

Machine Learning Homework 10

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1 Problem 6

- Similarities
 - Both are supervised learning algorithms.
 - Both algorithms are meant for binary classification, but SVM can be extended to multiclass problems using techniques like one-vs-one or one-vs-rest.
- Differences
 - Perceptron tries to find any hyperplane that separates the data. If the data is linearly separable, it converges; if not, it fails. On the other hand, SVM finds the optimal hyperplane, maximizing the margin between the hyperplane and the closest data points.
 - Perceptron can only handle linearly separable data. SVM can handle non-linearly separable data by using kernel functions.
 - Perceptron uses a simple update rule to adjust weights. SVM solution comes from a convex optimization problem.

2 Problem 7

The connection between soft-margin SVM and Logistic Regression lies in their shared goal of linear classification. Both solutions are derived from convex optimization problems. Both aim to find a decision boundary, but they use different loss functions: hinge loss for SVM and log-loss for Logistic Regression.

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- a)

$$Q = (yy^T) \circ (XX^T)$$
- b)
 - Q is positive semi-definite.
 - * XX^T is positive semidefinite from the dot product.
 - * Scaling by yy^T preserves positive-definiteness.
 - The dual function is concave as it is the sum of a concave quadratic term $\frac{1}{2}\alpha^T Q\alpha$ and a linear term $\alpha^T \mathbf{1}_N$.
 - For concave functions, any local minimum is a global maximum. Therefore, the local maximizer of $g(\alpha)$ is the global minimum.

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The inequality $\epsilon \leq \frac{s}{N}$ holds because, for hard-margin SVM, only support vectors have the potential to be misclassified during LOOCV. Removing a non-support vector does not affect the decision boundary. The fraction of potentially misclassified samples during LOOCV, represented by ϵ , is bounded by the ratio $\frac{s}{N}$.

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5.1 Task 1: Solving the SVM dual problem

```
def solve_dual_svm(X, y):
    """Solve the dual formulation of the SVM problem.

    Parameters
    -----
    X : array, shape [N, D]
        Input features.
    y : array, shape [N]
        Binary class labels (in {-1, 1} format).

    Returns
    -----
    alphas : array, shape [N]
        Solution of the dual problem.
    """
    ### TODO: Your code below ###
    data_dim = X.shape[0]
    # These variables have to be of type cvxopt.matrix
    # Gram Matrix

    gram = np.dot(X, X.T)
    Y = np.diag(y)
    P_numpy = np.dot(Y, np.dot(gram, Y))
    P = matrix(P_numpy)

    q_numpy = -np.ones((data_dim, 1))
    q = matrix(q_numpy)

    G_numpy = -np.eye(data_dim)
    G = matrix(G_numpy)

    h_numpy = np.zeros((data_dim, 1))
    h = matrix(h_numpy)

    yyy = y.reshape(-1, 1)
    A_numpy = yyy.T
    A = matrix(A_numpy)

    b_numpy = np.array([[0]], dtype=np.float64)
    b = matrix(b_numpy)

    solvers.options['show_progress'] = False
    solution = solvers.qp(P, q, G, h, A, b)
    alphas = np.array(solution['x'])
    return alphas.reshape(-1)
```

