

Support vector machine: A quick look on cost function

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1 Hinge Loss Function

It is written as

$$\mathcal{H}(x, y, f(x)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } yf(x) \geq 1 \\ 1 - yf(x), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y \in \{-1, +1\}$ to be the training samples and their corresponding labels. Here, $f(x) := \langle x \cdot w \rangle \in \{-1, +1\}$ is the predicted label of the training sample x . Here, $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$, with n and m defined in \mathbb{N} .

2 Objective Function

Based on (1), support vector machine (SVM) objective's function is written as

$$\min_w \left(\lambda \|w\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{H} \left(x, y, \overbrace{f(x)}^{:= \langle x \cdot w \rangle} \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

with $\lambda \in (0, +\infty)$.

3 Optimization

To optimize (2), we need its derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left(\min_w \left(\lambda \|w\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{H}(x, y, f(x)) \right) \right) \quad (3)$$

that can be taken separately as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_k} \left(\lambda \|w\|^2 \right) = 2\lambda w_k \quad (4)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_k} (\mathcal{H}(x, y, f(x))) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y_i \langle x_i \cdot w_k \rangle \geq 1 \\ -y_i x_i, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

with $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ leading us to the below stochastic gradient descent update rules

$$w_k = w_k - \eta (2\lambda w_k - \langle x_i \cdot w_k \rangle) \quad (6)$$

if $y_i \langle x_i \cdot w_k \rangle < 1$ and otherwise

$$w_k = w_k - \eta (2\lambda w_k). \quad (7)$$

One writes the snippet python code corresponding to (6) and (7) as

```
def SVM_SGD(X,Y):
    w = np.zeros(len(X[0]))
    eta = 1
    epochs = 100000
    for epoch in range(1,n):
        for i, x in enumerate(X):
            if (Y[i]*np.dot(X[i], w)) < 1:
                w = w + eta * ( (X[i] * Y[i]) + (-2 * (1/epoch)* w) )
            else:
                w = w + eta * (-2 * (1/epoch)* w)
    return w
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