

Foundations of Machine Learning (ST510)

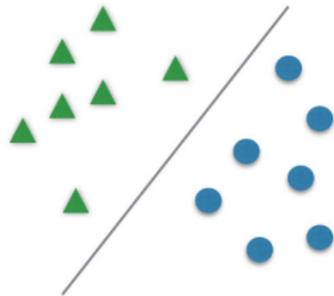
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Motivating examples

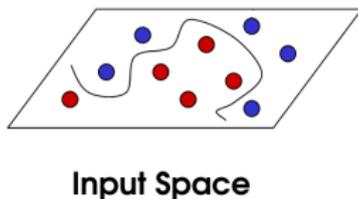
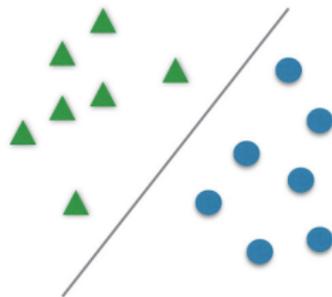
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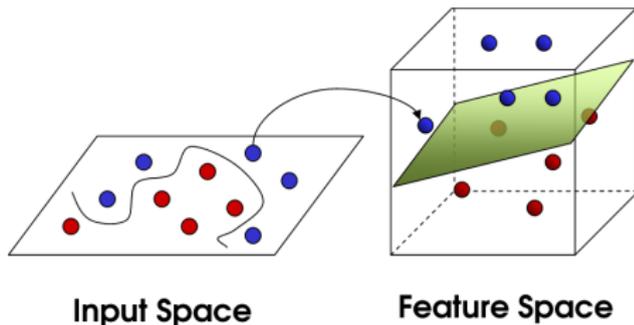
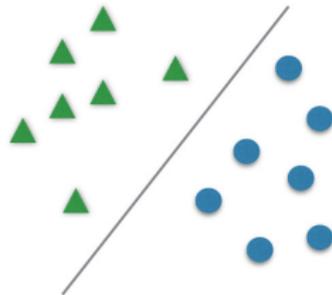
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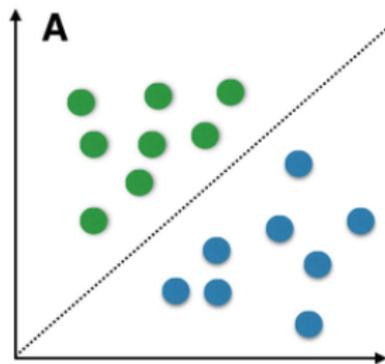
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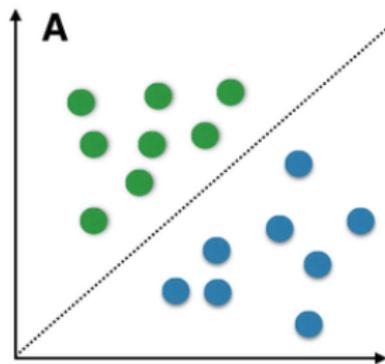


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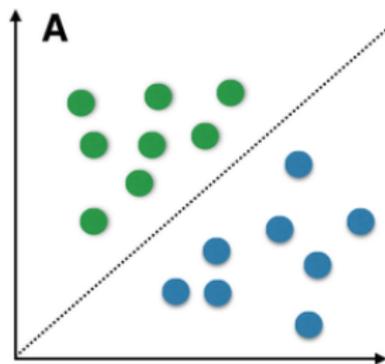
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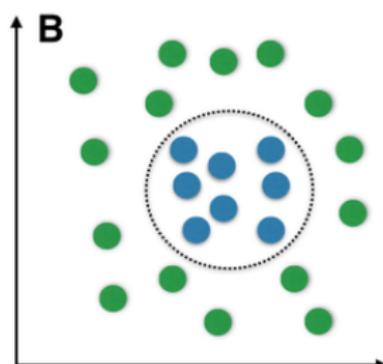
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 3. $Q(\mathbb{P}_{XY}) = 0$ iff. $X \perp Y$.
 4. $Q(\mathbb{P}_{XY}) = 1$ iff. $Y = f(X)$ or $X = g(Y)$.

