

## Assignment 2

Due date: 27 October 2023 (Fri) 23:59

Full mark: 100

Expected time spent: 3-5 hours

- Aims:**
1. Understand the knowledge about Support Vector Machine
  2. Hands-on practice of the optimization problem in SVM and Clustering.
  3. Hands-on practice of implementation processes of K-means, DBSCAN and Hierarchical clustering.
  4. Get familiar with how to use some tools (e.g., scikit-learn) to implement SVM.

### Description:

In Assignment 2, you will practice how to build a SVM classifier on a training set and evaluate it on a test set. Here, you will know how to use some toolboxes to implement SVM. You will practice on using concepts of K-means, DBSCAN and Hierarchical clustering to solve problems.

For some calculations, you can use the toolbox in Python or MATLAB or any other programming languages you are familiar with.

### Questions:

1. Consider the following training and test data set:

Training set				test set		
Index	$x_1$	$x_2$	$y$	Index	$x_1$	$x_2$
1	8	-8	1	1	5	-7
2	6	-9.5	1	2	5.5	-9
3	9	-8.5	1	3	8	-8
4	6.5	-9	1	4	9	-8
5	5.5	-2.5	-1	5	7	-2.5
6	7	-3	-1	6	8	-5
7	9.5	-3.5	-1	7	5	-5
8	8	-5.5	-1	8	6.5	-4

- (a) Set up the optimization problem using  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_8)$  and write down the dual problem of optimization. Then, given that the optimal  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_8 = 0.32$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_5 = \alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$ . Based on these  $\alpha$ , which are the support vectors? Then, calculate the function of optimal hyperplane of this model. (10%)

### Solution:

The optimization problem is:

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^8 \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 \sum_{j=1}^8 \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j \quad (\text{plug the values of } x_1 \text{ and } x_2)$$

$$s. t. \sum_{i=1}^8 \alpha_i y_i = 0, \alpha_i \geq 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots (2\%)$$

The support vectors are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> data points  $\dots\dots\dots (2\%)$

The optimal  $w^* = \sum_{i=1}^8 \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -0.8 \end{pmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (3\%)$

The optimal  $b^* = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{s \in S} \left( \frac{1}{y_s} - w^T \mathbf{x}_s \right) = -5.4 \dots\dots\dots (3\%)$

The hyperplane is  $w^* \mathbf{x} + b^* = 0$

- (b) Given the test data points, how can we use the optimal hyperplane to predict them? Please write corresponding formulas and then get the predictions. (10%)

**Solution:**

$$\hat{y}_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } w^*x + b^* > 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } w^*x + b^* < 0 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (5\%)$$

The values of  $w^*x + b^*$  on the test data points are:

(0.2, 1.8, 1, 1, -3.4, -1.4, -1.4, -2.2)

So the predictions are (set the threshold as 0.5):

(1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1)..... (5%)

- (c) If we remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> data point in training set and use the remaining 7 points to train the SVM model, will the prediction of test data change? How about removing the 8<sup>th</sup> data point? (5%)

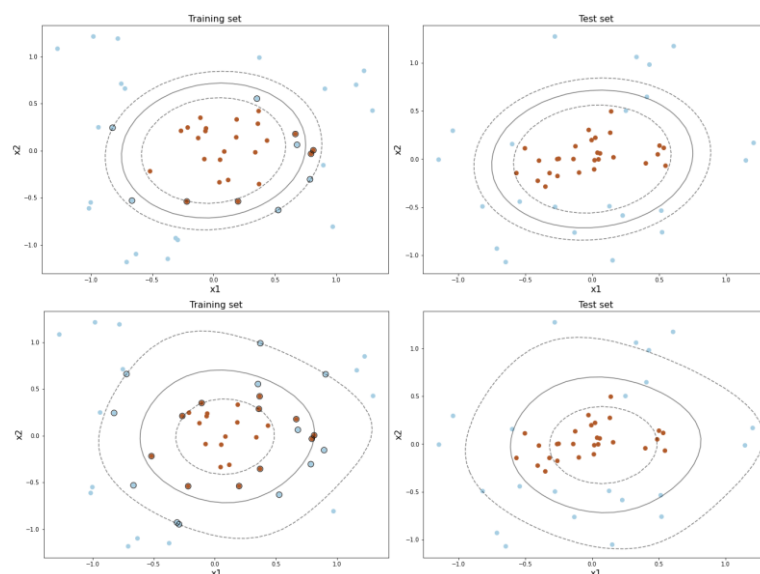
**Solution:**

As we have three support vectors (the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> data points) and the hyperplane is only optimized by the support vectors, removing the 2<sup>nd</sup> will not change the optimal hyperplane. For the 8<sup>th</sup> data point is the only negative support vector, which means removing it must influence the optimal hyperplane. However, if you use this new optimal hyperplane, the prediction of test data will not change. .... (5%)

