

## Problem 1

Given:

$$J(\tilde{W}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ (\tilde{X}\tilde{W} - T)^T (\tilde{X}\tilde{W} - T) \right]$$

- a) **Find the closed form solution of  $\tilde{W}$  that minimizes the objective function  $J(\tilde{W})$ .**

Using definitions of the derivative of the trace:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \text{Tr}(AZ) = A^T$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \text{Tr}(Z^T AZ) = (A^T + A)Z$  onto an expanded  $J(\tilde{W})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} J(\tilde{W}) &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \tilde{W}^T \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} \tilde{W} - T^T \tilde{X} \tilde{W} - \tilde{W}^T \tilde{X}^T T + T^T T \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{Tr} \left[ \tilde{W}^T \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} \tilde{W} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ T^T \tilde{X} \tilde{W} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \tilde{W}^T \tilde{X}^T T \right] + \text{Tr} \left[ T^T T \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J(\tilde{W})}{\partial \tilde{W}} &= 0 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X})^T + (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X}) \right] \tilde{W} - \tilde{X}^T T - T^T \tilde{X} \right] \\ \tilde{W} &= \left( \tilde{X}^T T \right) \left( \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- b) **Show that  $J(\tilde{W})$  has a unique minimum**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 J(\tilde{W})}{\partial \tilde{W}^2} &= \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X} \\ &= \sum_k^K x_k^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 2

Show that the kernel function  $K(x, x')$  satisfies the following generalization of the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality:

$$K(x_1, x_2)^2 \leq K(x_1, x_1) K(x_2, x_2)$$

The kernel function is the inner product of the feature maps of  $x$  and  $x'$ :

$$K(x, x') = \langle \phi(x) \phi(x') \rangle = \phi(x)^T \phi(x') \quad (1)$$

Using the definition of the generalization of the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(x)^T \phi(x')|^2 &\leq (\phi(x)^T \phi(x))(\phi(x')^T \phi(x')) \\ &\leq \|\phi(x)\|^2 \|\phi(x')\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

We see that the statement is true given the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for vectors:

$$|u^T v|^2 \leq \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2$$

## Problem 3

Given valid kernels  $K_1(x, x')$  and  $K_2(x, x')$ , show that the following kernels are also valid:

a)  $K(x, x') = K_1(x, x') + K_2(x, x')$

Let  $K_i(x, x') = \phi_i^T \phi_i$ , and  $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}$  be the feature mapping for  $K(x, x')$ .

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, x') &= \Phi^T \Phi \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1^T & \phi_2^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \phi_1^T \phi_1 + \phi_2^T \phi_2 \\ &= K_1(x, x') + K_2(x, x') \end{aligned}$$

We can show that it is a kernel. To be a valid kernel,  $K$  must be symmetric and satisfy the Mercer condition  $z^T K z \geq 0$  where  $z$  is an arbitrary vector.

$$z^T K(x, x') z = z^T K_1(x, x') z + z^T K_2(x, x') z$$

Where  $z^T K_{1,2} z \geq 0$  since they are valid kernels.

$$\therefore z^T K(x, x') z \geq 0$$

Thus,  $K(x, x')$  is a kernel with feature mapping  $\Phi$ .

b)  $K(x, x') = K_1(x, x')K_2(x, x')$

We start by writing out the inner products as explicit summations.

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, x') &= K_1(x, x')K_2(x, x') \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j \phi_i^1(x_1)\phi_i^1(x'_1)\phi_j^2(x_2)\phi_j^2(x'_2) \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j \phi_i^1(x_1)\phi_j^2(x_2)\phi_i^1(x'_1)\phi_j^2(x'_2) \end{aligned}$$

Where we define  $K(x, x') = \sum_i \sum_j \Phi_{ij}(x)\Phi_{ij}(x')$ , where  $\Phi_{ij}(x) = \phi_i^1(x_1)\phi_j^2(x_2)$ . This defines a kernel with feature map  $\Phi$ .

c)  $K(x, x') = \exp(K_1(x, x'))$

Taking a Taylor expansion of  $K(x, x')$ :

$$\exp(K(x, x')) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{K_1(x, x')^n}{n!}$$

We find a summation of powers of valid kernels, where each component has been proven to be a kernel, and the sum of kernels has been proven to be a kernel.

