

# CS 360: Machine Learning

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# Admin

- **Lab 6** due **Monday March 25**
  - Note: deadline is wrong on github classroom
- Sorelle office hours: **TODAY 3-4pm in H204**
- Sara office hours: Monday 4-5pm in H110

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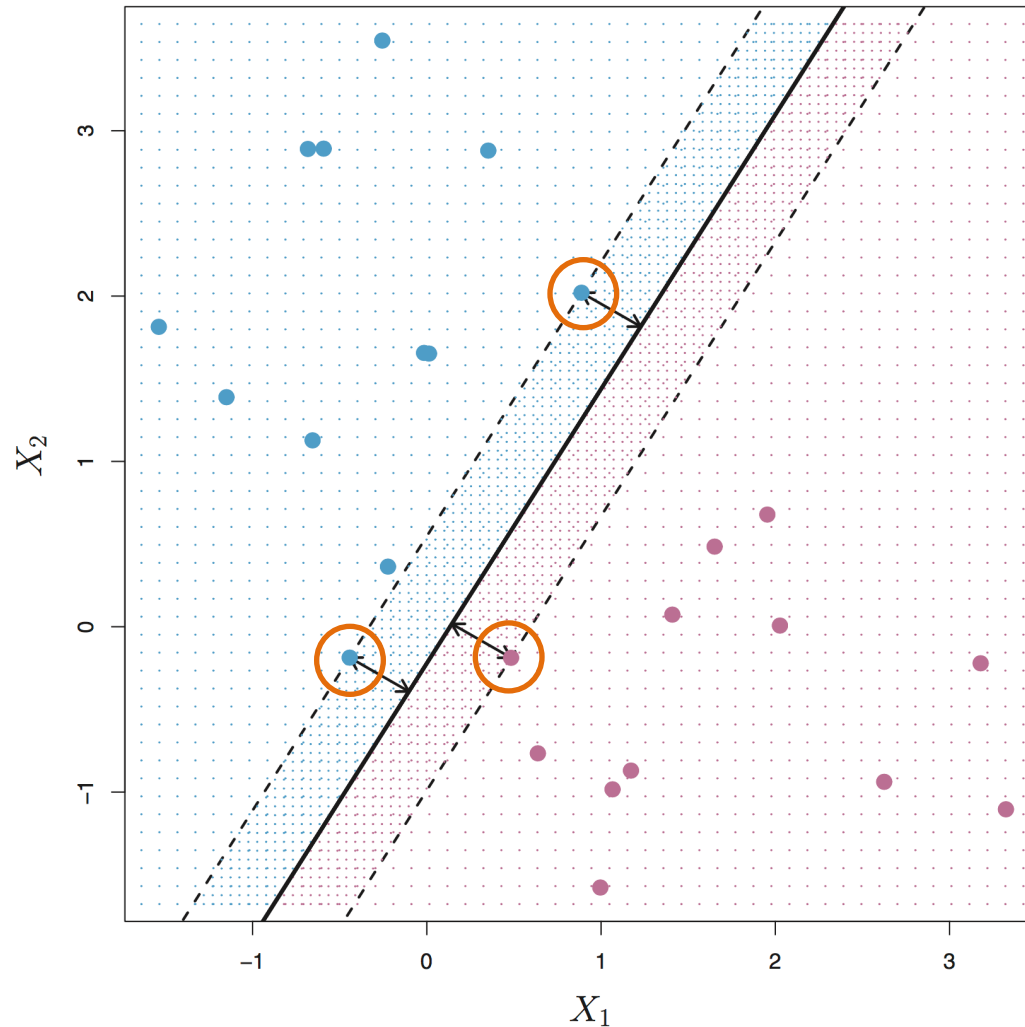
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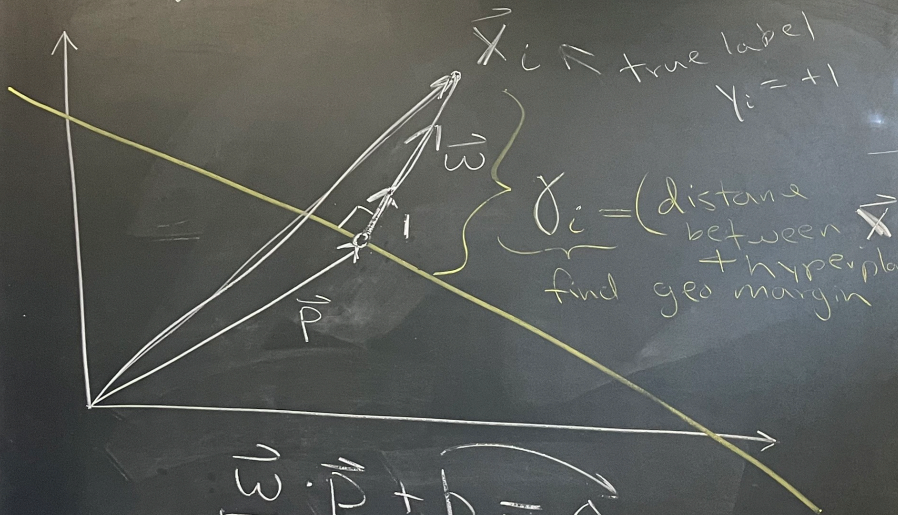
Datapoints that lie on the margin are called “support vectors”



