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kernel/SVM

# kernel

Now we need a metric to measure such a similarity. Typically, we use inner product, and *kernels function* is therefore defined as

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \phi(\mathbf{x})^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}'),$$

where  $\phi(\cdot)$  is a fixed nonlinear *feature space* mapping.

## valid kernel condition

Symmetric and Positive Semi-Definite  $\Leftrightarrow$  Kernel Function  $\Leftrightarrow \langle \phi(x), \phi(x') \rangle > 0$   
for some  $\phi(\cdot)$ .

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**Symmetry:**  $K(z, x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i k_i(z, x)$ . Because each  $k_i$  is a kernel function, it is symmetric, so  $k_i(z, x) = k_i(x, z)$ . Therefore,

$$K(z, x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i k_i(z, x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i k_i(x, z) = K(x, z) \Rightarrow K(z, x) = K(x, z)$$

**Positive Semi-definite:** Let  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be arbitrary. The Gram matrix of  $K$ , denoted by  $G$  has the property,  $G_{i,j} = K(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i k_i(z, x) \Rightarrow G =$

$$\alpha_1 G_1 + \dots + \alpha_m G_m. \text{ Now } \mathbf{u}^T G \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^T (\alpha_1 G_1 + \dots + \alpha_m G_m) \mathbf{u}$$

$$= \alpha_1 \mathbf{u}^T G_1 \mathbf{u} + \dots + \alpha_m \mathbf{u}^T G_m \mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \mathbf{u}^T G_i \mathbf{u}.$$

$$\mathbf{u}^T G_i \mathbf{u} \geq 0, \text{ and } \alpha_i \geq 0, \text{ so } \alpha_i \mathbf{u}^T G_i \mathbf{u} \geq 0.$$

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For this proof, we are going to show  $K(x, z)$  is an inner product on some Hilbert Space. Let  $\phi(x) = Ax$ , then  $\langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle = \phi(x)^T \phi(z) = (Ax)^T (Az) = x^T A^T A z = K(x, z) \Rightarrow \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle = K(x, z)$ .

Therefore,  $K(x, z)$  is an inner product on some Hilbert Space.

$$K(x, z) = \exp(\gamma \|x - z\|^2) \text{ for some } \gamma > 0$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = f(\mathbf{x})k_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')f(\mathbf{x}')$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(k_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

# SVM

- Consider two-class classification problem using linear model of the form

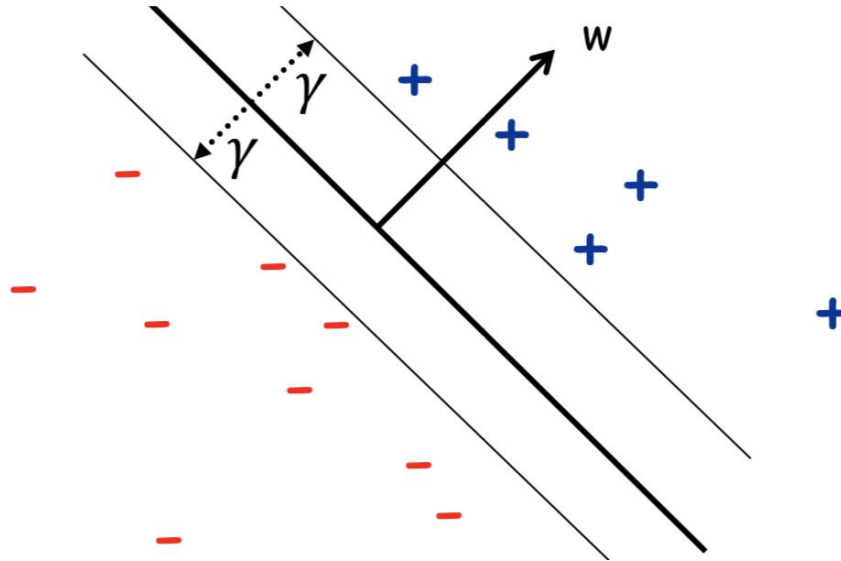
$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b.$$



