# Paired passive aggressive for ranking and classification

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## Abstract

This paper describes the ....

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## 1. Introduction

The importance of the problem Related work

#### 2. Problem Setting

In this section we introduce the notation used throughout the paper and describe our problem setting. Vectors are denoted by lower case bold face letters (e.g.  $\boldsymbol{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}$ ) where the  $i^{th}$  element of the vector  $\boldsymbol{x}$  is denoted by  $\boldsymbol{x}_i$ . The hinge function is denoted by  $[x]_+ = max\{0, x\}$ . Sets are denoted by capital curly letters (e.g.  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{J}}$ ).

We are interested in the case where at each time point t we receive a batch of  $n_t$  sample and than choose how to update the vector weights  $\boldsymbol{w}$ . At each time point t we solve an optimization problem which performs a trade off between two things. First, it aims that the new solution  $\boldsymbol{w}$  will be close to the former weight vector  $w_t$ . Second we prefer to classify all the samples provided at time t correctly with a margin of 1.

minimize 
$$\frac{1}{2}||\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}_t||^2 + C\sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \xi_i$$
subject to 
$$1 - \boldsymbol{w}^T \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{y}_i \leq \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n_t.$$

There are some benefits of an update which uses several samples for the update. First, in cases where the data is unbalanced, using a balanced updating scheme that introduce an equal number of samples at time point t we can come up with guaranties both for the classification mistakes and for the AUC. Second, an update rule that uses several samples

at a single time point t is internally tuned since the we need to advanced w in a way that is agreeable with the samples at time t.

# 3. Average Classification Loss

Define the loss and the problem

Derive the update rule

Theorem 1: the expected loss is less than the average loss

Theorem 2: 1-AUC is bounded

Theorem 3: Show that classification is correct and wx+>0 while wx-<0 after the update

#### 4. Double-slack

We are interested in solving a passive aggressive style problem only that we are shown  $n_t$  examples at time t. This minibatch setting and the way we choose to solve it have a great deal of implication on the solution where different steps will yield different results.

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The dual problem is

maximize 
$$\frac{1}{2} || \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \alpha_i \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{y}_i ||^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \alpha_i (1 - \boldsymbol{w}_t^T \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{y}_i)$$
subject to  $0 \le \alpha_i \le C, i = 1, \dots, n_t$ .

We aim to maximize the dual function so at each step we choose a set of indices  $\mathcal{J}$  to increase using the same step.

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_i + \delta, \ j \in \mathcal{J}$$

We derive the following  $\delta$ 

$$\delta = max(L_b, min(U_b, \frac{|\mathcal{J}| - \boldsymbol{w}_t^T \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \boldsymbol{x}_j y_j}{||\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \boldsymbol{x}_j y_j||^2}))$$

Where  $L_b = \max_{j \in \mathcal{J}} (-\alpha_j)$  and  $U_b = \min_{j \in \mathcal{J}} (C - \alpha_j)$  which appear since each of the updated  $\alpha_j$  needs to keep its constrain  $0 \le \alpha_j \le C$ . It is possible that a step that advances all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  does not exists because  $U_b$  could be smaller than  $L_b$ . We will always be able to perform at least one such step since we initialize  $\alpha_i$  as zero. If we partition the set of samples and at each iteration we use a different partition, we are guaranteed that  $L_b \le U_b$  since we advance all the dual variables in each partition with the same steps.

We can think of this as updating a new vector  $\boldsymbol{x}^{\beta} = \sum_{j \in \beta} \boldsymbol{x}_j y_j$  where  $y^{\beta} = 1$ . Only here

 $x^{\mathcal{J}}$  should be correct with a margin of  $|\mathcal{J}|$ . We than update w using  $x^{\mathcal{J}}$  with the step size  $\delta$ . \* this is not entirely correct because of the constrains we have on the  $\delta$ . Notice that by multiple items in  $\mathcal{J}$  we make a statement about their linear combination and not any of them individually. For example, when we update two items a positive sample  $x^+$  and a negative sample  $x^-$  forcing that their sum should be classified positive  $0 \leq w^T(x^+ - x^-)$  we actually argue about their order we say that their difference should be kept positive or that  $w^Tx^- \leq w^Tx^+$ .

Using various sets of  $\mathcal{J}$  and various number of iteration at time t we propose several update rules:

In the case where at time t we are provided with two samples  $(n_t = 2), x^+, x^-$ .

- I. PA-DCA Iterate until convergence at each iteration choose a single sample ( $|\mathcal{J}| = 1$ ).
- II. PA-sequential Iterate only once for  $x^+$  and than once for  $x^-$ .
- III. PA-AUC Iterate only once using both samples  $\mathcal{J} = \{x^+, x^-\}$ .
- IV. PA-correctMistakes Iterate only once use only the samples that failed to achieve correct classification with the margin.  $\mathcal{J} = \{x^+, x^-\}$  or  $\{x^+\}$  or  $\{x^-\}$ .

In the case where we are presented n samples.

