

ML HW5-2 Report

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A. Code

a. Modes

There are three modes in the program. Mode 0 is part 1. Mode 1 is part 2. And mode 2 is part 3. It can be controlled by “-m” parameter in the command.

```
if mode == 0:
    info_log('=== Comparison of linear, polynomial and RBF kernels ===')
    linear_poly_rbf_comparison(tr_image, tr_label, te_image, te_label)
elif mode == 1:
    info_log('=== Grid search ===')
    grid_search(tr_image, tr_label)
else:
    info_log('=== Combination of linear and RBF kernels ===')
    linear_rbf_combination(tr_image, tr_label, te_image, te_label)
```

b. Part 1

In part 1, I utilize the “-t” parameter to choose the kernel to be used for training and “-q” parameter to prevent “svm_train” from printing redundant information. And I record the training time and use “svm_predict” function to get the prediction accuracy.

```
# Kernel names
kernels = ['Linear', 'Polynomial', 'RBF']

# Get performance of each kernel
for idx, name in enumerate(kernels):
    param = svm_parameter(f"-t {idx} -q")
    prob = svm_problem(training_label, training_image)

    print(f'# {name}')

    start = time.time()
    model = svm_train(prob, param)
    svm_predict(testing_label, testing_image, model)
    end = time.time()

    print(f'Elapsed time = {end - start:.2f}s\n')
```

c. Part 2

In part 2, there are parameter for grid search, e.g. constant, degree etc.

```
# Parameters
cost = [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 2)]
degree = [i for i in range(0, 3)]
gamma = [1.0 / 784] + [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-1, 1)]
constant = [i for i in range(-1, 2)]
```

The is the function “grid_search_cv” which is used for each kernel for the cross validation of current parameters. Parameter “-v” is used to specify the number of folds for cross-validation. And I use 3 folds for cross-validation.

```
def grid_search_cv(training_image: np.ndarray, training_label: np.ndarray, parameters: str,
                  is_kernel: bool = False) → float:
    """
    Cross validation for the given kernel and parameters
    :param training_image: training images
    :param training_label: training labels
    :param parameters: given parameters
    :param is_kernel: whether training_image is actually a precomputed kernel
    :return: accuracy
    """
    param = svm_parameter(parameters + ' -v 3 -q')
    prob = svm_problem(training_label, training_image, isKernel=is_kernel)
    return svm_train(prob, param)
```

During the grid search of linear kernel, I use different cost parameter “C” of C-SVC to get the highest accuracy. The parameter producing best accuracy is the best parameter for linear kernel.

```

if name == 'Linear':
    info_log('# Linear')
    for c in cost:
        parameters = f'-t {idx} -c {c}'
        acc = grid_search_cv(training_image, training_label, parameters)

        if acc > max_acc:
            max_acc = acc
            best_para = parameters
    best_parameter.append(best_para)
    max_accuracy.append(max_acc)

```

During the grid search of polynomial kernel, I use different cost, degree, gamma and constant parameters to get the highest accuracy. The parameters producing the best accuracy are the best parameters of polynomial kernel. Parameters “-d”, “-g” and “-r” are used to specify the degree, gamma and constant of the kernel respectively.

```

elif name == 'Polynomial':
    info_log('# Polynomial')
    for c in cost:
        for d in degree:
            for g in gamma:
                for const in constant:
                    parameters = f'-t {idx} -c {c} -d {d} -g {g} -r {const}'
                    acc = grid_search_cv(training_image, training_label, parameters)

                    if acc > max_acc:
                        max_acc = acc
                        best_para = parameters
    best_parameter.append(best_para)
    max_accuracy.append(max_acc)

```

During the grid search of RBF kernel, I use cost and gamma parameters to get the highest accuracy. The parameters producing the best accuracy are the best parameters of RBF kernel.

```

else:
    info_log('# RBF')
    for c in cost:
        for g in gamma:
            parameters = f'-t {idx} -c {c} -g {g}'
            acc = grid_search_cv(training_image, training_label, parameters)

            if acc > max_acc:
                max_acc = acc
                best_para = parameters
    best_parameter.append(best_para)
    max_accuracy.append(max_acc)

```

d. Part 3

- linear: $\langle x, x' \rangle$.
- rbf: $\exp(-\gamma \|x - x'\|^2)$.

