

The Perceptron

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Aside: Logistic Regression: Notational Differences

Logistic Regression

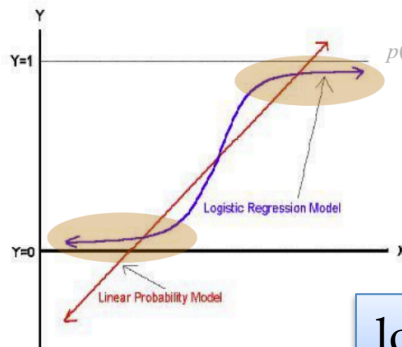
Defining a new function, g

$$p(y=0 | X; \theta) = g(X; w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{w^T X}}$$

$$p(y=1 | X; \theta) = 1 - g(X; w) = \frac{e^{w^T X}}{1 + e^{w^T X}}$$

Data likelihood

$$L(y | X; w) = \prod_i (1 - g(X_i; w))^{y_i} g(X_i; w)^{(1-y_i)}$$



$$LL(y | X; w) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i w^T X_i - \ln(1 + e^{w^T X_i})$$

log data likelihood

Logistic regression via gradient ascent: MLE for log likelihood

William's notation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w^j} \log P(Y = y | X = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = (y - p)x^j$$

1. Chose λ
2. Start with a guess for \mathbf{w}

3. For all j set $w^j \leftarrow w^j + \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^j \{y_i - (1 - g(X_i; w))\}$

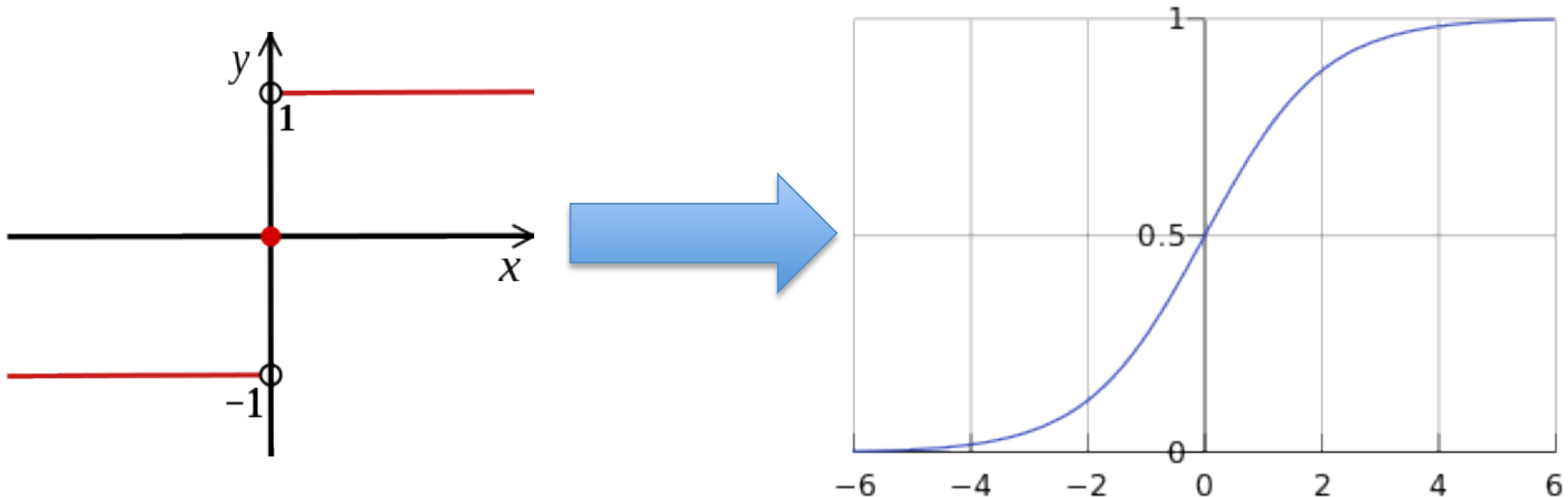
4. If no improvement for

$$LL(y | X; w) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \ln(1 - g(X_i; w)) + (1 - y_i) \ln g(X_i; w)$$

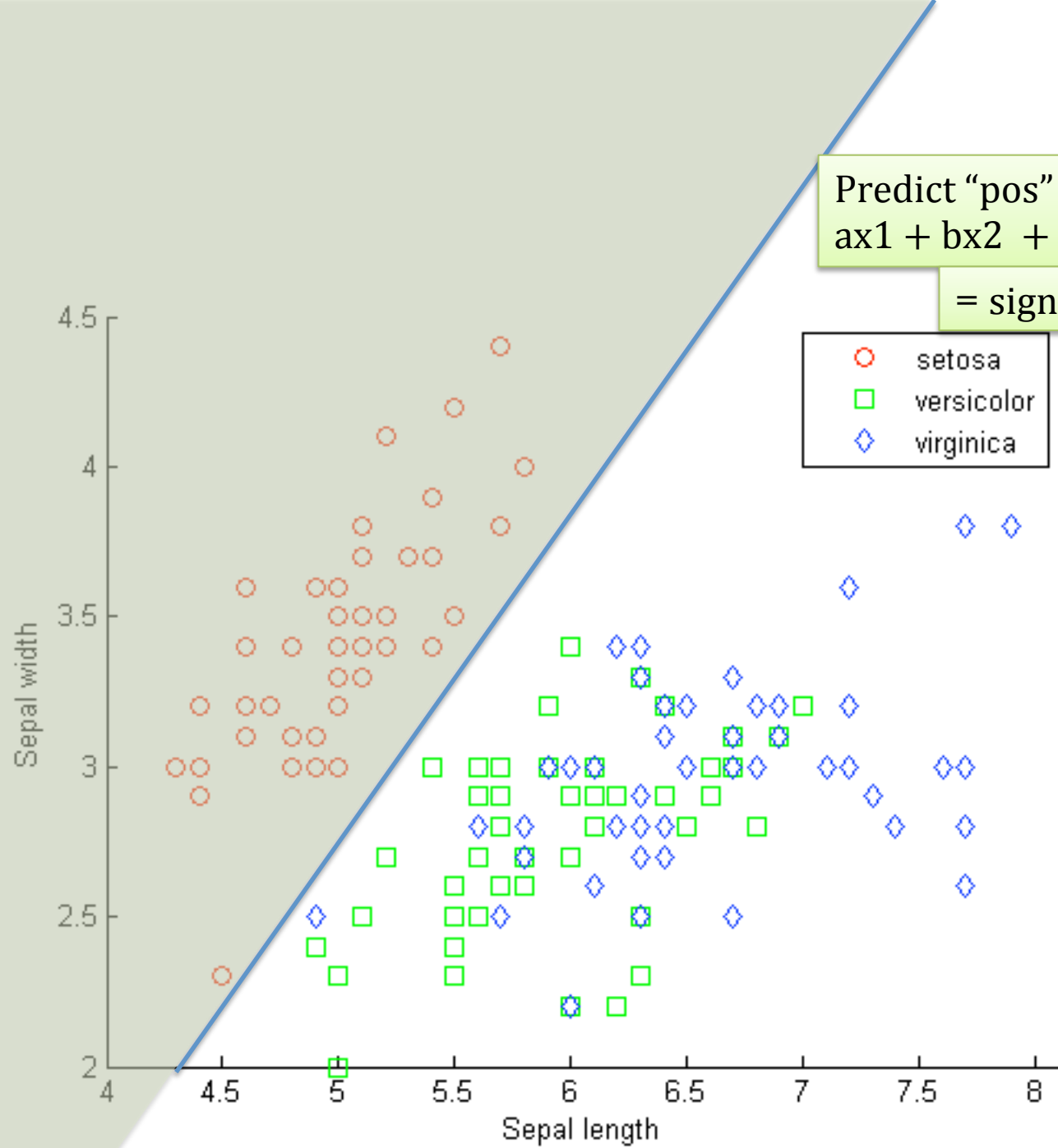
stop. Otherwise go to step 3

Logistic regression

$$P(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w})} & \text{if } y_i = 1 \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w})}\right) & \text{if } y_i = 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\text{logistic}(u) \equiv \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u}}$$

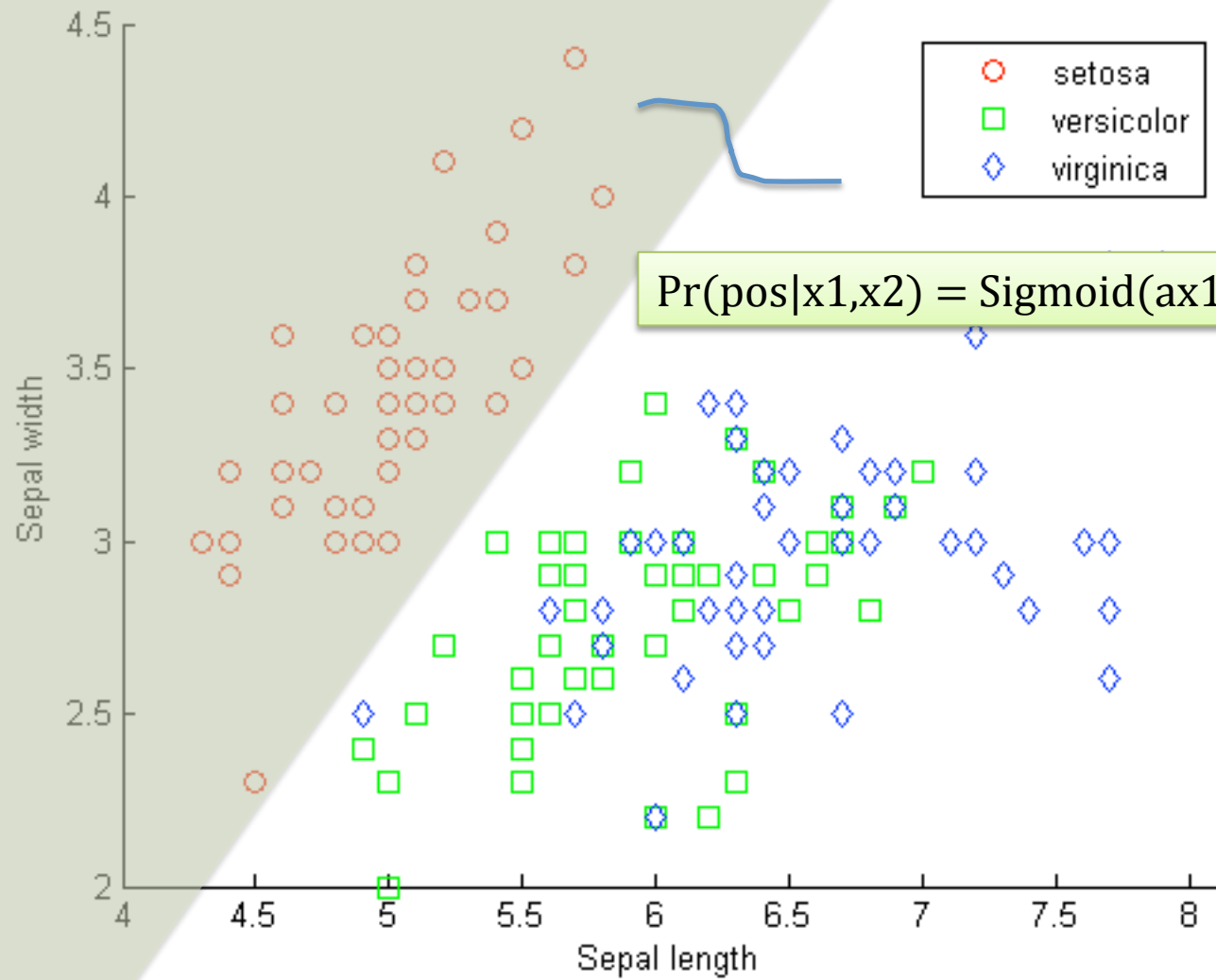


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Logistic regression as "soft" linear classifier

