

Lecture Slides for  
**INTRODUCTION  
TO  
MACHINE  
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CHAPTER 13:

# KERNEL MACHINES

# Kernel Machines

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- Discriminant-based: No need to estimate densities first
- Define the discriminant in terms of support vectors
- The use of kernel functions, application-specific measures of similarity
- No need to represent instances as vectors
- Convex optimization problems with a unique solution

# Optimal Separating Hyperplane

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$$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^t, r^t\}_t \text{ where } r^t = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_1 \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_2 \end{cases}$$

find  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $w_0$  such that

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0 \geq +1 \text{ for } r^t = +1$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0 \leq +1 \text{ for } r^t = -1$$

which can be rewritten as

$$r^t (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq +1$$

(Cortes and Vapnik, 1995; Vapnik, 1995)

# Margin

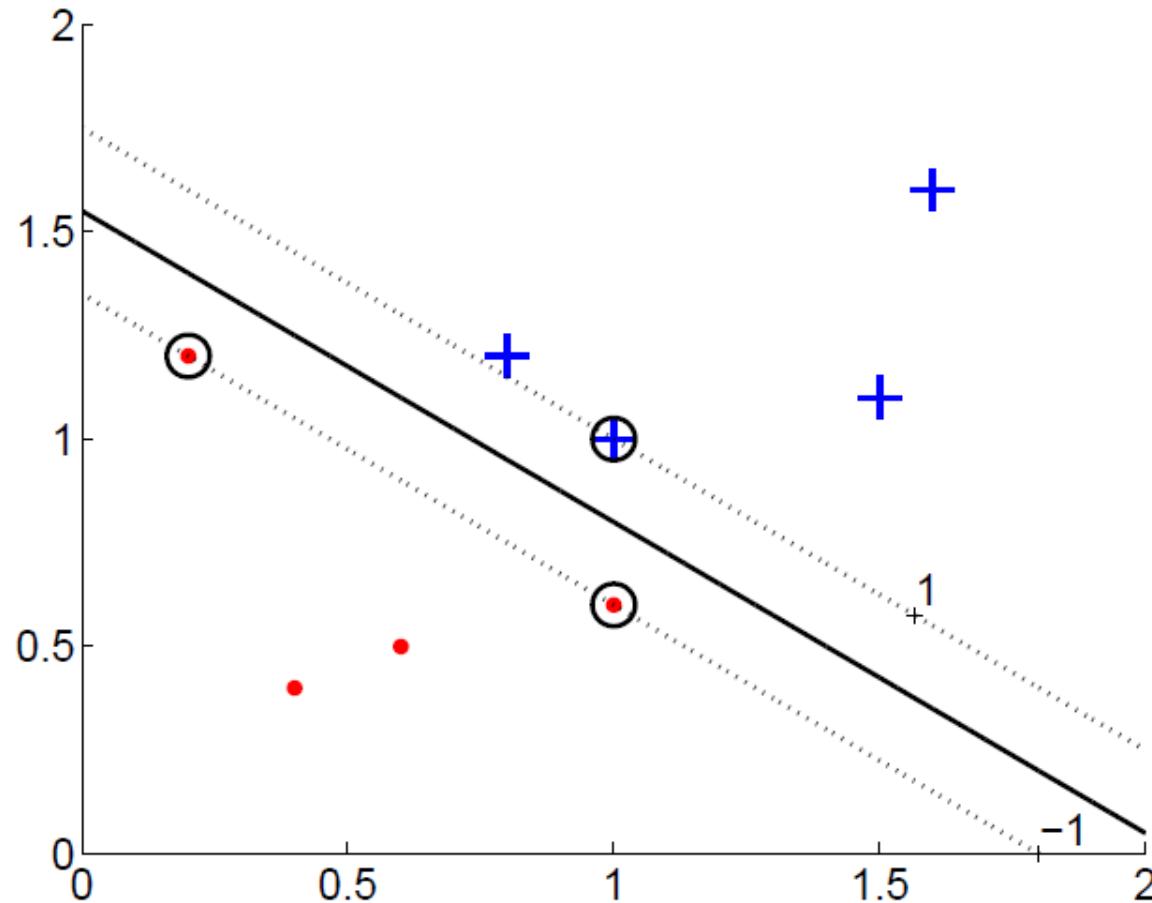
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- Distance from the discriminant to the closest instances on either side
- Distance of  $x$  to the hyperplane is  $\frac{|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0|}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$
- We require  $\frac{r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \geq \rho, \forall t$
- For a unique sol'n, fix  $\rho | |\mathbf{w}| |=1$ , and to max margin

