Support Vector Machines (Dual formulation and Kernels)

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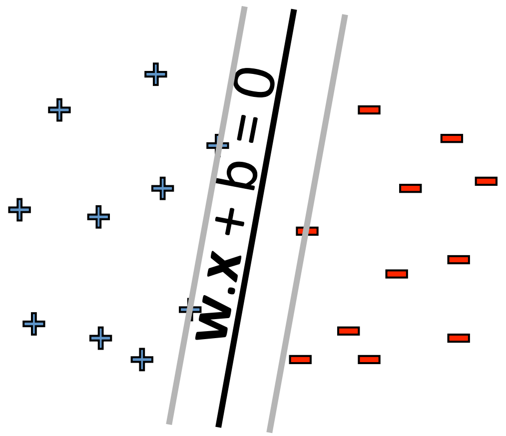
SVM – linearly separable case

n training points $(\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n)$

d features $\mathbf{x}_j$ is a d-dimensional vector



- Primal problem: $\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{w},b} \quad \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{w}$
  $$\left(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_j + b\right) y_j \geq 1, \ \forall j$$

w – weights on features (d-dim problem)

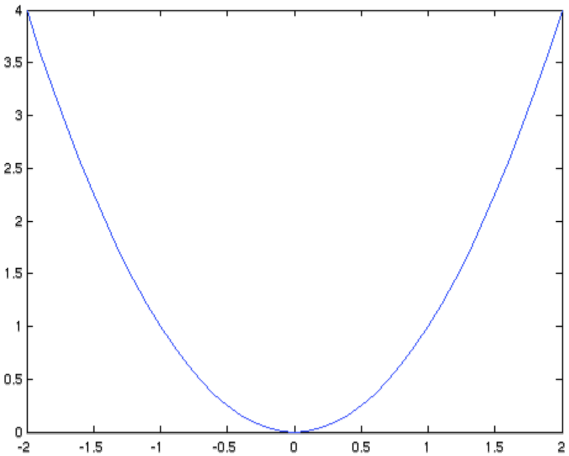
- Convex quadratic program – quadratic objective, linear constraints
- But expensive to solve if d is very large
- Often solved in dual form (n-dim problem)

Constrained Optimization

$$\min_x \ x^2$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad x \geq b$$

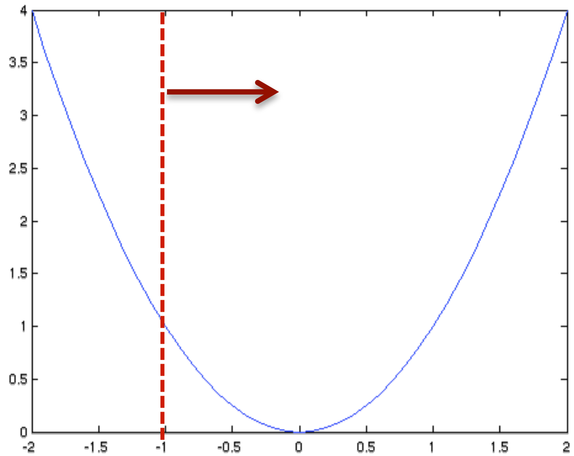
$$x^* = \max(b, 0)$$

$$\min_x \ x^2$$



$$x^* = 0$$

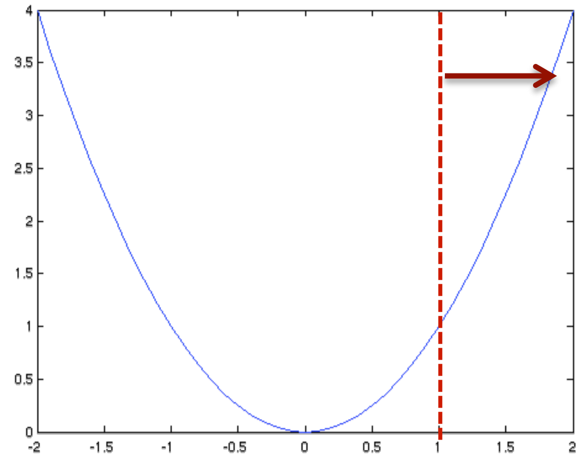
$$\min_x \ x^2$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad x \geq -1$$



