

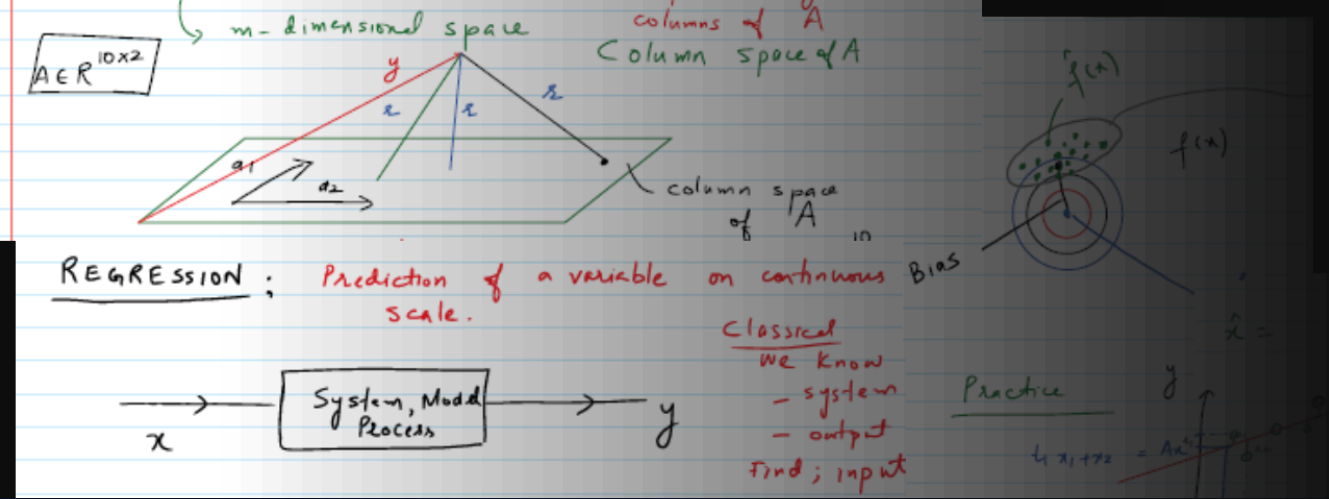
# Machine Learning EE514 – CS535

## Perceptron Classifier

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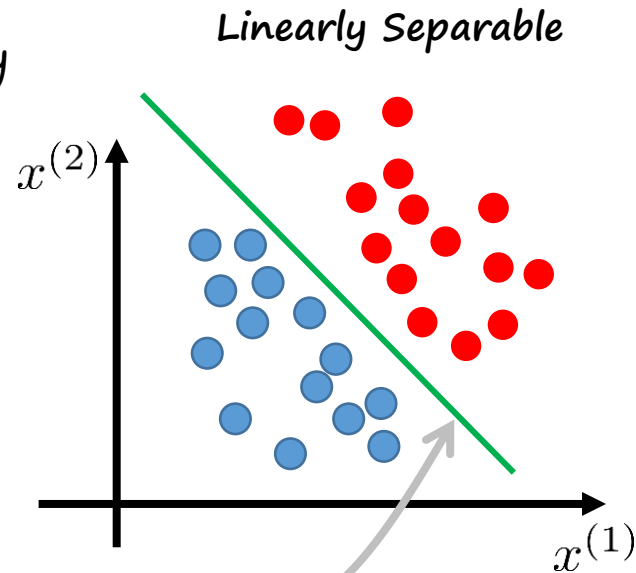
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- Perceptron and Perceptron Classifier
- Perceptron Learning Algorithm
  - Geometric Intuition
- Perceptron Learning Algorithm Convergence

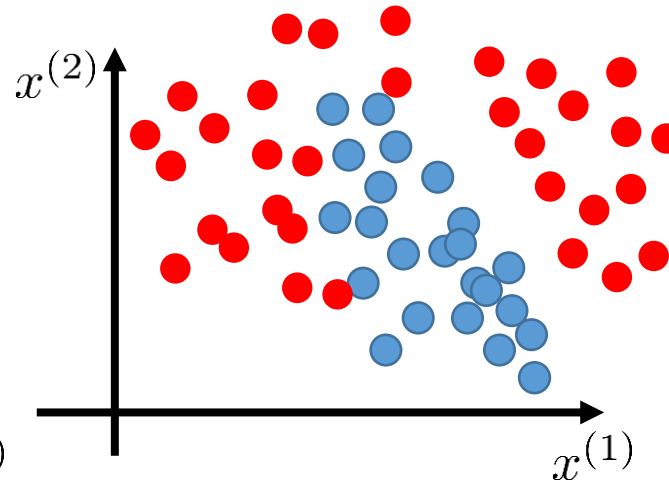
# Linear Classifiers

## Overview:

### - Linear Separability



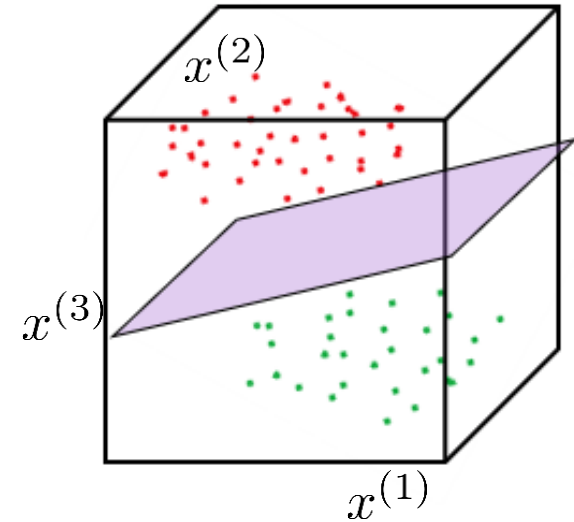
### NOT Linearly Separable



### - Linear Classifiers

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x} + \theta_0$$

- line in 2D, plane in 3D, hyper-plane in higher dimensions.



### We have studied three classifiers:

- kNN (Instance)
- Naïve Bayes (Generative)
- Logistic Regression (Discriminative)

