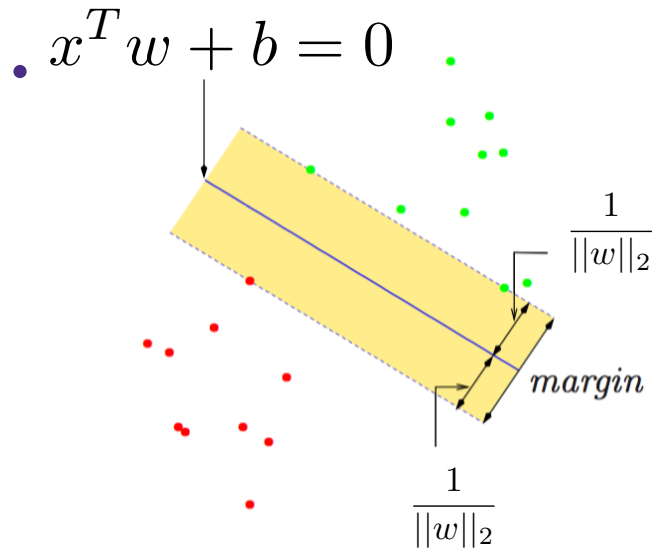


Kernels



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some points don't satisfy margin constraint:

$$\min_{w,b} \|w\|_2^2$$

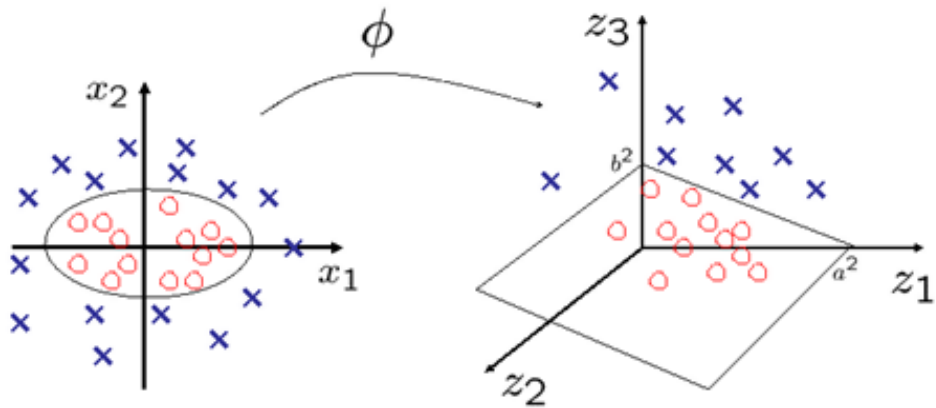
$$y_i(x_i^T w + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i$$

Two options:

1. Introduce slack to this optimization problem
2. **Lift to higher dimensional space**

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Use features of features of features...



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Degree-d Polynomials

How do we deal with high-dimensional lifts/data?

A fundamental trick in ML: use kernels

A function $K : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *kernel* for a map ϕ if $K(x, x') = \phi(x) \cdot \phi(x')$ for all x, x' .

So, if we can represent our algorithms/decision rules as dot products and we can find a kernel for our feature map then we can avoid explicitly dealing with $\phi(x)$.

Linear Regression as Kernels

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General d : Dimension of $\phi(u)$ is roughly p^d if $u \in \mathbb{R}^p$

Feature expansion can be written **implicitly** $K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^p$

Examples of Kernels

- **Polynomials of degree exactly d**

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- **Polynomials of degree up to d**

$$K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 1)^p$$

- **Gaussian (squared exponential) kernel**

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

- **Sigmoid**

$$K(u, v) = \tanh(\gamma \cdot u^T v + r)$$

The Kernel Trick

Pick a kernel K

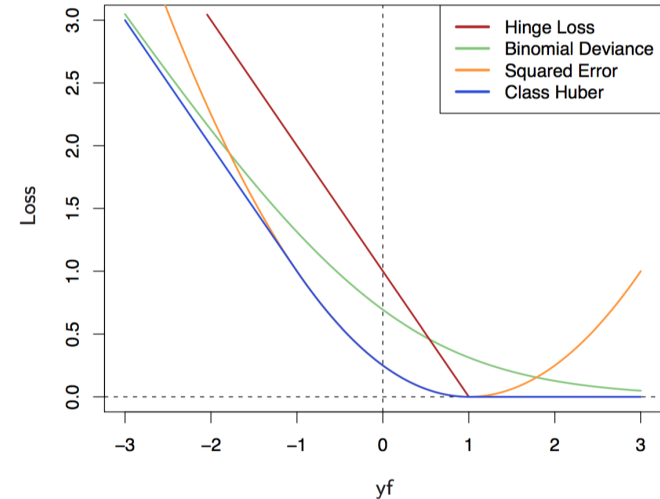
For a linear predictor, show $w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i$

