

Introduction to Machine Learning

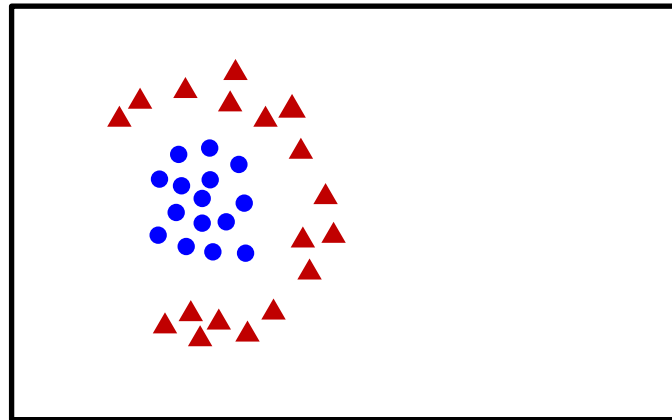
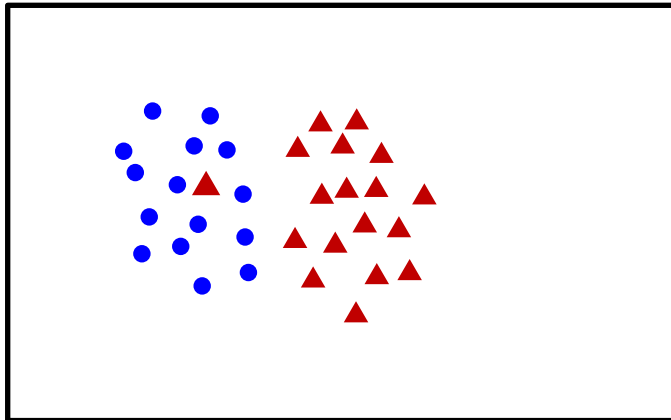
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Lecture 7: Kernels

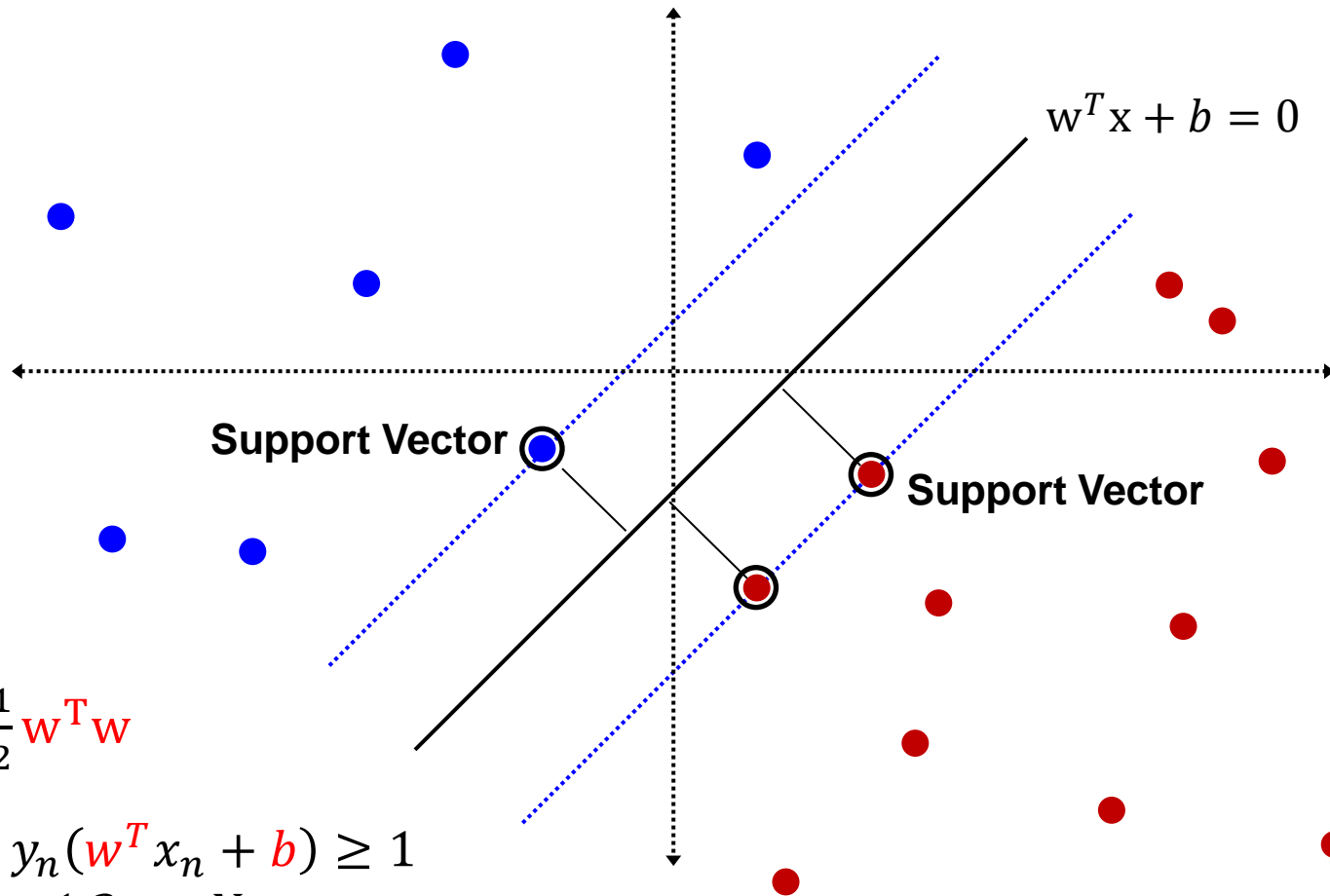
Outline

- Following discussions from last class
 - How many support vectors are there anyhow?
 - Positive definite matrices
- Support Vector machine (SVM) classifier
 - The kernel trick
 - Which kernels to use
 - Constructing kernels
 - SVD and kernel SVD



Number of support vectors

linearly separable data*: $\#SV \leq d+1 = \text{VC-dim}$



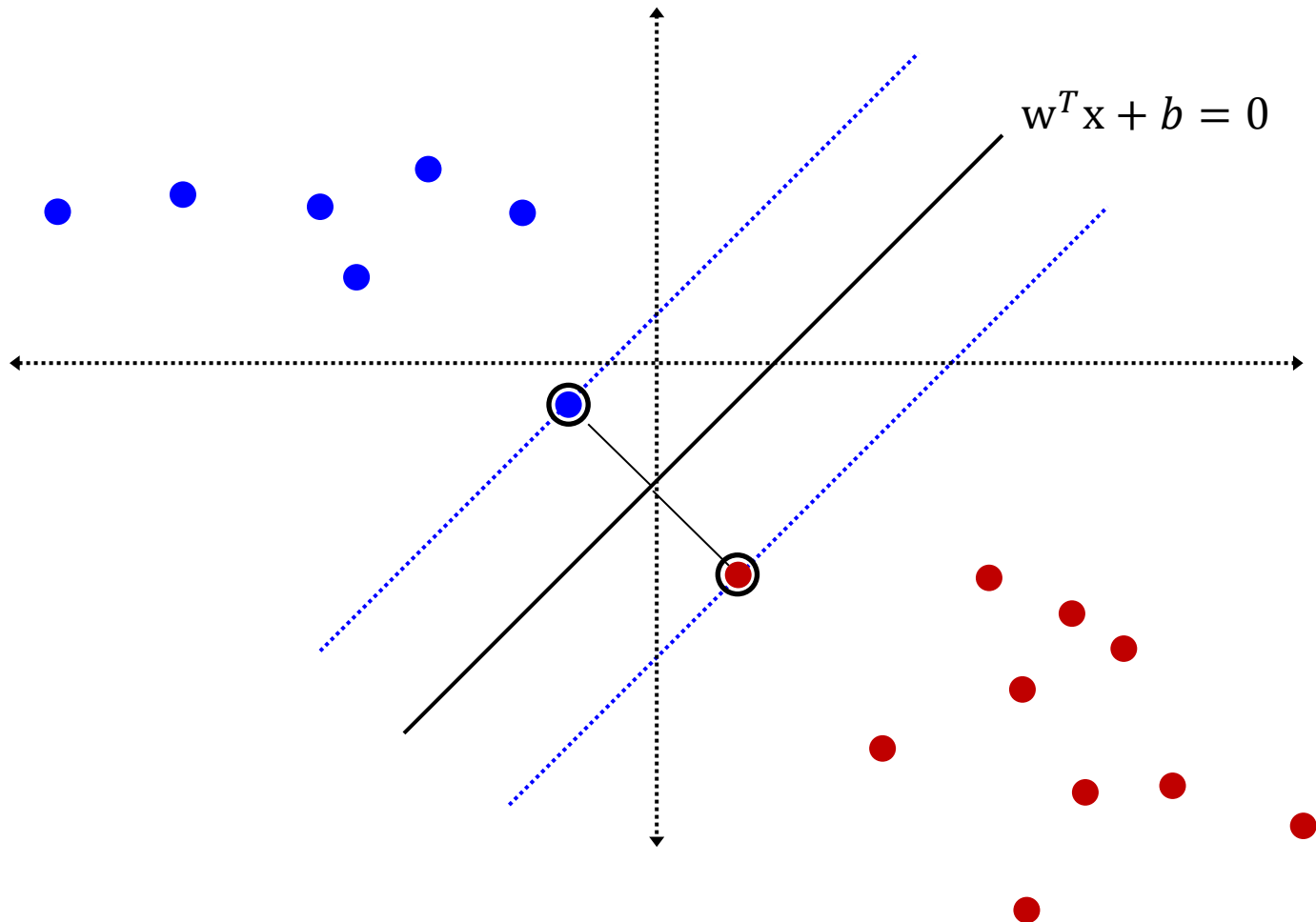
Minimize $\frac{1}{2} w^T w$

subject to $y_n(w^T x_n + b) \geq 1$
 $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$w \in \mathbb{R}^d, b \in \mathbb{R}$