### More Discriminative Classifiers:

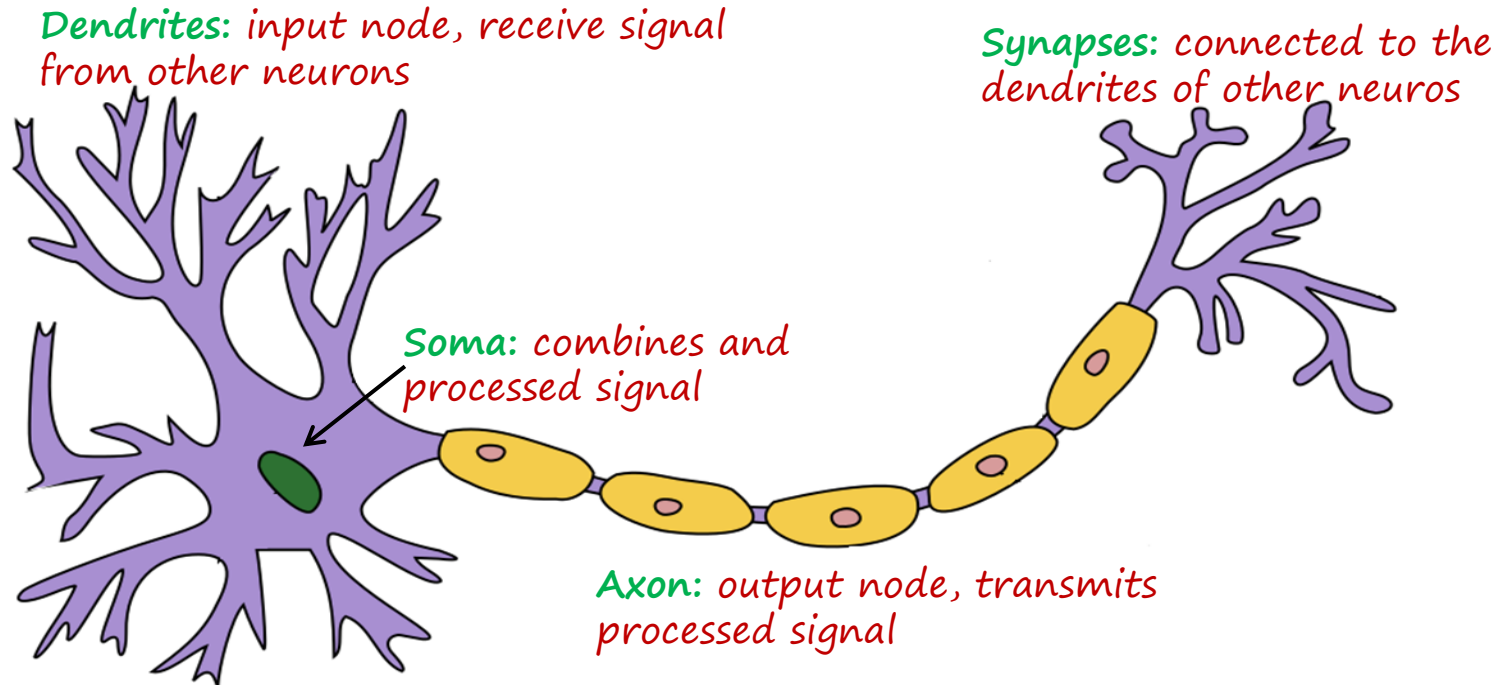
- Perceptron
- Support Vector Machines

# Perceptron Classifier

## McCulloch-Pitts (MP) Neuron:

- McCulloch (neuroscientist) and Pitts (logician) proposed a computational model of the biological neuron in 1943.

## Biological Neuron (Simplified illustration):



- Neuron is fired or transmits the signal when it is activated by the combination of input signals.

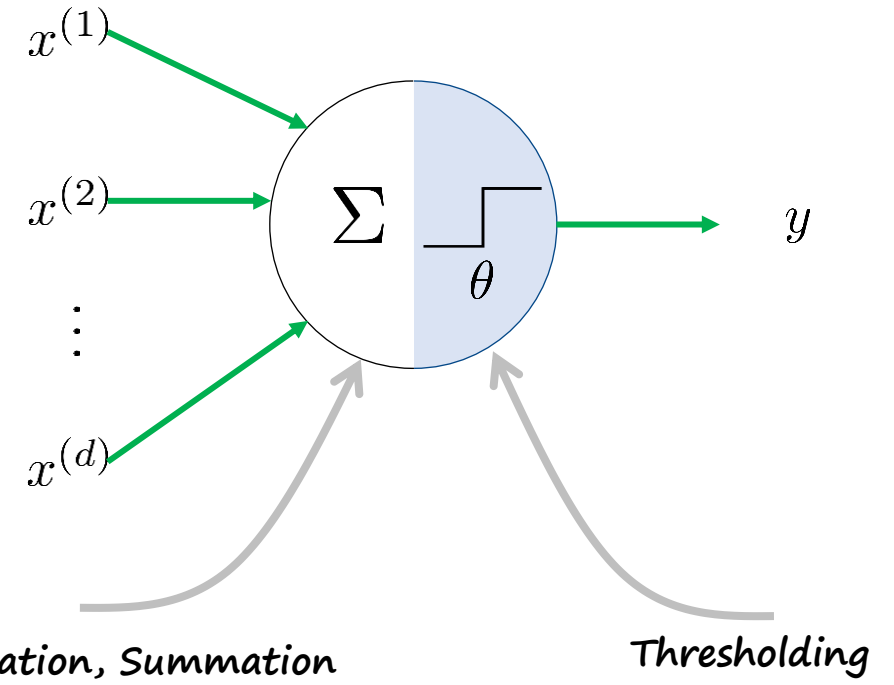
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## McCulloch-Pitts (MP) Neuron:

- $d$  number of boolean inputs  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(d)} \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- Boolean output,  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- If sum of inputs is less than  $\theta$ , the output is zero and one otherwise.
- $\theta$  is a thresholding parameter that characterizes the neuron.
- Mathematically;

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^d x^{(i)} \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^d x^{(i)} < \theta \end{cases}$$

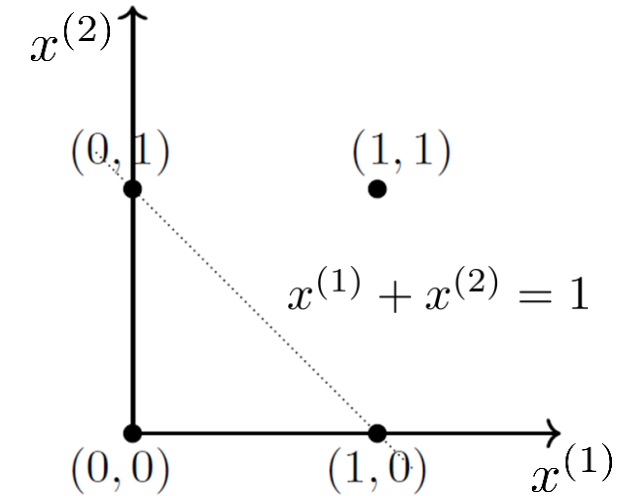
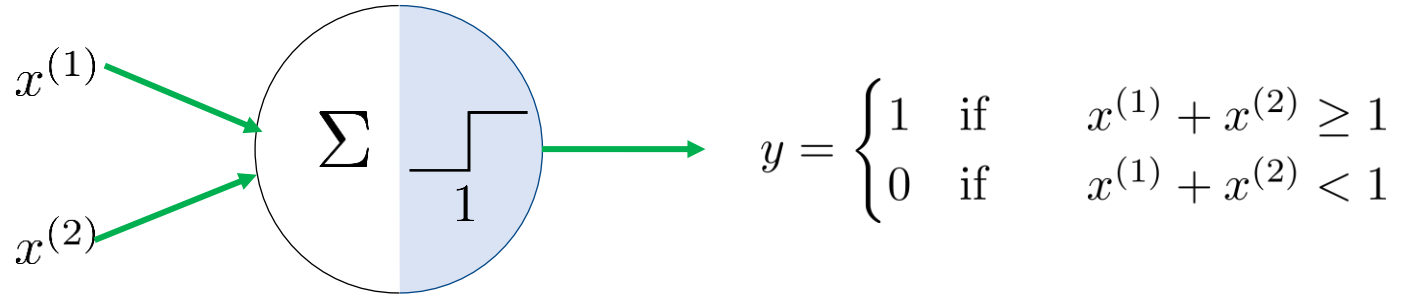
- Idea: Fire the neuron if at least  $\theta$  number of inputs are active.



