

# Support Vector machine with Random variables

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# Robust Support vector machine

## Uncertain Data

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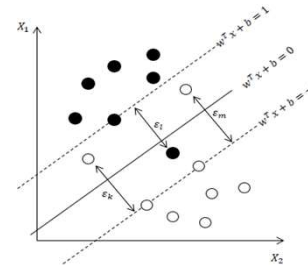
# Robust Support Vector Classification

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## Traditional Soft margin SVC (C-SVC)

Suppose we have a two-class dataset of  $m$  data points  $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^m$  with  $n$  —dimensional features  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and respective class labels  $y_i \in \{+1, -1\}$ . The soft margin SVC formulation is :

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



Where  $w$  is the weight of the optimal classifying hyperplane  $w^T x + b = 0$ ,  $b$  is the bias,  $C$  is a trade-off parameter between the maximum margin and the errors, and  $\xi_i$  is the slack variable.

## Uncertain Data: Examples

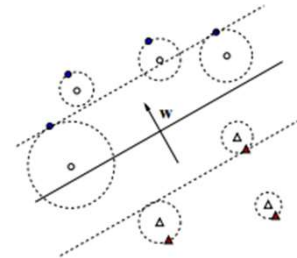
The uncertain data can be used to represent :

- The range of possible arrival times for flights.
- The range of possible values for sensor measurements.
- The range of possible values for patient features such as blood pressure and heart rate for medical diagnosis.

## Total Support Vector Classification (TSVC)

Assuming the data points are subject to an additive noise,  $x_i = \bar{x}_i + \Delta x_i$  and the noise is bounded by  $\|\Delta x_i\| \leq \delta_i$ . Then the problem above is redefined as follows:

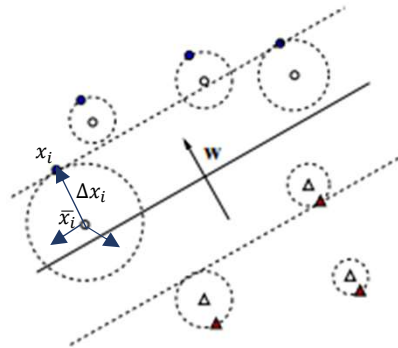
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{w, b, \xi_i} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ \text{s.t. } & y_i(w^T(\bar{x}_i + \Delta x_i) + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \\ & \|\Delta x_i\| \leq \delta_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$



The uncertain data  $x_i$  can be represented by the circle centered at  $\bar{x}_i$  with radius equal to  $\delta_i$ .

## Total Support Vector Classification (TSVC)

The problem here is by assuming that  $x_i = \bar{x}_i + \Delta x_i$ ,  $x_i$  could move toward any direction in the uncertainty set.





## Robust SVC with Bounded Uncertainty

Therefore we consider  $w$  as a robust feasible solution **if and only if** for every  $i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , we have:

$$\min_{\|\Delta x_i\| \leq \delta_i} y_i(w^T(\bar{x}_i + \Delta x_i) + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

First, we need to solve the following problem (in which  $w$  is fixed):

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\Delta x_i} y_i w^T \Delta x_i \\ & \text{s.t. } \|\Delta x_i\| \leq \delta_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

## Robust SVC with Bounded Uncertainty

According to Hölder's inequality, we have :

$$|y_i w^T \Delta x_i| \leq \|\Delta x_i\| \cdot \|w\| \leq \delta_i \|w\|$$

Thus, a lower bound of  $y_i w^T \Delta x_i$  is  $-\delta_i \|w\|$ ,

And by substituting into the original problem we get the following formulation:

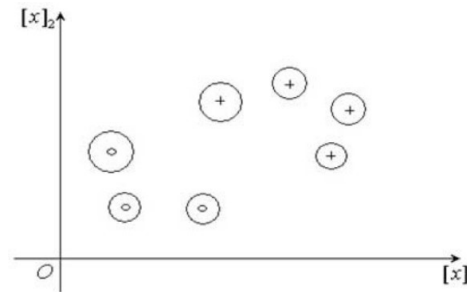
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w, b, \xi_i} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i (w^T \bar{x}_i + b) - \delta_i \|w\| \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

## Robust SVC with Elipsoidal Uncertainty

Now the direction of how the data points are perturbed is not important because we will work with the boundaries of the Super-sphere set, where the input data is defined by:  $x_i \in \{x \mid \|x - \bar{x}_i\| \leq \delta_i\}$

In the case of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  the uncertainty set is represented by circles with center  $\bar{x}_i$  and radius  $\delta_i$ .

Let  $\bar{x}_i = (1, 2)$ , and  $\delta_i = 2$ . This super-sphere is a circle defined by:  
$$([x]_1 - 1)^2 + ([x]_2 - 2)^2 \leq 2^2$$



## Robust SVC with Ellipsoidal Uncertainty

**Theorem:**

The triple  $(w^*, b^*, \xi^*)$  is a solution to the primal problem if and only if it is a solution to the dual form w.r.t.  $(w, b, \xi)$ .