2. Use the training data attached in the blackboard to train a SVM model. Try to use what we have learned from the lecture (kernel function and soft-margin method) to optimize your model and make the accuracy of your model  $\geq 86\%$  on the test set. Please try **at least two models** and each model should use different kernel function. You should give a brief introduction about your models (less than 50 words) and plot your decision boundaries with training set and test set in 2D figure (x-axis expresses  $x_1$  while y-axis expresses  $x_2$ ), respectively. Then, submit your code (Python, MATLAB or other programming languages you like). (25%)

**Solution:**

- 1) Use Polynomial kernel function with degree of 2 and set the C (soft-margin SVM) to be 10. Then the accuracy can reach to 88%.
- 2) Use Gaussian kernel function and set the C (soft-margin SVM) to be 22. Then the accuracy can reach to 90%.



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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn import svm
import sklearn
import pandas as pd

# the function to plot the decision boundary
def plot_svc_decision_function(model, ax=None, plot_support=False):
    """Plot the decision function for a 2D SVC"""
    if ax is None:
        ax = plt.gca()
        xlim = ax.get_xlim()
        ylim = ax.get_ylim()

        # create grid to evaluate model
        x = np.linspace(xlim[0], xlim[1], 30)
        y = np.linspace(ylim[0], ylim[1], 30)
        Y, X = np.meshgrid(y, x)
        xy = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()]).T
        P = model.decision_function(xy).reshape(X.shape)

        # plot decision boundary and margins
        ax.contour(X, Y, P, colors='k',
                  levels=[-1, 0, 1], alpha=0.5,
                  linestyles=['--', '-', '--'])

        # plot support vectors
        if plot_support:
            ax.scatter(model.support_vectors_[0],
                      model.support_vectors_[1],
                      s=100, linewidth=1, facecolors='none', edgecolors='k')
        ax.set_xlim(xlim)
        ax.set_ylim(ylim)

# load the data
train = pd.read_csv('./training.csv', encoding = 'utf-8-sig')
test = pd.read_csv('./test.csv', encoding = 'utf-8-sig')
train.iloc[0, 0] = train.iloc[0, 0].strip('\ufeff')
test.iloc[0, 0] = test.iloc[0, 0].strip('\ufeff')
train.iloc[0, -1] = train.iloc[0, -1].strip('\ufeff')
test.iloc[0, -1] = test.iloc[0, -1].strip('\ufeff')
X_train, y_train = train.iloc[:, :2].to_numpy().astype(float), train.iloc[:, -1].to_numpy().astype(float)
X_test, y_test = test.iloc[:, :2].to_numpy().astype(float), test.iloc[:, -1].to_numpy().astype(float)

# use the training set to train the svm model
# you can use grid search to adjust hyper-parameters

# Polynomial kernel function
model = svm.SVC(kernel='poly', degree = 2, C=10).fit(X_train, y_train)

# Gaussian kernel function
# model = svm.SVC(kernel='rbf').fit(X_train, y_train)

# use the test set to get the prediction and calculate the accuracy
prediction = model.predict(X_test)
print(sklearn.metrics.accuracy_score(prediction, y_test))

# plot the training set
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(20, 8))
fig.subplots_adjust(left=0.0625, right=0.95, wspace=0.1)
ax[0].scatter(X_train[:, 0], X_train[:, 1], c=y_train, s=50, cmap=plt.cm.Paired)
plot_svc_decision_function(model, ax=ax[0], plot_support=True)
ax[0].set_title("Training set", fontsize = 16)
ax[0].set_xlabel("x1", fontsize = 16)
ax[0].set_ylabel("x2", fontsize = 16)

# plot the test set
ax[1].scatter(X_test[:, 0], X_test[:, 1], c=y_test, s=50, cmap=plt.cm.Paired)
plot_svc_decision_function(model)
ax[1].set_title("Test set", fontsize = 16)
ax[1].set_xlabel("x1", fontsize = 16)
ax[1].set_ylabel("x2", fontsize = 16)

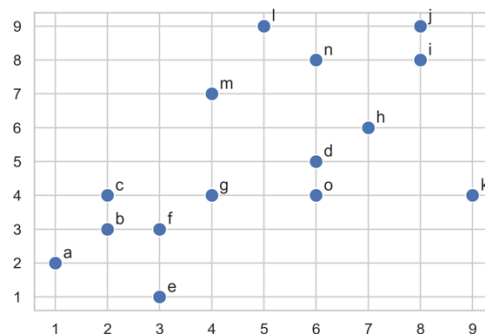
# save the figures
plt.savefig('./HW2_Q2.pdf')

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Example (attached in the blackboard):

