

# 1. K-Means [30 points]

Consider the image "hw2\_img.jpg". The image has 675 rows and 1200 columns which can be represented as a 3-d array with one axis for the height, width and colour channels. We can rearrange this 3-d array into a 2-d array of shape (810000, 3), where each row represents one pixel in the image and each column represents one of the three colour channels. In this assignment, we will explore clustering methods, applying them in particular to the problem of dividing the pixels of the image into a small number of similar clusters. Consider the K-means clustering algorithm, as described in class. In particular, consider a version in which the inputs to the algorithm are:

- The set of data to be clustered. (i.e., the vectors  $x(1)$ ,  $x(2)$ ,  $x(3)$ , ...)
- The desired number of clusters,  $K$ .
- Initial centroids for the  $K$  clusters.

Then the algorithm proceeds by alternating: (1) assigning each instance to the class with the nearest centroid, and (2) recomputing the centroids of each class—until the assignments and centroids stop changing. Please use squared Euclidean distance (Lecture 5, Eq. 2) as the metric for clustering. There are many implementations of K-means publicly available. However, please implement K-Means on your own. Then, use your implementation to cluster the data in the file mentioned above ("hw2\_img.jpg"), using  $K = 8$ , and the initial centroids as given below in the table:

R	G	B
255	255	255
255	0	0
128	0	0
0	255	0
0	128	0
0	0	255
0	0	128
0	0	0

You may use any image IO library to load and convert the image into an integer array. The Pillow package has good compatibility with NumPy so you may choose to use that.

Turn in your code, as well as a report on all of the following:

- (a) How many clusters there are in the end. (A cluster can "disappear" in one iteration of the algorithm if no vectors are closest to its centroid.)
- (b) The final centroids of each cluster.
- (c) The number of pixels associated to each cluster.

(d) Plot the sum of squared Euclidean distance of each pixel to the nearest centroid (Lecture 5, Eq. 8) against the iteration number of the algorithm.

Visualize your result by replacing each pixel with the centroid to which it is closest, and displaying the resulting image

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In [ ]: from PIL import Image
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
im = Image.open('./HW2_data/1/hw2_img.jpg')
print(im.format, im.size, im.mode)
```

JPEG (1200, 675) RGB

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In [ ]: im_array = np.array(im)
print("Original shape: ", im_array.shape)

# reshape the image array into a 2D array of pixels and 3 color values (RGB)
w, h, d = tuple(im_array.shape)
image_array = np.reshape(im_array, (w * h, d))
print("Reshaped into: ", image_array.shape)
```

Original shape: (675, 1200, 3)  
Reshaped into: (810000, 3)

```
In [ ]: # define the initial centroids
centroids = np.array([
    [255, 255, 255],
    [255, 0, 0],
    [128, 0, 0],
    [0, 255, 0],
    [0, 128, 0],
    [0, 0, 255],
    [0, 0, 128],
    [0, 0, 0]
])
```

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# define the value of k
k = 8
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In [ ]: # define the euclidean distance function
def distance(a, b):
    return np.linalg.norm(a - b, axis=1)

# define the loss function, as the sum of squared distances to the nearest centroid
def loss(data, centroids, clusters):
    loss = 0
    for i in range(len(data)):
        centroid = centroids[int(clusters[i])]
        loss += np.linalg.norm(data[i] - centroid) ** 2
    return loss
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In [ ]: '''
The 5 Steps in K-means Clustering Algorithm
Step 1. Randomly pick k data points as our initial Centroids.

Step 2. Find the distance (Euclidean distance for our purpose) between each data
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Step 3. Now assign each data point to the closest centroid according to the distance

Step 4. Update centroid location by taking the average of the points in each cluster

Step 5. Repeat the Steps 2 to 4 till our centroids don't change.

