

# Support Vector Machine for Classification and Regression

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# Classifiers, Loss function

For binary classification

- Training Data:  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m) \in X \times \{\pm 1\}$
- Objective
  - To find a function  $f$  that will correctly classify unseen examples  $(x, y)$ ,  
 $f : X \rightarrow \pm 1$

## Classifiers, Loss function

Correctness is measured by means of the error risk, composed of:

- Empirical risk (estimated on the training set)

$$R_{emp} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} |f(x_i) - y_i|$$

- For the zero-one loss function:

$$c(x, y, f(x)) = \frac{1}{2} |f(x) - y|$$

the loss is 0 if  $(x, y)$  is classified correctly, 1 otherwise

- Even if  $R_{emp}[f]$  is zero on the training set, it may not generalize well on unseen data

# Classifiers, Loss function

- Error Risk (on new unknown observations)

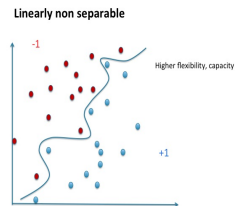
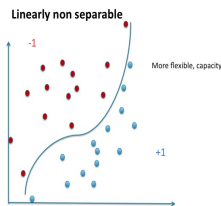
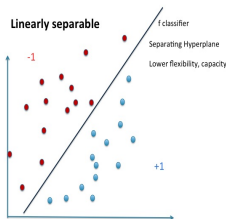
$$R[f] = \int \frac{1}{2} |f(x) - y| dP(x, y)$$

- $P(x, y)$  generally unknown distribution,
- the problem remains to bound  $R[f]$  (structural risk minimization)

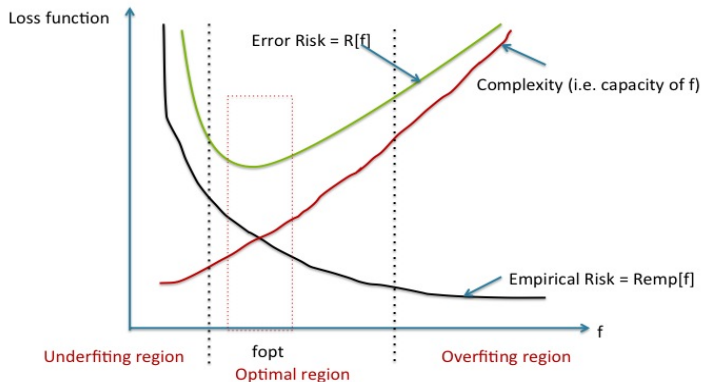
# Classifiers, Loss function

## • Complexity

- It measures the capacity of a family of classifiers to isolate ("shatter") observations
- VC-theory shows the need to restrict the set of functions  $f$  to the one that have suitable complexity for the amount of training data
- For example, capacity of LDA < capacity of QDA



# Classifiers, Loss function



$$\text{Error Risk} = R[f] = R_{emp}[f] + \text{Complexity}$$

Error on Test set = Error on Training set + Regularization term on the capacity of  $f$

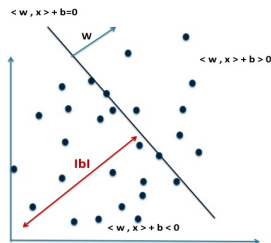
# Hyperplanes

$H$  a dot vectorial space  $\langle, \rangle$

$x_1, \dots, x_m$   $m$  points of  $H$

An hyperplan  $HP$  is defined:

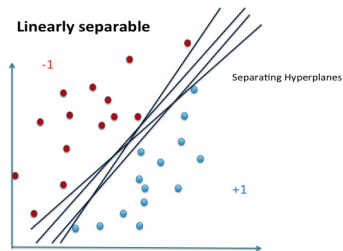
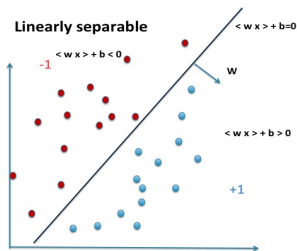
$$\{x \in H / \langle w, x \rangle + b = 0\} \quad w \in H, b \in \mathbb{R}$$





# Separating Hyperplanes

- Binary classification
- Linearly separable points  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  of  $H$

