

11/5/2021 Homework: Convex Optimization and SVM

Step 1: $\min_{w, b} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$ s.t. $y_i(w^\top x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i$, $\xi_i \geq 0$

Formulating the model / optimization function for a soft margin SVM

$$\text{Model: } \min_{w, b, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

s.t.

$$y_i(w^\top x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0$$

To remove some of these constraints, we apply Lagrangian function

$$L(w, b, \beta_j, \lambda_j, \xi_j) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j [y_j(w^\top x_j + b) - 1 + \xi_j] + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \xi_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - w^\top \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j x_j \right) - b \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \xi_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \xi_j \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Solving for w^* , b^* and ϵ_j^* ,

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = w^* + c - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j x_j - c + 0 - 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore w^* = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j x_j \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = c + 0 - 0 - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j + 0 - 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \epsilon} = 0 + nc - 0 - 0 + 0 -$$

$$- 0 + \sum_{j=1}^n c - 0 - 0 + 0 - \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 0$$

$$\therefore c - \beta_j - \lambda_j = 0 \rightarrow (3)$$

Step 3: Replacing the findings from Step 2 in the original equation to get the dual function.

$$\begin{aligned} L^* &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i \beta_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j) + c \cancel{\sum_{j=1}^n \epsilon_j} \\ &\quad - \cancel{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i \beta_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \\ &\quad - \cancel{\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \epsilon_j} - \cancel{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j \epsilon_j} \text{ (from (3))} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L^* = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \beta_j (x_i^T x_j) + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j$$

Step 4: Writing the dual function (with its associated constraints).

$$(x_i^T x_j) \text{ for } i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

$$\text{s.t.: } \beta_j \geq 0, \quad \rightarrow (4)$$

$$c \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad \sum \beta_j y_j \leq 0 \quad \rightarrow (5)$$

$$c - \lambda_j - \beta_j = 0 \quad \rightarrow (6)$$

Now, note that we can see that

it does not have any constraints.

$$\beta_j \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_j \geq 0 \quad (\text{Optimal})$$

Now, there can be two cases:

$$(a) \lambda_j > 0, \text{ then minimum.}$$

$$\text{then } c - \beta_j > \lambda_j \quad \Rightarrow \quad \beta_j < c \quad (\text{Based on (6)})$$

$$(b) \lambda_j = 0, \text{ then } c = \beta_j \Rightarrow \beta_j = c$$

From this we can go to step 4.

Step 4 : Dual function with new constraint.

$$\max_{\beta_j} \sum \beta_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum \sum \beta_i \beta_j y_i y_j (x_i^T x_j)$$

$$s.t: \sum \beta_j y_j \geq 0,$$

also called \leftarrow $0 \leq \beta_j \leq C$ [we just derived
Box constraint. this in step 3]

As we can see, the dual function is free
from w and b , we only need to
solve for β_j now.

Step 5: Applying SMO to solve for the
dual variables β .

Imagine we solved for w^* and b^*
using SMO.

Imagine we solved for $\beta_1^*, \beta_2^*, \dots, \beta_n^*$ by
using SMO.

And we solved for $\beta_1^*, \beta_2^*, \dots, \beta_n^*$ using SMO as well.

Step 6: Checking for KKT constraints

Complementary Slackness is sought for

and has the form: all slackings are

$$\text{pos} \Rightarrow \beta_j y_j (\omega^T x_j + b^*) - \epsilon_j = 0$$

$$\lambda_j \epsilon_j = 0$$

which is true if one of them is zero.

There can be the following cases:

$$1) \beta_j > 0$$

$$\beta_j - 1 < (\omega^T x_j + b^*) \leq \beta_j + 1$$

$$\text{Then } y_j (\omega^T x_j + b^*) - 1 + \epsilon_j = 0$$

$$\therefore y_j (\omega^T x_j + b^*) \leq 1 - \epsilon_j$$

This can further have two cases:

$$a) \text{ If } \lambda_j > 0, \text{ then } \epsilon_j = 0$$

$$\text{which means } y_j (\omega^T x_j + b^*) = 1$$

i.e. ~~the~~ the points lie on the margin.

$$b) \text{ If } \epsilon_j > 0, \Rightarrow \lambda_j = 0$$

$$\text{Then } C = \beta_j.$$

$\beta_j^* = c$ (first) 3/2/18

\Rightarrow These are the misclassified points which lie inside the margin and can be classified (or misclassified depending on ϵ_j)

\Rightarrow These are the misclassified points.

2) $\beta_j = 0$,

then $\Rightarrow y_j(\mathbf{w}^{*T}\mathbf{x}_j + b) > 1 - \epsilon_j$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}_j(\mathbf{w}^{*T}\mathbf{x}_j + b) > 1 - \epsilon_j$

Now, $\lambda_j = c \Rightarrow \epsilon_j = 0$

(*)

if $\mathbf{w}^{*T}\mathbf{x}_j + b < 1$ then $\epsilon_j > 0$

if $\mathbf{w}^{*T}\mathbf{x}_j + b > 1$ then $\epsilon_j < 0$