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- He showed:

$$Q(\mathbb{P}_{XY}) = \sup_{f,g: \text{measurable}} \text{corr}(f(X), g(Y)),$$

satisfies 1-4.

- Too ambitious:
 - computationally intractable.
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Key: balance

denseness \rightarrow universality, computation \rightarrow RKHS.



Motivation: kernels = generalized inner product

- 1 Various data types.
- 2 RKHS: flexible ($\overset{1:1}{\longleftrightarrow}$ probability measures).
- 3 Still computationally tractable: enough $k(x_i, x_j) \in \mathbb{R}$.
- 4 RKHS: Hilbert \Rightarrow statistical analysis.
- 5 ν -RKHS [$k(x, x') \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$]: dependency among output coordinates.

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- All these definitions are equivalent, $k \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \mathcal{H}_k$.
- Examples on \mathbb{R}^d ($\gamma > 0, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$): $k_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \gamma)^p$,
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Some kernel-enriched domains: (\mathcal{X}, k)

- **Strings** [Watkins, 1999, Lodhi et al., 2002, Leslie et al., 2002, Kuang et al., 2004, Leslie and Kuang, 2004, Saigo et al., 2004, Cuturi and Vert, 2005],
- **time series** [Rüping, 2001, Cuturi et al., 2007, Cuturi, 2011, Király and Oberhauser, 2019],
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- **groups** and specifically **rankings** [Cuturi et al., 2005, Jiao and Vert, 2016],
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- **fuzzy domains** [Guevara et al., 2017], or
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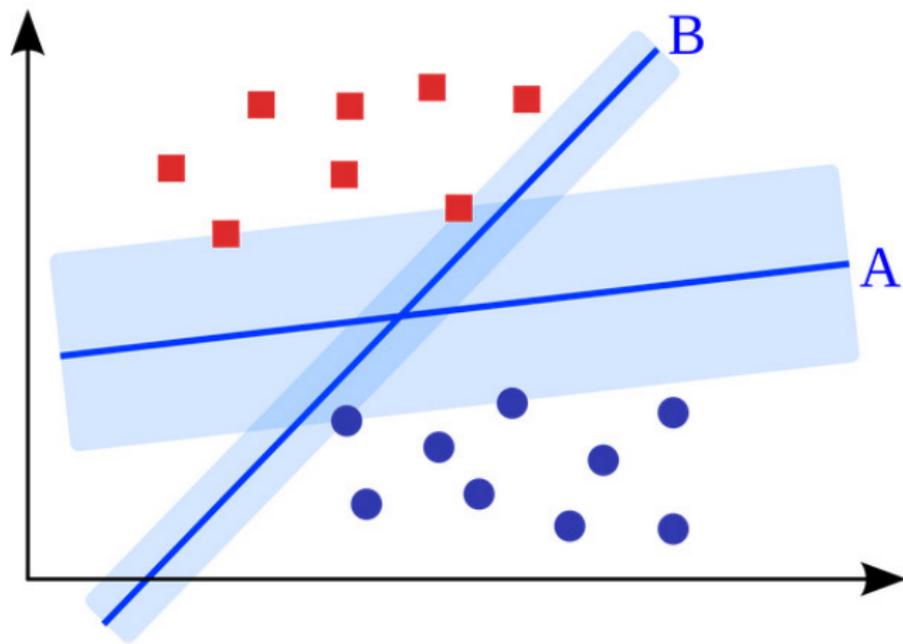
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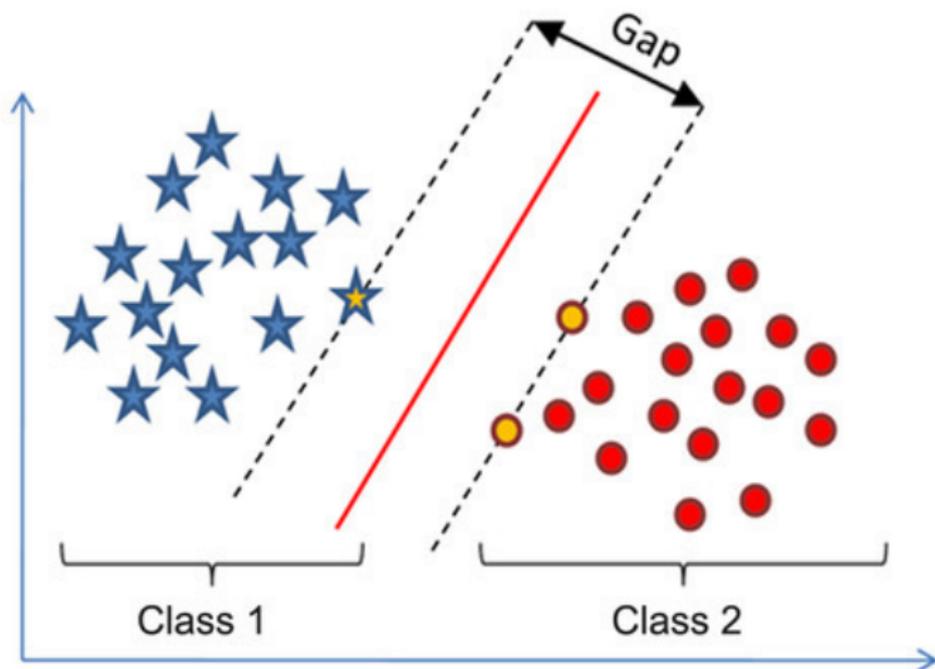
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Which separating line is the 'best'?



