

# Statistical Machine Learning (BE4M33SSU)

## Lecture 10: Structured Output Support Vector Machines

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## Linear classifier

### Two-class linear classifier:

- ◆  $\mathcal{X}$  is a set of observations and  $\mathcal{Y} = \{+1, -1\}$  is a set of hidden labels
- ◆  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a feature map embedding observations from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- ◆ Two-class linear classifier  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$$h(x; \mathbf{w}, b) = \text{sign}(\langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x) \rangle + b) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x) \rangle + b \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x) \rangle + b < 0 \end{cases}$$

### A generic linear classifier:

- ◆  $\mathcal{X}$  is a set of observations and  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a finite set of hidden states
- ◆  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a joint feature map embedding  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- ◆ Generic linear classifier  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$$h(x; \mathbf{w}) \in \underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}}{\text{Argmax}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x, y) \rangle$$

## Example: multi-class linear classifier

- ◆  $\mathcal{X}$  is a set of observations and  $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, \dots, Y\}$  is a set of class labels
- ◆ Multi-class linear classifier  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$$h(x; \mathbf{w}) \in \underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}}{\text{Argmax}} q(x, y; \mathbf{w})$$

is linear if the scoring function is linear in parameters, for example,

$$q(x, y; \mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{w}_y, \phi(x) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x, y) \rangle$$

where  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_Y) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \cdot Y}$  are parameters and  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \cdot Y}$  is

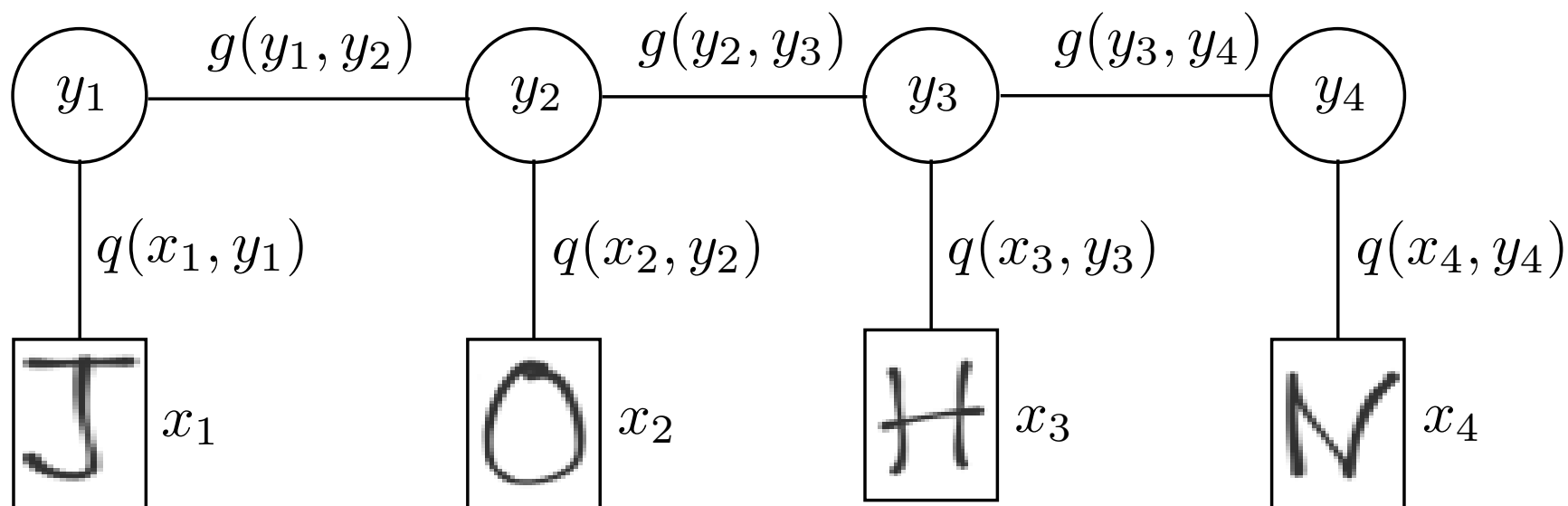
$$\phi(x, y) = (0, \dots, \underbrace{\phi(x)}_{y\text{-th slot}}, \dots, 0)$$

## Example: sequence classifier for OCR

- ◆  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{I}^L$  contains sequences of  $L$  images and  $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{A}^L$  contains sequences of  $L$  characters from  $\mathcal{A} = \{1, \dots, A\}$
- ◆ A linear classifier over sequences  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$$(\hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}_L) \in \underset{(y_1, \dots, y_k) \in \mathcal{A}^L}{\text{Argmax}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^L q(x_i, y_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} g(y_i, y_{i+1}) \right)$$

where  $q(x_i, y_i) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_q(x_i, y_i) \rangle$  and  $g(y_i, y_{i+1}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_g(y_i, y_{i+1}) \rangle$ .



# Learning by Empirical Risk Minimization

- ◆ The goal is to find parameters minimizing the expected risk

$$R(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim p} \left( \ell(y, h(x; \mathbf{w})) \right)$$

where  $\ell: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a loss such that  $\ell(y, y') = 0$  iff  $y = y'$ .

- ◆ The Empirical Risk Minimization principle leads to solving

$$\mathbf{w}^* \in \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{Argmin}} R_{\mathcal{T}^m}(\mathbf{w})$$

where the empirical risk is

$$R_{\mathcal{T}^m}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y^i, h(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$$

and  $\mathcal{T}^m = \{(x^i, y^i) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  are training examples drawn from i.i.d. with distribution  $p(x, y)$ .

## Learning linear classifier from separable examples

- ◆ A correctly classified example  $(x^i, y^i)$ , that is,

$$y^i = h(x^i; \mathbf{w}) = \underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}}{\text{Argmax}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle$$

implies

$$\langle \phi(x^i, y^i), \mathbf{w} \rangle > \langle \phi(x^i, y), \mathbf{w} \rangle, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y^i\}$$

**Definition 1.** *The examples  $\mathcal{T}^m = \{(x^i, y^i) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  are linearly separable w.r.t. joint feature map  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  if there exists  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that*

$$\langle \phi(x^i, y^i), \mathbf{w} \rangle > \langle \phi(x^i, y), \mathbf{w} \rangle \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y^i\}$$

## (Generic) Perceptron algorithm

- ◆ **Task:** given a set of points  $\{\mathbf{a}^i \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  we want to find  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a}^i \rangle > 0, \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \quad (1)$$

- ◆ **Perceptron:**

1.  $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$
2. Find a violating  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a}^i \rangle \leq 0, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$
3. If there is no violating inequality return  $\mathbf{w}$  otherwise update

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{a}^i$$

and go to step 2.

- ◆ If the set of inequalities (1) is solvable then the Perceptron algorithm exits in a finite number of steps which does not depend on  $m$ .

## Structured Output Perceptron

- Learning  $h(x; \mathbf{w}) \in \text{Argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x, y) \rangle$  from examples  $\mathcal{T}^m = \{(x^i, y^i) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  leads to solving

$$\langle \phi(x^i, y^i), \mathbf{w} \rangle - \langle \phi(x^i, y), \mathbf{w} \rangle > 0, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y^i\}$$

- Structured Output Perceptron:**

- $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$
- Find a misclassified example  $(x^i, y^i) \in \mathcal{T}^m$  such that

$$y^i \neq \hat{y}^i \in \text{Argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle \quad \text{prediction problem}$$

- If there is no misclassified example return  $\mathbf{w}$  otherwise update

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \phi(x^i, y^i) - \phi(x^i, \hat{y}^i)$$

and go to step 2.



