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This document contains 11 pages numbered from 1/11 to 11/11. As soon as it is handed over to you, make sure it is complete. The 3 tasks are independent and can be treated in the order that suits you.

The following rules apply:

- ❶ A handwritten double-sided A4 sheet is permitted.
- ❷ Any electronic material, except basic calculator, is prohibited.
- ❸ Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.
- ❹ Round results to the nearest thousandth (i.e., third digit after the decimal point).
- ❺ Task N°3: Each correct answer will grant a mark with no negative scoring.

### Task N°1

⌚ 35mn | (7½ points)

Consider a binary classification problem in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the following dataset consisting of five points:

$$D = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), (x_4, y_4), (x_5, y_5)\}$$

where:

$x_1 = (1, 2),$	$y_1 = +1$
$x_2 = (2, 3),$	$y_2 = +1$
$x_3 = (3, 3),$	$y_3 = +1$
$x_4 = (-1, -1),$	$y_4 = -1$
$x_5 = (-2, -2),$	$y_5 = -1$

(a) (4 points) Find the optimal hard margin SVM classifier for this dataset<sup>1</sup>.

By examining the data, we can identify that the support vectors are:

$x_1 = (1, 2)$  from the positive class  
 $x_4 = (-1, -1)$  from the negative class

<sup>1</sup> $x_1$  and  $x_4$  are the support vectors.

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha_1^2 x_1^\top x_1 - 2\alpha_1 \alpha_4 x_1^\top x_4 + \alpha_4^2 x_4^\top x_4 \right) \quad \text{s.t. } \alpha_1 - \alpha_4 = 0$$

$\mathcal{L}_D$  can be re-written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_D(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= 2\alpha_1 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_1^2 \left( \underbrace{x_1^\top x_1}_5 - 2 \underbrace{x_1^\top x_4}_{-3} + \underbrace{x_4^\top x_4}_2 \right) \\ &= 2\alpha_1 - \frac{13}{2}\alpha_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Compute  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_1}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_1} = 2 - 13\alpha_1$$

Setting  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_1} = 0$  yields:

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_4 = \frac{2}{13}$$

The optimal value for  $\mathbf{w}^\star$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^\star &= \alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_1 - \alpha_4 \mathbf{x}_4 \\ &= \left[ \frac{4}{13}, \frac{6}{13} \right]^\top \end{aligned}$$

Using the support vector  $\mathbf{x}_1$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} b^\star &= 1 - \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{w}^\star \\ &= -\frac{3}{13} \end{aligned}$$

The hyperplane is therefore given by:

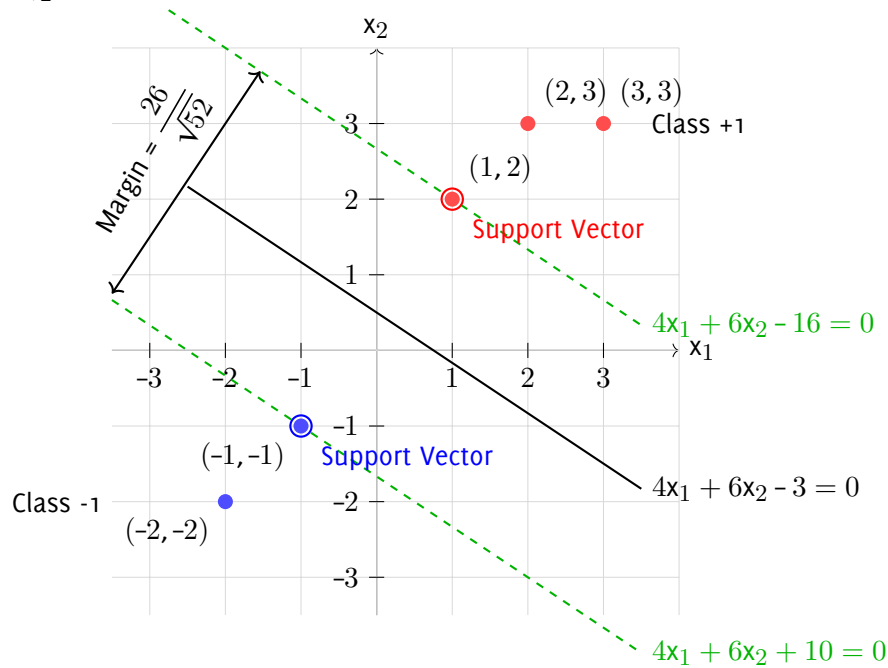
$$4x_1 + 6x_2 - 3 = 0$$

(b) (1 point) Calculate the margin of the classifier.