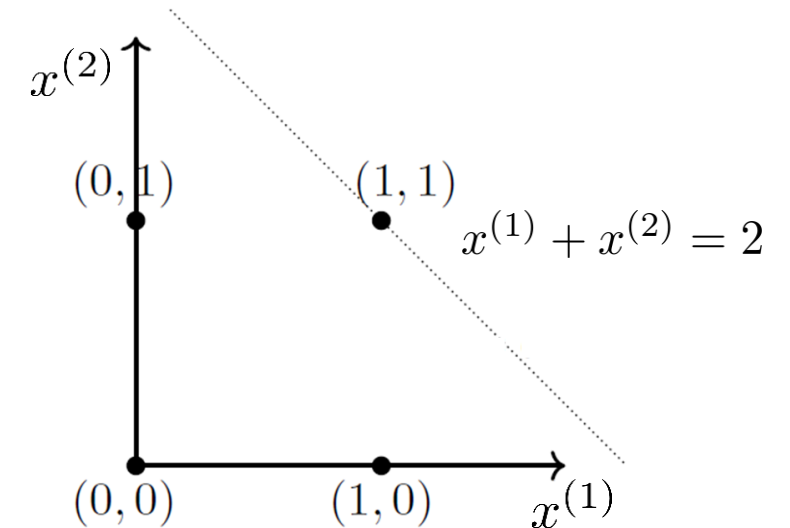
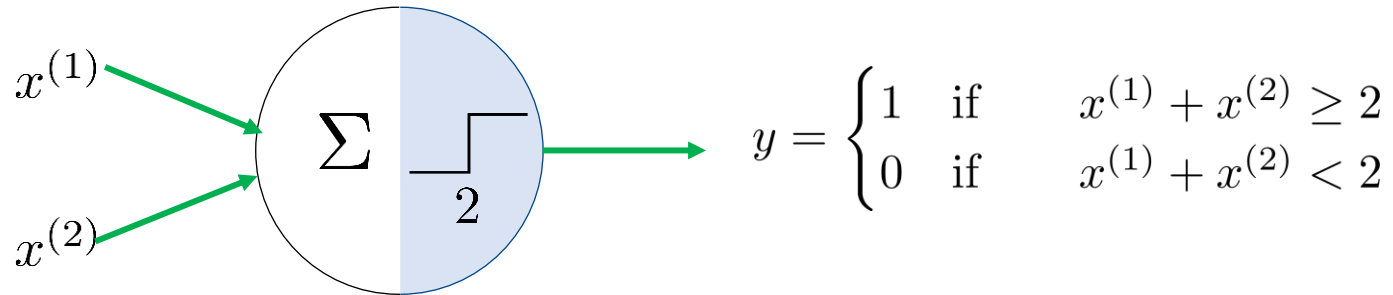
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## McCulloch-Pitts Neuron (MP) - Examples:

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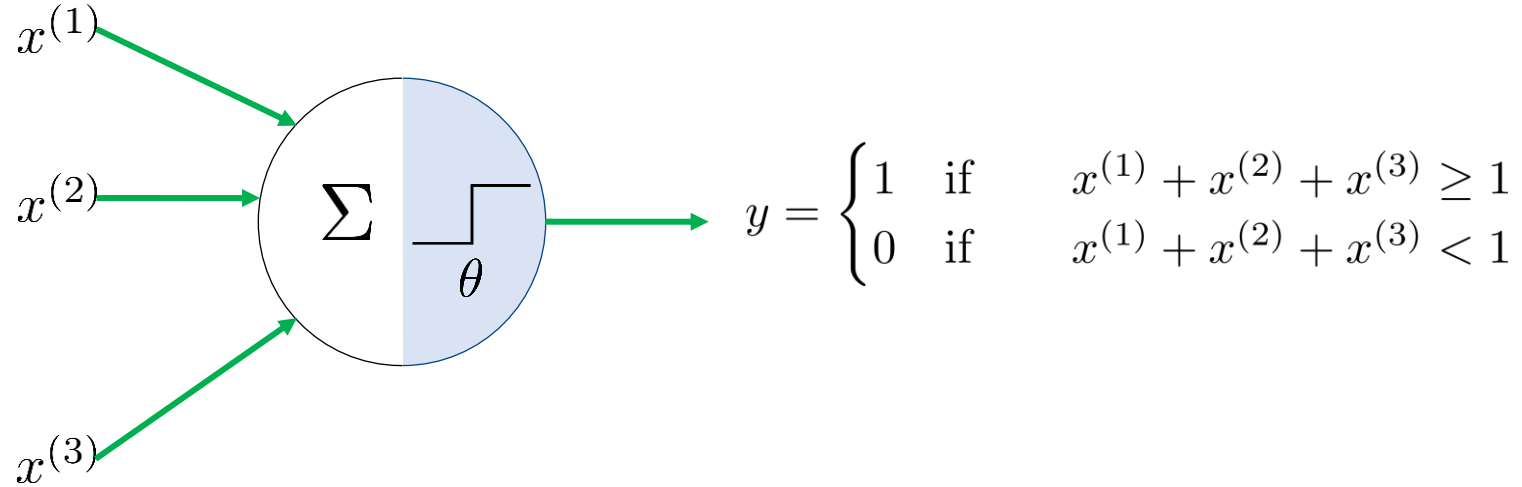
- AND of two inputs.



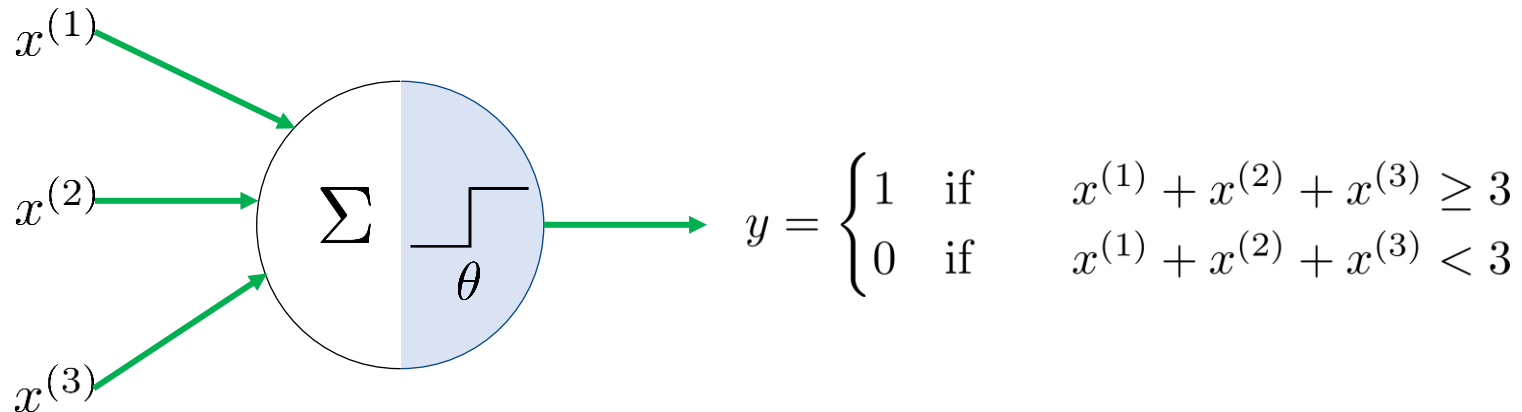
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## McCulloch-Pitts Neuron (MP) - Examples:

- OR of three inputs.



