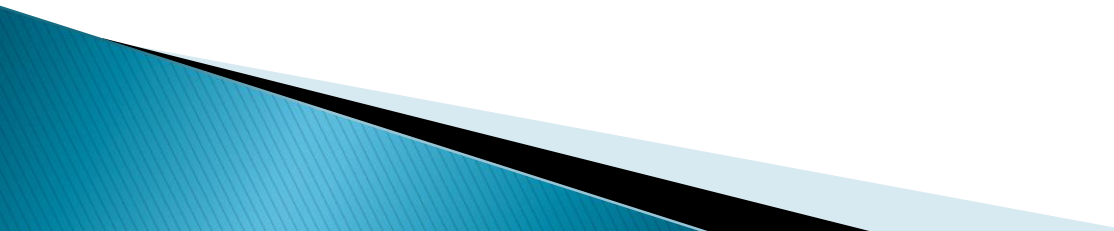


# SVM for Classification of Spam Email Messages

EE5904/ME5404 Part II: Project 1  
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# Project Description

## Goal

Implement SVM to classify spam or no spam for the **Spam Email Data Set**<sup>1</sup>



- **Spam Email Data Set** is a collection of 4601 samples of email metadata taken from **UC Irvine Machine Learning Repository**

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0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.778, 0, 0, 3.756, 61.000, 278.000

48 continuous real [0,100] attributes of type word\_freq\_WORD  
= percentage of words in the e-mail that match WORD, i.e.  $100 * (\text{number of times the WORD appears in the e-mail}) / \text{total number of words in e-mail}$ . A "word" in this case is any string of alphanumeric characters bounded by non-alphanumeric characters or end-of-string.

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= average length of uninterrupted sequences of capital letters

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= length of longest uninterrupted sequence of capital letters

1 continuous integer [1,...] attribute of type capital\_run\_length\_total  
= sum of length of uninterrupted sequences of capital letters  
= total number of capital letters in the e-mail

1 nominal {0,1} class attribute of type spam  
= denotes whether the e-mail was considered spam (1) or not (0), i.e. unsolicited commercial e-mail

<sup>1</sup> <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/spambase>

# Project Description

- The data is divided into 3 sample groups
  1. Training set
  2. Test set
  3. Evaluation set (**Not** provided)

eval_data	57x600 double
eval_label	600x1 double
test_data	57x1536 double
test_label	1536x1 double
train_data	57x2000 double
train_label	2000x1 double

- Each dataset: (1) feature, (2) label

(1) **57** attributes / features:

0, 0.640, 0.640, 0, 0.320, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.640, 0, 0, 0, 0.320, 0, 1.290,  
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(2) Label: +1 (spam), -1(non-spam)

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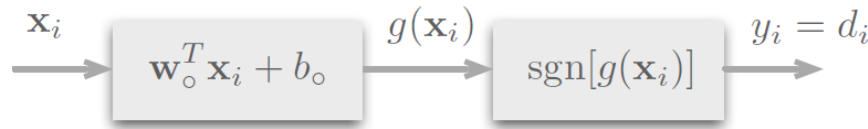
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# Project Description

Train



**Construction:** For a given training set  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, d_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, d_N)\}$ , find optimal hyperplane  $(\mathbf{w}_o, b_o)$  such that, for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ ,

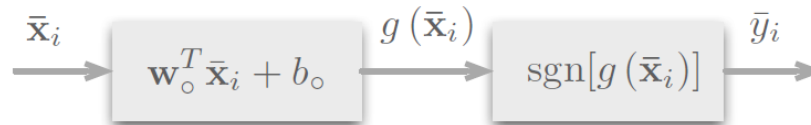


[1]: Compute Discriminant Functions using the specified kernels

Test



**Testing:** For a given test set  $\bar{S} = \{(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1, \bar{d}_1), \dots, (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{N}}, \bar{d}_{\bar{N}})\}$ , compute output  $\bar{y}_i$  of SVM (with  $\mathbf{w}_o$  and  $b_o$ ) for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, \bar{N}\}$ , and compare it against the known  $\bar{d}_i$  to evaluate performance of SVM