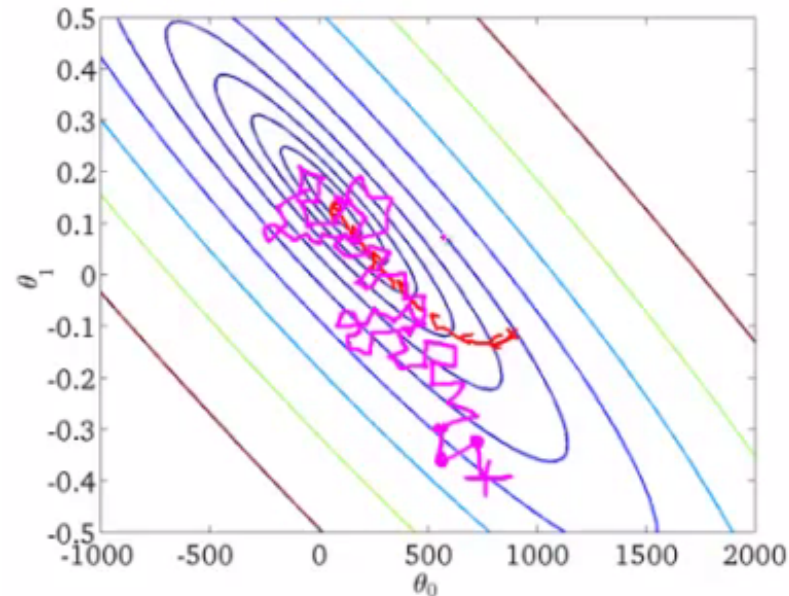


$$\text{Pr}(\text{pos}|x_1,x_2) = \text{Sigmoid}(ax_1+bx_2+c)$$

Aside: Logistic Regression Stochastic vs “Batch” Gradient

Stochastic gradients (SGD) for logistic regression

1. $P(y|\mathbf{x})=\text{logistic}(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w})$
2. Log conditional likelihood:
$$\text{LCL}_D(\mathbf{w}) \equiv \sum_i \log P(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w})$$
3. Differentiate the LCL function and use gradient descent to minimize
 - Start with \mathbf{w}_0
 - For $t=1, \dots, T$ - *until convergence*
 - For each example \mathbf{x}, y in D :
 - $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t + \lambda L_{x,y}(\mathbf{w}_t)$
where λ is small



More steps, noisier path toward the minimum, but each step is cheaper

Breaking it down: SGD for logistic regression

1. $P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \text{logistic}(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w})$

2. Define a function

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$$p_i = (1 + \exp(-\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}))^{-1}$$

• $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t + \lambda L_{x,y}(\mathbf{w}_t) = \mathbf{w}_t + \lambda(y - p_i)\mathbf{x}$

where λ is small

Aside: Logistic Regression and Regularization

Non-stochastic gradient descent

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w^j} \log P(Y = y | X = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = (y - p)x^j$$

- In batch gradient descent, average the gradient over all the examples $D = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w^j} \log P(D | \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (y_i - p_i) x_i^j =$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i: x_i^j = 1} y_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i: x_i^j = 1} p_i$$

Non-stochastic gradient descent

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- That’s impossible for some w^j !
 - e.g., if $w^j = 1$ only in positive examples, the gradient is always positive

Regularization

Ziv's notation

- For example, let's assume that w^i comes from a Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and variance σ^2 (where σ^2 is a user defined parameter): $w^j \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$
- In that case we have **a prior** on the parameters and so:

$$p(y = 1, \theta | X) \propto p(y = 1 | X; \theta) p(\theta)$$

- Here we use a Gaussian model for the prior.
- Thus, the log likelihood changes to :

$$LL(y; w | X) = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i w^T X_i - \ln(1 + e^{w^T X_i}) - \sum_j \frac{(w^j)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

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If we differentiate to get the new gradient, we get the old MLE gradient plus a new term:

$$w^j \leftarrow \underbrace{w^j}_{\text{old MLE gradient}} + \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^j \{y_i - (1 - g(X_i; w))\} - \varepsilon \frac{w^j}{\sigma^2}$$

Also known as the MAP estimate

The variance of our prior model

Naïve Bayes is also linear

Naïve Bayes

- Given a new instance with $X_i = x_{ij}$ compute the following for each possible value y of Y

$$= \arg \max_{y_k} P(X_1 = x_{j,1} | Y = y) * \dots * P(X_n = x_{j,n} | Y = y_k) P(Y = y_k)$$

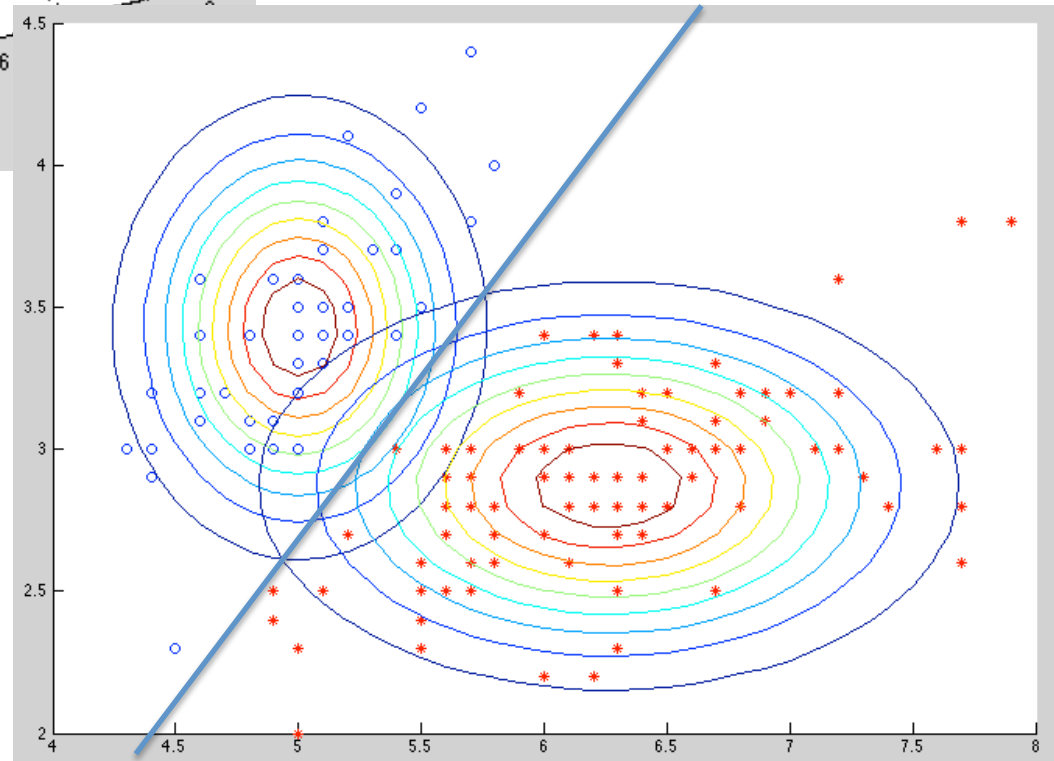
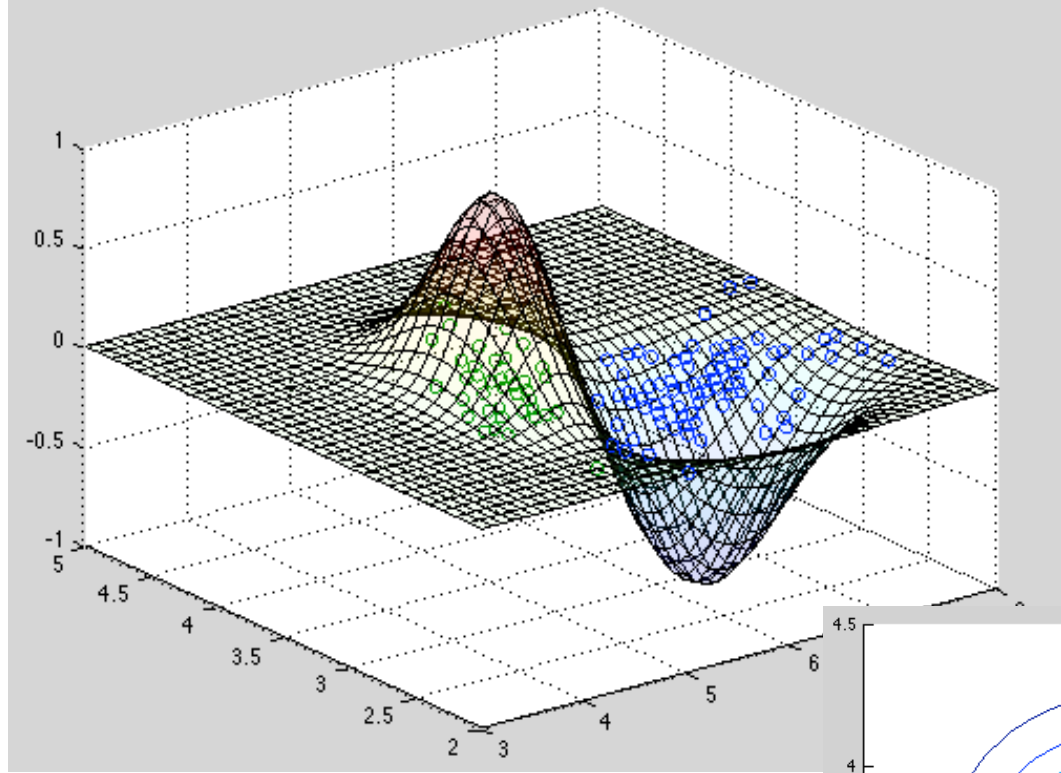
$$= \arg \max_{y_k} \prod_i \underbrace{P(X_i = x_{j_i} | Y = y_k)} \underbrace{P(Y = y_k)}$$

$$= \arg \max_k \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\log q(i, j_i, k)} + \underbrace{\log p(k)}$$