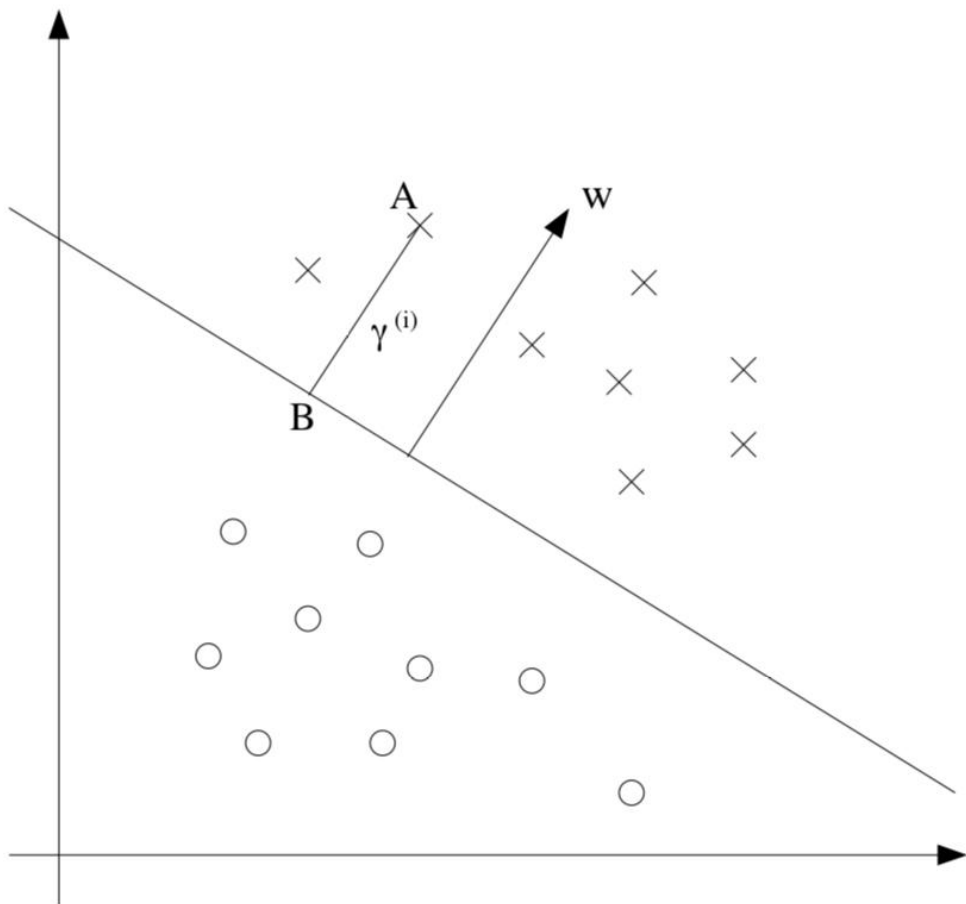
# margin

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# margin



$$w^T \left( x^{(i)} - \gamma^{(i)} \frac{w}{\|w\|} \right) + b = 0.$$

$$\gamma^{(i)} = y^{(i)} \left( \left( \frac{w}{\|w\|} \right)^T x^{(i)} + \frac{b}{\|w\|} \right).$$

# maximum r

Directly optimize for the maximum margin separator: SVMs

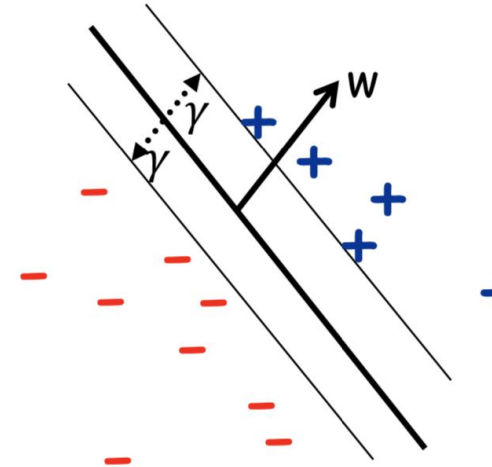
First, assume we know a lower bound on the margin  $\gamma$

