

# Regression and Classification

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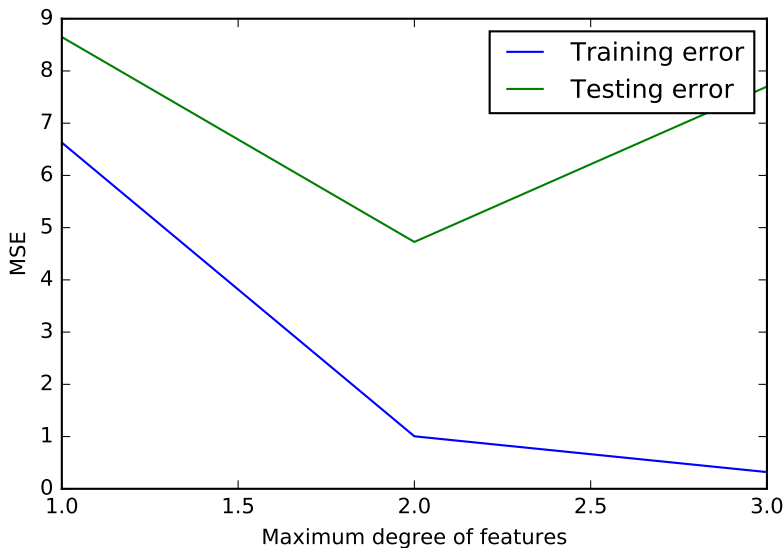
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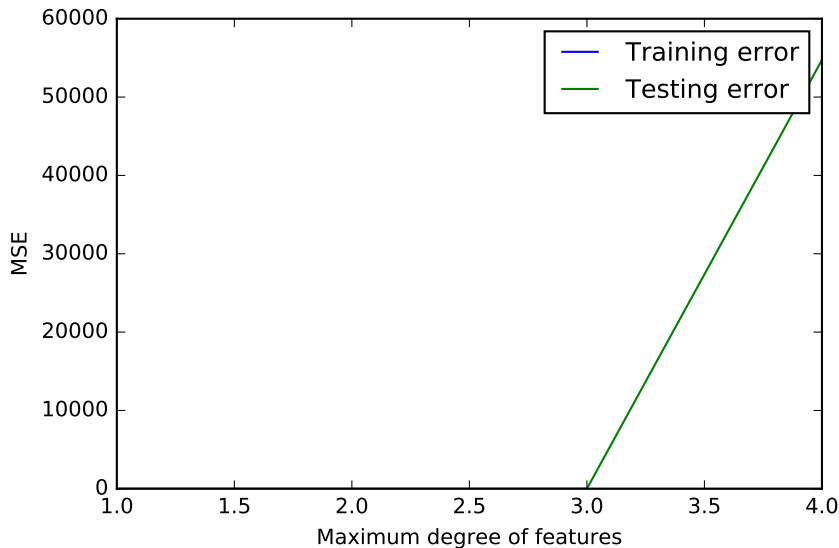
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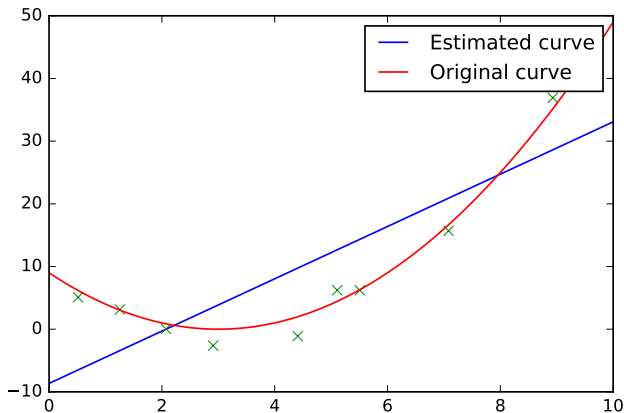
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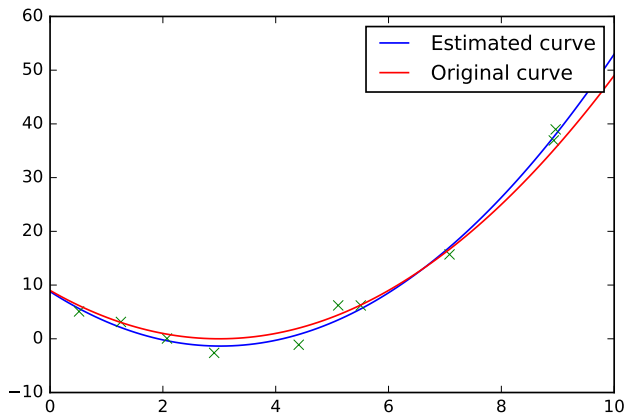
Why is it so bad for testing? Let's visit another even simpler example

