

# Liblinear 中的多分类模型

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## 摘要

libsvm 中处理多分类问题还是采用拆分的方法。把多分类问题转化为二分类问题。liblinear 中提供了一种直接在模型中采用多分类思想的 svm 模型。其 motivation 来自于纠错编码。

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## 1 Motivation

$$S = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$$

$Y = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  其中  $k$  为类的个数

考虑  $l$  个二分类器，每个分类器在训练时将  $Y$  中两个不相交互补子集标记为  $\{1, -1\}$

把这  $l$  个分类器及其在每个类上的标记写成编码矩阵  $M$ 。

每一列代表一个分类器，每一行代表一个类的编码。

| $h_1(x)$ | $h_2(x)$ | ..... | $h_l(x)$ |   |
|----------|----------|-------|----------|---|
| +1       | +1       | ..... | +1       | k |
| +1       | +1       | ..... | -1       |   |
| +1       | -1       | ..... | -1       |   |
| -1       | -1       | ..... | -1       |   |
| .....    | .....    | ..... | .....    |   |
| -1       | -1       | ..... | -1       |   |
| l        |          |       |          |   |

对于样本  $x$ , 分类结果可写为  $h(x) = (h_1(x), h_2(x), \dots, h_l(x))$ , 为一串编码。

记  $M_r$  为矩阵  $M$  的第  $r$  行, 即第  $r$  类的编码

最终分类结果可写为  $H(x) = \arg \max_r h(x) \cdot M_r$ , 即编码最相近的类

这种编码矩阵的方式可扩展到实数矩阵, 其中每一个数代表权重或者置信。判断准则仍是内积最大原则。

第  $i$  个样本的损失函数可写为:

$$\max_r \{h(x_i) \cdot M_r + 1 - \delta_{y_i, r}\} - h(x_i) \cdot M_{y_i}$$

对于分类正确的样本  $x_i$ , 有  $\forall i, r \quad h(x_i) \cdot M_{y_i} - h(x_i) \cdot M_r \geq 1 - \delta_{y_i, r}$

引入软间隔, 有:

$$\forall i, r \quad h(x_i) \cdot M_{y_i} - h(x_i) \cdot M_r \geq 1 - \delta_{y_i, r} - \xi_i$$

整个优化问题写为:

$$\min_M \quad ||M||_p + C \sum_{i=1}^l \xi_i \quad (1)$$

$$\text{subject to:} \quad \forall i, r \quad h(x_i) \cdot M_{y_i} - h(x_i) \cdot M_r \geq 1 - \delta_{y_i, r} - \xi_i \quad (2)$$

$$(3)$$

在 SVM 情景下, 令  $h(x) = x$ , 采用 Frobenius 范数, 就可得 liblinear 中的优化问题:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\mathbf{w}_m, \xi_i} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^k \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{w}_m + C \sum_{i=1}^l \xi_i \\
& \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{w}_{y_i}^T \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{x}_i \geq e_i^m - \xi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, l, \\
& \quad \quad \quad e_i^m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_i = m, \\ 1 & \text{if } y_i \neq m. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

分类结果为  $\arg \max_{m=1, \dots, k} \omega_m^T x$

对偶问题如下:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\alpha} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^k \|\mathbf{w}_m\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{m=1}^k e_i^m \alpha_i^m \\
& \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{m=1}^k \alpha_i^m = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, l \\
& \quad \quad \quad \alpha_i^m \leq C_{y_i}^m, \forall i = 1, \dots, l, m = 1, \dots, k,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_m = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i^m \mathbf{x}_i, \forall m, \quad \alpha = [\alpha_1^1, \dots, \alpha_1^k, \dots, \alpha_l^1, \dots, \alpha_l^k]^T.$$

$$C_{y_i}^m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_i \neq m, \\ C & \text{if } y_i = m. \end{cases}$$

## 2 sequential dual method

对偶问题如果算上平凡的约束，一共有  $kl$  个变量，直接求解并不方便，考虑将该优化问题拆分为关于  $i$  的子优化问题，对这些子优化问题之间采用坐标下降法。

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\bar{\alpha}_i} && \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{1}{2} A (\alpha_i^m)^2 + B_m \alpha_i^m \\
& \text{subject to} && \sum_{m=1}^k \alpha_i^m = 0, \\
& && \alpha_i^m \leq C_{y_i}^m, m = \{1, \dots, k\},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i \text{ and } B_m = \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{x}_i + e_i^m - A \alpha_i^m. \quad (18)$$

In (18),  $A$  and  $B_m$  are constants obtained using  $\alpha$  of the previous iteration..