## Problem 4

Show that the parameter  $b$  can be determined using the following equation:

$$b = \frac{1}{N_M} \sum_{n \in M} \left( y^{(i)} - \sum_{m \in S} \alpha_m y^{(m)} \langle x^n, x^m \rangle \right)$$

We start with the  $w$  condition and Lagrangian where  $i = 1, \dots, m$ :

$$y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1 - \epsilon_i \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \epsilon_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i (1 - \epsilon_i - y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b)) - \sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_i \epsilon_i \quad (3)$$

We consider the components for  $i \in S$  that contribute to defining the boundary where  $\alpha_n \neq 0$ . Being on the boundary, we find that the left hand side of equation 2 equals 1, such that  $\epsilon_i = 0$ , points with no slack.

$$\therefore b = \frac{1}{y^{(i)}} - w^T x^{(i)}$$

We note that  $y^{(i)} = \pm 1$ , thus,  $1/y^{(i)} = y^{(i)}$ .

$$b = y^{(i)} - w^T x^{(i)} \tag{4}$$

From the derivative of the Lagrangian with respect to the vector  $w$ , we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} = 0 &= w - \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j y^{(j)} x^{(j)} \\ w &= \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j y^{(j)} x^{(j)} \\ w^T &= \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j y^{(j)} (x^{(j)})^T \end{aligned}$$

Given the condition we used to simplify equation 2, we only sum over the components of  $\alpha_j$ ,  $y^{(j)}$ , and  $x^{(j)}$  for  $j \in S$  and make a change of indices to avoid confusion ( $i \rightarrow n, j \rightarrow m$ ).

$$b = y^{(n)} - \sum_{j \in S} \alpha_m y^{(m)} \langle x^{(n)}, x^{(m)} \rangle$$

This holds true for all points within the boundaries  $n \in M$  where  $M$  is the set of indices where  $0 < \alpha_n < C$ . We can then average over all values in  $M$  and not change the result.

$$b = \frac{1}{N_M} \sum_{n \in M} \left( y^{(n)} - \sum_{m \in S} \alpha_m y^{(m)} \langle x^{(n)}, x^{(m)} \rangle \right)$$

## Problem 5

**Given 6 data points: 3 with negative labels:  $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$ , and 3 with positive labels  $x_4 = -3, x_5 = -2, x_6 = 3$ .**

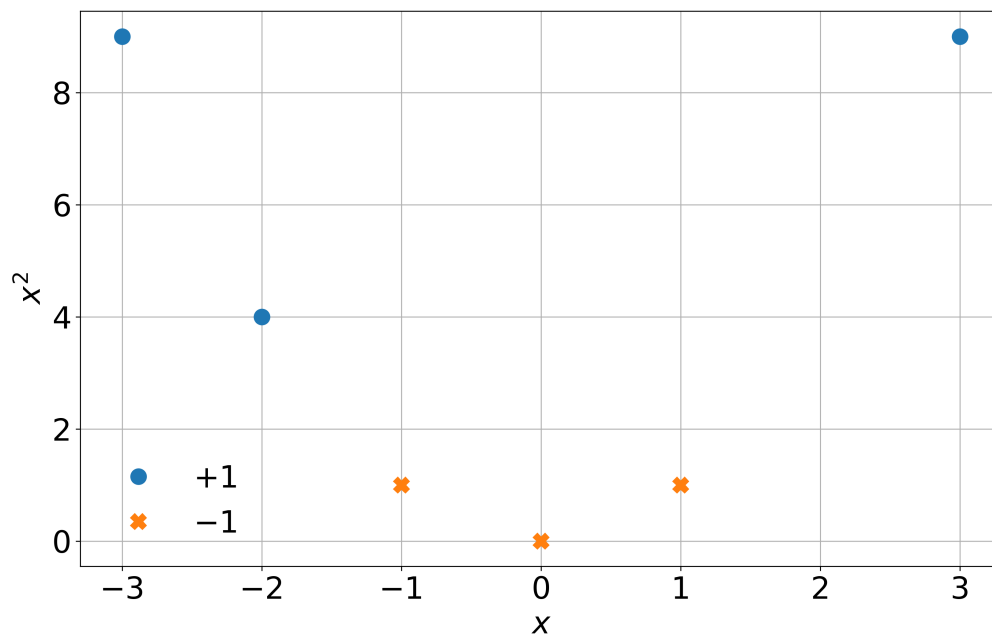
- a) **Consider a linear classifier of form  $f(x) = \text{sign}(w_1 x + w_0)$ . Write down the optimal value of  $w$  and its classification accuracy with the 6 data points.**

