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# Homework 4

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## 1 Problem ScreenShot

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**Note: Please write up your solutions independently. If you get significant help from others, write down the source of references. A formal mathematical proof for all your claims is required.**

1. Given a  $n \times p$  matrix  $X$ . Derive the optimal solution for the following problem:

$$\min_{Z, V} \|X - ZV\|_F^2, \text{ s.t. } V^T V = I, Z^T \mathbf{1} = 0,$$

where  $Z$  is a  $n \times q$  matrix and  $V$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix.

2. Derive the dual optimization problem for

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w, b, \xi} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + C_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_i \cdot (x_i \cdot w + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \forall i = 1, \dots, n \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

3. Properties of Submodular Functions

- (a) Prove that any non-negative submodular function is also subadditive, i.e. if  $F : 2^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is submodular then  $F(S \cup T) \leq F(S) + F(T)$  for any  $S, T \subseteq X$ . Here,  $\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq 0\}$ .
- (b) Prove that a function  $F : 2^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is submodular if and only if for any  $S, T \subseteq X$ , the marginal contribution function  $F_S(T) = F(S \cup T) - F(S)$  is subadditive.

4. Given finite ground set  $X$ , and given  $w_d \in [0, 1]$  for all  $d \in X$ , define

$$F(S) = \prod_{d \in S} w_d,$$

where  $F(\emptyset) = 1$ . Is this submodular, supermodular, modular, or neither?

## 2 Solution

### 2.1 Solution 1

### 2.2 Solution 2

Firstly, Let's recall the soft SVM[1] problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w,b,\xi} & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \\ \text{S.t.} & y_i(w x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \\ & \xi_i \geq 0 \\ & i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

let's conduct how to acquire the dual form of the soft-threshold SVM is :

Lagrangian polynomials is :

$$L(w, b, \xi, \lambda, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i [y_i(w x_i + b) - 1 + \xi_i] - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \xi_i$$

obtain derivation for w, b,  $\xi_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} &= w - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i^T \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_i} &= C - \lambda_i - \mu_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

fuse the three formula into the Lagrangian polynomial:

$$L(w, b, \xi, \lambda, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i^T \right\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i y_i x_i (\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j y_j x_j^T) + \lambda_i y_i b - \lambda_i + \lambda_i \xi_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \xi_i$$

here we have to notice that:

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i^T \right\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i y_i x_i (\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j y_j x_j^T))$$

so based on the above result ,just neatent the formula:

$$L(w, b, \xi, \lambda, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i y_i x_i (\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j y_j x_j^T)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

so,the dual problem of the soft-threshold SVM is :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\lambda_i, \mu_i} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i y_i x_i (\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j y_j x_j^T)) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \\ \text{S.t.} & \lambda_i \geq 0 \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i = 0 \\ & C - \lambda_i - \mu_i = 0 \\ & \mu_i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let's back to the original problem. The Lagrangian problem is:

$$L(w, b, \xi, \lambda, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + C_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i [y_i(x_i w + b) - 1 + \xi_i] - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \xi_i$$

acquire the derivation of w, b,  $\xi_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} &= w - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i^T = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_i} &= C_1 + 2C_2 \xi_i - \lambda_i - \mu_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

further reduction based on the derivation above:

$$\begin{aligned} L(w, b, \xi, \lambda, \mu) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 + C_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + C_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^2 - \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i (\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j y_j x_j^T) - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i b + \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i - \lambda_i \xi_i - \mu_i \xi_i) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + C_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + C_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n [\lambda_i - (C_1 + 2C_2 \xi_i) \xi_i] \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i - \sum_{i=1}^n C_2 \xi_i^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda_i + \mu_i - C_1)^2}{4C_2}$$

so the dual problem of the original problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda_i, \mu_i} \quad & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda_i + \mu_i - C_1)^2}{4C_2} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \lambda_i, \mu_i \geq 0 \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i = 0 \\ & \lambda_i + \mu_i - C_1 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 2.3 Solution 3

(a). from the definition of the submodular :

$$F(S \cap T) + F(S \cup T) \leq F(S) + F(T)$$

because it's non-negative submodular, so  $F(S \cap T) \geq 0$ , further induction:

$$F(S \cup T) \leq F(S) + F(T)$$

(b).

$$\begin{aligned} F_S(A \cup B) &\leq F_S(A) + F_S(B) \\ \Leftrightarrow F(A \cup B \cup S) - F(S) &\leq F(A \cup S) - F(S) + F(B \cup S) - F(S) \\ \Leftrightarrow F(A \cup B \cup S) + F(A \cup S) &\leq F(B \cup S) + F(S) \\ \Leftrightarrow F_{A \cup S}(B) &\leq F_S(B) \end{aligned}$$

because  $S \subset A \cup S$ , so the last inequality stands for the "diminish return" definition of submodular. every inequality above can be induced bi-directional . so , the marginal contribution function is subadditive.

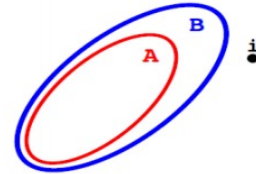
#### Definition 2 (diminishing returns)

A set function  $F : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **submodular** if and only if

$$\underbrace{F(B \cup \{s\}) - F(B)}_{\text{Gain of adding a set s to a large solution}} \leq \underbrace{F(A \cup \{s\}) - F(A)}_{\text{Gain of adding a set s to a small solution}}$$

for all  $A \subseteq B \subseteq V$  and  $s \notin B$ .

- The marginal value of an additional element exhibits "diminishing marginal returns"
- This means that the incremental "value", "gain", or "cost" of  $s$  decreases (diminishes) as the context in which  $s$  is considered grows from  $A$  to  $B$ .



## 2.4 Solution 4

it's a supermodule. Let

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \{F(M) | M = A - B\}, \\c &= \{F(M) | M = B - A\}, \\b &= \{F(M) | M = A \cap B\}\end{aligned}$$

then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}F(A) + F(B) &\leq F(A \cup B) + F(A \cap B) \\ab + bc &\leq b + abc \\(1 - c)(1 - a) &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

because every step above can be induced bottom-to-up. and  $F(\phi) = 1$ , therefore it's a supermodule according to definition.

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## References

- [1] Bernhard Scholkopf and Alexander J Smola. *Learning with kernels: support vector machines, regularization, optimization, and beyond*. MIT press, 2001.