-validation)

Still QP 😊

Slack variables – Hinge loss

Complexity penalization

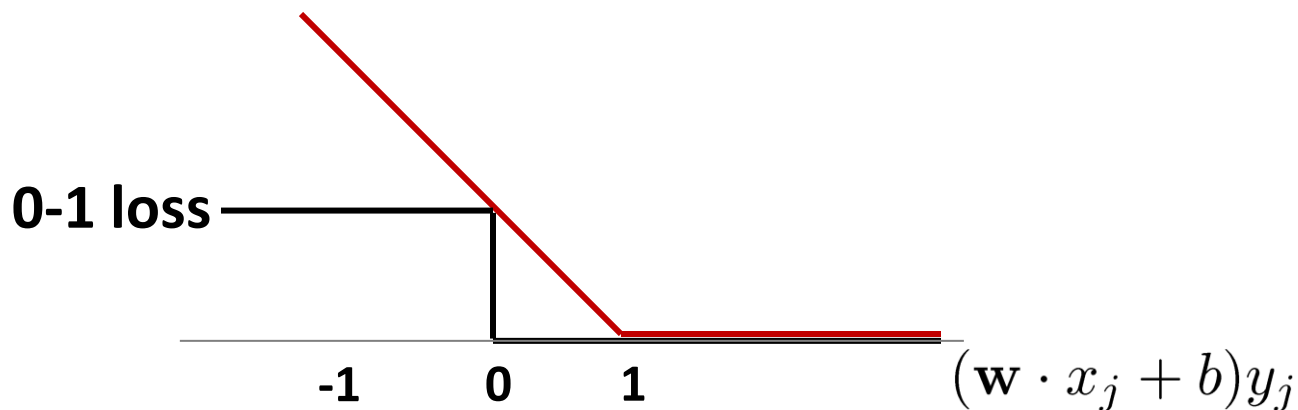
$$\xi_j = \text{loss}(f(x_j), y_j)$$

$$f(x_j) = \text{sgn}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} + C \sum_j \xi_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b) y_j \geq 1 - \xi_j \quad \forall j \\ & \xi_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

