

# Foundations of Machine Learning

## AI2000 and AI5000

FoML-15

Linear Discriminant Functions

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# So far in FoML

- Intro to ML and Probability refresher
- MLE, MAP, and fully Bayesian treatment
- Linear Regression with basis functions (regularization, model selection)
- Bias-Variance Decomposition (Bayesian Regression)
- Decision Theory - three broad classification strategies
- Probabilistic Generative Models - Continuous & discrete data

# Discriminant Functions



# Discriminant

- Function that takes an input and assigns one of the classes as output
- Restrict to '*Linear Discriminants*'
  - Decision surfaces are hyperplanes

# Discriminant Functions - two classes

- Input  $x \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- Targets  $t \in \{C_1, C_2\}$
- Discriminant Function

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = f(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = (\phi_0(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}))^T$$

Linear Decision boundaries

Generalized Linear Models



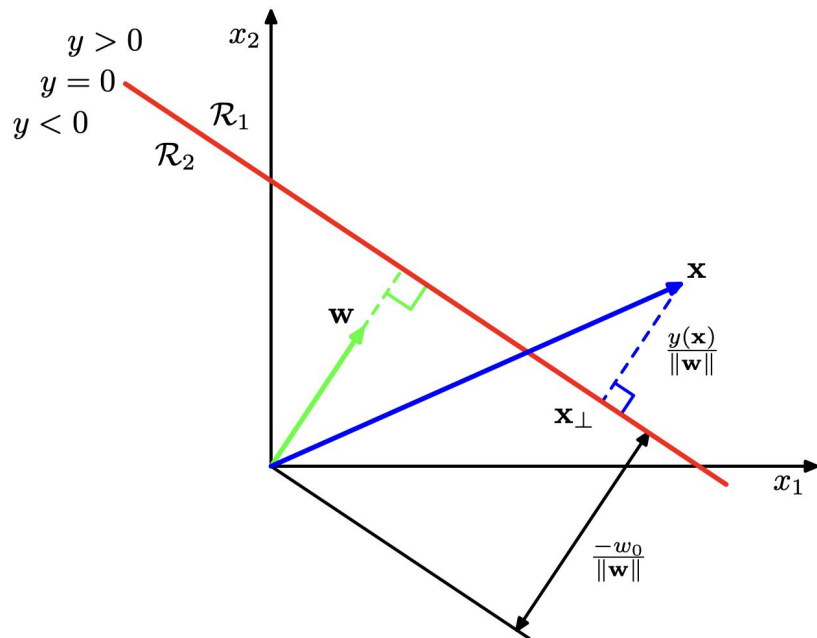
# Discriminant Functions - two classes

- Simplest discriminant function  $y(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0$
- Decision boundary  $y(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}) = 0$



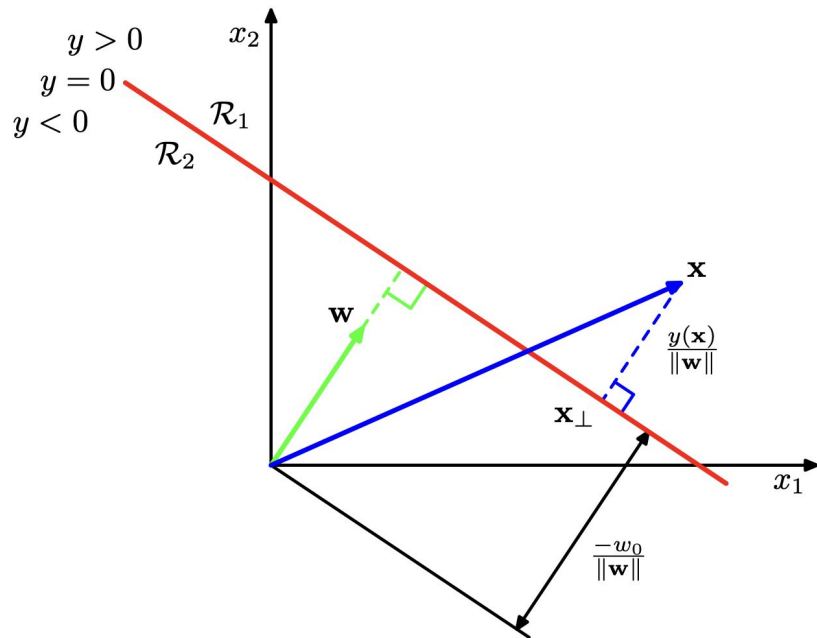
# Discriminant Functions - two classes

$W$  determines the orientation of the decision boundary



# Discriminant Functions - two classes

Normal distance from origin

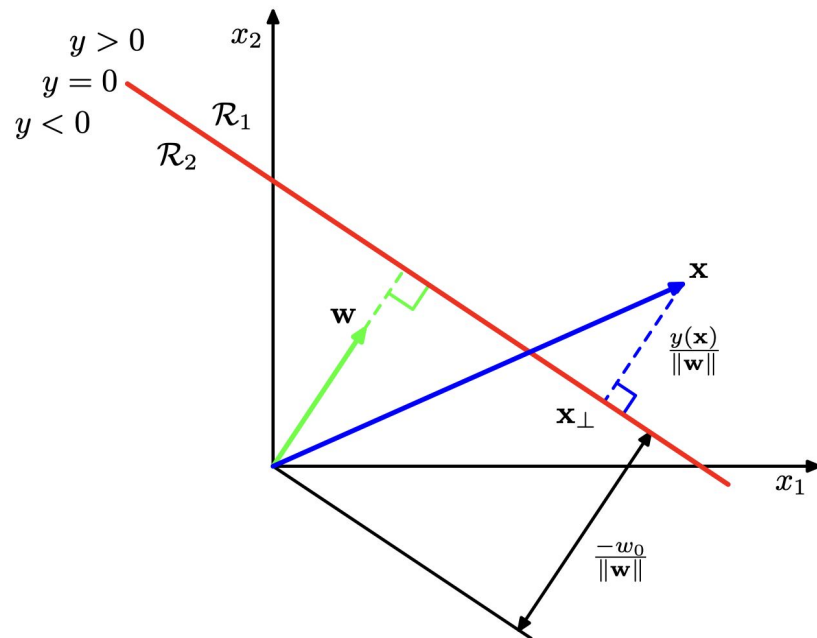


$W_0$  shifts the boundary away from origin





# Discriminant Functions - two classes

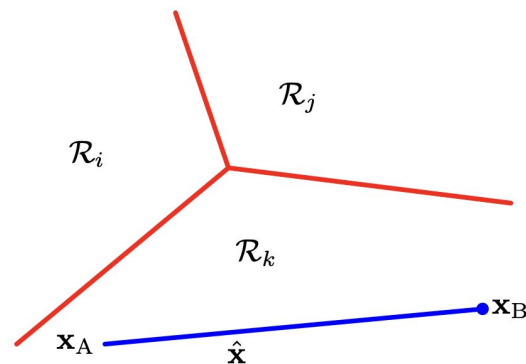


$y(x)$  gives the signed perpendicular distance from the boundary



# Discriminant Functions: Multiple Classes

- K-class discriminant  $y_k(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x} + w_{k0}$
- Class assignment
  - to  $C_k$  if
- Decision boundary:
- Decision regions (for GLM) are convex



# Next

# Least Squares for Classification

