

SVM (Support Vector Machine)

SVM is abbreviated from Support vector machine. It has both implementation on supervised-learning and unsupervised learning. It is a really powerful machine learning technique.

Lagrange and KKT method explanation

Lagrange equation is the most important part in SVM algorithm. It can easily solve the problem on "subject to" problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \min f &= 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 7x_3^2 \\ \text{s.t. } 2x_1 + x_2 &= 1 \\ 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If we want to solve the problem on first equation, we can easily take the sub-differential on x_1 to x_3 , but for here, we have restriction on two equations, we can not take derivative directly.

Instead, we can change the restriction equations and multiply some parameters α_1 and α_2 , then combine all equations.

$$\min f = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 7x_3^2 + \alpha_1(2x_1 + x_2 - 1) + \alpha_2(2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2) \quad (2)$$

then take derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} &= 4x_1 + 2\alpha_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -0.5\alpha_1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} &= 6x_2 + \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2}{6} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} &= 14x_3 + 3\alpha_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = -\frac{3\alpha_2}{14} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

It will be the same as if the objective has univalent equation. Like the example here,

$$\begin{aligned} \min f &= x_1^2 - 2x_1 + 1 + x_2^2 + 4x_2 + 4 \\ \text{s.t. } x_1 + 10x_2 &> 10 \\ 10x_1 - 10x_2 &< 10 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

simply change all univalent to less than 0 on right side.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } 10 - x_1 - 10x_2 &< 0 \\ 10x_1 - x_2 - 10 &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then use the same way to combine the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \alpha) &= f(x) + \alpha_1 g_1(x) + \alpha_2 g_2(x) \\ &= x_1^2 - 2x_1 + 1 + x_2^2 + 4x_2 + 4 + \alpha_1(10 - x_1 - 10x_2) + \\ &\quad \alpha_2(10x_1 - x_2 - 10) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Then the problem becomes

$$L(x, \alpha, \beta) = f(x) + \sum \alpha_i g_i(x) + \sum \beta_i h_i(x) \quad (6)$$

Here, we convert the problem to solve the equation above, and meet all the requirements below:

1. $L(x, \alpha, \beta)$ has sub-differential to all $x_i, i \in (1, N)$
2. $h(x) = 0$
3. $\sum \alpha_i g_i(x) = 0, \alpha_i \geq 0$

Follow up the previous complicated equation, we take the derivative on both x_1 and x_2

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} &= 2x_1 - 2 - \alpha_1 + 10\alpha_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0.5 (\alpha_1 - 10\alpha_2 + 2) \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} &= 2x_2 + 4 - 10\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0.5 (10\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 4) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The principle of SVM

In order to get a perfect line to divide all the data to two parts, in the every beginning, we can roughly draw a line. The function of line is $y = kx + b$. So, the directly distance between any node and line that we can represent to the equation:

$$d = \frac{|c_2 - c_1|}{\sqrt{w_1^2 + w_2^2}} = \frac{1}{\|W\|} \quad (8)$$

For the equation above, we assume all the data has two features, so we have w_1 and w_2 for genal weight. Also, it is important to get two distance d_1 and d_2 . d_i is the distance between the closest nodes to linear boundary.

$$D = d1 + d2 = \frac{2}{\|W\|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{W^T W}} \quad (9)$$

We want the margin D get as large as possible, so we want $\max(D)$, on the other hand, the problem becomes $\min(\frac{1}{2} W^T W)$

$$\text{s.t. } y_i (Wx_i + b) \geq 1$$

then, we transform the equation to

$$\text{s.t. } 1 - y_i (Wx_i + b) \leq 0 \quad (10)$$

Using the lagrange equation, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} L(w, b, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} w^T w + \alpha_1 h_1(x) + \dots + \alpha_n h_n(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \alpha_1 [y_1 (wx_1 + b) - 1] - \dots - \alpha_n [y_n (wx_n + b) - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i (wx_i + b) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The best solution on this equation is that:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} &= w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0 \Rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

Next, re-plugin the results to original equation, we can cancel out a lot of thing and get:

$$\begin{aligned}W(\alpha) &= L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \right)^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j \right) - \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \right) x_i + b \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \alpha_j y_j x_i * x_j \right) - \sum_{i,j=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \alpha_j y_j x_i * x_j + b \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \alpha_j y_j x_i * x_j \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

and we can make the problem to be:

$$\begin{aligned}\max \quad W(\alpha) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \alpha_j y_j x_i * x_j \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\alpha_i \geq 0 \\ &\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

For more advanced situation we can define a slack variable ϵ_i , regard the data on the other side of line and if the distance less than ϵ , that is considered to be okay.

$$\begin{aligned}\min \quad &\frac{1}{2} W^T W + C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &1 + \epsilon_i - y_i (W x_i + b) \leq 0 \\ &\epsilon_i \geq 0\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned}L(x, \alpha, \beta) &= \frac{1}{2} W^T W - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y_i (W x_i + b) + \epsilon_i - 1) + \\ &\quad C \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i - \sum_{i=1}^N r_i \epsilon_i\end{aligned}\quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} &= w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0 \Rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \epsilon_i} &= 0 \Rightarrow C - \alpha_i - r_i = 0\end{aligned}\quad (17)$$

Then re-plugin into the equation again, then we get:

$$\begin{aligned}W(\alpha) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \alpha_j y_j x_i * x_j \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C \\ &\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0\end{aligned}\quad (18)$$

So, for here, compare (18) to (14), the only change is that we have one more limitation C