

CPSC 340: Machine Learning and Data Mining

Multi-Class Classification

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- **Assignment 4:**
 - Due Friday of next week.
- **Midterm:**
 - Grades posted.
 - Can view exam during Mike or my office hours this week and next week.

Last Time: SVMs, Logistic Regression, One vs. All

- We discussed **hinge loss** and **logistic loss** for binary classification.
 - **Convex approximation to number of classification errors** in linear models.
 - Leads to **SVMs** (hinge + L2-regularization) and **logistic regression** (logistic).
- We discussed **multi-class classification**: y_i in $\{1,2,\dots,k\}$.
- **One vs. all** with +1/-1 binary classifier:
 - Train **weights w_c** to **predict +1 for class 'c'**, -1 otherwise.

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & w_1^T & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & w_2^T & \text{---} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{---} & w_k^T & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix}} \right\}^k$$

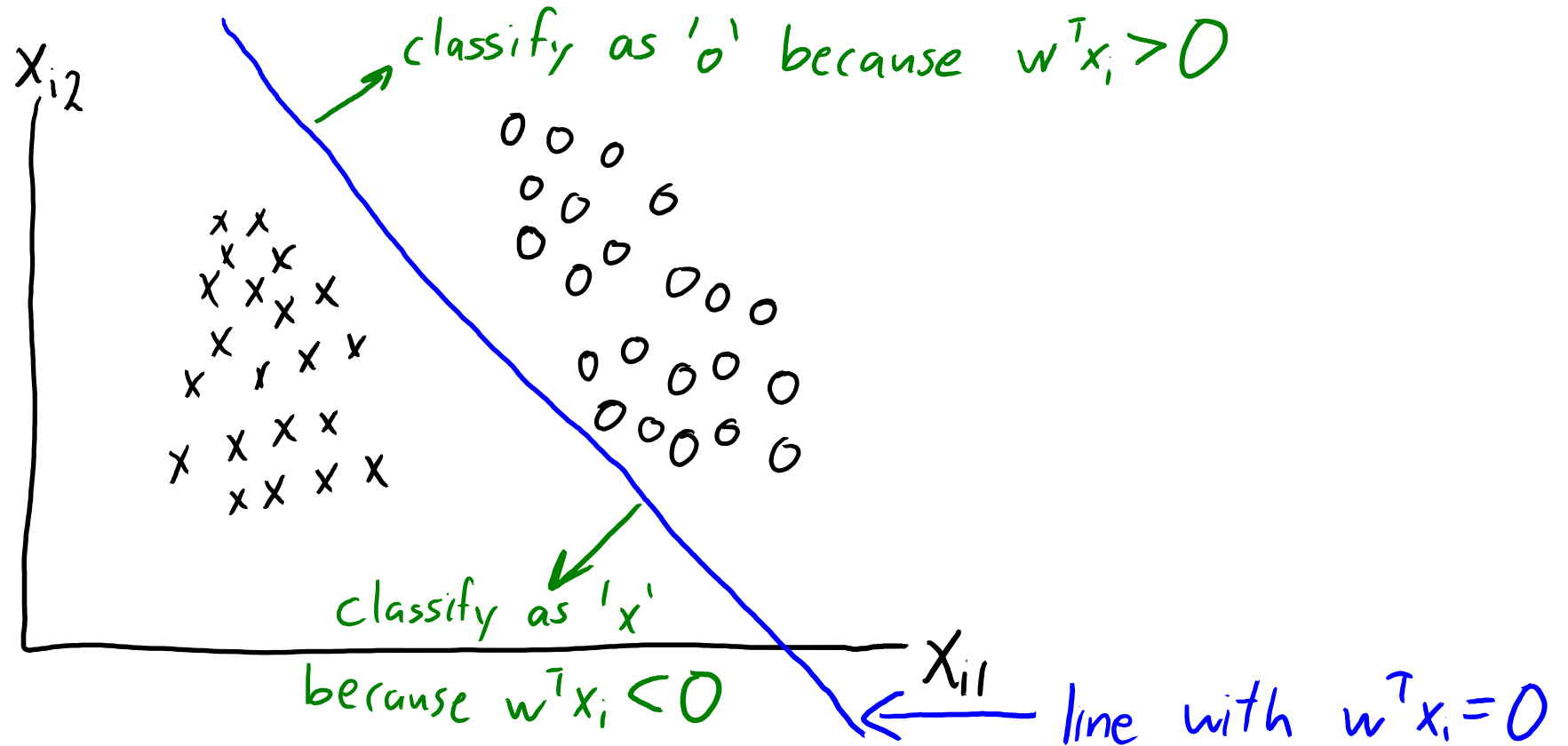
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→ Each row 'c' gives weights w_c for a binary logistic regression model to predict class 'c'.

- Predict by **taking 'c' maximizing $w_c^T x_i$** .
 - Problem: each w_c is only “trying to get sign right” during training.
 - Didn't train the w_c so that the largest $w_c^T x_i$ would be $w_{y_i}^T x_i$.