* Could be much more in “degenerate cases”

#SV=2 is sometimes enough



Positive (Semi) Definite (PD/PSD) Matrices

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(2) \mathbf{A} is positive ^{semi} definite $\iff \exists \mathbf{P}$ s.t. $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^T$, ~~$|\mathbf{P}| \neq 0$~~

\mathbf{A} is positive definite \Rightarrow it is symmetric

Eigenvalues of PD Matrices

- Given the $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , there are n eigenvalues λ and vectors $\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{0}$ where

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \lambda\mathbf{X}$$

$$[\mathbf{X}_1 \quad \mathbf{X}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{X}_n]^T \mathbf{A} [\mathbf{X}_1 \quad \mathbf{X}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{X}_n] = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

- ▶ If $\lambda_i > 0 \quad \forall i \in [1, n] \iff \mathbf{A}$ is positive definite
- ▶ If $\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in [1, n] \iff \mathbf{A}$ is positive semi-definite

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3. $\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in [1, n]$

The dual formulation

$$\min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 y_1 x_1^T x_1 & y_1 y_2 x_1^T x_2 & \dots & y_1 y_N x_1^T x_N \\ y_2 y_1 x_2^T x_1 & y_2 y_2 x_2^T x_2 & \dots & y_2 y_N x_2^T x_N \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ y_N y_1 x_N^T x_1 & y_N y_2 x_N^T x_2 & \dots & y_N y_N x_N^T x_N \end{bmatrix}}_M \alpha + \underbrace{(-1^T)}_{\text{linear}} \alpha$$

subject to $\underbrace{y^T \alpha}_{\text{linear constraint}} = 0$

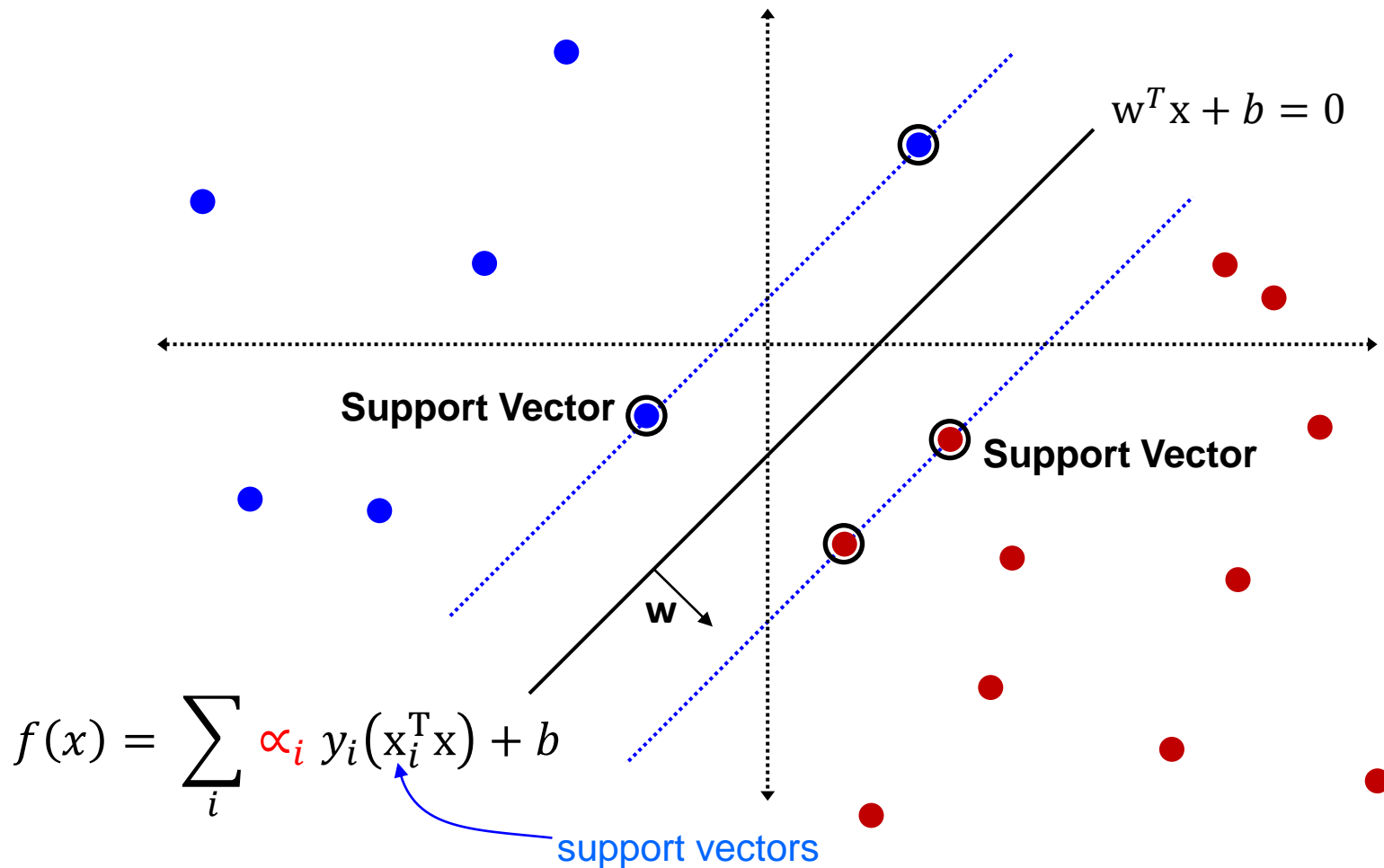
$$\underbrace{0}_{\text{lower bounds}} \leq \alpha \leq \underbrace{C}_{\text{upper bounds}}$$

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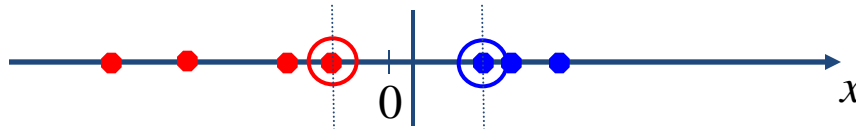
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Support Vector Machine



Nonlinear SVMs

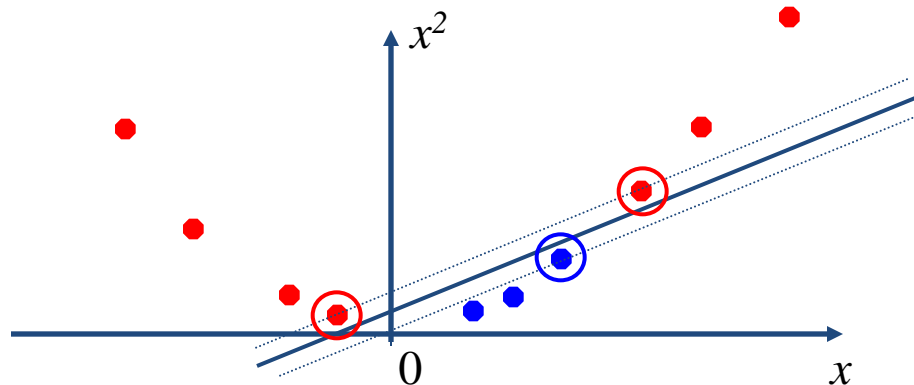
- Datasets that are linearly separable work out great:



- But what if the dataset is just too hard?



