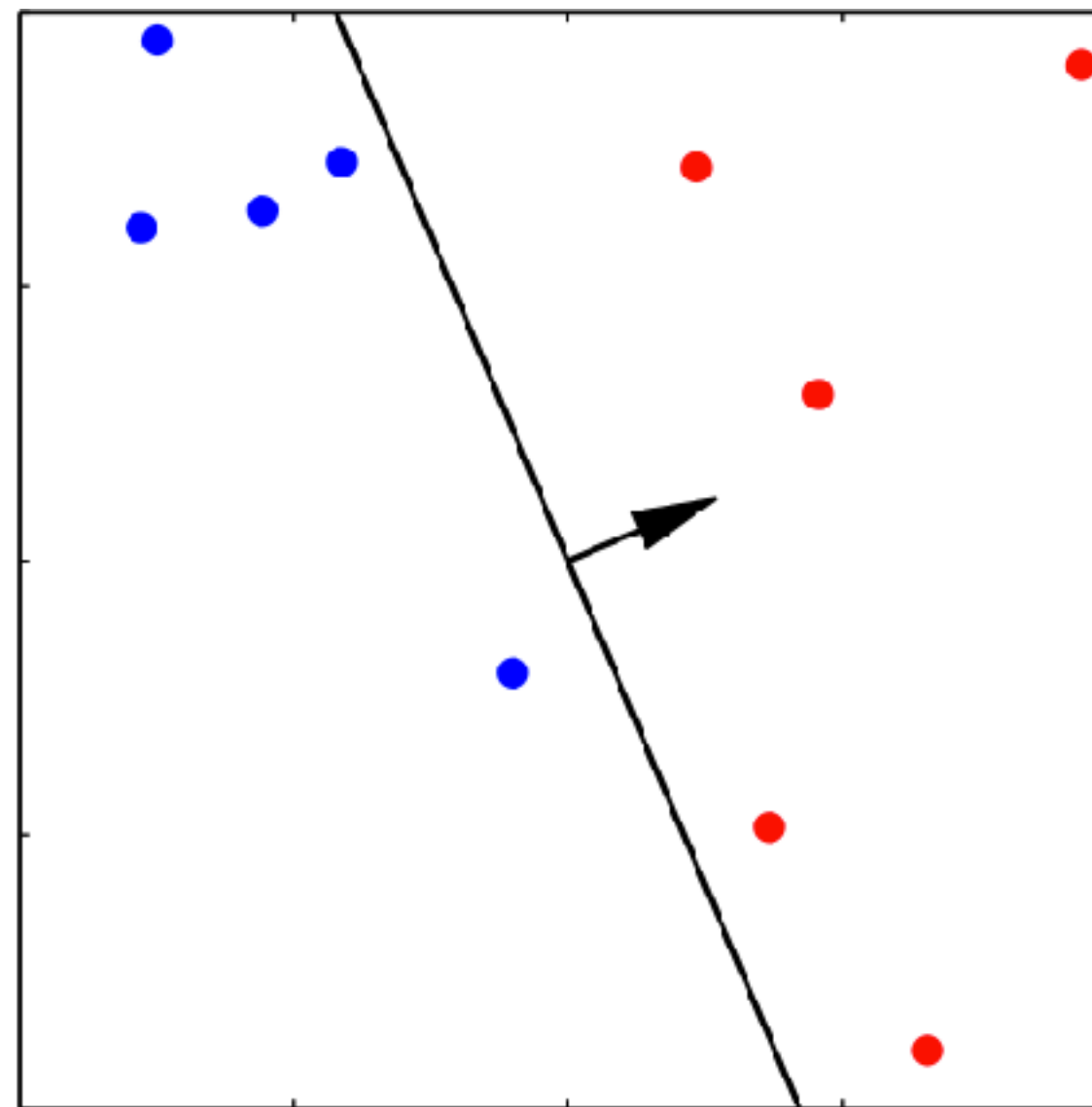


Applied Machine Learning

CIML Chaps 4-5 (A Geometric Approach)



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– Grace Hopper (1906-1992)

Week 5: Extensions and Variations of Perceptron, and Practical Issues

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some slides from A. Zisserman (Oxford)

Trivia: Grace Hopper and the first bug

- Edison coined the term “bug” around 1878 and since then it had been widely used in engineering
- Hopper was associated with the discovery of the first computer bug in 1947 which was a moth stuck in a relay




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convd 2.130676415
Relays 6-2 in 033 failed special speed test
in relay " 10.00 test.
Relays changed
1100 Started Cosine Tape (Sine check)
1525 Started Multi-Adder Test.
1545 Relay #70 Panel F
(moth) in relay.
First actual case of bug being found.
1630 Antan started.
1700 closed down.

Relay 3345
Relay 3370



Week 5: Perceptron in Practice

- Problems with Perceptron

- doesn't converge with inseparable data
- update might often be too “bold”
- doesn't optimize margin
- result is sensitive to the order of examples

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- Ways to alleviate these problems (without SVM/kernels)

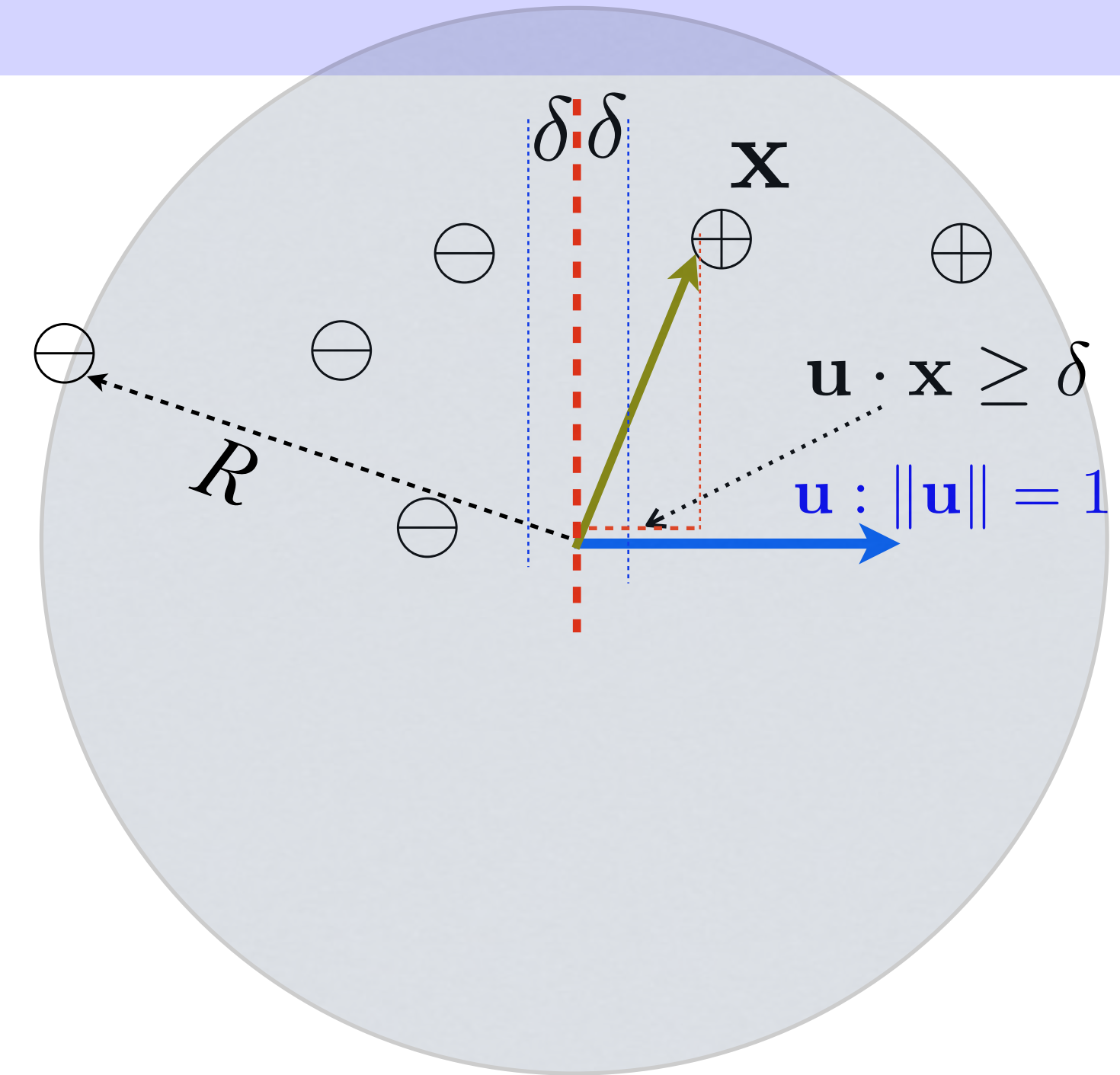
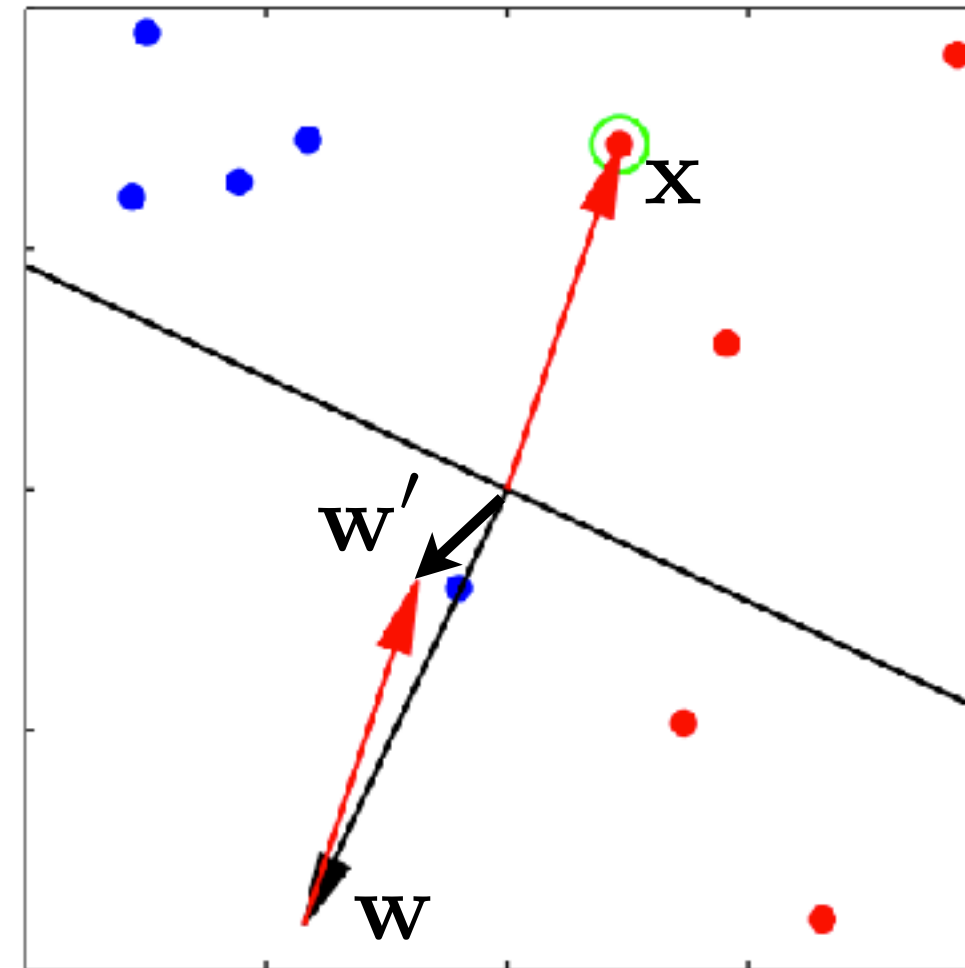
- Part II: voted perceptron and average perceptron
- Part III: MIRA (margin-infused relaxation algorithm)

- Part IV: Practical Issues and HW I

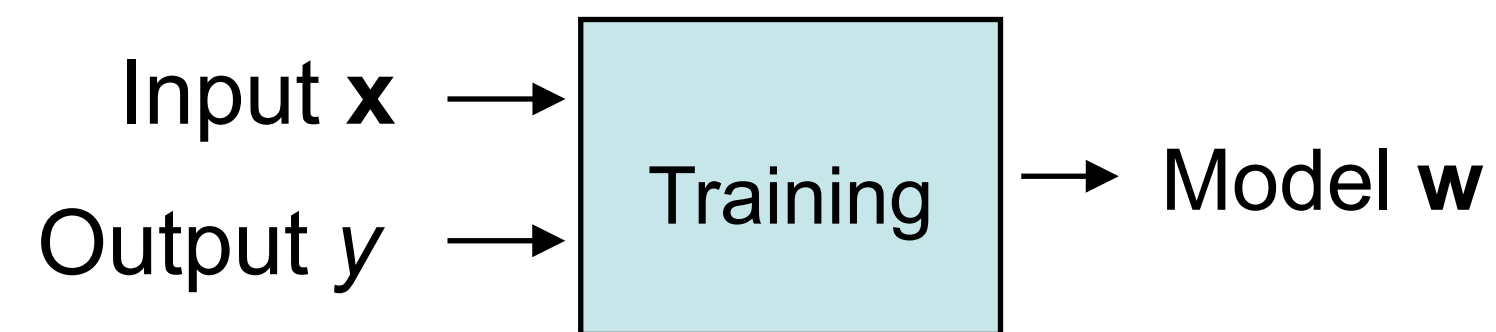
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Recap of Week 4

