

# Introduction to Machine Learning

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Lecture 16: Perceptron Algorithm,  
GP Classification, Support Vector Machines

Many figures courtesy Kevin Murphy's textbook,  
*Machine Learning: A Probabilistic Perspective*

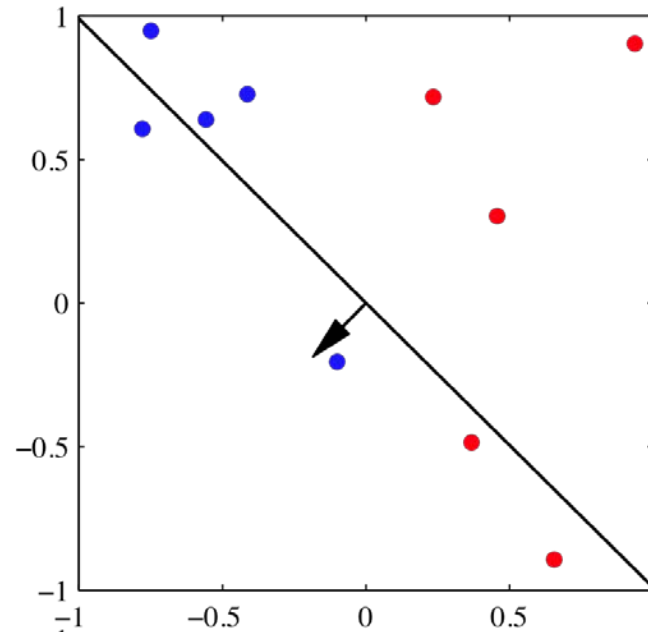
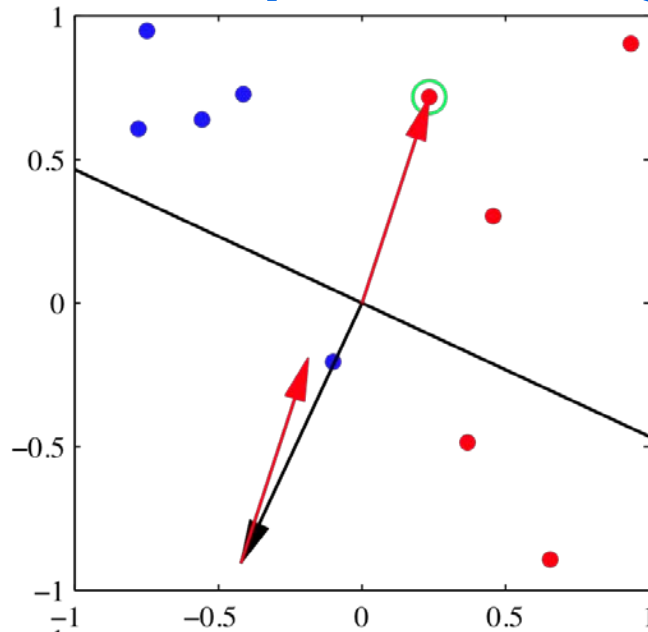
# Perceptron MARK 1 Computer