$$x^* = 0$$

Constraint inactive

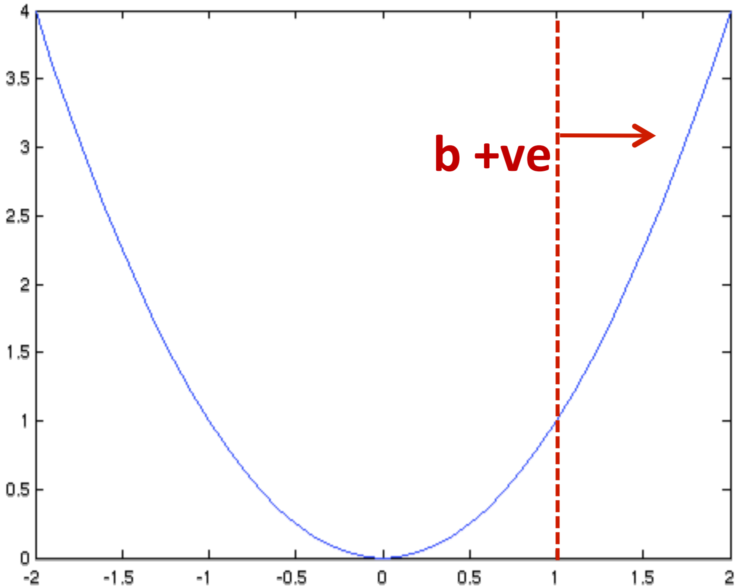
$$\min_x \ x^2$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad x \geq 1$$



$$x^* = 1$$

Constraint active and tight

Constrained Optimization – Dual Problem



$$x^* = b$$

Primal problem:

$$\min_x \; x^2$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad x \geq b$$

Moving the constraint to objective function

Lagrangian:

$$L(x, \alpha) = x^2 - \alpha(x - b)$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

Dual problem:

$$\max_\alpha \; d(\alpha) \rightarrow \min_x L(x, \alpha)$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

α = 0 constraint is inactive

α > 0 constraint is active

Connection between Primal and Dual

Primal problem: p* = $\min_x \; x^2$
s.t. $x \geq b$

Dual problem: d* = $\max_\alpha \; d(\alpha)$
s.t. $\alpha \geq 0$

- **Weak duality:** The dual solution d* lower bounds the primal solution p* i.e. d* ≤ p*

  To see this, recall $L(x,\alpha) = x^2 - \alpha(x-b)$

  For every feasible x (i.e. x ≥ b) and feasible α (i.e. α ≥ 0) , notice that

  $$d(\alpha) = \min_x L(x,\alpha) \leq p^*$$

- **Dual problem (maximization) is always concave even if primal is not convex**

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$\text{s.t.} \quad \alpha \geq 0$

- **Weak duality:** The dual solution d* lower bounds the primal solution p* i.e. d* ≤ p*

- **Strong duality:** d* = p* holds often for many problems of interest e.g. if the primal is a feasible convex objective with linear constraints

Solving the dual

Solving:

$$\max_\alpha \min_x \ \underbrace{x^2 - \alpha(x-b)}_{L(x,\alpha)}$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

Optimization over x is unconstrained.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2x - \alpha = 0 \Rightarrow x^* = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$L(x^*, \alpha) = \frac{\alpha^2}{4} - \alpha\left(\frac{\alpha}{2} - b\right)$$
$$= -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} + b\alpha$$

Now need to maximize $L(x^*,\alpha)$ over $\alpha \geq 0$

Solve unconstrained problem to get α' and then take $\max(\alpha',0)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} L(x^*, \alpha) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} + b \ \Rightarrow \alpha' = 2b$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^* = \max(2b, 0) \qquad \Rightarrow x^* = \frac{\alpha^*}{2} = \max(b, 0)$$

