

## Supporting Vector Regression (regression problem)

Given ① training set  $\{(x_i, y_i), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$  where  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

②  $f(x) = w^T x + b \Rightarrow$  the function of the hyperplane.  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  the distance of the hyperplane to all data points

③ convex optimization problem is minimize  $\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i$   
 $w, b, \xi$  penalty

$$\text{such that } y_i - w^T x_i - b \leq \epsilon + \xi_i$$

$$w^T x_i + b - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i \quad \forall i=1\dots m$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0$$

④ given  $\epsilon > 0$  fixed value,  $C > 0$

Q1. Objective: write down the lagrangian for the "optimization" problem with  
 lagrangian multiplier  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*, \beta_i \Rightarrow L(w, b, \xi, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta)$

<sols> Recall to SVM's lagrangian optimization problem, we have to rewrite the problem to dual and primal form.

1. Rewrite SVR problem to primal form.

Primal Problem (P)

minimize  $f(x)$

$$\text{subject to } g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(x) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \quad h(x) = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ h_l(x) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

variable  $x \in X$

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$$\text{minimize } f(w, b, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i$$

$$\text{subject to } g_{1i}(w, b, \xi) = y_i - w^T x_i - b - \xi_i \leq 0$$

$$g_{2i}(w, b, \xi) = w^T x_i + b - y_i - \xi_i \leq 0$$

$$g_{3i}(w, b, \xi) = -\xi_i \leq 0$$

$$\text{variables } (w, b, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m$$

2. Analyze it and consider if it suit Strong Duality Constraint

(1) variables  $(w, b, \xi)$  is absolutely non-empty and convex in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m$

(2) basically,  $f = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2}_{\text{convex}} + C \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i}_{\text{linear function}} = \underbrace{\text{quadratic function}}_{\text{convex}} + \underbrace{\text{linear function}}_{\text{convex}} = \text{convex function}$

(Note that, convex function + convex function equal to convex function can prove in lecture!)

(3)  $g_{1i}, g_{2i}, g_{3i}$  are all linear  $\rightarrow$  convex

(4) and (5) are related to equality constraint which is not included in the problem.

(6) suppose there exists  $\hat{x} \in X$  such that  $g(\hat{x}) < 0$  and  $h(\hat{x}) = 0$  (Slater's condition)

$\Rightarrow$  To fit this constraint, we must find a  $(w, b, \xi)$  such that inequality constraints are satisfied.

⇒ First, fixed  $w$  and  $b$  with random, then choose larger enough (e.g.  $\infty$ ) to satisfied the all three constraint.

⇒ Therefore, we can indeed find a variable set to satisfied the constraints.

⇒ SVR can satisfy strong duality theorem.

3. Rewrite SVR problem to dual form.

Dual Problem (D)

$$\text{maximize } \Theta(u, v) = \inf \left[ f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^l v_j h_j(x) \right]$$

subject to  $u \geq 0$

$$\text{variable } u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_l \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^l$$

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$$\text{maximize } \Theta(\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = \inf \left[ f(w, b, \xi) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i g_i(w, b, \xi) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* g_i^*(w, b, \xi) + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i q_i(w, b, \xi) \right]$$

$$w \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

subject to  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \geq 0$  (for 1st constraint)

$\alpha_1^*, \dots, \alpha_m^* \geq 0$  (for 2nd constraint)

$\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m \geq 0$  (for 3rd constraint)

variable  $(\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\Rightarrow L(w, b, \xi, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [y_i - w^T x_i - b - \xi_i] + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* [w^T x_i + b - y_i - \xi_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = \inf (L(w, b, \xi, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta))$$

$$(w, b, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m$$

Q2.

4. Derivative

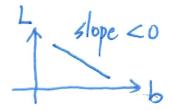
$$\nabla_w L = w + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (-x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* x_i .$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (-1) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^*$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi} = C + \alpha_i (-1) + \alpha_i^* (-1) + \beta_i (-1)$$

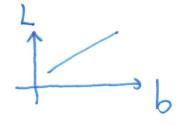
## 5. Analyze

- If  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i < 0$ , that is while  $b$  is increasing,  $L$  will decrease



$$\Rightarrow \inf L(w, b, \{y\}, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = -\infty$$

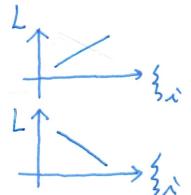
- If  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i > 0$ , that is while  $b$  is decreasing,  $L$  will decrease



$$\Rightarrow \inf L(w, b, \{y\}, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = -\infty$$

For some  $i \Rightarrow$

- If  $C - \alpha_i - \alpha_i^* - \beta_i > 0$ , that is while  $\{z_i\}$  is decreasing,  $L$  is decreasing  
If  $C - \alpha_i - \alpha_i^* - \beta_i < 0$ , that is while  $\{z_i\}$  is increasing,  $L$  is decreasing



$$\Rightarrow \inf L(w, b, \{y\}, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = -\infty$$