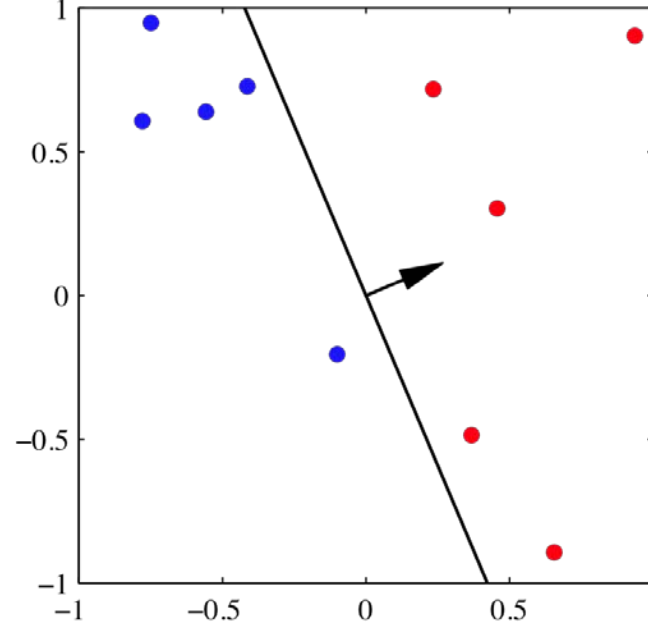
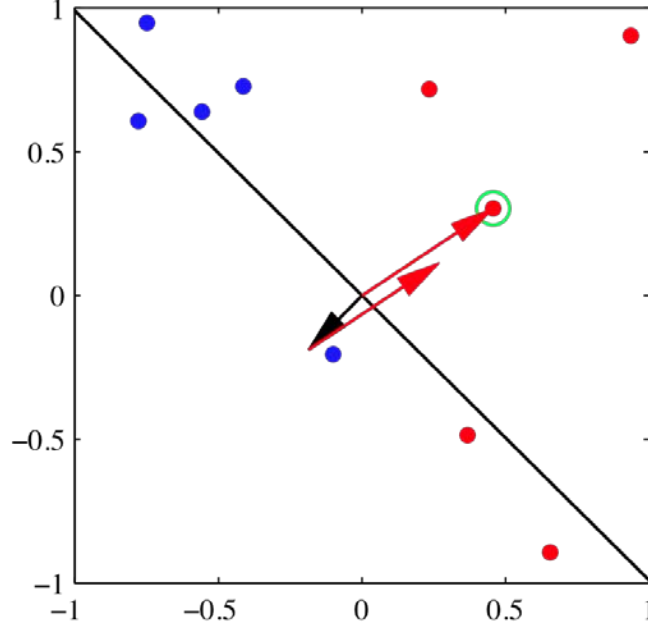
*Frank Rosenblatt, late 1950s*

# Perceptron Algorithm Convergence

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Pattern  
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# Perceptron Algorithm Properties

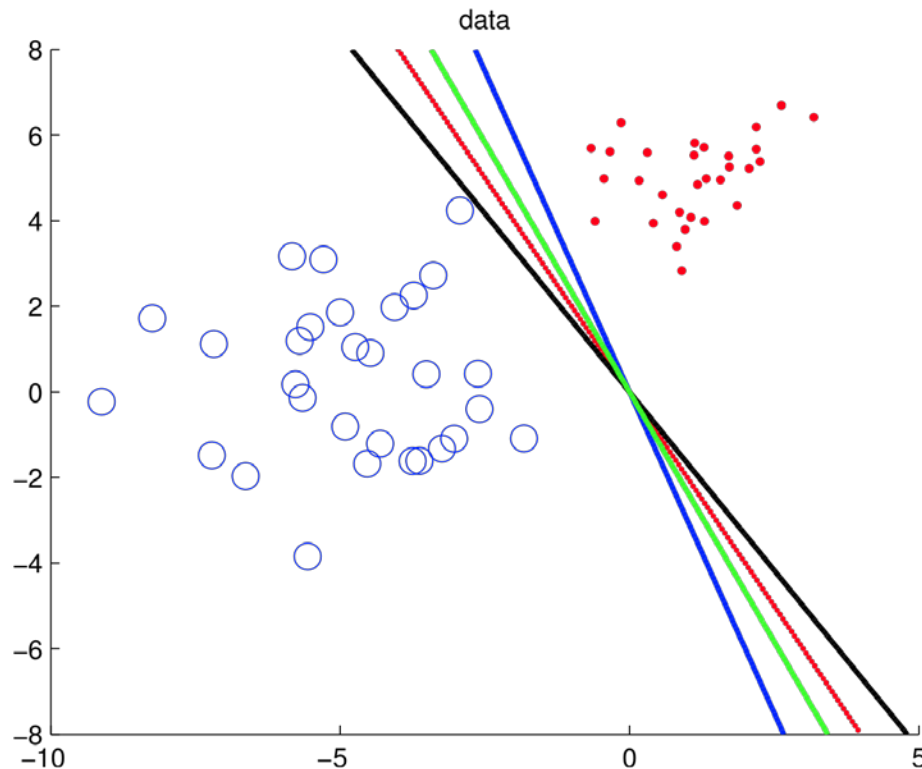
## Strengths

- Guaranteed to converge if data linearly separable (in feature space; reduces angle to true separators)
- Easy to construct kernel representation of algorithm