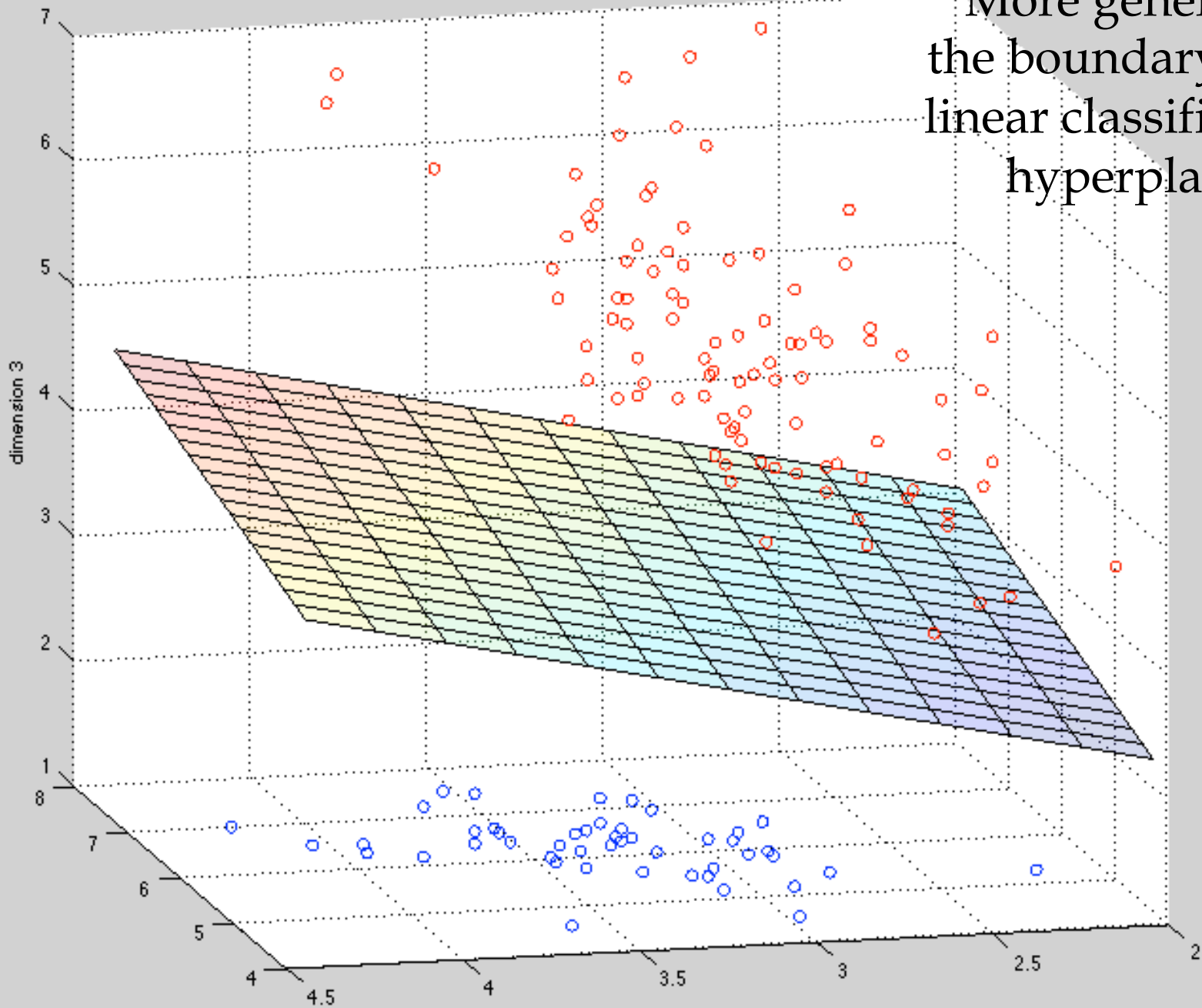
$$= \text{sign} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log q(i, j_i, \text{pos}) + \log p(\text{pos}) \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log q(i, j_i, \text{neg}) + \log p(\text{neg}) \right) \right]$$

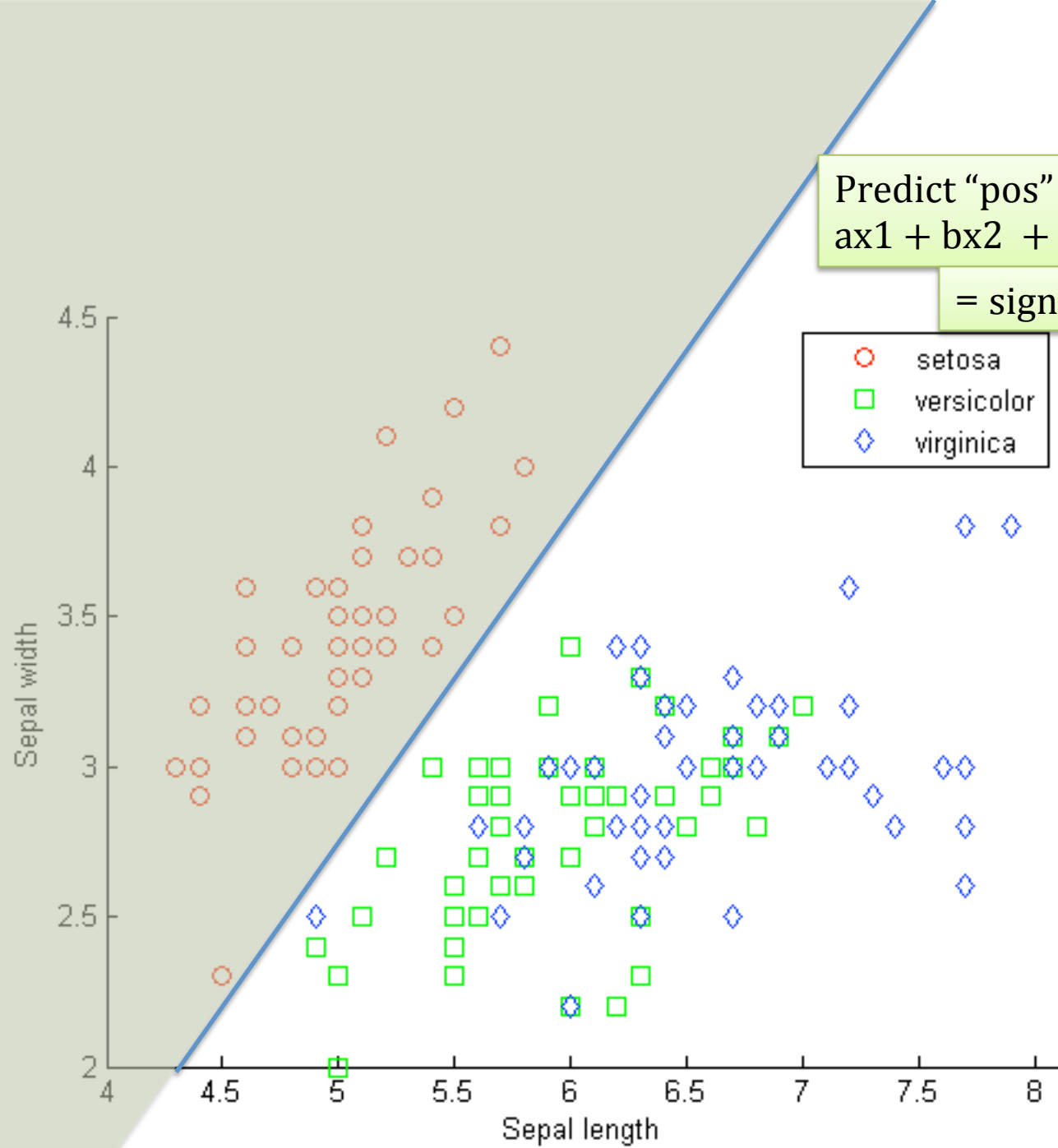
for two classes $y_1 = \text{pos}$, $y_2 = \text{neg}$

For two classes Naïve Bayes is linear



More generally
the boundary for a
linear classifier is a
hyperplane





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LOGISTIC REGRESSION AND LINEAR CLASSIFIERS

Linear classifiers we've seen so far

- Naïve Bayes:
 - a generative linear classifier
 - can show the decision boundary is linear
- Logistic regression:
 - a discriminative linear classifier
 - same functional form (linear) but optimize the LCL $\log Pr(y | x)$, not the joint likelihood $\log Pr(x, y)$
- Do we need anything else?

Questions:

- Why optimize LCL if we want to reduce errors on the test data?
- Assume there is a linear classifier: does that always make learning “easy”? can we quantify how “easy” a learning problem is?

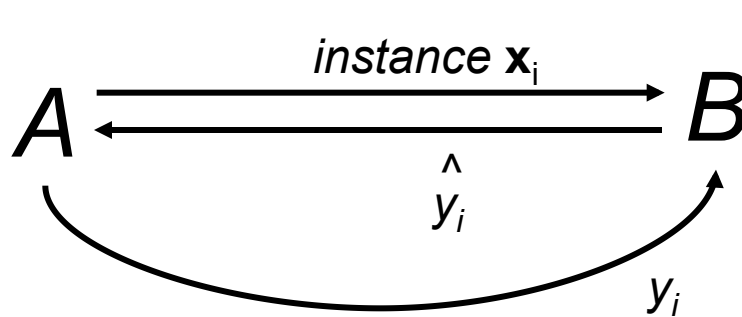
Another analytic approach

- Start with a simple learner and analyze what it does
- Goals:
 - capture *geometric* intuitions about what makes learning hard or easy
 - analyze performance worst-case settings
 - analyze existing plausible learning methods
 - e.g. in studying human learning, biology, ...
- This particular analysis is simple enough to give some insight into “margin” learning
- See: Freund & Schapire, 1998

MISTAKE BOUNDS FOR THE PERCEPTRON

The perceptron

[Rosenblatt, 1957]



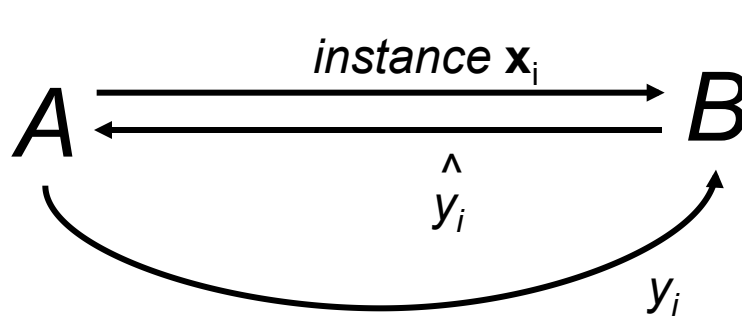
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- On-line setting:
 - Adversary A provides student B with an *instance* \mathbf{x}
 - Student B predicts a class (+1, -1) according to a simple linear classifier: $\text{sign}(\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{x})$
 - Adversary gives student the answer (+1,-1) for that instance
- Will do a *worst-case* analysis of the mistakes made by the student over *any* sequence of instances from the adversary
 - ... that follow a few rules