5.2 Task 2: Recovering the weights and the bias

```
def compute_weights_and_bias(alpha, X, y):
    """Recover the weights w and the bias b using the dual solution alpha.

    Parameters
    -----
    alpha : array, shape [N]
        Solution of the dual problem.
    X : array, shape [N, D]
        Input features.
    y : array, shape [N]
        Binary class labels (in {-1, 1} format).

    Returns
    -----
    w : array, shape [D]
        Weight vector.
    b : float
        Bias term.
    """
    ### TODO: Your code below ###
    w = X.T @ (alpha * y)

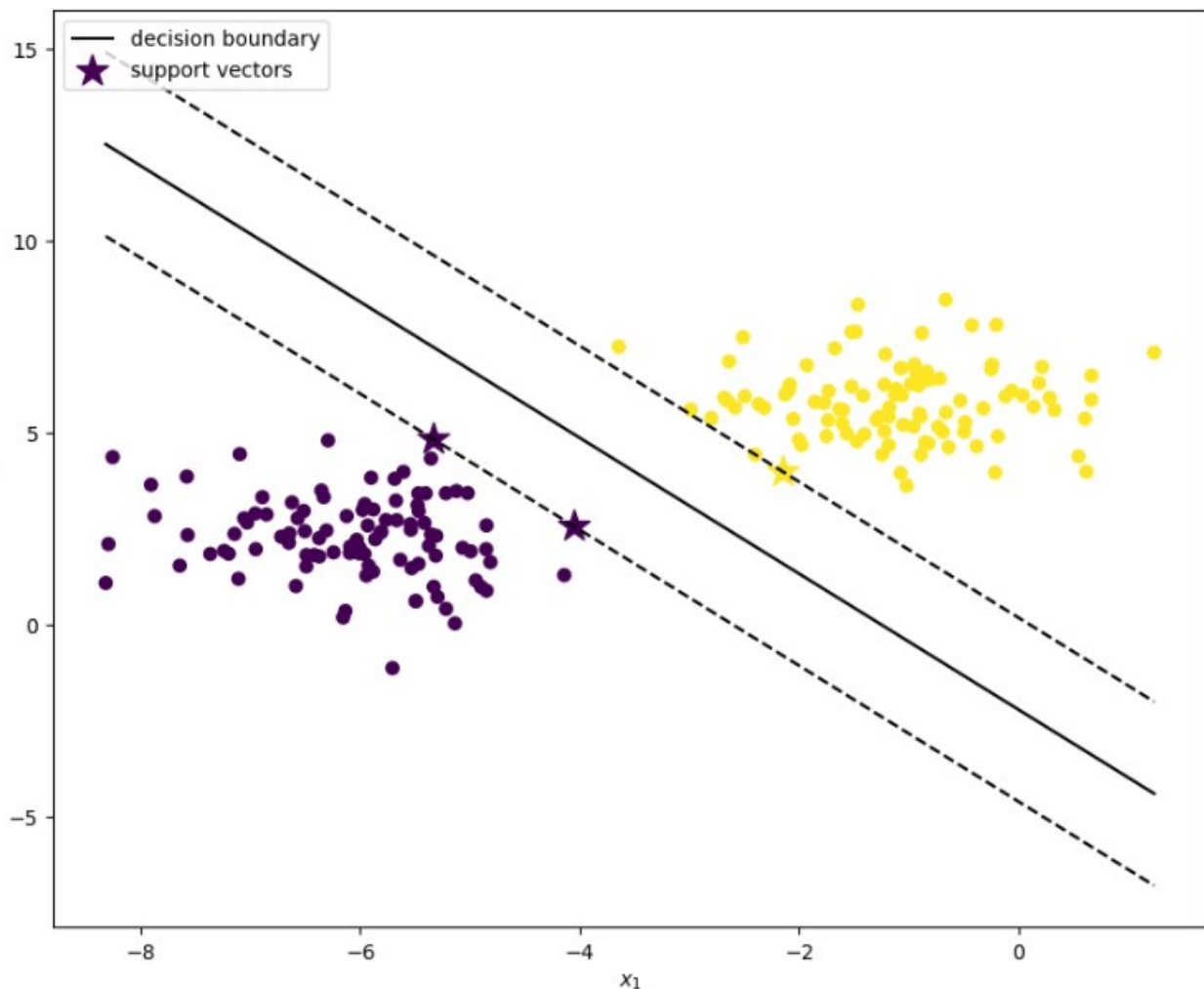
    tolerance = 1e-3
    significant_indices = np.where(np.abs(alpha) > tolerance)[0]
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#print(significant_indices)
b1 = y[significant_indices[0]] - X[significant_indices[0]] @ w
b2 = y[significant_indices[1]] - X[significant_indices[1]] @ w
b3 = y[significant_indices[2]] - X[significant_indices[2]] @ w
b = (b1+b2+b3)/3
return w, b
```

5.3 Visualize the result

```
alpha = solve_dual_svm(X, y)
w, b = compute_weights_and_bias(alpha, X, y)
print("w =", w)
print("b =", b)
print("support vectors:", np.arange(len(alpha))[alpha > alpha_tol])
```

```
w = [0.73935606 0.41780426]
b = 0.9199371454171242
support vectors: [ 78 134 158]
```



6 Problem 11

- The dot product $x_1^T x_2$ is a valid kernel.
- $(x_1^T x_2)^i$ is a valid kernel for any $i \geq 1$.
- Each term $a_i (x_1^T x_2)^i$ is a valid kernel since $a_i \geq 0$.

- The summation is valid because is a linear combination of valid kernels.
- Adding a constant term $a_0 \geq 0$ to the result of the summation preserves validity

Only kernel preserving operations are used, thus k is a valid kernel.

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- Taylor expansion of kernel

$$k(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{1 - x_1 x_2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x_1 x_2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_1^n x_2^n.$$

- Feature Transformation

The Taylor expansion implies that the dot product in the original space corresponds to a dot product in the transformed space where features are powers of x .

$$\phi(x) = [1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots]$$