

CSE 573 : Artificial Intelligence

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Machine Learning, Perceptrons,
and Logistic Regression
Part 2

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Recap: Machine Learning

- Up until now: how use a model to make optimal decisions
- Machine learning: how to acquire a model from data / experience
 - Learning parameters (e.g. probabilities)
 - Learning structure (e.g. graphs)
 - Learning hidden concepts (e.g. clustering)
- First: model-based classification

Recap: Spam Filter

- Input: an email
- Output: spam/ham
- Setup:
 - Get a large collection of example emails, each labeled "spam" or "ham"
 - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
 - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future emails
- Features: The attributes used to make the ham / spam decision
 - Words: FREE!
 - Text Patterns: \$dd, CAPS
 - Non-text: SenderInContacts, WidelyBroadcast
 - ...



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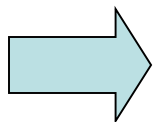


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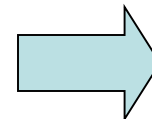
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 x $f(x)$ y

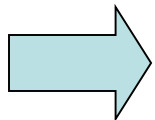
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Hello,  
  
Do you want free printr  
cartridges? Why pay more  
when you can get them  
ABSOLUTELY FREE! Just
```



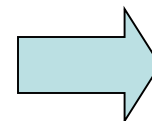
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# free      : 2  
YOUR_NAME   : 0  
MISPELLED   : 2  
FROM_FRIEND : 0  
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SPAM
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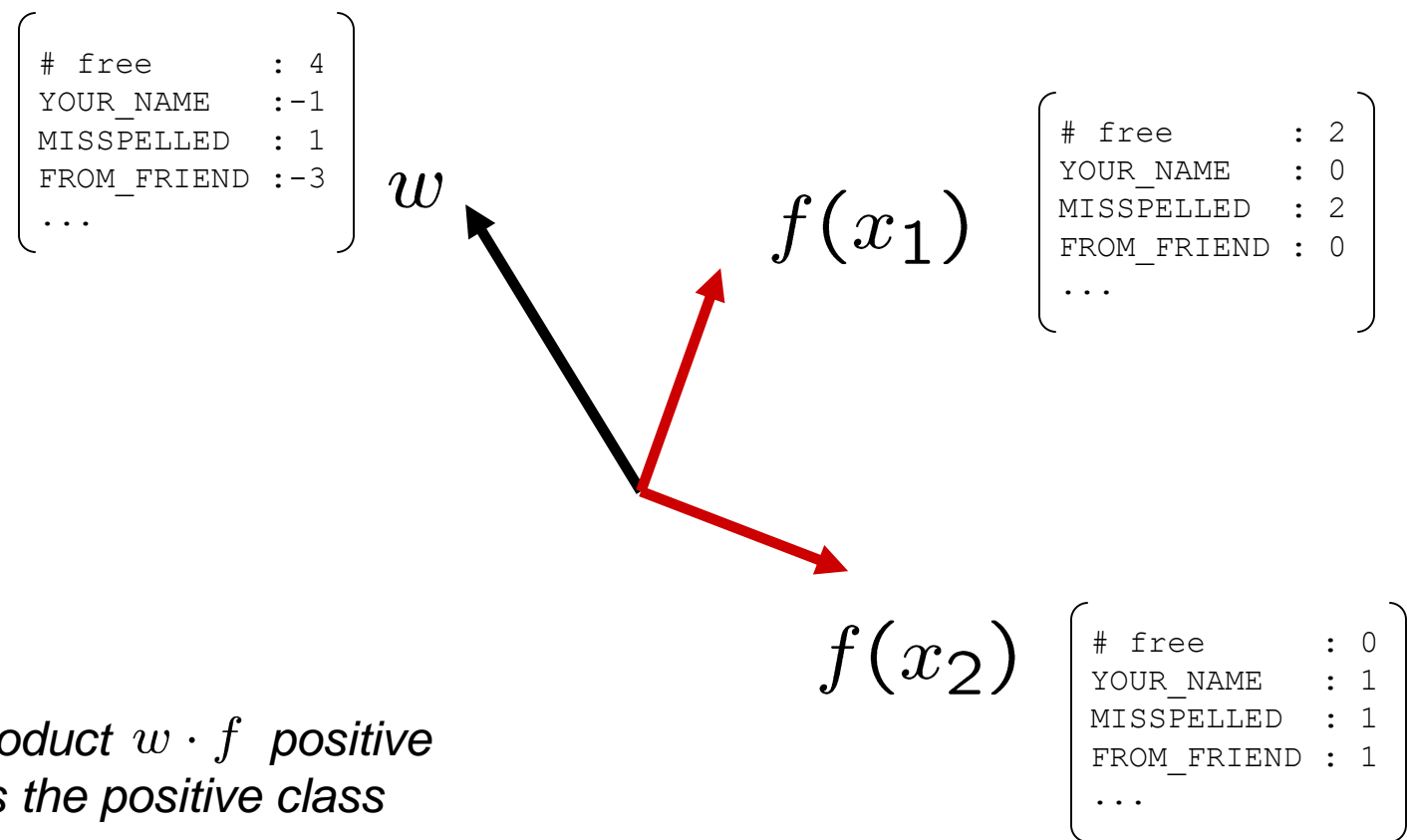
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PIXEL-7,12 : 1  
PIXEL-7,13 : 0  
...  
NUM_LOOPS  : 1  
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Recap: Weights

- Binary case: compare features to a weight vector
- Learning: figure out the weight vector from examples

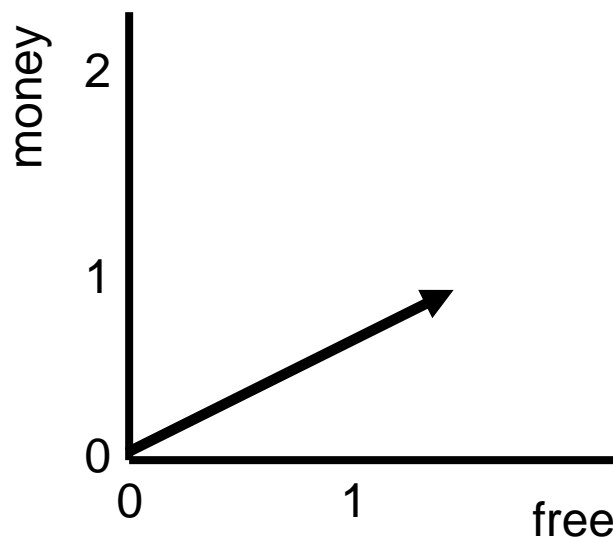
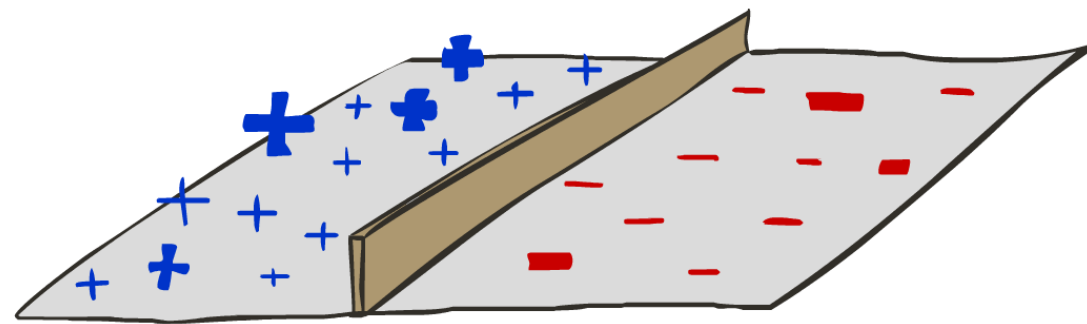


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- In the space of feature vectors
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money	:	2
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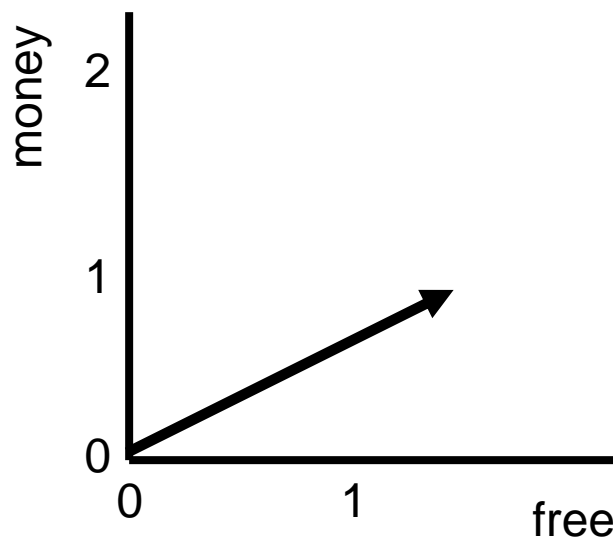
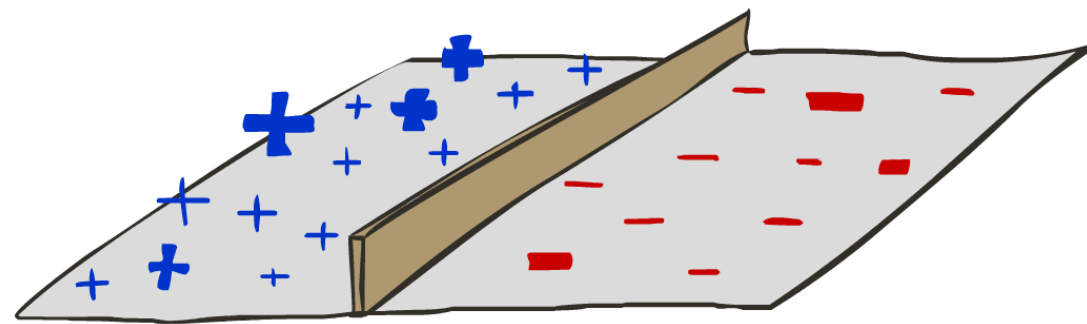


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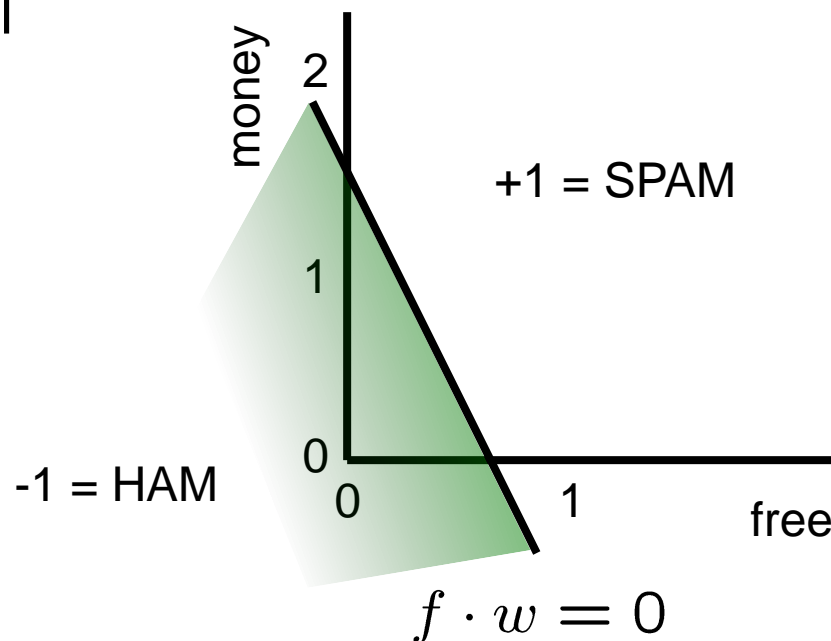
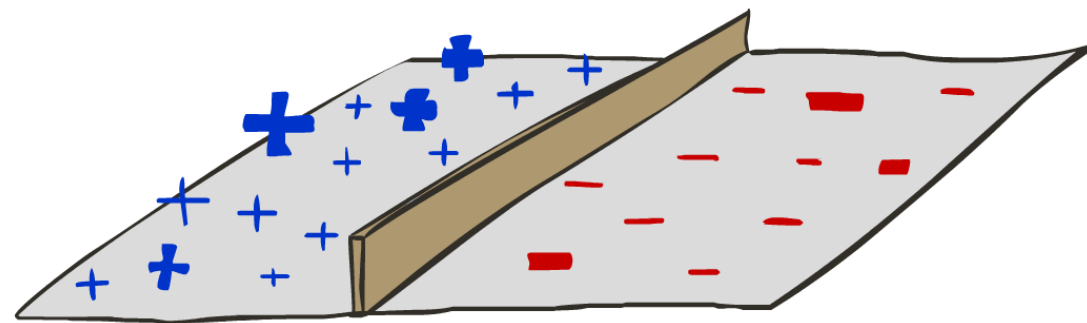


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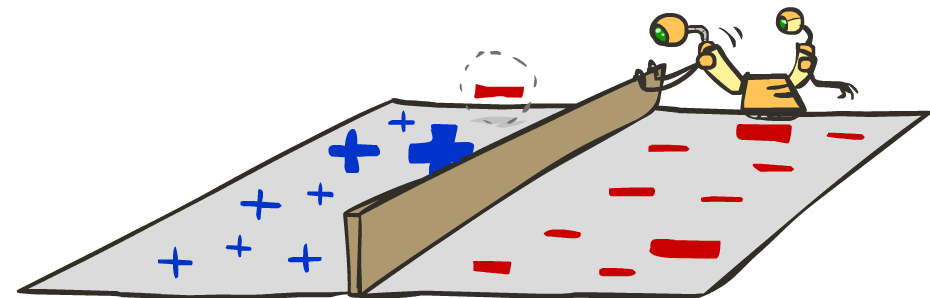
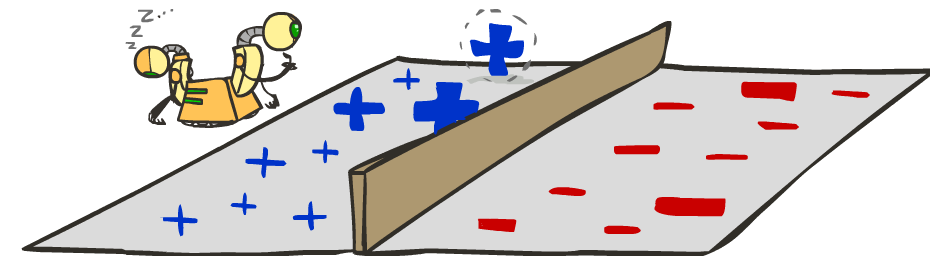
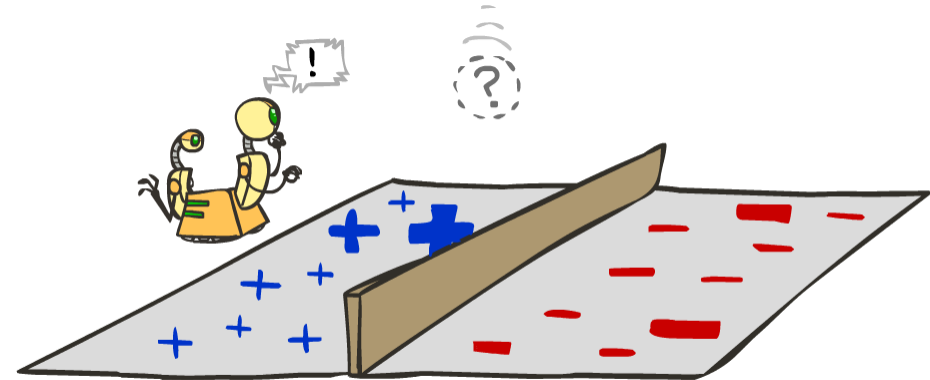
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- If wrong: adjust the weight vector



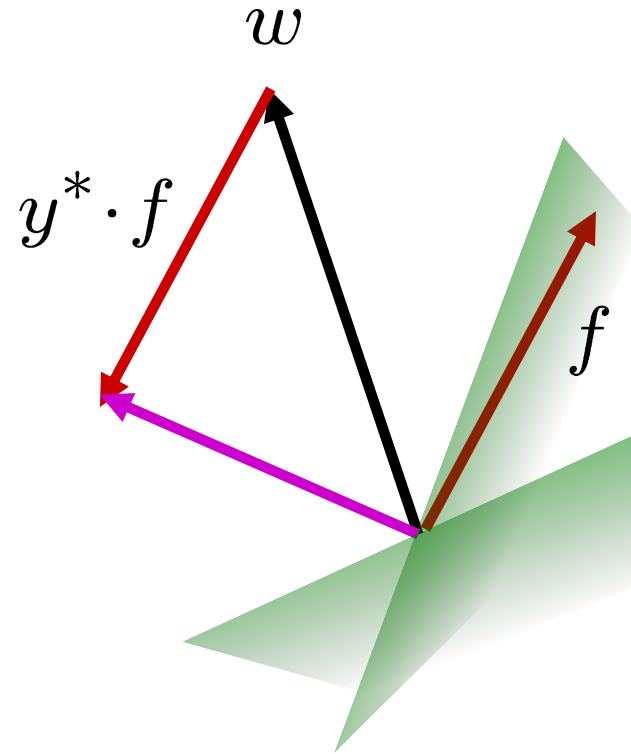
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$$y = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } w \cdot f(x) \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } w \cdot f(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

- If correct (i.e., $y=y^*$), no change!