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- Recall dot product definition:

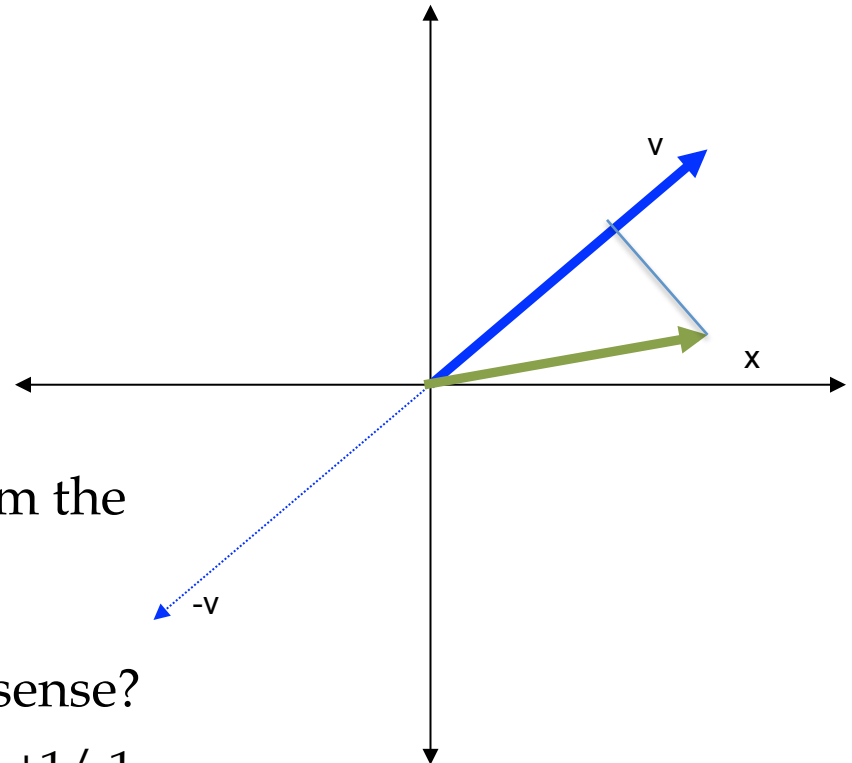
$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \sum_i x_i v_i$$

- and intuition:

- project vector \mathbf{x} onto vector \mathbf{v}
- dot product is the distance from the origin of that projection

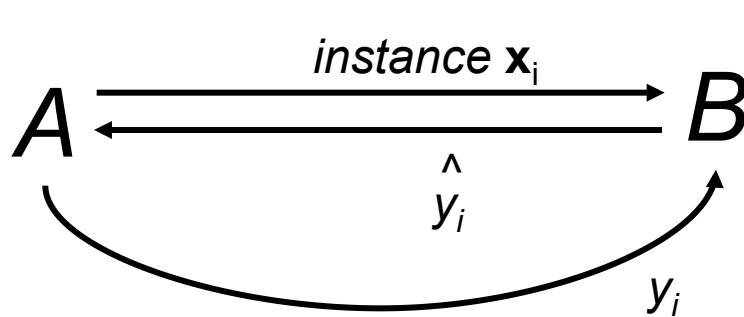
- So why does this algorithm make sense?

cases: actual = +1/-1, predicted = +1/-1



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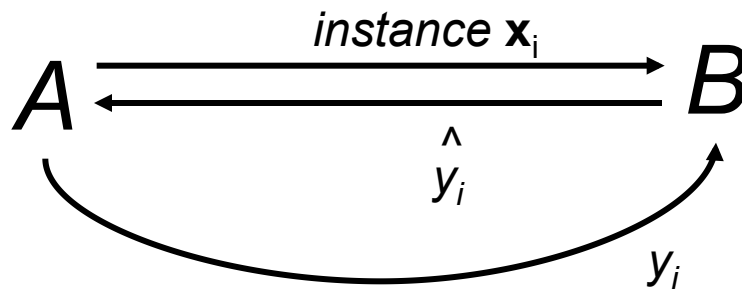
Logistic update: $\mathbf{v}_{k+1} = \mathbf{v}_k + \varepsilon(y_i - p_i) \mathbf{x}_i$

$\varepsilon=1 \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{k+1} = \mathbf{v}_k + y_i \mathbf{x}_i - p_i \mathbf{x}_i$

cases: actual = 1/0, predicted = 1/0

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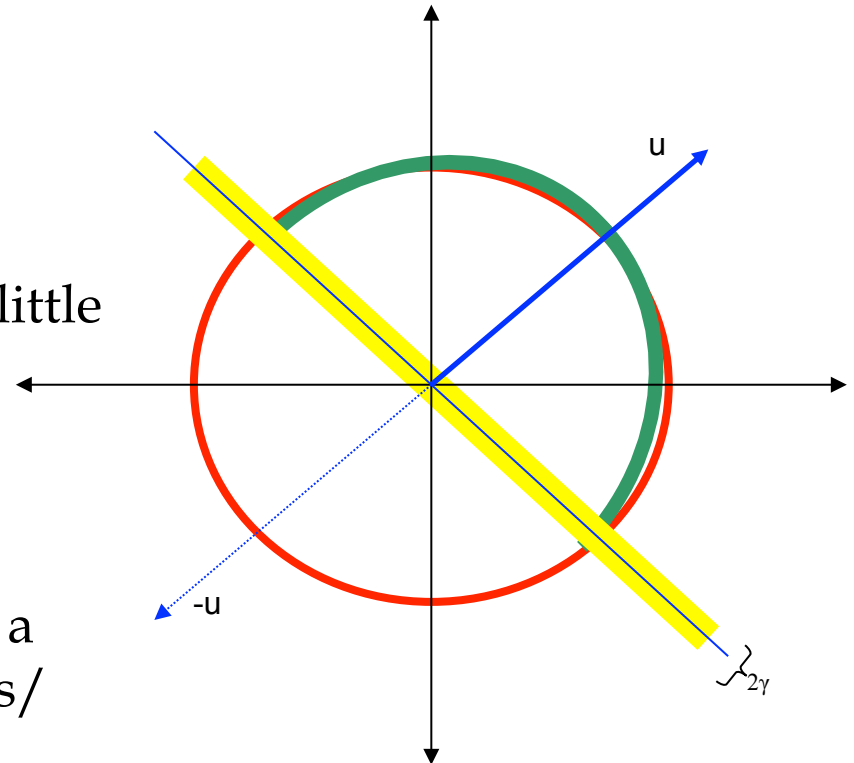
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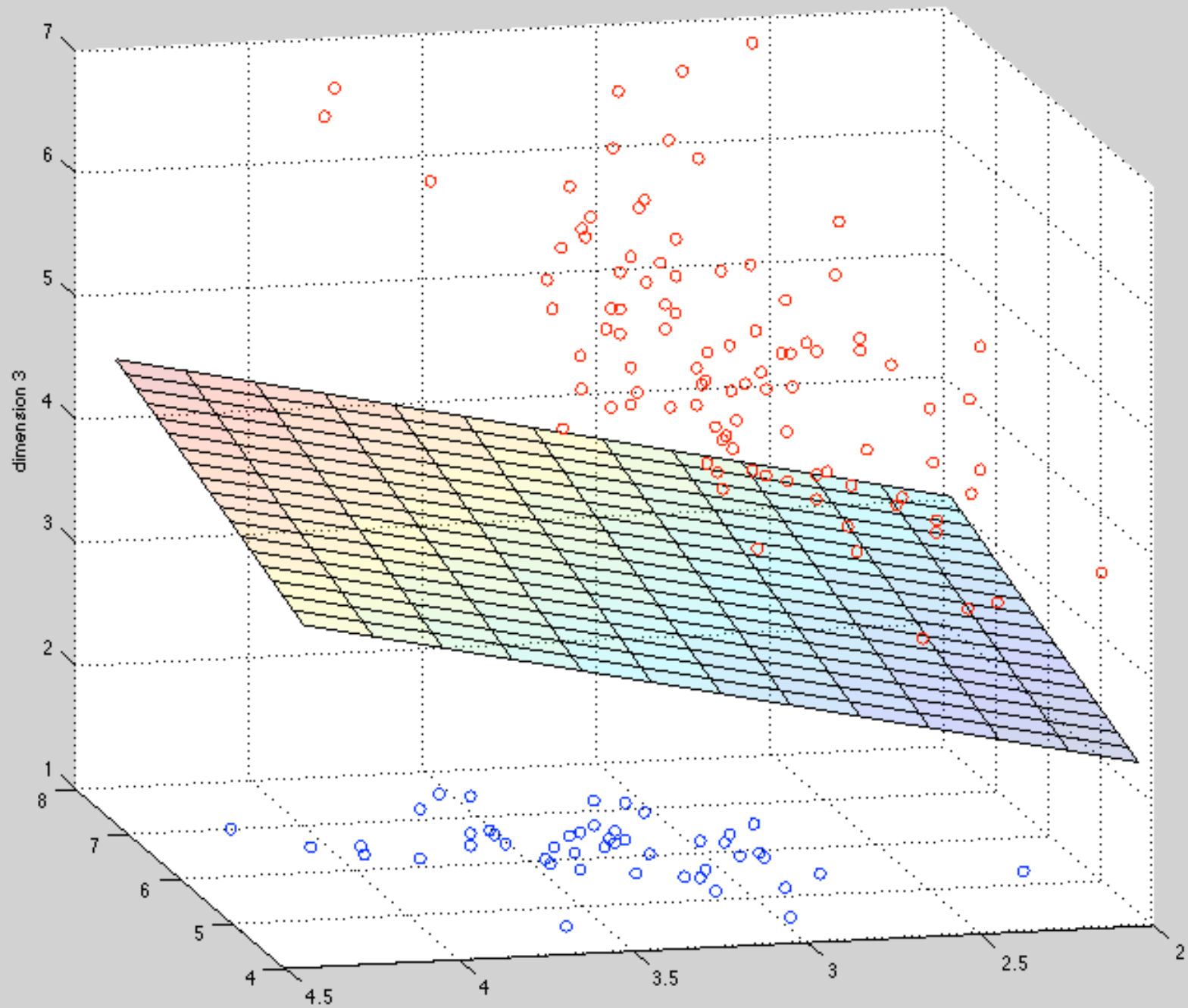
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- Amazingly simple algorithm
- Quite effective
- Very easy to *understand* if you do a little linear algebra