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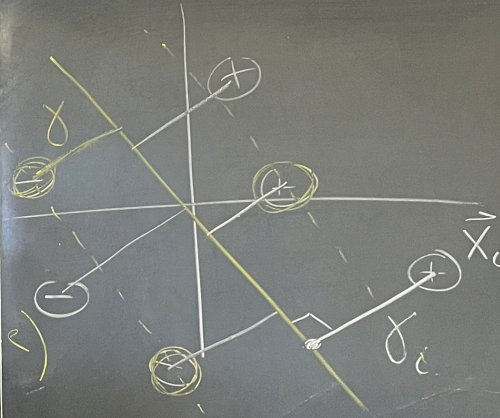


$$h(\vec{x}_i) = \text{sign}(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b)$$



$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{p} + b = 0$$

is on hyperplane



goal

maximize  $\delta$

$$\delta = \min_{i=1 \dots n} \delta_i$$

overall geometric margin

geometric margin for example  $i$

$$\|\vec{w}\| = \sqrt{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_p^2}$$

norm magnitude



$$\vec{w} \cdot \left( \vec{p} + \gamma_i \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|} \right) = \vec{x}_i \quad \left. \vphantom{\vec{w} \cdot \left( \vec{p} + \gamma_i \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|} \right) = \vec{x}_i} \right\} \text{solve for } \gamma_i$$

$\gamma_i$   $\nearrow$  unit vector

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{p} + \gamma_i \gamma_i \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|} = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i$$

$\cancel{\|\vec{w}\|^2}$

$$-b + \gamma_i \gamma_i \|\vec{w}\| = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i$$

$$\gamma_i = \gamma_i \left( \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b}{\|\vec{w}\|} \right)$$

geometric margin

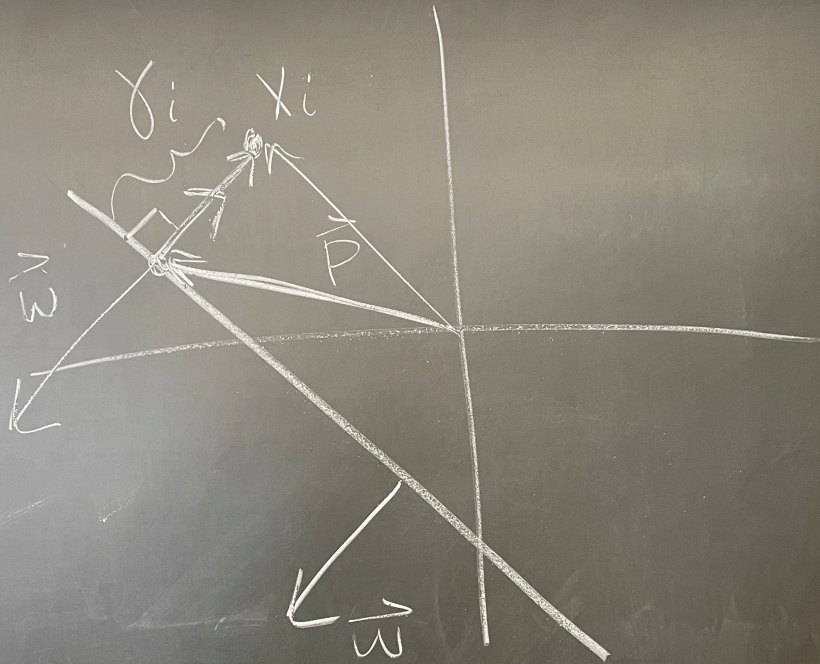
$$\gamma_i = \frac{1}{\gamma_i}$$

functional margin

$$\hat{\gamma}_i = \gamma_i (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b)$$

make bigger by making  $\|\vec{w}\|$  bigger





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Formulation: optimize a function with  
respect to a constraint

$$\max_{\gamma, \vec{w}, b} \quad \gamma$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad y_i(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b) \geq \gamma, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\text{and} \quad \|\vec{w}\| = 1$$