- If wrong: adjust the weight vector by adding or subtracting the feature vector. Subtract if y^* is -1.

$$w = w + y^* \cdot f$$



Recap: Multiclass Decision Rule

- If we have multiple classes:
 - A weight vector for each class:

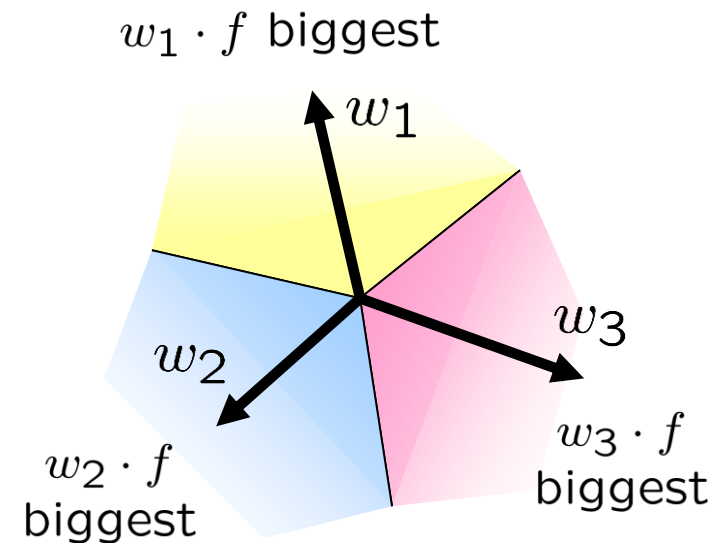
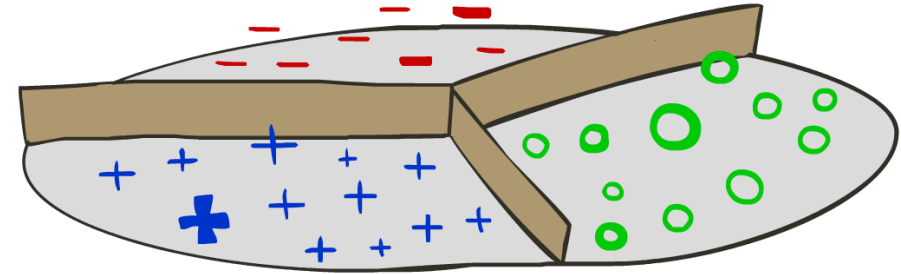
$$w_y$$

- Score (activation) of a class y :

$$w_y \cdot f(x)$$

- Prediction highest score wins

$$y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$$



Binary = multiclass where the negative class has weight zero

Recap: Multiclass Perceptron

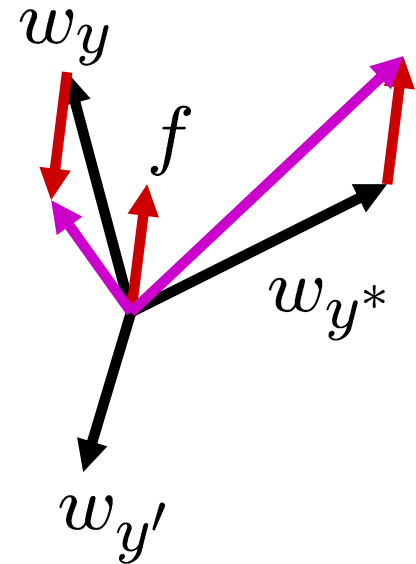
- Start with all weights = 0
- Pick up training examples one by one
- Predict with current weights

$$y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$$

- If correct, no change!
- If wrong: lower score of wrong answer, raise score of right answer

$$w_y = w_y - f(x)$$

$$w_{y^*} = w_{y^*} + f(x)$$



Recap: Multiclass Perceptron

“win the vote” [1 1 0 1 1]

“win the election” [1 1 0 0 1]

“win the game” [1 1 1 0 1]

w_{SPORTS}

	1	-2	-2
BIAS : 1	0		1
win : 0	-1		0
game : 0	0		1
vote : 0	-1		-1
the : 0	-1		0
...			

$w_{POLITICS}$

	0	3	3
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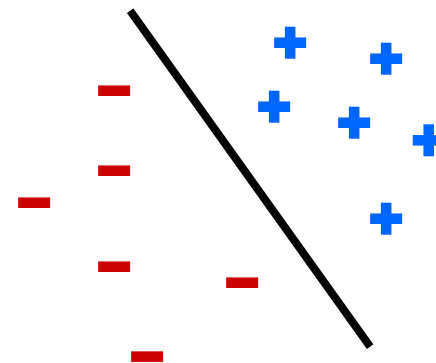
w_{TECH}

	0	0
BIAS : 0		
win : 0		
game : 0		
vote : 0		
the : 0		
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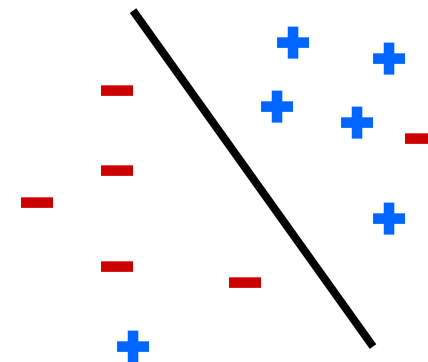
Properties of Perceptrons

- Separability: true if some parameters get the training set perfectly correct
- Convergence: if the training is separable, perceptron will eventually converge (binary case)
- Non-separable?

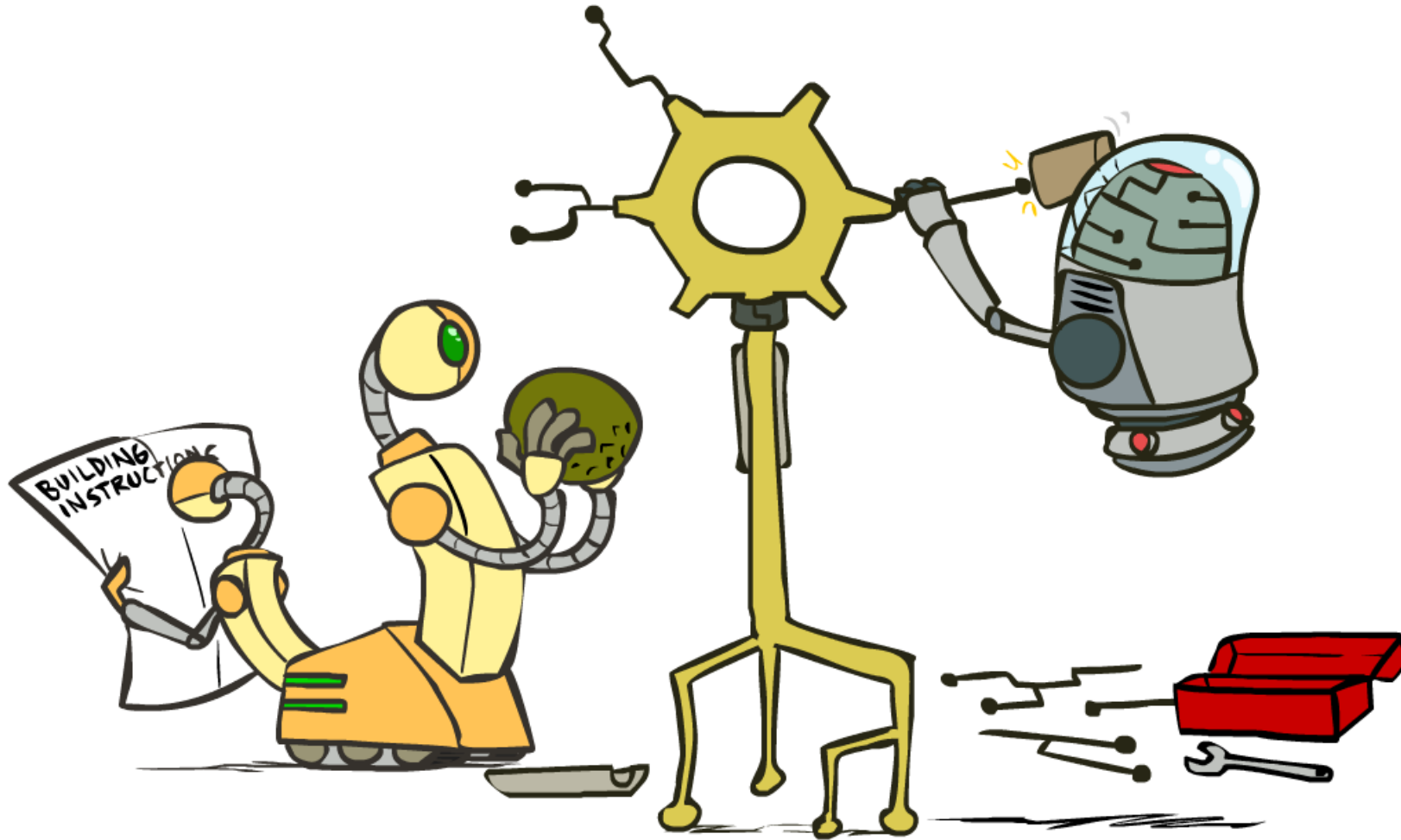
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Workflow



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- **Phase 1: Train model on Training Data. Choice points for “tuning”**
 - Attributes / Features
 - Model types: Naïve Bayes vs. Perceptron vs. Logistic Regression vs. Neural Net etc..
 - Model hyperparameters
 - E.g. Naïve Bayes – Laplace k
 - E.g. Logistic Regression – weight regularization
 - E.g. Neural Net – architecture, learning rate, ...
 - Make sure good performance on training data (why?)