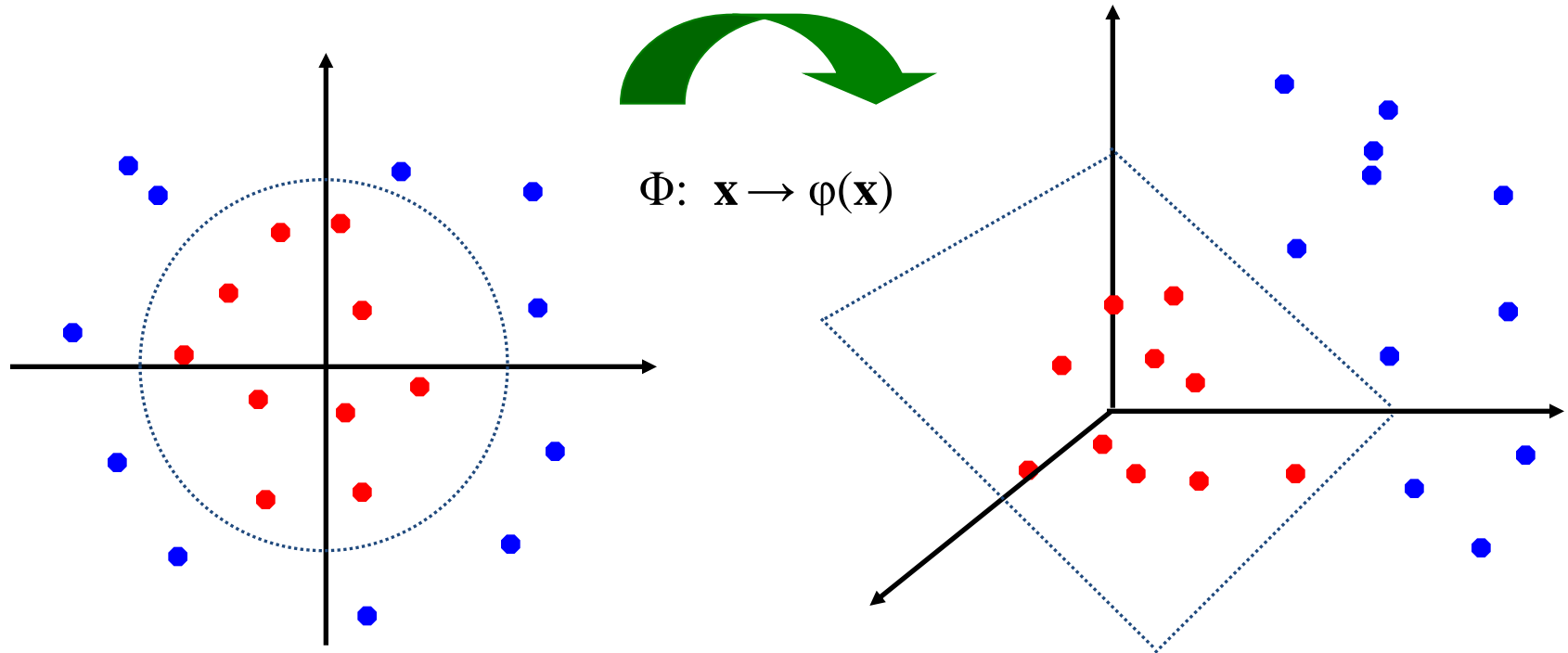
- We can map it to a higher-dimensional space:



Another example (2D)

Nonlinear SVMs

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



A potential problem

- If we map the input vectors into a **very** high-dimensional feature space, optimizing the SVM and even classification might become computationally intractable
 - The mathematics is the same
 - The vectors have a huge number of components
 - Taking the dot product of two vectors is very expensive
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 - What would happen to the dual QP?
 - And during classification?

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (\phi(x_i)^T x) + b$$

Dual decision rule

$$f(x) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b$$

Primal decision rule

Where is the ϕ “feature” space?

Dual optimization:

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$$\text{subject to } y^T \alpha = 0 \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq C$$

w?

$$w = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i \phi(x_i) \quad f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (\phi(x_i)^T \phi(x)) + b$$

b?

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (\phi(x_i)^T \phi(x)) + b = y$$

The “Kernel trick”

Linear SVM

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}) + b$$

Non-linear SVM

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x})) + b$$

Define the “kernel function” K

$$K(x', x'') = \phi(\mathbf{x}')^T \phi(\mathbf{x}'')$$

then

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$$

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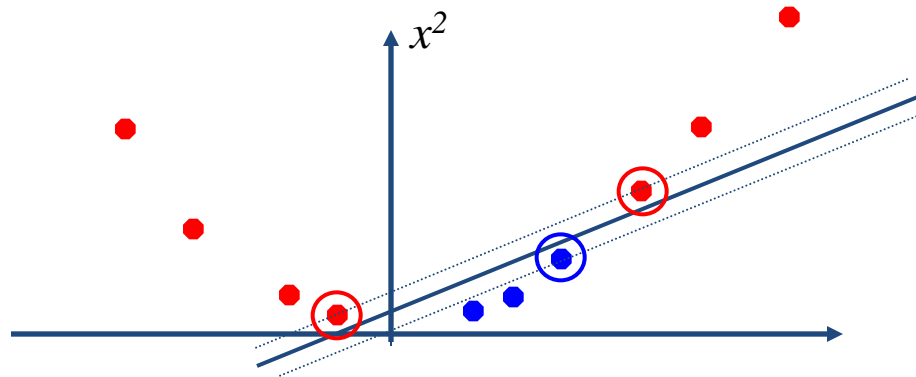
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Nonlinear kernel: Example

- Consider the mapping $\varphi(x) = (x, x^2)$



$$\varphi(x) \cdot \varphi(y) = (x, x^2) \cdot (y, y^2) = xy + x^2 y^2$$

$$K(x, y) = xy + x^2 y^2$$

Computing $K(x, x')$ without explicitly computing $\phi(x)$

For example: 2nd order polynomial kernel in 2d

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, x') &= (1 + x^t x')^2 = (1 + x_1 x'_1 + x_2 x'_2)^2 = \\ &= 1 + x_1^2 x'^2_1 + x_2^2 x'^2_2 + 2x_1 x'_1 + 2x_2 x'_2 + 2x_1 x'_1 x_2 x'_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$K(x, x') = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1 \\ \sqrt{2}x_2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1 x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x'^2_1 \\ x'^2_2 \\ \sqrt{2}x'_1 \\ \sqrt{2}x'_2 \\ \sqrt{2}x'_1 x'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \phi(x)^T \phi(x)$$

Popular kernels

$$K(x', x'') = \phi(x')^T \phi(x'')$$

Name	params	Kernel eqation $K(x', x'')$	Non-linear mapping $\phi(x)$
Linear		$(x')^t x''$	x
Polinomial	D	$(1 + (x')^t x'')^D$	All polynomials up to degree D in the elements of the vector x
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$$K(x, y) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + 1 \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 y_i^2 + \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sqrt{2} x_i y_i \sqrt{2} x_j y_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{2} x_i \sqrt{2} y_{i+1}$$

$$\varphi(x) = \langle x_n^2, \dots, x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_n x_{n-1}, \dots, \sqrt{2}x_n x_1, \sqrt{2}x_{n-1} x_{n-2}, \dots, \sqrt{2}x_{n-1} x_1, \dots, \sqrt{2}x_2 x_1, \sqrt{2}x_n, \dots, \sqrt{1}x_1, 1 \rangle$$

Complexity does not depend on D! (take log multiply and exponent)

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$$\bar{\bar{K}}_{ij} = K(x_i, x_j)$$

$$\bar{\bar{K}} = [\phi(x_1) \ \phi(x_2) \ \dots \ \phi(x_N)]^t [\phi(x_1) \ \phi(x_2) \ \dots \ \phi(x_N)]$$

$$\text{rank}(\bar{\bar{K}}) = \text{rank}([\phi(x_1) \ \phi(x_2) \ \dots \ \phi(x_N)])$$

$$\text{take } \bar{\bar{K}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Proper kernels

- Symmetric

$$K(x_i, x_j) = K(x_j, x_i)$$

- Positive definite kernel

$$\forall N, \forall x_1, \dots, x_N, \forall c \in R^N, \quad c^t \bar{\bar{K}} c > 0$$

- But in practice, we don't necessarily need PSD kernels..