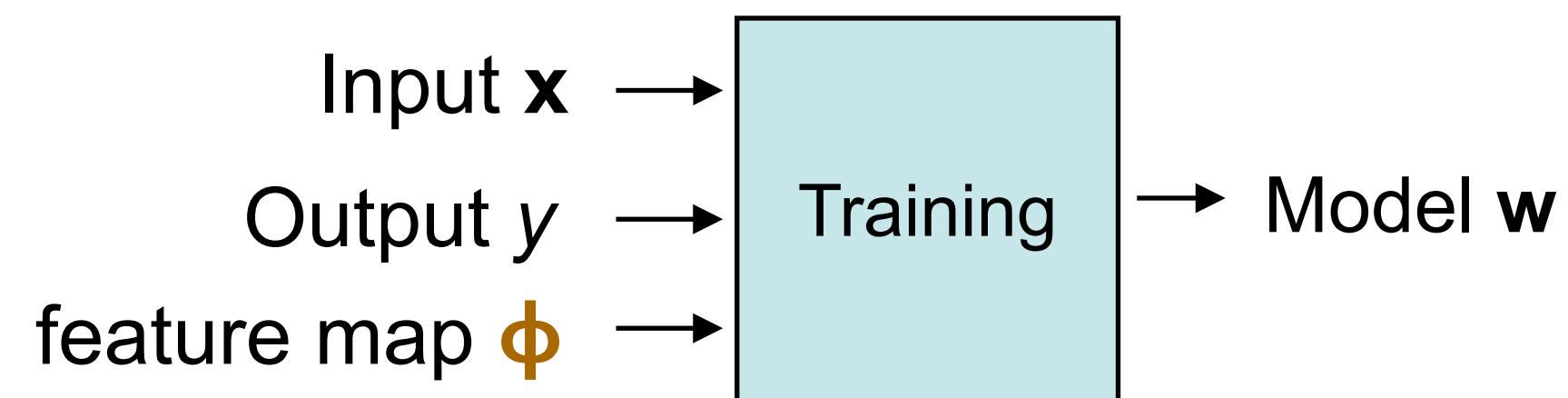
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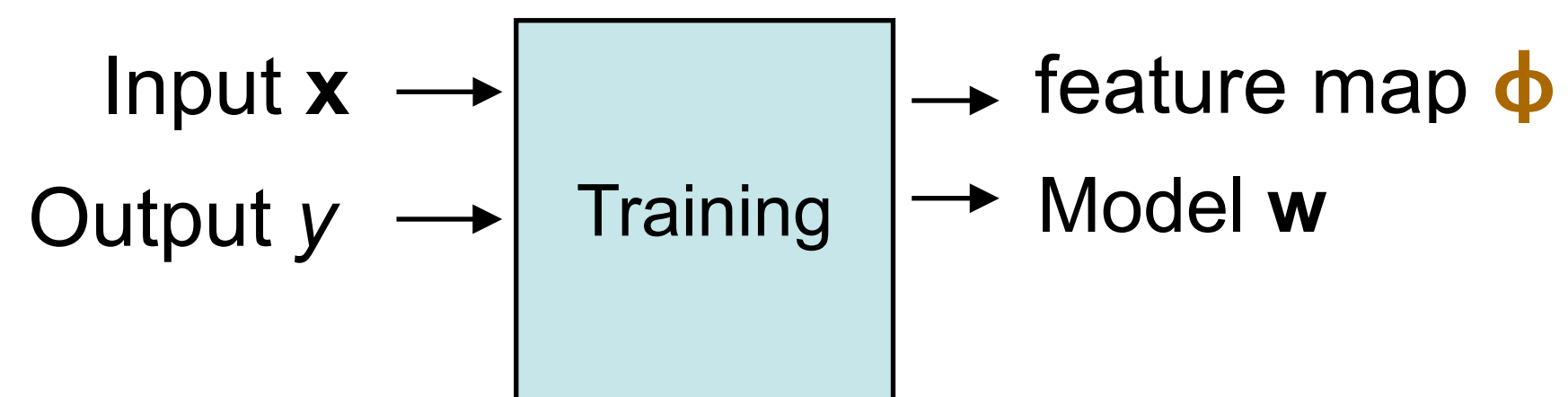
“idealized” ML



“actual” ML



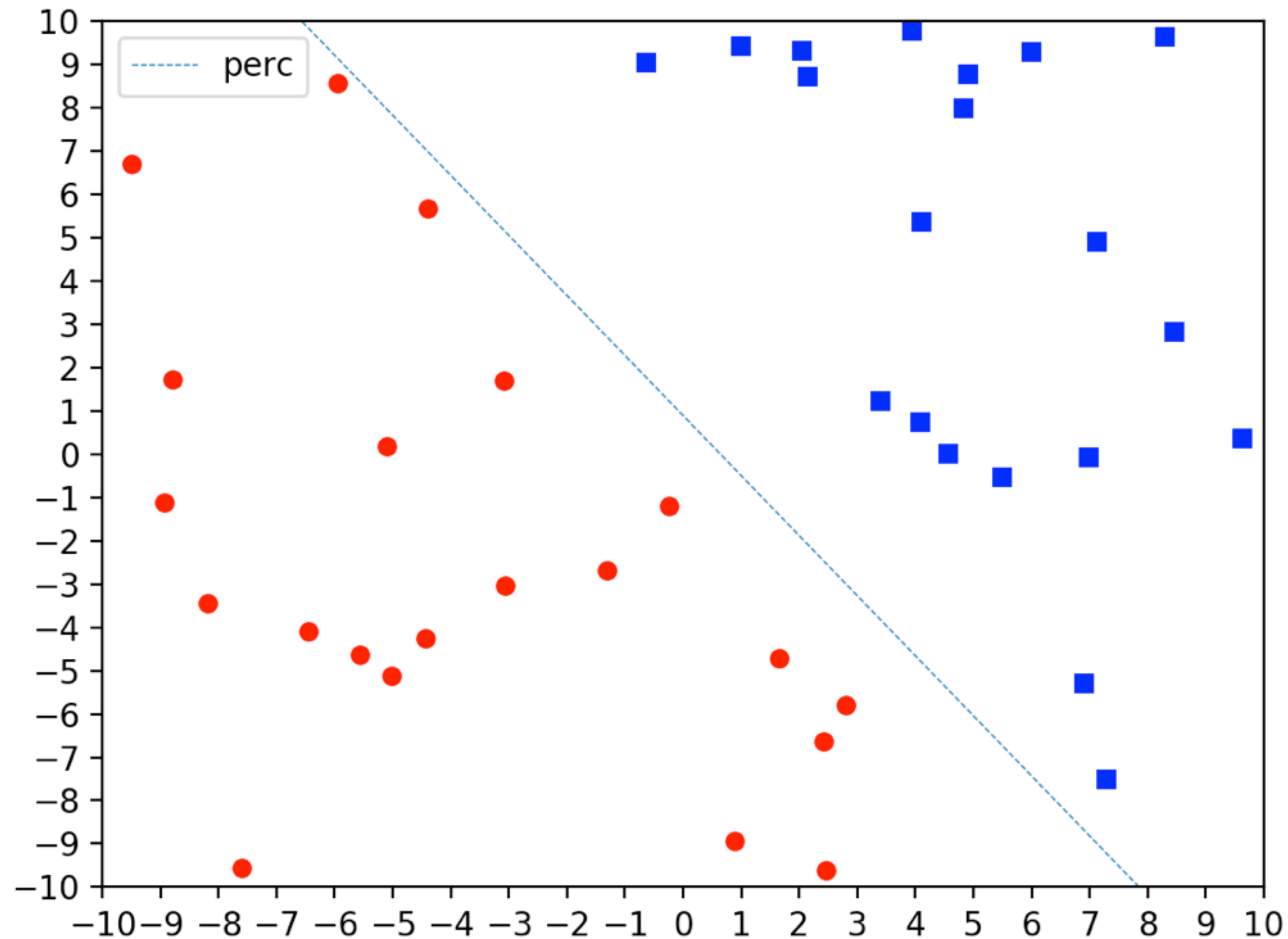
deep learning \approx representation learning



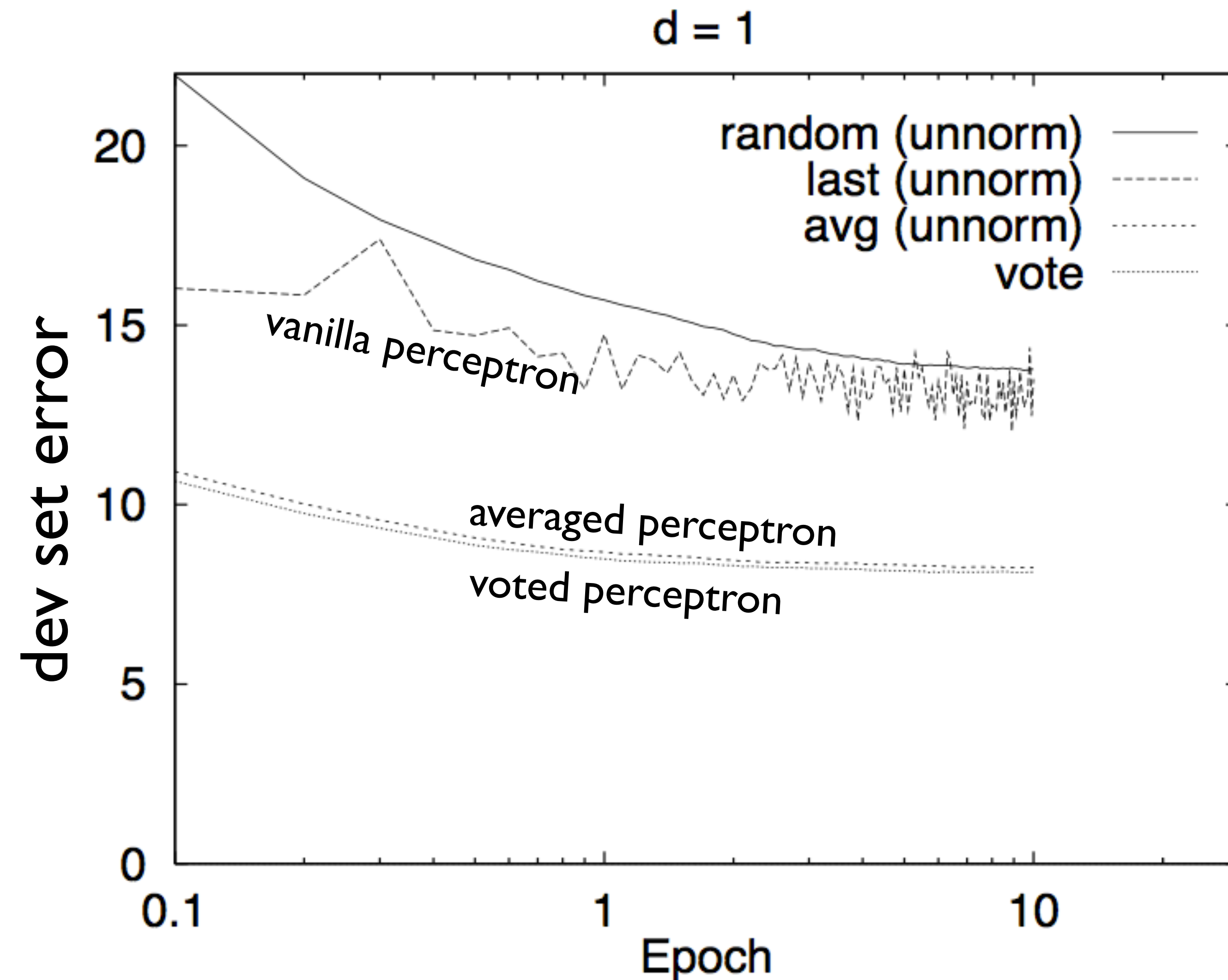
Python Demo

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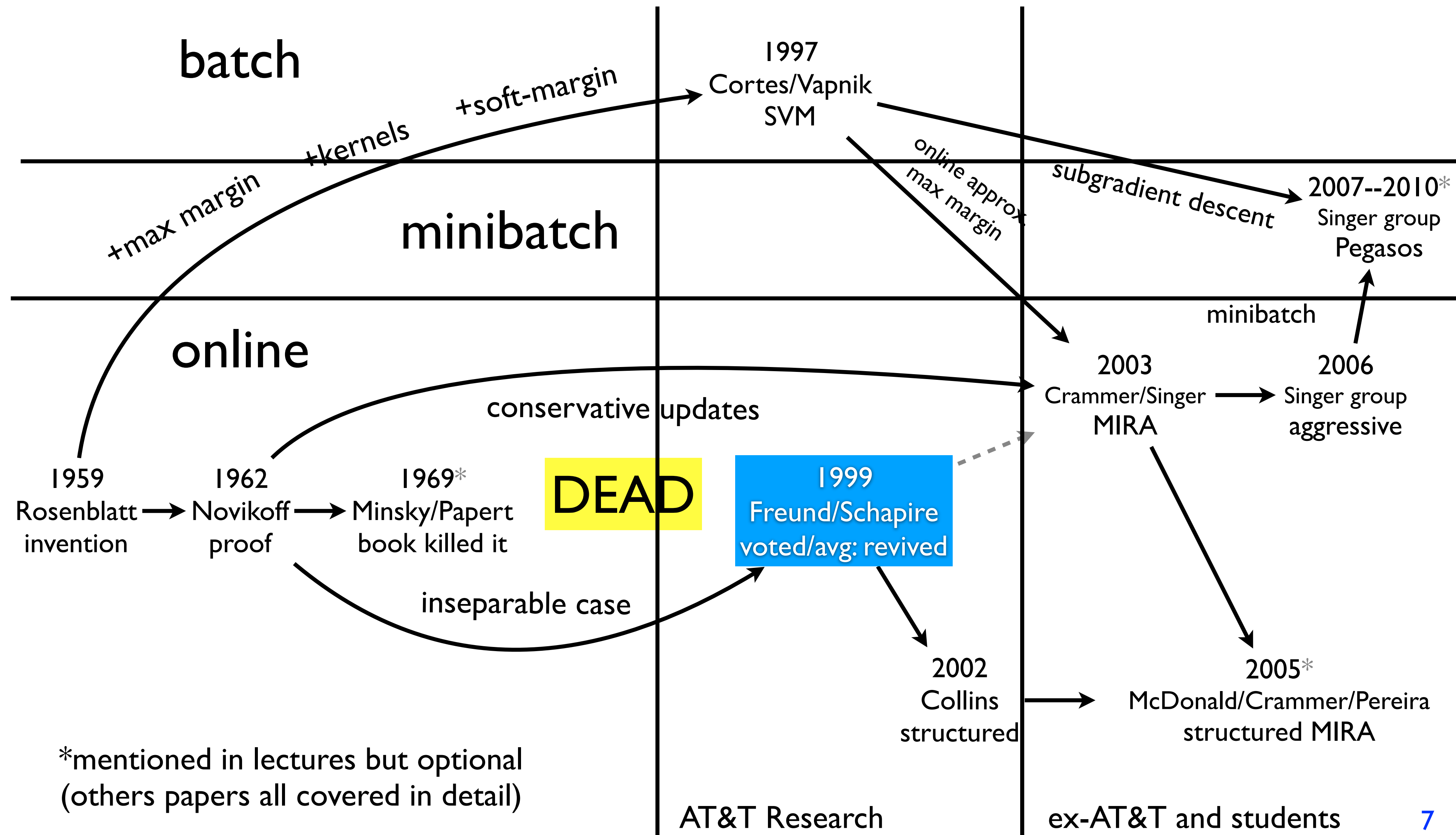
(requires numpy and matplotlib)