$$\xi_j = (1 - (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b) y_j)_+$$

Hinge loss



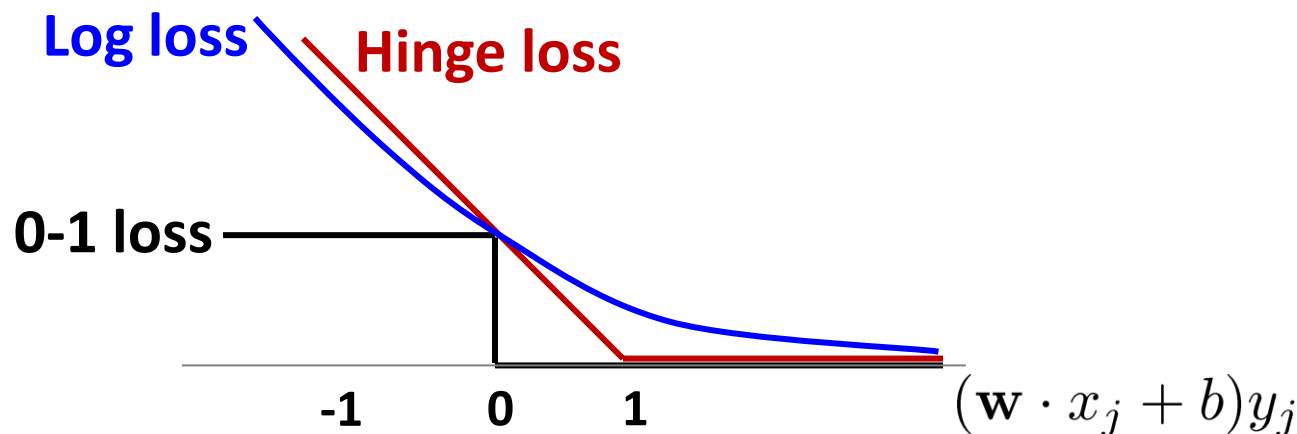
SVM vs. Logistic Regression

SVM : **Hinge loss**

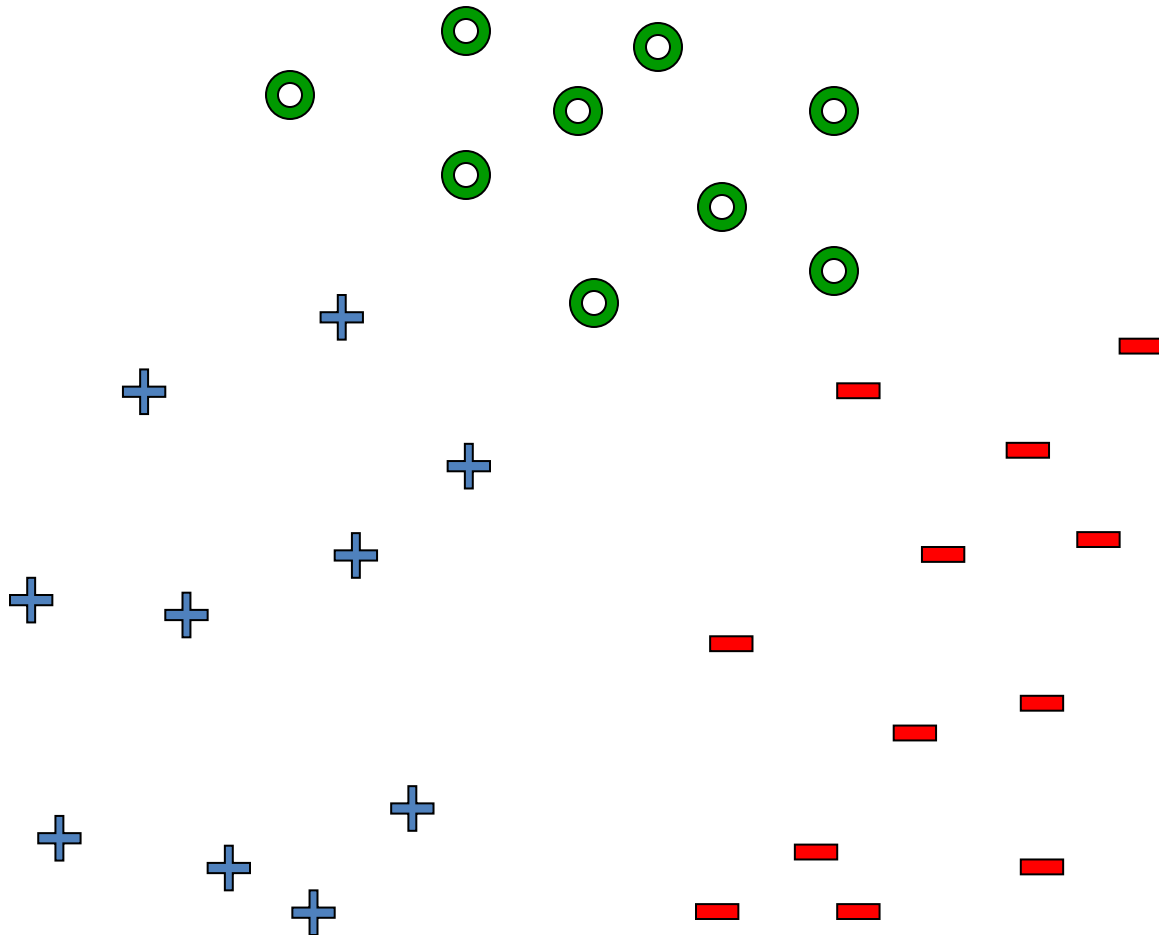
$$\text{loss}(f(x_j), y_j) = (1 - (\mathbf{w} \cdot x_j + b)y_j)_+$$

Logistic Regression : **Log loss** (-ve log conditional likelihood)