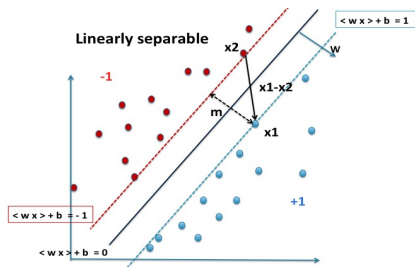


# Canonical Hyperplan

## Definition

The pair  $(w,b)$  is called a canonical hyperplan w.r.t.  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in H$ , if it is scaled such that

$$\min_{i=1 \dots m} |\langle w, x_i \rangle + b| = 1 \quad (1)$$



# Canonical Hyperplan

Let  $Hp_0$ ,  $Hp_{+1}$  and  $Hp_{-1}$  be the three hyperplanes as indicated in the above figure

Let  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  be the closest points to  $Hp_0$  (see Fig), then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle w, x_1 \rangle + b &= c > 0 \\ \langle w, x_2 \rangle + b &= -c < 0 \end{aligned}$$

multiply each equations by a scale factor  $\alpha = \frac{1}{c}$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \langle w, x_1 \rangle + \alpha b &= \langle w', x'_1 \rangle + b' = 1 \\ \alpha \langle w, x_2 \rangle + \alpha b &= \langle w', x'_2 \rangle + b' = -1 \end{aligned}$$

# Canonical Hyperplan

## Margin value

- The closest point to the hyperplan has a distance of  $\frac{1}{\|w\|}$

$$\langle w, x_1 \rangle + b = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\langle w, x_2 \rangle + b = -1 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{from (2)-(3)} \quad \langle w, (x_1 - x_2) \rangle = 2 \text{ and } \|w\| \|(x_1 - x_2)\| \cos(\alpha) = 2 \quad (4)$$

The margin  $m = \|(x_1 - x_2)\| \cos(\alpha)$  defines the orthogonal projection onto a line of  $w$  direction:

$$m = \frac{2}{\|w\|}, \text{ and the closest point has a distance of } \frac{1}{\|w\|}$$

**Remark:** To best separate the classes, the problem becomes to determine the hyperplan that maximizes the margin  $m$  (i.e. minimizes  $\frac{\|w\|}{2}$ )

# Support Vector Machine

- Let  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)$  be  $m$  points,  $x_i \in H$
- Assume a binary classification of **linearly separable** points (non separable to see later)
- Let  $HP$  be a separable hyperplan of direction  $w$
- The trick:  $y_i = +1$  (vs.  $y_i = -1$ ) for points belonging to the side of direction  $w$  (vs. opposite direction to  $w$ )
- The decision function  $f_{w,b}$  that gives the class label of a given  $x$

$$f_{w,b}(x) = \text{sign}(\langle w, x \rangle + b) = \{+1/\text{or} -1\}$$

# Support Vector Machine

## SVM: Primal formalisation

- Among the set of separating hyperplans, the optimal *HP* is the one that maximizes the margin
- The problem can be formalized as a convex (unique solution) and quadratic optimization problem s.t. linear inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w \in H, b \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i(\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \geq 1 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The associated Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  to minimize w.r.t.  $w$  and  $b$ , to maximize w.r.t.  $\alpha_i$

$$\mathcal{L}(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y_i(\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) - 1) \quad (6)$$

# Support Vector Machine

The derivatives  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b}$  and  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w}$  leads to

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0 \quad w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i x_i \quad (7)$$

- $\forall x_i$  with  $\alpha_i > 0$ ,
  - $x_i$  define a **support vector**
  - $x_i$  contributes to define the optimal plan
  - $x_i$  involves on the canonical hyperplans
  - $x_i$  contributes for the decision function
- $\forall x_i$  with  $\alpha_i = 0$ 
  - $x_i$  not considered for the decision function (sparsity)

**Note that:**

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \quad \alpha_i (y_i (< x_i, w > + b) - 1) = 0$$

# Support Vector Machine: Dual formalization

By substituting and replacing equations (7) in the Lagrangian given in (6) we obtain the SVM Dual formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

**The decision function**

$$f(x) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i \langle x, x_i \rangle + b \right) \tag{9}$$

For  $x_i$  limited to the support vectors.