Constructing proper kernels

- $K_3(x', x'') = K_1(x', x'') + K_2(x', x'')$

$$\phi_3(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x) \\ \phi_2(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

- $K_3(x', x'') = K_1(x', x'') * K_2(x', x'')$

$$(\phi_1(x')^t \phi_1(x''))(\phi_2(x'')^t \phi_2(x')) = \text{tr}(\phi_1(x')^t \phi_1(x'')\phi_2(x'')^t \phi_2(x')) =$$

$$\text{tr}((\phi_2(x')\phi_1(x')^t)(\phi_1(x'')\phi_2(x'')^t)) = \langle \text{VEC}(\phi_2(x')\phi_1(x')^t), \text{VEC}(\phi_2(x'')\phi_1(x'')^t) \rangle$$

Distances and kernels

- Suppose we want to apply kNN in kernel space

In input space:

$$||a - b||^2 = (a - b)^t(a - b) = a^t a - 2a^t b + b^t b$$

Similarly, in “feature space”

$$\begin{aligned} ||\phi(a) - \phi(b)||^2 &= (\phi(a) - \phi(b))^t(\phi(a) - \phi(b)) = \\ &= \phi(a)^t \phi(a) - 2\phi(a)^t \phi(b) + \phi(b)^t \phi(b) = \\ &= K(a,a) - 2K(a,b) + K(b,b) \end{aligned}$$

Generalized Gaussian kernel for histograms:

$$K(h_1, h_2) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{A} D(h_1, h_2)^2\right)$$

- L1 distance: $D(h_1, h_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N |h_1(i) - h_2(i)|$
- L2 distance: $D^2(h_1, h_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N (h_1(i) - h_2(i))^2$
- L-inf distance: $D(h_1, h_2) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |h_1(i) - h_2(i)|$
- χ^2 distance: $D(h_1, h_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(h_1(i) - h_2(i))^2}{h_1(i) + h_2(i)}$
- Hellinger distance: $D^2(h_1, h_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\sqrt{h_1(i)} - \sqrt{h_2(i)}\right)^2$
- Mahalanobis distance: $D^2(h_1, h_2) = (h_1 - h_2)^T S^{-1} (h_1 - h_2)$

The Intersection Kernel

Histogram Intersection kernel between histograms a, b

$$K(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n \min(a_i, b_i) \quad \begin{array}{l} a_i \geq 0 \\ b_i \geq 0 \end{array}$$

K small $\rightarrow a, b$ are different
 K large $\rightarrow a, b$ are similar

Intro. by Swain and Ballard 1991 to compare color histograms.
Odone et al 2005 proved positive definiteness.

Demonstration of Positive Definiteness

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To see that $\min(a_i, b_i)$ is positive definite,

represent a, b in “Unary”, n is written as n ones in a row:

$$\min(a_i, b_i) = \langle a_{i \text{ unary}}, b_{i \text{ unary}} \rangle$$

$$\min(3, 5) = \langle (1, 1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) \rangle = 3$$

The Trick

~~#support vectors x #dimensions~~
 $\log(\text{\#support vectors}) \times \text{\#dimensions}$

Decision function is $\text{sign}(h(x))$ where:

$$h(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\text{\#sv}} \alpha^j \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\text{\#dim}} \min(x_i, x_i^j) \right) + b$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\text{\#dim}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\text{\#sv}} \alpha^j \min(x_i, x_i^j) \right) + b$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\text{\#dim}} h_i(x_i)$$

Just sort the support vector values in each coordinate, and pre-compute

$$h_i(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{\text{\#sv}} \alpha^j \min(x_i, x_i^j) + b$$

$$= \sum_{x_i^j < x_i} \alpha^j x_i^j + \left(\sum_{x_i^j \geq x_i} \alpha^j \right) x_i$$

To evaluate, find position of x_i in the sorted support vector values x_i^j (cost: $\log \text{\#sv}$)
look up values, multiply & add

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Handy mathematical technique that has application to many problems
- Given any $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , it decomposes it to three matrices \mathbf{U} , \mathbf{V} , and \mathbf{W} such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{V}^T$$

\mathbf{U} is $m \times n$ and orthonormal

\mathbf{W} is $n \times n$ and diagonal

\mathbf{V} is $n \times n$ and orthonormal

SVD

Matlab: $[U,W,V]=\text{svd}(A,0)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix}^T$$

- The $w_i > 0$ are called the **singular values** of \mathbf{A} and are sorted
- If \mathbf{A} is singular, some of the w_i will be 0
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ = number of nonzero w_i
- SVD is unique (unless some w_i are equal)

SVD and Inverses

- $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{V}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$
 - Using fact that inverse = transpose for orthogonal matrices
 - Note: \mathbf{W}^{-1} is also diagonal with elements one over those of \mathbf{W}
- Pseudoinverse: if $w_i = 0$, set $1/w_i$ to 0 (!)
 - Defined for all (even non-square, singular, etc.) matrices
 - Equal to $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$ if $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ invertible
- Solving $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{b}$ by least squares
 $\mathbf{x} = \text{pinv}(\mathbf{A}) * \mathbf{b}$

SVD and Eigenvectors

- Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{V}^T$, and let x_i be i^{th} column of \mathbf{V}
- Consider $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} x_i$:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} x_i = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{V}^T x_i = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}^2 \mathbf{V}^T x_i = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{V} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ w_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = w_i^2 x_i$$

- So elements of \mathbf{W} are sqrt(eigenvalues) and columns of \mathbf{V} are eigenvectors of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- Similarly, the columns of \mathbf{U} are the eigenvectors of $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$, and $\mathbf{diag}(\mathbf{W})$ are sqrt(eigenvalues $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$)

Kernel SVD

Let $A = [\phi(x_1), \phi(x_2), \dots, \phi(x_N)]$

How do we compute the SVD decomposition U, W, V^T ?

Mental framework – A is of size $\infty \times N$

AA^t is of size $\infty \times \infty$ and U is also $\infty \times N$

but A^tA is of size $N \times N$ and we can compute V and W





$$A = UWV^t \rightarrow U = AVW^{-1}$$

and we can compute, e.g., $U^t \phi(x) = W^{-1}V^t A^t \phi(x)$

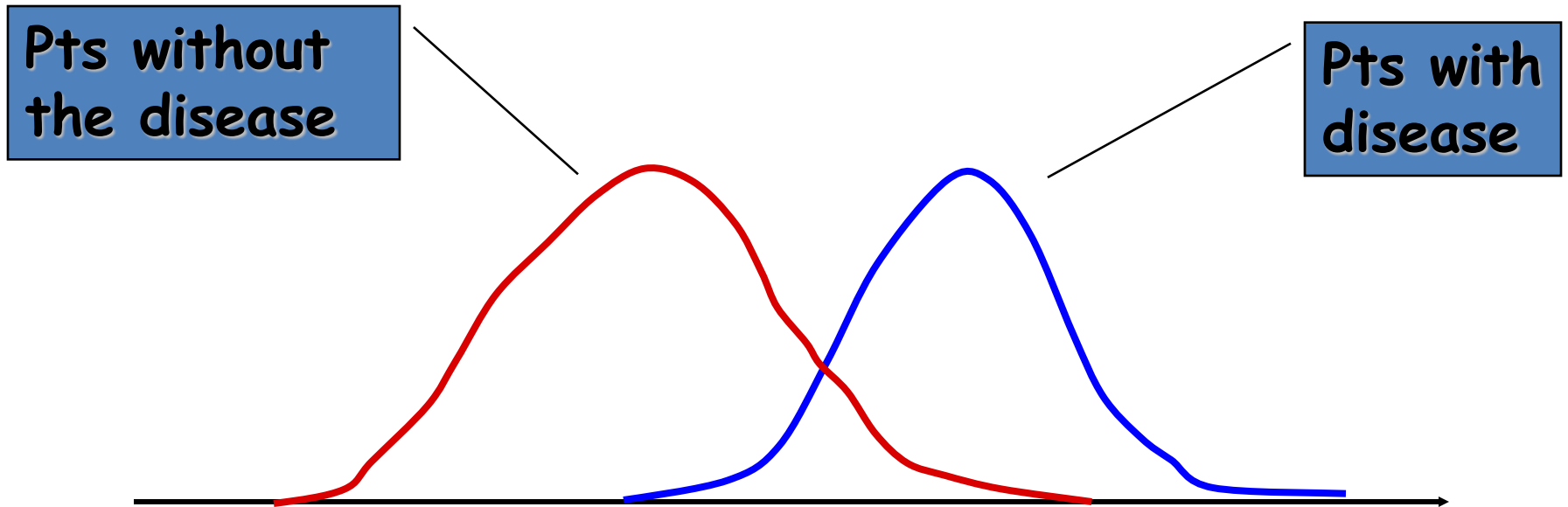
$$= W^{-1}V^t \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x) \\ k(x_2, x) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Applications: (1) $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$
(2) kernel PCA

True label vs. classifier result

<div>classifier</div> <div>Real label</div>	Prediction=-1	Prediction=1
No disease (D = -1)	 True negative	 False positive
Disease (D = +1)	 Miss	 True positive