- AND of three inputs.





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## McCulloch-Pitts (MP) Neuron – Limitations:

- Can classify if inputs are **linearly** separable with respect to the output.
  - How to handle the functions/mappings that are not linearly separable e.g., XOR?
- Can handle only boolean inputs.
  - Gives equal or no weightage to the inputs
  - How can we assign different weights to different inputs?
- We hand-code threshold parameter
  - Can we automate the learning process of the parameter?
- To overcome these limitations, another model, known as perception model or perceptron, was proposed by Frank Rosenblatt (1958) and analysed by Minsky and Papert (1969).
  - Inputs **real valued**, **weights** used in aggregation
  - **Learning** of weights and threshold is **possible**.

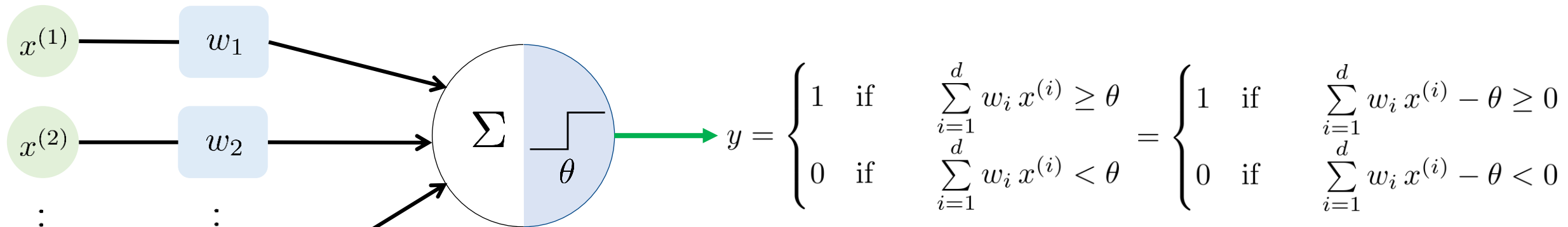




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## Perceptron:

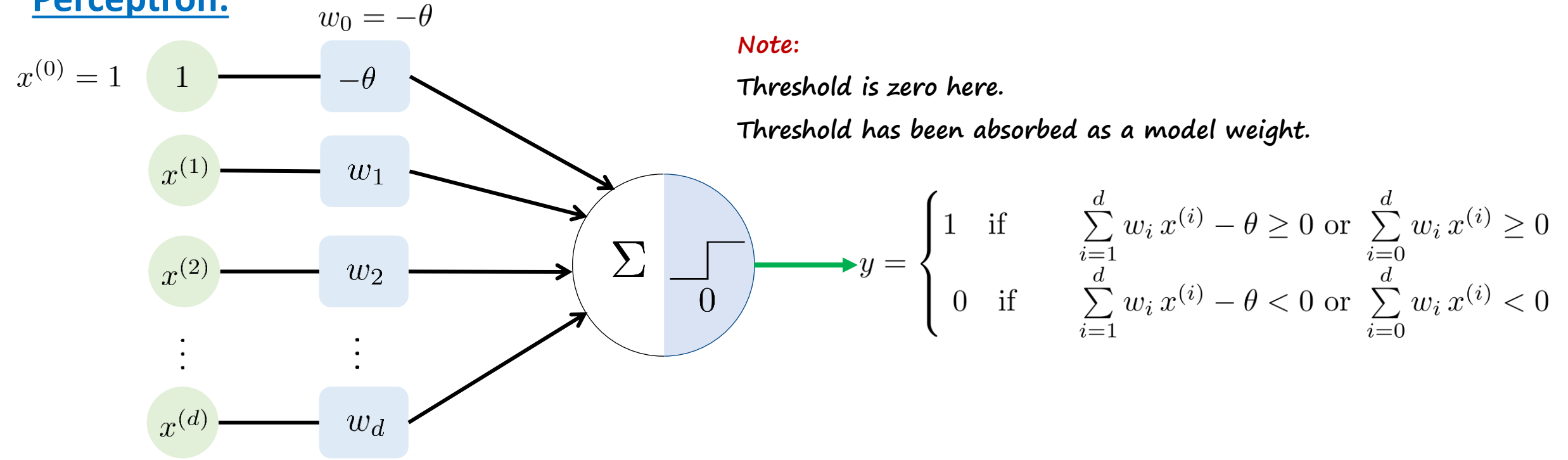
- $d$  number of real-valued inputs  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(d)} \in \mathbf{R}$ . *(Difference from MP Neuron)*
- Boolean output,  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- If sum of inputs is less than  $\theta$ , the output is zero and one otherwise.
- Threshold  $\theta$  and weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d$  are model parameters. *(Difference from MP Neuron)*



- $\theta$ , threshold represents a bias here.
- $\theta$  can be considered or absorbed as a weight.
- This will make aggregation/thresholding independent of any parameters.

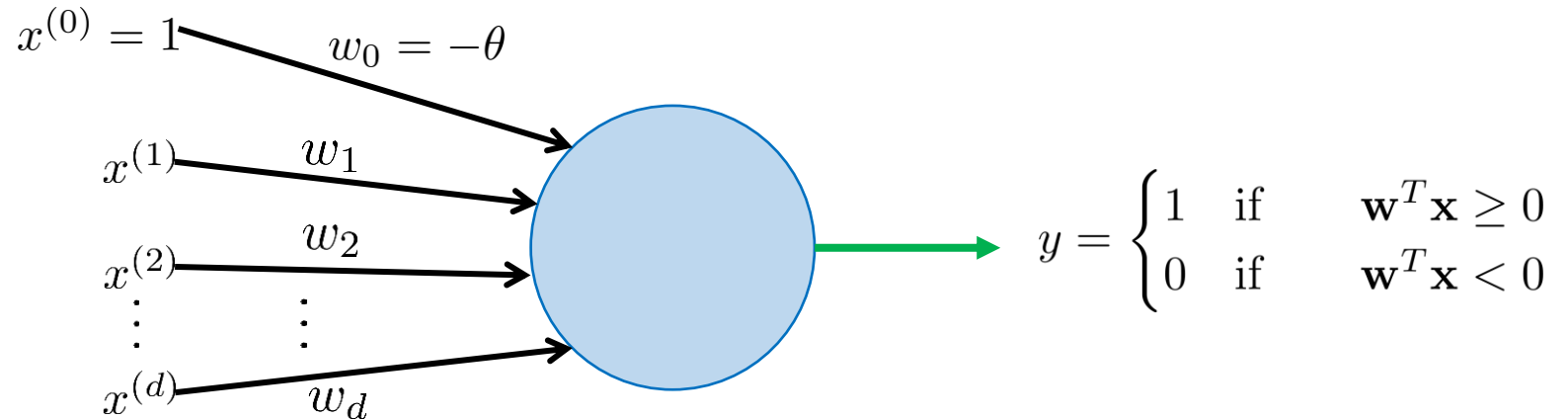
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## Perceptron:



## Alternative (Compact) Representation:

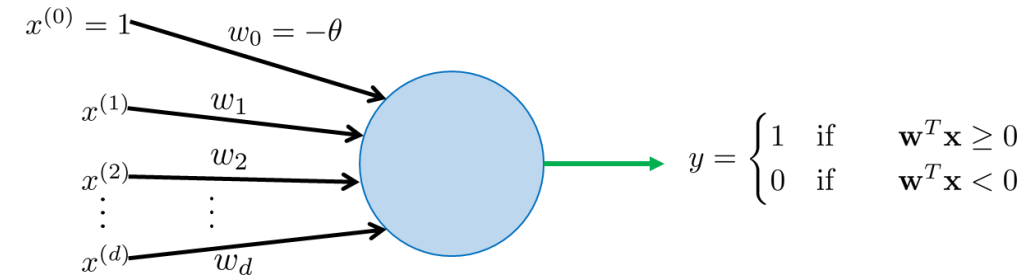
- $\mathbf{x} = [x^{(0)}, x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}]$
- $\mathbf{w} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_d]$



# Perceptron Classifier

## Classification using Perceptron:

- Since  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$  represents a hyper-plane in the  $d$ -dimensional space, we can use perceptron as a binary classifier if the classes are linearly separable.
- How is this different from MP neuron?
  - Inputs are real-valued.
  - We have real-valued weights in the process of aggregation.
  - We can learn the weights.
- We have seen this before. We obtained exactly same output in logistic regression case before mapping using sigmoid. We refer to logistic regression classifier as an elementary neural network.
- We used logistic function to have differentiable loss function and squishing the output in  $(-\infty, \infty)$  to  $(0,1)$  giving us probabilistic view of the classifier.
- How can we learn the weights for the case of perceptron? We note here that we cannot use gradient descent.



- Remark:

*If classes are labeled as 1 and -1*

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0 \end{cases}$$

*We often write output as*

$$y = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

*sign(.) returns sign of the argument.*

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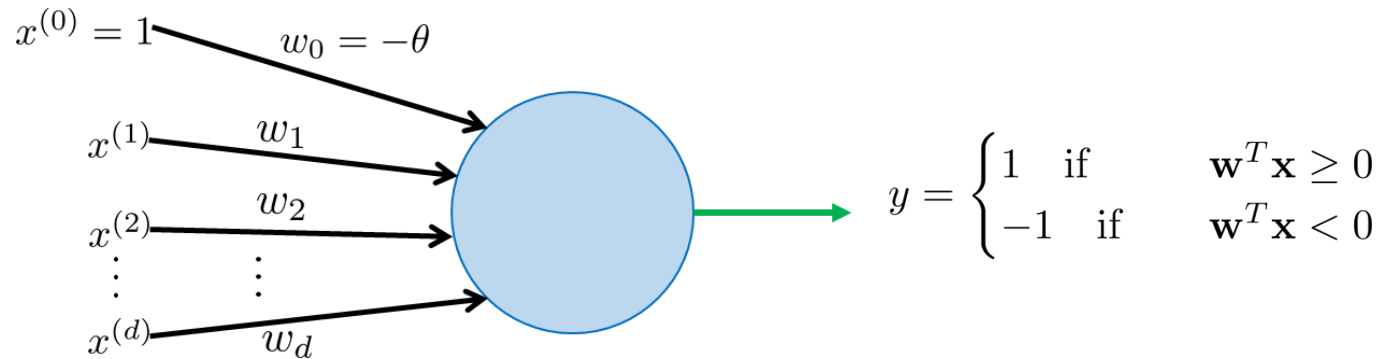
## Perceptron Learning Algorithm:

- Assuming that the classes are **linearly separable**, we want to learn  $\mathbf{w}$  given the data.

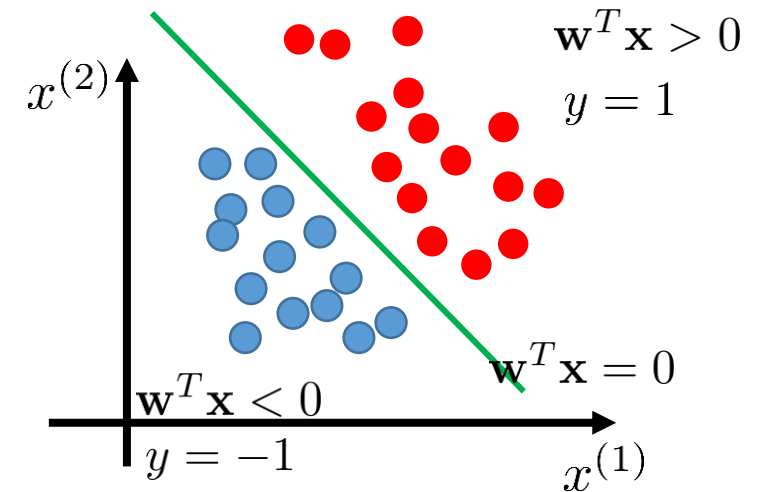
$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}^d \times \mathcal{Y}$$

- $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$  (without loss of generality)
- $\mathcal{Y} = \{-1, 1\}$

- Classifier:



- Data: Linearly separable.



- Key idea: Learn/find a hyperplane characterized by  $\mathbf{w}$  such that
  - $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) > 0$  for every  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in D$
  - $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) > 0$  implies  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is on the correct side of hyperplane.

# Perceptron Classifier

## Perceptron Learning Algorithm:

Initialize  $\mathbf{w} = 0$

**while** TRUE **do**

$m = 0$

*(Count the number of misclassifications)*

**for**  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{D}$  **do**

**if**  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0$

*(misclassification for the chosen point)*

$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y_i \mathbf{x}_i$

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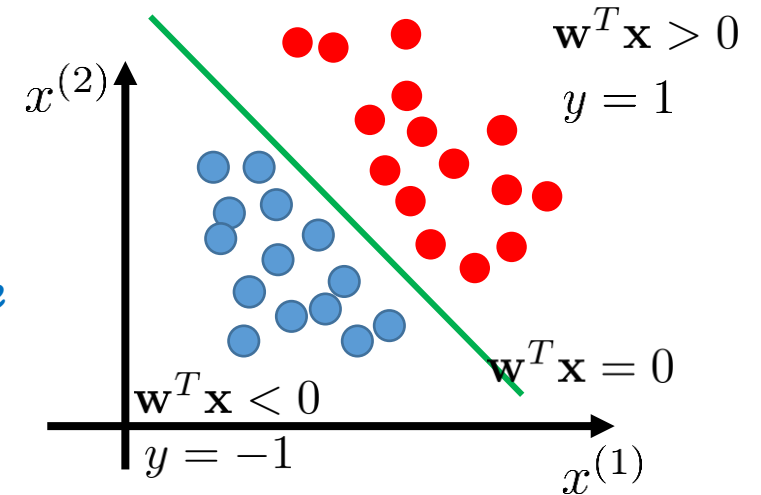
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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – Intuition and Interpretation:

- Visualization of  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$ :

- $\mathbf{x} = [x^{(0)}, x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}]$        $x^{(0)} = 1$