• *Two rules:*

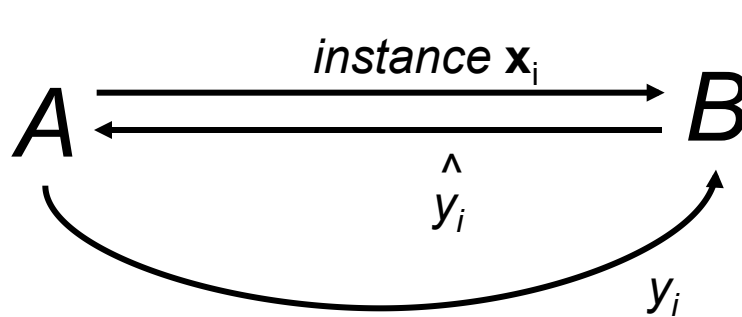
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Rule 1: Radius R : A must provide examples "near the origin"

$\forall \mathbf{x}_i$ given by A, $\|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2 \leq R^2$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{(x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)}$$

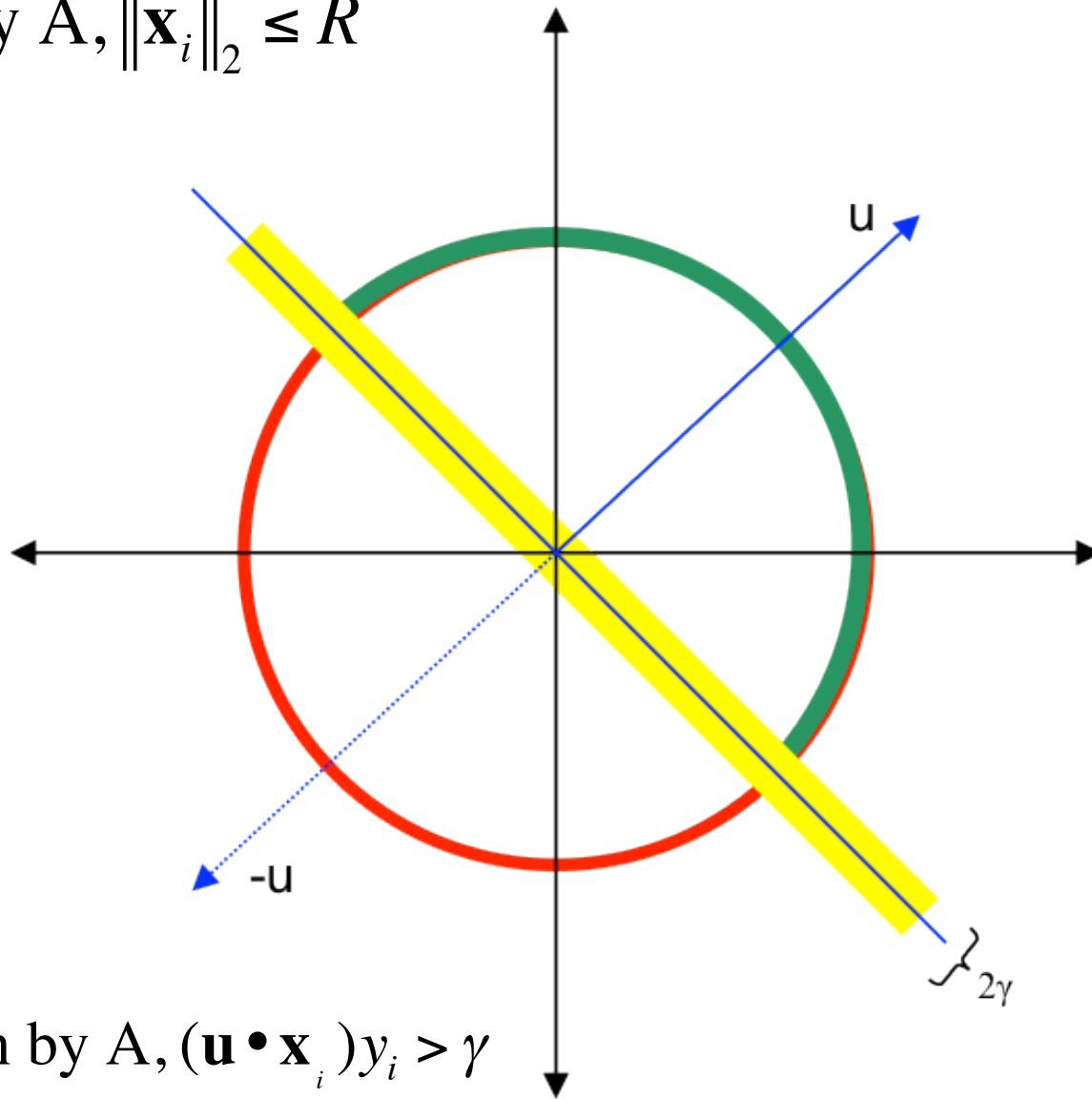
Rule 2: Margin γ : A must provide examples that can be separated with some vector \mathbf{u} with margin $\gamma > 0$ and unit norm

$\exists \mathbf{u} : \forall \mathbf{x}_i$ given by A, $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i) y_i > \gamma$

and $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 = 1$

↑
"margin"

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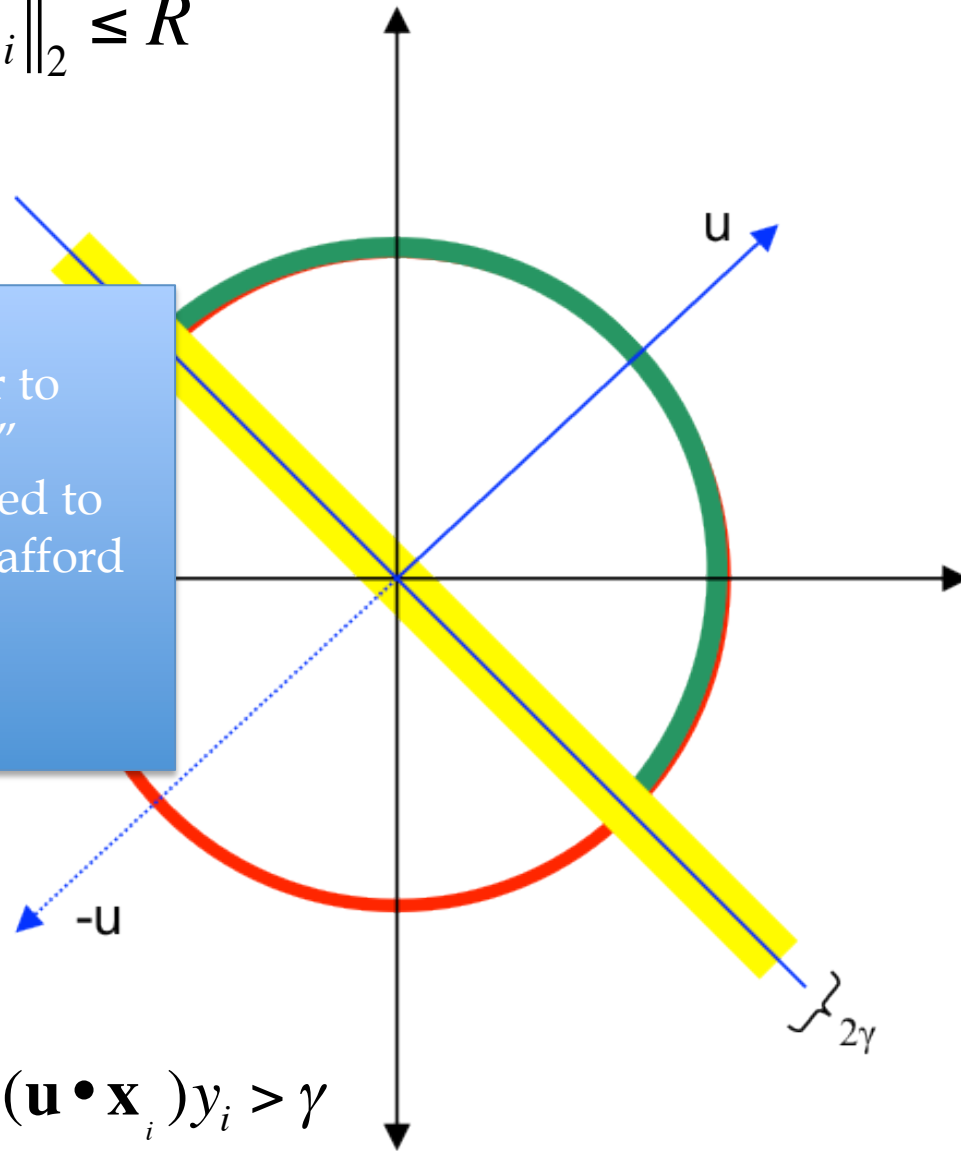


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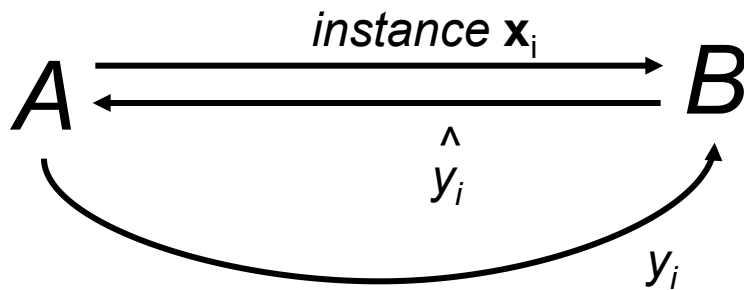
Comments:

1. Scale shouldn't matter to "how hard learning is"
2. Wide margin (compared to R) means that we can afford larger errors in our estimation of \mathbf{u}



