

1 Support Vector Machine [20 points]

In Figure 1a and Figure 1b, we are given some data points in 2-D space and we aim to train a hard margin linear SVM classifier. The positive data points (with “+” sign in the figure) are labeled as 1. The negative data points (with “-” sign in the figure) are labeled as -1. The length of each cell in the grid is 1.

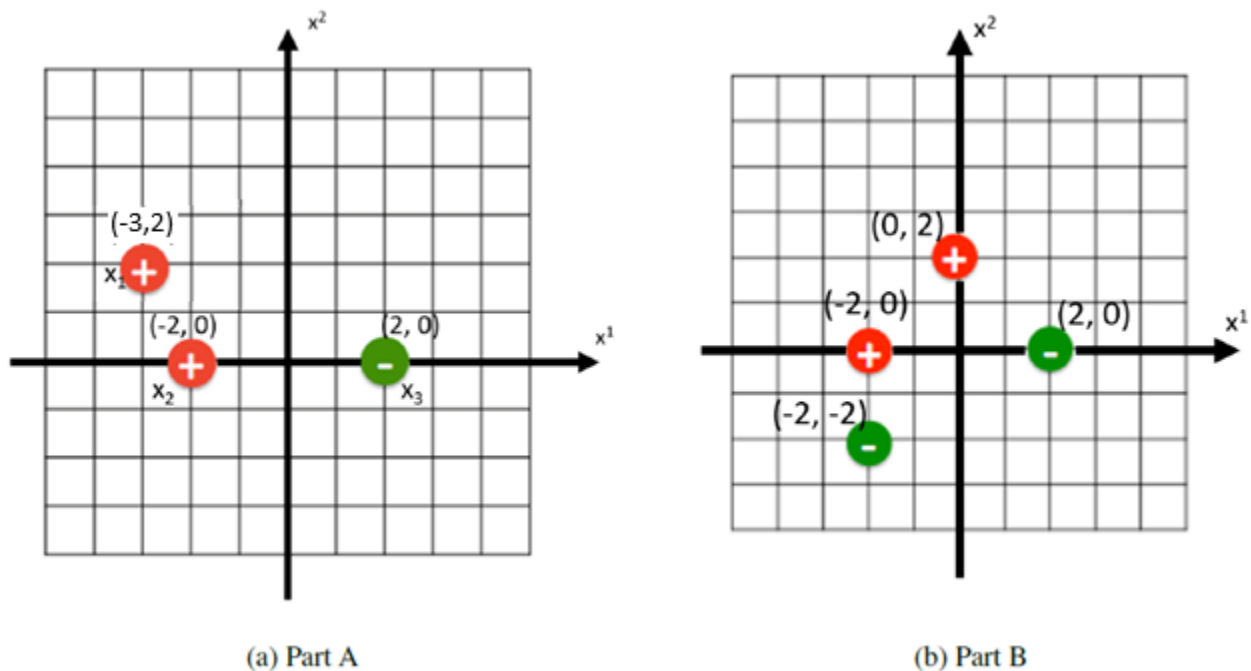


Figure 1: Problem 1: SVM

1) [8 points] For each case in Figure 1, circle the support vectors of your SVM classifier. What is the size of the margin of your SVM classifier in each case?

1.1) ANS:

a) The SVM classifier would likely use the points x_2 $(-2, 0)$ and x_3 $(2, 0)$ as support vectors, as they would be closest to the decision boundary. The point $(-3, 2)$ would not be a support vector as it is further away from the decision boundary.

Hence, Margin is 2.