Part II: Voted and Averaged Perceptron



Brief History of Perceptron



Voted/Avged Perceptron

- problem: later examples dominate earlier examples
- solution: voted perceptron (Freund and Schapire, 1999)
 - record the weight vector after each example in D
 - not just after each update!
 - and vote on a new example using $|D|$ models
 - shown to have better generalization power
- averaged perceptron (from the same paper)
 - an approximation of voted perceptron
 - just use the average of all weight vectors
 - can be implemented efficiently

Voted Perceptron

Input: a labeled training set $\langle (\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_m, y_m) \rangle$

number of epochs T

Output: a list of weighted perceptrons $\langle (\mathbf{v}_1, c_1), \dots, (\mathbf{v}_k, c_k) \rangle$

our notation: $(\mathbf{x}^{(l)}, y^{(l)})$

\mathbf{v} is weight,

c is its # of votes

- Initialize: $k := 0, \mathbf{v}_1 := \mathbf{0}, c_1 := 0$.
- Repeat T times:
 - For $i = 1, \dots, m$:
 - * Compute prediction: $\hat{y} := \text{sign}(\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{x}_i)$
 - * If $\hat{y} = y$ then $c_k := c_k + 1$.
else $\mathbf{v}_{k+1} := \mathbf{v}_k + y_i \mathbf{x}_i$;
 $c_{k+1} := 1$;
 $k := k + 1$.

Large Margin Classification Using the Perceptron Algorithm

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Prediction

Given: the list of weighted perceptrons: $\langle (\mathbf{v}_1, c_1), \dots, (\mathbf{v}_k, c_k) \rangle$

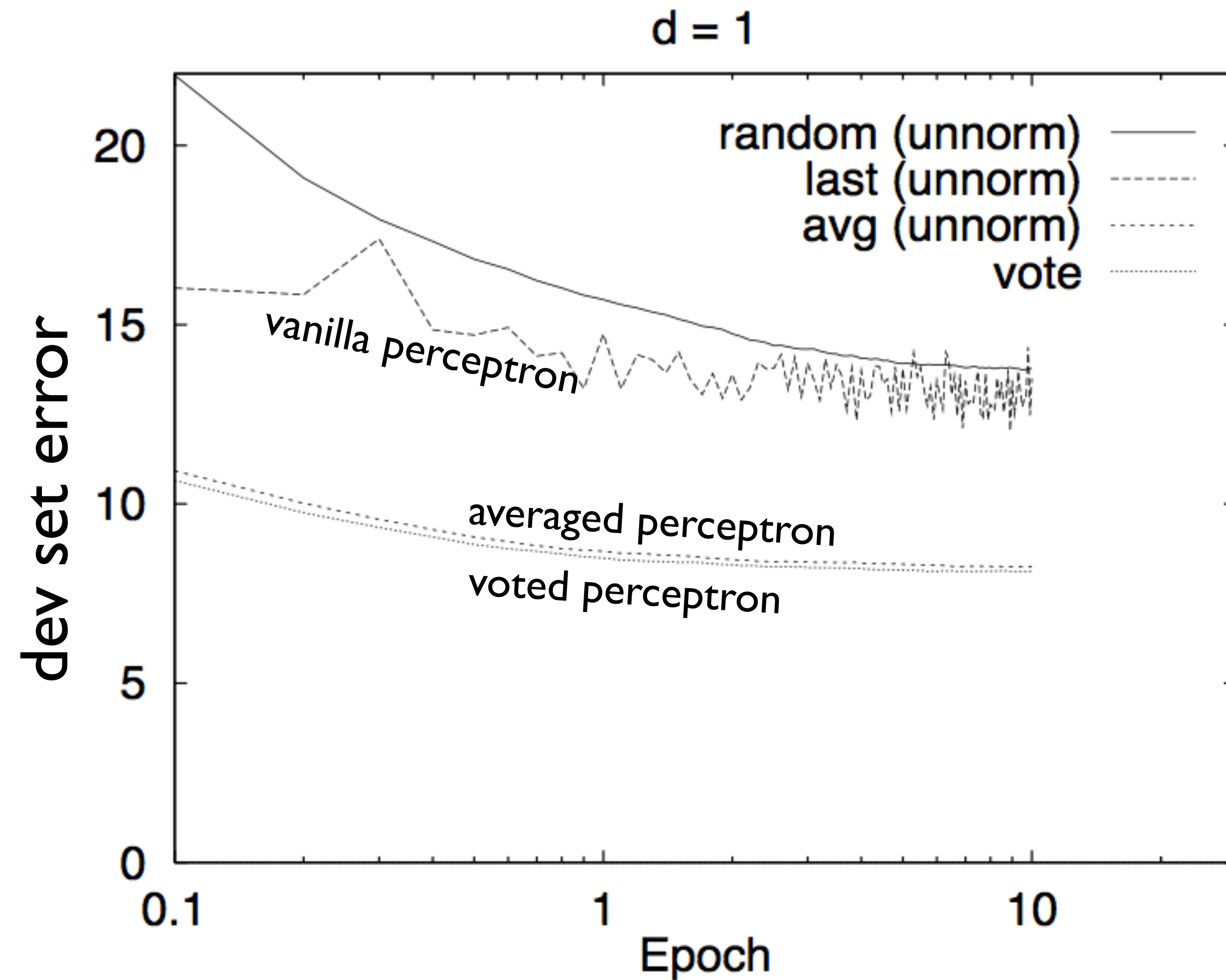
an unlabeled instance: \mathbf{x}

compute a predicted label \hat{y} as follows:

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \text{sign}(\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}); \quad \hat{y} = \text{sign}(s) .$$

if correct, increase the
current model's # of votes;
otherwise create a new
model with 1 vote

Experiments



Averaged Perceptron

- voted perceptron is not scalable
 - and does not output a single model
- avg perceptron is an approximation of voted perceptron
 - actually, summing all weight vectors is enough; no need to divide

initialize $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$; $\mathbf{w}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

while not converged

for $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in D$

if $y(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \leq 0$

$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y\mathbf{x}$

$\mathbf{w}_s \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_s + \mathbf{w}$

output: summed weights \mathbf{w}_s

after each example, not after each update!

$\mathbf{w}^{(1)}$	$= \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(1)}$			
$\mathbf{w}^{(2)}$	$= \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(1)}$	$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(2)}$		
$\mathbf{w}^{(3)}$	$= \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(1)}$	$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(2)}$	$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(3)}$	
$\mathbf{w}^{(4)}$	$= \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(1)}$	$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(2)}$	$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(3)}$	$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(4)}$

Efficient Implementation of Averaging

- naive implementation (running sum \mathbf{w}_s) doesn't scale either
 - OK for low dim. (HW1); too slow for high-dim. (HW3)
- very clever trick from Hal Daumé (2006, PhD thesis)

initialize $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$; $\mathbf{w}_a \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$; $c \leftarrow 0$

while not converged

for $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in D$

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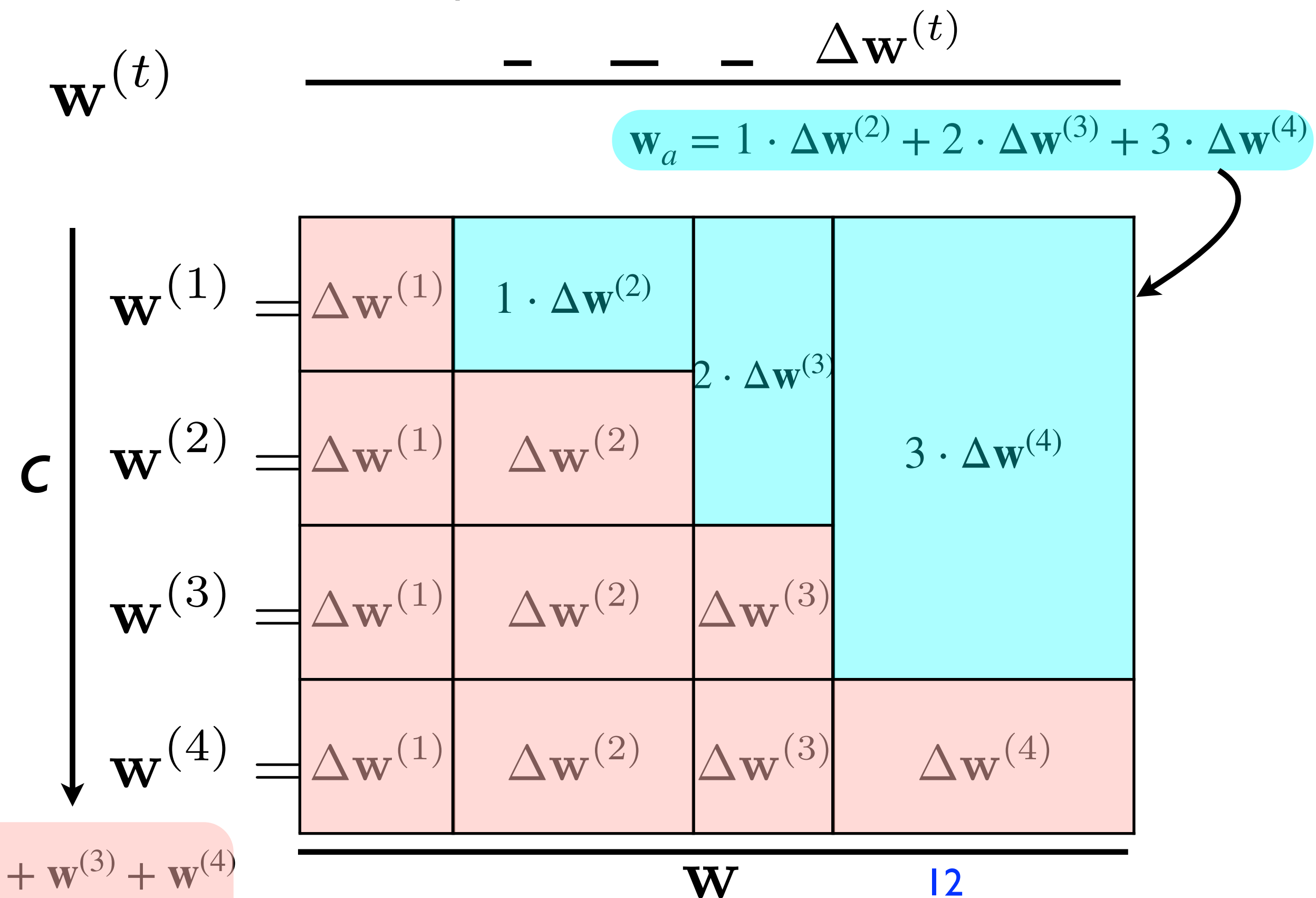
$\mathbf{w}_a \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_a + cy\mathbf{x}$

$c \leftarrow c + 1$

output: $c\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_a$

after each update, not after each example!

$$c \cdot \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_a = 4 \cdot \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(1)} + 3 \cdot \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(2)} + 2 \cdot \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(3)} + 1 \cdot \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(4)} = \mathbf{w}^{(1)} + \mathbf{w}^{(2)} + \mathbf{w}^{(3)} + \mathbf{w}^{(4)}$$



Part III: MIRA

- perceptron often makes bold updates (over-correction)
- and sometimes too small updates (under-correction)
- but hard to tune learning rate
- “just enough” update to correct the mistake?

