

Gradient of Multi-class SVM Loss Function

Given:

$$f(x_i, W)_j = W_j^T x_i$$

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, W_j^T x_i - W_{y_i}^T x_i + \Delta)$$

The gradient of the loss function with respect to the weight matrix W is:

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_j^T x_i - W_{y_i}^T x_i + \Delta > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_i}{\partial W_{y_i}} = - \sum_{j \neq y_i} \delta_{ij} x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L_i}{\partial W_j} = \delta_{ij} x_i$$

For all samples:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{y_i}} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq y_i} \delta_{ij} x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_j} = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{ij} x_i$$

The final gradient of the loss function with respect to W is:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_C} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_j} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\delta_{ij} - \sum_{k \neq y_i} \delta_{ik} \right) x_i$$