Exercises

Introduction to Machine Learning

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Problem 1 (Perceptron/SVM):

Answer 1a:

Perceptron is SGD on the perceptrion loss function

$$\nabla l_p(w_i, x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } y = sign(w^T x) \\ -yx \text{ if } y \neq sign(w^T x) \end{cases}$$

Answer 1b:

Perceptron

$$min \sum_{i} max\{0, -y_i \alpha^T k_i\}$$

SVM

$$min \sum_{i} max\{0, 1 - y_i \alpha^T k_i\} + \lambda ||w||_2^2$$

Difference is essentially an L2 penalty

Answer 1c:

$$\nabla G(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{B} \nabla g_i(x)$$
$$\nabla g_i(w) = \nabla \max(0, 1 - y_i w^T x_i) + \nabla \lambda ||w||_2^2$$

So looking at these separately:

$$\begin{split} \nabla \lambda ||w||^2 &= 2\lambda w_k \\ \nabla max(0,1-y_iw^Tx_i) &= \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } y_iw^Tx_i \geq 1 \\ -y_ix_i \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

So from this we get:

$$w = w + \eta(-2\lambda w)$$
 if $y_i w^T x_i \ge 1$
 $w = w + \eta(y_i x_i - 2\lambda w)$ otherwise

Answer 2a:

Can show that -f(x) is convex

$$\sqrt{tx_1 + (1-t)x_2} > t\sqrt{x_1} + (1-t)\sqrt{x_2}$$

$$tx_1 + (1-t)x_2 > t^2x_1 + (1-t)^2x_2 + t2(1-t)\sqrt{x_1x_2}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 > 2\sqrt{x_1x_2}$$

$$(\sqrt{x_1} - \sqrt{x_2})^2 > 0$$

Answer 2b:

Note that x is restricted to be positive, so one can easily check a few examples of p to gain some intuition.

$$f'' = p(p-1)x^{p-2}$$
$$p(p-1) > 0$$

Since p positiv and x positiv, the second derivated will always be positive

Problem 2 (Feature Selection):

$$J_{EL}(w) = |y - Xw|^2 + \lambda_2 |w|^2 + \lambda_1 |w|_1$$

$$cJ_{EL}(w) = c|y - Xw|^2 + c\lambda_2 |w|^2 + c\lambda_1 |w|_1$$

$$= cy^T y - 2cy^T Xw + cw^T X^T Xw + c\lambda_2 |w|^2 + c\lambda_1 |w|_1$$

$$= cy^T y - 2cy^T Xw + c(w^T X^T Xw + \lambda_2 |w|^2) + c\lambda_1 |w|_1$$

$$= c\tilde{y}^T \tilde{y} - 2\tilde{y}^T \tilde{X}w + c(w^T X^T Xw + \lambda_2 |w|^2) + c\lambda_1 |w|_1$$

$$= c\tilde{y}^T \tilde{y} - 2\tilde{y}^T \tilde{X}w + \frac{1}{c}(w^T \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X}w) + c\lambda_1 |w|_1$$

Let $\tilde{w} = c^{-1}w$:

$$J_{EL}(\tilde{w}) = c\tilde{y}^T \tilde{y} - 2c\tilde{y}^T \tilde{X}\tilde{w} + c(\tilde{w}^T \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X}\tilde{w}) + c^2 \lambda_1 |\tilde{w}|_1$$

$$J_{EL}(\tilde{w}) = c|\tilde{Y} - \tilde{X}w|^2 + c^2 \lambda_1 |\tilde{w}|_1$$

Problem 3 (Kernel):

Answer a:

$$k\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ \vdots \\ x'_n \end{pmatrix}) = (1 + x_1 x'_1 + x_2 x'_2 + \dots + x_n x'_n)^2$$

$$= (1 + (x_1 x'_1)^2 + \dots + (x_n x'_n)^2 + 2x_1 x'_1 + \dots + 2x_n x'_n + 2x_1 x'_1 x_2 x'_2 + \dots + 2x_1 x'_1 x_n x'_n + \dots)$$

$$= \phi(x)^T \phi(x')$$

Thus:

$$\phi(x) = (1, \sqrt{2}x_1, ..., \sqrt{2}x_n), \sqrt{2}x_2x_1, \sqrt{2}x_{n-1}x_1, ..., \sqrt{2}x_{n-1}x_{n-2}, \sqrt{2}x_nx_1, ..., \sqrt{2}x_nx_{n-1}, x_1^2, ..., x_n^2)$$

Answer b:

$$\begin{split} k(x,x) &= \phi(x)^T \phi(x') \\ k(x,x) &= \begin{pmatrix} x^{(1)}x^{(1)} + x^{(2)}x^{(2)} + ||x||^2 & x^{(1)}x'^{(1)} + x^{(2)}x'^{(2)} + ||x||||x'|| \\ x^{(1)}x'^{(1)} + x^{(2)}x'^{(2)} + ||x||||x'|| & x'^{(1)}x'^{(1)} + x'^{(2)}x'^{(2)} + ||x'||^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ k(x,x) &= \begin{pmatrix} 50 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$