

1. Please derive the dual problem for the following objective function.

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

The answer should be:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, i = 1, \dots, n \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. Please prove that for the following objective function,

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

$$s.t. \ y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

We have

$$\alpha_i = 0 \Rightarrow y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$$

$$\alpha_i = C \Rightarrow y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \leq 1$$

$$0 < \alpha_i < C \Rightarrow y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) = 1$$