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'''  
  
def kmeans(X, k, centroids):  
    # create an array to store the cluster assignments for each data point  
    clusters = np.zeros(len(X))  
  
    loss_list = []  
    iteration = 0  
  
    # set up a loop that will run the clustering until the cluster assignments stop changing  
    while True:  
        # create an array to store the new cluster assignments  
        new_clusters = np.zeros(len(X))  
  
        # for each data point, assign it to the cluster of the closest centroid  
        for i in range(len(X)):  
            distances = distance(X[i], centroids)  
            cluster = np.argmin(distances)  
            new_clusters[i] = cluster  
  
        # if the cluster assignments don't change, stop the loop  
        if np.array_equal(clusters, new_clusters):  
            break  
  
        # otherwise, keep the new assignments and calculate new centroids  
        clusters = new_clusters  
        for i in range(k):  
            centroids[i] = np.mean(X[clusters == i], axis=0)  
  
        # add the loss to loss_list  
        iter_loss = loss(X, centroids, clusters)  
        loss_list.append([iteration, iter_loss])  
        print("Iteration: ", iteration, " Loss: ", iter_loss)  
        iteration += 1  
  
    # add the final loss  
    loss_list.append([iteration+1, loss(X, centroids, clusters)])  
  
    # return the final cluster assignments and centroids  
    return clusters, centroids, loss_list  
  
print("Running k-means...")  
clusters, final_centroids, losses = kmeans(image_array, k, centroids)  
print("Done")  
print("Final centroids:\n", final_centroids)  
print("Final clusters:\n", clusters)
```

Running k-means...

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c:\Users\aikho\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python310\lib\site-packages\numpy
\core\fromnumeric.py:3464: RuntimeWarning: Mean of empty slice.
    return _methods._mean(a, axis=axis, dtype=dtype,
c:\Users\aikho\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python310\lib\site-packages\numpy
\core\_methods.py:184: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in divide
    ret = um.true_divide(
C:\Users\aikho\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_32976\548163469.py:39: RuntimeWarni
ng: invalid value encountered in cast
    centroids[i] = np.mean(X[clusters == i], axis=0)
Iteration: 0 Loss: 911581070.0
Iteration: 1 Loss: 567947623.0
Iteration: 2 Loss: 465739987.0
Iteration: 3 Loss: 429291215.0
Iteration: 4 Loss: 406408347.0
Iteration: 5 Loss: 387952512.0
Iteration: 6 Loss: 374865591.0
Iteration: 7 Loss: 365427281.0
Iteration: 8 Loss: 360261257.0
Iteration: 9 Loss: 357773073.0
Iteration: 10 Loss: 356676525.0
Iteration: 11 Loss: 356068367.0
Iteration: 12 Loss: 355824612.0
Iteration: 13 Loss: 355627092.0
Iteration: 14 Loss: 355414250.0
Iteration: 15 Loss: 355312652.0
Iteration: 16 Loss: 355290571.0
Done
Final centroids:
[[ 225 212 211]
 [ 206 157 127]
 [ 154 110 90]
 [-2147483648 -2147483648 -2147483648]
 [ 95 67 57]
 [ 90 93 173]
 [ 39 30 30]
 [ 5 4 17]]
Final clusters:
[7. 7. 7. ... 2. 2. 2.]

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In [ ]: # check if all clusters are present and count the number of pixels in each cluster
present = {i:False for i in range(8)}
count = {i:0 for i in range(8)}
for i in clusters:
    if i<=7 and i>=0:
        present[i] = True
        count[i] += 1

print("Present: ",present)
print(count)