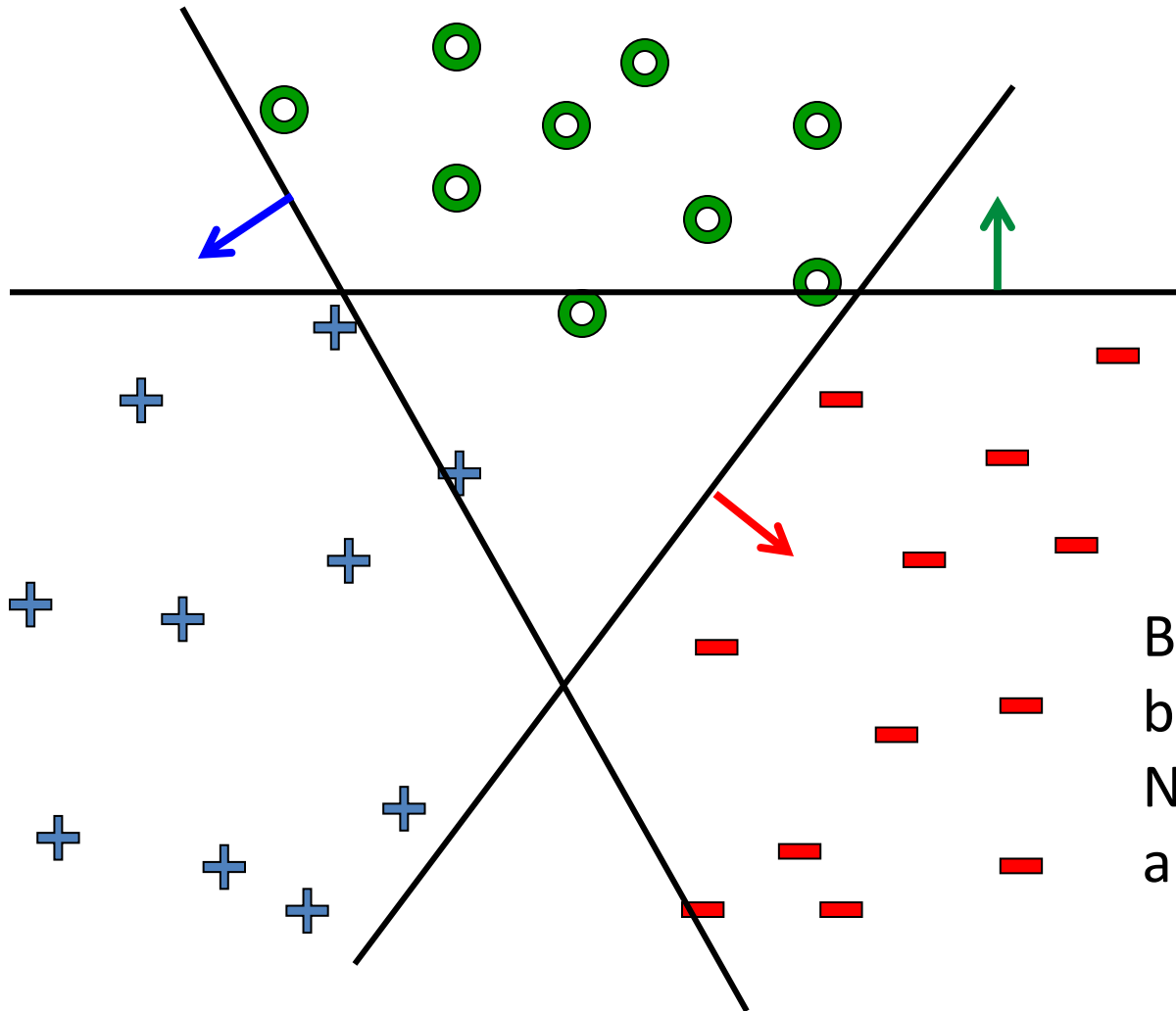
$$\text{loss}(f(x_j), y_j) = -\log P(y_j | x_j, \mathbf{w}, b) = \log(1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w} \cdot x_j + b)y_j})$$



What about multiple classes?



