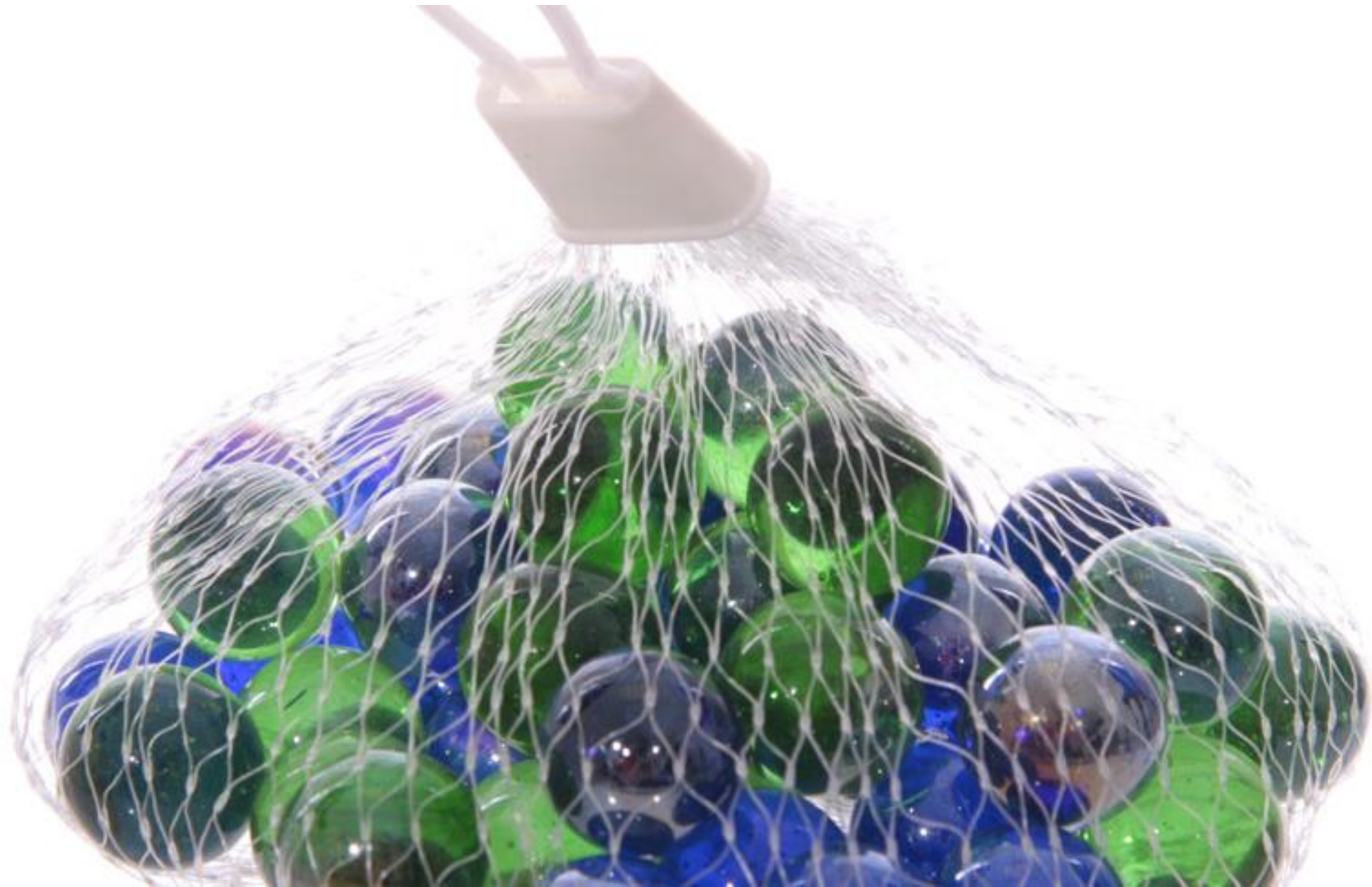


# Image classification



# Course announcements

- Programming assignment 4 is due tonight at 23:59.
  - Please make sure to download the updated version of PA4 (last updated Monday, 10 am ET).
  - Due Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Any questions about the homework?
- Programming assignment 5 will be posted tonight and will be due April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Take-home quiz 7 posted and is due Sunday March 29th.

# Overview of today's lecture

- Introduction to learning-based vision.
- Image classification.
- Bag-of-words.
- K-means clustering.
- Classification.
- K nearest neighbors.
- Naïve Bayes.
- Support vector machine.

# Slide credits

Most of these slides were adapted from:

- Kris Kitani (16-385, Spring 2017).
- Noah Snavely (Cornell University).
- Fei-Fei Li (Stanford University).

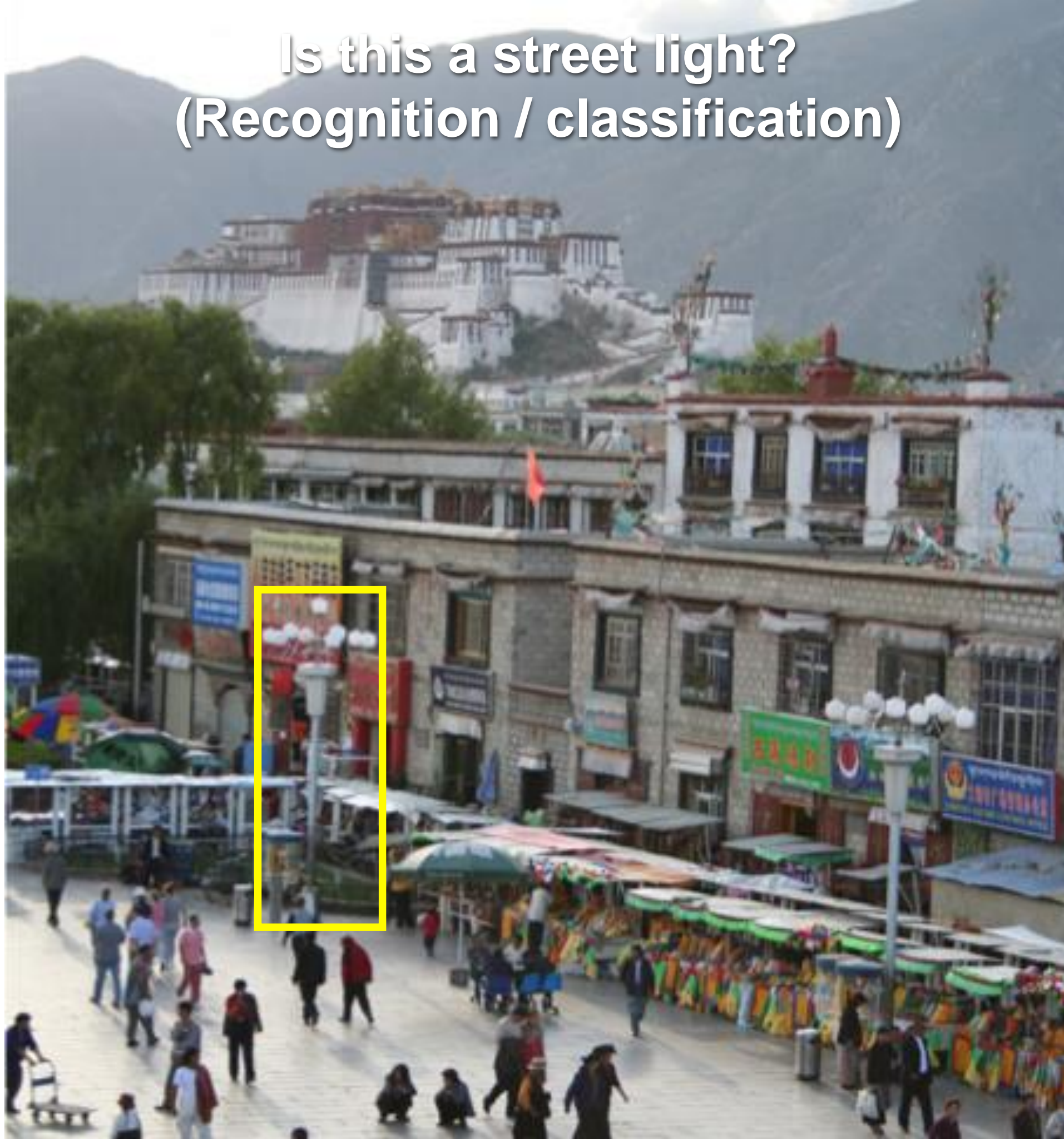


# Course overview

- |                           |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Image processing.      | ← | Lectures 1 – 7<br>See also 18-793: Image and Video Processing  |
| 2. Geometry-based vision. | ← | Lectures 7 – 13<br>See also 16-822: Geometry-based Methods in Vision   |
| 3. Physics-based vision.  | ← | Lectures 14 – 17<br>See also 16-823: Physics-based Methods in Vision<br>See also 15-463: Computational Photography |
| 4. Learning-based vision. | ← | We are starting this part now  |
| 5. Dealing with motion.   |   |  |

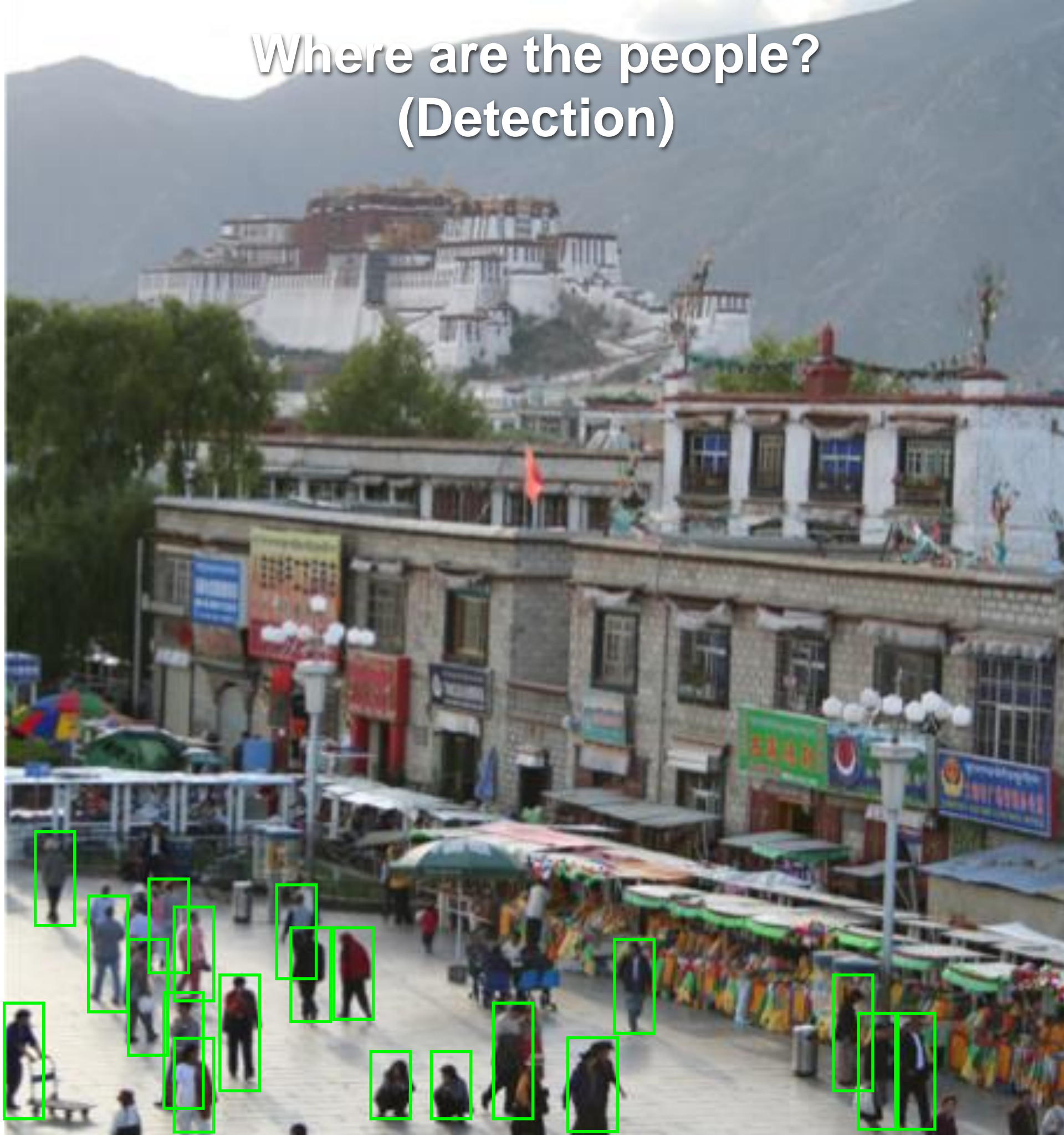
What do we mean by learning-based vision or 'semantic vision'?

Is this a street light?  
(Recognition / classification)





# Where are the people? (Detection)





Is that Potala palace?  
(Identification)





**Sky**

# What's in the scene? (semantic segmentation)

**Mountain**

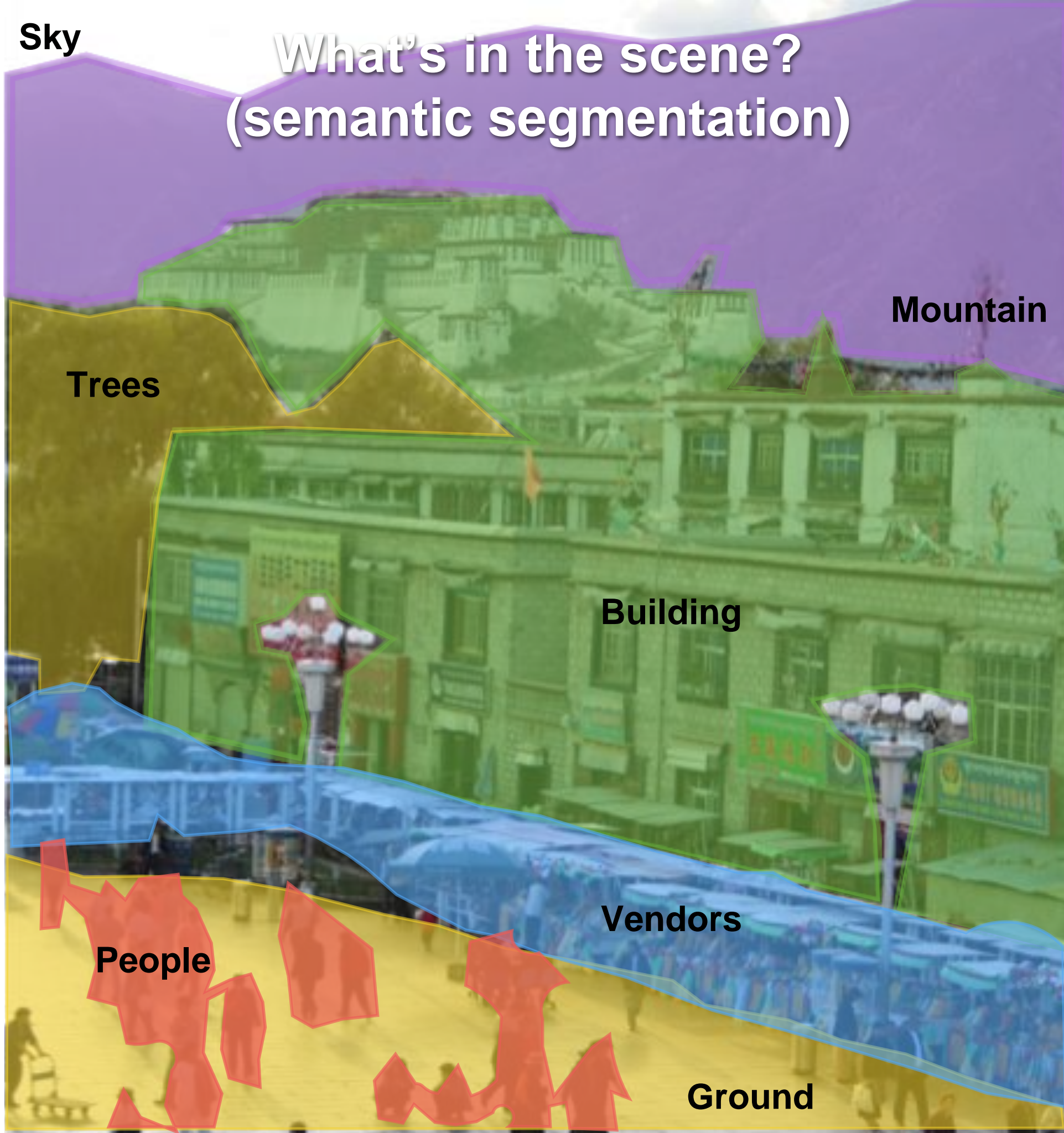
**Trees**

**Building**

**Vendors**

**People**

**Ground**





# Object categorization



mountain

tree

building

banner

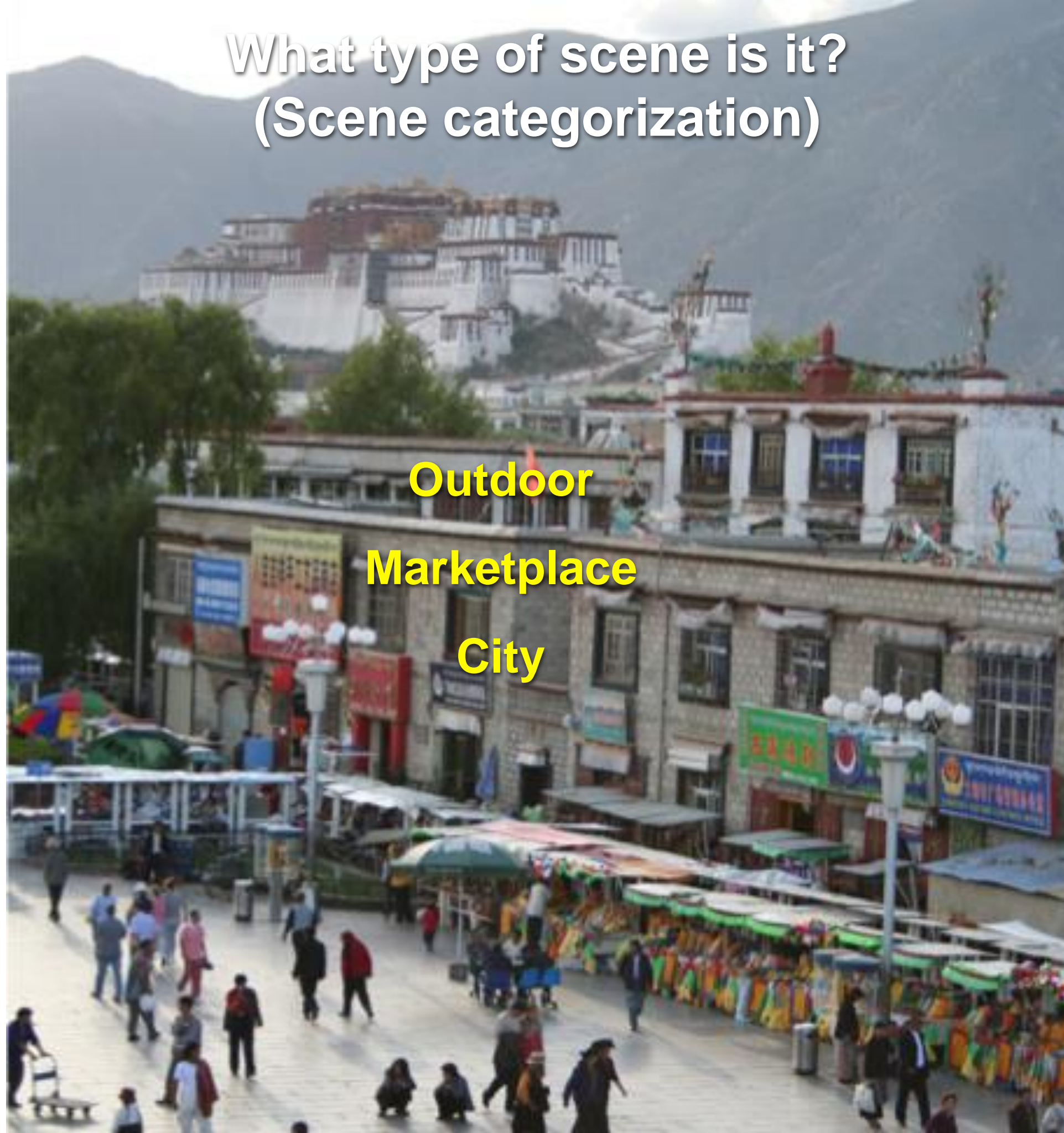
street lamp

vendor

people



What type of scene is it?  
(Scene categorization)



Outdoor

Marketplace

City



# Activity / Event Recognition





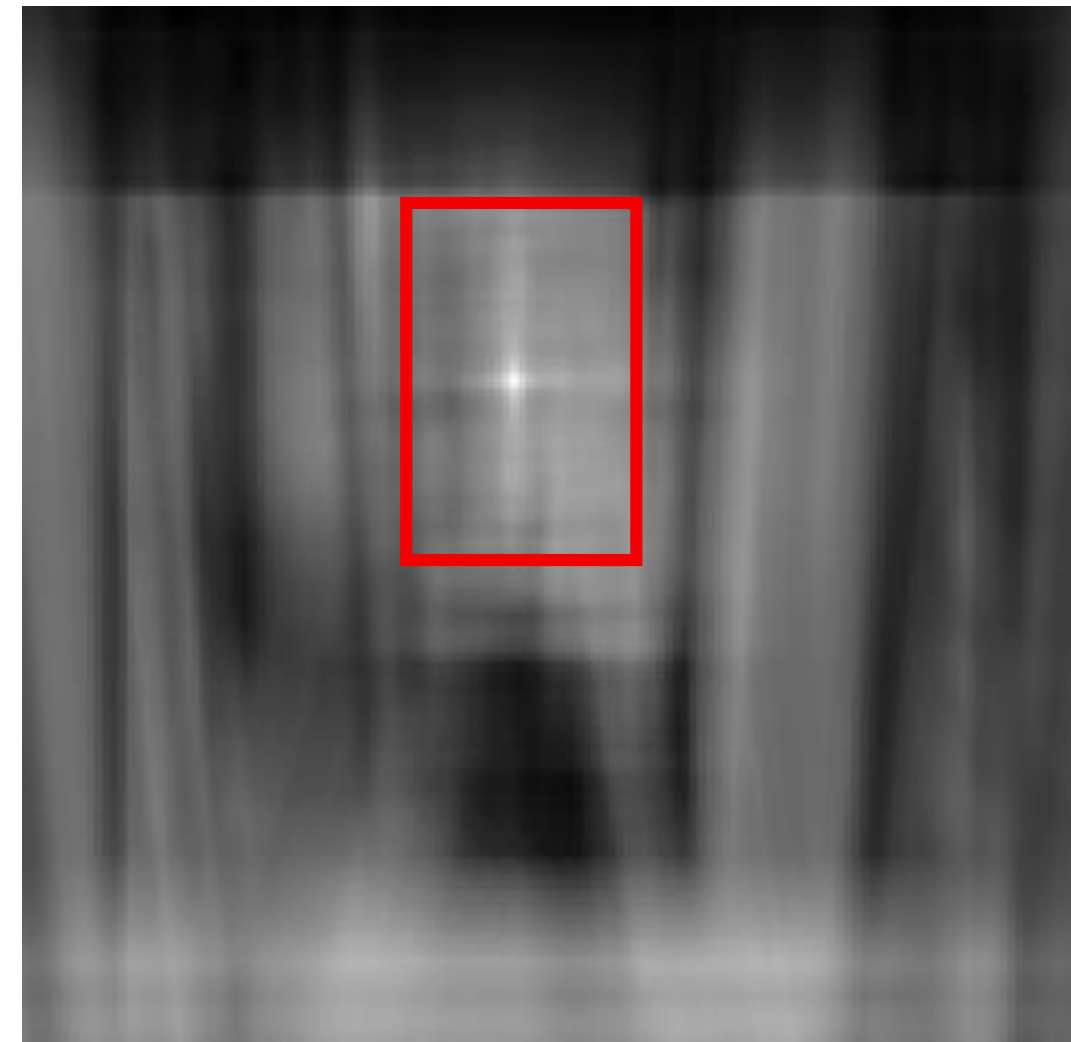
# Object recognition

## Is it really so hard?

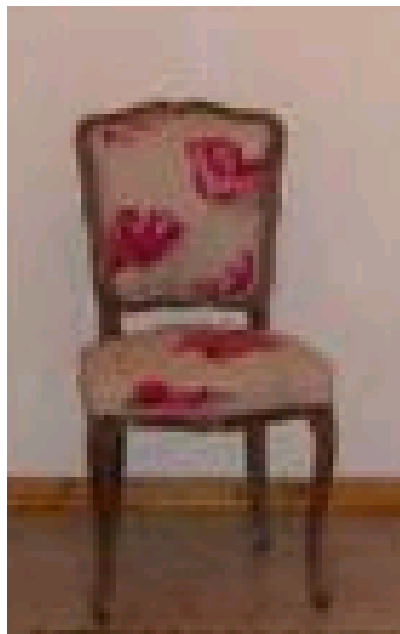
Find the chair in this image

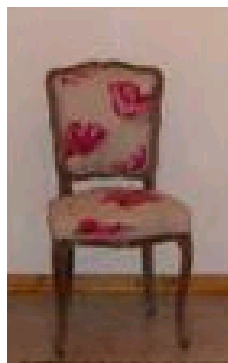


Output of normalized correlation



This is a chair

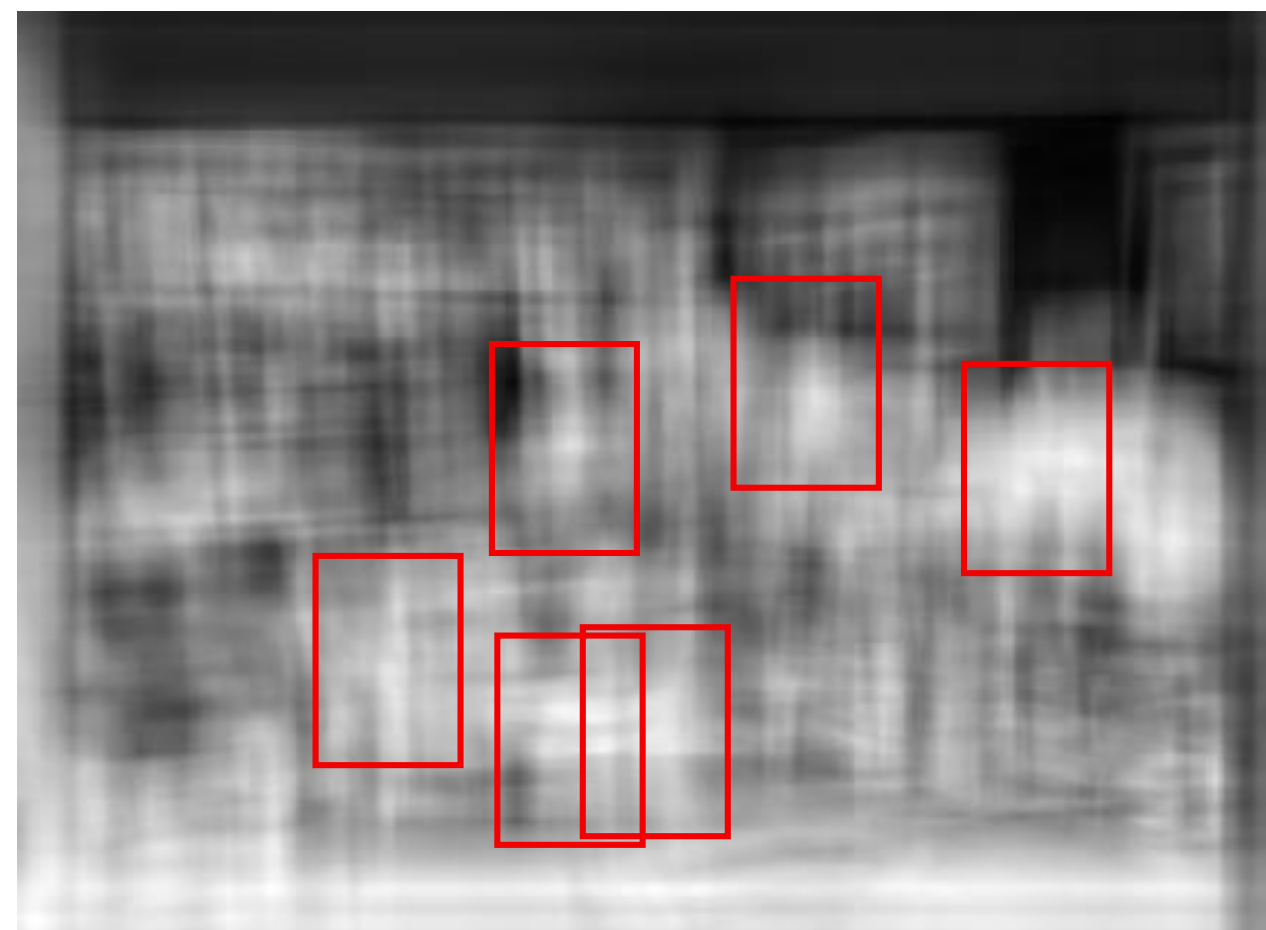
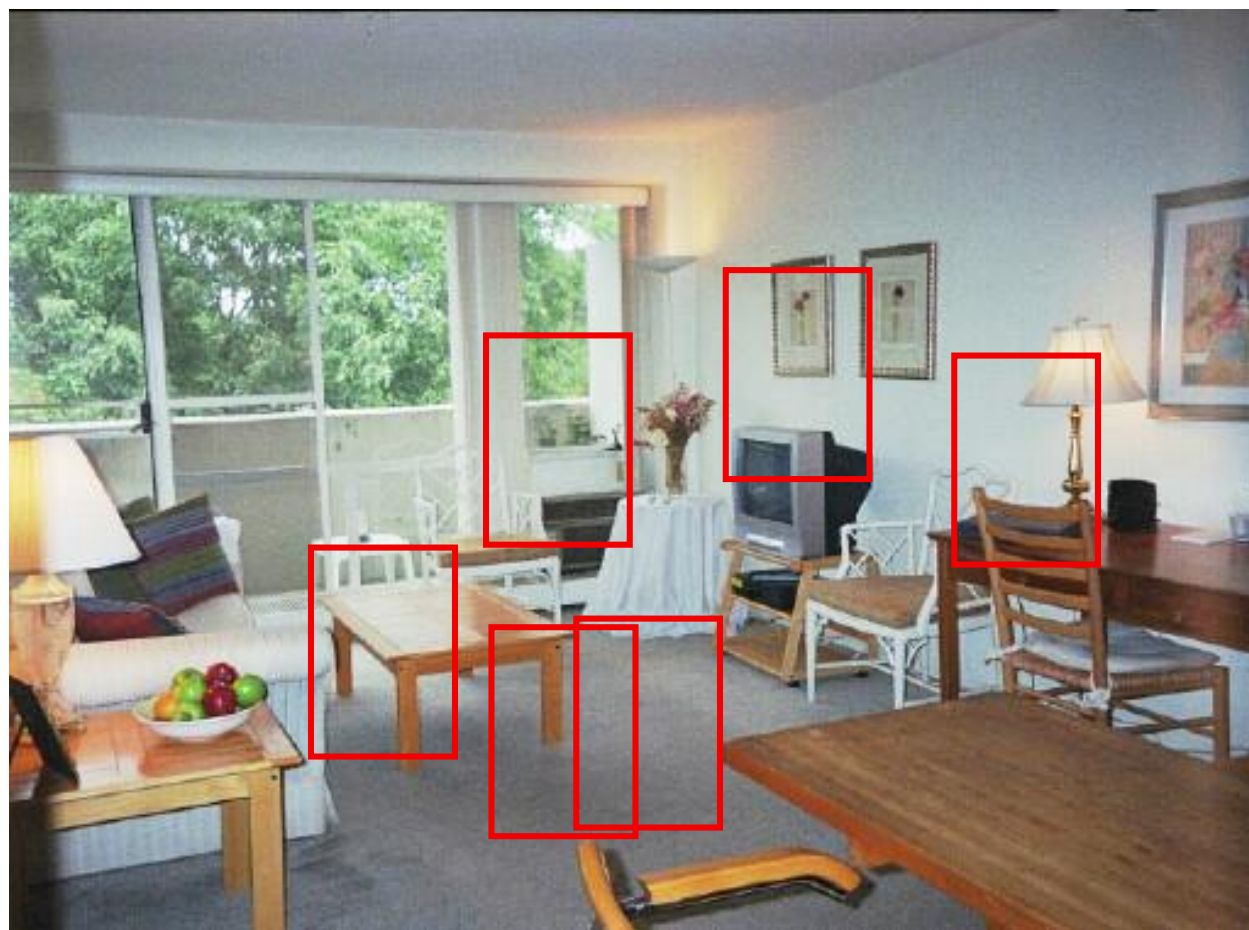




# Object recognition

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Pretty much garbage

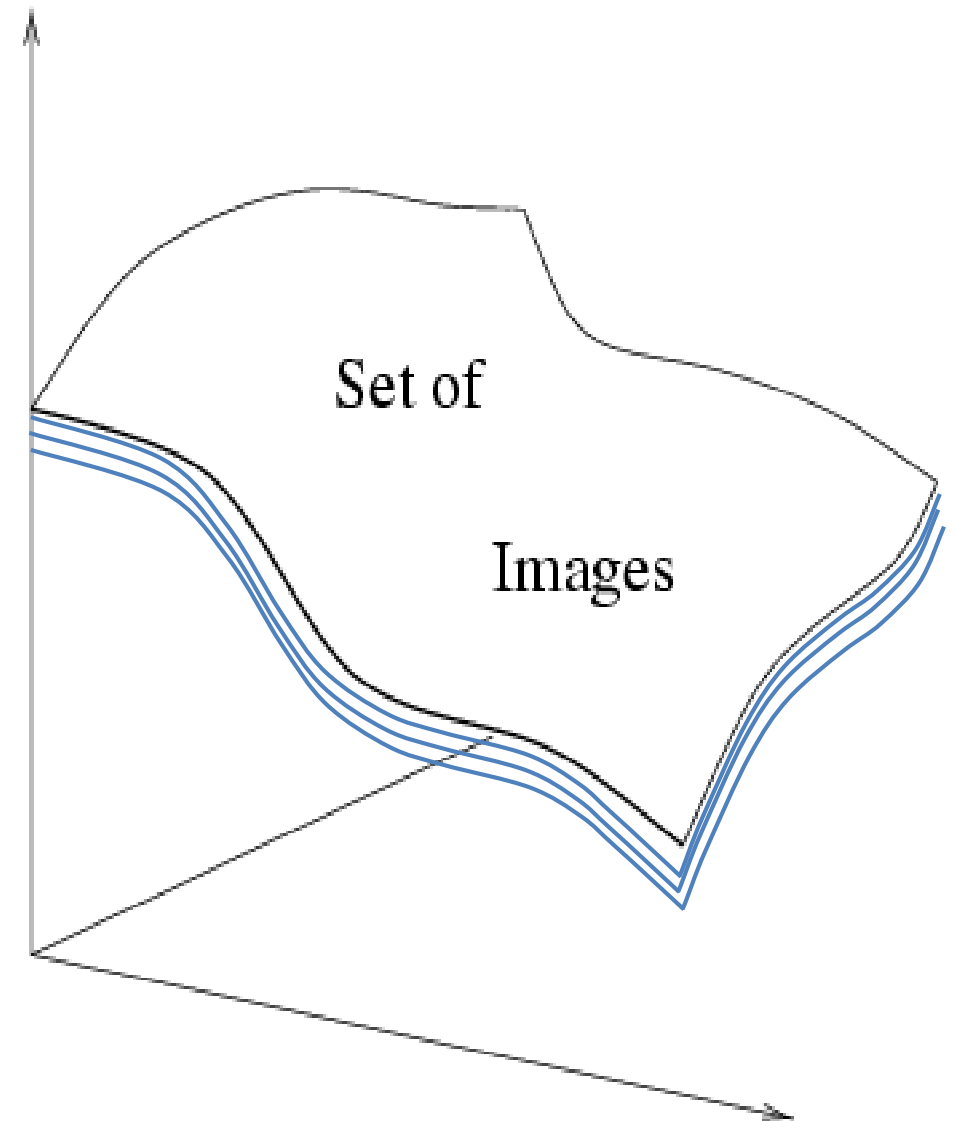
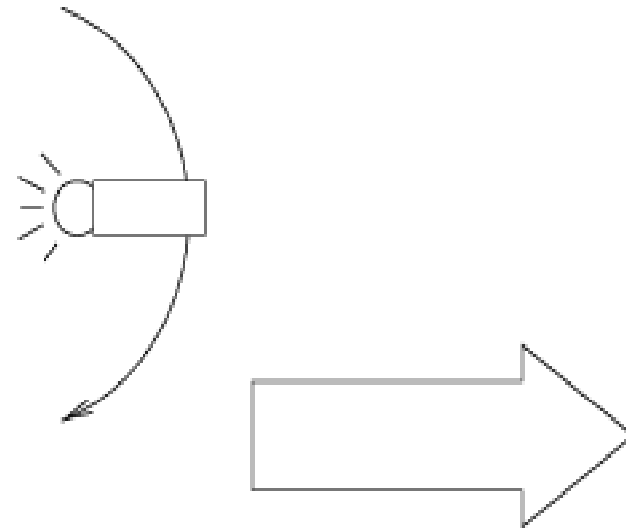
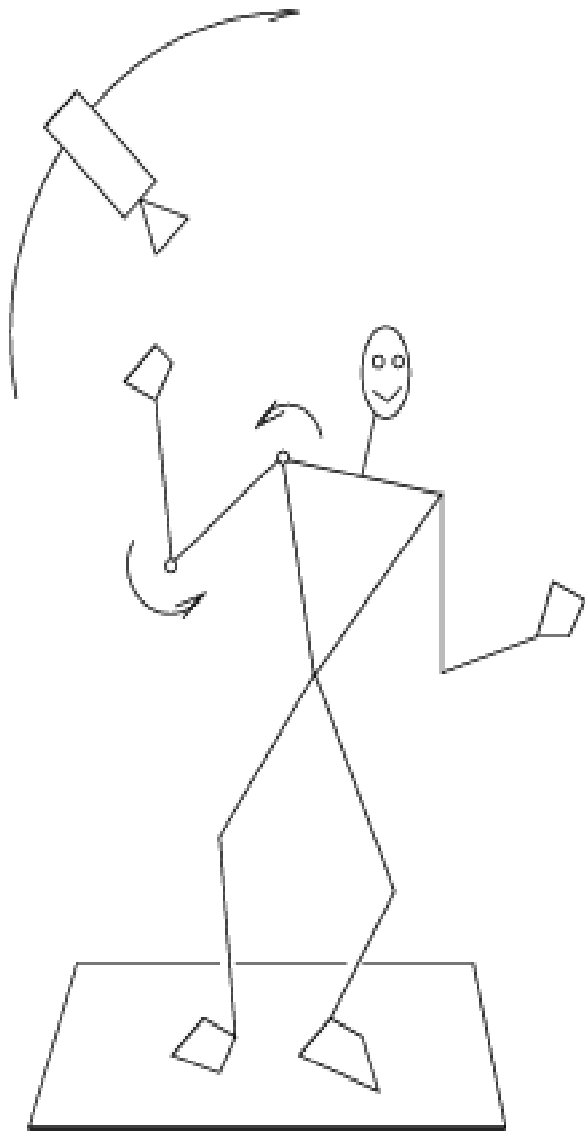
Simple template matching is not going to make it

A “popular method is that of template matching, by point to point correlation of a model pattern with the image pattern. These techniques are inadequate for three-dimensional scene analysis for many reasons, such as occlusion, changes in viewing angle, and articulation of parts.” Nivatia & Binford, 1977.

# And it can get a lot harder



# Why is this hard?



**Variability:** Camera position  
Illumination  
Shape parameters



How many object categories are there?