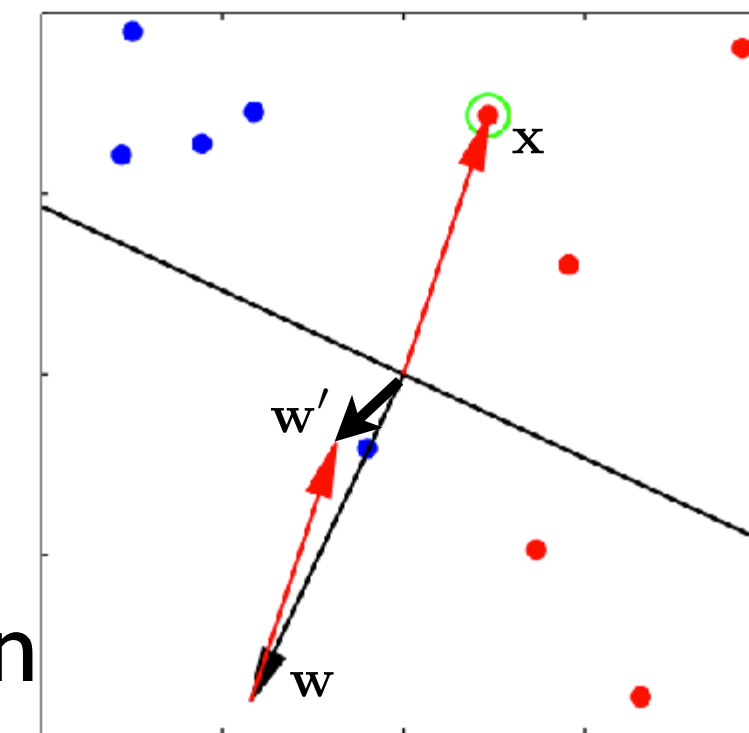
$$\mathbf{w}' \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \frac{y - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \mathbf{x}$$

easy to show:

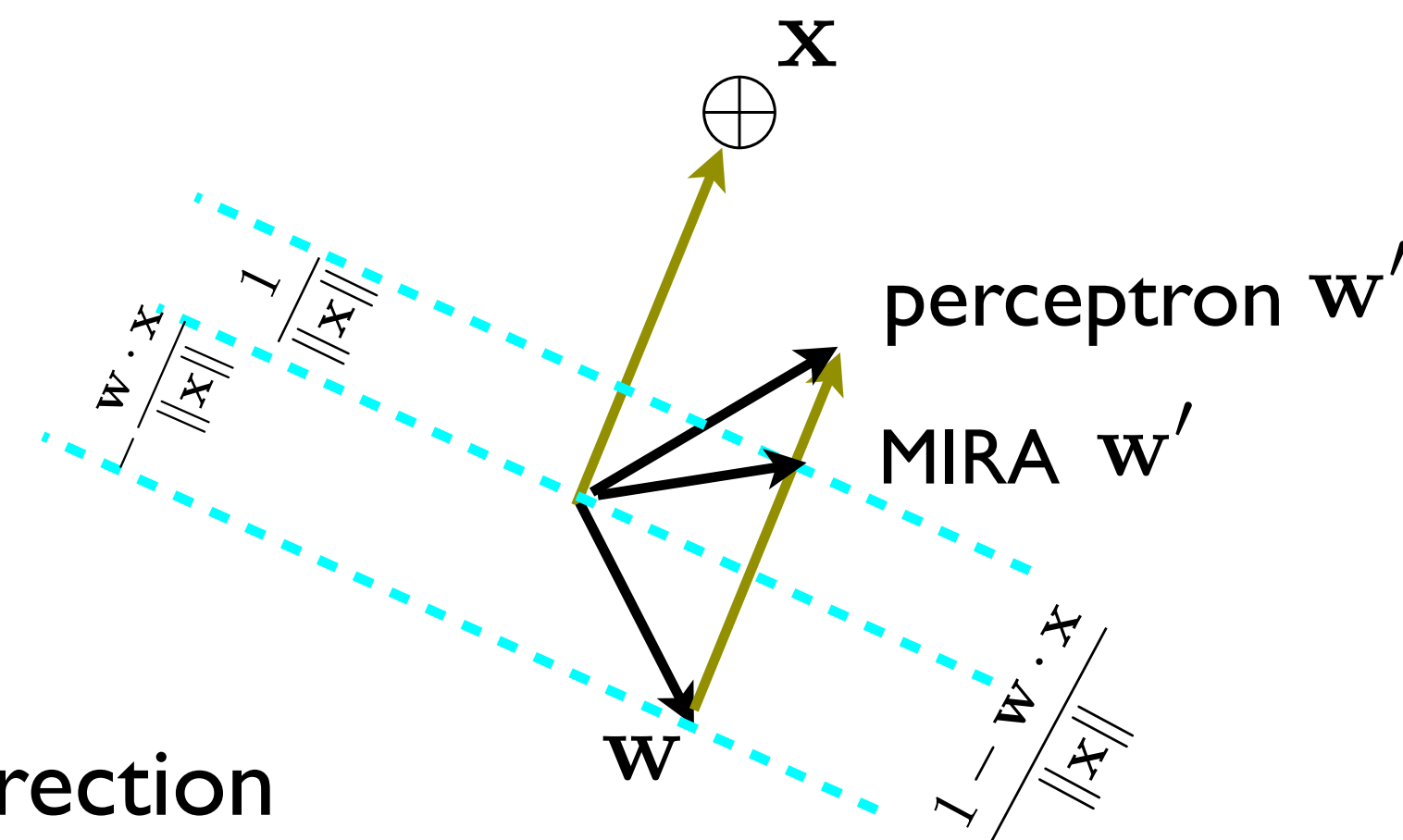
$$\mathbf{w}' \cdot \mathbf{x} = \left(\mathbf{w} + \frac{y - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \mathbf{x} \right) \cdot \mathbf{x} = y$$

margin-infused relaxation
algorithm (MIRA)

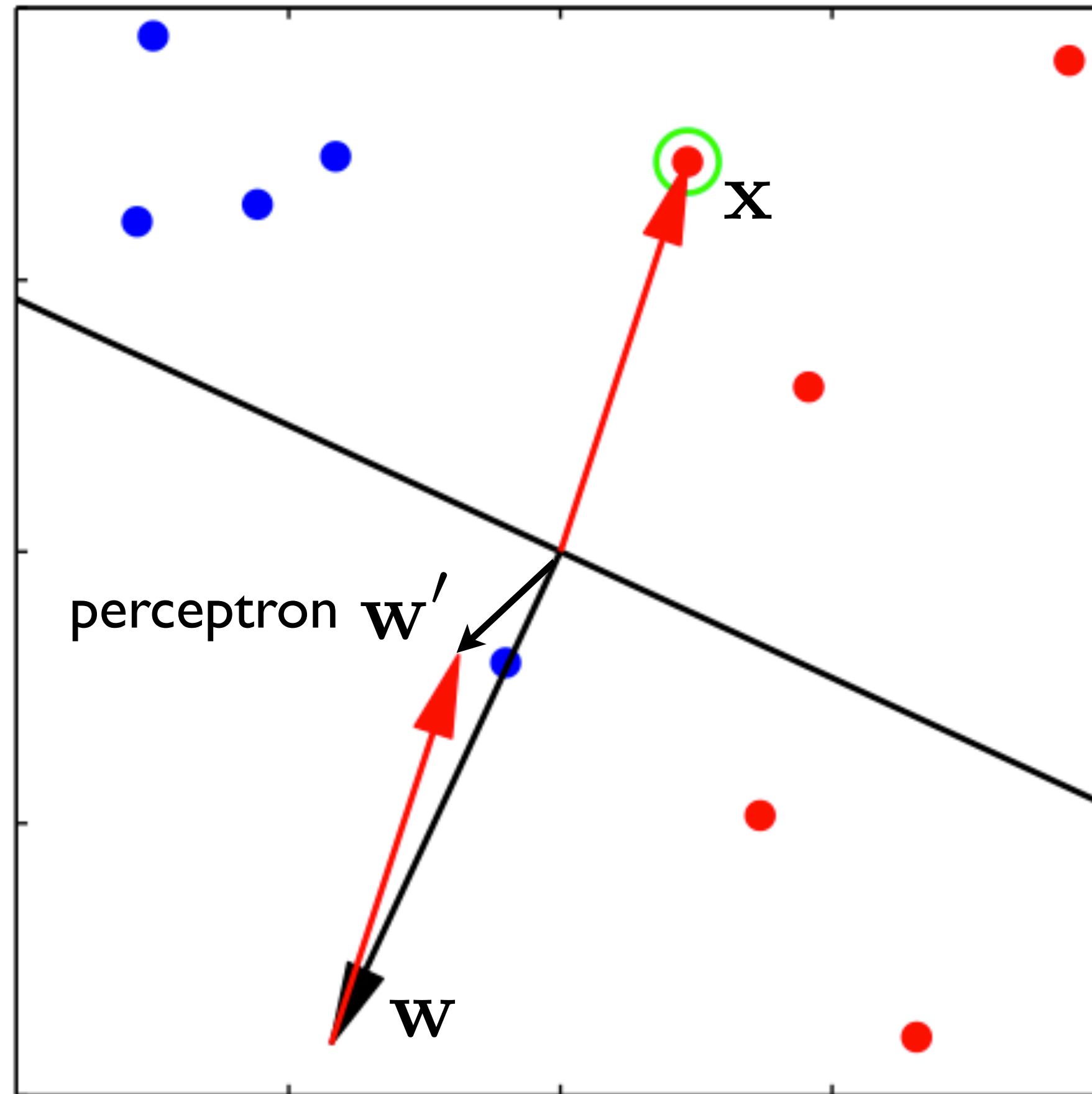
under-correction



over-correction



Example: Perceptron under-correction



MIRA: just enough

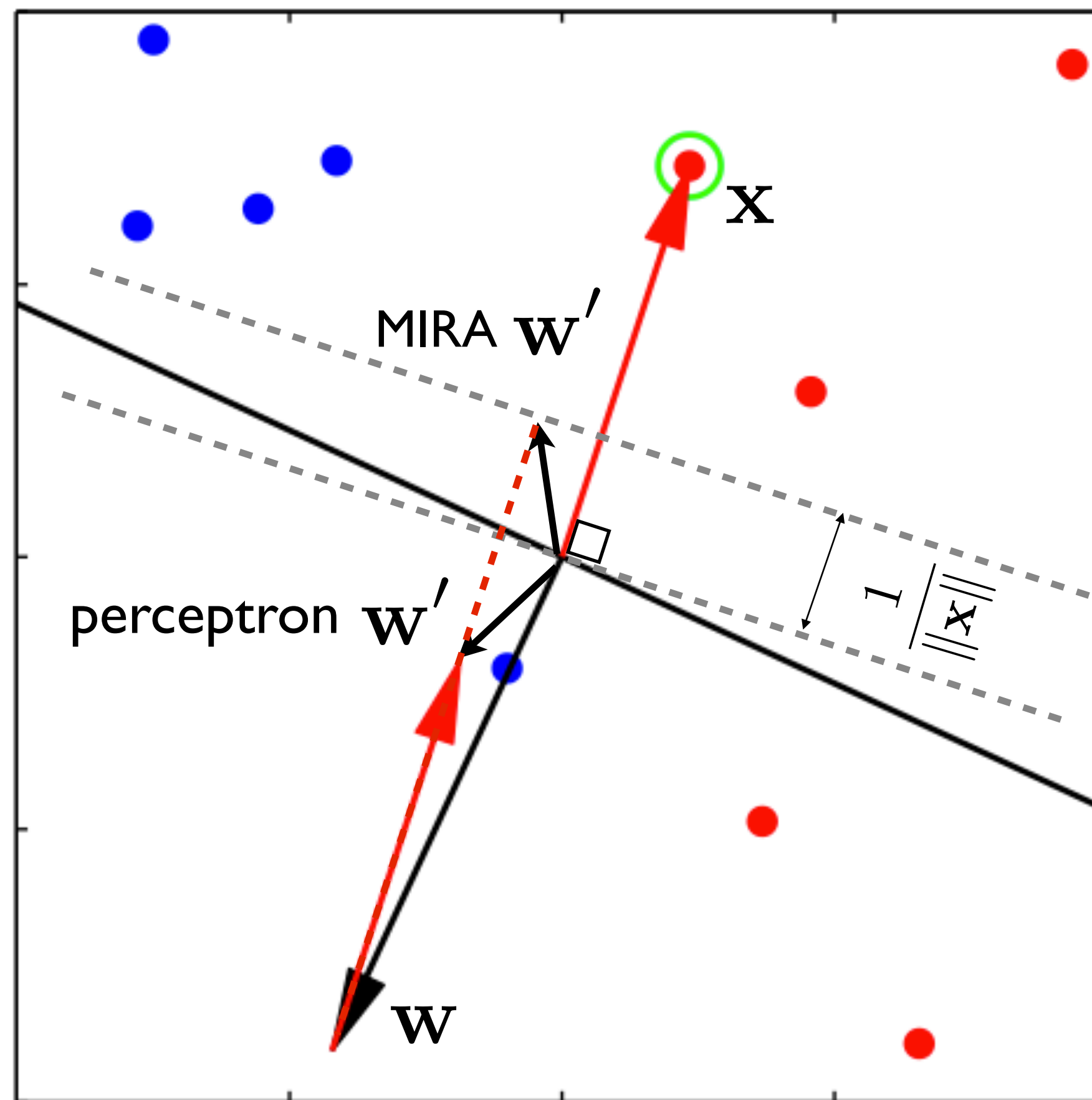
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{w}'} \quad & \|\mathbf{w}' - \mathbf{w}\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{w}' \cdot \mathbf{x} \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

minimal change to ensure
functional margin of 1
(dot-product $\mathbf{w}' \cdot \mathbf{x} = 1$)

MIRA \approx 1-step SVM

functional margin: $y(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})$

geometric margin: $\frac{y(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$