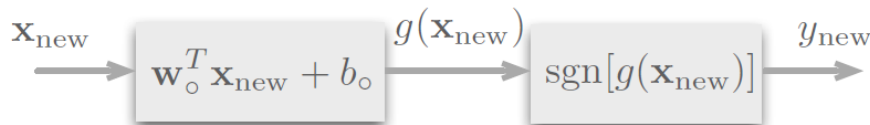


[2]: Classify the data sets (train and test) using the functions from [1] and measure the performance

Evaluate



**Application:** Given a SVM with hyperplane  $(\mathbf{w}_o, b_o)$ , classify a data point  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{new}}$  that is not in  $\Sigma = S \cup \bar{S}$ :



[3]: Design your own SVM, train, and test the performance

# Recap : Hard Margin

Primal problem

Given data set :  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, d_i)\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

Find :  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $b$

Minimizing :  $f(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$

Subject to :  $d_i (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$

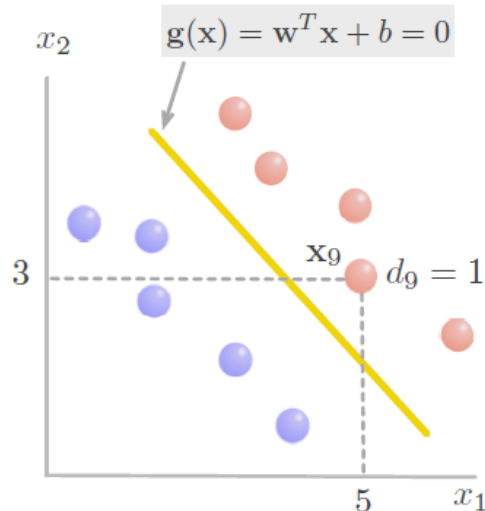
In primal problem

Known parameters:  $\mathbf{x}_i, d_i$

Unknown variables:  $\mathbf{w}, b$

Solve

Optimal  
hyperplane



A hyperplane, denoted by  $(\mathbf{w}, b)$ , can be expressed as

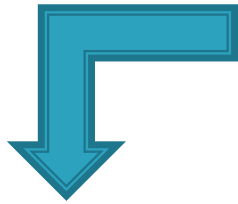
$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = 0$$

Hyperplane classifies a given  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with

$$\text{sgn}[g(\mathbf{x}_i)] = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } g(\mathbf{x}_i) > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } g(\mathbf{x}_i) < 0 \end{cases}$$

# Recap : Hard Margin

Primal problem    Lecture Slide 75



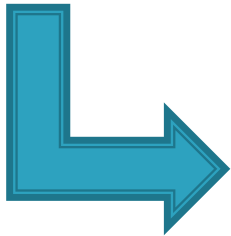
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Alternative  
formulation using  
method of **Lagrange  
multipliers**



Finding optimal hyperplane (**dual problem**)    Lecture Slide 81

Given :  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, d_i)\}$

Find : Lagrange multipliers  $\{\alpha_i\}$

Maximizing :  $Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$

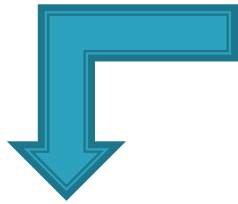
Subject to : (1)  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0$

(2)  $\alpha_i \geq 0$



# Recap : Hard Margin

Primal problem Lecture Slide 75



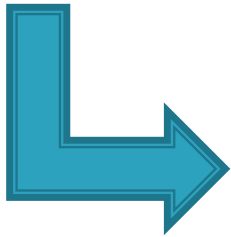
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Subject to :  $d_i (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$