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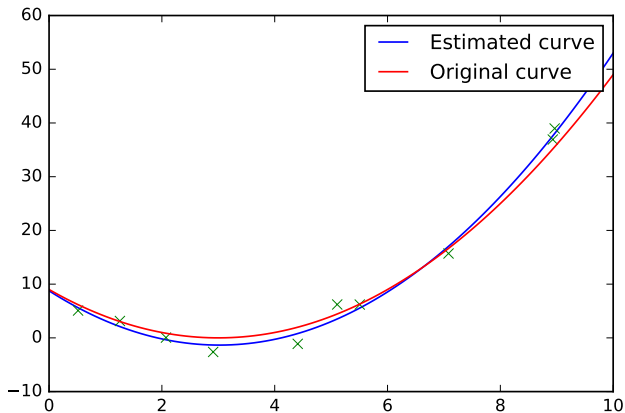
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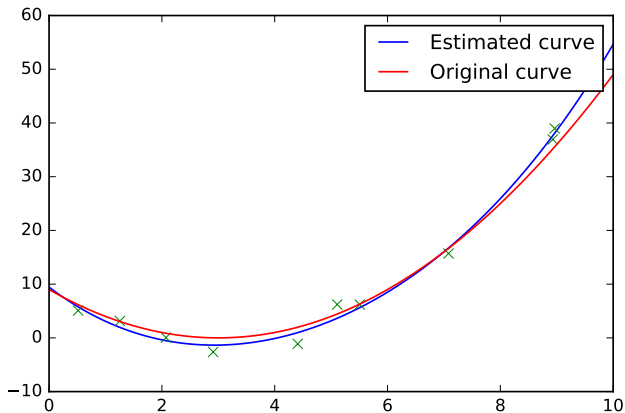
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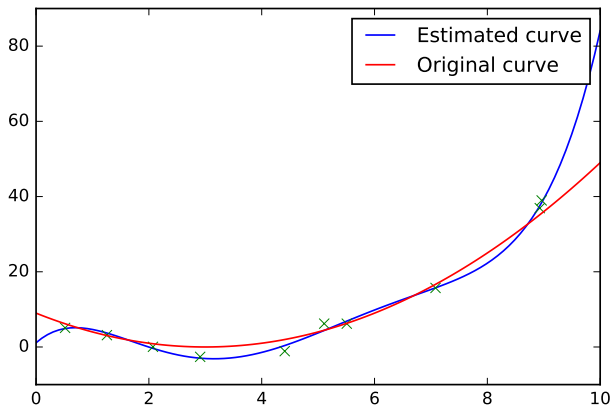
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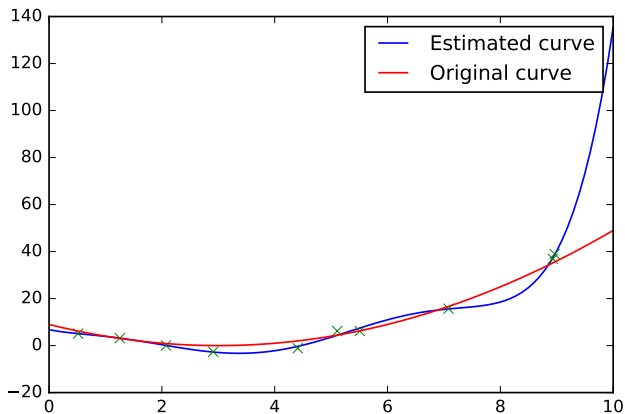
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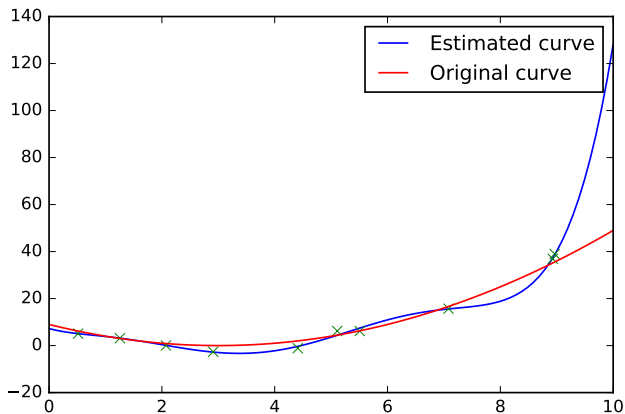
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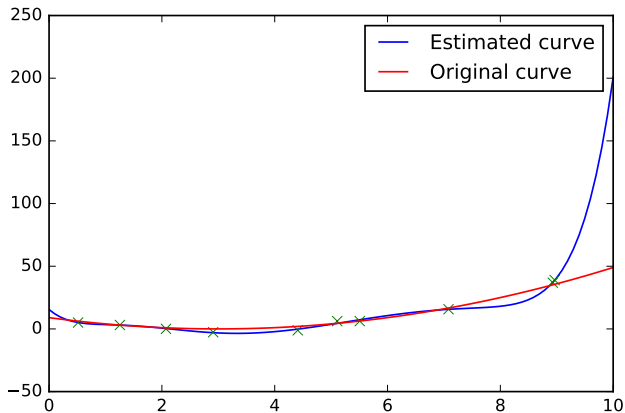
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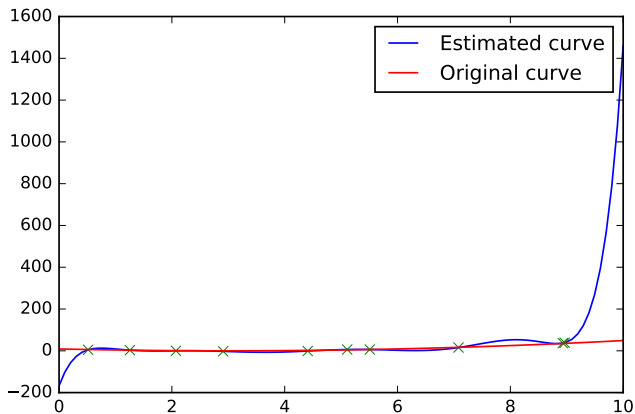
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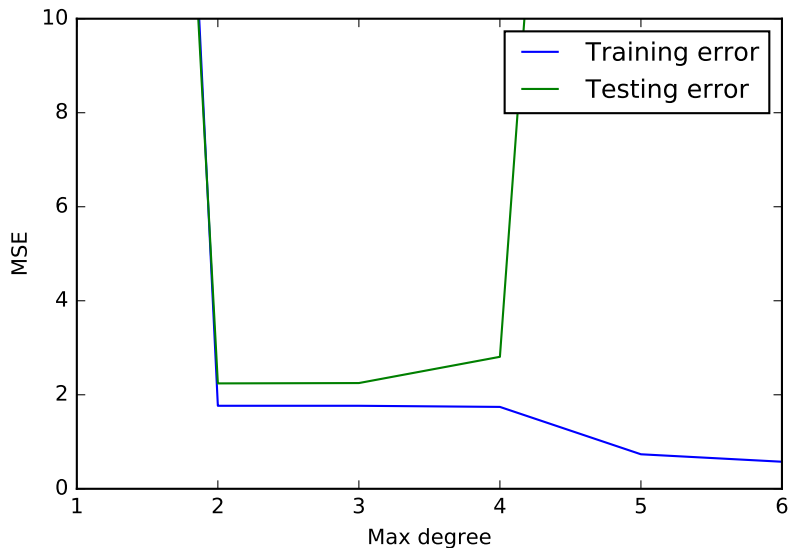


