

# CS 66: Machine Learning

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# Lab 6: in-lab notes

# Soft-margin SVM

non-separable case

min  $\vec{w}, b, \xi$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\vec{w}\|^2$$

$$+ C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

regularization

s.t.

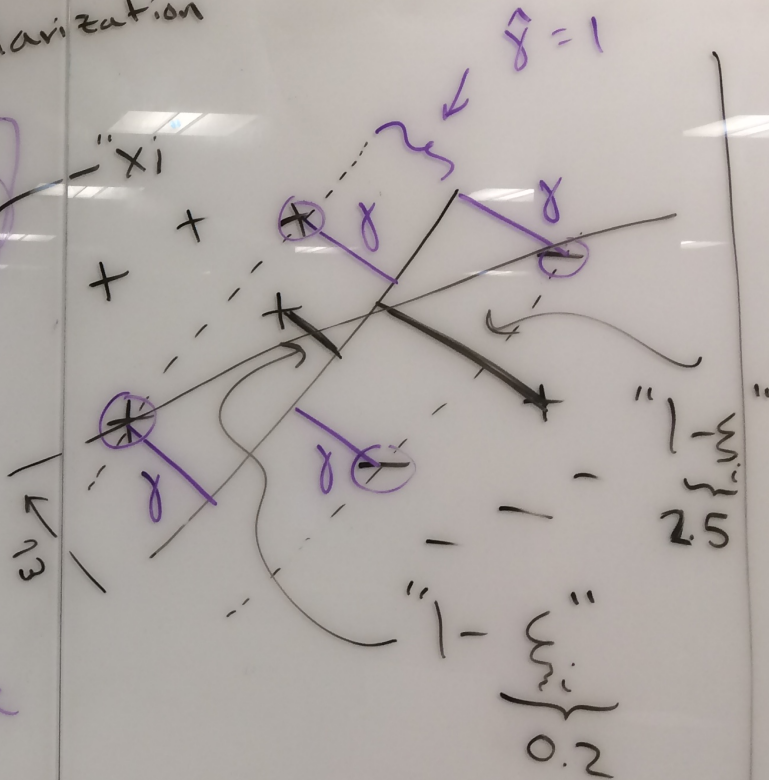
$$y_i (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

functional margin

$$\xi_i \geq 0$$

hyper parameter to tune

new optimization problem



# Optimization

Idea:

Coordinate

Ascent

## Algorithm

$$\max_{\vec{\alpha}} W(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

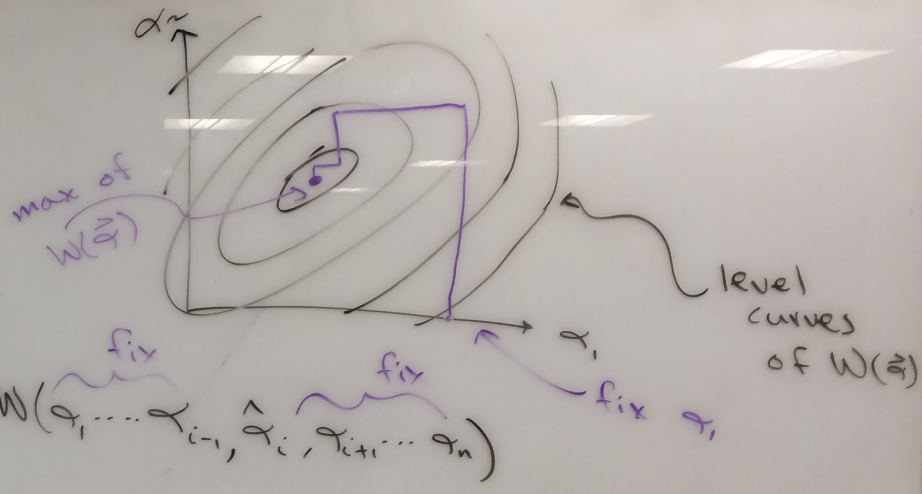
loop until convergence {

for  $i=1, \dots, n$  {

$$\alpha_i \leftarrow \underset{\hat{\alpha}_i}{\operatorname{argmax}} W(\underbrace{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}}_{\text{fix}}, \hat{\alpha}_i, \underbrace{\alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n}_{\text{fix}})$$

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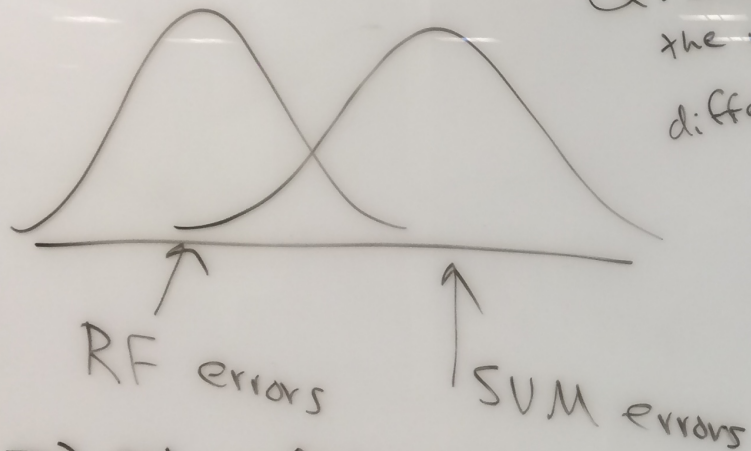
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## Compare algorithms statistically

Q: are  
the means  
different?



=> get a distribution  
=> use cross-validation.

## Now

- ① non-separable case
- ② finding  $\alpha$ 's
- ③ goals of lab

## Lab 6

### Coding

- \* experiment 1
- \* experiment 2

### Problem Set

- \* front (more proofs)
- \* back (numerical example)