Setting  $w_1 = -1$  and  $w_0 = -1.5$ , we get an accuracy of  $5/6$ .

- b) Given two samples  $x$  and  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , define the kernel  $K : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $K(x, z) = xz(1 + xz)$ , find the corresponding feature map  $\phi(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x)\phi(z) &= xz(1 + xz) \\ &= xz + x^2z^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x & x^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ z^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \therefore \phi(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

- c) Apply  $\phi(x)$  to the data and plot the points in the induced feature space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Are these points linearly separable now?



After using the feature space, the points are now linearly separable.

- d) Draw a maximum margin hyperplane that can be parameterized by  $w_1\phi_1(x) + w_2\phi_2(x) + w_0 = 0$  and circle the support vectors.

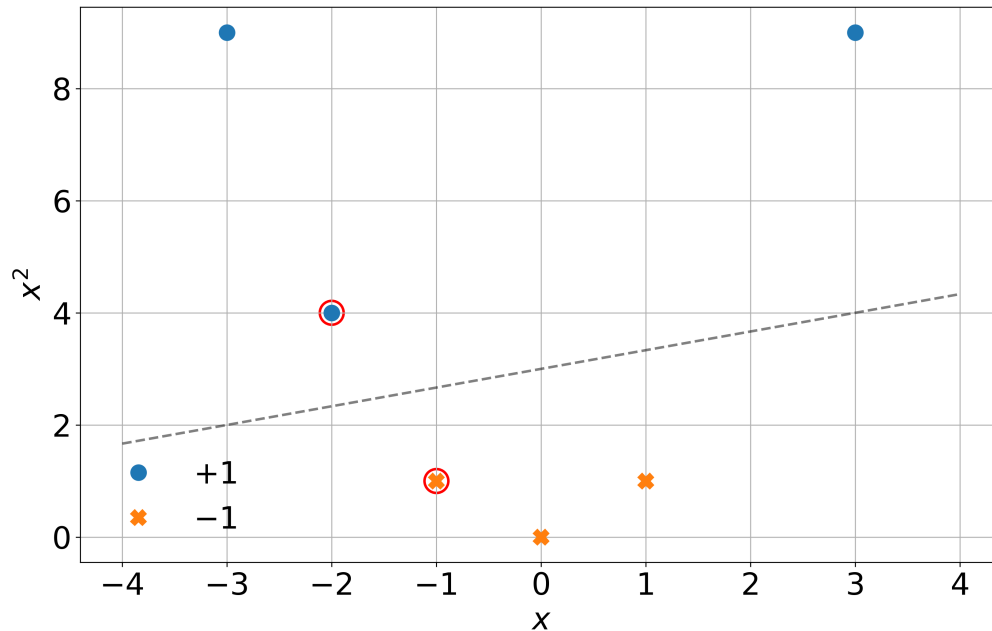
We start by picking the points that are closest together as support vectors:

$$\phi(x_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \phi(x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We bisect the vector between the two points to find the line perpendicular to both, being:

$$-0.2\phi_1 + 0.6\phi_2 - 1.8 = 0$$

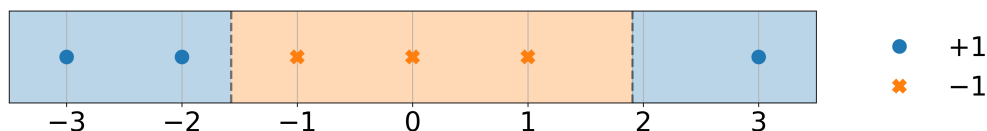
Where  $w = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = -1.8$ .



