CS 180 MP 4: Artificial Neural Networks and Support Vector Machines

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Requirements:

- Python 3
- numpy python module
- scikit-learn python module
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- bash or your favorite shell
- plotly if you want to generate the graphs

Download http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/Research/DTG/attarchive/pub/data/att_faces.zip. Extract the orl_faces folder to the project directory. Remove orl_faces/README.

Just run main.py train_list train_tags test_list test_tags or start_script.sh to save on typing.

- 1. The MLP classifier with half the number of the input nodes in the hidden layer was 94.3750% accurate on the testing set.
- 2. Refer to Figure 1. In general, the MLP performs better with more nodes in the hidden layer. It achieves a maximum accuracy at around 8k nodes.
- 3. The MLP performed way worse (5% accuracy), but it trained faster.
- 4. The SVM trained really quickly, and had 95.6250% accuracy on the test set.
- 5. Refer to Figure 2. The performance of the SVM did not change and it completed training at around the same time.
- 6. Refer to Figure 3. The accuracy suffered rapidly as the gamma increased.
- 7. The SVM trained much, much faster than the MLP and seemed to require less memory. The MLP was able to achieve a higher accuracy than the SVM, by finding the optimal number of nodes in the hidden layer.

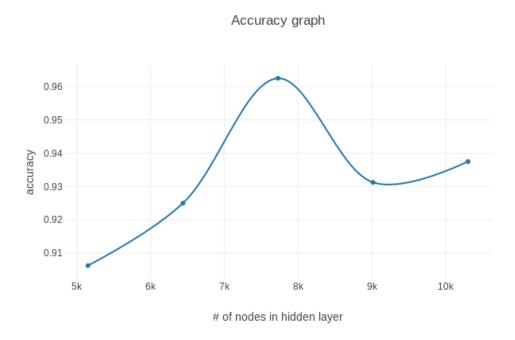


Figure 1: Accuracy for regular dictionary extracted from the training set

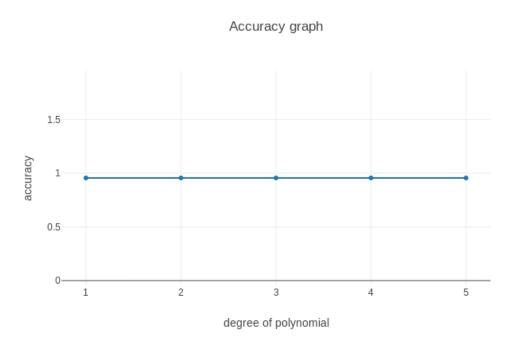


Figure 2: Plot of accuracy vs. lambda values. Accuracy decreases exponentially slower with higher lambda values.

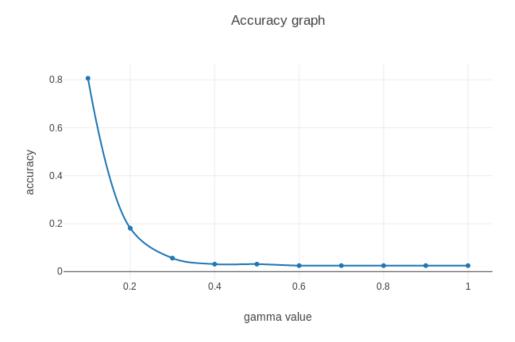


Figure 3: Accuracy for regular dictionary extracted from the training set, with stop words and very small words removed