## Structured Output SVM

- Learning  $h(x; \mathbf{w}) \in \text{Argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x, y) \rangle$  from examples  $\mathcal{T}^m = \{(x^i, y^i) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  by ERM leads to

$$\mathbf{w}^* \in \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{Argmin}} R_{\mathcal{T}^m}(\mathbf{w}) \quad \text{where} \quad R_{\mathcal{T}^m}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y^i, h(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$$

- The SO-SVM approximates the ERM by a convex problem

$$\mathbf{w}^* \in \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}}{\text{Argmin}} R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) \quad \text{where} \quad R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \psi(x^i, y^i, \mathbf{w})$$

and  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a convex feasible set; e.g.  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\mathbf{w}\| \leq R\}$

- $\psi: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex proxy that upper bounds the true loss:

$$\psi(x^i, y^i, \mathbf{w}) \geq \ell(y^i, h(x^i, \mathbf{w})), \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

## Margin rescaling loss (convex upper bound of the true loss)

- ◆ We require that the score of the correct label  $y^i$  is higher than the score of the incorrect label  $y$  by margin proportional to the loss  $\ell(y^i, y)$ :

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y^i) \rangle \geq \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle + \ell(y^i, y), \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y^i\}$$

- ◆ The margin rescaling loss

$$\psi(x^i, y^i, \mathbf{w}) = \max \left\{ 0, \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y^i\}} \{ \ell(y^i, y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y^i) \rangle \} \right\}$$

- ◆ The error

$$y^i \neq \hat{y} = h(x^i; \mathbf{w}) \in \underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}}{\text{Argmax}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle$$

implies  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, \hat{y}) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y^i) \rangle \geq 0$  and hence

$$\psi(x^i, y^i, \mathbf{w}) \geq \ell(y^i, h(x^i, \mathbf{w})), \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

## SO-SVM with margin-rescaling loss

- Using shortcuts  $\ell_i(y) = \ell(y^i, y)$  and  $\phi_i(y) = \phi(x^i, y) - \phi(x^i, y^i)$  we can simplify the margin rescaling loss:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x^i, y^i, \mathbf{w}) &= \max\{0, \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \{y^i\}} \{\ell(y^i, y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y^i) \rangle\}\} \\
 &= \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{\ell(y^i, y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y^i) \rangle\} \\
 &= \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{\ell_i(y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_i(y) \rangle\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- The SO-SVM algorithm approximates the ERM by a convex problem

$$\mathbf{w}^* \in \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}}{\text{Argmin}} R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) \quad \text{where} \quad R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{\ell_i(y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_i(y) \rangle\}$$

and  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a convex feasible set; e.g.  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\mathbf{w}\| \leq R\}$

## SO-SVM as a convex quadratic program

- ◆ The SO-SVM problem reads

$$\mathbf{w}^* \in \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}}{\text{Argmin}} R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) \quad \text{where} \quad R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{ \ell_i(y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_i(y) \rangle \}$$

- ◆ For  $\mathcal{W} = \{ \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\mathbf{w}\| \leq R \}$  we can rewrite SO-SVM as an equivalent convex quadratic program:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^m}{\text{argmin}} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \right)$$

subject to

$$\xi_i \geq \ell_i(y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_i(y) \rangle, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}$$

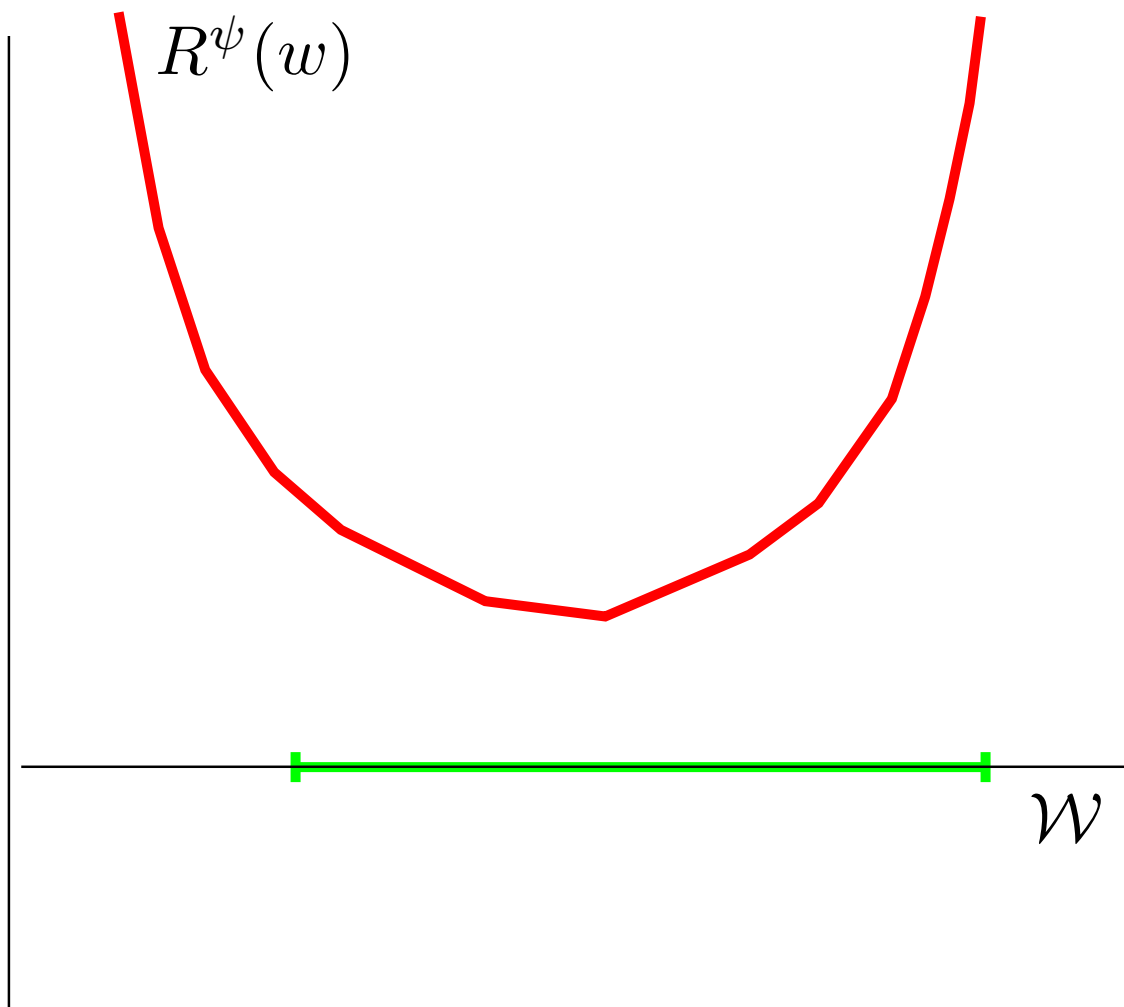
- ◆ Note that the QP has  $m|\mathcal{Y}|$  linear constraints !

# Cutting plane algorithm

$$R^\psi(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \max_{\hat{y}^i \in \mathcal{Y}} (\ell_i(\hat{y}^i) + \langle \phi_i(\hat{y}^i), \mathbf{w} \rangle) = \max_{\substack{\hat{y}^1 \in \mathcal{Y} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}^m \in \mathcal{Y}}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\ell_i(\hat{y}^i) + \langle \phi_i(\hat{y}^i), \mathbf{w} \rangle)$$