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \text{ subject to } r^t(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq +1, \forall t$$

# Margin

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$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \text{ subject to } r^t (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq +1, \forall t$$

$$L_p = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t [r^t (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) - 1]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) + \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t$$

$$\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w} = \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{x}^t$$

$$\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial w_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t r^t = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L_d &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{w}^T \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{x}^t - w_0 \sum_t \alpha^t r^t + \sum_t \alpha^t \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}) + \sum_t \alpha^t \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_t \sum_s \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s + \sum_t \alpha^t
\end{aligned}$$

subject to  $\sum_t \alpha^t r^t = 0$  and  $\alpha^t \geq 0, \forall t$

Most  $\alpha^t$  are 0 and only a small number have  $\alpha^t > 0$ ; they are the support vectors

# Soft Margin Hyperplane

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- Not linearly separable

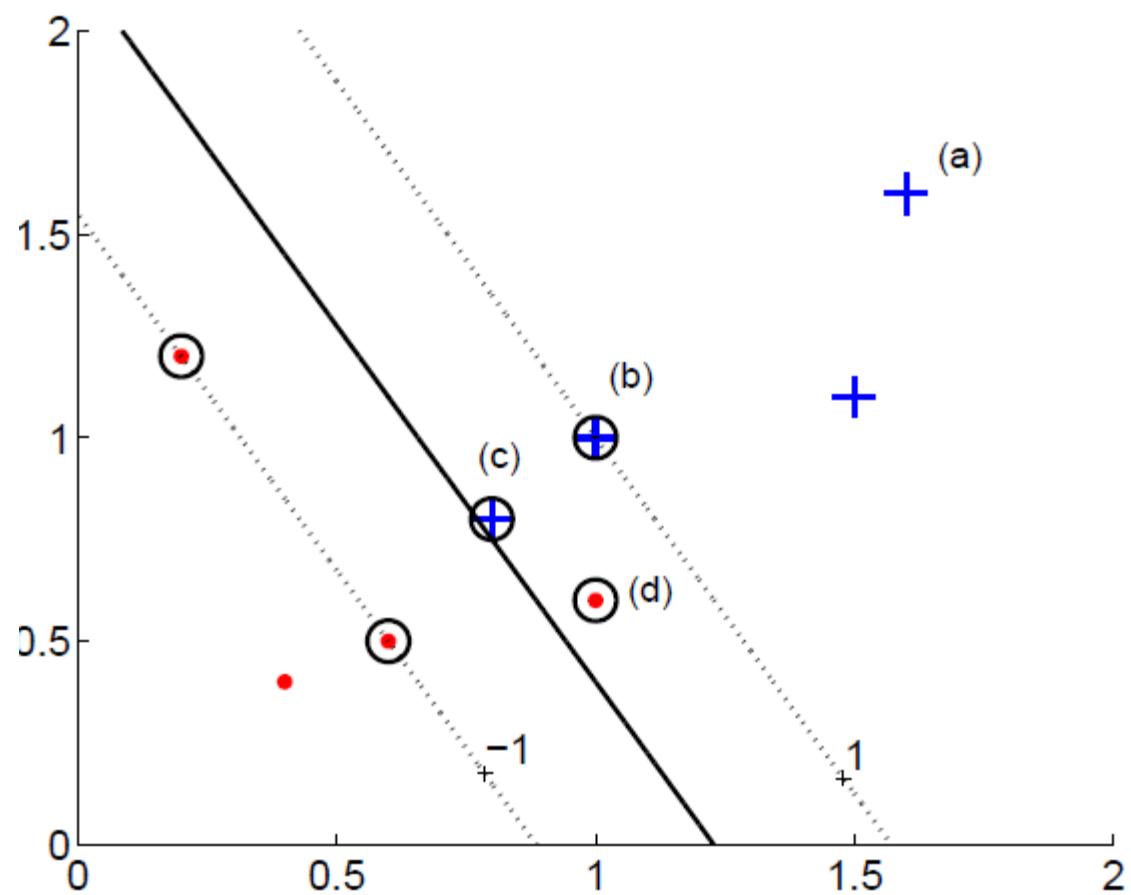
$$r^t (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq 1 - \xi^t$$