- $\mathbf{w} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_d]$

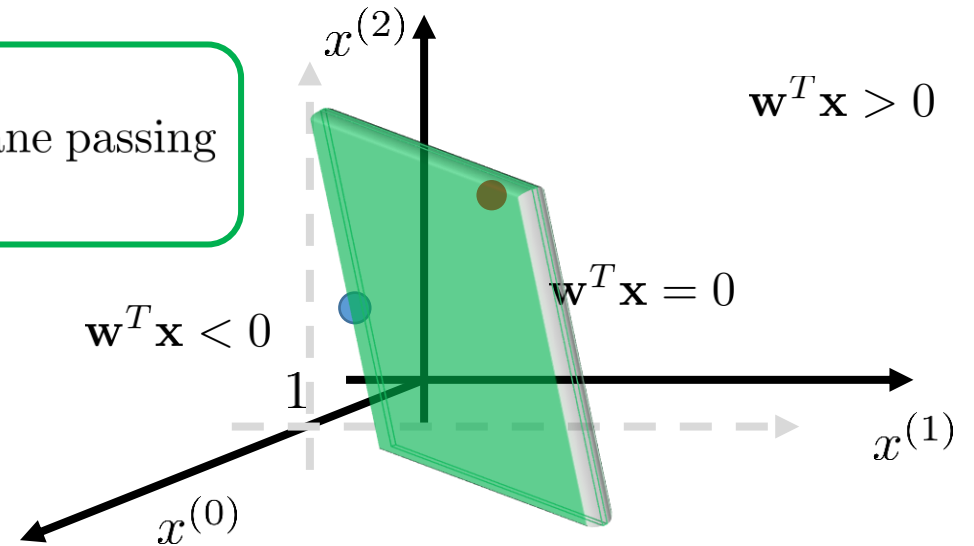
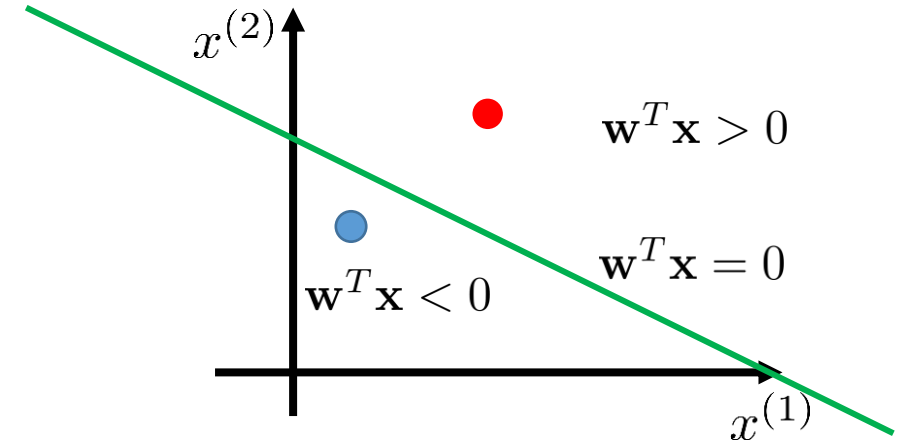
$$\sum_{i=1}^d w_i x^{(i)} = -w_0 \quad (\text{Hyperplane in } d\text{-dimensional space})$$

- Hyper-plane  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$  divides the space into two half-spaces.

- Positive Half-space  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$       • Negative Half-space  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0$

- One more interpretation:

Considering  $x^{(0)}$  as a dimension,  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$  represents a hyperplane passing through origin in  $d + 1$  dimensional space.



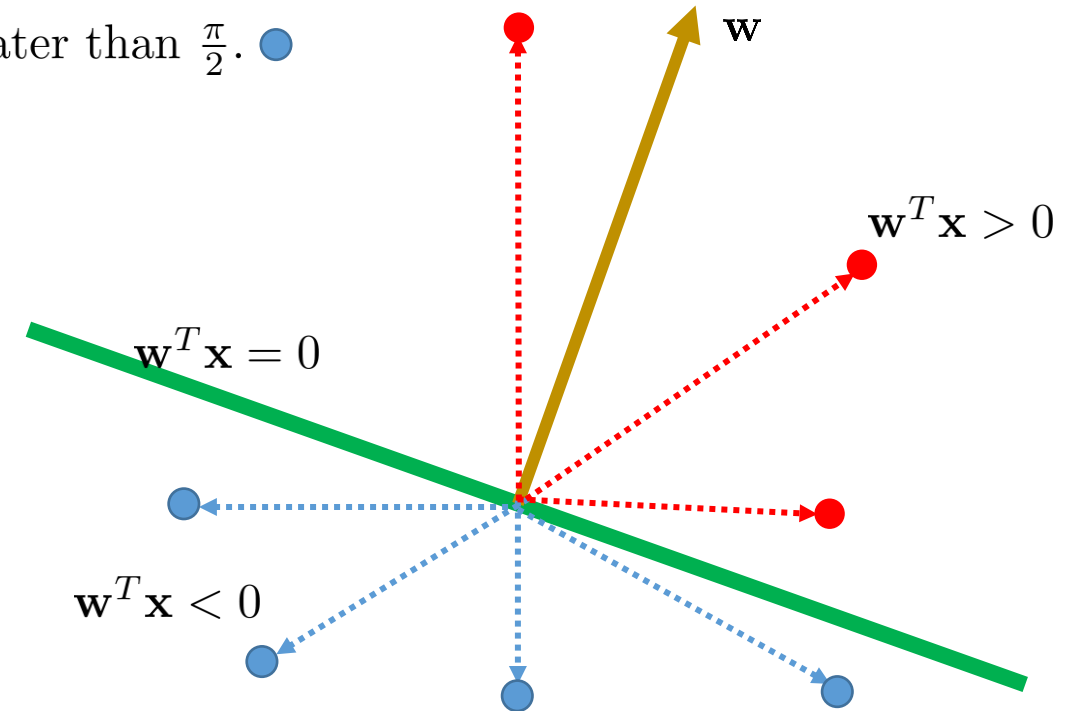
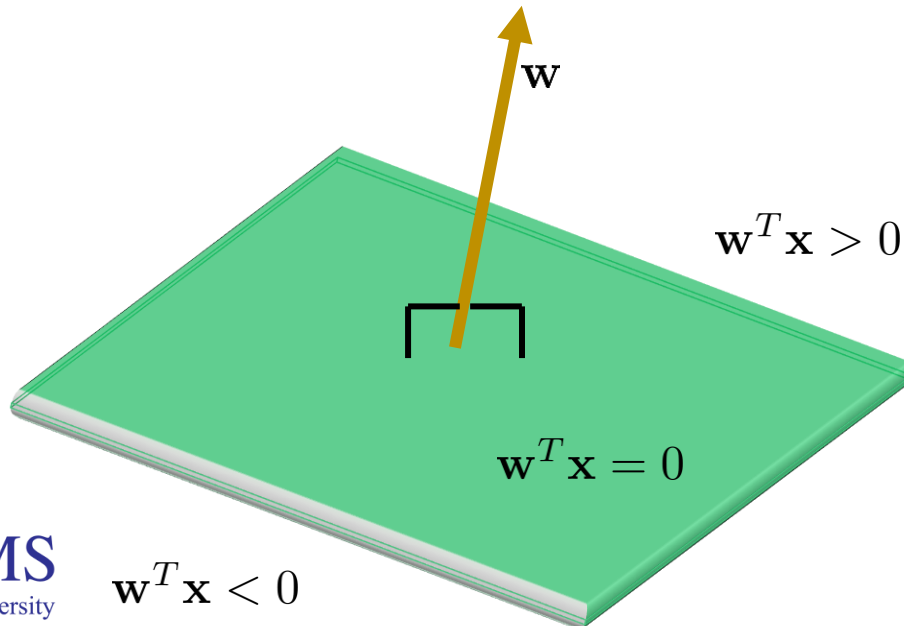
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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – Intuition and Interpretation:

- For any point  $\mathbf{x}_i$ ,  $|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i|$  represents the distance of  $\mathbf{x}$  from the hyper-plane.
- Since every point on the hyper-plane satisfies  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$ , what is the angle,  $\alpha$  between  $\mathbf{w}$  and any  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- For any point in the positive half-space  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$ : angle is less than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . ●
- For any point in the negative half-space  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0$ : angle is greater than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . ●



# Perceptron Classifier

## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – Intuition and Interpretation:

- We want to learn  $\mathbf{w}$  such that  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) > 0$  for each  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{D}$ .
- In other words, we require  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i > 0$  for  $y_i = 1$  and  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i < 0$  for  $y_i = -1$

### Algorithm:

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Initialize  $\mathbf{w} = 0$ 
while TRUE do
     $m = 0$ 
    for  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{D}$  do
        if  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0$ 
             $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y_i \mathbf{x}_i$ 
             $m \leftarrow m + 1$ 
        end if
    end for
    if  $m = 0$ 
        break
    end if
end while
```

- We make update when  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0$ .
- For example, consider a point  $(\mathbf{x}_i, 1)$  for which we have  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i \leq 0$ .
- Angle  $\alpha$  between  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is greater than  $\pi/2$ .
- But we require this angle to be less than  $\pi/2$ .
- Update:  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{x}_i$
- What about angle ( $\alpha_{\text{new}}$ ) between  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_i$ ?
- Since  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{x}_i > \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i$
- Since  $\cos(\alpha_{\text{new}}) \propto \mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\cos(\alpha) \propto \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i$

$$\cos(\alpha_{\text{new}}) > \cos(\alpha)$$

- Consider a point  $(\mathbf{x}_i, -1)$   
 $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i \geq 0$ .
- $\alpha$  less than  $\pi/2$ .
- Require  $\alpha$  greater than  $\pi/2$ .
- Update:  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}_i$
- $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{x}_i < \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i$

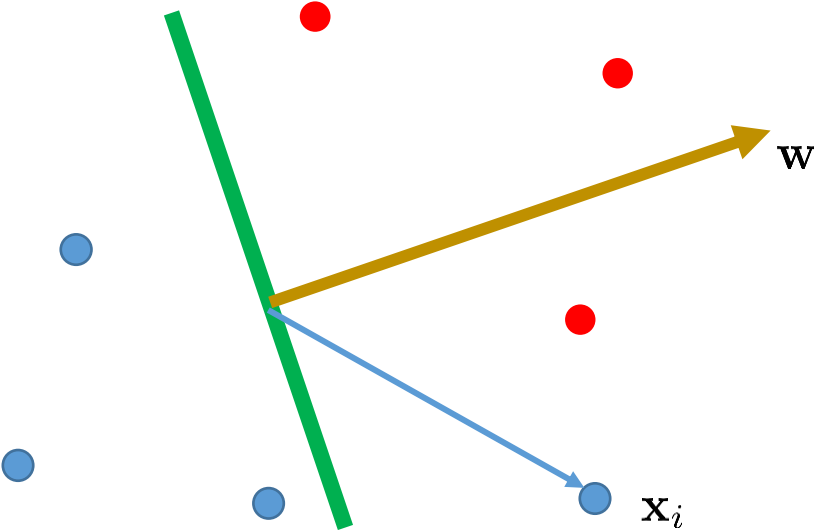
$$\cos(\alpha_{\text{new}}) < \cos(\alpha)$$

*This is exactly we require!*

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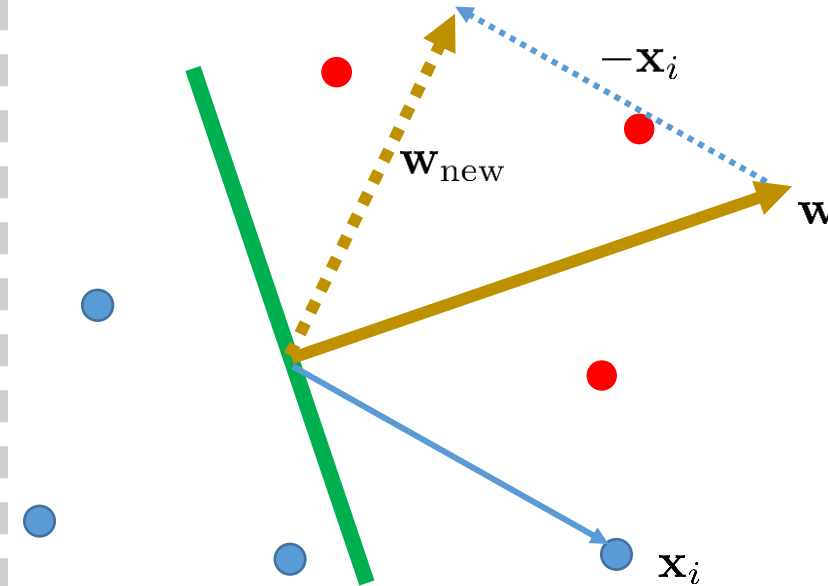
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Randomly chosen  $\mathbf{w}$ .

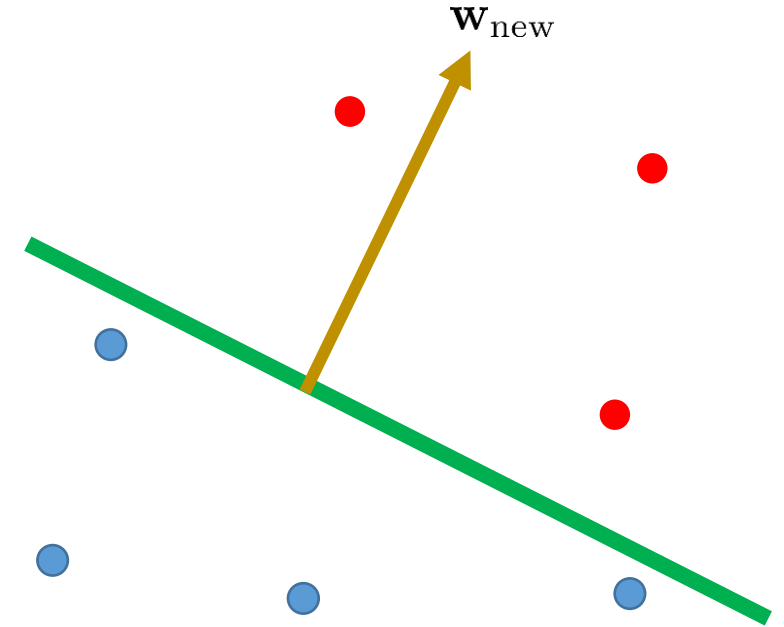


Misclassification for one point only

Update:  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}_i$



Update Step



No misclassification

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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm:

Initialize  $\mathbf{w} = 0$

**while** TRUE **do**

$m = 0$

*(Count the number of misclassifications)*

**for**  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{D}$  **do**

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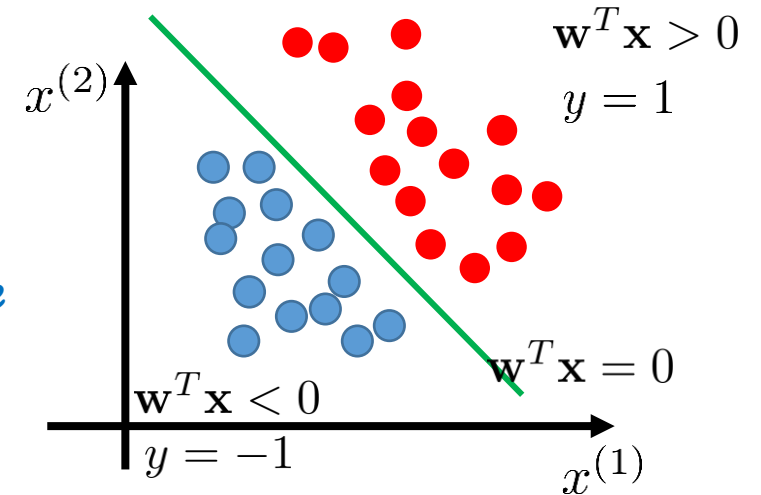
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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – Proof of Convergence:

### Assumptions:

- Data is linearly separable:  $\exists \mathbf{w}^*$  such that  $y_i(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}^*) > 0 \ \forall (\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in D$ .

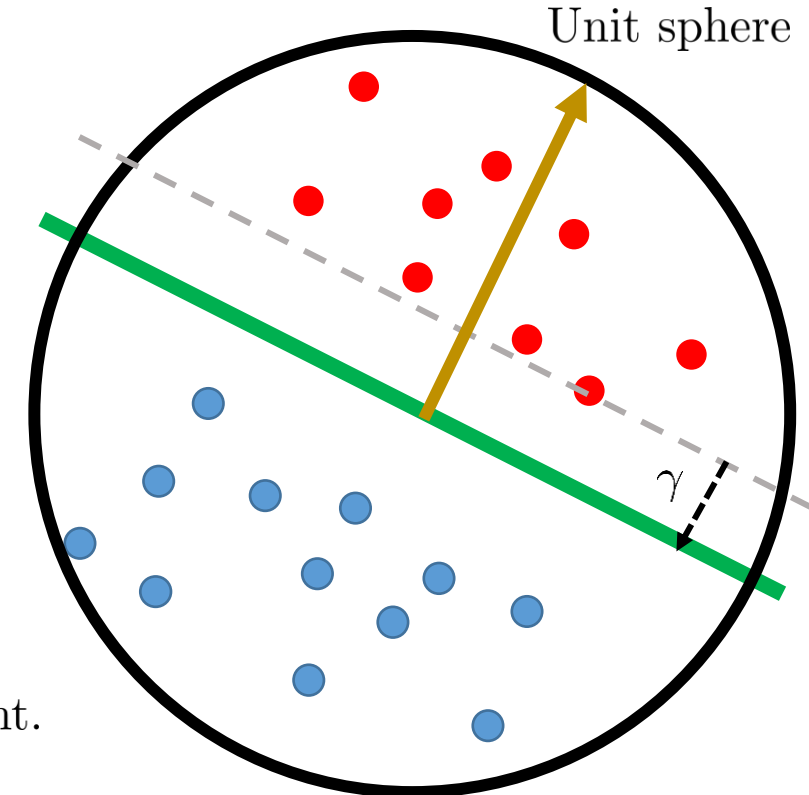
- We rescale each data point and the  $\mathbf{w}^*$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{w}^*\| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{x}_i\| \leq 1 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- All inputs  $\mathbf{x}_i$  live within the unit sphere
