

CSCI567 Homework 3

Question 1.1

Since the points are distinct:

$$x_i \neq x_j$$

The kernel matrix would become simply the identity matrix, because the only place where $x=x'$ is on the diagonal

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So with an arbitrary vector x , we get:

$$x^{-1}Kx = x^{-1}x = ||x||^2 \geq 0$$

Which is always positive, thus K is positive semi-definite as is $k(x,x')$ through Mercer's theorem

Question 1.2

Since we chose the lambda to be zero:

$$J(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha^T K^T K \alpha - y^T K \alpha + \frac{1}{2}y^T y$$

$$\frac{\partial J(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \alpha^T K^T K - y^T K = 0$$

$$\alpha^T K^T K = y^T K$$

$$a^* = K^{-1}y$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_N) \end{bmatrix} a^* = K a^* = K K^{-1} y = y$$

Question 1.3

$$f(x) = [k(x, x_1), k(x, x_2), \dots, k(x, x_N)] K^{-1} y$$

Since x is not in the training set, the first vector becomes a vector of all 0s.

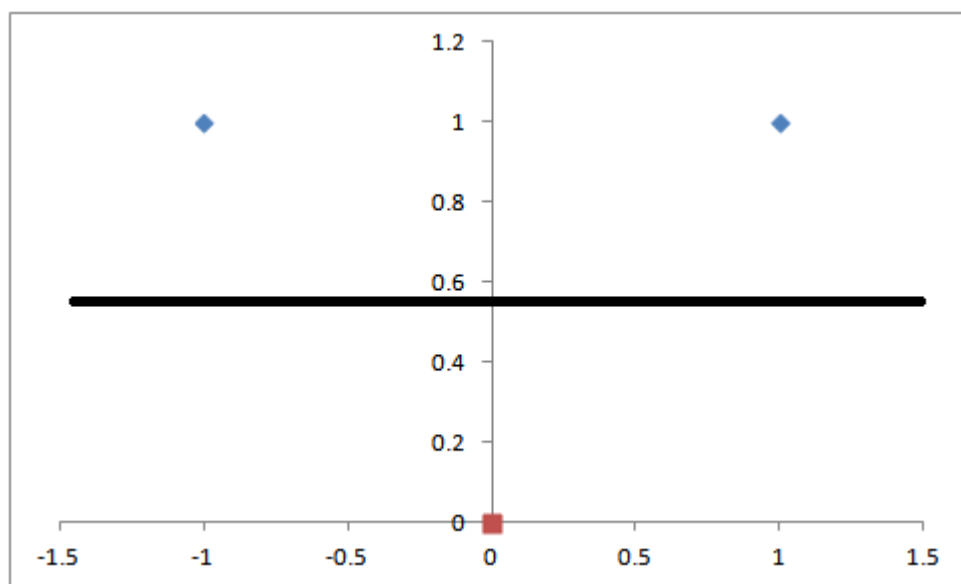
$$f(x) = [0, 0, \dots, 0]K^{-1}y = 0$$

Question 2.1

No, it cannot be separated. A separator can only be placed in four ways in this 1D example: on top of all 3 points, on one point, between points, or on the other side of the blue points. Each of these cases, it can be shown that there is no way to classify all 3 points correctly.

Question 2.2

Yes there are now linear decision boundaries. One example is shown on the plot (the black horizontal line).



Question 2.3

$$k(x, x') = \phi(x)^T \phi(x') = xx' + x^2 x'^2$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z^T K z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2z_1 & 2z_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = 2z_1^2 + 2z_2^2 \geq 0$$

Question 2.4

Primal:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w, b, \{\xi_n\}} \quad & C(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3) + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & 1 + w_1 - w_2 - b \leq \xi_1 \\ & 1 - w_1 - w_2 - b \leq \xi_2 \\ & 1 + b \leq \xi_3 \\ & \xi_n \geq 0, \quad \forall n \end{aligned}$$

Dual:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha} \quad & \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - \frac{1}{2} (2\alpha_1^2 + 2\alpha_2^2) = \max_{\alpha} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2 \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_n \leq C, \quad \forall n \\ & \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Question 2.5

From symmetry we see:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \alpha_2 \\ \min_{\alpha} \quad & \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = \min_{\alpha} 2\alpha_1^2 - 2\alpha_1 - \alpha_3 \end{aligned}$$

Finding the vertex of the parabola:

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Plugging it into the last equation of the dual formalism:

$$\alpha_3 = 1$$

$$w = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

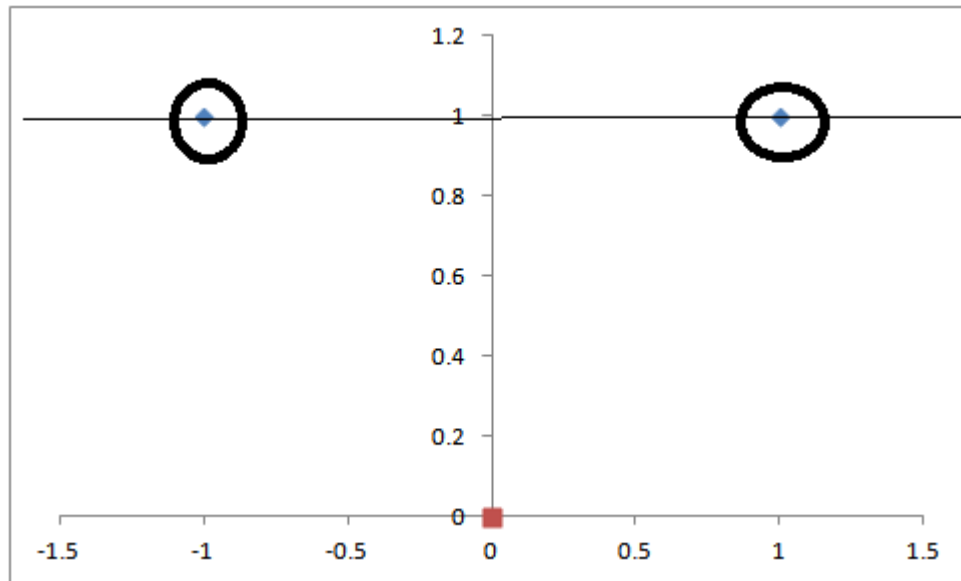
$$w^T \phi(x_n) + b = y_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b = 1$$