(force functional and geometric  
margin to be equal)

# Optimization Problem: try 2

Idea: substitute functional margin  
divided by magnitude of weight vector

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\hat{\gamma}, \vec{w}, b} \quad & \frac{\hat{\gamma}}{\|\vec{w}\|} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b) \geq \hat{\gamma}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

(gets rid of non-convex constraint)

# Optimization Problem: try 3

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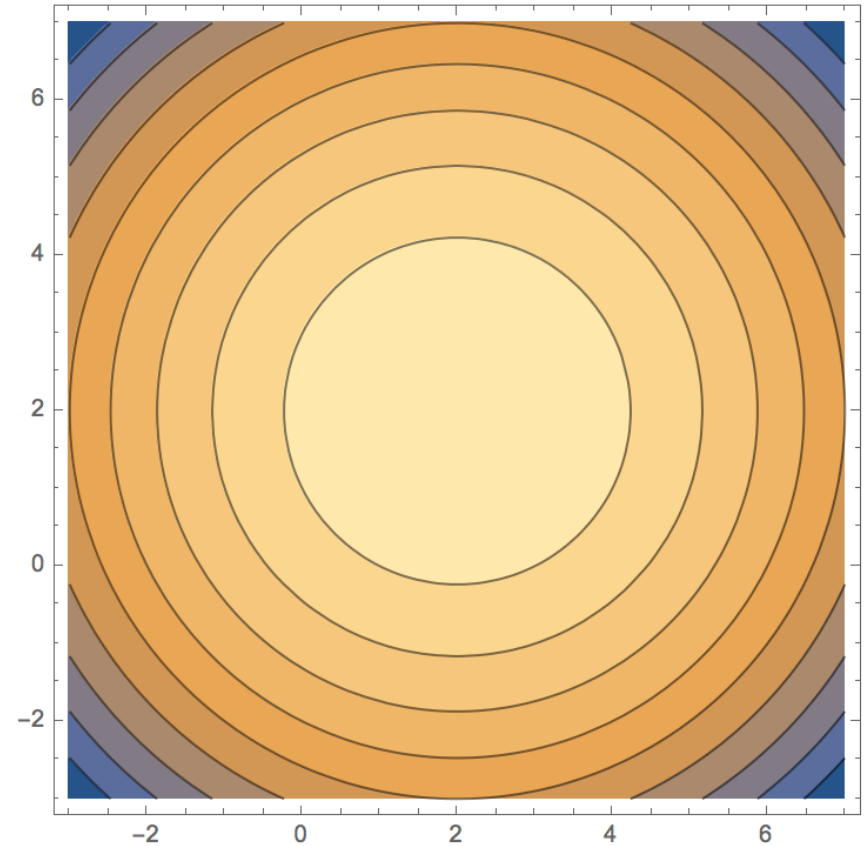
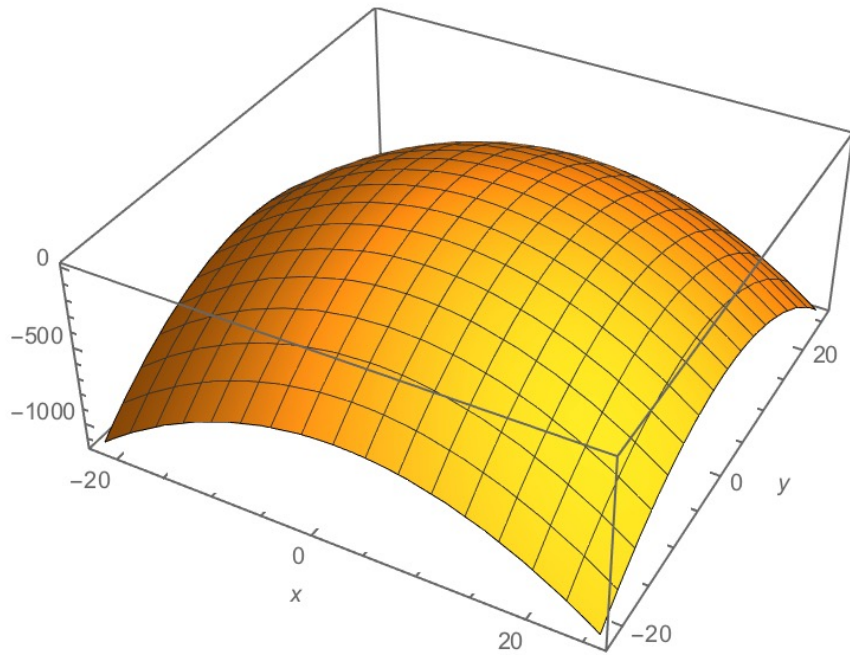
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# Lagrange multipliers example

