

Support Vector Classification-Summary Sheet

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Abstract

Objectives: Understand linear classification methods. Understand their generalization to non-linear classification. Get a sense of the Kernel idea and Support Vector Machines.

Requirements: Introductory Bootcamp (you can read the slides if you didn't attend). Although not necessary, familiarity with notions of linear algebra may greatly help: hyperplanes, dot and inner products. Some familiarity with constrained optimization may help.

Keywords: Hyperplane, Margin, Maximal Margin Classifier, Soft Margin Classifier, Non-linear Boundaries, Inner Product, Kernels, Support Vector Machines.

A *LINEAR CLASSIFICATION*

A.1 Maximal Margin Classifier

- a Hyperplanes?
- b Maximal Margin Hyperplane

A.2 Soft Margin Classifier

- a The Optimization Problem of SMC
- b The Bias-Variance trade-off

B *SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES*

B.1 Non-linear Decision Boundaries

- a What if we enlarged the Features Space?
- b The New Optimization Problem

B.2 Kernel Tricks

- a Inner Product and the Kernel Idea
- b Support Vector Machines