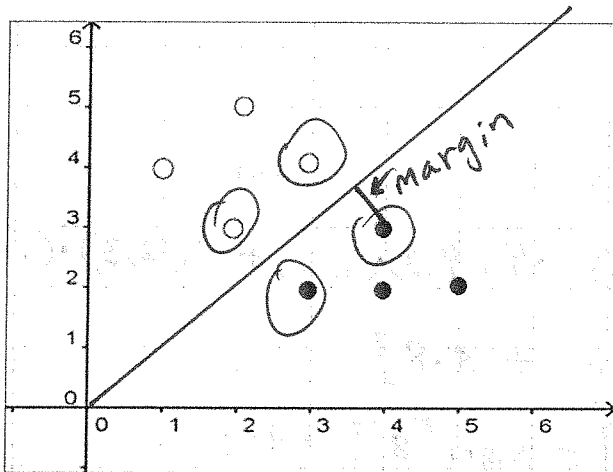


Name Solutions

## Quiz 2

Please write all answers on these pages.

1. Given the training set plotted below: Sketch the hyperplane (i.e., line) that maximally separates the two classes (open circle and solid circle). Also sketch a line that indicates the margin, and label it as "margin". Also circle the support vectors.



2. Answer the following in one or two sentences.

- (1) What are the inputs to the SVM algorithm?

Training examples

- (2) What does the SVM algorithm output?

$\alpha_i$ 's, support vectors,  
bias

3. Consider the following three points,  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_3$ , which have been identified as support vectors for a training set. Here,  $y_i$  is the class of the point, and  $\alpha_i$  is the support vector coefficient.

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (2, 1) \quad y_1 = -1 \quad \alpha_1 = -4$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = (4, 3) \quad y_2 = -1 \quad \alpha_2 = -4$$

$$\mathbf{x}_3 = (2, 3) \quad y_3 = +1 \quad \alpha_3 = 8$$

The bias is  $b = 0$ .

(a) Using the formula

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}) \right) + b \right),$$

give the classification of the new instance  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2)$ . Show your work.

$$\begin{aligned} h(1, 2) &= \text{sgn} \left[ -4(2, 1) \cdot (1, 2) - 4(4, 3) \cdot (1, 2) + 8(2, 3) \cdot (1, 2) \right] \\ &= \text{sgn} \left[ -4 \cdot 4 - 4 \cdot 10 + 8 \cdot 8 \right] \\ &= \text{sgn} \left[ -56 + 64 \right] = \text{sgn} \left[ 8 \right] = +1 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Use the  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 's and  $\alpha_i$ 's to find the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  associated with the separating hyperplane, where  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i$ .

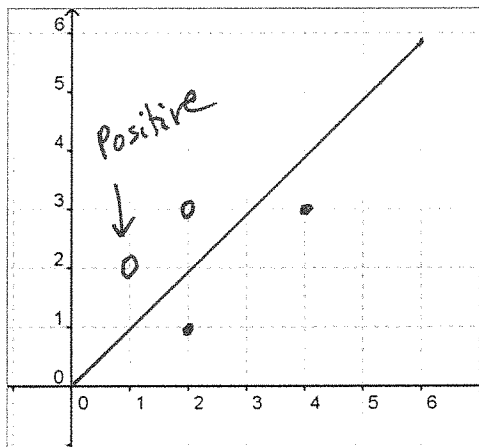
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= -4(2, 1) - 4(4, 3) + 8(2, 3) \\ &= (-8, -4) + (-16, -12) + (16, 24) \\ &= (-8, 8) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Using the weight vector you obtained in part (b) and the bias  $b = 0$ , find the equation of the separating hyperplane. Give the equation in the slope-intercept form:  $x_2 = (\text{slope} * x_1) + y\text{-intercept}$ .

$$-8x_1 + 8x_2 = 0$$

$$x_2 = x_1$$

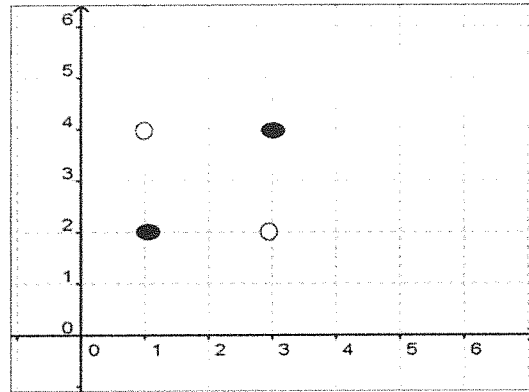
(d) Using the graph below, plot the support vectors and the separating hyperplane. Also draw a line to show the margin. Finally, plot the new point  $(1, 2)$  from part (a) to confirm that it is in the class you found in part (a).



4. Consider the points shown in the graph below:

$(1, 2)$ ,  $(1, 4)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ , and  $(3, 4)$

where open circles are class +1 and solid ellipses are class -1. Give a mapping  $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$  from two-dimensional points into three-dimensional points that makes these points linearly separable in three-dimensions.



There are many possible answers. One example:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} (x_1, x_2, 1) & \text{if } x_1 + x_2 = 5 \\ (x_1, x_2, -1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

5. Suppose you have a training set in which each instance is represented by four integer features:  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ .

Define a "kernel" function as follows:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \min(x_i, y_i)$$

For the following training set, give the Gram matrix for this kernel function.

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 3, 6, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = (2, 4, 3, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_3 = (8, 1, 2, 4)$$

Recall, the Gram matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{K}_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j), \text{ for } i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= \begin{pmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1) & k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2) & k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ k(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_1) & k(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2) & k(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_3) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 7 & 5 \\ 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$