```

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Present: {0: True, 1: True, 2: True, 3: False, 4: True, 5: True, 6: True, 7: True}
{0: 25262, 1: 90239, 2: 65866, 3: 0, 4: 59275, 5: 2896, 6: 88213, 7: 478249}

```

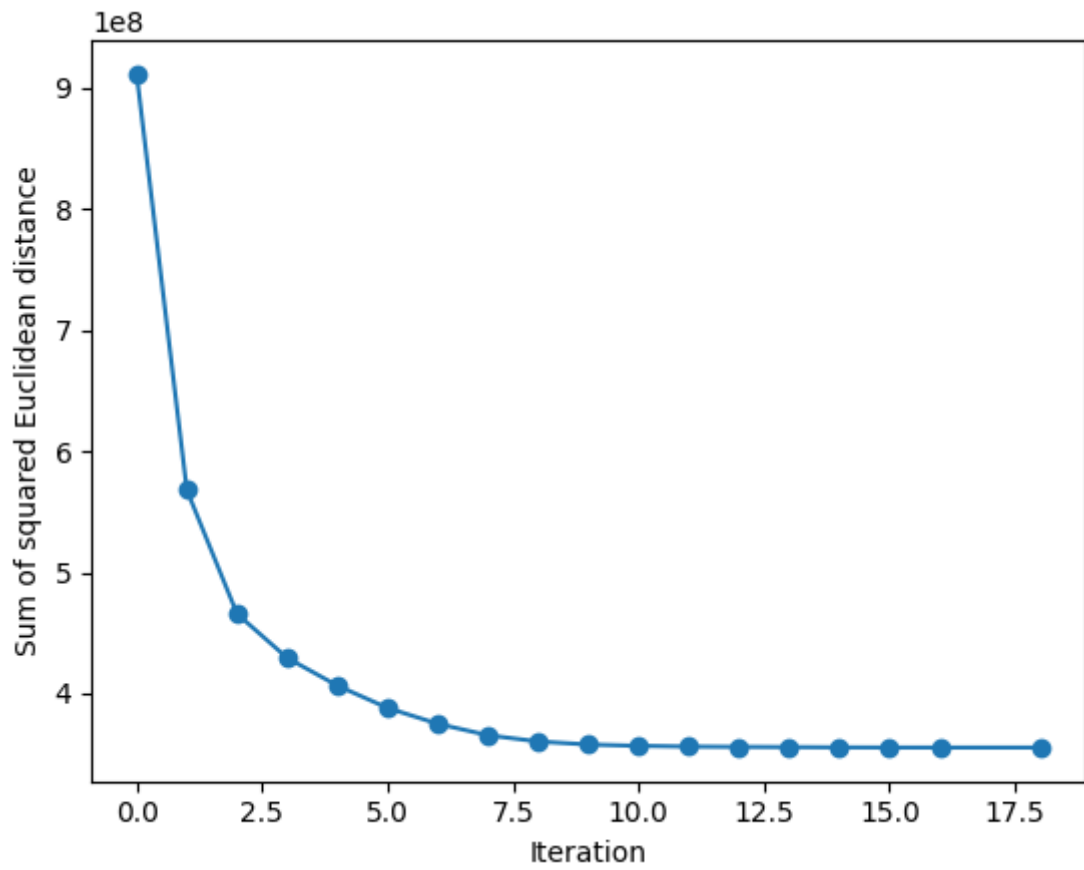
```

In [ ]: # plot the loss over iterations
x = [x[0] for x in losses]
y = [x[1] for x in losses]
plt.scatter(x, y)
plt.plot(x, y)

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plt.xlabel("Iteration")
plt.ylabel("Sum of squared Euclidean distance")
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Out[ ]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Sum of squared Euclidean distance')



```
In [ ]: # convert the clusters back into an image
clustered = [final_centroids[int(i)] for i in clusters]
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In [ ]: # convert the array of clusters back into an image
clustered = np.reshape(clustered, (w, h, d))
clustered = Image.fromarray(clustered.astype('uint8'), 'RGB')
clustered.save('./HW2_data/1/hw2_img_clustered.jpg')
```

## Question 1 Answers

### 1(a) How many clusters are there in the end?

There are 7 clusters in the end, cluster 3 "disappeared"