In order to convert the above problem into the dual form for a simpler solution, we first introduce a variable  $t$  with  $\|w\| \leq t$ , and write it as :

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

## Robust SVC with Elipsoidal Uncertainty

Furthermore, introduce two variables  $u$  and  $v$  with the constraints  $u + v = 1$  and  $\sqrt{t^2 + v^2} \leq u$ . Therefore, we have  $t^2 = u^2 - v^2 = (u - v)(u + v) = u - v$ .

By replacing  $t^2$  by  $u - v$  and rewriting the constraints in the previous problem the following problem can be obtained:

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

## Robust SVC with Ellipsoidal Uncertainty

The Lagrange function for this problem is as follows:

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(u - v) + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y_i (w^T \bar{x}_i + b) - \delta_i t - 1 + \xi_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \eta_i \xi_i \\ - \beta(u + v - 1) - z_u u - z_v v - \gamma t - z_t t - z_w^T w,$$

Where  $\alpha, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\beta, z_u, z_v, \gamma, z_t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z_w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the multiplier vectors.

## Robust SVC with Ellipsoidal Uncertainty

Thus, the dual problem can be obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, z_u, z_v} \beta + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i, \\
 \text{s. t. } & \gamma \leq \beta + \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \alpha_i - \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j)}, \\
 & \beta + z_u = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta + z_v = \frac{1}{2}, \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \alpha_i = 0, \\
 & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, i = 1, \dots, m, \\
 & \sqrt{\gamma^2 + z_v^2} \leq z_u.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Robust SVC with Ellipsoidal Uncertainty

**Theorem:**

Suppose that  $(\alpha^{*T}, \gamma^*) = ((\alpha_1^*, \dots, \alpha_m^*), \gamma^*)$  is a solution to the dual problem. If there exists a component of  $\alpha^*$ ,  $\alpha_j^* \in (0, C)$ , then a solution  $(w^*, b^*)$  to the problem can be obtained by:

$$w^* = \frac{\gamma^*}{(\gamma^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \alpha_i^*)} \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* y_i x_i,$$
$$b^* = y_j - \frac{\gamma^*}{(\gamma^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \alpha_i^*)} \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* y_i (x_i^T x_j) - y_j \delta_j \gamma^*$$



## Robust SVC with Ellipsoidal Uncertainty Case Nonlinear

It is easy to extend the problem to the nonlinear case.

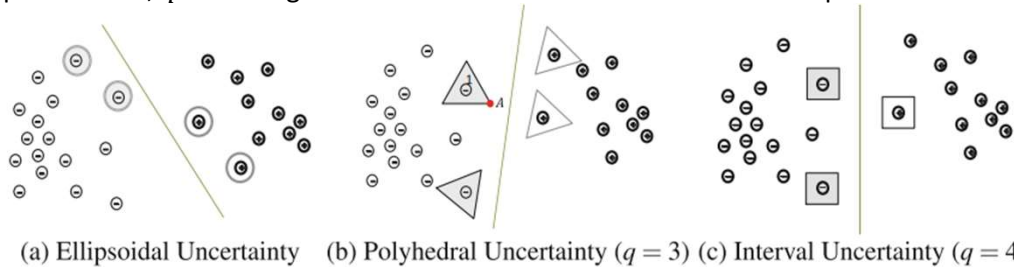
We only need to introduce the kernel function  $K(x, x')$ , and change the inner products  $(x_i, x_j)$  to  $K(x_i, x_j) = \varphi(x_i)^T \varphi(x_j)$

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

In the following, we use a set of inequalities to denote the polyhedral uncertainty for  $x_i$ . The data point  $x_i$  is said to be polyhedral uncertain if it satisfies that:

$$D_i x_i \leq d_i$$

where the matrix  $D_i$  has dimension  $q \times n$  and the vector  $d_i$  has length  $q$ . Zero vectors could be added to obtain the same number  $q$  of inequalities for all data points. Thus,  $q$  is the largest dimension of the uncertainties of all the points.



