

# NYCU Introduction to Machine Learning, Homework 4

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## Part. 1, Coding (50%):

For this coding assignment, you are required to implement some fundamental parts of the [Support Vector Machine Classifier](#) using only NumPy. After that, train your model and tune the hyperparameter on the provided dataset and evaluate the performance on the testing data.

## (50%) Support Vector Machine

### Requirements:

- Implement the *gram\_matrix* function to compute the [Gram matrix](#) of the given data with an argument *kernel\_function* to specify which kernel function to use.
- Implement the *linear\_kernel* function to compute the value of the linear kernel between two vectors.
- Implement the *polynomial\_kernel* function to compute the value of the [polynomial kernel](#) between two vectors with an argument *degree*.
- Implement the *rbf\_kernel* function to compute the value of the [rbf kernel](#) between two vectors with an argument *gamma*.

### Tips:

- Your functions will be used in the SVM classifier from [scikit-learn](#) like the code below.  

```
svc = SVC(kernel='precomputed')  
svc.fit(gram_matrix(X_train, X_train, your_kernel), y_train)  
y_pred = svc.predict(gram_matrix(X_test, X_train, your_kernel))
```
- For hyperparameter tuning, you can use any third party library's algorithm to automatically find the best hyperparameter, such as [GridSearch](#). In your submission, just give the best hyperparameter you used and do not import any additional libraries/packages.

### Criteria:

1. (10%) Show the accuracy score of the testing data using *linear\_kernel*. Your accuracy score should be higher than 0.8.

Accuracy of using linear kernel (C = 1): 0.82

2. (20%) Tune the hyperparameters of the *polynomial\_kernel*. Show the accuracy score of the testing data using *polynomial\_kernel* and the hyperparameters you used.

Accuracy of using polynomial kernel ( $C = 1$ , degree = 3): 0.98

3. (20%) Tune the hyperparameters of the *rbf\_kernel*. Show the accuracy score of the testing data using *rbf\_kernel* and the hyperparameters you used.

Accuracy of using rbf kernel ( $C = 3$ , gamma = 0.4): 0.99

## Part. 2, Questions (50%):

1. (20%) Given a valid kernel  $k_I(x, x')$ , prove that the following proposed functions are or are not valid kernels. If one is not a valid kernel, give an example of  $k(x, x')$  that the corresponding  $K$  is not positive semidefinite and shows its eigenvalues.

a.  $k(x, x') = k_I(x, x') + \exp(x^T x')$

Suppose that  $\phi(x) = x \rightarrow$  it's kernel function is  $x^T x' \rightarrow$  it is valid kernel function and the exponential term of a valid kernel will be valid kernel  $\rightarrow \exp(x^T x')$  is valid kernel.

since  $k_I(x, x')$  and  $\exp(x^T x')$  are both valid kernel, by construction rules of sum  $\rightarrow k(x, x') = k_I(x, x') + \exp(x^T x')$  is valid kernel.

b.  $k(x, x') = k_I(x, x') - 1$

$k(x, x')$  may not be a valid kernel.

consider  $x = [1 \ 0]^T$ ,  $x' = [0 \ 1]^T$

$$\rightarrow K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the eigenvalue = 1 and -1

$\rightarrow K$  is not positive semidefinite

$\rightarrow$  This kernel is not an valid kernel

c.  $k(x, x') = \exp(\|x - x'\|^2)$

$k(x, x')$  may not be a valid kernel.

consider  $x = [1 \ 0]^T$ ,  $x' = [3 \ 0]^T$

- $\rightarrow K = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{\exp(4)} \\ \boxed{\exp(4)} & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$  and the eigenvalue =  $1+\exp(4)$   
 and  $1-\exp(4)$   
 $\rightarrow K$  is not positive semidefinite  
 $\rightarrow$  This kernel is not an valid kernel

d.  $k(x, x') = \exp(k_1(x, x')) - k_1(x, x')$

By Taylor's expansions  $\exp(k_1(x, x')) = 1 + k_1(x, x') + \frac{k_1(x, x')^2}{2} \dots +$

$$\frac{k_1(x, x')^n}{n!} \rightarrow \exp(k_1(x, x')) - k_1(x, x') = 1 + \frac{k_1(x, x')^2}{2} \dots + \frac{k_1(x, x')^n}{n!}$$

1 is valid kernel and  $k_1(x, x') \rightarrow \frac{k_1(x, x')^2}{2}, \dots, \frac{k_1(x, x')^n}{n!}$  are all valid kernel.

since the every term on the right side is valide kernel  $\rightarrow k(x, x')$  are also valid kernel.