The margin width is calculated as:

$$\text{Margin Width} = \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{(4/13)^2 + (6/13)^2}} = \frac{26}{\sqrt{52}}$$

(c) ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  points) Visualize the dataset, decision boundary, and margin.



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- The **dual problem** is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l=1}^n \alpha_k \alpha_l y_k y_l \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{x}_l \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k y_k = 0$$

- The optimal  $\mathbf{w}^*$  is a linear combination of support vectors:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \sum_{k \in \text{SV}} \alpha_k y_k \mathbf{x}_k$$

- The bias  $b^*$  is computed using any support vector  $\mathbf{x}_k$ :

$$b^* = y_k - \mathbf{w}^{*\top} \mathbf{x}_k$$

Our dataset consists of four points in a 2D (x, y) plane:

$$A = (1, 3)$$

$$B = (2, 5)$$

$$C = (3, 4)$$

$$D = (5, 6)$$

(a) Perform PCA on the dataset:

i. (1 point) Center the data.

Mean of each feature:

$$\text{Mean of x-coordinates} = \frac{1 + 2 + 3 + 5}{4} = \frac{11}{4} = 2.75$$

$$\text{Mean of y-coordinates} = \frac{3 + 5 + 4 + 6}{4} = \frac{18}{4} = 4.5$$

In order to center the data, we need to subtract the mean from each data point:

$$\text{Centered Point 1} = (1 - 2.75, 3 - 4.5) = (-1.75, -1.5)$$

$$\text{Centered Point 2} = (2 - 2.75, 5 - 4.5) = (-0.75, 0.5)$$

$$\text{Centered Point 3} = (3 - 2.75, 4 - 4.5) = (0.25, -0.5)$$

$$\text{Centered Point 4} = (5 - 2.75, 6 - 4.5) = (2.25, 1.5)$$

ii. (2 points) Compute the covariance matrix.

For a 2D dataset, the covariance matrix  $C$  is:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(x) & \text{cov}(x, y) \\ \text{cov}(x, y) & \text{var}(y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Computing each element:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(x) &= \frac{(-1.75)^2 + (-0.75)^2 + (0.25)^2 + (2.25)^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{8.75}{3} \\ &\approx 2.917 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(y) &= \frac{(-1.5)^2 + (0.5)^2 + (-0.5)^2 + (1.5)^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{5}{4} \\ &\approx 1.25\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(x, y) &= \frac{(-1.75)(-1.5) + (-0.75)(0.5) + (0.25)(-0.5) + (2.25)(1.5)}{4} \\ &= \frac{5.5}{4} \\ &\approx 1.375\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C = \begin{bmatrix} 2.917 & 1.833 \\ 1.833 & 1.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii. (2 points) Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix.

To find the eigenvalues, we solve:

$$\det(C - \lambda I_2) = 0$$

For our covariance matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2.917 - \lambda & 1.833 \\ 1.833 & 1.25 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) &= 0 \\ (2.917 - \lambda)(1.25 - \lambda) - 1.833^2 &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 4.167\lambda + 1.503 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the quadratic formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{4.167 \pm \sqrt{(4.167)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1.503}}{2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{4.167 \pm \sqrt{15.001}}{2} \\ &= \frac{4.167 \pm 3.873}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\lambda_1 = 4.228 \text{ (larger eigenvalue)} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = 0.355 \text{ (smaller eigenvalue)}$$

For the eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [v_{11}, v_{12}]^T$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 4.228$ :

$$\begin{cases} (2.917 - 4.228)v_{11} + 1.833v_{12} = 0 \\ 1.833v_{11} + (1.667 - 4.228)v_{12} = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} -1.311v_{11} + 1.833v_{12} = 0 \\ 1.833v_{11} - 2.561v_{12} = 0 \end{cases}$$

If we set  $v_{11} = 1$ , then  $v_{12} = 0.715$ , giving us  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 0.715]^T$ .

Normalizing:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{v}_1| &= \sqrt{1^2 + (0.715)^2} \approx 1.229 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 &= \frac{[1, 0.715]^T}{1.229} \approx [0.814, 0.582]^T \end{aligned}$$

For the eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_2$  corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 0.355$ :

$$\begin{cases} (2.917 - 0.355)v_{21} + 1.833v_{22} = 0 \\ 1.833v_{21} + (1.667 - 0.355)v_{22} = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 2.562v_{21} + 1.833v_{22} = 0 \\ 1.833v_{21} + 1.312v_{22} = 0 \end{cases}$$

If we set  $v_{21} = 1$ , then  $v_{22} = -1.398$ , giving us  $\mathbf{v}_2 = [1, -1.398]^T$ .

Normalizing:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{v}_2| &= \sqrt{1^2 + (1.398)^2} \approx 1.719 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= \frac{[1, -1.398]^T}{1.719} \approx [0.582, -0.813]^T \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (2 points) Identify the principal components and explain which one captures the most variance.