MIRA: functional vs geom. margin

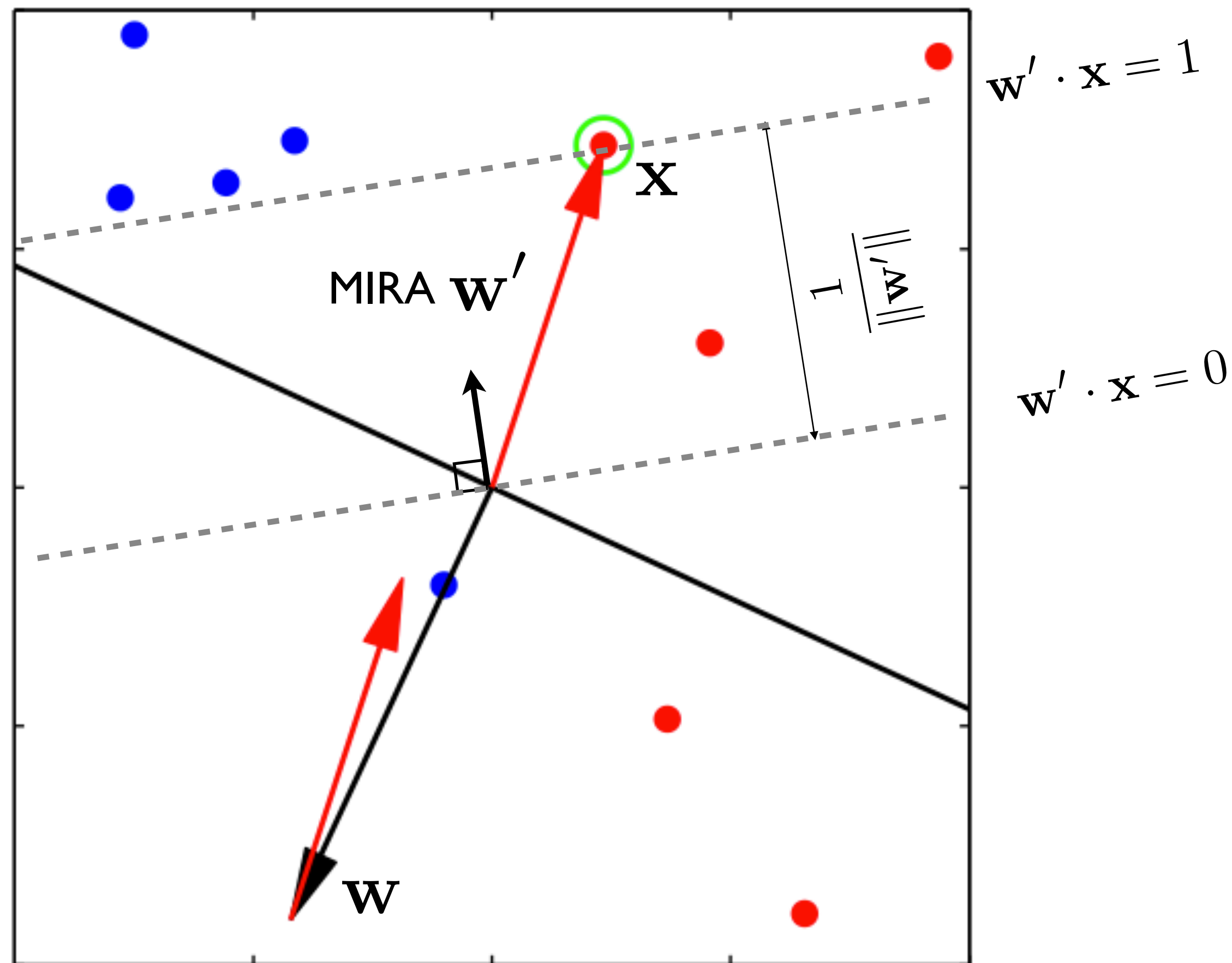
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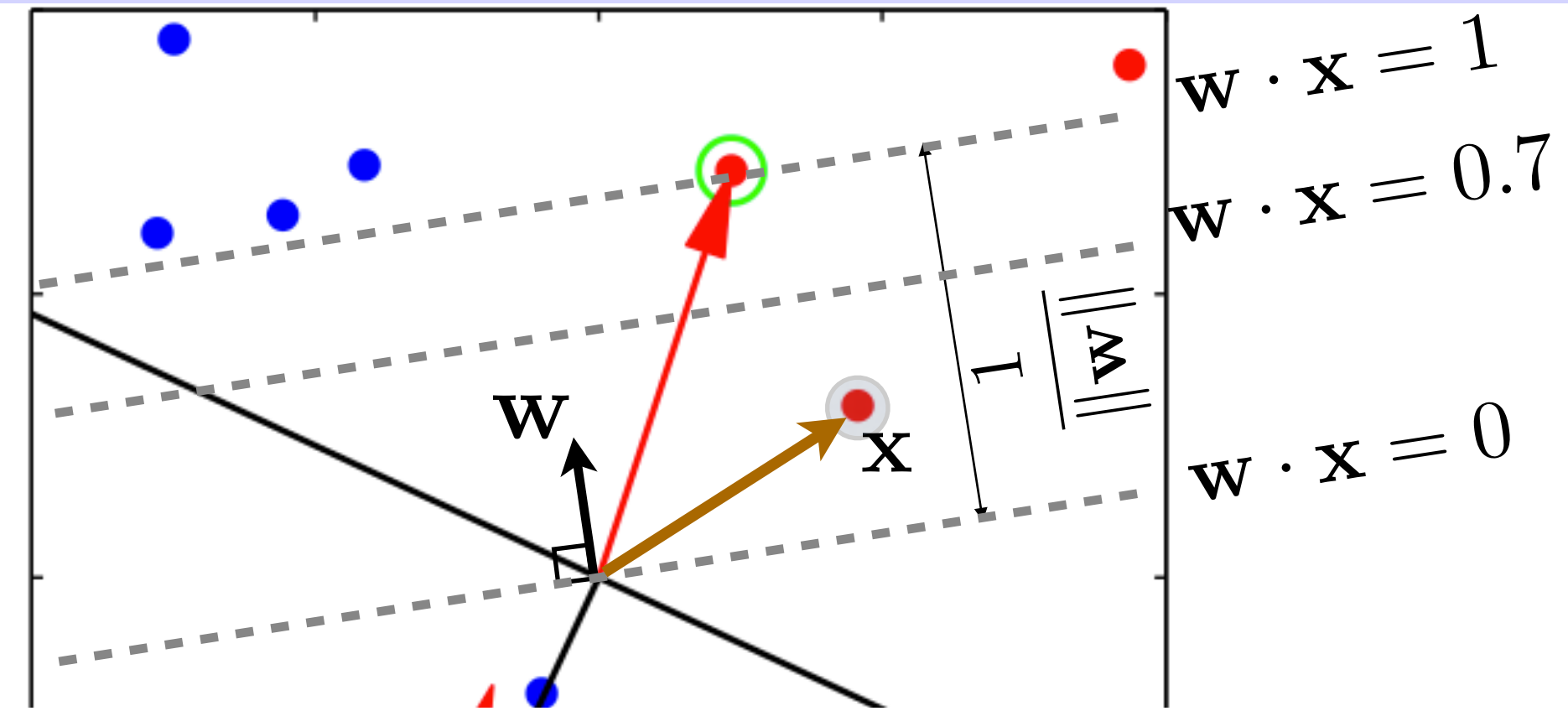
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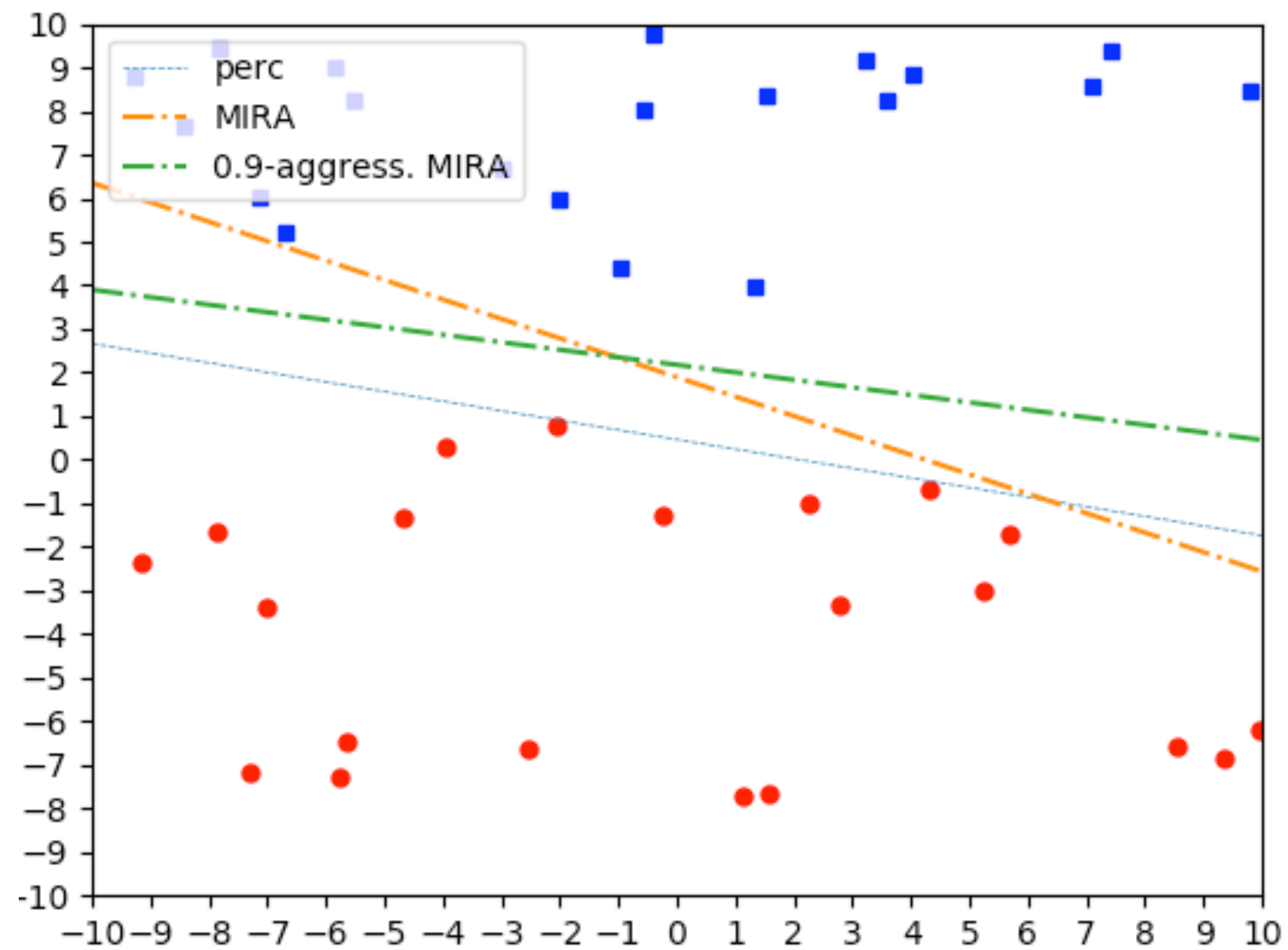


Optional: Aggressive MIRA

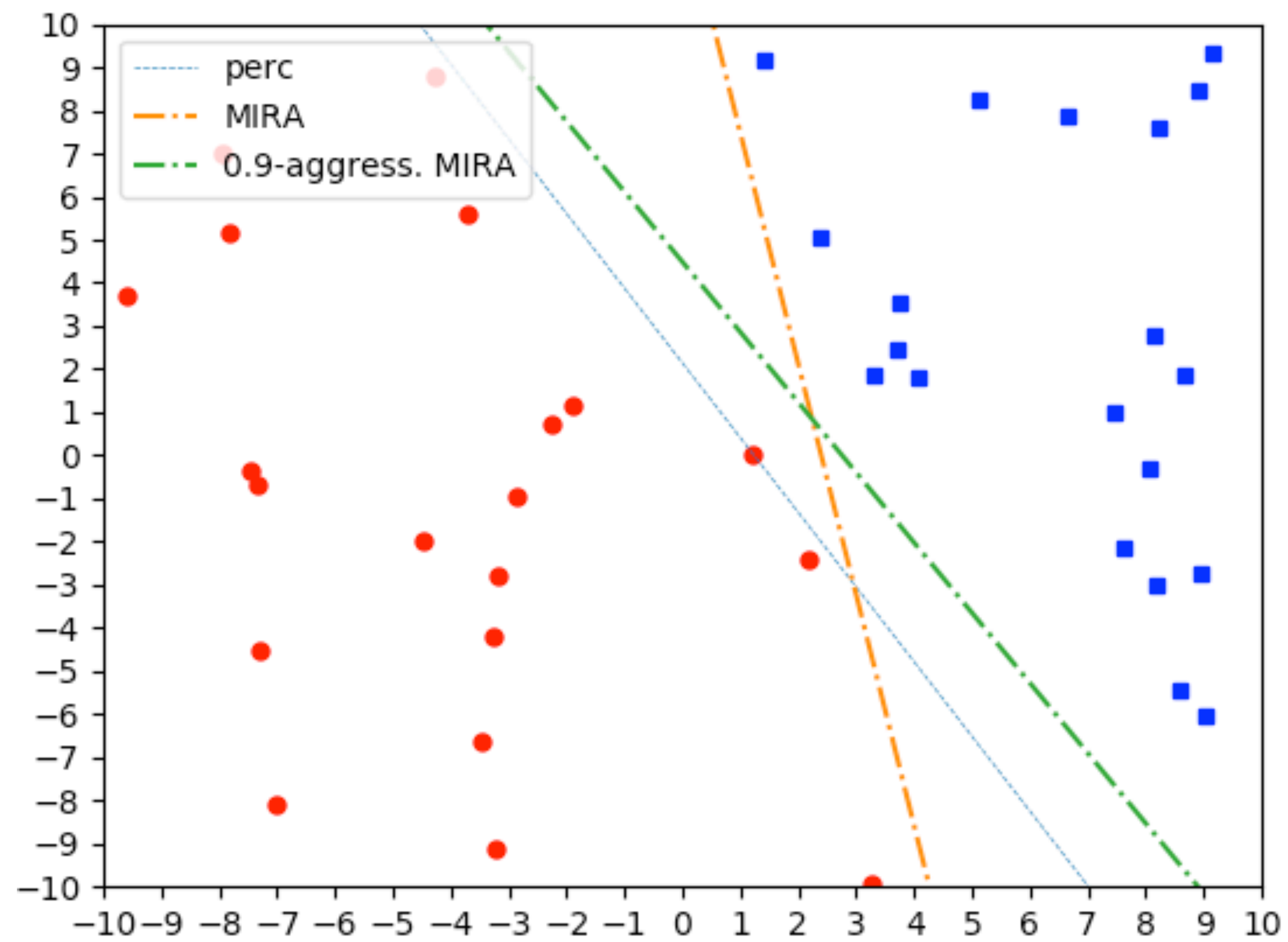


- aggressive version of MIRA
 - also update if correct but not confident enough
 - i.e., functional margin ($y \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$) not big enough
 - p -aggressive MIRA: update if $y (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}) < p$ ($0 \leq p < 1$)
 - MIRA is a special case with $p=0$: only update if misclassified!
 - update equation is same as MIRA
 - i.e., after update, functional margin becomes 1
 - larger p leads to a larger **geometric** margin but slower convergence

