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**Abstract**—This manual provides an introduction to SVM.

### 1 REFLECTION

1.1 Find the distance of  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  from the line

$$(3 \ 4)\mathbf{x} + 5 = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

1.2 Show that the distance of the point  $\mathbf{x}_1$  from the line

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} + c = 0, \quad \|\mathbf{n}\| = 1 \quad (1.2)$$

is

$$M = |\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + c| \quad (1.3)$$

1.3 Find the reflection  $\mathbf{x}_2$  of  $\mathbf{x}_1$ .

1.4 Define

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} + c \quad (1.4)$$

1.5 Compute  $f(\mathbf{x}_1)$  and  $f(\mathbf{x}_2)$ . Comment.

### 2 OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

2.1 Suppose  $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1)$  and  $(\mathbf{x}_2, y_2)$  are i/o data for a system where  $y_1, y_2 \in \{1, -1\}$ . If you want to find  $\mathbf{n}, c$  from the given dataset, how will

formulate the equivalent optimization problem?

**Solution:** Consider the optimization problem

$$\max_{\mathbf{n}, c} M \quad (2.1)$$

$$\text{s.t. } y_1 (\mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{n} + c) \geq M \quad (2.2)$$

$$y_2 (\mathbf{x}_2^T \mathbf{n} + c) \geq M \quad (2.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}\| = 1 \quad (2.4)$$

2.2 The *signum* function is defined as

$$\text{sgn}(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z > 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \\ -1 & z < 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

Show that

$$\text{sgn}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n} + c) = \text{sgn}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} + d) \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{M}, d = \frac{c}{M}, M > 0 \quad (2.7)$$

2.3 Show that (2.1)-(2.4) can be reformulated as

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, d} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \quad (2.8)$$

$$\text{s.t. } y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w} + d) \geq 1 \quad (2.9)$$

**Solution:** From (2.7),

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{M} \implies \|\mathbf{w}\| = \frac{\|\mathbf{n}\|}{M} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\implies M = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \because \|\mathbf{n}\| = 1 \quad (2.11)$$

Thus,

$$\max_{\mathbf{n}, c} M = \max_{\mathbf{w}, d} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = \min_{\mathbf{w}, d} \|\mathbf{w}\|. \quad (2.12)$$

Also, (2.2)-(2.3) become

$$y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w} + d) \geq 1 \quad (2.13)$$

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### 3 SOLVER

3.1 Solve (2.8) using *cvxpy/cvxopt* for  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $y_1 = 1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 \\ -0.6 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $y_2 = -1$ .

**Solution:** From the given information, the constraints in (2.8) become

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} + d \geq 1 \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & -0.6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} + d \leq -1 \quad (3.2)$$

The following code results in

$$\mathbf{w}_{opt} = (0.6 \ 0.8), d_{opt} = 1, \|\mathbf{w}_{opt}\|^2 = 1 \quad (3.3)$$

```
import cvxpy as cp

w = cp.Variable(2)
d = cp.Variable()

probconst = ([2*w[0]+w[1]+d>=1,0.8*w[0]-0.6*w[1]+d<=-1])
proboj = cp.Minimize(0.5*cp.square(cp.norm(w)))

prob = cp.Problem(proboj,probconst)
prob.solve()

print (prob.value)
print (w.value)
print (d.value)
```

3.2 Provide a graphical representation for (2.8)

**Solution:** The following code plots Fig. 3.2. The constraint lines in (3.1)-(3.2) are plotted for  $d = 0, 0.5$  and  $1$ . The circles  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = r^2$  are plotted for  $r = 1, 2$  and  $3$ . The smallest circle that satisfies the constraints is obtained when  $d = 1$

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/gadepall/EE1390/master/manuals/svm/codes/svm_graph.py
```

### 4 KKT SOLUTION

4.1 Show that the Lagrangian for (2.8) can be expressed as

$$L_p(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, d) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \left( \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 & y_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{w} + d \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (4.1)$$

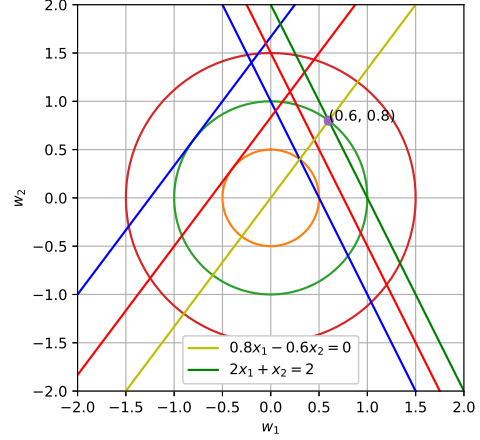


Fig. 3.2

where

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2)$$

are the Lagrange multipliers.

**Solution:** The Lagrangian is given by,

$$L_p(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, d) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i \{y_i (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w} + d) - 1\} \quad (4.3)$$

which can be simplified to obtain (4.1)

4.2 Show that the stationarity condition with respect to  $\mathbf{w}$  yields

$$\left( \mathbf{I} - \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 & y_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad (4.4)$$

**Solution:** From the stationarity condition

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L_p(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, d) = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{w} - \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 & y_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\alpha} = 0 \quad (4.6)$$

resulting in (4.4).

4.3 Show that the stationarity condition with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  yields

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 & y_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{0} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.7)$$

**Solution:**

$$\nabla_{\alpha} L_p(\mathbf{w}, \alpha, d) = 0 \quad (4.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \quad y_2 \mathbf{x}_2)^T \mathbf{w} + d \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.9)$$

after simplification resulting in (4.7)

4.4 Find the stationarity condition with respect to  $d$ .

**Solution:**

$$\nabla_d L_p(\mathbf{w}, \alpha, d) = 0 \quad (4.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y_1 \quad y_2) \alpha = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

$$\text{or, } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & y_1 & y_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ \alpha \\ d \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

4.5 Obtain a matrix equation for  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $d$ .

**Solution:** (4.4) (4.7) and (4.12) can be stacked into a single matrix equation as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -(y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \quad y_2 \mathbf{x}_2) & \mathbf{0} \\ (y_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \quad y_2 \mathbf{x}_2)^T & \mathbf{0} & \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{0} & (y_1 \quad y_2) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ \alpha \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.13)$$

4.6 Find the optimal values of  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $d$ .

## 5 DUALITY

5.1 Substitute (4.4) and (4.12) in the primal function to obtain the Lagrangian (Wolfe) dual objective function  $L_D$ .