~10,000 to 30,000



# Challenge: variable viewpoint



Michelangelo 1475-1564

# Challenge: variable illumination

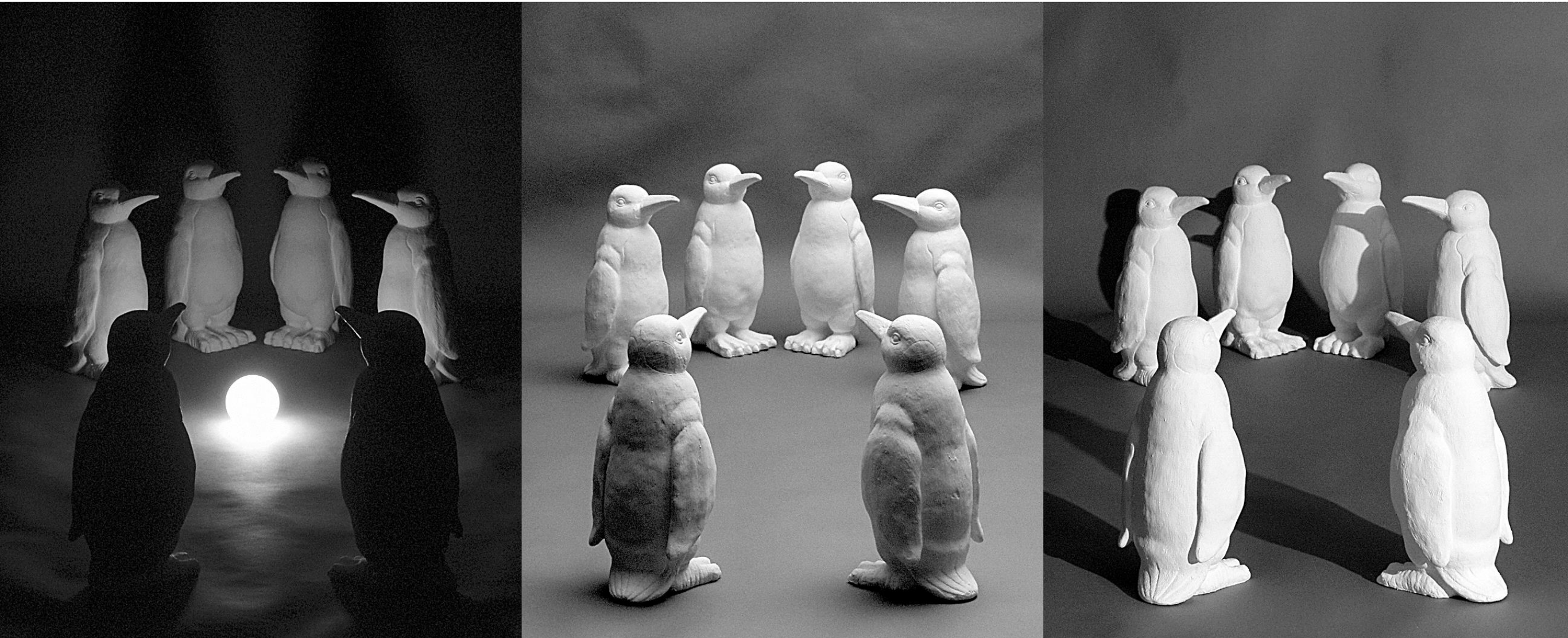


image credit: J. Koenderink



and small things  
from Apple.  
(Actual size)



# Challenge: scale

# Challenge: deformation

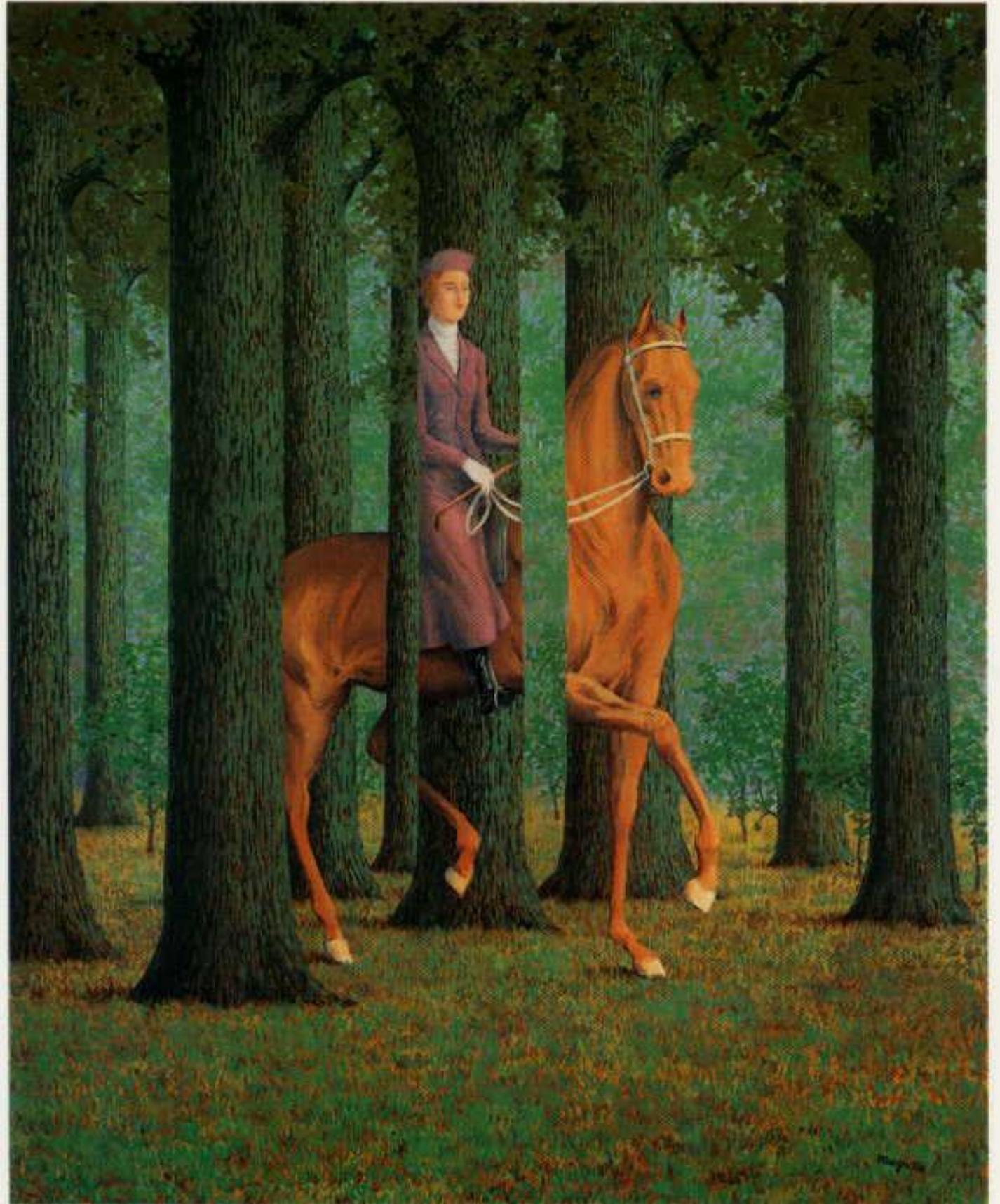




**Deformation**

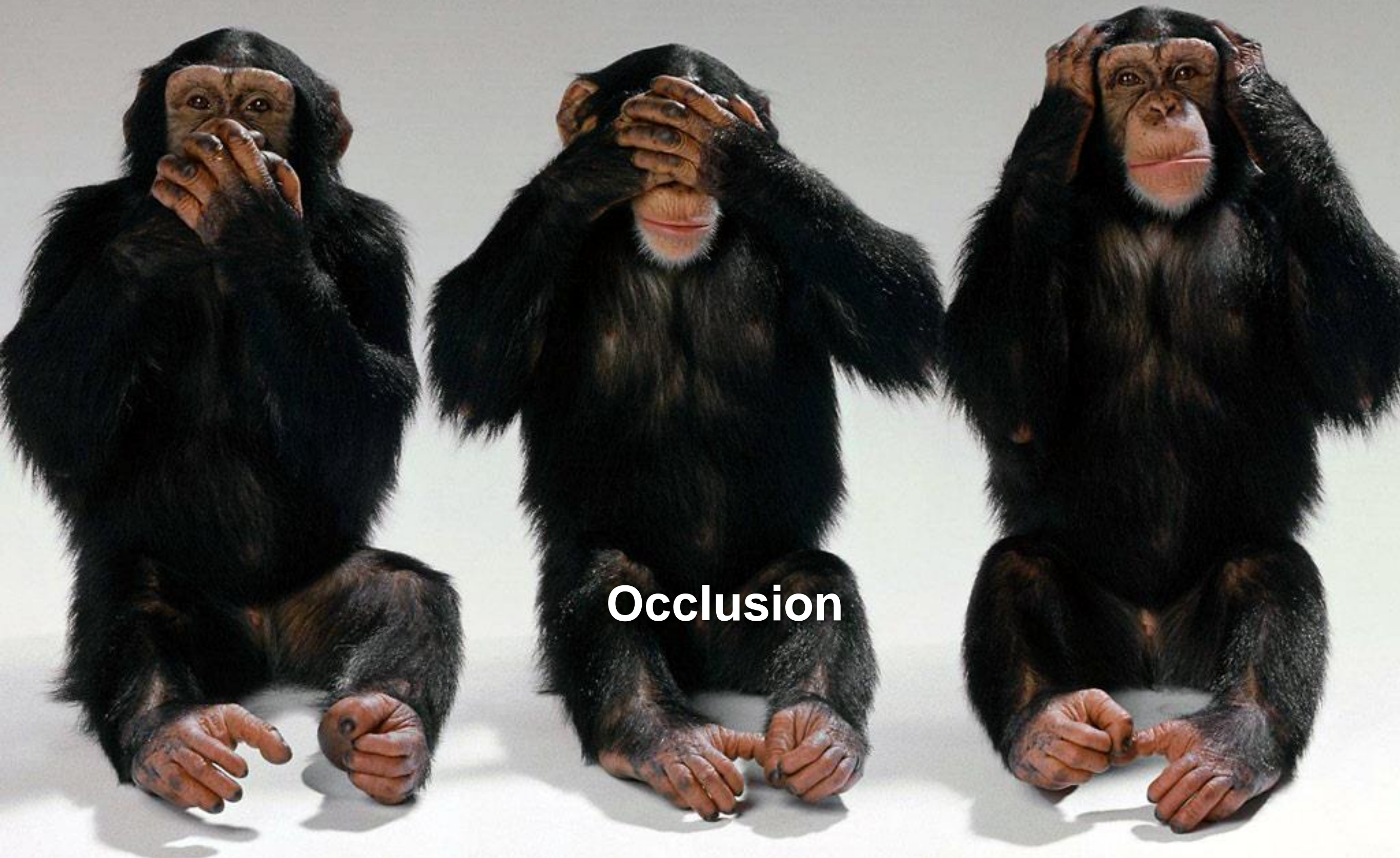


# Challenge: Occlusion



Magritte, 1957

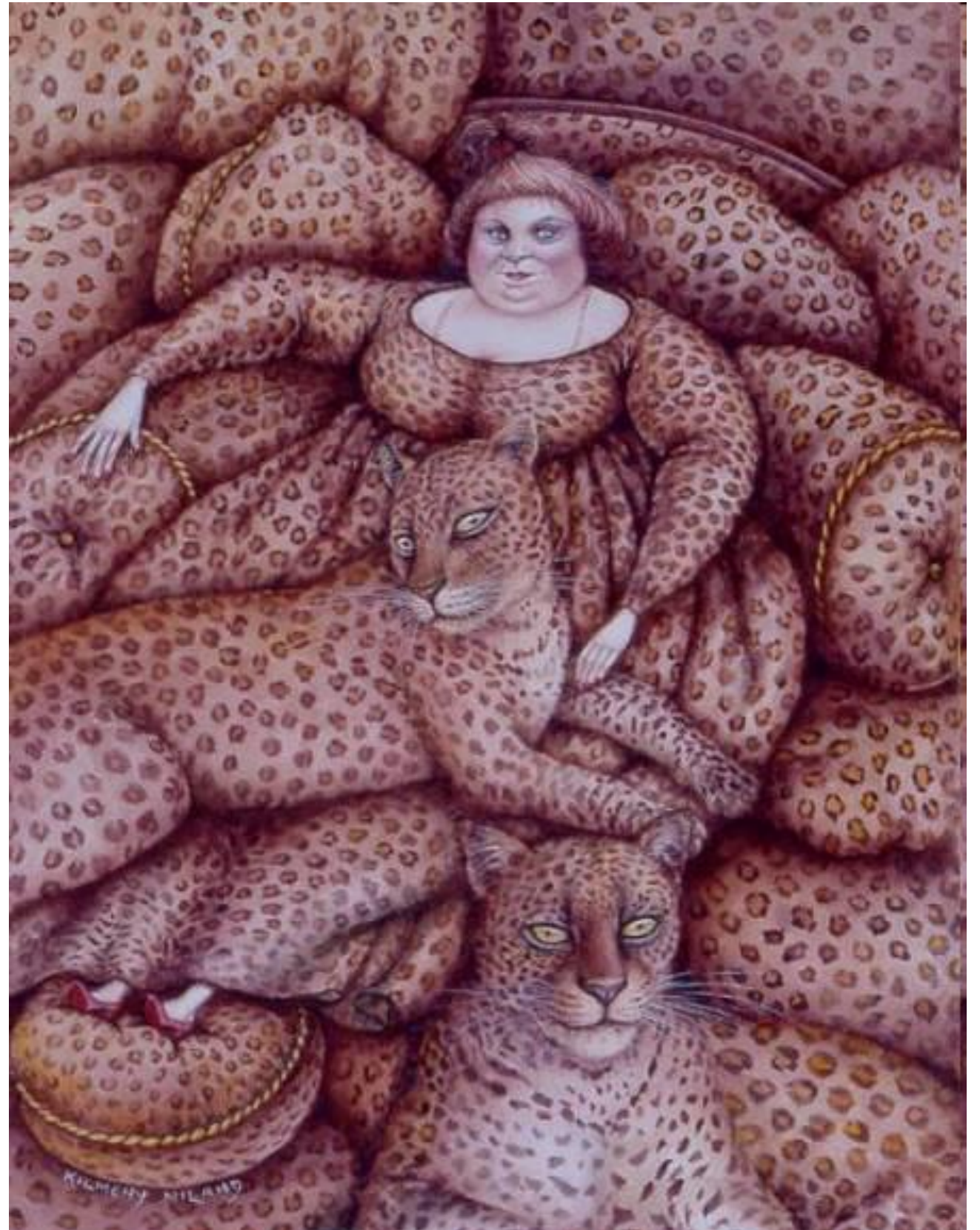




Occlusion

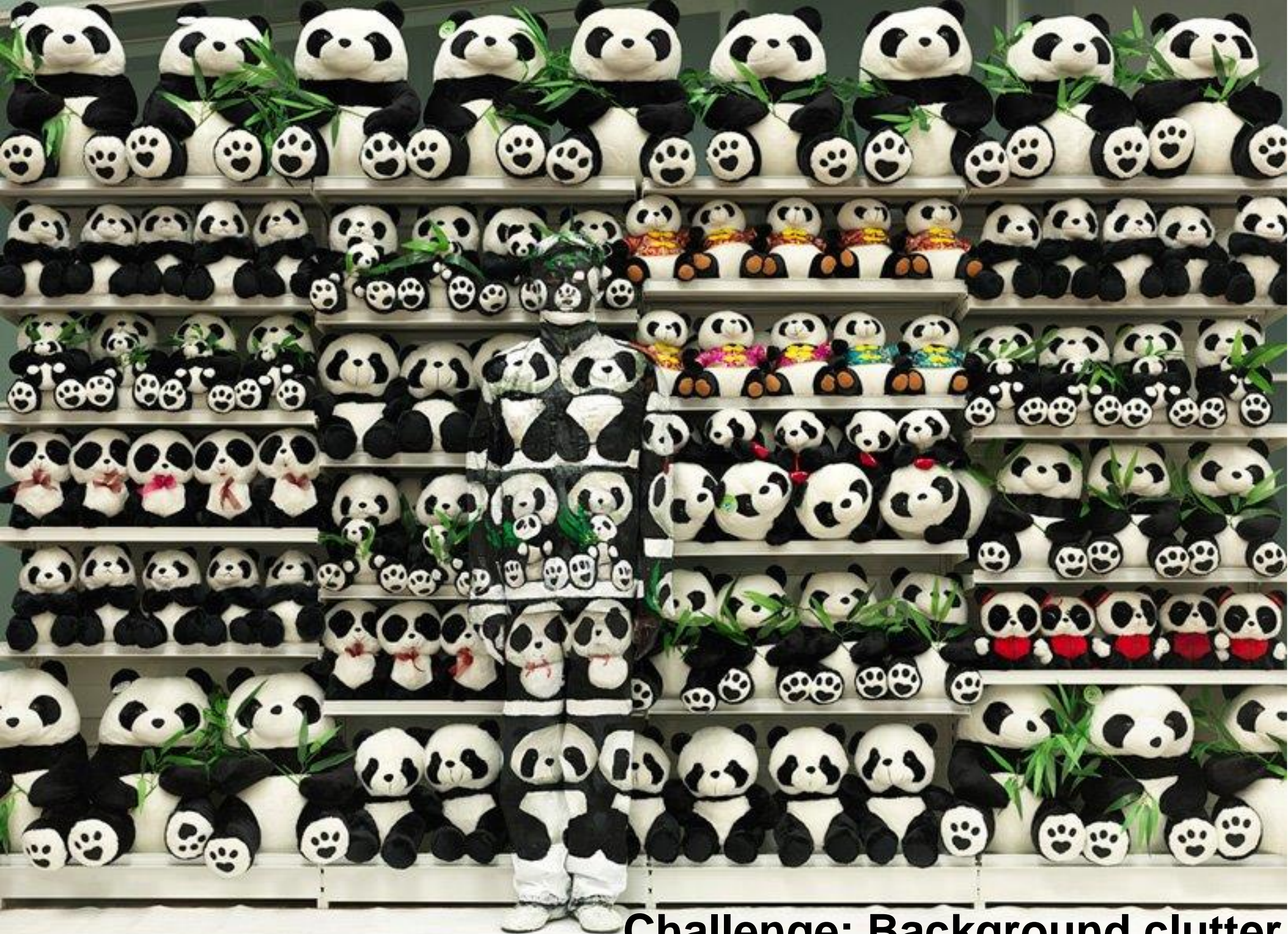


# Challenge: background clutter



Kilmeny Niland. 1995

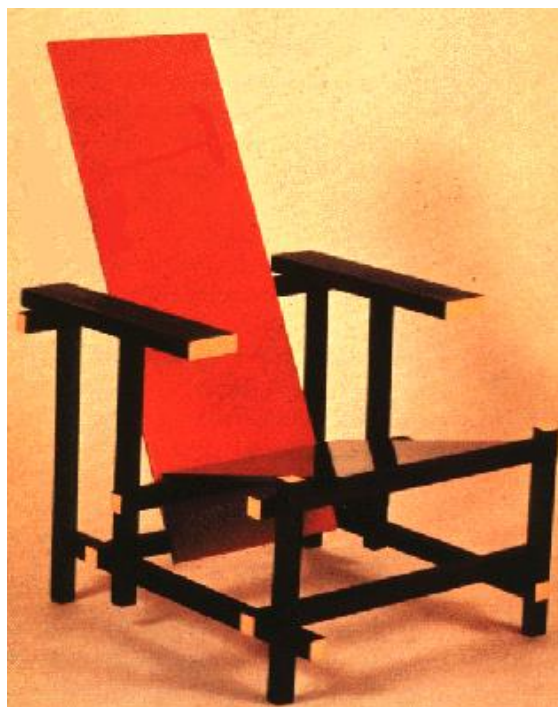




**Challenge: Background clutter**



# Challenge: intra-class variations



# Image Classification



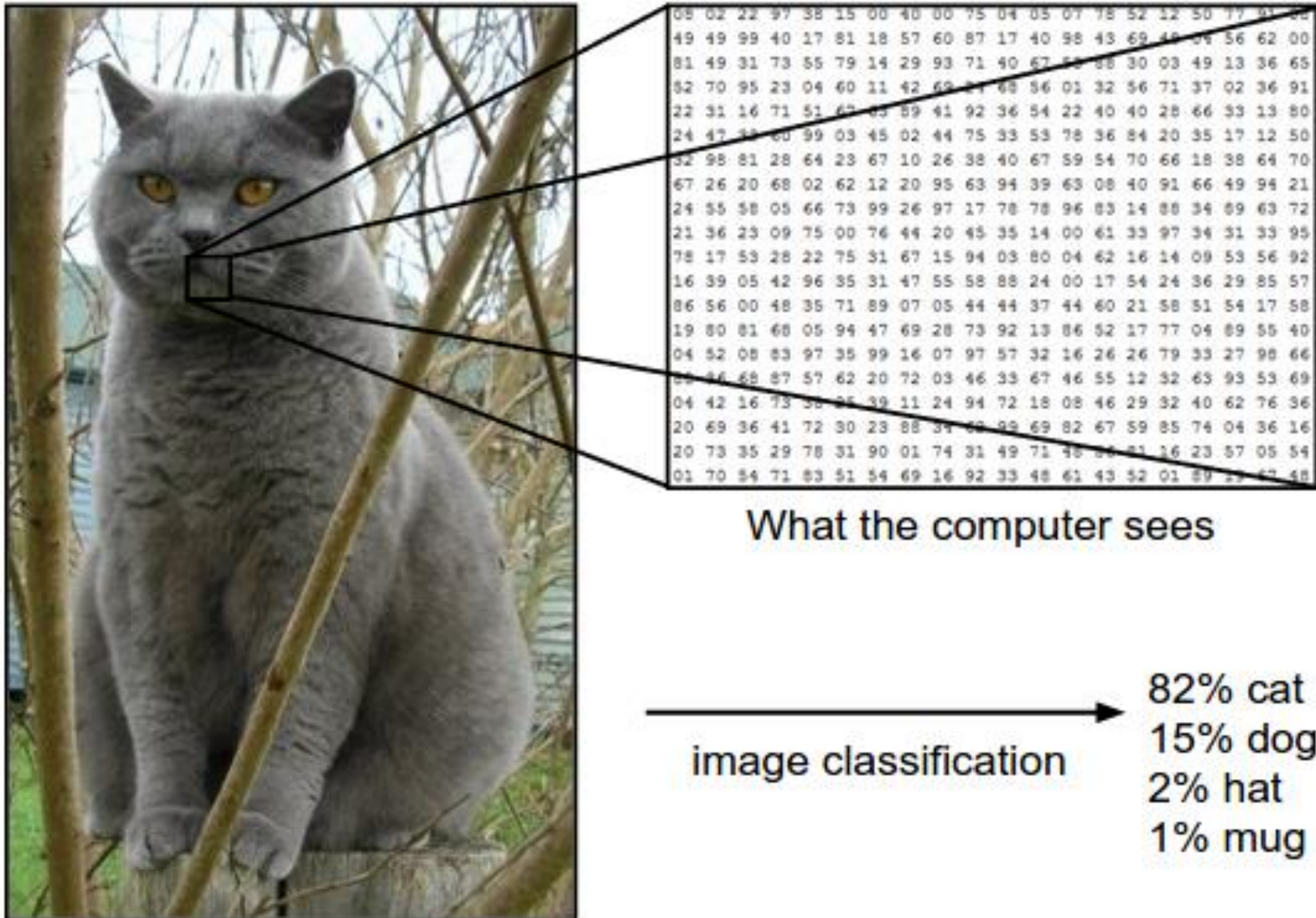
(assume given set of discrete labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



cat



# Image Classification: Problem





# Data-driven approach

- Collect a database of images with labels
- Use ML to train an image classifier
- Evaluate the classifier on test images

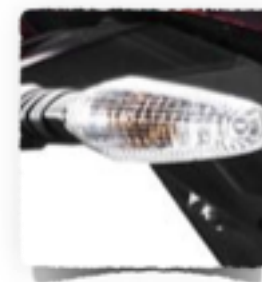
Example training set



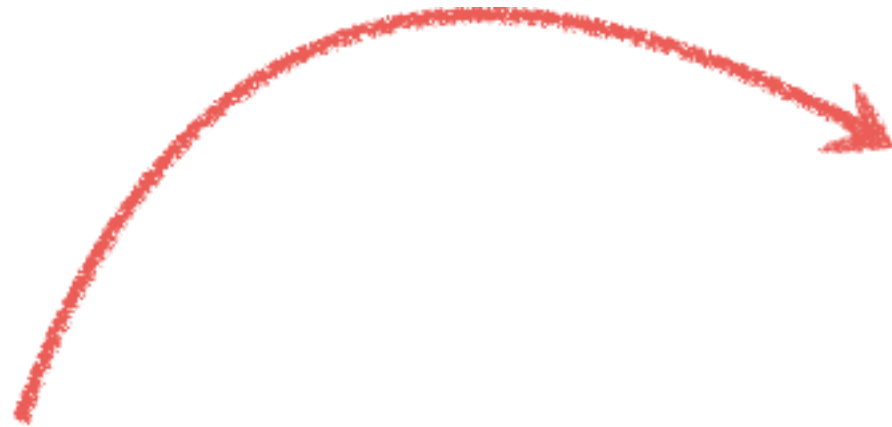
Bag of words



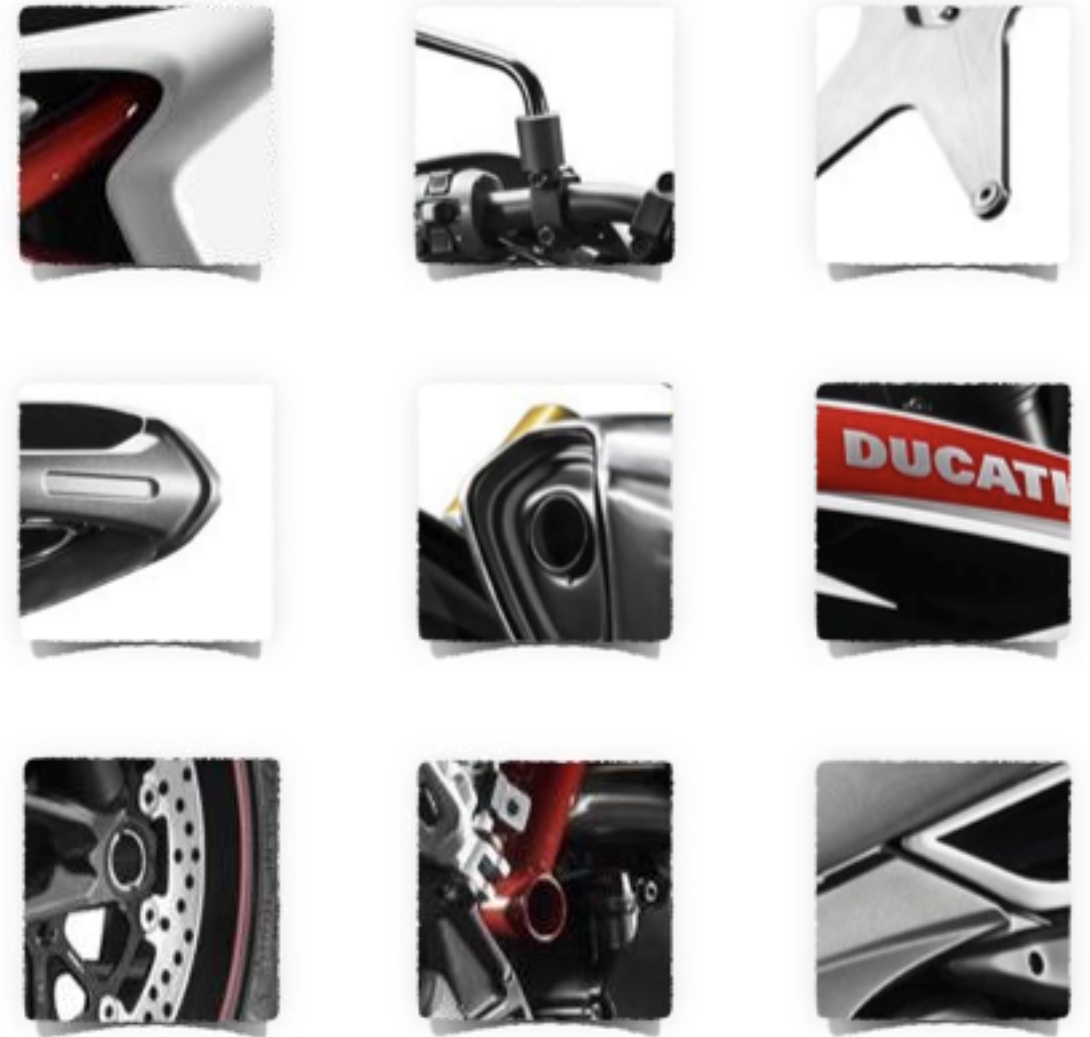
What object do these parts belong to?



Some local feature are  
very informative



An object as

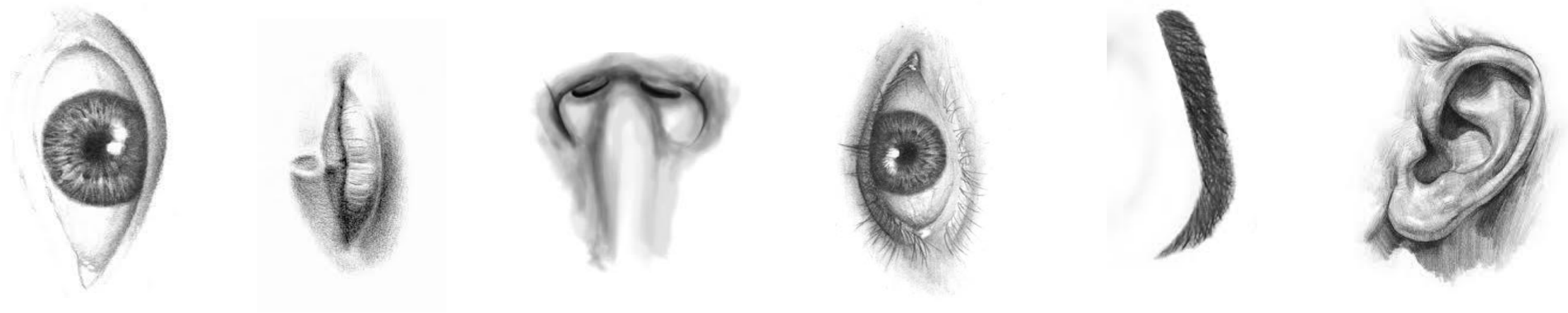


a collection of local features  
(bag-of-features)

- deals well with occlusion
- scale invariant
- rotation invariant



# (not so) crazy assumption



spatial information of local features  
can be ignored for object recognition (i.e., verification)

# CalTech6 dataset



class	bag of features	bag of features	Parts-and-shape model
	Zhang et al. (2005)	Willamowski et al. (2004)	Fergus et al. (2003)
airplanes	<b>98.8</b>	97.1	90.2
cars (rear)	98.3	<b>98.6</b>	90.3
cars (side)	<b>95.0</b>	87.3	88.5
faces	<b>100</b>	99.3	96.4
motorbikes	<b>98.5</b>	98.0	92.5
spotted cats	<b>97.0</b>	—	90.0

Works pretty well for image-level classification



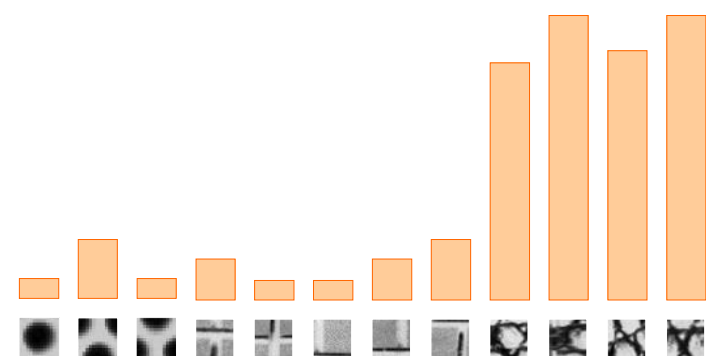
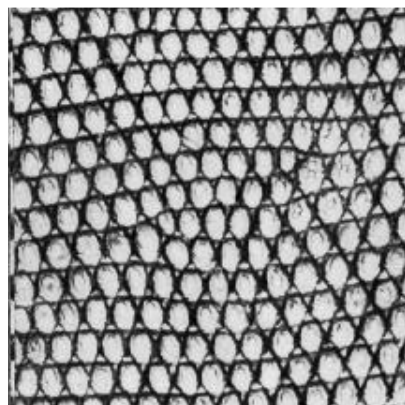
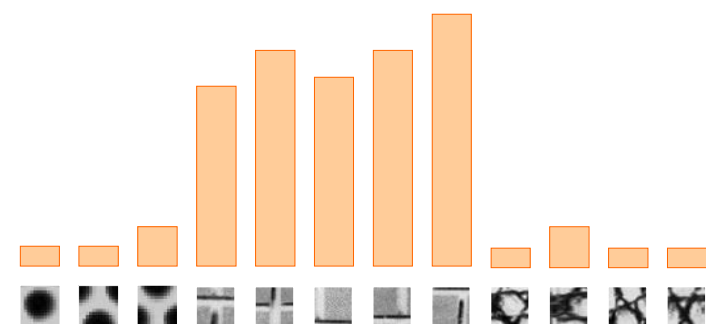
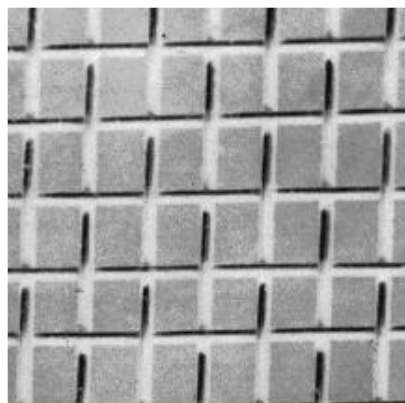
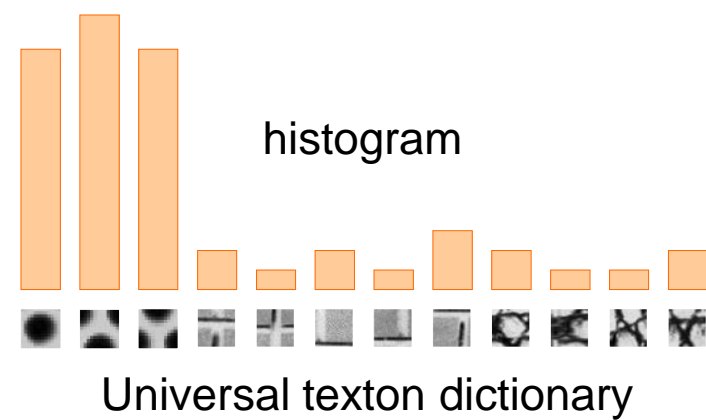
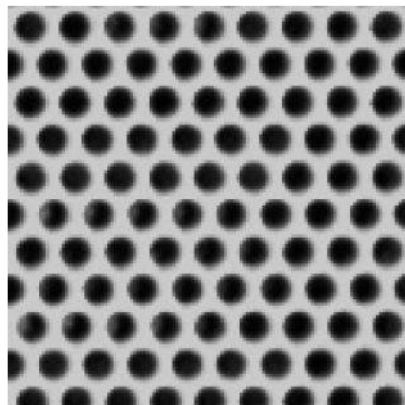
# Bag-of-features

represent a data item (document, texture, image)  
as a histogram over features

an old idea

(e.g., texture recognition and information retrieval)

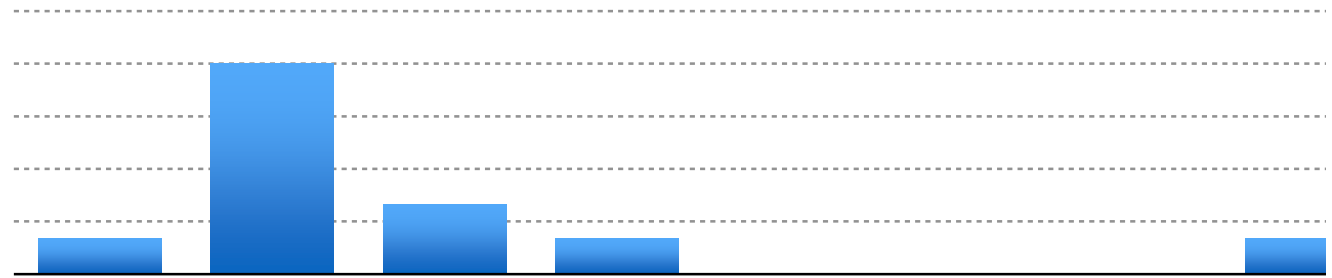
# Texture recognition



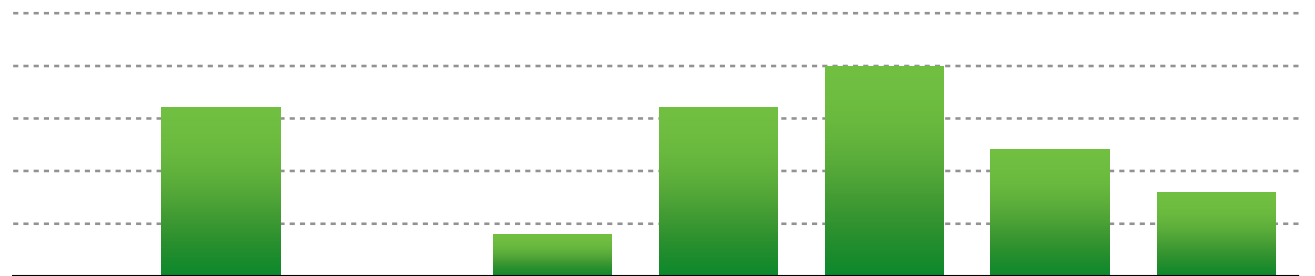


# Vector Space Model

G. Salton. 'Mathematics and Information Retrieval' Journal of Documentation, 1979



1	6	2	1	0	0	0	1
Tartan	robot	CHIMP	CMU	bio	soft	ankle	sensor



0	4	0	1	4	5	3	2
Tartan	robot	CHIMP	CMU	bio	soft	ankle	sensor

A document (datapoint) is a vector of counts over each word (feature)

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d}) \quad n(w_{2,d}) \quad \cdots \quad n(w_{T,d})]$$

$n(\cdot)$  counts the number of occurrences



just a histogram over words

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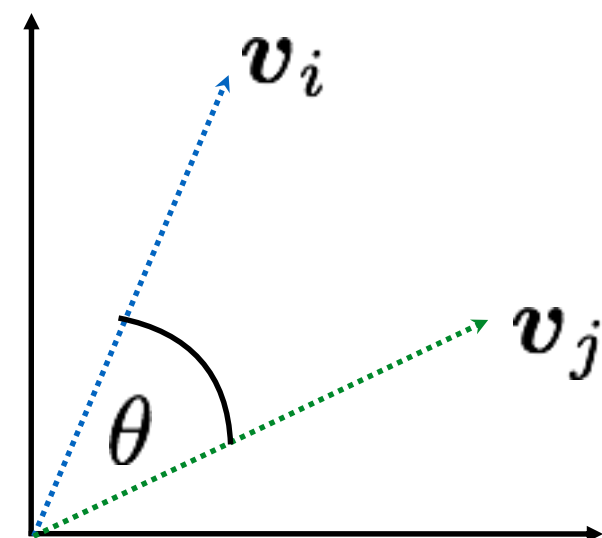
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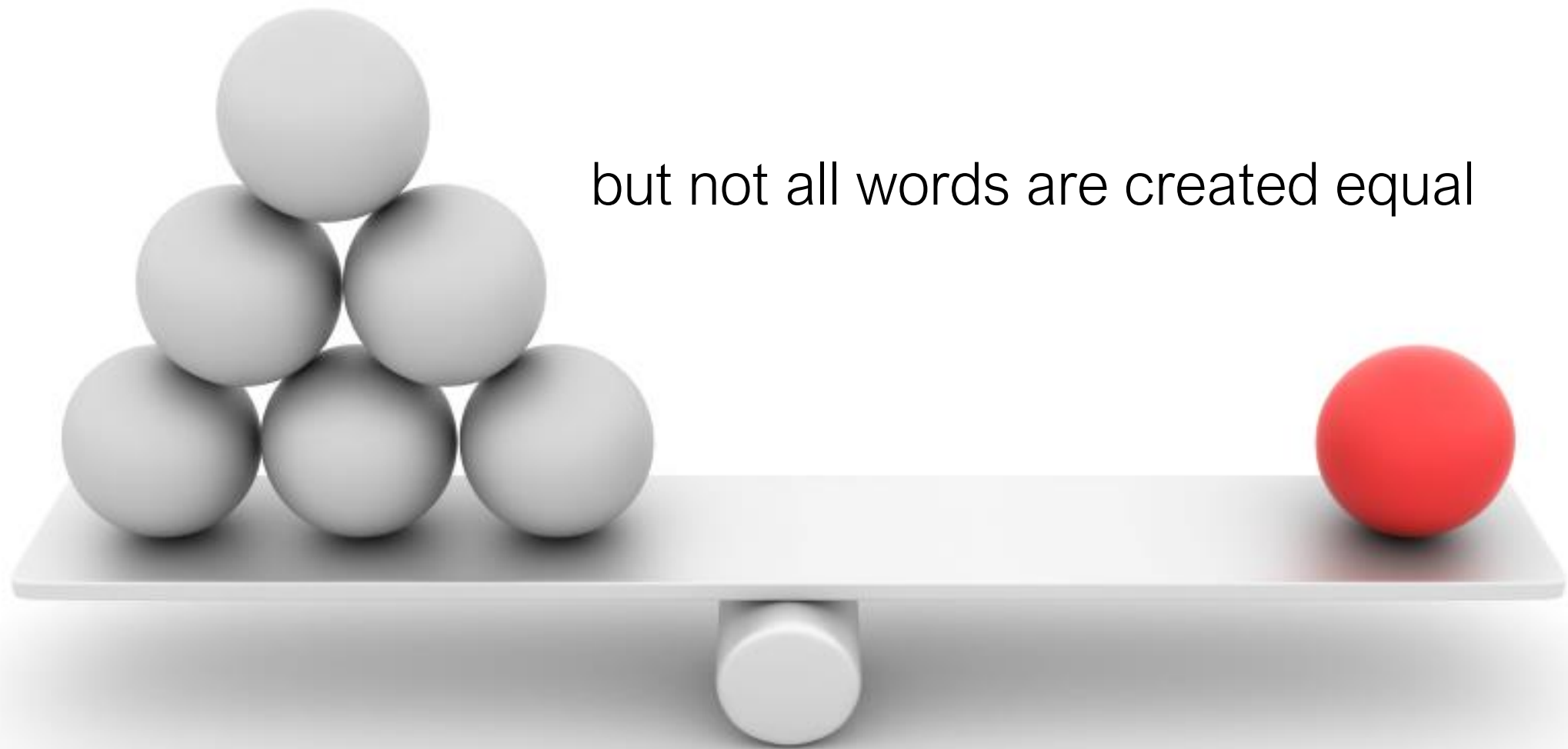
What is the similarity between two documents?



Use any distance you want but the cosine distance is fast.