Alternative  
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multipliers



Only  
unknowns  
are  $\alpha_i$

Finding optimal hyperplane (dual problem) Lecture Slide 81

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Subject to : (1)  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0$

(2)  $\alpha_i \geq 0$

Linear Kernel

For a support  
vector,  $\alpha_i \neq 0$

Apply (Karush Kuhn–Tucker) KKT conditions

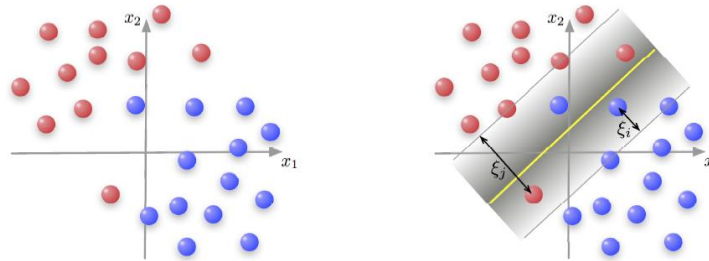


# Recap : Soft Margin

## Dealing with non-separable patterns

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1. Find optimal hyperplane to minimize classification error



Dual problem (with soft margin) Lecture Slide 102

Find :  $\alpha_i$

$$\text{Maximize : } Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$$

$$\text{Subject to : } \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

Linear Kernel

Soft Margin

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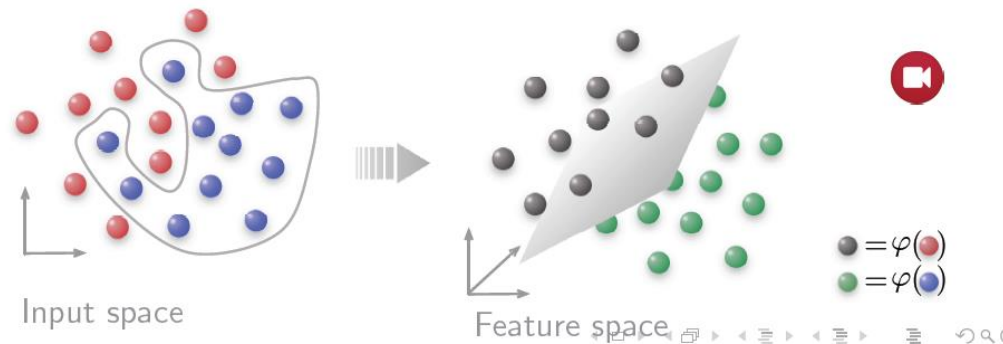
- Value of  $C > 0$  reflects cost of violating constraints
  - A large  $C$  generally leads to smaller margin but also fewer misclassification of training data
  - A small  $C$  generally leads to larger margin but more misclassification of training data
- As a design parameter, value of  $C$  is set by user

# Recap: Soft Margin and Transformation

## Dealing with non-separable patterns

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2. Transform data into higher dimension space for separation



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Dual problem with soft margin and transformation

Find :  $\alpha_i$

$$\text{Maximize : } Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_j \varphi^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \varphi(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$\text{Subject to : } \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0, 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

Soft Margin

Nonlinear Kernel

# Recap : Summary

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How to build a SVM: Summary

Given a training set  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, d_i)\}, i = 1, \dots, N$

1 Find a suitable kernel

Choose expression  
then check Mercer's  
condition

2 Choose a value for  $C$

3 Solve for  $\alpha_{o,i}$

4 Determine  $b_o$  in

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{o,i} d_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) + b_o$$

using the fact that for a support  
vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(s)}$

$$g(\mathbf{x}^{(s)}) = \pm 1 = d^{(s)}$$

$$\text{Maximize : } Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

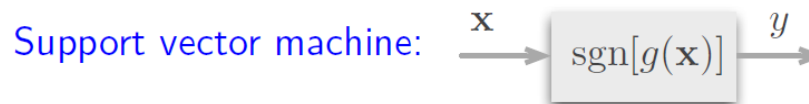
$$\text{Subject to : } \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0 \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