- Soft error

$$\sum_t \xi^t$$

- New primal is

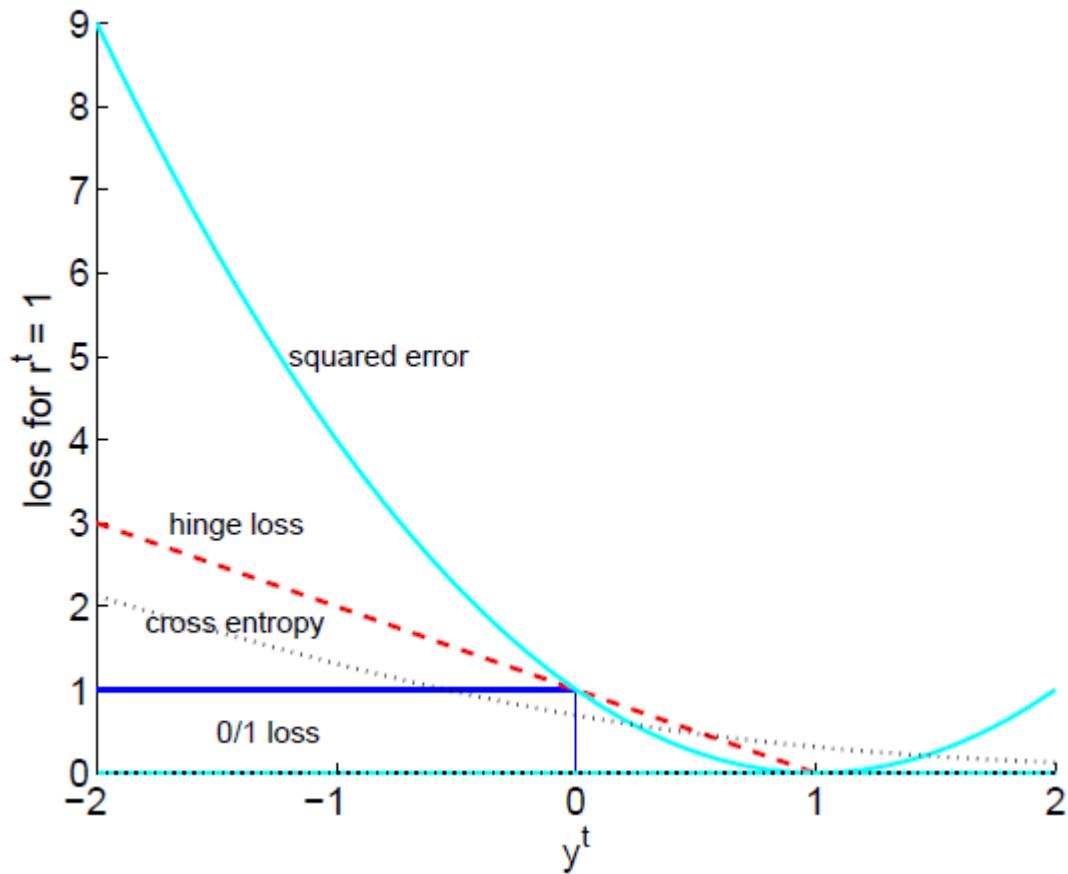
$$L_p = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_t \xi^t - \sum_t \alpha^t [r^t (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) - 1 + \xi^t] - \sum_t \mu^t \xi^t$$



# Hinge Loss

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$$\text{loss} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y^t r^t \geq 1 \\ 1 - y^t r^t & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# $\nu$ -SVM

