# thesis notes

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## 1 To Do

- calibration and regression-like problems
- looking for outliers
- compare R and SAS SVM modules
- e1071 documentation?

#### done

- find certain situations where SVM is applied
- give concrete examples
- start out by talking about machine learning in general
- analogy w 2-d for equation of a line to generalize to multidimensional
- classification v regression
- explain how i made graph
- terminology in introduction (features, etc.)
- replace remaining photos with better quality
- rename accordingly

# 2 Introductory Notes

- optimal margin: gap between points on each side have smallest distance from separating line; this is what the SVM calculates
- linearly separable means there is a separating hyperplane where those values above are positive and below negative
- $\bullet\,$  N x k data matrix and N x 1 vector Y that classifies the two species

• hyperplane given by

$$f(x) = w \cdot x + b = 0$$

- the vector w is the normal vector to the hyperplane (so wx1 wx2 = 0)
- the distance from a point to the hyperplane is

$$D = \frac{f(p)}{||w||}$$

$$= ||(p - x_1)|| \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{w \cdot (p - x_1)}{||w||}$$

$$= \frac{w \cdot p - w \cdot x_1}{||w||}$$

$$= \frac{wp + b}{||w||}$$

$$= \frac{f(p)}{||w||}$$

- $B^-$  is the max value of the minimums (those above the hyperplane)
- $B^+$  min value of the positives (below the hyperplane)
- supporting hyperplane: every point is on one side and you can't move it any further over otherwise that point will be on the wrong side
- geometric margin: the perpendicular distance between the two supporting hyperplanes

#### notes on 3094 book

- maximal margin classifier: separates two distinct classes
- support vector classifier / soft margin classifier: separates most data points according to a margin
- makes use of slack variables, epsilons that allow some points to be on the wrong side; if  $\epsilon = 0$  it's on the right side of the margin,  $\epsilon > 0$  wrong side of margin and  $\epsilon > 1$  wrong side of hyperplane
- For C ¿ 0 no more than C observations can be on the wrong side of the hyperplane, because if an observation that sum of n violations to the margin, and so the margin will widen. Conversely, as C decreases, we become less tolerant of violations to the margin and so the margin narrows.
- support vectors: points that lie on the wrong side of the margin; these are the only observations that affect the classifier
- SKILEARN alphas are the same as his lambdas

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