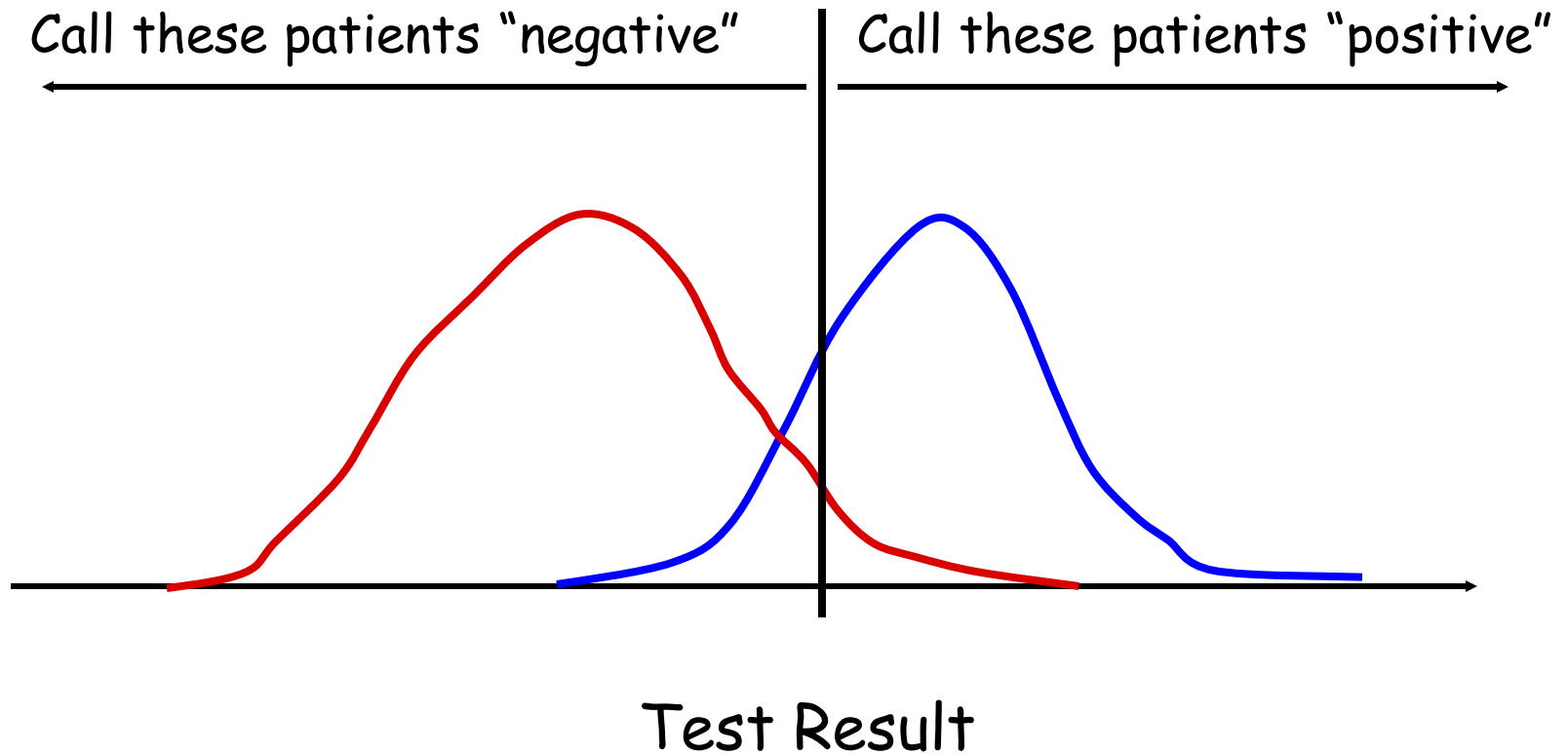
Specific Example



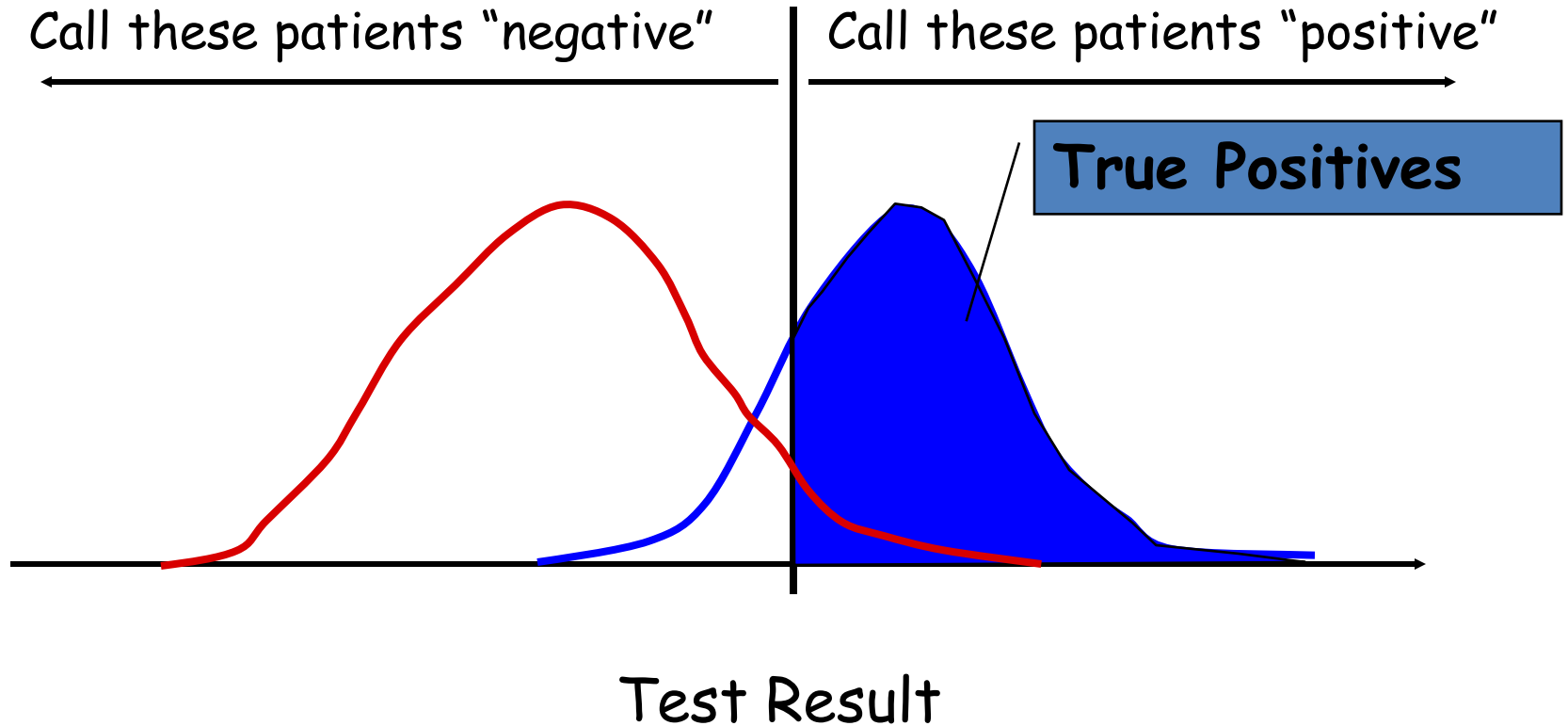
Test Result

$$f(x) = w^t x + b$$