Demo



Demo



Part IV: Practical Issues

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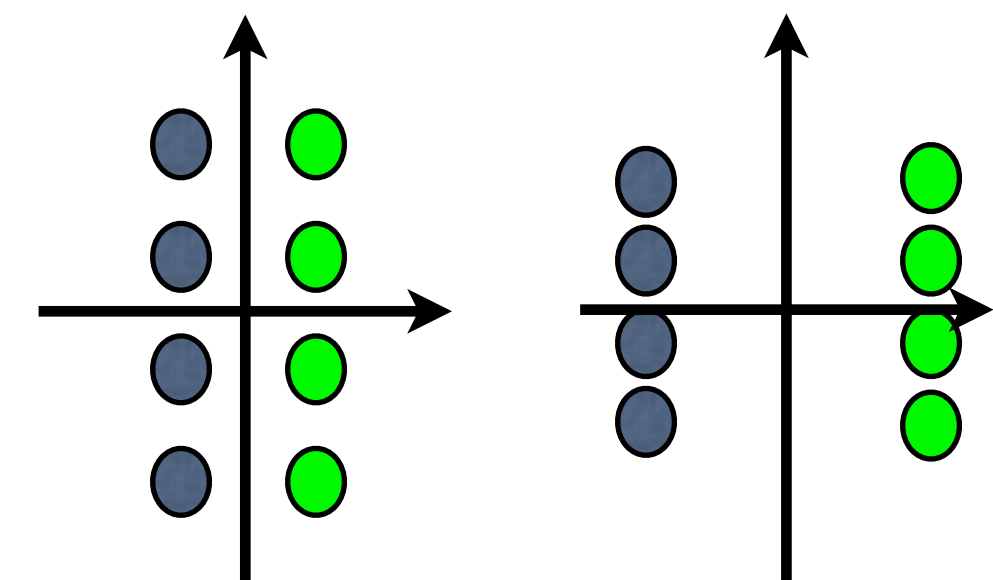
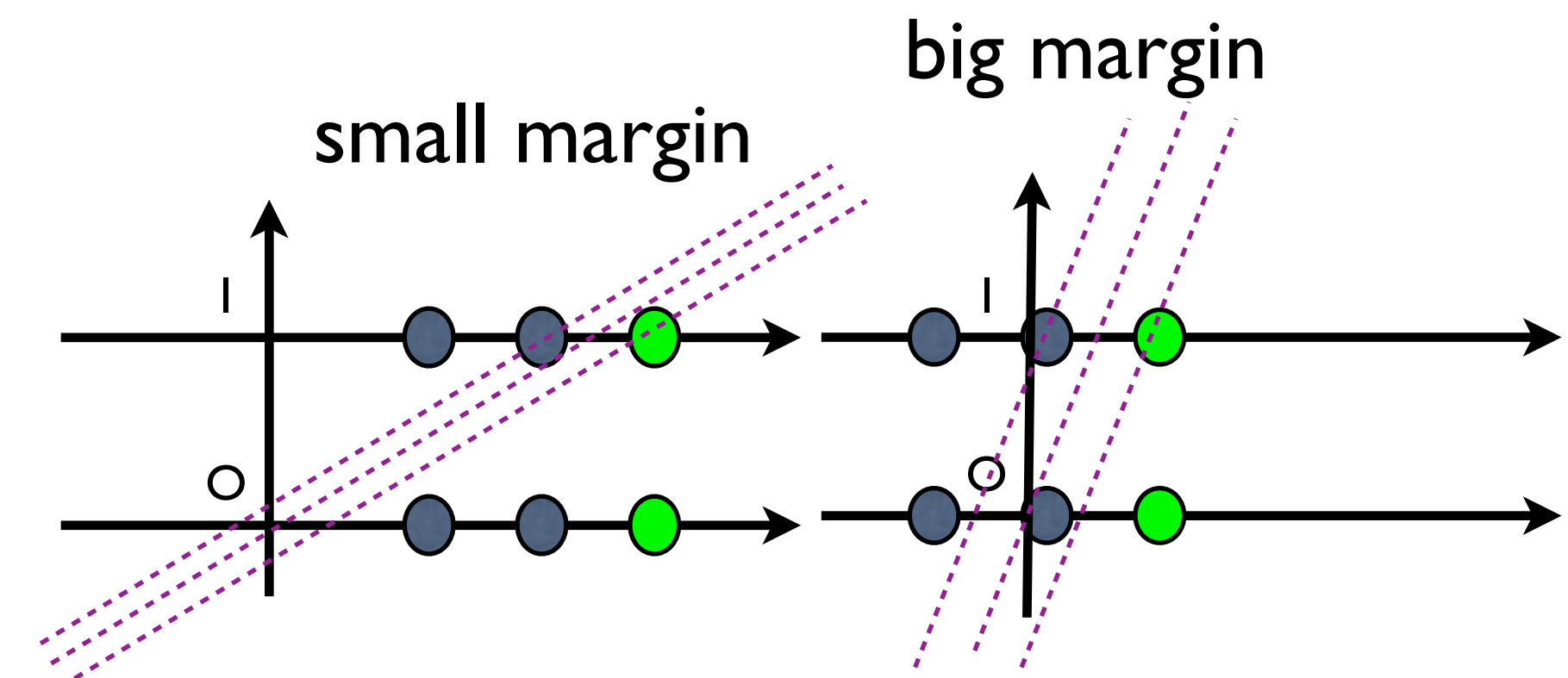
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- you will build your own linear classifiers for HW2 (same data as HW1)
- slightly different binarizations
 - for k-NN, we binarize all categorical fields but keep the two numerical ones
 - for perceptron (and most other classifiers), we binarize numerical fields as well
 - why? hint: larger “age” always better? more “hours” always better?

Useful Engineering Tips:

averaging, shuffling, variable learning rate, fixing feature scale

- averaging helps significantly; MIRA helps a tiny little bit
 - $\text{perceptron} < \text{MIRA} < \text{avg. perceptron} \approx \text{avg. MIRA} \approx \text{SVM}$
- shuffling the data helps hugely if classes were ordered (HW1)
 - shuffling before each epoch helps a little bit
- **variable** (decaying) learning rate often helps a little
 - $1/(\text{total\#updates})$ or $1/(\text{total\#examples})$ helps
 - any requirement in order to converge?
 - how to prove convergence now?
- centering of each dimension helps (Ex1/HW1)
 - why? \Rightarrow smaller radius, bigger margin!
- unit variance also helps (why?) (Ex1/HW1)
 - 0-mean, 1-var \Rightarrow each feature \approx a unit Gaussian



Feature Maps in Other Domains

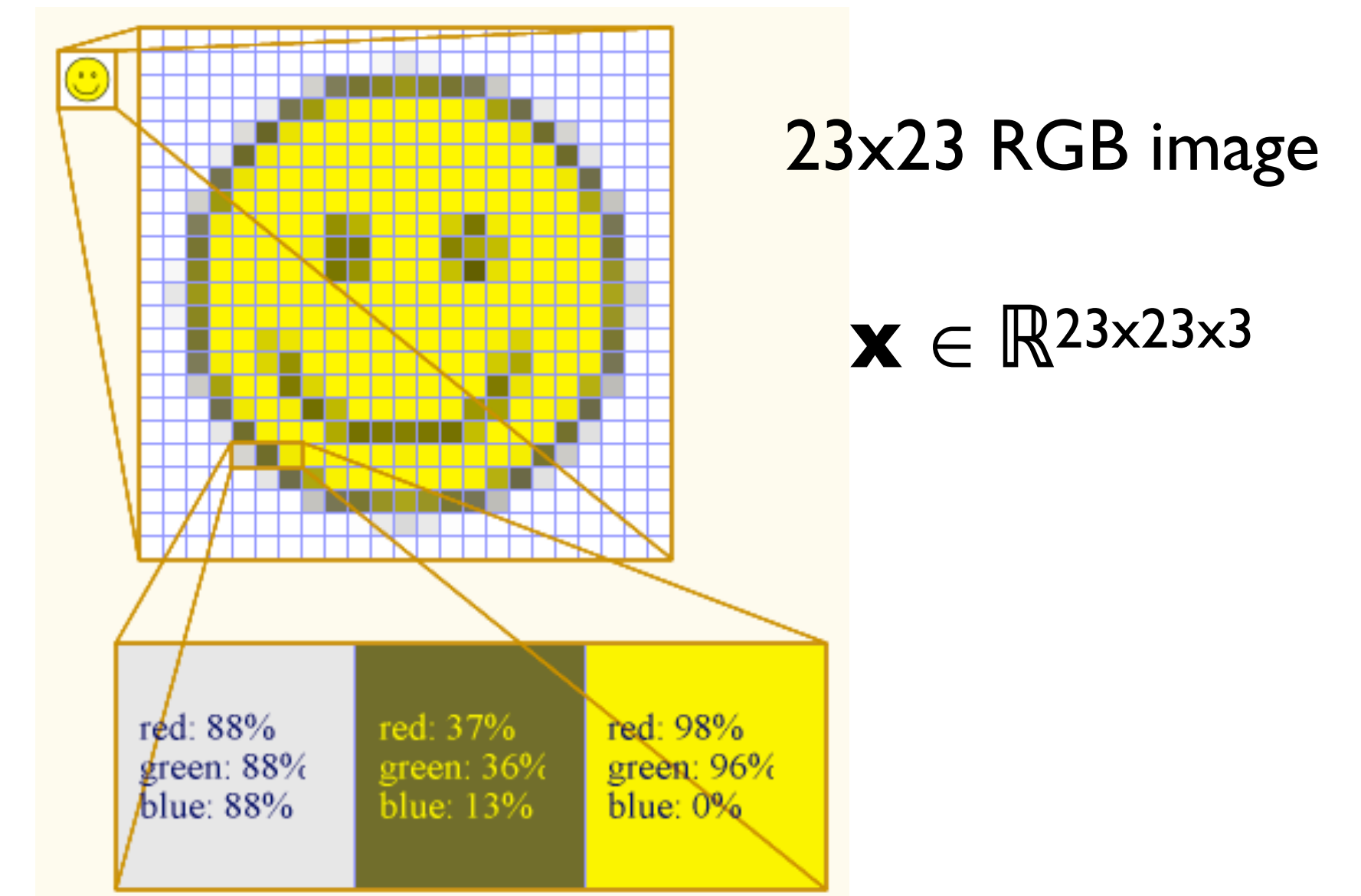
- how to convert an image or text to a vector?



28x28 grayscale image

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$$

- image



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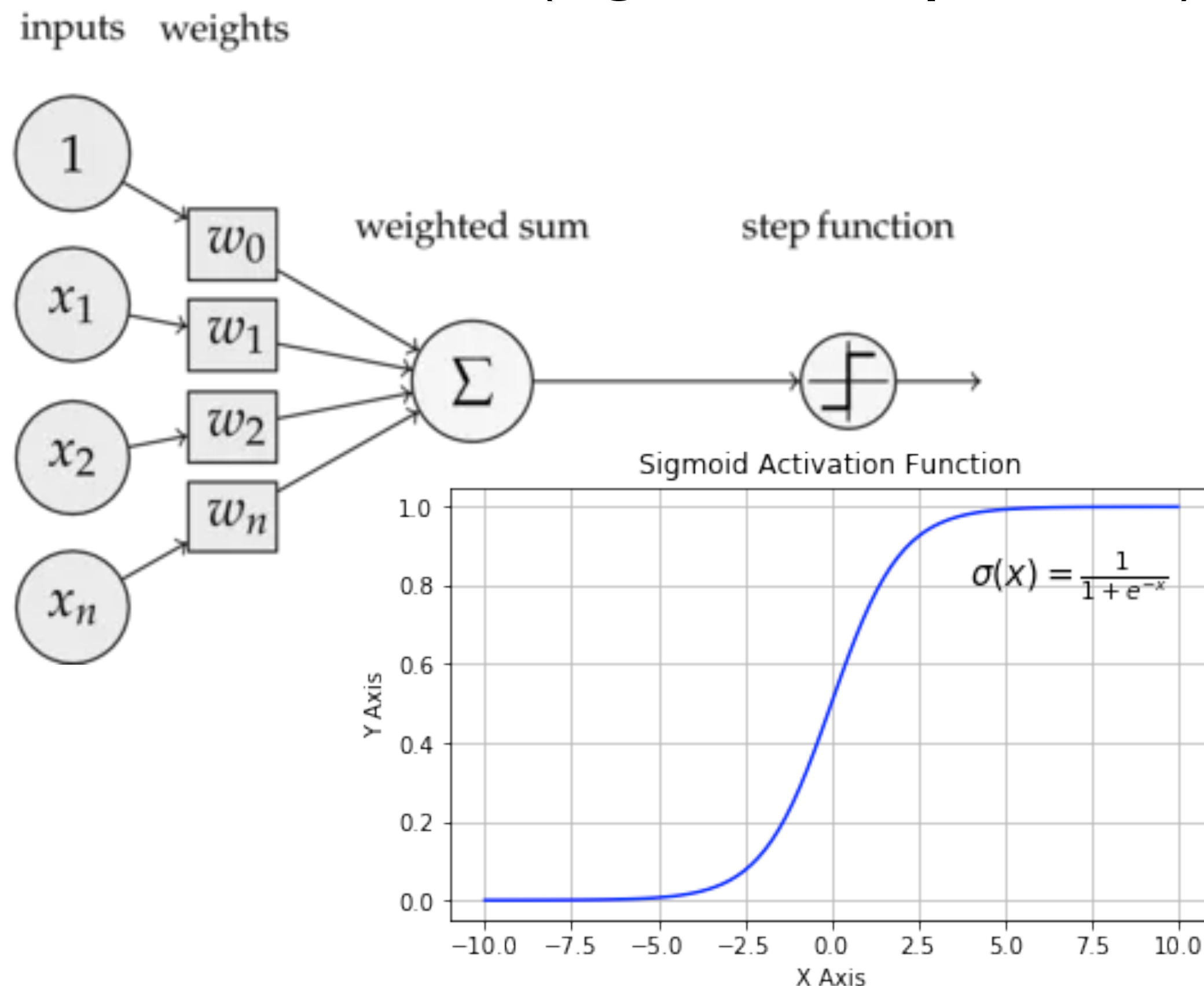
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- text “one-hot” representation of words
(all binary features)

in deep learning there are other feature maps

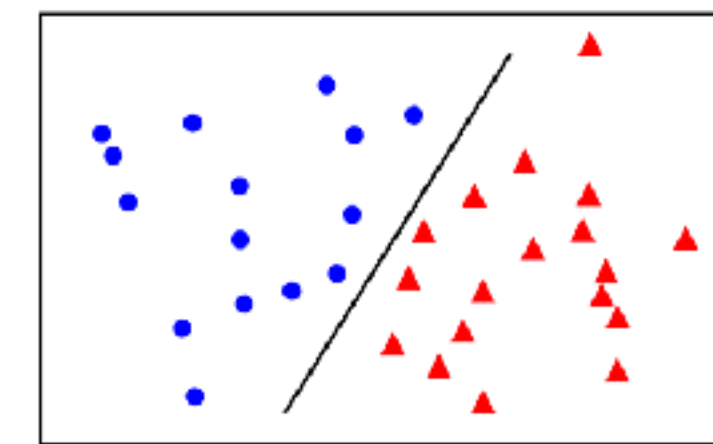
Part V: Perceptron vs. Logistic Regression

