

HOMEWORK

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I did this homework entirely by myself.

1.1. (a) We knew that the optimal b^* and w^* match those conditions:

$$y_i(w^{*T}x_i + b^*) \geq 1.$$

And the support vector are the points which are the closest to the hyperplane ($y = w^{*T}x + b^*$), those points match the condition: $y(w^{*T}x + b^*) = 1$.
Now we suppose a point (x_i, y_i) .

If $y_i = 1$: $w^{*T}x_i + b^* \geq 1$. And $\min_{y_i=1}(w^{*T}x_i + b^*) = 1$. so
 $b^* = 1 - \min_{y_i=1} w^{*T}x_i \dots 1$.

If $y_i = -1$: $w^{*T}x_i + b^* \leq 1$. And $\max_{y_i=-1}(w^{*T}x_i + b^*) = -1$. so
 $b^* = -1 - \max_{y_i=-1} w^{*T}x_i \dots 2$.

Add both sides of the equation 1 and 2, we get:

$$b = -\frac{1}{2}(\min_{y_i=1} w^{*T}x_i + \max_{y_i=-1} w^{*T}x_i).$$

(b) Firstly, we know $w^* = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i^* y_i x_i$, so:

$$\frac{1}{2} \|w^*\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_i^* \alpha_j^* y_i y_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle.$$

In fact, consider the condition:

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i^* [y_i(w^{*T}x_i + b^*) - 1] = 0$$

Because of all $\alpha_i \geq 0$ and $y_i(w^{*T}x_i + b^*) \geq 1$, so the factual condition can be even tighter:

$$\alpha_i^* [y_i(w^{*T}x_i + b^*) - 1] = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$$

But I still cannot solve this problem.

1.2. (a) We know that $\ell(y, z) = \max\{1 - yz, 0\}$,
so the question can be also described as:

minimize $\frac{1}{2}\|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i$
subject to

$$\varepsilon_i = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 - y_i(w^T x + b) \leq 0 \\ 1 - y_i(w^T x + b), & 1 - y_i(w^T x + b) \geq 0 \end{cases}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, l$$

The old question is:

minimize $\frac{1}{2}\|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i$
subject to

$$\varepsilon_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, l$$

$$y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \varepsilon_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$$

So $\varepsilon_i \geq 1 - y_i(w^T x + b)$, but our goal is to minimize, so we can be sure the $\varepsilon_i = 1 - y_i(w^T x + b)$ when $1 - y_i(w^T x + b) \geq 0$, otherwise $\varepsilon_i = 0$.

So the solution of the one can also solve the other question. They are equivalent.

(b) My proof is as follows:

$$f(\theta w_1 + (1 - \theta)w_2, \theta b_1 + (1 - \theta)b_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.5 \|\theta w_1 + (1 - \theta)w_2\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^l \ell(y_i, (\theta w_1 + (1 - \theta)w_2)_i^x + b) \\ &= 0.5 (\theta^2 \|w_1\|^2 + 2\theta(1 - \theta)\|w_1\|\|w_2\| + (1 - \theta)^2 \|w_2\|^2) + C \sum_{i=1}^l \ell(y_i, (\theta w_1 + (1 - \theta)w_2)_i^x + b) \\ &\leq 0.5(\theta^2 \|w_1\|^2 + \theta(1 - \theta)(\|w_1\|^2 + \|w_2\|^2) + (1 - \theta)^2 \|w_2\|^2) + \\ &\quad C \sum_{i=1}^l \ell(y_i, (\theta w_1 + (1 - \theta)w_2)_i^x + b) \\ &= 0.5 (\theta \|w_1\|^2 + (1 - \theta)\|w_2\|^2) + C \sum_{i=1}^l \ell(y_i, (\theta w_1 + (1 - \theta)w_2)_i^x + b) \\ &\leq 0.5(\theta \|w_1\|^2 + (1 - \theta)\|w_2\|^2) + C \sum_{i=1}^l [\ell(y_i, (\theta w_1)_i^x + b) + \ell(y_i, (1 - \theta)w_2)] \\ &\quad = \theta f(w_1, b_1) + (1 - \theta)f(w_2, b_2) \end{aligned}$$