

Homework #3 : Support Vector Machines (SVM)

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1.) N pairs of (x_i, y_i) where,

$x_i \equiv$ the feature vectors

$y_i \equiv$ binary class label $(-1, 1)$

for linear SVM classifier: $y = wx_i + b$ the loss function is defined as :-

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^N \max(0, 1 - y_i (wx_i + b)) + \alpha \|w\|^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where α is regularization parameter

for gradient descent $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w \partial b} = 0$

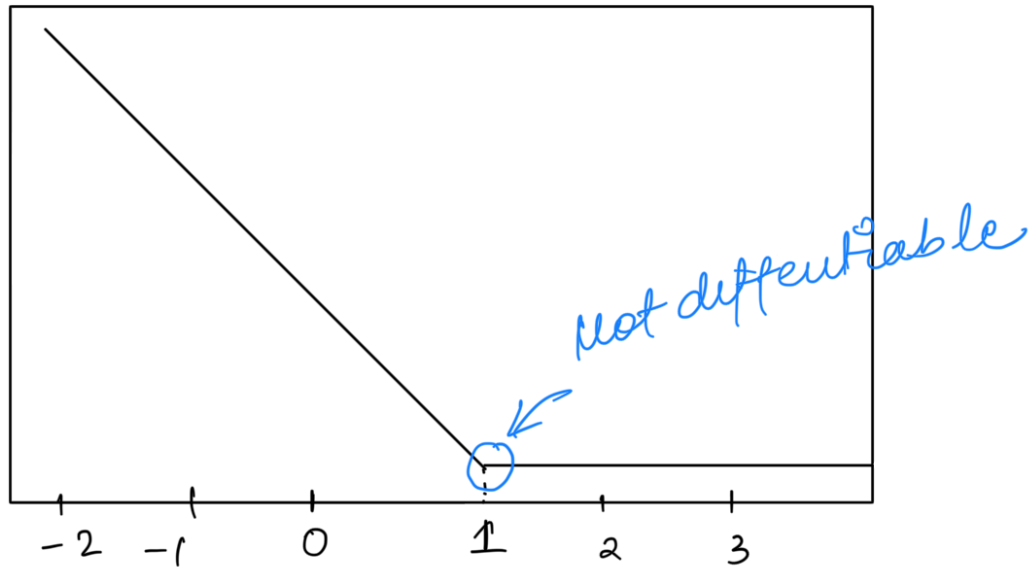
where above equation (1) can be broken into

large loss i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^N \max(0, 1 - y_i (wx_i + b)) \quad \text{--- (2)}$

and regularization term :-

$$\alpha \|w\|^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now differentiating eq-(2) is not possible directly because hinge loss is not differentiable at $(t=1)$



hinge loss function

∴ we will use concept of subgradient

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n \max(0, 1 - y_i(w \cdot x_i + b))$$

where $H=0$ when points are correctly classified

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 - y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} = -y_i x_i \text{ for misclassified points} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial b} = -y_i \text{ for misclassified point} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial b} = 0 \text{ for correctly classified points} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b \partial w} (\alpha |w|^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} (\alpha |w|^2) = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \alpha |w|^2 = 2 \alpha |w| \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Combining ① ② ③ ④ and ⑤

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{w}} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha \alpha |\vec{w}| - y_i x_i & \text{for misclassified points} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha \alpha |\vec{w}| & \text{for correctly classified point} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n -y_i & \text{for misclassified points} \\ 0 & \text{for correctly classified points} \end{cases}$$