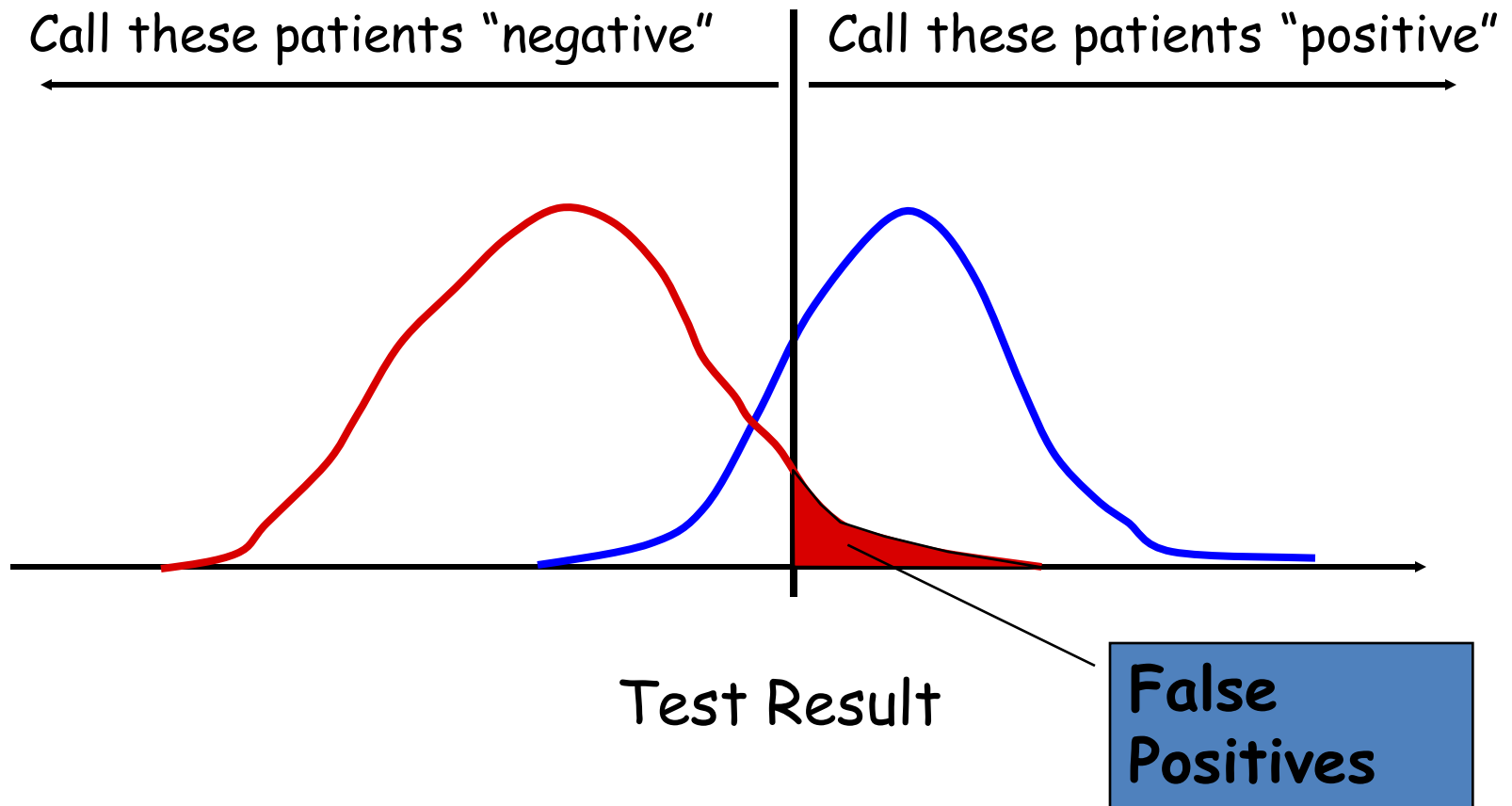
Threshold



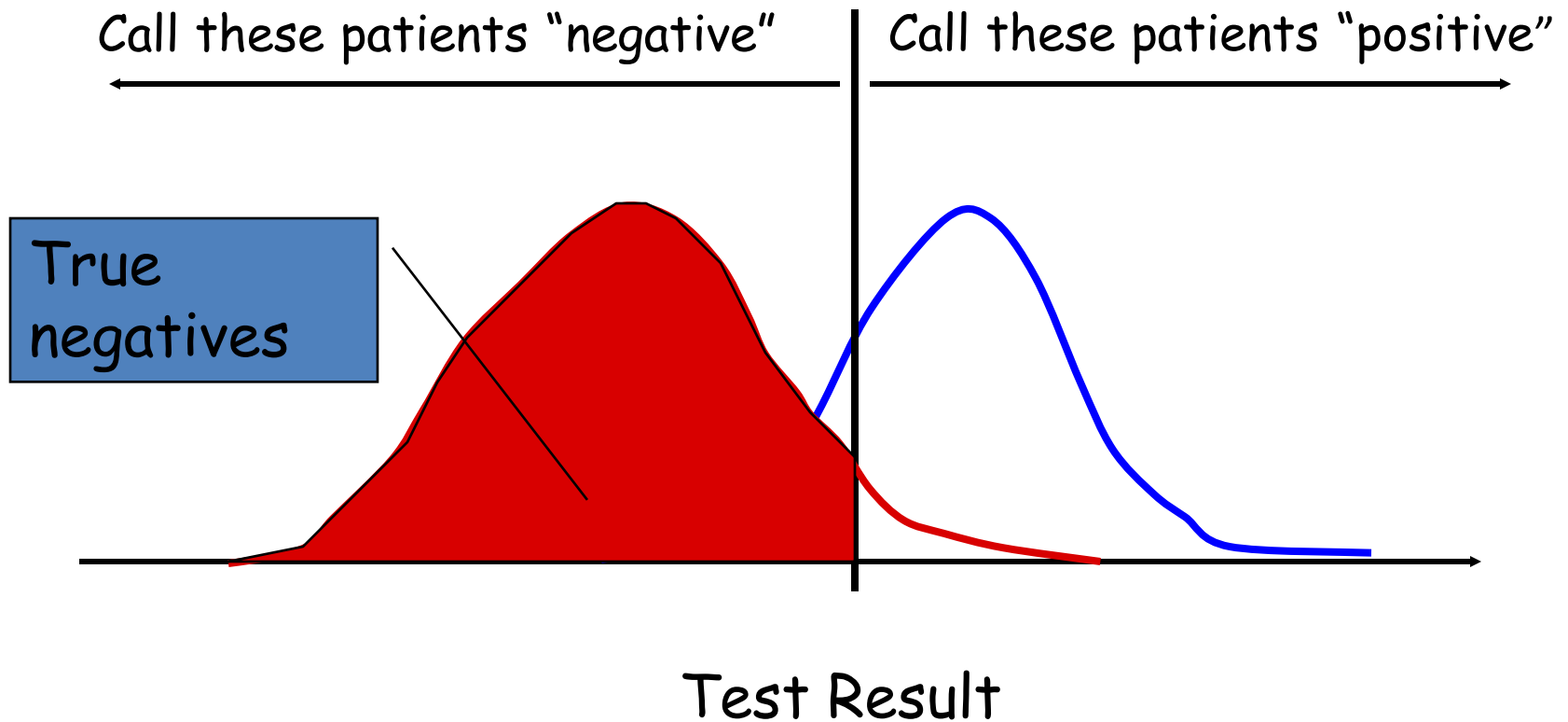
Some definitions ...