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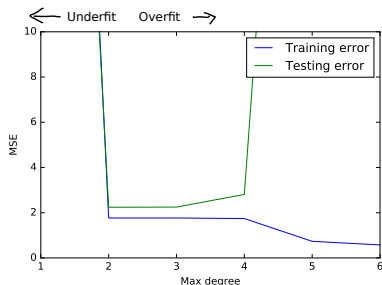


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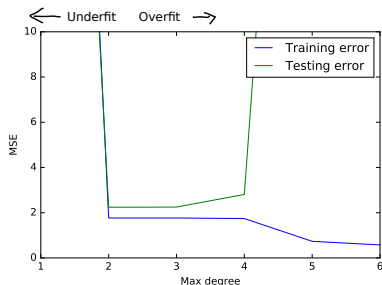
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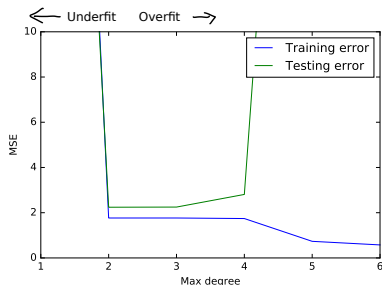
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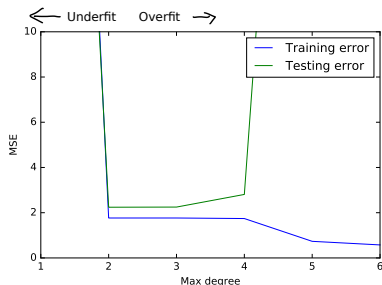
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# More on overfitting (high-variance)

- In the high-variance domain, the model is essentially learning the training data noise. That's why weights converge to different values for different training data
- Model complexity is relative. If more training data are available, the model used to be overfitted may not be overfitted anymore. So should we change a model every time we added new data?!



# New perspective?!

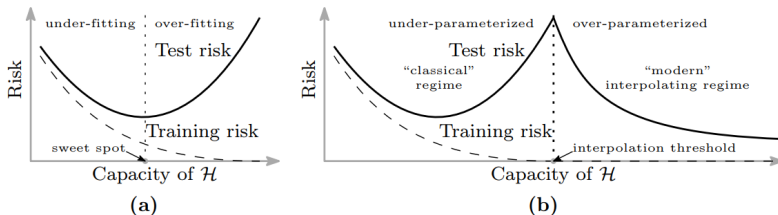


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Rather than using a simple model, we could restrain a more complex model from running wild with additional constraints. This process is commonly known as regularization