Kernel

KKT conditions  
For a support  
vector,  $\alpha_i \neq 0$

Soft Margin

Quadratic  
Programming



Hard Margin

$$\alpha_i \geq 0$$

Soft Margin

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

# Task 1: Data

## ▶ Training set (with 2000 samples)

Given: “**train.mat**”

- feature (57 x 2000)
- label (2000 x 1)

Feature of a sample:

0, 0.640, 0.640, 0, 0.320, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.640, 0, 0, 0, 0.320, 0, 1.290,  
1.930, 0, 0.960,  
0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.778, 0, 0, 3.756, 61.000, 278.000

57 attributes

Label: +1 (spam), -1 (non-spam)

# Task 1: Training set

- ▶ Import the training set (i.e. train.mat)
- ▶ Preprocess the “data” (various methods can be done e.g. **Sample Scaling** or **Standardization [CHOOSE ONE!]**)<sup>a,b</sup>
  - **Scale** the “data” : rescale individual sample x such that  $||x|| = 1$ .
  - **Standardize** the “data”: transform each feature by removing the mean value of each feature then dividing by each feature's standard deviation.
- ▶ Please ensure the “label” is mapped into the set of  $\{-1, 1\}$ .

<sup>a</sup> <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html#>

<sup>b</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature\\_scaling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature_scaling)

# Task 1: Kernels

- ▶ Hard-margin SVM with the linear kernel

$$K(x_1, x_2) = x_1^T x_2$$

- ▶ Hard-margin SVM with a polynomial kernel

$$K(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^T x_2 + 1)^p$$

- ▶ Soft-margin SVM with a polynomial kernel

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# Task 1: Hard and Soft Margins

- ▶ Hard Margin  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ 
  - $C = +\infty$  (In theory)
  - $C = \text{Large value}$  (In practice, e.g.  $10^6$ )
- ▶ Soft Margin  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$ 
  - $C = 0.1, 0.6, 1.1, 2.1$



# Task 1: quadprog

## Quadratic programming

- To solve for  $\alpha_i$

Maximize :  $Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$

Subject to :  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0, \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$

Finds a minimum for a problem specified by

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + f^T x \text{ such that } \begin{cases} A \cdot x \leq b, \\ A_{eq} \cdot x = beq, \\ lb \leq x \leq ub. \end{cases}$$

$H$ ,  $A$ , and  $A_{eq}$  are matrices, and  $f$ ,  $b$ ,  $beq$ ,  $lb$ ,  $ub$ , and  $x$  are vectors.

$f$ ,  $lb$ , and  $ub$  can be passed as vectors or matrices; see [Matrix Arguments](#).

`x = quadprog(H,f,A,b,Aeq,beq,lb,ub,x0,options)` solves the preceding problem using the optimization options specified in `options`. Use `optimoptions` to create options. If you do not want to give an initial point, set `x0 = []`.

# Task 1: quadprog

## Quadratic programming

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## Convert the problem from “Max” to “Min”

► **Max  $Q(\alpha) \rightarrow$  Min  $-Q(\alpha)$**

If  $f$  is to be maximized instead, such a maximization problem can be expressed as a minimization problem by the transformation

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}} f(\mathbf{w}) = - \min_{\mathbf{w}} [-f(\mathbf{w})]$$

# Task 1: quadprog

## Quadratic programming

Maximize :  $Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j K(x_i, x_j)$

Subject to :  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0, 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$

Soft Margin

Finds a minimum for a problem specified by

Not in use

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + f^T x \text{ such that } \begin{cases} A \cdot x \leq b, \\ Aeq \cdot x = beq, \\ lb \leq x \leq ub. \end{cases}$$

$$A = [ ];$$

$$b = [ ];$$

$H$ ,  $A$ , and  $Aeq$  are matrices, and  $f$ ,  $b$ ,  $beq$ ,  $lb$ ,  $ub$ , and  $x$  are vectors.

