

Report – Assignment 6

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1 Introduction

Spam email classification using Support Vector Machine:
In this assignment you will use a SVM to classify emails into spam or non-spam categories. And report the classification accuracy for various SVM parameters and kernel functions.

2 Libraries and Packages

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
```

2.1 Scikit-Learn Package

Scikit-learn is a free software machine learning library for the Python programming language. It features various classification, regression and clustering algorithms including support vector machines, random forests, gradient boosting, k-means and DBSCAN, and is designed to interoperate with the Python numerical and scientific libraries NumPy and SciPy.

3 Kernels

3.1 Linear Kernel

Linear Kernel is used when the data is Linearly separable, that is, it can be separated using a single Line. It is one of the most common kernels to be used. It is mostly used when there are a large number of Features in a particular Data Set.

3.2 Polynomial Kernel

In machine learning, the polynomial kernel is a kernel function commonly used with support vector machines (SVMs) and other kernelized models, that represents the similarity of vectors (training samples) in a feature space over polynomials of the original variables, allowing learning of non-linear models.

For this dataset we are using Quadratic kernel for which degree is 2.

3.3 RBF Kernel

In machine learning, the radial basis function kernel, or RBF kernel, is a popular kernel function used in various kernelized learning algorithms. In particular, it is commonly used in support vector machine classification.

4 Methodology

In sklearn library different number of functions are used to process the data. For SVM we are using function SVC($C=c$, kernel = 'linear')

For regularization use C argument and for kernel use kernel argument to pass the decision function.

We can vary different parameter by changing the argument in the SVC function. Different C values are used for each of the three kernels linear, polynomial and RBF.

As we have to use Quadratic kernel for this data we specify degree = 2 for polynomial.

```
svclassifier = SVC(C= 0.01, kernel = 'linear')  
svclassifier = SVC(C= 0.1, kernel = 'poly', degree = 2)  
svclassifier = SVC(C= 100, kernel = 'rbf')
```

5 Experimental Results

Kernels	C value	Accuracy
Linear	0.01	94.74%
	0.1	92.54%
	0.5	92.54%
	1	90.11%
Quadratic	0.5	66.40%
	50	70.22%
	5000	82.88%
	50000	89.84%
RBF	0.5	70.14%
	50	80.84%
	5000	92.54%
	50000	95.55%

As we increase the C accuracy decreases for linear kernel, smaller value of C working well with highest value of 94.74% with C = 0.01 as it looks for larger margin separating hyperplane. For Quadratic kernel it performs poorly as the C value decreases, accuracy is highest with value of 89.84% with C = 50000. RBF perform poorly for smaller C but with larger C it performs as equal to linear kernel with highest value of 95.55% with C = 50000.

6 Conclusion

The training data is linear separable because for kernel other than linear model perform poorly with low value of C . For very tiny values of C , we get false predictions, often even if our training data is linearly separable. For higher values of C , RBF kernel is preferred over quadratic as it takes lesser time than linear kernel and is as equally accurate as linear kernel.