α = 0 constraint is inactive, α > 0 constraint is active and tight

Dual SVM – linearly separable case

n training points, d features ($\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n$) where x_i is a d-dimensional vector

- <u>Primal problem</u>:

$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{w},b} \quad \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{w}$$
$$\left(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_j + b\right) y_j \geq 1, \ \ \forall j$$

w – weights on features (d-dim problem)

- <u>Dual problem</u> (derivation):

$$L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{w} - \sum_j \alpha_j \left[\left(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_j + b\right) y_j - 1\right]$$
$$\alpha_j \geq 0, \ \ \forall j$$

α – weights on training pts (n-dim problem)

Dual SVM – linearly separable case

- Dual problem:

$$\max_\alpha \min_{\mathbf{w},b} L(\mathbf{w},b,\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{w} - \sum_j \alpha_j \left[\left(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_j + b\right) y_j - 1\right]$$

$$\alpha_j \geq 0, \ \forall j$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \mathbf{w} = \sum_j \alpha_j y_j \mathbf{x}_j$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \sum_j \alpha_j y_j = 0$$

If we can solve for αs (dual problem), then we have a solution for **w**,b (primal problem)

Dual SVM – linearly separable case

$$\text{maximize}_\alpha \quad \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j} \alpha_i\alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i.\mathbf{x}_j$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$
$$\alpha_i \geq 0$$

