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## Machine Learning Problem Set 4

1. Solution: The primal form of linear SVM for cases when the samples are not linearly separable is

$$\min_{w, b, z} \frac{1}{2}(w \cdot w) + C \sum_{i=1}^N z_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1 - z_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N.$$

$$z_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N.$$

Then we have the Lagrangian

$$L(w, b, z, \alpha, \mu) = \frac{1}{2}(w \cdot w) + C \sum_{i=1}^N z_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) - 1 + z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i z_i. \quad (1)$$

At the saddlepoint we have

$$\frac{\partial L(w, b, z, \alpha, \mu)}{\partial w} = w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0 \Rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i. \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial L(w, b, z, \alpha, \mu)}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0. \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial L(w, b, z, \alpha, \mu)}{\partial z_i} = C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0. \quad (4)$$

Substitute (2), (3), (4) into (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) = L(w, b, z, \alpha, \mu) &= \frac{1}{2}(w \cdot w) - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) - 1 + z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i z_i + C \sum_{i=1}^N z_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(w \cdot w) - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^N z_i (C - \alpha_i - \mu_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j \right) - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j \cdot z_i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ &\quad + b \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^N z_i (C - \alpha_i - \mu_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (z_i \cdot z_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since the dual problem is  $\max_{\alpha, \mu} \min_{w, b, z} L(w, b, z, \alpha, \mu)$ , then we have the dual problem

$$\max_{\alpha, \mu} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0, \\ C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N \\ \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N \\ \mu_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N \end{cases}$$

From (2), (3), (4) we have write the constraints as one constraint  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$

Dual problem

$$\max_{\alpha} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0, \\ 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N. \end{cases}$$





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Since the primal problem is a quadratic convex optimization problem. Its solution satisfies the KKT conditions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla_W L(W^*, b^*, z^*, \alpha^*, \mu^*) = W^* - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i x_i = 0 \\ \nabla_b L(W^*, b^*, z^*, \alpha^*, \mu^*) = - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i = 0 \\ \nabla_{z_i} L(W^*, b^*, z^*, \alpha^*, \mu^*) = C - \alpha_i^* - \mu_i^* = 0. \quad (\text{KKT. ①}) \\ \alpha_i^* (y_i (W^* \cdot x_i + b^*) - 1 + z_i^*) = 0. \quad (\text{KKT. ②}) \\ \mu_i^* z_i^* = 0. \quad (\text{KKT. ③}) \end{array} \right.$$

At the solution  $\alpha^* = (\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*, \dots, \alpha_N^*)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W^*\|^2 &= W^{*T} W^* = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i x_i \right)^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i x_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i^* \alpha_j^* y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j). \end{aligned}$$

where  $(x_i \cdot x_j)$  means the inner product of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ .

From (KKT. ③). We have  $\mu_i^* z_i^* = 0$ , which means that for the wrongly classified samples, we have  $z_i^* > 0$ . then we must have their  $\mu_i^* = 0$ .

Then from (KKT. ①). We can know that for wrongly classified samples,  $\alpha_i^* = C - \mu_i^* = C - 0 = C$ . which means that for wrongly classified samples,  $w_i$  they are included in SVs and their  $\alpha_i = C$ .

