

Machine Learning 1

# Homework 8: Kernel Method

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## 1 Problem 1

Dual Representation

**Solution.** We consider a linear regression model whose parameters are determined by minimizing a regularized sum-of-squares error function given:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{\mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n) - t_n\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

where  $\lambda \geq 0$

Taking the derivative of  $J(\mathbf{w})$  with respect to  $\mathbf{w}$  equal to zero:

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \{\mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n) - t_n\} \phi(x_n) + \lambda \mathbf{w} = 0$$

then:

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{-1}{\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^N \{\mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n) - t_n\} \phi(x_n)$$

Let  $a_n = \frac{-1}{\lambda} \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n) - t_n$   $\Phi = [\phi(x_1) \ \phi(x_2) \ \dots \ \phi(x_n)]^T$ , then:

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1}{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_1) - t_1 \\ \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_2) - t_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n) - t_n \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{w} = \Phi^T a$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} J(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{\mathbf{w}^T \phi(x_n) - t_n\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi \mathbf{w} - t\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\Phi \mathbf{w} - t)^T (\Phi \mathbf{w} - t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T \Phi - t^T) (\Phi \mathbf{w} - t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T \Phi t - t^T \Phi \mathbf{w} + t^T t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - t^T \Phi \mathbf{w} + \frac{1}{2} t^T t + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

Substitutes  $\mathbf{w} = \Phi^T a$ :

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2}a^T \Phi \Phi^T \Phi \Phi^T a - t^T \Phi \Phi^T a + \frac{1}{2}t^T t + \frac{\lambda}{2}a^T \Phi \Phi^T a$$

We now define  $\mathbf{K} = \Phi \Phi^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , which is an  $N \times N$  symmetric matrix with elements:

$$\mathbf{K}_{nm} = \phi(x_n)^T \phi(x_m) = k(x_n, x_m)$$

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Taking the derivative of  $J(\mathbf{w})$  with respect to  $a$  equal to zero:

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{w})}{\partial a} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} a - \mathbf{K} t + \lambda \mathbf{K} a = 0$$

Hence:

$$a = (K + \lambda I_N)^{-1} t$$

## 2 Problem 2

Prove that the results (6.13) and (6.14) are valid kernels.

**Solution.** To prove that the results (6.13) and (6.14) are valid kernels, we need to prove that they correspond to a scalar product in some (perhaps infinite dimensional) feature space.

If  $k_1(x, x')$  is a valid kernel then there must exist a feature vector  $\phi(x)$  such that:

$$k_1(x, x') = \phi(x)^T \phi(x')$$

(6.13) We have:

$$\begin{aligned} k(x, x') &= c k_1(x, x') \\ &= \sqrt{c} \phi(x)^T \sqrt{c} \phi(x') \\ &= \varphi(x)^T \varphi(x') \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi(x) = \frac{c}{2} \phi(x)$  and  $c > 0$

Hence  $k(x, x') = c k_1(x, x')$  (6.13) is a valid kernel.

(6.14) We have:

$$\begin{aligned} k(x, x') &= f(x) k_1(x, x') f(x') \\ &= f(x) \phi(x)^T \phi(x') f(x') \\ &= \varphi(x)^T \varphi(x') \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi(x) = f(x) \phi(x)^T$

Hence  $k(x, x') = f(x) k_1(x, x') f(x')$  (6.14) is a valid kernel.

## 3 Problem 3

Dataset  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $\phi(x) = [x_1, x_2, \|x\|]^T$ . Calculate the Kernel Matrix  $\mathbf{K}$ .

**Solution.**

$$x_1 = (-3, 4) \Rightarrow \phi(x_1) = [-3 \ 4 \ \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 4^2}]^T = [-3 \ 1 \ 5]^T$$

$$x_2 = (1, 0) \Rightarrow \phi(x_2) = [1 \ 0 \ \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2}]^T = [1 \ 0 \ 1]^T$$

We have:

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x_1) \\ \phi(x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then:

$$K = \Phi\Phi^T = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } K = \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$