Bandit Multiclass Linear Classification: Efficient Algorithms for the Separable Case



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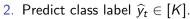
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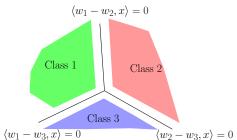
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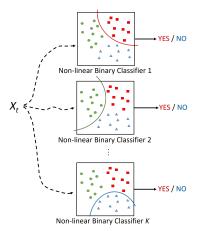
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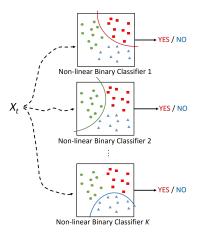


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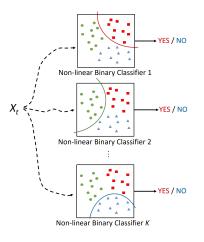
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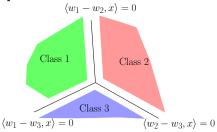


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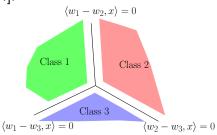
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 $\mathbb{E}[\#\mathsf{mistakes}(\mathsf{alg})] \leq K \sum_i \#\mathsf{mistakes}(i)$

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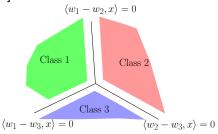
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