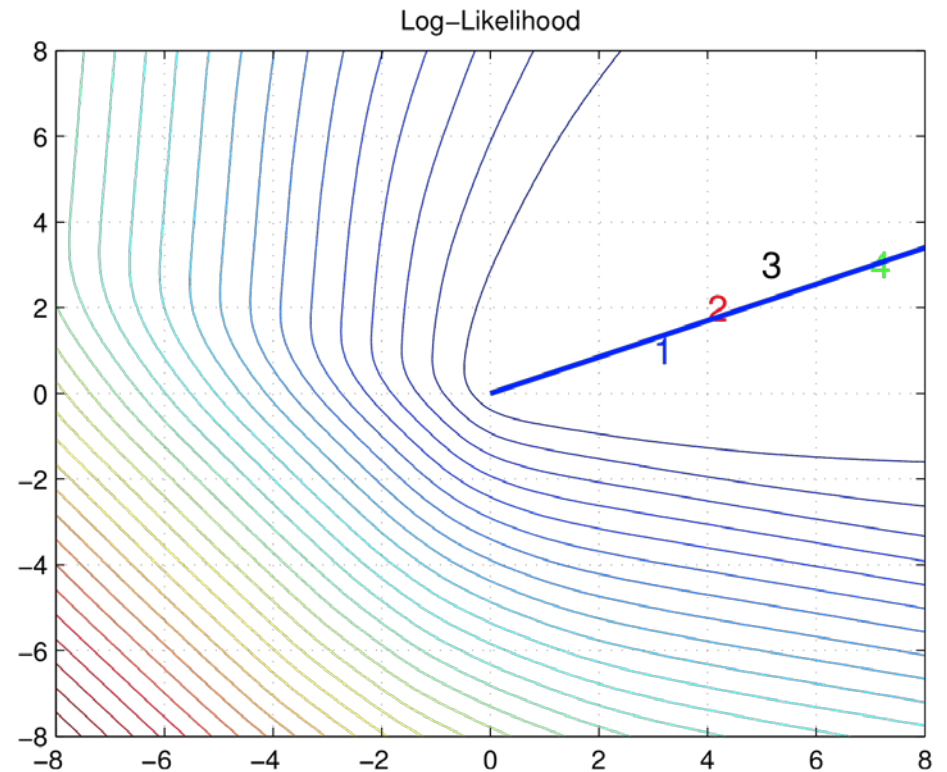
## Weaknesses

- May be slow to converge (worst-case performance poor)
- If data not linearly separable, will never converge
- Solution depends on order data visited; no notion of a “best” separating hyperplane
- Non-probabilistic: No measure of confidence in decisions, difficult to generalize to other problems

