

Prove that:

If the Perceptron algorithm initialized with the null vector, then coefficients  $\eta$  does not affect learning.

Decision function:

$$\text{Sign}(z) = \begin{cases} +1 & z > 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

weights vector:  $w$ , training examples:  $x$ ,  
learning rate:  $\eta \geq 0$ , target output:  $y$ ,  
Output generated by perceptron:  $\hat{y}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Initialize the weights vector:  $w_0$

$\Rightarrow$  Then we have  $\hat{y}_1 = \text{Sign}(w_0 \cdot x_1)$

and we can validate/update the weights vectors according to the perceptron training:

$$w_1 = w_0 + \eta (y_1 - \hat{y}_1) \cdot x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y}_2 = \text{Sign}(w_1 \cdot x_2) = \text{Sign}((w_0 + \eta (y_1 - \hat{y}_1) x_1) \cdot x_2)$$

$$w_2 = w_1 + \eta (y_2 - \hat{y}_2) x_2 = \underbrace{w_0 + \eta (y_1 - \hat{y}_1) x_1}_{w_1} + \eta (y_2 - \hat{y}_2) x_2 =$$

$$= w_0 + \eta ((y_1 - \hat{y}_1) x_1 + (y_2 - \hat{y}_2) x_2) =$$

$$= w_0 + \eta \left[ (y_1 - \text{Sign}(w_0 \cdot x_1)) x_1 + (y_2 - \text{Sign}(w_1 \cdot x_2)) x_2 \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{w_0}_{w_0=0} + \eta \left[ (y_1 - \text{Sign}(\eta (y_1 - \hat{y}_1) x_1)) x_1 + (y_2 - \text{Sign}(\eta (y_1 - \hat{y}_1) x_1 + \eta (y_2 - \hat{y}_2) x_2)) x_2 \right]$$

$$= \eta \left[ (y_1 - \text{Sign}(0)) x_1 + (y_2 - \text{Sign}(\eta (y_1 - \hat{y}_1) x_1)) x_2 \right]$$

if  $\eta = 0 \Rightarrow w_2 = w_1 = w_0 = 0 = w_i$

then  $\hat{y}_i = \text{sign}(0) = -1 \quad \forall i$

$\Rightarrow$  there is not learning because the perceptron classifies all of the training examples with the same label!

if  $\eta > 0 \Rightarrow$  focus on  $\text{sign}(\eta(y_i - \hat{y}_i) \cdot x_i)$ :

since  $\text{sign}(\eta) = +1$ ,  $\eta$  does not affect the  $\text{sign}(\dots)$ , so neither the learning algorithm.  $\square$