- **Phase 2: Evaluate on Hold-Out Data**
 - If Hold-Out performance is close to Train performance
 - We achieved good generalization, onto Phase 3! 😊
 - If Hold-Out performance is much worse than Train performance
 - We overfitted to the training data! ☹️
 - Take inspiration from the errors and:
 - Either: go back to Phase 1 for tuning (typically: make the model less expressive)
 - Or: if we are out of options for tuning while maintaining high train accuracy, collect more data (i.e., let the data drive generalization, rather than the tuning/regularization) and go to Phase 1
- **Phase 3: Report performance on Test Data**

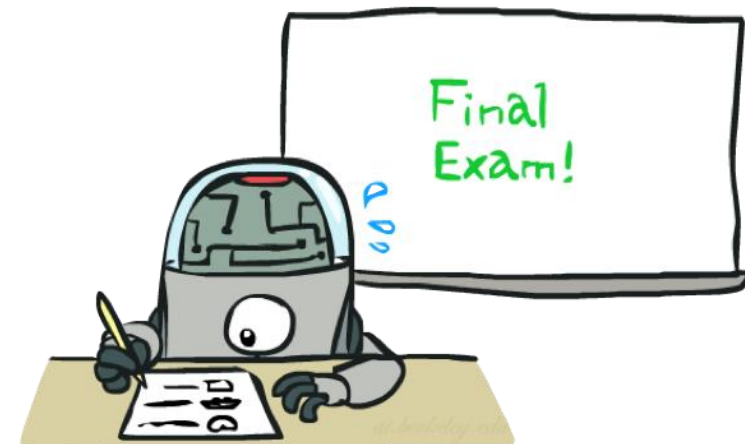
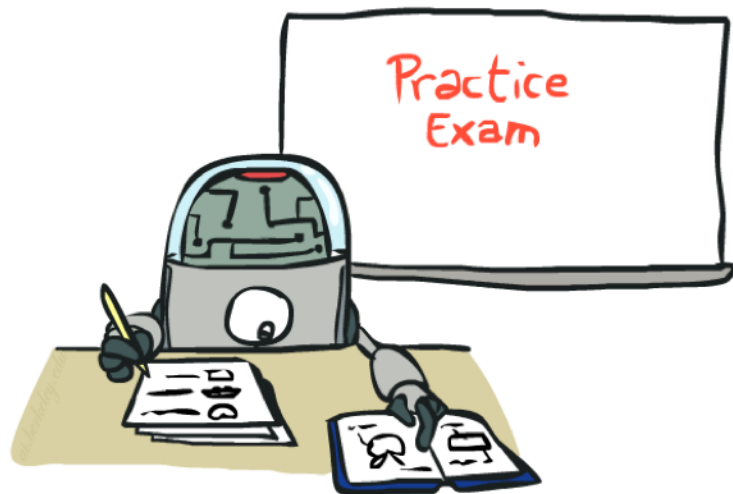
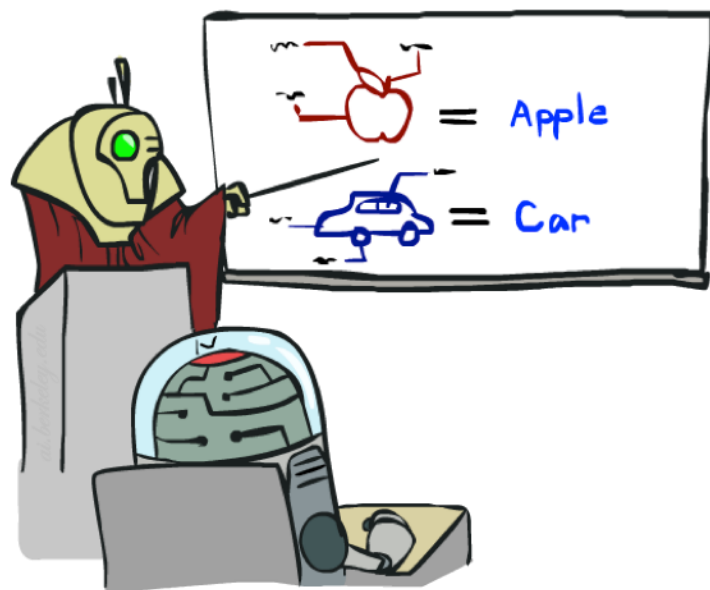
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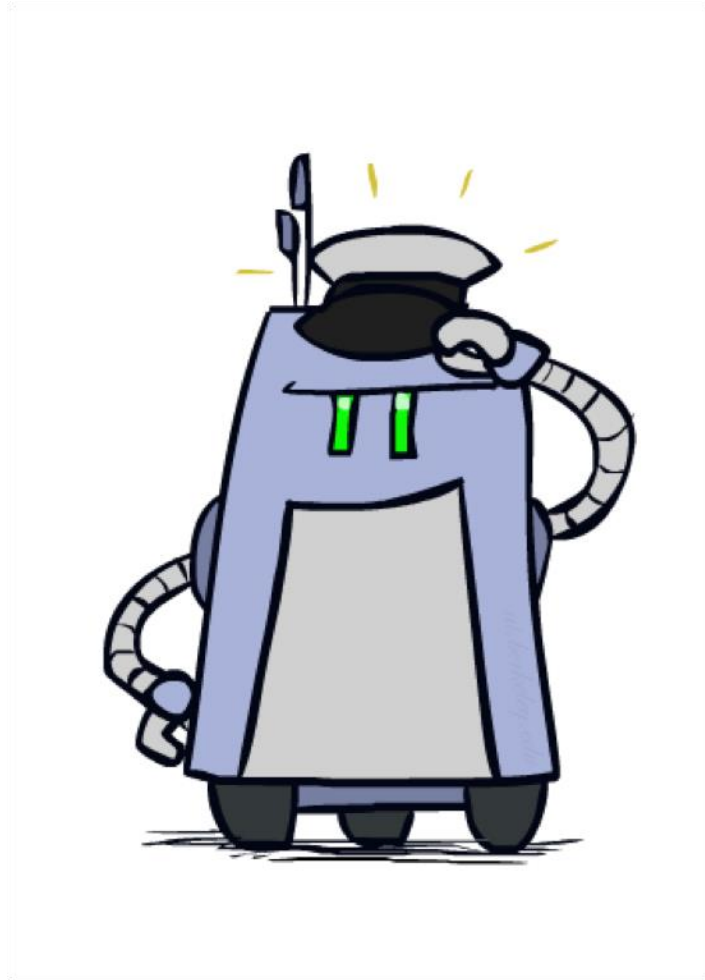
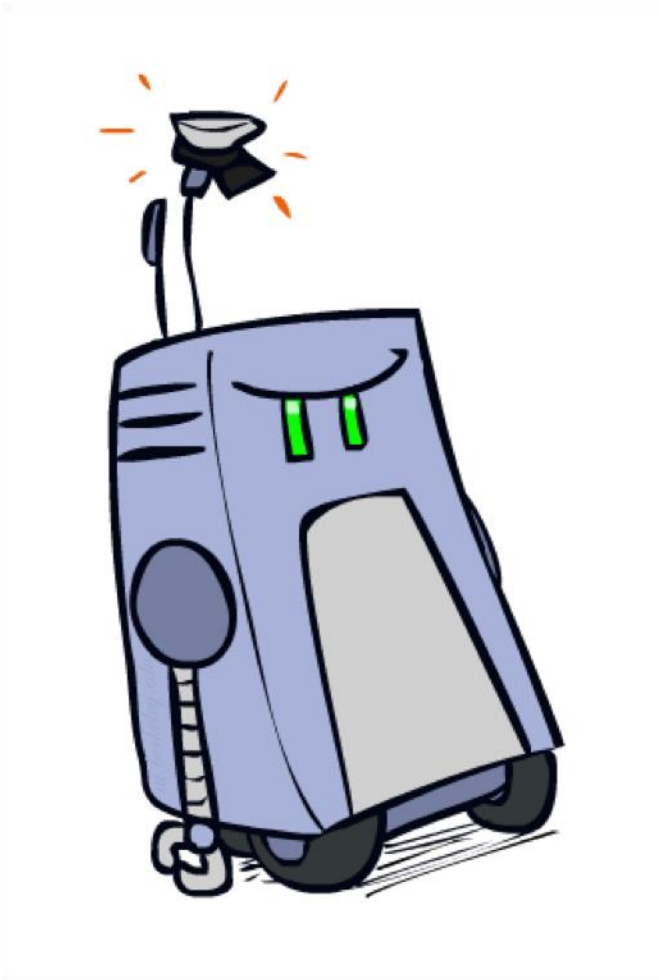
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Possible outer-loop: Collect more data 😊

Training and Testing



Underfitting and Overfitting



Overfitting

- Too many features