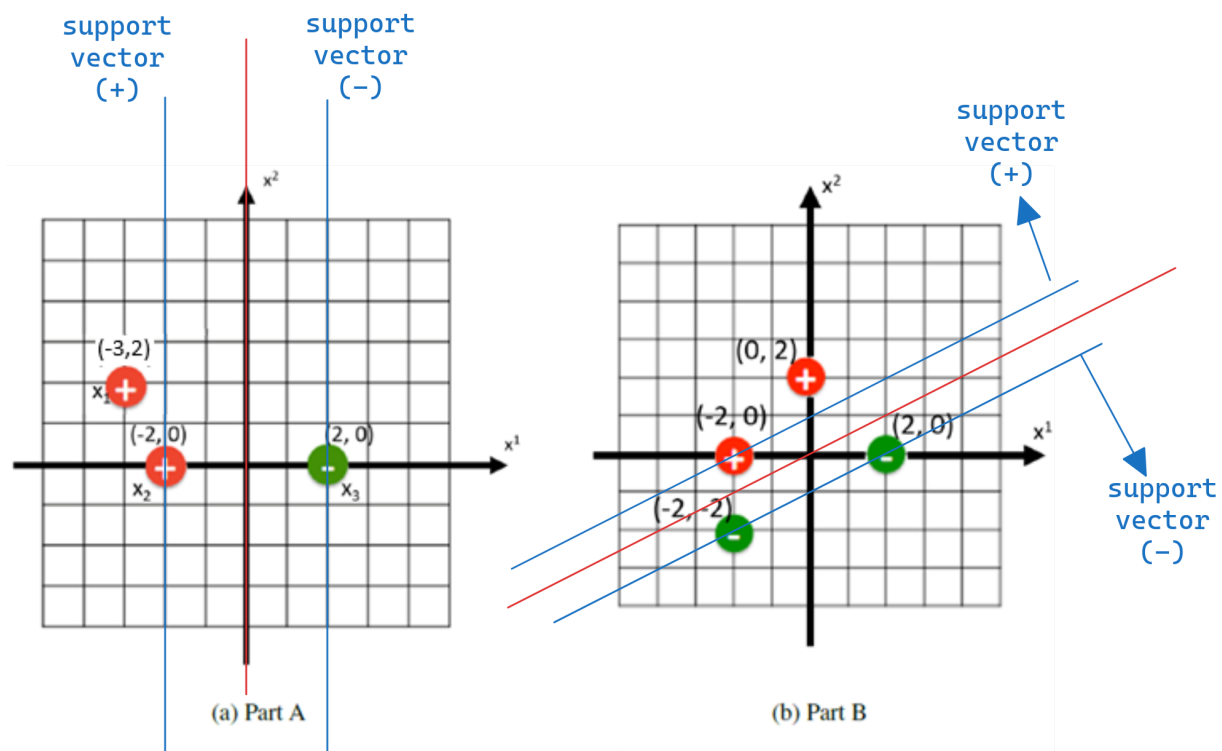


Figure 1: Problem 1: SVM

b) The SVM classifier would likely use the points $(-2, -2)$ and $(2, 0)$ as support vectors for negative sign and $(-2, 0)$ as positive sign, as they would be closest to the decision boundary. The margin is $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$.

2) [6 points] Suppose we consider the data points shown in Figure 1a, but point x_1 is moved from $(-3, 2)$ to $(-2, 2)$. Write down the (convex) primal optimization formulation for this problem. Write down the dual optimization formulation for this problem.

1.2) ANS:

a) For (convex) primal optimization formulation,

we will use following problem:

$$\min_{\{w, b\}} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \text{ s.t. } t_n (W^T \phi(X_n) + b) \geq 1, n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

we will put following coordinate in above equation in $W = [w_1, w_2]^T$ format, which is

$$x_1 = [-2, 2]^T$$

$$x_2 = [-2, 0]^T$$

$$x_3 = [2, 0]^T$$

So, (convex) primal optimization formulation for given problem would look like

$$\min \frac{1}{2} (w_1 + w_2)^2$$

s. t.

$$-2w_1 + 2w_2 + b \geq 1$$

$$-2w_1 + b \geq 1$$

$$-2w_1 - b \geq 1$$

b) For dual optimization formulation

we will use lagrangian function which given as follow:

$$L(w, b, a) = \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \{t_n (w^T \phi(x_n) + b) - 1\}$$

Let's put value in above formula

$$L(w, b, a) = \frac{1}{2} (w_1^2 + w_2^2) - a_1 (-2w_1 + 2w_2 + b - 1) - a_2 (-2w_1 + b - 1)$$

Put training coordinates to dual problem formula:

$$L(a) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^N a_n a_m t_n t_m \phi^T(X_n) \phi(X_m)$$

$$\text{s. t. } a_n > 0; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$$

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

So, max value become

$$- \frac{1}{2} (8a_1^2 + 4a_2^2 + 4a_3^2 + 8a_1a_2 + 8a_1a_3 + 8a_2a_3) + a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$

$$\text{s. t. } a_1 \geq 0, a_2 \geq 0, a_3 \geq 0$$

$$-a_1 - a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

3) [6 points] Consider data points shown in Figure 2a, can you draw the decision boundary of your SVM classifier in this case? Suppose we add a new data sample at position $(-3, 5)$ (as shown in Figure 2b). How will the decision boundary change if we add this new data point?