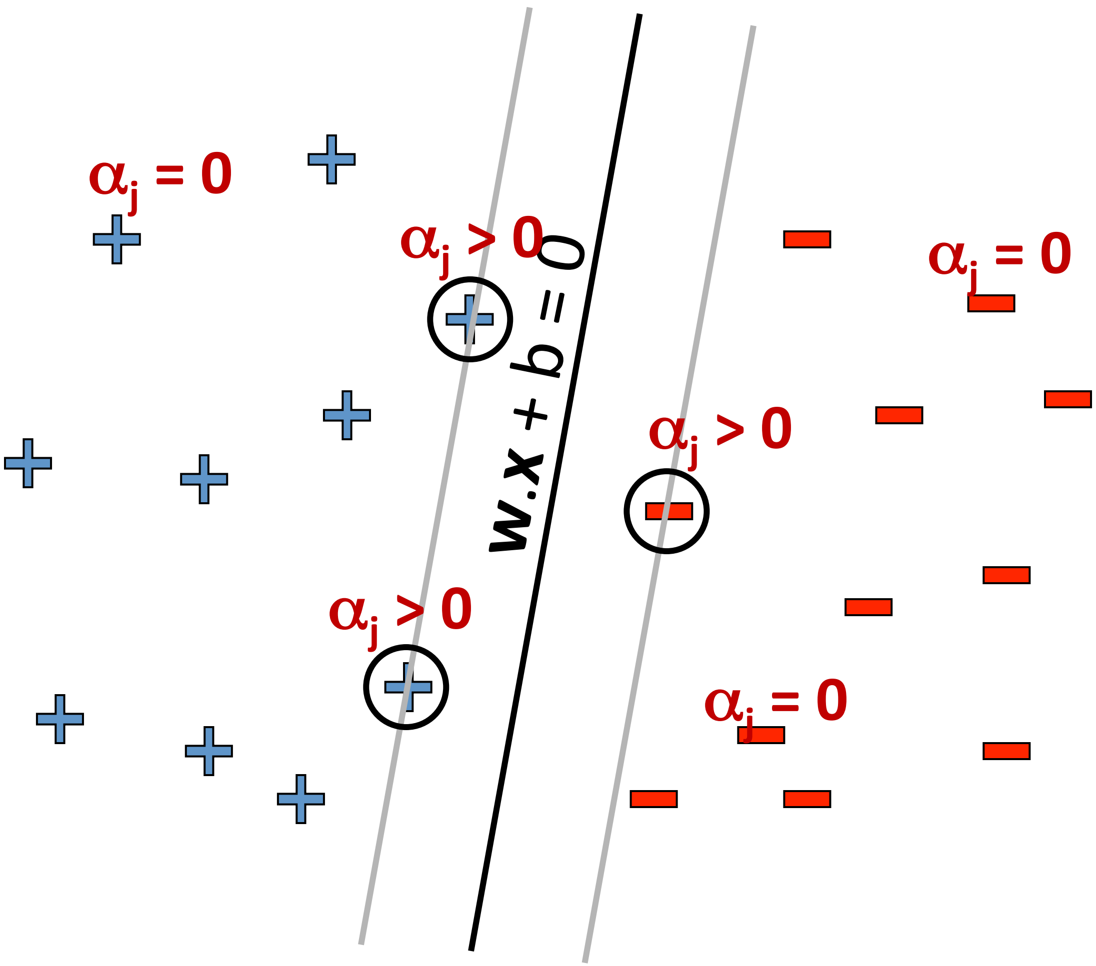
Dual problem is also QP

Solution gives α_js $\longrightarrow$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i}$$

What about b?

Dual SVM: Sparsity of dual solution



$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_j \alpha_j y_j \mathbf{x}_j$$

Only few α_js can be non-zero : where constraint is active and tight

$$(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_j + b)y_j = 1$$

Support vectors – training points j whose α_js are non-zero

Dual SVM – linearly separable case

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Solution gives α_js $\longrightarrow$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ b = y_k - \mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_k \\ \text{for any } k \text{ where } \alpha_k > 0 \end{array}}$$

Use support vectors with α_k>0 to compute b since constraint is tight $(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_k + b)y_k = 1$

Dual SVM – non-separable case

- Primal problem:

$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{w},b} \quad \tfrac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{w} + C\sum_j \xi_j$$
$$\left(\mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_j + b\right) y_j \geq 1 - \xi_j, \quad \forall j$$
$$\xi_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j$$

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix}\alpha_j \\ \mu_j\end{matrix}}$$

Lagrange Multipliers

- Dual problem:

$$\text{max}_{\alpha,\mu}\, \text{min}_{\mathbf{w},b}\, L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha, \mu)$$
$$s.t. \alpha_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j$$
$$\mu_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j$$

Dual SVM – non-separable case

$$\text{maximize}_{\alpha} \quad \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i . \mathbf{x}_j$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$\boxed{C \geq} \alpha_i \geq 0$$

comes from $\dfrac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} = 0$

Intuition:

Earlier - If constraint violated, $\alpha_i \rightarrow \infty$

Now - If constraint violated, $\alpha_i \leq C$

Dual problem is also QP

Solution gives α_js $\longrightarrow$

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$b = y_k - \mathbf{w}.\mathbf{x}_k$$