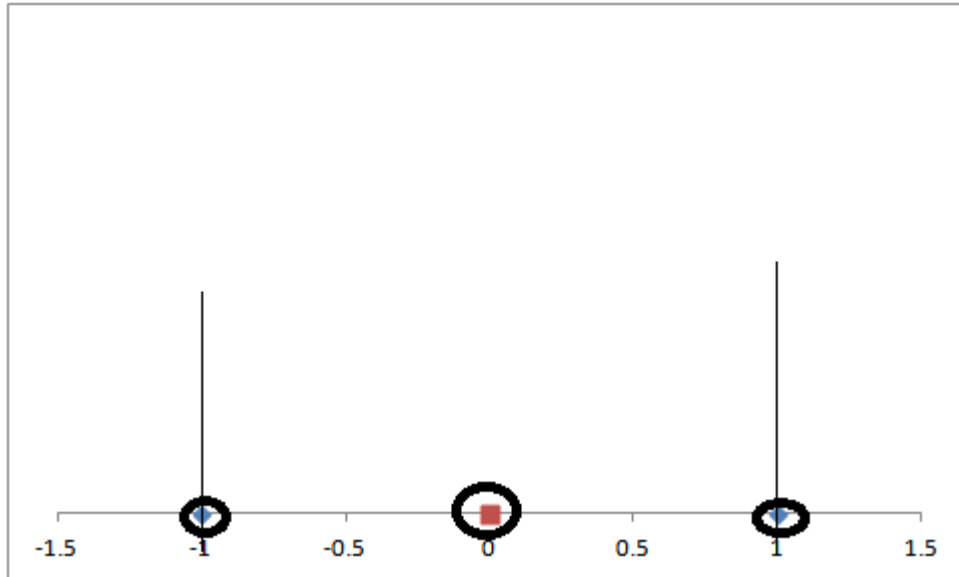
$$b = 1$$

Question 2.6

In the transformed space:



In the original space:



Question 3.1

Because of the symmetry of the problem, we only need to check two cases, if the decision boundary is between the points ($b=\pm 0.5$) or if it is outside ($b=\pm 2$).

$$\epsilon_{b=0.5} = \frac{1}{4} * 2 = 0.5$$

$$\epsilon_{b=2} = \frac{1}{4} * 2 = 0.5$$

Thus, all the stumps have the same error. The following values were chosen

$$f_1 = (s = +1, \quad b = 0.5, \quad d = 1)$$

$$\epsilon_1 = 0.5$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - 0.5}{0.5}\right) = 0$$

Question 3.2

$$w_2(1) = \frac{1}{N} \exp(0) = \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$w_2(1) = w_2(2) = w_2(3) = w_2(4) = 0.25$$

Question 3.3

$$f_1 = (s = +1, \quad b = 0.5, \quad d = 2)$$

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{4} * 1 = 0.25$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 - 0.25}{0.25} \right) = 0.24$$

Question 3.4

$$w_2(1) = w_2(2) = w_2(4) = 0.25 \exp(-0.24) = 0.14$$

$$w_2(3) = 0.25 \exp(0.24) = 0.43$$

Normalizing:

$$w_2(1) = w_2(2) = w_2(4) = \frac{0.14}{3(0.14) + 0.43} = 0.16$$

$$w_2(3) = 0.5$$

$$f_2 = (s = -1, \quad b = -0.5, \quad d = 2)$$

$$\epsilon_2 = 0.16$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 - 0.16}{0.16} \right) = 0.36$$

Question 3.5

$$w_3(2) = w_3(4) = 0.16 \exp(-0.36) = 0.07$$

$$w_3(1) = 0.16 \exp(0.36) = 0.37$$

$$w_3(3) = 0.5 \exp(-0.36) = 0.22$$

Normalizing:

$$w_3(2) = w_3(4) = \frac{0.07}{2(0.07) + 0.37 + 0.22} = 0.10$$

$$w_3(1) = \frac{0.37}{2(0.07) + 0.37 + 0.22} = 0.51$$

$$w_3(3) = \frac{0.22}{2(0.07) + 0.37 + 0.22} = 0.30$$

$$f_3 = (s = -1, \quad b = 0.5, \quad d = 1)$$

$$\epsilon_3 = 0.10$$

$$\beta_3 = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 - 0.1}{0.1} \right) = 0.48$$

Question 3.6

$$F(x) = \text{sign}(0.24 \times h_{+1,0.5,2} + 0.36 \times h_{-1,-0.5,2} + 0.48 \times h_{-1,0.5,1})$$

$$F(x_1) = \text{sign}(0.24 - 0.36 + 0.48) = \text{sign}(0.36) = +1$$

$$F(x_2) = \text{sign}(-0.24 - 0.36 + 0.48) = \text{sign}(-0.12) = -1$$

$$F(x_3) = \text{sign}(-0.24 + 0.36 + 0.48) = \text{sign}(0.6) = +1$$

$$F(x_4) = \text{sign}(-0.24 - 0.36 - 0.48) = \text{sign}(-1.08) = -1$$

It predicted all 4 correctly!