Shape of Decision Boundaries

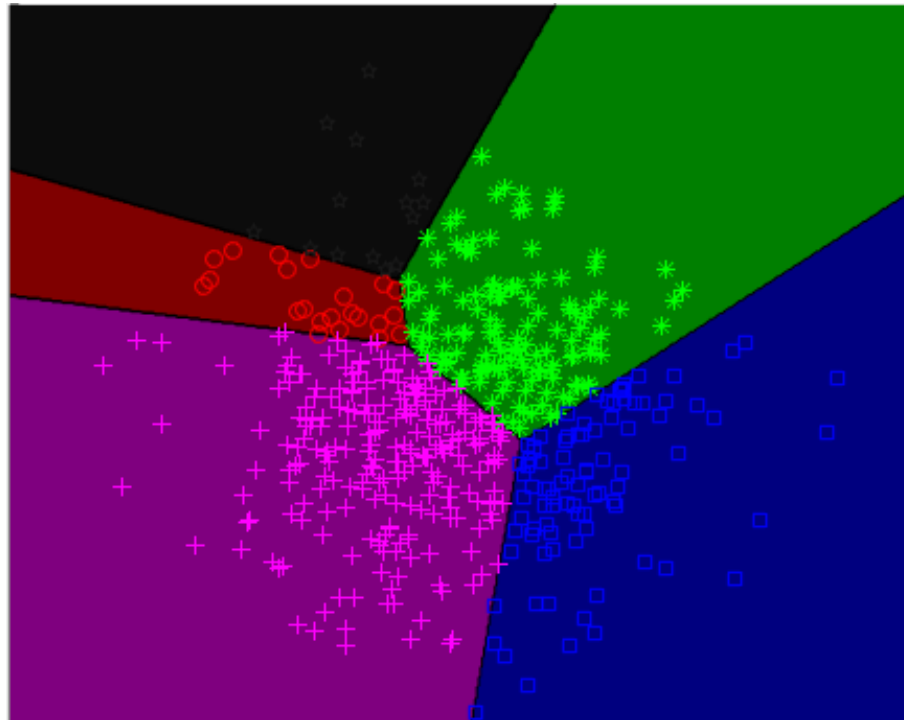
- Recall that a **binary linear classifier** splits space using a hyper-plane:



- Divides x_i space into 2 "half-spaces".

Shape of Decision Boundaries

- **Multi-class linear classifier** is intersection of these “half-spaces”:
 - This divides the space into **convex regions** (like k-means):



"Blue" region is region where we have:

$$w_{\text{blue}}^T x_i \geq w_{\text{green}}^T x_i$$
$$w_{\text{blue}}^T x_i \geq w_{\text{magenta}}^T x_i$$
$$w_{\text{blue}}^T x_i \geq w_{\text{red}}^T x_i$$
$$w_{\text{blue}}^T x_i \geq w_{\text{black}}^T x_i$$

- Could be **non-convex** with change of basis.

Multi-Class SVMs

- Can we define a **loss that encourages largest $w_c^T x_i$ to be $w_{y_i}^T x_i$?**
 - So when we maximizing over $w_c^T x_i$, we **choose correct label y_i .**
- Recall our derivation of the **hinge loss** (SVMs):
 - We **wanted $y_i w^T x_i > 0$** for all ‘i’ to classify correctly.
 - We avoided **non-degeneracy** by aiming for $y_i w^T x_i \geq 1$.
 - We used the **constraint violation** as our loss: $\max\{0, 1 - y_i w^T x_i\}$.
- We can derive **multi-class SVMs** using the same steps...

Multi-Class SVMs

- Can we define a loss that encourages largest $w_c^T x_i$ to be $w_{y_i}^T x_i$?

We want $w_{y_i}^T x_i > w_c^T x_i$ for all 'c' that are not correct label y_i

 If we penalize violation of this constraint it's degenerate.

We use $w_{y_i}^T x_i \geq w_c^T x_i + 1$ for all $c \neq y_i$ to avoid strict inequality

Equivalently: $0 \geq 1 - w_{y_i}^T x_i + w_c^T x_i$

- For here, there are two ways to **measure constraint violation**:

"Sum"

$$\sum_{c \neq y_i} \max \{ 0, 1 - w_{y_i}^T x_i + w_c^T x_i \}$$

"Max"

$$\max_{c \neq y_i} \left\{ \max \{ 0, 1 - w_{y_i}^T x_i + w_c^T x_i \} \right\}$$

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- For each training example 'i':
 - "Sum" rule penalizes for each 'c' that violates the constraint.
 - "Max" rule penalizes for one 'c' that violates the constraint the most.
 - "Sum" gives a penalty of 'k-1' for W=0, "max" gives a penalty of '1'.
- If we add L2-regularization, both are called multi-class SVMs:
 - "Max" rule is more popular, "sum" rule usually works better.
 - Both are convex upper bounds on the 0-1 loss.

Multi-Class Logistic Regression

- We derived **binary logistic loss** by **smoothing a degenerate 'max'**.
 - A **degenerate constraint** in the multi-class case can be written as:

$$w_{y_i}^T x_i \geq \max_c \{w_c^T x_i\}$$

or $0 \geq -w_{y_i}^T x_i + \max_c \{w_c^T x_i\}$

- We want the right side to be as small as possible.
- Let's **smooth the max with the log-sum-exp**:

$$-w_{y_i}^T x_i + \log\left(\sum_{c=1}^k \exp(w_c^T x_i)\right)$$

- With $W=0$ this gives a loss of $\log(k)$.
- This is the **softmax loss**, the loss for **multi-class logistic regression**.