- Spam if contains "FREE!"
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- ...
- Spam if contains "Sir"
- Spam if contains address
- Spam if contains "OT"
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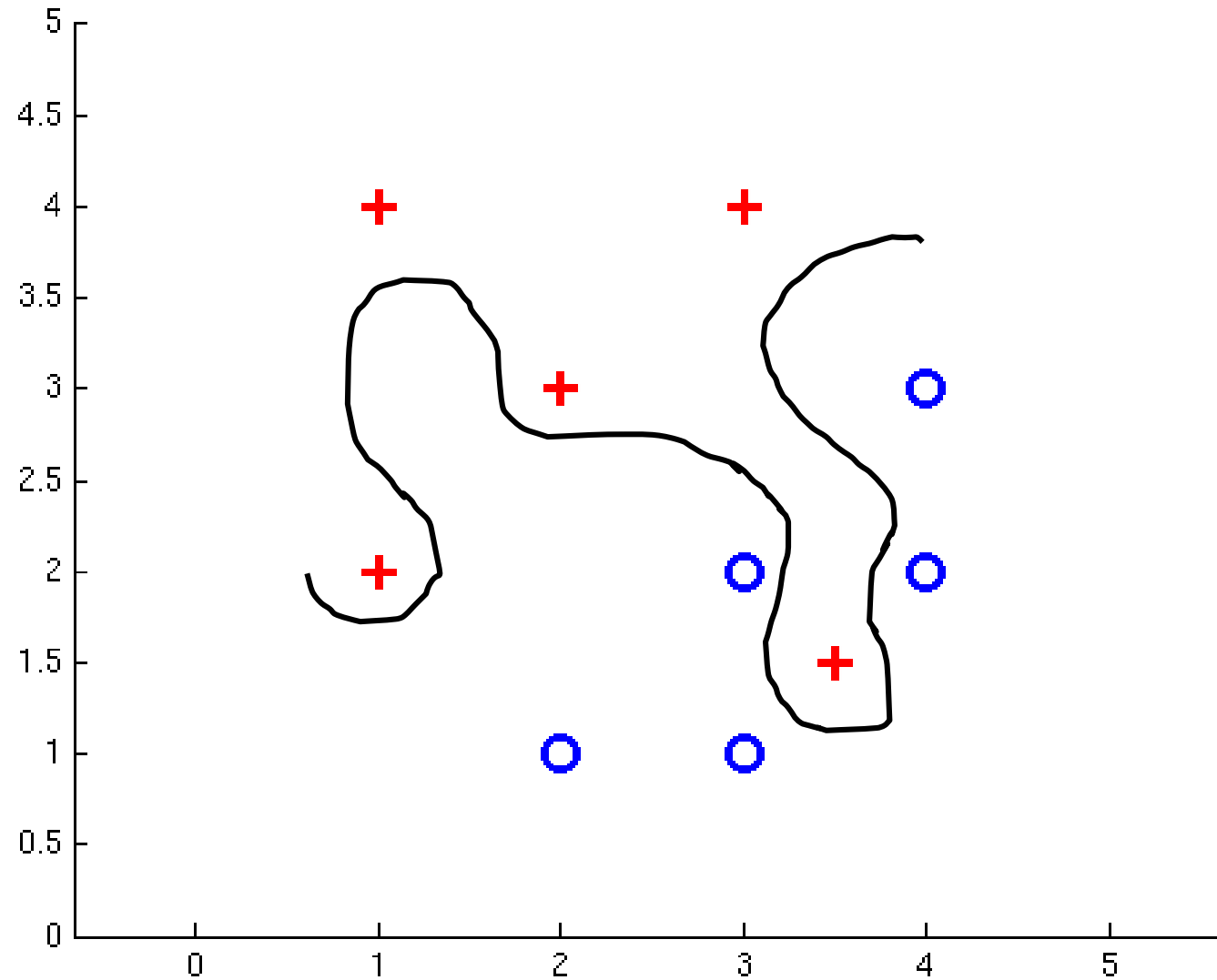
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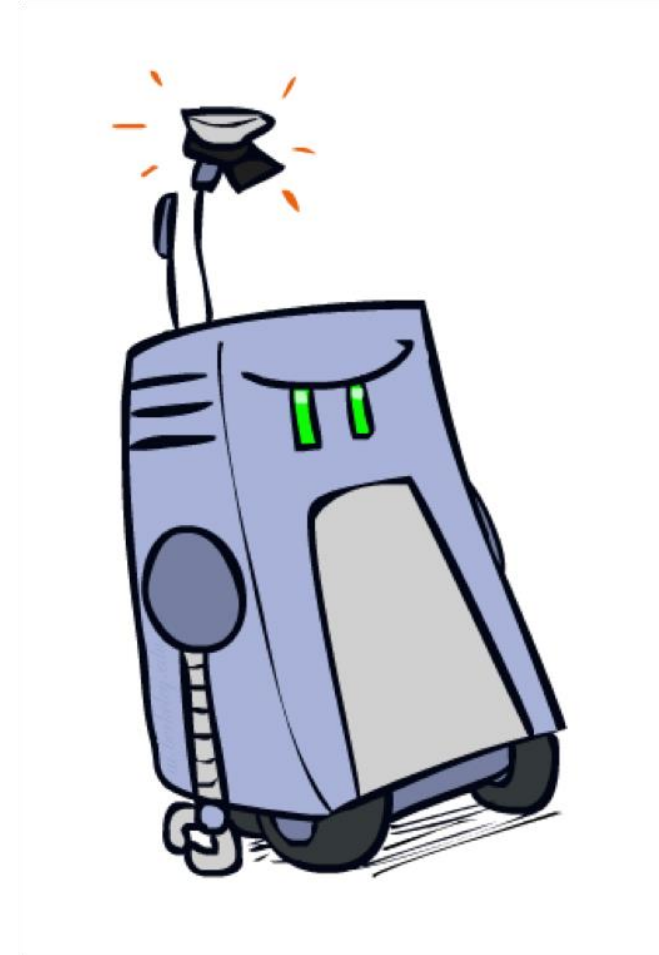
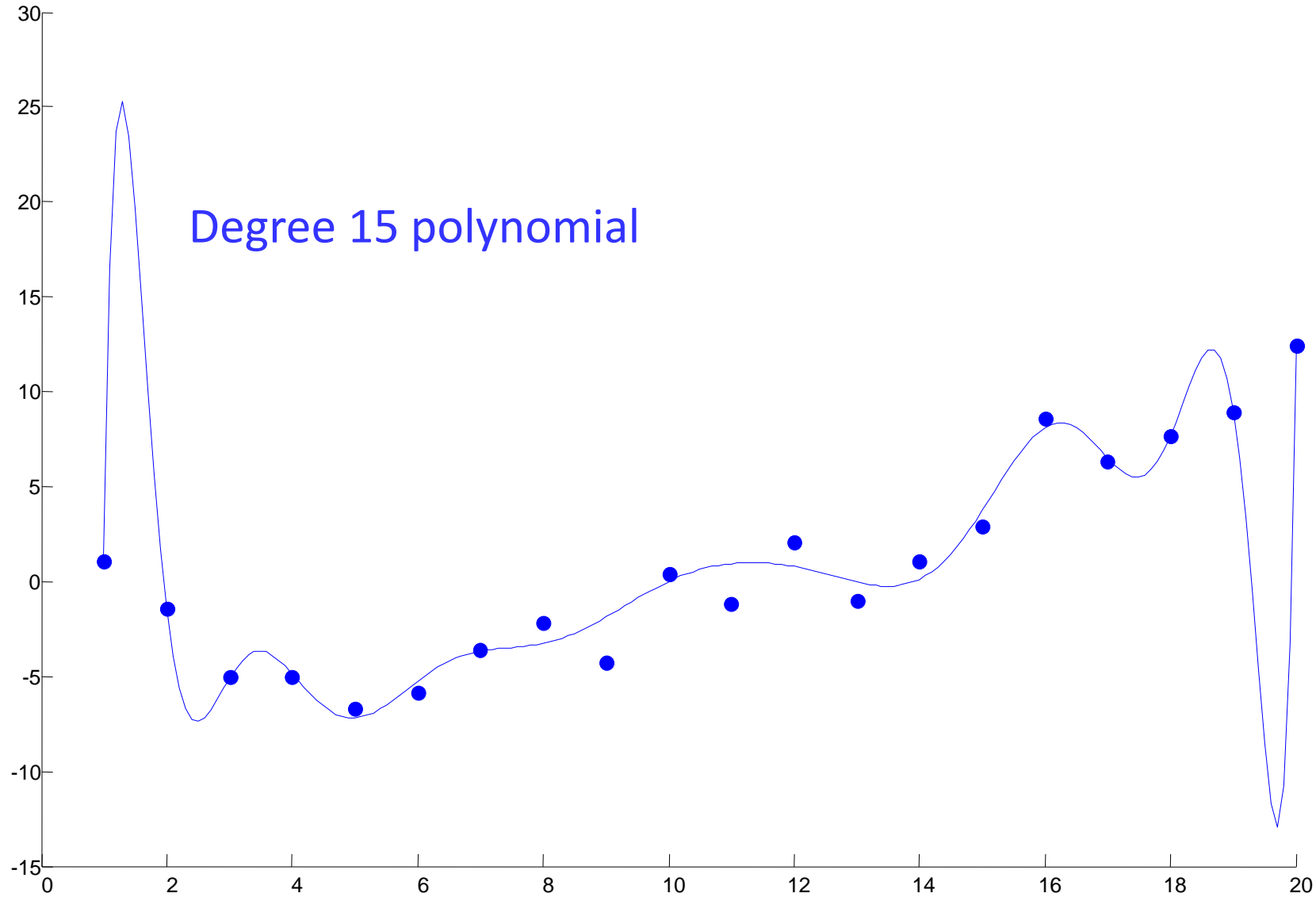


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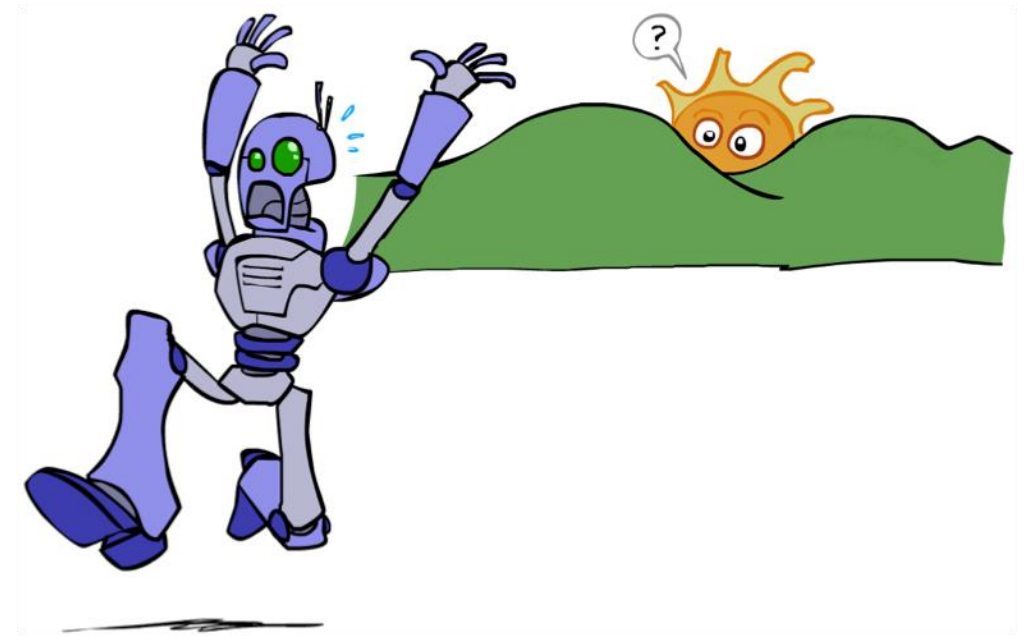
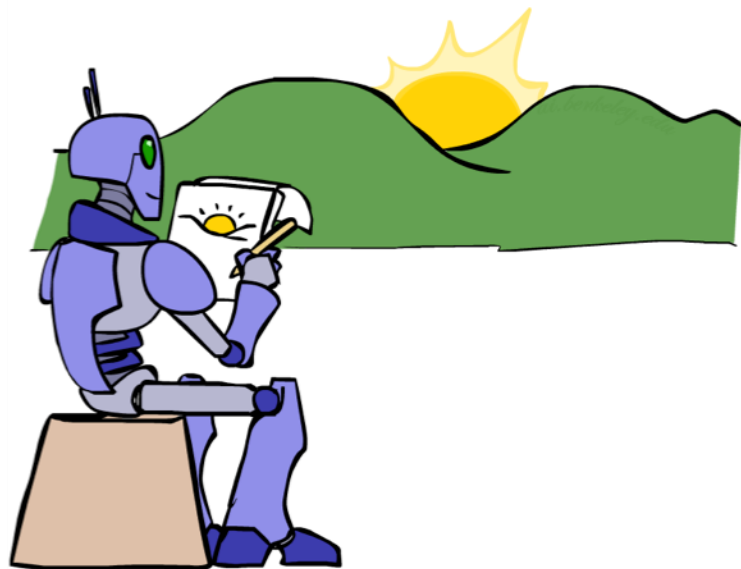
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Unseen Events



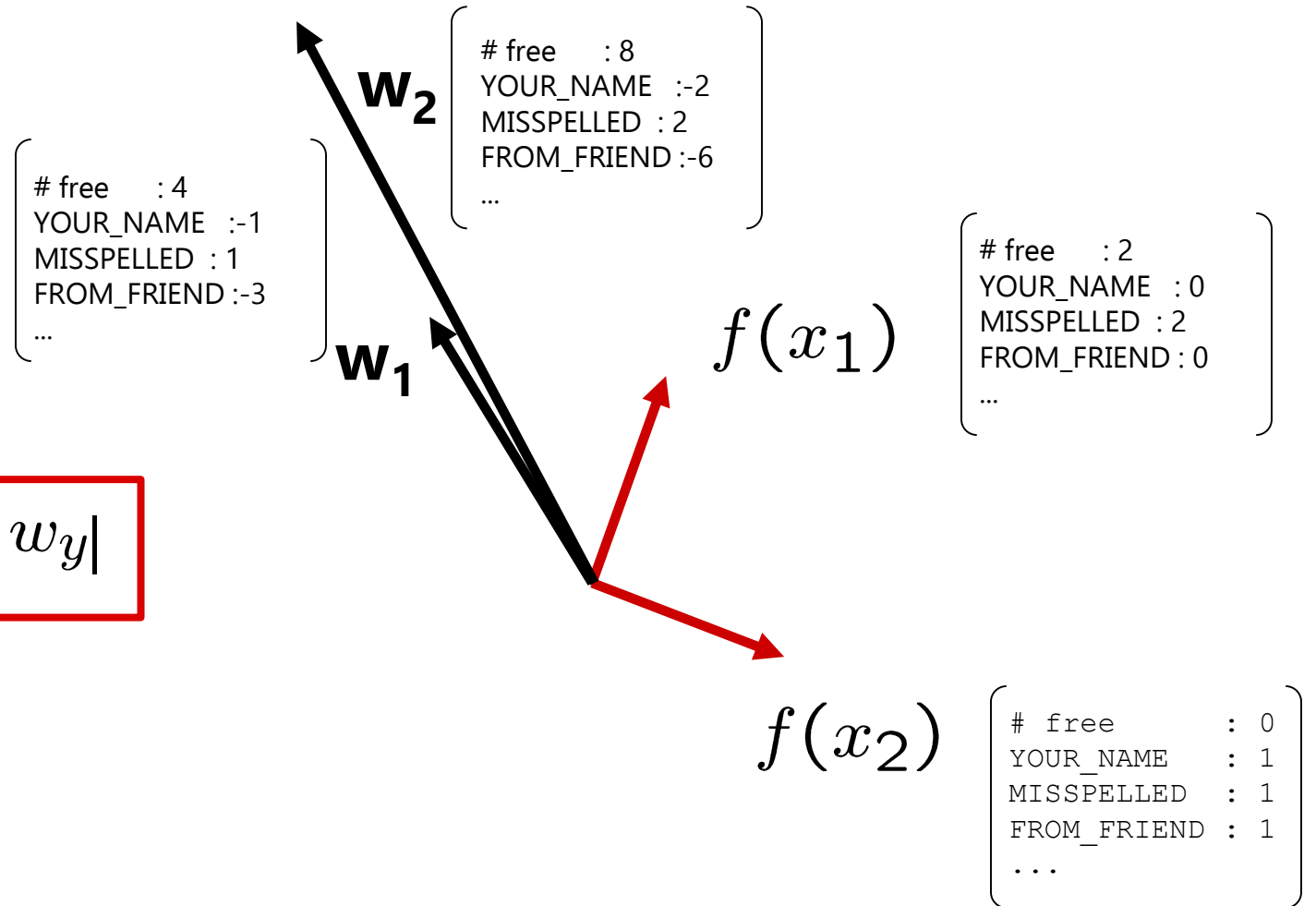
Generalization and Overfitting

- Relative frequency parameters will **overfit** the training data!
 - Just because we never saw a non-spam email with an address during training doesn't mean we won't see it at test time
 - Unlikely that every occurrence of "minute" is 100% spam
 - Unlikely that every occurrence of "seriously" is 100% ham
 - What about all the words that don't occur in the training set at all?