1.3) ANS:

The decision boundary is defined as $x_1=1$, indicating that data points with $x < 1$ are assigned label 1, while those with $x > 1$ receive label -1.

The addition of the new data point at $(-3, 5)$ does not alter the decision boundary, as it resides on the left side of the margin.

2 K-means [40 points]

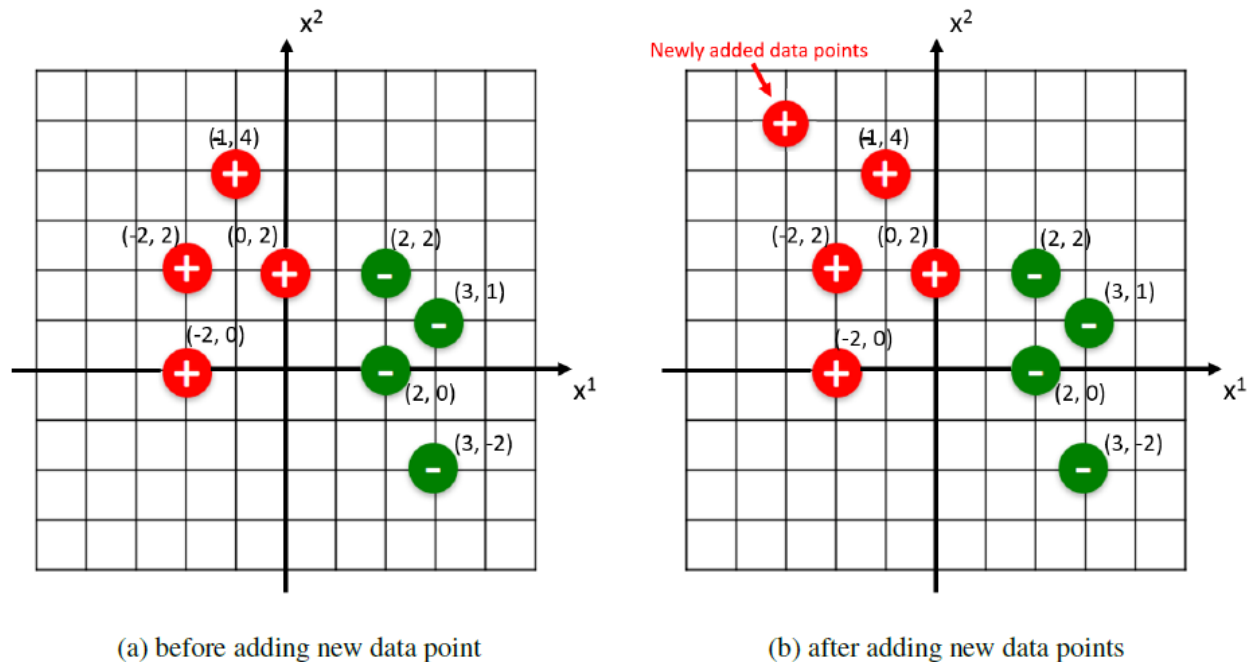


Figure 2: Problem 1: Adding a new point

Given N data points x_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$), K-means will group them into K clusters by

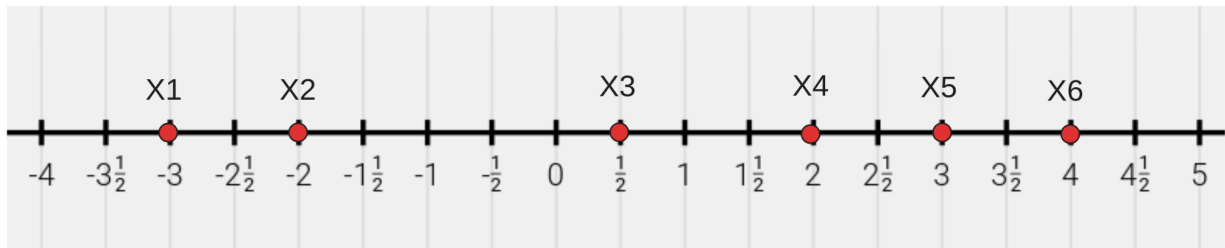
minimizing the loss/cost/distortion function $J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|x_n - \mu_k\|^2$, where μ_k is the cluster center of the k th cluster, and $r_{nk} = 1$ if x_n belongs to the k th cluster and $r_{nk} = 0$ otherwise. In this question, we will use the following iterative procedure.