Input:  $\gamma, S = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$ ;

Find: some  $w$  where:

- $\|w\|^2 = 1$
- For all  $i, y_i w \cdot x_i \geq \gamma$

Output:  $w$ , a separator of margin  $\gamma$  over  $S$



Realizable case, where the data is linearly separable by margin  $\gamma$

# SVM

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\gamma, w, b} \quad & \gamma \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq \gamma, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \|w\| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

“ $\|w\| = 1$ ” constraint is a nasty (non-convex) one,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\hat{\gamma}, w, b} \quad & \frac{\hat{\gamma}}{\|w\|} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq \hat{\gamma}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w, b} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

# minimize $w$

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Input:  $S = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$ ;

$\operatorname{argmin}_w ||w||^2$  s.t.:

- For all  $i$ ,  $y_i w \cdot x_i \geq 1$

This is a  
**constrained  
optimization  
problem.**

# Lagrange duality

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_w & f(w) \\ \text{s.t.} & h_i(w) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, l. \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(w, \beta) = f(w) + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i h_i(w)$$

Here, the  $\beta_i$ 's are called the **Lagrange multipliers**. We would then find and set  $\mathcal{L}$ 's partial derivatives to zero:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_i} = 0; \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta_i} = 0,$$

and solve for  $w$  and  $\beta$ .

Consider the following, which we'll call the **primal** optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_w \quad & f(w) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(w) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k \\ & h_i(w) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, l. \end{aligned}$$

To solve it, we start by defining the **generalized Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta) = f(w) + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i g_i(w) + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i h_i(w).$$

Here, the “ $\mathcal{P}$ ” subscript stands for “primal.” Let some  $w$  be given. If  $w$  violates any of the primal constraints (i.e., if either  $g_i(w) > 0$  or  $h_i(w) \neq 0$  for some  $i$ ), then you should be able to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{\mathcal{P}}(w) &= \max_{\alpha, \beta : \alpha_i \geq 0} \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta). \\ \theta_{\mathcal{P}}(w) &= \max_{\alpha, \beta : \alpha_i \geq 0} f(w) + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i g_i(w) + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i h_i(w) \\ &= \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{1} \tag{2}$$

# primal/dual problem

- primal

$$\min_w \theta_{\mathcal{P}}(w) = \min_w \max_{\alpha, \beta: \alpha_i \geq 0} \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta),$$

- dual

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta: \alpha_i \geq 0} \theta_{\mathcal{D}}(\alpha, \beta) = \max_{\alpha, \beta: \alpha_i \geq 0} \min_w \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta).$$

$$d^* = \max_{\alpha, \beta: \alpha_i \geq 0} \min_w \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta) \leq \min_w \max_{\alpha, \beta: \alpha_i \geq 0} \mathcal{L}(w, \alpha, \beta) = p^*.$$



# KKT

**Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions**, which are as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} \mathcal{L}(w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_i} \mathcal{L}(w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, l$$

$$\alpha_i^* g_i(w^*) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$


$$g_i(w^*) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\alpha^* \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

# SVM

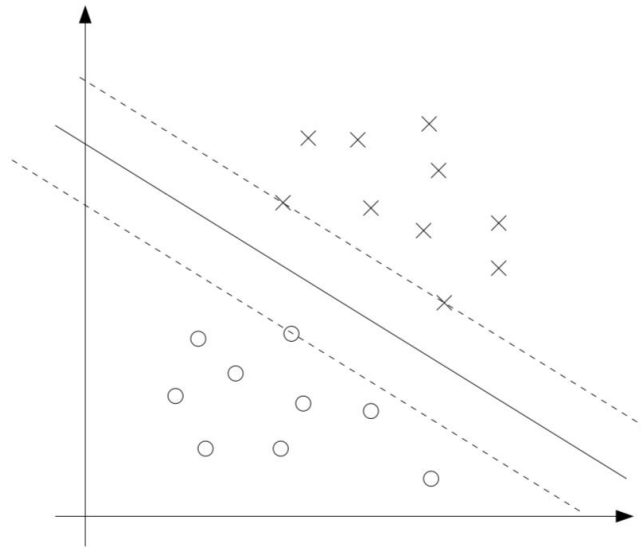
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w,b} \quad & \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_w \quad & f(w) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(w) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k \\ & h_i(w) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, l. \end{aligned}$$


$$g_i(w) = -y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) + 1 \leq 0.$$

# support vectors

- These three points are called the support vectors in this problem.



