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CS688: Web-Scale Image Retrieval

# Basic Classification and Learning Methods

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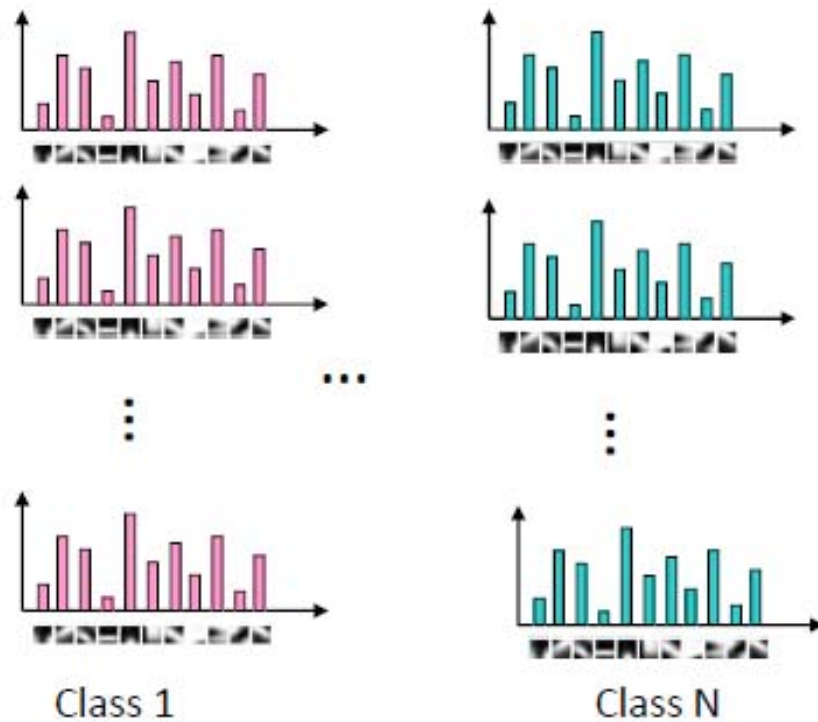
# Class Objectives

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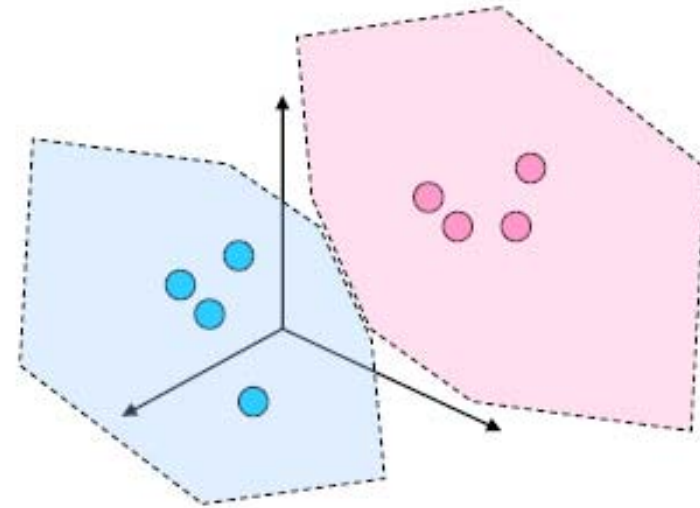
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# Discriminative classifiers