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) &= \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j}{\|\mathbf{v}_i\| \|\mathbf{v}_j\|} \end{aligned}$$





but not all words are created equal



# TF-IDF

Term **F**requency Inverse **D**ocument **F**requency

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d}) \quad n(w_{2,d}) \quad \cdots \quad n(w_{T,d})]$$

weigh each word by a heuristic

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d})\alpha_1 \quad n(w_{2,d})\alpha_2 \quad \cdots \quad n(w_{T,d})\alpha_T]$$

$$n(w_{i,d})\alpha_i = \overset{\text{term frequency}}{n(w_{i,d})} \log \left\{ \overset{\text{inverse document frequency}}{\frac{D}{\sum_{d'} \mathbf{1}[w_i \in d']}} \right\}$$

(down-weights **common** terms)

# Standard BOW pipeline

(for image classification)



## **Dictionary Learning:**

Learn Visual Words using clustering

## **Encode:**

build Bags-of-Words (BOW) vectors  
for each image

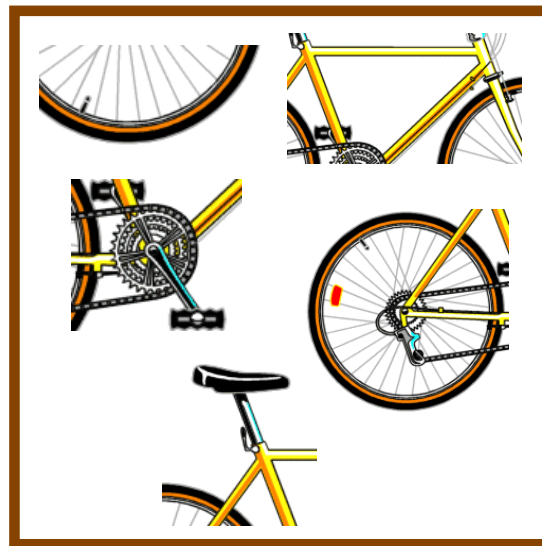
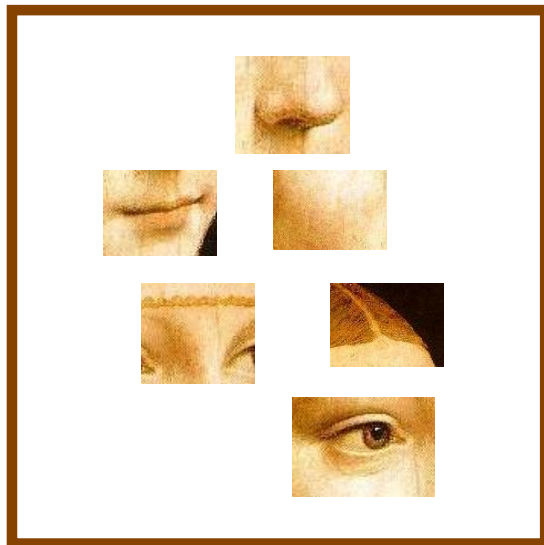
## **Classify:**

Train and test data using BOWs

# Dictionary Learning:

Learn Visual Words using clustering

1. extract features (e.g., SIFT) from images

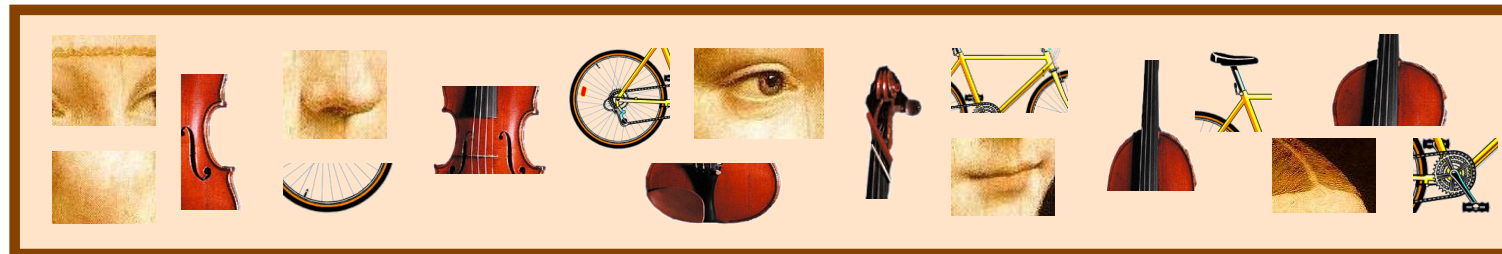




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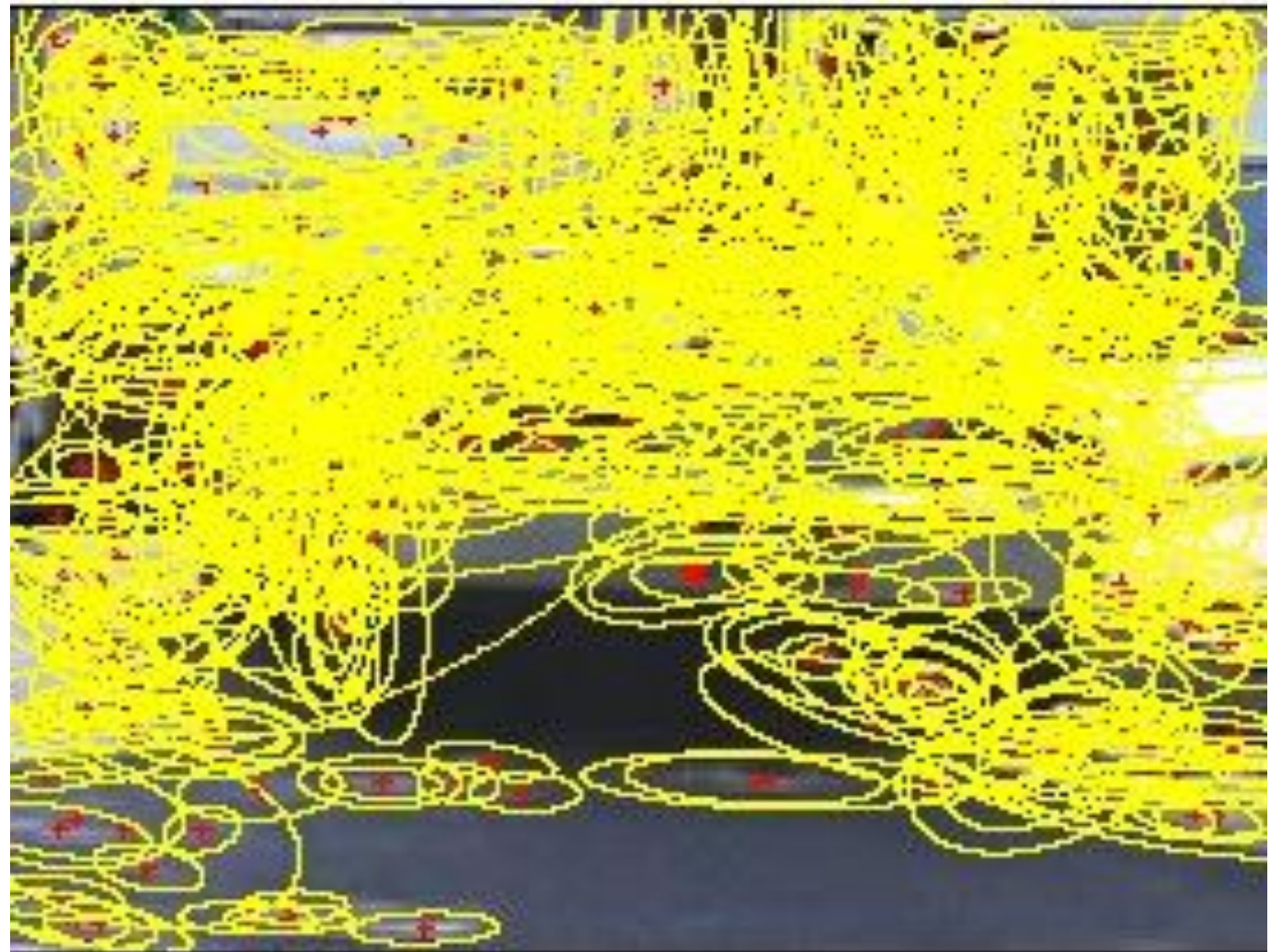
2. Learn visual dictionary (e.g., K-means clustering)

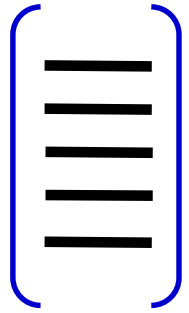


*What kinds of features can we extract?*



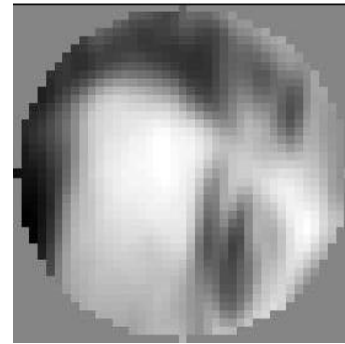
- Regular grid
  - Vogel & Schiele, 2003
  - Fei-Fei & Perona, 2005
- Interest point detector
  - Csurka et al. 2004
  - Fei-Fei & Perona, 2005
  - Sivic et al. 2005
- Other methods
  - Random sampling (Vidal-Naquet & Ullman, 2002)
  - Segmentation-based patches (Barnard et al. 2003)



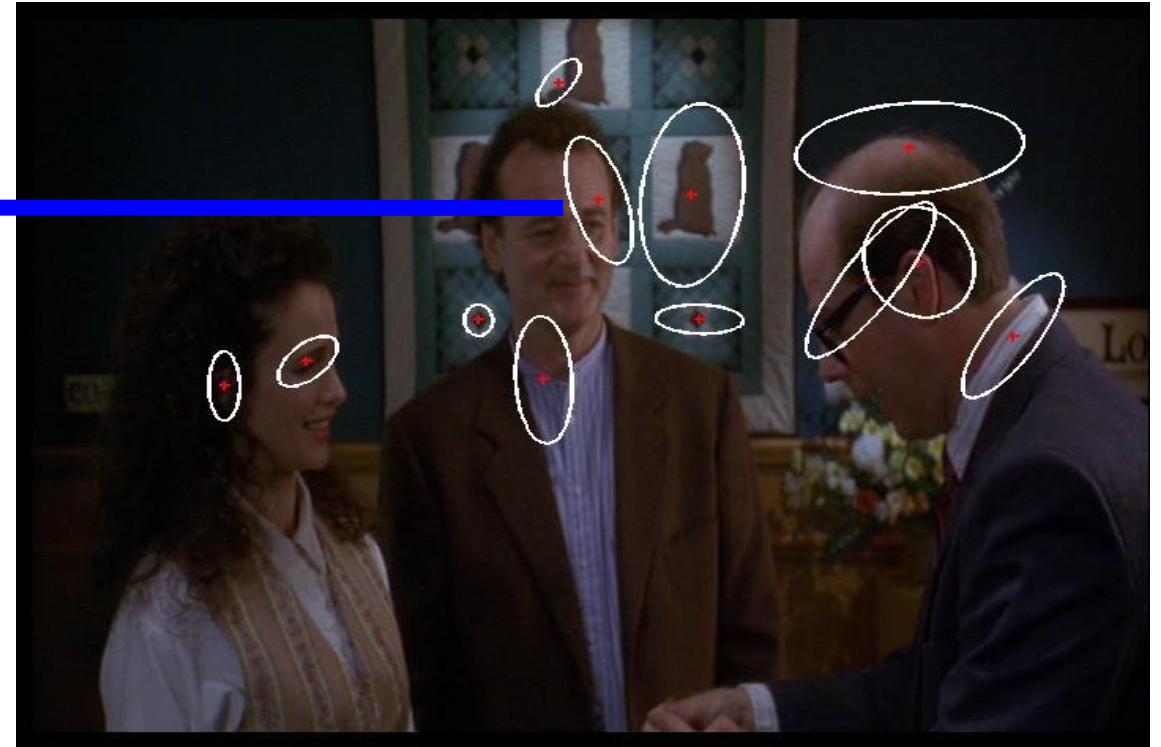


**Compute SIFT  
descriptor**

[Lowe'99]



**Normalize patch**

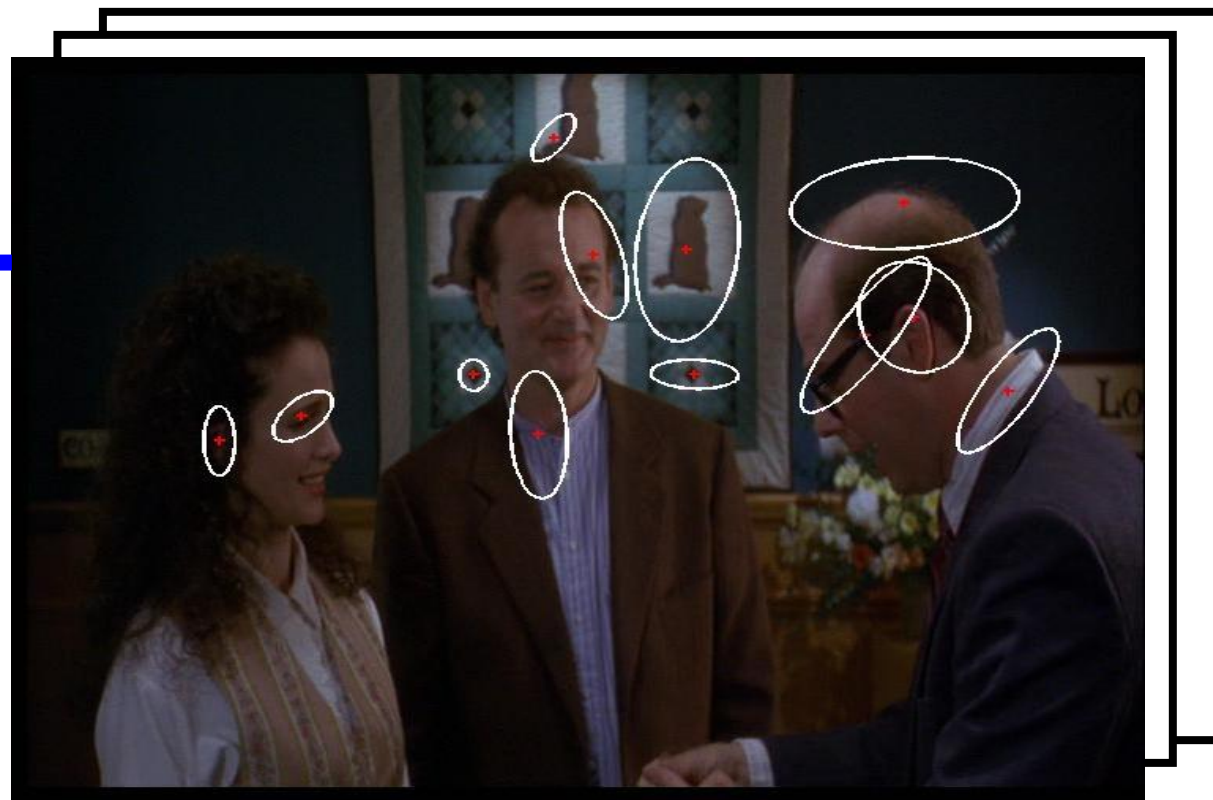
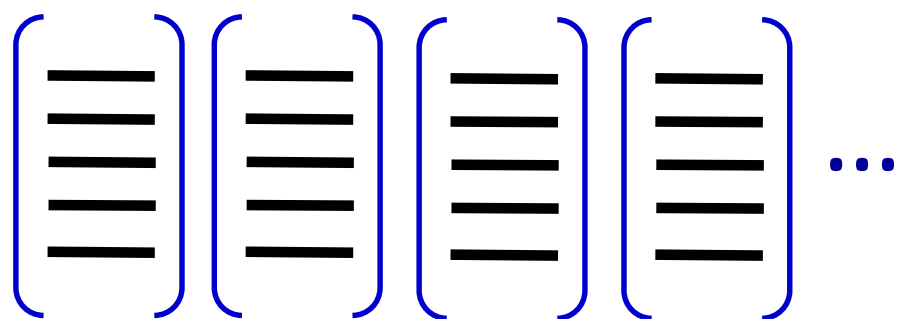


**Detect patches**

[Mikojaczyk and Schmid '02]

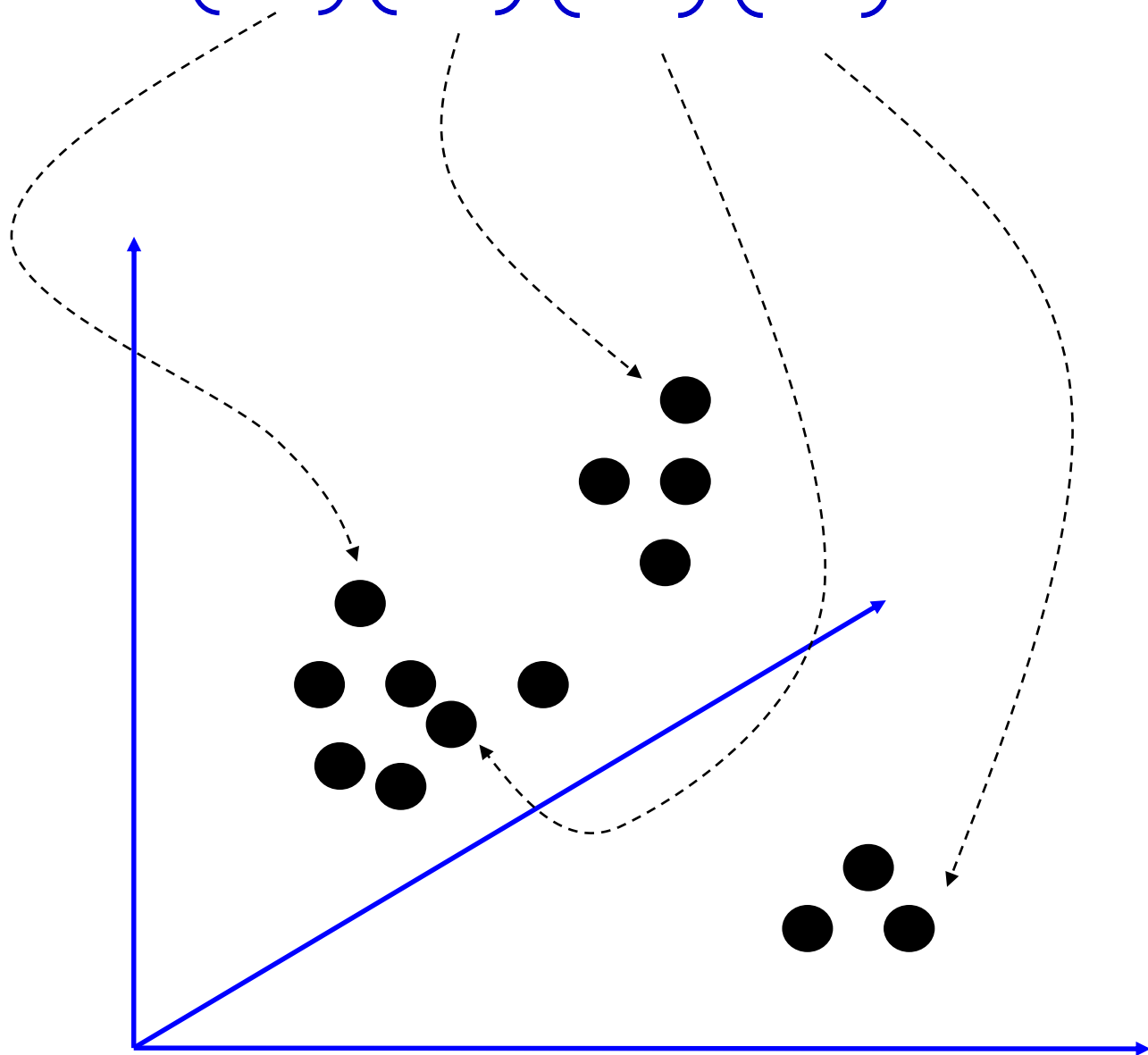
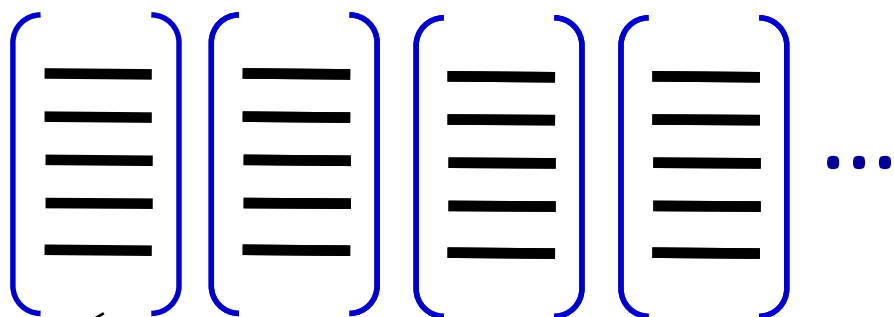
[Mata, Chum, Urban & Pajdla, '02]

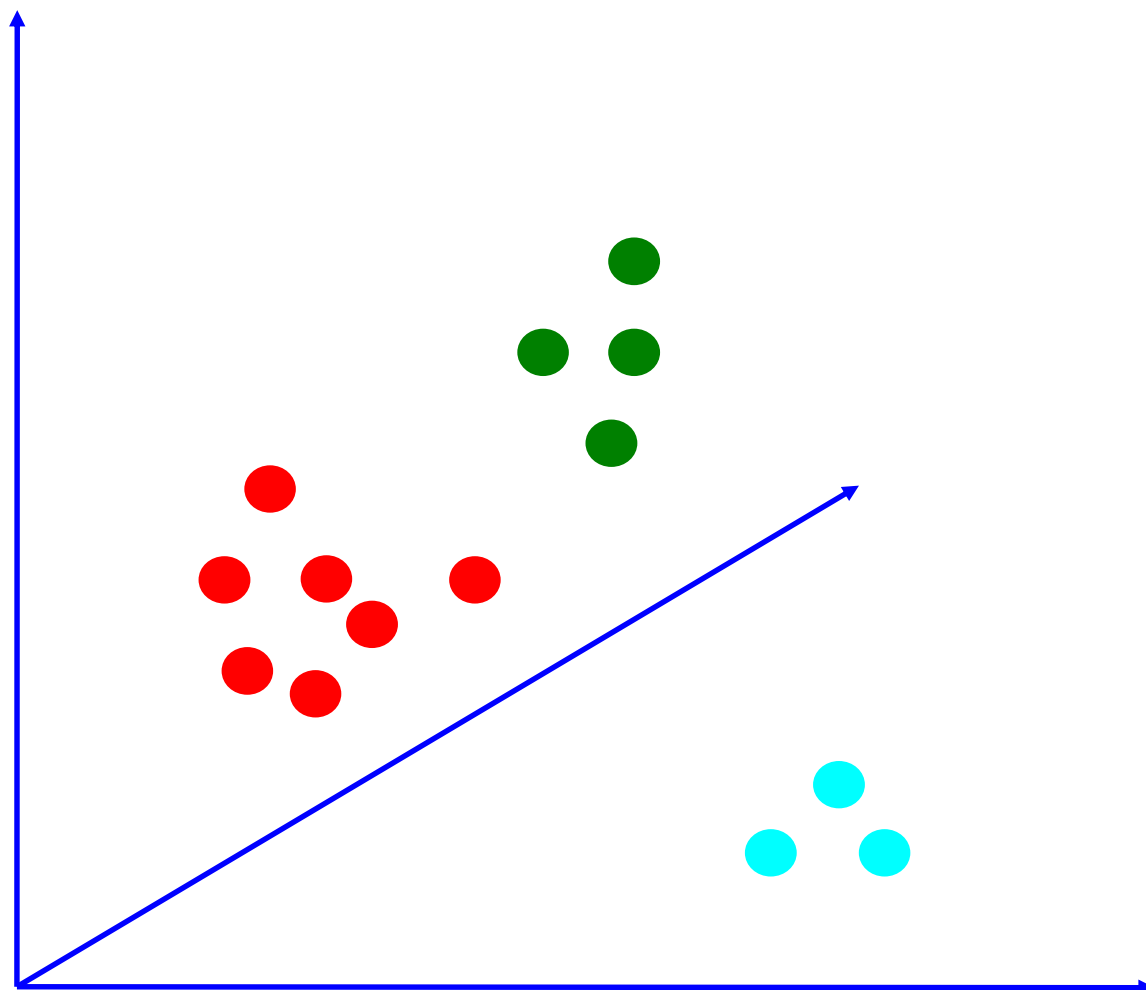
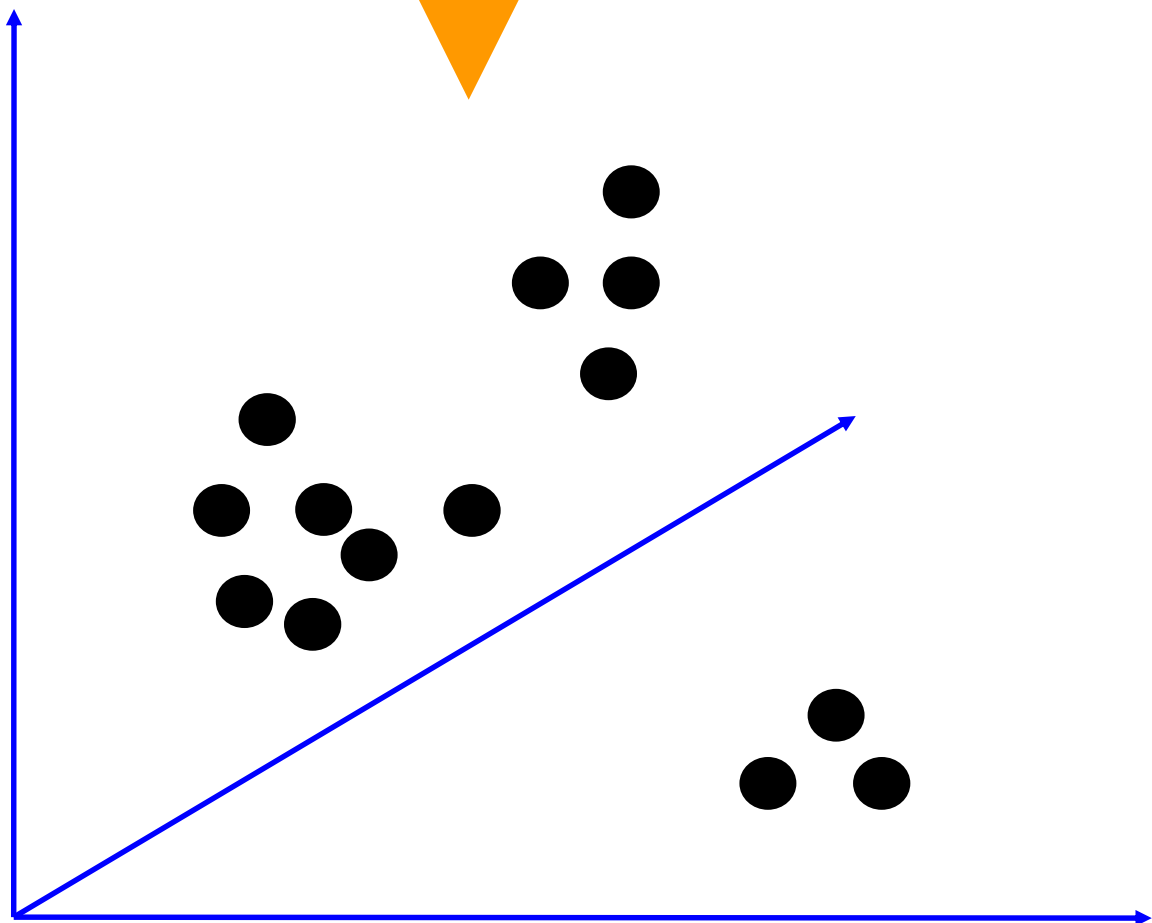
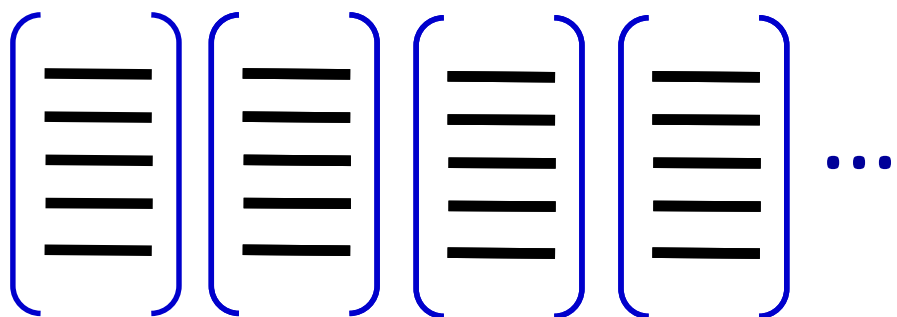
[Sivic & Zisserman, '03]



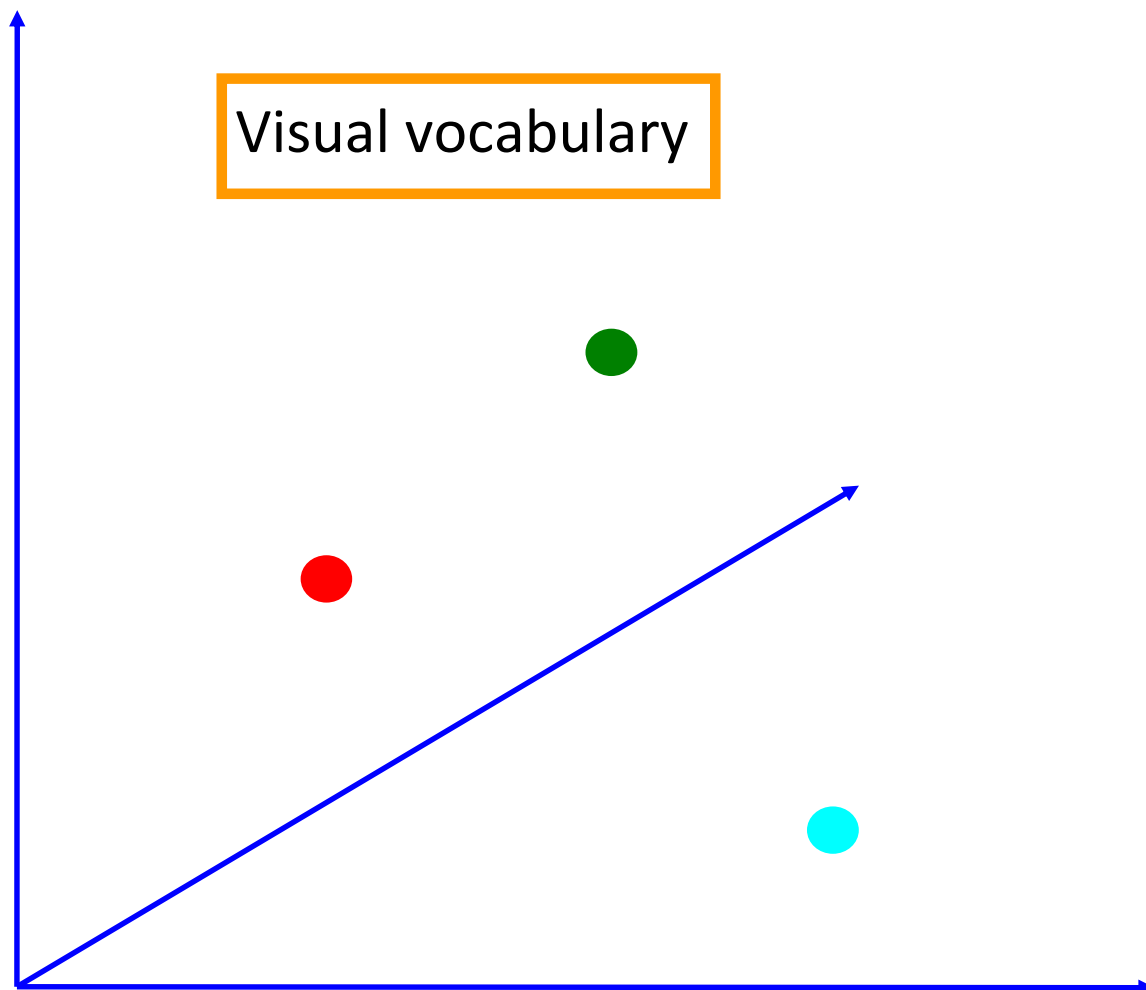
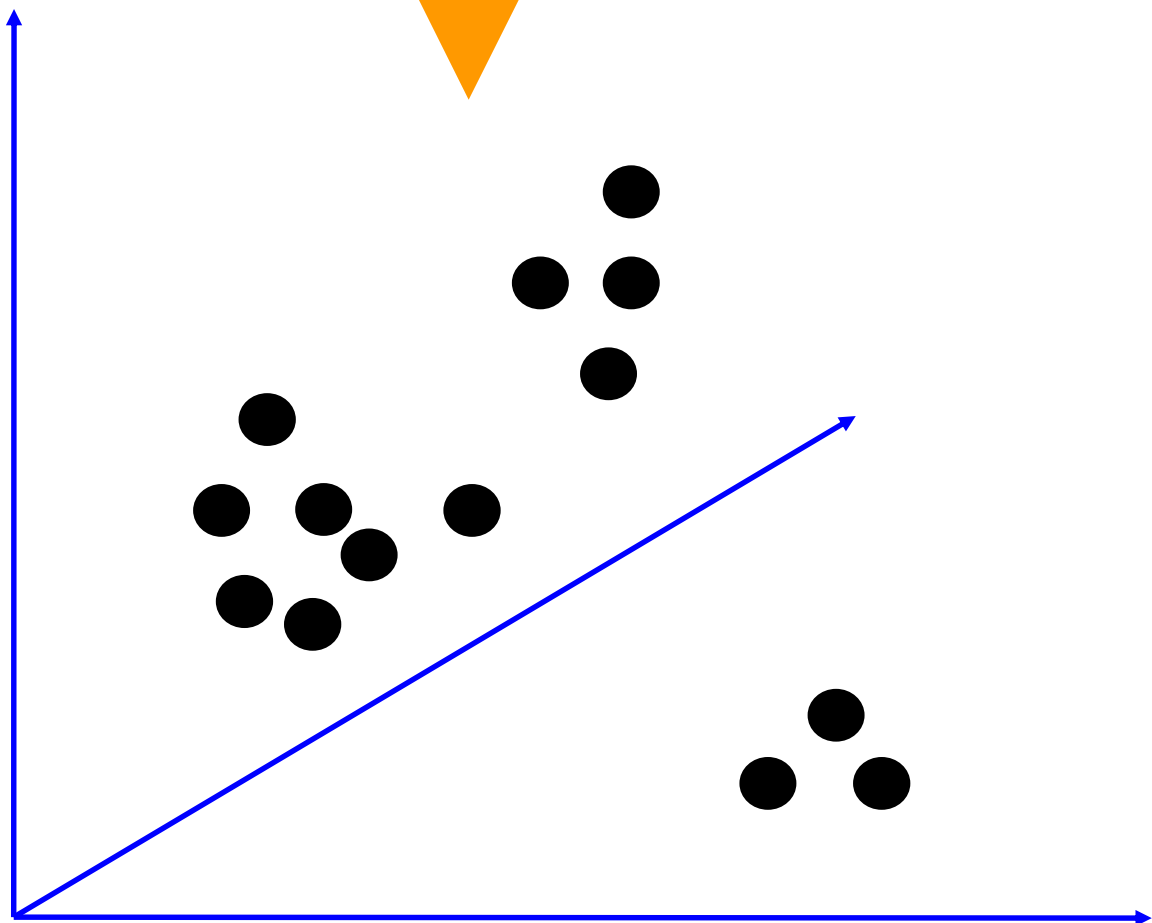
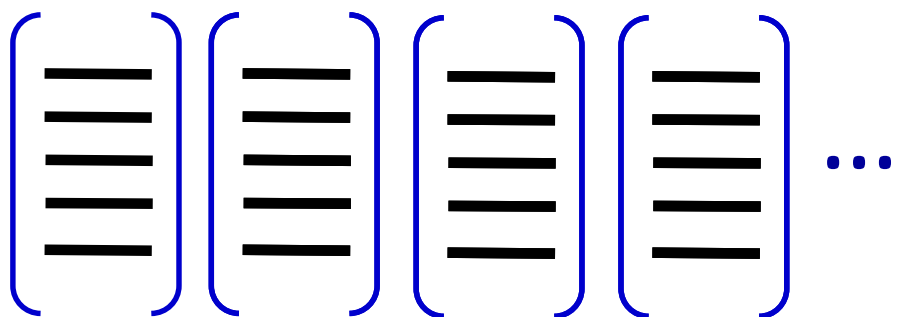


*How do we learn the dictionary?*







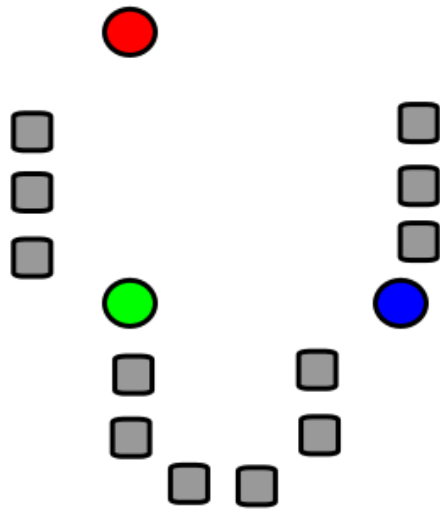


Visual vocabulary



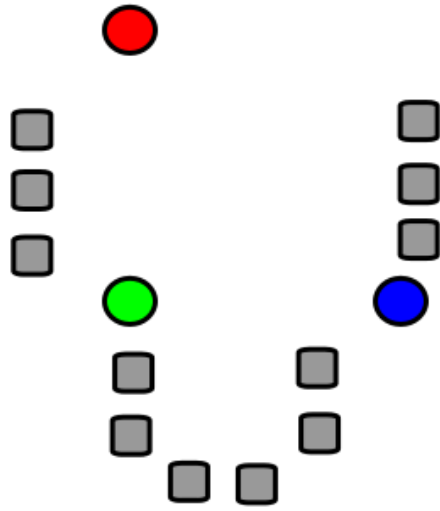
Clustering

K-means clustering

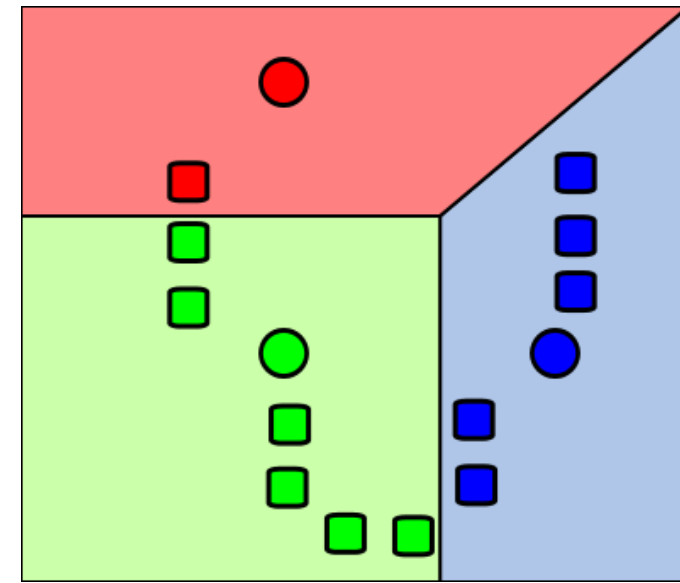


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centroids at random

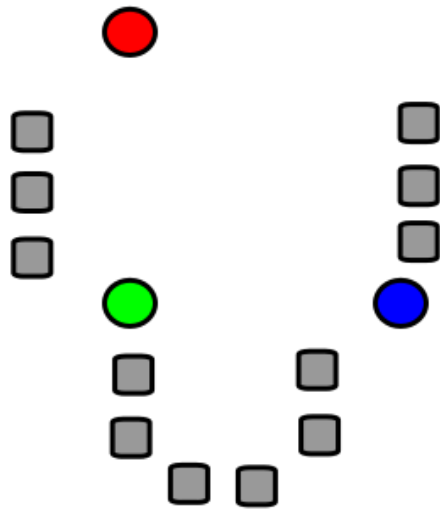




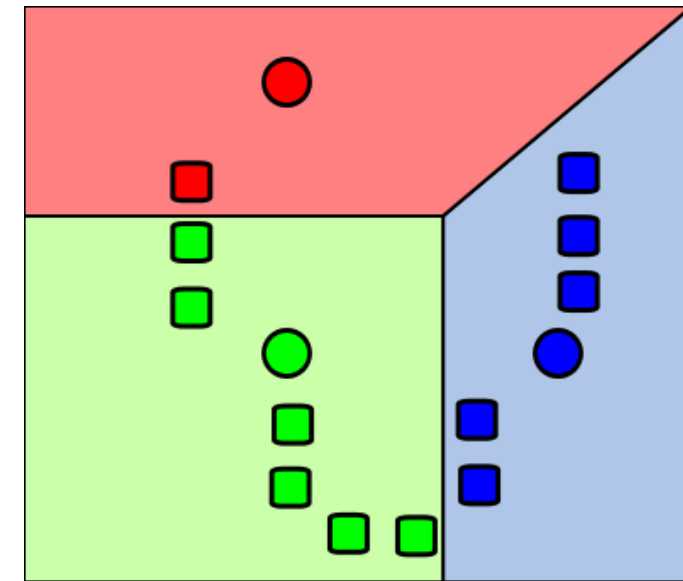
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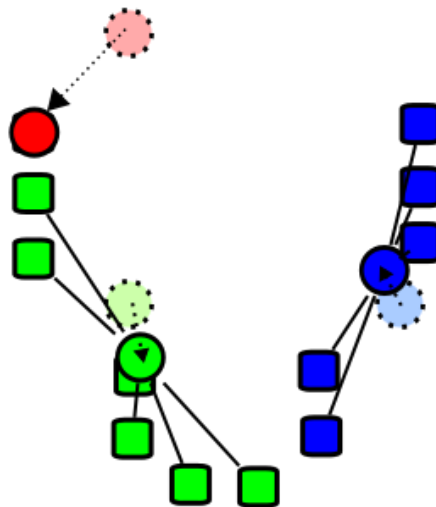
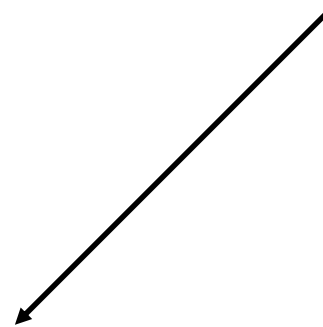
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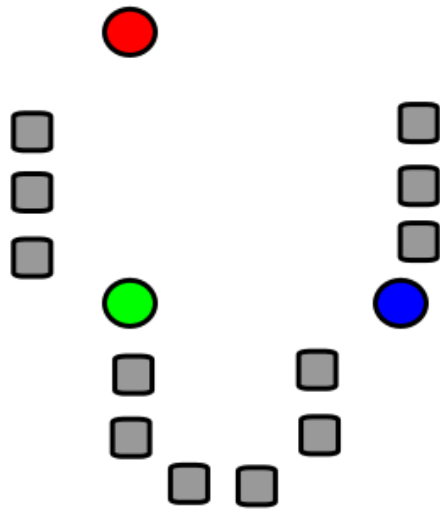
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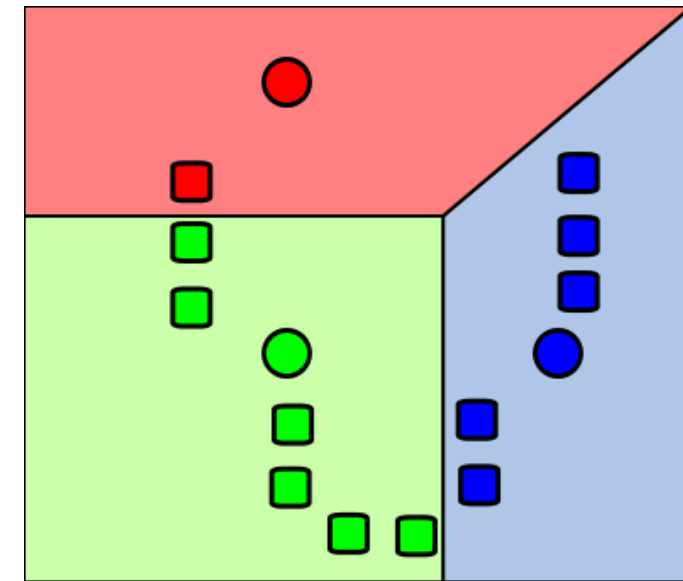
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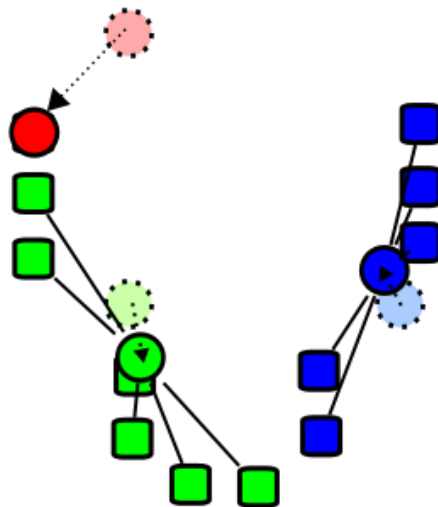
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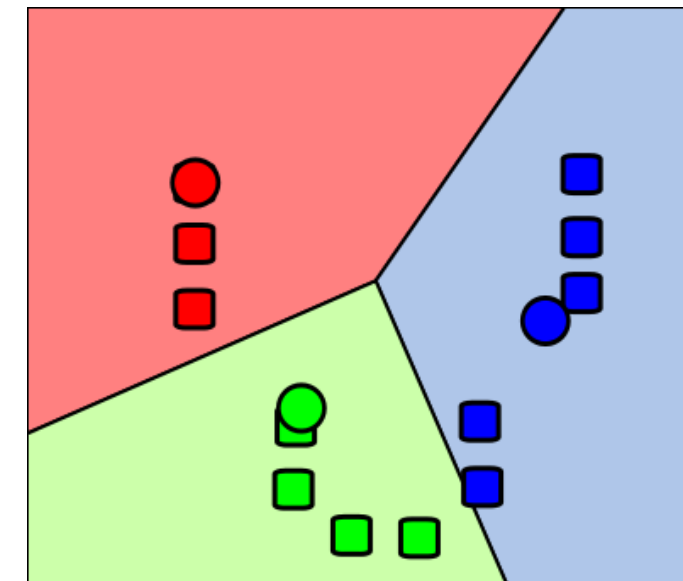
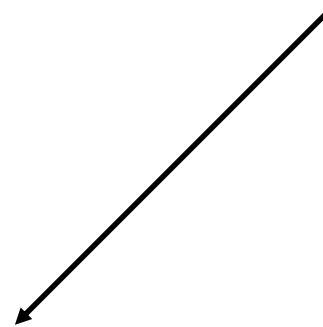
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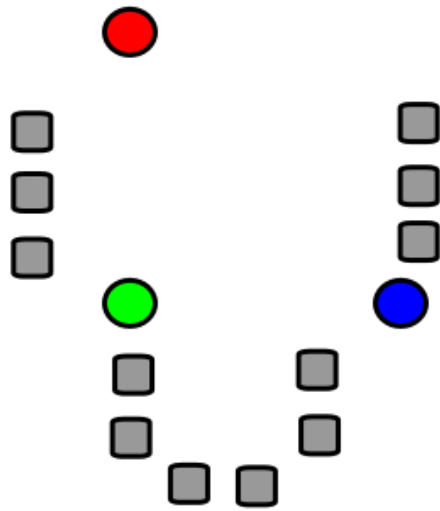