- $\mathbf{w}^*$  lies on the unit sphere
- We define the margin of a hyper-plane, denoted by  $\gamma$ , as

$$\gamma = \min_{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in D} |\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}^*|$$

- $\gamma$  is the distance from the hyperplane to the closest data point.



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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – Proof of Convergence:

**Theorem:** Under these assumptions, the perceptron algorithm makes at most  $1/\gamma^2$  misclassifications.

**Proof:**

- In our algorithm, when  $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0$ , we update as:  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{w} + y_i \mathbf{x}_i$
- Consider the effect of an update on  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{w}^*$ :

$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{w}^* = (\mathbf{w} + y_i \mathbf{x}_i)^T \mathbf{w}^* = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^* + y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}^*) \geq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^* + \gamma \quad (1)$$

The inequality follows from the fact:  $\mathbf{w}^*$ , the distance from the hyperplane defined by  $\mathbf{w}^*$  to  $\mathbf{x}_i$  must be at least  $\gamma$  (i.e.,  $y_i(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}^*) = |\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}^*| \geq \gamma$ ).

This means that for each update,  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^*$  grows by at least  $\gamma$ .

- Consider the effect of an update on  $\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}$ :

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The inequality follows from the fact:  $2y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 0$  as we had to make an update.  $y_i^2(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i) \leq 1$  as  $y_i^2 = 1$  and all  $\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i \leq 1$  (because  $\|\mathbf{x}_i\| \leq 1$ ).

This means that for each update,  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$  grows by at most 1.

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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – Proof of Convergence:

Proof (continued):

$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{w}^* \geq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^* + \gamma \quad (1) \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^* \text{ grows by at least } \gamma.$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}}^T \mathbf{w}_{\text{new}} \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + 1 \quad (2) \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \text{ grows by at most } 1.$$

After  $M$  updates, we have:

- $M\gamma \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^*$  *(From (1); each update increases, at least, by gamma)*
- $M\gamma \leq \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^* = |\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}^*| \leq \|\mathbf{w}\| \|\mathbf{w}^*\|$  *(By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality)*
- $M\gamma \leq \|\mathbf{w}\| \|\mathbf{w}^*\| = \|\mathbf{w}\|$  *(Unit sphere assumption)*
- $M\gamma \leq \|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}}$
- $M\gamma \leq \|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}} \leq \sqrt{M}$
- $M\gamma \leq \sqrt{M} \Rightarrow M^2\gamma^2 \leq M \Rightarrow M \leq \frac{1}{\gamma^2}.$

Theorem is proved since the number of updates is equal to the number of misclassifications!

# Perceptron Classifier

## Summary:

- As can train perceptron to classify given data but cannot be used to estimate the probability of  $x$  or generate  $x$  given  $y$ , Perceptron classifier is discriminative.
- Assumes that the classes are linearly separable.
  - Does not make any assumptions about the data such as feature independence (required for Naïve Bayes).
- We can update the weights (model parameters) using one training data point, and therefore the perceptron classifier is an online learning algorithm.
- Learning Algorithm is based on the principle that it uses mistakes during learning to iteratively update the weights.
- Under certain assumptions, we showed the convergence of the learning algorithm.