## category models



Model space



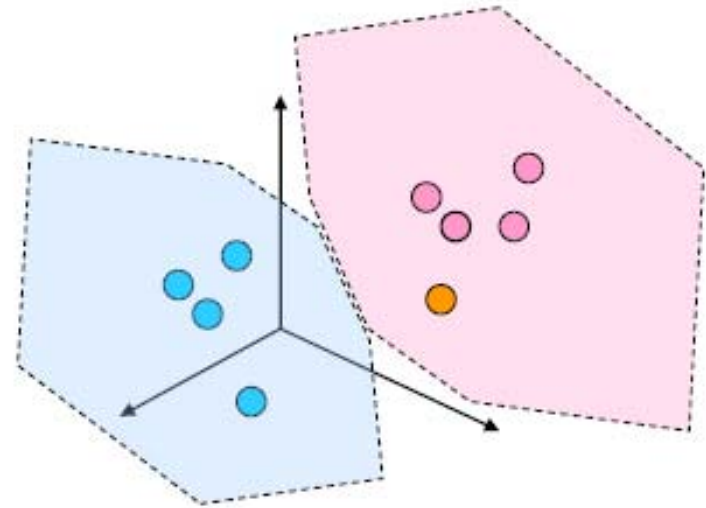
# Discriminative classifiers

Query image



Winning class: pink

Model space



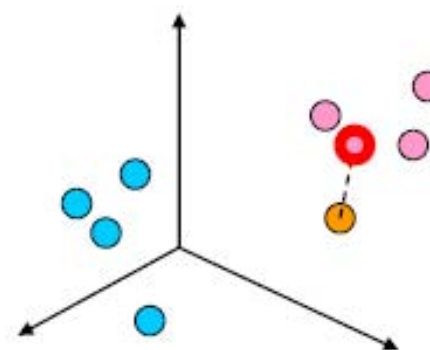
# Nearest Neighbors classifier

Query image



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- Assign label of nearest training data point to each test data point

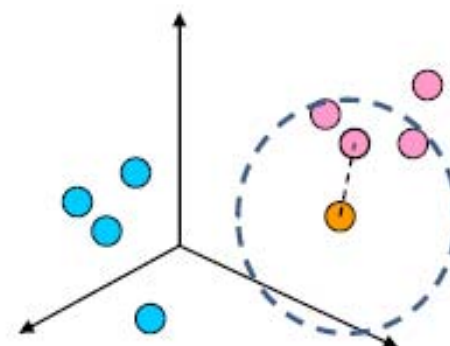
# K- Nearest Neighbors classifier

Query image



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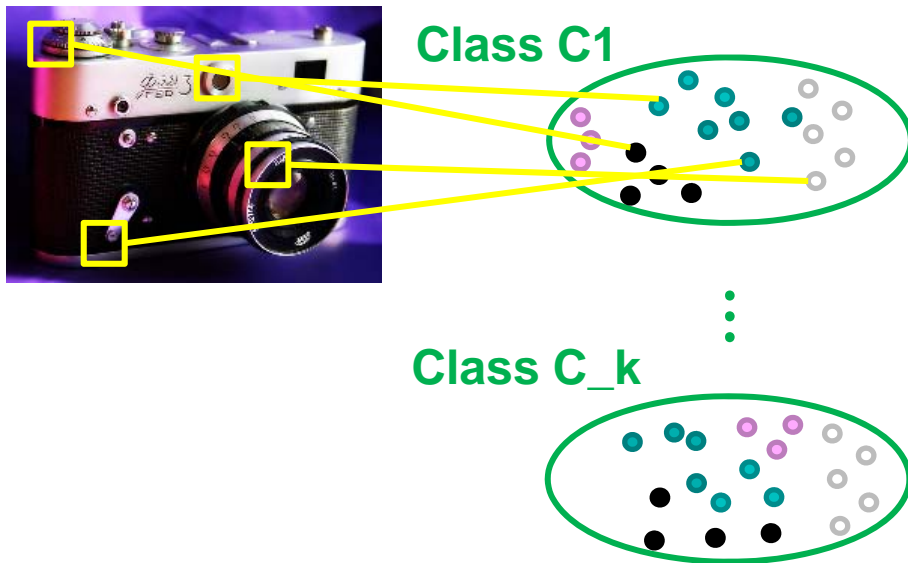
Model space



- For a new point, find the  $k$  closest points from training data
- Labels of the  $k$  points “vote” to classify
- Works well provided there is lots of data and the distance function is good