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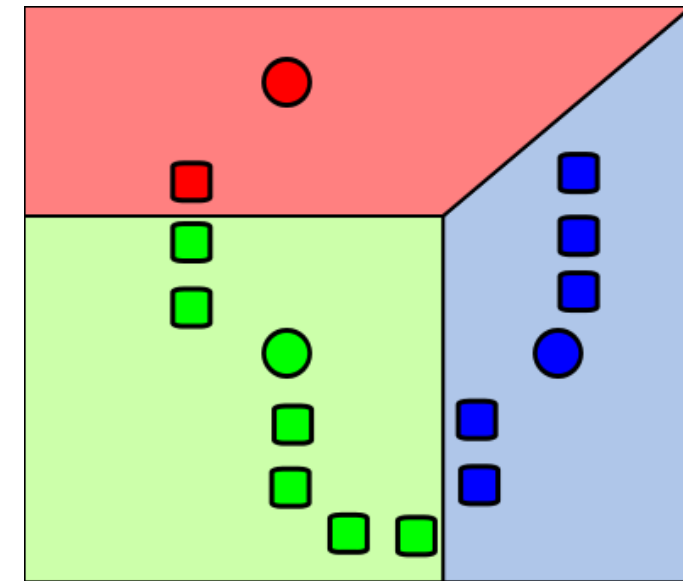


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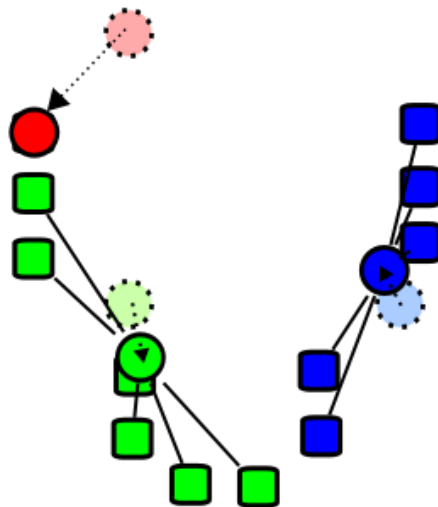




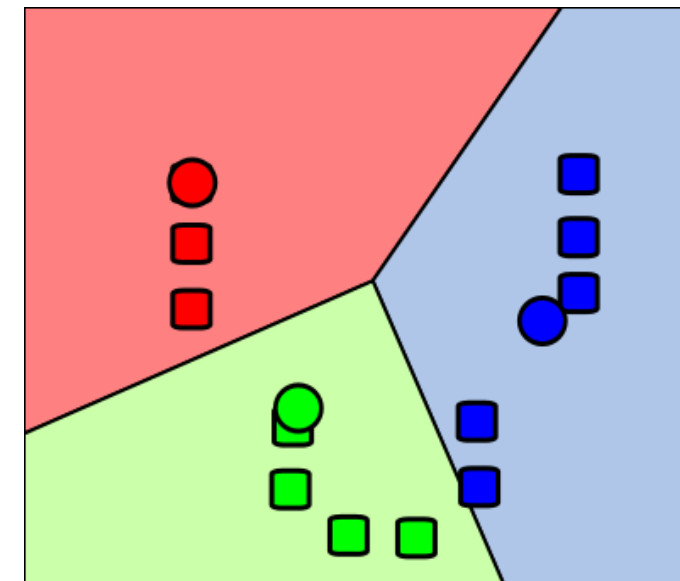
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Repeat previous 2 steps until no change

# K-means Clustering

Given  $k$ :

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2. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest centroid.
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*From what **data** should I learn the dictionary?*

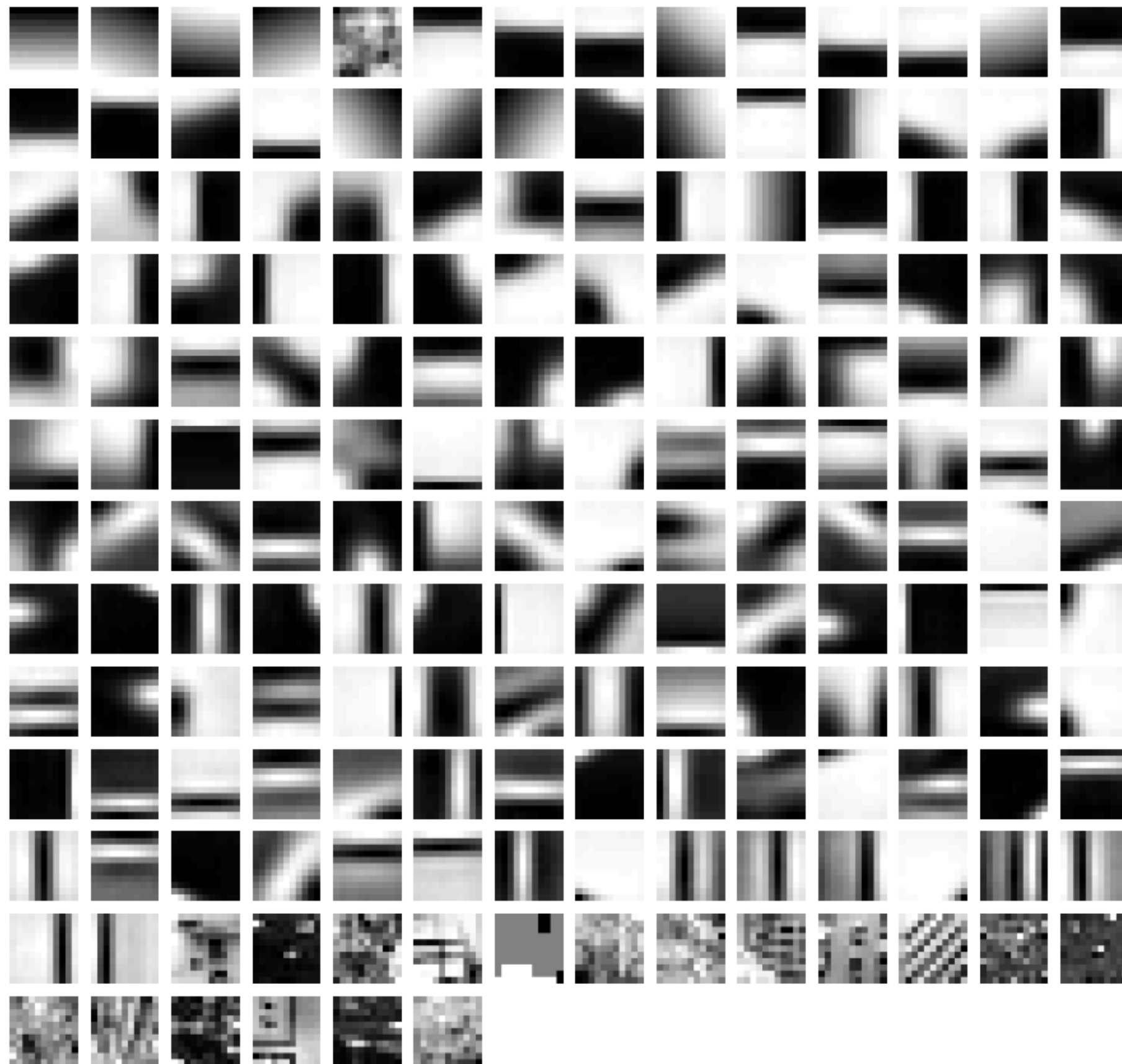


*From what **data** should I learn the dictionary?*

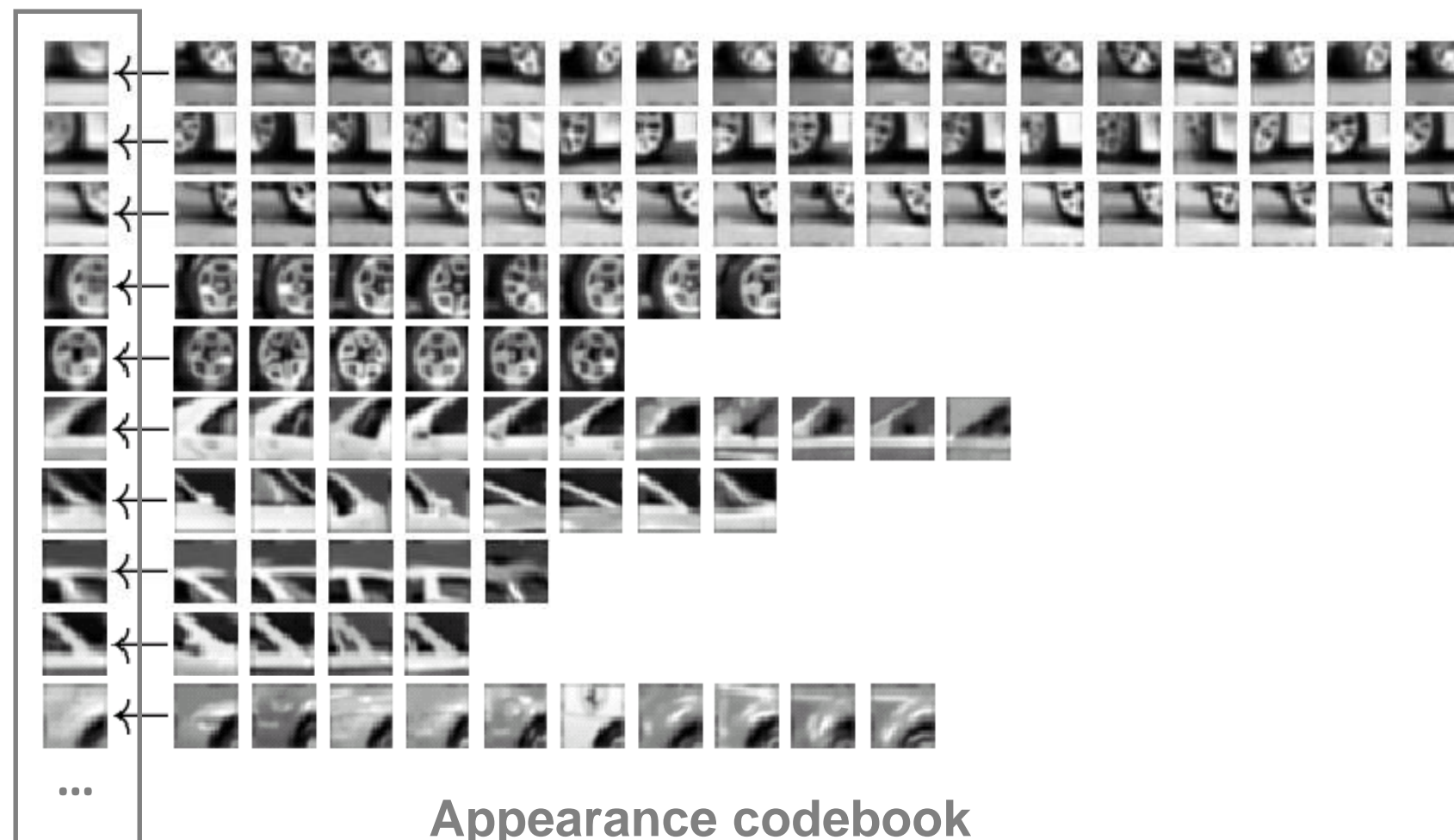
- Dictionary can be learned on separate training set
- Provided the training set is sufficiently representative, the dictionary will be “universal”

# Example visual dictionary

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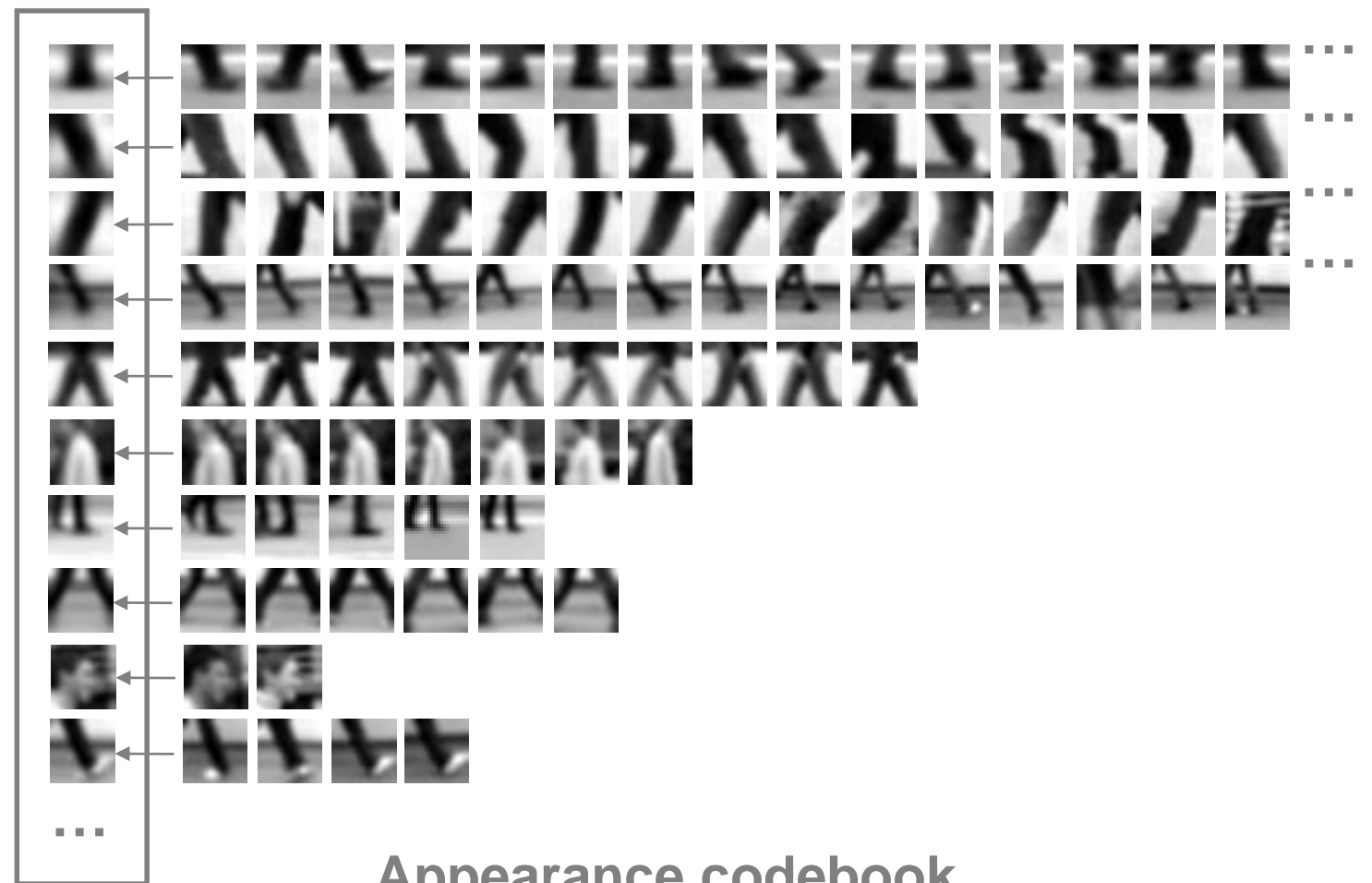
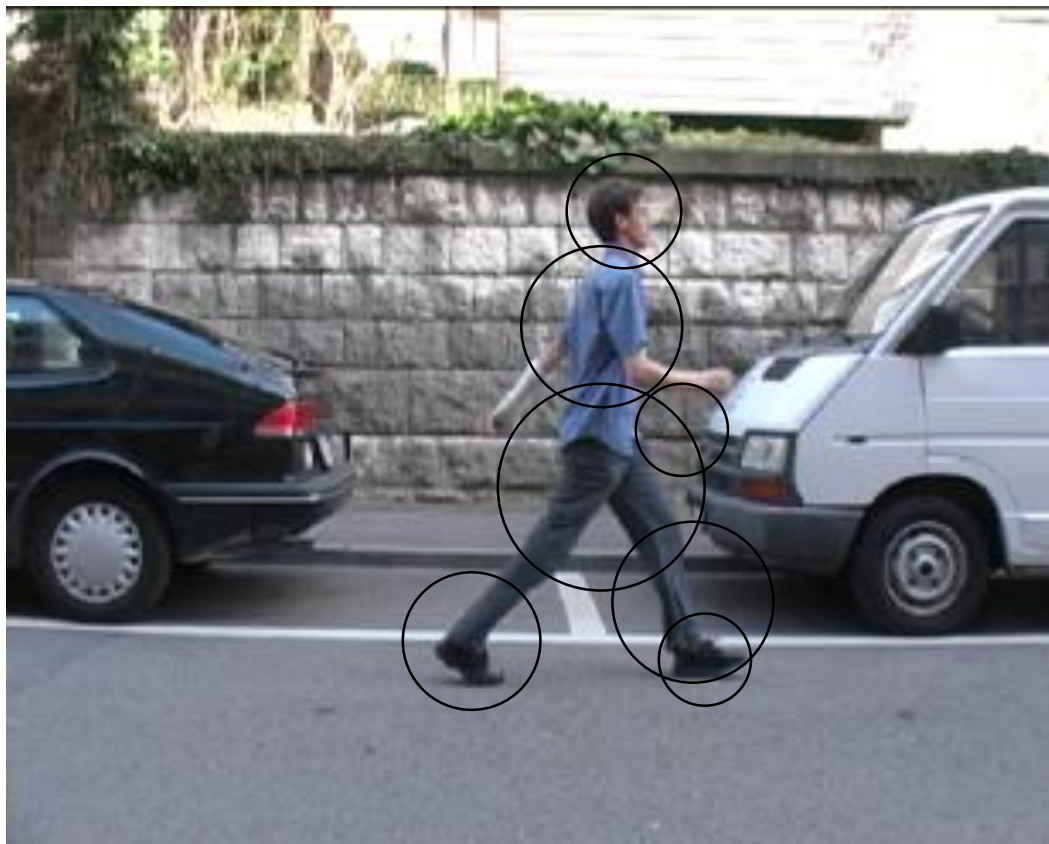


# Example dictionary





# Another dictionary



## Appearance codebook

## **Dictionary Learning:**

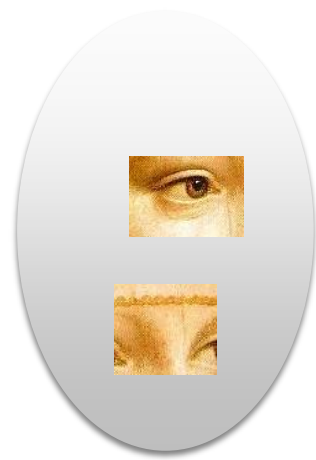
Learn Visual Words using clustering

## **Encode:**

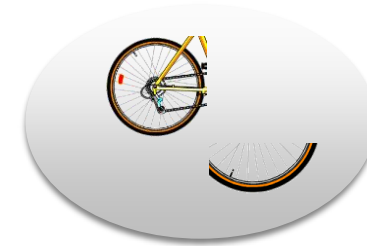
build Bags-of-Words (BOW) vectors  
for each image

## **Classify:**

Train and test data using BOWs

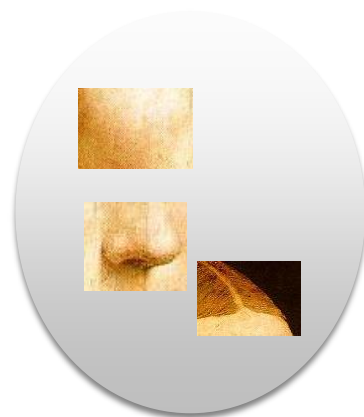


1. Quantization: image features gets associated to a visual word (nearest cluster center)



## **Encode:**

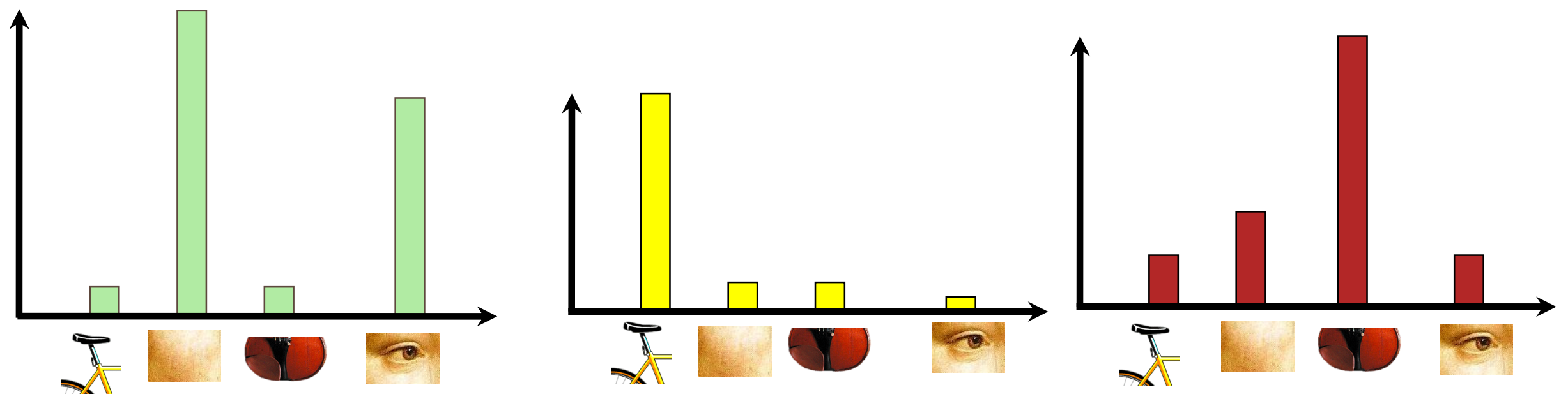
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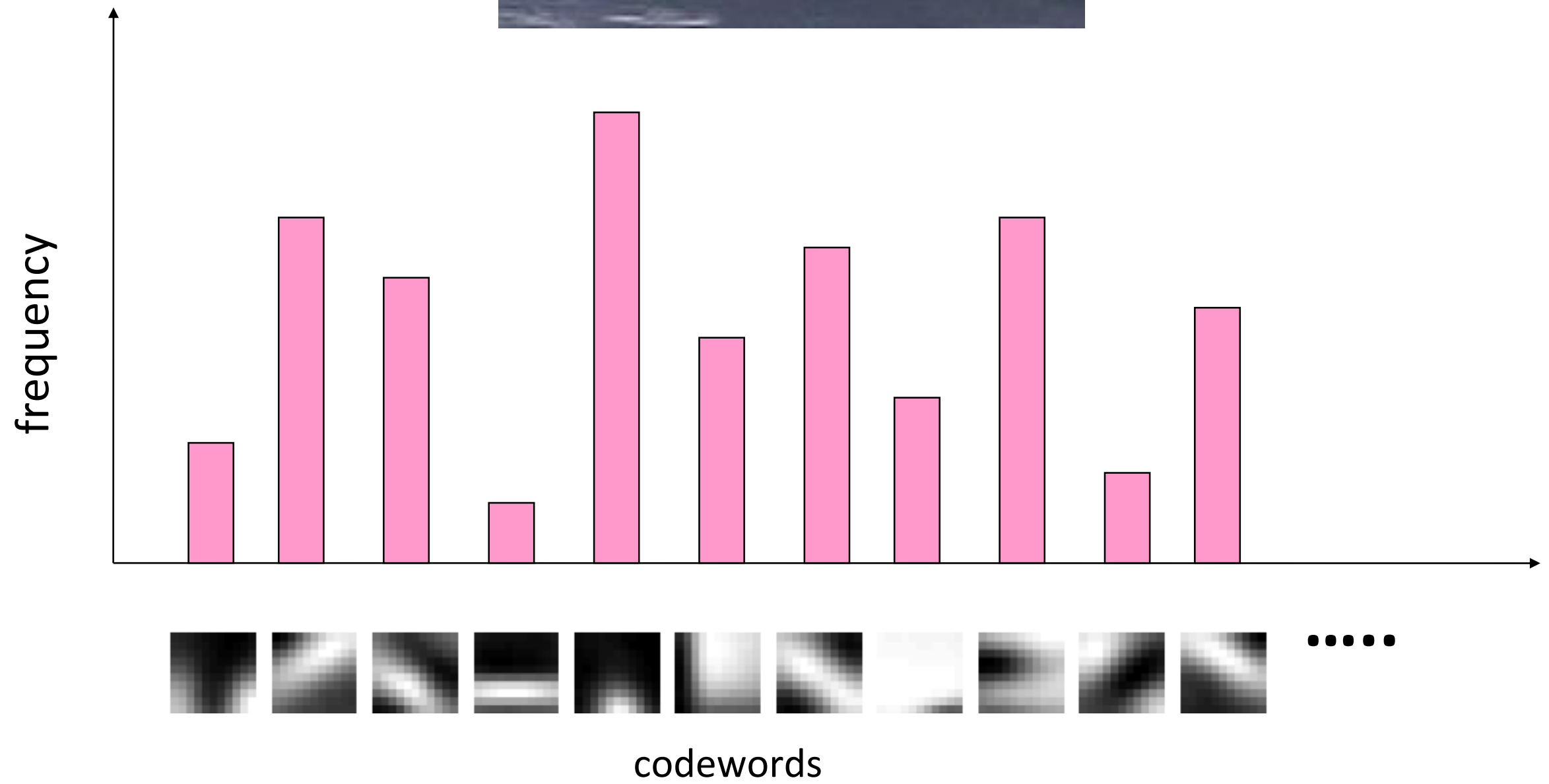




**Encode:**  
build Bags-of-Words (BOW) vectors  
for each image

2. Histogram: count the  
number of visual word  
occurrences





## **Dictionary Learning:**

Learn Visual Words using clustering

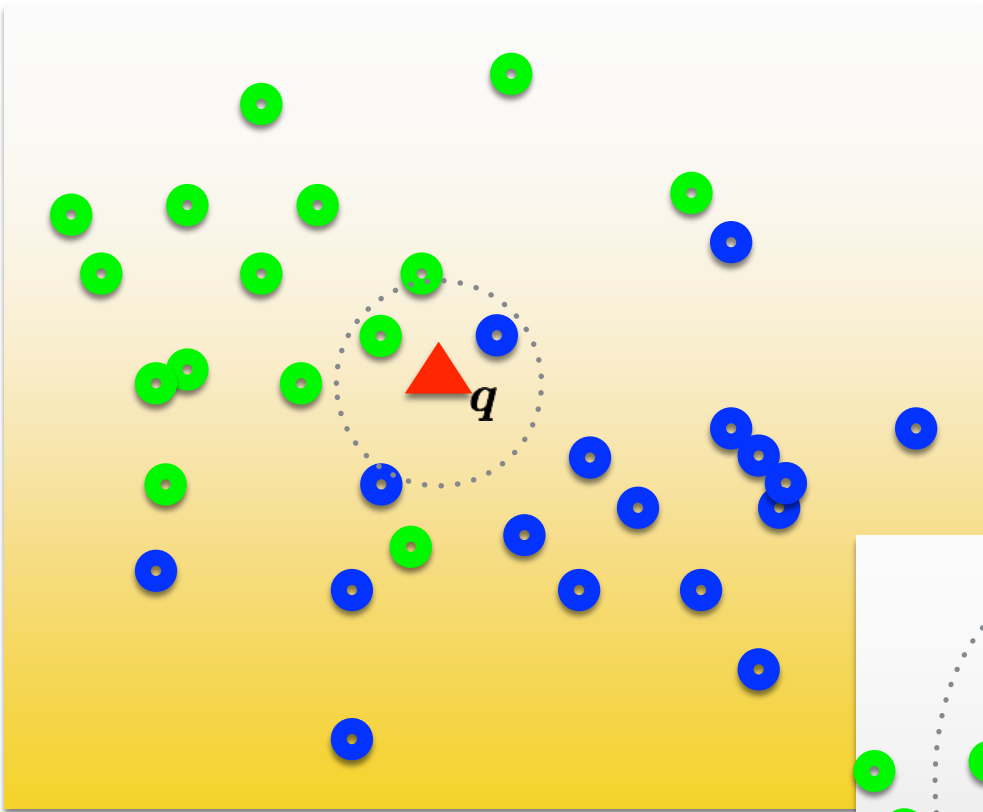
## **Encode:**

build Bags-of-Words (BOW) vectors  
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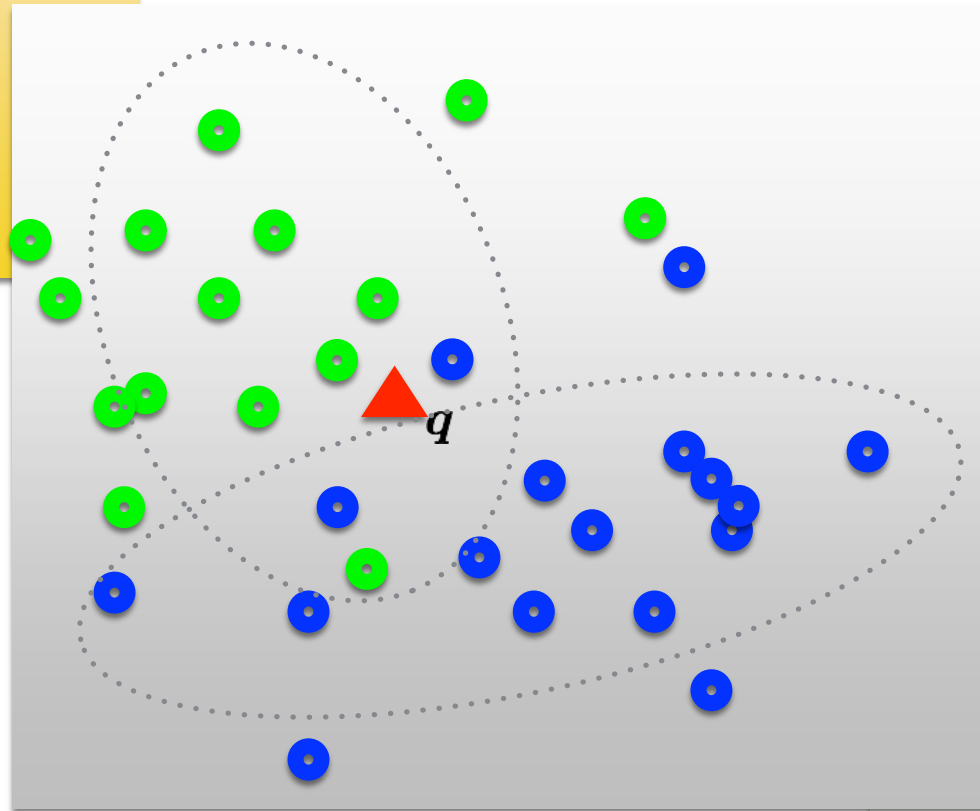
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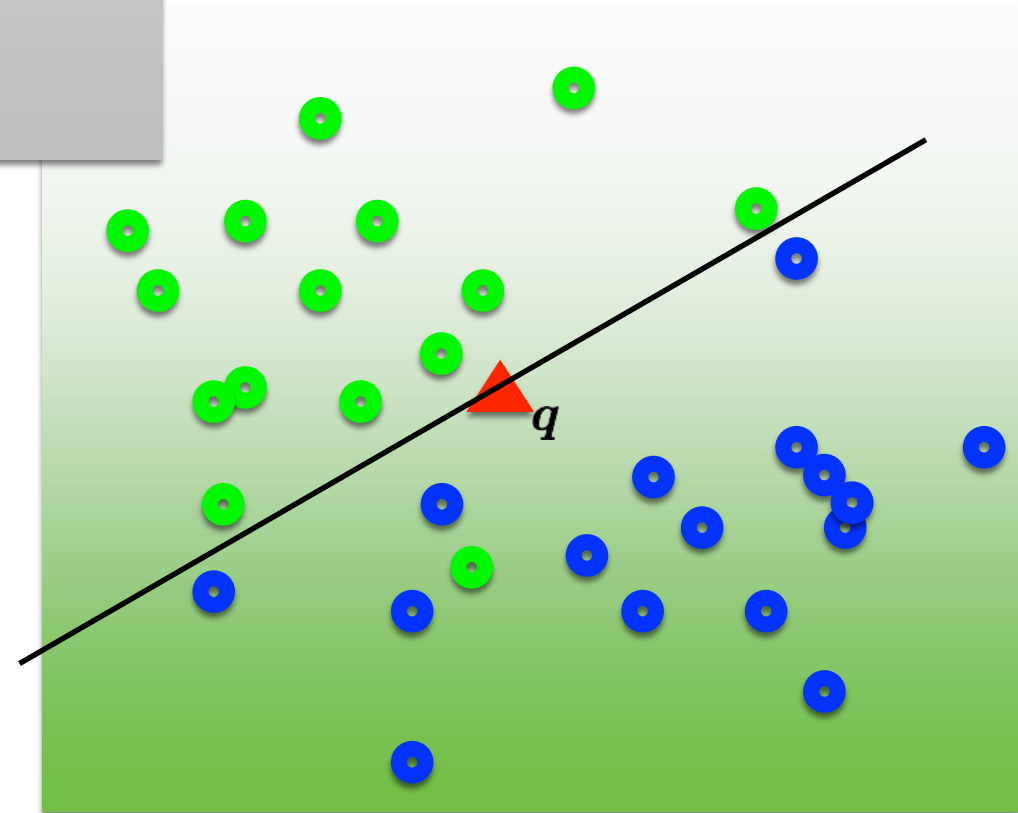




