

Exercise of Supervised Learning: SVM Part 2

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Exercise 1: Kernelized Multiclass SVM

For a data set $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$ with $y^{(i)} \in \mathcal{Y} = \{+1, -1\}$, assume that we are provided with a suitable feature map $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Phi$, where $\Phi \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. In the featureized SVM learning problem we are facing the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \theta_0, \zeta^{(i)}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} + C \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta^{(i)} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y^{(i)} \left(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \phi^{(i)} + \theta_0 \rangle \right) \geq 1 - \zeta^{(i)} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ & \text{and } \zeta^{(i)} \geq 0 \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C \geq 0$ is some constant.

(a) Argue that this is equivalent to the following ERM problem:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \max(1 - y^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \phi^{(i)} + \theta_0), 0).$$

i.e., the regularized ERM problem for the hinge loss for the hypothesis space

$$\mathcal{H} = \{f : \Phi \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f(\mathbf{z}) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{z} + \theta_0, \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Solution to Exercise 1 (a)