- e) **Draw the decision boundary of the separating hyperplane you found in (d) in the original  $\mathbb{R}$  feature space.**

To map the decision boundary onto the original feature space, we solve for the intersection of the boundary on the two spaces.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= w^T \phi(x) + b \\ 0 &= w_0 x + w_1 x^2 + b \\ \therefore x &= \frac{-w_0 \pm \sqrt{w_0^2 - 4w_1 b}}{2w_1} \\ &= 1.91, -1.57 \end{aligned}$$



f) Find  $\alpha_i$ ,  $w$ , and  $b$  in

$$h(x) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{n \in S} \alpha_n y_n K(x_n, x) + b \right) = \text{sign}(w^T \phi(x) + b)$$

Do this by solving the dual form of the quadratic program. How are  $w$  and  $b$  related to your solution in part (d)?

With the dual problem:

$$W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n y_i y_j \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \quad (5)$$

And values:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & y_1 &= -1 \\ x_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} & y_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

We find the condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i &= 0 \\ \alpha_1(-1) + \alpha_2(1) &= 0 \\ \alpha_1 &= \alpha_2 \end{aligned}$$

Where we let  $\alpha = \alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ . Thus, plugging this back into equation 5:

$$W(\alpha) = \alpha + \alpha - \frac{1}{2} [(-1)\alpha^2 \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle + (-1)\alpha^2 \langle x_2, x_1 \rangle + (1)\alpha^2 \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle + (1)\alpha^2 \langle x_2, x_2 \rangle]$$

Where  $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = 6$ ,  $\langle x_1, x_1 \rangle = 2$ , and  $\langle x_2, x_2 \rangle = 20$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2\alpha - \frac{1}{2} [-12\alpha^2 + 2\alpha^2 + 20\alpha^2] \\ &= 2\alpha - 5\alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$

Maximizing:

$$\frac{\partial W(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = 0 = 2 - 10\alpha$$
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{5}$$

To then find  $w$ , we use the form:

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \sum_{i=1} \alpha_i y_i x_i \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left( (-1) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (1) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Considering the sign condition for  $i = 1$ :

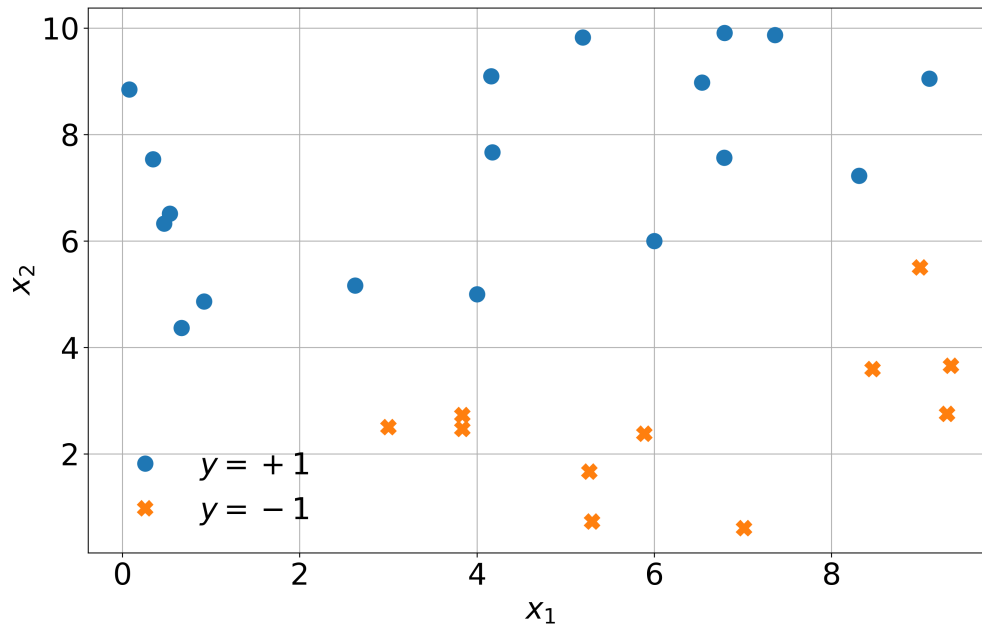
$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= y_1(w^T x_1 + b) \\ 1 &= (-1) \left( \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \right) \\ -1 &= 0.8 + b \\ b &= -1.8 \end{aligned}$$