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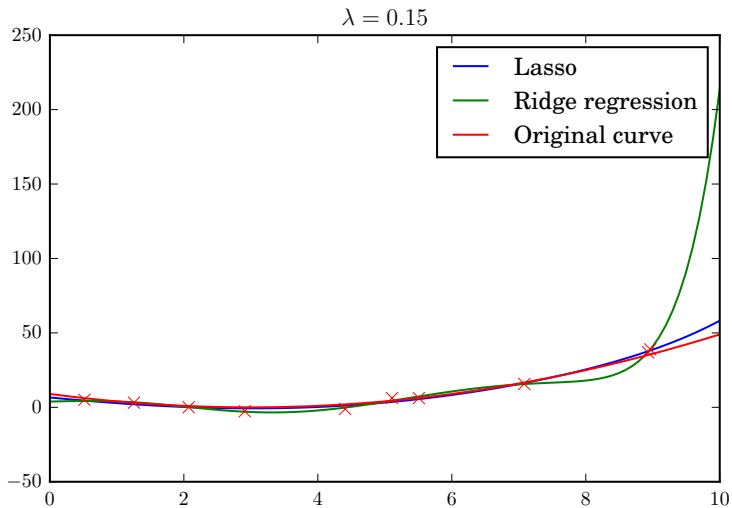
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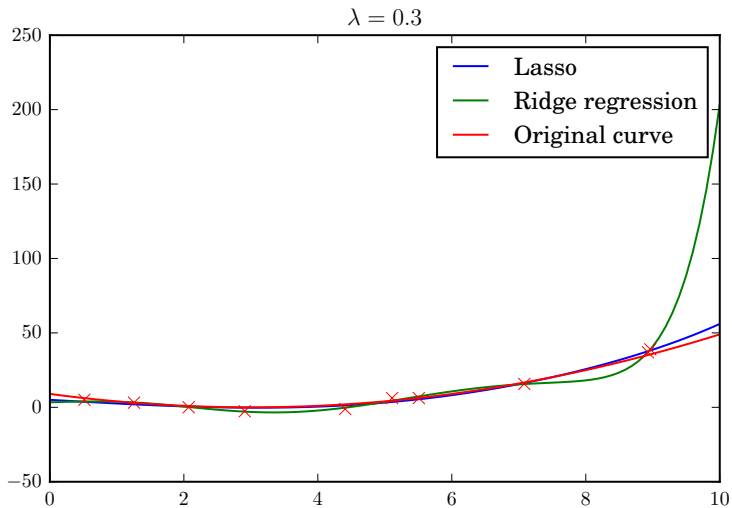
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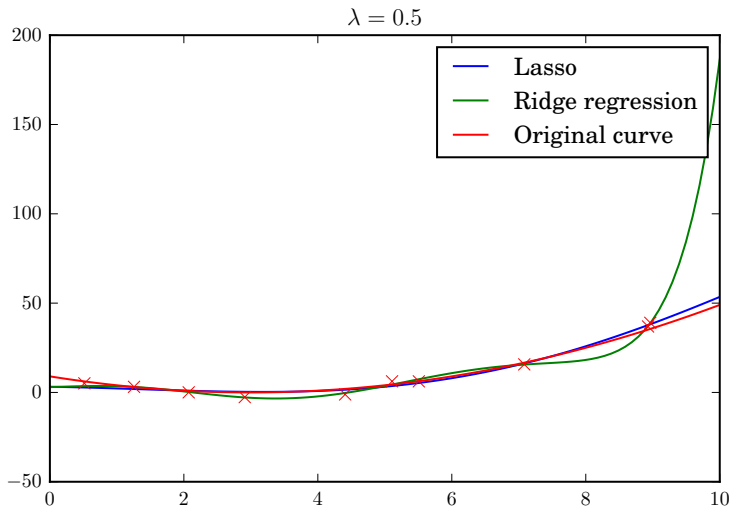


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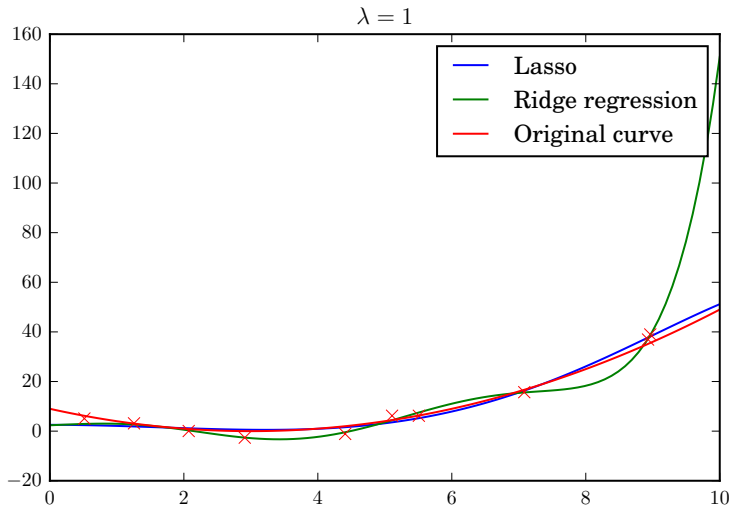