One against all



Learn 3 classifiers
separately:

Class k vs. rest

$$(\mathbf{w}_k, b_k)_{k=1,2,3}$$

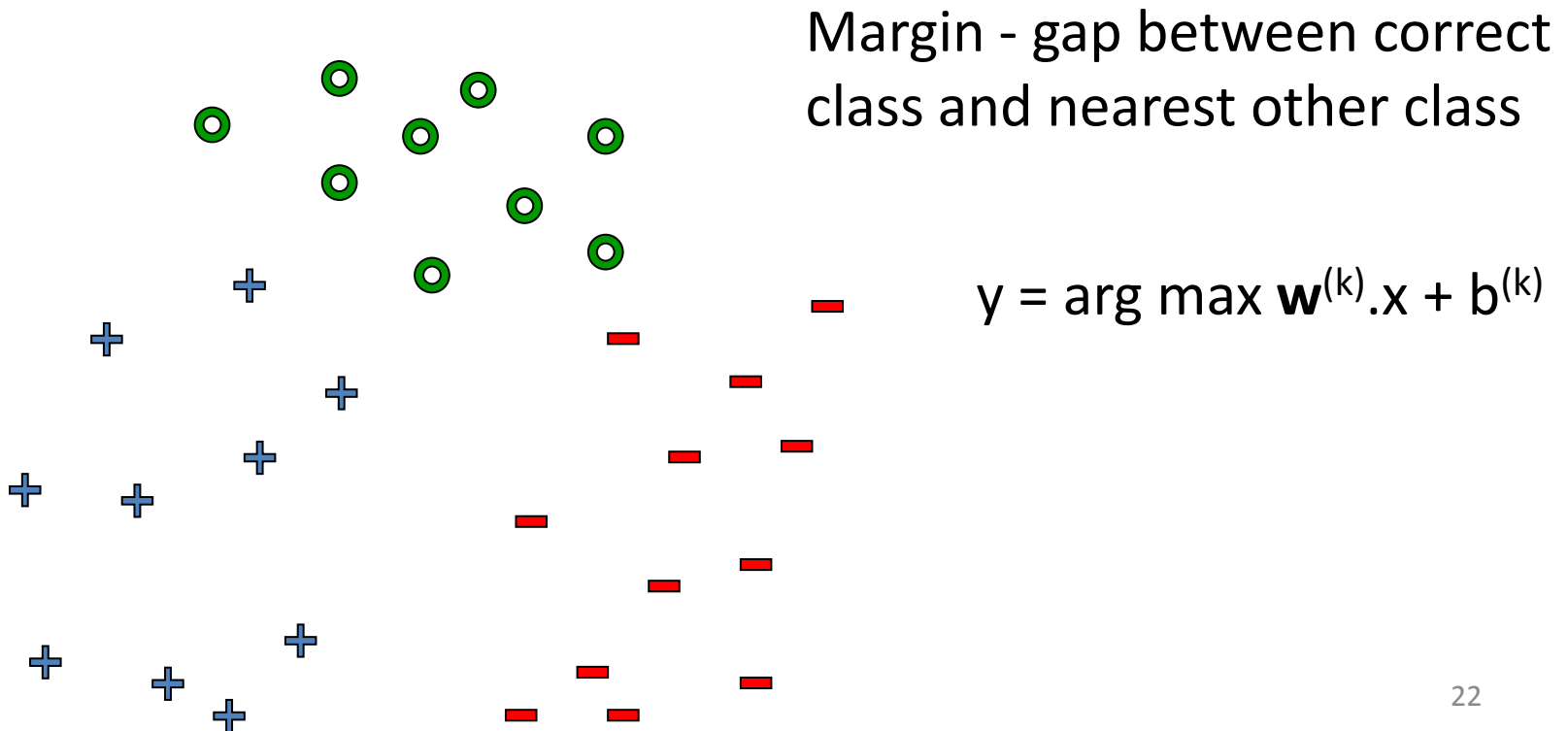
$$y = \arg \max_k \mathbf{w}_k \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_k$$

But \mathbf{w}_k s may not be
based on the same scale.
Note: $(a\mathbf{w}).\mathbf{x} + (ab)$ is also
a solution