According to the kernel functions in the above images, I construct the kernel functions of the two.

```
def linear_kernel(x: np.ndarray, y: np.ndarray) → np.ndarray:
    """
    Linear kernel, <x, y>
    :param x: point x
    :param y: point y
    :return: linear distance between them
    """
    return x.dot(y.T)

def rbf_kernel(x: np.ndarray, y: np.ndarray, gamma: float) → np.ndarray:
    """
    RBF kernel  $\exp(\gamma * ||x - y||^2)$ 
    :param x: point x
    :param y: point y
    :param gamma: gamma coefficient
    :return: polynomial distance between them
    """
    return np.exp(-gamma * cdist(x, y, 'sqeuclidean'))
```

The parameters of in the following image are used for grid search. Parameter “rows” is used to produce the serial number in the first column of the kernel result.

```
# Parameters
cost = [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-2, 3)]
gamma = [1.0 / 784] + [np.power(10.0, i) for i in range(-3, 2)]
rows, _ = training_image.shape
```

Then I use grid search to find the best parameters with highest accuracy.

```
# Use grid search to find best parameters
linear = linear_kernel(training_image, training_image)
best_parameter = ''
best_gamma = 1.0
max_accuracy = 0.0
for c in cost:
    for g in gamma:
        rbf = rbf_kernel(training_image, training_image, g)

        # The combination is linear + RBF, but np.arange is the required serial number from the library
        combination = np.hstack((np.arange(1, rows + 1).reshape(-1, 1), linear + rbf))

        parameters = f'-t 4 -c {c}'
        acc = grid_search_cv(combination, training_label, parameters, True)
        if acc > max_accuracy:
            max_accuracy = acc
            best_parameter = parameters
            best_gamma = g
```

After obtaining the best parameters, I use them to construct the model. And I use the model to make prediction on the testing data.

```
# Train the model using best parameters
rbf = rbf_kernel(training_image, training_image, best_gamma)
combination = np.hstack((np.arange(1, rows + 1).reshape(-1, 1), linear + rbf))
model = svm_train(svm_problem(training_label, combination, isKernel=True), svm_parameter(best_parameter + ' -q'))

# Make prediction using best parameters
rows, _ = testing_image.shape
linear = linear_kernel(testing_image, testing_image)
rbf = rbf_kernel(testing_image, testing_image, best_gamma)
combination = np.hstack((np.arange(1, rows + 1).reshape(-1, 1), linear + rbf))
svm_predict(testing_label, combination, model)
```

B. Results

a. Part 1

The image below contains the accuracy and elapsed time of each default kernel function.

```
# Linear
Accuracy = 95.08% (2377/2500) (classification)
Elapsed time = 4.40s

# Polynomial
Accuracy = 34.68% (867/2500) (classification)
Elapsed time = 39.82s

# RBF
Accuracy = 95.32% (2383/2500) (classification)
Elapsed time = 9.89s
```

b. Part 2

The image below contains the best parameters with highest accuracy of each kernel function after cross-validation.

```
# Linear
    Max accuracy: 96.66%
    Best parameters: -t 0 -c 0.1
Accuracy = 95.8% (2395/2500) (classification)

# Polynomial
    Max accuracy: 98.04%
    Best parameters: -t 1 -c 0.1 -d 2 -g 0.1 -r 0
Accuracy = 97.76% (2444/2500) (classification)

# RBF
    Max accuracy: 97.0%
    Best parameters: -t 2 -c 10.0 -g 0.0012755102040816326
Accuracy = 96.28% (2407/2500) (classification)
```

c. Part 3

The image below contains the best parameters with highest accuracy of

linear + RBF kernel after cross validation and the accuracy of testing result.

```
# Linear + RBF
      Max accuracy: 97.0%
      Best parameters: -t 4 -c 0.01 -g 1.0

Accuracy = 23.76% (594/2500) (classification)
```

C. Observations

- a. Polynomial kernel is time-consuming.
- b. From the results of part 1 and part 2, RBF is slightly better than the others. Because RBF maps data into infinite-D feature space, it can separate data better.
- c. Since we use grid search to find the best parameters in part 2, the results of all kernels are better than those in part 1.
- d. Accuracy of testing may be worse than that of cross-validation because the best parameters for training data may not be the best parameters for testing data.
- e. Parameter “C” in C-SVC means the tolerance of outliers. The higher it is, the more prone it is to overfitting.