$\Rightarrow$  We can conclude that If  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \neq 0$  or  $C \neq (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i)$ , then  $\inf(\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) = -\infty$

## 6. Simplify

According to the observation above, the minimum value at  $\nabla_W L = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = 0$  and

$$C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i$$

$$\Rightarrow W = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* x_i$$

Substitute to  $L(w, b, \{y\}, \alpha, \alpha^*, \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \|W\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \{z_i\} + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [y_i - W^T x_i - b - \epsilon - z_i] + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* [W^T x_i + b - y_i - \epsilon - z_i] + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i (-z_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) x_i \right)^T \left( \sum_{j=1}^m (\alpha_j + \alpha_j^*) x_j \right) + \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i z_i + \alpha_i^* z_i + \beta_i z_i + \alpha_i y_i - \alpha_i W^T x_i - \alpha_i b - \alpha_i \epsilon - \alpha_i^* z_i + \alpha_i^* W^T x_i + \alpha_i^* b - \alpha_i^* y_i \\ &\quad - \alpha_i^* \epsilon - \alpha_i^* z_i - \beta_i z_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) x_i \right)^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) x_i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y_i - W^T x_i - b) - \alpha_i^* (y_i - W^T x_i - b) - \epsilon (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i^T \alpha_i^T + x_i^T \alpha_i^*) (\alpha_i x_i + \alpha_i^* x_i) - \epsilon (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i^T \alpha_i^T + x_i^T \alpha_i^*) \sum_{j=1}^m (\alpha_j x_j + \alpha_j^* x_j) - \sum_{i=1}^m \epsilon (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) \Rightarrow \text{cont.} \end{aligned}$$

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) x_i$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \alpha_i = 0$$

$$\text{and } C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i$$

cont.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m X_i^T \alpha_j X_j + X_i^T \alpha_i^* X_j + X_i^T \alpha_i^* X_j^* + X_i^T \alpha_i^* X_j^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \epsilon (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*)$$

$$\text{maximize } \Theta(\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) =$$

subject to  $\alpha \geq 0, \alpha^* \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \alpha_i = 0$$

$$C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i$$

$$\text{variable } (\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m$$

simplify:

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \alpha_i = 0, \alpha \geq 0, \alpha^* \geq 0$$

variables

$$0 \leq \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* \leq C$$

Q3 Given primal optimal solution  $= (\bar{\omega}, \bar{b}, \bar{\beta})$ ,  $\bar{\omega} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{\alpha}_i - \bar{\alpha}_i^*) X_i$   
dual optimal solution  $= (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}^*, \bar{\beta})$

$$(1) \text{ Objective: Prove } \bar{b} = \underset{b \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} C \sum_{i=1}^m \max [ |y_i - (\bar{\omega}^T X_i + b)| - \epsilon, 0 ]$$

The original function for SVR is:

$$f(w, b) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \max [ |y_i - (w^T X_i + b)| - \epsilon, 0 ]$$

Then if we minimize  $f(w, b)$  with given optimal  $w$ , that is we want to find optimal "b".

$$\text{It's equally } \bar{b} = C \sum_{i=1}^m \max [ |y_i - (\bar{\omega}^T X_i + b)| - \epsilon, 0 ]$$

(2) Given  $e = y_i - (\bar{\omega}^T X_i + \bar{b})$ , Objective: prove vary situation

<sol> First, find KKT condition:

- Stationary Condition: (S1)  $\nabla_w L = w - \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) X_i = 0,$

$$(S2) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* - \alpha_i = 0, \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m.$$

$$(S3) C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i,$$

- Primal & Dual feasibility Condition: (P1)  $y_i - w^T X_i - b - \epsilon - \beta_i \leq 0,$

$$(P2) w^T X_i + b - y_i - \epsilon - \beta_i \leq 0,$$

$$(P3) -\beta_i \leq 0, \quad \forall i$$

$$(D1) \alpha \geq 0,$$

$$(D2) \alpha^* \geq 0,$$

$$(D3) \beta \geq 0,$$

- Complementary slackness (C1)  $\alpha_i (y_i - w^T X_i - b - \epsilon - \beta_i) = \alpha_i^* (w^T X_i + b - y_i - \epsilon - \beta_i) = \beta_i (-\beta_i) = 0, \forall i$

Second, analyze the situation.

