

Week 01:

Discriminative ML - Quick Intro

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Performance measures on validation set:

| Reg. Constant, C | Vanilla Accuracy | | Class-wise Averaged Accuracy | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | Linear Kernel | RBF Kernel | Linear Kernel | RBF Kernel |
| 0.01 | 0.83929 | 0.83333 | 0.49589 | 0.54545 |
| 0.1 | 0.83333 | 0.83333 | 0.49336 | 0.54545 |
| $0.1^{0.5}$ | 0.83333 | 0.83333 | 0.49336 | 0.54545 |
| 1 | 0.82738 | 0.83333 | 0.49084 | 0.54545 |
| $10^{0.5}$ | 0.83333 | 0.79762 | 0.49336 | 0.51061 |
| 10 | 0.82738 | 0.79762 | 0.49084 | 0.49091 |
| 100 | 0.83333 | 0.79762 | 0.49336 | 0.49091 |

For both kernels, the best regularisation constants found were 0.01.

The linear kernel generally performs better than the rbf kernel for vanilla accuracy, but generally performs worse on the class-wise accuracies, other than a few exceptions.

Performance measures on test set:

| Vanilla Accuracy | | Class-wise Averaged Accuracy | |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Linear Kernel | RBF Kernel | Linear Kernel | RBF Kernel |
| 0.80702 | 0.83772 | 0.44802 | 0.54485 |

The RBF kernel performs better than the linear kernel in terms of both vanilla accuracy and class-wise averaged accuracy.

Vanilla accuracy is used to measure the accuracy of the model which combines the 3 binary SVMs. On the other hand, class-wise averaged accuracy first calculates the recall of the combined model for each class, before finding the mean of the values. Vanilla accuracy can then be used for general cases, but for cases where it is important to identify as many of the positive labels as possible (e.g. when diagnosing diseases), it might be better to use class-wise averaged accuracy.