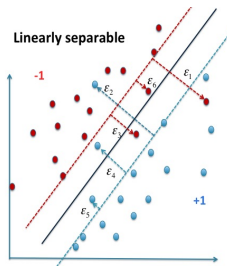
# Soft-Margin vs. Hard-margin SVM

- If non linearly separable data, there is no hard-margin solution
- Either linearly separable, hard-margin suffers of over fitting ( $R_{Emp} = 0$ ) and worst generalization properties (high risk  $R$ )
- To ensure good generalization properties with lower  $R$ , one needs to find a larger margin and tolerate some samples to be within the margin or either miss-classified
- A regularization is thus used to relax on the empirical risk but by improving the generalization risk  $R = R_{emp} + \text{complexity}$
- For this, slack variables  $\xi_i$  are introduced to formalize the [soft-margin SVM](#).

# Soft-margin SVM

## Primal formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{w \in H, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^m, b \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{C}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \xi_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$



# Soft-margin SVM

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{w \in H, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^m, b \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\
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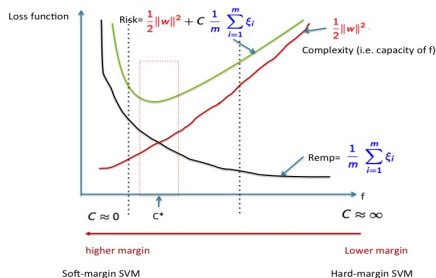
## Some intuitions (1)

- $\forall x_i$  that is far from the margin and lying in the good side, the 2<sup>nd</sup> constraint is always satisfied as  $y_i (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \geq 1$  and  $\xi_i$  which is not needed is set to 0 to minimize Eq. (11).
- $\forall x_i$  which is within the margin or lies in the wrong side, the constraint  $y_i (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \geq 1$  is violated, and  $\xi_i > 0$  is involved to have a solution.

# Soft-margin SVM

## Some intuitions(2)

- The right term, called the hing-loss, measures the empirical risk induced by all the samples with  $\xi_i > 0$
- The left term, called the regularization term, measures the complexity or the capacity of the model.
- The decrease of the left term, increases the margin, that decreases the capacity of the model and increases the hing-loss
- The minimization problem is a compromise, balanced by  $C$ , between the two left (**complexity**) / right (**empirical risk**) conflicting terms



# Soft-marginSVM: Dual formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq \frac{C}{m}, i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Remarks:

- The constraint  $\alpha_i \leq \frac{C}{m}$  ensures to bound the weight of a given support vector, to avoid over fitting, or that an outlier support vector takes too much importance in the decision function

# $\nu$ -SVM

## Some intuitions

- The parameter  $C$  in the soft margin-SVM is a compromise between the conflicting terms complexity and empirical risk
- Unfortunately we have no intuition about the meaning of  $C$  w.r.t. the data
- $\nu$ -SVM allows to substitute  $C$  by the parameter  $\nu$  related to:
  - The number of errors
  - The number of support vectors

## Primal formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{w \in H, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^m, b \in \mathbb{R}, \rho \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \nu \rho + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i(\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \geq \rho - \xi_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \xi_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \rho \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

# $\nu$ -SVM

## Interpretation of $\rho$

- 1 The classes are separated by a margin of  $\frac{2\rho}{\|w\|^2}$
- 2  $\rho \in [0, 1]$  is a upper bound of the proportion of samples lying within the margin or in the wrong side (called the fraction of margin errors)
- 3  $\rho$  is a lower bound of the proportion of support vectors

The fraction of margin errors  $\leq \rho \leq$  The fraction of support vectors

### Remarks:

- The upper bound controls the sparsity (minimal number of support vectors)
- The lower bound controls the model precision (namely the maximal margin errors)
- The increase of  $\rho$  increases the margin, that allows the increase of the margin errors

$\nu$ -SVM

## Dual formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq \frac{1}{m}, i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0 \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$



# Multi-class SVM

Let  $S = \{(x_i, y_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $y_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ . Two main approaches exist to deal with SMV on multi-classes.