- If  $|y_i - (\bar{w}^T x_i + \bar{b})| < \epsilon$ , then

$$\textcircled{C_1} \Rightarrow \alpha_i (\underbrace{e - \epsilon}_{< \epsilon} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}_{\leq 0}) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_i \times \underbrace{0}_{\geq 0} = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{imply}} \boxed{\alpha_i = 0}$$

$\underbrace{< \epsilon}_{\leq 0} \quad \underbrace{\geq 0}_{\geq 0}$  D3

$\underbrace{< 0}_{< 0}$

$$\textcircled{C_2} \Rightarrow \alpha_i^* (-\underbrace{e - \epsilon}_{< \epsilon} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}_{\leq 0}) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_i^* \times \underbrace{0}_{\geq 0} = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{imply}} \boxed{\alpha_i^* = 0}$$

$\underbrace{< \epsilon}_{\leq 0} \quad \underbrace{\geq 0}_{\geq 0}$  D3

$\underbrace{< 0}_{< 0}$

$$\textcircled{S_3} \Rightarrow C = \beta_i > 0 \text{ (initial constraint)} \Rightarrow \textcircled{C_3} \underbrace{\beta_i}_{> 0} \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{imply}} \boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i = 0}$$

- If  $e = \epsilon$

$$\textcircled{C_1} \Rightarrow \alpha_i (e - \epsilon - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}_{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_i \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{C}_3} \alpha_i = \beta_i$$

$$\textcircled{C_2} \Rightarrow \alpha_i^* (-e - \epsilon - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}_{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{imply } \alpha_i^* = 0$$

$\underbrace{-2\epsilon}_{\geq 0} \quad \underbrace{\geq 0}_{\geq 0}$

$\underbrace{> 0}_{> 0} \Rightarrow \text{initial constraint}$

$\underbrace{< 0}_{< 0}$

$$\because \alpha_i = \beta_i \text{ and } \alpha_i^* = 0 \Rightarrow \textcircled{S_3} \Rightarrow C = \alpha_i + \beta_i \Rightarrow C \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = (\alpha_i + \beta_i) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{imply}} \boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i = 0}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{D_1}, \textcircled{D_3}, \textcircled{S_3} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_i \geq 0 \\ \beta_i \geq 0 \\ C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C}$$

- If  $e = -\epsilon$

$$\textcircled{C_1} \Rightarrow \alpha_i (e - \epsilon - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}_{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{imply}} \alpha_i = 0$$

$\underbrace{-2\epsilon}_{\geq 0} \quad \underbrace{\geq 0}_{\geq 0}$  D3

$\underbrace{< 0}_{< 0}$

$$\textcircled{C_2} \Rightarrow \alpha_i^* (-e - \epsilon - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}_{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i}) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_i^* \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{C}_3} \boxed{\alpha_i^* = \beta_i}$$

$$\textcircled{S_3} \Rightarrow C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i = \alpha_i^* + \beta_i$$

$$\Rightarrow C \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = (\alpha_i^* + \beta_i) \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i \right) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{imply}} \boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda} \beta_i = 0}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{D_2}, \textcircled{D_3}, \textcircled{S_3} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_i^* \geq 0 \\ \beta_i \geq 0 \\ C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{0 \leq \alpha_i^* \leq C}$$

• If  $e > \epsilon$

$$\textcircled{C}_2 \Rightarrow \alpha_i^*(-e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}) = 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} \alpha_i^* = 0$$

$\underbrace{< 0}_{< 0} \quad \underbrace{\geq 0}_{\geq 0}$ .

$$\textcircled{P}_1 \Rightarrow \underbrace{e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}}_{> 0} \leq 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda} > 0 \stackrel{\textcircled{C}_3}{\Rightarrow} \beta_i(-\frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}) = 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} \beta_i = 0$$

$$\textcircled{S}_3 \Rightarrow C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} C = \alpha_i$$

$$\textcircled{C}_1 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\alpha_i}_{> 0} (e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}) = 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\beta_i}{\lambda} = e - \epsilon}$$

• If  $e < -\epsilon$

$$\textcircled{C}_1 \Rightarrow \alpha_i(e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}) = 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} \alpha_i = 0$$

$\underbrace{< 0}_{< 0} \quad \underbrace{\geq 0}_{\geq 0}$ .

$$\textcircled{P}_2 \Rightarrow \underbrace{-e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}}_{> 0} \leq 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda} > 0 \stackrel{\textcircled{C}_3}{\Rightarrow} \beta_i(-\frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}) = 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} \beta_i = 0$$

$$\textcircled{S}_3 \Rightarrow C = \alpha_i + \alpha_i^* + \beta_i \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} C = \alpha_i^*$$

$$\textcircled{C}_2 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\alpha_i^*}_{> 0} (-e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda}) = 0 \stackrel{\text{imply}}{\Rightarrow} -e - \epsilon - \frac{\beta_i}{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\beta_i}{\lambda} = -(e + \epsilon)}$$

Q.E.D.