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$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \nu \rho + \frac{1}{N} \sum_t \xi^t$$

subject to

$$r^t (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_0) \geq \rho - \xi^t, \xi^t \geq 0, \rho \geq 0$$

$$L_d = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_s \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s$$

subject to

$$\sum_t \alpha^t r^t = 0, 0 \leq \alpha^t \leq \frac{1}{N}, \sum_t \alpha^t \leq \nu$$

$\nu$  controls the fraction of support vectors

# Kernel Trick

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- Preprocess input  $\mathbf{x}$  by basis functions

$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$g(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{z}$$

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- The SVM solution

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \mathbf{z}^t = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^t)$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \boxed{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}^t)^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \boxed{K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x})}$$

# Vectorial Kernels

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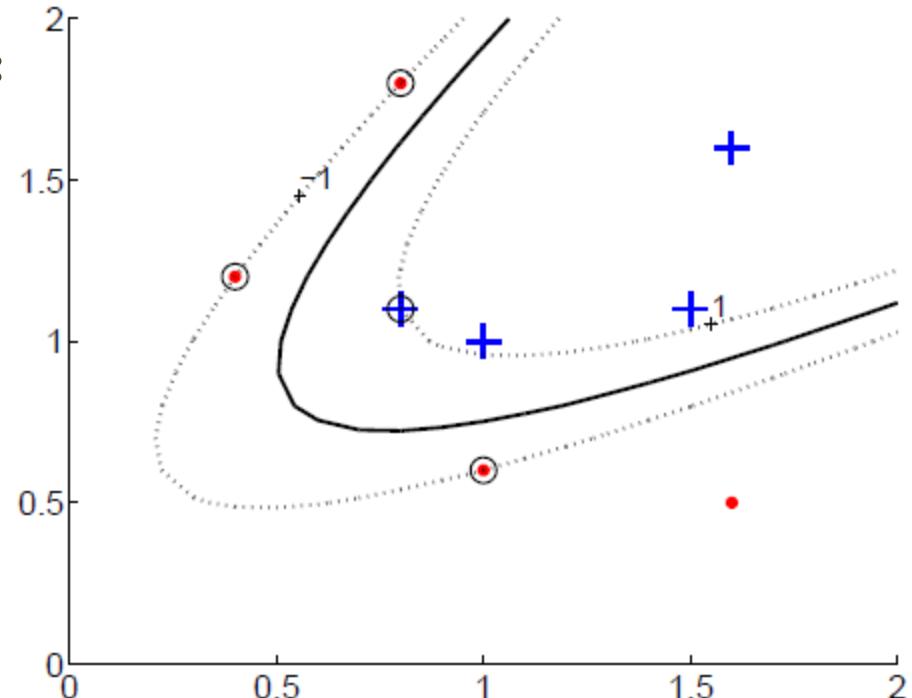
- Polynomials of degree  $q$ :

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}^t + 1)^q$$

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} + 1)^2 \\ &= (x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + 1)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + 2x_1 y_1 + 2x_2 y_2 + 2x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2 + x_1^2 y_1^2 + x_2^2 y_2^2$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = [1, \sqrt{2}x_1, \sqrt{2}x_2, \sqrt{2}x_1 x_2, x_1^2, x_2^2]^T$$