Multi-Class Logistic Regression

- We **sum the loss over examples** and **add regularization**:

$$f(W) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[-w_{y_i}^T x_i + \log \left(\sum_{c=1}^K \exp(w_c^T x_i) \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{c=1}^K w_{jc}^2$$

Tries to make $w_c^T x_i$ **big** for the correct label

Approximates $\max_c \{w_c^T x_i\}$ so tries to make $w_c^T x_i$ **small** for all labels.

Usual L_2 -regularizer on elements of 'W'

- This **objective is convex** (should be clear for 1st and 3rd terms).
 - It's **differentiable** so you can use gradient descent.
- When $k=2$, **equivalent to binary logistic**.
 - Not obvious at the moment.

Digression: Frobenius Norm

- We can write **regularizer in matrix notation** using:

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{c=1}^k w_{jc}^2 = \frac{\lambda}{2} \|W\|_F^2$$

- The **Frobenius norm** of a matrix 'W' is defined by:

$$\|W\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{c=1}^k w_{jc}^2}$$

(L₂-norm if you "stack" columns into one big vector)

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Motivation: Dog Image Classification

- Suppose we're classifying **images of dogs into breeds**:



- What if we have images where **class label isn't obvious**?
 - Syberian husky vs. Inuit dog?



Learning with Preferences

- Do we need to throw out images where label is ambiguous?
 - We don't have the y_i .



- We want classifier to prefer Syberian husky over bulldog, Chihuahua, etc.
 - Even though we don't know if these are Syberian huskies or Inuit dogs.
- Can we design a loss that enforces preferences rather than “true” labels?

Learning with Pairwise Preferences (Ranking)

- Instead of y_i , we're given **list of (c_1, c_2) preferences** for each 'i':

We want $w_{c_1}^T x_i > w_{c_2}^T x_i$ for these particular (c_1, c_2) values

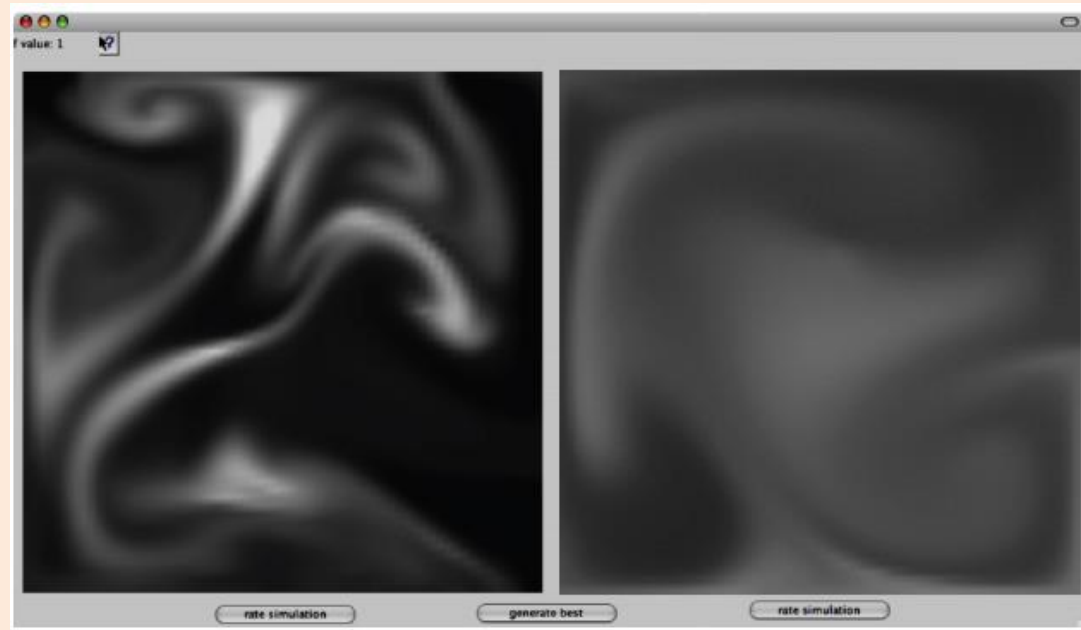
- **Multi-class classification is special case** of choosing (y_i, c) for all 'c'.
- By following the earlier steps, we can get objectives for this setting:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{(c_1, c_2)} \max\{0, 1 - w_{c_1}^T x_i + w_{c_2}^T x_i\} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|W\|_F^2$$