# Naïve Bayes Nearest Neighbor (NBNN) Classifier [CVPR 08]

- Extract and collect features for each category



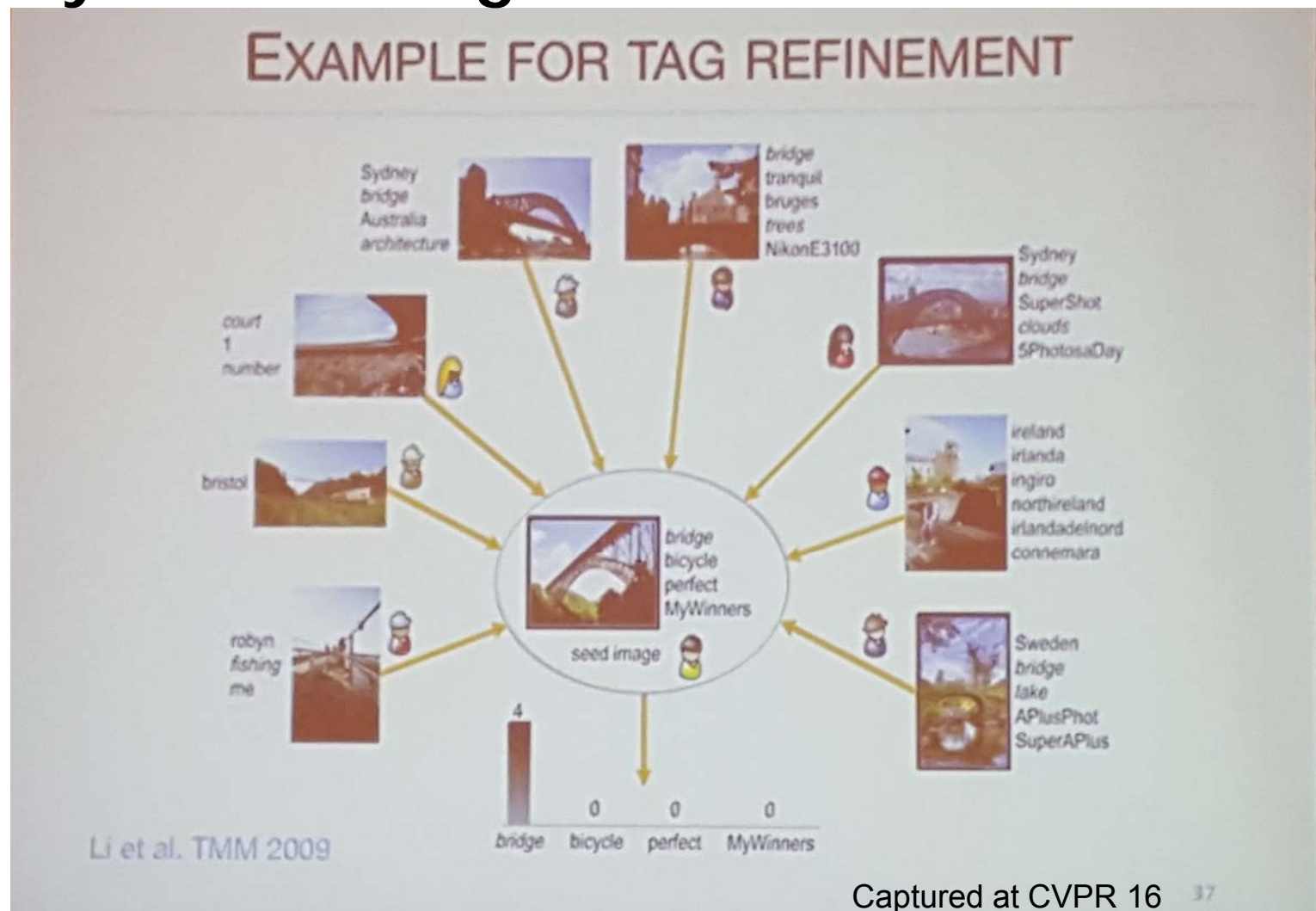
At run time:

- Extract features for a query image
- Measure their distances from all the categories
- Pick the category w/ the lowest distance



# KNN for Tag Transfer

- Identify similar images and transfer their tags





# Hashing techniques

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- **Fast in high-dimensional problems**
  - E.g., Locality sensitive hashing
- **Used for binary code embedding to compute compact representation**
  - Will be discussed later