 - In general, we can't go around giving unseen events zero probability
- As an extreme case, imagine using the entire email as the only feature
 - Would get the training data perfect (if deterministic labeling)
 - Wouldn't *generalize* at all
 - Just making the bag-of-words assumption gives us some generalization, but isn't enough
- To generalize better: we need to **smooth** or **regularize** the estimates

Regularization

- Limit the number of features
- Limit the norm of the vector \mathbf{w}
 - If \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 are equally good, and $|\mathbf{w}_1| > |\mathbf{w}_2|$, then \mathbf{w}_2 is likely to better generalize

$$y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x) - |w_y|$$

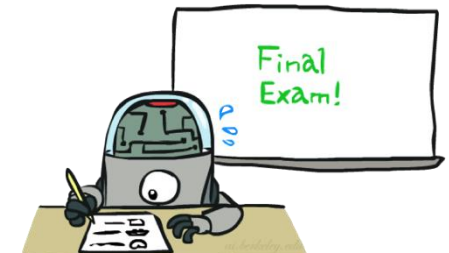
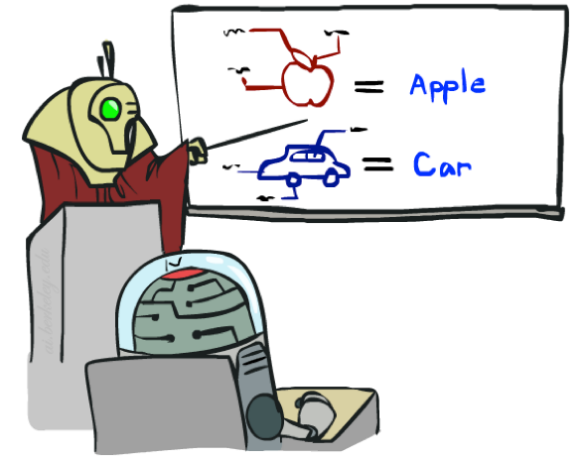
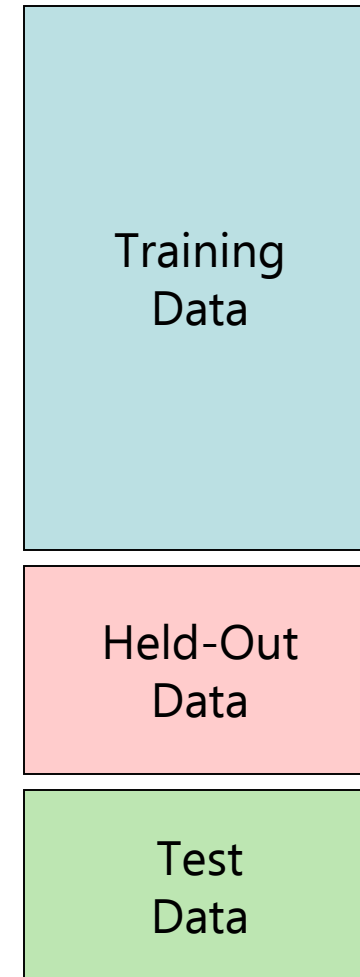


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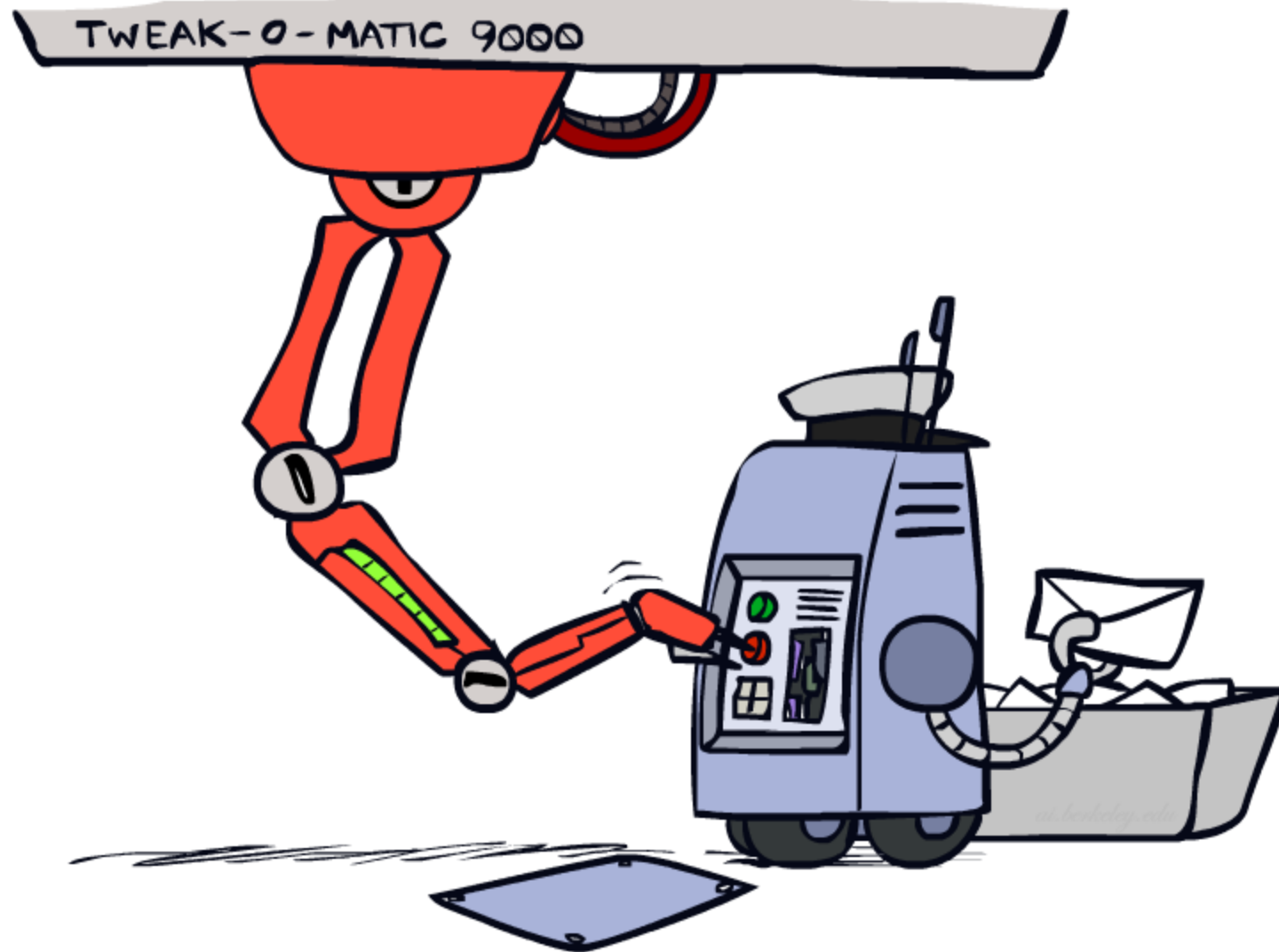
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 - Accuracy might be very high if the problem is skewed
 - E.g. calling everything “ham” gets 66%, so a classifier that gets 70% isn’t very good...
- For real research, usually use previous work as a (strong) baseline

Important Concepts

- Data: labeled instances, e.g. emails marked spam/ham
 - Training set
 - Held out set
 - Test set
- Features: attribute-value pairs which characterize each x
- Experimentation cycle
 - Learn parameters (e.g. model probabilities) on training set
 - (Tune hyperparameters on held-out set)
 - Compute accuracy on test set
 - Very important: never “peek” at the test set!
- Evaluation
 - Accuracy: fraction of instances predicted correctly
- Overfitting and generalization
 - Want a classifier which does well on *test* data
 - Overfitting: fitting the training data very closely, but not generalizing well
 - Underfitting: fits the training set poorly

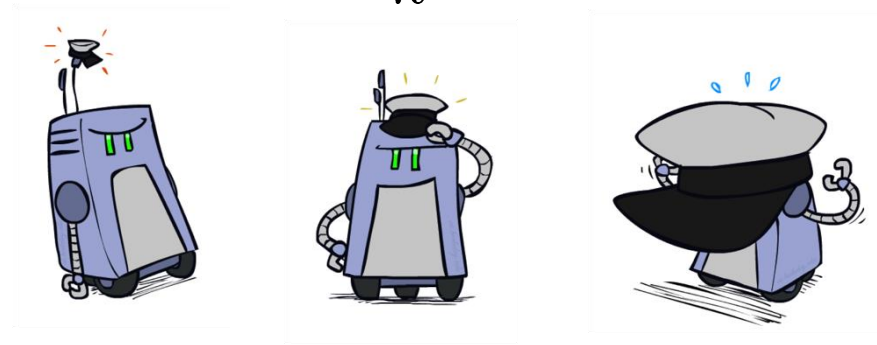
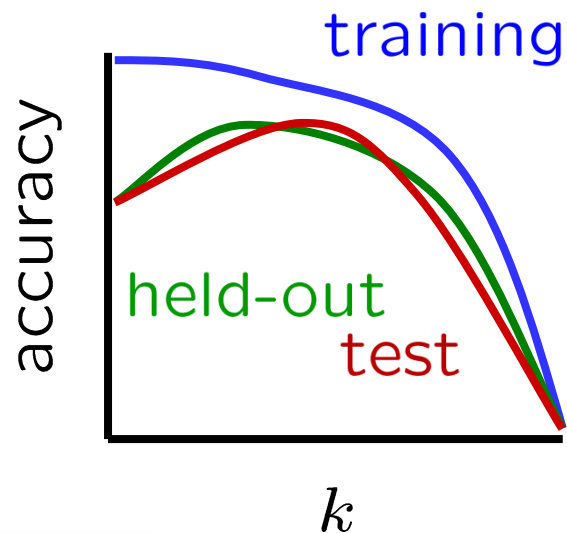


Tuning



Tuning on Held-Out Data

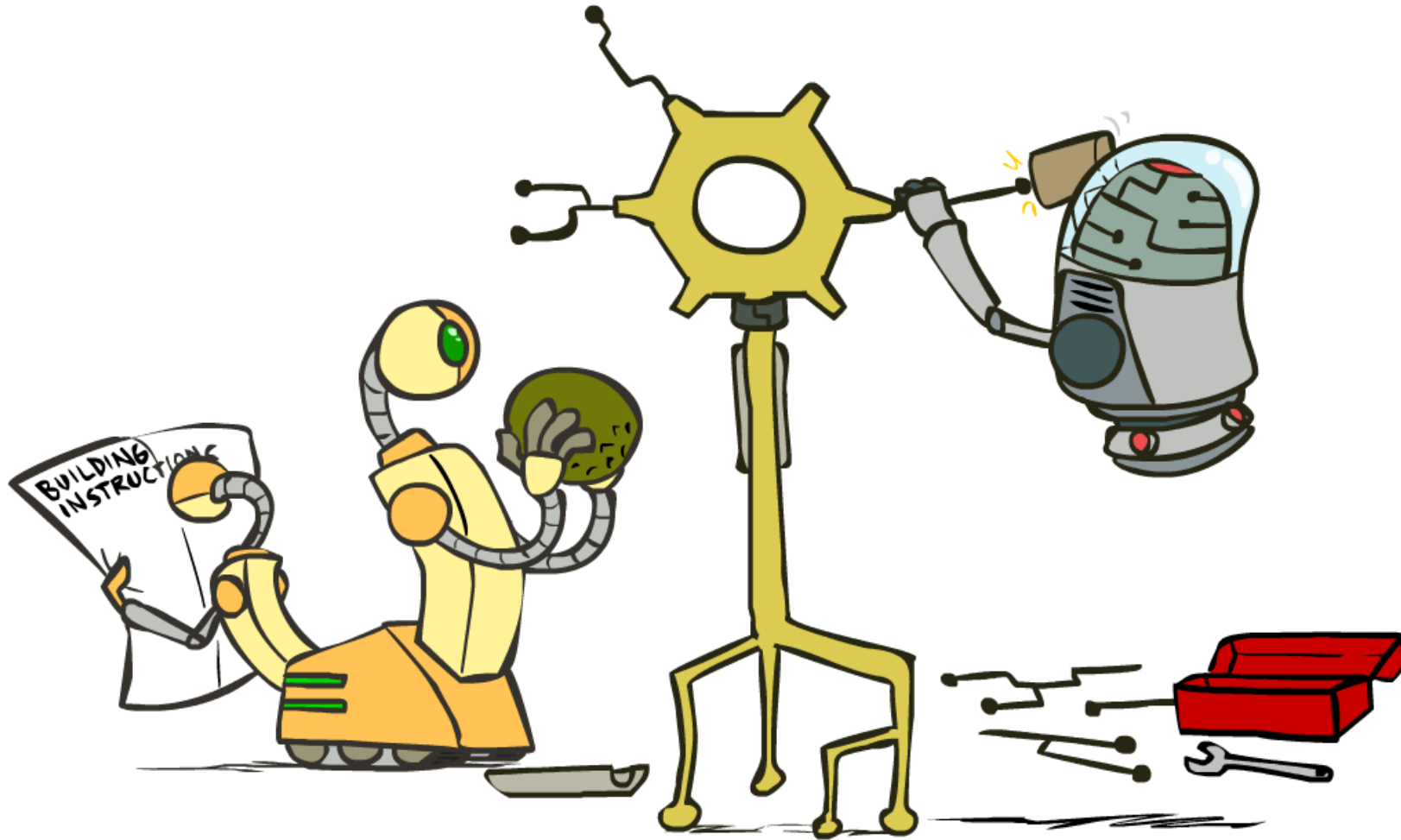
- Now we've got two kinds of unknowns
 - Parameters: the probabilities $P(X|Y)$, $P(Y)$
 - Hyperparameters: e.g. the amount / type of smoothing to do, k , α
- What should we learn where?
 - Learn parameters from training data
 - Tune hyperparameters on different data
 - Why?
