

IFT 6390 Fundamentals of Machine Learning  
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## Homework 1 - Practical component

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- You need to submit your solution on Gradescope using the homework titled `Devoir 1 / Homework 1 - Pratique/Practical - 6390A/B` for the code and `Devoir 1 / Homework 1 - Pratique/Practical - Rapport/Report - 6390A/B` for the report.

You should work off of the template file `solution.py` in the project and fill in the basic numpy functions using numpy and python methods

## Parzen with soft windows (kernels)

In this Homework we will use banknote authentication Data Set as a toy dataset. It contains 1372 samples (one for each row), each with 4 features (the 4 first columns) and one label in  $\{0,1\}$  (the 5th column). It is recommended you download it [here](#) and then test your code by importing it like this :

```
import numpy as np
banknote = np.genfromtxt('data_banknote_authentication.txt',
                        delimiter=',')
```

When the answer template in solution.py has "banknote" as an argument, you may assume that this argument is the dataset in numpy format. Your function should use this argument to perform computations, not a version of the dataset that you loaded by yourself.

1. **[4 points]**

**Question.** Write functions that take that dataset as input and return the following statistics:

- (a) `Q1.feature_means` : An array containing the empirical means of each feature, from all examples present in the dataset. Make sure to maintain the original order of features.  
e.g. : `Q1.feature_means(banknote) =  $[\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4]$`
- (b) `Q1.covariance_matrix` : A  $4 \times 4$  matrix that represents the empirical covariance matrix of features on the whole dataset.
- (c) `Q1.feature_means_class_1` : An array containing the empirical means of each feature, but only from examples in class 1. The possible classes in the banknote dataset are 0 and 1.  
e.g. : `Q1.feature_means_class_1(banknote) =  $[\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4]$`
- (d) `Q1.covariance_matrix_class_1` : A  $4 \times 4$  matrix that represents the empirical covariance matrix of features, but only from examples in class 1.

2. **[1 points]**

**Question.** Implement Parzen with hard window parameter  $h$ . Use the standard Euclidean distance on the original features of the dataset. Your answer should have the following behavior :  
`f = HardParzen(h)` initiates the algorithm with parameter  $h$

**f.train(X, Y)** trains the algorithm, where  $X$  is a  $n \times m$  matrix of  $n$  training samples with  $m$  features, and  $Y$  is an array containing the  $n$  labels. The labels are denoted by integers, but the number of classes in  $Y$  can vary.

**f.compute\_predictions(X\_test)** computes the predicted labels and return them as an array of same size as `X_test`. `X_test` is a  $k \times m$  matrix of  $k$  test samples with same number of features as  $X$ . This function is called only after training on  $(X, Y)$ . If a test sample `x` has no neighbor within window  $h$ , the algorithm should choose a label at random by using **draw\_rand\_label(x, label\_list)**, a function that is provided in the **solution.py** file, where `label_list` is the list of different classes present in  $Y$ , and `x` is the array of features of the corresponding point.

3. [5 points]

**Question.** Implement Parzen with a soft window. We will use a radial basis function (RBF) kernel (also known as *Gaussian* kernel) with parameter  $\sigma$ . Use the standard Euclidean distance on the original features of the dataset. Please refer to the slides from the second week for the definition. The structure of your solution should be the same as in the previous question, but you will never need to draw a label at random with **draw\_rand\_label(x, label\_list)**. The class name is **SoftRBFParzen**.

4. [5 points]

**Question.** Implement a function **split\_dataset** that splits the banknote dataset as follows:

- A training set consisting of the samples of the dataset with indices which have a remainder of either 0 or 1, or 2 when divided by 5
- A validation set consisting of the samples of the dataset with indices which have a remainder of 3 when divided by 5.
- A test set consisting of the samples of the dataset with indices which have a remainder of 4 when divided by 5.

For instance the element of index 14 (in the original dataset) should be part of the test set because the remainder of 14 divided by 5 is 4. Do not use random splitting for this exercise (even though it is generally a very good idea). The function should take as input the dataset and return the three sets as a tuple (train, validation, test), where each

element of the tuple is a matrix with 5 columns (the 4 features and the labels, kept in the same order).

