

# Machine Learning

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## Lect 9

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# # Solving the Optimization Problem

Summary  
mit classification

$$\text{minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } y_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 \quad (\text{linear inequality constraints})$$

- Optimization problem with convex quadratic objectives and linear constraints
- Can be solved using QP.
- Lagrange duality to get the optimization problem's dual form:
  - Allow us to use kernels to get optimal margin classifiers to work efficiently in very high dimensional space
  - Allow us to derive an efficient algorithm for solving the above optimization problem that will typically do much better than generic QP software.

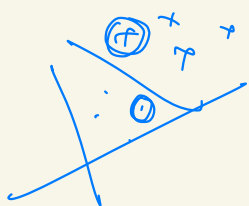
## # Lagrangian Duality

The Primal Problem:  $\min_w f(w)$

s.t.  $g_i(w) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, k$  (linear inequality constraints)

$h_i(w) = 0, i=1, \dots, l$  ('l' linear equality constraints)

Parameters: to find values of  $w$  to minimize  $f(w)$



The generalized Lagrangian:

$$L(w, \alpha, \beta) = f(w) + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i g_i(w) + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i h_i(w)$$

the  $\alpha_i$ 's ( $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ) and  $\beta$ 's are called the

Lagrange multipliers.

Lemma:

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta, \alpha_i \geq 0} L(w, \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} f(w) & \text{if } w \text{ satisfies primal constraints} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A re-written primal:

$$\min_w \max_{\alpha, \beta, \alpha_i \geq 0} L(w, \alpha, \beta)$$

The primal problem  $p^* = \min_w \max_{\alpha, \beta, \alpha_i \geq 0} L(w, \alpha, \beta)$

The Dual problem:  $d^* = \max_{\alpha, \beta, \alpha_i \geq 0} \min_w L(w, \alpha, \beta)$

Theorem (weak duality):

$$d^* = \max_{\alpha, \beta, \alpha_i \geq 0} \min_w L(w, \alpha, \beta) \leq$$

$$\min_w \max_{\alpha, \beta, \alpha_i \geq 0} L(w, \alpha, \beta) = p^*$$

Theorem (strong duality):

iff. there exist a saddle point of  $L(w, \alpha, \beta)$

we have  $\boxed{d^* = p^*}$   $\Rightarrow$  optimal value of both primal & dual forms

# KKT conditions

If there exists some saddle point of  $L$ , then it satisfies the following Karush Kuhn Tucker (KKT) conditions:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} L(w, \alpha, \beta) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_i} L(w, \alpha, \beta) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, l$$

$$\alpha_i g_i(w) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$g_i(w) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

Theorem: If  $w^*, \alpha^*, \beta^*$  satisfy the KKT condition, then it is also a solution to the primal and the dual problems.

# # Support Vectors

In SVM, we just have  $g_i$ 's (inequality constraint)  
no  $h_i$ 's (equality constraints)

- Only a few  $\alpha_i$ 's can be non zero  $\Rightarrow$  i's are S.V.s
- Call the training data points whose  $\alpha_i$ 's are non zero the support vectors.

$$\alpha_i g_i(w) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

# Solving the Optimization problem

Quadratic programming with linear constraints

$$\text{minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

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

Lagrangian function

$$\text{minimize } L_p(w, b, \alpha_i) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y_i(w^T x_i + b) - 1)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \alpha_i > 0 \Rightarrow \text{S.V.}$$

minimize w.r.t  $w$  &  $b$  for fixed  $\alpha$

$$\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial w} = 0 \Rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i x_i \rightarrow ②$$

$$\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial b} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0 \rightarrow ③$$

Put ② in ①

$$L_p(w, b, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j) - b \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i \rightarrow ④$$

for (3) in (4)

$$L_p(w, b, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j)$$

## The Dual Problem:

Now we have the following dual opt problem:

$$\max_{\alpha} J(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, \dots, k$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

This is a quadratic programming problem:  
 → A global maximum of  $J$  can always be found.

This dual opt. problem is much easier to solve than primal formulation b/c constraints are simpler

## # SVM

Once we have the Lagrange multipliers  $\{\alpha_i\}$  we can reconstruct the parameter vector  $w$  as a weighted combination of the training

examples:

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$$w = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$\alpha_i \geq 0$   
 $\alpha_i$ 's non zero for  $i \in SV$

For testing with new data 'z'

Labels - compute  $w^T z + b = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i y_i (n_i^T z) + b$  ①

and classify z as class 1 if sum is positive and class 2 otherwise

Note: w need not be formed explicitly we can just use ① as all have dot product of support vectors with z

# Solving the Opt. Problem

→ The dual minimization function is:

$$g(w) = w^T n + b = \sum_{i \in SV} \alpha_i n_i^T n + b$$

→ It relies on a dot product b/w test point n and support vectors  $n_i \Rightarrow$  we get a scalar

→ Solving the opt. problem involved is computing dot products  $n_i^T n_j$  b/w all pairs of training points

→ The optimal w is a linear combination of a small no of data points

over classifier  
over classifier

Multilabel classifier:

CL1 CL2 CL3

OvO

CL1 vs

CL2

binary classifier

CL1 vs

CL3

OvA

CL1  
positive

vs

CL2 CL3  
negative

KNN