子问题之间的坐标下降法如下图算法所示:

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**Algorithm 1** The coordinate descent method for (15)

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- Given  $\alpha$  and the corresponding  $\mathbf{w}_m$
  - While  $\alpha$  is not optimal, (outer iteration)
    1. Randomly permute  $\{1, \dots, l\}$  to  $\{\pi(1), \dots, \pi(l)\}$
    2. For  $i = \pi(1), \dots, \pi(l)$ , (inner iteration)
      - If  $\bar{\alpha}_i$  is active and  $\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i \neq 0$  (i.e.,  $A \neq 0$ )
        - Solve a  $|U_i|$ -variable sub-problem (19)
        - Maintain  $\mathbf{w}_m$  for all  $m$  by (20)
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其中更新准则 (20) 为:

$$\mathbf{w}_m \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_m + (\alpha_i^m - \hat{\alpha}_i^m) y_i \mathbf{x}_i.$$

### 3 solving the sub problem

对偶子问题经过 shrinking 之后为:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\bar{\alpha}_i^{U_i}} \quad \sum_{m \in U_i} \frac{1}{2} A (\alpha_i^m)^2 + B_m \alpha_i^m \\
& \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{m \in U_i} \alpha_i^m = - \sum_{m \notin U_i} \alpha_i^m, \\
& \quad \alpha_i^m \leq C_{y_i}^m, m \in U_i.
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

由 KKT 条件, 可得:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{m \in U_i} \alpha_i^m = - \sum_{m \notin U_i} C_{y_i}^m, \\
& \alpha_i^m \leq C_{y_i}^m, \forall m \in U_i, \\
& \rho_m (C_{y_i}^m - \alpha_i^m) = 0, \rho_m \geq 0, \forall m \in U_i, \\
& A \alpha_i^m + B_m - \beta = -\rho_m, \forall m \in U_i.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (22), equations (23) and (24) are equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \alpha_i^m + B_m - \beta = 0, \text{ if } \alpha_i^m < C_{y_i}^m, \forall m \in U_i, \\
& A \alpha_i^m + B_m - \beta = A C_{y_i}^m + B_m - \beta \leq 0, \text{ if } \alpha_i^m = C_{y_i}^m, \forall m \in U_i.
\end{aligned}$$

定义  $D_m = B_m + C_{y_i}^m$

如果  $\beta$  已知, 可以看出  $\alpha_i^m = \min\{C_{y_i}^m, \frac{\beta - B_m}{A}\}$

$$\beta = \frac{\sum_{m \in U_i, \alpha_i^m < C_{y_i}^m} D_m - AC}{|\{m \mid m \in U_i, \alpha_i^m < C_{y_i}^m\}|}.$$

$\beta$  的求解可以用一种 sequential 的方法求解, 可以证明这样找出的  $\beta$  就是符合条件的  $\beta$

$$h = \frac{\sum_{m \in \Phi} D_m - AC}{|\Phi|} \geq \max_{m \notin \Phi} D_m.$$

整体算法如下图所示:

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**Algorithm 2** Solving the sub-problem

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- Given  $A, \mathbf{B}$
  - Compute  $\mathbf{D}$  by (27)
  - Sort  $\mathbf{D}$  in decreasing order; assume  $\mathbf{D}$  has elements  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{|U_i|}$
  - $r \leftarrow 2, \beta \leftarrow D_1 - AC$
  - While  $r \leq |U_i|$  and  $\beta/(r-1) < D_r$ 
    1.  $\beta \leftarrow \beta + D_r$
    2.  $r \leftarrow r + 1$
  - $\beta \leftarrow \beta/(r-1)$
  - $\alpha_i^m \leftarrow \min(C_{y_i}^m, (\beta - B_m)/A), \forall m$
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## 4 stopping condition

### E.4 Stopping Condition

The KKT optimality conditions of (15) imply that there are  $b_1, \dots, b_l \in R$  such that for all  $i = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{x}_i + e_i^m - b_i &= 0 \text{ if } \alpha_i^m < C_i^m, \\ \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{x}_i + e_i^m - b_i &\leq 0 \text{ if } \alpha_i^m = C_i^m. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$G_i^m = \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_i^m} = \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{x}_i + e_i^m, \forall i, m,$$

the optimality of  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  holds if and only if

$$\max_m G_i^m - \min_{m: \alpha_i^m < C_i^m} G_i^m = 0, \forall i. \quad (34)$$

At each inner iteration, we first compute  $G_i^m$  and define:

$$\min G \equiv \min_{m: \alpha_i^m < C_i^m} G_i^m, \max G \equiv \max_m G_i^m, S_i = \max G - \min G.$$

Then the stopping condition for a tolerance  $\epsilon > 0$  can be checked by

$$\max_i S_i < \epsilon. \quad (35)$$

Note that  $\max G$  and  $\min G$  are calculated based on the latest  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  (i.e.,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  after each inner iteration).