

CSC 411: Lecture 15: Support Vector Machine

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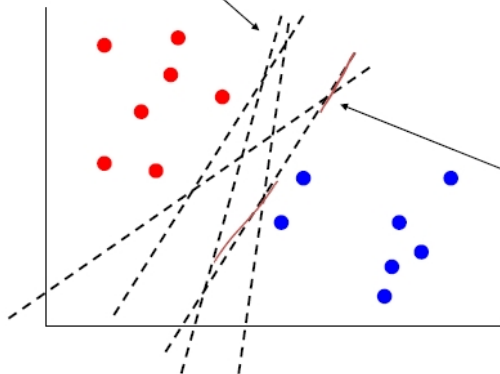
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- Tiny change from before: instead of using $t = 1$ and $t = 0$ for positive and negative class, we will use $t = 1$ for the positive and $t = -1$ for the negative class

Logistic Regression

Recall logistic regression classifiers

Many more possible classifiers



$$\min_w \sum_i \ln(1 + \exp(y^i w^T x^i))$$

Goes over all training points x

Line closer to the blue nodes since many of them are far away from the boundary

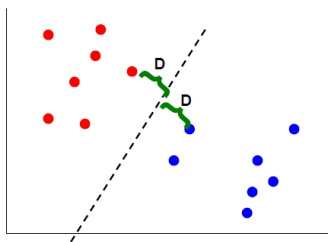
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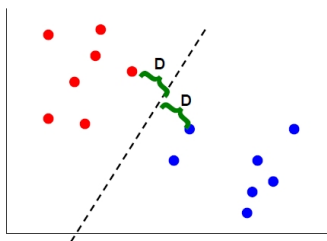
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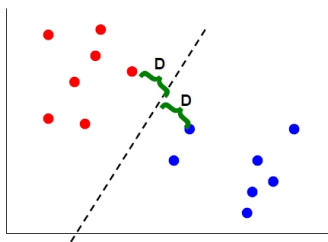
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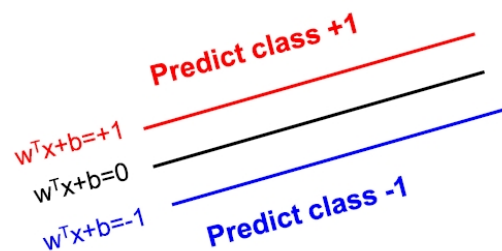


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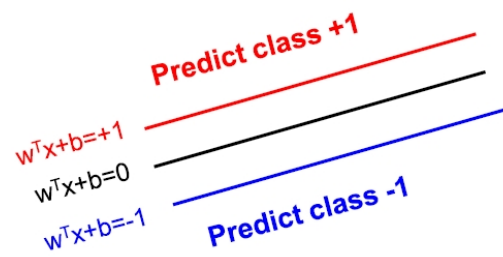
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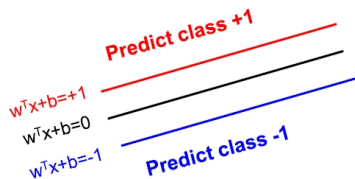


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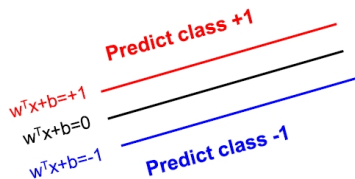
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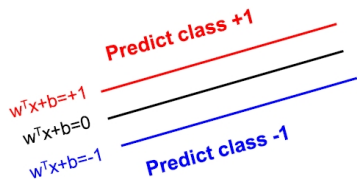
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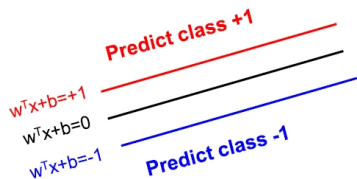


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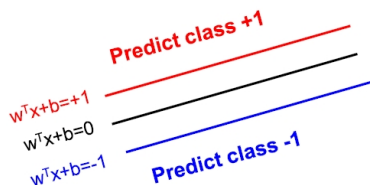
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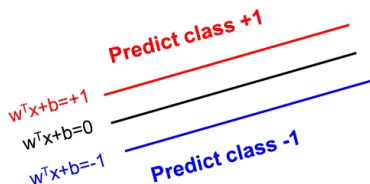


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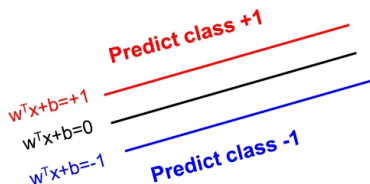