"sum" version of multi-class SVM

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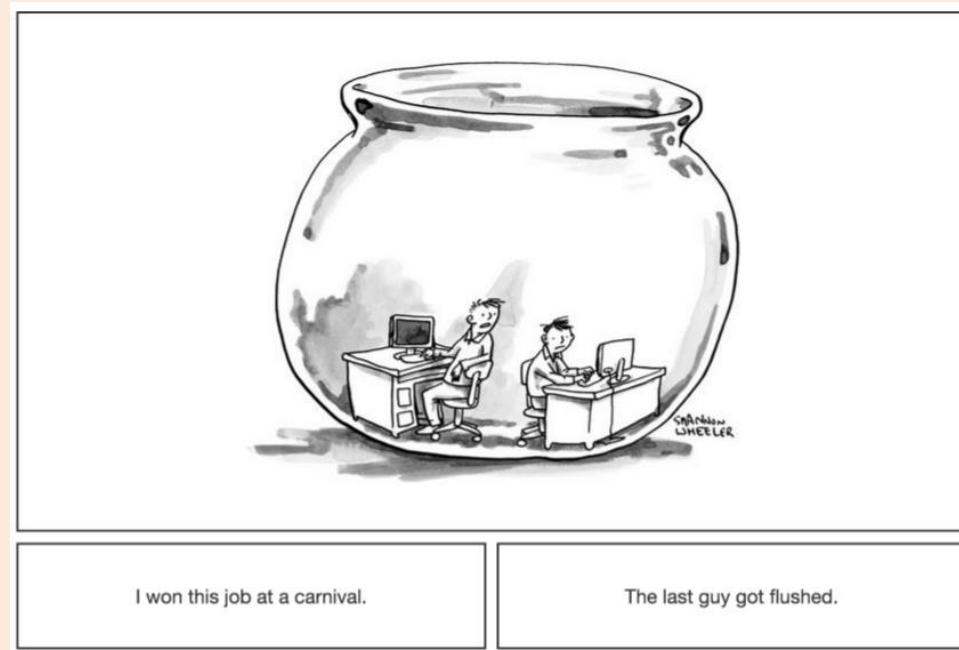
- Pairwise preferences for computer graphics:
 - We have a smoke simulator, with several parameters:



- Don't know what the optimal parameters are, but we can ask the artist:
 - “Which one looks more like smoke”?

Learning with Pairwise Preferences (Ranking)

- Pairwise preferences for humour:
 - New Yorker caption contest:

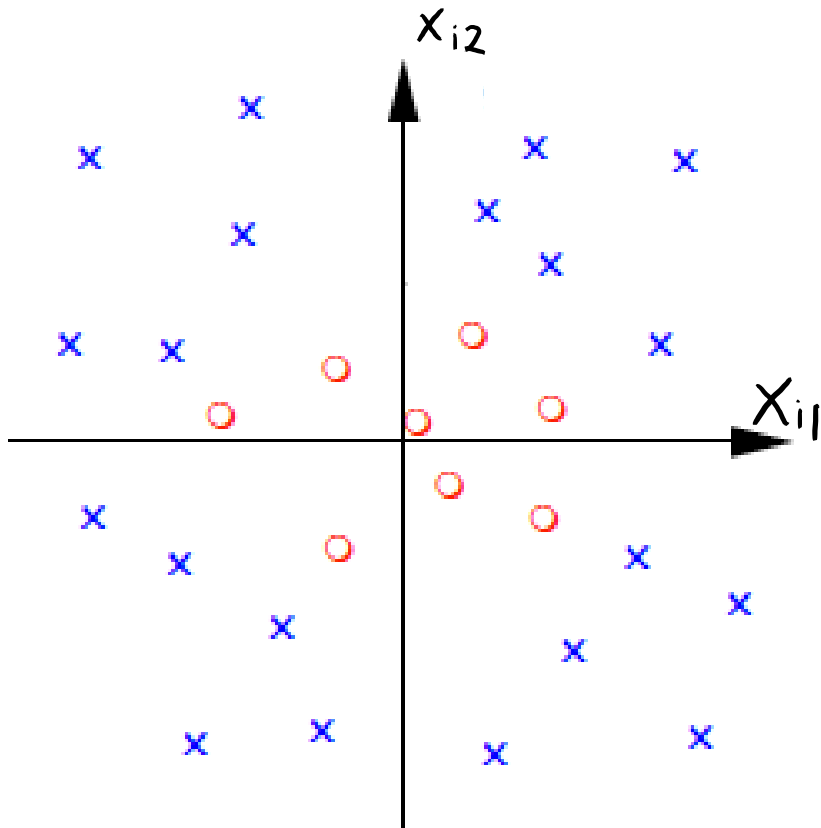


- “Which one is funnier”?