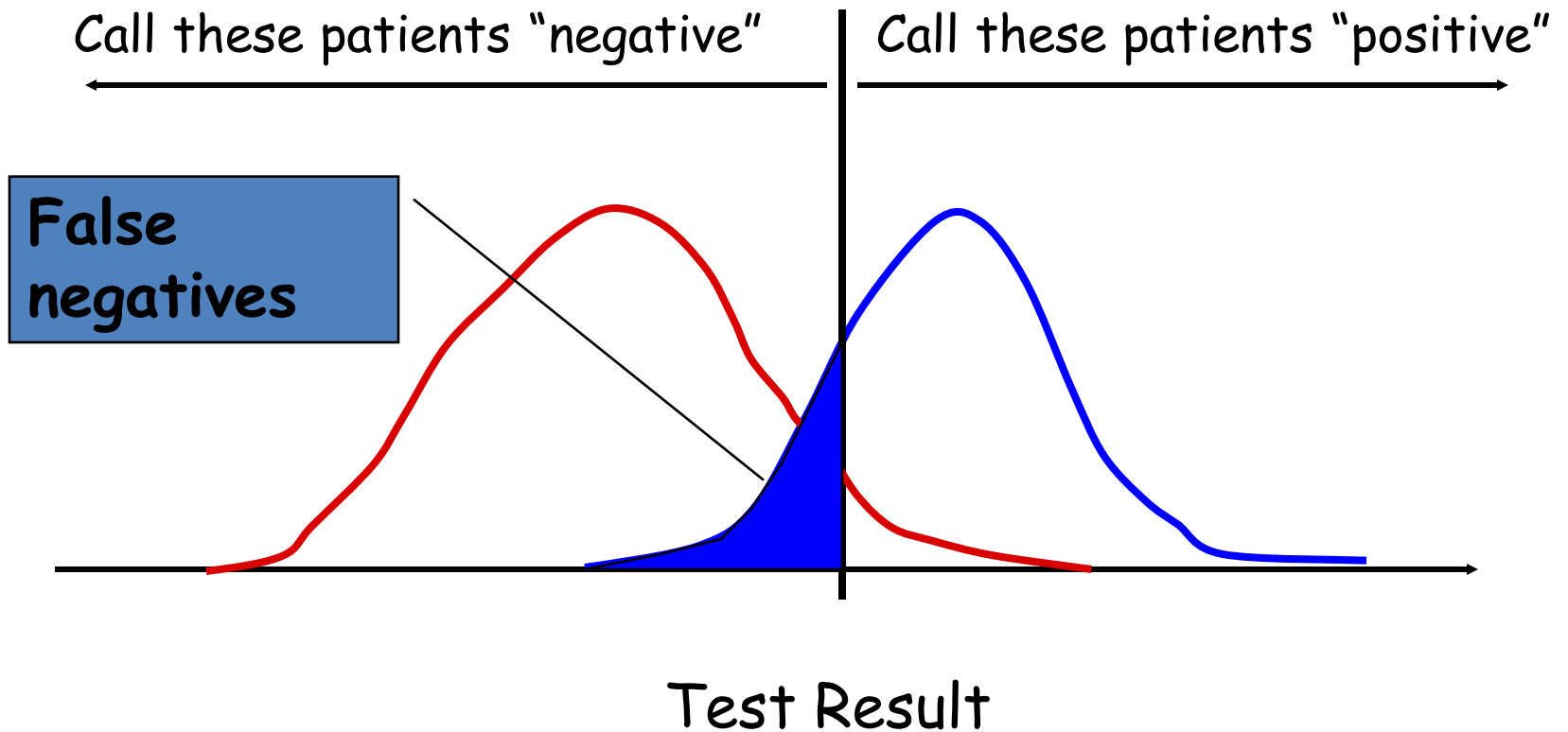
without the disease
with the disease



without the disease
with the disease

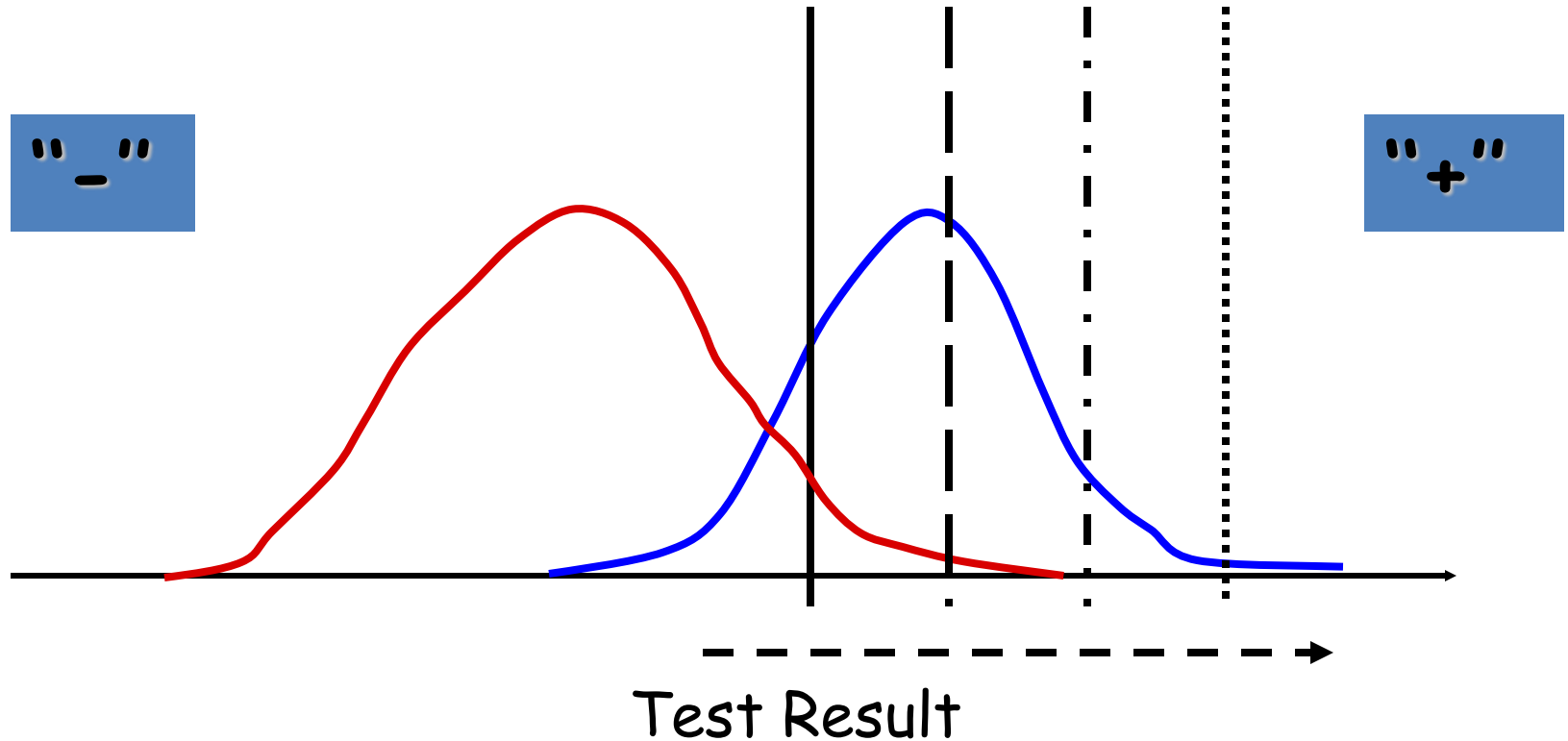


without the disease
with the disease



without the disease
with the disease

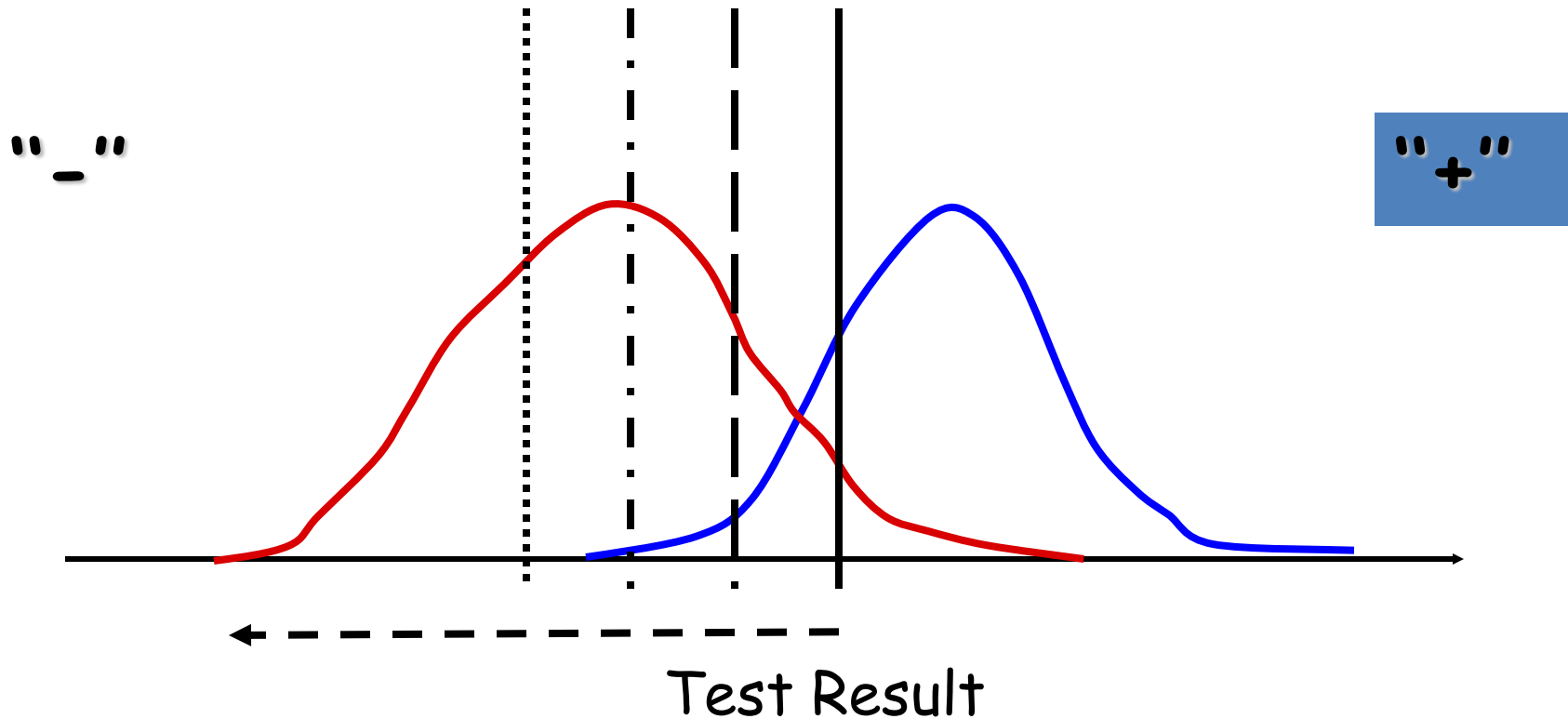
Moving the Threshold: right



without the disease

with the disease

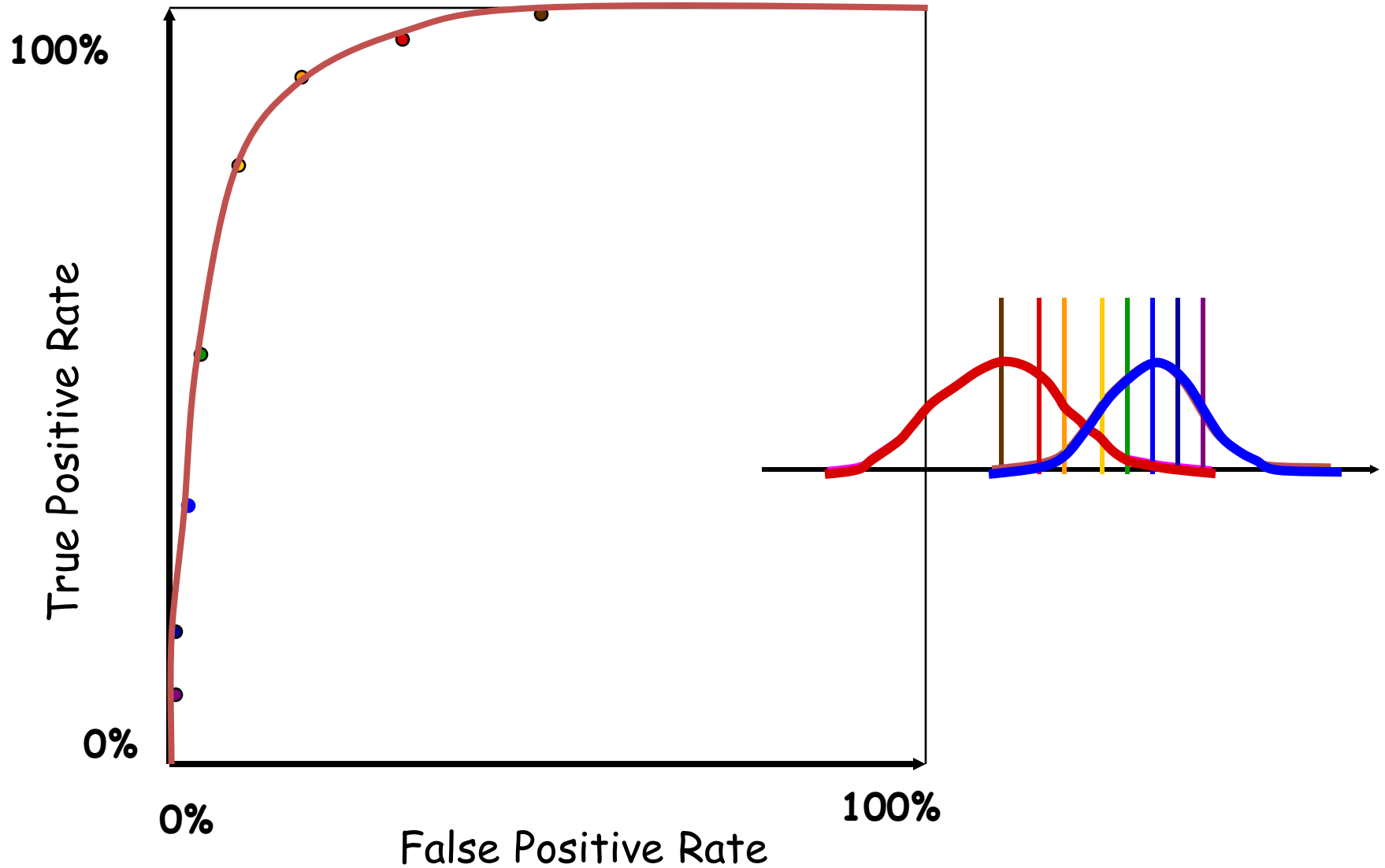
Moving the Threshold: left