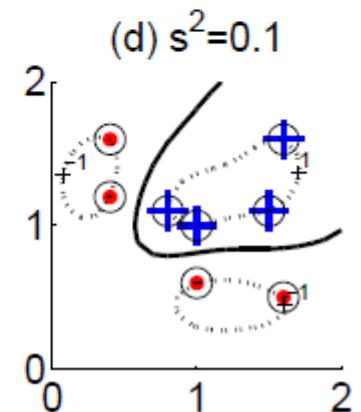
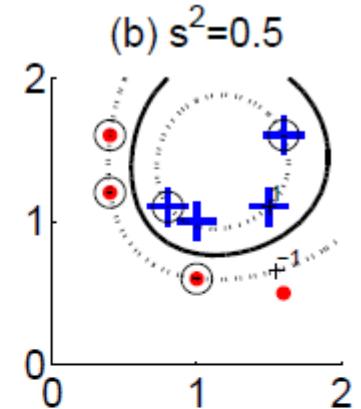
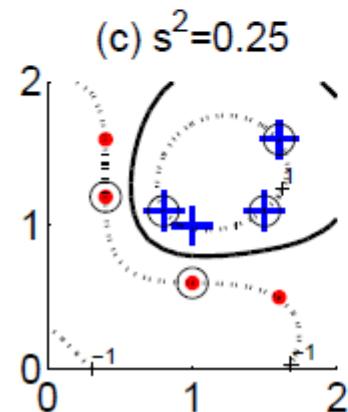
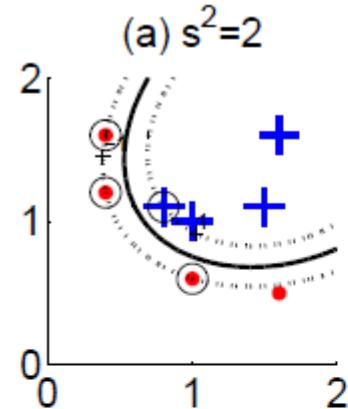


# Vectorial Kernels

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- Radial-basis functions:

$$K(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}) = \exp\left[-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^t - \mathbf{x}\|^2}{2s^2}\right]$$



# Defining kernels

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- Kernel “engineering”
- Defining good measures of similarity
- String kernels, graph kernels, image kernels, ...
- Empirical kernel map: Define a set of templates  $\mathbf{m}_i$  and score function  $s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_i)$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}^t) = [s(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{m}_1), s(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{m}_2), \dots, s(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{m}_M)]$$

and

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^t) = \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^t)$$

# Multiple Kernel Learning

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- Fixed kernel combination

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \begin{cases} cK(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + K_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ K_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})K_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \end{cases}$$

- Adaptive kernel combination

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \eta_i K_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$L_d = \sum_t \alpha^t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_t \sum_s \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s \sum_i \eta_i K_i(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}^s)$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \sum_i \eta_i K_i(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x})$$

- Localized kernel combination

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \sum_i \eta_i(\mathbf{x} | \theta) K_i(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x})$$

# Multiclass Kernel Machines

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- 1-vs-all
- Pairwise separation
- Error-Correcting Output Codes (section 17.5)
- Single multiclass optimization

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^K \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 + C \sum_i \sum_t \xi_i^t$$

subject to

$$\mathbf{w}_{z^t}^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_{z^t 0} \geq \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x}^t + w_{i0} + 2 - \xi_i^t, \forall i \neq z^t, \xi_i^t \geq 0$$

# SVM for Regression

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- Use a linear model (possibly kernelized)

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + w_0$$

- Use the  $\epsilon$ -sensitive error function

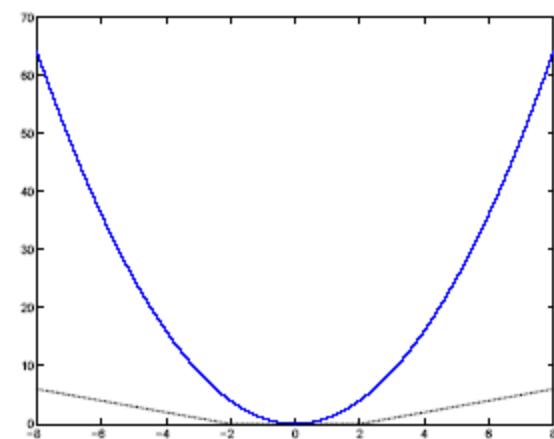
$$e_\epsilon(r^t, f(\mathbf{x}^t)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r^t - f(\mathbf{x}^t)| < \epsilon \\ |r^t - f(\mathbf{x}^t)| - \epsilon & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