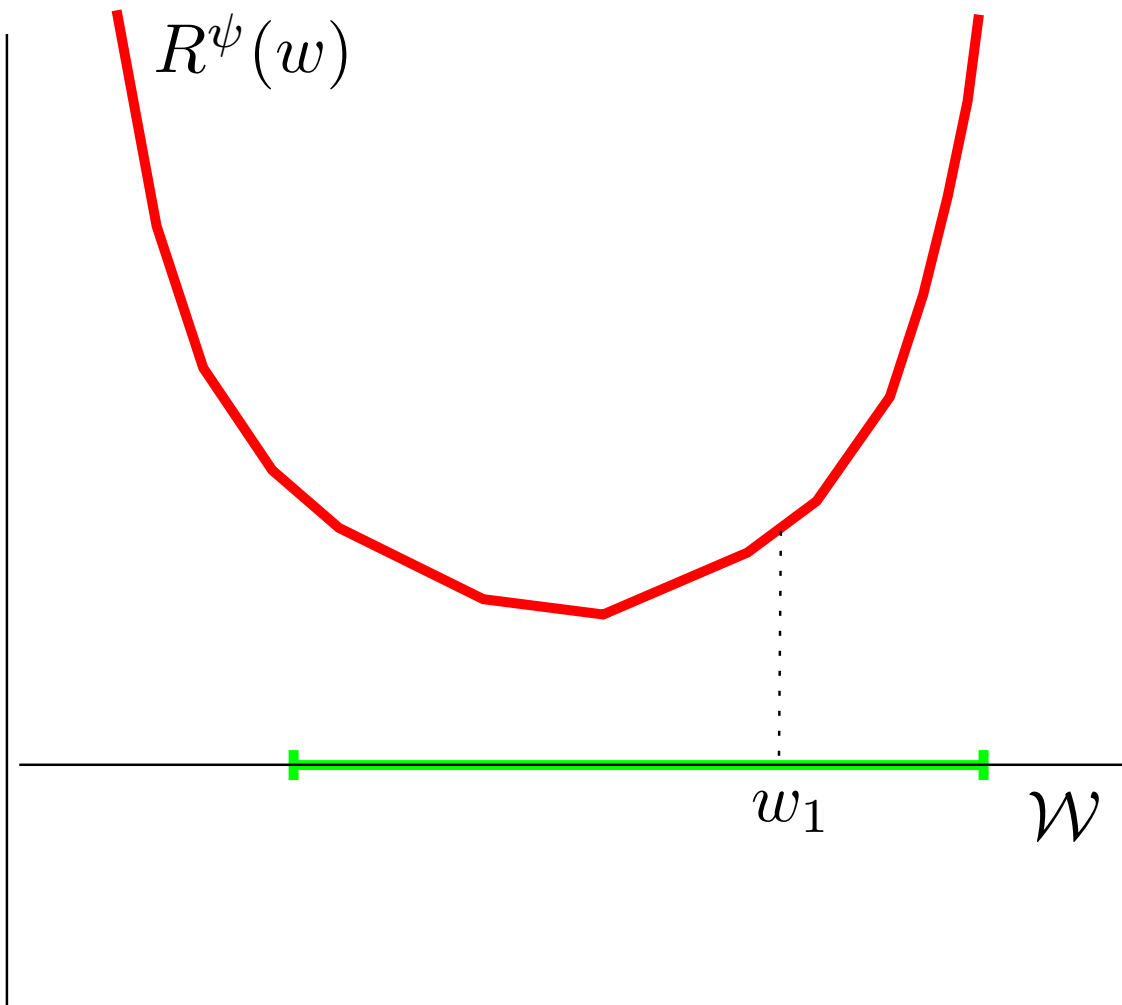
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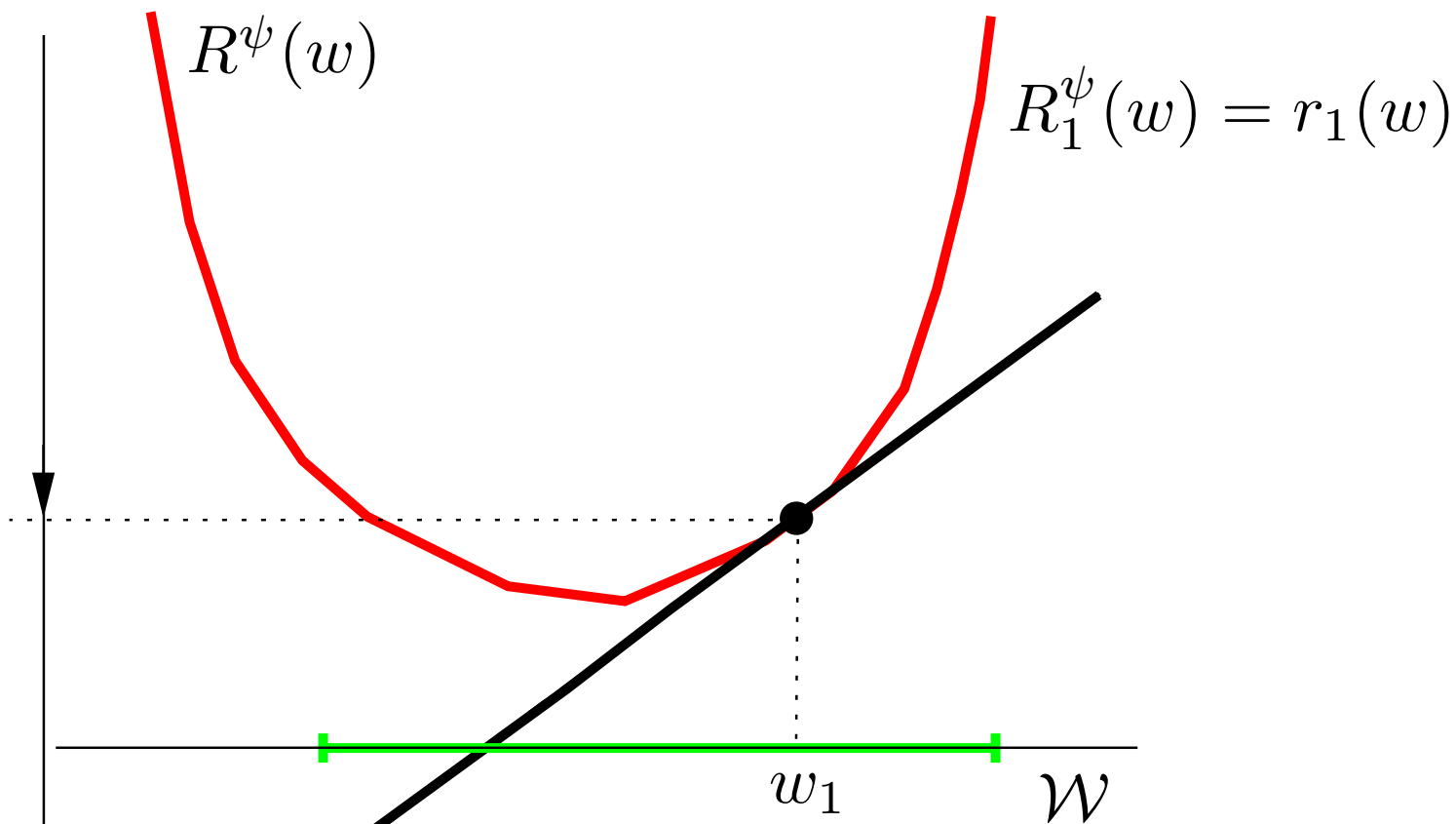
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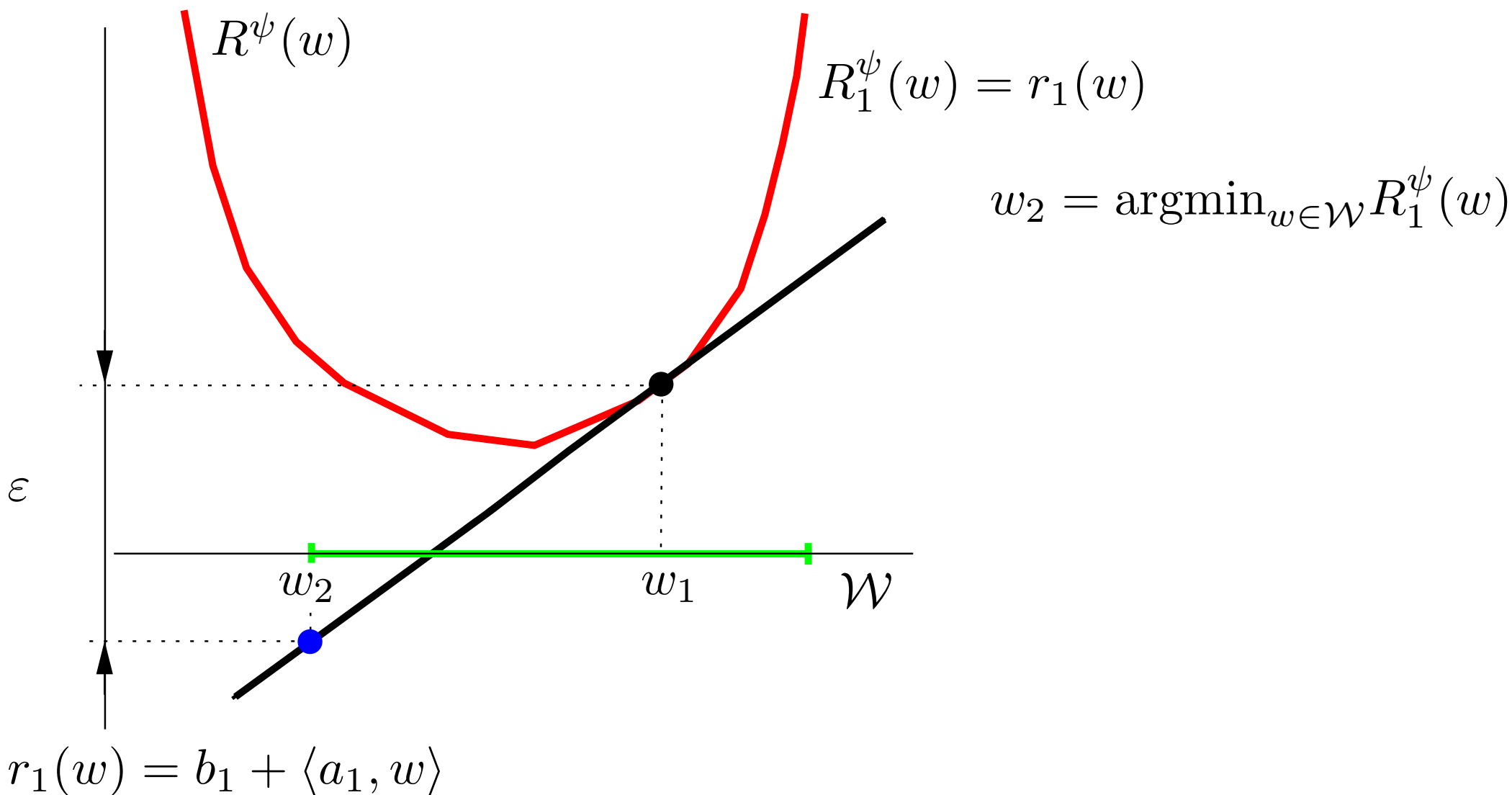


