

# Machine Learning HW5

## 1. Gaussian Process:

In this part, I need to **implement the Gaussian process** and **visualize the result**.  
The following is the problem formulation.

- Input:  $X$  (one dimension data)
- Output:  $Y$  (one dimension data)

Follow the instructions taught from the lecture. I have three steps to execute.

### Gaussian Process Regression

similarity from testing  $x^*$  to all the training data!  
 $C^{-1}y$  is just a vector of scalars

ah-ha!

1° kernel

2° conditional

3° done!

conditional distribution  $p(y^*|y)$  is a Gaussian distribution with:

$$C_{N+1} = \begin{bmatrix} C & k(x, x^*) \\ k(x, x^*)^\top & k(x^*, x^*) + \beta^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(y_{N+1}) = \mathcal{N}(y_{N+1}, |0, C_{N+1}|)$$

$$\mu(x^*) = k(x, x^*)^\top C^{-1}y$$

$$\sigma^2(x^*) = k^* - k(x, x^*)^\top C^{-1}k^*$$

$$k^* = k(x^*, x^*) + \beta^{-1}$$

1. Choose kernel and construct  
I use a rational quadratic kernel.

$$\left(1 + \frac{d^2}{2\alpha k^2}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

```
def calculate_rational_quadratic_kernel(x1,x2,alpha,length_scale):
    return np.power((1 + distance.cdist(x1,x2,'euclidean'))/(2*alpha*length_scale*length_scale), -alpha)
```

2. Construct conditional multivariate gaussian mean and variant  
I implement the equation.

$$\mu(x^*) = k(x, x^*)^\top C^{-1}y$$

$$\sigma^2(x^*) = k^* - k(x, x^*)^\top C^{-1}k^*$$

$$k^* = k(x^*, x^*) + \beta^{-1}$$

```

covariance = calculate_rational_quadratic_kernel(X,X,alpha,length)
covariance_train_test = calculate_rational_quadratic_kernel(X,X_test,alpha,length)
covariance_test_test = calculate_rational_quadratic_kernel(X_test,X_test,alpha,length) + (np.eye(1000)/5)

conditional_mean = covariance_train_test.T @ np.linalg.inv(covariance) @ Y
conditional_variance = covariance_test_test - covariance_train_test.T @ np.linalg.inv(covariance) @ covariance_train_test

```

### 3. Visualize the result:

According to the spec, I need to meet the following requests:

- Show all training data points.

I utilize matplotlib package to plot all training data on figure

```
plt.scatter(X.T, Y.T, color='blue', marker='o')
```

- Draw a line to represent the mean of  $f$  in range  $[-60,60]$ .

I use `np.linspace` to generate 1000 points from range  $[-60,60]$  and plot its corresponding value  $y$  with matplotlib.

```
X_test = np.linspace(-60,60,1000)[:,:None]
```

```
plt.plot(X_test, conditional_mean, color='red', linestyle='-')
```

- Mark the 95% confidence interval of  $f$ .

Since the 95% confidence interval of  $f$  is corresponding in 1.96 standard deviation, we need to construct upper bound and lower bound like following.

```
upper_bound = conditional_mean + 1.96 * conditional_variance.diagonal()[:,:None]
lower_bound = conditional_mean - 1.96 * conditional_variance.diagonal()[:,:None]
```

```
plt.fill_between(X_test[:,0], upper_bound[:,0], lower_bound[:,0], color='r', alpha=0.5)
```

The visualization result is:



Besides, I need to optimize the parameter of kernel by **minimizing negative marginal log-likelihood**, and **visualize the result again**. I utilize the package provided by `scipy.optimize` to help me minimize negative marginal log-likelihood.

$$\ln p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2}\ln |\mathbf{C}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}| - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{C}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{N}{2}\ln (2\pi)$$

```
def marginal_log_likelihood(theta):
    global X,Y
    covaraince = calculate_rational_quatrac_kenerl(X,X,theta[0],theta[1])
    value = -(np.log(np.linalg.det(covaraince)))/2
    value -= (Y.T @ np.linalg.inv(covaraince) @ Y)/2
    value -= (X.shape[0] * np.log(2*np.pi) )/2
    return -value
```

```
if(mode == "optimized"):
    initial_array = np.random.rand(2)
    res = minimize(marginal_log_likelihood,initial_array)

    alpha = res.x[0]
    length = res.x[1]
```

The following are the visualization results with optimized parameters.



## 2. SVM on MNIST dataset:

In this section, I need to complete three tasks.

- Use different kernel functions (linear, polynomial, and RBF kernels) and have a comparison between their performance.

I utilize the package “libsvm”. First, I need to fill appropriate “parameter” and “problem” in svm\_train to train the model. Finally, I use this model to predict

on test dataset.

```
kernels = ['Linear', 'Polynomial', 'RBF']

# Get performance of each kernel
for idx, name in enumerate(kernels):
    param = svm_parameter(f"-t {idx} -q")
    prob = svm_problem(train_label, train_data)

    print(f'# {name}')

    model = svm_train(prob, param)
    svm_predict(test_label, test_data, model)
```

```
# Linear
Accuracy = 95.08% (2377/2500) (classification)
# Polynomial
Accuracy = 34.68% (867/2500) (classification)
# RBF
Accuracy = 95.32% (2383/2500) (classification)
```

- Please use C-SVC (you can choose by setting parameters in the function input, C-SVC is soft-margin SVM). Since there are some parameters you need to tune for, please do the grid search for finding parameters of the best performing model. For instance, in C-SVC you have a parameter C, and if you use RBF kernel you have another parameter  $\gamma$ , you can search for a set of (C,  $\gamma$ ) which gives you best performance in cross-validation.

