

Assignment 6

Machine Learning COMS 4771

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Assigned: March 3rd

Due: Friday, March 14th 1:10pm

Submission: Your submission folder on Courseworks. Submit a folder for
Assignment06.Problem01

1) Non-Linear-kernel SVM

- a) Choose a flag of a sovereign state and a pair of colors of this flag s.t. this pair cannot be distinguished by a linear separator. Prove that this condition holds. You are welcome to use the Tanzanian flag. If not, please include the flag as `Flag.jpg`.

At any case, list the two colors in `Colors.txt`

The two colors will be called -1 and +1 henceforth, in the order that you listed them.

[5pt]

- b) Consider the flag as the rectangle $\{(0,0),(0,1),(1\frac{1}{2},1),(1\frac{1}{2},0)\}$

Write a classifier $g(x): \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that its sign is able to classify a point $x=(x(1), x(2))$ in the plane as belonging to either of the colors. $g(x)$ needs to be positive for all You are not asked to perform machine learning here, just to implement the ground truth solution as a MatLab function
`y = ClassifyMyFlag(x)`

with x a 2D input in the rectangle range $[0, 1\frac{1}{2}] \times [0,1]$, and output in $\{-1,1\}$. It doesn't matter what the function returns when the point is out of the flag range, or have a third color.

[10 pt]

- c) Define a family of $D \geq 3$ linearly independent features $\{\phi_i(x)\}$ whose linear combinations

$$(1) f(x, \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^D \theta_i \phi_i(x)$$

$$(2) g(x) = f(x, \theta^*)$$

Spell out in MatLab the family, the number of dimensions and the true θ^* :

```
phi_i_of_x=Features(x,i)
```

```
D=DimOfFeatureSpace()
```

```
ThetaStar=GenerateThetaStar()
```

The latter two simple functions have no input arguments. Each just returns a constant value.

As in the previous subsection, `GenerateThetaStar` returns, by design, the ground truth solution, not try to learn anything from data. Of course, if implemented correctly, then (1) and (2) above allow a way of computing `ClassifyMyFlag(x)`

[10pt]

- d) Find a valid kernel for this feature family.

[5pt]

- e) Simulate $2N$ points, N that are uniformly drawn from each the two colors (SimPolyHedra is recommended if each of the colors is a collection of polygons). Do this by writing
- ```
[ColorPlus1, ColorMinus1] = SimMyFlag(N)
```
- where ColorPlus1 is an  $N \times 2$  matrix that details  $N$  points in color 1  
 where ColorMinus1 is an  $N \times 2$  matrix that details  $N$  points in color -1  
 [10pt]
- f) Implement an SVM with the kernel from the previous section for fully separable data, where  $x_0$  are the points in color 1,  $x_1$  are the points in color -1.  
 $\Theta = \text{NLK\_SVM}(x_0, x_1)$   
 [40pt]
- g) Test your program in 2D in runs that each classifies a pair of simulated sets of points of a particular size. Find the support vectors for each run. Do this by writing a function
- ```
[SupportVs, Theta, x0, x1] = Test_NLK_SVM(N)
```
- With arguments in Assignment 5. Repeat for $N=10, 20, 30$, and submit respective 3×4 text files that detail the output of Test_LKS_SVM
- ```
Output_[N]_x0
Output_[N]_x1
Output_[N]_Theta
Output_[N]_SupportVs
```
- Include a plot of the rectangle  $[0, 1\frac{1}{2}] \times [0, 1]$ , with the boundaries of each of the 3 learnt SVM classifiers drawn.  
 [25 points]

Good luck!