- Initialize the cluster centers μ_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$

- Iterate until convergence
 - Step 1: Update the cluster assignments r_{nk} for each data point x_n
 - Step 2: Update the cluster center μ_k for each cluster k

1) [5 points] Given 6 data points in 1-D space $x_1 = -3$, $x_2 = -1$, $x_3 = 0.5$, $x_4 = 2$, $x_5 = 3$, $x_6 = 4$. Plot these six data points in 1-D space.

2.1) ANS:



2) [10 points] Suppose the initial cluster centers are $\mu_1 = -1$ and $\mu_2 = 3$. If we only run K-means for one iteration on the above dataset (i.e., $K = 2$), what is the cluster assignment for each data point after Step 1 (5 points)? What are the updated cluster centers after Step 2 (5 points)?

2.2) ANS:

Let say $K=2$ and starting with cluster centers are $\mu_1 = -1$ and $\mu_2 = 3$

After 1 iteration on above dataset,

- points x_1 , x_2 and x_3 are in cluster 1 ($\mu_1 = -1$)
- points x_4 , x_5 and x_6 are in cluster 2 ($\mu_2 = 3$)

For 2 iteration,

we will following formula to update cluster center

$$\mu_k = \frac{\sum_n r_{n,k} X_n}{\sum_n r_{n,k}}$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{-3-1+0.5}{3} = \frac{-3.5}{3} = -1.167$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{2+3+4}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

3) [15 points] Suppose the initial cluster centers are $\mu_1 = -3$, $\mu_2 = 0$, $\mu_3 = 3$ on the above dataset (i.e., $K = 3$). If we only run K-means for one iteration, what is the cluster assignment for each data point after Step 1 (5 points)? What are the updated cluster centers after Step 2 (5 points)? What is the value of the loss function J after this iteration (5 points)?

2.3) ANS:

After Step 1,

- cluster 1 ($\mu_1 = -3$) will have points x_1
- cluster 2 ($\mu_2 = 0$) will have points x_2, x_3
- cluster 3 ($\mu_3 = 3$) will have points x_4, x_5 , and x_6

After Step 2

- $\mu_1 = -3$
- $\mu_2 = \frac{-1+0.05}{2} = -0.25$
- $\mu_3 = \frac{2+3+4}{3} = 3$

Value of the loss function J after Step 2

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|x_n - \mu_k\|^2$$

$$J = (-3 + 3)^2 + (-1 + 0.25)^2 + (0.05 + 0.25)^2 + (-2 + 3)^2 + (3 + 3)^2 + (-3 - 4)^2$$

$$J = 3.125$$

4) [10 points] If we run K-means on the above dataset to find six clusters (i.e., $K = 6$). What is the **optimal** cluster assignment for each data point? (5 points)? What is the corresponding value of the loss function J for the optimal clustering assignment (5 points)?

2.4) ANS:

- Optimal cluster assignment for 6, each point will be in a separate cluster.
 - loss function J will be 0; $J = 0$
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3 Unconstrained Optimization [20 points]

We want to minimize a function

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + 5x_2^2$$

in a two-dimensional Euclidean space where $x = [x_1, x_2]^T$. Answer the following questions.

1) [5 points] What is the gradient at point $\bar{x} = [5, 1]^T$?

3.1) ANS:

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot x_1 \\ 10 \cdot x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(x') = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

2) [5 points] What is the steepest descent direction at point \bar{x} ?

3.2) ANS:

$$-\nabla f(x') = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

3) [5 points] Suppose we want to perform the backtrack line search at point \bar{x} along direction $-\nabla f(\bar{x})$, using $\alpha = 0.4$ and $\beta = 0.9$. What is the computed step-size?

3.3) ANS:

to find computed step-size we need find largest value of t such that

$$f(x' - t\nabla f(x')) \leq f(x') - 0.4t \|\nabla f(x')\|^2$$

for $t = 1$, then $t \rightarrow t_\beta$

t in $\{1, 0.9, 0.9^2, 0.9^3, \dots\}$

$$\therefore \text{Computed step size} = 0.9^{16} \approx 0.1850$$

4) [5 points] Suppose we want to perform the exact line search at point \bar{x} along direction $-\nabla f(\bar{x})$ What is the computed step-size?

