

Classification problems

$$(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^D \times \{-1, +1, 0\}^N$$

For example tomorrow (hopefully) in Notebook 5.

x_i = picture of a piece of clothing

$$y_i = \begin{cases} \text{"T-shirt-top"}, \text{"Trousers"}, \text{"Coat"} \\ \text{"Sneaker"}, \text{"sandal"}, \text{"bag"} \end{cases}$$

What other examples do you have in mind that come up in classification problems?

for example
again picture data

Binary classification

$$(x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^D \times \{-1, +1\}$$

First examples: deterministic models

$$f_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \{-1, +1, 0\}$$

↑ boundary between categories

is not a cat ↑ is a cat

Support Vector Machines (SVM's)

↳ optimize value of θ to best match data.

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \text{sgn} \left(\theta_0 + x^T \theta' \right)$$

where $\theta = (\theta_0, \underbrace{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_D}_{\theta'})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1}$

* We are taking the linear model from last time, and using the model to "split" into categories, so

$$\text{sgn}(x) = \text{sign of } x = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

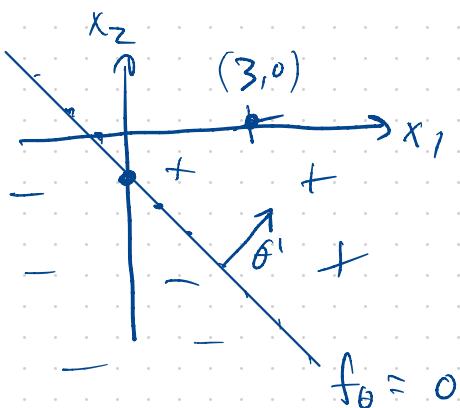
example $f_{\theta}\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) = \text{sgn}(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2)$

If $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 1, \theta_0 = 2$

$$f_{(2,1,1)}\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) = \text{sgn}(2 + x_1 + x_2).$$

① Determine boundary of region when $f_0 = 0$.

$$z + x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -x_1 - z$$



② Plug in point outside of boundary to determine +/- sign.

$$x_1 = 3, x_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(3,0) &= \text{sgn}(2+3+0) \\ &= +1 \end{aligned}$$

$H = \{z + x_1 + x_2\}$ called a line.

$H = \{z + x_1 + x_2 + x_3\}$ is a plane

$H = \{z + x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_D\}$ is a hyperplane.

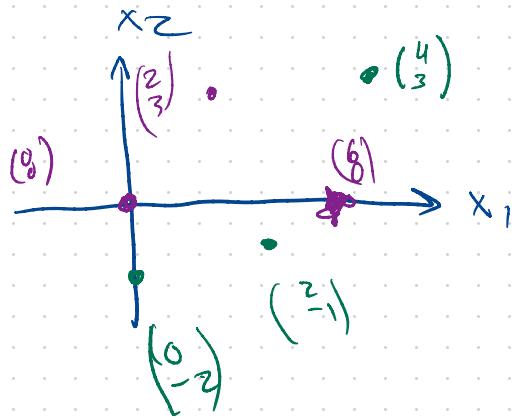
A hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^D always splits \mathbb{R}^D into two regions, so one side is +1, and the other -1.

Remark We can take $\|\theta'\| = 1$ since

$\langle \theta', \theta' \rangle = 1$ gives same hyperplane (slope) as linear multiple.

Exercise Given the following data points, come up with a hyperplane separating two classes.

- Pick an "optimal" hyperplane + justify



- Add the point $(6, 0)$ to the purple dataset. How do you account for this?

Lemma 3.22 For $y \in \{-1, 1\}$,

$$f_{\theta}(x) = y \Leftrightarrow y(\theta_0 + x^T \theta^*) > 0.$$

RF 5 min discussion

Lemma 3.23 Consider the hyperplane

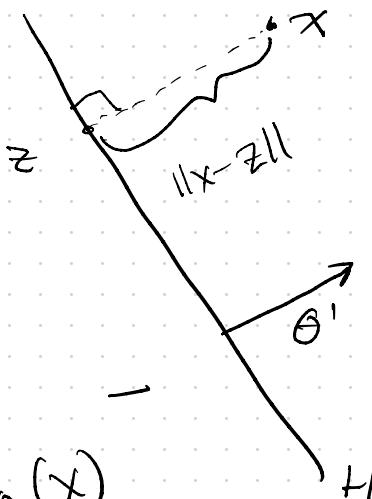
for $x \in \mathbb{R}^D$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1}$ with $\|\theta'\| = 1$.

$$H = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^D \mid z^T \theta' + \theta_0 = 0\}$$

The Euclidean distance from x to H is

$$y(x^T \theta' + \theta_0) \quad \text{where } y = f_\theta(x),$$

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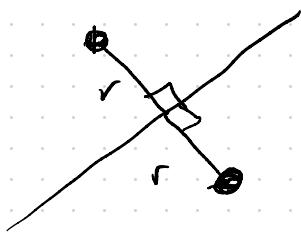


Let z be
point minimizing
distance to x

$$+ \quad \text{So} \quad x = z \pm \|x-z\| \theta'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } & \boxed{x^T \theta' + \theta_0} = \langle \theta', z \pm \|x-z\| \theta' \rangle + \theta_0 \\ & = (\langle \theta', z \rangle + \theta_0) \pm \|x-z\| \langle \theta', \theta' \rangle \\ & = \pm \|x-z\| \end{aligned}$$

Suppose our hyperplane separates data



To choose an optimal hyperplane, we can maximize distance to data points

That is we want to find

$$\max_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1}} \left\{ r \geq 0 \mid \begin{array}{l} y_k (x_k^T \theta + \theta_0) \geq r \\ k = 1, \dots, n \\ \langle \theta, \theta' \rangle = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Normalize by r :

$$y_k (x_k^T (\frac{\theta}{r}) + (\frac{\theta_0}{r})) \geq 1$$

$$\tilde{\theta} = \frac{\theta}{r}$$

$$\text{then } \|\tilde{\theta}\| = \frac{1}{r}$$

maximizing
 $r \Rightarrow$ minimizing
 $\|\theta\|$

Definition

The Hard Margin SVM is given by optimization problem

$$\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1}} \left\{ \|\theta'\|^2 \mid y_k (x_k^T \theta' + \theta_0) \geq 1 \right\}$$

for $k = 1, \dots, n$

What happens when we have noisy data + outliers? add slack variable

Definition

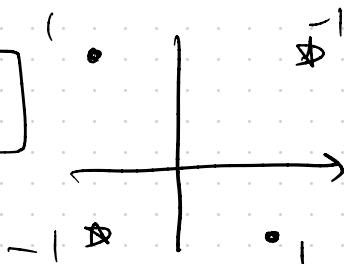
The Soft margin SVM is

given by the optimization problem

$$\min_{\theta, \gamma} \left\{ \|\theta'\|^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \mid y_k (x_k^T \theta + \theta_0) \geq 1 - \gamma_k \right\}$$

for $\gamma_k \geq 0, k = 1, \dots, n$

exercise



Show hard margin SVM has no solution.