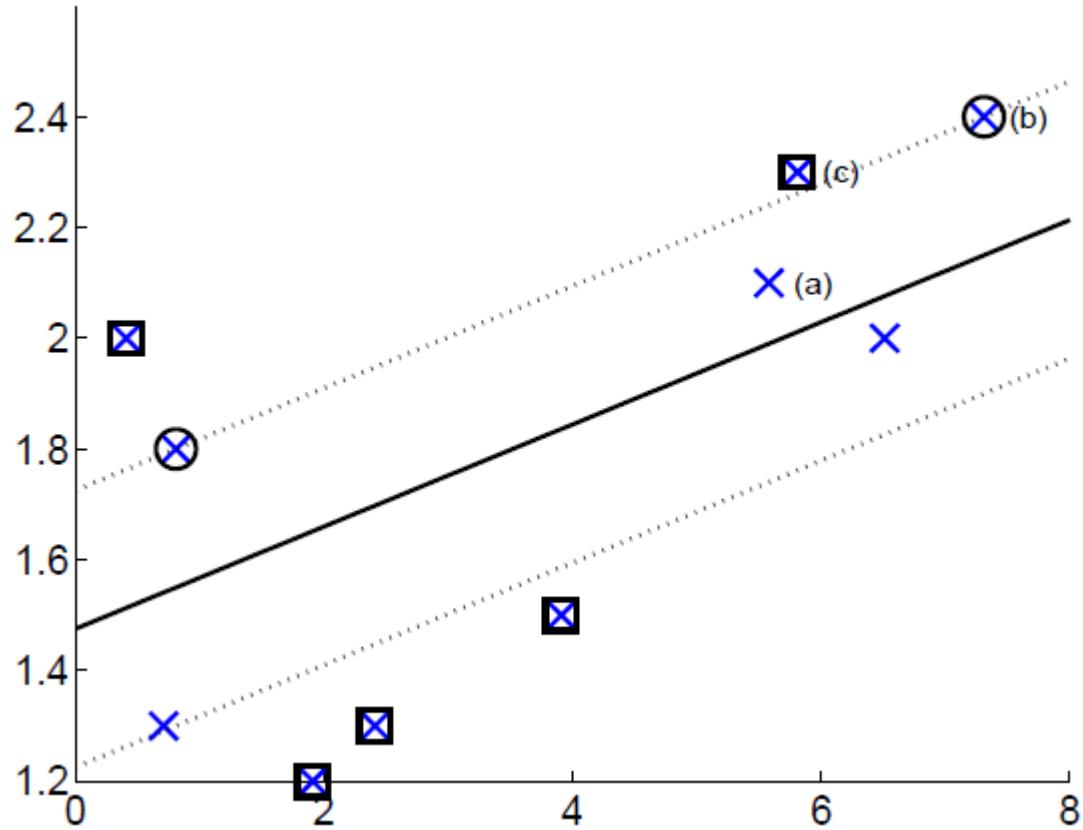
$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_t (\xi_+^t + \xi_-^t)$$

$$r^t - (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + w_0) \leq \epsilon + \xi_+^t$$

$$(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + w_0) - r^t \leq \epsilon + \xi_-^t$$