## 1- One versus all approach

- ① Generate  $K$  training sets  $S_1, \dots, S_K$ :

$$S_k = \{(x_i, y_i^k) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

$$y_i^k = +1 \text{ if } y_i = k \quad y_i^k = -1 \text{ if } y_i \neq k$$

- ② For each training set  $S_k$  learn a binary SVM, with

$$g^k(x) = \sum_i^m \alpha_i y_i < x_i, x > + b$$

$$f^k(x) = \text{sign}(g^k(x)) \text{ the decision function}$$

- ③ Classification of a new sample  $x^*$ 
  - Estimate  $g^j(x^*) = \max(g^1(x^*), \dots, g^K(x^*))$
  - The class label is given by  $f(x^*) = \text{sign}(g^j(x^*))$

# Multi-class SVM: One versus all approach

## Remarks

- For  $g^j(x^*) > 0$ , assign  $x^*$  to the  $j$ th class, otherwise the only decision is that  $x^*$  is not in the  $j$ th class
- Some samples may not be classified (for instance,  $g^j(x^*) < 0$ , many nearest maximal values for  $g$ )
- The  $K$  SVM's are trained on different sets  $(S_1, \dots, S_K)$  with functions  $g^1, \dots, g^K$  varying within different variation domains (non comparable), not suitable use of the max on the decision function
- Unbalanced classes in the training sets  $(S_1, \dots, S_K)$  small size for +1 larger for -1

# Multi-class SVM: pairwise approach

## 2- Pairwise approach

- 1 Generate  $K(K - 1)$  Training sets for each couple of classes  $S_i, S_j$
- 2 Learn a binary SVM per couple of classes, with  $g_{ij}$  the learned decision function
- 3 Assign a new sample  $x^*$  by a majority vote through the  $k(K - 1)$  decision functions  
$$f_{ij}(x^*) = \text{sign}(g_{ij}(x^*))$$

### Remarks

- It leads to much more trained classifiers (limited if a large number of classes)
- The induced classes are expected to be smaller and more balanced
- We expect lower number of support vectors than for the One versus all approach

# Support Vector Regression (SVR)

- Rather than dealing with outputs  $y = \{\pm 1\}$  in classification, **regression estimation** is concerned with estimating real-valued functions ( $y \in \mathbb{R}$ )
- SVR generalizes SV algorithm to the regression case
- SVR allows the estimation of the regression function by involving a part of the training (sparsity)
- The regression function is rarely linear; however, similarly to SVM, we first give the primal and dual formalizations for the case of a linear regression function, and show after how to extend the results to non linear regression

# Support Vector Regression (SVR)

## Definition

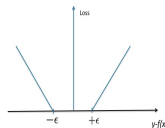
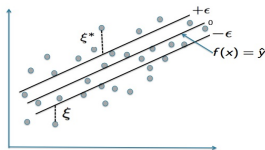
Let  $(x_i, y_i)$   $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , the aim of SVR is the estimation of  $\hat{y} = f(x)$  that minimizes the  $\epsilon$ -insensitive Loss-function  $R_{Emp}^\epsilon$ :

$$R_{Emp}^\epsilon = |f(x) - y|_\epsilon = \max(0, |f(x) - y| - \epsilon)$$

## Remarks

- The intuition behind the empirical risk is to be equal to 0 for an estimation error lower than  $\epsilon$  and  $|f(x) - y| - \epsilon$  if it is higher
- Case of Estimating a linear regression function  $f(x) = \langle w, x \rangle + b$
- Similarly, it remains to minimize  $R_{Emp}^\epsilon$ , to not over fit maximize  $\epsilon$

# Support Vector Regression ( $\epsilon$ – SVR)



## Primal formalization

$$\min_{w \in H, \xi^{(*)} \in \mathbb{R}^m, b \in \mathbb{R}, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) \quad (14)$$

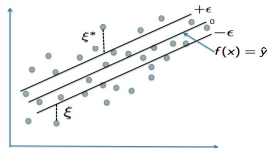
$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t.} \quad & (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\ & y_i - (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^* \\ & \xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

(15)

## $\epsilon$ – SVR: Primal formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{w \in H, \xi_i^* \in \mathbb{R}^m, b \in \mathbb{R}, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & y_i - (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^* \\
 & \xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

- For the samples with  $y_i$  **above** the tube,  $\xi_i^* > 0$  ( $\xi_i = 0$ ), samples are **underestimated** ( $f(x_i) < y_i$ )
- For the samples with  $y_i$  **under** the tube,  $\xi_i > 0$  ( $\xi_i^* = 0$ ), samples are **overestimated** ( $f(x_i) > y_i$ )
- For the remaining samples within the tube,  $\xi_i^* = \xi_i = 0$ , samples are well estimated ( $|f(x_i) - y_i| \leq \epsilon$ )



