

# Machine Learning, Spring 2018

## Homework 5

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### Understanding VC dimension (20 points)

In this part, you need to complete some mathematical proofs about VC dimension. Suppose the hypothesis set

$$\mathcal{H} = \{f(x, \alpha) = \text{sign}(\sin(\alpha x)) |, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

where  $x$  and  $f$  are feature and label, respectively.

- Show that  $\mathcal{H}$  cannot shatter the points  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 3, x_4 = 4$ . (8 points)

(Key: Mathematically, you need to show that there exists  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$ , for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x_i) \neq y_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , for example,  $+1, +1, -1, +1$ )

- Show that the VC dimension of  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $\infty$ . (Note the difference between it and the first question) (12 points)

(Key: Mathematically, you have to prove that for any label sets  $y_1, \dots, y_m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  such that  $f(x; \alpha)$  can generate this set of labels. Consider the points  $x_i = 10^{-i} \dots$ )

### Solution:

- Assuming labels  $y_1 = +1, y_2 = +1, y_3 = -1, y_4 = +1$ , we can get

$$\sin(\alpha) > 0$$

$$\sin(2\alpha) > 0$$

$$\sin(3\alpha) < 0$$

$$\sin(4\alpha) > 0$$

Since  $\sin(4\alpha) = 2\sin(2\alpha)\cos(2\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\sin(2\alpha) > 0$ , thus  $\cos(2\alpha) > 0$ .

Besides  $\sin(3\alpha) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(2\alpha) + \sin(2\alpha)\cos(\alpha) < 0$ ,  $\sin(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\sin(2\alpha) > 0$ , thus  $\cos(\alpha) < 0$ .

We also have  $\sin(2\alpha) = 2\sin(\alpha)\cos(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\sin(\alpha) > 0$ , thus  $\cos(\alpha) > 0$ .

Clearly, it's a contradiction. Hence  $\mathcal{H}$  cannot shatter points  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 3, x_4 = 4$ .

- Let  $x_i = 10^{-i}, i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\alpha = \pi(1 + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1-y_i}{2} 10^i)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha x_j &= \pi(10^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1-y_i}{2} 10^{i-j}) \\ &= \pi(10^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{1-y_i}{2} 10^{i-j} + \frac{1-y_j}{2} + \sum_{i=j+1}^m \frac{1-y_i}{2} 10^{i-j})\end{aligned}$$

Where the last term  $\sum_{i=j+1}^m \frac{1-y_i}{2} 10^{i-j} = 2k$ ,  $k$  is a positive integer.  
Consider  $\theta = \pi(10^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{1-y_i}{2} 10^{i-j} + \frac{1-y_j}{2})$ , we have

$$\pi(\frac{1-y_j}{2}) < \theta < \pi(1 + \frac{1-y_j}{2})$$

Thus for  $y_j = +1$ ,  $0 < \theta < \pi$ ,  $\text{sign}(\sin(\alpha x_j)) = +1$ ;  
for  $y_j = -1$ ,  $\pi < \theta < 2\pi$ ,  $\text{sign}(\sin(\alpha x_j)) = -1$   
Hence the VC dimension of  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $\infty$ .

## Understanding Lasso (30 points)

Consider the following generalized Lasso problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{Fx}\|_1, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the under-determined sensing matrix,  $\mathbf{F}$  is the transformed matrix. In particular, it can be reduced to Lasso problem if  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}$ . The above problem is equivalent to the following formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Fx} = \mathbf{z}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and one can employ augmented Lagrangian multiplier method to solve it. Specifically, the augmented Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{Fx} - \mathbf{z} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \rho \|\mathbf{Fx} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2,$$

which yields the ADMM algorithm, see Algorithm 1. The soft-thresholding operator  $\mathbb{S}_{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}$  is defined as

$$\mathbb{S}_{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}(x_i) = \begin{cases} x_i - \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, & x_i \geq \frac{\lambda}{\rho} \\ 0, & |x_i| < \frac{\lambda}{\rho} \\ x_i + \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, & x_i \leq -\frac{\lambda}{\rho}. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