 - For each value of the hyperparameters, train and test on the held-out data
 - Choose the best value and do a final test on the test data



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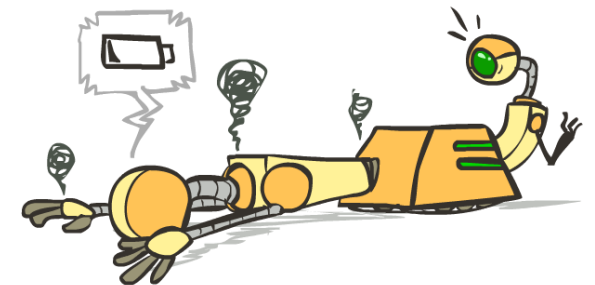
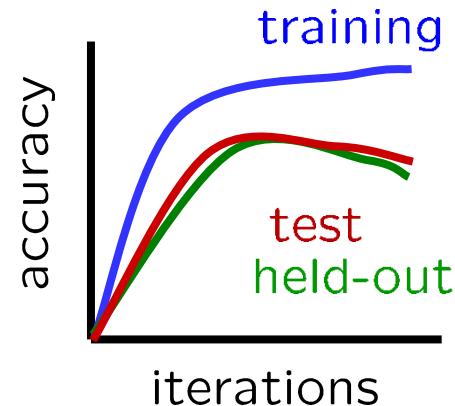
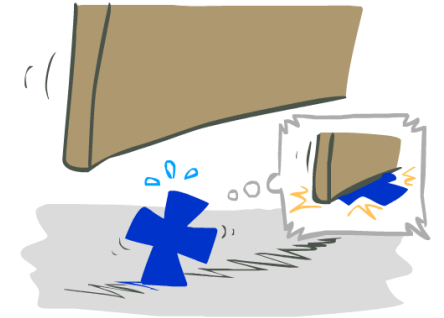
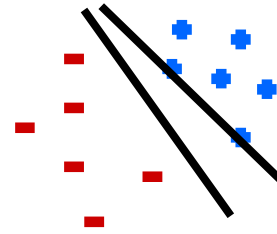
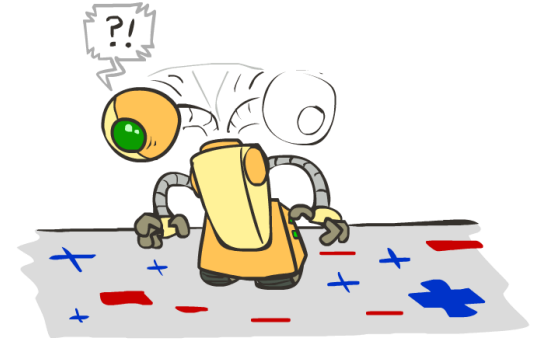
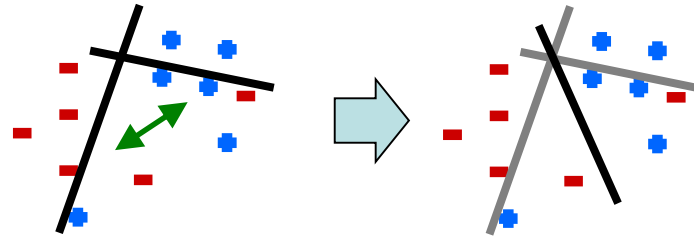
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Improving the Perceptron



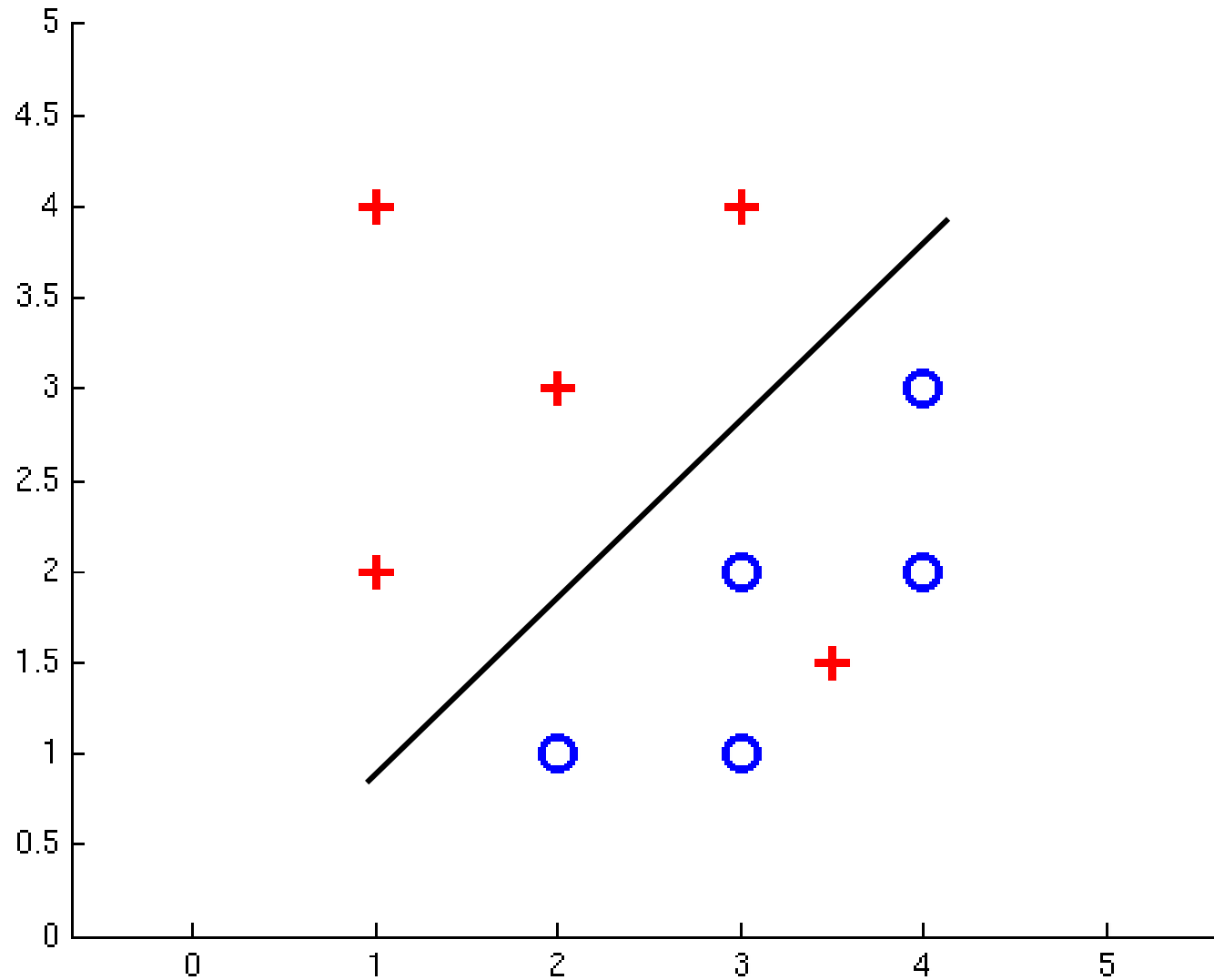
Problems with the Perceptron

- Noise: if the data isn't separable, weights might thrash
 - Averaging weight vectors over time can help (averaged perceptron)
- Mediocre generalization: finds a "barely" separating solution
- Overtraining: test / held-out accuracy usually rises, then falls
 - Overtraining is a kind of overfitting

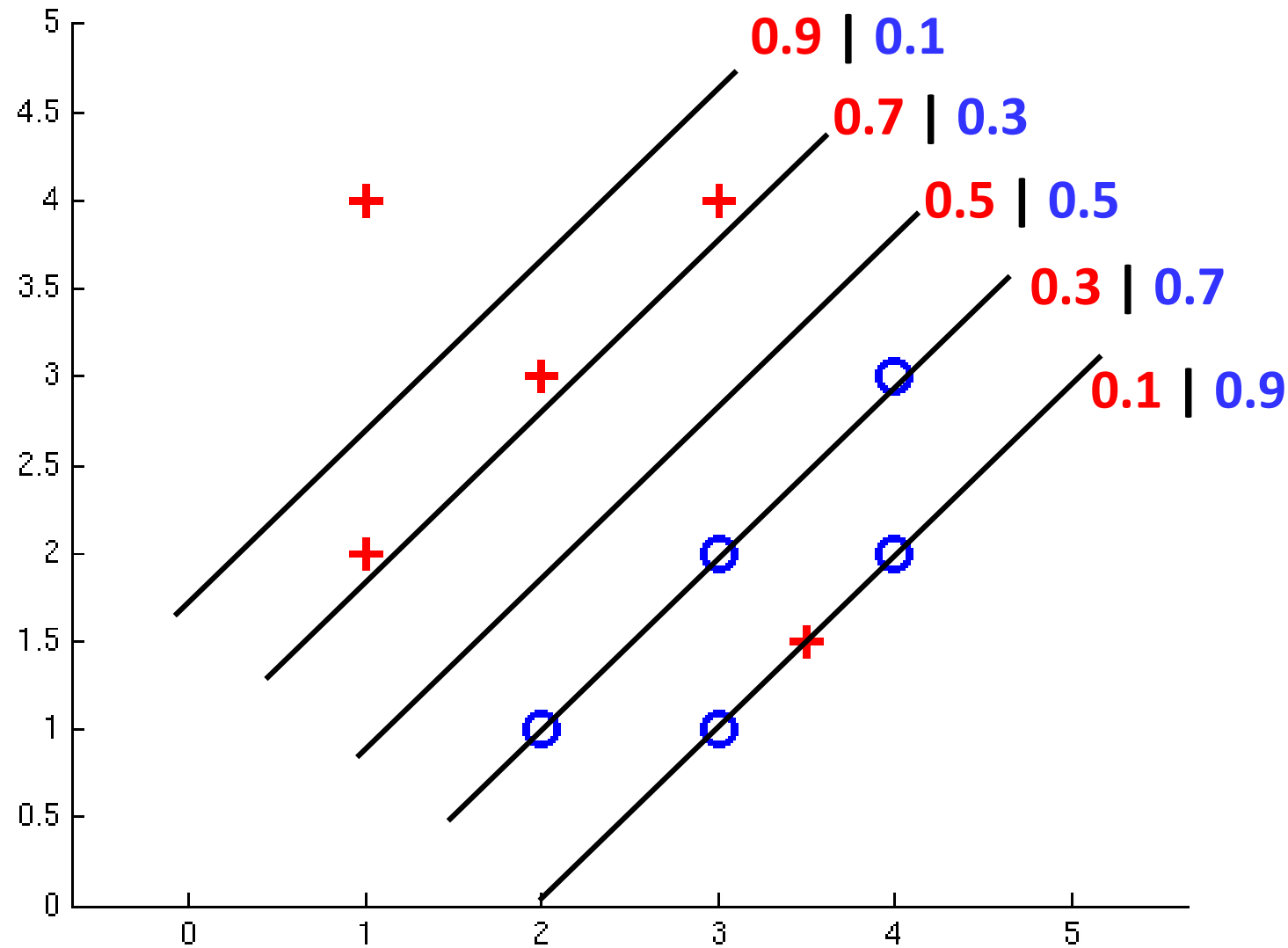


Non-Separable Case: Deterministic Decision

Even the best linear boundary makes at least one mistake



Non-Separable Case: Probabilistic Decision

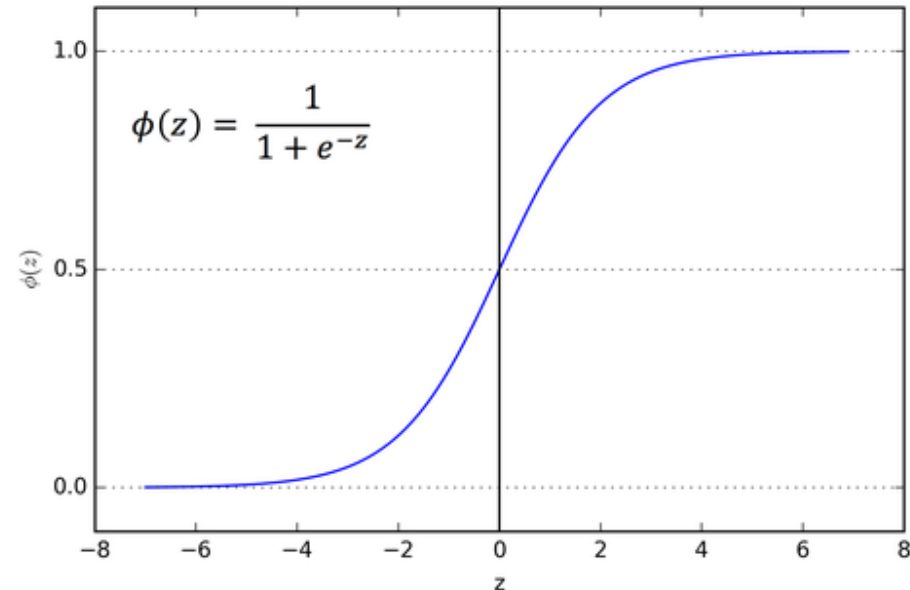


How to get probabilistic decisions?

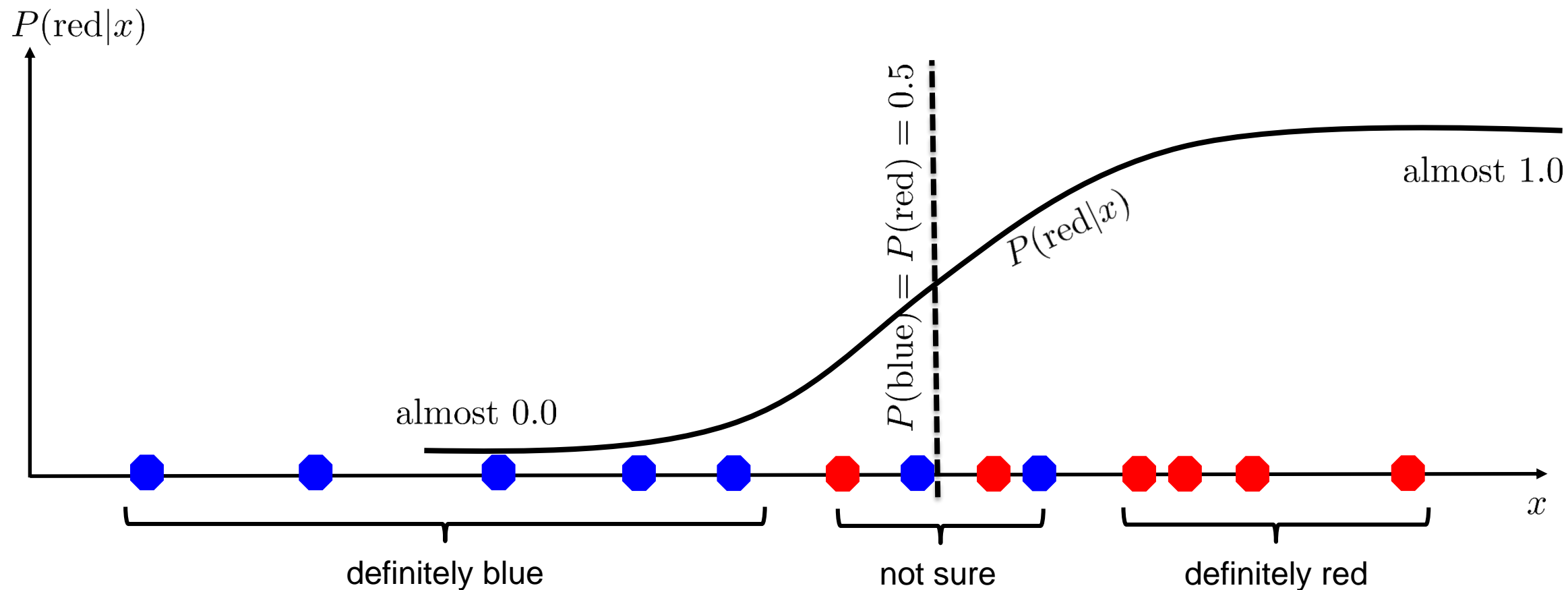
- Perceptron scoring: $z = w \cdot f(x)$
- If $z = w \cdot f(x)$ very positive \rightarrow want probability going to 1
- If $z = w \cdot f(x)$ very negative \rightarrow want probability going to 0

- Sigmoid function

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$



A 1D Example

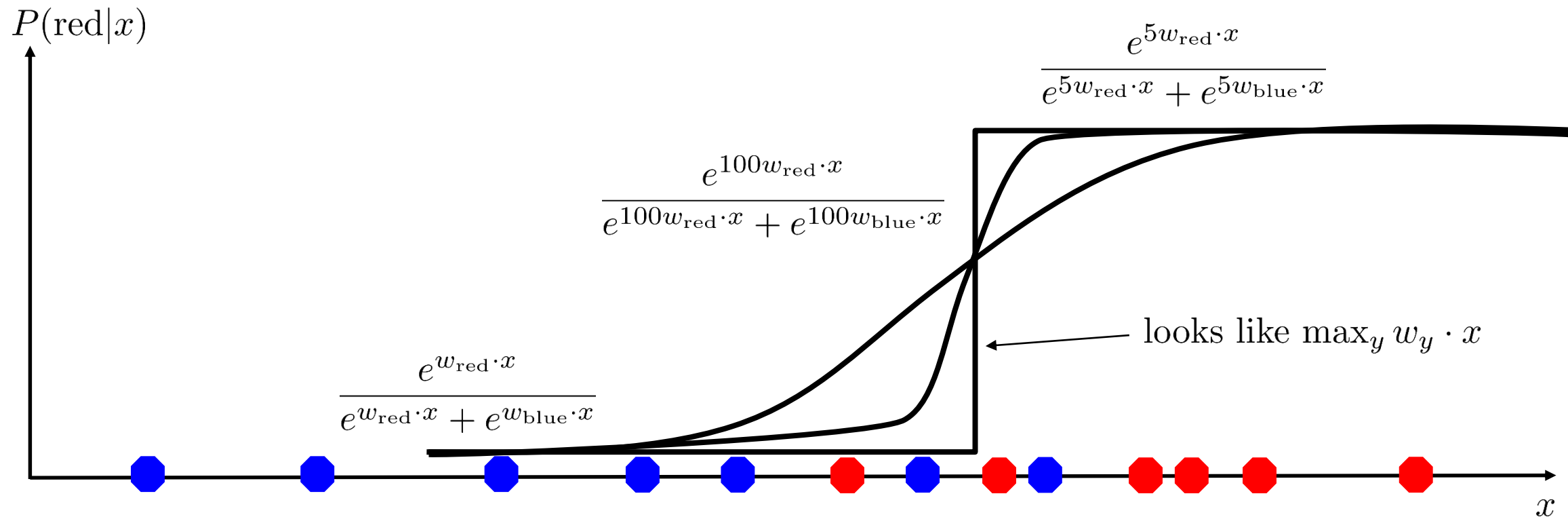


$$P(\text{red}|x) = \frac{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x}}{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x} + e^{w_{\text{blue}} \cdot x}}$$

← probability increases exponentially as we move away from boundary

← normalizer

The *Soft* Max



$$P(\text{red}|x) = \frac{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x}}{e^{w_{\text{red}} \cdot x} + e^{w_{\text{blue}} \cdot x}}$$

Best w ?