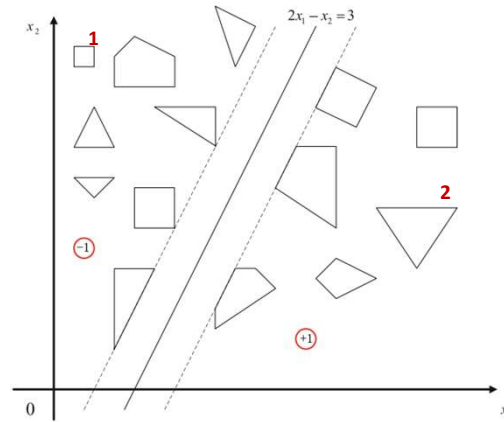
## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

Let

$$D_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad d_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 4.25 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad d_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2.25 \\ -18 \\ 12 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

According to the definition the two data point are defined as follows:

$$x_1: \begin{cases} -1[x]_1 \leq 1 \\ 1[x]_1 \leq 4 \\ -1[x]_2 \leq 4.25 \\ [x]_2 \leq 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } x_2: \begin{cases} 1[x]_2 \leq 1 \\ -3[x]_1 - 2[x]_2 \leq -18 \\ 3[x]_1 - 2[x]_2 \leq 4.25 \end{cases}$$



$$(m = 14, n = 2, q = 5)$$

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

The robust SVC with polyhedral uncertainty is:

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

For example the point with  $y_i = -1$ , we have that the minimum value  $y_i (w^T x_i + b)$  in the region  $\{x_i : D_i x_i \leq d_i\}$  is larger than 1, or equivalently, the maximum value of  $(w^T x_i + b)$  in the region  $\{x_i : D_i x_i \leq d_i\}$  is less than  $-1$ , which is to obtain a separation hyperplane in the worst case for this point.

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

Since  $\min_{\{x_i: D_i x_i \leq d_i\}} y_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$  is equivalent to  $\max_{\{x_i: D_i x_i \leq d_i\}} (-y_i w^T x_i) - y_i b \leq -1 + \xi_i$

To solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \max & -y_i w^T x_i \\ \text{s.t.} & D_i x_i \leq d_i \end{aligned}$$

The dual is:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & d_i^T z_i \\ \text{s.t.} & D_i^T z_i = -y_i w \\ & z_i = (z_{i1}, \dots, z_{iq})^T \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

Strong duality would guarantee that the objective values of the dual and primal are equal. Assume that  $x_i^*$  and  $y_i^*$  are optimal solutions for the previous problems, we have  $-y_i w^T x_i^* = d_i^T y_i^*$ . Therefore, the robust SVM with polyhedral uncertainty formulation is equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w, b, \xi_i} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i b - d_i^T z_i \geq 1 - \xi_i, \\ & D_i^T z_i + y_i w = 0, \quad z_i = (z_{i1}, \dots, z_{iq})^T \\ & z_{ij} \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, q \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

The Lagrange function for this problem is as follows:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (y_i b - d_i^T z_i - 1 + \xi_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (D_i^T z_i + y_i w) + \sum_{i=1}^m \eta_i \xi_i$$

Where  $\lambda, \mu, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are Lagrange multipliers.

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

The duality can be formulated as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda, \mu} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \mu_{ik} \right)^2 \\ \text{s. t. } & y_i d_{ij} + \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_{ik} D_{ijk} = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, q, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i = 0, \\ & 0 \leq \lambda_i \leq C, i = 1, \dots, m, \end{aligned}$$



## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

**Theorem:**

Suppose that  $(\lambda^{*T}, \mu^{*T}) = ((\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_m^*), (\mu_1^*, \dots, \mu_m^*))$  is a solution to the dual problem. If there exists a component of  $\lambda^*$ ,  $\lambda_j^* \in (0, C)$ , then a solution  $(w^*, b^*)$  to the problem can be obtained by:

$$w^* = - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* y_i$$

$$b^* = -y_j \sum_{i=1}^q (d_i \lambda_i^* + 1)$$

## Robust SVC with Polyhedral Uncertainty

The interval uncertainty  $[\bar{x}_i - \delta_i, \bar{x}_i + \delta_i]$  is a special case of polyhedral uncertainty since when defining

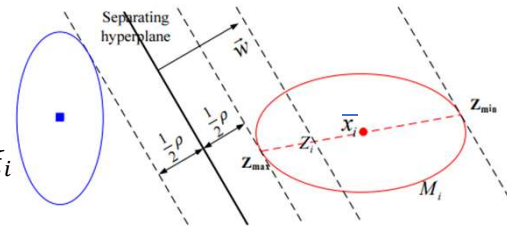
$$D_i = \begin{pmatrix} I \\ -I \end{pmatrix}, d_i = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}_i + \delta_i \\ -\bar{x}_i + \delta_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$\{x_i: x_i \in [\bar{x}_i - \delta_i, \bar{x}_i + \delta_i]\}$  and  $\{x_i: D_i x_i \leq d_i\}$  are equivalent.

## Uncertainty Support Vector Classification (USVC)

In this case we assume that  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{x}_i, M_i)$  in which  $\mathcal{N}$  is a Gaussian distribution with mean  $\bar{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and covariance  $M_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{w, b, \xi_i} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\ \text{s.t. } & y_i(w^T \bar{x}_i + b) - r \|M_i^{1/2} w\|_2^2 \geq 1 - \xi_i \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & r \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



where  $r$  needs to be set in advance in the optimization.