$f$ ,  $lb$ , and  $ub$  can be passed as vectors or matrices; see [Matrix Arguments](#).

$$Aeq \cdot x = beq, \begin{cases} Aeq = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N) \\ beq = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$lb \leq x \leq ub. \begin{cases} lb = (0, 0, \dots, 0)^T \\ ub = (C, C, \dots, C)^T \end{cases}$$

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + f^T x \begin{cases} H_{ij} = d_i d_j K(x_i, x_j) \\ f = (-1, -1, \dots, -1)^T \end{cases}$$

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x = quadprog(H,f,A,b,Aeq,beq,lb,ub,x0,options)
```

# Task 1: quadprog

## Quadratic programming

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### ► **Hard-margin** SVM with the Linear kernel

$$K(x_1, x_2) = x_1^T x_2$$

For illustration only:

- $H(i, j) = d_i d_j x_i^T x_j$ ;
- $f = -\text{ones}(2000, 1)$ ;
- $A_{eq} = \text{train\_label}'$ ;
- $Beq = 0$ ;
- $lb = \text{zeros}(2000, 1)$ ;
- $ub = \text{ones}(2000, 1) * \mathbf{C}$ ;
- $x0 = [ ]$ ;
- $options = \text{optimset('LargeScale','off','MaxIter',1000)}$ ;

#### ► Hard Margin $\alpha_i \geq 0$

- $C = +\infty$  (In theory)
- $C = \text{Large value}$  (In practice, e.g.  $10^6$ )

# Task 1: quadprog

## Quadratic programming

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### ► **Hard-margin** SVM with the Polynomial kernel

$$K(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^T x_2 + 1)^p$$

For illustration only:

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- $x0 = []$ ;
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# Task 1: quadprog

Quadratic programming

