

1 Hard margin SVM

Primal problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } J(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to } y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) \geq 1, i = \overline{1, N} \end{aligned}$$

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:

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

Using this we obtain the following dual problem:

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

subject to

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i &= 0 \\
\alpha_i &\geq 0, i = \overline{1, N}
\end{aligned}$$

(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:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } J(w, \xi_1 \dots \xi_N) &= \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \\ \text{subject to } \xi_i &\geq 0, y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) \geq 1 - \xi_i, i = \overline{1, N} \end{aligned}$$

$C > 0$ is the slackness penalty factor.

Primal problem Lagrangian:

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

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
w &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i \\
\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i &= 0 \\
\mu_i \xi_i &= 0, i = \overline{1, N} \\
\alpha_i &= C - \mu_i, i = \overline{1, N} \\
\alpha_i [y_i (w^T x_i + w_0) - 1 + \xi_i] &= 0, i = \overline{1, N} \\
\alpha_i &\geq 0, i = \overline{1, N} \\
\mu_i &\geq 0, i = \overline{1, N} \\
\xi_i &\geq 0, i = \overline{1, N} \\
y_i (w^T x_i + w_0) &\geq 1 - \xi_i, i = \overline{1, N}
\end{aligned}$$

Using this we obtain the following dual problem:

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

subject to

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i &= 0 \\
0 \leq \alpha_i &\leq C, i = \overline{1, N}
\end{aligned}$$

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} .