

Introduction to Machine Learning - CS725

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Lecture 12 - Support Vector Regression and its  
Dual using Optimization Principles, Kernel Trick

# Recap: Lagrange Function for SVR

- $\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi_i, \xi_i^*} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$   
s.t.  $\forall i,$   
 $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \leq \epsilon + \xi_i,$   
 $b + \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i^*,$   
 $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$
- Consider corresponding lagrange multipliers  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*, \mu_i$  and  $\mu_i^*$
- The Lagrange Function is  $L(\mathbf{w}, \alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*) =$   
$$\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i) +$$
  
$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^* (b + \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i - \epsilon - \xi_i^*) - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* \xi_i^*$$

Recap: KKT conditions for the Constrained  
(Convex) Problem

Assume the  $\hat{\cdot}$  on values of  
 $\left\{ \underline{\hat{\mathbf{w}}, \hat{b}, \hat{\xi}, \hat{\xi}^*, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\alpha}^*, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^*} \right\}$  at KKT when not  
explicitly specified

# Recap: Necessary and Sufficient SVR KKT conditions

- Differentiating the Lagrangian w.r.t.  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{w} - \alpha_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + \alpha_i^* \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) = 0$   
i.e.  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$
- Differentiating the Lagrangian w.r.t.  $\xi_i$ ,  
 $C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0$   
i.e.  $\alpha_i + \mu_i = C$
- Differentiating the Lagrangian w.r.t  $\xi_i^*$ ,  
 $\alpha_i^* + \mu_i^* = C$
- Differentiating the Lagrangian w.r.t  $b$ ,  
 $\sum_i^m (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) = 0$
- Complimentary slackness:  
 $\alpha_i (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i) = 0$

Set of pts  
Qualified  
by KKT  
conditions  
(& therefore  
wearing "hat")

# Support Vectors: Non-zero contribution $\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*$ outside $\epsilon$ -band

[Analysis at the KKT constraint set/soln pts  $\uparrow$ ]

- For any point  $(x_i, y_i)$ , the product  $\alpha_i \alpha_i^* = 0$ .

Suppose  $\alpha_i > 0$   $\alpha_i^* > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} + y_i - w^T \phi(x_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i &= 0 \\ - y_i + w^T \phi(x_i) + b - \epsilon - \xi_i^* &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} + y_i - w^T \phi(x_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i &= 0 \\ - y_i + w^T \phi(x_i) + b - \epsilon - \xi_i^* &= 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{By complementary slackness}$$

$$-2\epsilon = \xi_i + \xi_i^*$$

$\therefore$  KKT includes original constraint set as well

$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$$

A contradiction!!!

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  - Let  $\alpha_i > 0$  and  $\alpha_i^* > 0$ . This leads to a contradiction.
  - By Complimentary slackness,  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i = 0$  AND  $b + \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i - \epsilon - \xi_i^* = 0$ . Adding up the two equalities gives us:  $\xi_i + \xi_i^* = -2\epsilon$ .
  - Since only one of  $\xi_i$  and  $\xi_i^*$  can be non-zero,  $\implies$  the non-zero component is negative, which is a contradiction since  $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0$
  - Thus,  $\alpha_i - \alpha_i^* \propto \max\{\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*\}$
- **For points within the  $\epsilon$ -insensitive tube  $\alpha_i = 0$  and  $\alpha_i^* = 0$ :**

We saw this last time

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- **For points within the  $\epsilon$ -insensitive tube  $\alpha_i = 0$  and  $\alpha_i^* = 0$ :**
  - If  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i < 0$ , then  $\alpha_i = 0$ ,  $\mu_i = C$  and  $\xi_i = 0$ . Similarly,  $b + \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i - \epsilon < 0$  leading to  $\alpha_i^* = 0$ .

# Support Vectors: Non-zero contribution $\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*$ outside $\epsilon$ -band

- $\alpha_i = C$  and  $\alpha_i^* = C$  correspond to points lying either outside or on the  $\epsilon$ -tube:

We have seen this



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  - Similarly,  $\alpha_i^* = C$  corresponds to points lying below (or beyond) the lower  $\epsilon$ -band.
- For points on boundary of the  $\epsilon$ -insensitive tube  $\alpha_i \in [0, C]$ :

We argued that  $\alpha_i \in (0, C)$  should correspond to pts "on the boundary" of  $\epsilon$ -tube!

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  - Similarly,  $\alpha_i^* = C$  corresponds to points lying below (or beyond) the lower  $\epsilon$ -band.
- **For points on boundary of the  $\epsilon$ -insensitive tube  $\alpha_i \in [0, C]$ :**
  - For any point on the upper margin,  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon = 0$  and  $\xi_i = 0 \implies \mu_i \geq 0 \implies \alpha_i \in [0, C]$ . Similarly,  $\alpha_i^* \in [0, C]$  for points lying on the margin of the lower  $\epsilon$ -band.



