

VC-Dimension

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

With TWO points x_1, x_2 where $x_1 < x_2$ we have $2^2 = 4$ labels

x_1	x_2	
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

$x_1 < x_2 < a < b$ or $a < b < x_1 < x_2$ OK
 $x_1 < a < x_2 < b$ OK
 $a < x_1 < b < x_2$ OK
 $a < x_1 < x_2 < b$ OK

With THREE points x_1, x_2, x_3 where $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$ we have $2^3 = 8$ labels

x_1	x_2	x_3	
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

$x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < a < b$ OK
 $x_1 < x_2 < a < x_3 < b$ OK
 $x_1 < a < x_2 < b < x_3$ OK
 $x_1 < a < x_2 < x_3 < b$ OK
 $a < x_1 < b < x_2 < x_3$ OK

$x_3 ??$ NO ANSWER

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The classifier can not shatter
any set of 3 points,
so the VC dimension in IR is 2!