

COMP 632: Assignment 2

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Question 1

A)

For a function to be considered a kernel function the kernel matrix defined as $K_{ij} = K(x_i, x_j)$ must have two properties:

1. be symmetric
2. be positive semidefinite

As such, a Kernel matrix must abide by the following:

$$K_{ij} = K_{ji} \quad (1)$$

$$z^T K z \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

Where z is an arbitrary vector.

A kernel function is also one that can be expressed as a dot product of the feature vectors of the instances:

$$K(x, z) = \phi(x) \cdot \phi(z) \quad (3)$$

where ϕ is a feature mapping of input features to a vector space. Further more, as described by Bishop(2006) p.296 a kernel function can be a construction of kernel functions such that

$$k(x, z) = k_1(x, z) + k_2(x, z) \quad (4)$$

In this particular case it would be useful to decompose our K_l kernel function into:

$$k_l(x, z) = k_1(x, z) + k_2(x, z) + \dots + k_l(x, z) \quad (5)$$

where the components of the decomposition evaluate the similarity of a particular character length such that $k_1("ar", "ark") = 1$ and $k_2("ar", "ark") = 2$. Now, in order to show that K_l is a kernel function, we are left with having to create a feature mapping onto some vector where dot products of those vector would result in the similarity required.

For simplicity let's define our alphabet as being a, b, c and our mapping to be onto a three dimensional vector representing our alphabet. Now we can map an input string such as "ab" onto a vector $x = [1, 1, 0]$. Given another string "bc" we can create $y = [0, 1, 1]$ where $x^T y = 1$. Expanding this mapping into longer character combinations we can now define our vector space as being all combination of character sequences of length 1 through l .

We now have multiple functions that can be expressed in terms of a dot product of vectors whose sum is equal to our original K_l function and have thus demonstrated that it is a kernel function.

B)

Two differences will be noticeable between the kernel matrices K_l and K_{l+1} . The first will be that the values of points K_{ij} in the matrix where the similarities between words are of more importance will increase by atleast 1. Secondly, the points along the diagonal of the matrix where $i = j$ will necessarily increase there the length of the words is greater then or equal to $l + 1$. As such, the result will be that the values along the diagonal of the matrix will necessarily increase by atleast the same amount as other values in their respective rows and columns.

Therefor, the tendency of the matrix is to become more diagonal in nature as l increases. Which will result in a model that tends more towards over fitting.

In order to avoid this problem a methodology such as five fold cross validation should be used in order to identify an optimum value for l . The objective would be to identify at which value of l the algorithm has a tendency of generating smaller error during training then during testing and to use an l that is smaller in value then this.

C)

Yes. Words with a longer length will have a tendency of having larger values of for any given l of the kernel function. For example, $K_2(\text{"bird"}, \text{"bird"}) = 7$ and $K_2(\text{"apple"}, \text{"apple"}) = 9$. As kernel functions are meant to be a measure of similarity between vectors this result is misleading.

A potential adjustment to this correlation would be to divide the result by some value to turn the comparison into a percentage value. I believe an appropriate adjustment would be to adjust the kernel function as follows:

$$K_l(x, z) = \frac{K_l(x, z)}{\max(K_\infty(x, x), K_\infty(z, z))} \quad (6)$$

This would ensure that a comparison of any string with itself would have a maximum value of 1. Furthermore, for any string, the kernel would return a comparison value that would be adjusted with regards to the string that it is most similar to, itself.

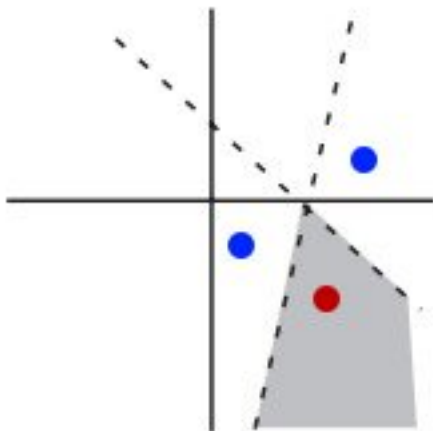
D)

Yes. One would be able to use the same methodology I used above to demonstrate this. In order to implement such an approach one would simply have to alter the string to vector mapping definition used.