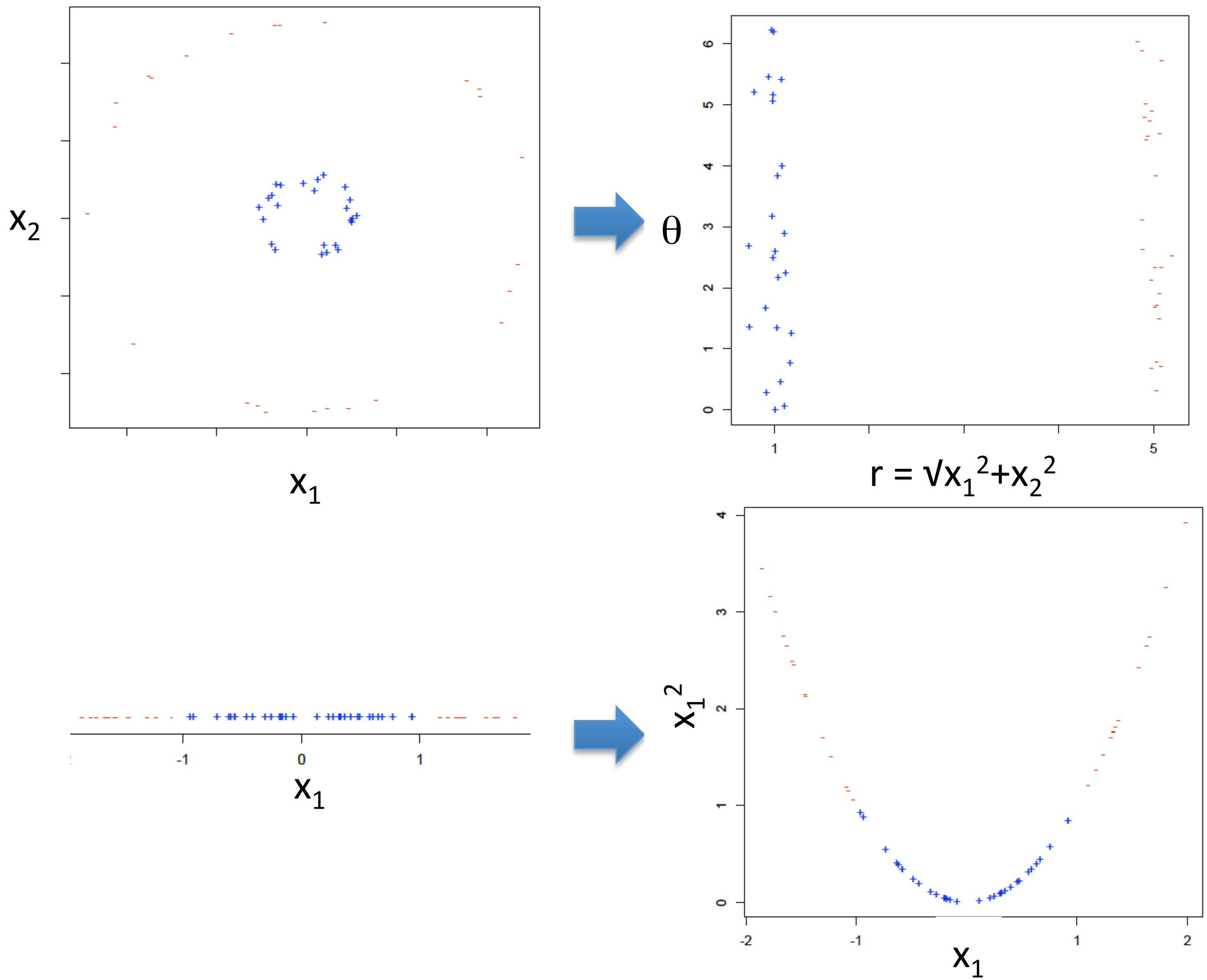
for any k where $C > \alpha_k > 0$

So why solve the dual SVM?

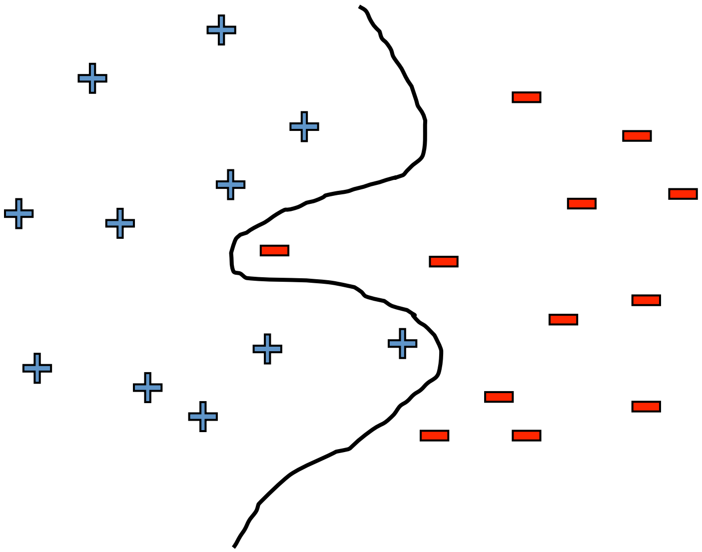
- There are some quadratic programming algorithms that can solve the dual faster than the primal, (specially in high dimensions d>>n)

- But, more importantly, the "**kernel trick**"!!!