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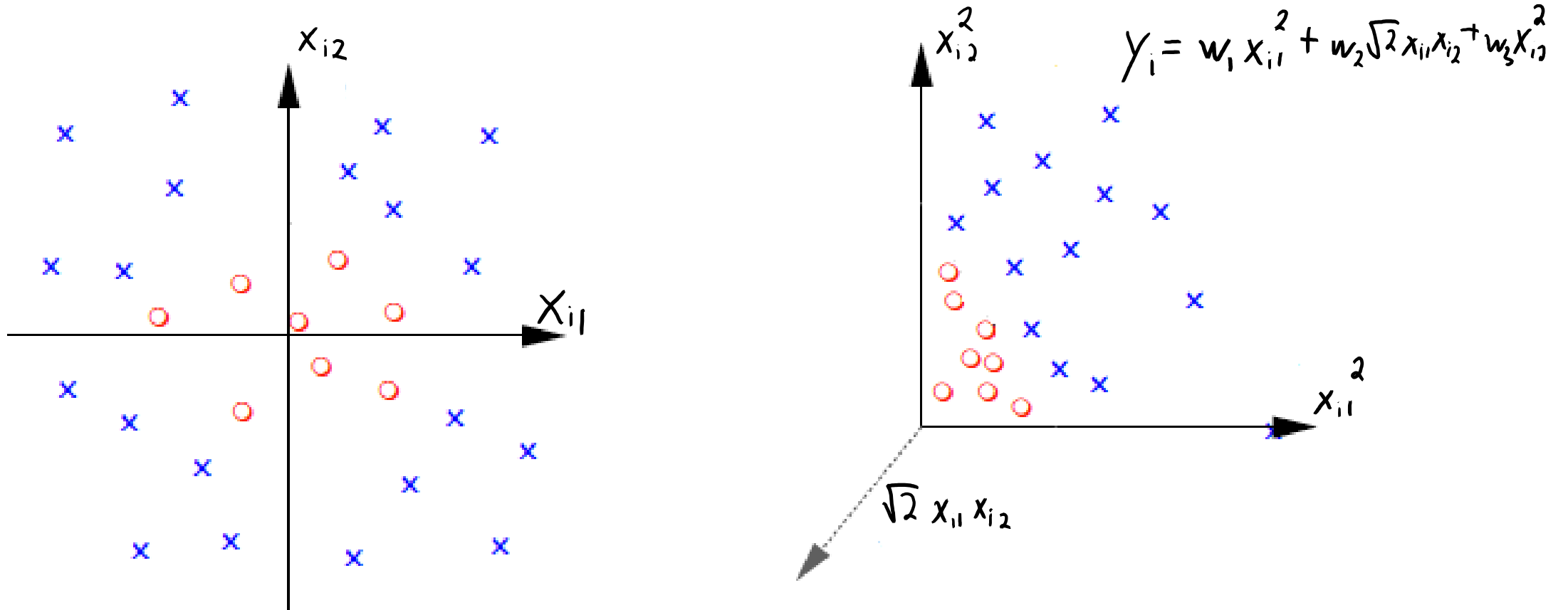
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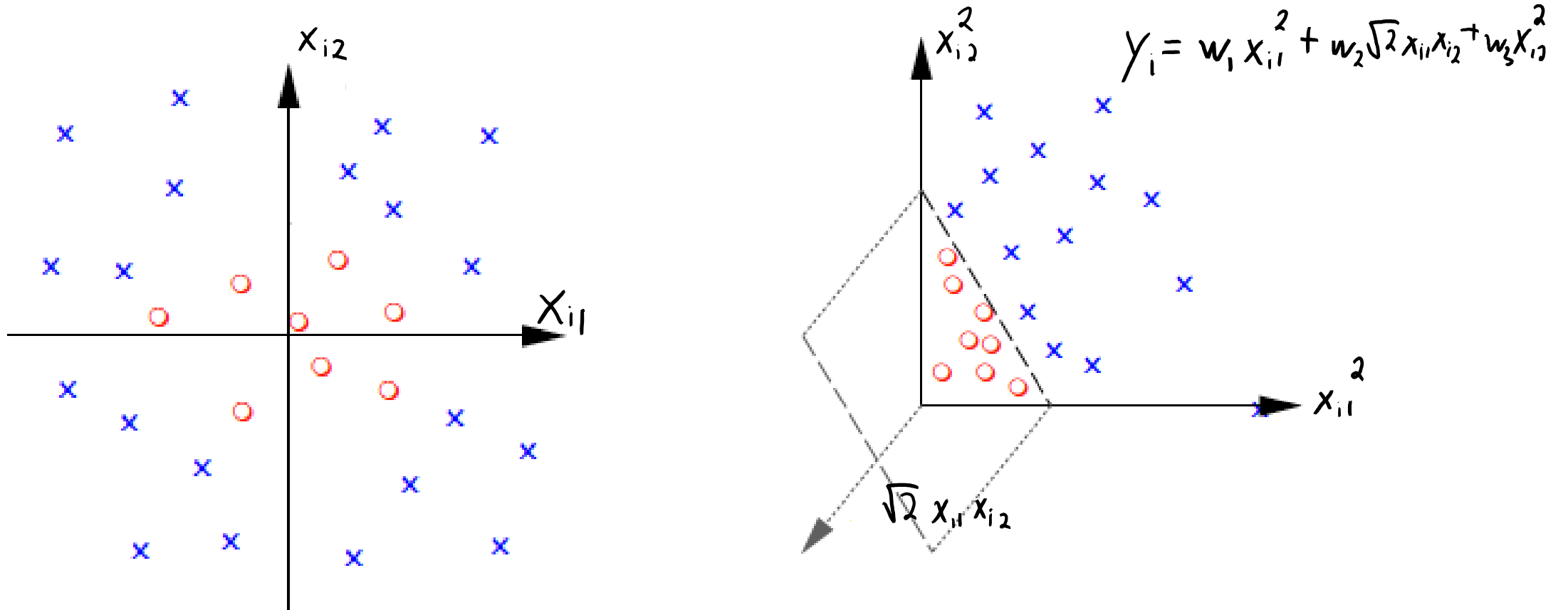
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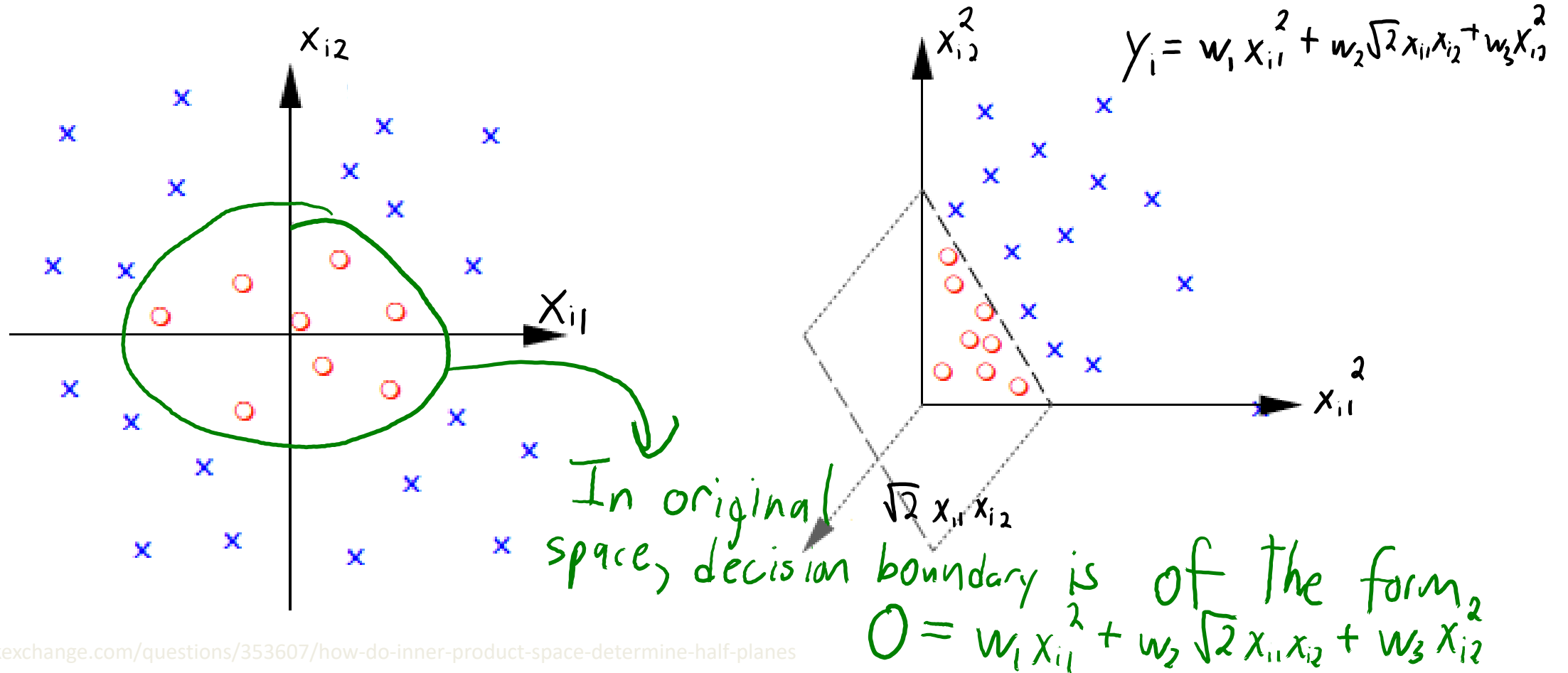
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Multi-Dimensional Polynomial Basis