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### Algorithm 1 ALM for generalized Lasso problem

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**Input:**  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{b}, \lambda, \mu$  (for augmented Lagrange multiplier)

- 1: Initialize  $\rho, \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{z}_0$ , and  $\mathbf{y}_0, k = 0$
- 2: **while** not converged **do**
- 3:    $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \text{update } \mathbf{x}$ ?
- 4:    $\mathbf{z}^{(k+1)} = \text{update } \mathbf{z}$ ? (you may want to use  $\mathbb{S}_{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}$  element-wise)
- 5:    $\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{y}^{(k)} + \rho(\mathbf{Fx}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{z}^{(k+1)})$
- 6:    $\rho = \rho\mu$
- 7:    $k = k + 1$
- 8: **end while**

**Output:**  $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^{(k)}$

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- Derive the steps of update  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  in Algorithm 1. (10 points)
- Complete the function `glasso.m`, and pass the test using `testglasso.m` (15 points)
- Run `demo.m` and report your MSE and PSNR. (5 points)

## Solution:

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$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = (A^T A + \rho F^T F)^{-1} (A^T b + \rho F^T \mathbf{z}^k - F^T \mathbf{y}^k)$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(k+1)} = \mathbb{S}_{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}(\mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}^{k+1} - \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{y}^k)$$

- $\mathbf{x}^{k+1}$  and  $\mathbf{z}^{k+1}$  updated in *glasso.m* as follows

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1      % update x, write your formulation
2      x1 = (inv(A'*A + rho * F'*F))*(A'*b + rho * F'*(z) - F'*y);
3      % update z, write your formulation
4      z = soft((F*x1 + y/rho), (lambda/rho));

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And from the *testglasso.m* we got

relative\_error\_x = 4.5290e-04

relative\_error\_z = 4.5290e-04

- Result:

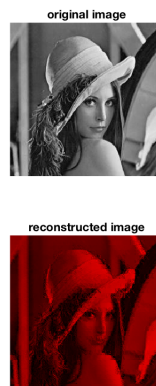


Figure 1: original image VS. restructed image

Mean square error (MSE) : 0.0049722 0.21814 0.21814

Peak signal-noise ratio (PSNR): 23.0346 6.61264 6.61264 dB

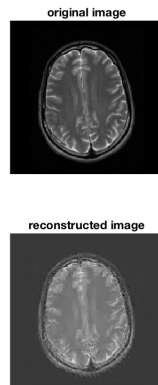


Figure 2: original image VS. restructed image

Mean square error (MSE) : 0.0024867  
 Peak signal-noise ratio (PSNR): 26.0438 dB

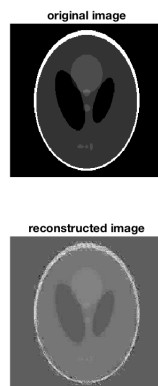


Figure 3: original image VS. restructed image

Mean square error (MSE) : 0.01004  
 Peak signal-noise ratio (PSNR): 19.9825 dB

## Dual Formulation of the SVM (25 points)

Compared with the SVM formulation in Lecture 15 and 16, its dual problem will be much eaiser, since the original problem has so many constraints.

- Give the dual formulation of the SVM and what the KKT condition is for primal SVM. We need you show the induction of the procedure.
- There is a efficient for dual SVM problem, called Sequential Minimal Optimization. You can find many materi-  
 als for this algorithm from website, it make use of the KKT conditios to solve the dual quadratic problem.
  - Give us an abstract of its principle and the pseudocode of the SMO algorithm for the dual SVM problem.