Change loss function/decision rule to only access data through dot products

Substitute $K(x_i, x_j)$ for $x_i^T x_j$

Loss Functions

$$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad y_i \in \mathbb{R}$$



- Loss functions:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i(w)$$

Squared error Loss: $\ell_i(w) = (y_i - x_i^T w)^2$

Logistic Loss: $\ell_i(w) = \log(1 + \exp(-y_i x_i^T w))$

0/1 loss: $\ell_i(w) = \mathbb{I}[\text{sign}(y_i) \neq \text{sign}(x_i^T w)]$

Hinge Loss: $\ell_i(w) = \max\{0, 1 - y_i x_i^T w\}$

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Unregularized kernel least squares can (over) fit **any data!**

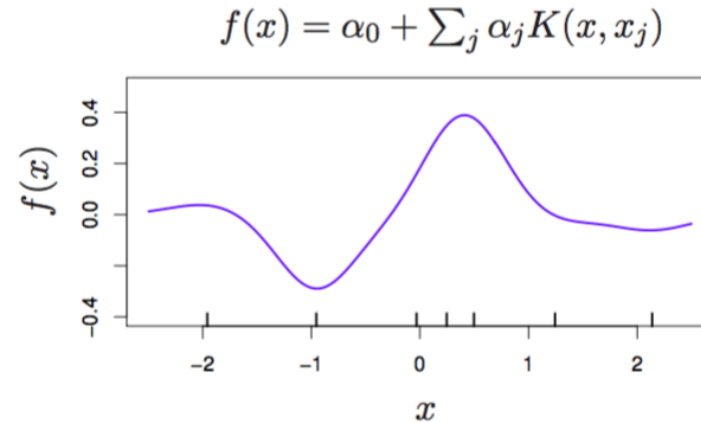
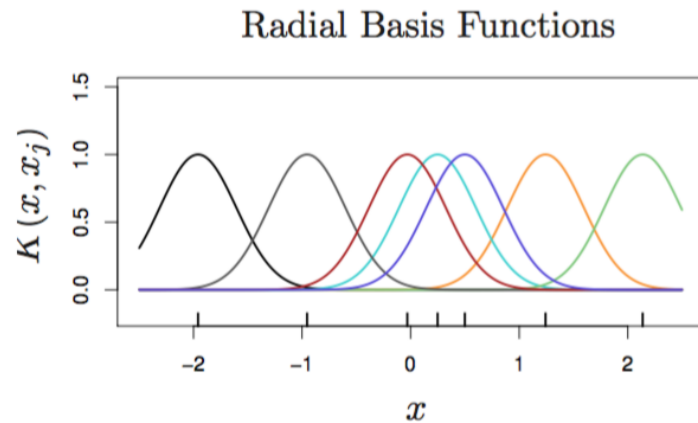
$$\hat{\alpha} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