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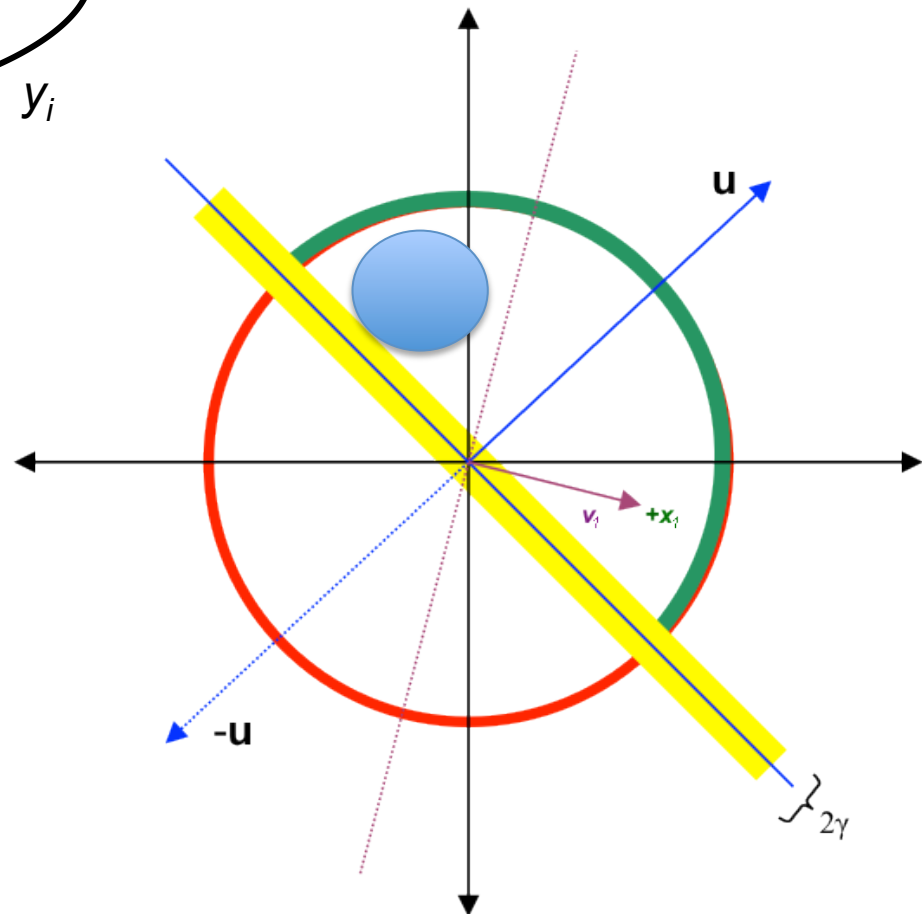
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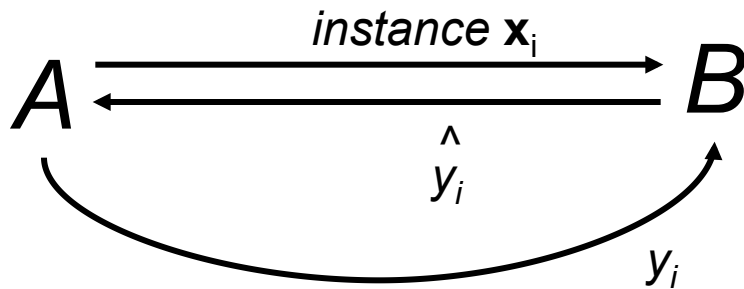
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What region would cause a mistake on a positive example?

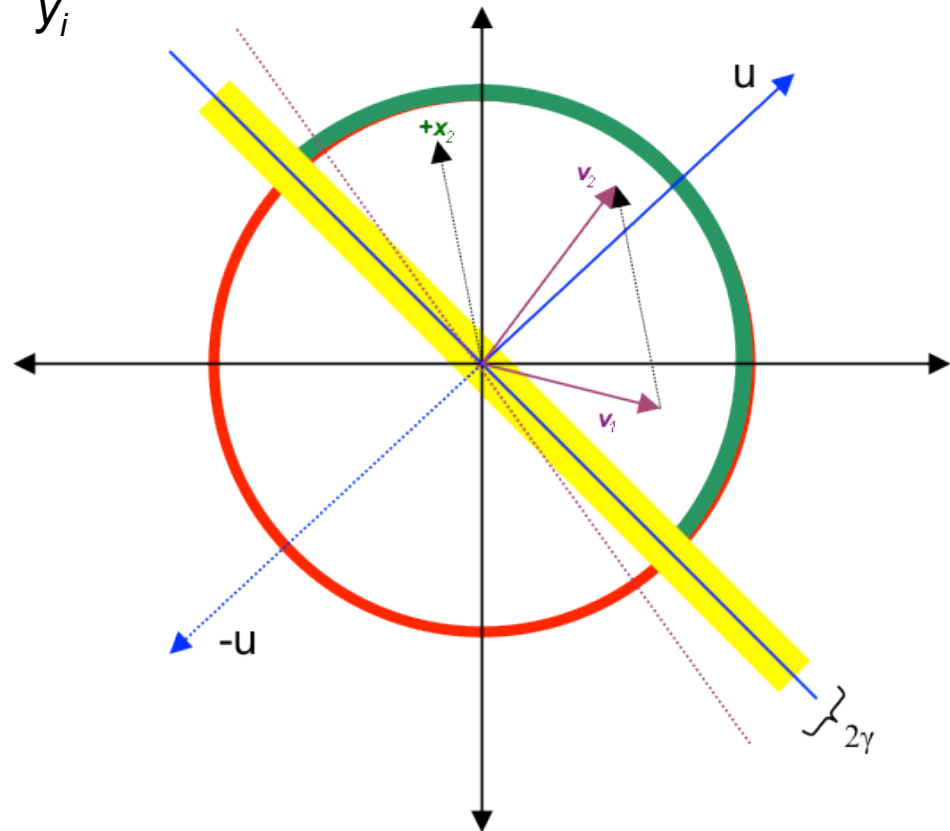


The perceptron: after two positive x_i

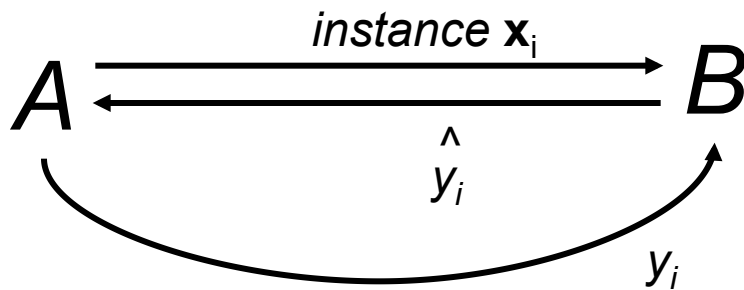


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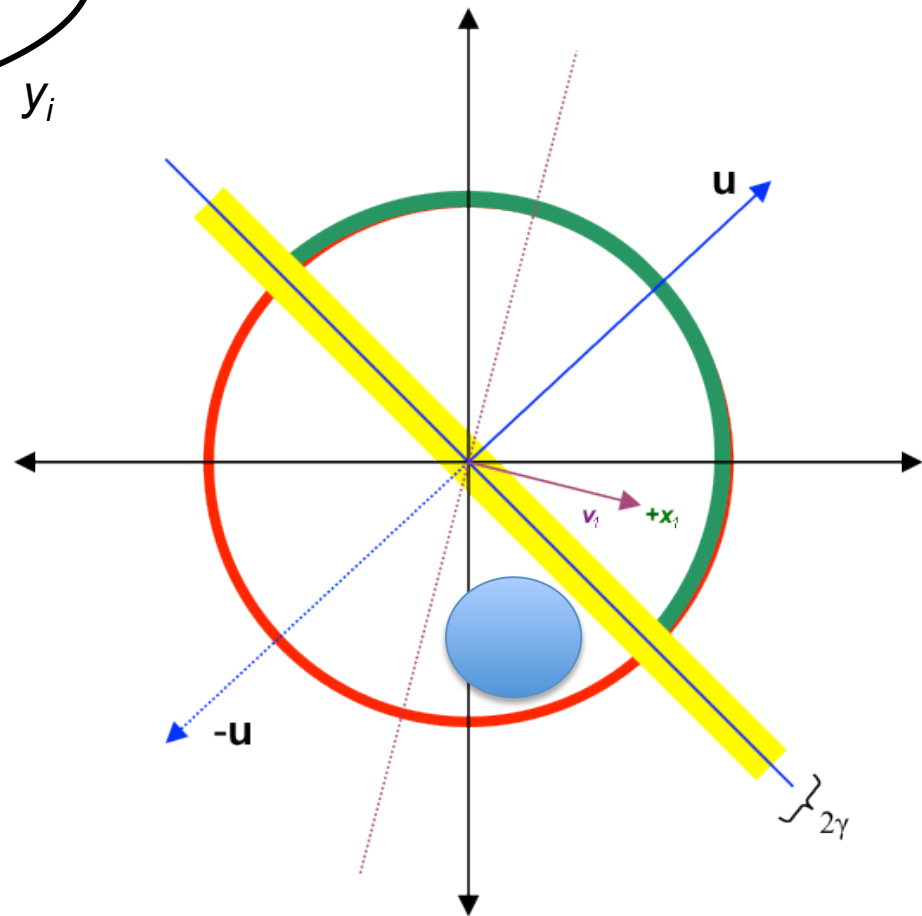
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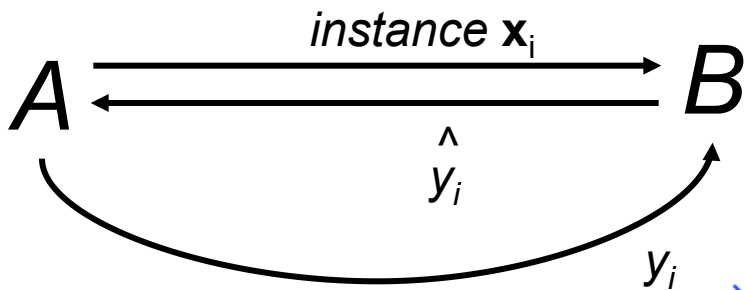
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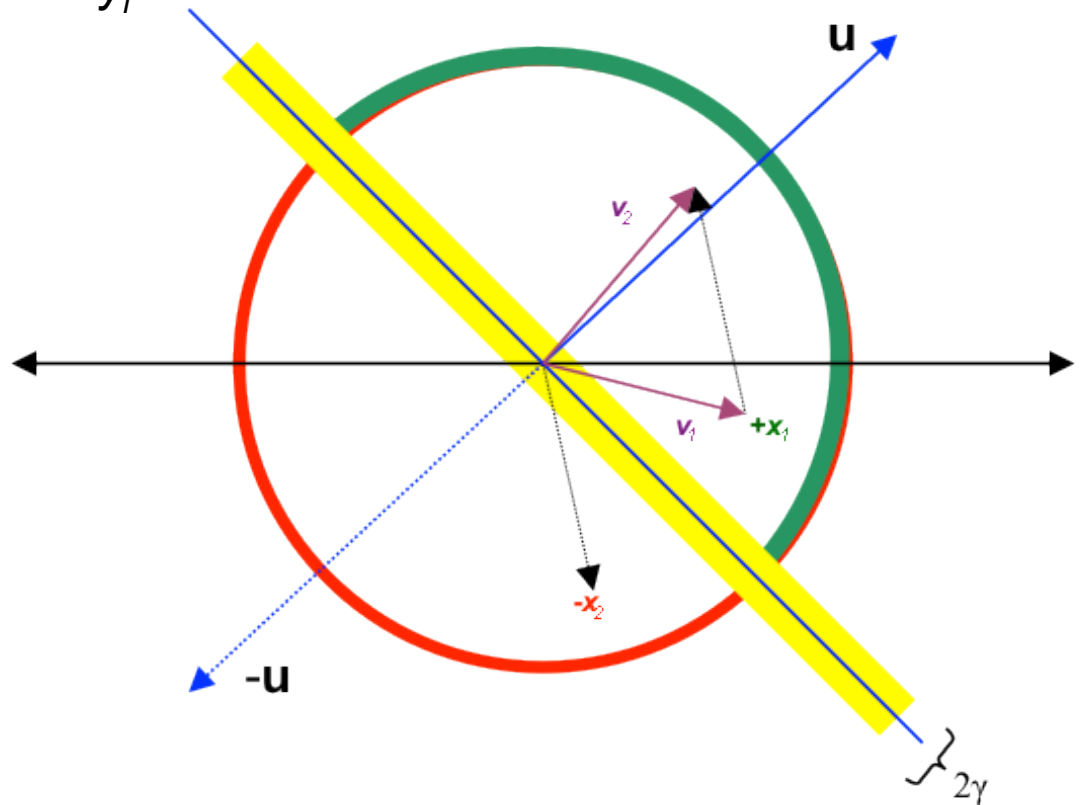