$$r_1(w) = b_1 + \langle a_1, w \rangle$$



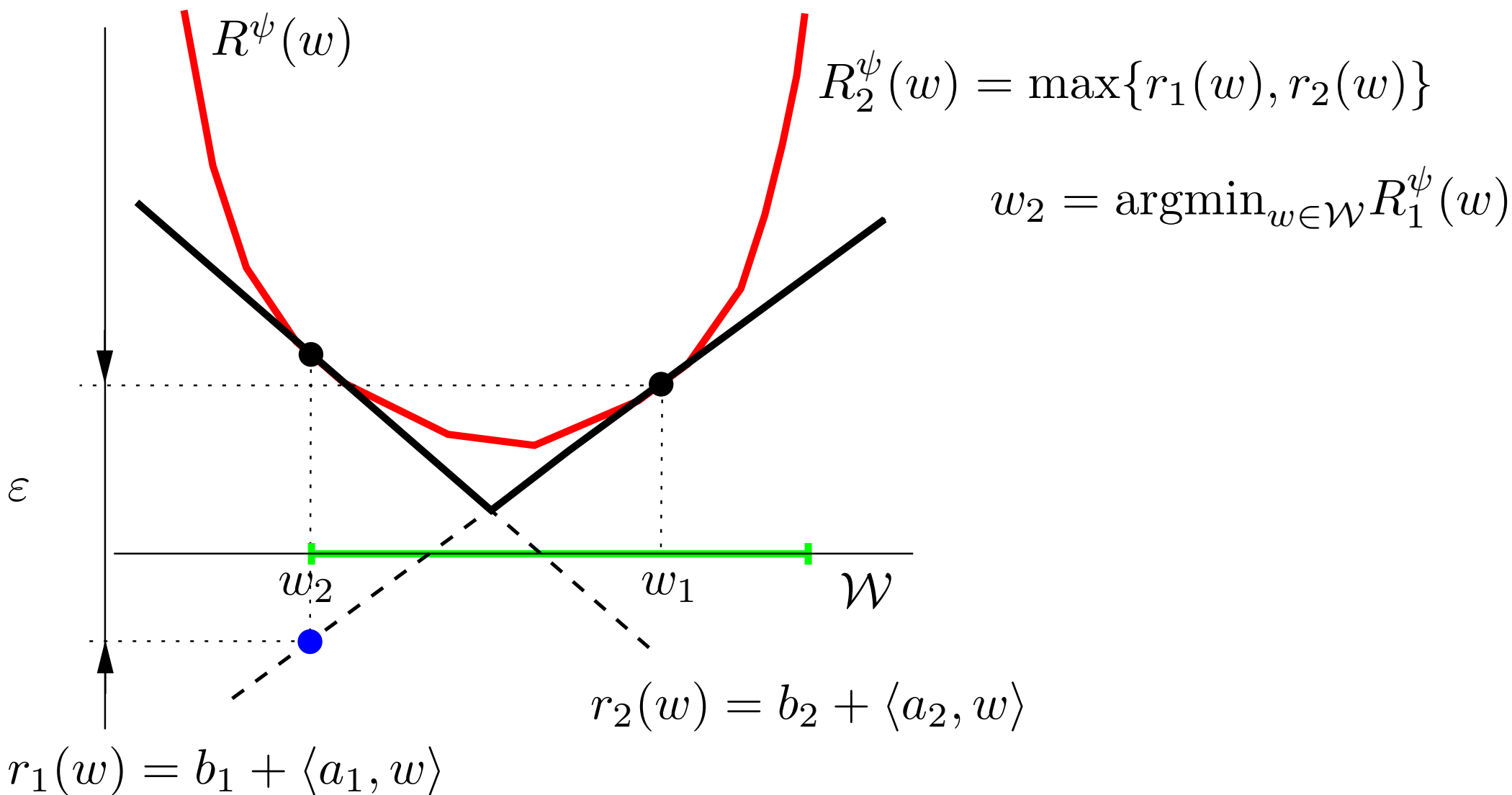
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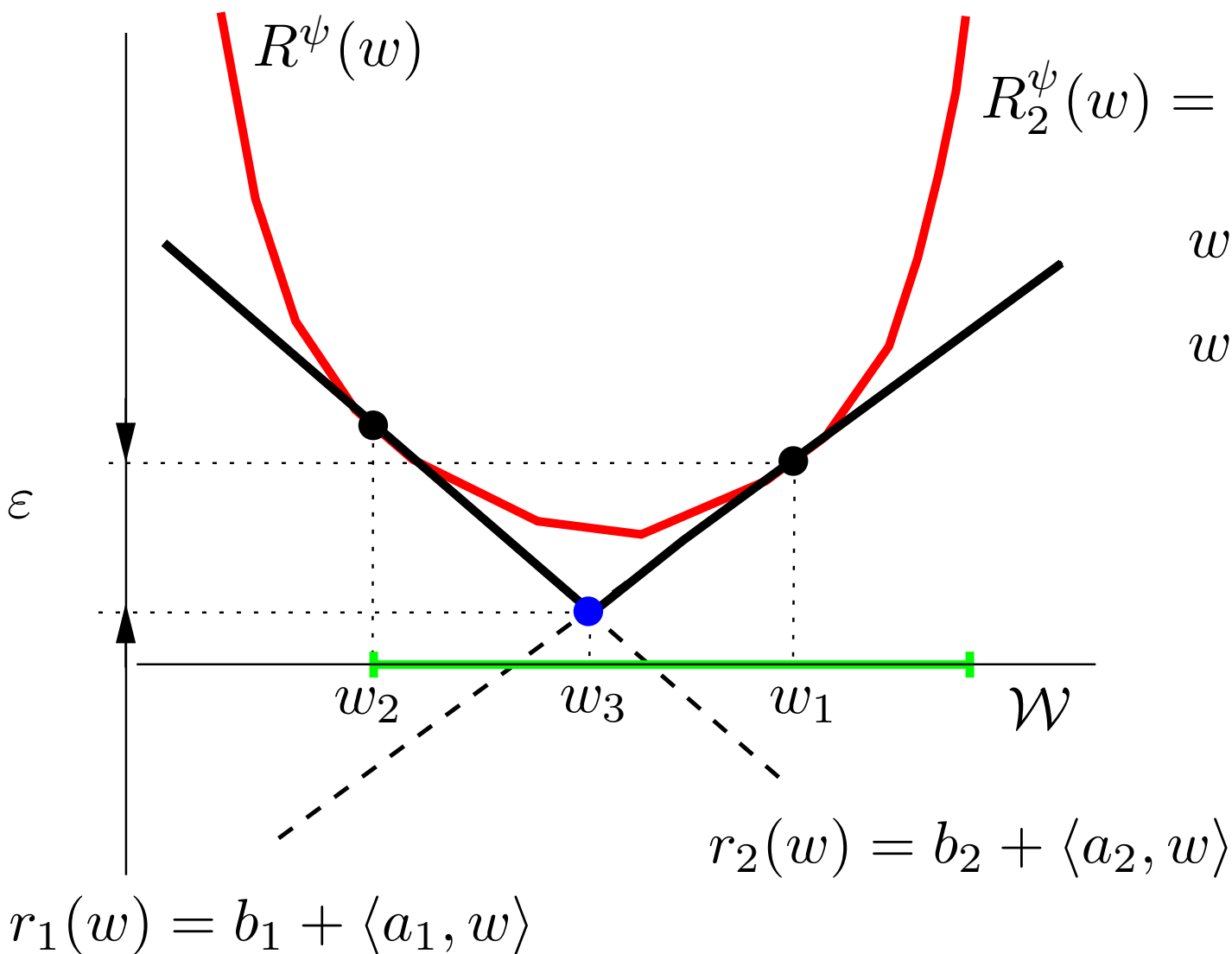
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