# Lagrangian for our optimization problem

$$\mathcal{L}(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) - 1]$$

# process

$$\nabla_w \mathcal{L}(w, b, \alpha) = w - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)} = 0$$

This implies that

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} x^{(i)}.$$

As for the derivative with respect to  $b$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} \mathcal{L}(w, b, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0.$$

plug that back into the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(w, b, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j (x^{(i)})^T x^{(j)} - b \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)}.$$

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the following dual optimization problem:

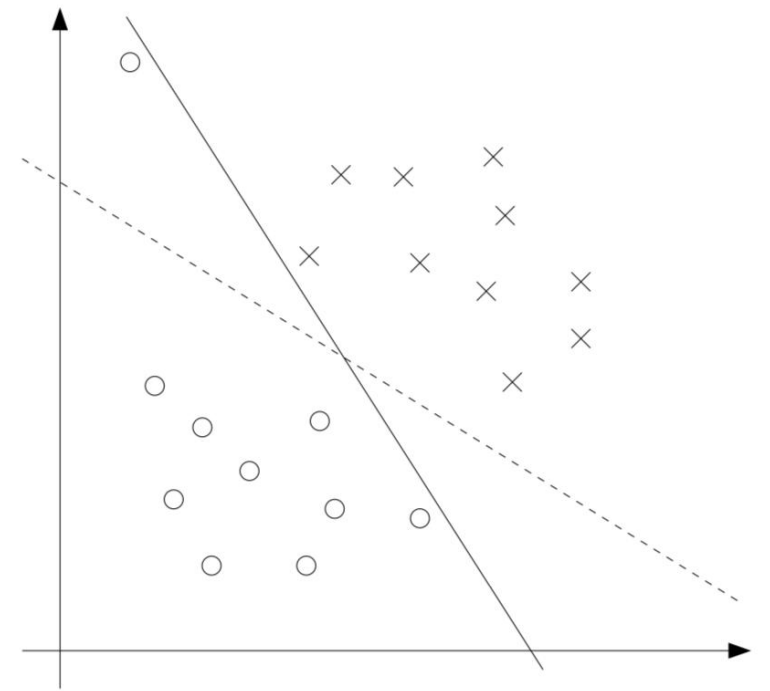
$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha} \quad & W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle. \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

# Regularization and the non-separable case

## Soft-Margin SVM

- make the algorithm work for non-linearly separable datasets as well as be less sensitive to outliers

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\gamma, w, b} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$





As before, we can form the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(w, b, \xi, \alpha, r) = \frac{1}{2}w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [y^{(i)}(x^T w + b) - 1 + \xi_i] - \sum_{i=1}^m r_i \xi_i.$$

Here, the  $\alpha_i$ 's and  $r_i$ 's are our Lagrange multipliers (constrained to be  $\geq 0$ ). We won't go through the derivation of the dual again in detail, but after setting the derivatives with respect to  $w$  and  $b$  to zero as before, substituting them back in, and simplifying, we obtain the following dual form of the problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha} \quad & W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

svm -- hinge loss

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \zeta_i} = c - r_i = 0 \Rightarrow r_i = c, \forall i$$

$$\min_{\vec{w}, b} \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \max(0, 1 - y_i (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b))$$

$$\ell(y_i, f(\vec{x}_i; \vec{w}, b)) = \max(0, 1 - y_i f(\vec{x}_i; \vec{w}, b))$$

$$\min_{\vec{w}, b} C \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i, f(\vec{x}_i; \vec{w}, b)) + \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{w}\|^2$$

# hinge loss