Separable using higher-order features



What if data is not linearly separable?



Use features of features of features of features….

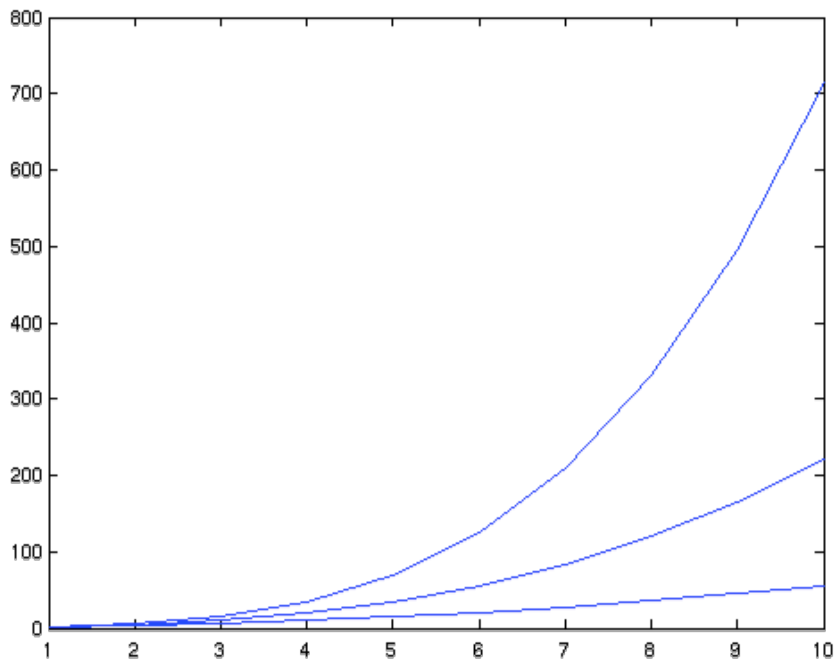
$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2, \ldots., \exp(x_1))$$

Feature space becomes really large very quickly!

Higher Order Polynomials

m – input features d – degree of polynomial

$$\text{num. terms} = \binom{d+m-1}{d} = \frac{(d+m-1)!}{d!(m-1)!} \sim m^d$$



grows fast!
d = 6, m = 100
about 1.6 billion terms

Dual formulation only depends on dot-products, not on w!

$$\text{maximize}_{\alpha} \quad \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_i . \mathbf{x}_j}$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$
$$C \geq \alpha_i \geq 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\text{maximize}_{\alpha} \quad \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \underbrace{K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)}$$

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$$
$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$
$$C \geq \alpha_i \geq 0$$

$\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ – High-dimensional feature space, but never need it explicitly as long as we can compute the dot product fast using some Kernel K

Dot Product of Polynomials

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \text{polynomials of degree exactly d}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

d=1 $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2 = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z}$

d=2 $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ \sqrt{2} x_1 x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 \\ \sqrt{2} z_1 z_2 \\ z_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x_1^2 z_1^2 + x_2^2 z_2^2 + 2 x_1 x_2 z_1 z_2 \\ &= (x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2)^2 \\ &= (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z})^2 \end{aligned}$$

d $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{z}) = K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z})^d$

Finally: The Kernel Trick!

$$\text{maximize}_\alpha \quad \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

$$C \geq \alpha_i \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$b = y_k - \mathbf{w}.\Phi(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

for any k where $C > \alpha_k > 0$

- Never represent features explicitly
  - Compute dot products in closed form

- Constant-time high-dimensional dot-products for many classes of features

Common Kernels

- Polynomials of degree d

$$K(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v})^d$$

- Polynomials of degree up to d

$$K(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v}+1)^d$$

- Gaussian/Radial kernels (polynomials of all orders – recall series expansion of exp)

$$K(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = \exp\left(-\frac{||\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{v}||^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

- Sigmoid

$$K(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = \tanh(\eta\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{v}+\nu)$$

Mercer Kernels

What functions are valid kernels that correspond to feature vectors $\varphi(\mathbf{x})$?