- Maximum likelihood estimation:

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

with:

$$P(y^{(i)} = +1 | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$
$$P(y^{(i)} = -1 | x^{(i)}; w) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

= Logistic Regression

Confidences from a Classifier

- The **confidence** of a probabilistic classifier:

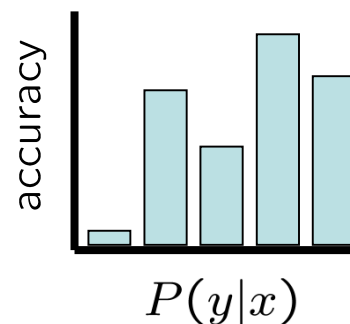
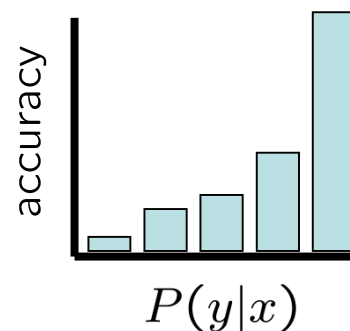
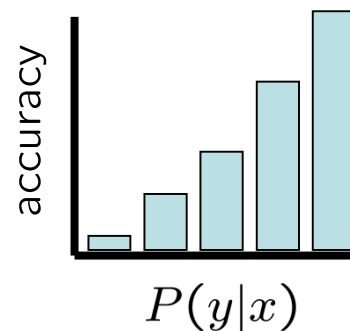
- Posterior over the top label

$$\text{confidence}(x) = \max_y P(y|x)$$

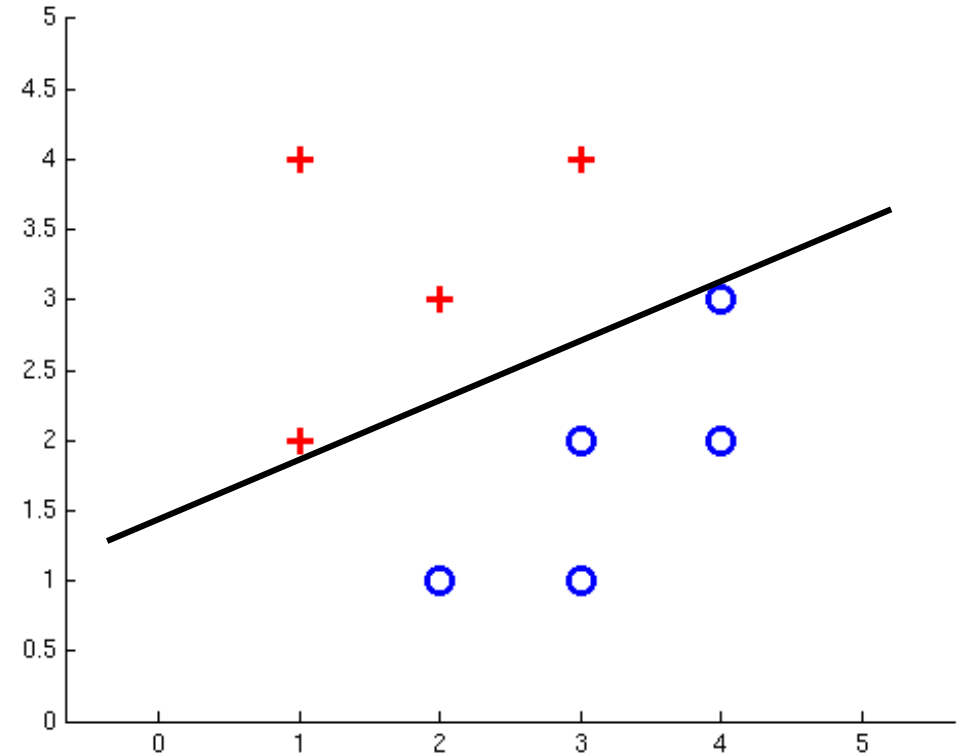
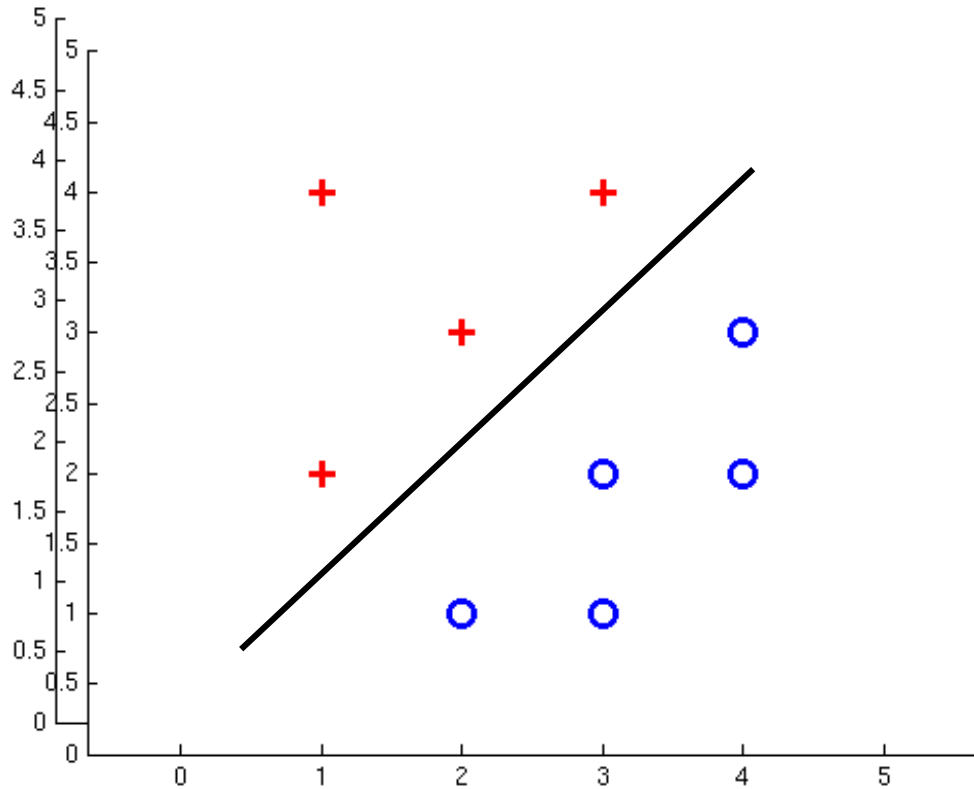
- Represents how sure the classifier is of the classification
- Any probabilistic model will have confidences
- No guarantee confidence is correct

- Calibration

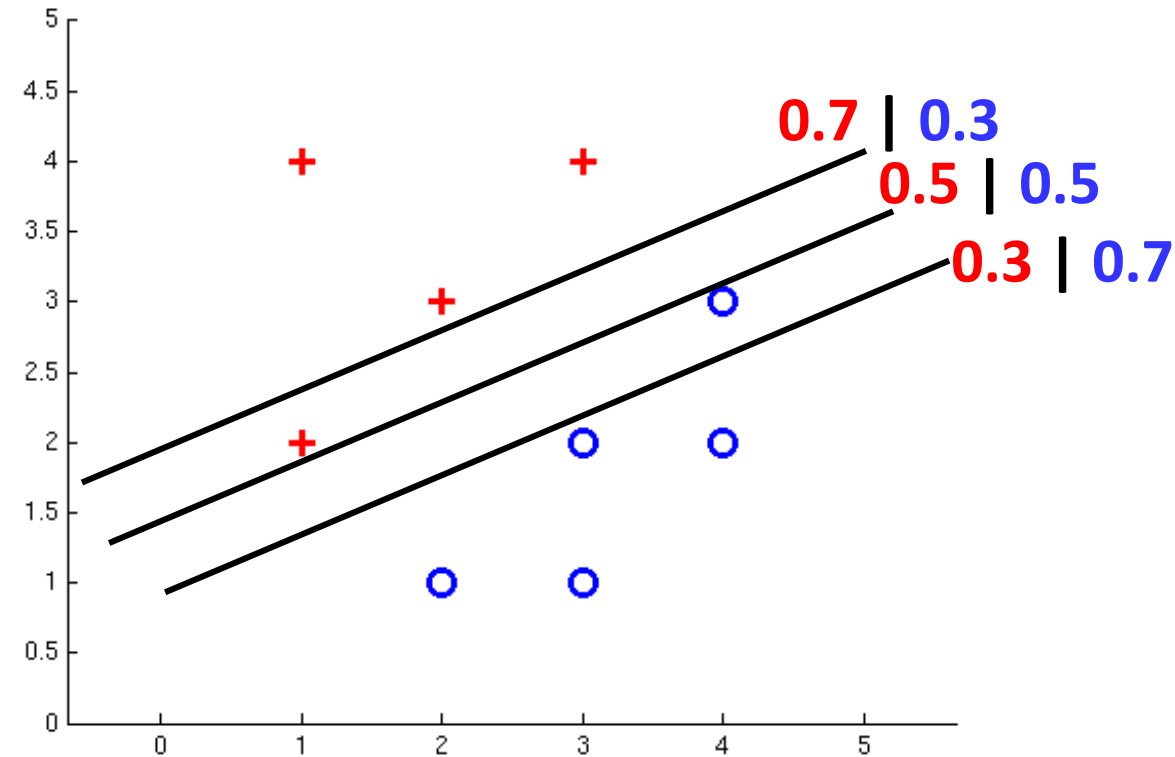
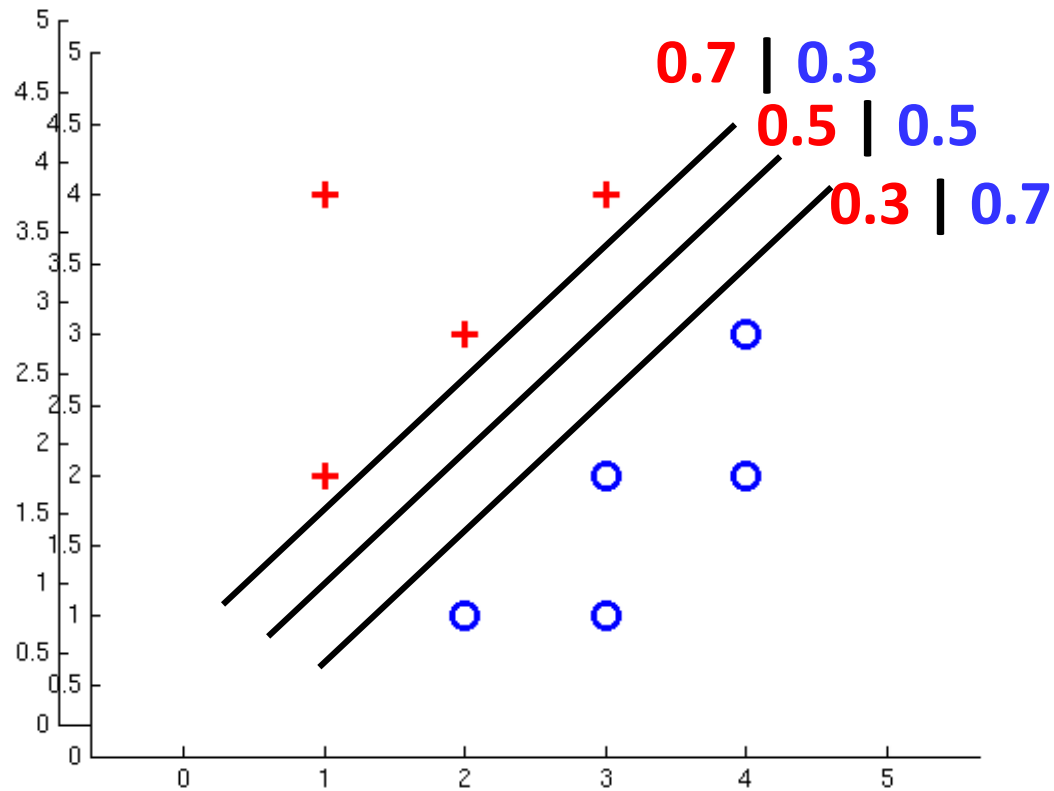
- Weak calibration: higher confidences mean higher accuracy
- Strong calibration: confidence predicts accuracy rate
- What's the value of calibration?