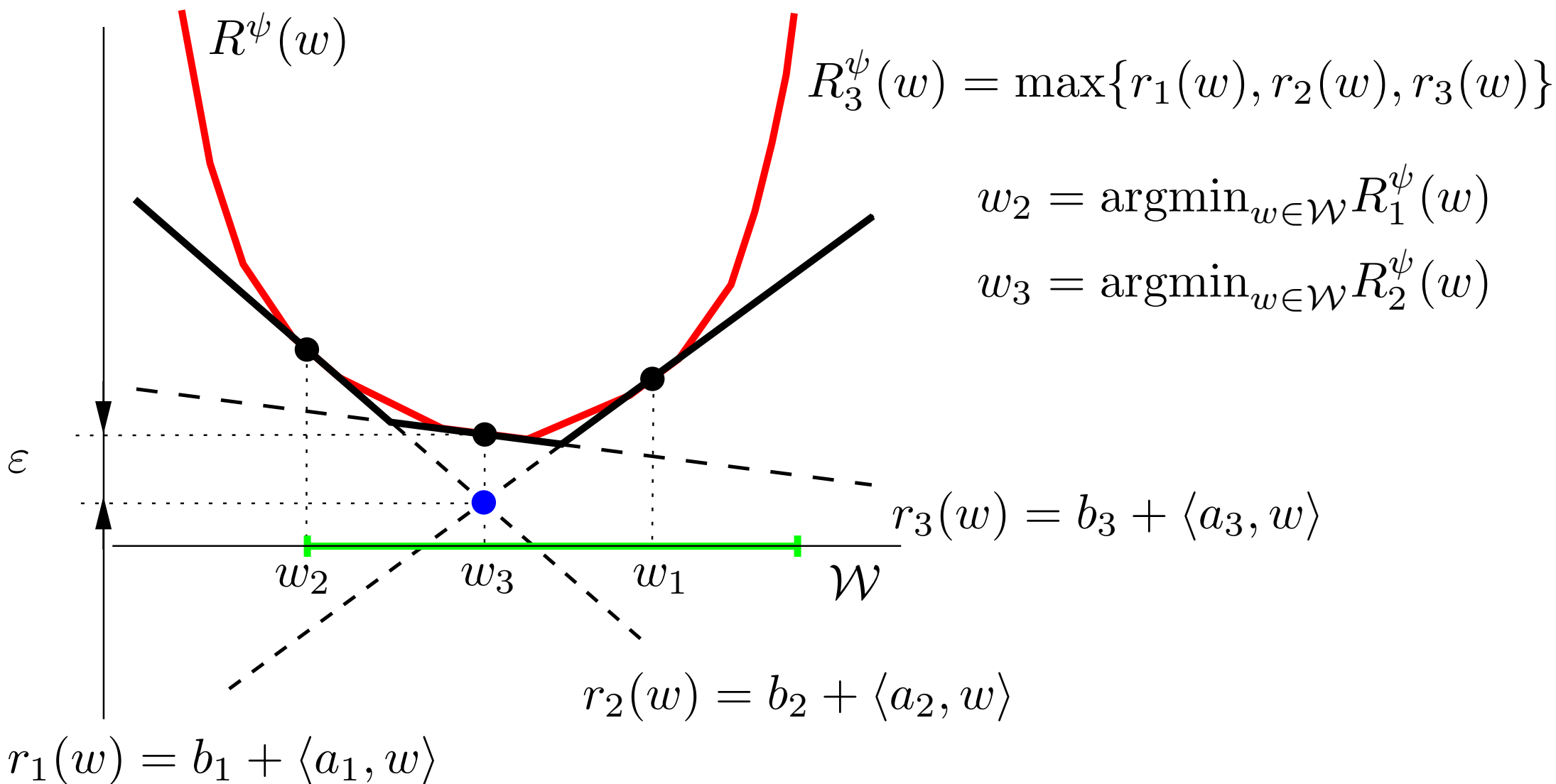
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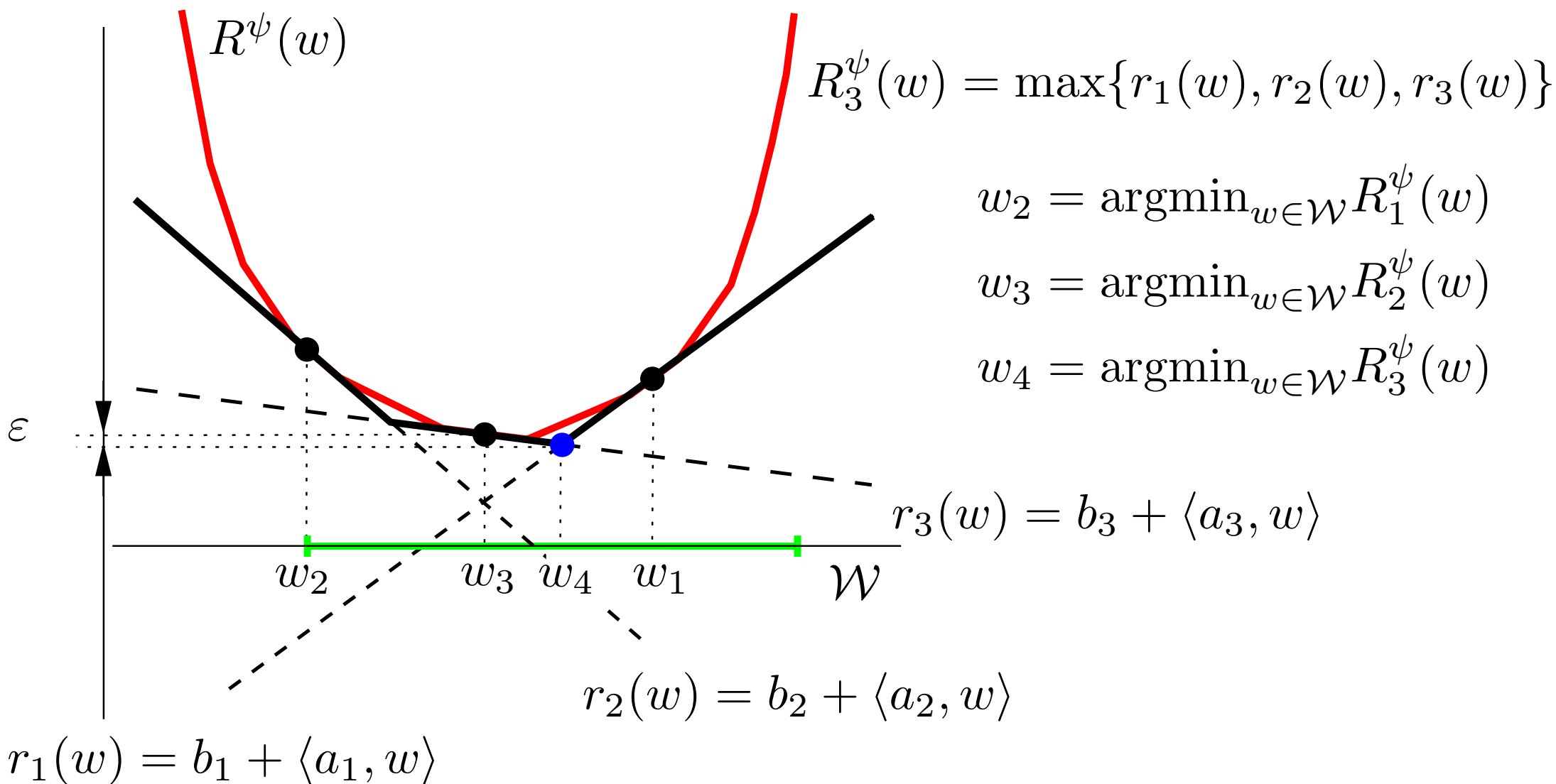
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## Cutting plane algorithm