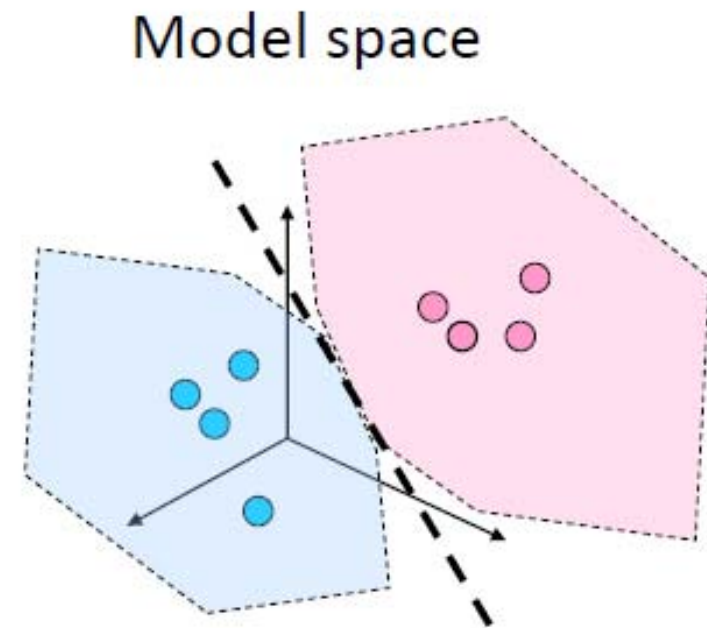
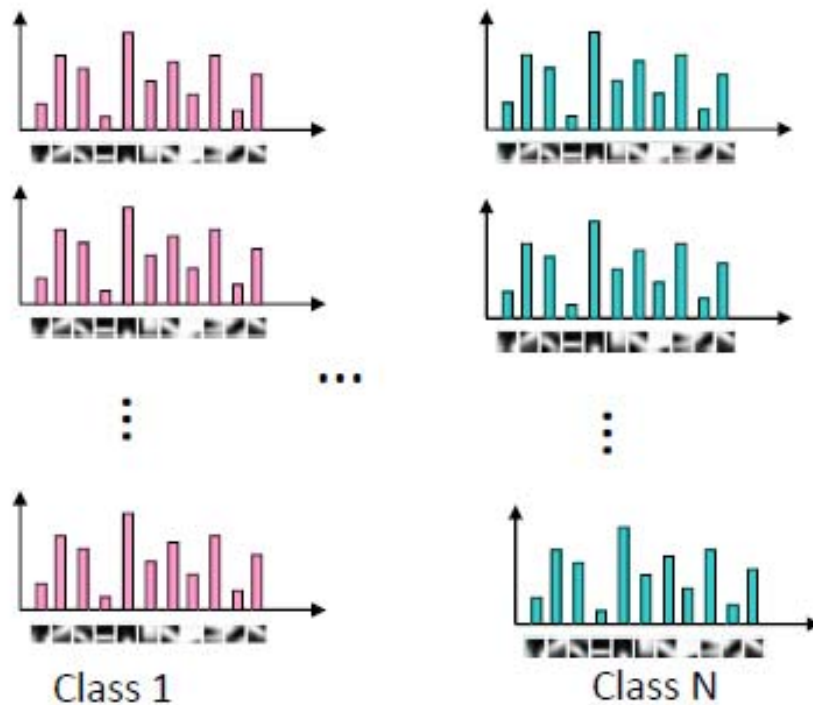
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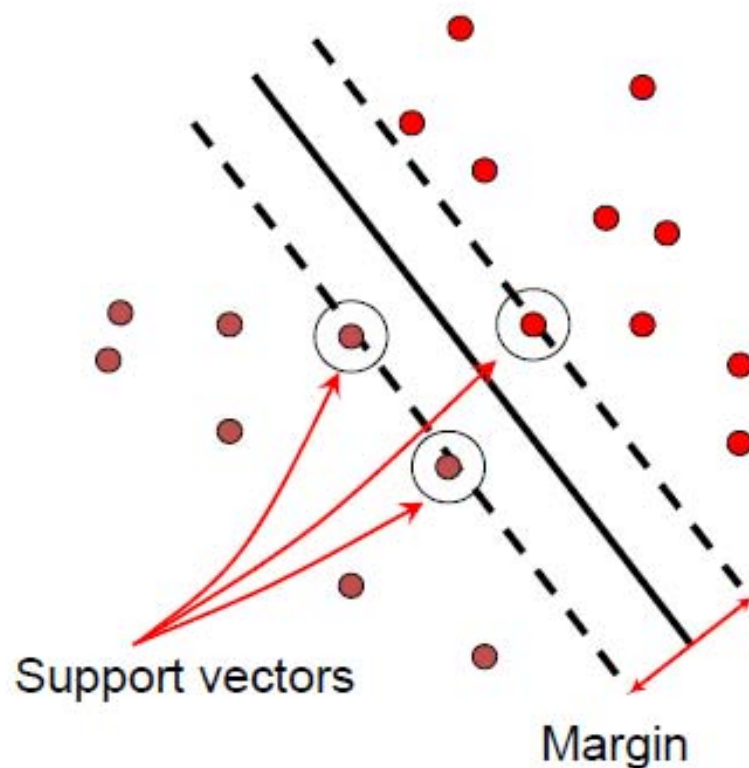
# Discriminative classifiers (linear classifier)

