

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

$$\textcircled{1} \left\{ (x_i, y_i) \right\}_{i=1}^N, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, y_i = 1 \text{ or } -1$$

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② An affine hyperplane is defined as $w^T x + b = 0$, or

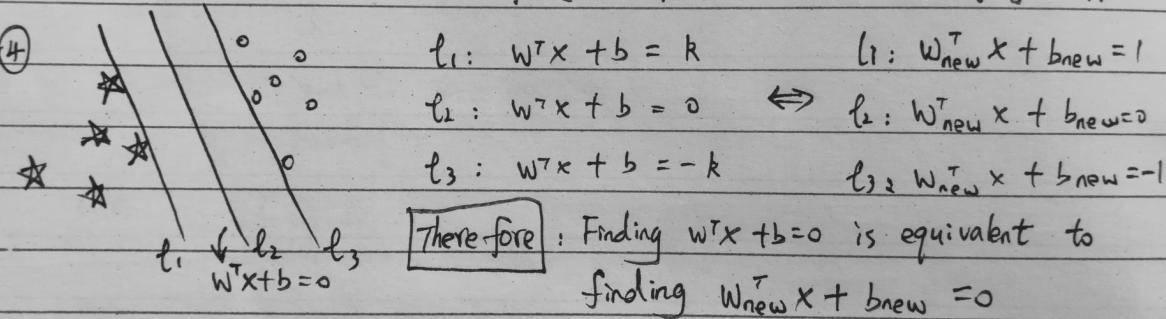
$w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n + b = 0$, here x_i is different from $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$X = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a n dimensional variable vector.

③ The task of SVM is to find an affine hyperplane $w^T x + b = 0$

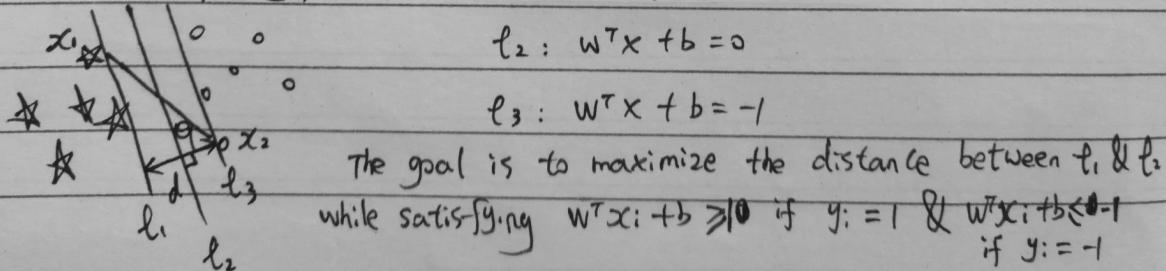
such that $w^T x_i + b > 0$ if $y_i = 1$, or $w^T x_i + b < 0$ if $y_i = -1$.

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Once we know w_{new} & b_{new} , we can compute $w_{\text{new}}^T x_i + b_{\text{new}}$ to decide $y_i = 1$ or $y_i = -1$.

⑤ For simplicity, let ~~$\ell_1: w^T x + b = 1$~~



⑥ In the figure of step ⑤, if x_1 is in ℓ_1 , then $w^T x_1 + b = 1$
 if x_2 is in ℓ_3 , then $w^T x_2 + b = -1$

hence $w^T(x_1 - x_2) = 2$. Since w & $x_1 - x_2$ represents two
 n-dimensional vectors, we have $w^T(x_1 - x_2) = \|w\| \cdot \|x_1 - x_2\| \cdot \cos \theta$

$$\text{therefore } d = \|x_1 - x_2\| \cdot \cos \theta = \frac{w^T(x_1 - x_2)}{\|w\|} = \frac{2}{\|w\|}$$

⑦ Finally, we have: $\max_{w, b} \frac{2}{\|w\|}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } w^T x_i + b &\geq 1 \quad \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ w^T x_i + b &\leq -1 \quad \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{aligned}$$

convex problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \frac{1}{2} w^T w \\ \text{s.t. } -y_i(w^T x_i + b) + 1 &\leq 0 \\ i &= 1, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{w, b} \frac{2}{\|w\|} \\ \text{s.t. } y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

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⑧ Let $L(w, b, z) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum_{i=1}^N z_i [y_i(w^T x_i + b) - 1]$, $z_i \geq 0, i=1, \dots, N$

Analysis: If $\exists i, y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1$ is violated, then let $z_i = +\infty \Rightarrow L = +\infty$.

else for all $i=1, \dots, N, y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1$ holds, then let $z_i = 0, \Rightarrow L = \frac{1}{2} w^T w$.

Conclusion: Solving $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = w - \sum_{i=1}^N z_i y_i x_i = 0 \Rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i y_i x_i$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = -\sum_{i=1}^N z_i y_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N z_i y_i = 0$$

Therefore, the dual function of the primal convex problem is

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N z_i z_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j - \sum_{i=1}^N z_i$$

$\max g(z)$ is a ~~non-convex~~ quadratic programming, $\Rightarrow \hat{z}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N z_i y_i = 0 \\ z_i \geq 0, i=1, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{w} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{z}_i y_i x_i \quad \exists j, \text{ such that } y_j(\hat{x}^T \hat{w} + b) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{b} &= y_j - \hat{w}^T x_j \end{aligned}$$

Sequential Minimal Optimization for SVM

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1 Sequential Minimal Optimization for SVM

Define $g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$. Then, the linearly constrained quadratic problem related to SVM is

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N}{\text{maximize}} \quad g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \\ & \text{subject to:} \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0, \\ & \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, N. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

To solve $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N$, the basic idea of sequential minimal optimization (SMO) is to let $\alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_N$ be fixed, which enables us to solve α_1, α_2 at first. Once α_1, α_2 are solved, we can repeat the process to solve α_3, α_4 in a same way, and stop until α_{N-1}, α_N are solved.

