

## Lagrange multipliers:

Joseph Louis Lagrange, invented a strategy for finding the local maxima and minima of a function subject to equality constraint.

### The method of Lagrange multipliers

Lagrange noticed that when we try to solve optimization problem of the form:

$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \ f(x)$$

$$\text{subject to } g(x) = 0$$

the minimum of  $f$  is found when its gradient point in the same direction as the gradient of  $g$ . In other words:

$$\nabla f(x) = \lambda \nabla g(x)$$

So if we want to find the minimum of  $f$  under the constraint  $g$ , we just need to

$$\text{Solve for: } \nabla f(x) - \lambda \nabla g(x) = 0$$

Lagrange multiplier



To simplify the method:

$$\nabla L(x, \alpha) = \nabla f(x) - \alpha \nabla g(x)$$

follow these steps:

1. Construct the Lagrangian function  $L$  by introducing **one multiplier** per constraint
2. Get the gradient  $\nabla L$  of the Lagrangian
3. Solve for  $\nabla L(x, \alpha) = 0$ ,

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

The SVM Lagrangian problem:

Recall:- our goal is to maximize  $f(w) = \frac{2}{\|w\|}$

instead let's minimize  $\frac{1}{f(w)} = \frac{\|w\|}{2}$  bcz  
we can use Lagrangian to minimize it right!

New goal:- minimize  $\frac{\|w\|}{2}$  <sup>why?</sup>

$$\text{subject to } y_i[(w \cdot x_i) + d] - 1 \geq 0$$

Squaring the norm has the advantage of removing the square root ( $\because \|w\|^2 = \langle w, w \rangle$ )



The **SVM** Lagrangian problem:-

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$g_i(w, d) = y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$L(w, d, \alpha) = f(w) - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i g_i(w, d)$$

$$L(w, d, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1]$$

Note! We introduced one **Lagrange multiplier**  $\alpha_i$  for each constraint function.

Imp! you may have noticed that the method of Lagrange multipliers is used for solving problems with equality constraints, and here we are using them with equality constraints. This is because the method still works for inequality constraints, **provided** KKT conditions are met.

**Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions**

Because we are dealing with inequality cond<sup>n</sup>, there is an additional requirement: the solution must also satisfy the KKT conditions.



Lets understand with example

$$\text{Min } f(x_1, x_2) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 + 4x_1 + 6x_2$$

$$\text{STC } x_1 + x_2 \leq 2 \quad -h_1$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 12 \quad -h_2$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

**KKT conditions:**

1. Convert to lagrange function and do partial differentiation w.r.t variables and equate to zero

$$2. \lambda_i h_i = 0$$

$$3. h_i \leq 0$$

$$4. \lambda_i \geq 0$$

condition-1:

$$L(x_1, x_2, x_3, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 + 4x_1 + 6x_2 - \lambda_1(x_1 + x_2 - 2) - \lambda_2(2x_1 + 3x_2 - 12)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = -2x_1 + 4 + \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 = 0 \quad -1a$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = -2x_2 + 6 + \lambda_1 - 3\lambda_2 = 0 \quad -1b$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_3} = -2x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_3 = 0}$$

condition-2:

$$\lambda_1(x_1 + x_2 - 2) = 0 \quad \& \quad \lambda_2(2x_1 + 3x_2 - 12) = 0 \quad -2a$$



condition-3

$$x_1 + x_2 - 2 \leq 0 \quad -3a$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 12 \leq 0 \quad -3b$$

condition-4

$$\lambda_1 \geq 0 \text{ \& } \lambda_2 \geq 0$$

Case-1:  $\lambda_1 = 0$   $\lambda_2 = 0$  - substitute in 1a & 1b

and solve we get  $x_1 = 2$  &  $x_2 = 3$

Now substitute  $x_1, x_2$  in (3a) & (3b)

$$3a \rightarrow x_1 + x_2 - 2 \leq 0$$

$$2 + 3 - 2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{3 \leq 0} \quad (\times)$$

$$3b \rightarrow 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 12 \leq 0$$

$$1 \leq 0 \quad (\times)$$

Case-2:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$   $\lambda_2 \neq 0$

$$2a \rightarrow \lambda_1 (x_1 + x_2 - 2) = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$\neq 0 \Rightarrow$  mathematicians found that both

$\lambda_1$  &  $x_1 + x_2 - 2$  will not become = 0 simultaneously

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 - 2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

11<sup>th</sup> from (2b)  $2x_1 + 3x_2 - 12 = 0$  --- (ii), on solving i & ii

we get  $x_2 = 8$  and  $x_1 = -6$

Now substitute them in 1a & 1b and solve for

$$\lambda_1 \text{ \& } \lambda_2 \text{ we get } \boxed{\lambda_2 = -26} \quad (\times)$$



case-3:  $\lambda_1 = 0$   $\lambda_2 \neq 0$

Substitute in 1a & 1b

$$-2x_1 + 4 - 2\lambda_2 = 0$$

$$-2x_2 + 6 - 3\lambda_2 = 0$$

Solving  $x_1 = \frac{2}{3}x_2$

$$\lambda_2 \neq 0 \text{ \& } 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = 3} \quad \boxed{x_1 = 2}$$

Substitute in (3a) & (3b)

$$x_1 + x_2 - 2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow 5 - 2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow 3 \leq 0 \quad (\text{X})$$

case-4:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$   $\lambda_2 = 0$

Similarly on solving we get

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 1/2 \quad x_2 = 3/2$$

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} 0 \leq 0 \\ -13 \leq 0 \end{matrix}} \quad \checkmark$$

Now let's apply KKT on SVM

①. Remem Recall: our Lagrangian function:

$$L(w, d, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1]$$

$$y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

condition-1

let's equate  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = 0$



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} &= \frac{2}{2} \|w\| - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (w \cdot x_i) - \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left[ \sum \alpha_i y_i d \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \xrightarrow{0} \\ &= \|w\| - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i x_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial d} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial d} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial d} \left[ \sum \alpha_i y_i (w \cdot x_i) \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial d} \left[ \sum \alpha_i y_i d \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial d} \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \xrightarrow{0} \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0}$$

$$(w \cdot w = \|w\| \|w\| \cos(0)) = \|w\|^2$$

Let us substitute  $w$  by this value into  $L$ :

$$\begin{aligned}W(\alpha, d) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i x_i \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j y_j x_j \right) - \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \left[ y_i \left( \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j y_j x_j \right) \cdot x_i + d \right) - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) \\ &\quad - d \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i \xrightarrow{0} + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i\end{aligned}$$



$$\Rightarrow W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

condition-2

$$\lambda_i \rightarrow \alpha_i \quad h_i \rightarrow y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\alpha_i [y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1] = 0$$

we see that either  $\alpha_i = 0$  or  $y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1 = 0$

If  $y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) - 1 = 0$  and using condition 4

we know  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ . which means support vectors are the datapoints that have a positive Lagrange multiplier.

condition-3

$$h_i \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -y_i (w \cdot x_i + d) + 1 \leq 0$$

\* To compute  $W$  also we need  $\alpha_i$ , now how to find out these  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ .

Imagine guys how tedious task it will be if we try to find  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  manually!

Think about it!