1 Hard margin SVM

Primal problem:

minimize
$$J(w) = \frac{1}{2}||w||_2^2$$

subject to $y_i(w^Tx_i + w_0) \ge 1, i = \overline{1, N}$

Primal problem Lagrangian:

$$L(w_0, w, \alpha_1, \dots \alpha_N) = \frac{1}{2} ||w||_2^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) - 1]$$

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions:

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \alpha_i = 0$$

$$\alpha_i \ge 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\alpha_i [y_i (w^T x_i + w_0) - 1] = 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$y_i (w^T x_i + w_0) \ge 1, i = \overline{1, N}$$

Using this we obtain the following dual problem:

maximize
$$D(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$
 subject to
$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$\alpha_i > 0i = \overline{1, N}$$

(The previous expression can be vectorized using the Hadamard matrix product and the Kronecker tensor product, done in the Python script)

2 Soft margin SVM

Primal problem:

minimize
$$J(w, \xi_i \dots \xi_N) = \frac{1}{2} ||w||_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i$$

subject to $\xi_i \ge 0, y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) \ge 1 - \xi_i, i = \overline{1, N}$

C > 0 is the slackness penalty factor.

Primal problem Lagrangian:

$$L(w, w_0, \xi_1 \dots \xi_N, \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \mu_1 \dots \mu_N) = \frac{1}{2} ||w||_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [y_i(w^T x + w_0) - 1 + \xi_i]$$

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions:

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$\mu_i \xi_i = 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\alpha_i = C - \mu_i, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\alpha_i [y^i (w^T x_i + w_0) - 1 + \xi_i] = 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\alpha_i \ge 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\mu_i \ge 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\xi_i \ge 0, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$y_i (w^T x_i + w_0) \ge 1, i = \overline{1, N}$$

Using this we obtain the following dual problem:

maximize
$$D(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$
 subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$0 \le \alpha_i \le C, i = \overline{1, N}$$

The dual is essentially the same as for the hard margin case, except for the box constraints for α_i . For kernelized version of SVM, one only needs to replace dot products with the corresponding Mercer kernel $\mathcal{K}.$