K nearest neighbors



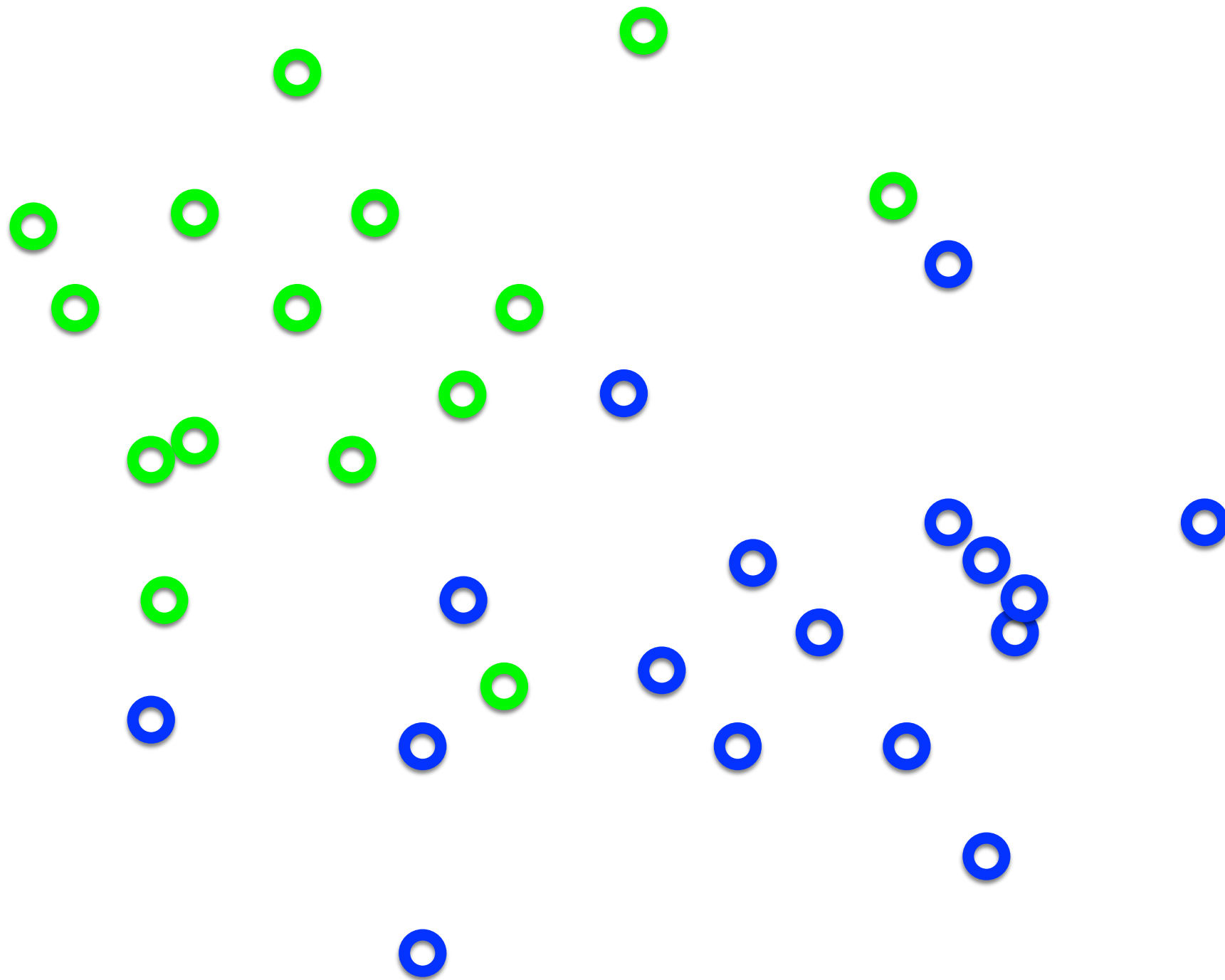
Naïve Bayes



Support Vector Machine

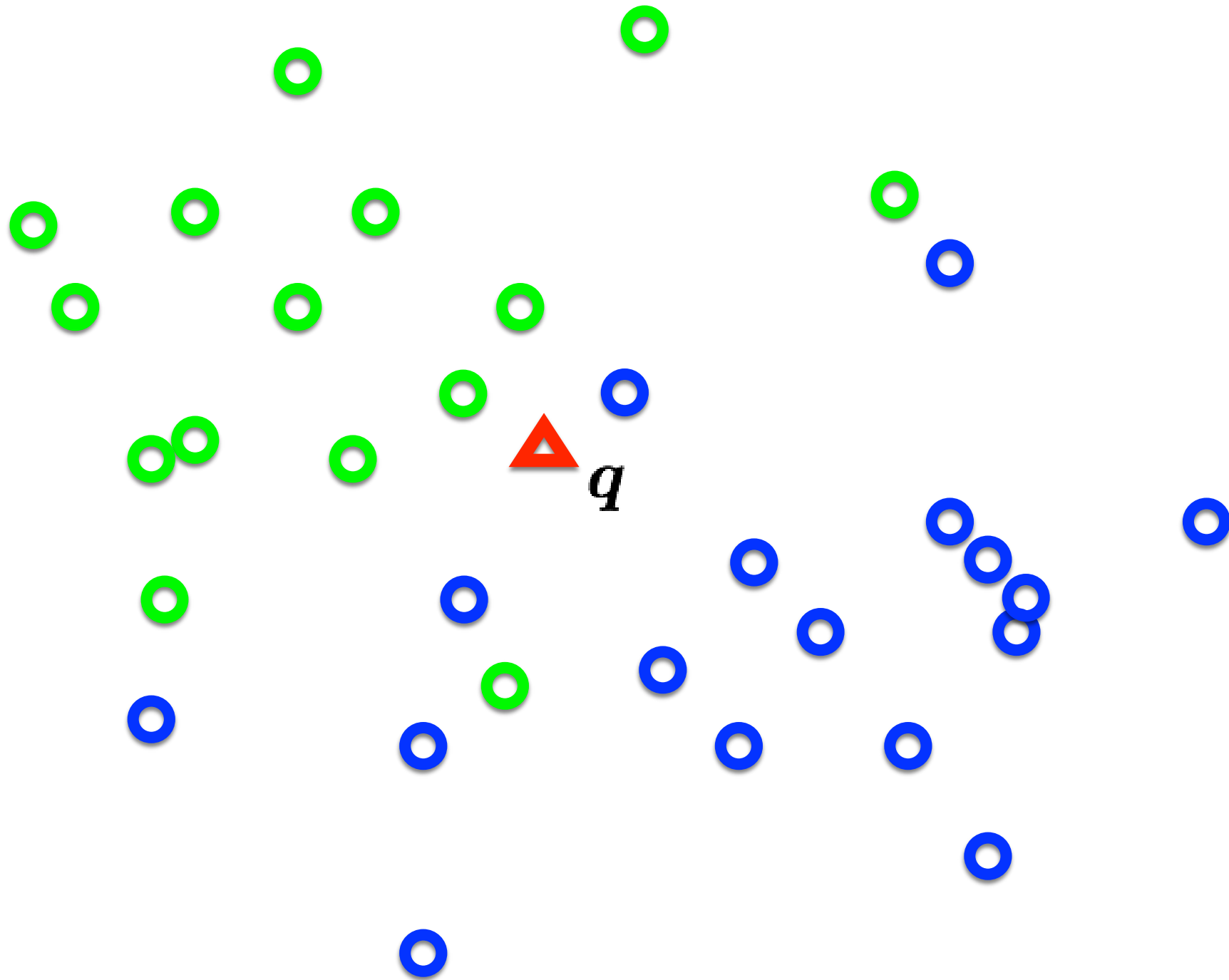
$K$  nearest neighbors

# Distribution of data from two classes



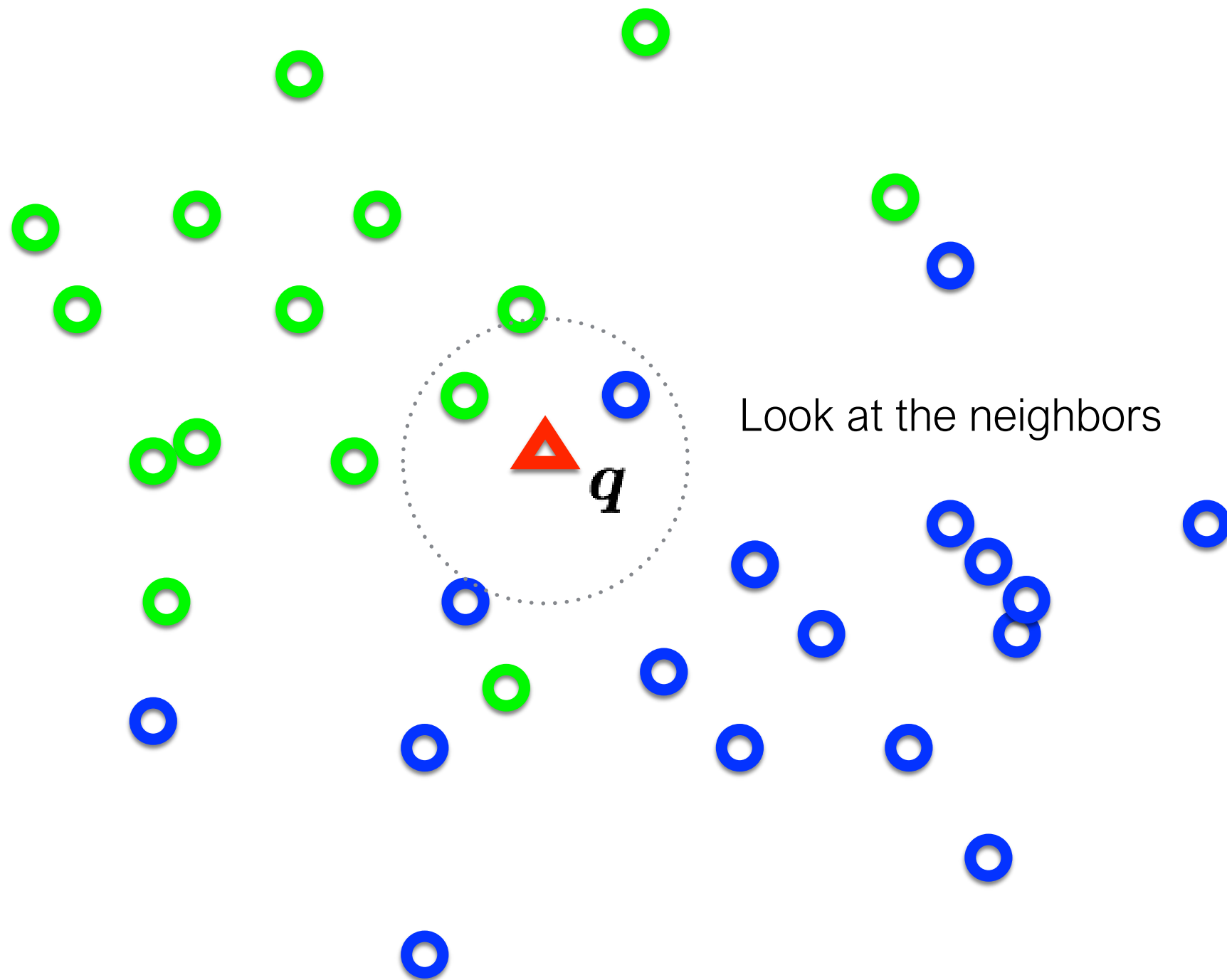


# Distribution of data from two classes

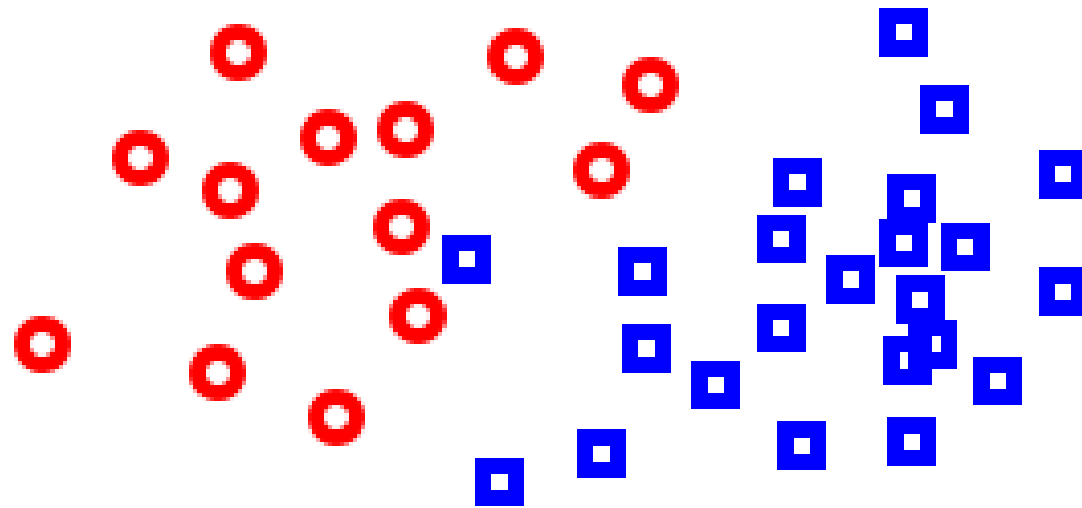


*Which class does  $q$  belong too?*

# Distribution of data from two classes



# K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) Classifier

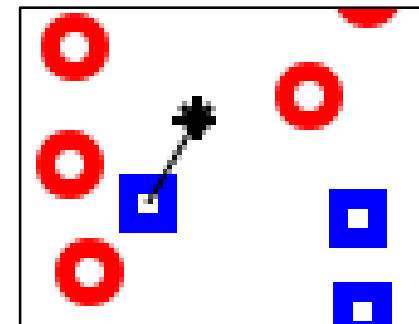


Non-parametric pattern classification approach

Consider a two class problem where each sample consists of two measurements (x,y).

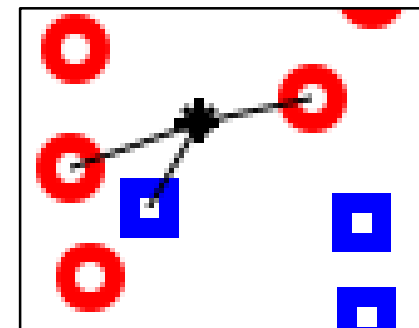
For a given query point  $q$ , assign the class of the nearest neighbor

$k = 1$

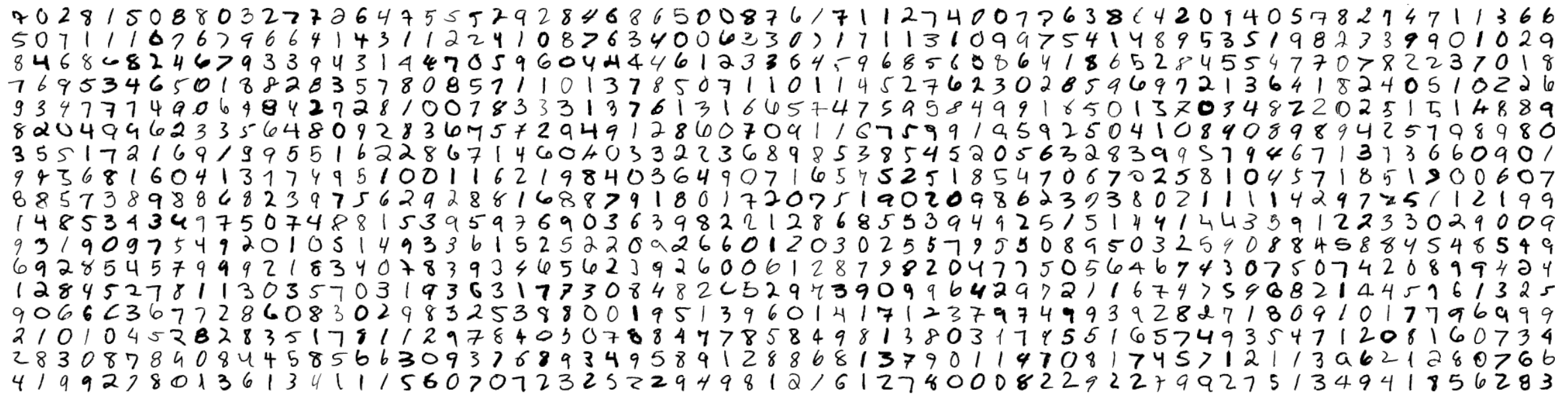


Compute the  $k$  nearest neighbors and assign the class by majority vote.

$k = 3$



# Nearest Neighbor is competitive



## MNIST Digit Recognition

- Handwritten digits
- 28x28 pixel images:  $d = 784$
- 60,000 training samples
- 10,000 test samples

Yann LeCunn

	Test Error Rate (%)
Linear classifier (1-layer NN)	12.0
K-nearest-neighbors, Euclidean	5.0
K-nearest-neighbors, Euclidean, deskewed	2.4
K-NN, Tangent Distance, 16x16	1.1
K-NN, shape context matching	0.67
1000 RBF + linear classifier	3.6
SVM deg 4 polynomial	1.1
2-layer NN, 300 hidden units	4.7
2-layer NN, 300 HU, [deskewing]	1.6
LeNet-5, [distortions]	0.8
Boosted LeNet-4, [distortions]	0.7



## **What is the best distance metric between data points?**

- Typically Euclidean distance
- Locality sensitive distance metrics
- Important to normalize.  
Dimensions have different scales

## **How many K?**

- Typically  $k=1$  is good
- Cross-validation (try different  $k$ !)

# Distance metrics

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \cdots + (x_N - y_N)^2} \quad \text{Euclidean}$$

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} = \frac{x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_N y_N}{\sqrt{\sum_n x_n^2} \sqrt{\sum_n y_n^2}} \quad \text{Cosine}$$

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \frac{(x_n - y_n)^2}{(x_n + y_n)} \quad \text{Chi-squared}$$

# Choice of distance metric

- Hyperparameter

L1 (Manhattan) distance

$$d_1(I_1, I_2) = \sum_p |I_1^p - I_2^p|$$

L2 (Euclidean) distance

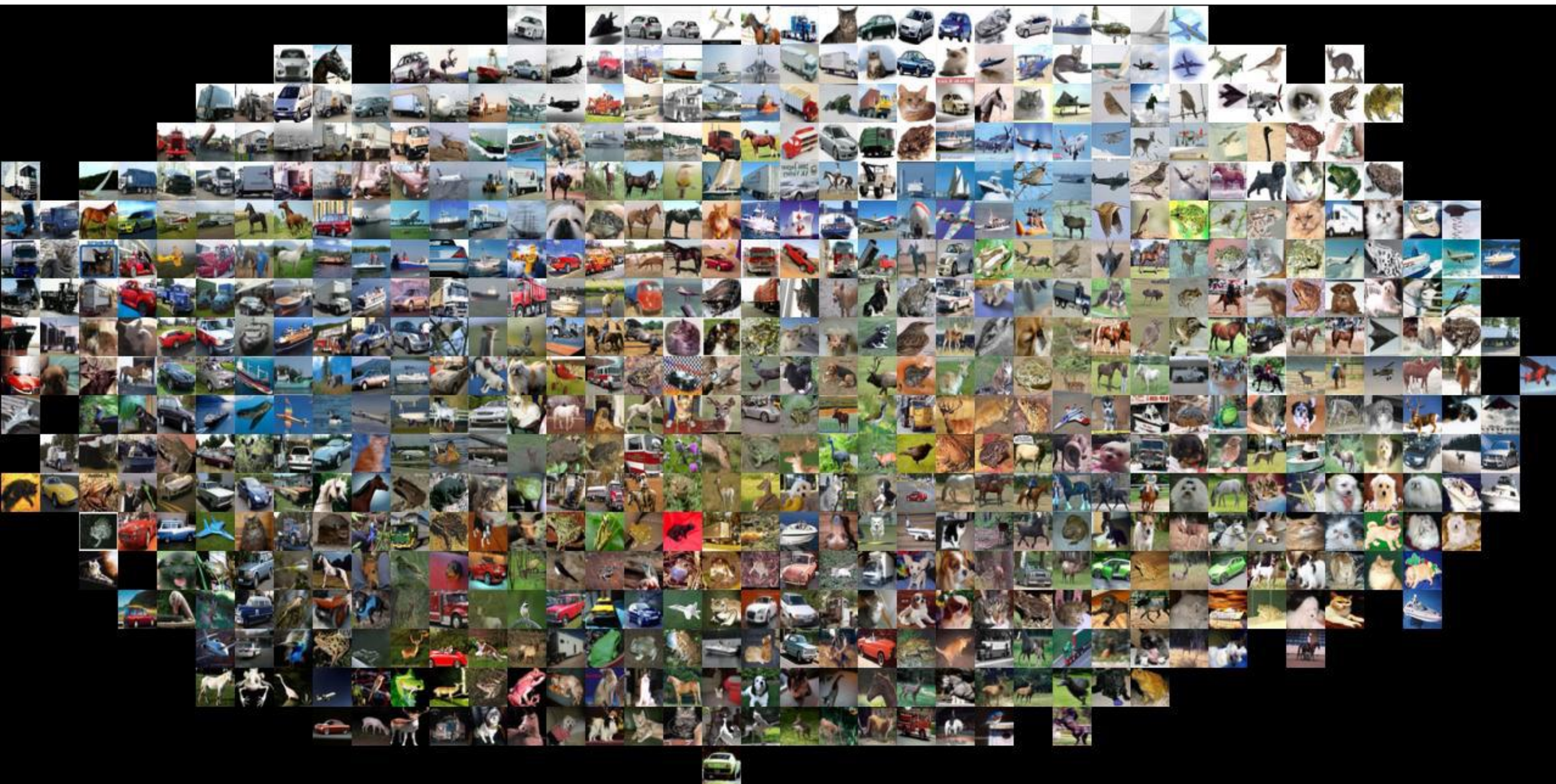
$$d_2(I_1, I_2) = \sqrt{\sum_p (I_1^p - I_2^p)^2}$$

- Two most commonly used special cases of p-norm

$$\|x\|_p = \left(|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad p \geq 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



# Visualization: L2 distance





# CIFAR-10 and NN results

Example dataset: **CIFAR-10**

**10** labels

**50,000** training images

**10,000** test images.

airplane



automobile



bird



cat



deer



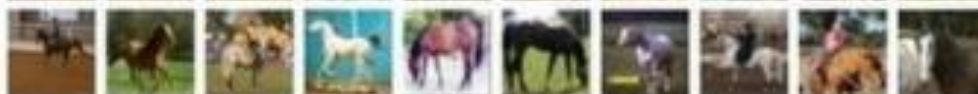
dog



frog



horse



ship



truck



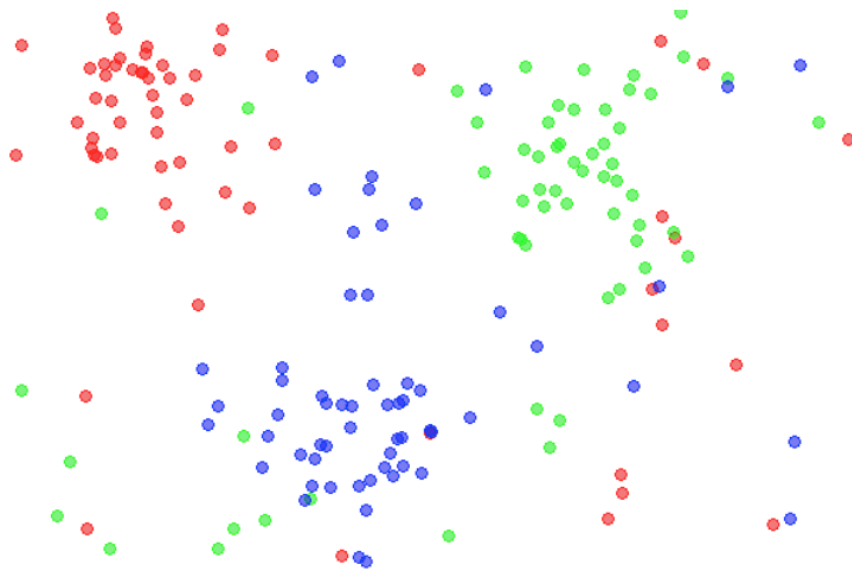
For every test image (first column),  
examples of nearest neighbors in rows



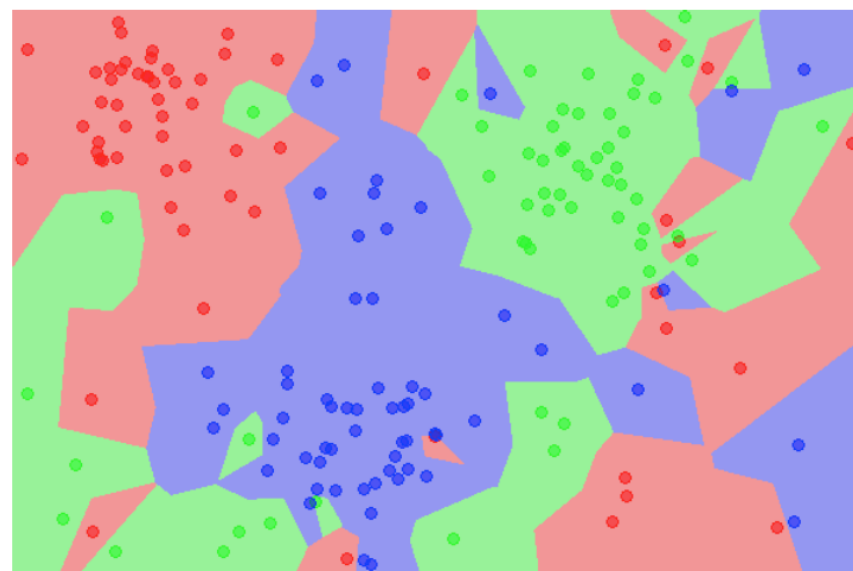
# k-nearest neighbor

- Find the  $k$  closest points from training data
- Labels of the  $k$  points “vote” to classify

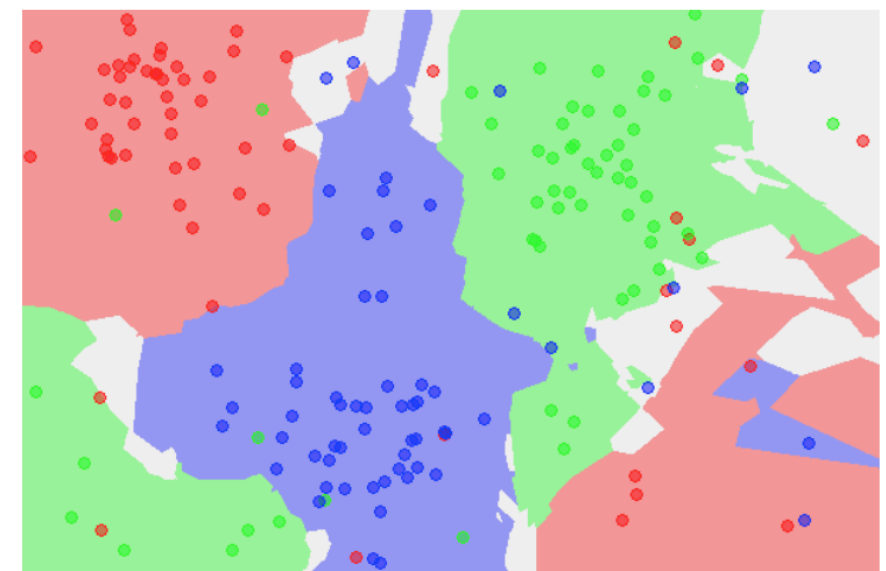
the data



NN classifier



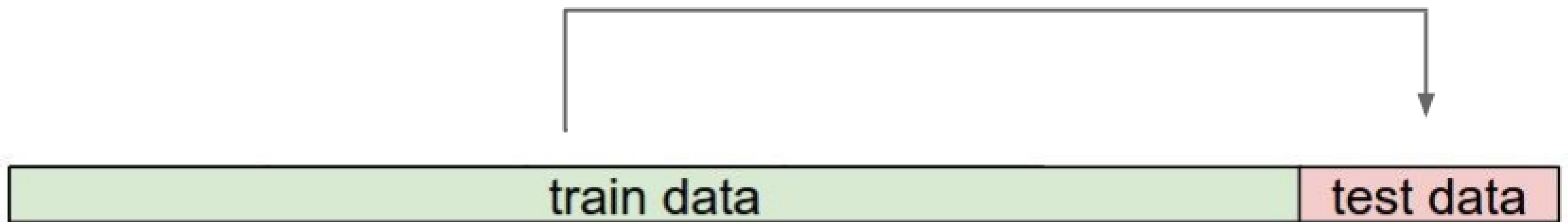
5-NN classifier



# Hyperparameters

- What is the best distance to use?
- What is the best value of  $k$  to use?
- i.e., how do we set the hyperparameters?
- Very problem-dependent
- Must try them all and see what works best

Try out what hyperparameters work best on test set.





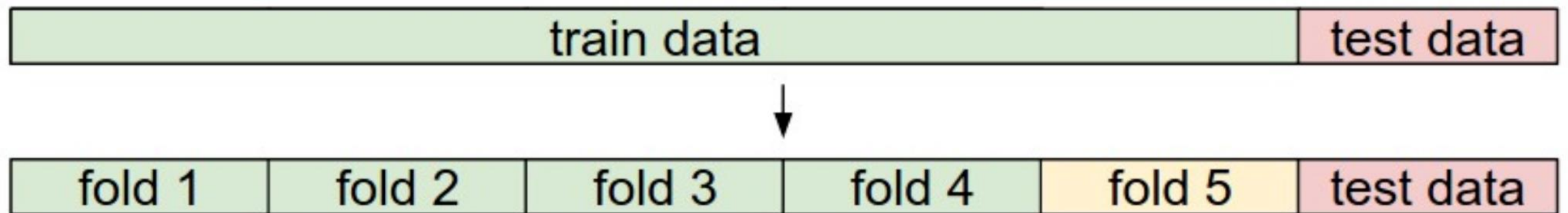
Trying out what hyperparameters work best on test set:

Very bad idea. The test set is a proxy for the generalization performance!

Use only **VERY SPARINGLY**, at the end.



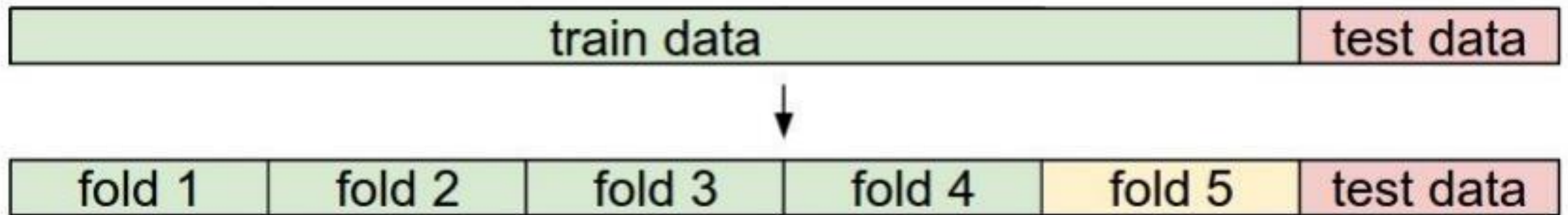
# Validation



Validation data

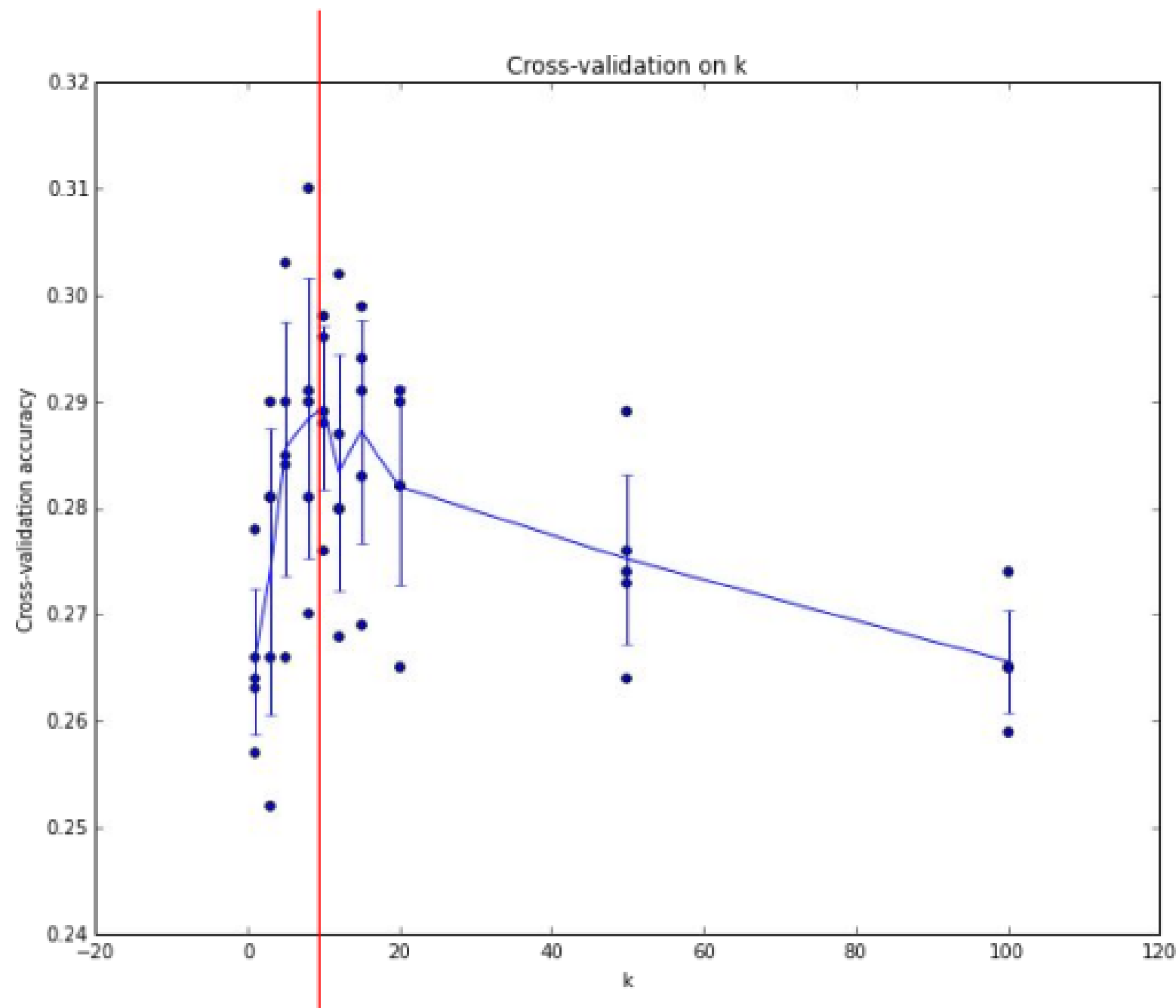
use to tune hyperparameters  
evaluate on test set ONCE at the end

# Cross-validation



## **Cross-validation**

cycle through the choice of which fold is the validation fold, average results.



Example of  
5-fold cross-validation  
for the value of  $k$ .

Each point: single  
outcome.

The line goes  
through the mean, bars  
indicated standard  
deviation

(Seems that  $k \approx 7$  works best  
for this data)



# How to pick hyperparameters?

- Methodology
  - Train and test
  - Train, validate, test
- Train for original model
- Validate to find hyperparameters
- Test to understand generalizability

## **Pros**

- simple yet effective

## **Cons**

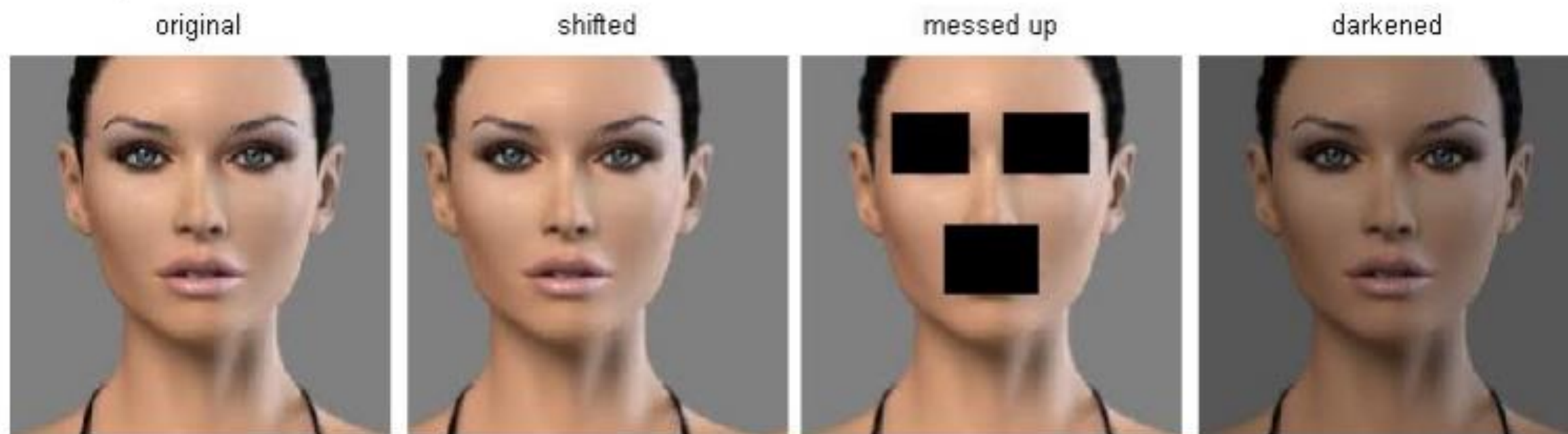
- search is expensive (can be sped-up)
- storage requirements
- difficulties with high-dimensional data

# kNN -- Complexity and Storage

- N training images, M test images
- Training:  $O(1)$
- Testing:  $O(MN)$
- Hmm...
  - Normally need the opposite
  - Slow training (ok), fast testing (necessary)

## k-Nearest Neighbor on images **never used**.

- terrible performance at test time
- distance metrics on level of whole images can be very unintuitive

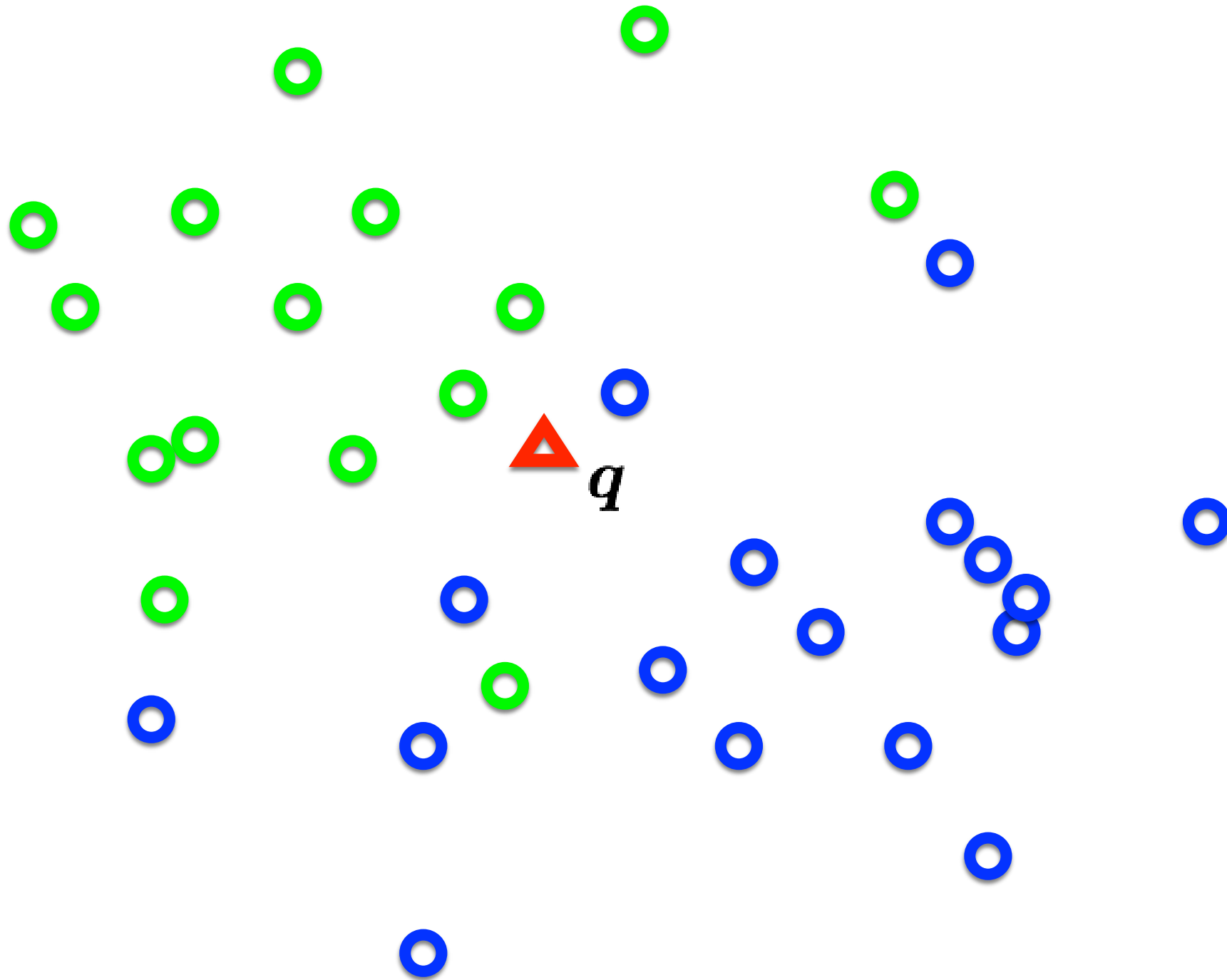


(all 3 images have same L2 distance to the one on the left)



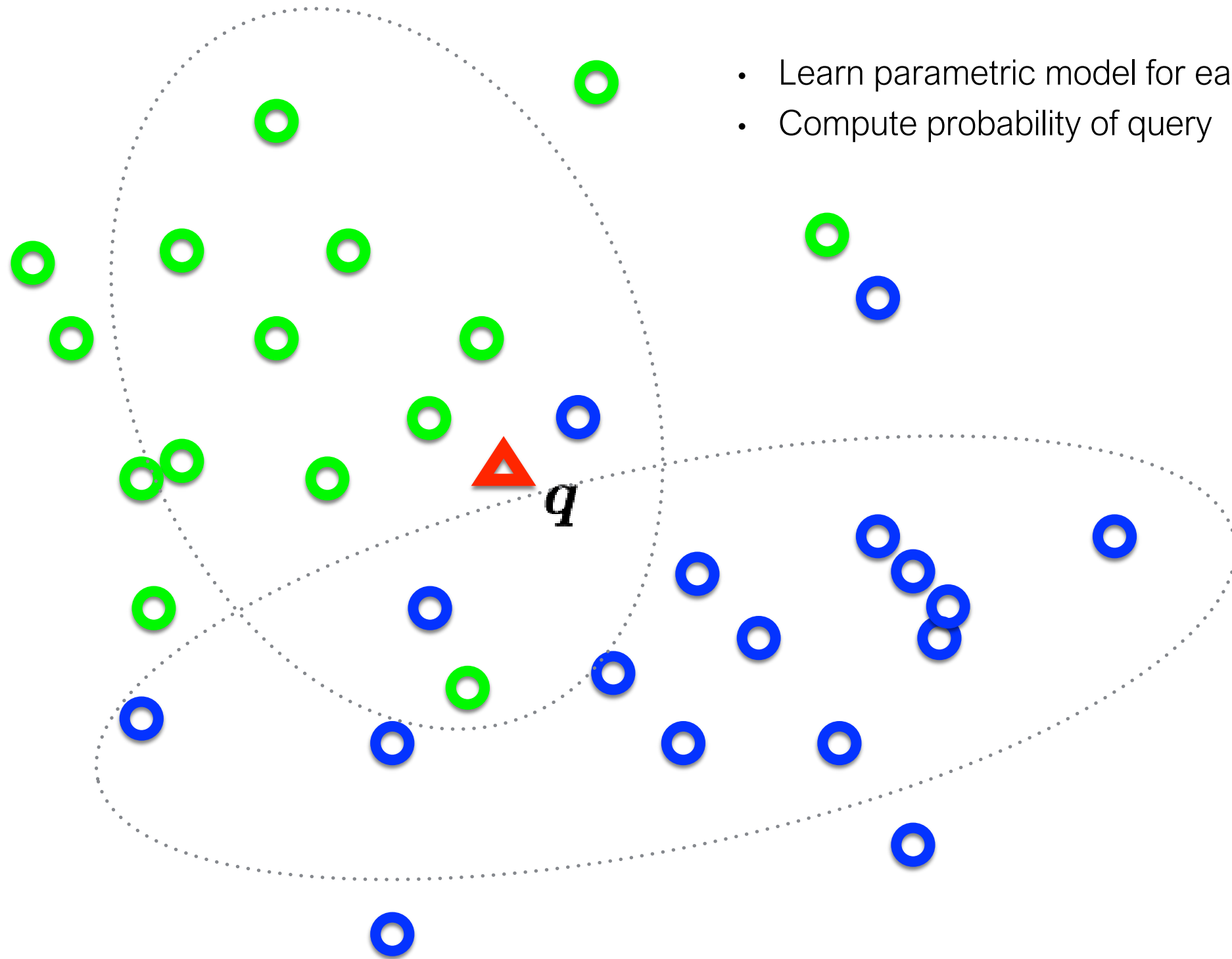
# Naïve Bayes

# Distribution of data from two classes



*Which class does  $q$  belong too?*


# Distribution of data from two classes



This is called the posterior.

the probability of a class  $z$  given the observed features  $X$

$$p(z|X)$$



For classification,  $z$  is a  
discrete random variable  
(e.g., car, person, building)



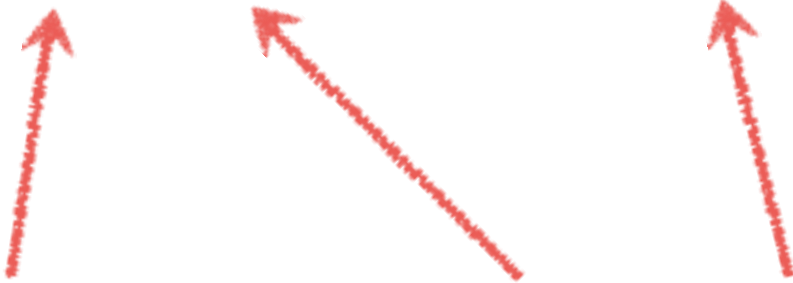
$X$  is a set of observed features  
(e.g., features from a single image)

(it's a function that returns a single probability value)



This is called the posterior:  
the probability of a class  $z$  given the observed features  $X$

$$p(z|x_1, \dots, x_N)$$



For classification,  $z$  is a  
discrete random variable  
(e.g., car, person, building)

Each  $x$  is an observed feature  
(e.g., visual words)

(it's a function that returns a single probability value)

## Recall:

The posterior can be decomposed according to  
**Bayes' Rule**

$$\underset{\text{posterior}}{p(A|B)} = \frac{\overset{\text{likelihood}}{p(B|A)}\overset{\text{prior}}{p(A)}}{p(B)}$$

In our context...