Answer: Mercer kernels K

- K is continuous
- K is symmetric
- K is positive semi-definite $\mathbf{x}^T K \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ for all $\mathbf{x}$

Overfitting

- Huge feature space with kernels, what about overfitting???
  - Maximizing margin leads to sparse set of support vectors
  - Some interesting theory says that SVMs search for simple hypothesis with large margin
  - Often robust to overfitting

What about classification time?

- For a new input **x**, if we need to represent Φ(**x**), we are in trouble!
- Recall classifier: sign(**w**.Φ(**x**)+b)

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \\ \\ b = y_k - \mathbf{w}.\Phi(\mathbf{x}_k) \\ \quad \text{for any } k \text{ where } C > \alpha_k > 0 \end{array}}$$

- Using kernels we are cool!

$$K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \Phi(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{v})$$

SVMs with Kernels

- Choose a set of features and kernel function
- Solve dual problem to obtain support vectors α_i
- At classification time, compute:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$b = y_k - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i K(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

for any k where $C > \alpha_k > 0$

Classify as

$$sign\left(\mathbf{w} \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}) + b\right)$$

SVMs vs. Logistic Regression

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Loss function	Hinge loss	Log-loss

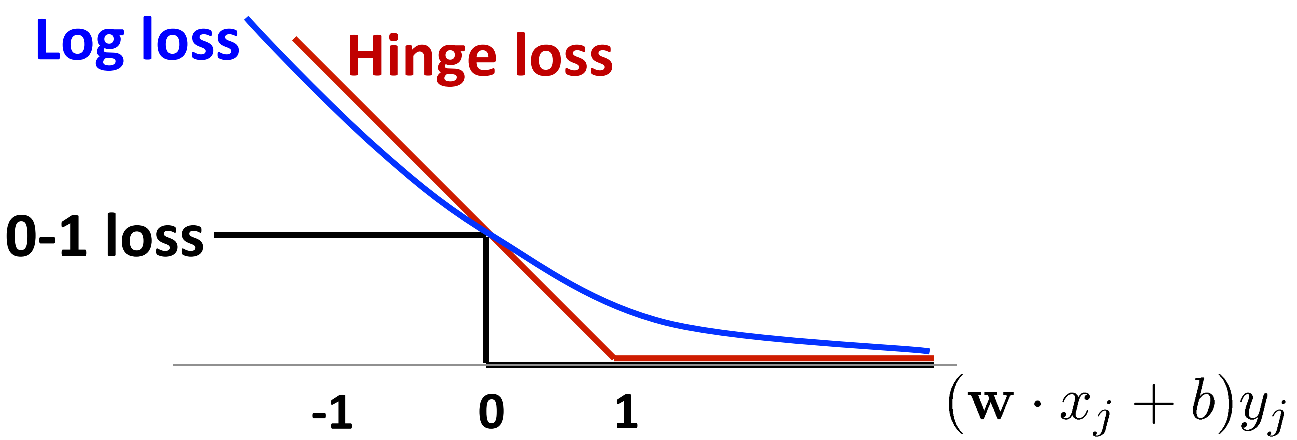
SVMs vs. Logistic Regression

SVM : **Hinge loss**

$$\text{loss}(f(x_j), y_j) = (1 - (\mathbf{w} \cdot x_j + b)y_j))_+$$

Logistic Regression : **Log loss** (-ve log conditional likelihood)

$$\text{loss}(f(x_j), y_j) = -\log P(y_j \mid x_j, \mathbf{w}, b) = \log(1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w} \cdot x_j + b)y_j})$$



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Kernels in Logistic Regression

$$P(Y=1 \mid x, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\mathbf{w}\cdot\Phi(\mathbf{x})+b)}}$$

- Define weights in terms of features:

