# Machine Learning HW1

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# 1 Collaborators and Sources

I finished this assignment independently but refered to some slides from CMU indeed.

#### References

- 1 Support Vector Machines, Kernel SVM Carnegie Mellon University
- 2 Soft margin SVM Carnegie Mellon University

## 2 Maximum Likelihood Estimators

### Problem 1

1.

$$\begin{split} l &= log L \\ &= log \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(x_i | \mu, \Sigma) \\ &= log \prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x_i - \mu)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(-\frac{d}{2} log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x_i - \mu)\right) \\ &= -\frac{Nd}{2} log(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2} log |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x_i - \mu) \end{split}$$

**Deriving**  $\mu$  If matrix A is symmetric, then

$$\frac{\partial w^T A w}{\partial w} = 2Aw$$

Thus, we let

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \Sigma^{-1}(\mu - x_i) = 0$$

Since  $\Sigma$  is positive definite, we have

$$\hat{\mu}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i$$

**Deriving**  $\Sigma$  We know that

$$tr(ACB) = tr(CAB) = tr(BCA)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial tr(AB)}{A} = B^T$$

thus we have

$$x^T A x = tr(x^T A x) = tr(x^T x A)$$

so

$$\frac{\partial x^T A x}{\partial A} = \frac{\partial x^T x A}{\partial A} = x x^T$$
 
$$\frac{\partial log|A|}{\partial A} = A^{-T}$$

Thus, we let  $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} = 0$ , since A is symmetric, we have

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \left( C + \frac{N}{2} log |\Sigma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right)$$

$$= \frac{N}{2} \Sigma^T - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu) (x_i - \mu)^T$$

$$= \frac{N}{2} \Sigma - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu) (x_i - \mu)^T$$

so

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \hat{\mu})(x_i - \hat{\mu})^T$$

In conclusion

$$\hat{\mu}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \tag{1}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_{ML})(x_i - \hat{\mu}_{ML})^T$$
 (2)

2.

$$E[\hat{\mu}_{ML}] = E\left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}x_i\right] = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}E[x_i] = \mu$$

$$E\left[\hat{\Sigma}_{ML}\right] = \frac{1}{N}E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_{i} - \hat{\mu}_{ML})(x_{i} - \hat{\mu}_{ML})^{T}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_{i}x_{i}^{T} - x_{i}\hat{\mu}_{ML}^{T} - \hat{\mu}_{ML}x_{i}^{T} + \hat{\mu}_{ML}\hat{\mu}_{ML}^{T})\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N}x_{i}x_{i}^{T} - N\hat{\mu}_{ML}\hat{\mu}_{ML}^{T}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N}x_{i}x_{i}^{T}\right] - E\left[\hat{\mu}_{ML}\hat{\mu}_{ML}^{T}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left[\Sigma(x_{i}) + E(x_{i})E(x_{i}^{T})\right]\right) - \left(\Sigma(\hat{\mu}_{ML}) + E(\hat{\mu}_{ML})E(\hat{\mu}_{ML}^{T})\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N}(\Sigma + \mu\mu^{T})\right) - \left(\frac{1}{N}\Sigma + \mu\mu^{T}\right)$$

$$= \frac{N-1}{N}\Sigma$$

In conclusion

$$E\left[\hat{\mu}_{ML}\right] = \mu \tag{3}$$

$$E\left[\hat{\Sigma}_{ML}\right] = \frac{N-1}{N}\Sigma\tag{4}$$

So  $E\left[\hat{\mu}_{ML}\right]$  is an unbiased estimate, but  $E\left[\hat{\Sigma}_{ML}\right]$  is a biased estimate.

3.

$$E[\|\hat{\mu}_{ML} - \mu\|^2] = E[(\hat{\mu}_{ML} - \mu)^T (\hat{\mu}_{ML} - \mu)]$$

$$= E[\hat{\mu}_{ML}^T \hat{\mu}_{ML}] - \mu^T \mu$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_{ML}^T \hat{\mu}_{ML}] = E[Tr(\hat{\mu}_{ML} \hat{\mu}_{ML}^T)]$$

$$= Tr\left(E[\hat{\mu}_{ML} \hat{\mu}_{ML}^T)]\right)$$

$$= Tr\left(\frac{1}{N}\Sigma + \mu \mu^T\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}Tr(\Sigma) + \mu^T \mu$$

So

$$E[\|\hat{\mu}_{ML} - \mu\|^2] = \frac{Tr\Sigma}{N} \tag{5}$$

## 3 Kernel SVM

#### Problem 2

1.

$$k(x,y) = (1+xy)^n$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}xy + \binom{n}{2}x^2y^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^ny^n$$

let

$$\phi(x) = \left(\sqrt{\binom{n}{0}}, \sqrt{\binom{n}{1}}x, \cdots, \sqrt{\binom{n}{n}}x^n\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$
 (6)

we have

$$k(x,y) = (1 + xy)^n = \phi(x)^T \phi(y)$$

so  $k(x,y) = (1+xy)^n$  is a kernel on X = R.