- 1) Introduction..... (5%)
- 2) Plot the figure correctly (and accuracy  $\geq 86\%$ ); if you has not plot the training set and test set respectively, you will be deducted 2 marks ..... (5%)
- 3) Build a SVM model on the given data set successfully..... (5%)
- 4) Use some tricks to make the accuracy  $\geq 86\%$  (e.g., kernel function and soft-margin method)..... (10%)

3. Consider the following data and perform the K-means and DBSCAN algorithms using the Euclidean distance between points:



- (a) Use K-means algorithm to perform three-class classification task. Assume that the initial cluster centers are (7, 4), (3, 6), (7,9) respectively. Calculate the updated cluster centers after the first iteration. (10%)

**Solution:**

First, we compute the distance between each sample and the initial cluster centers. For example, the distance between sample a and cluster center (3,6) is  $\sqrt{20}$  while the distance between a and cluster center (7,4) is  $\sqrt{40}$  and cluster center (7,9) is  $\sqrt{85}$ . As  $\sqrt{20} < \sqrt{40} < \sqrt{85}$ , the sample a should be assigned to cluster 1.

Cluster 0 (cluster center is (7, 4)): d, h, k, o

Cluster 1 (cluster center is (3, 6)): a, b, c, e, f, g, m

Cluster 2 (cluster center is (7, 9)): i, j, l, n..... (4%)

The updated cluster center of cluster 0:

$$\left( \frac{6+7+9+6}{4}, \frac{5+6+4+4}{4} \right) = (7, 4.8)$$

.....(2%)

The updated cluster center of cluster 1:

$$\left( \frac{1+2+2+3+3+4+4}{7}, \frac{2+3+4+1+3+4+7}{7} \right) = (2.7, 3.4)$$

.....(2%)

The updated cluster center of cluster 2:

$$\left( \frac{8+8+5+6}{4}, \frac{8+9+9+8}{4} \right) = (6.8, 8.5)$$

.....(2%)

- (b) Use DBSCAN to perform the clustering. Assume that  $\epsilon = 2$  and  $minpts=2$ . List all core points, border point, noise point. (10%)

Solution:

Core points: b, c, d, f, g, n, o.....(4%)

Border points: a, e, h, i, l, j.....(3%)

Noise points: k, m.....(3%)

- (c) Is  $h$  density reachable from  $a$ ? Show the intermediate points on the chain or the point where the chain breaks of DBSCAN model. (5%)

Solution:

No.  $a$  is not a core point.....(5%)

- (d) Show the density-based clusters of DBSCAN model. (5%)

Solution:

Cluster 0: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, o

Cluster 1: i, l, n, j.....(5%)

4. Use the distance matrix in the following table to perform the hierarchical clustering with the **group average distance** and **max distance** respectively. Show your results by listing all intermediate updated table and drawing the final dendrogram. The dendrogram should clearly show the order in which the points are merged. (20%)

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0				
B	8	0			
C	6	7	0		
D	2	3	9	0	
E	1	6	5	4	0

Solution:

Group average distance:

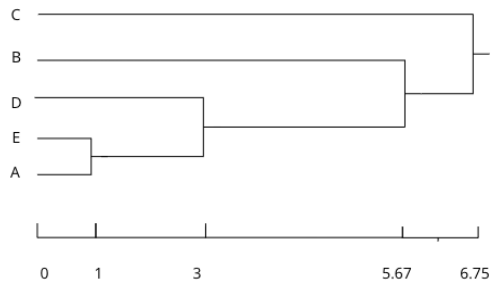
	A	B	C	D	E
A	0				
B	8	0			
C	6	7	0		
D	2	3	9	0	
E	1	6	5	4	0

	(A,E)	B	C	D
(A,E)	0			
B	7	0		
C	5.5	7	0	
D	3	3	9	0

	(A,E,D)	B	C
(A,E,D)	0		
B	5.67	0	
C	6.67	7	0

	(A,E,D,B)	C
(A,E,D,B)	0	
C	6.75	0

.....(5%)



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Max distance:

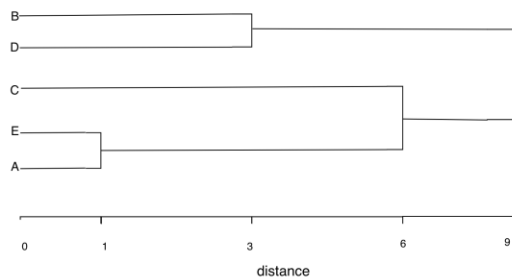
	A	B	C	D	E
A	0				
B	8	0			
C	6	5	0		
D	2	3	9	0	
E	1	7	5	4	0

	(A,E)	B	C	D
(A,E)	0			
B	8	0		
C	6	5	0	
D	4	3	9	0

	(A,E)	(B,D)	C
(A,E)	0		
(B,D)	8	0	
C	6	9	0

	(A,C,E)	(B,D)
(A,C,E)	0	
(B,D)	9	0

.....(5%)



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