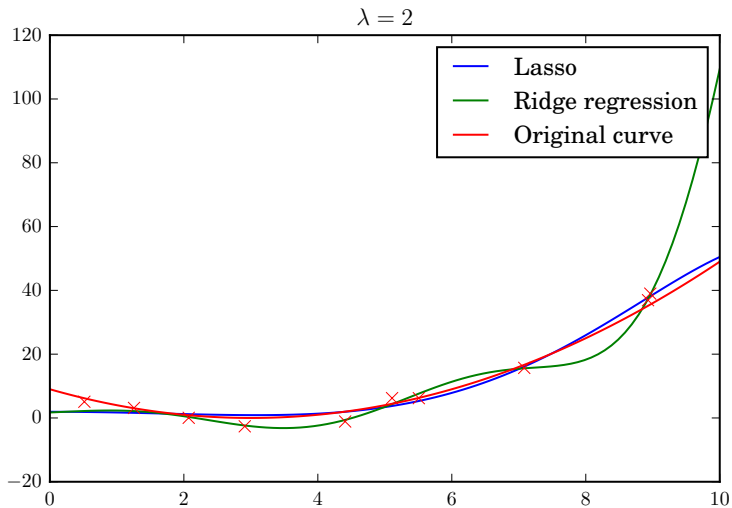
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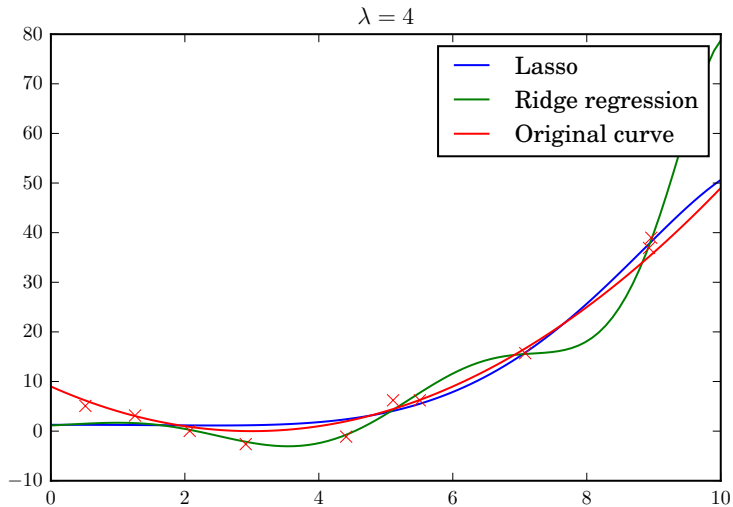
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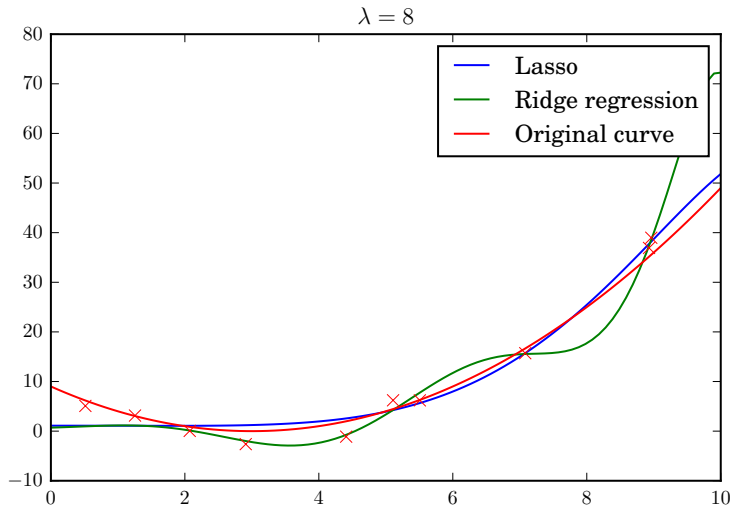
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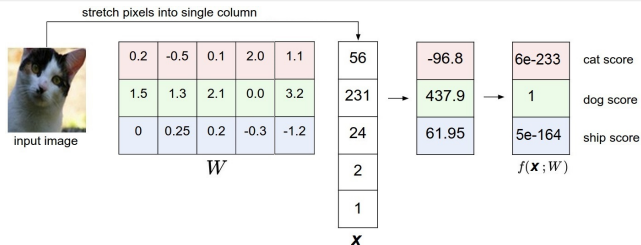
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  - Hence, known as **logistic regression**

# Loss function of logistic regression

Another advantage of using  $\mathcal{S}(\cdot)$  is that we can interpret the output as probability and then the loss function can be specified by a “cross-entropy loss” as follows (will explain next)

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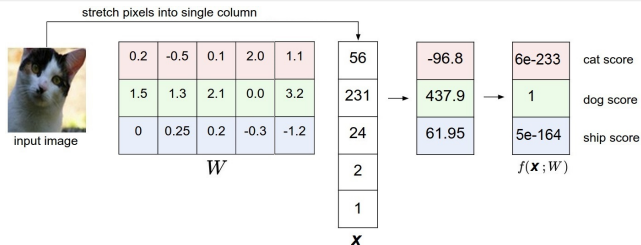
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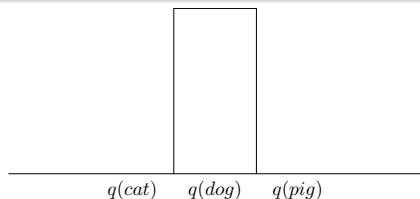
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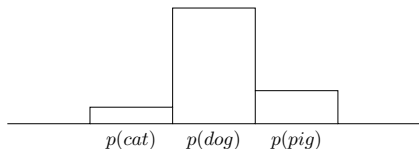
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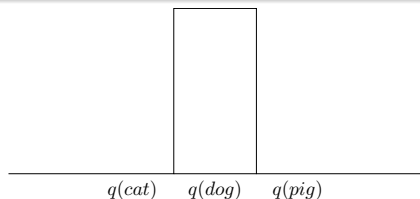
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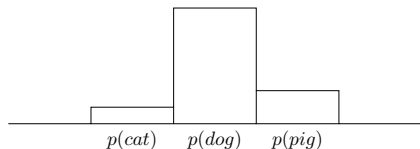
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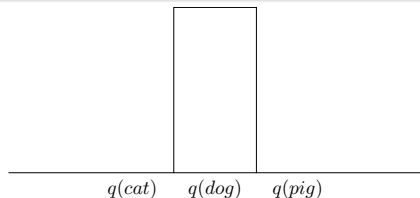
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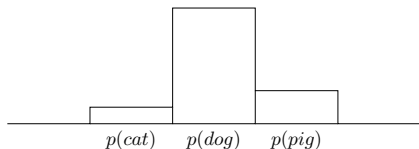
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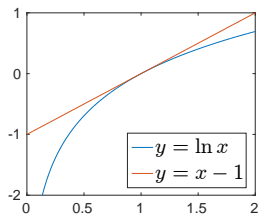
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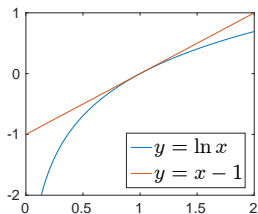