2.

Assume k(x,y) = xy - 1 is kernel function on X = R, then there exsits a function  $\phi(\dot{y})$  such that  $k(x,y) = \phi(x)^T \phi(y)$ .

So for any  $x \in R$ , we have  $k(x, x) = \phi(x)^T \phi(x) \ge 0$ 

Let  $x = y = 0 \in R$ , we have k(0, 0) = -1 < 0.

We got a contradiction, so k(x,y) = xy - 1 is not a kernel function on X = R.

#### Problem 3

1.

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i (-\xi_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_i \left(1 - \xi_i - y_i w^T \phi(x_i)\right)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (1 - \alpha_i) \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_i \left(1 - \xi_i - y_i w^T \phi(x_i)\right)$$

$$s.t. \quad \alpha_i \ge 0$$

$$\beta_i \ge 0$$
(7)

2.

$$\min_{w,\xi_i} \max_{\alpha_i,\beta_i} L$$

we let

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \lambda w - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_i y_i \phi(x_i) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_i} = (1 - \alpha_i) - \beta_i = 0$$

we have

$$w = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_i y_i \phi(x_i)$$
 (8)

$$1 - \alpha_i = \beta_i \tag{9}$$

so  $0 \le \beta_i \le 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{split} \min_{w,\xi_{i}} \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_{i} &= \min_{w,\xi_{i}} \max_{\alpha_{i},\beta_{i}} L \\ &= \max_{\alpha_{i},\beta_{i}} \min_{w,\xi_{i}} L \\ &= \max_{\alpha_{i},\beta_{i}} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} y_{i} \phi(x_{i}) \right)^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} \left( \xi_{i} + 1 - \xi_{i} - y_{i} w^{T} \phi(x_{i}) \right) \\ &= \max_{\alpha_{i},\beta_{i}} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} y_{i} \phi(x_{i}) \right)^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} y_{i} \phi(x_{i}) \sum_{j=1}^{N} \beta_{j} y_{j} \phi(x_{j}) \\ &= \max_{\beta_{i}} - \frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \beta_{i} \beta_{j} y_{i} y_{j} \phi(x_{i})^{T} \phi(x_{j}) \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} \\ &= \max_{\beta_{i}} - \frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \beta_{i} \beta_{j} y_{i} y_{j} k(x_{i}, x_{j}) \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{i} \\ s.t. \quad 0 \leq \beta_{i} \leq 1 \end{split}$$

In conclusion, the dual problem is

$$\max_{\alpha_i, \beta_i} -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_i \beta_j y_i y_j k(x_i, x_j) \right] + \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i$$

$$s.t. \quad 0 \le \beta_i \le 1$$
(10)

Accreding to KKT conditions:

$$\hat{\beta}_i(y_i\hat{w}^T\phi(x_i) - 1 + \hat{\xi}_i) = 0$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\beta}_i y_i \phi(x_i)$$

where  $\{\hat{\beta}_i\}$  are the optimal solution for Equation (10).

3.

$$f(x) = sign(\hat{w}^T \phi(x))$$

$$= sign\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\beta}_i y_i \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x)\right)$$

$$= sign\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\beta}_i y_i k(x_i, x)\right)$$
(11)

where  $\{\hat{\beta}_i\}$  are the optimal solution for Equation (10). Accroding to KKT conditions, we have either  $\beta_i = 0$  or  $\beta_i > 0$ ,  $y_i \hat{w}^T \phi(x_i) = 1 - \hat{\xi}_i$ , where  $\hat{\xi}_i = 0$  indicates  $x_i$  is a margin support vector, whereas  $\hat{\xi}_i > 0$  indicates  $x_i$  is an nonmargin support vector.

# 4 Boosting: from Weak to Strong

#### Problem 4

1.

