

**Problem 1**

The Lagrangian function and its derivatives for  $\beta$ ,  $\beta_0$  and  $\xi_i$  are:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [y_i(x_i^T \beta + \beta_0) - (1 - \xi_i)] - \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i \xi_i$$

$$\nabla_{\beta} = \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i$$

$$\nabla_{\beta_0} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i$$

$$\nabla_{\xi_i} = C - \alpha_i - \mu_i$$

Set the derivatives to 0, we get  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i x_i$ ,  $\alpha_i = C - \mu_i$ .

$$L_D = \frac{1}{2} \beta^T \beta + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i - \beta^T \beta + \sum_{i=1}^N [\alpha_i (1 - \xi_i) - \mu_i \xi_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$

The dual problem is  $\max_{\alpha} L_D, s.t. 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i y_i = 0$ .

Then we can get  $\hat{\alpha}_i$  by optimizing the dual problem. The solution for the primal problem is:

$$\hat{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\alpha}_i y_i x_i, \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = y_{i^*} - x_{i^*}^T \hat{\beta}$$

where  $i^*$  is a margin point ( $\hat{\alpha}_{i^*} > 0, \hat{\xi}_{i^*} = 0$ ).

**Problem 2**

Let  $f(\beta, \beta_0) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y - \beta_0 - x^T \beta)^2$ ,  $g(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^p |\beta_j| - s$ .

The primal problem is  $\min_{\beta_0, \beta} f(\beta, \beta_0)$ ,  $s.t. g(\beta) \leq 0$  and the dual problem is  $\max_{\lambda} \theta(\lambda), \lambda \geq 0$ , where  $\theta(\lambda) = \inf_{\beta_0, \beta} \{f(\beta, \beta_0) + \lambda g(\beta)\}$ .

Noted that  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the condition of the strong dual theorem, if  $\bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta}_0$  is a feasible solution of the primal problem, then there exists some  $\bar{\lambda}$ , s.t.

$$f(\bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta}_0) = \theta(\bar{\lambda}) = \sup \{\theta(\lambda), \lambda \geq 0\}$$

$$\bar{\lambda} g(\bar{\beta}) = 0$$

So  $f(\bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta}_0) + \bar{\lambda}g(\bar{\beta}) = f(\bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta}_0) = \theta(\bar{\lambda})$ . In other words,  $\beta_0, \beta$  is also a feasible solution of  $\min_{\beta_0, \beta} f(\beta, \beta_0) + \lambda g(\beta)$ .

Further more,

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta_0, \beta} f(\beta, \beta_0) + \lambda g(\beta) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta_0, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (y - \beta_0 - x^T \beta)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

So the primal problem is equivalent to

$$\min_{\beta_0, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (y - \beta_0 - x^T \beta)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

### Problem 3

Please see [attachment](#).