

Homework 4

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1 Kernelizing k-nearest neighbors

Distance between two training examples in K-nearest neighbors

$$\|\phi(x) - \phi(x')\|^2 = \sum (\phi_i(x) - \phi_i(x'))^2$$

$$\|\phi(x) - \phi(x')\|^2 = \sum (\phi_i(x)^2 - \phi_i(x')^2 - 2\phi_i(x)\phi_i(x')) = k(x, x) - k(x', x') - 2k(x, x')$$

KNN algorithms is 3 kernelized functions of $k(x, x)$, $k(x', x')$, and $k(x, x')$.

2 Constructing kernels

$$k(x, x') = ck_1(x, x') \text{ for } c > 0$$

$$\alpha^T k \alpha = c \alpha^T k_1 \alpha \geq 0$$

$k(x, x')$ is positive semi definite and thus, $k(x, x')$ is a valid kernel

$$k(x, x') = f(x)k_1(x, x')f(x')$$

$$k(x, x') = f(x)f(x')k_1(x, x')$$

$$k(x, x') = (\psi(x)^T \psi(x'))k_1(x, x')$$

$$k(x, x') = k(\psi(x), \psi(x'))k_1(x, x')$$

We have, $k(\psi(x), \psi(x')) \geq 0$ and $k_1(x, x') \geq 0$

Therefore, $k(x, x')$ is positive semi definite and thus, $k(x, x')$ is a valid kernel

$$k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') + k_2(x, x')$$

$$\alpha^T k \alpha = \alpha^T k_1 \alpha + \alpha^T k_2 \alpha \geq 0$$

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3 Fitting an SVM classifier by hand

$$D = (0, -1), (\sqrt{2}, +1) \text{ and } \phi(x) = (1, \sqrt{2}x, x^2)$$

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \|\theta\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } y^{(1)}(\theta^T \phi(x^{(1)}) + \theta_0) \geq 1 \text{ and } y^{(2)}(\theta^T \phi(x^{(2)}) + \theta_0) \geq 1$$

Point 1: $(0, -1) \rightarrow (1, 0, 0)$ and Point 2: $(\sqrt{2}, +1) \rightarrow (1, 2, 3)$

The vector parallel with θ is $\theta^* = \phi(x_2) - \phi(x_1) = [0, 2, 2]$

To solve for margin:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{margin} &= \frac{1}{\|\theta\|} \\ \rightarrow \|\theta\| &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

To solve for θ :

We have, $\theta = k\theta^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2} &= \sqrt{k^2(x_{1*}^2 + x_{2*}^2 + x_{3*}^2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \rightarrow k\sqrt{0 + 4 + 4} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow k = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\theta = k\theta^* = [0, 0.5, 0.5]$

To solve for the intercept θ_0 :

Since the two points are supporting vectors, the inequalities are tight.

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(1)}(\theta^T \phi(x^1) + \theta_0) &= -1([0, 0.5, 0.5]^T [1, 0, 0] + \theta_0) = -\theta_0 = 1 \\ y^{(1)}(\theta^T \phi(x^1) + \theta_0) &= +1([0, 0.5, 0.5]^T [1, 2, 2] + \theta_0) = 2 + \theta_0 = 1 \\ \rightarrow \theta_0 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

The equation for the decision boundary:

$$y = \theta^T \phi(x) + \theta_0 = [0, 0.5, 0.5]^T \phi(x) - 1 \text{ where } \phi(x) = (1, \sqrt{2}x, x^2)$$

4 Support vector machines for binary classification

4.1A The hinge loss function and gradient

We get: $J = 1.0 \text{ grad} = [-0.12956186 \ -0.00167647]$

4.1B Example dataset1: impact of varying C

When $C=1$, SVM misclassifies one data point (Figure 1).

When $C=100$, SVM classifies every point correctly, but the margin is narrower (Figure 2).

4.1C Gaussian Kernel

We get Gaussian kernel value of 0.324652467358.

