

DM825

Introduction to Machine Learning

Lecture 9

## Support Vector Machines

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Support Vector Machines:

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$$\max_{\vec{\alpha}} W(\vec{\alpha}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m y^i y^j \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle \vec{x}^i, \vec{x}^j \rangle$$

$$\text{s.t. } \alpha_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^i = 0$$

$$\vec{\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^i \vec{x}^i \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$y_i (\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) \geq 1 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$\alpha_i [y_i (\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) - 1] = 0 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

Prediction:

$$h(\vec{\theta}, \vec{x}) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^i \langle \vec{x}^i, \vec{x} \rangle + \theta_0 \right)$$

We saw:

1.  $h(\vec{\theta}, \vec{x})$  fitted  $\vec{\theta}$  on training data then discarded training data
2.  $k$ -NN training data kept during the prediction phase. Memory based method. (fast to train, slower to predict)
3. locally weighted linear regression

$$\vec{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin} \sum_i w_i (y^i - \vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i)^2, \quad w^i = \exp \left( -\frac{(\vec{x}^i - \vec{x})^T (\vec{x}^i - \vec{x})}{2\tau^2} \right)$$

(linear parametric method where predictions are based on a linear combination of kernel functions evaluated at training data)

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# Kernels

$x_1, \dots, x_D$  inputs

if we want all polynomial terms up to degree 2:

$$\vec{\phi}(\vec{x}) = [x_1^2 \quad x_2^2 \quad \dots \quad x_D^2 \quad x_1x_2 \quad x_1x_3 \quad \dots \quad x_{D-1}x_D]^T$$

$\binom{D}{2} = O(D^2)$  terms

For  $D = 3$

$$\vec{\phi}(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1 \\ \sqrt{2}x_2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_3 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_3^2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1x_3 \\ \sqrt{2}x_2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In SVM we need  $\langle \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}^i)^T \cdot \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}^j) \rangle \implies O(D^2)$  for  $m^2$  times

$$\vec{\phi}(\vec{x})^T \vec{\phi}(\vec{z}) = 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d x_i z_i + \sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2 z_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m x_i x_j z_i z_j$$

someone recognized that this is the same as  $(1 + \vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{z})^2$  which can be computed in  $O(D)$ .

$$k(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) = (1 + \vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{z})^s \quad \text{kernel}$$

we may restrict to compute **Kernel matrix**

# Kernels

For models with fixed non linear feature space:

## Definition (Kernel)

$$k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \vec{\phi}(\vec{x})^T \cdot \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}')$$

It follows that  $k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = k(\vec{x}', \vec{x})$

## Kernel Trick

If we have an algorithm in which the input vector  $\vec{x}$  enters only in form of scalar products, then we can replace the scalar product with some choice of kernel.

- ▶ This is our case with SVM: thanks to dual formulation, both training and prediction can be done via scalar product.
- ▶ No need to define features



# Constructing Kernels

It must be  $k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{x}'$  (scalar product)

1. define some basis functions  $\vec{\phi}(\vec{x})$ :

$$k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \vec{\phi}(\vec{x})^T \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}') = \sum_{i=1}^D \phi_i(\vec{x}) \phi_i(\vec{x}')$$

2. define kernel directly provided it is some scalar product in some feature space (maybe infinite)

$$k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = (1 + \vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{x}')^2$$

# Constructing Kernels

Following approach 2:

## Theorem (Mercer's Kernel)

*Necessary and sufficient condition for  $k(\cdot)$  to be a valid kernel is that the Gram matrix  $\mathbf{k}$ , whose elements are  $k(\vec{x}^i, \vec{x}^j)$ , is positive semidefinite ( $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{x}^T \mathbf{k} \vec{x} \geq 0$ ) for all choices of the set  $\{\vec{x}^i\}$ .*

Proof:

Symmetry:  $k_{ij} = k(\vec{x}^i, \vec{x}^j) = \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}^i)^T \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}^j) = \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}^j)^T \vec{\phi}(\vec{x}^i) = k_{ji}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^T K z &= \sum_i \sum_j z_i K_{ij} z_j \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j z_i \phi(x^{(i)})^T \phi(x^{(j)}) z_j \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j z_i \sum_k \phi_k(x^{(i)}) \phi_k(x^{(j)}) z_j \\
 &= \sum_k \sum_i \sum_j z_i \phi_k(x^{(i)}) \phi_k(x^{(j)}) z_j \\
 &= \sum_k \left( \sum_i z_i \phi_k(x^{(i)}) \right)^2 \\
 &\geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

One easy way to construct kernels is by recombining building blocks.