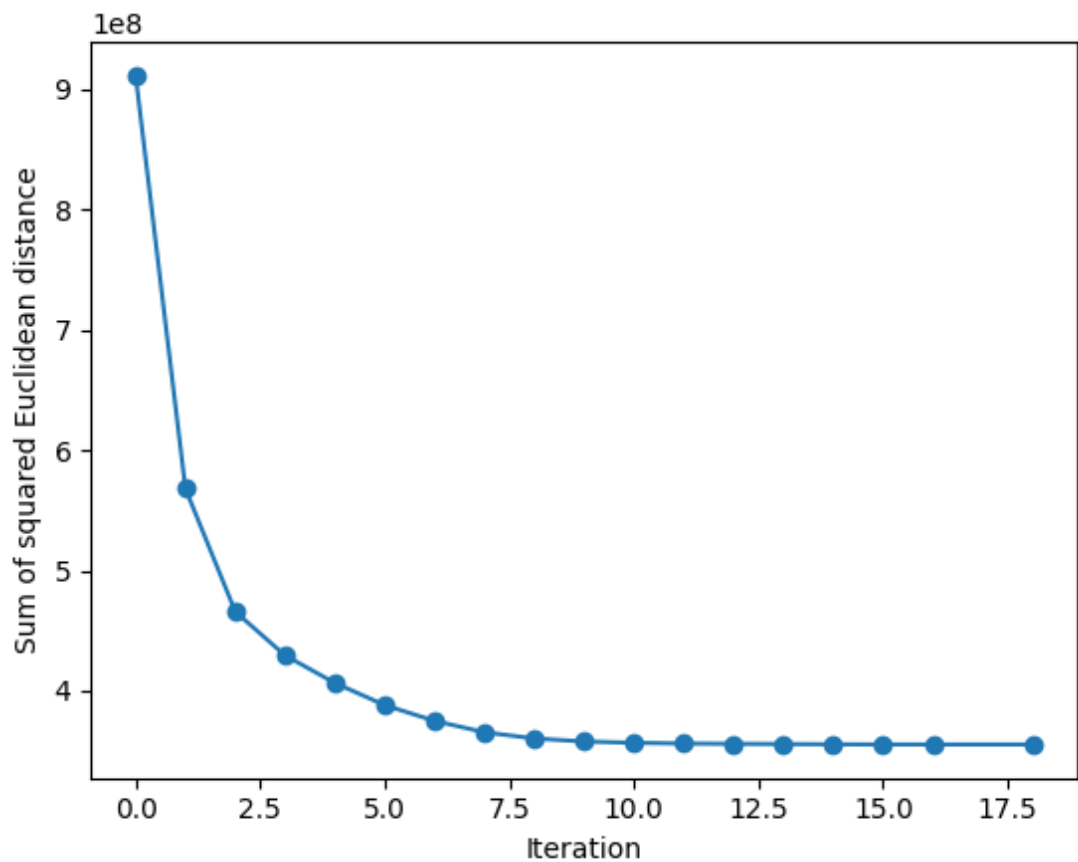
### 1(b) The final centroids of each cluster

- [ 225 212 211 ]
- [ 206 157 127 ]
- [ 154 110 90 ]
- [ 95 67 57 ]
- [ 90 93 173 ]
- [ 39 30 30 ]
- [ 5 4 17 ]

1(c) The number of pixels associated with each cluster:

- 0: 25262
- 1: 90239
- 2: 65866
- 3: 0
- 4: 59275
- 5: 2896
- 6: 88213
- 7: 478249

1(d) Plot the sum of squared Euclidean distance of each pixel to the nearest centroid:



Resulting image:



## 2. K-Mediods [10 points]

```
In [ ]: import numpy as np

X2 = np.array([[0, 0], [4, 4], [0, -6], [-5, 2]])
k = 3

def l1_norm(a, b):
    return np.abs(a - b).sum()

def l2_norm(a, b):
    return np.linalg.norm(a - b)

def l_inf_norm(a, b):
    return np.abs(a - b).max()

distances = [l1_norm, l2_norm, l_inf_norm]
for distance in distances:
    print(f"a|b|{distance.__name__}" )
    print("----|-----|-----")
    for point_a in X2:
        for point_b in X2:
            print(f"{point_a}|{point_b}|{distance(point_a, point_b)}")
```