2. (15%) One way to construct kernels is to build them from simpler ones. Given three possible "construction rules" : assuming  $K_1(x, x')$  and  $K_2(x, x')$  are kernels then so are

- (scaling)  $f(x)K_1(x, x')f(x'), f(x) \in R$
- (sum)  $K_1(x, x') + K_2(x, x')$
- (product)  $K_1(x, x')K_2(x, x')$

Use the construction rules to build a normalized cubic polynomial kernel:

$$K(x, x') = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right) \right)^3$$

You can assume that you already have a constant kernel  $K_0(x, x') = 1$  and a linear kernel  $K_1(x, x') = x^T x'$ . Identify which rules you are employing at each step.

let  $k_1(x, x') = 1$  and  $k_2(x, x') = x^T x'$

1. scaling :  $f(x) = 1/(x^T x) \rightarrow$  from  $k_2$  and  $f(x)$

$$\rightarrow \text{we get } \frac{x^T x'}{\sqrt{x^T x} \sqrt{x'^T x'}} \rightarrow \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right)$$

2.sum: we add  $k_1$  and the kernel we construct from scaling

$$\rightarrow 1 + \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right)$$

3. product: power is a kind of power and from the kernel from sum rule we get we can product it self another two times

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \left( 1 + \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right) \right) * \left( 1 + \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right) \right) * \left( 1 + \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right) \right) \\ &\rightarrow \left( 1 + \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)^T \left( \frac{x'}{\|x'\|} \right) \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

We get the normalized cubic polynomial kernel by the construction rules.

3. (15%) A social media platform has posts with text and images spanning multiple topics like news, entertainment, tech, etc. They want to categorize posts into these topics using SVMs. Discuss two multi-class SVM formulations: 'One-versus-one' and 'One-versus-the-rest' for this task.

a. The formulation of the method [how many classifiers are required]

1. One-versus-one(OvO):

For N classes, we need to train  $N*(N-1)/2$  binary classifiers. Each classifier is for each pair of classes, (ex: for three class A,B,C we need to train A vs B, B vs

C, A vs C. During prediction, each classifier votes for a class, and the class with the most votes is assigned.

2. One-versus-the-rest(OvR):

For N classes, we need to train N classifiers. one for each class against the rest of the classes, (ex: for three class A,B,C we need to train A vs non-A, B vs non-B, C vs C). During prediction, the class with the highest confidence score from any of the N classifiers is assigned.

b. Key trade offs involved (such as complexity and robustness).

1. One-versus-one(OvO):

Num Number of Classifiers:

$K*(K-1)/2$ , which can be computationally expensive if there are many classes.

Training Time:

Training  $K*(K-1)/2$ , but each classifier will be faster, since for each classifier the dataset is smaller.

Prediction Time:

Prediction involves comparing the outputs  $K*(K-1)/2$  of classifiers, which can be slower than OvR for large K.

2. One-versus-the-rest(OvR):

Num Number of Classifiers:

K, which can be more efficient when the number of classes is large.

Training Time for each classifier:

Training K classifiers, but on larger datasets compared to OvO.

Prediction Time:

Prediction involves comparing the outputs  $K*(K-1)/2$  of classifiers, which can be slower than OvR for large K.

c. If the platform has limited computing resources for the application in the inference phase and requires a faster method for the service, which method is better.

I think OVR is better than OVO, since OvR involves evaluating only  $K$  classifiers during prediction, making it computationally more efficient compared to the  $K*(K-1)/2$  classifiers in OvO.