

practice midterm

DATA MINING, SPRING QUARTER

Duration: 1 hours 45 minutes

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3. Show all the step of your answer and justify you answer/steps

Problem 1.(1 points each.)

1a. Give an example of machine learning algorithm which is used for regression. *linear regression*

1b. is LDA supervised dimentionality reduction technique yes/no? *y*

1d. is median a robust estimate of central tendency(yes/no)? *yes*

1e. If there are k class in a dataset. Using LDA, what is the maximum number of dimensions you can project data into. *k-1*

Problem 1.(2 points). Given that all the N scalar observations x_i are in a vector

$\mathbf{x}_{N \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$. Let $\mathbf{1}_{N \times 1}$ be a vector of ones. Show that magnitude of projection of $\mathbf{x}_{N \times 1}$ onto $\mathbf{1}_{N \times 1}$ is the mean of N observations x_i . $\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{1}} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_N}{1 + 1 + \dots + 1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$

Problem 2.(6 = (1+2)+2+1 points.)

2a. What does mercer theorm gaurantees given that kernel is positive definite? Prove that if $k(x_i, x_j)$ is mercer kernel then $ck(x_i, x_j)$ is also mercer kernel for $c > 0$.

2b Prove that $k(x_1, x_2) = \tanh(\gamma x_1^T x_2)$ is not a mercer kernel, where $\tanh(z) = \frac{\exp(2z)-1}{\exp(2z)+1}$ *choose $(N=1)$ i.e. $x_1 = x_2 = \text{zero vector}$, then 1×1 Gram matrix $[k(x_1, x_2)] = [0]$ not positive definite or positive (scalar (1x1 matrix))*

Problem 3.(2+2 points.)

3a. Given that decision function is $f(x) = w^T x + b$. If after kenelizing one can show that $w = \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi(x_i)$ with associated kernel $k(x_i, x_j) = \Phi(x_i)^T \Phi(x_j)$. Write down decision rule in kernel format. *Plug w into f*

3b. What is kernel trick? Let's say a classifier depends on computing distance $\|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2$. If we want to kernelize this classifier, then expand this distance and write down the kernelized version for distance. $\|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2 = (x_1 - x_2)^T (x_1 - x_2) = (x_1^T - x_2^T) (x_1 - x_2) =$

$x_1^T x_1 - x_1^T x_2 - x_2^T x_1 + x_2^T x_2 = x_1^T x_1 - 2x_1^T x_2 + x_2^T x_2$ *kernelizing $k(x_1, x_1) - 2k(x_1, x_2) + k(x_2, x_2)$*

Problem 4 (4= 1+1+2) Which norm does feature selection in linear regression? Write this norm definition and explain the geometrically why using this norm does feature selection. *see lecture notes or book links*