- I. PA-DCA Iterate until convergence at each iteration choose a single sample ( $|\mathcal{J}|=1$ ).
- II. PA-sequential Iterate only once for each sample.
- III. PA-maxViolators Iterate only once. Here  $\mathcal{J}$  contains the positive sample that caused the highest loss and the negative sample that caused the highest loss.
- IV. PA-correctMistakes Iterate only once use only the samples that failed to achieve correct classification with the margin.  $\mathcal{J} = \{i | 0 \leq l_{w_t}(\boldsymbol{x}_i, y_i)\}.$

Theorem 4: convergence of DCA

Theorem 5: classification errors –; number of mistakes

Theorem 6: As in the case of the classical passive aggressive if our step is not caped by C after the update we will correctly classify the samples. In case where we are caped by C the loss of the samples we choose to update will decrease. But we are not guarantied a correct classification.

Show that classification is correct and wx + > 0 while wx - < 0 after the update when it is not caped.

Theorem 7: from Theorem 5 it follows that 1-AUC is bounded

## 5. Calibrated Multilabel Classification and Ranking

Calibrated separation ranking loss was proposed by?

We are interested in the case where we have more than 2 classes and these classes are unbalanced. For this multiclass scenario we follow the mutliclassAUC suggested by ... We define  $AUC_{allpairs}$  by:

$$AUC_{allpairs} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1}{K-1} \sum_{l \neq k} (AUC_{w^k}(C^k, C^l))$$

Where  $C_i$  denote all the samples from class i, and  $AUC_{w^k}(C^k, C^l)$  is the AUC performed on the samples from the k class and samples from the l class using the classifier  $\boldsymbol{w}^k$  train using the samples from the k class as positivies.

$$1 - AUC_{allpairs} \le \frac{1}{K} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{K} E(M_{w^k}(C^k)) + \frac{1}{k-1} \left( \sum_{l \ne k} E(M_{w^k}(C^l)) \right) \right)$$

This suggest that at time t to train our classifier  $w^k$  we need to present to it a positive sample from the k class and average negative step from the other K-1 classes.

$$\boldsymbol{w}_t^k = \boldsymbol{w}_{t-1}^k + \alpha_t^k \boldsymbol{x}_t^k - \frac{1}{k-1} \sum_{l \neq k} \alpha_t^l \boldsymbol{x}_t^l$$

Derive update rule

Theorem 8: correct multilabels are above the incorrect set of labels Can we show that 1-MAP is bounded?

## 6. Experiments

Synthetic data

Discriminative keyword spotting with algo 1 and algo 2 Mutliclass classification evaluated using  $AUC_{all\ pairs}$  and  $AUC_{one\ vs\ all}$  LETOR3 data for ranking with algo 1 and algo 2 multi label - Reuters

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# Appendix A.

In this appendix we prove the following theorem from Section X.X:

**Theorem** First we will show that the 1 - AUC is bounded by the mean of the errors in the first class and the mean number of errors in the second class.  $1 - AUC \le E(M^+) + E(M^-)$ 

Proof

$$1 - AUC = \frac{1}{|X^{-}||X^{+}|} \sum_{x^{+} \in X^{+}, x^{-} \in X^{-}} \mathbb{1}_{w^{T}x^{+} \leq w^{T}x^{-}} \leq \frac{1}{|X^{-}||X^{+}|} \sum_{x^{+} \in X^{+}, x^{-} \in X^{-}} \mathbb{1}_{w^{T}x^{+} \leq 0} + \mathbb{1}_{0 \leq w^{T}x^{-}} = \frac{1}{|X^{+}|} \sum_{x^{+} \in X^{+}} \mathbb{1}_{w^{T}x^{+} \leq 0} + \frac{1}{|X^{-}|} \sum_{x^{-} \in X^{-}} \mathbb{1}_{0 \leq w^{T}x^{-}} = E(M^{+}) + E(M^{-}) \quad (1)$$

and that is that.

Next we will show that we mutlicals AUC which uses the mean AUC of all pairs can also be bounded by mean classification mistakes.

**Theorem** First we will show that the 1 - AUC is bounded by the mean of the errors in the first class and the mean number of errors in the second class.  $1 - AUC_{allpairs} \le$ 

$$\frac{1}{K} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{K} E(M_{w^k}(C^k)) + \frac{1}{k-1} \left( \sum_{l \neq k} E(M_{w^k}(C^l)) \right) \right)$$

$$1 - AUC_{allpairs} = 1 - \frac{1}{K(K-1)} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{l \neq k} (AUC_{w^{k}}(C^{k}, C^{l})) \leq \frac{1}{K(K-1)} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{l \neq k} E(M_{w^{k}}(C^{k})) + E(M_{w^{k}}(C^{l})) = \frac{1}{K} (\sum_{k=1}^{K} E(M_{w^{k}}(C^{k})) + \frac{1}{K-1} \sum_{l \neq k} E(M_{w^{k}}(C^{l})))$$
(2)

**Theorem** The sum of the average mistake in the two classes can be bounded

$$E(M^{+}) + E(M^{-}) \le \frac{1}{|X^{-}||X^{+}|} \max\{R^{2}, 1/C\} (||\mathbf{u}||^{2} + 2C \sum_{t=1}^{T} l_{t}^{*+} + l_{t}^{*-})$$

Proof.

(3)

## References