The eigenvalues tell us how much variance is explained by each principal compo-

nent:

$$\text{Total variance} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 4.228 + 0.355 = 4.583$$

$$\text{Proportion explained by PC}_1 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\text{Total variance}} \approx \frac{4.228}{4.583} \approx 0.922 \text{ or } 92.2\%$$

$$\text{Proportion explained by PC}_2 = \frac{\lambda_2}{\text{Total variance}} \approx \frac{0.355}{4.583} \approx 0.078 \text{ or } 7.8\%$$

To project the centered data points onto the principal components, we multiply each centered data point by the eigenvectors.

Projection onto PC<sub>1</sub> ( $\mathbf{v}_1 = [0.814, 0.582]^T$ ):

$$\text{Projection of A} = (-1.75 \times 0.814) + (-1.5 \times 0.582) = -2.298$$

$$\text{Projection of B} = (-0.75 \times 0.814) + (0.5 \times 0.582) = -0.32$$

$$\text{Projection of C} = (0.25 \times 0.814) + (-0.5 \times 0.582) = -0.088$$

$$\text{Projection of D} = (2.25 \times 0.814) + (1.5 \times 0.582) = 2.704$$

Projection onto PC<sub>2</sub> ( $\mathbf{v}_2 = [0.582, -0.813]^T$ ):

$$\text{Projection of A} = (-1.75 \times 0.582) + (-1.5 \times -0.813) = 0.2$$

$$\text{Projection of B} = (-0.75 \times 0.582) + (0.5 \times -0.813) = -0.843$$

$$\text{Projection of C} = (0.25 \times 0.582) + (-0.5 \times -0.813) = 0.552$$

$$\text{Projection of D} = (2.25 \times 0.582) + (1.5 \times -0.813) = 0.09$$

The transformed data points in the new PC coordinate system are:

$$P_A = (-2.298, 0.2) \qquad P_B = (-0.32, -0.843)$$

$$P_C = (-0.088, 0.552) \qquad P_D = (2.704, 0.09)$$

Since PC<sub>1</sub> captures approximately 92% of the variance, we could reduce our dimensionality by keeping only the first principal component:

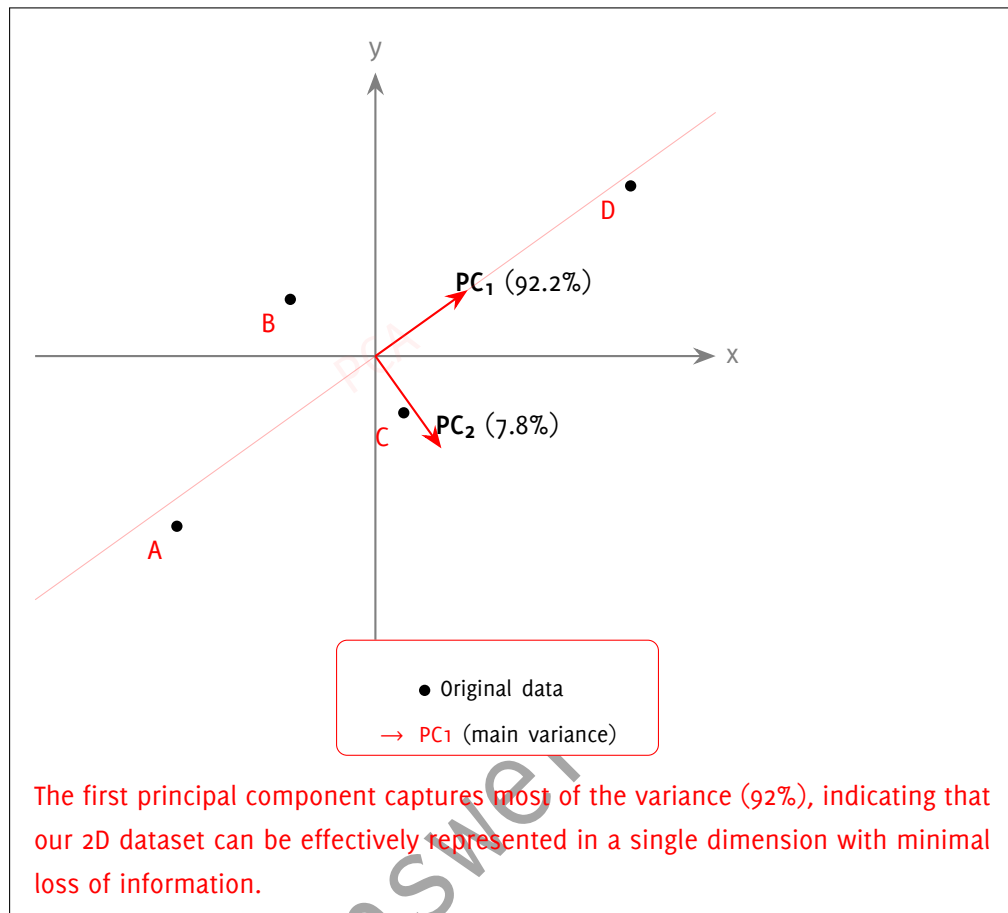
$$\text{Point A (reduced)} \equiv P_A = -2.298$$