## category models



# Support vector machines

- Find hyperplane that maximizes the *margin* between the positive and negative examples



Credit slide: S. Lazebnik

Support vectors:  $\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b = \pm 1$

Distance between point and hyperplane:  $\frac{|\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b|}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$

Margin =  $2 / \|\mathbf{w}\|$

Solution:  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$

Classification function (decision boundary):

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

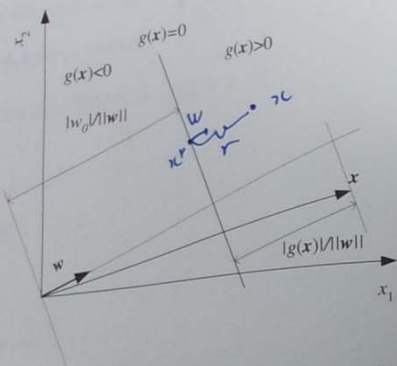


Figure 10.2 The geometric interpretation of the linear discriminant.

where  $x_p$  is the normal projection of  $x$  onto the hyperplane, negative if  $x$  is on the negative side, and positive if  $x$  is on the positive side (see figure 10.2). Calculating  $g(x)$  and noting that  $g(x_p) = 0$ , we have

$$(10.4) \quad r = \frac{g(x)}{\|w\|}$$

We see then that the distance to origin is

$$(10.5) \quad r_0 = \frac{w_0}{\|w\|}$$

Thus  $w_0$  determines the location of the hyperplane with respect to the origin, and  $w$  determines its orientation.

### 10.3.2 Multiple Classes

When there are  $K > 2$  classes, there are  $K$  discriminant functions. When they are linear, we have

$$(10.6) \quad g_i(x) = w_i^T x + w_{i0}$$

$$g(x) = w_1 \cdot x_1 + w_2 \cdot x_2 + w_0$$

$$= w^T \cdot x + w_0$$

$$g(x_p) = 0 = w^T \cdot x_p + \frac{w_0}{\|w\|} \cdot r$$

$$\frac{g(x)}{\|w\|} = \frac{w^T}{\|w\|} \cdot x + \frac{w_0}{\|w\|}$$

$$\frac{g(x_p)}{\|w\|} = 0 = \frac{w^T}{\|w\|} \cdot x_p + \frac{w_0}{\|w\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w_0}{\|w\|} = - \frac{w^T}{\|w\|} \cdot x_p$$

