

# Assignment 5

Machine Learning COMS 4771

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Assigned: Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Due: Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1:10pm

Submission: Your submission folder on Courseworks. Submit folders for Assignment05.Problem01, and Assignment05.Problem02

## 1) Linear-kernel separable SVM

### a) Implement a linear-kernel separable SVM

`[Slope, Intercept] = LKS_SVM(x0, x1)`

by solving the dual quadratic program, where

$x_0, x_1$  are matrices of  $D$  columns listing the points in the two classes, for  $y_i = \pm 1$  respectively

`Slope` is the  $D$  dimensional direction of the max-gap classifier ( $w$  in class/slides)

`Intercept` is the scalar offset of this classifier ( $b$  in class/slides)

[25 points]

### b) Test your program in 2D in runs separating simulated sets of points sized of fixed size on the cyan vs. black portions of the Tanzanian flag (using `SimPolyHedra`) measuring the quality (margin) of the solution and finding the support vectors for each. Do this by writing a function `[Margin, SupportVs, Slope, Intercept, x0, x1] = Test_LKS_SVM(N)` With input $N$ that is the number of points to simulate in each class, and outputs that include the simulated inputs for the SVM, its output, the scalar margin `Margin` which is the distance between the per-class half planes ( $m$ in the notation of the class/slides), and $k \times 2$ matrix of the $k$ support vectors in 2D, `SupportVs` (usually $k=3$ ).

Submit also a plot of the margin as a function of  $N$  for  $N=5, 10, 15, \dots, 50$ , along with respective  $10 \times 6$  text files that detail the output of `Test_LKS_SVM`

`Output_[N]_x0`

`Output_[N]_x1`

`Output_[N]_Intercept`

`Output_[N]_Slope`

`Output_[N]_SupportVs`

`Output_[N]_Margin`

[25 points]

## 2) Non-separable linear SVM:

### a) Add ability to handle non-separable data by

`[Slope, Intercept] = NSL_SVM(x0, x1, C)`

by solving the dual quadratic program, where all arguments are as before, except  $C$  the factor that controls the weight of the slack (misclassified points) vs. the gap.

[25 points]

- b) Test your program in 2D in runs separating simulated sets of points sized of fixed size on the cyan vs. black portions of the Tanzanian flag (using `SimPolyHedra`) measuring the quality (margin, number of misclassifications) of the solution while tuning the slack weight. Do this by writing a function

```
[Nmiss, Margin, SupportVs, Slope, Intercept, x0, x1] =  
Test_NSL_SVM(N,Nfalse)
```

With input `N` that is the number of simulated points labeled to be in each class. These `N` points include `N-Nfalse` that are labeled according to the color of the region that they are in, and `Nfalse` that are in the opposite-color region. Outputs are as before, with the addition of `Nmiss`, the number of misclassified points.

Submit also a plot of the margin and the number misclassified as a function of  $C$  for 10 values of  $C$  of your choice (try to zoom in on the best performance), and for three configurations:

$N=10,20,50$ , when every dataset includes 10% false points. Submit respective  $3 \times 10 \times 7$  text files that detail the output of `Test_NSL_SVM`

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Output_[C]_[N]_x0  
Output_[C]_[N]_x1  
Output_[C]_[N]_Intercept  
Output_[C]_[N]_Slope  
Output_[C]_[N]_SupportVs  
Output_[C]_[N]_Margin  
Output_[C]_[N]_Nmiss
```

[25 points]

Good luck!