# Recap: Retrieving solution for $b$

- $\mu_i \xi_i = 0$  and  $\alpha_i (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon - \xi_i) = 0$  are complementary slackness conditions

So  $0 < \alpha_i < C \Rightarrow \xi_i = 0$  and  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b = \epsilon + \xi_i = \epsilon$

- All such points lie on the boundary of the  $\epsilon$  band
- Using any point  $\mathbf{x}_j$  (that is with  $\alpha_j \in (0, C)$ ) on margin, we can recover  $b$  as:

$$b = y_j - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) - \epsilon$$

Hereafter we will not bother abt  $b$  much

# Support Vector Regression

## Dual Objective

# Weak Duality and SVR

Defined for  $\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^* \geq 0$

- $L^*(\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*) = \min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*, \alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*)$
- By weak duality theorem, for any  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^* \geq 0$  and  $\mu_i, \mu_i^* \geq 0$ :

$$(\text{For } \alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^* \geq 0) \quad L^*(\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*) \leq \min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*} L(\mathbf{w}, \dots)$$

# Weak Duality and SVR

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- By weak duality theorem, for any  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^* \geq 0$  and  $\mu_i, \mu_i^* \geq 0$ :  
$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) \geq L^*(\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*) \text{ s.t. } \alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^* \geq 0$$
  
s.t.  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \leq \epsilon - \xi_i$ , and  $\mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - y_i \leq \epsilon - \xi_i^*$   
and  $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$
- Thus,

L.H.S.

$\geq \max_{\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^* \geq 0} \text{RHS}$

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s.t.  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \leq \epsilon - \xi_i$ , and  $\mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - y_i \leq \epsilon - \xi_i^*$   
and  $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$
- Thus,  
$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) \geq \max_{\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*} L^*(\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*)$$
  
s.t.  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \leq \epsilon - \xi_i$ , and  $\mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - y_i \leq \epsilon - \xi_i^*$   
and  $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$



# SVR Dual objective

- Assume: By convexity, <sup>Discussed earlier</sup> KKT conditions are necessary and sufficient and strong duality holds (for  $\alpha, \alpha^* \geq 0$ ): Now  
$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) = \max_{\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*} L^*(\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*)$$
  
s.t.  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \leq \epsilon - \xi_i$ , and  $\mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - y_i \leq \epsilon - \xi_i^*$   
and  $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$
- This value is precisely obtained at the  $\{\hat{\mathbf{w}}, \hat{b}, \hat{\xi}, \hat{\xi}^*, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\alpha}^*, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^*\}$  that satisfies the necessary (and sufficient) KKT optimality conditions [**KKT Constraint Set**]

# SVR Dual objective (contd)

- For  $\alpha, \alpha^* \geq 0$  and  $\{\hat{\mathbf{w}}, \hat{b}, \hat{\xi}, \hat{\xi}^*, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\alpha}^*, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^*\}$  from [KKT Constraint Set]:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) = \max_{\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*} L^*(\alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*)$$

s.t.  $y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \leq \epsilon - \xi_i$ , and  $\mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - y_i \leq \epsilon - \xi_i^*$   
and  $\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$

- Given strong duality, we can equivalently solve:

$$\max_{\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\alpha}^*, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^*} L^*(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\alpha}^*, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^*)$$

$L$  evaluated along KKT constraint set

- $$L(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\alpha}^*, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^*) = \frac{1}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{w}}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{\xi}_i + \hat{\xi}_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \hat{\alpha}_i (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \epsilon - \hat{\xi}_i) + \hat{\alpha}_i^* (\mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - y_i - \epsilon - \hat{\xi}_i^*) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{\mu}_i \hat{\xi}_i + \hat{\mu}_i^* \hat{\xi}_i^*)$$

Substitute KKT into  $L(\dots)$

- We obtain  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ ,  $\hat{\xi}_i$ ,  $\hat{\xi}_i^*$  in terms of  $\hat{\alpha}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha}^*$ ,  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\mu}^*$  by using the KKT conditions derived earlier as  $\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{\alpha}_i - \hat{\alpha}_i^*) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$

and  $\sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{\alpha}_i - \hat{\alpha}_i^*) = 0$  and  $\hat{\alpha}_i + \hat{\mu}_i = C$  and  $\hat{\alpha}_i^* + \hat{\mu}_i^* = C$

Dropping the messy  $\hat{\cdot}$  notation...

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- Invoking  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) = 0$  and  $\alpha_i + \mu_i = C$  and  $\alpha_i^* + \mu_i^* = C$ , we get simplify using

$$\sum_i \xi_i (C - \alpha_i - \mu_i) = 0$$

$$b \left( \sum_i -\alpha_i + \alpha_i^* \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) (\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$\sum_i (\alpha_i y_i - \alpha_i^* y_i) = \sum_i y_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \neq 0$$

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$$L(\mathbf{w}, b, \xi, \xi^*, \alpha, \alpha^*, \mu, \mu^*) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi^\top(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_i (\xi_i (C - \alpha_i - \mu_i) + \xi_i^* (C - \alpha_i^* - \mu_i^*)) - b \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) - \epsilon \sum_i (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) + \sum_i y_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi^\top(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \quad [\text{Only in terms of dual vars}]$$

Developing further..

