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1. We have a dataset whose points have two features for binary classification:

$\left\{ \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , with  $y = 1$  and  $\left\{ \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  with  $y = -1$ . Using the initial weights  $\mathbf{w}^T = [0 \ 0]$  and initial bias  $b = 0$ , run the standard perceptron algorithm ( $\alpha = 0.5$ ) until it converges and find the weights and bias that perfectly classify the training set. Always present the data to the perceptron in the following order:  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4$ .

2. Consider the Hidden Markov Model  $\lambda = (A, B, \pi)$  with hidden states  $D, E, F$  and possible observation symbols  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , where  $\pi = [1 \ 0 \ 0]$  and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & E & F \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \end{array}$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.4 & 0.0 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.0 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Draw the state diagram of this HMM and show the transition probabilities.
- (b) For the sequence of observations  $O = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha)$ , give all sequences of states  $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$  for which  $P(X, O) \neq 0$ . There are only four such sequences!
- (c) Calculate  $P(O)$ .
- (d) What is the most likely  $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$ ?

**Solution:**

3. We wish to classify the following two dimensional dataset using a Maximum Margin Classifier:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ with } y = 1 \text{ and } \left\{ \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ with } y = -1.$$

- (a) Determine the equation of the linear decision boundary  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$ .  
(b) Determine the set of support vectors  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Hint: you do not need to solve an optimization problem to answer this question.

4. We have a dataset whose points have two features:  $\{\mathbf{x}_1 = (0, 0), \mathbf{x}_2 = (0, 1), \mathbf{x}_3 = (2, 0), \mathbf{x}_4 = (2, 2)\}$ .
- (a) Using the K-means algorithm, cluster the data into two groups. Initially, assign  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_4$  to cluster one and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  to cluster 2.
  - (b) Using the similarity measure  $s(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2}$ , perform hierarchical clustering on the dataset using single linkage and show the results using a dendrogram.

5. Assume the dataset with one feature and three classes:

$\{(0, \text{green}), (1, \text{green}), (2, \text{blue}), (3, \text{green}), (4, \text{red}), (5, \text{blue})\}$ .

Build a decision tree with three leaves using recursive binary splitting and the Gini index whose formula for region  $R_m$  is  $\sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_{mk}(1 - \hat{p}_{mk})$ , where  $\hat{p}_{mk}$  is the estimated probability of class  $k$  in region  $R_m$ , where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  and  $K$  is the number of classes. Assume that the feature space can only be splitted at 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5. Sketch the diagram of the decision tree. Do NOT use weighted Gini index over the regions. Simply add the Gini indices of the regions of the decision tree.

Hint: How to break possible ties? If you ever encountered ties, consider  $\text{green} = 100, \text{blue} = 200, \text{red} = 300$ . Break the tie in favor of the smaller number. So the tie between green and red would be broken in favor of green.

**Solution:**



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