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y=1 \mid x, \mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\sum_i \alpha_i \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)\cdot\Phi(\mathbf{x})+b)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\sum_i \alpha_i K(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}_i)+b)}} \end{aligned}$$

- Derive simple gradient descent rule on α_i

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Semantics of output	“Margin”	Real probabilities

What you need to know

- Maximizing margin
- Derivation of SVM formulation
- Slack variables and hinge loss
- Relationship between SVMs and logistic regression
  - 0/1 loss
  - Hinge loss
  - Log loss
- Tackling multiple class
  - One against All
  - Multiclass SVMs
- Dual SVM formulation
  - Easier to solve when dimension high d > n
  - Kernel Trick

Can we use kernels in regression?

Ridge regression

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i\beta)^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_2^2 \qquad \widehat{\beta} = (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{Y}$$

Similarity with SVMs

Primal problem:

$$\min_{\beta, z_i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_2^2$$
$$\text{s.t. } z_i = Y_i - X_i\beta$$

SVM Primal problem:

$$\min_{w, \xi_i} C\sum_{i=1}^{n} \xi_i + \frac{1}{2}\|w\|_2^2$$
$$\text{s.t. } \xi_i = \max(1 - Y_i X_i w, 0)$$

Lagrangian:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i(z_i - Y_i + X_i\beta)$$

α_i – Lagrange parameter, one per training point

Ridge regression (dual)

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i\beta)^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_2^2 \qquad \widehat{\beta} = (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{Y}$$

Dual problem:

$$\max_{\alpha} \min_{\beta, z_i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i(z_i - Y_i + X_i\beta)$$

$\alpha = \{\alpha_i\}$ for i = 1,…, n

Taking derivatives of Lagrangian wrt β and z_i we get:

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{2\lambda}\mathbf{A}^\top\alpha \qquad z_i = -\frac{\alpha_i}{2}$$

Dual problem: $$\max_{\alpha} \; -\frac{\alpha^\top\alpha}{4} - \frac{1}{4\lambda}\alpha^\top\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top\alpha - \alpha^\top\mathbf{Y}$$

n-dimensional optimization problem

Ridge regression (dual)

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i\beta)^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_2^2 \qquad \widehat{\beta} = (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{Y}$$

$$= \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{Y}$$

Dual problem:

$$\max_{\alpha} \; -\frac{\alpha^\top\alpha}{4} - \frac{1}{4\lambda}\alpha^\top\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top\alpha - \alpha^\top\mathbf{Y} \qquad \Rightarrow \widehat{\alpha} = -\left(\frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top}{\lambda} + \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} 2\,\mathbf{Y}$$

can get back $\hat{\beta} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda}\mathbf{A}^\top\hat{\alpha} \quad = \mathbf{A}^\top(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{Y}$

Weighted average of training points

Weight of each training point (but typically not sparse)

Kernelized ridge regression

$$\widehat{\beta} = (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{Y}$$

$$\widehat{f}_n(X) = \mathbf{X}\widehat{\beta}$$

Using dual, can re-write solution as:

$$\widehat{\beta} = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{Y}$$

How does this help?

- Only need to invert n x n matrix (instead of p x p or m x m)
- More importantly, kernel trick!

$$\widehat{f}_n(X) = \mathbf{K}_X(\mathbf{K} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{Y} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_X(i) &= \boldsymbol{\phi}(X) \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}(X_i) \\ \mathbf{K}(i,j) &= \boldsymbol{\phi}(X_i) \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}(X_j) \end{aligned}$$

Work with kernels, never need to write out the high-dim vectors

Kernelized ridge regression

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Work with kernels, never need to write out the high-dim vectors

Examples of kernels:

Polynomials of degree exactly d $K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^d$

Polynomials of degree up to d $K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 1)^d$

Gaussian/Radial kernels $K(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \exp\left(-\frac{||\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}||^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

Ridge Regression with (implicit) nonlinear features $\boldsymbol{\phi}(X)$! $f(X) = \boldsymbol{\phi}(X)\beta$