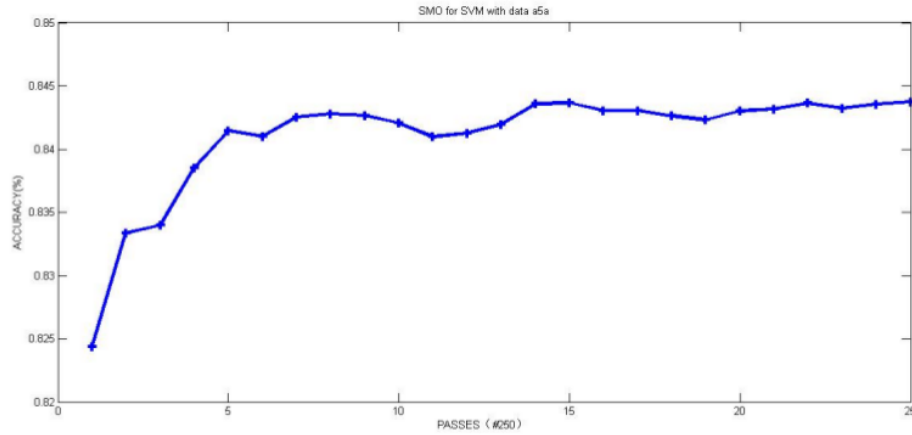


Figure 4: Accuracy demo.

- *a3a* is a data for the binary classification, show us your accuracy of the test data, like Fig 4. You need download the data *a3a* from <https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/>

## Solution:

- Dual formulation of the SVM:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underset{\alpha}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,m=1}^N \alpha_n \alpha_m y_n y_m (\mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{x}_m) - \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n y_n = 0 \\
 & \quad \alpha_n \geq 0, \quad n = 1, \dots, N \\
 & \quad \mathbf{w}^* = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n^* y_n \mathbf{x}_n \\
 & \quad b^* = y_s - \mathbf{w}^{*T} \mathbf{x}_s, \quad (\alpha_s^* > 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the Primal SVM:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underset{\alpha}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad y^i (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - b) \geq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Lagrange function:

$$L = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i (x_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b) + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i$$

Then the KKT condition is for primal SVM is:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = w - \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = - \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b) \geq 1$$

$$\alpha_i \geq 0$$

$$\alpha_i [y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b - 1)] = 0$$

- An abstract of SMO's principles:

Repeat 1-3 until converge:

- 1. Choose 2 Lagrange multipliers  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$ ;
- 2. Optimize  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  while keep other lagrange multipliers unchanged;
- 3. Update threshold value  $b$  according optimized  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$ ;

Pesudo-Code of SMO:

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**Algorithm 2** Pseudo-Code for Simplified SMO

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**Input:**

$C$ : regularization parameters;  
 $tol$ : numerical tolerance;  
 $maxPasses$ : max iteration;  
 $(x^1, y^1), \dots, (x^m, y^m)$ : training data

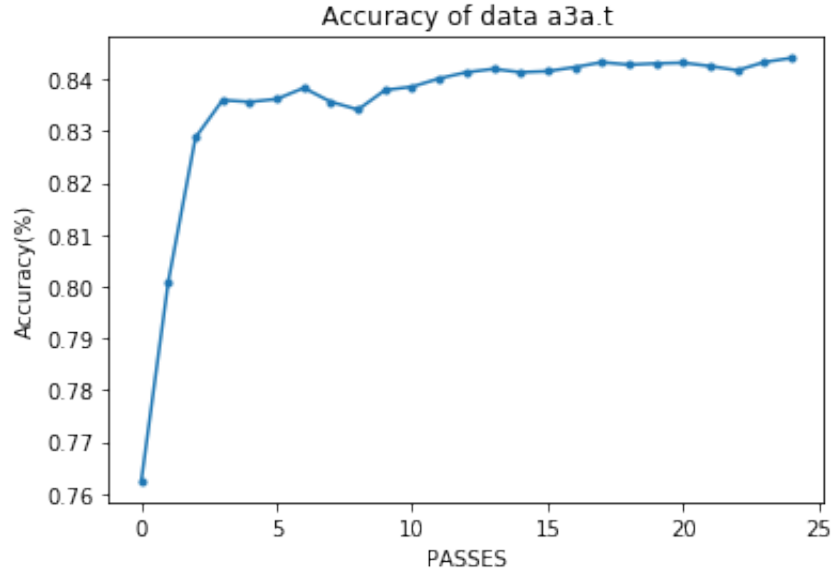
**Output:**

$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^m$ : Lagrange multipliers for solution  
 $b \in \mathbb{R}$ : threshold for solution