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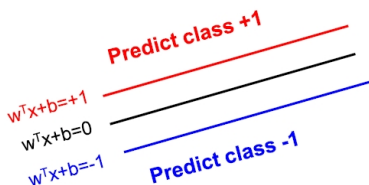
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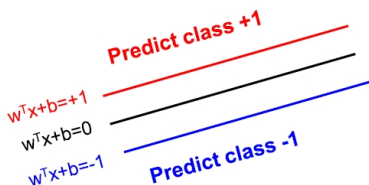
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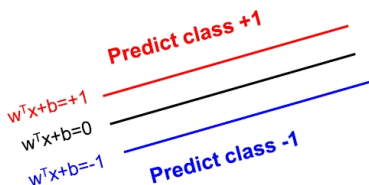
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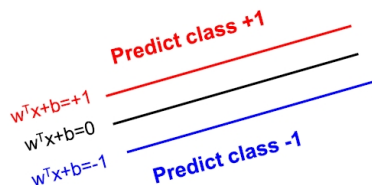
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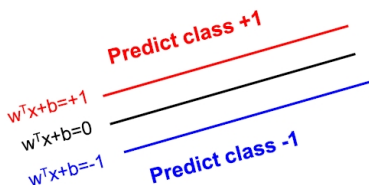
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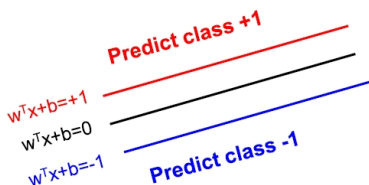
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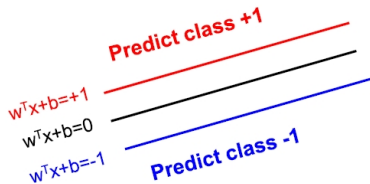
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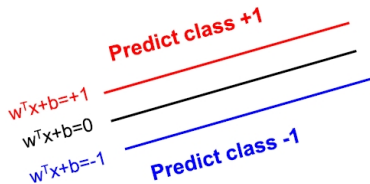
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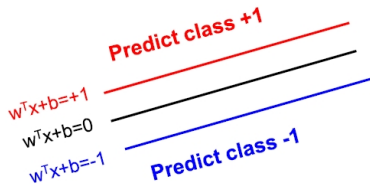


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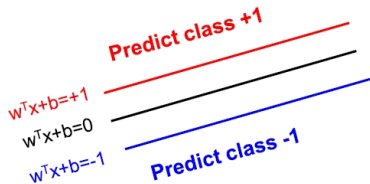
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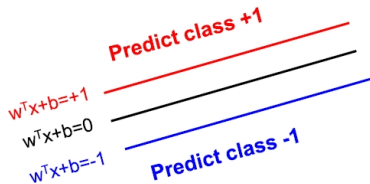
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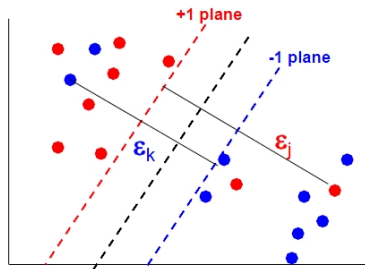
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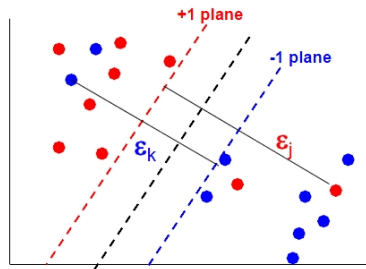


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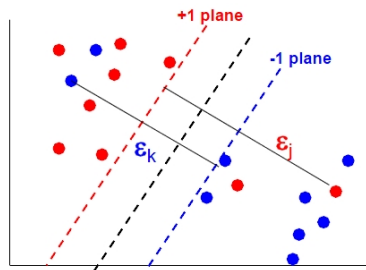
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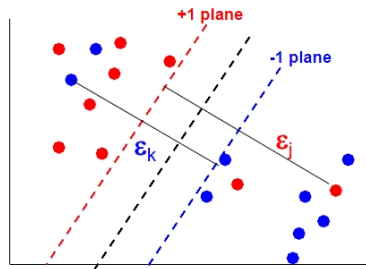
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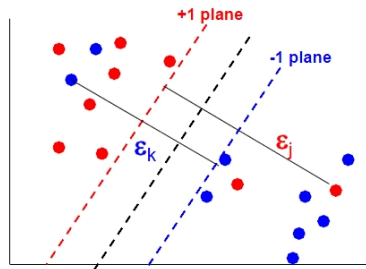
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