# Logistic Regression Likelihood



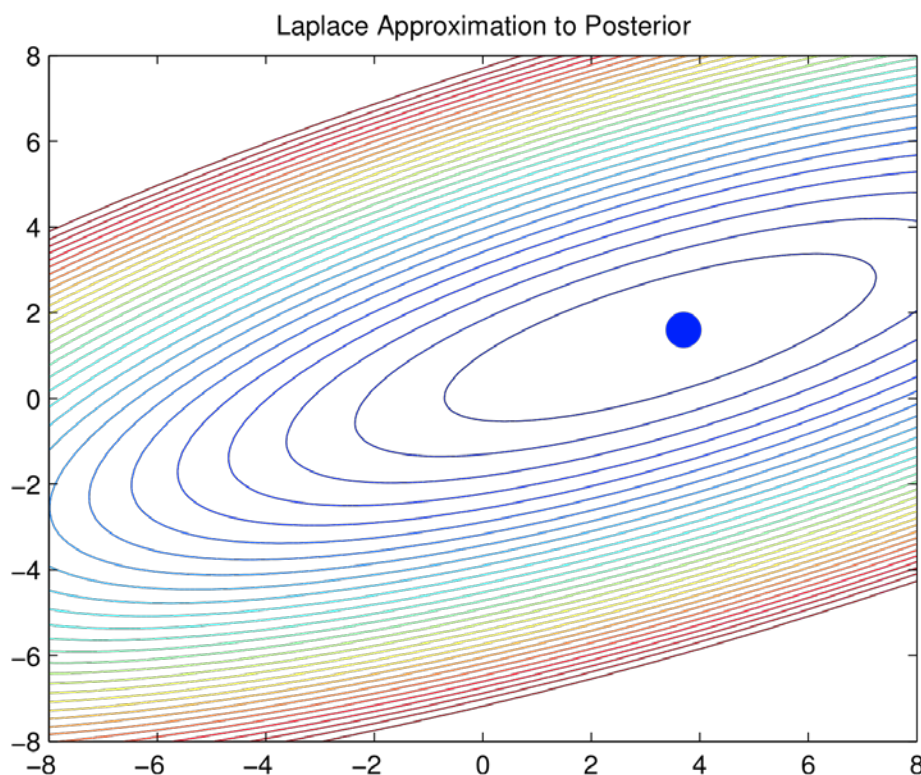
*Linearly Separable Data*



*Log-likelihood Function*

$$p(y|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i:y_i=1} \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i}} \prod_{i:y_i=0} \frac{1}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i}} = \exp(\mathbf{w}^T \sum_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i) \prod_{i=1}^N (1 + e^{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i})^{-1}$$

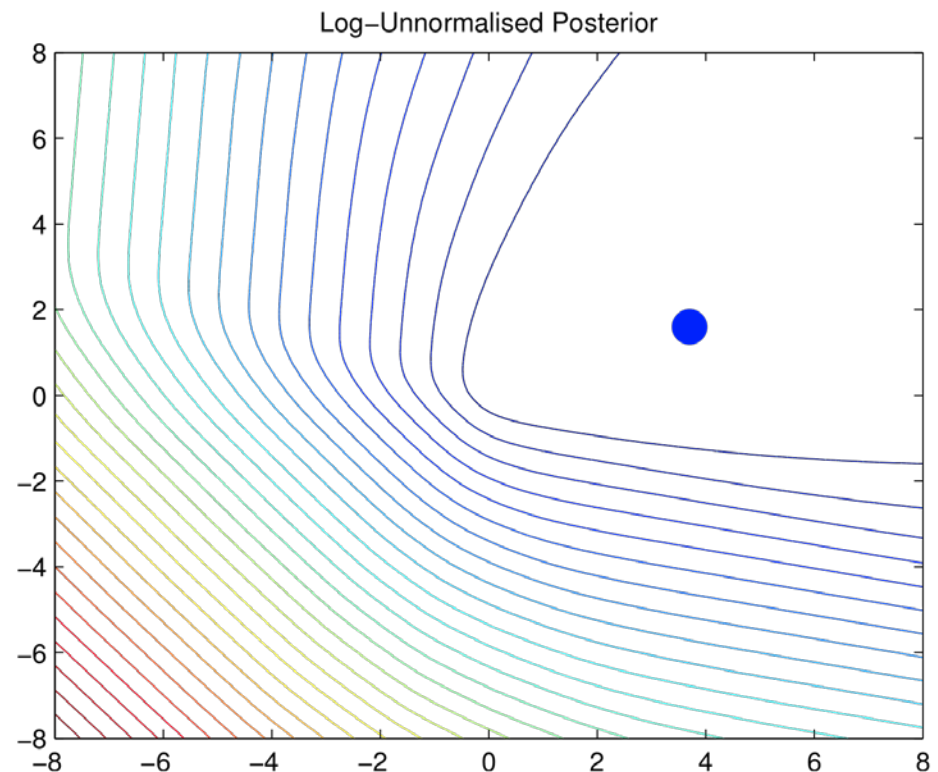
# Laplace Approximation of LR Posterior



*Laplace Approximation*

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\mathcal{D}) \approx \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\hat{\mathbf{w}}, \mathbf{H}^{-1})$$

$$\mathbf{H} = -\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{w})|_{\hat{\mathbf{w}}}$$



*Log Posterior Distribution*

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = -(\log p(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}) + \log p(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w})$$

# Losses for Binary Classification