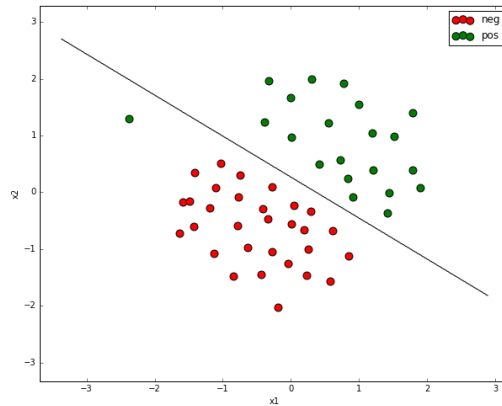


Figure 1: SVM decision boundary with $C=1$

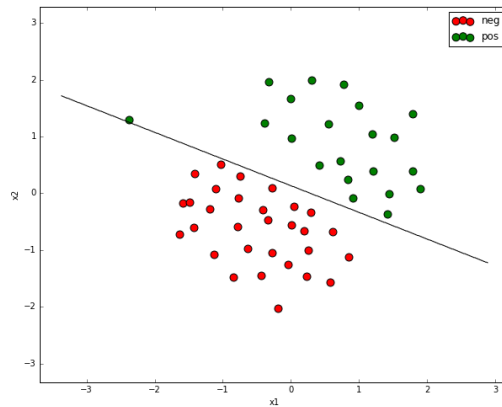


Figure 2: SVM decision boundary with $C=100$

4.2 Example dataset3: selecting hyperparameters for SVMs

The hyperparameters that give the best accuracy ($=0.96$) are $\sigma=0.1$ $c=0.1$.

The decision boundary returned with our best parameters is shown in Figure 3.

4.3 Spam Classification with SVMs

(Explain how you chose the parameters for training the SVM, providing graphs and tables to support your choices. Give us your best value for all of the chosen parameters and hyperparameters. Finally, evaluate the accuracy of your model on the test set and report it.)

learning rate =

number of it =

C =

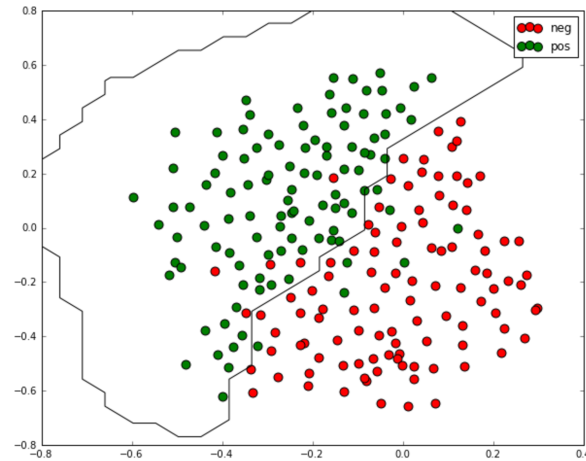


Figure 3: SVM gaussian kernel decision boundary with best hyperparameters

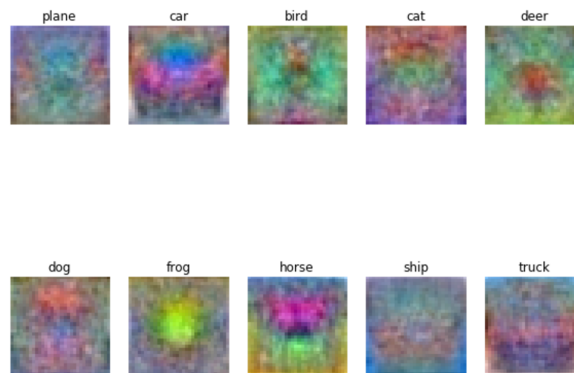


Figure 4: Visualization - SVM

best kernel =
best hyperparameters for this kernel

5 Support vector machines for multi-classification (Compare with Softmax. Which approach takes longer to train, which approach achieves higher performance? Compare the visualization of the θ parameters learned by both methods - do you see any difference? Comment on hyperparameter selection for both methods. Place your discussion with supporting graphs and plots)

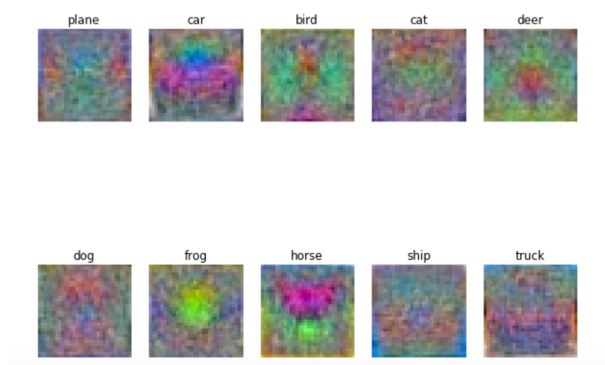


Figure 5: Visualization - Softmax