# $\epsilon$ – SVR

## Some intuitions

- $\epsilon$  defines the margin around  $f(x)$ :  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$
- Higher is  $\epsilon$ , lower is  $\|w\|^2$ , and lower is the precision of the regression model
- Higher is  $\epsilon$ , smoother is  $f(x)$  and lower is the complexity of the model
- Lower is  $\epsilon$ , less smoothed is  $f(x)$ , higher is the complexity, but higher is the risk to overfit
- For  $\epsilon \approx 0$ , the model is a hard linear regression (without a tube  $\epsilon$ )



## $\epsilon$ – SVR: Dual formalization

Introducing Lagrange multipliers, on the primal form Eq. (16), one arrives at the following optimization problem (C and  $\epsilon$  selected *a priori*)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\alpha, \alpha^* \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & -\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* + \alpha_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) y_i \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i)(\alpha_j^* - \alpha_j) \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i^*, \alpha_i \leq \frac{C}{m} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

**The regression estimate**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) \langle x_i, x \rangle + b \\
 w &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) x_i
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

# $\epsilon$ – SVR: Dual formalization

## Remarks

- $\alpha_i^*$  and  $\alpha_i$  correspond to the weights of the support vectors that are, respectively, above, under the tube
- The support vectors (SV) are those samples with  $\alpha_i^* > 0$  or  $\alpha_i > 0$

## Computing the Offset $b$

- To estimate  $b$  we refer to referring to the KKT(Karush-Kuhn-Tucker) conditions that state that at the point of the solution, the product between the dual variables and constraints has to vanish

$$\alpha_i(\epsilon + \xi_i - y_i + \langle w, x_i \rangle + b) = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\alpha_i(\epsilon + \xi_i^* + y_i - \langle w, x_i \rangle - b) = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\left(\frac{C}{m} - \alpha_i\right)\xi_i = 0 \quad \left(\frac{C}{m} - \alpha_i^*\right)\xi_i^* = 0 \quad (21)$$

# $\epsilon$ – SVR: Dual formalization

## Useful derived conclusions

- Only samples  $(x_i, y_i)$  that lie outside the tube have  $\alpha_i^{(*)} = \frac{C}{m}$  (as  $\xi_i^{(*)} = 0$ )
- $\alpha_i \alpha_i^* = 0$  (as the  $i$ -th SV is either above or under the tube)
- $\alpha_i^{(*)} \in [0, \frac{C}{m}]$ ,  $\xi_i^{(*)} = 0$ , that is only for SV's that lie within the tube

Thus the Offset  $b$  is,

$$b = y_i - \langle w, x_i \rangle - \epsilon \text{ for } \alpha_i \in (0, \frac{C}{m})$$

$$b = y_i - \langle w, x_i \rangle + \epsilon \text{ for } \alpha_i^* \in (0, \frac{C}{m})$$

## Remark

- This means, that any Lagrange multipliers  $\alpha_i^{(*)} \in (0, \frac{C}{m})$  can be used to estimate  $b$ , it is safest to use one that is not too close to 0 or  $\frac{C}{m}$

## $\nu$ – SVR

- $\epsilon$  of the  $\epsilon$  – SVR is useful if the desired accuracy can be specified beforehand
- In some cases, however, we just one to estimate  $y$  to be as accurate as possible without specifying an a priori level of accuracy
- For this, we refer to the  $\nu$  – SVR that allows to compute automatically  $\epsilon$

### Primal formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{w \in H, \xi^{(*)} \in \mathbb{R}^m, b \in \mathbb{R}, \epsilon, b \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \left( \nu \epsilon + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) \right) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
 & y_i - (\langle x_i, w \rangle + b) \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^* \\
 & \xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

### Intuitions

- If  $\epsilon$  increases, the green term decreases (as less samples outside the tube), the function smoothness increases and the accuracy decreases
- If  $\epsilon$  decreases, the brown term decreases, but the green term increases (as more samples outside the tube), the function is less smoothed and the the accuracy increases