```
x = quadprog(H,f,A,b,Aeq,beq,lb,ub,x0,options)
```

## ► **Soft-margin** SVM with the Polynomial kernel

$$K(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^T x_2 + 1)^p$$

For illustration only:

- $H(i, j) = d_i d_j \underline{(x_i^T x_j + 1)^p}$ ;
  - $f = -\text{ones}(2000, 1)$ ;
  - $A_{eq} = \text{train\_label}'$ ;
  - $Beq = 0$ ;
  - $lb = \text{zeros}(2000, 1)$ ;
  - $ub = \text{ones}(2000, 1) * \mathbf{C}$ ;
  - $x0 = []$ ;
  - $options = \text{optimset}('LargeScale', 'off', 'MaxIter', 1000)$ ;
- **Soft Margin**  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$

  - $C = 0.1, 0.6, 1.1, 2.1$

# Task 1: Selection of Support Vectors

Based on KKT conditions

- ▶ For a support vector,  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  (In theory)

However in practice,  $\alpha_i \neq \text{small value}$

How to decide ?

- ▶ Choose an appropriate threshold (e.g.  $1e-4$ ) to determine the support vectors



# Task 1: Discriminant function $g(x)$

## Hard Margin SVM with linear kernel

Maximizing  $Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j \underline{x_i^T x_j}$  Subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0$   
 $\alpha_i \geq 0$

After  $\alpha_{o,i}$  is obtained, we can calculate  $\mathbf{w}_o$  and  $b_o$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{w}_o = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{o,i} d_i \mathbf{x}_i, \quad b_o = \frac{1}{d^{(s)}} - \mathbf{w}_o^T \mathbf{x}^{(s)}$$

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where  $\mathbf{x}^{(s)}$  is a support vector with label  $d^{(s)}$

# Task 1: Discriminant function $g(\mathbf{x})$

## Soft Margin SVM with linear kernel

Maximizing  $Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j \underline{\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j}$  Subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0$   
 $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$

After  $\alpha_{o,i}$  is obtained, we can calculate  $\mathbf{w}_o$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{w}_o = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{o,i} d_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

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After  $\mathbf{w}_o$  is obtained, we can calculate  $b_o$  as follows:

- ① For each example  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with  $0 < \alpha_i \leq C$ ,

$$b_{o,i} = \frac{1}{d_i} - \mathbf{w}_o^T \mathbf{x}_i$$

- ② Take  $b_o$  as the average of all such  $b_{o,i}$

$$b_o = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m b_{o,i}}{m}$$

where  $m$  is the total number of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with  $0 < \alpha_i \leq C$ .

# Task 1: Discriminant function $g(\mathbf{x})$

## Soft Margin SVM with nonlinear kernel

Determine  $b_o$  in

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{o,i} d_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) + b_o$$

using the fact that for a support vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(s)}$

$$g(\mathbf{x}^{(s)}) = \pm 1 = d^{(s)}$$

Take  $b_o$  as the average of all such  $b_{o,i}$

$$b_o = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m b_{o,i}}{m}$$

where  $m$  is the total number of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with  $0 < \alpha_i \leq C$ .

# Task 2: Data

- ▶ Test set (with 1536 samples)

Given: “**test.mat**”

- feature (57 x 1536)
- label (1536 x 1)

Feature of a sample:

0, 0.640, 0.640, 0, 0.320, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.640, 0, 0, 0, 0.320, 0, 1.290,  
1.930, 0, 0.960,  
0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.778, 0, 0, 3.756, 61.000, 278.000

57 attributes

Label: +1 (spam), -1 (non-spam)

# Task 2: Testing set

- ▶ Import the testing set (i.e. test.mat)
- ▶ Preprocess the “data” (various methods can be done e.g. **Sample Scaling** or **Standardization [CHOOSE ONE!]**)<sup>a</sup>
  - **Scale** the “data” : rescale individual sample x such that  $||x|| = 1$ .
  - **Standardize** the “data”: using the mean and variance of each feature from your training set. Transform each feature in the same manner with the training data.
- ▶ Please ensure the “label” is mapped into the set of  $\{-1, 1\}$ .