SVMC

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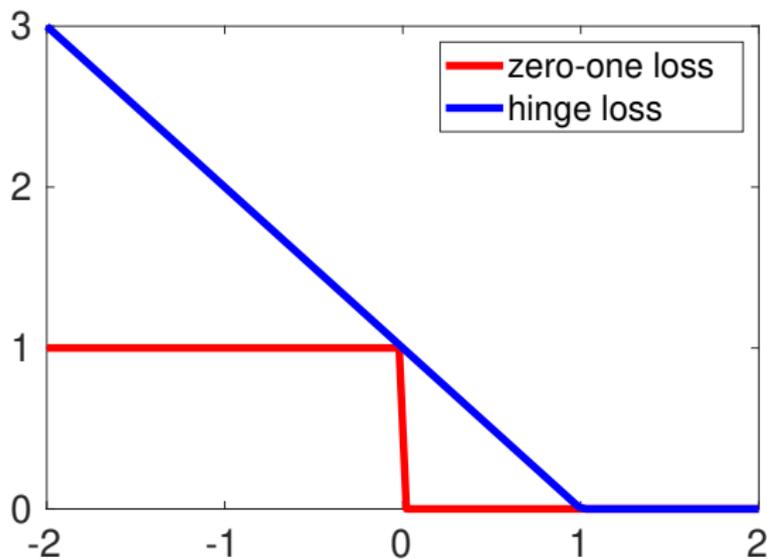
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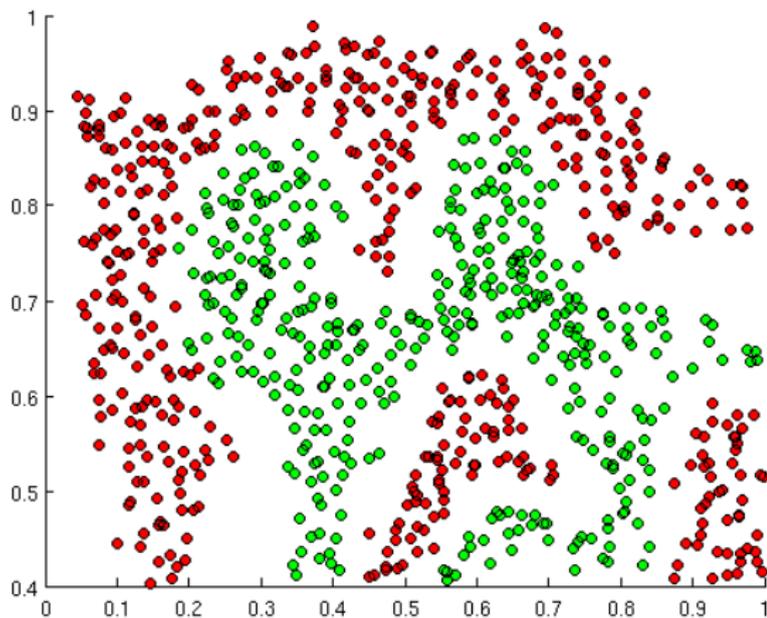
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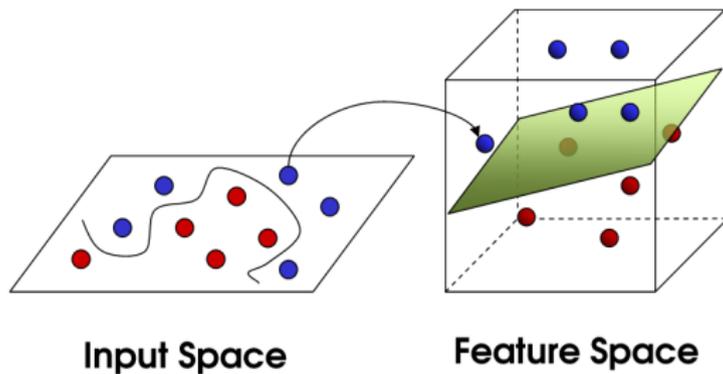
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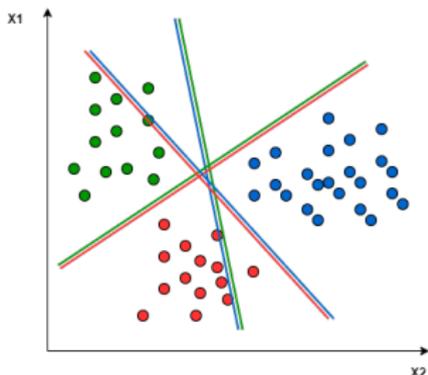
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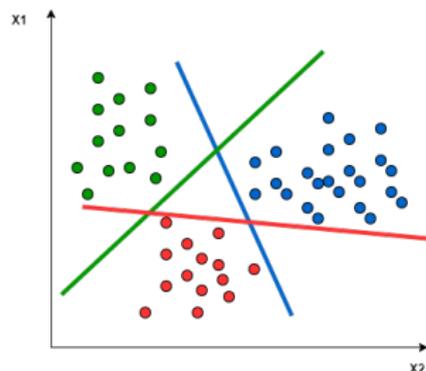
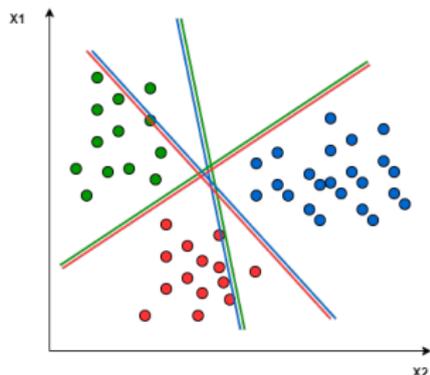


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Note: Python implementation in the **ITE** toolbox ($M \geq 2$, with acceleration).

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For consistent KCCA estimate:

- $\kappa_N \rightarrow 0$ [Leurgans et al., 1993](spline-RKHS), [Fukumizu et al., 2007] (general RKHS).
- analysis: [covariance operators](#).

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$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_X)_{ij} &= \tilde{k}(x_i, x_j) = \langle \tilde{\varphi}(x_i), \tilde{\varphi}(x_j) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k} \\ &= \langle \varphi(x_i) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \varphi(x_n), \varphi(x_j) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N \varphi(x_m) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k} \end{aligned}$$

Q4: Centered Gram matrix

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\mathbf{H} : symmetric ($\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^\top$), idempotent ($\mathbf{H}^2 = \mathbf{H}$). [Contents](#)

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