- logistic regression is another popular linear classifier
 - can be viewed as “soft” or “probabilistic” perceptron
 - same decision rule (sign of dot-product), but prob. output



perceptron

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

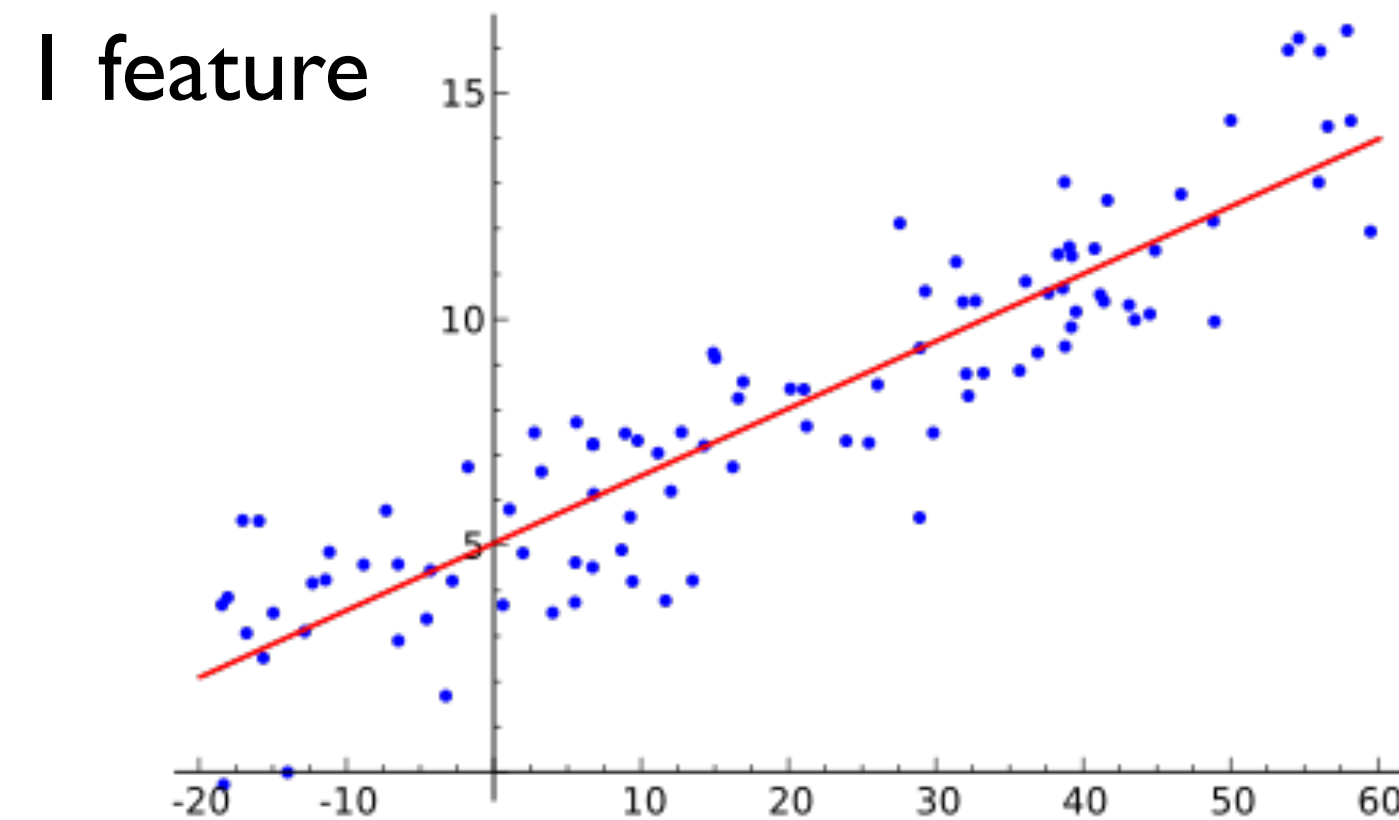


logistic regression

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}$$

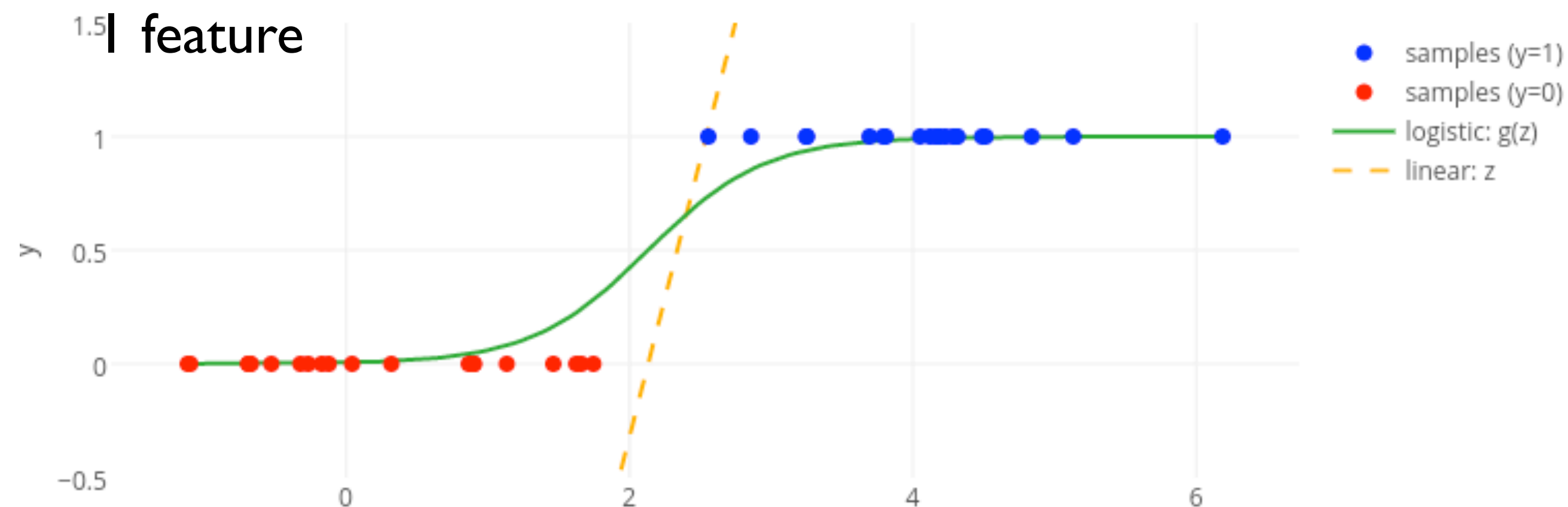
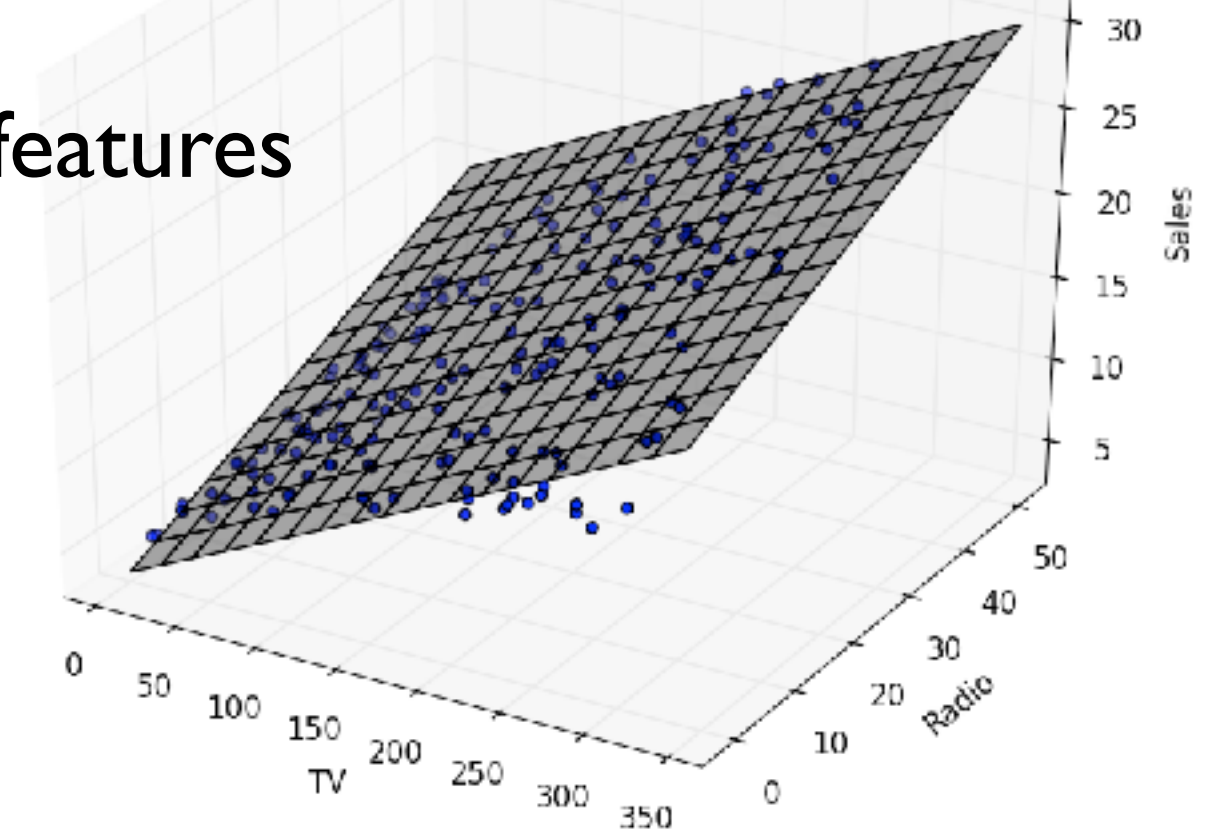
Logistic vs. Linear Regression

- linear regression is regression applied to real-valued output using linear function
- logistic regression is regression applied to 0-1 output using the sigmoid function