3.4) ANS:

We need to find value using following formula:

$$\min f(x' - t \nabla f(x'))$$

$$= \min 600t^2 - 200t + 30$$

$$\text{computed step size} = \frac{1}{6}$$

4 The Decision Boundary for 1NN (i.e., 1-Nearest Neighbors Classifier) (20 points)

For each of the following 4 figures, we are given a few data points in the 2-D space, each of which is labeled as either '+' or '-'. Draw the decision boundary for 1NN, assuming we use L_2 (Euclidean) distance. **4) ANS: —> Drawn Blue lines.**

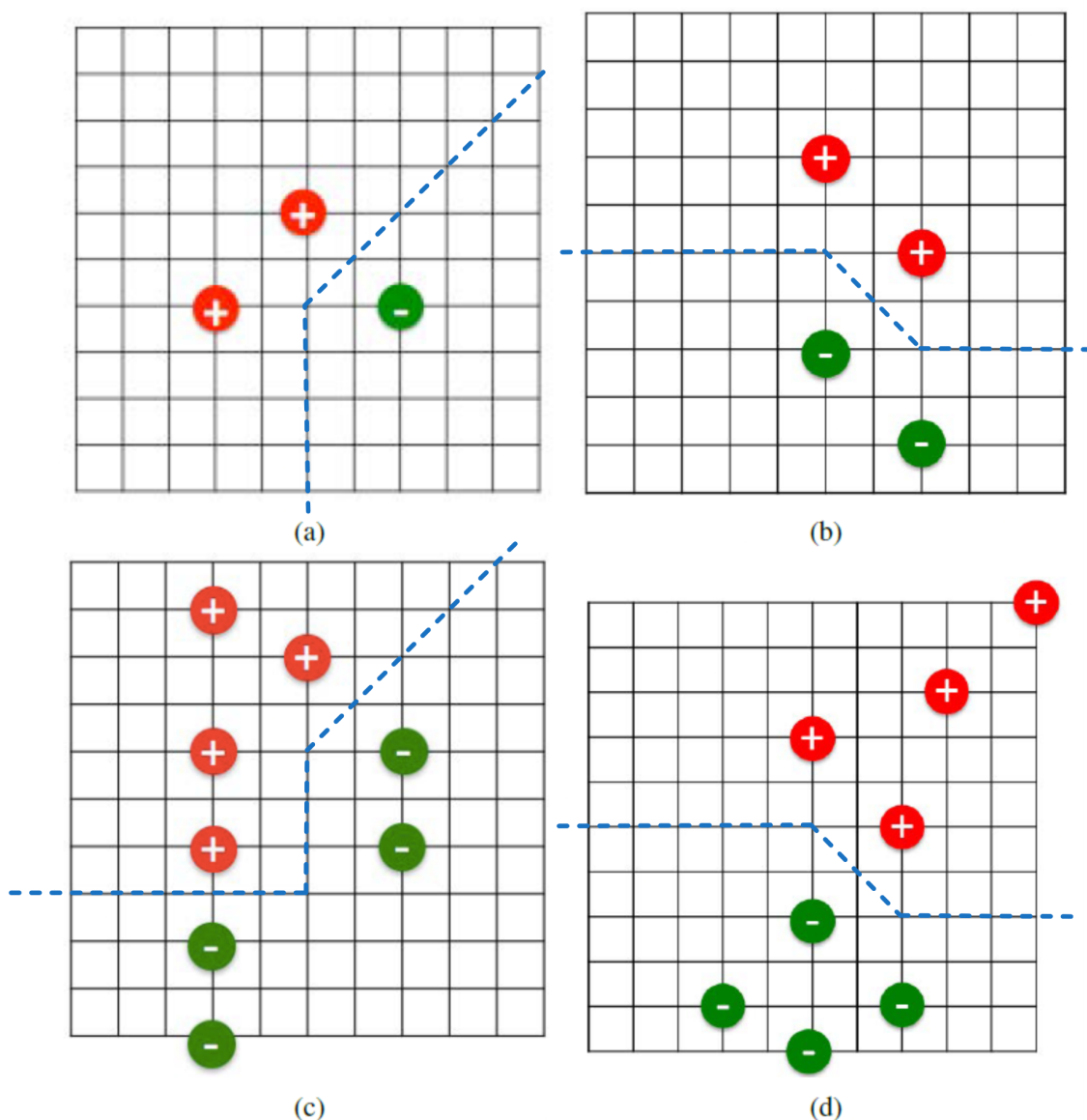


Figure 3: Problem 4: Training Data Set for 1NN Classifiers