1.  $\mathbf{w}_1 \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $t \leftarrow 1$

2. Compute a new cutting plane and the objective value:

$$\mathbf{a}_t = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \phi_i(\hat{y}^i), \quad b_t = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell_i(\hat{y}^i), \quad R^\psi(\mathbf{w}_t) = b_t + \langle \mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{a}_t \rangle$$

where  $\hat{y}^i$  is a solutions of **loss augmented prediction** problem:

$$\hat{y}^i = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (\ell_i(y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi_i(y) \rangle) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (\ell(y^i, y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle)$$

3. Solve a reduced problem

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} R_t^\psi(\mathbf{w}), \quad \text{where} \quad R_t^\psi(\mathbf{w}) = \max_{i=1, \dots, t} (b_i + \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle)$$

4. If  $\min_{i=1, \dots, t+1} R(\mathbf{w}_t) - R^\psi(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}) \leq \varepsilon$  exit else  $t \leftarrow t + 1$  and go to 2.

## Example: sequence classifier for OCR

- ◆  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{I}^L$  contains sequences of  $L$  images and  $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{A}^L$  contains sequences of  $L$  characters from  $\mathcal{A} = \{1, \dots, A\}$
- ◆ Hamming distance  $\ell: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  counts the number of misclassified labels

$$\ell(y, y') = \sum_{i=1}^L [y_i \neq y'_i]$$

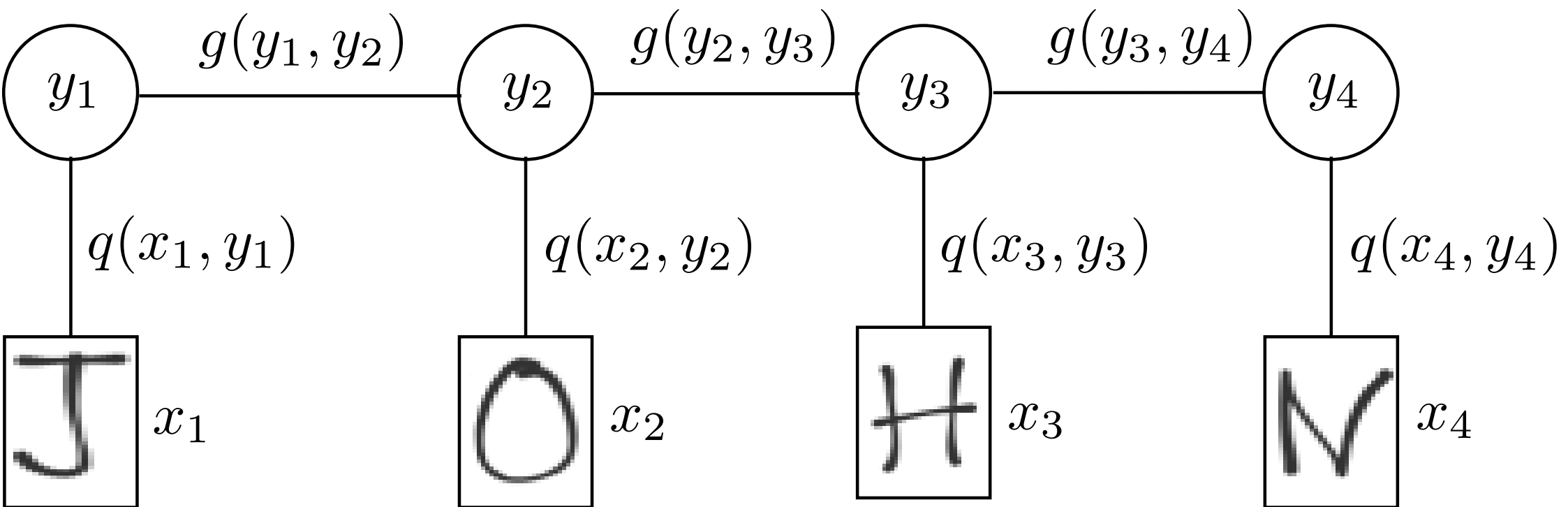
- ◆ The loss augmented prediction problem reads

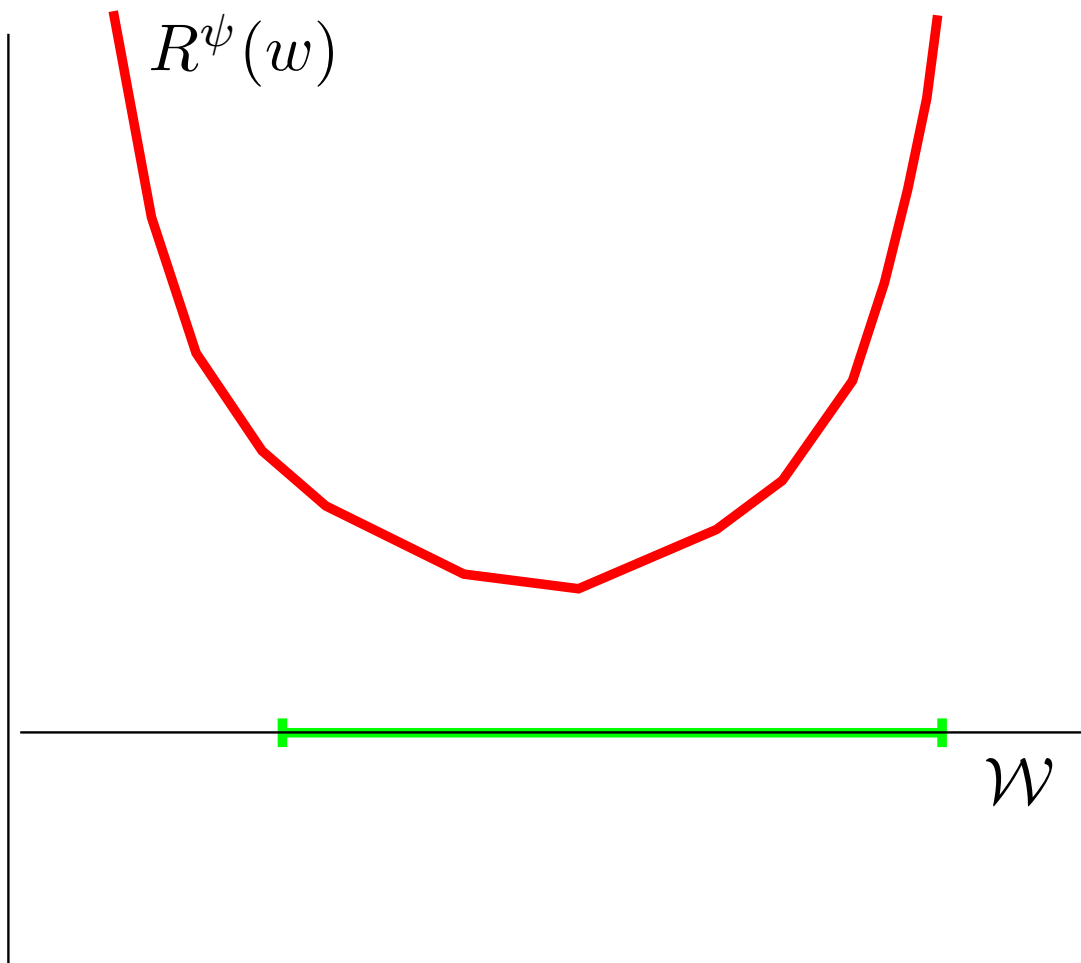
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}^i &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (\ell(y^i, y) + \langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(x^i, y) \rangle) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^L [y_j^i \neq y_j] + \sum_{j=1}^L q(x_j, y_j) + \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} g(y_j, y_{j+1}) \right) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^L ([y_j^i \neq y_j] + q(x_j, y_j)) + \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} g(y_j, y_{j+1}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