The Kernel Trick for SVMs

RBF Kernel

$$K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

This is like weighting “bumps” on each point

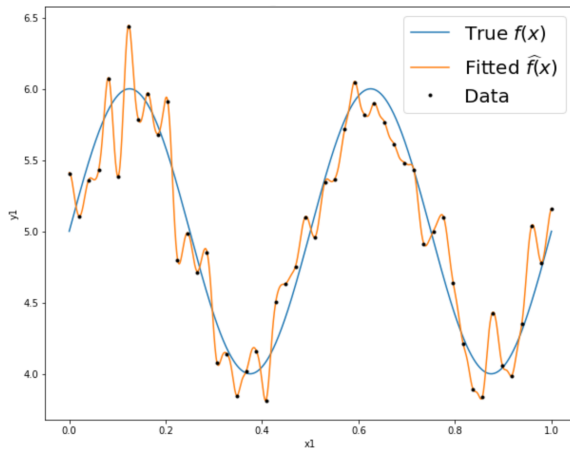


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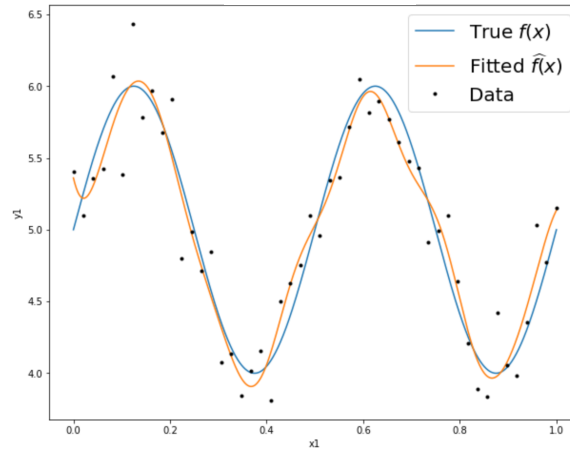
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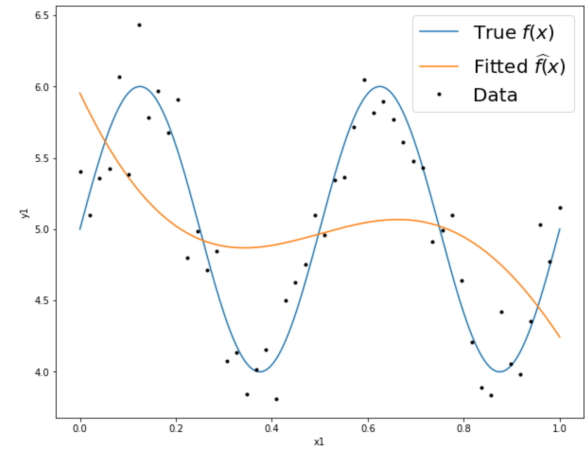
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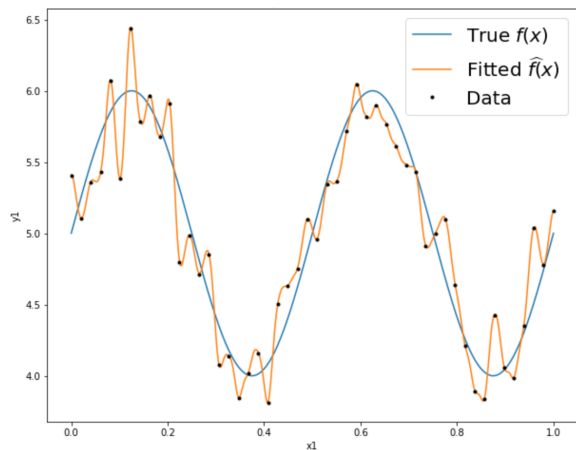
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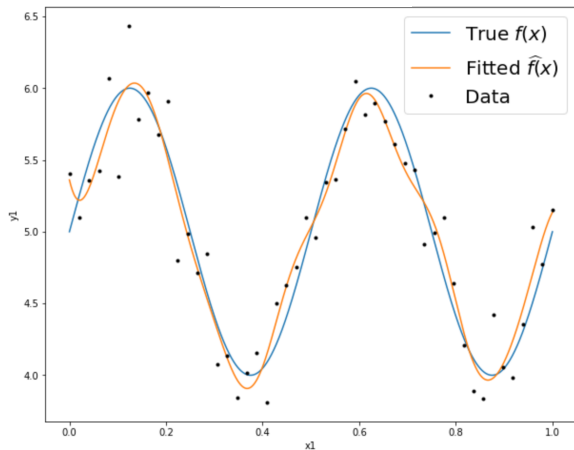
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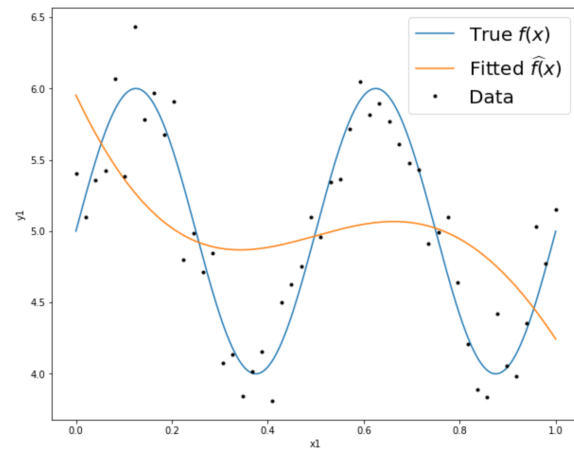
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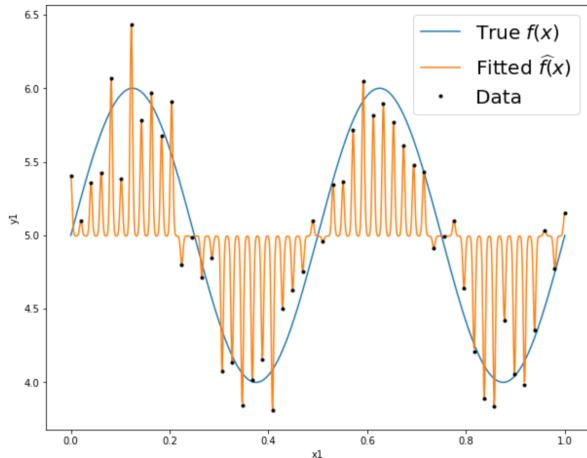
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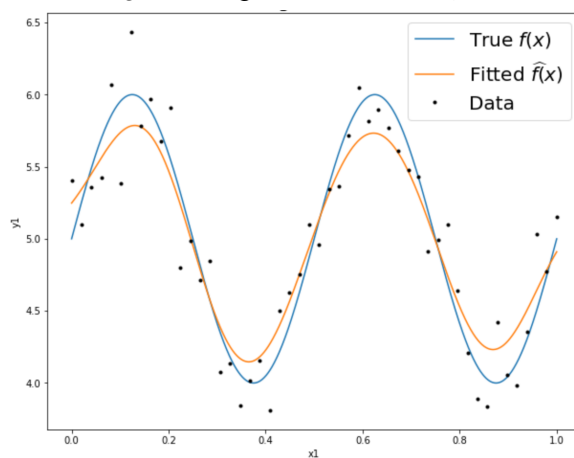
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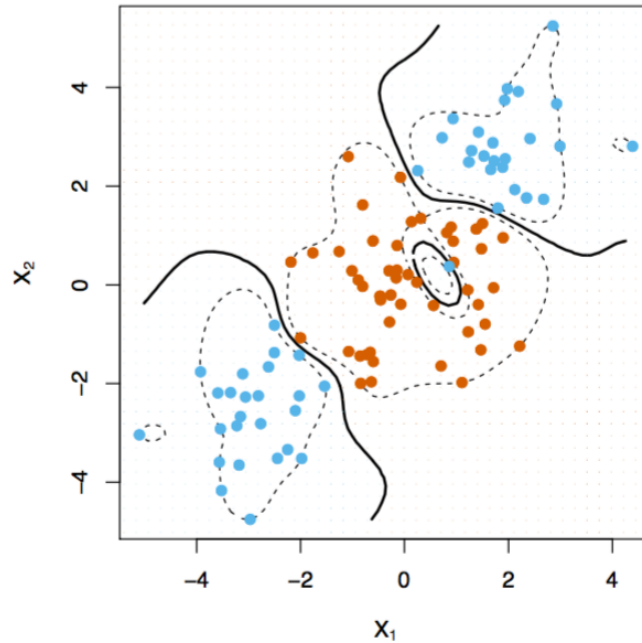
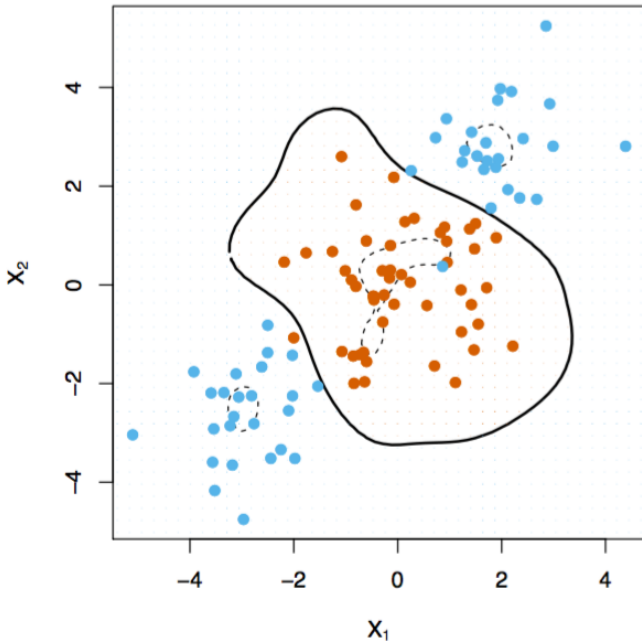
