

Introduction to Machine Learning: Homework III

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1. [SVM]

(a) Hard-margin SVM

(i) Lagrangian function and dual representation:

Solution:

By introducing Lagrangian multipliers $\{\alpha_i\}$, we have the Lagrangian function \mathcal{L}

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, w_0, \{\alpha_i\}) &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [r^i (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i + w_0) - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i \mathbf{x}^i - w_0 \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i\end{aligned}$$

Then by zero gradient theorem, we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i \mathbf{x}^i = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i \mathbf{x}^i \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i = 0 \quad (2)$$

By substituting \mathbf{w} and $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i$ with equation (1) and (2), we have

$$G(\{\alpha_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j r^i r^j (\mathbf{x}^i)^T \mathbf{x}^j$$

Thus, the dual representation is as following:

$$\begin{aligned}& \underset{\{\alpha_i\}}{\text{maximize}} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j r^i r^j (\mathbf{x}^i)^T \mathbf{x}^j \\ & \text{subject to} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i = 0 \\ & \alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Show that $\frac{1}{\gamma_{max}^2} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$.

Proof:

Define

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_N \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} r^1 \\ \vdots \\ r^N \end{bmatrix}$$

and symmetric matrix \mathbf{H} with $h_{ij} = r^i r^j (\mathbf{x}^i)^T \mathbf{x}^j$. Then the dual representation of maximum margin problem can be rewritten as following

$$\begin{aligned}& \underset{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\text{maximize}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{H} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ & \text{subject to} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{r} = 0 \\ & \boldsymbol{\alpha} \geq \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

Then the Lagrangian function is

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, v) = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{H} \boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \boldsymbol{\alpha} + v \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{r}$$

and the corresponding KKT conditions are

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} + v\mathbf{r} = 0 \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{r} = 0, \boldsymbol{\alpha} \geq \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} \geq \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T (\mathbf{1} + \boldsymbol{\lambda} - v\mathbf{r}) - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \end{aligned}$$

Which means the constraint minimum value of $\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1}$ is $-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$, then the constraint maximum value of $-\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{1}$ is $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$. Moreover, the constraint minimum value of $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$ is also $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$.

Thus, we have

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_{min}^2 = \frac{1}{\gamma_{max}^2} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$$

(b) Soft-margin SVM

Proof:

The primal problem of soft margin SVM problem is as following:

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\mathbf{w}, w_0, \{\xi_i\}}{\text{minimize}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \\ \text{subject to} \quad & r^i f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \forall i \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

and KKT conditions are

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (r^i \mathbf{x}^i) = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i r^i = 0 \\ \mu_i = C - \alpha_i \\ \alpha_i \geq 0, \mu_i \geq 0 \\ \alpha_i (r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i) = 0, \mu_i \xi_i = 0 \\ r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i \geq 0, \xi_i \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

If $\alpha_i = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_i &= C - \alpha_i = C \\ \mu_i \xi_i &= 0 \Rightarrow \xi_i = 0 \\ \alpha_i (r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i) &= 0, r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i \geq 0 \Rightarrow r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow r^i f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 1 - \xi_i = 1 \end{aligned}$$

If $0 < \alpha_i < C$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i &= C - \alpha_i \neq 0 \\ \mu_i \xi_i &= 0 \Rightarrow \xi_i = 0 \\ \alpha_i(r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i) &= 0 \Rightarrow r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow r^i f(\mathbf{x}) = 1\end{aligned}$$

If $\alpha = C$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i &= C - \alpha_i = 0 \\ \mu_i \xi_i &= 0, \xi_i \geq 0 \Rightarrow \xi_i \geq 0 \\ \alpha_i(r^i f(\mathbf{x}) - 1 + \xi_i) &= 0 \Rightarrow r^i f(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \xi_i \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

2. [SVM]

(a) Dual problem of SVR

Solution:

In order to convert SVR into dual QP problem, we introduce slack variables ξ_i^+ and ξ_i^- and the primal problem is as following

$$\begin{aligned}\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{w}, \{\xi_i^+\}, \{\xi_i^-\}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N (\xi_i^+ + \xi_i^-) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & r^i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^+, \quad \forall i \\ & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - r^i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^-, \quad \forall i \\ & \xi_i^+, \xi_i^- \geq 0, \quad \forall i\end{aligned}$$

and the Lagrangian function is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \{\xi_i^+\}, \{\xi_i^-\}, \{\alpha_i^+\}, \{\alpha_i^-\}, \{\mu_i^+\}, \{\mu_i^-\}) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N (\xi_i^+ + \xi_i^-) - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^+ [\epsilon + \xi_i^+ - r^i + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i] - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^- [\epsilon + \xi_i^- + r^i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i] \\ - \sum_{i=1}^N (\mu_i^+ \xi_i^+ + \mu_i^- \xi_i^-)\end{aligned}$$

By setting the gradient of \mathcal{L} to 0, we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-) \mathbf{x}^i = \mathbf{0} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi_i^+} = C - \alpha_i^+ - \mu_i^+ = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi_i^-} = C - \alpha_i^- - \mu_i^- = 0 \quad (5)$$

Then, substitute \mathbf{w}, C with equation (3), (4) and (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}G(\{\alpha_i^+\}, \{\alpha_i^-\}) \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-) (\alpha_j^+ - \alpha_j^-) (\mathbf{x}^i)^T \mathbf{x}^j - \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ + \alpha_i^-) + \sum_{i=1}^N r^i (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-)\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underset{\{\alpha_i^+\}, \{\alpha_i^-\}}{\text{maximize}} && -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-)(\alpha_j^+ - \alpha_j^-) (\mathbf{x}^i)^T \mathbf{x}^j \\
 & && - \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ + \alpha_i^-) + \sum_{i=1}^N r^t (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-) \\
 & \text{subject to} && 0 \leq \alpha_i^+ \leq C, \forall i \\
 & && 0 \leq \alpha_i^- \leq C, \forall i
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Kernelized dual problem

Solution:

Define a linear kernel $K(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) = \phi(\mathbf{x}^i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^j) = (\mathbf{x}^i)^T \mathbf{x}^j$, then the Kernelized dual problem is as following

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underset{\{\alpha_i^+\}, \{\alpha_i^-\}}{\text{maximize}} && -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-)(\alpha_j^+ - \alpha_j^-) K(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) \\
 & && - \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i^+ + \alpha_i^-) + \sum_{i=1}^N r^t (\alpha_i^+ - \alpha_i^-) \\
 & \text{subject to} && 0 \leq \alpha_i^+ \leq C, \forall i \\
 & && 0 \leq \alpha_i^- \leq C, \forall i
 \end{aligned}$$

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4. (a)

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