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a|b|l1_norm
----|-----|-----
[0 0]|[0 0]|0
[0 0]|[4 4]|8
[0 0]|[-5 -6]|6
[0 0]|[-5 2]|7
[4 4]|[0 0]|8
[4 4]|[4 4]|0
[4 4]|[-5 -6]|14
[4 4]|[-5 2]|11
[0 -6]|[0 0]|6
[0 -6]|[4 4]|14
[0 -6]|[-5 -6]|0
[0 -6]|[-5 2]|13
[-5 2]|[0 0]|7
[-5 2]|[4 4]|11
[-5 2]|[-5 -6]|13
[-5 2]|[-5 2]|0
a|b|l2_norm
----|-----|-----
[0 0]|[0 0]|0.0
[0 0]|[4 4]|5.656854249492381
[0 0]|[-5 -6]|6.0
[0 0]|[-5 2]|5.385164807134504
[4 4]|[0 0]|5.656854249492381
[4 4]|[4 4]|0.0
[4 4]|[-5 -6]|10.770329614269007
[4 4]|[-5 2]|9.219544457292887
[0 -6]|[0 0]|6.0
[0 -6]|[4 4]|10.770329614269007
[0 -6]|[-5 -6]|0.0
[0 -6]|[-5 2]|9.433981132056603
[-5 2]|[0 0]|5.385164807134504
[-5 2]|[4 4]|9.219544457292887
[-5 2]|[-5 -6]|9.433981132056603
[-5 2]|[-5 2]|0.0
a|b|l_inf_norm
----|-----|-----
[0 0]|[0 0]|0
[0 0]|[4 4]|4
[0 0]|[-5 -6]|6
[0 0]|[-5 2]|5
[4 4]|[0 0]|4
[4 4]|[4 4]|0
[4 4]|[-5 -6]|10
[4 4]|[-5 2]|9
[0 -6]|[0 0]|6
[0 -6]|[4 4]|10
[0 -6]|[-5 -6]|0
[0 -6]|[-5 2]|8
[-5 2]|[0 0]|5
[-5 2]|[4 4]|9
[-5 2]|[-5 -6]|8
[-5 2]|[-5 2]|0

```

## Question 2 Answer



The greater the p-value in a  $l_p$  norm, the greater the effect of the largest magnitude component of the vector.

We know that the point  $x_2$  (0, -6) will be the furthest away from point(0,0) due to the magnitude of its largest component of -6 when calculating distance using  $l_2$  norm and  $l_{\infty}$  norm. The only scenario when point  $x_2$  is nearer to points  $x_3$  (-5, 2) and  $x_1$ (4, 4) is when using  $l_1$  norm as the distance function.

Therefore, it is evident that  $l_1$  norm is used as the distance measure for C.

Now that there is only A and B left, the difference between them is the grouping of  $(x_0, x_1)$  and  $x_3$  in A and  $(x_3, x_0)$  and  $x_1$  in B.

Thus, can calculate the distance between  $x_1, x_0$  and  $x_3, x_0$  to check when the points  $x_3$  and  $x_1$  are closest to  $x_0$

$$l_2\_norm(x_1, x_0) = 5.656854249492381$$

$$l_2\_norm(x_3, x_0) = 5.385164807134504$$

$$l_{\infty}\_norm(x_1, x_0) = 4$$

$$l_{\infty}\_norm(x_3, x_0) = 5$$

We can see that  $x_3$  is closer to  $x_0$  when using  $l_2$  norm as the distance function, thus,  $l_2$  norm is used as the distance measure for B.

We can also see that  $x_1$  is closer to  $x_0$  when using  $l_{\infty}$  norm as the distance function. Thus,  $l_{\infty}$  norm is used as the distance function for A



## Question 3 [20 points]

Download and install the widely used SVM implementation LIBSVM

(<https://github.com/cjlin1/libsvm>, or <https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~CB%9Cjlin/libsvm/>

clicking on either link takes you to the webpage). We expect you to install the package

on your own – this is part of learning how to use off-the-shelf machine learning software.

Read the documentation to understand how to use it.

Download promoters folder. In that folder are training.txt and test.txt, which respectively contain 74 training examples and 32 test examples in LIBSVM format. The goal is to predict whether a certain DNA sequence is a promoter or not based on 57 attributes about the sequence (this is a binary classification task).

Run LIBSVM to classify promoters with different kernels (0-3), using default values for all other parameters. What is your test accuracy for each kernel choice?