Learn 1 classifier: Multi-class SVM

Simultaneously learn 3 sets of weights

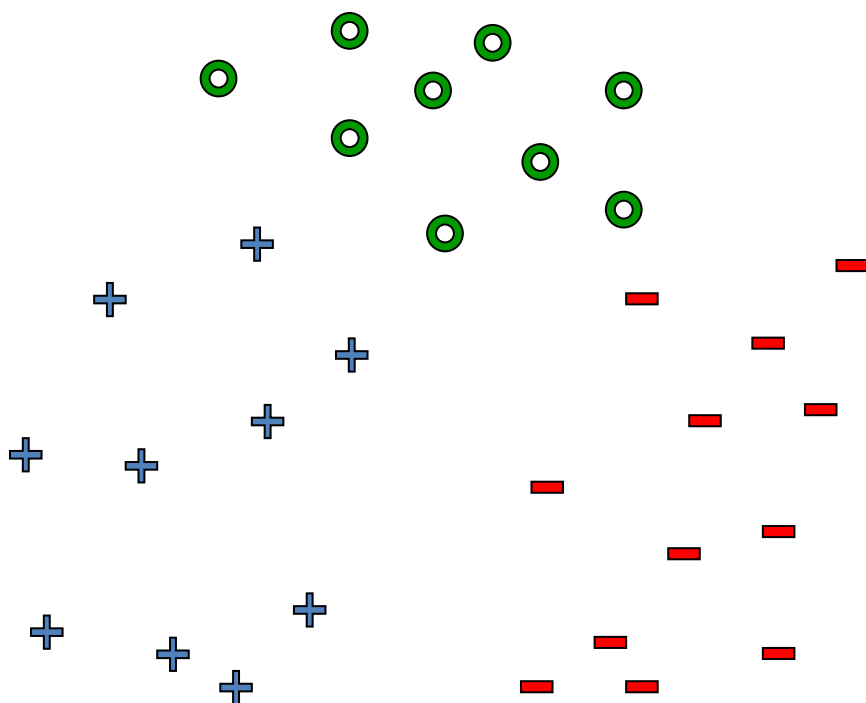
$$\mathbf{w}^{(y_j)} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b^{(y_j)} \geq \mathbf{w}^{(y')} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b^{(y')} + 1, \quad \forall y' \neq y_j, \quad \forall j$$



Learn 1 classifier: Multi-class SVM

Simultaneously learn 3 sets of weights

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \sum_y \mathbf{w}^{(y)} \cdot \mathbf{w}^{(y)} + C \sum_j \sum_{y \neq y_j} \xi_j^{(y)} \\ & \mathbf{w}^{(y_j)} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b^{(y_j)} \geq \mathbf{w}^{(y)} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b^{(y)} + 1 - \xi_j^{(y)}, \quad \forall y \neq y_j, \quad \forall j \\ & \xi_j^{(y)} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \neq y_j, \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$



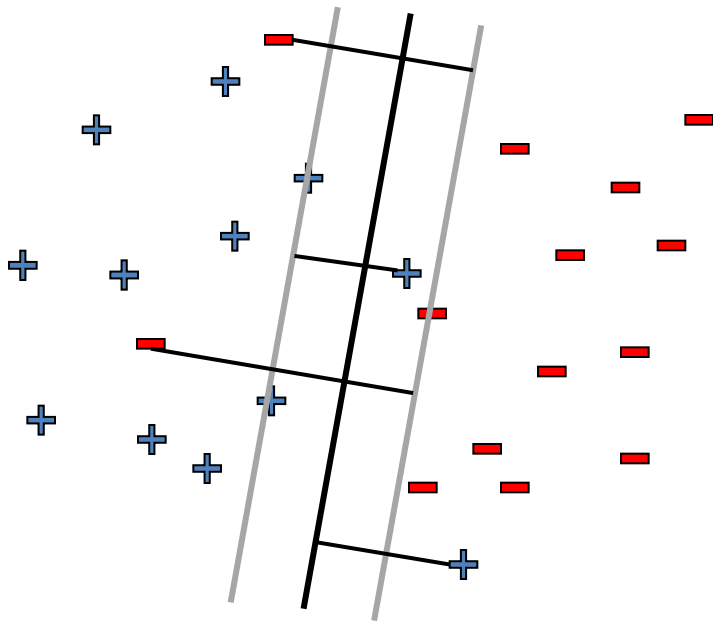
$$y = \arg \max \mathbf{w}^{(k)} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b^{(k)}$$

Joint optimization: \mathbf{w}_k s
have the same scale.