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})}{p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)}$$

The naive Bayes' classifier is solving this optimization

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(z|\mathbf{X})$$

MAP (maximum a posteriori) estimate

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} \frac{p(\mathbf{X}|z)p(z)}{p(\mathbf{X})}$$

Bayes' Rule

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(\mathbf{X}|z)p(z)$$

Remove constants

To optimize this...we need to compute this

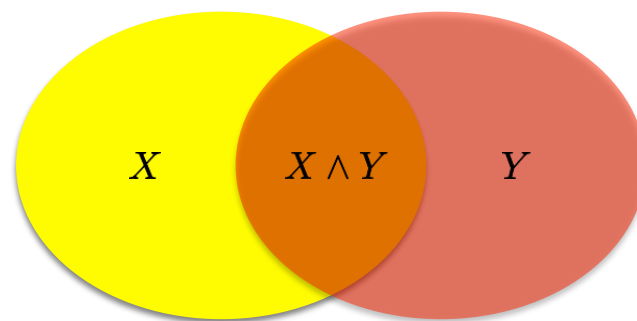


Compute the likelihood...

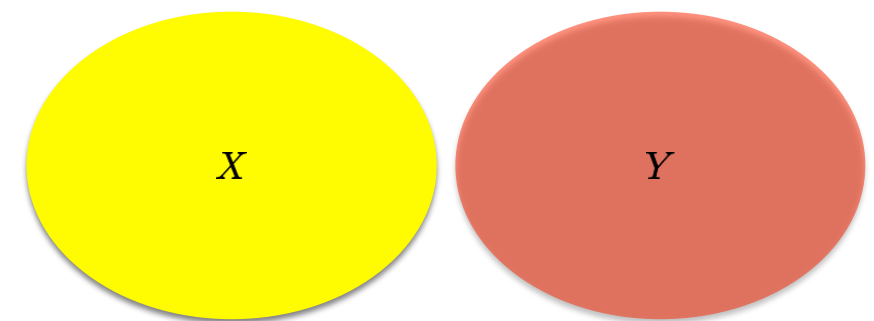
A naive Bayes' classifier assumes all features are  
***conditionally independent***

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) &= p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{z}) \cdots p(\mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

Recall:



$$p(x, y) = p(x|y)p(y)$$



$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y)$$



To compute the MAP estimate

Given (1) a set of known parameters

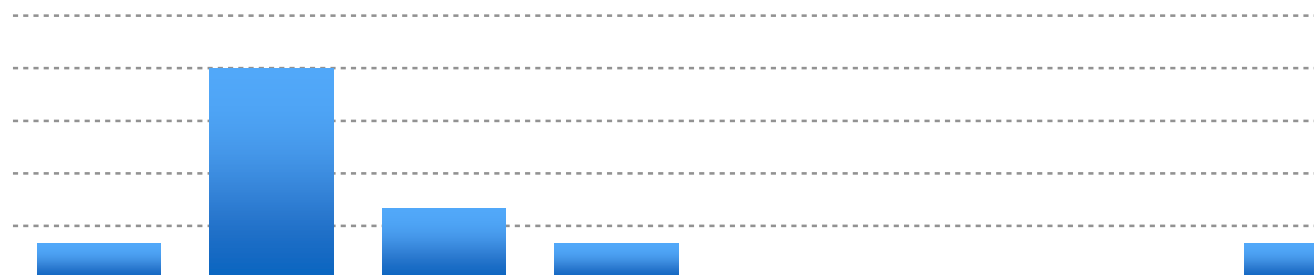
(2) observations

$$p(\mathbf{z}) \quad p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$$

$$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

Compute which  $z$  has the largest probability

$$\hat{z} = \arg \max_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(z) \prod_n p(x_n | z)$$



count	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	1
word	Tartan	robot	CHIMP	CMU	bio	soft	ankle	sensor
p(x z)	0.09	0.55	0.18	0.09	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.09

$$p(X|z) = \prod_v p(x_v|z)^{c(w_v)}$$

$$= (0.09)^1 (0.55)^6 \dots (0.09)^1$$

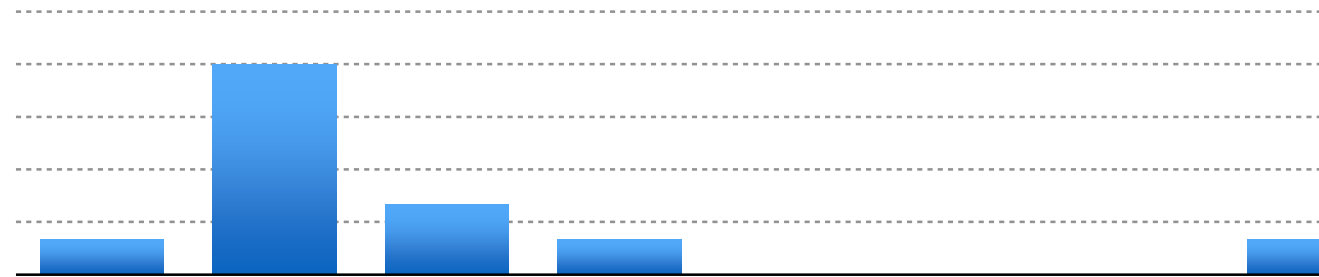
Numbers get really small so use log probabilities

$$\log p(X|z = \text{'grandchallenge'}) = -2.42 - 3.68 - 3.43 - 2.42 - 0.07 - 0.07 - 0.07 - 2.42 = -14.58$$

$$\log p(X|z = \text{'softrobot'}) = -7.63 - 9.37 - 15.18 - 2.97 - 0.02 - 0.01 - 0.02 - 2.27 = -37.48$$

\* typically add pseudo-counts (0.001)

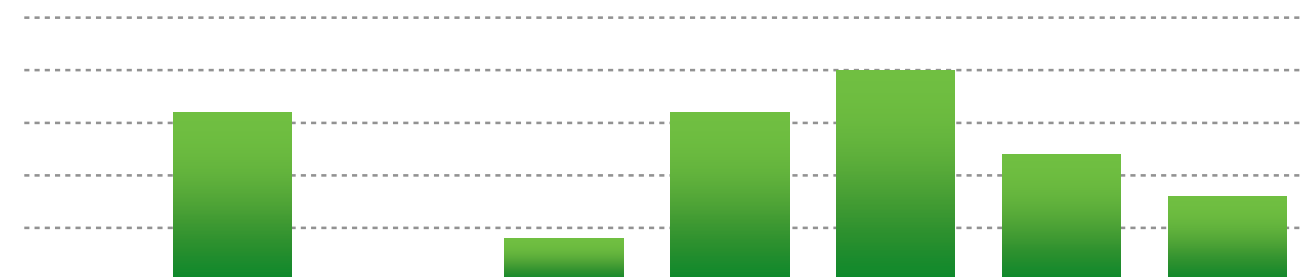
\*\* this is an example for computing the likelihood, need to multiply times **prior** to get posterior



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$$\log p(X|z=\text{grand challenge}) = - \mathbf{14.58}$$

$$\log p(X|z=\text{bio inspired}) = - 37.48$$



count	0	4	0	1	4	5	3	2
word	Tartan	robot	CHIMP	CMU	bio	soft	ankle	sensor
p(x z)	0.0	0.21	0.0	0.05	0.21	0.26	0.16	0.11

$$\log p(X|z=\text{grand challenge}) = - 94.06$$

$$\log p(X|z=\text{bio inspired}) = - \mathbf{32.41}$$

\* typically add pseudo-counts (0.001)

\*\* this is an example for computing the likelihood, need to multiply times prior to get posterior

# Support Vector Machine



# Image Classification



(assume given set of discrete labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



cat

# Score function



**class scores**

# Linear Classifier

define a **score function**

data (histogram)

$$f(x_i, W, b) = Wx_i + b$$

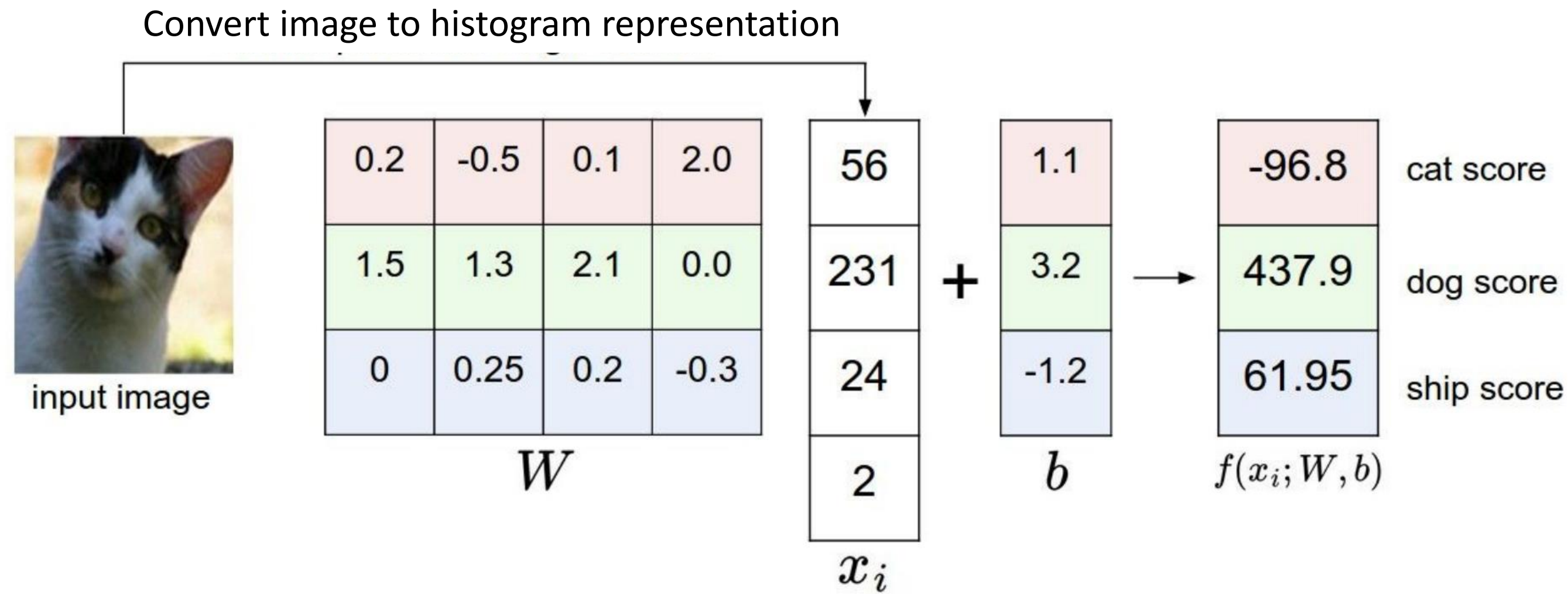
class scores

“weights”

“bias vector”

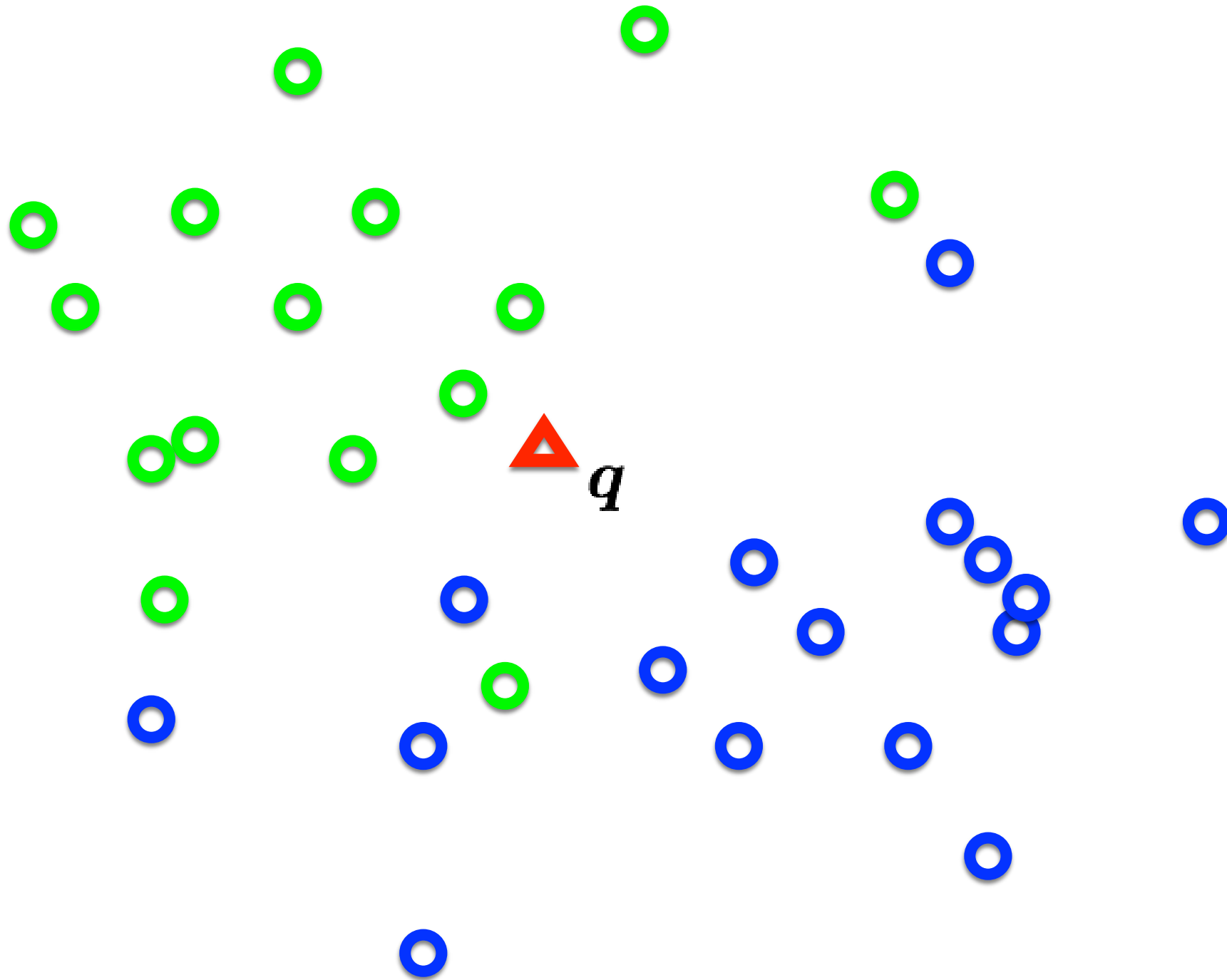
“parameters”

# Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)



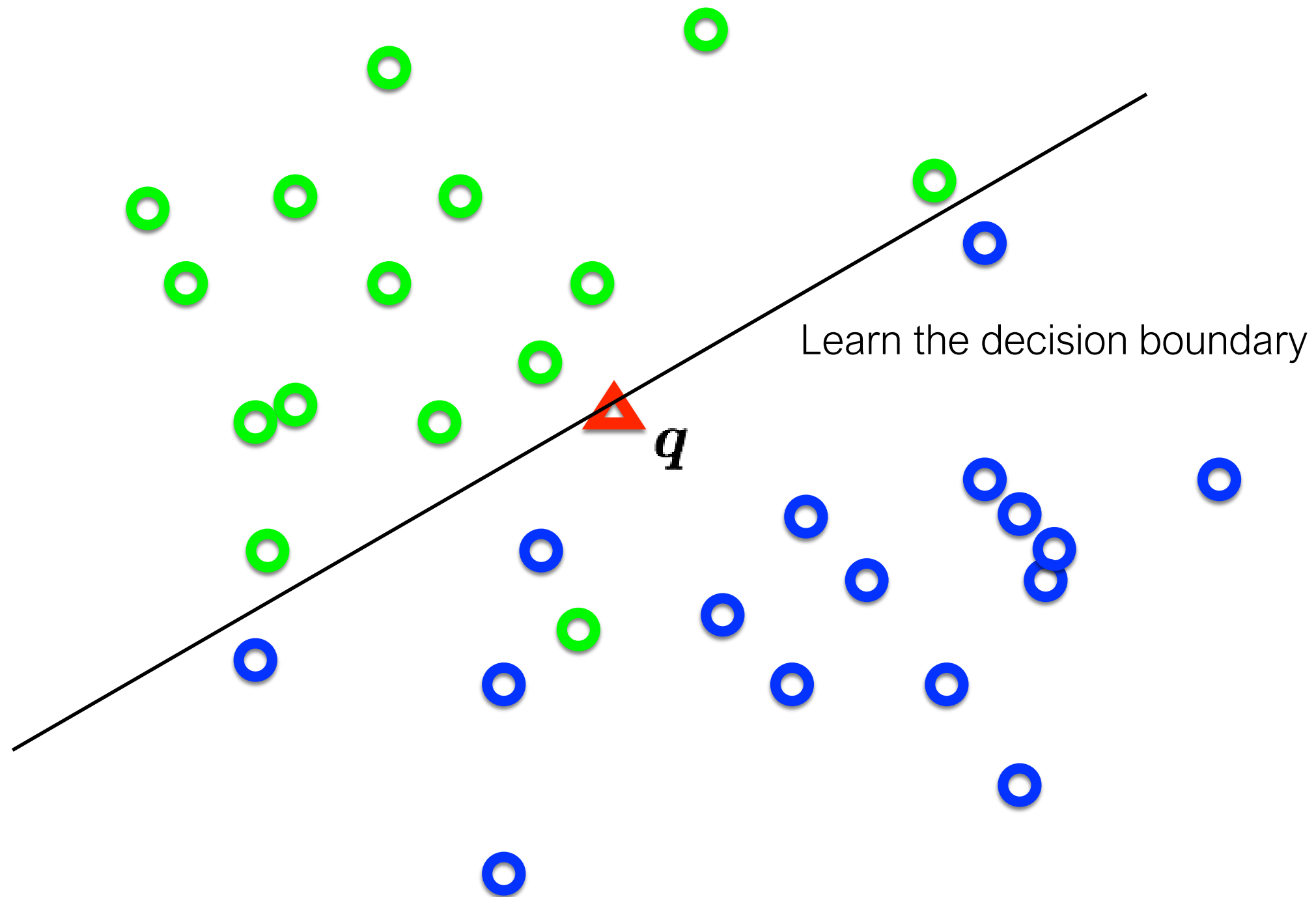


# Distribution of data from two classes



*Which class does  $q$  belong too?*

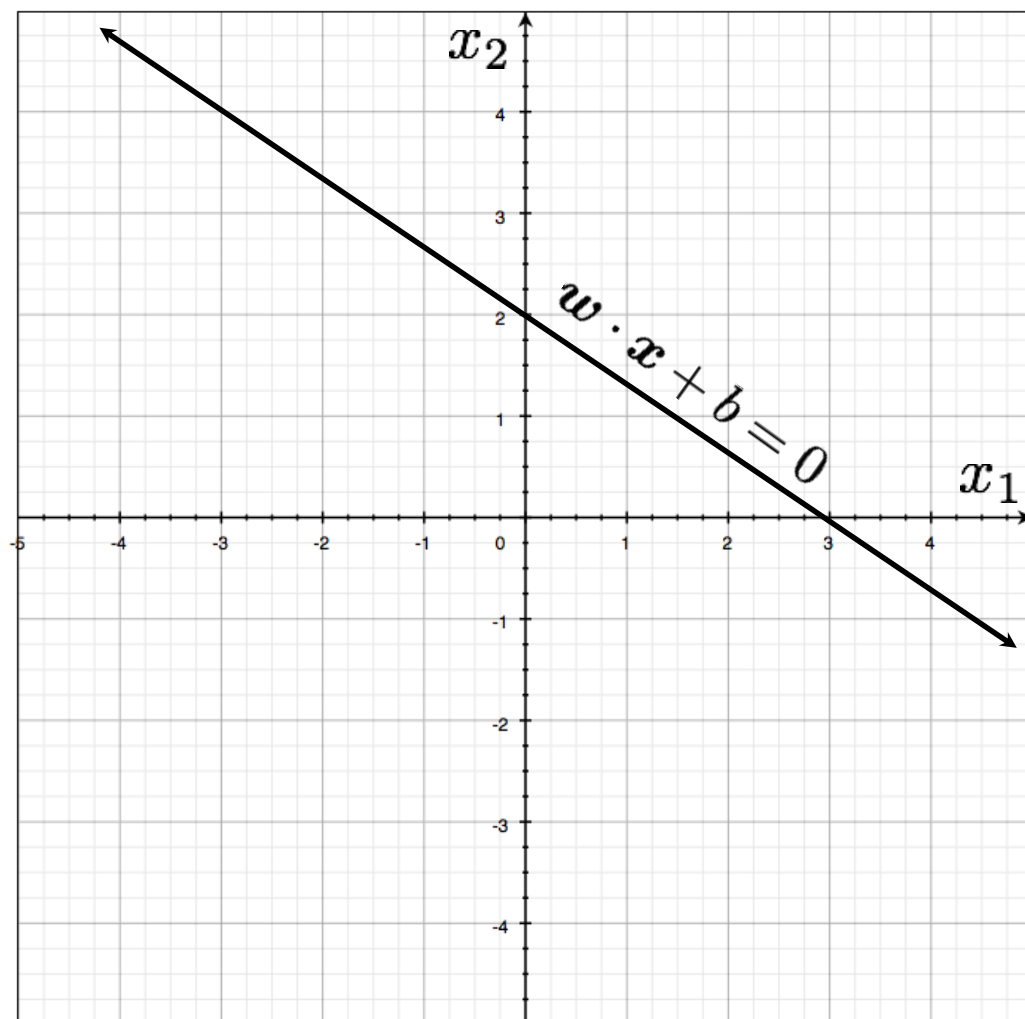
# Distribution of data from two classes



First we need to understand hyperplanes...

# Hyperplanes (lines) in 2D

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$$



a line can be written as  
dot product plus a bias

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

$$w \in \mathcal{R}^2$$

another version, add a weight 1 and  
push the bias inside

$$w \cdot x = 0$$

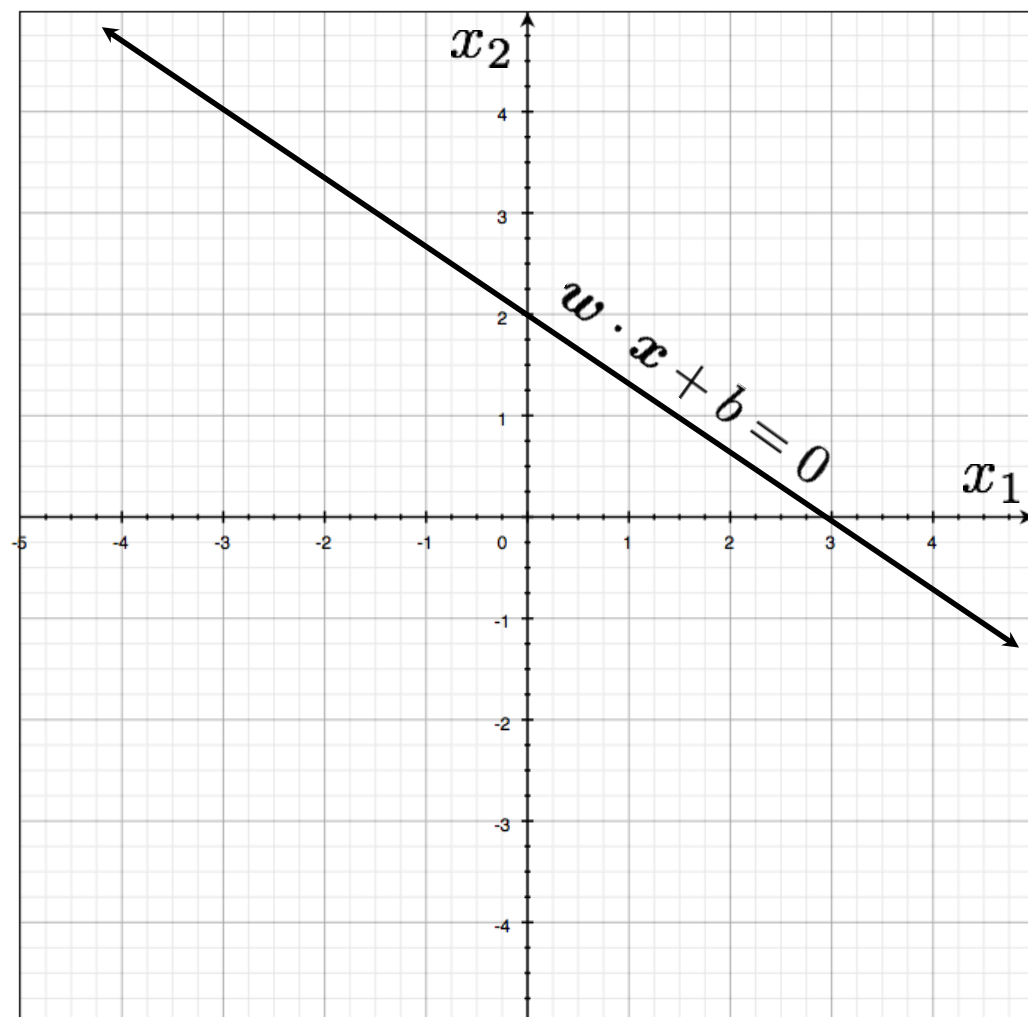
$$w \in \mathcal{R}^3$$



# Hyperplanes (lines) in 2D

$$\boldsymbol{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + b = 0 \quad (\text{offset/bias outside}) \quad \boldsymbol{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{x} = 0 \quad (\text{offset/bias inside})$$

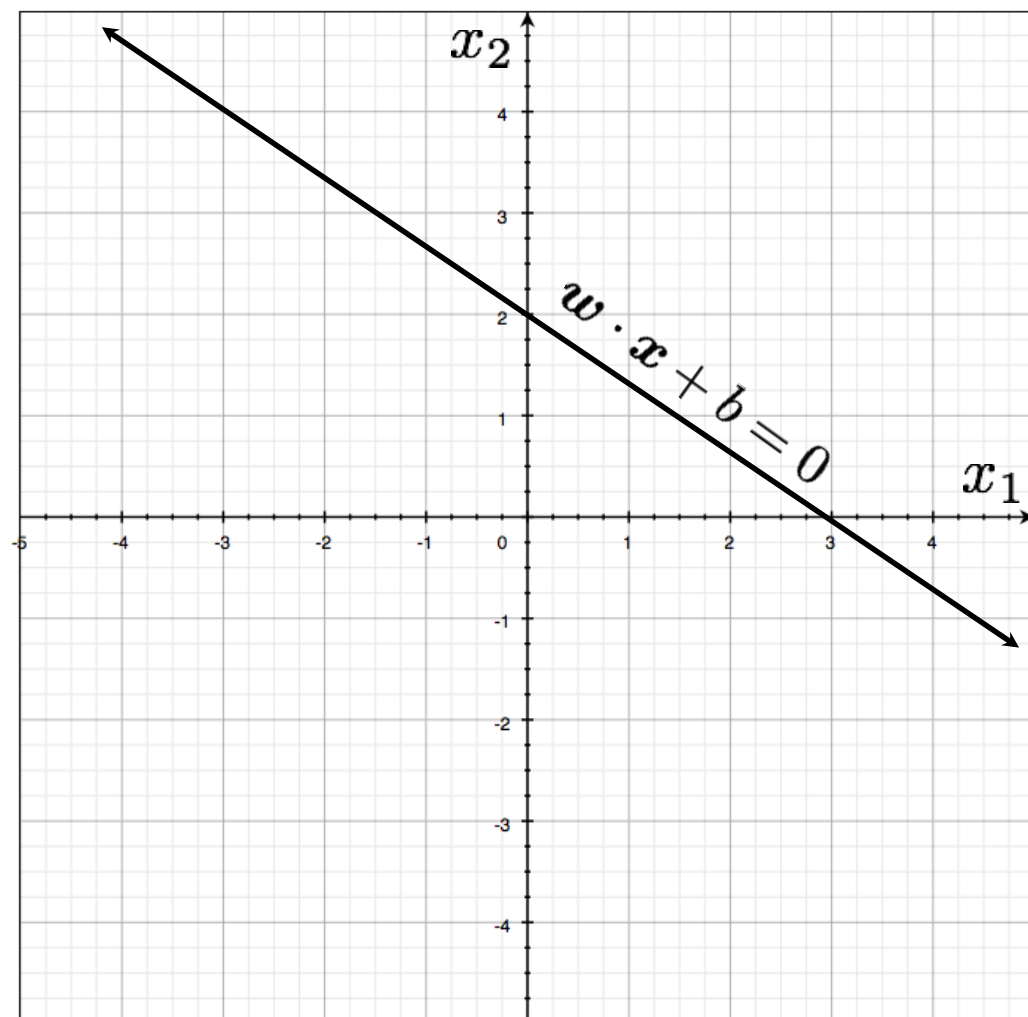
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$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$$