Obviously,

$$\mathbb{I}\{y = -1\} = \frac{1 - y}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{I}\{y = 1\} = \frac{1 + y}{2}$$

because  $\{x^{(i)}\}$  are in **descending** order, so for each threshold s, there is some  $m_0(s) \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  such that

$$\mathbb{I}\{\phi_{s,+}(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} = \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = 1\}, \forall i > m_0(s)$$

$$\mathbb{I}\{\phi_{s,+}(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} = \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = -1\}, \forall i \leq m_0(s)$$

thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i} \mathbb{I}\{\phi_{s,+}(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} = \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}(s)} p_{i} \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = -1\} + \sum_{i=m_{0}(s)+1}^{m} p_{i} \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = 1\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}(s)} p_{i} \frac{1 - y^{(i)}}{2} + \sum_{i=m_{0}(s)+1}^{m} p_{i} \frac{1 + y^{(i)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}(s)} y^{(i)} p_{i} - \sum_{i=m_{0}(s)+1}^{m} y^{(i)} p_{i} \right)$$
(12)

**Similarly**, for each threshold s, there is some  $m_0(s) \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  such that

$$\mathbb{I}\{\phi_{s,-}(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} = \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = -1\}, \forall i > m_0(s)$$
$$\mathbb{I}\{\phi_{s,-}(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} = \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = 1\}, \forall i \leq m_0(s)$$

thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i} \mathbb{I}\{\phi_{s,-}(x^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}\} = \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}(s)} p_{i} \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = 1\} + \sum_{i=m_{0}(s)+1}^{m} p_{i} \mathbb{I}\{y^{(i)} = -1\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}(s)} p_{i} \frac{1+y^{(i)}}{2} + \sum_{i=m_{0}(s)+1}^{m} p_{i} \frac{1-y^{(i)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=m_{0}(s)+1}^{m} y^{(i)} p_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}(s)} y^{(i)} p_{i} \right)$$
(13)

2.

We noted that

$$|f(m_0) - f(m_0 + 1)| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{m_0} y^{(i)} p_i - \sum_{i=m_0+1}^m y^{(i)} p_i - \sum_{i=1}^{m_0+1} y^{(i)} p_i + \sum_{i=m_0+2}^m y^{(i)} p_i \right|$$

$$= |-2y^{m_0+1} p_{m_0+1}|$$

$$= 2p_{m_0+1}$$

because  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i = 1, p_i \ge 0, \forall i$ , so  $p_i \ge 1/m, \exists i$ . Hence, we have

$$\max_{0 \le m_0 \le m-1} |f(m_0) - f(m_0 + 1)| \ge \frac{2}{m}$$

And we noted that

$$\max_{m_0} |f(m_0)| \ge \frac{1}{2} \max_{m_0} (|f(m_0)| + |f(m_0 + 1)|)$$

$$\ge \frac{1}{2} \max_{m_0} |f(m_0) - f(m_0 + 1)|$$

$$\ge \frac{1}{m}$$

$$= 2\gamma$$

Hence

$$\max_{m_0} |f(m_0)| \ge 2\gamma \tag{14}$$

3.

Obviously,

$$2\gamma \le \max_{m_0} |f(m_0)|$$

$$= \max_{m_0} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{m_0} y^{(i)} p_i - \sum_{i=m_0+1}^m y^{(i)} p_i \right|$$

$$\le \left| \sum_{i=1}^{m_0} y^{(i)} p_i \right| + \left| \sum_{i=m_0+1}^m y^{(i)} p_i \right|$$

$$\le \sum_{i=1}^m p_i$$

$$= 1$$

Hence, we have

$$\gamma \le 1/2 \tag{15}$$

when all datas are classified correctly,  $\gamma = 1/2$ .

If there is only one stump, the error rate

$$J_1 \le \frac{1}{2} - \gamma$$

thus

$$J_t \le (1 - 4\gamma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} J_{t-1} \le \dots \le (1 - 4\gamma^2)^{\frac{t-1}{2}} J_1 \le (1 - 4\gamma^2)^{\frac{t-1}{2}} (\frac{1}{2} - \gamma)$$

Let

$$J_t \le (1 - 4\gamma^2)^{\frac{t-1}{2}} (\frac{1}{2} - \gamma) \le \frac{1}{m}$$

we have

$$t \le \frac{2\ln\frac{2}{m(1-2\gamma)}}{\ln(1-4\gamma^2)} + 1$$

so the upper-bound  $t_{upper-bound}$  is

$$t_{upper-bound} = \left[ \frac{2\ln\frac{2}{m(1-2\gamma)}}{\ln(1-4\gamma^2)} + 1 \right]$$
 (16)