- Recall fitting **polynomials** when we only have 1 feature:

$$\hat{y}_i = w_0 + w_1 x_i + w_2 x_i^2$$

- We can fit these models using a **change of basis**:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ -0.5 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & (0.2)^2 \\ 1 & -0.5 & (-0.5)^2 \\ 1 & 1 & (1)^2 \\ 1 & 4 & (4)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- How can we do this when we have a lot of features?

Kernel Trick

- If we go to degree $p=5$, we'll have $O(d^5)$ quintic terms:

$$x_{i1}^5, x_{i1}^4 x_{i2}, x_{i1}^4 x_{i3}, \dots, x_{i1}^4 x_{id}, x_{i1}^3 x_{i2}^2, x_{i1}^3 x_{i3}^2, \dots, x_{i1}^3 x_{id}^2, \dots, x_{i2}^5, x_{i2}^4 x_{i3}, \dots, x_{id}^5$$

- For large 'd' and 'p', **storing a polynomial basis is intractable!**
 - 'Z' has $k=O(d^p)$ columns, so it does not fit in memory.
- Today: efficient polynomial basis for L2-regularized least squares.
 - Main tools: the **"other" normal equations** and the **"kernel trick"**.

The “Other” Normal Equations

- Recall the **L2-regularized least squares** objective with basis ‘Z’:

$$f(v) = \frac{1}{2} \|Zv - y\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|v\|^2$$

- We showed that the minimum is given by

$$v = \underbrace{(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}}_{k \times k} Z^T y$$

(in practice you still solve the linear system, since inverse can be numerically unstable – see CPSC 302)

- With some work (bonus), this **can equivalently be written as:**

$$v = Z^T \underbrace{(ZZ^T + \lambda I)^{-1}}_{n \times n} y$$

- This is **faster if $n \ll k$:**

- Cost is $O(n^2k + n^3)$ instead of $O(nk^2 + k^3)$.

- But for the polynomial basis, this is **still too slow since $k = O(d^p)$.**

The “Other” Normal Equations

- With the “other” normal equations we have $v = Z^T(ZZ^T + \lambda I)^{-1}y$
- Given test data \tilde{X} , predict \hat{y} by forming \tilde{Z} and then using:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} &= \tilde{Z}v \\ &= \underbrace{\tilde{Z}Z^T}_{\tilde{K}} \underbrace{(ZZ^T + \lambda I)^{-1}}_K y \\ t \times 1 &= \underbrace{\tilde{K}}_{t \times n} \underbrace{(K + \lambda I)^{-1}}_{n \times n} \underbrace{y}_{n \times 1}\end{aligned}$$

- Notice that if you have K and \tilde{K} then you do not need Z and \tilde{Z} .
- Key idea behind “kernel trick” for certain bases (like polynomials):
 - We can efficiently compute K and \tilde{K} even though forming Z and \tilde{Z} is intractable.