The perceptron: after one pos + one neg x_i

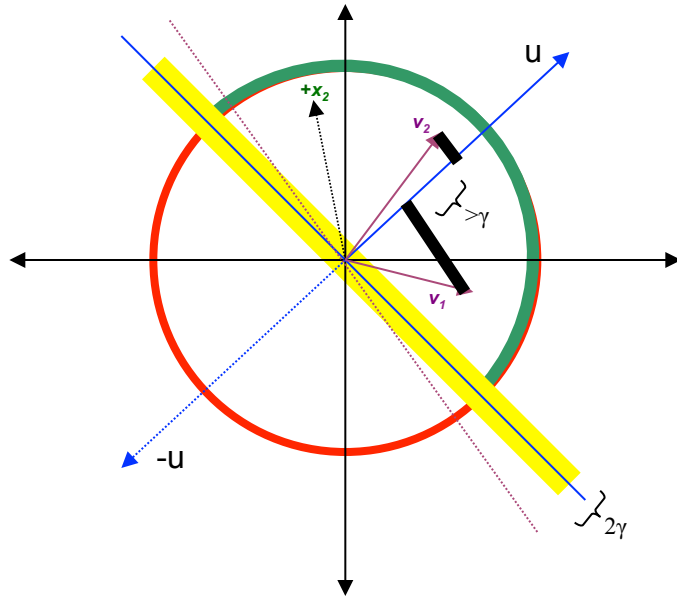


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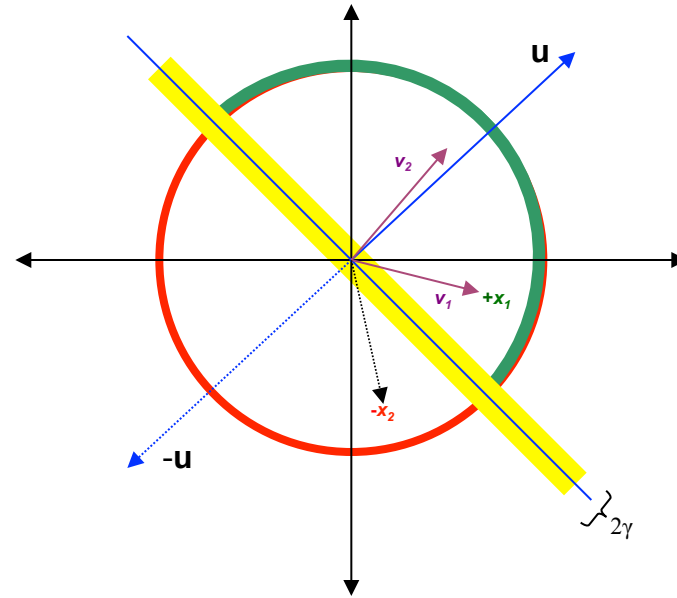
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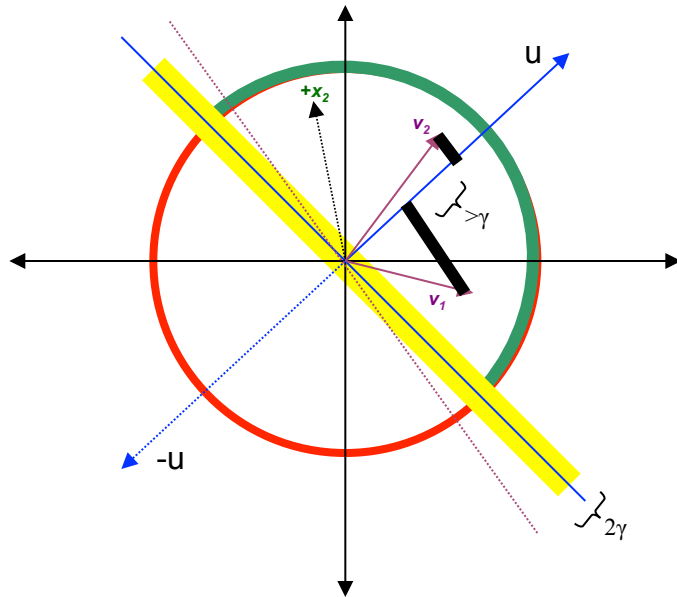
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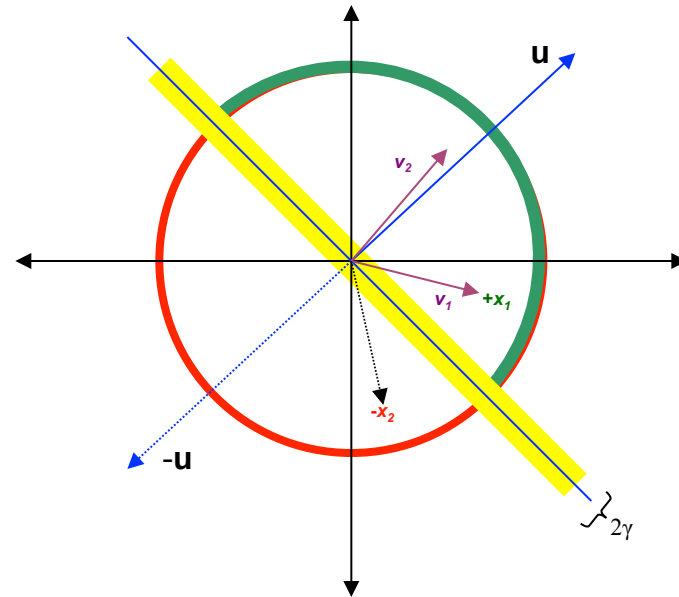
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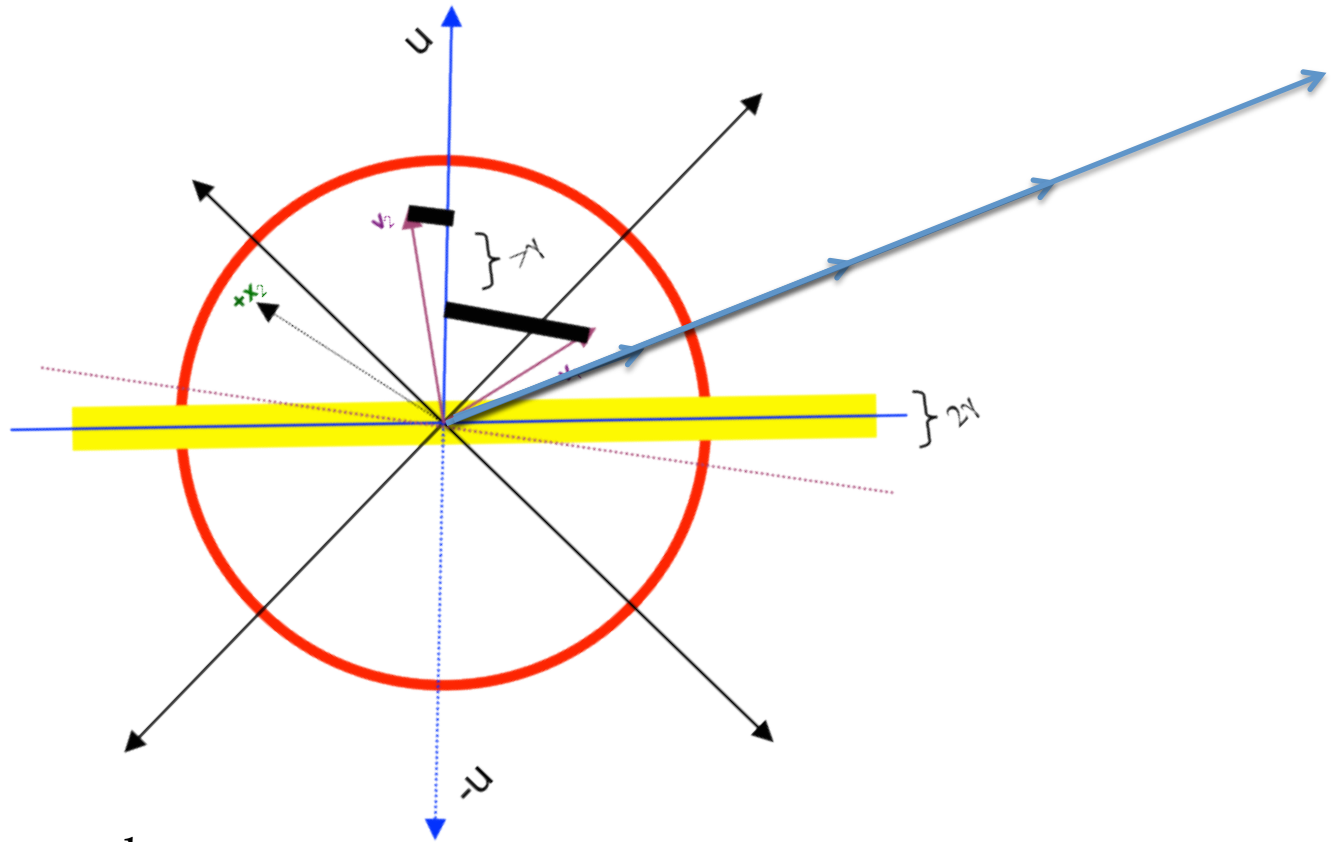
$$\mathbf{v}_{k+1} \cdot \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}) + y_i (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{k+1} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq (\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \gamma$$

SO ... $\exists \mathbf{u} : \forall \mathbf{x}_i$ given by A, $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i) y_i > \gamma$

$$\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq k\gamma$$

Some people see this more readily when \mathbf{u} is “up”

