CAP 5610 Assignment #3 Solution

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1 Kernel Computation Cost [30 points]

1. [10 points] Consider we have a two-dimensional input space such that the input vector is $x = (x_1, x_2)^T$. Define the feature mapping $\phi(x) = (x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2)^T$. What is the corresponding kernel function, i.e., K(x, z)? Do not leave $\phi(x)$ in your final answer.

Ans:

To find the kernel function K(x, z), we use the definition of the kernel function as follows:

$$K(x,z) = \phi(x)^T \phi(z)$$

where $\phi(x)$ represents feature mapping.

Given that $\phi(x) = (x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2)^T$, for another input vector $z = (z_1, z_2)^T$, the feature mapping is $\phi(z) = (z_1^2, \sqrt{2}z_1z_2, z_2^2)^T$.

Now, we can compute the dot product of the feature mappings as follows:

$$K(x,z) = \phi(x)^{T} \phi(z)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 & x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 \\ \sqrt{2}z_1z_2 \\ z_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1^2 z_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 z_1 z_2 + x_2^2 z_2^2$$

With a deduction from the above calculations, we can observe the final expression as

$$K(x,z) = (x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2)^2$$

Since $x_1z_1 + x_2z_2$ is the dot product of the input vectors x and z, namely x^Tz , the corresponding kernel function is

$$K(x,z) = (x^T z)^2$$

- 2. [20 points] Suppose we want to compute the value of the kernel function K(x, z) from the previous question on two vectors $x, z \in \mathbb{R}^2$. How many additions and multiplications are needed if you
 - i. [10 points] Map the input vector to the feature space and then perform the dot product on the mapped features?

Ans:

Using the feature mappings

$$\phi(x) = (x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2)^T$$
 and $\phi(z) = (z_1^2, \sqrt{2}z_1z_2, z_2^2)^T$, the kernel function $K(x, z)$ can be computed as

the kernel function K(x, z) can be computed as

$$K(x,z) = \phi(x)^{T} \phi(z)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 & x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1^2 \\ \sqrt{2}z_1z_2 \\ z_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1^2 z_1^2 + 2x_1x_2z_1z_2 + x_2^2 z_2^2$$

For the feature mapping of the vector x, we need to compute terms x_1^2 , x_2^2 , and $\sqrt{2}x_1x_2$. To calculate these terms, we need 3 multiplications. Since we have 2 input vectors x and z, we need to perform 3 multiplications for each vector, which results in 6 multiplications for mapping the vectors to the feature space.

After mapping the vectors to the feature space, we need to compute the dot product of the feature mappings as

$$K(x,z) = x_1^2 z_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 z_1 z_2 + x_2^2 z_2^2$$

This requires 3 multiplications for each term in the summation and 2 additions to sum three terms.

In total, we need $\boxed{9 \text{ multiplications and 2 additions}}$ to compute the value of K(x, z).

ii. [10 points] Compute through the kernel function you derived in question 1?

Ans:

The kernel function derived in question 1 is $K(x, z) = (x^T z)^2$.

To compute the value of the kernel function K(x, z) using this kernel function, we need to calculate the dot product of the input vectors x and z, namely x^Tz .

The dot product of two vectors x and z is calculated as

$$x^T z = x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2$$

This requires 2 multiplications for terms x_1z_1 and x_2z_2 and 1 addition to sum those terms.

After computing the dot product, we need to square the result to obtain the value of the kernel function K(x, z).

Squaring the result requires 1 multiplication.

In total, we need **3 multiplications and 1 addition** to compute the value of K(x, z).

2 Activation Functions and Loss Functions [30 points]

- 1. [20 points] For this assignment, you are encouraged to consult Dr. GOOGLE and Dr. ChatGPT. But please explain things in your own language while you write the answer. For each of the following activation functions, briefly describe the type of non-linearity (if any) it introduces and discuss their pros and cons.
 - (a) Linear Activation Function
 - (b) Sigmoid Activation Function
 - (c) Tanh Activation Function
 - (d) ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) Activation Function

Ans:

- 2. [10 points] For each of the following loss functions, briefly describe their mathematical formula and discuss for which type of learning task (classification, regression, etc.) they are most appropriate.
 - (a) Mean Squared Error Loss
 - (b) Binary Cross Entropy Loss
 - (c) Hinge Loss
 - (d) Softmax Cross Entropy Loss

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3 Linear SVM Implementation [40 points] Solution for Q3:

Ans:

Please check the source code and outputs included in the appendix named as

 $CAP_5610_Assignment_3_Solution_Arman_Sayan.ipynb$

for the solution.