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$$2 \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) = \cos(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha - \beta)$$
$$e^{jz} = \cos(z) + j \sin(z)$$

$$\phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \cos(w_1^T x + b_1) \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{2} \cos(w_p^T x + b_p) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2\gamma I)$$

$$b_k \sim \text{uniform}(0, \pi)$$

[Rahimi, Recht NIPS 2007]
“NIPS Test of Time Award, 2018”

String Kernels

Example from Efron and Hastie, 2016

Amino acid sequences of different lengths:

x1 IPTSALVKETLALLSTHRTLLIANETLRIPVPVHKNHQLCTEEIFQGIGTLESQTVQGGTV
ERLFKNLSLIKKYIDGQKKKCGEERRRVNQFLDY**LQE**FLGVMNTEWI

x2 PHRRDLCSRSIWLARKIRSDLTALTESYVKHQGLWSELTEAER**LQEN**LQAYRTFHVLLA
RLLEDQQVHFTPTGDFHQAIHTLLLQVAAFAYQIEELMILLEYKIPRNEADGMLFEKK
LWGLKV**LQE**LSQWTVRSIHDLRFISSHQTGIP

All subsequences of length 3 (of possible 20 amino acids) $20^3 = 8,000$

$$h_{LQE}^3(x_1) = 1 \text{ and } h_{LQE}^3(x_2) = 2.$$

Fixed Feature V.S. Learned Feature