```
In [ ]: from libsvm.svmutil import *

y, x = svm_read_problem('./HW2_data/3/promoters/training.txt')
y_test, x_test = svm_read_problem('./HW2_data/3/promoters/test.txt')

kernel_desc = {
    0: "linear: u'*v",
    1: "polynomial: (gamma*u'*v + coef0)^degree",
    2: "radial basis function: exp(-gamma*|u-v|^2)",
    3: "sigmoid: tanh(gamma*u'*v + coef0)"
}

for i in range(4):
    m = svm_train(y, x, f"-t {i}")
    print(f"Kernel {i}, {kernel_desc[i]}:")
    p_label, p_acc, p_val = svm_predict(y_test, x_test, m)
    print()
```

Kernel 0, linear: u'\*v:  
Accuracy = 84.375% (27/32) (classification)

Kernel 1, polynomial: (gamma\*u'\*v + coef0)^degree:  
Accuracy = 81.25% (26/32) (classification)

Kernel 2, radial basis function: exp(-gamma\*|u-v|^2):  
Accuracy = 90.625% (29/32) (classification)

Kernel 3, sigmoid: tanh(gamma\*u'\*v + coef0):  
Accuracy = 43.75% (14/32) (classification)

## Question 3 answer:

The test accuracies for each kernel choice are as follows:

Kernel 0: Accuracy = 84.375% (27/32) (classification)

Kernel 1: Accuracy = 81.25% (26/32) (classification)

Kernel 2: Accuracy = 90.625% (29/32) (classification)

Kernel 3: Accuracy = 43.75% (14/32) (classification)



## Question 4 [20 points]

Suppose we are looking for a maximum margin linear classifier through the origin, i.e., the bias  $b = 0$ . This means that we have to minimize

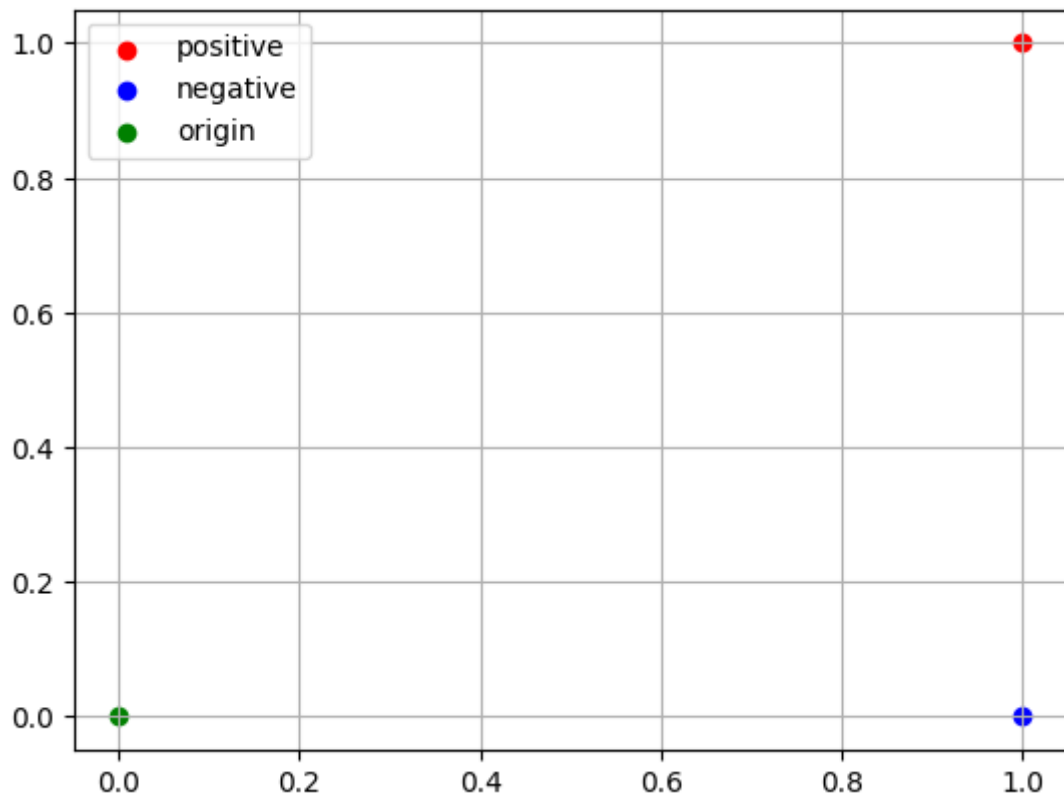
$$\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \text{ subject to } y^t w \cdot x^t \geq 1, t = 1, \dots, n$$

(a) [15 points] Suppose there are two training examples  $x^{(1)} = (1, 1)^T$  and  $x^{(2)} = (1, 0)^T$  with labels  $y^{(1)} = 1$  and  $y^{(2)} = -1$ . What is the  $w$  in this case, and what is the margin  $\gamma$ ?

(b) [15 points] How will the parameters  $w$  and the margin  $\gamma$  change in the previous question if the bias/offset parameter  $b$  is allowed to be non-zero?