Gram Matrix

- The matrix $K = ZZ^T$ is called the **Gram matrix K**.

$$K = ZZ^T = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & z_1^T & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & z_2^T & \text{---} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{---} & z_n^T & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_Z \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ z_1 & z_2 & \dots & z_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}}_{Z^T}$$
$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_1^T z_1 & z_1^T z_2 & \dots & z_1^T z_n \\ z_2^T z_1 & z_2^T z_2 & \dots & z_2^T z_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_n^T z_1 & z_n^T z_2 & \dots & z_n^T z_n \end{bmatrix}}_n \underbrace{\quad}_n$$

- K contains the **dot products between all training examples**.
 - Similar to 'Z' in RBFs, but using **dot product** as “similarity” instead of distance.

Gram Matrix

- The matrix $\tilde{K} = \tilde{Z}Z^T$ has dot products between train and test examples:

$$\tilde{K} = \tilde{Z}Z^T = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{z}_1^T \\ \tilde{z}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{z}_t^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ z_1 & z_2 & \dots & z_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{z}_1^T z_1 & \tilde{z}_1^T z_2 & \dots & \tilde{z}_1^T z_n \\ \tilde{z}_2^T z_1 & \tilde{z}_2^T z_2 & \dots & \tilde{z}_2^T z_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{z}_t^T z_1 & \tilde{z}_t^T z_2 & \dots & \tilde{z}_t^T z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is annotated with dimensions: t for the number of rows and n for the number of columns.

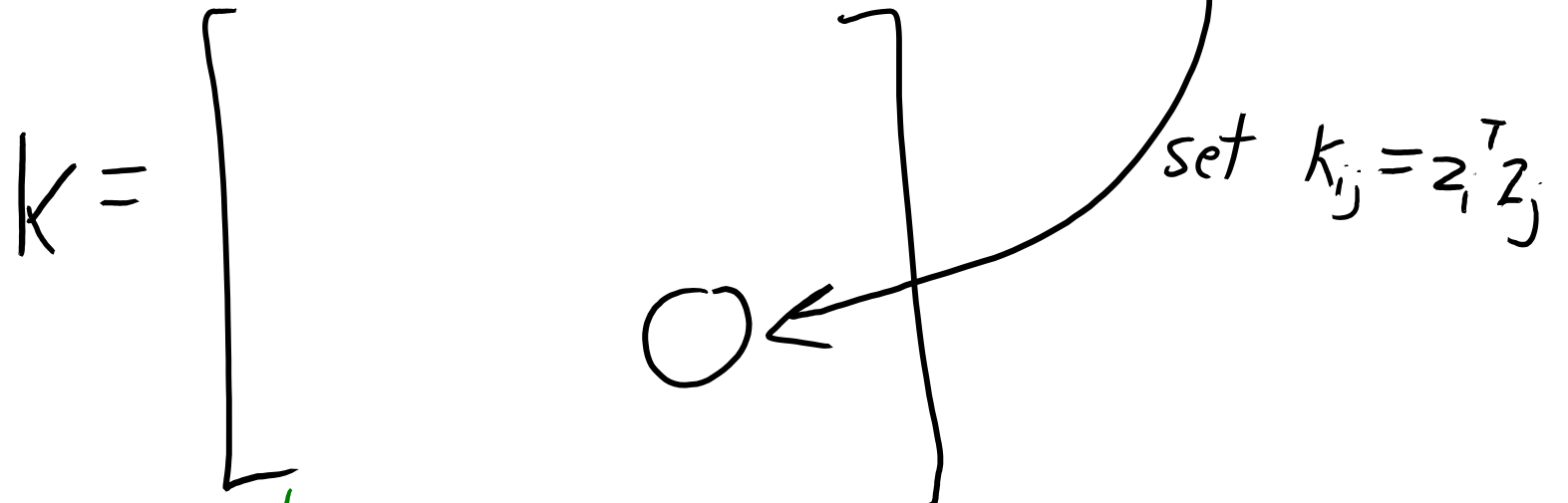
- Kernel function:** $k(x_i, x_j) = z_i^T z_j$.
 - Computes dot product between in basis ($z_i^T z_j$) using original features x_i and x_j .