More precisely, instead of associating a value of 1 to all character sequences one could associate different values according to their desired importance. For example, when a string contains the sequence "ar" the mapping could put a value of 2 to the dimension associated to this sequence but 1 to all others.

Question 2

A)



B)

The VC-dimension of this hypothesis class is 3. This is because it cannot successfully shatter all configurations of 2 points. However, it would not be able to do so for all configuration of 3 points. Take for example three points aligned upon a line, if the two points on the extremity of the line needed to be labeled this function would not be able to do so.

C)

The VC-dimension of any type of boolean combination of 2 linear classifiers is also 3. The reasoning for this is similar to the previous question. This classifier would not be able to label the extremities of three points forming a line.

Question 3

$\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$. Let $\delta[y = i]$ be 1 if $y = i$ and 0 otherwise. We write the likelihood function for a set of hypotheses and a given data set D as follows:

$$L(h; D) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^K \delta[y_i = j] h^j(x_i)$$

A)

Given the likelihood of an example x belonging to class k as being :

$$L(k|x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} h_i(x) \quad (7)$$

In order to compute the likelihood of a set of hypotheses a composite likelihood method can be used. This will approximate the likelihood of a set of hypotheses given data set D :

$$L(H|D) = \prod_{j=1}^K L(h_j|d_j) \quad (8)$$

Combining the likelihood of a given likelihood function with the composite method we obtain the following likelihood function:

$$L(H|D) = \prod_{j=1}^K \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} w_i^T x_i \right) \quad (9)$$

This can be seen as the product of all the hypothesis likelihoods.

B)

$$\log L(H|D) = \log \sum_{j=1}^K \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} h_i(x_i) \right) \quad (10)$$

$$\log L(H|D) = \log \sum_{j=1}^K 1 - \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} h_i(x_i) \quad (11)$$

The optimization is thus about minimizing:

$$\sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} w_i^T x_i \quad (12)$$

The loss function thus becomes:

$$\log L(H|D) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} w_i^T x_i \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \log L(H|D) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} x_i \quad (14)$$

C)

Question 4

A)

	Folds				
	1	2	3	4	5
log L Train	-0.410	-0.408	-0.409	-0.433	-0.422
log L Test	-0.654	-0.558	-0.595	-0.442	-0.526
Training Accuracy	0.81%	0.81%	0.83%	0.81%	0.80%
Testing Accuracy	0.69%	0.69%	0.72%	0.87%	0.71%

B)

	Folds				
	1	2	3	4	5
log L Train	-0.049	-0.067	-0.026	-0.028	-0.183
log L Test	-0.333	-0.355	-0.521	-0.376	-0.239
Training Accuracy	0.65%	0.65%	0.64%	0.65%	0.65%
Testing Accuracy	0.62%	0.62%	0.59%	0.54%	0.68%

C)

	Folds				
	1	2	3	4	5
log L Train	-0.235	-0.212	-0.174	-0.184	-0.226
log L Test	-0.530	-0.611	-0.803	-0.633	-0.536
Training Accuracy	0.83%	0.84%	0.83%	0.81%	0.83%
Testing Accuracy	0.72%	0.67%	0.69%	0.85%	0.74%

D)

Defining the sigmoid function as being:

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}} \quad (15)$$

We can now express the standard logistic regression as:

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \sigma(w^T X + w_0) = \sigma(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i) \quad (16)$$

$$P(Y = 0|X) = 1 - P(Y = 1|X) \quad (17)$$

Using a function ϕ mapping X from a low to a high dimension space we obtain the following logistic regression:

$$P(Y = 1|\phi(X)) = \sigma(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \phi(X)_i) \quad (18)$$

where K is the dimension of the new higher dimension space.

Using the kernel trick:

$$P(Y = 1|\phi(X)) = \sigma(\alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i K(X_i, X)) \quad (19)$$

Combining equation 16, 17 and 19 we obtain the likelihood of α

$$\log L(\alpha) = \sum_{l=1}^R Y^l (\alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^R \alpha_j (X_j, X)) - \log(1 + \exp(\alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^R \alpha_j (X_j, X))) \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_i} l(\alpha) = \sum_{l=1}^R \left(Y^l - \frac{\exp(\alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^R \alpha_j (X_j, X))}{1 + \exp(\alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^R \alpha_j (X_j, X))} \right) K(X_l, X) \quad (21)$$

E)