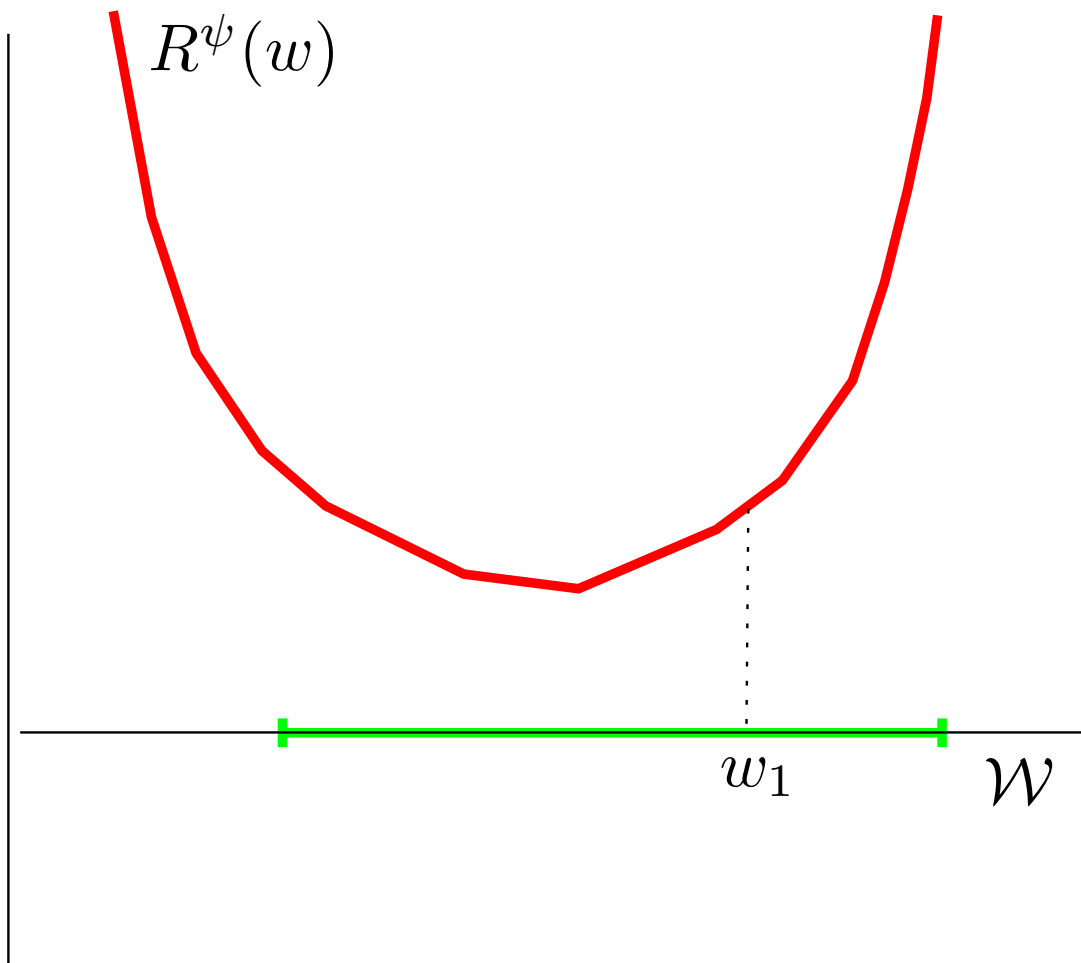
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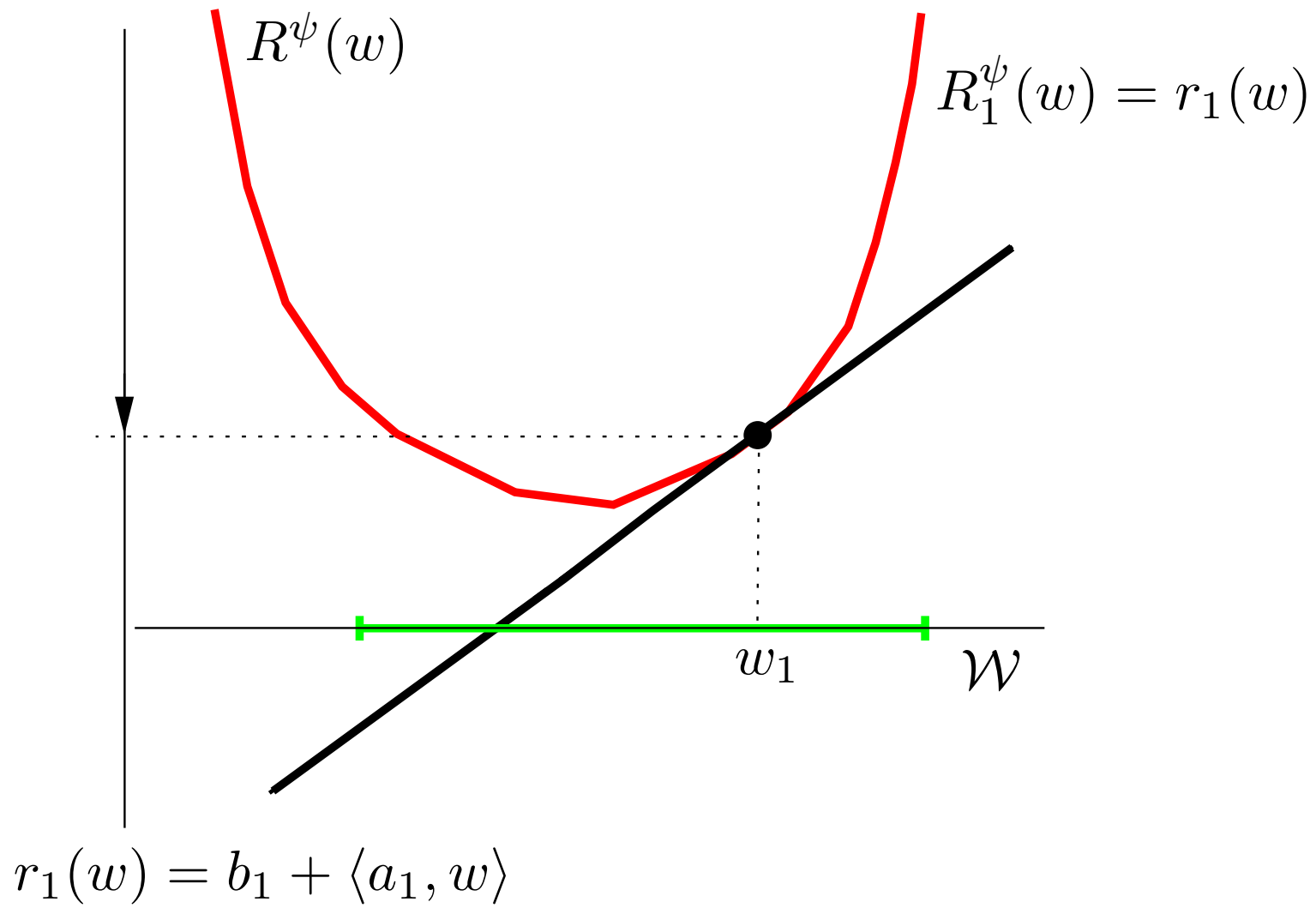
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- ◆ Structured Output Support Vector Machines
- ◆ Cutting Plane Algorithm