*Important property:*  
*Free to choose any normalization of  $w$*

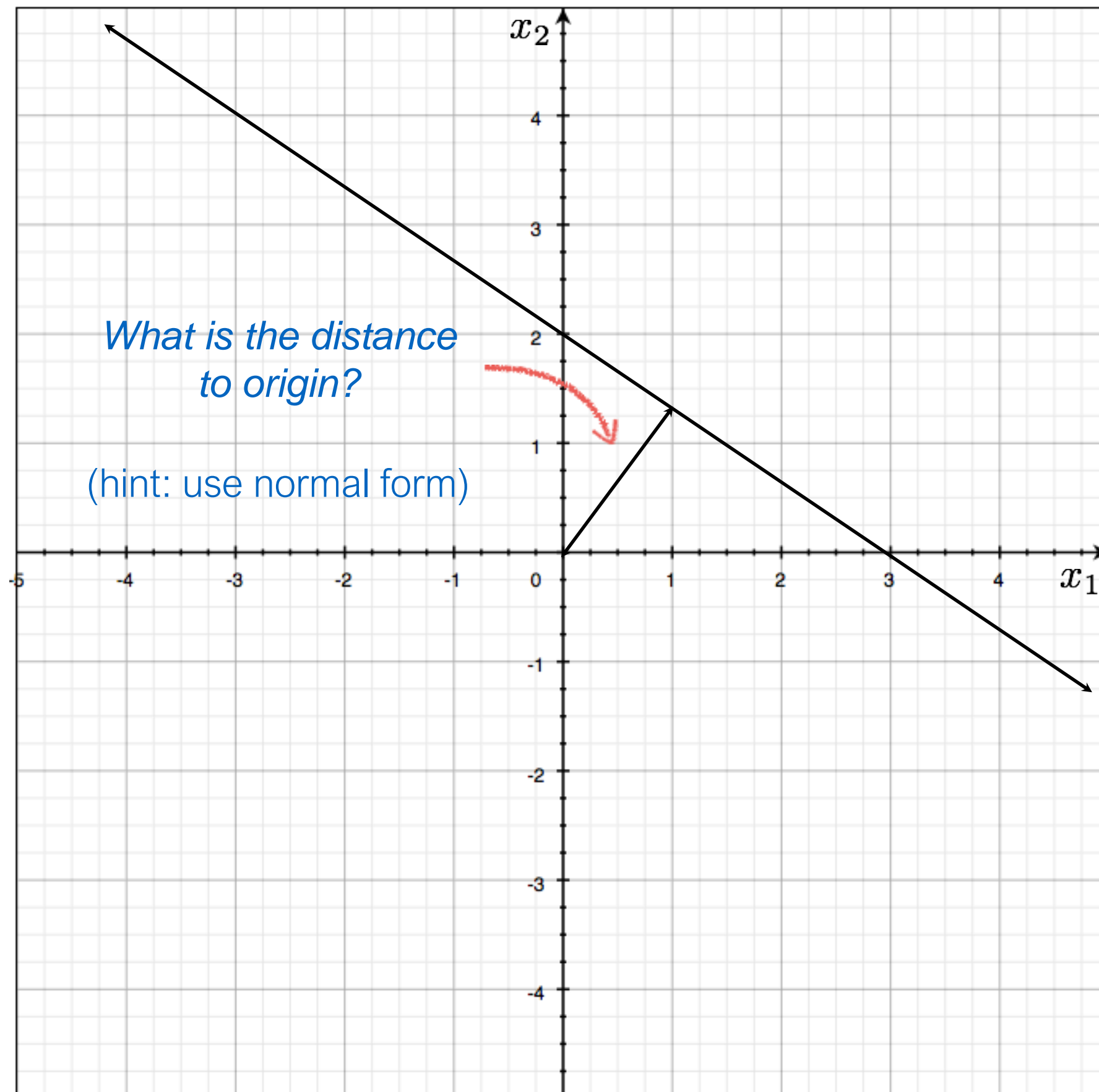
The line

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b = 0$$

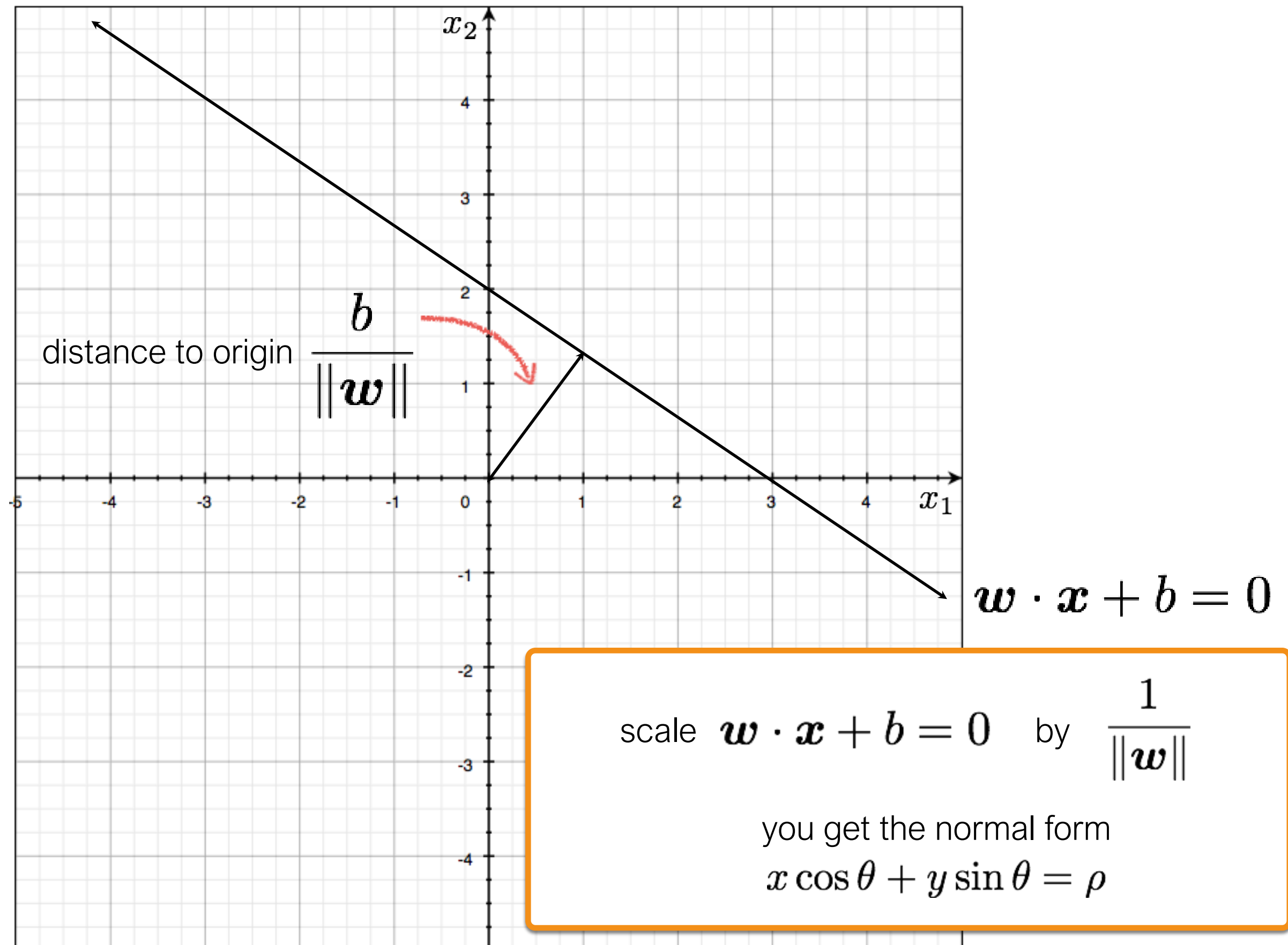
and the line

$$\lambda(w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b) = 0$$

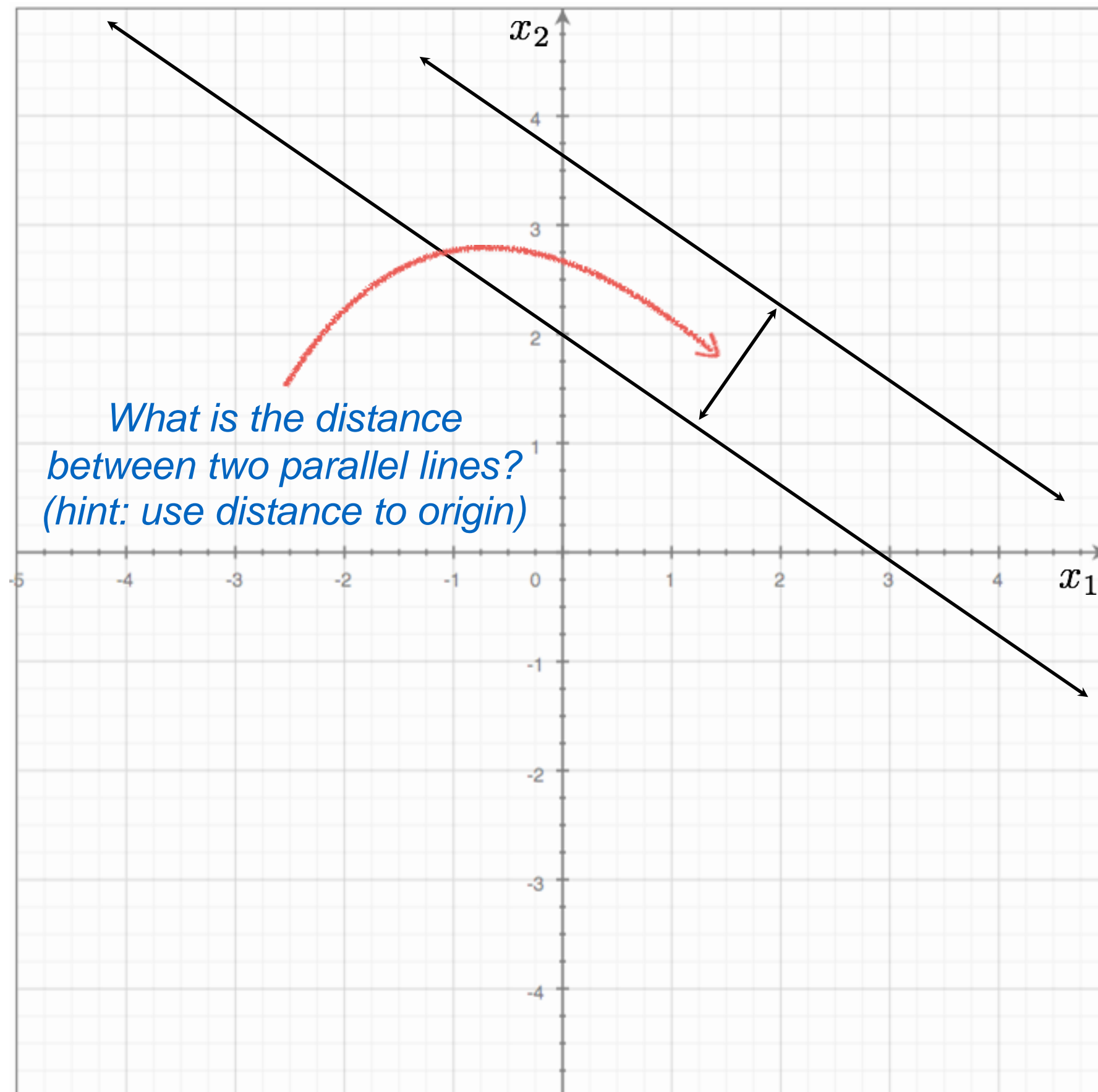
define the same line



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

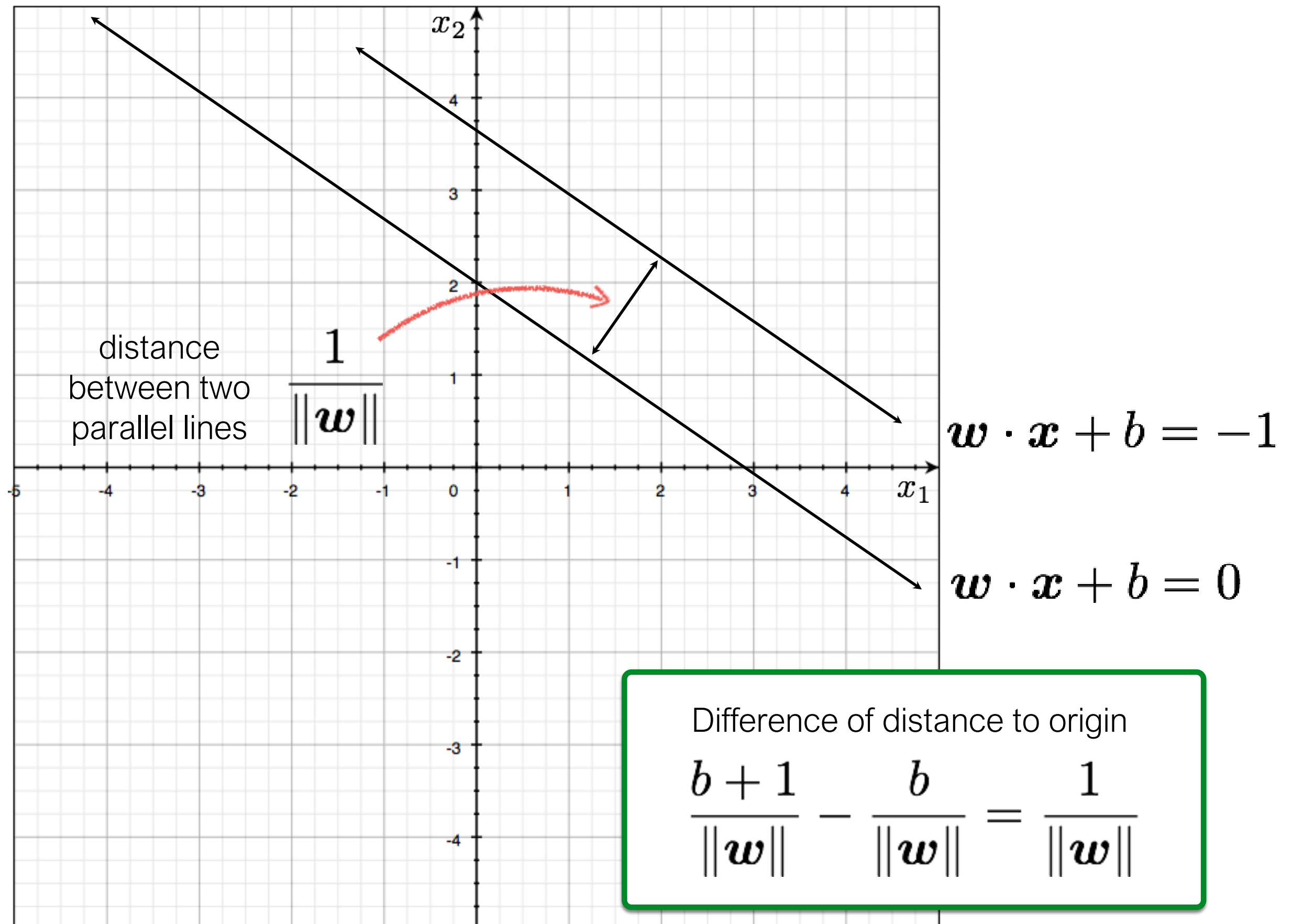






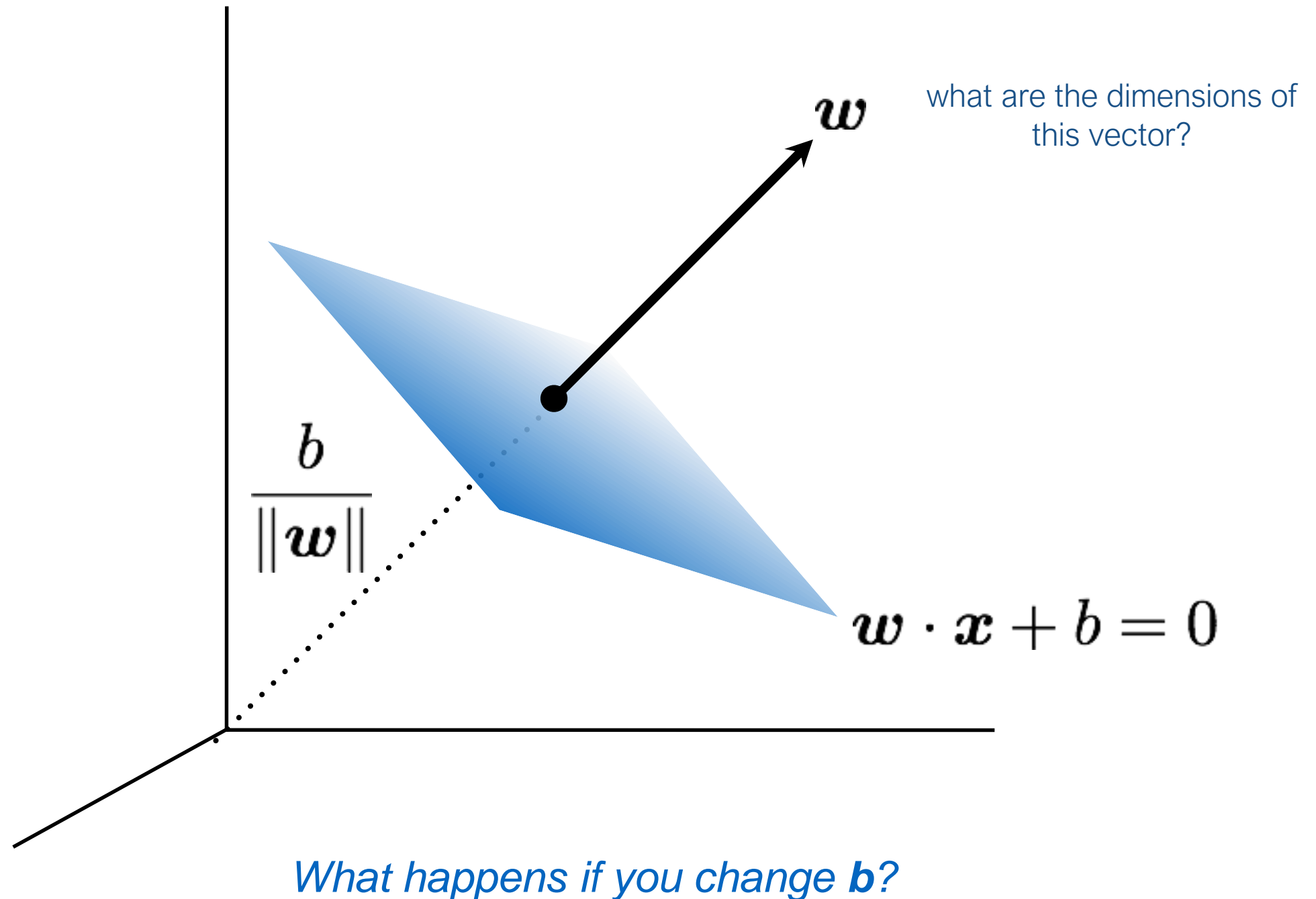
$$w \cdot x + b = -1$$

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

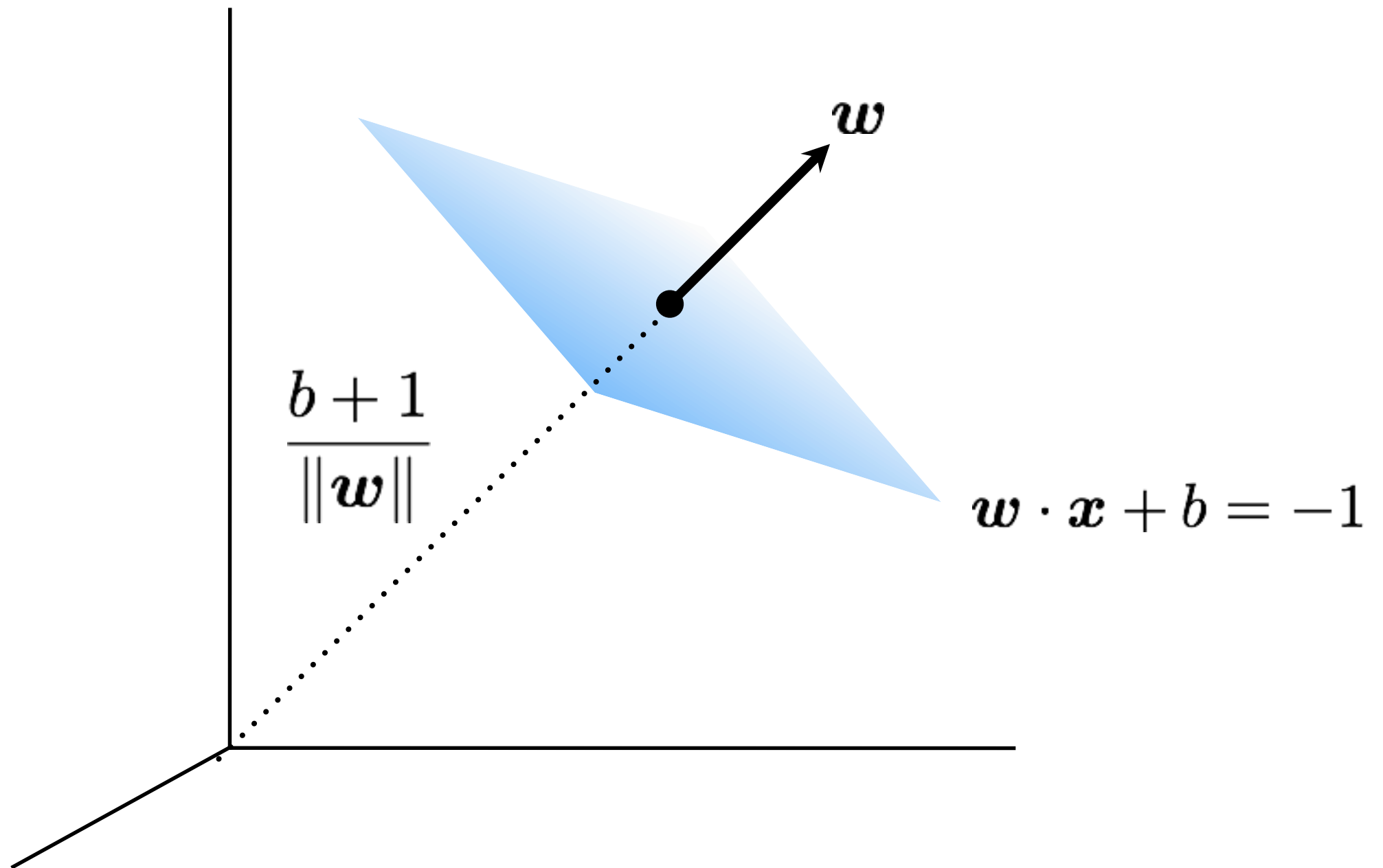


Now we can go to 3D ...

# Hyperplanes (planes) in 3D



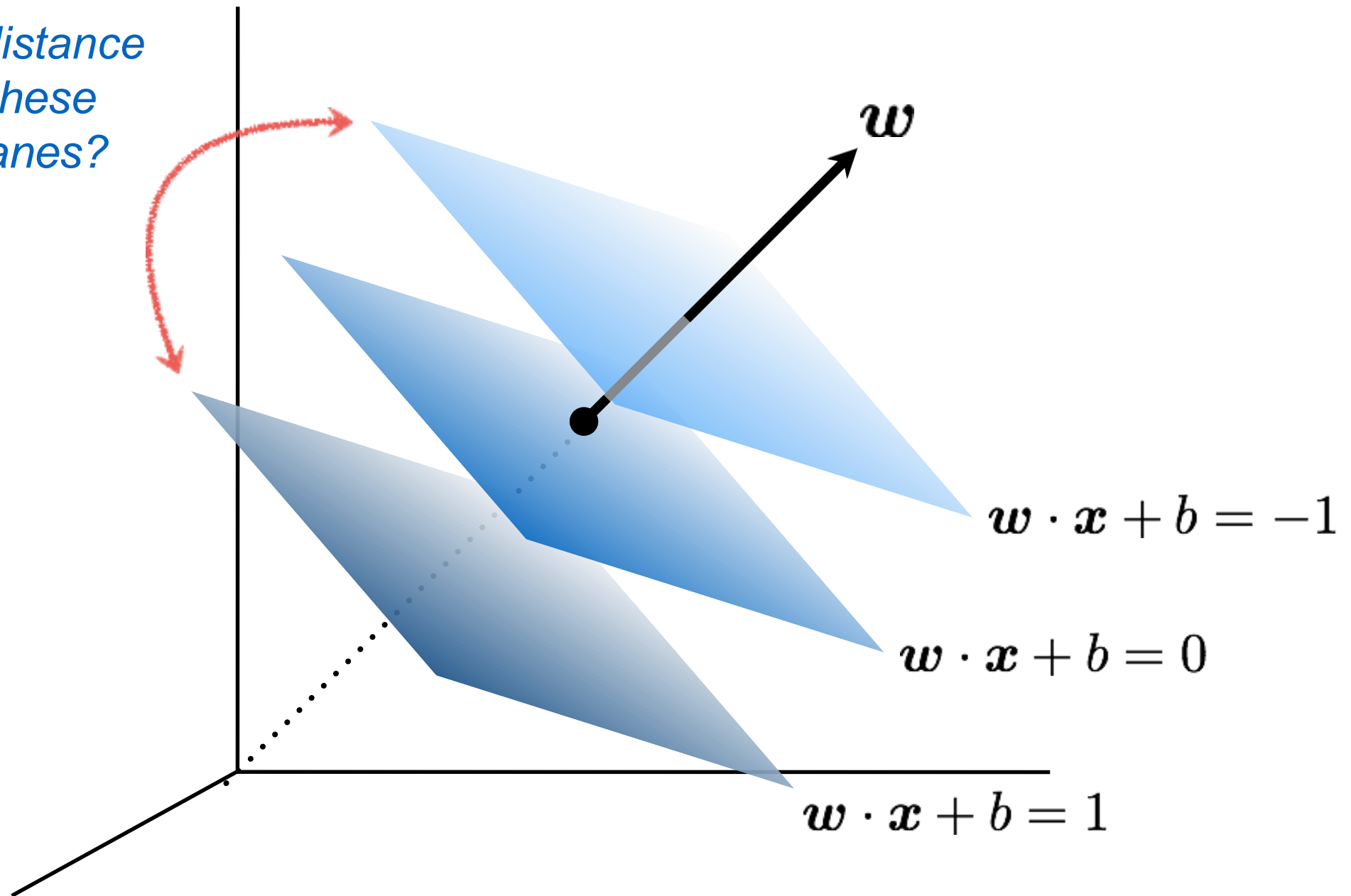
# Hyperplanes (planes) in 3D



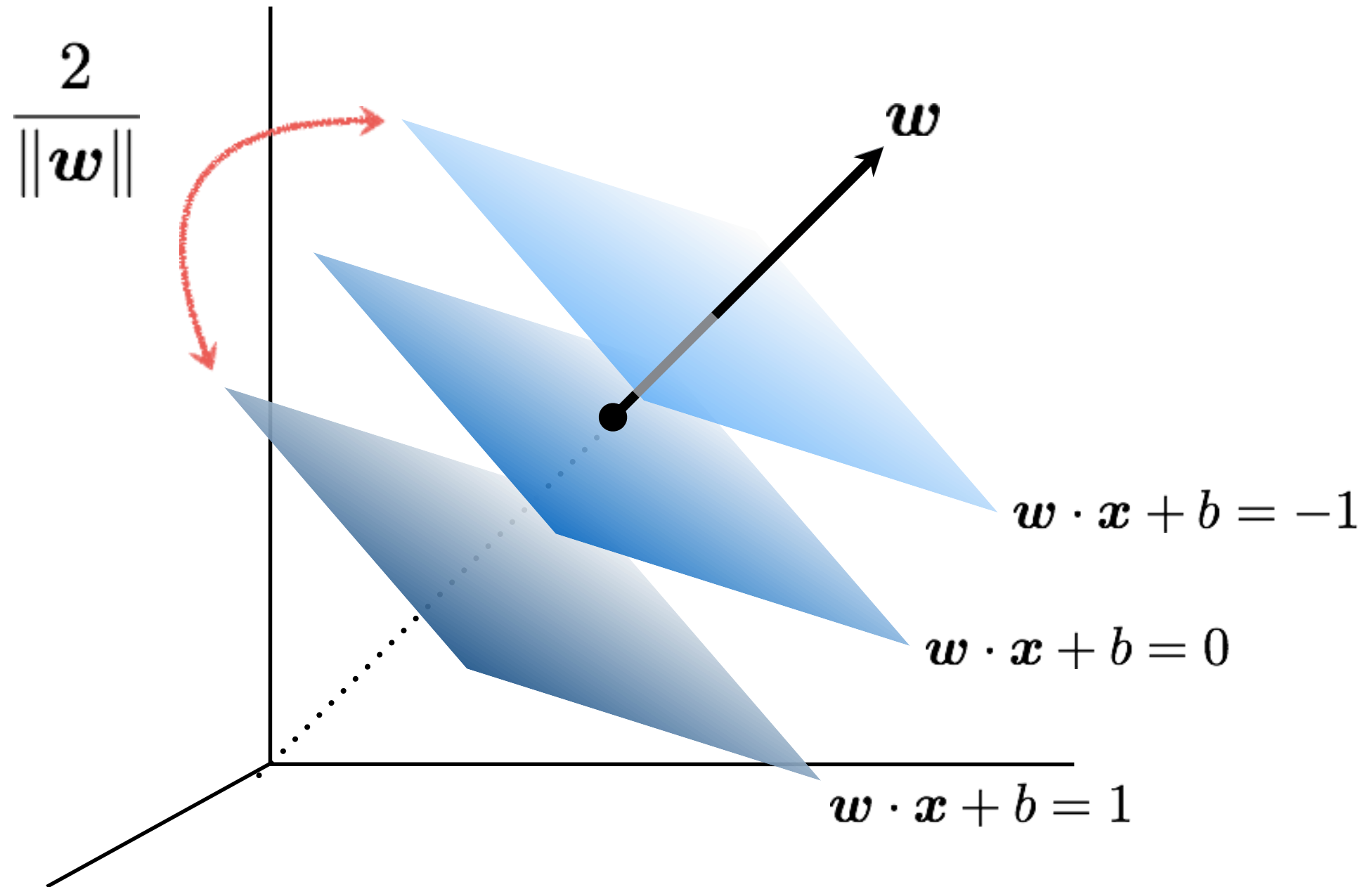


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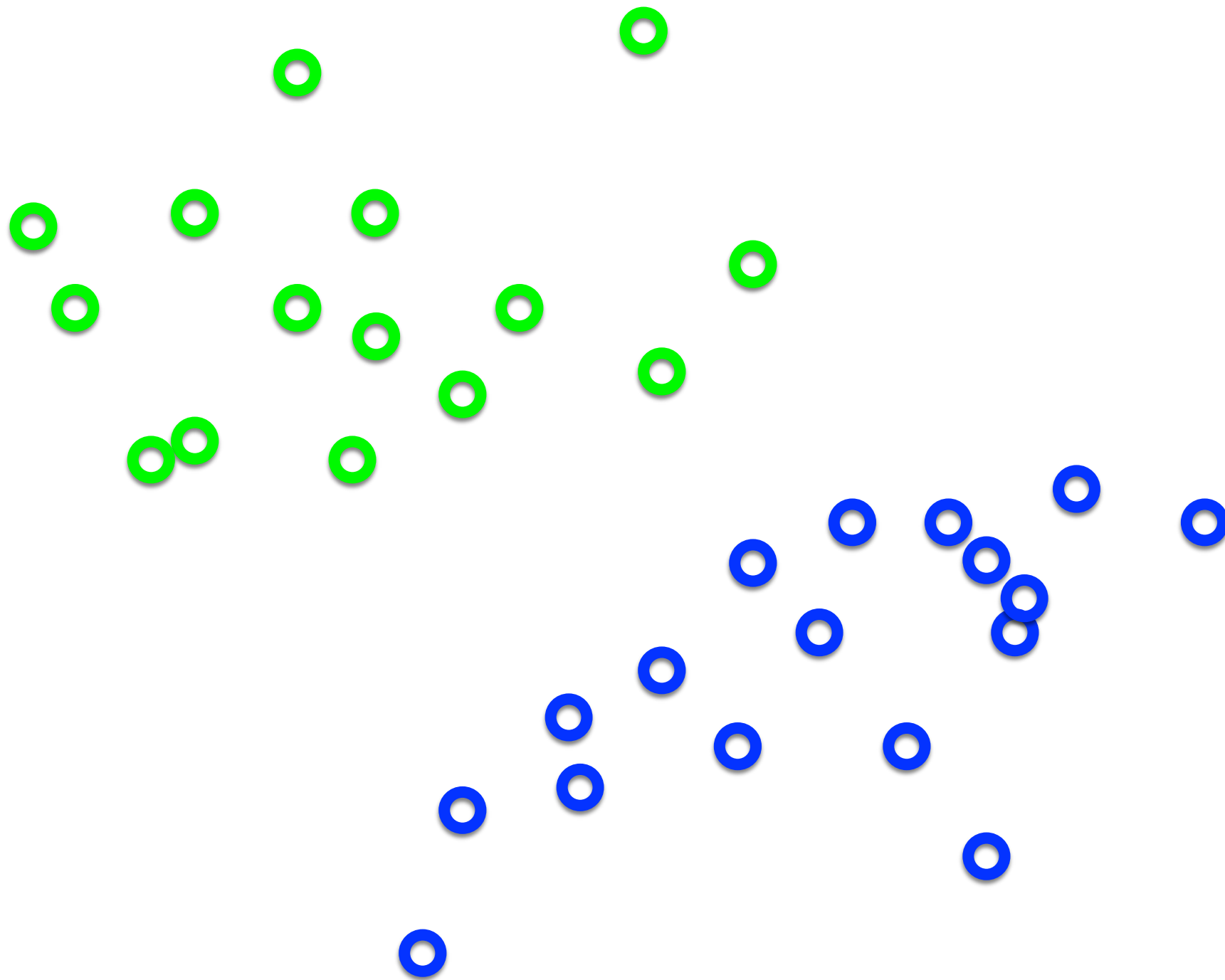
*What's the distance  
between these  
parallel planes?*



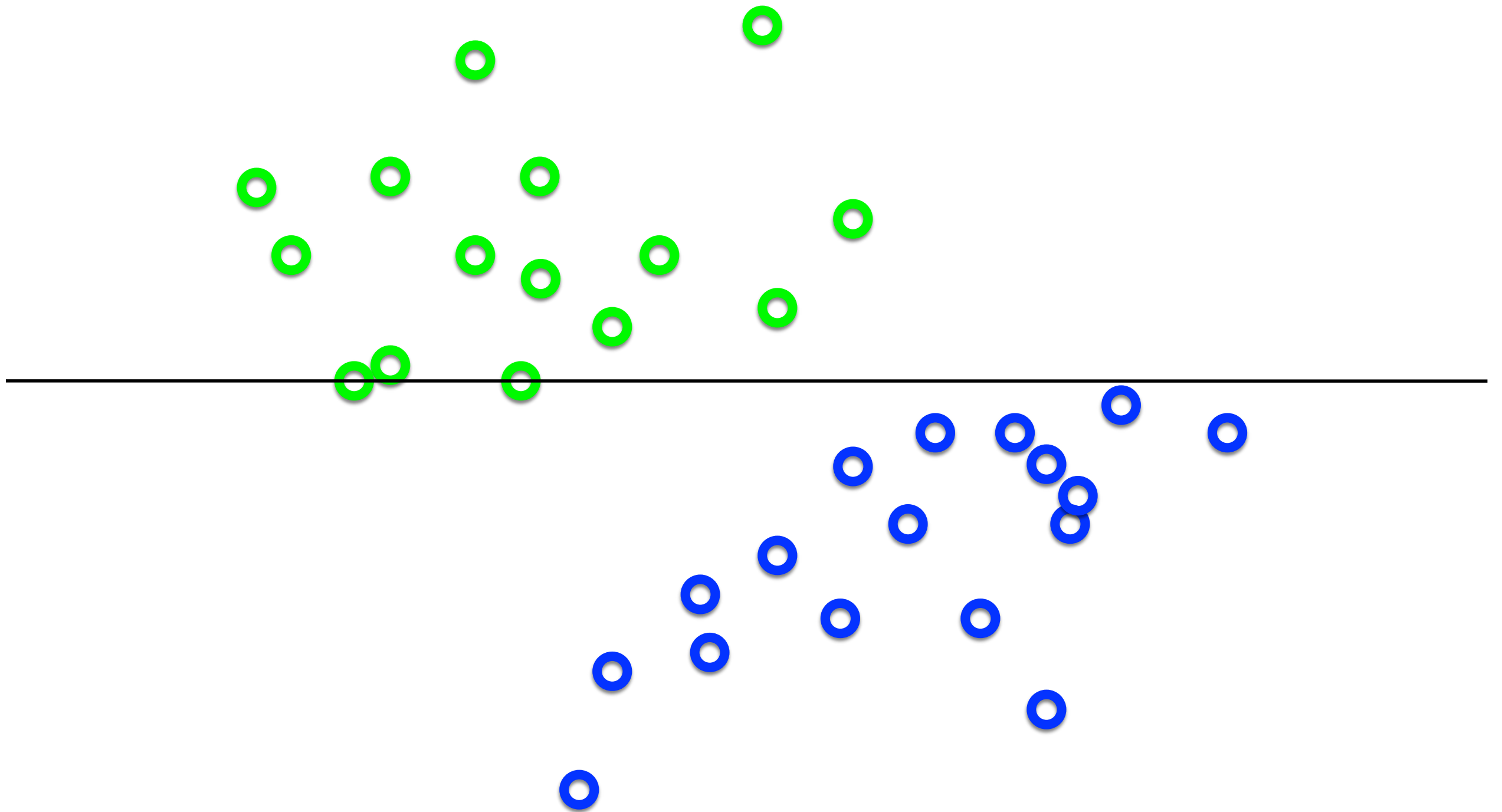
# Hyperplanes (planes) in 3D



What's the best **w**?

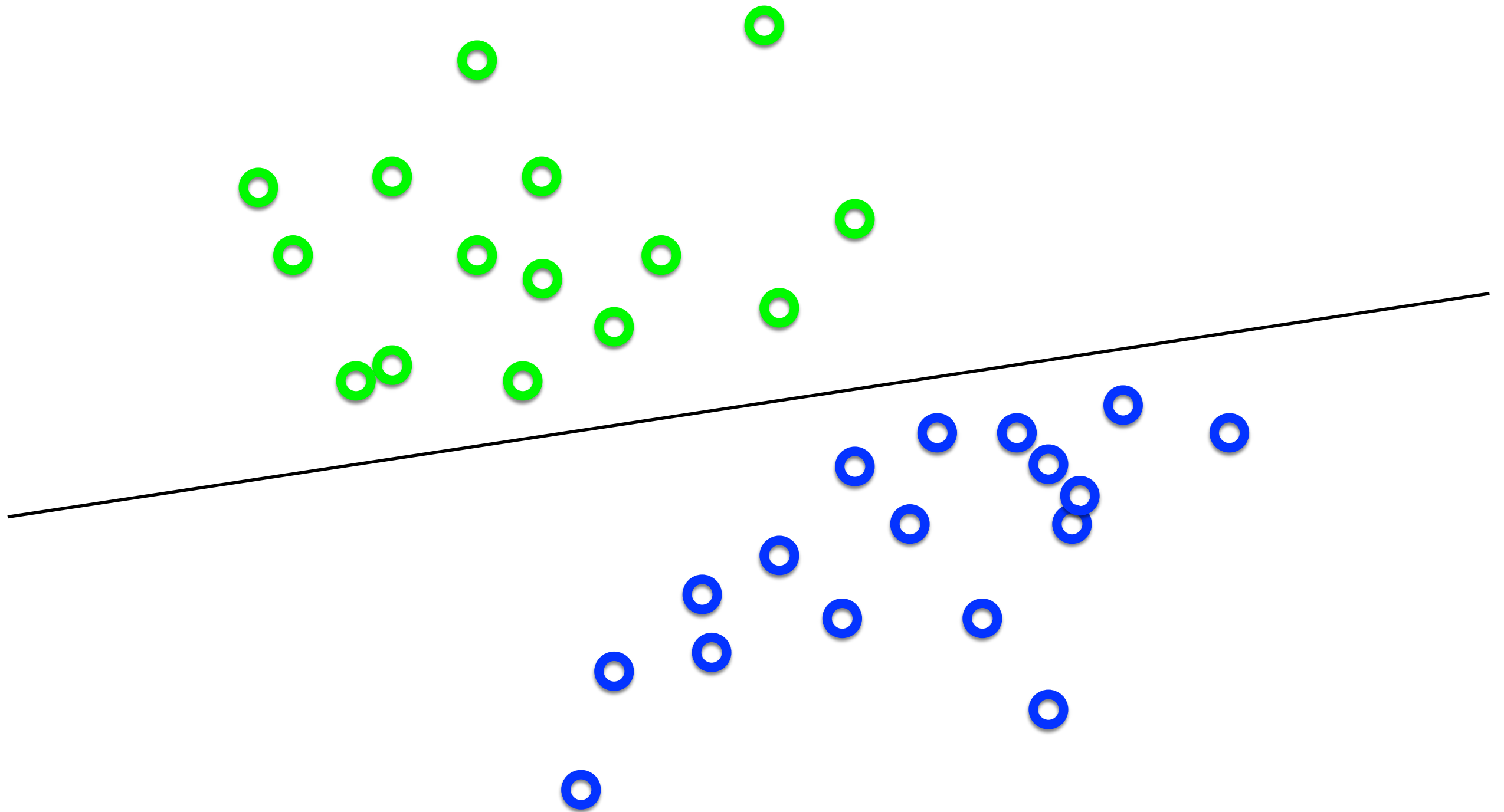


What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?

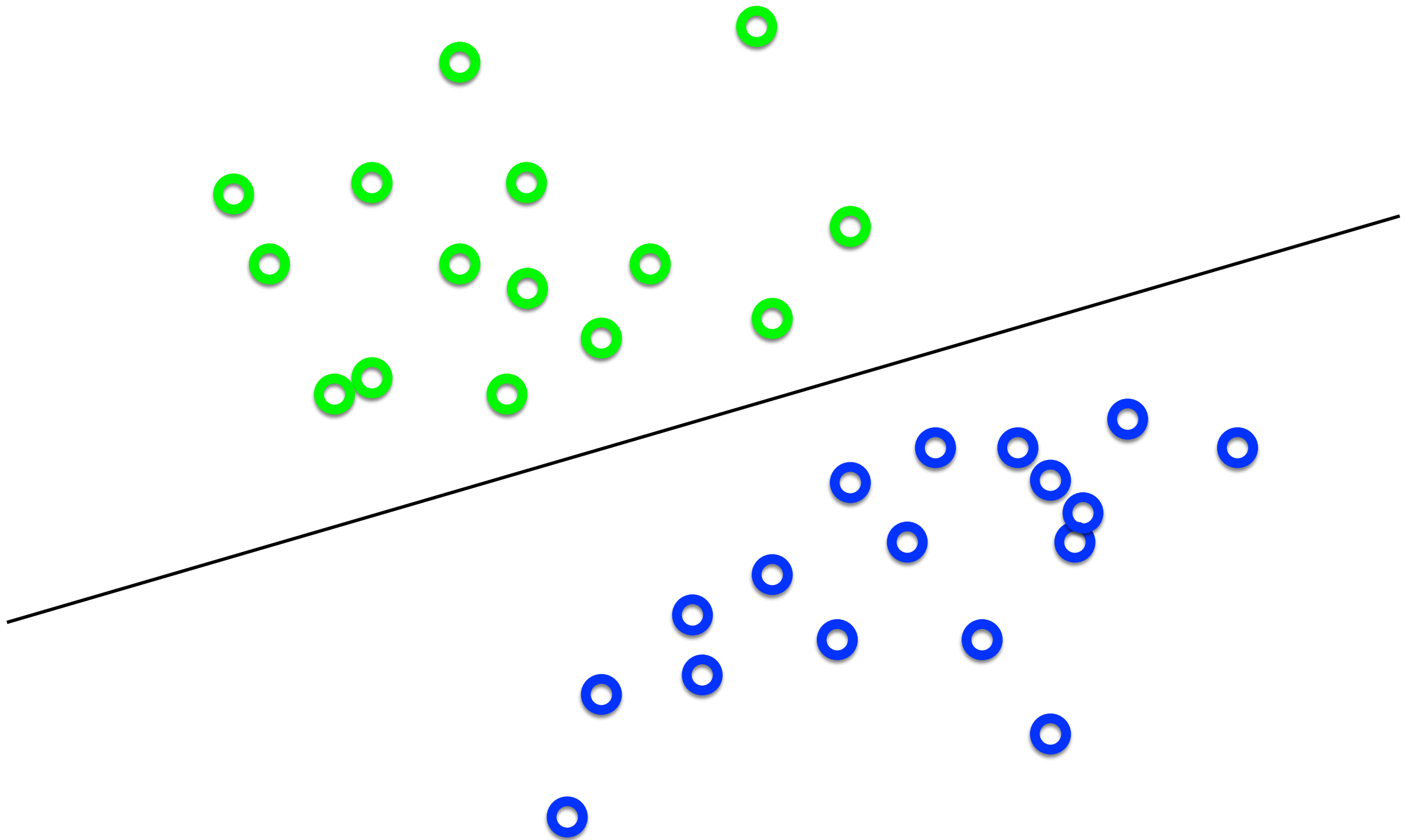




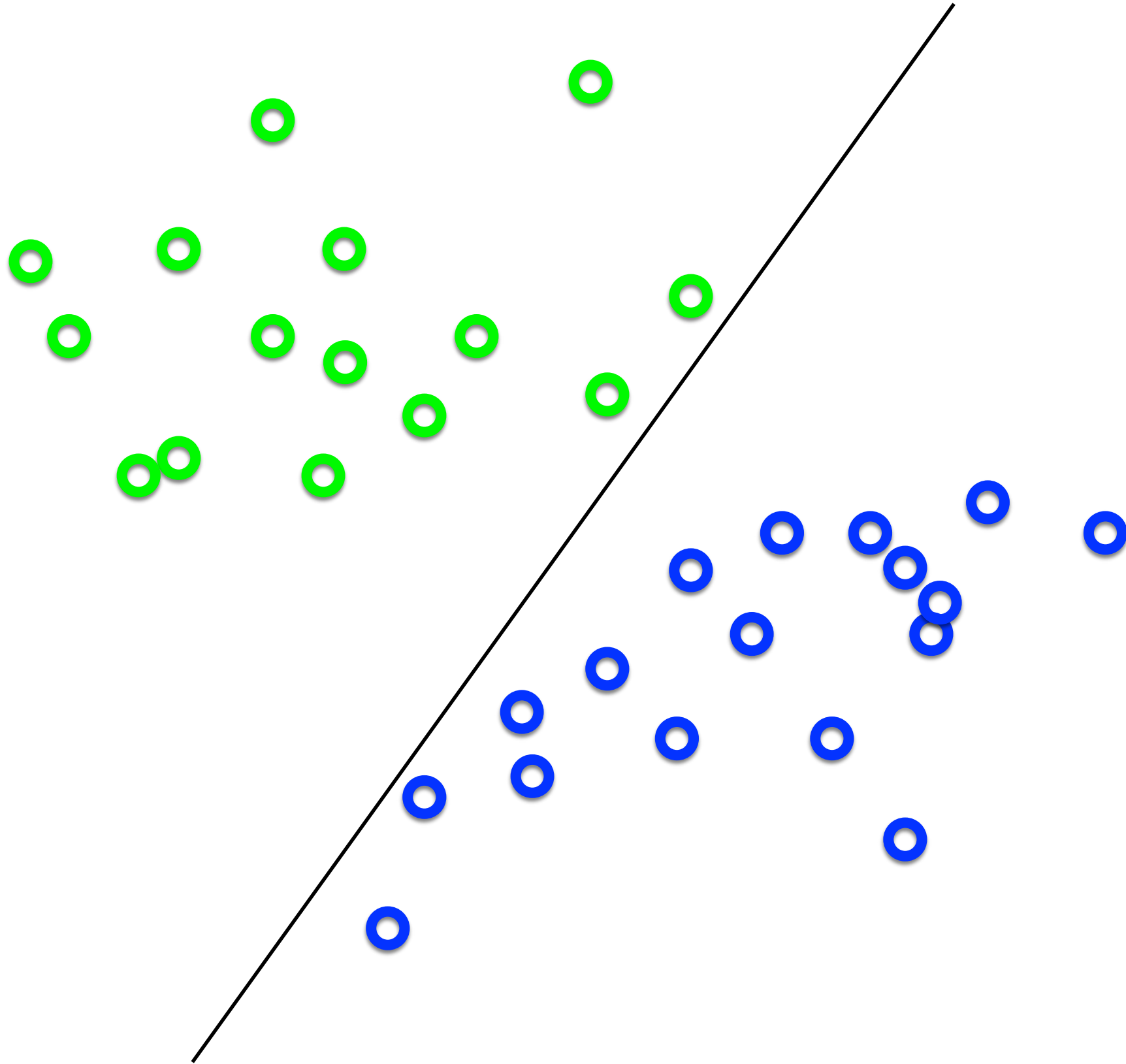
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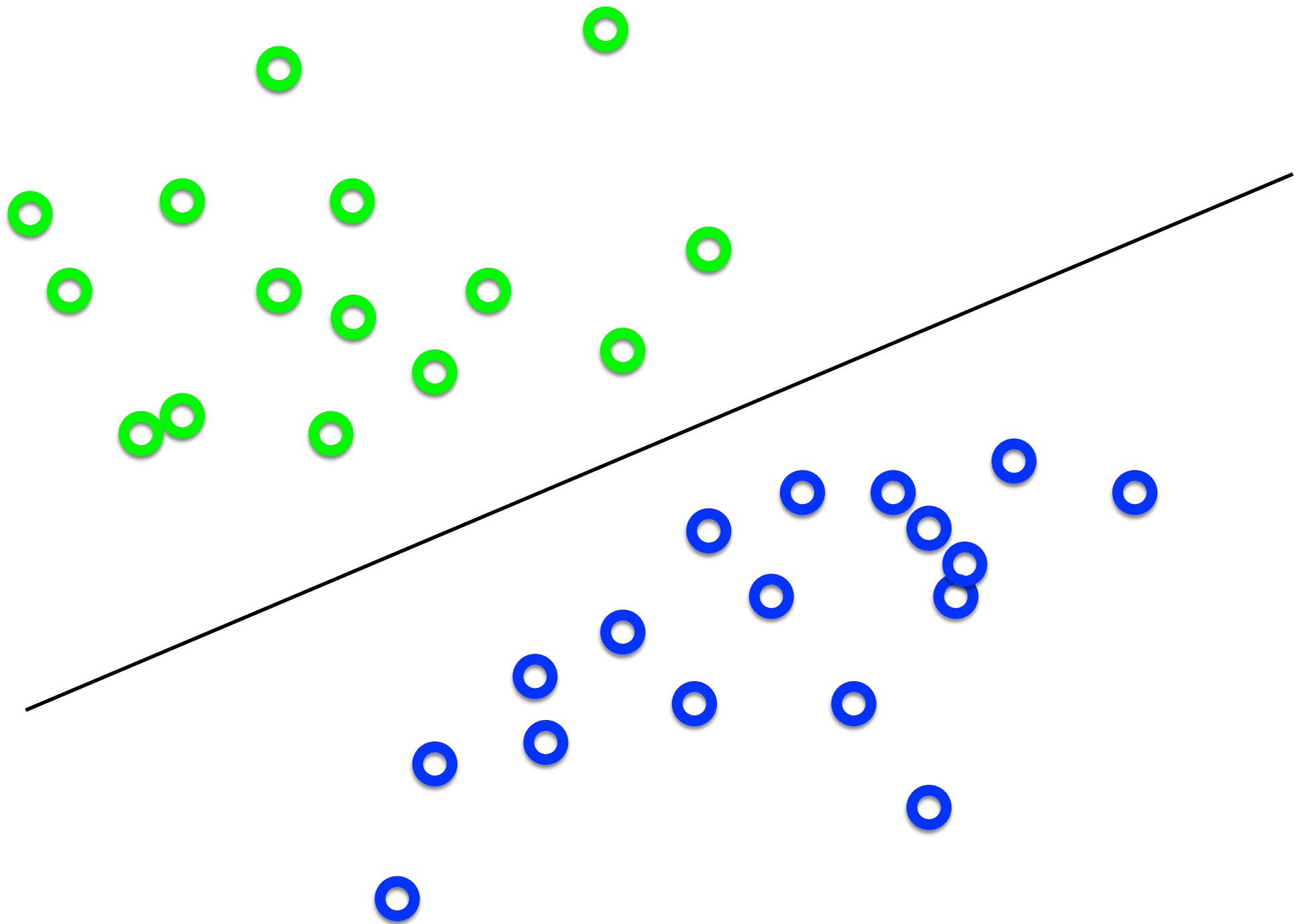
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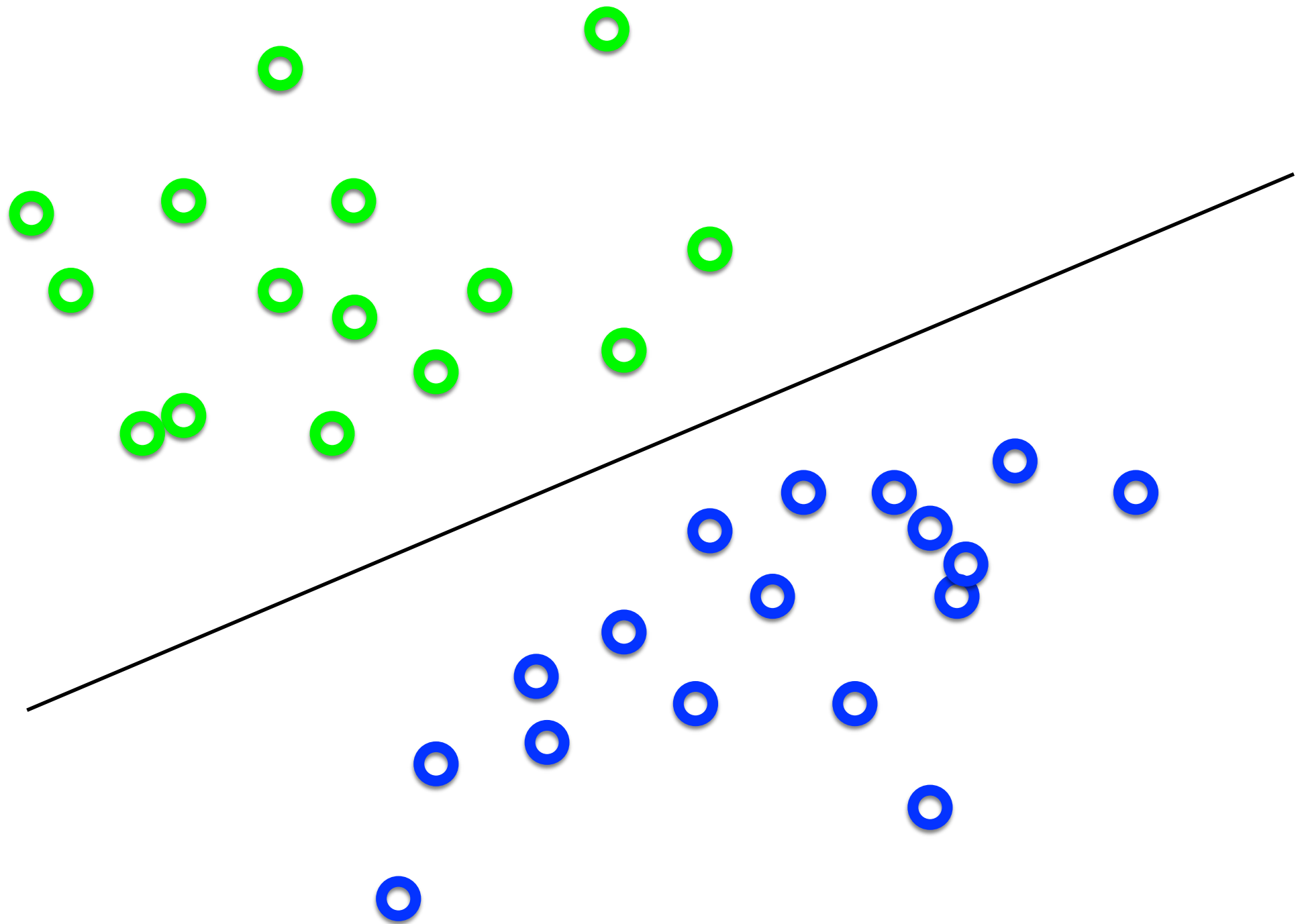
What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?