$$\xi_+^t, \xi_-^t \geq 0$$

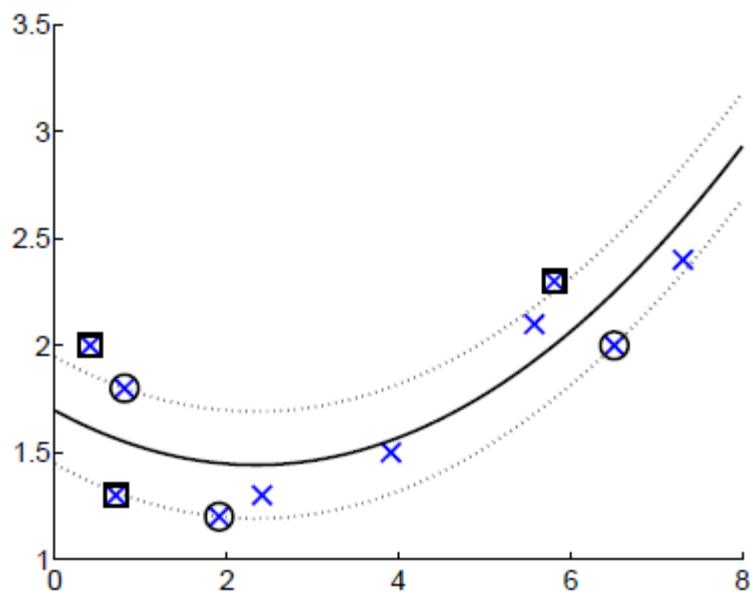




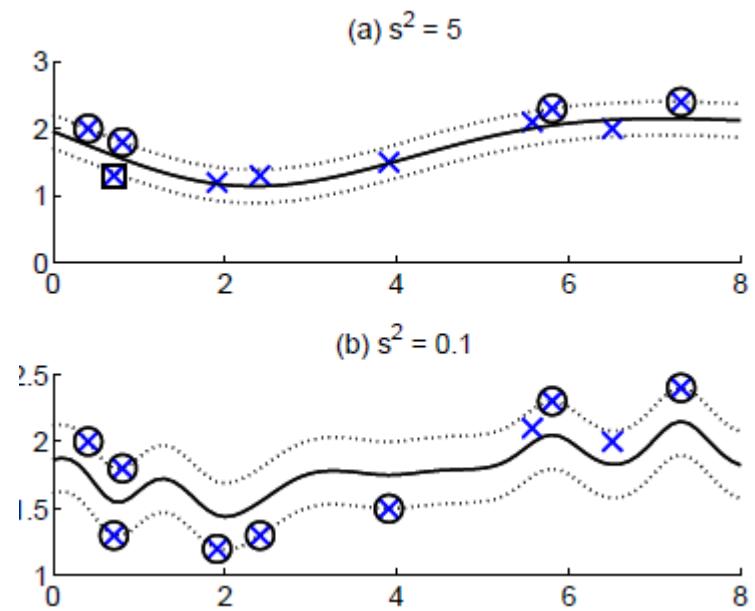
# Kernel Regression

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## □ Polynomial kernel



## □ Gaussian kernel



# Kernel Machines for Ranking

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- We require not only that scores be correct order but at least +1 unit margin.
- Linear case:

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 + C \sum_t \xi_i^t$$

subject to

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^u \geq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^v + 1 - \xi^t, \forall t : r^u \prec r^v, \xi_i^t \geq 0$$

# One-Class Kernel Machines

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- Consider a sphere with center  $a$  and radius  $R$