```
In [ ]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x1 = (1,1)
x2 = (1,0)

# plot the points on the graph
plt.scatter(x1[0], x1[1], color='red', label="positive")
plt.scatter(x2[0], x2[1], color='blue', label="negative")
plt.scatter(0,0, color='green', label="origin")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
```



## Question 4 answers

(a) When bias = 0:

To obtain the values of  $w$ :

minimize  $\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$  subject to  $y^t w \cdot x^t \geq 1, t = 1, \dots, n$

Lagrangian:  $L(w, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \sum_{t=1}^n \alpha_t (1 - y^t (w \cdot x^t))$

To find  $l(\alpha) = \min_w L(w, \alpha)$ , we solve

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} L(w, \alpha) = w - \sum_{t=1}^n \alpha_t y^{(t)} x^{(t)}$$

$$w = \sum_{t=1}^n \alpha_t y^{(t)} x^{(t)}.$$

Substituting into  $L(w, \alpha)$  gives

$l(\alpha) = \sum_{t=1}^n \alpha_t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{t'=1}^n \alpha_t \alpha_{t'} y^{(t)} y^{(t')} (x^{(t)} \cdot x^{(t')})$ , subject to  $\alpha_t \geq 0, t = 1, \dots, n$ .

Applying the formula to our example in 4(a):

$$l(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \frac{1}{2} [\alpha_1 \alpha_1 (1)(1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (1)(-1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \alpha_1$$

$$l(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \frac{1}{2} [2\alpha_1^2 + -2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \alpha_2^2]$$

$$l(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2^2$$

To maximize  $\alpha_1$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_1} l(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = 0$$

$$1 - 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0 \text{ --- (equation 1)}$$

To maximize  $\alpha_2$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_2} l(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = 0$$

$$1 + \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 0 \text{ --- (equation 2)}$$

Solving equation 1 and equation 2 simultaneously:

$$\alpha_1 = 2, \alpha_2 = 3$$

Solving for the weights:

$$w = \alpha_1 (1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

margin  $\gamma$  can be calculated by:

$$\gamma^{(t)}(\theta, \theta_0) = \frac{y^{(t)}(\theta \cdot x^{(t)} + \theta_0)}{\|w\|}$$

$$\gamma^{(1)}(w, 0) = \frac{1(\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0)}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\gamma^{(1)}(w, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\gamma^{(2)}(w, 0) = \frac{(-1)(\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0)}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\gamma^{(2)}(w, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$



Distance between the positive and negative hyperplanes =  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = 0.894427191$

## (b) When bias is non-zero

$$w_0 = y - w \cdot x$$

substituting  $x^{(1)}$  into the equation and using the value of  $w$  from 4(a):

$$w_0 = 1 - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w_0 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

substituting  $x^{(2)}$  into the equation and using the value of  $w$  from 4(a):

$$w_0 = -1 - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w_0 = -1 - (-1) = 0$$

Therefore, there is no change to the values of  $w$  when bias is allowed non-zero.

