

SVM(Support Vector Machine)

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首先简要介绍SVM分类器，然后再结合凸优化相关理论作进一步分析。

1 SVM分类器

1.1 最大间隔分离超平面

线性可分的训练样例

$$T = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, y_N)\}$$

其中 $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, y_i \in \{+1, -1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

超平面

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b &= 0 \\ \frac{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{x}_i 到超平面距离

$$\gamma_i = \frac{y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b)}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

当 $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b = \pm 1$ 时, $\gamma_i = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$ 。

最大间隔分离超平面问题:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \quad s.t. \quad y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$$

有约束的原始目标函数转换为无约束的新构造的拉格朗日目标函数

$$L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1)$$

其中 $\alpha_i \geq 0$ 为拉格朗日乘子。原约束问题等价于

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

可转换为对偶问题:

$$\max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

由

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \leq L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \leq \max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

得:

$$\max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \leq \min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

1.2 拉格朗日对偶

KKT(Karush-Kuhn-Tucker)条件

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i &\geq 0 \\ y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1 &\geq 0 \\ \alpha_i(y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

由

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

得：

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i &= 0\end{aligned}$$

代入拉格朗日目标函数，得：

$$\begin{aligned}\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} L(\mathbf{w}, b, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j) - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j y_j \mathbf{x}_j \right) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i\end{aligned}$$

可得对偶问题：

$$\max_{\alpha_i \geq 0} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \quad s.t. \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

根据KKT条件，有 $\alpha_i = 0$ 或 $y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1 = 0$ ，当 $\alpha_i > 0$ 时，对应的 \mathbf{x}_i 为支持向量。可得：

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w}^* &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ b^* &= y_j - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j)\end{aligned}$$

其中 $\alpha_i^* > 0$

分类决策函数：

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^* \cdot \mathbf{x} + b^*)$$

非线性SVM

核函数

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \phi(\mathbf{z})$$

用核函数代替内积

$$b^* = y_j - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^* y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b^* \right)$$

2 凸优化，鞍点，拉格朗日对偶

对于优化问题, $f(x)$, $g_i(x)$ 为凸函数

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(x) \\ & \text{subject to} && g_i(x) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

设其解为 x^* , 即

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^*) &\leq f(x) \\ g_i(x) &\leq 0 \\ g_i(x^*) &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

考虑

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i(x) \quad \lambda_i \geq 0$$

由

$$\min_x L(x, \lambda) \leq L(x, \lambda) \leq \max_{\lambda \geq 0} L(x, \lambda)$$

得:

$$\max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda) \leq \min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) \quad (1)$$

若

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) \leq L(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}) \leq \max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda) \quad (2)$$

则 $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda})$ 称为 $L(x, \lambda)$ 的鞍点。且有

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) = \max_{\lambda} L(\bar{x}, \lambda) \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda} L(\bar{x}, \lambda) &= L(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}) \\ \max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda) &= \min_x L(x, \bar{\lambda}) \\ \min_x L(x, \bar{\lambda}) &= L(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

下面分析鞍点和原优化问题解 $f(x^*)$ 之间的关系。

2.1 从鞍点到极值点

先看式(2)左边与式(3), 当 $g_i(\bar{x}) > 0$ 时, 有

$$\max_{\lambda} L(\bar{x}, \lambda) = \infty$$

可知 $g_i(\bar{x}) \leq 0$, 且有

$$\begin{aligned}\max_{\lambda} f(\bar{x}) + \lambda_i g_i(\bar{x}) &= f(\bar{x}) \\ &= L(\bar{x}, \lambda) |_{\lambda_i g_i(\bar{x})=0} \\ L(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}) &= f(\bar{x})\end{aligned}$$

再看式(2)右边与式(4), 由 $\min_x L(x, \bar{\lambda}) = L(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda})$ 得

$$\begin{aligned}f(\bar{x}) &= \min_x L(x, \bar{\lambda}) \\ &\leq \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} L(x, \bar{\lambda}) \\ &\leq \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} f(x) + \sum_i 0 \cdot g_i(x)\end{aligned}$$

可知

$$f(\bar{x}) = \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} f(x)$$

因此, 可由鞍点得原优化问题的极小值点。

2.2 从极值点到鞍点

当已知原优化问题的极小值点时, 即

$$f(x^*) = \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} f(x)$$

根据凸优化相关理论, 可知存在 $\lambda_i^* \geq 0$, 满足:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_i \lambda_i^* \nabla g_i(x) &= 0 \\ \lambda_i^* g_i(x) &= 0 \\ L(x^*, \lambda^*) &= f(x^*)\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

先看式(2)左边

$$\begin{aligned}\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) &\leq \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} \max_{\lambda} f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i(x) \\ &\leq \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} \max_{\lambda} f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i \cdot 0 \\ &= \min_{\substack{x \\ g_i(x) \leq 0}} f(x) \\ &= f(x^*) + \lambda_i^* g_i(x^*) \\ \min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) &\leq L(x^*, \lambda^*)\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

再看式(2)右边

$$\max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda) \geq \min_x f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i^* g_i(x)$$

由于 $L(x, \lambda^*) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i^* g_i(x)$ 为凸函数，因此有惟一极小值满足

$$\nabla f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i^* g_i(x) = 0$$

与式(5)结合可知

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^*) &= \min_x f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i^* g_i(x) \\ L(x^*, \lambda^*) &\leq \max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

结合式(6)、式(7)得

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) \leq L(x^*, \lambda^*) \leq \max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda)$$

由式(1),得

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) = L(x^*, \lambda^*) = \max_{\lambda} \min_x L(x, \lambda)$$

即：由原问题极值解可得鞍点。

2.3 $\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda)$ 与原问题的关系

下面说明 $\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda)$ 与原问题的关系，当 $g_i(x) > 0$ 时有

$$\max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) = \infty$$

可得

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) &= \infty \\ \min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) &= \min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

因此

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) &= \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} \max_{\lambda} f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i(x) \\ &\leq \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} \max_{\lambda} f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i \cdot 0 \\ &= \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} f(x) \\ \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) &\geq \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} f(x) + \sum_i 0 \cdot g_i(x) \\ &= \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

得

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) = \min_{g_i(x) \leq 0} f(x)$$

即与原问题等价。