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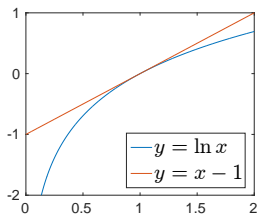
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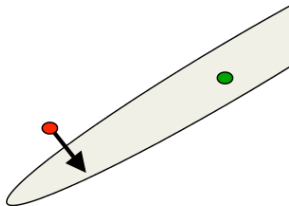
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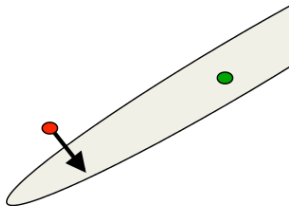
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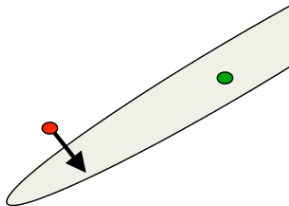


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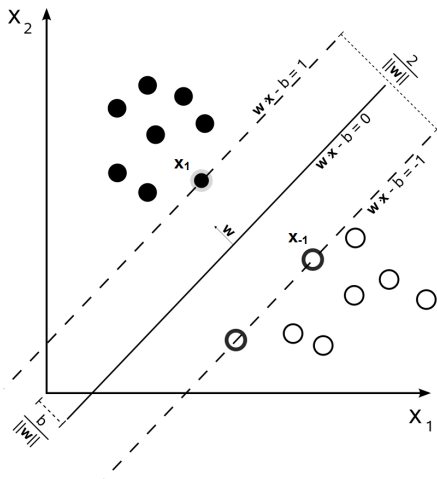
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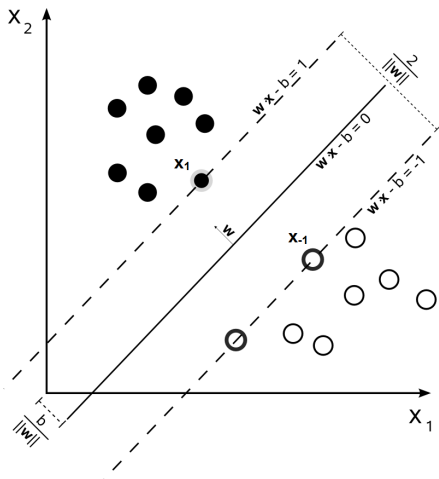
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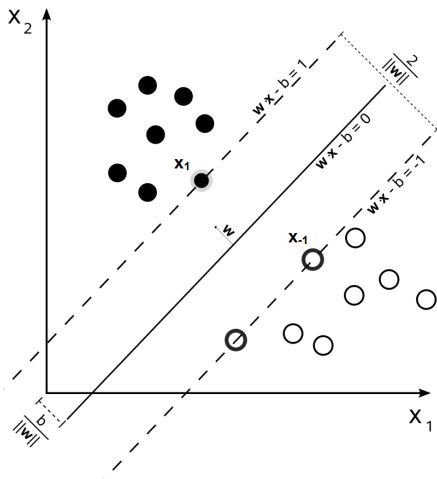
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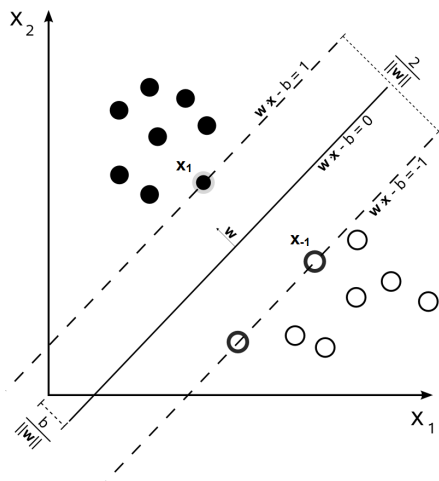
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Generally speaking, the solution of the dual problem will be smaller. However, when the two solutions are the same the complementary slackness conditions  $\alpha_i^* (y^{(i)} (\mathbf{w}^* \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - b^*) - 1) = 0$  have to be satisfied. Together with  $y^{(i)} (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - b) \geq 1, \alpha_i \geq 0, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L = 0$ , these are known as the KKT conditions, which are necessary condition for optimality

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Say after solving the dual problem, we have

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i^* y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}$$

Evaluating a new input  $\mathbf{x}$  is simply computing the sign of

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = \sum_i \alpha_i^* y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

Now, recall the complementary slackness condition

$\alpha_i^* (y^{(i)} (\mathbf{w}^* \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - b^*) - 1) = 0$ , actually most  $\alpha_i^*$  will be equal to 0 except those with corresponding  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  “touching” the boundary, which are the support vectors

# Kernel trick

Note that during both evaluating and testing. We just need to manipulate the inner products among training features  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  and with a new input  $\mathbf{x}$

- Potentially, we can increase the model complexity by evaluating these inner product projected to a higher dimensional space (including higher order monomials) without actually projection
- E.g.,  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2]$ ,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = [x_1 x_1, x_1 x_2, x_2 x_1, x_2 x_2]^\top$ ,  
 $\phi(\mathbf{x})^\top \phi(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{z})^2 \triangleq K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$
- More generally,  $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{z} + c)^d$  corresponds to inner product of  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  including all monomials up to order  $d$
- Generally, inner product can also be interpreted as the similarity between two vectors. One may think a reasonable (so-called Gaussian) kernel will be