without the disease

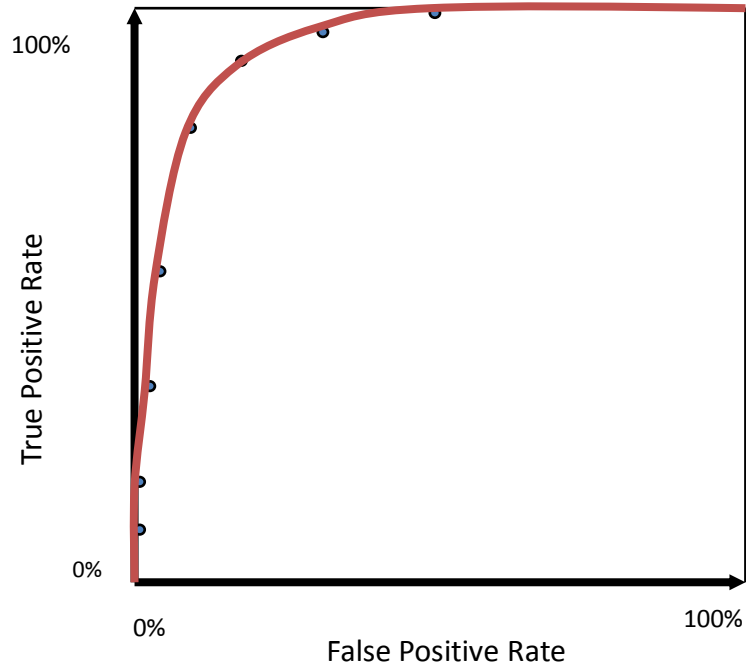
with the disease

ROC curve

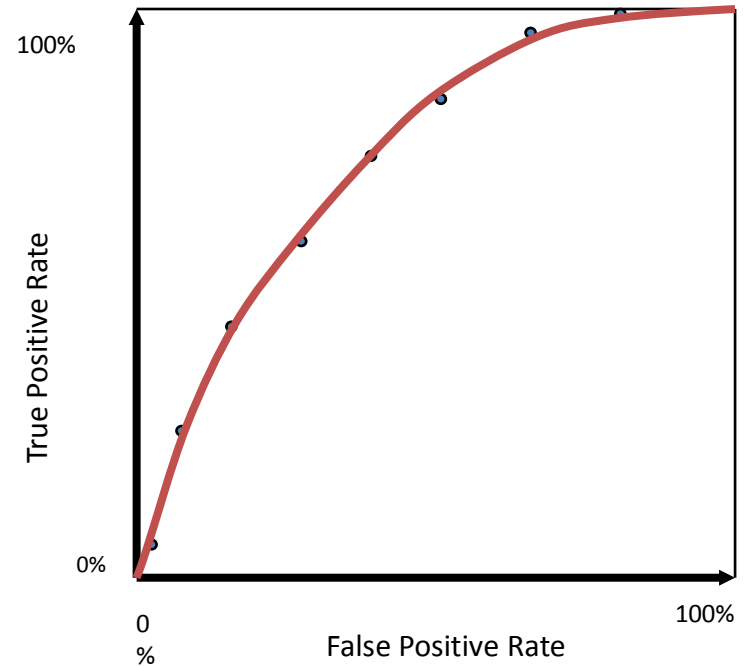


ROC curve comparison

A good classifier:

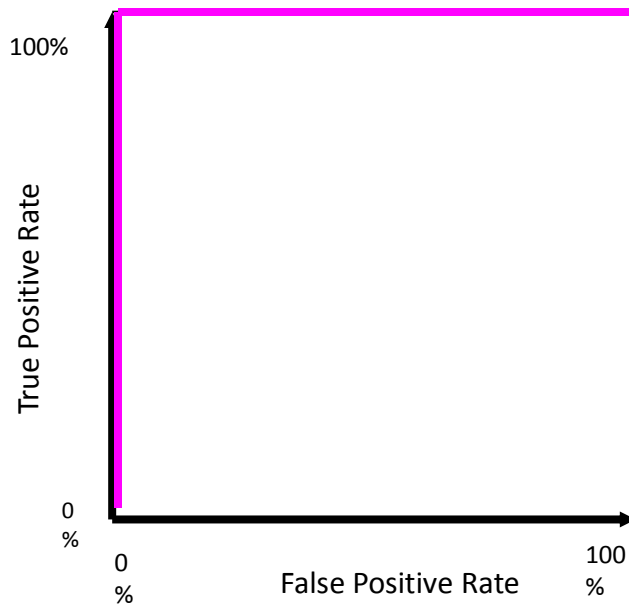


A poor classifier:



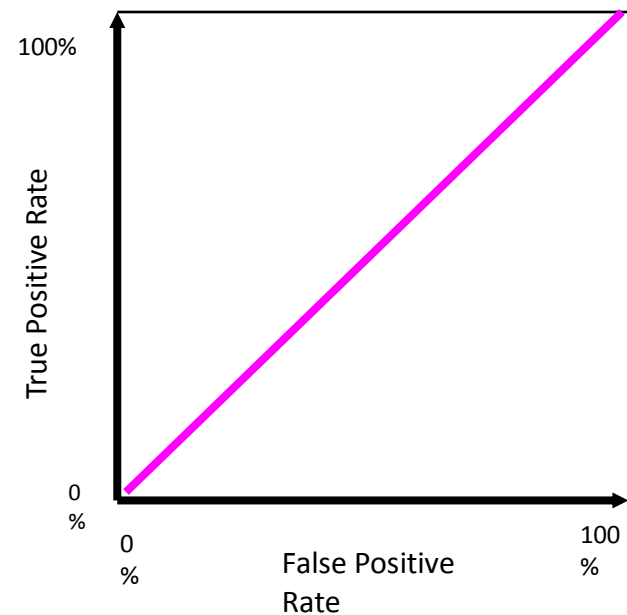
ROC curve extremes

Best Classifier:



The distributions
don't overlap at all

Worst Classifier:



The distributions
overlap completely