$$f(x, y) = 5 - (x - 2)^2 - (y - 2)^2$$



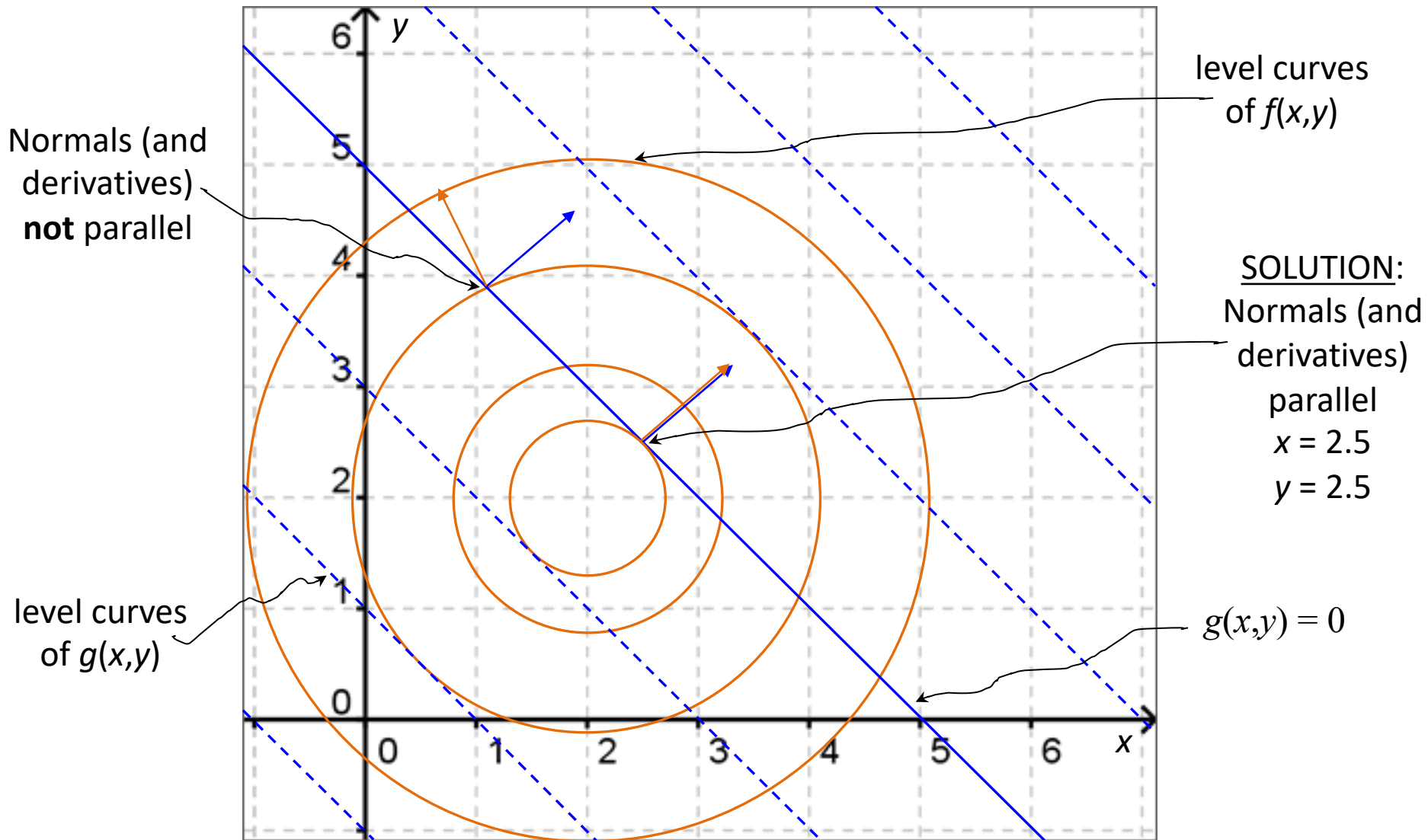
Contour plot of  $f(x, y)$

$$\text{maximize}_{x, y} \quad f(x, y)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad g(x, y) = 0$$

$$g(x, y) = -5 + x + y$$

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