What you need to know

- Maximizing margin
- Derivation of SVM formulation
- Slack variables and hinge loss
- Relationship between SVMs and logistic regression
 - 0/1 loss
 - Hinge loss
 - Log loss
- Tackling multiple class
 - One against All
 - Multiclass SVMs

SVMs reminder



Soft margin approach

Regularization Hinge loss

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \quad & \underbrace{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}}_{\text{Regularization}} + C \underbrace{\sum \xi_j}_{\text{Hinge loss}} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + b) y_j \geq 1 - \xi_j \quad \forall j \\ & \xi_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

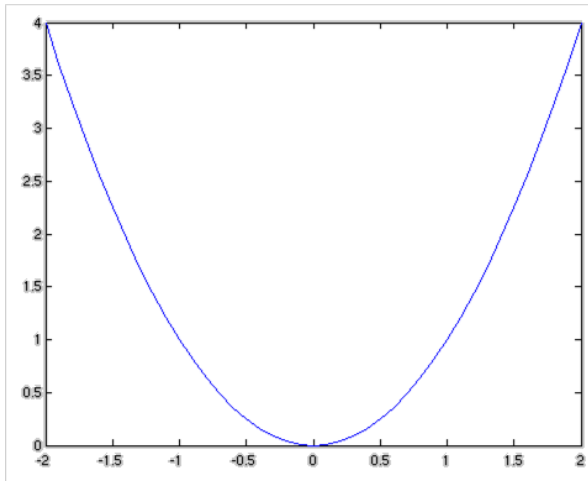
Today's Lecture

- Learn one of the most interesting and exciting recent advancements in machine learning
 - The “kernel trick”
 - High dimensional feature spaces at no extra cost!
- But first, a detour
 - Constrained optimization!

Constrained Optimization

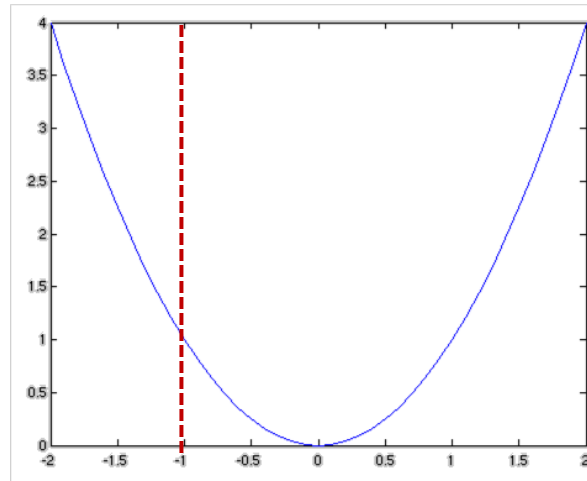
$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_x & x^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x \geq b\end{array}$$

$$\min_x x^2$$



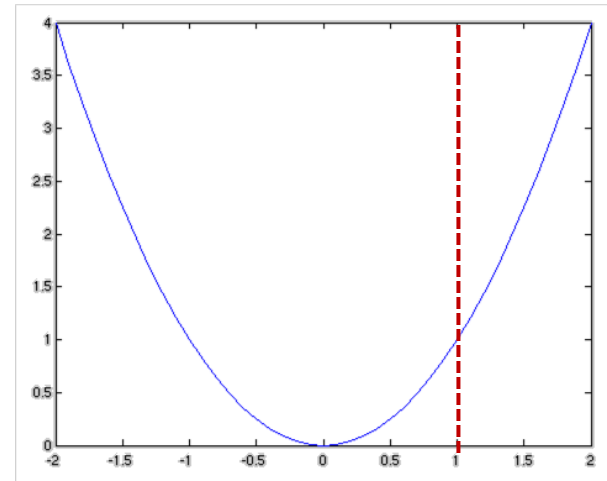
$$x^* = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_x & x^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x \geq -1\end{array}$$