$$\frac{g(x)}{\|w\|} = \frac{w^T}{\|w\|} \cdot x - \frac{w^T}{\|w\|} \cdot x_p$$

$$= \left( \frac{w^T}{\|w\|} \right) (x - x_p)$$

$$= 1 \cdot r \quad (\text{or } (0))$$

$$= r$$

# Support vector machines

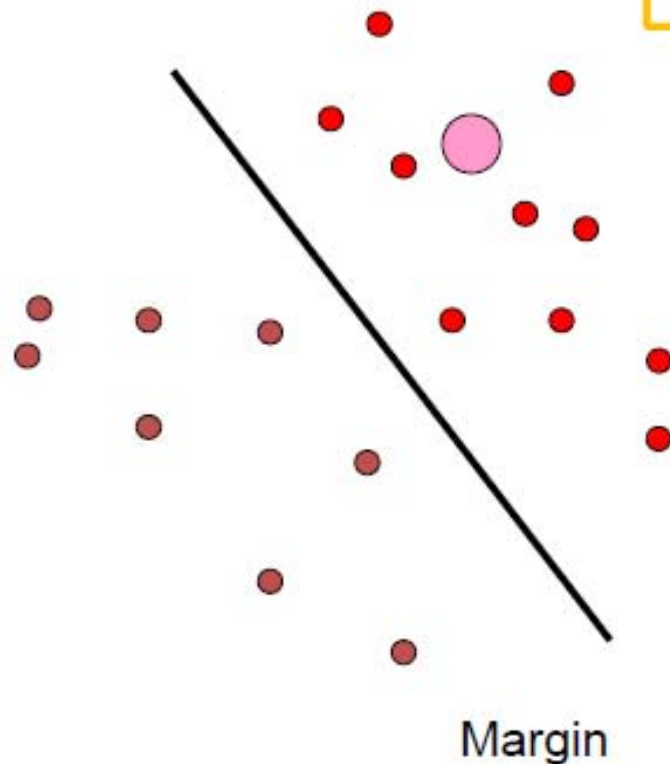
- Classification

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

Test point

*if*  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} + b \geq 0 \rightarrow$  *class 1*

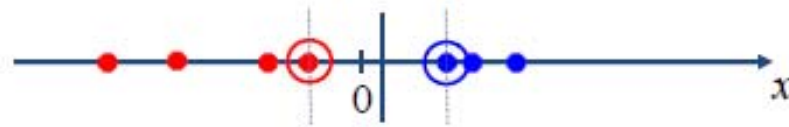
*if*  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} + b < 0 \rightarrow$  *class 2*



C. Burges, [A Tutorial on Support Vector Machines for Pattern Recognition](#), Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, 1998

# Nonlinear SVMs

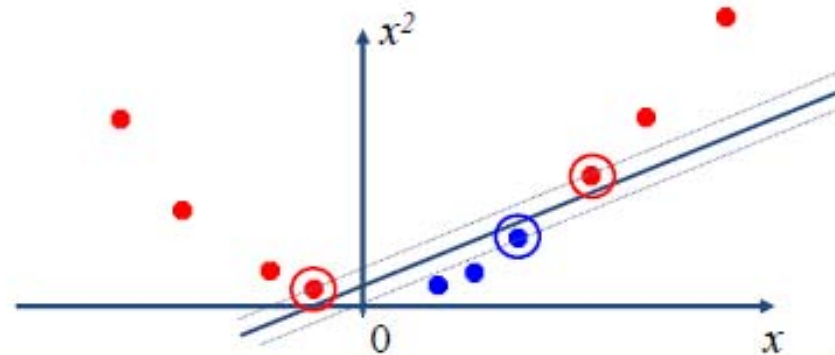
- Datasets that are linearly separable work out great:



- But what if the dataset is just too hard?



