

Machine Learning- Exercise 3 SVM, AdaBoost

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- ► The SVM tries to find a classifier which maximizes the margin between 2 classes.
- Up to now considered linear classifiers

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b$$

- ► Formulation as a complex optimization problem
- ► Find the hyperplane satisfying

$$\operatorname*{argmin}_{\mathbf{w},b}\frac{1}{2}||\mathbf{W}||^2$$

under the constraints

$$t_n(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_n+b)\geq 1, \ \forall n$$

▶ based on training data points x_n and target value $t_n \in \{-1, 1\}$



Lagrangian primal form

$$\mathcal{L}_{p} = \frac{1}{2}||\mathbf{w}||^{2} - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_{n} \{t_{n}(\mathbf{w}^{T}\mathbf{x}_{n} + b) - 1\}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}||\mathbf{w}||^{2} - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_{n} \{t_{n}y(\mathbf{x}_{n}) - 1\}$$

- ▶ The solution of \mathcal{L}_p needs to fulfill the KKT conditions
 - Necessary and sufficient conditions

$$lpha_n \ge 0$$
 $\lambda \ge 0$ $t_n y(\mathbf{x}_n) - 1 \ge 0$ $f(x) \ge 0$ $\alpha_n \{t_n y(\mathbf{x}_n) - 1\} = 0$ $\lambda f(x) = 0$



- Solution for hyperplane
 - computed as linear combination of the training examples

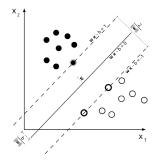
$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n t_n \mathbf{x}_n$$

- Suppose solution: $\alpha_n \neq 0$ only for some points, the support vectors
- Only the SVs actually influence the decision Boundary!
- ► Compute b by averaging over all support vectors:

$$b = \frac{1}{N_S} \sum_{n \in S} \left(t_n - \sum_{m \in S} \alpha_m t_m \mathbf{x}_m^T \mathbf{x}_n \right)$$



▶ The training points for which $\alpha_n \ge 0$ are called support vectors



- Graphical interpretation:
 - ▶ The support vectors are the points on the margin.
 - ► They define the margin and thus the hyperplane.
 - ► All other points can be discarded.



- ▶ Primal form has time complexity of $\mathcal{O}(D^3)$ in D dimensions
- Dual form can be obtained by substituting weight vectors

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n t_n \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\mathcal{L}_d(\alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{m=1}^{N} \alpha_n \alpha_m t_n t_m (\mathbf{x}_m^T \mathbf{x}_n)$$

Under the conditions

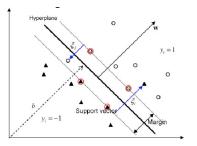
$$\alpha_n \ge 0 \quad \forall n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N} \alpha_n t_n = 0$$

time complexity between $\mathcal{O}(N)$ and $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$



▶ In case of overlapping class distribution, we allow some points to be miss-classified but with linear penalty that increases with the distance from the boundary.





- Slack variables
 - \triangleright $\xi > 0$ for each data point.
- Interpretation

 - \triangleright $\xi_n = 0$ for points correctly classified or on the margin
 - ▶ $0 \le \xi_n \le 1$ points lie inside the margin on the correct side of the decision boundary
 - $y(x_n) = 0$ and $\xi = 1$ for the data point on the decision boundary
 - \triangleright $\xi_n > 1$ for misclassified points
- ▶ The exact classification constraints are then replaced with

$$t_n y(\mathbf{x}) \geq 1 - \xi_n$$



- ► Goal is to maximize margin while softly penalizing points that lie on the wrong side of the margin boundary.
- ▶ Therefore we minimize :

$$C\sum_{n=1}^{N}\xi_n+\frac{1}{2}||\mathbf{w}||^2$$

- ightharpoonup Where the parameter $\mathcal C$ controls the trade-of between the slack variable penalty and the margin.
- ▶ In the limit of $C \to \infty$ we will recover the earlier, fully linearly separable case (non overlapping class distribution).