Kernel Trick

To apply linear regression, I only need to know K and \tilde{K}

Use x_i to form z_i
Use x_j to form z_j

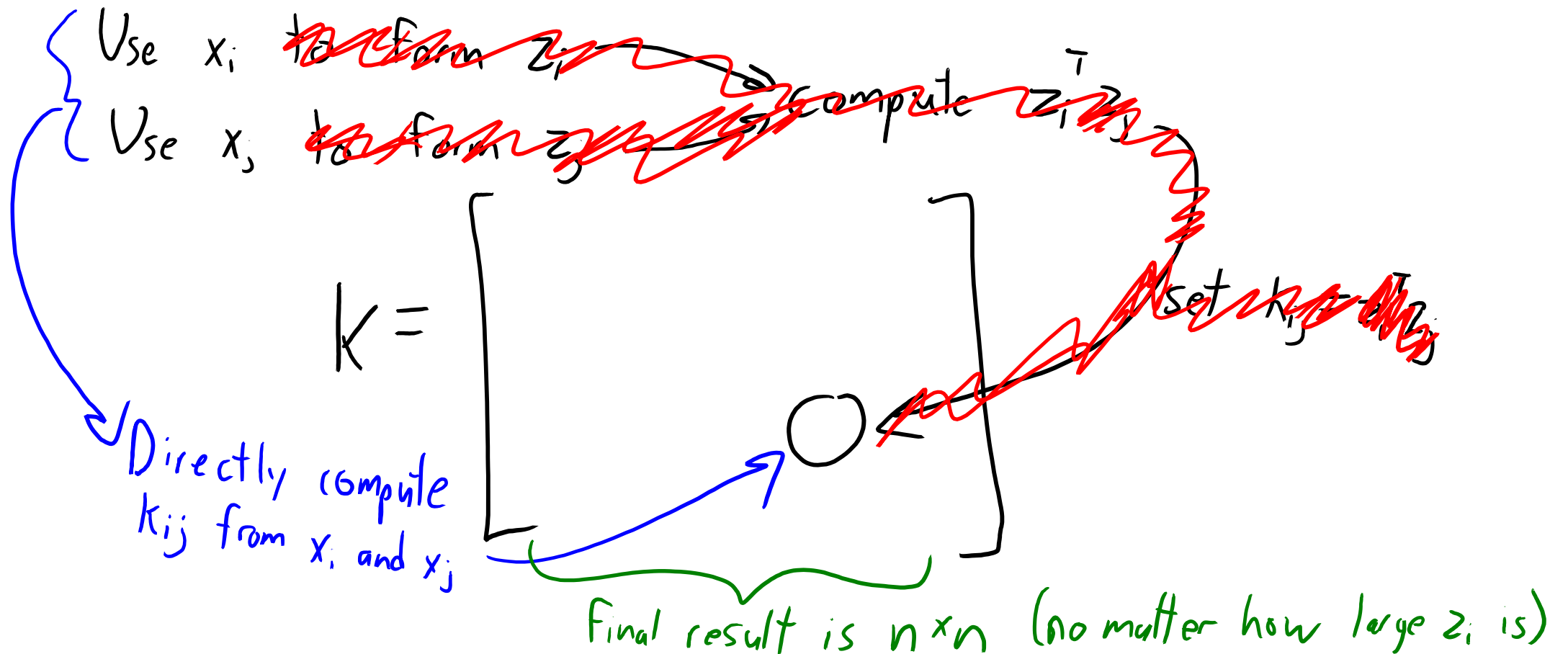
→ Compute $z_i^T z_j$



Final result is $n \times n$ (no matter how large z_i is)

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Linear Regression vs. Kernel Regression

Linear Regression

Training

1. Form basis Z from X .
2. Compute $v = (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} (Z^T y)$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{k \times 1}$

Testing

1. Form basis \tilde{Z} from \tilde{X}
2. Compute $\hat{y} = \tilde{Z} v$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{t \times k}$ $\underbrace{\quad}_{k \times 1}$

Kernel Regression

Training

1. Form inner products K from X .
2. Compute $u = (K + \lambda I)^{-1} y$
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Testing

1. Form inner products \tilde{K} from X and \tilde{X}
2. Compute $\hat{y} = \tilde{K} u$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{t \times n}$ $\underbrace{\quad}_{n \times 1}$

(Everything you need to know about Z and \tilde{Z} is contained within K and \tilde{K})

Non-parametric
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Summary

- Multi-class SVMs measure violation of classification constraints.
- Softmax loss is a multi-class version of logistic loss.
- High-dimensional bases allows us to separate non-separable data.
- “Other” normal equations are faster when $n < d$.
- Next time: how do we train on all of Gmail?

Bonus Slide: Equivalent Form of Ridge Regression

Note that \hat{X} and Y are the same on the left and right side, so we only need to show that

$$(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T = X^T (X X^T + \lambda I)^{-1}. \quad (1)$$

A version of the matrix inversion lemma (Equation 4.107 in MLAPP) is

$$(E - FH^{-1}G)^{-1}FH^{-1} = E^{-1}F(H - GE^{-1}F)^{-1}.$$

Since matrix addition is commutative and multiplying by the identity matrix does nothing, we can re-write the left side of (1) as

$$(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T = (\lambda I + X^T X)^{-1} X^T = (\lambda I + X^T I X)^{-1} X^T = (\lambda I - X^T (-I) X)^{-1} X^T = -(\lambda I - X^T (-I) X)^{-1} X^T (-I)$$

Now apply the matrix inversion with $E = \lambda I$ (so $E^{-1} = (\frac{1}{\lambda}) I$), $F = X^T$, $H = -I$ (so $H^{-1} = -I$ too), and $G = X$:

$$-(\lambda I - X^T (-I) X)^{-1} X^T (-I) = -\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) I X^T (-I - X \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) X^T)^{-1}.$$

Now use that $(1/\alpha)A^{-1} = (\alpha A)^{-1}$, to push the $(-1/\lambda)$ inside the sum as $-\lambda$,

$$-\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) I X^T (-I - X \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) X^T)^{-1} = X^T (\lambda I + X X^T)^{-1} = X^T (X X^T + \lambda I)^{-1}.$$