Separable Case: Deterministic Decision – Many Options



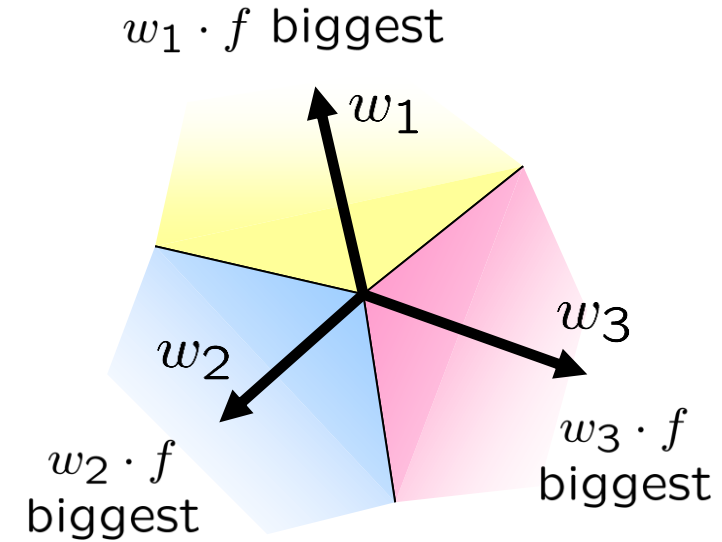
Separable Case: Probabilistic Decision – Clear Preference



Multiclass Logistic Regression

- Recall Perceptron:

- A weight vector for each class: w_y
- Score (activation) of a class y : $w_y \cdot f(x)$
- Prediction highest score wins $y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$



- How to make the scores into probabilities?

$$\underbrace{z_1, z_2, z_3}_{\text{original activations}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{e^{z_1}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}, \frac{e^{z_2}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}, \frac{e^{z_3}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}}_{\text{softmax activations}}$$

Best w ?

- Maximum likelihood estimation:

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

with:

$$P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{e^{w_{y^{(i)}} \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}{\sum_y e^{w_y \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

= Multi-Class Logistic Regression

Best w ?

- Optimization

- i.e., how do we solve:

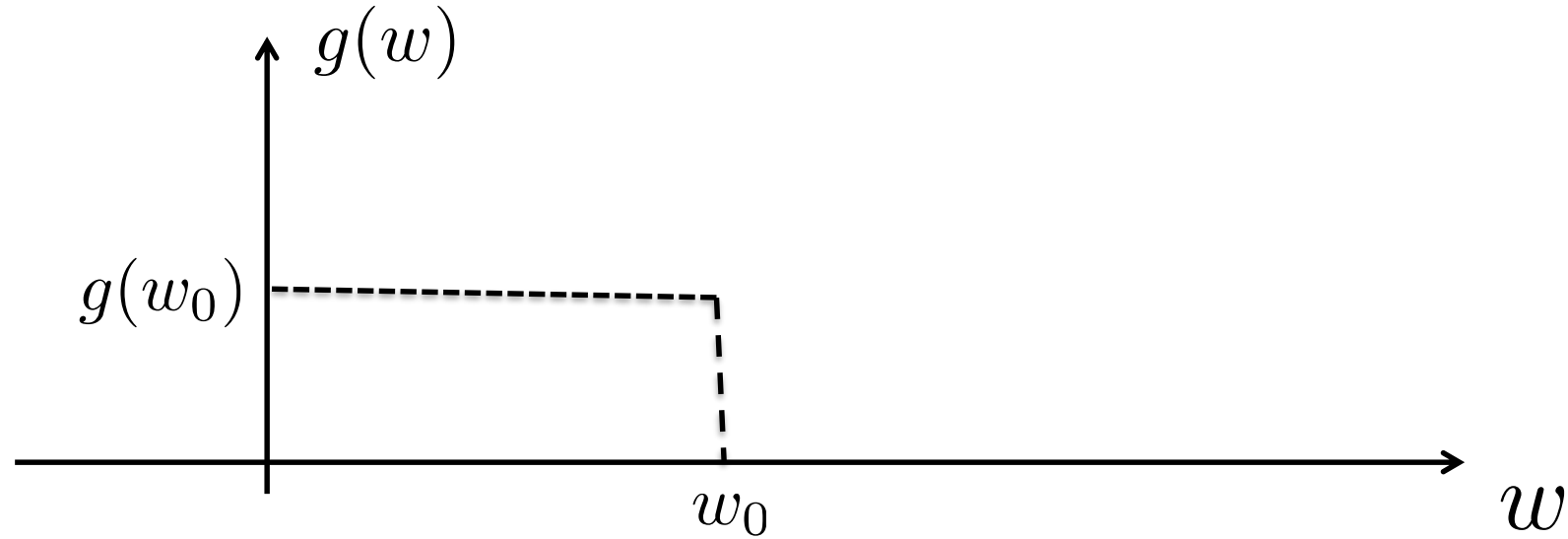
$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

Hill Climbing

- Simple, general idea
 - Start wherever
 - Repeat: move to the best neighboring state
 - If no neighbors better than current, quit
- What's particularly tricky when hill-climbing for multiclass logistic regression?
 - Optimization over a continuous space
 - Infinitely many neighbors!
 - How to do this efficiently?

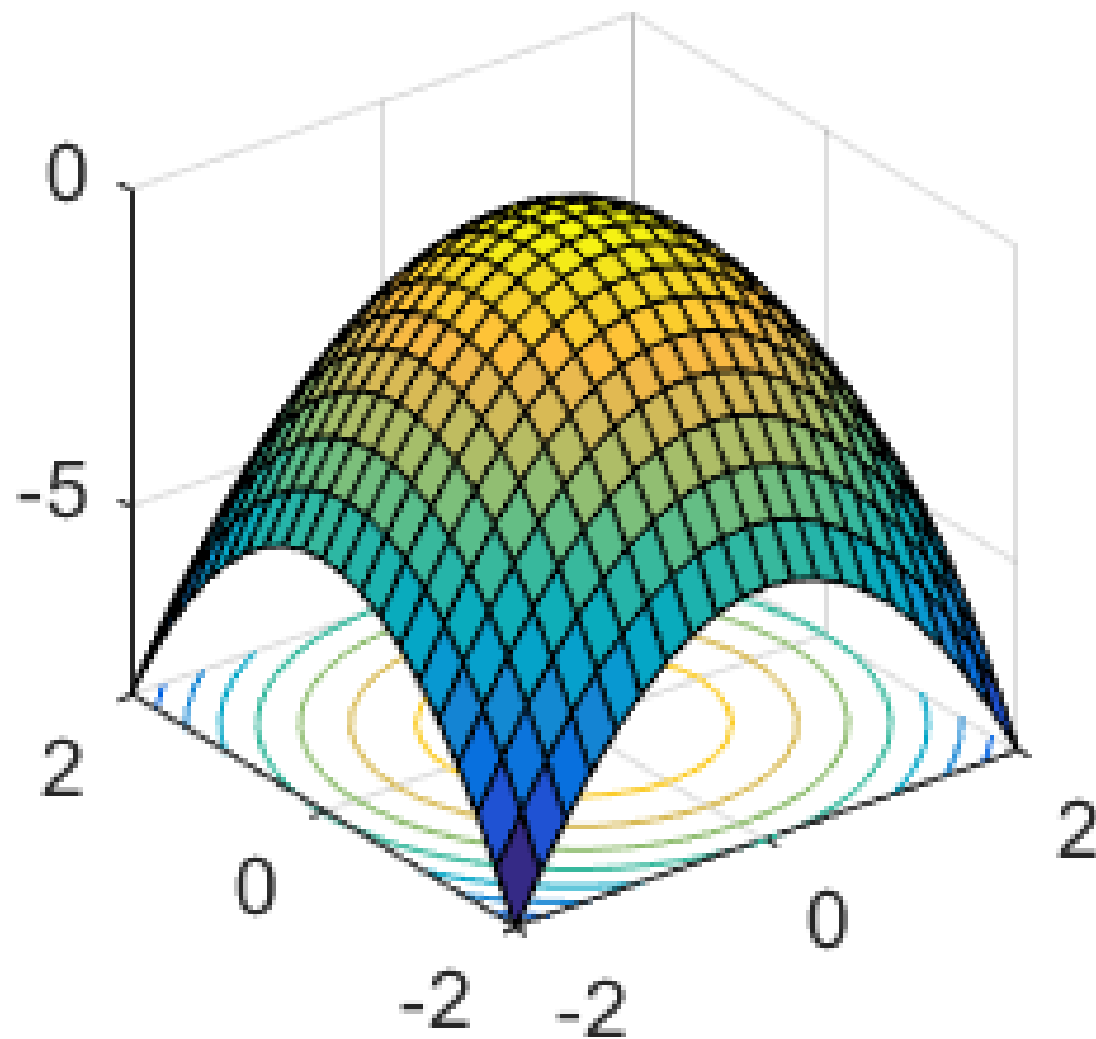


1-D Optimization



- Could evaluate $g(w_0 + h)$ and $g(w_0 - h)$
 - Then step in best direction
- Or, evaluate derivative:
 - Tells which direction to step into

2-D Optimization



Gradient Ascent

- Perform update in uphill direction for each coordinate
- E.g., consider:

- Updates: $g(w_1, w_2)$

$$w_1 \leftarrow w_1 + \alpha * \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1}(w_1, w_2)$$

$$w_2 \leftarrow w_2 + \alpha * \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2}(w_1, w_2)$$

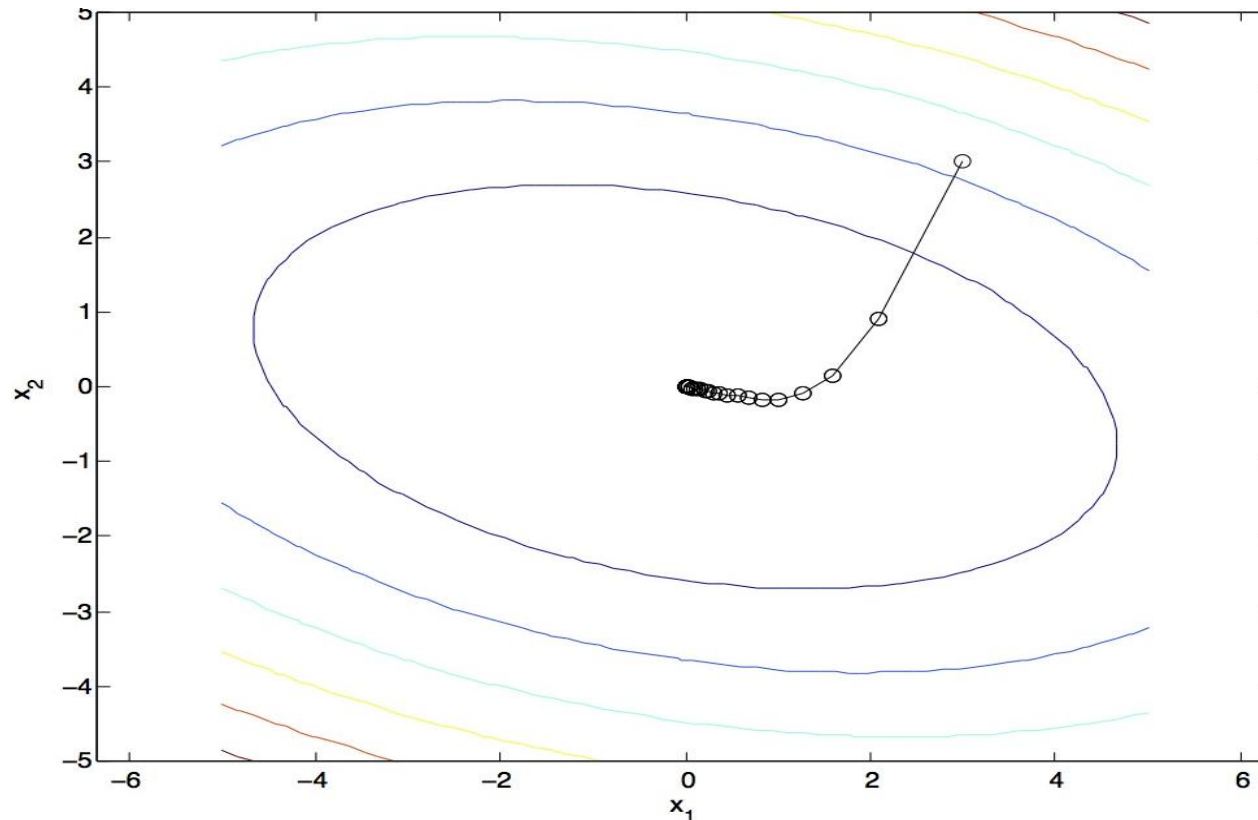
- Updates in vector notation:

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla_w g(w)$$

$$\text{with: } \nabla_w g(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1}(w) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2}(w) \end{bmatrix} = \text{gradient}$$

Gradient Ascent

- Idea:
 - Start somewhere
 - Repeat: Take a step in the gradient direction



Gradient in n dimensions

$$\nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Optimization Procedure: Gradient Ascent

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■ init  $w$   
■ for iter = 1, 2, ...  

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla g(w)$$

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- α : learning rate --- tweaking parameter that needs to be chosen carefully
- How? Try multiple choices
 - Crude rule of thumb: update changes w about 0.1 – 1 %

Batch Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \underbrace{\sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)}_{g(w)}$$

- `init` w
- `for` `iter` = 1, 2, ...

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_i \nabla \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

Stochastic Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

Observation: once gradient on one training example has been computed, might as well incorporate before computing next one

- `init w`
- `for iter = 1, 2, ...`
 - `pick random j`

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla \log P(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}; w)$$

Mini-Batch Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

Observation: gradient over small set of training examples (=mini-batch) can be computed in parallel, might as well do that instead of a single one

- `init` w
- `for` `iter` = 1, 2, ...
 - pick random subset of training examples J

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_{j \in J} \nabla \log P(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}; w)$$

How about computing all the derivatives?

- We'll talk about that in neural networks, which are a generalization of logistic regression