▶ The corresponding Lagrangian multiplier can be given:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w},b,\alpha,\xi) = \frac{1}{2}||\mathbf{w}||^2 + \mathcal{C}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\xi_n - \sum_{n=1}^{N}\alpha_n\left\{t_ny(\mathbf{x}_n) - 1 + \xi_n\right\} - \sum_{n=1}^{N}\mu_n\xi_n$$

- ▶ Where α_n and μ_n are Lagrangian multipliers
- ► The corresponding set of KKT conditions are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n &\geq 0 & \mu_n &\geq 0 \\ t_n y(\mathbf{x}_n) &- 1 + \xi_n &\geq 0 & \xi_n &\geq 0 \\ \alpha_n &\Big\{ t_n y(\mathbf{x}_n) &- 1 + \xi_n \Big\} &= 0 & \mu_n \xi_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

▶ We can optimize \mathbf{w} , b, $\{\xi_n \mid n \in \{1, ..., N\}\}$ as follows:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathbf{w} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n t_n x_n$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad 0 = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n t_n$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \varepsilon_n} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathbf{a}_n = C - \mu_n$$

New SVM Dual: Maximize

$$\mathcal{L}_d(\alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{m=1}^{N} \alpha_n \alpha_m t_n t_m (\mathbf{x}_m^T \mathbf{x}_n)$$

Under conditions

$$0 \le \alpha_n \le \mathcal{C}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n t_n = 0$$

► This is a quadratic programming problem



- Using one of the KKT condition and result from partial derivation of Lagrange function we can derive condition for data points to be either support vector or slacks as below,
- ▶ We know that

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_n} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \alpha_n = C - \mu_n$$

and

$$\mu_n \ge 0$$

$$\xi_n \ge 0$$

$$\mu_n \xi_n = 0$$

- ▶ For support vectors and slacks $0 \le \alpha_n \le C$
- ▶ Moreover for slacks $\xi_n \ge 0$ which implies $\mu_n = 0$
- From the partial derivation shown above $\rightarrow \alpha_n = \mathcal{C}$



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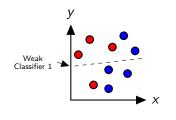
Adaboost[Freund & Schapire, 1996]-Recap

- ► Main idea
 - Instead of resampling, reweight misclassified training examples.
 - Increase the chance of being selected in a sampled training set.
 - Or increase the misclassification cost when training on the full set.
- Components
 - $ightharpoonup c_k(\mathbf{x})$: "weak" or base classifier
 - ► Condition: < 50% training error over any distribution
 - \triangleright $C(\mathbf{x})$: "strong or final classifier
- Adaboost:
 - Construct a strong classifier as a thresholded linear combination of the weighted classifiers:

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k c_k(\mathbf{x})\right)$$



Adaboost - Recap



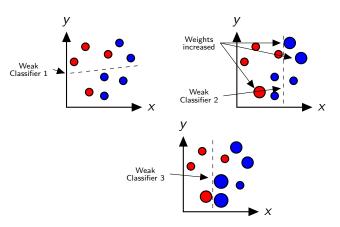
Consider a 2D feature space with positive and negative examples.

Each weak classifier splits the training examples with at least 50% accuracy.

Examples misclassified by a previous weak learner are given more emphasis at future rounds.



Adaboost - Recap



Final classifier is combination of the weak classifiers.



Adaboost - Algorithm

- ▶ Initialization: Set $w_n^{(1)} = \frac{1}{N}$ for n = 1, ..., N.
- For $k = 1, \ldots, k$ iterations
 - ightharpoonup Train a new weak classifier $c_k(\mathbf{X})$ using current weights $\mathbf{W}^{(k)}$ by minimizing the weighted error function
 - estimate the weighted error of this classifier on X:

$$\epsilon_{k} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} w_{n}^{(k)} I(c_{k}(\mathbf{X}) \neq y_{n})}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} w_{n}^{(k)}}$$

 \triangleright Calculate a weighting coefficient for $c_k(\mathbf{X})$:

$$\alpha_k = \ln\left\{\frac{1 - \epsilon_k}{\epsilon_k}\right\}$$

Update the weighting coefficients:

$$w_n^{(k+1)} = w_n^{(k)} \exp\{\alpha_k I(c_k(\mathbf{X}) \neq y_n)\}\$$

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