Since the weights and bias are unchanged, the margin is also unchanged.



## Question 5 [20 points]

In this problem, we consider constructing new kernels by combining existing kernels. Recall that for some function  $K(x, z)$  to be a kernel, we need to be able to write it as an inner product of vectors from some high-dimensional feature space:

$$K(x, z) = \varphi(x)^T \varphi(z)$$

Mercer's theorem gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a function  $K$  to be a kernel: its corresponding kernel matrix has to be symmetric and positive semidefinite, where the elements of a kernel matrix are inner products between all pairs of examples. Suppose that  $K_1(x, z)$  and  $K_2(x, z)$  are kernels over  $R^n \times R^n$ . For each of the cases below, state whether  $K$  is also a kernel. If it is, prove it. If it is not, give a counter example. (Hints: You can use either Mercer's theorem or the definition of a kernel, as needed.)

1.  $K(x, z) = K_1(x, z)K_2(x, z)$
2.  $K(x, z) = aK_1(x, z) - bK_2(x, z)$ , where  $a, b > 0$  are real numbers
3.  $K(x, z) = \tanh(\alpha K_1(x, z) + C)$ , where  $\alpha, C > 0$  are real numbers
4.  $K(x, z) = f(x)f(z)$ , where  $f: R^n \rightarrow R$  be any real valued function of  $x$

## Question 5 Answers:

1.  $K(x, z) = K_1(x, z)K_2(x, z)$

Since  $K_1(x, z)$  and  $K_2(x, z)$  are valid kernels, using the inner product property:

$$K_1(x, z) = \varphi_1(x)^T \varphi_1(z)$$

$$K_2(x, z) = \varphi_2(x)^T \varphi_2(z)$$


let  $f_i(x)$  be the i-th feature value of feature map  $\varphi_1(x)$  and  $g_i(x)$  be the i-th feature value of feature map  $\varphi_2(x)$

$$K(x, z) = (\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)f_i(z))(\sum_{j=1}^n g_j(x)g_j(z))$$

$$K(x, z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (f_i(x)g_j(x)) (f_i(z)g_j(z))$$

$$K(x, z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (h_{ij}(x)) (h_{ij}(z)), \text{ where } h_{ij}(x) = f_i(x)g_j(x)$$

$$K(x, z) = \varphi(x)^T \varphi(z), \text{ where } h_{ij}(x) \text{ is the i-th feature value of feature map } \varphi(x)$$


Since  $K(x, z)$  is able to be written as an inner product of vectors, it is a valid kernel. 

**2.  $K(x, z) = aK_1(x, z) - bK_2(x, z)$ , where  $a, b > 0$  are real numbers**

Let  $K_1 = K_2 = K$

When  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ :


$$K(x, z) = 1K_1(x, z) - 2K_2(x, z) = 1K_1(x, z) - 2K_1(x, z) = -K_1(x, z)$$

Since a kernel must be positive semi-definite,  $K(x, z) = K_1(x, z)$ , and we know that  $K_1(x, z)$  is a valid kernel function,  $K$  is not a valid kernel. 

**3.  $K(x, z) = \tanh(\alpha K_1(x, z) + C)$ , where  $\alpha, C > 0$  are real numbers**

Given that  $K_1(x, z)$  is a valid kernel,  $x^T K_1 x \geq 0$ , where  $x \in R^n$


then  $x^T a K_1 x = a x^T K_1 x \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\alpha K_1(x, z)$  is also a valid kernel.

Since the value of  $\alpha K_1(x, z) + C$  is  $> 0$  for all  $x, z$ ,  $K(x, z) = \tanh(\alpha K_1(x, z) + C)$  is a valid kernel. 

**4.  $K(x, z) = f(x)f(z)$ , where  $f : R^n \rightarrow R$  be any real valued function of  $x$**

$$K(x, z) = \varphi(x) \cdot \varphi(z), \text{ where } \varphi : x \rightarrow f(x)$$

Since the output of  $f(x)$  is a scalar,  $f(x) \cdot f(z) = f(x)f(z)$

Therefore,  $K(x, z) = f(x)f(z)$  is a valid kernel. 

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