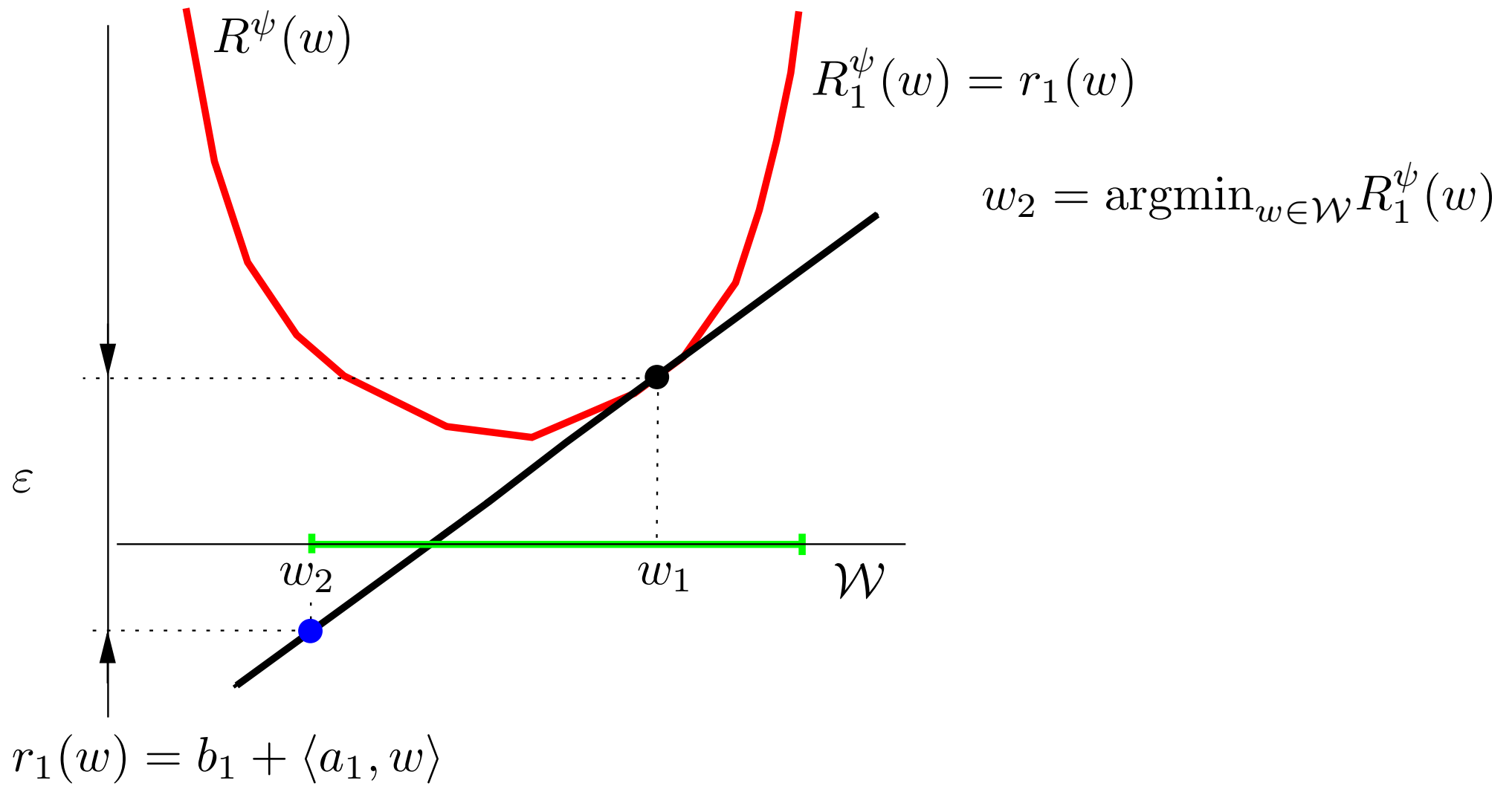


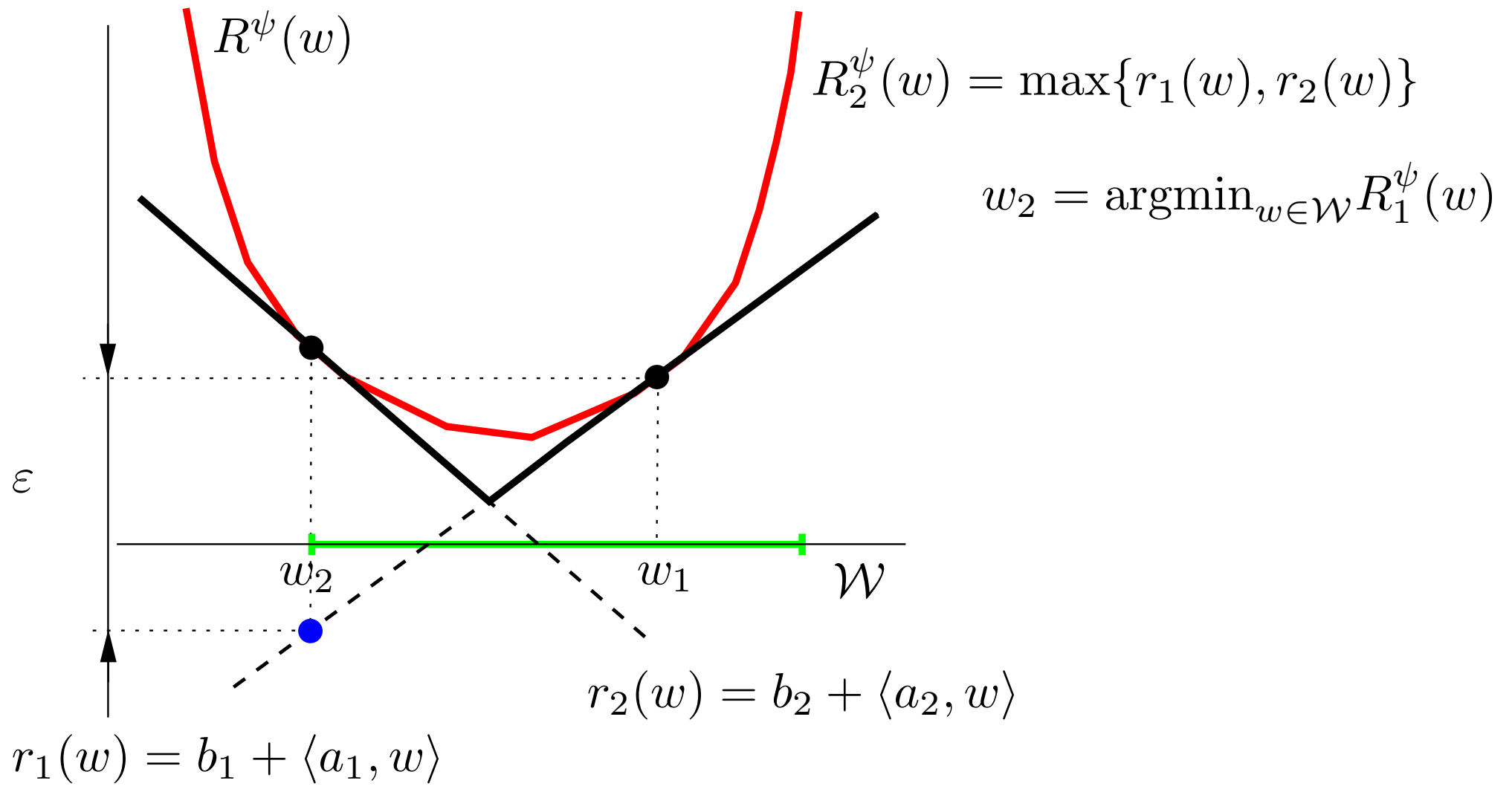


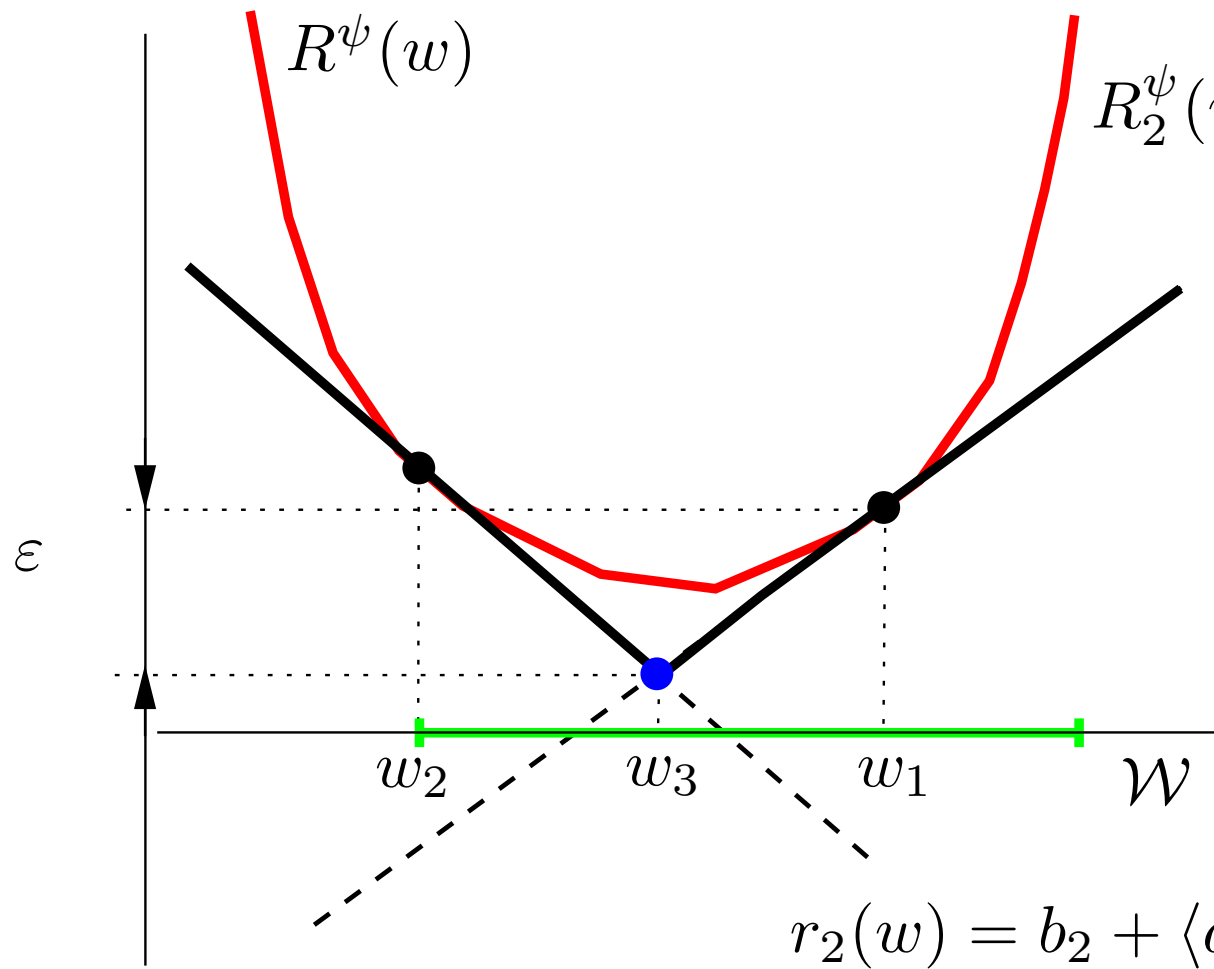












$$r_1(w) = b_1 + \langle a_1, w \rangle$$

$$r_2(w) = b_2 + \langle a_2, w \rangle$$

$$R_2^\psi(w) = \max\{r_1(w), r_2(w)\}$$

$$w_2 = \operatorname{argmin}_{w \in \mathcal{W}} R_1^\psi(w)$$

$$w_3 = \operatorname{argmin}_{w \in \mathcal{W}} R_2^\psi(w)$$