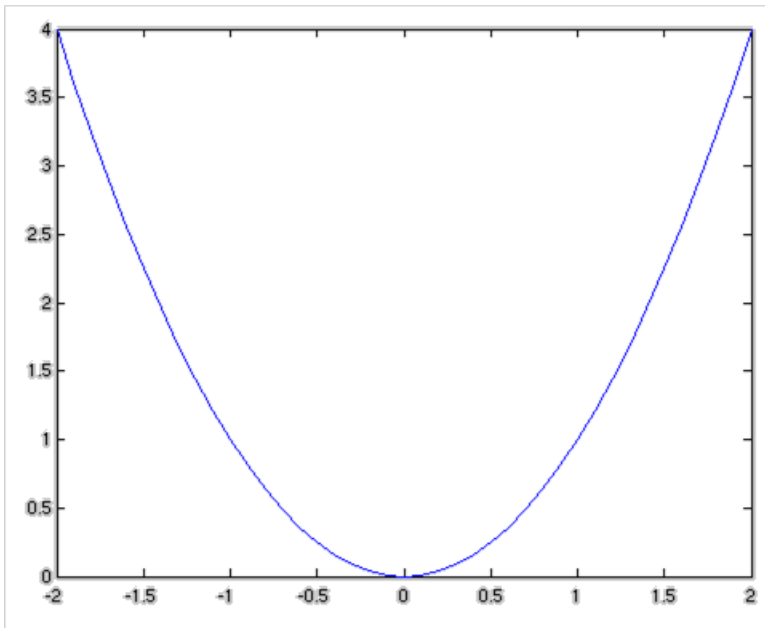
$$x^* = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_x & x^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x \geq 1\end{array}$$



$$x^* = 1$$

Lagrange Multiplier – Dual Variables



$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & x^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x \geq b \end{aligned}$$

Moving the constraint to objective function
Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \alpha) &= x^2 - \alpha(x - b) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \alpha \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \max_{\alpha} \quad & L(x, \alpha) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \alpha \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Constraint is tight when $\alpha > 0$

Duality

Primal problem:

$$f^* = \min_x \overbrace{x^2}^{f(x)} \\ \text{s.t. } x \geq b$$

Dual problem:

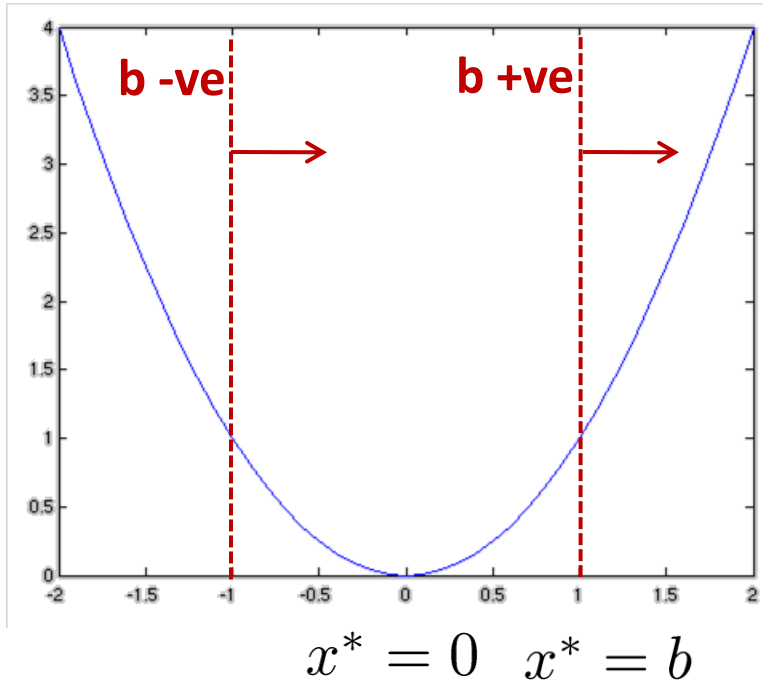
$$g^* = \min_x \overbrace{\max_{\alpha} x^2 - \alpha(x - b)}^{g(x)} \\ \text{s.t. } \alpha \geq 0$$

Weak duality – $g^* \leq f^*$

For all feasible points \tilde{x} $g^* \leq g(\tilde{x}) \leq f(\tilde{x})$

Strong duality – $g^* = f^*$ (holds under KKT conditions)

Lagrange Multiplier – Dual Variables



Solving: $\min_x \max_{\alpha} \overbrace{x^2 - \alpha(x - b)}^{L(x, \alpha)}$
 s.t. $\alpha \geq 0$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^* = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha^* = \max(2b, 0)$$

When $\alpha > 0$, constraint is tight