- 1: Initialized  $\alpha_i = 0, \forall i$  and  $b = 0$
- 2: Intialized  $count = 0$
- 3: **while**  $count < maxPasses$  **do**
- 4:    $numChangedAlpha = 0$
- 5:   **for**  $i = 1, \dots, m$  **do**
- 6:     Calculate  $E_i = f(x^i) - y^i$
- 7:     **if**  $(y^i E_i < tol \& \& \alpha_i < C) \vee (y^i E_i > tol \& \& \alpha_i > 0)$  **then**
- 8:       Select  $j \neq i$  randomly
- 9:       Calculate  $E_j = f(x^j) - y^j$
- 10:       Save old  $\alpha$ :  $\alpha_i^{old} = \alpha_i, \alpha_j^{old} = \alpha_j$
- 11:       Compute L and H
- 12:       **if**  $L == H$  **then**
- 13:          continue to next  $i$
- 14:       **end if**
- 15:       Compute  $\eta$
- 16:       **if**  $\eta \geq 0$  **then**
- 17:          continue to next  $i$
- 18:       **end if**
- 19:       Compute and clip new value for  $\alpha^j$
- 20:       **if**  $|\alpha_j - \alpha_j^{old}| < 10^{-5}$  **then**
- 21:          continue to next  $i$
- 22:       **end if**
- 23:       Determine value for  $\alpha_i$
- 24:       Compute  $b_1, b_2$
- 25:       Compute  $b$
- 26:        $numChangedAlpha := numChangedAlpha + 1$
- 27:     **end if**
- 28:   **end for**
- 29:   **if**  $numChangedAlpha = 0$  **then**
- 30:      $count = count + 1$
- 31:   **else**
- 32:      $count := 0$
- 33:   **end if**
- 34: **end while**

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- SMO accuracy pic for SVM with test data *a3a.t* show as below, and for details please check *SMO.ipynb*



## Kernel function (25 points)

Suppose we are given the following positively (“+1”) labeled data points  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

and the following negatively labeled (“-1”) data points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (see Figure 5):

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**Question:**

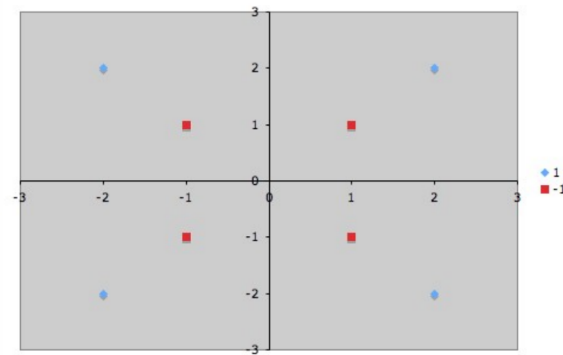


Figure 5: Blue diamonds are positive examples and red squares are negative examples.

1. Find a kernel function to map the data into a  $\mathbb{R}^3$  feature space and make the new data linearly separable. (Show your kernel function please!) (5points)
2. Use SVM classifier to separate the data. Show the SVM problem in your report. (10points) Solve this SVM problem, write down the expression of the final separating hyperplane, and plot the data and the separating hyperplane in a figure. (10points) (You can solve the SVM problem by applying a convex problem solver.)



## Solution:

- Here I choose kernel function

$$\phi([x_1, x_2]^T) = [x_1, x_2, x_1^2 + x_2^2]^T$$

which can make the new data linearly separable.

- The svm problem of kernal-svm of this problem defined as follow:

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,m=1}^N \alpha_n \alpha_m y_n y_m \langle \phi(x_m), \phi(x_n) \rangle - \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n$$

The form of the final hypothesis is:

$$g(x) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{\alpha > 0} (\alpha_n)^* y_n (x_1^n x_1 + x_2^n x_2 + ((x_1^n)^2 + (x_2^n)^2) ((x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2)) \right) + b^*$$

The data and the separating hyperplane shows as below:

w= [[ 6.24500451e-17 6.24500451e-17 -3.33284735e-01]]

b= [1.66637508]

For details please check *Kernal.ipynb*