5. [10 points]

**Question.** Implement two functions **ErrorRate.hard\_parzen** and **ErrorRate.soft\_parzen** that compute the error rate (i.e. the proportion of missclassifications) of the HardParzen and SoftRBFParnen algorithms. The expected behavior is as follows :

**test\_error = ErrorRate(x\_train, y\_train, x\_val, y\_val)** initiates the class and stores the training and validation sets, where **x\_train** and **x\_val** are matrices with 4 feature columns, and **y\_train** and **y\_val** are arrays containing the labels.

**test\_error.hard\_parzen(h)** takes as input the window parameter **h** and returns as a float the error rate on **x\_val** and **y\_val** of the Hard-Parzen algorithm that has been trained on **x\_train** and **y\_train**.

**test\_error.soft\_parzen( $\sigma$ )** works just like with Hard Parzen, but with the SoftRBFParnen algorithm.

Then, include in your report a single plot with two lines:

- (a) Hard Parzen window's classification error on the validation set of banknote, when trained on the training set (see question 4) for the following values of **h**:

$$h \in \{0.01, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0, 20.0\}$$

- (b) RBF Parzen's classification error on the validation set of banknote, when trained on the training set (see question 4) for the following values of  $\sigma$ :

$$\sigma \in \{0.01, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0, 20.0\}$$

The common x-axis will represent either **h** or  $\sigma$ . Always label your axes and lines in the plot!

Give a detailed discussion of your observations.

6. [5 points]

**Question.** Implement a function **get\_test\_errors** that uses the evaluated validation errors from the previous question to select  $h^*$  and  $\sigma^*$ , then computes the error rates on the test set. The value  $h^*$  is the one (among the proposed set in question 5) that results in the smallest

validation error for Parzen with hard window, and  $\sigma^*$  is the parameter (among the proposed set in question 5) that results in the smallest validation error for Parzen with RBF.

The function should take as input the dataset and split it using question 4. The expected output is an array of size 2, the first value being the error rate on the test set of Hard Parzen with parameter  $h^*$  (trained on the training set), and the second value being the error rate on the test set of Soft RBF Parzen with parameter  $\sigma^*$  (trained on the training set).

7. [5 points]

**Question.** Include in your report a discussion on the running time complexity of these two methods. How does it vary for each method when the hyperparameter  $h$  or  $\sigma$  changes? Why ?

8. [5 points]

**Question.** Implement a random projection (Gaussian sketch) map to be used on the input data:

Your function **project\_data** should accept as input a feature matrix  $X$  of dimension  $n \times 4$ , as well as a  $4 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  encoding our projection.

Define  $p : x \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} A^T x$  and use this random projection map to reduce the dimension of the inputs (feature vectors of the dataset) from 4 to 2.

Your function should return the output of the map  $p$  when applied to  $X$ , in the form of a  $n \times 2$  matrix.

e.g.  $project\_data(X_{n,4}, A_{4,2}) = X_{n,2}^{proj}$

9. [10 points]

**Question.** Similar to Question 5, compute the validation errors of Hard Parzen classifiers trained on 500 random projections of the training set, for

$$h \in \{0.01, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0, 20.0\}$$

The validation errors should be computed on the projected validation set, using the same matrix  $A$ . To obtain random projections, you may draw  $A$  as 8 independent variables drawn uniformly from a gaussian distribution of mean 0 and variance 1.

You can for example store these validation errors in a  $500 \times 10$  matrix,

with a row for each random projection and a column for each value of  $h$ .

Do the same thing for RBF Parzen classifiers, for

$$\sigma \in \{0.01, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0, 20.0\}$$

Plot and include in your report in the same graph the average values of the validation errors (over all random projections) for each value of  $h$  and  $\sigma$ , along with error bars of length equal to  $0.2 \times$  the standard deviations.

How do your results compare to the previous ones?