

hw3

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To find the subdifferential of SVM, we use the affine transformation rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\omega, b) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i(\omega^T x_i + b))_+ + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\omega\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i(\omega^T x_i + b))_+ + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\omega\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } h_i(\omega) = (1 - y_i \omega^T x_i - y_i b)_+$$

$$\partial h_i(\omega) = -y_i x_i \cdot \partial p(z)|_{z=1-y_i x_i^T \omega - y_i b}$$

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We can formulate this constrained optimization problem into the projected subgradient method with step size equal to α_t by removing constants and com-

pleting the squares.

$$X_{t+1} = \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(X_t) + \langle g, u - X_t \rangle + \frac{1}{2\alpha_t} \|u - X_t\|_2^2$$

We can remove $f(X_t)$ from the objective as it's a constant

$$= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} g^T(u - X_t) + \frac{1}{2\alpha_t} (u - X_t)^T(u - X_t)$$

We can multiply the objective by $2\alpha_t$ as it's a constant

$$= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} 2\alpha_t g^T(u - X_t) + (u - X_t)^T(u - X_t)$$

We can add $\alpha_t^2 g^T g$ to the objective as it's a constant

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} \alpha_t g^T(u - X_t) + \alpha_t g^T(u - X_t) + (u - X_t)^T(u - X_t) + \alpha_t^2 g^T g \\ &= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} \alpha_t g^T(u - X_t) + (\alpha_t g^T(u - X_t) + (u - X_t)^T(u - X_t)) + \alpha_t^2 g^T g \\ &= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} \alpha_t g^T(u - X_t) + (u - X_t + \alpha_t g)^T(u - X_t) + \alpha_t^2 g^T g \\ &= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} \alpha_t g^T(u - X_t + \alpha_t g) + (u - X_t + \alpha_t g)^T(u - X_t) \\ &= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} (u - X_t + \alpha_t g)^T(u - X_t + \alpha_t g) \\ &= \underset{u \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|(u - X_t + \alpha_t g)\|_2^2 \\ &= P_c(X_t - \alpha_t g) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the constrained optimization problem is exactly the projected sub-gradient method.

To find the closed form solution for X_{t+1} , we set the derivative of the unconstrained problem to 0.

$$\begin{aligned} h(P_t, X_t, g) &= \underset{u}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(X_t) + \langle g, u - X_t \rangle + \frac{1}{2\alpha_t} \|P_t^{1/2}(u - X_t)\|_2^2 \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} &= g + \frac{P_t^{1/2}}{\alpha_t} (P_t^{1/2}(u - X_t)) \end{aligned}$$

We set $\frac{\partial h}{\partial u} = 0$ to find the update scheme.

$$\begin{aligned} g + \frac{P_t^{1/2}}{\alpha_t} (P_t^{1/2}(u - X_t)) &= 0 \\ \alpha_t g + P_t(u - X_t) &= 0 \\ P_t(u - X_t) &= -\alpha_t g \\ u - X_t &= -\alpha_t P_t^{-1} g \\ u &= X_t - \alpha_t P_t^{-1} g \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $X_{t+1} = X_t - \alpha_t P_t^{-1} g$