<sup>a</sup> <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html#>

<sup>b</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature\\_scaling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature_scaling)

# Task 2 : Test set

Discriminant function

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_o^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) + b_o = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{o,i} d_i \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(\mathbf{x}_i) \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})}_{K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x})} + b_o$$

To classify a new data point  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{new}}$

$$d_{\text{new}} = \text{sgn} [g(\mathbf{x}_{\text{new}})]$$

For illustration only:

$$g(\mathbf{x}_{\text{test}}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{o,i} d_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{\text{test}}) + b_o$$

If  $g(\mathbf{x}_{\text{test}}) > 0$   
 $\mathbf{x}_{\text{test\_label}} = +1$   
else  
 $\mathbf{x}_{\text{test\_label}} = -1$

# Task 2 : Test set

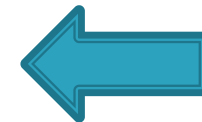
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Type of SVM	Training accuracy				Test accuracy			
Hard margin with Linear kernel	?				?			
Hard margin with polynomial kernel	$p = 2$	$p = 3$	$p = 4$	$p = 5$	$p = 2$	$p = 3$	$p = 4$	$p = 5$
	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Soft margin with polynomial kernel	$C = 0.1$	$C = 0.6$	$C = 1.1$	$C = 2.1$	$C = 0.1$	$C = 0.6$	$C = 1.1$	$C = 2.1$
	$p = 2$	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	$p = 3$	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	$p = 4$	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	$p = 5$	?	?	?	?	?	?	?



Fill in

TABLE I  
RESULTS OF SVM CLASSIFICATION.



# Task 3 : Data

- ▶ Evaluation set (with 600 samples)

**Not given: “eval.mat”**

- feature: “eval\_data” (57 x 600)
- label: “eval\_label” (600 x 1)

# Task 3 : Evaluation

- ▶ Design a SVM of your own
  - Hard or Soft Margin ?
  - Linear or Polynomial Kernel ?
  - What are the  $p$  and  $C$  values ?
- ▶ To classify the 600 samples in the evaluation set



Produce the best performance

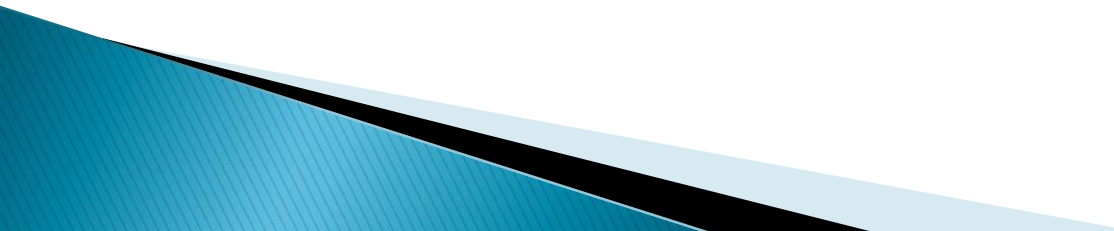
**Not given: eval.mat**  
**eval\_data (57 x 600)**  
**eval\_label (600 x 1)**

Output: A column vector (600 x 1) named “**eval\_predicted**”

# Task 3 : Evaluation

- ▶ Hardcode the discriminant function  $g(x)$  in the file for evaluation
  - If necessary, store the required variables in a separate \*.mat file
- ▶ Prepare the code so that it could handle the evaluation data set
  - Note: the **eval\_data** is a (57x600) matrix
- ▶ Your code should be able to generate **“eval\_predicted” (600 x 1)**

# Task 3 : Evaluation

- ▶ Please name your M file for Task 3 as **“svm\_main”**
  - ▶ Do not clear any variables in the **“svm\_main”** script
  - ▶ Before submitting your code, please **ensure that it works** by testing it with the training and test set
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# Important Notes : All tasks

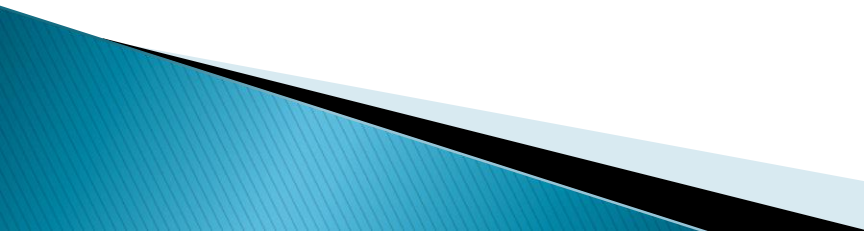
- ▶ Preprocess your data

Sample Scaling / Mean Normalization /  
Standardization/ Rescaling / etc. ?

- ▶ Use the training set statistics to preprocess the other data sets
- ▶ Check Mercer Condition

# Important Notes : All tasks

## Procedure to build SVM

- ▶ Choose a suitable Kernel  
Linear/Nonlinear ?
  - ▶ Choose C  
Hard/Soft Margin ?
  - ▶ Solve  $\alpha_i$   
Quadratic Programming
  - ▶ Determine discriminant function  $g(x)$
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# Important Notes : All tasks

- ▶ Hard Margin

- $C = +\infty$  (In theory)
- $C = \underline{\text{Large value (In practice, e.g. } 10^6\text{)}}$



# Important Notes : All tasks

- ▶ Selection of support vectors
  - Select an appropriate threshold (e.g.  $1e-4$ ) for choosing the support vectors

# Important Notes : Submission

- ▶ Submit all your codes that you have implemented for the entire project
- ▶ Make sure your codes work without errors.
- ▶ All codes should be executable with the given data sets in the workspace without any additional inputs

**Report due on April 26, 2019**



# Q & A

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