These values are identical to the ones found in part (d).

## Problem 6

- a) **Visualization:** Use different color to plot data with different labels in the 2-D feature space. Is the data linearly separable?





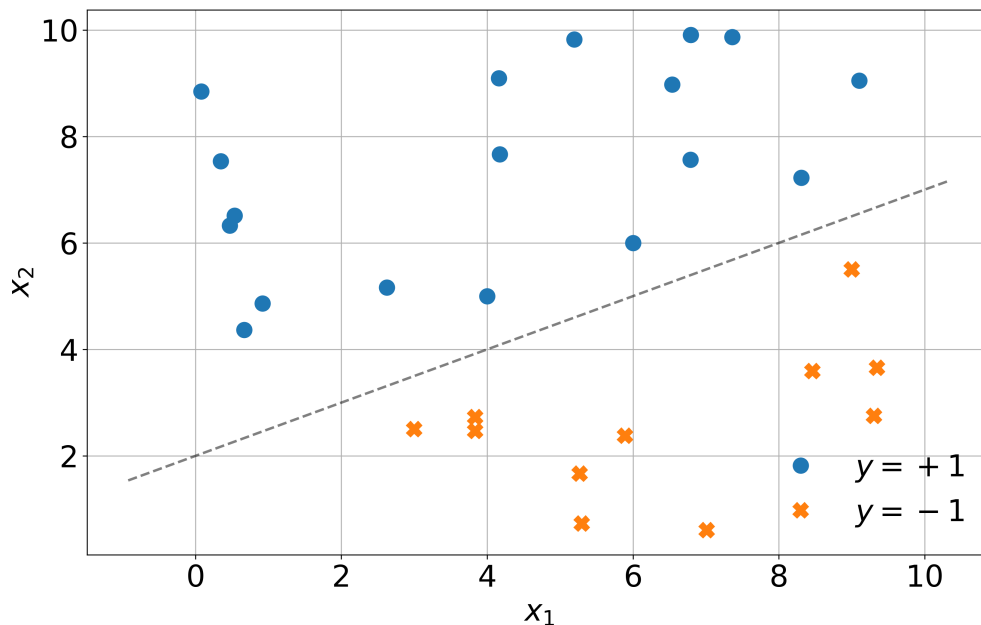
The data looks like it is linearly separable.

b) **The Primal Problem:** Use CVX to solve the primal problem of this form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w,b} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1, i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

**Report  $w$  and  $b$ . Plot the hyperplane defined by  $w$  and  $b$ .**

We find the hyperplane to be defined by  $w = [-0.5, 1]$  and  $b = -2$



c) **The Dual Problem:** Use CVX to solve the dual problem of this form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w,b} \quad & W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m y^{(i)} y^{(j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Use the resulting  $\alpha$  to identify the support vectors on the plot. Report your nonzero  $\alpha_i$ 's is. How many support vectors do you have? Circle those support vectors.

We find that the second summation term in the dual problem can be written as  $z^T P z$  where  $z \equiv \sum_i \alpha_i y_i$  and  $P = \langle x^{(i)}, x^{(j)} \rangle$ .  $P$  is a kernel, which is convex and can thus be solved with the cvxpy quad form.

We find  $a_i = 0.38, 0.24, 0.46, 0.16$ , meaning that there are 4 support vectors

## Homework 4

