

# CZ4041/SC4000: Machine Learning

## Additional Notes: Kernel Regression

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# Regularized Linear Regression with Kernels

- Primal objective

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

- It can be reformulated in terms of a dual form where kernel function arises naturally

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + \lambda \mathbf{w} = 0$$

# Closed Form Solution

- By using kernel trick  $k(x_i, x_j) = \phi(x_i) \cdot \phi(x_j)$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{k}_i(\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x})$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{K} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= \begin{pmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_N) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k(\mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & k(\mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Induction

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + \lambda \mathbf{w} = 0$$



$$\mathbf{w} = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$a_i = -\frac{1}{\lambda} (\mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)$$

# Induction (cont.)


Denote by  $\Phi = (\phi(\mathbf{x}_1), \phi(\mathbf{x}_2), \dots, \phi(\mathbf{x}_N))^T$


and  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_N)^T$

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{w} = \Phi^T \mathbf{a}$$


$$a_i = -\frac{1}{\lambda} (\mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\lambda} (\mathbf{y} - \Phi \mathbf{w})$$

# Induction (cont.)

$$w = \Phi^T a \quad a = \frac{1}{\lambda} (y - \Phi w)$$



$$a = \frac{1}{\lambda} (y - \Phi \Phi^T a) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda \mathbf{I} a = y - \Phi \Phi^T a$$


$$(\lambda \mathbf{I} + \Phi \Phi^T) a = y$$


$$a = (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \Phi \Phi^T)^{-1} y$$

# Induction (cont.)



Kernel matrix  
(Gram matrix)

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_N) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k(\mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & k(\mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\Phi}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{a} = (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$
$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{a} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{w} = \boxed{\mathbf{\Phi}^T} (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

# Induction (cont.)

$$\mathbf{w} = \Phi^T (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{y} \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \phi(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{w}$$



$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \boxed{\phi(\mathbf{x})^T \Phi^T} (\mathbf{K} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y} \\ &= \boxed{k(\mathbf{x})} (\mathbf{K} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$


A vector of  $N$  dimensions, where  $\mathbf{k}_i(\mathbf{x}) = k(x_i, \mathbf{x})$



# Induction (cont.)

- Therefore

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$$

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**Thank you!**