$$\min R^2 + C \sum_t \xi^t$$

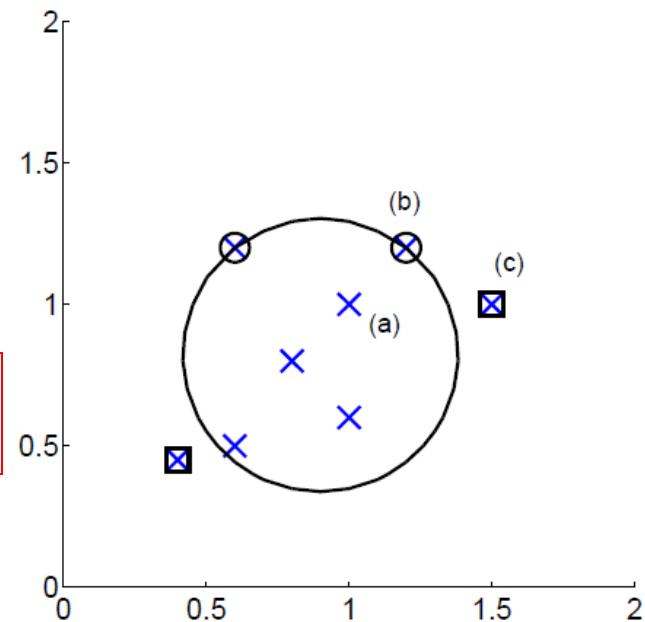
subject to

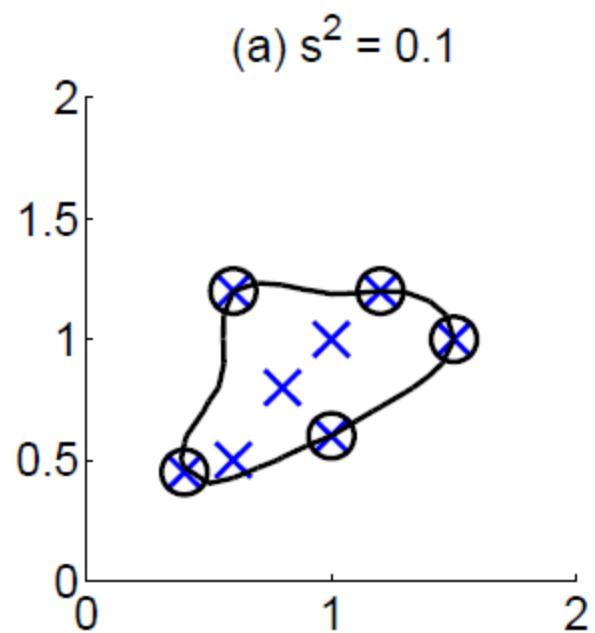
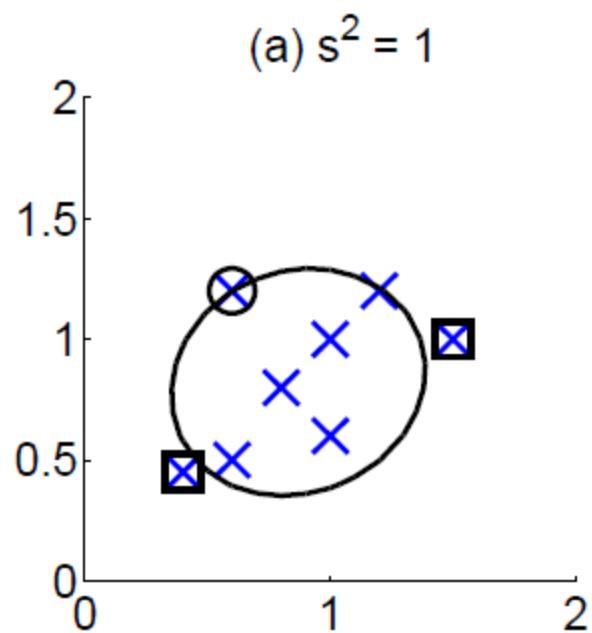
$$\|\mathbf{x}^t - a\| \leq R^2 + \xi^t, \xi^t \geq 0$$

$$L_d = \sum_t \alpha^t (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s - \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_s \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\mathbf{x}^t)^T \mathbf{x}^s$$

subject to

$$0 \leq \alpha^t \leq C, \sum_t \alpha^t = 1$$





# Large Margin Nearest Neighbor

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- Learns the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  of Mahalanobis metric

$$D(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) = (\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{x}^j)^T \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{x}^j)$$

- For three instances  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $l$ , where  $i$  and  $j$  are of the same class and  $l$  different, we require

$$D(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^l) > D(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) + 1$$

and if this is not satisfied, we have a slack for the difference and we learn  $\mathbf{M}$  to minimize the sum of such slacks over all  $i, j, l$  triples ( $j$  and  $l$  being one of  $k$  neighbors of  $i$ , over all  $i$ )

# Learning a Distance Measure

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- LMNN algorithm (Weinberger and Saul 2009)

$$(1 - \mu) \sum_{i,j} \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) + \mu \sum_{i,j,l} (1 - y_{il}) \xi_{ijl}$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^l) &\geq \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) + 1 - \xi^{ijl}, \text{ if } \mathbf{r}^i = \mathbf{r}^j \text{ and } \mathbf{r}^i \neq \mathbf{r}^l \\ \xi^{ijl} &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

- LMCA algorithm (Torresani and Lee 2007) uses a similar approach where  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L}$  and learns  $\mathbf{L}$

# Kernel Dimensionality Reduction

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- Kernel PCA does PCA on the kernel matrix (equal to canonical PCA with a linear kernel)
- Kernel LDA, CCA