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),$$

which actually corresponds to features projected to infinite

# Valid kernel (Mercer)

For any  $m$  vectors,  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}$ , we can define a “kernel matrix”  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathcal{K}_{i,j} = K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)})$ . It is easy to verify that  $\mathcal{K}$  is symmetric (trivial) and positive semi-definite

- for any  $\mathbf{z} = [z_1, \dots, z_m]^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{z}^\top \mathcal{K} \mathbf{z} = \sum_{i,j} z_i \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) z_j = \sum_{i,j,k} z_i \phi_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \phi_k(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) z_j = \sum_k (\sum_i z_i \phi_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^2 \geq 0$
- Mercer Theorem: Mercer shows that if for any finite set of vectors, and the corresponding kernel matrix is symmetric positive semi-definite. The kernel will be a valid kernel (kernel output corresponding to the inner product of features mapped to some high dimensional space)

# Kernel PCA

- Principal component analysis (PCA) is a very common technique for dimension reduction. Consider data in high dimension, often data only vary along several dimensions and so we can keep dimensions for data with the highest variations and discard the rest
- The problem of PCA is that the analysis is linear. So for data like below, they are not separable



# Kernel PCA

Consider the  $N$   $d$ -dimensional data points as  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}$ . Assuming the project vectors in high dimensional are zero-mean (will come back to that later), the covariance matrix  $C$  at the high dimension can then be approximate by

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(x^{(i)})\phi(x^{(i)})^\top$$

If we want to apply PCA at this high dimension, we need to eigen-decompose  $C$ . That is, we want to find  $v$  such that  $Cv = \lambda v$ . Amazingly, we have the following theorem regarding  $v$

# Eigenvectors of projected space

## Theorem (Eigenvectors)

Eigenvectors of  $C$  can be represented as weighted sum of  $\phi(x^{(i)})$ . That is,  $v = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \phi(x^{(i)})$

## Proof.

Assume that  $Cv = \lambda v$ , thus

$$Cv = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(x^{(i)}) \phi(x^{(i)})^T v = \lambda v$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\frac{\phi(x^{(i)})^T v}{N\lambda}}_{\alpha_i} \phi(x^{(i)})$$



# Gram matrix

The previous theorem gives us some ideas what eigenvectors in the high dimensional space are like. Let's substitute  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$  into  $C\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ . We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) &= \lambda\mathbf{v} = C\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^\top \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now let's define the Gram matrix  $G$  with its  $i,j$  element given by

$$G_{i,j} = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) \rangle = \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}) \triangleq K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}),$$

where  $K(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the kernel function. For example, we can have the Gaussian kernel with  $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2/c)$

Solving for  $v$ 

$$\lambda \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi(x^{(k)})^\top \phi(x^{(j)}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(x^{(k)})^\top \phi(x^{(i)}) \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi(x^{(i)})^\top \phi(x^{(j)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j G(k, j) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N G(k, i) \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j G(i, j) \Rightarrow \lambda (G\alpha)_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j (G^2)_{k,j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda (G\alpha)_k = \frac{1}{N} (G^2\alpha)_k \Rightarrow \lambda G\alpha = \frac{1}{N} G^2\alpha \Rightarrow \lambda N\alpha = G\alpha$$

- Thus,  $\alpha$  is actually an eigenvector of  $G$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda N$
- Similar to the original PCA, we can sort the eigenvalues. And given  $\alpha$ , the eigenvector in  $\phi$ -space is  $v = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \phi(x^{(i)})$
- When receive a new input  $x$ , we can project to  $v$  as  $\langle \phi(x), v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \langle \phi(x), \phi(x^{(i)}) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i K(x, x^{(i)})$

Centering  $\phi(x^{(i)})$ 

We mentioned earlier that we have assumed  $\phi(x^{(i)})$  are zero-mean. In general, this is not true but can be easily fixed below. If  $\phi(x^{(i)})$  are not zero-mean,  $\phi(x^{(i)})$  should be replaced by  $\phi(x^{(i)}) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \phi(x^{(k)})$  instead. Thus we should have the correct Gram matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{G} \\ &= \left[ I_N - \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^\top \begin{pmatrix} \phi(x^{(1)})^\top \\ \vdots \\ \phi(x^{(N)})^\top \end{pmatrix} [\phi(x^{(1)}), \dots, \phi(x^{(N)})] \left[ I_N - \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \left[ I_N - \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^\top G \left[ I_N - \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= G - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{1}_N G - \frac{1}{N} G \mathbf{1}_N + \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}_N G \mathbf{1}_N, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{1}_N$  is  $N \times N$  matrix with all ones

# Summary of Kernel PCA

- Decide a kernel and compute the normalized Gram matrix
- Eigen-decompose the normalized Gram matrix
- Sort the eigenvalues in the descending order. An eigenvector composes of the weights  $\alpha$  for constructing the corresponding principal component in the  $\phi$ -space
- Given an input  $x$ , the projection to a principal component with weight  $\alpha$  is given by  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i K(x, x^{(i)})$

# Denosing with Kernel PCA

Now, consider  $K$  principal components  $v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(K)}$  in ( $\phi$ -space) with

$$v^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^{(k)} \phi(x^{(i)}) \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, K$$