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$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi^\top(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) - \epsilon \sum_i (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) + \sum_i y_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)$$

# SVR Dual using only dot products $\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i)\phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$

- $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \Rightarrow$  the final decision function  
$$\underline{f(\mathbf{x})} = \underline{\mathbf{w}^T} \phi(\mathbf{x}) + \underline{b} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}) + y_j - \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) - \epsilon$$
  
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  - $\max_{\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) (\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) - \epsilon \sum_i (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) +$   
 $\sum_i y_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)$
  - s.t  $\sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) = 0$  &  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^* \in [0, C]$
- We notice that the only way these three expressions involve  $\phi$  is through  $\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) = K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ , for some  $i, j$

# Kernel function: $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i)\phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$

- We call  $\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i)\phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$  a **kernel function**:  
 $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i)\phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$
- **The Kernel Trick**: For some important choices of  $\phi$ , compute  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$  directly and more efficiently than having to explicitly compute/enumerate  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  and  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$
- The expression for decision function becomes  
 $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$   $\rightarrow$  Similarity of query pt  $\mathbf{x}$  with training pt  $\mathbf{x}_i$
- Computation of  $\alpha_i$  is specific to the objective function being minimized: **Closed form exists for Ridge regression** but NOT for SVR

Kernel Ridge Regression (Tut 5)

# The Kernelized version of SVR

- The kernelized dual problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*} \quad & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \\ & -\epsilon \sum_i (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) + \sum_i y_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \end{aligned}$$

- such that  $\sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) = 0$  and  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^* \in [0, C]$
- Kernelized decision function:  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$
- Using any  $\mathbf{x}_j$  with  $\alpha_j \in (0, C)$ :  $b = y_j - \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$
- Computing  $K(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$  often does not even require computing  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_1)$  or  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_2)$  explicitly

## Tutorial 5: Derive kernelized expression for Ridge Regression

# Tutorial 5: Kernelizing Ridge Regression

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \phi(x_m) \end{bmatrix} \quad \Phi^T \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_k \phi_i(x_k) \phi_j(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} K(x_i, x_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given  $w = (\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda I)^{-1} \Phi^T y$  and using the identity  $(P^{-1} + B^T R^{-1} B)^{-1} B^T R^{-1} = P B^T (B P B^T + R)^{-1}$  ( $i, j$ )<sup>th</sup> entry
  - $\Rightarrow w = \Phi^T (\Phi \Phi^T + \lambda I)^{-1} y = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \phi(x_i)$  where  $\alpha_i = ((\Phi \Phi^T + \lambda I)^{-1} y)_i$
  - $\Rightarrow$  the final decision function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \phi^T(\mathbf{x}) \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$
- Again, **We notice that the only way the decision function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  involves  $\phi$  is through  $\phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$ , for some  $i, j$**

Hint: Try identity for  $P, B, R \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times l}$  (i.e. scalars)

$$\Phi \Phi^T = \begin{bmatrix} K(x_i, x_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Basis function expansion and the Kernel trick

- We began with functional form called basis function expansion<sup>1</sup>

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^p w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

- And landed up with an equivalent form for Ridge and SVR

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

- Aside: For  $p \in [0, \infty)$ , with what  $K$ , kind of regularizers, loss functions, etc., will these dual representations hold?<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Each  $\phi_j$  is called a *basis function*.  $b$  can be absorbed in  $\phi$ . See Section 2.8.3 of Tibshi

<sup>2</sup>Section 5.8.1 of Tibshi.

# The Representer Theorem & Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS) [Optional Slide]

Hilbert space is  $\infty$  dimension extension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

- 1 The solution  $f^* \in \mathcal{H}_K$  (Hilbert space) to the following problem

$\Omega(\cdot)$  is monotonically increasing

$$f^* = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{E} \left( \underline{f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}, y^{(i)} \right) + \underline{\Omega(\|f\|_K)}$$

can be always written as  $f^*(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ , provided  $\Omega(\|f\|_K)$  is a ....

$\langle x, x \rangle = x^T x = \|x\|_2^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  Euclidean norm  
Can I write for  $L_1$  norm  $\|x\|_1^p = \langle x, x \rangle$  Euclidean space

# The Representer Theorem & Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS)

- ① More specifically, if  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) + b$  and  $K(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = \phi^T(\mathbf{x})\phi(\mathbf{x}')$  then the solution  $\mathbf{w}^* \in \mathfrak{H}^n$  to the following problem

Finite dim Hilbert space

Hint: Don't  
worry for  
differentiability  
of  $\mathcal{E}$

$$(\mathbf{w}^*, b^*) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{E} \left( \underbrace{f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}_{\text{H/W: Express } E \text{ for SVR}}, y^{(i)} \right) + \Omega(\|\mathbf{w}\|_2)$$

can be always written as  $\underbrace{\phi^T(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{w}^* + b}_{\text{H/W: Express } E \text{ for SVR}} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ ,  
provided  $\Omega(\|\mathbf{w}\|_2)$  is a monotonically increasing function of  $\|\mathbf{w}\|_2$ .  $\mathfrak{H}^n$  is the Hilbert space and  $K(., \mathbf{x}) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}$  is the  
**Reproducing (RKHS) Kernel**