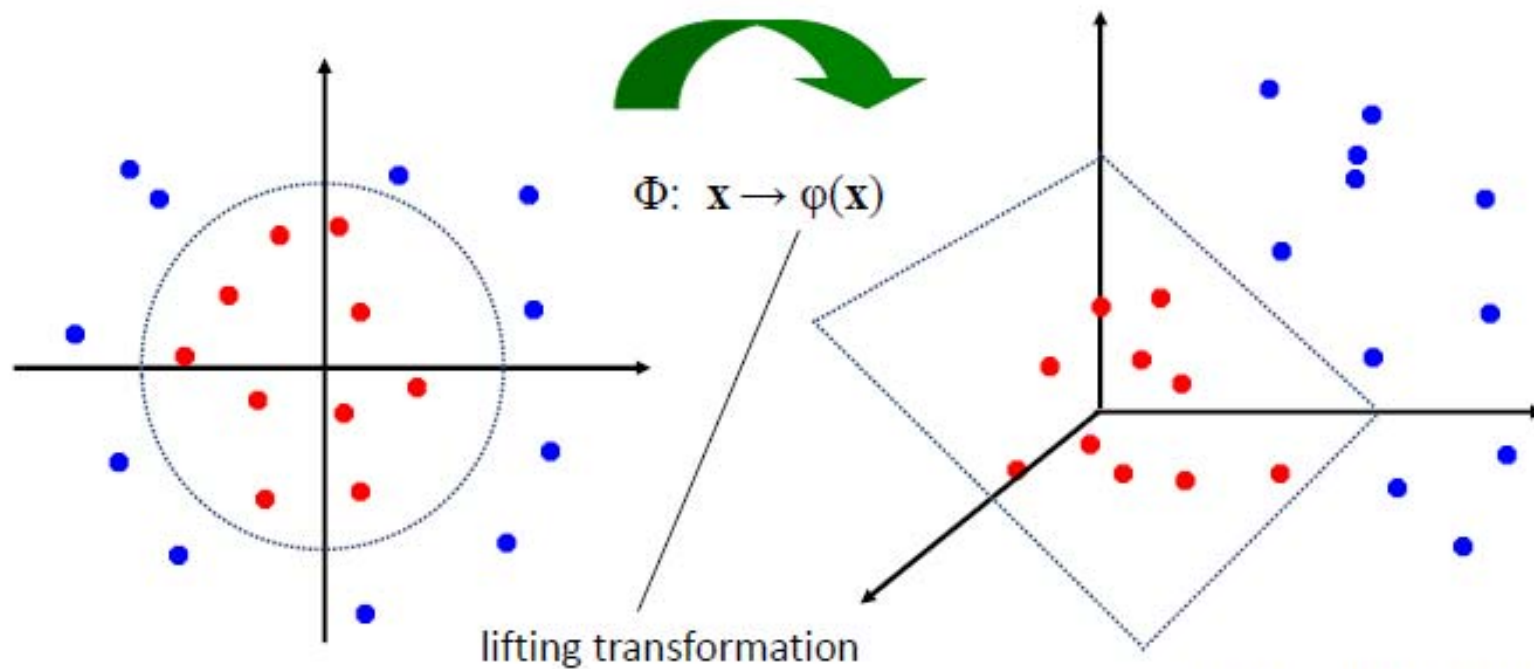
- We can map it to a higher-dimensional space:



Slide credit: Andrew Moore

# Nonlinear SVMs

- General idea: the original input space can always be mapped to some higher-dimensional feature space where the training set is separable:



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# What about multi-class SVMs?

- No “definitive” multi-class SVM formulation
- In practice, we have to obtain a multi-class SVM by combining multiple two-class SVMs
- One vs. others
  - Training: learn an SVM for each class vs. the others
  - Testing: apply each SVM to test example and assign to it the class of the SVM that returns the highest decision value
- One vs. one
  - Training: learn an SVM for each pair of classes
  - Testing: each learned SVM “votes” for a class to assign to the test example

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# SVMs: Pros and cons

- Pros
  - Many publicly available SVM packages:  
<http://www.kernel-machines.org/software>
  - Kernel-based framework is very powerful, flexible
  - SVMs work very well in practice, even with very small training sample sizes
- Cons
  - No “direct” multi-class SVM, must combine two-class SVMs
  - Computation, memory
    - During training time, must compute matrix of kernel values for every pair of examples
    - Learning can take a very long time for large-scale problems

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# Homework for Every Class

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- Go over the next lecture slides
- Come up with one question on what we have discussed today
  - 1 for typical questions (that were answered in the class)
  - 2 for questions with thoughts or that surprised me
- Write questions at least 4 times

# Next Time...

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- Deep learning