We have a denoised version of  $x$  (let's call  $z$  here) if we only keep projection of  $x$  onto the  $K$  principal components in the  $\phi$ -space. That is,

$$\phi(z) = \sum_{k=1}^K \langle \phi(x), v^{(k)} \rangle v^{(k)}.$$

The problem is that it is not immediately clear how to find  $z$  to satisfy the above. So instead, let's try to minimize

$$L = \left\| \phi(z) - \sum_{k=1}^K \langle \phi(x), v^{(k)} \rangle v^{(k)} \right\|$$

Minimizing  $L$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
L &= \left\| \phi(z) - \sum_{k=1}^K \langle \phi(x), v^{(k)} \rangle v^{(k)} \right\| \\
&= \langle \phi(z), \phi(z) \rangle - 2 \sum_{k=1}^K \langle \phi(x), v^{(k)} \rangle \langle v^{(k)}, \phi(z) \rangle + \Omega \\
&= K(z, z) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \langle \phi(x), v^{(k)} \rangle \alpha_i^{(k)} \langle \phi(x^{(i)}), \phi(z) \rangle + \Omega \\
&= K(z, z) - 2 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \langle \phi(x), v^{(k)} \rangle \alpha_i^{(k)} K(x^{(i)}, z)}_{\gamma_i} + \Omega \\
&= K(z, z) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i K(x^{(i)}, z) + \Omega
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\Omega$  does not depend on  $z$  and hence can be ignored.



# Maximizing $\Lambda$

Now, if we focus on kernel with the form  $K(x, y) = K(\|x - y\|)$ , the first term  $K(z, z)$  is a constant and can be ignored as well. So minimizing  $L$  is the same as maximizing

$$\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i K(x^{(i)}, z)$$

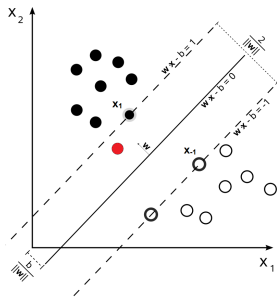
Let's maximize  $\Lambda$  by setting  $\nabla_z \Lambda$  to 0,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_z \Lambda &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i K'(\|x^{(i)} - z\|)(x^{(i)} - z) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow z &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i K'(\|x^{(i)} - z\|) x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i K'(\|x^{(i)} - z\|)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i e^{-\frac{\|x^{(i)} - z\|^2}{c}} x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i e^{-\frac{\|x^{(i)} - z\|^2}{c}}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can iteratively update

$$z^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i e^{-\frac{\|x^{(i)} - z^{(m-1)}\|^2}{c}} x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i e^{-\frac{\|x^{(i)} - z^{(m-1)}\|^2}{c}}}$$

## Soft-margin SVM and hinge loss



- Hard-margin SVM

$$\min \|w\|^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad y_i(w \cdot x^{(i)} - b) - 1 \geq 0$$

- Soft-margin SVM (allow constrain to be violate)

- Define “hinge” loss function
 
$$h(z) = \max(0, z)$$
- Want to minimize hinge loss

$$\sum_i h(1 - y^{(i)}(w \cdot x^{(i)} - b))$$

- Soft-margin SVM

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i h(1 - y^{(i)}(w \cdot x^{(i)} - b))$$

# Soft-margin SVM

One can reformulate the optimization problem as

- $\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$  such that  
 $y^{(i)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0$

For the dual problem, write

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i - \sum_i \alpha_i [y^{(i)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - b) - 1 + \xi_i] - \sum_i r_i \xi_i$$

We should minimize  $L$  w.r.t.  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $b$ , and  $\xi_i$ . This gives us

$\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ ,  $\sum_i \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0$ , and  $C - \alpha_i - r_i = 0$ . So the dual problem can be rewritten as

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(j)}$$

such that  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$ , and  $\sum_i \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0$

## Complimentary slackness conditions

Note that we have the conditions  $\alpha_j [y^{(j)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - b) - 1 + \xi_j] = 0$  and  $r_j \xi_j = 0$ . Also  $C - \alpha_j - r_j = 0$  as we shown earlier, therefore

- If  $0 < r_j < C \Rightarrow 0 < \alpha_j < C$ ,  $y^{(j)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - b) - 1 + \xi_j = 0$  and since  $\xi_j = 0$ ,

$$y^{(j)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - b) = 1$$

- If  $r_j = 0$ ,  $\alpha_j = C$ ,  $y^{(j)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - b) - 1 + \xi_j = 0$  but  $\xi_j \geq 0$ , therefore

$$y^{(j)}(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - b) \leq 1$$

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# Sequential minimal optimization

- A major reason that SVM is so popular is that there are efficient methods in solving the optimization problem for training
- One popular method is SMO due to John Platt, the key idea is to select heuristically two  $\alpha$  at a time and fix the rest
  - Pick one of the  $\alpha$  that violates the KKT conditions. Pick the second  $\alpha$  that maximizes the optimization step
  - The remaining problem will be a simple quadratic optimization problem with closed form solution

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- Tentatively reserve Tuesday classes for presentations

# Software packages

	Pros	Cons
Caffe(2)	Don't need to write code	Adding module is harder (need C++); RNN is not support
(Py)Torch	Easy to create own module; Can do RNN	Lua (check out PyTorch)
Theano	Flexible and powerful	Discontinued
Tensorflow	Dominating	Slow in earlier version (now?)
Keras / Lasagne	Less verbose than Theano	Less flexible
MXnet	Rumored to be fast	Unpopular
Matconvnet	MATLAB	CNN only
CNTK (MS)	?	?
Paddle (Baidu)	?	?

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# Final reminder

Package selection will be due next Thursday