## $\nu$ – SVR: Dual formalization

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\alpha, \alpha^* \in \mathbb{R}^m} && \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) y_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) (\alpha_j^* - \alpha_j) \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \\
& \text{s.t.} && 0 \leq \alpha_i^*, \alpha_i \leq \frac{C}{m} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\
& && \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) \\
& && \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* + \alpha_i) \leq C \cdot \nu
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

The regression estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) \langle x_i, x \rangle + b \\
w &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) x_i
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$\nu$  – SVR:

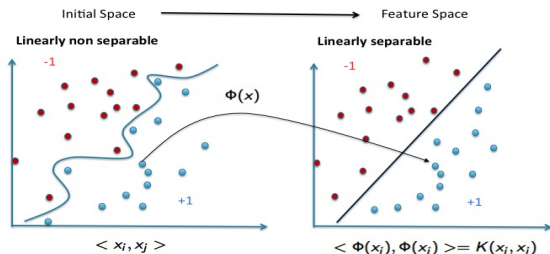
**Interpretation of the a priori fixed  $\nu \in [0, 1]$**

The fraction of samples outside the tube (margin errors)  $\leq \nu \leq$  The fraction of support vectors

- The upper bound controls the sparsity (minimal number of support vectors)
- The lower bound controls the model accuracy (namely the maximal margin errors)
- The increase of  $\nu$  increases the margin, that increases the margin errors
- If  $\nu$  increases, this allows for more samples outside the tube, appeals for more precision by decreasing  $\epsilon$  and increasing the number of SV
- If  $\nu$  decreases, this allows less samples outside the tube, it appeals for less precision and more sparsity by increasing  $\epsilon$  and decreasing the number of SV

# SVM and SVR: Non linearly separable data

- The above hard, soft, or  $\nu$  SVM/SVR are developed for the case of linearly separable data
- To deal with non linearly separable data, the trick consists to embed data into high dimension space (called feature space), rendering the data linearly separable and the developed approaches applicable
- This is possible, by substituting all the cross-product used in the results by a kernel similarity measure (kernel trick)



# Standard Kernels

- Polynomial:  $k(x, x') = \langle x, x' \rangle^d$
- Gaussian:  $k(x, x') = \exp(-\frac{\|x-x'\|^2}{2\sigma^2})$
- Sigmoid:  $\tanh(\mathcal{K}(x, x') + \Theta)$

with suitable choices of  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sigma, \mathcal{K}, \Theta \in \mathbb{R}$  empirically led to SV classifiers with similar accuracies as SV sets



# Temporal Kernels

- The Global Alignment  $K_{GA}$  kernel (Cuturi et al. 2011) is defined as the exponentiated soft-minimum of all alignment distances:

$$\begin{aligned}
 DTW &= \min_{\pi \in A(n,m)} D_{x,y}(\pi) \\
 D_{x,y} &= \sum_{i=1}^{|\pi|} \varphi(x_{\pi_1(i)}, y_{\pi_2(i)}) \\
 K_{GA}(x, y) &= \sum_{\pi \in A(n,m)} e^{-D_{x,y}(\pi)} \\
 &= \sum_{\pi \in A(n,m)} \prod_{i=1}^{|\pi|} k(x_{\pi_1(i)}, y_{\pi_2(i)})
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $k = \exp^{-\varphi}$  a local similarity induced from the divergence  $\varphi$

# Temporal Kernels

- DTW kernel  $K_{DTW}$  (Haasdonk et al. 2004) a pseudo n.d. kernel

$$K_{DTW}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{-\frac{1}{t} DTW(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}$$

- DTW kernel  $DTW_{sc}$  with Sakoe-Chiba Constraints

$$DTW_{sc}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \min_{\pi \in A(n, m)} D_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}}^{\gamma}(\pi)$$

where the wrights  $\gamma_{i,j}$  are defined as:

$$\gamma_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |i - j| < T \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Temporal Kernels

- Dynamic Temporal Alignment Kernel  $K_{DTAK}$  (Shimodaira et al. 2002) consider a variant of the DTW to define the pseudo p.d. kernel

$$DTW_{DTAK}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \max_{\pi \in A(n, m)} \sum_{i=1}^{|\pi|} k_{\sigma}(x_{\pi_1(i)}, y_{\pi_2(i)})$$

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