$$\text{Point B (reduced)} \equiv P_B = -0.32$$

$$\text{Point C (reduced)} \equiv P_C = -0.088$$

$$\text{Point D (reduced)} \equiv P_D = 2.704$$

- (c) (2 points) Draw the principal components on a scatter plot and describe their relationship to the spread of data.



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```

1 using DataFrames, MLJ
2 X = DataFrame(x=[1., 2, 3, 5], y=[3., 5, 4, 6])
3 #=
4 4×2 DataFrame
5   Row | x      y
6       | Float64 Float64
7   ---|---
8   1 | 1.0 3.0
9   2 | 2.0 5.0
10  3 | 3.0 4.0
11  4 | 5.0 6.0
12 =#
13

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14 # Load and fit 'PCA'
15 PCA = @load PCA pkg="MultivariateStats"
16 mach = machine(PCA(), X)
17 fit!(mach)
18
19 # Compute explained variance for each dimension
20 explained_variance = report(mach).principalvars
21 #=
22 2-element Vector{Float64}:
23  4.228606549861576
24  0.3547267834717567
25 =#
26
27 explained_variance ./= sum(explained_variance)
28 explained_variance .*= 100
29 #=
30 2-element Vector{Float64}:
31  92.2605065424344
32  7.739493457565602
33 =#
34
35 # Transform data to get components
36 components = MLJ.transform(mach, X)
37 #=
38 4×2 DataFrame
39   Row | x1      x2
40   | Float64 Float64
41   -----
42   1 | 2.29607  0.201431
43   2 | 0.318946 -0.843074
44   3 | 0.0876672 0.5521
45   4 | -2.70268  0.0895427
46 =#

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ANSWER SHEET

Task N°3

⌚ 15mn | (3½ points)

(a) (½ point) What is being calculated here?

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1 using MLJ
2 LR = @load LinearRegressor pkg=GLM
3 mach = machine(LR(), X, y)
4 evaluate!(mach, resampling=Holdout(fraction_train=0.8),
  ↳ measure=[rms, rsquared])
```

✓ Train-test split with 80% training data, reporting RMSE and R²

- ☐ 5-fold cross-validation using RMSE
- ☐ Bootstrapped confidence intervals for coefficients
- ☐ Feature importance scores using R²

(b) (½ point) What happens when executing this code?

```
1 struct Point
2     x::Int
3     y::Int
4 end
5 p = Point(1, 2)
6 p.x = 3
```

- ☐ Creates a new Point (3, 2)
- ☐ Creates a copy with updated x-value
- ✓ Throws an error: setfield!: immutable struct
- ☐ Modifies p.x to 3 successfully

(c) (½ point) What does the following code output?

✂

```
1 mutable struct Box
2   content::String
3 end
4 b1 = Box("Apple")
5 b2 = b1
6 b2.content = "Orange"
7 println(b1.content)
```

- ☐ "Apple"   ☒ "Orange"   ☐ Throws an error   ☐ Undefined behavior
- (d) ( $\frac{1}{2}$  point) Which of the following impurity measures is NOT differentiable with respect to class probabilities?
- ☐ Gini impurity  
☐ Entropy  
☐ All of the above  
☒ None of the above
- (e) ( $\frac{1}{2}$  point) In PCA, what is the relationship between the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix and the variance explained?
- ☐ Eigenvalues are unrelated to variance in PCA.  
☐ Eigenvalues represent the correlation between original features and principal components.  
☐ Eigenvalues are inversely proportional to the variance explained.  
☒ Eigenvalues correspond to the variance along each principal component.
- (f) ( $\frac{1}{2}$  point) In DBSCAN, which of the following statements about core points is FALSE?
- ☐ A core point has at least MinPts points within its  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood (including itself).  
☐ A core point can be part of multiple clusters.  
☒ A core point can be a noise point if it lies in a low-density region.  
☐ A core point always belongs to a cluster.
- (g) ( $\frac{1}{2}$  point) Which is not an assumption of linear regression?
- ☒ Standardization   ☐ Linearity   ☐ Homoscedasticity   ☐ Multivariate Normality