

Chapter 1 Optimization Objective

1.1 Optimization Objective

We will introduce supported vector machine, which is supervised.

For a sigmoid function, if the $y = 1$, we want the $h_{\theta}(x) \approx 1$ and $\theta^T x \gg 0$.

Support vector machine simplifies the cost function of logistic regression into a straight line.

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{i=0}^n \theta_i^2$$

As the SVM is two order, the co-efficient before the expression could be dismissed.

The hypothesis will be this:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = 1 \text{ if } \theta^T x \leq 0; 0, \text{ else}$$

1.2 Large Margin Intuition

SVM is called large margin intuition sometimes. The threshold 1 and -1 make the SVM "safer".

SVM would give a decision boundary that separate the region with a margin. A large co-efficient will turn the SVM to a sensitive one.

The SVM decision boundary is decided by inner product.

1.3 Kernels

If we need a non-linear decision boundary, we can apply some landmarks and compute new features depending on proximity to landmarks.

The similarity could be expressed as:

$$\text{similarity}(x, l^{(i)}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - l^{(i)}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$