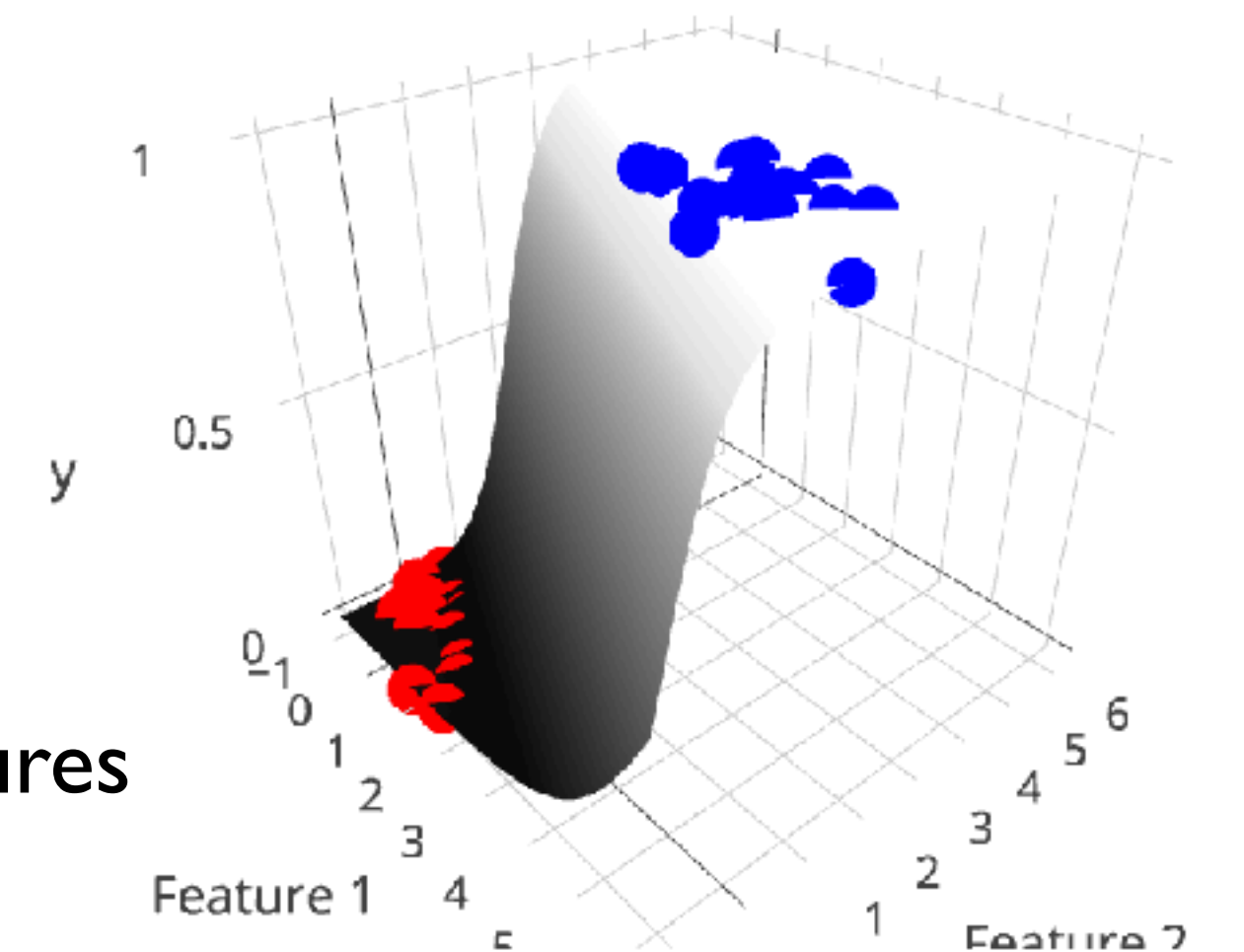
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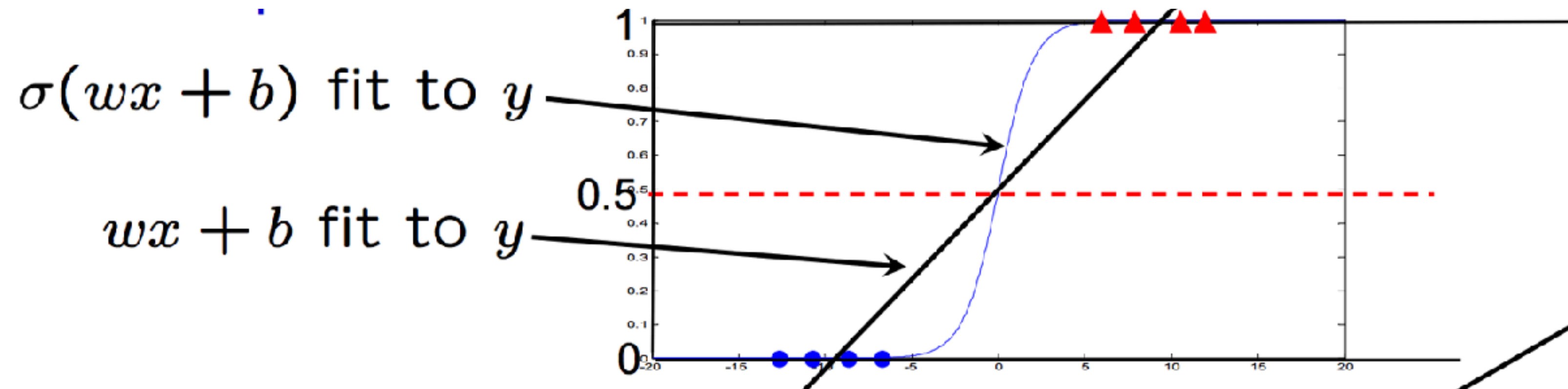
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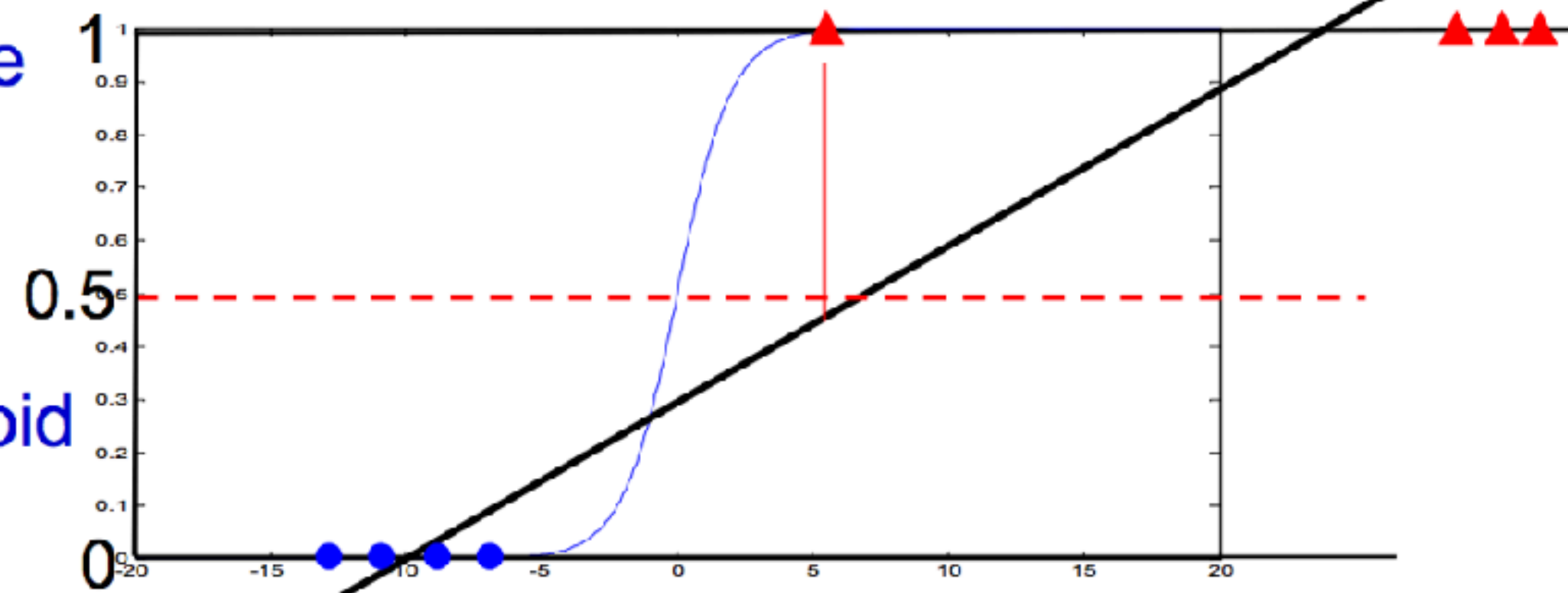


Why Logistic instead of Linear

- linear regression easily dominated by distant points
- causing misclassification

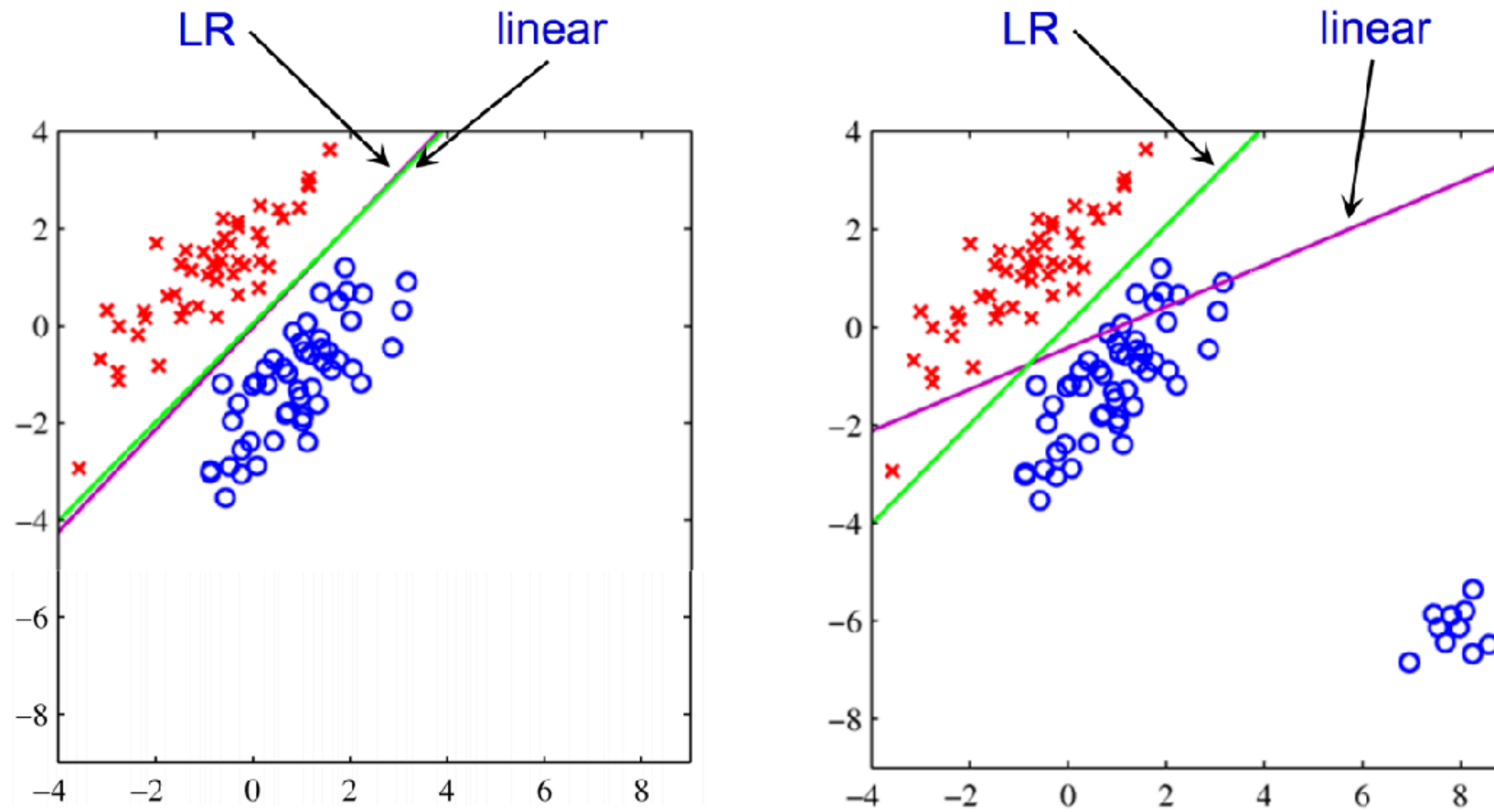


- fit of $w x + b$ dominated by more distant points
- causes misclassification
- instead LR regresses the sigmoid to the class data



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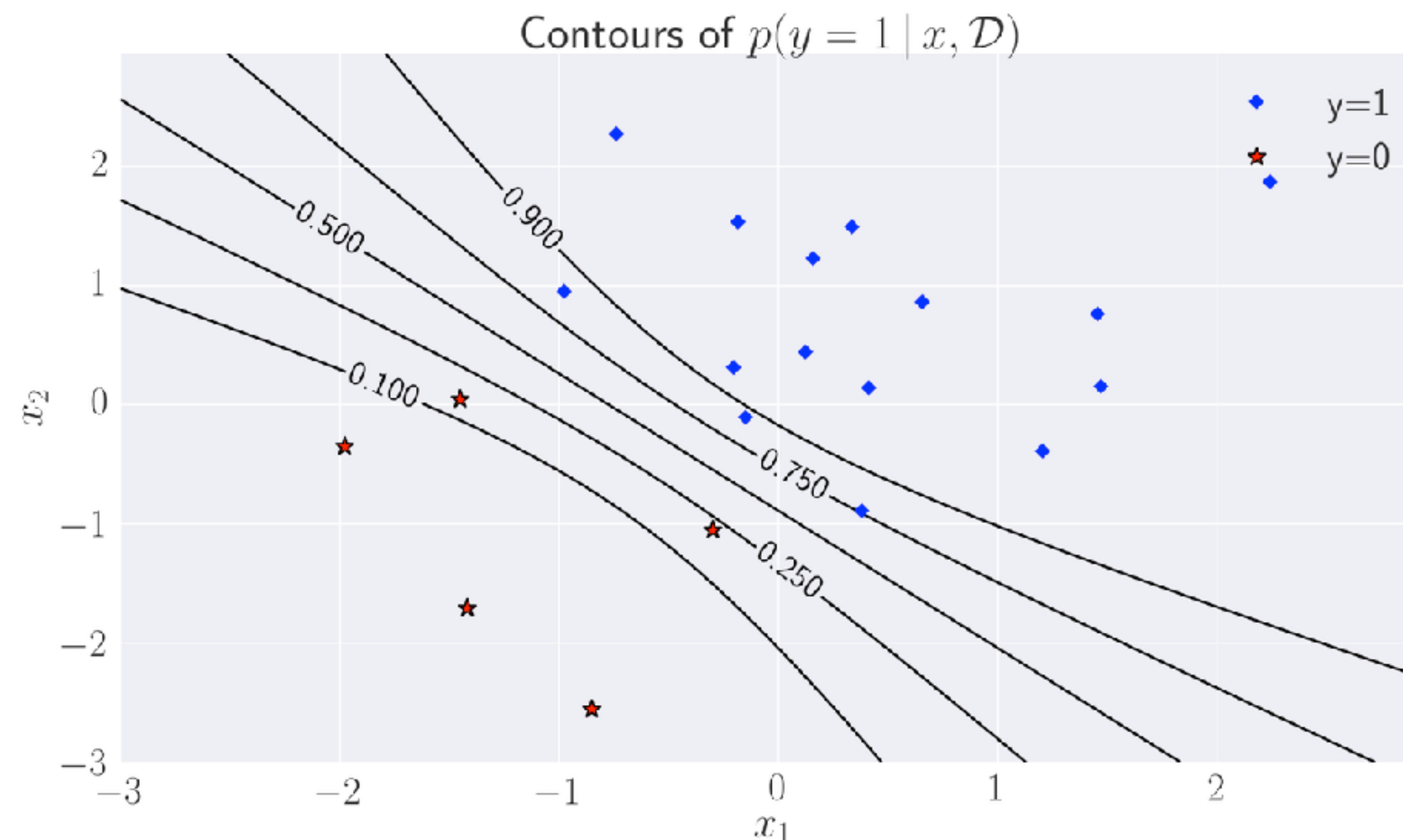
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$\sigma(w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b)$ fit, vs $w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b$

Why 0/1 instead of +/-1

- perc: $y=+1$ or -1 ; logistic regression: $y=1$ or 0
- reason: want the output to be a probability
- decision boundary is still linear: $p(y=1 \mid \mathbf{x}) = 0.5$



Logistic Regression: Large Margin

- perceptron can be viewed roughly as “step” regression
- logistic regression favors large margin; SVM: max margin
- in practice: perc. \ll avg. perc. \approx logistic regression \approx SVM