**Intuitively**, the line that is the farthest from all interior points

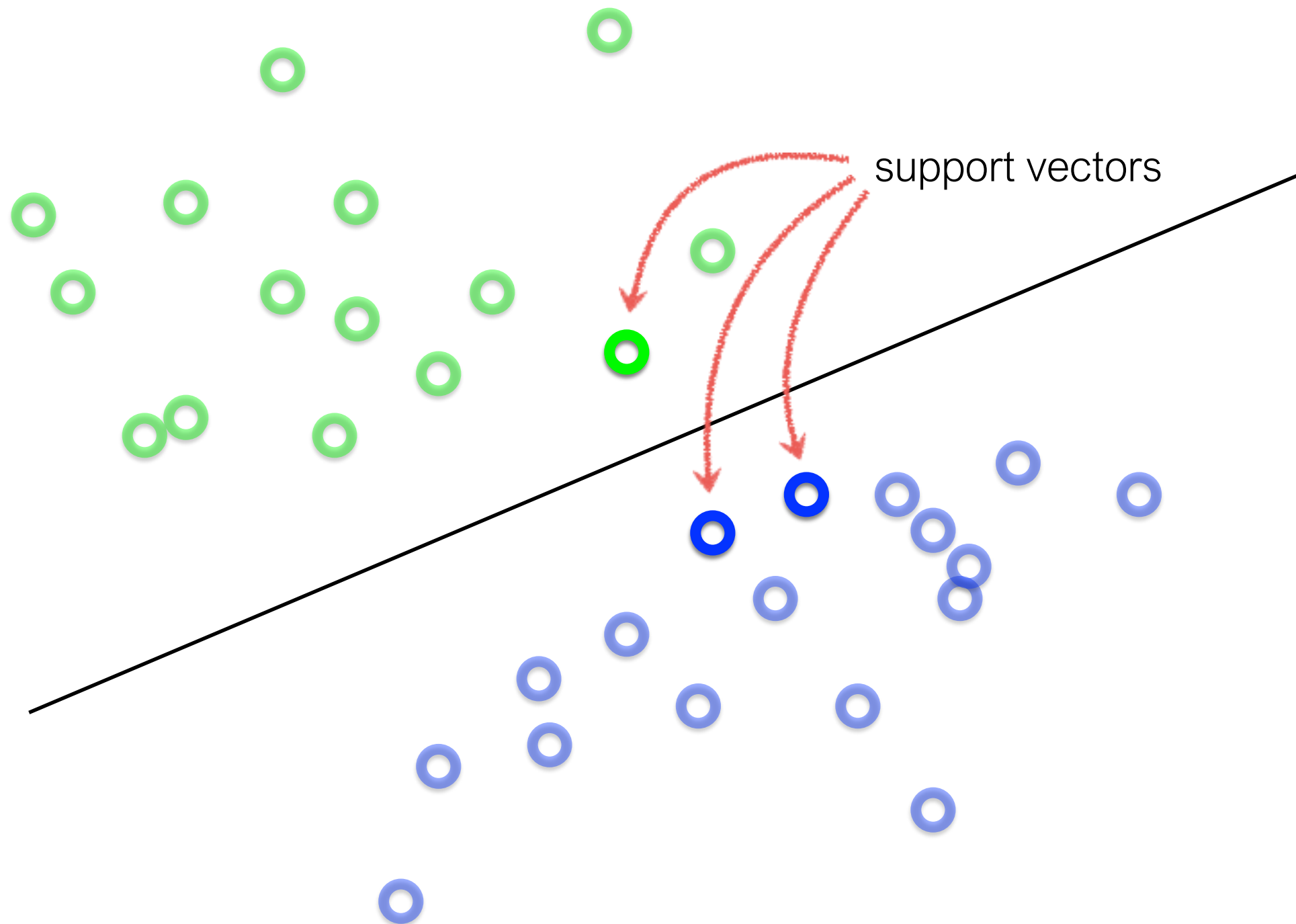


What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?



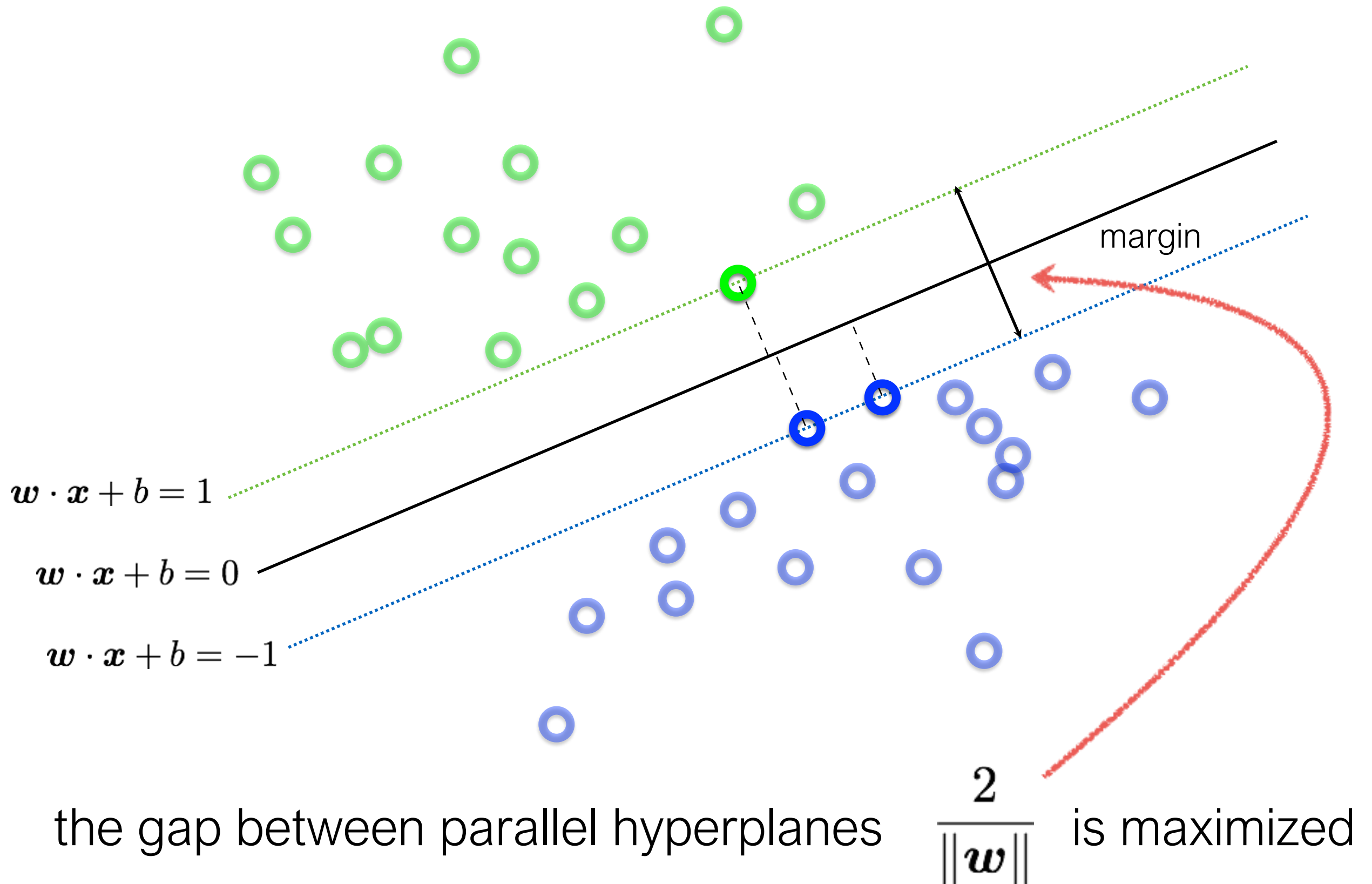
**Maximum Margin solution:**  
most stable to perturbations of data

What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?



Want a hyperplane that is far away from 'inner points'

Find hyperplane **w** such that ...

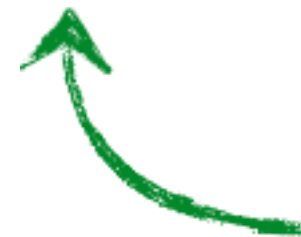


Can be formulated as a maximization problem

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

$$\text{subject to } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b \begin{cases} \geq +1 & \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ \leq -1 & \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{cases} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

*What does this constraint mean?*



label of the data point

*Why is it +1 and -1?*

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Equivalently,

*Where did the 2 go?*

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{w}\|$$

$$\text{subject to } y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

*What happened to the labels?*



# ‘Primal formulation’ of a linear SVM

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{w}\|$$

Objective Function

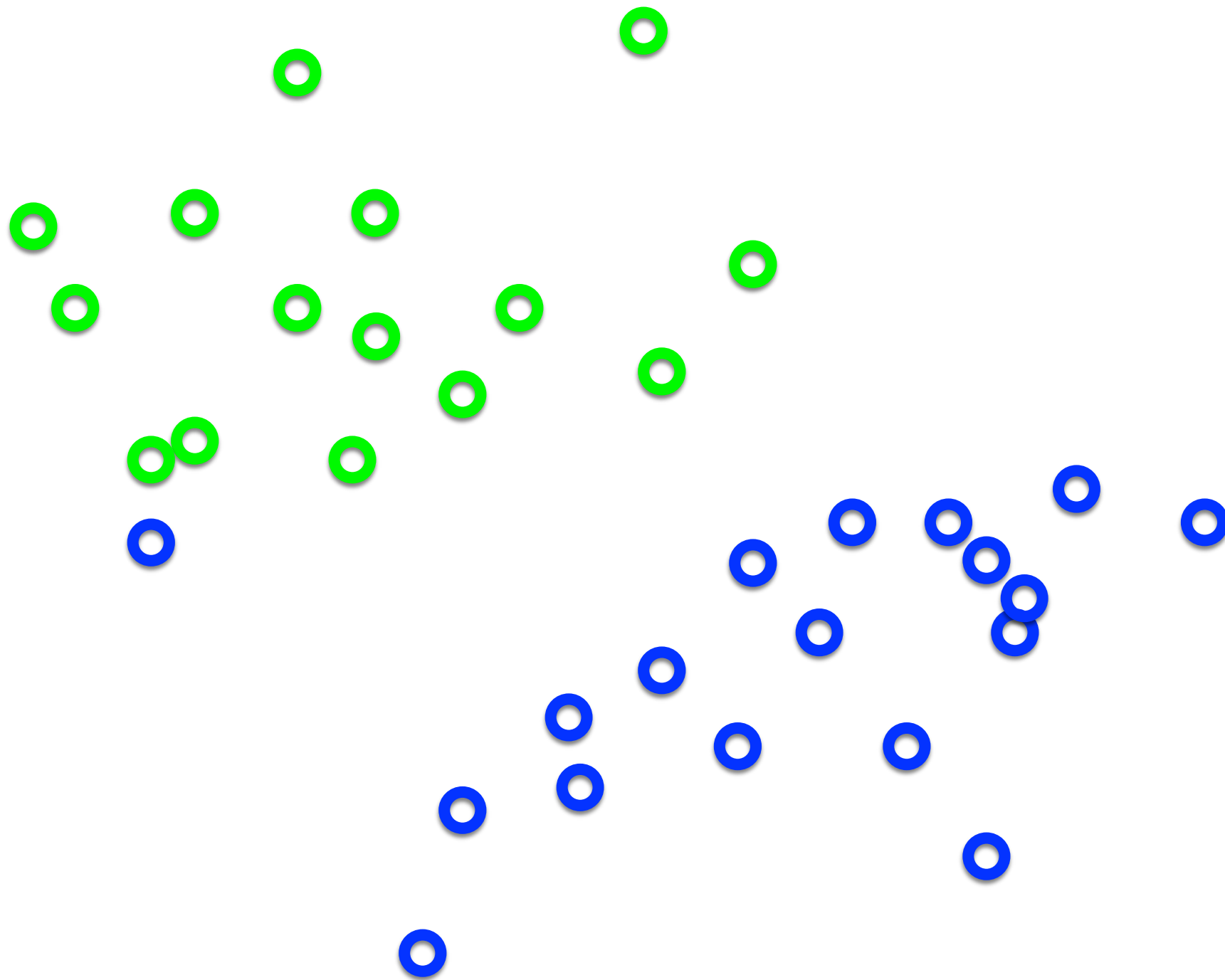
subject to  $y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

Constraints

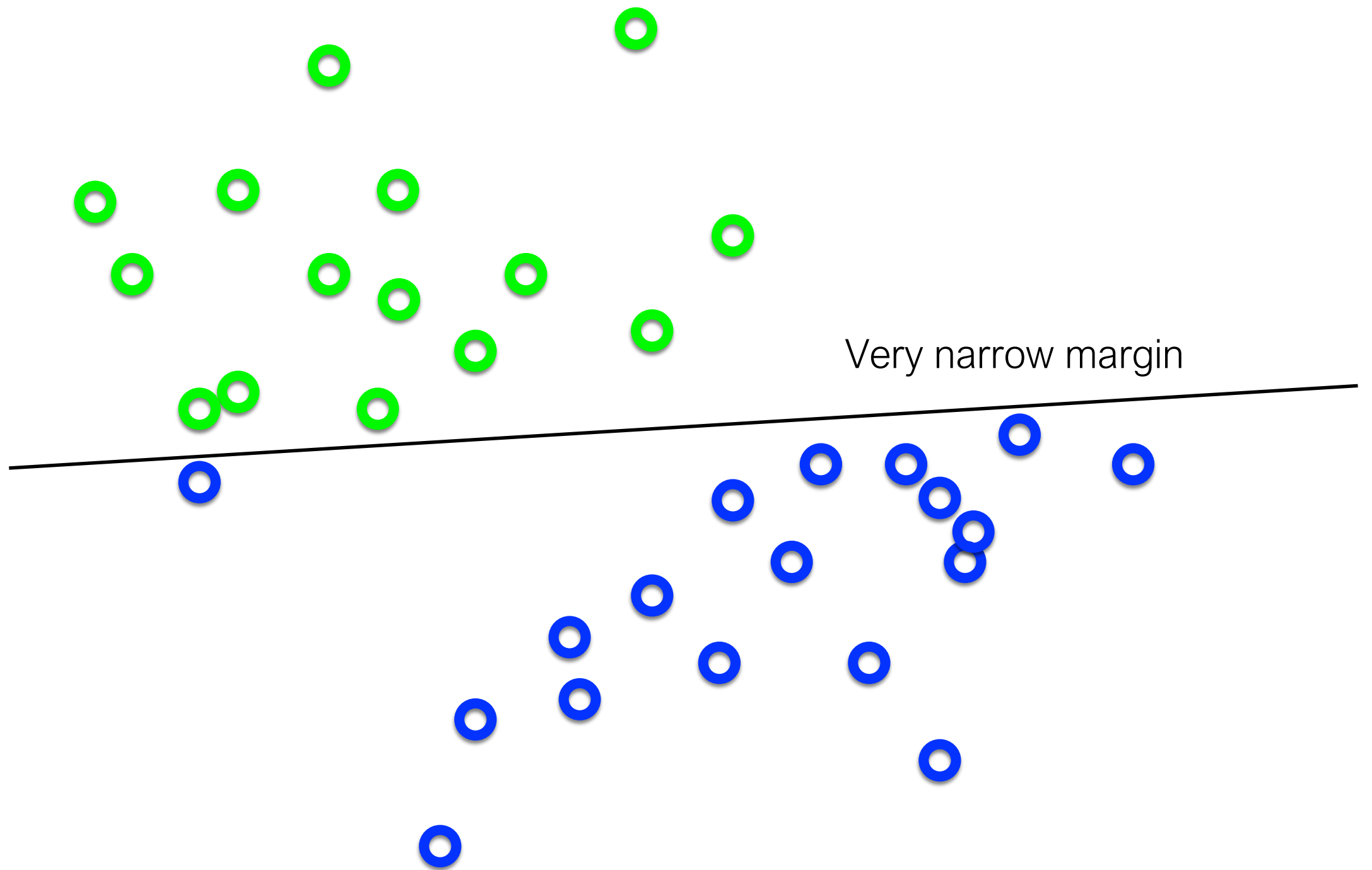
This is a convex quadratic programming (QP) problem  
(a unique solution exists)

‘soft’ margin

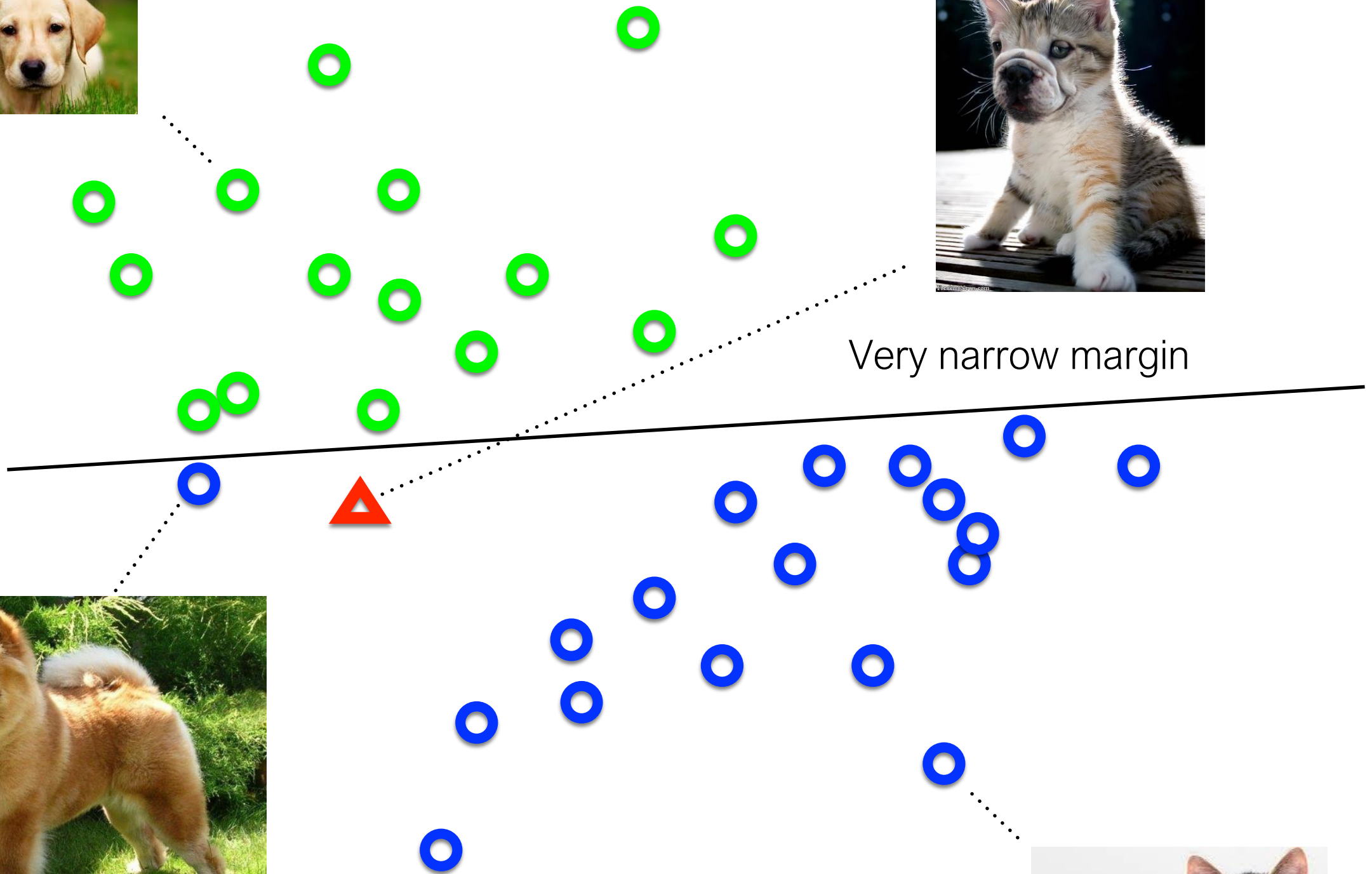
What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?



What's the best **w**?

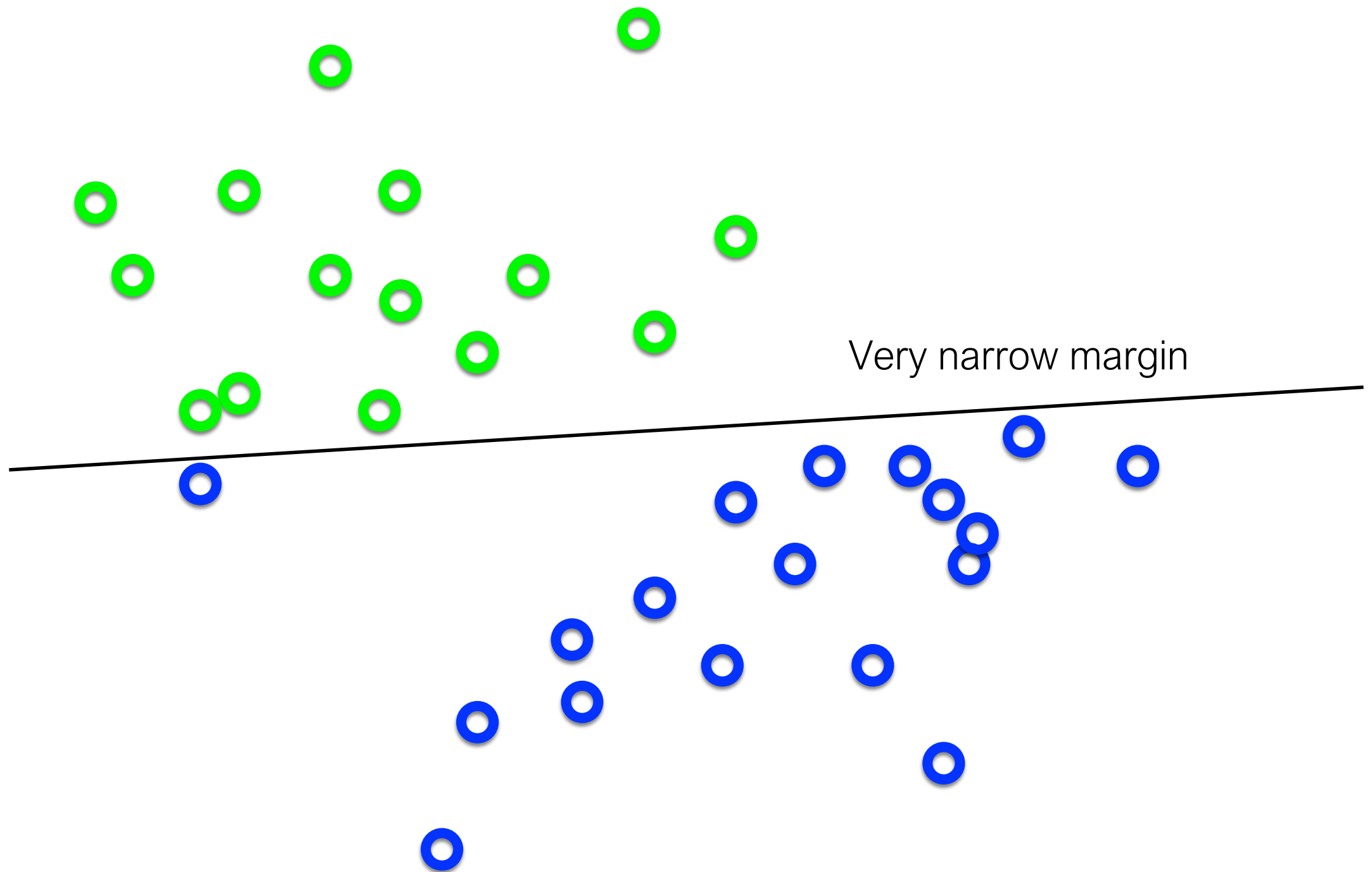


# Separating cats and dogs



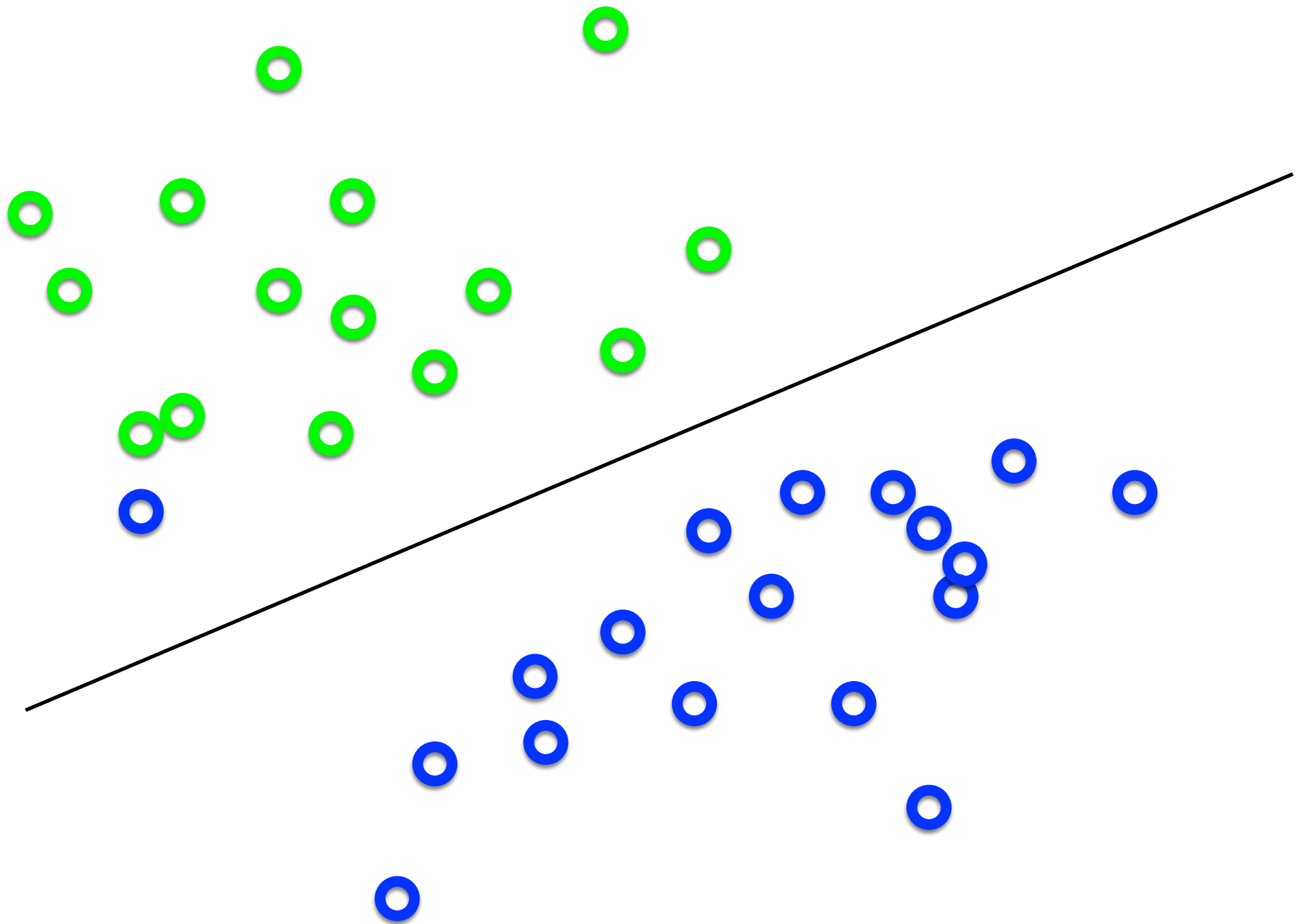


What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?



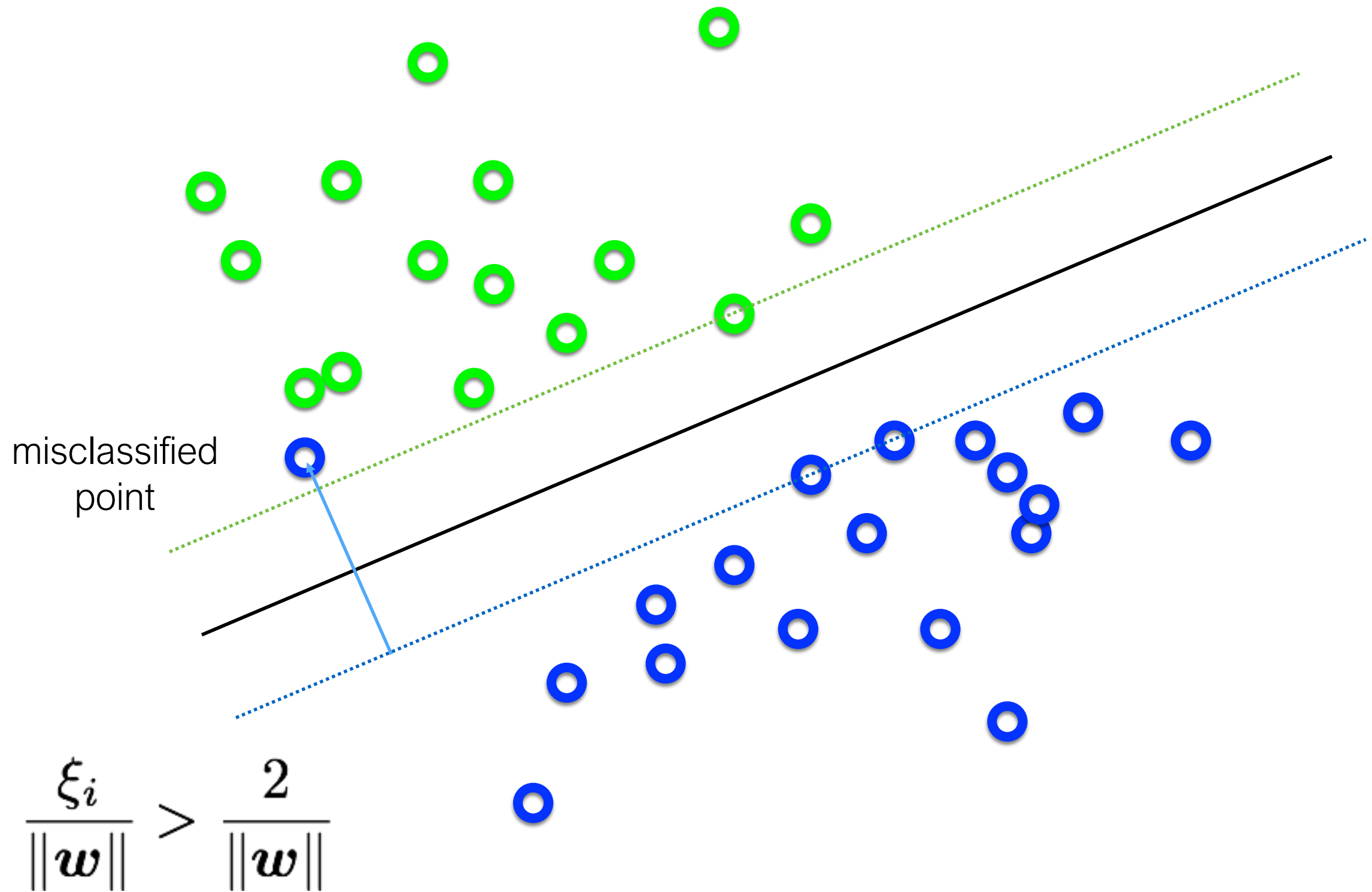
**Intuitively**, we should allow for some misclassification if we can get more robust classification

What's the best  $\mathbf{w}$ ?



Trade-off between the MARGIN and the MISTAKES  
(might be a better solution)

Adding slack variables  $\xi_i \geq 0$



# ‘soft’ margin

objective

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\xi}} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$$

subject to

$$y_i(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \\ \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

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The slack variable allows for mistakes,  
as long as the inverse margin is minimized.



# 'soft' margin

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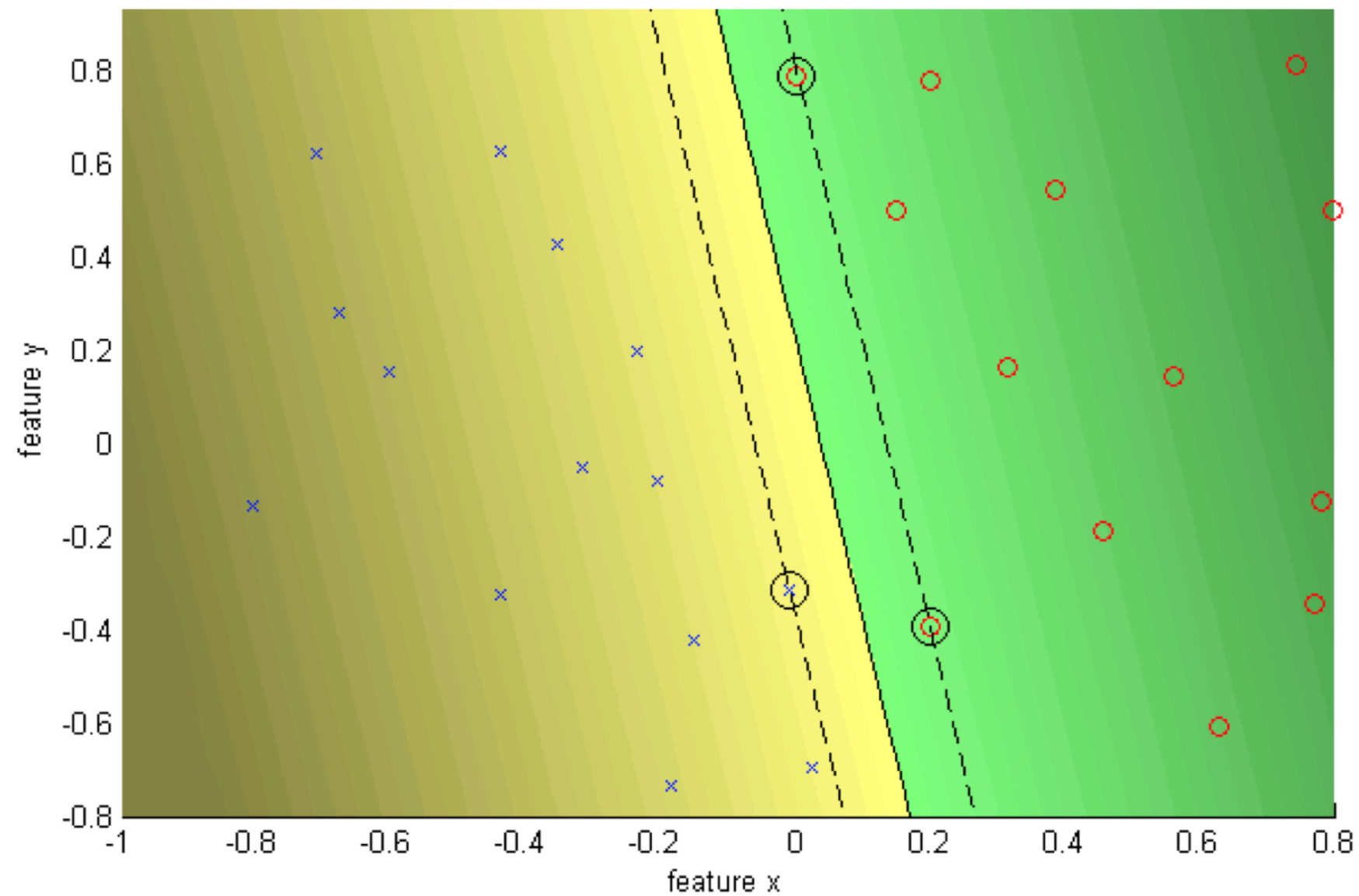
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- Every constraint can be satisfied if slack is large
- C is a regularization parameter
  - Small C: ignore constraints (larger margin)
  - Big C: constraints (small margin)
- Still QP problem (unique solution)

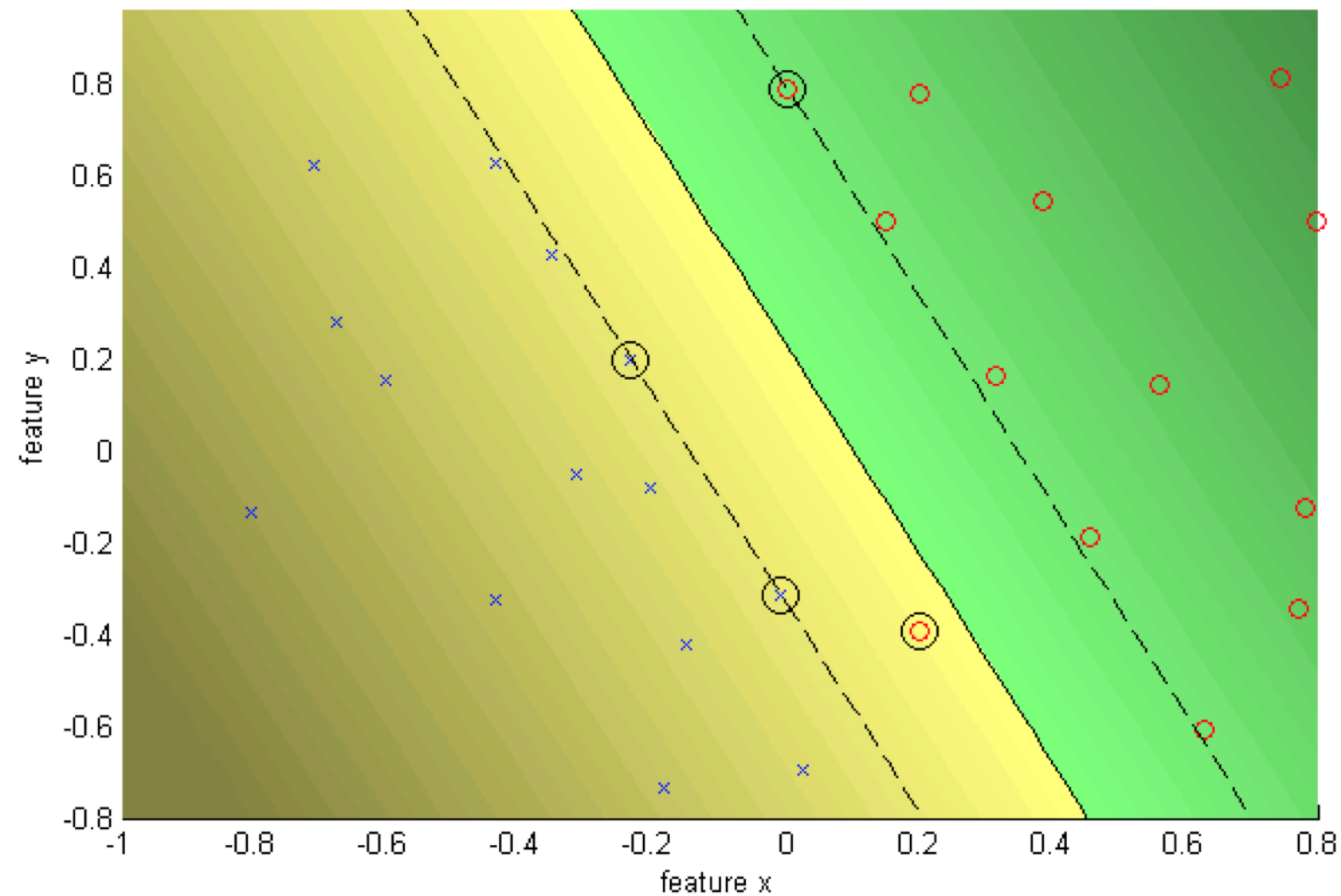
$C = \text{Infinity}$     hard margin



Comment Window

SVM (L1) by Sequential Minimal Optimizer  
Kernel: linear (-), C: Inf  
Kernel evaluations: 971  
Number of Support Vectors: 3  
Margin: 0.0966  
Training error: 0.00%

$C = 10$  soft margin



Comment Window

SVM (L1) by Sequential Minimal Optimizer  
Kernel: linear (-), C: 10.0000  
Kernel evaluations: 2645  
Number of Support Vectors: 4  
Margin: 0.2265  
Training error: 3.70%

# References

Basic reading:

- Szeliski, Chapter 14.