KMeans Kernel Classifier

Course: Math Behind ML

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Abstract—The least squares SVM is a kernel method for non-linear regression and classification tasks. Here we combine KMeans clustering with the least squares SVM. First KMeans clustering is used to extract a set of representative vectors for each class, and then LS-SVM uses these representative vectors as a training dataset for the classification task

I. Introduction

The kernel methods transform a given non-linear problem into a linear one by using a similarity kernel function $\Omega(x,x\prime)$. It is a similarity function defined over pairs of input data points $(x,x\prime)$. This way the input data is mapped into a higher dimensional feature space $\phi(x)$, where the inner product $\langle\cdot\,,\,\cdot\rangle$ can be calculated using Mercer's condition:

$$\Omega(x, x') = \langle x , x' \rangle \tag{1}$$

Consider $\chi = \{x_n | n = 1, \dots, N\}$ as training dataset.

Representer theorem: Any non-linear function $f: \chi \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can be expressed as linear combination of kernel products on training dataset which was mentioned above earlier.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n \Omega(x, x_n)$$
 (2)

Time complexity of LS-SVM is $O(N^3)$ where N is size of the training dataset which is too high and makes it unsuitable for large dataset. So for this reason we use KMeans clustering to extract a set of representative vectors for each class, and then LS-SVM uses these representative vectors as a training dataset for the classification task. This way we can reduce the time complexity of LS-SVM to $O(K^3)$ where K is the number of clusters. These representative vectors are called as **centroids**.

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These are then used by LS-SVM to classify the test data. This KMeans-LS-SVM method has some advantages:

- It is faster than LS-SVM.
- It is more robust.
- It is very easy to implement.

II. KERNEL LS-SVM CLASSIFER

We already know that in binary classification, kernel SVM method constructs an hyperplane with the maximal margin between the two classes in feature space $\phi(x)$. This can be represented as convex quadratic programming problem involving inequality constraints.

The kernel LS-SVM simplifies the optimization problem by considering equality constraints only, such that solution is obtained by solving a system of linear equations. Now this problem is similar to ridge regression problem which is formulated as follows:

$$\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} w^T w + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (\hat{y}_n - w^T \phi(x_n) - b)^2$$
 (3)

Assume that K classes are encoded using standard basis in \mathbb{R}^K , i.e, let $x_i \in C_k$, then output y_i is a vector with 1 in the k^{th} position and 0 elsewhere:

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \in C_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Consider input data $\{(x_i, y_i)|x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{M}}, y_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{K}}, i = 1, \ldots, N\}$ and the feature mapping function $\phi(x)$. The kernel LS-SVM is formulated as follows:

$$\min_{w,b} S(w,b,\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{K} w_j^T w_j + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{K} (\epsilon_{ij})^2$$
 (5)

subject to

$$\langle \phi(x), \omega_j \rangle + b_j = y_{ij} - \epsilon_{ij}, i = 1, \dots, N; j = 1, \dots, K$$

$$w_j^T \phi(x_i) + b_j = y_{ij} - \epsilon_{ij}, i = 1, \dots, N; j = 1, \dots, K$$
(7)

where $\epsilon_{ij} \geq 0$ are approximation errors, b_j is bias coefficient, $w^{(j)}$ is the vector of weights corresponding to the j^{th} class. The objective function S is a sum of least squares errors and the regularization term. This regularization parameter γ corresponds to a multi-dimensional version of the ridge regression problem.

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