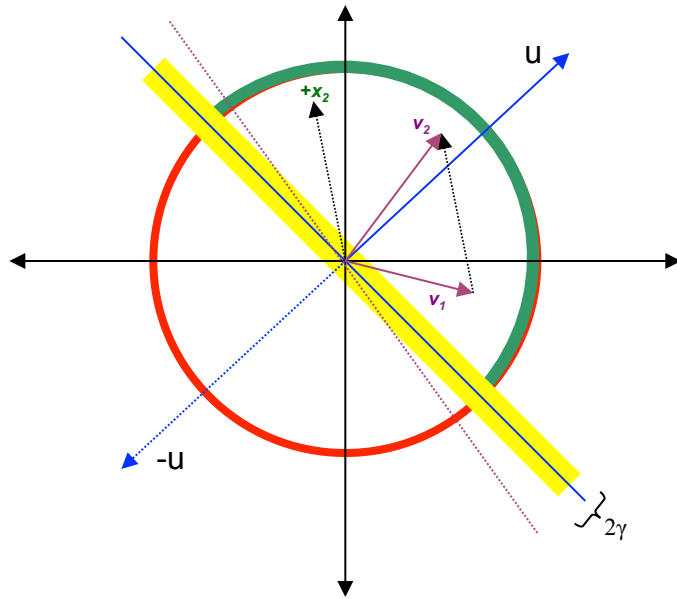


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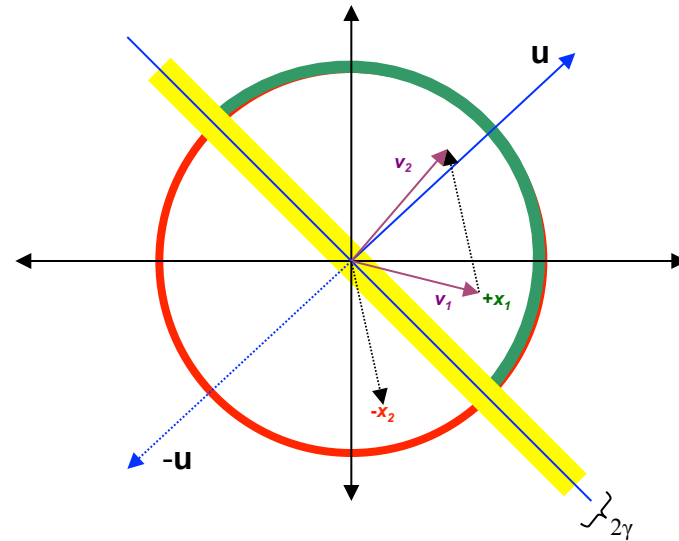
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Another observation: increasing the dot product of \mathbf{v}_k with \mathbf{u} (going “up”) doesn’t mean we’re converging to \mathbf{u} .

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(3b) The guess \mathbf{v}_2 after the one positive and one negative example: $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$



Lemma 2: The norm of \mathbf{v}_k grows slowly with each mistake, i.e.,

$$\forall k, \|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2^2 \leq kR^2$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{k+1} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{k+1} = (\mathbf{v}_k + y_i \mathbf{x}_i) \cdot (\mathbf{v}_k + y_i \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_{k+1}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2^2 + 2y_i \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_k + y_i^2 \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_{k+1}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2^2 + 1 \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_{k+1}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2^2 + R^2$$

SO ...

$$\forall \mathbf{x}_i \text{ given by A, } \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2 \leq R^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2^2 \leq kR^2$$

Lemma 1: the dot product between \mathbf{v}_k and \mathbf{u} increases with each mistake by at least γ : i.e.,

$$\forall k : \mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq k\gamma$$

Lemma 2: The norm of \mathbf{v}_k grows slowly with each mistake, i.e.,

$$\forall k, \|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2^2 \leq kR^2$$

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- This is surprising in several ways:
 - You can bound errors in an adversarial setting
 - General case: you bound “regret”, i.e., how well you do on-line vs the best fixed classifier
 - We’re making claims about generalization after a few examples
 - Statistical efficiency
 - We don’t care about how many features there are, only how “big” the example is.
 - Important special case: for each example, only a few features have non-zero values (*sparse* examples)

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 - There are many variants that rely on similar analysis (ROMMA, Passive-Aggressive, MIRA, ...)
- We *don't* know what happens if the data's not separable
 - Unless I explain the “ Δ trick” to you
- We *don't* know what classifier to use “after” training

The Δ Trick

- The proof assumes the data is separable by a wide margin
- We can *make* that true by adding an “id” feature to each example
 - sort of like we added a constant feature

$$\mathbf{x}^1 = (x_1^1, x_2^1, \dots, x_m^1) \rightarrow (x_1^1, x_2^1, \dots, x_m^1, \overbrace{\Delta, 0, \dots, 0}^{n \text{ new features}})$$

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The Δ Trick

- Replace \mathbf{x}_i with \mathbf{x}'_i so \mathbf{X} becomes $[\mathbf{X} \mid \mathbf{I} \Delta]$
- Replace R^2 in our bounds with $R^2 + \Delta^2$
- Let $d_i = \max(0, \gamma - y_i \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{u})$
- Let $\mathbf{u}' = (u_1, \dots, u_n, y_1 d_1 / \Delta, \dots, y_m d_m / \Delta) * 1/Z$
 - So $Z = \sqrt{1 + D^2 / \Delta^2}$, for $D = \sqrt{d_1^2 + \dots + d_m^2}$
 - Now $[\mathbf{X} \mid \mathbf{I} \Delta]$ is separable by \mathbf{u}' with margin γ
- Mistake bound is $(R^2 + \Delta^2) Z^2 / \gamma^2$
- Let $\Delta = \sqrt{RD} \rightarrow k \leq ((R + D) / \gamma)^2$
- Conclusion: a little noise is ok

THE VOTED PERCEPTRON

On-line to batch learning

Imagine we run the on-line perceptron and see this result.

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Which \mathbf{v}_i should we use?

Maybe the *last* one?

Here it's never gotten any test cases right!
(Experimentally, the classifiers move around a lot.)

Maybe the “best one”?

But we “improved” it with later mistakes...

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1. Pick a \mathbf{v}_k at random according to m_k/m , the fraction of examples it was used for.
2. Predict using the \mathbf{v}_k you just picked.

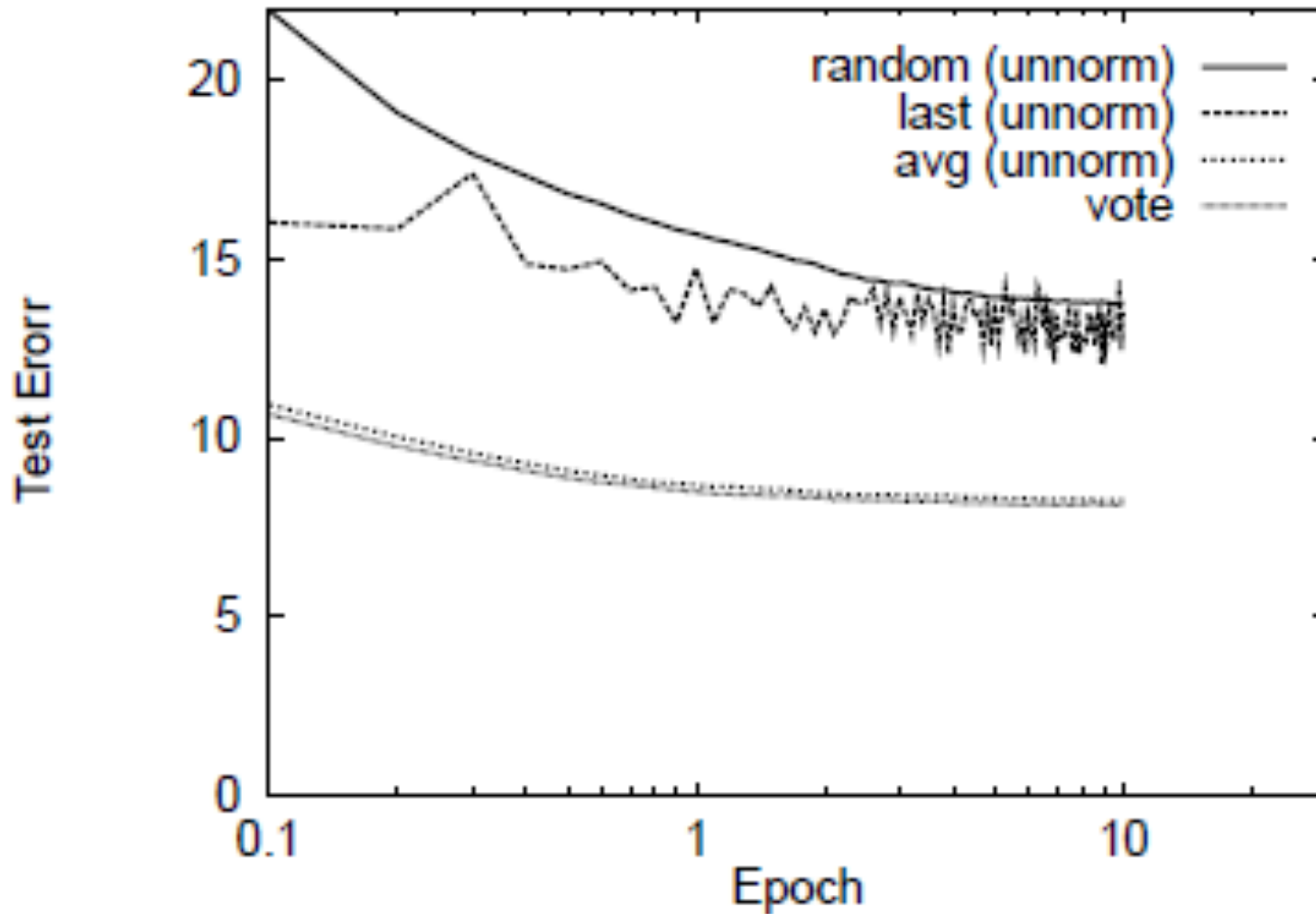
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1. Disadvantage: we need to keep around every \mathbf{v} used in learning. This can be expensive.
2. Better: use a deterministic approximation to this: a sum of the \mathbf{v}_k 's, weighted by m_k/m

From Freund & Schapire, 1998: Classifying digits with VP



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Breaking it down: the voted perceptron

- Let \mathbf{v}_0 be an all-zeros vector; $m_0 = 0$; $k=0$; $m=0$
- Let \mathbf{a} be an all-zeros vector
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 - » $m_{k+1} \leftarrow 1$ -- *initialize the weight of k-th perceptron*
 - » $k \leftarrow k + 1$
 - Else: $m_k \leftarrow m_k + 1$ -- *upweight the k-th classifier*
- $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} + m_k \mathbf{v}_k$
- $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} / m$

ASIDE: SPARSE VECTORS

Voted perceptron and text

- One important case: *sparse* examples, where example example has only a few non-zero features.
- Example: $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ represents an d -word document
 - x_i = number of occurrences of word i
 - words #1: *aaliyeh* #2: *aardvark* ... #46737: *zymurgy*
 - Usually $s \ll m$
 - 2-Norm of $\mathbf{x} < d \dots$ so $R^2 < d^2$
 -Most of the x_i 's are zero

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Voted perceptron and sparse vectors

- A (Java) vector is not a good representation for this:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	...
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	...

- Better: record only the indices and contents of the non-zero values

$(5,1),(9,3),\dots$

- This is a *sparse vector*
 - same API, different implementation
- Matlab implements sparse vectors and matrices
 - they will be much faster when your data is sparse.
- Another kind of sparsity we care about: sparse *classifiers* (most *weights* are zero)