Under the condition that $\alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_N$ are fixed, we have $y_1 \alpha_1 + y_2 \alpha_2 = \gamma$, where $\gamma = -\sum_{i=3}^N \alpha_i y_i$. Remember that $y_1, y_2 \in \{-1, +1\}$ and thus $y_i^2 = 1, i = 1, 2$. And let $s = y_1 y_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} g(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) &= \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_1^2 x_1^T x_1 + \alpha_2^2 x_2^T x_2) + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 s x_1^T x_2 + \alpha_1 y_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 v_2 - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + const, \\ v_1 &= \sum_{j=3}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j^T x_1, \\ v_2 &= \sum_{j=3}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j^T x_2, \\ const &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=3}^N \sum_{j=3}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j - \sum_{i=3}^N \alpha_i. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Replacing α_1 in Eq. (2) via $\alpha_1 = y_1 \cdot y_1 \alpha_1 = y_1 \cdot (\gamma - \alpha_2 y_2) = y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2$, $s = y_1 y_2$, results in

$$\begin{aligned} g(\alpha_2) &= \frac{1}{2}((y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2)^2 x_1^T x_1 + \alpha_2^2 x_2^T x_2) + (y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2) \alpha_2 s x_1^T x_2 \\ &\quad + (y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2) y_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 v_2 - (y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2 + \alpha_2) + const \\ &= \frac{1}{2}((y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2)^2 x_1^T x_1 + \alpha_2^2 x_2^T x_2) + (y_2 \gamma \alpha_2 - \alpha_2^2) x_1^T x_2 \\ &\quad + (\gamma - y_2 \alpha_2) v_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 v_2 - (y_1 \gamma - s \alpha_2 + \alpha_2) + const \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g(\alpha_2)}{\partial \alpha_2} &= (\alpha_2 - y_2 \gamma) x_1^T x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2^T x_2 + (y_2 \gamma - 2\alpha_2) x_1^T x_2 + y_2(v_2 - v_1) + s - 1 \\ &= (x_1^T x_1 + x_2^T x_2 - 2x_1^T x_2) \alpha_2 + (x_1^T x_2 - x_1^T x_1) y_2 \gamma + y_2(v_2 - v_1) + s - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By $\frac{\partial g(\alpha_2)}{\partial \alpha_2} = 0$, we then have

$$(x_1^T x_1 + x_2^T x_2 - 2x_1^T x_2) \alpha_2 + (x_1^T x_2 - x_1^T x_1) y_2 \gamma + (v_2 - v_1) y_2 + s - 1 = 0. \quad (5)$$

Up to now, we still can not solve α_2 analytically from the equation above, because $\alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_N$ are unknown thus γ, v_1, v_2 are unknown. But, we have

$$\gamma = \gamma_{fixed} = \alpha_1^{new} y_1 + \alpha_2^{new} y_2 = \alpha_1^{old} y_1 + \alpha_2^{old} y_2, \quad (6)$$

thus γ is known. We also have $f(x_i) = w^T x_i + b = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j x_j^T x_i + b$. Compared with Eq. (2), v_1, v_2 are now known:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= f(x_1) - b - \alpha_1 y_1 x_1^T x_1 - \alpha_2 y_2 x_2^T x_1, \\ v_2 &= f(x_2) - b - \alpha_1 y_1 x_1^T x_2 - \alpha_2 y_2 x_2^T x_2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore, Eq. (5) can be re-wrote as

$$\begin{aligned} &(x_1^T x_1 + x_2^T x_2 - 2x_1^T x_2) \alpha_2^{new} \\ &= 1 - s + (x_1^T x_1 - x_1^T x_2) y_2 \gamma + (v_1 - v_2) y_2 \\ &= y_2 [y_2 - y_1 + (x_1^T x_1 - x_1^T x_2) \gamma + v_1 - v_2] \\ &= y_2 \{y_2 - y_1 + (x_1^T x_1 - x_1^T x_2)(\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2) + [(f(x_1) - b - \alpha_1 y_1 x_1^T x_1 - \alpha_2 y_2 x_2^T x_1) \\ &\quad - (f(x_2) - b - \alpha_1 y_1 x_1^T x_2 - \alpha_2 y_2 x_2^T x_2)]\} \\ &= y_2 \{y_2 - y_1 + (\alpha_2 y_2 x_1^T x_1 - \alpha_2 y_2 x_1^T x_2) + (f(x_1) - \alpha_2 y_2 x_2^T x_1 \\ &\quad - f(x_2) + \alpha_2 y_2 x_2^T x_2)\} \\ &= y_2 \{y_2 - y_1 + (x_1^T x_1 - 2x_1^T x_2 + x_2^T x_2) y_2 \alpha_2 + f(x_1) - f(x_2)\} \\ &= (x_1^T x_1 - 2x_1^T x_2 + x_2^T x_2) \alpha_2^{old} + y_2 [(f(x_1) - y_1) - (f(x_2) - y_2)] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

which allows us to solve α_2 numerically, i.e., $\alpha_2^{new} = \alpha_2^{old} + \frac{y_2(E_1 - E_2)}{x_1^T x_1 + x_2^T x_2 - 2x_1^T x_2}$, where $E_i = f(x_i) - y_i, i = 1, 2$.

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