I need to do a grid search to find the best parameter for each corresponding parameter.

- Linear

I try different C in the linear kernel with [-0.1,0,10] and I use cross-validation to estimate the performance of each hyperparameter. Finally, I choose the parameter which has the best performance on cross-validation.

```
cost = [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 2)]
```

```
if name == 'Linear':
    print('# Linear')
    for c in cost:
        parameters = f'-t {idx} -c {c}'
        acc = grid_search_cv(train_data, train_label, parameters)

        if acc > max_acc:
            max_acc = acc
            best_para = parameters
        best_parameter.append(best_para)
        max_accuracy.append(max_acc)
```

```
def grid_search_cv(train_data, train_label, parameters, isKernel = False):
    # We use cross validate to estimate the performance of the model
    # Devide data and label into 5 pieces
    param = svm_parameter(parameters + ' -v 3 -q')
    prob = svm_problem(train_label, train_data, isKernel=isKernel)
    model = svm_train(prob, param)
    return model
```

- Polynomial

I try different C, degree, gamma and constant in the polynomial kernel and I use cross-validation to estimate the performance of each hyperparameter. Finally, I choose the parameter which has the best performance on cross-validation.

```
cost = [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 2)]
degree = [i for i in range(0, 3)]
gamma = [1.0 / 784] + [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 1)]
constant = [i for i in range(-1, 2)]

for c in cost:
    for d in degree:
        for g in gamma:
            for const in constant:
                parameters = f'-t {idx} -c {c} -d {d} -g {g} -r {const}'
                acc = grid_search_cv(train_data, train_label, parameters)

                if acc > max_acc:
                    max_acc = acc
                    best_para = parameters
```

- RBF

I try different C, and gamma in the RBF kernel and I use cross-validation to estimate the performance of each hyperparameter. Finally, I choose the parameter which has the best performance on cross-validation.

```
cost = [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 2)]
gamma = [1.0 / 784] + [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 1)]

for c in cost:
    for g in gamma:
        parameters = f'-t {idx} -c {c} -g {g}'
        acc = grid_search_cv(train_data, train_label, parameters)

        if acc > max_acc:
            max_acc = acc
            best_para = parameters
```

The following is the result of grid search.

```
# Linear
    Max accuracy: 96.61999999999999%
    Best parameters: -t 0 -c 0.1
Accuracy = 95.8% (2395/2500) (classification)

# Polynomial
    Max accuracy: 98.11999999999999%
    Best parameters: -t 1 -c 0.1 -d 2 -g 0.1 -r 0
Accuracy = 97.76% (2444/2500) (classification)

# RBF
    Max accuracy: 96.98%
    Best parameters: -t 2 -c 10.0 -g 0.0012755102040816326
Accuracy = 96.28% (2407/2500) (classification)
```

3. Use linear kernel + RBF kernel together (therefore a new kernel function) and compare its performance with respect to others. You would need to find out how to use a user-defined kernel in libsvm.

To use a user-defined kernel, I need to precompute training data. In this case I need to precompute training data with a linear kernel.

```
# Use grid search to find best parameters
linear = linear_kernel(train_data, train_data)

def linear_kernel(x, y):
    return np.dot(x, y.T)
```

I did a grid search for the RBF kernel to find out the best parameter for the RBF kernel in combination with the linear kernel.

```
for c in cost:
    for g in gamma:
        rbf = rbf_kernel(train_data, train_data, g)

        # The combination is linear + RBF, but np.arange is the required serial number from the library
        combination = np.hstack((np.arange(1, rows + 1).reshape(-1, 1), linear + rbf))

        parameters = f'-t 4 -c {c}'
        acc = grid_search_cv(combination, train_label, parameters, True)
        if acc > max_accuracy:
            max_accuracy = acc
            best_parameter = parameters
            best_gamma = g
```

After finding out the best parameter, we use this set of parameters to train the model.

```
# Train the model using best parameters
rbf = rbf_kernel(train_data, train_data, best_gamma)
combination = np.hstack((np.arange(1, rows + 1).reshape(-1, 1), linear + rbf))
model = svm_train(svm_problem(train_label, combination, isKernel=True), svm_parameter(best_parameter + ' -q'))
```

After training the model, we use this model to do inference on the test dataset.

```
rows, _ = test_data.shape
linear = linear_kernel(test_data, test_data)
rbf = rbf_kernel(test_data, test_data, best_gamma)
combination = np.hstack((np.arange(1, rows + 1).reshape(-1, 1), linear + rbf))
svm_predict(test_label, combination, model)
```

The result of combination kernel is:

```
# Linear + RBF
Max accuracy: 96.94%
Best parameters: -t 4 -c 0.01 -g 1.0
```

This result is better than linear kernel and RBF kernel

```
# Linear
    Max accuracy: 96.61999999999999%
    Best parameters: -t 0 -c 0.1
Accuracy = 95.8% (2395/2500) (classification)
```

```
# RBF
    Max accuracy: 96.98%
    Best parameters: -t 2 -c 10.0 -g 0.0012755102040816326
Accuracy = 96.28% (2407/2500) (classification)
```