Known building blocks:

Linear:  $k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \vec{x}^T \vec{x}'$

Polynomials:  $k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = (\vec{x}^T \vec{x}' + c)^s$

radial basis:  $k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \exp(-\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|^2 / 2\sigma^2)$  (has infinite dimensionality)

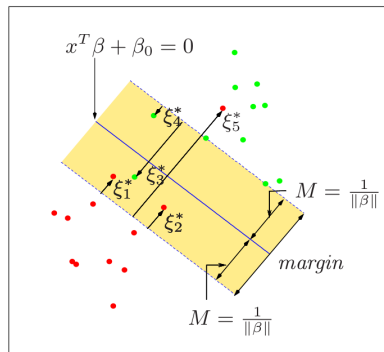
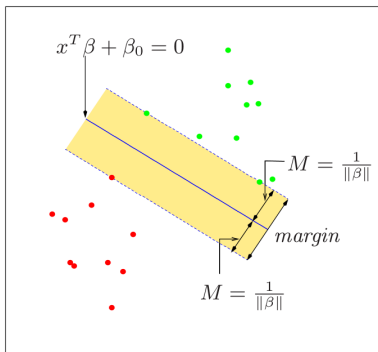
sigmoid func.:  $k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \tanh(k\vec{x}^T \vec{x}' - \sigma)$

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# Soft margins

What if data are not separable?



# Soft margins

We allow some points to be on the wrong side and introduce slack variables  $\vec{\xi} = (\xi_1 \dots, \xi_m)$  in the formulation:  
geometric margin becomes:

- ▶  $y^i(\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) > 0$  if predicted correct
- ▶  $y^i(\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) > -\xi_i$  for the points mispredicted

In the formulation we modify

$y^i(\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) > \gamma$  into

$y^i(\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) > \gamma(1 - \xi_i)$  and include a regularization term to minimize:

$$(\text{OPT}) : \min_{\vec{\theta}, \theta_0} \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{\theta}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i$$

$$\alpha_i : 1 - \xi_i \leq y^i(\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\mu_i : \xi_i \geq 1 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

still convex optimization

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta}, \theta_0, \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{\theta}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \left[ y^i (\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^i + \theta_0) - (1 - \xi_i) \right] - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \xi_i$$

fixed  $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\mu}$  we have the primal  $\mathcal{L}_P(\vec{\theta}, \theta_0, \vec{\xi})$  which we minimize in  $\vec{\theta}, \theta_0, \vec{\xi}$ :

$$\nabla_{\vec{\theta}} \mathcal{L}_P = 0 \implies \vec{\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^i x^i$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_P}{\partial \theta_0} = 0 \implies 0 = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^i$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_P}{\partial \xi_i} = 0 \implies \alpha_i = C - \mu_i \quad \forall i$$

Lagrange dual:

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \vec{x}_i^T \vec{x}_j$$

$$\max \mathcal{L}_D = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \vec{x}_i^T \vec{x}_j \quad (1)$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^i = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\alpha_i [y_i (\vec{x}_i^T \vec{\theta} + \theta_0) - (1 - \xi_i)] = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\mu_i \xi_i = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$y_i (\vec{x}_i^T \vec{\theta} + \theta_0) - (1 - \xi_i) \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\mu_i \geq 0, \quad \xi_i \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

for (5) +  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_P}{\partial \xi_i} = 0$  support vectors are:

- ▶ the points that lie on the edge of the margin ( $\xi_i = 0$ ) and hence  $\implies 0 < \alpha_i < C$
- ▶ the misclassified points  $\xi_i > 0$  that have  $\alpha_i = C$

The margin points can be used to solve (4) for  $\theta_0$



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# Coordinate ascent

$$\max_{\vec{\alpha}} W(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)$$

**repeat**

**for**  $i=1, \dots, m$  **do**  
         $\alpha_i := \arg \max_{\hat{\alpha}_i} W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} \hat{\alpha}_i, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)$

**until** till convergence ;

# Sequential Minimal Optimization

$$\max_{\vec{\alpha}} W(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^m y^i \alpha_i = 0$$

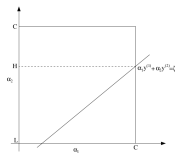
Fix and change two  $\alpha$ s at a time.

**repeat**

    | select  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  by some heuristic;  
    | hold all  $\alpha_l, l \neq i, j$  fixed and optimize  $W(\vec{\alpha})$  in  $\alpha_i, \alpha_j$

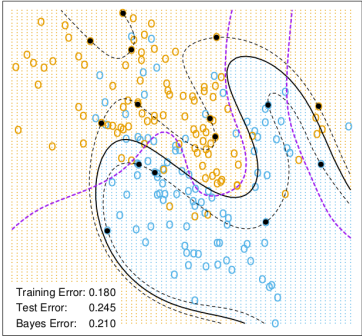
**until** till convergence ;

$$\alpha_1 y^1 + \alpha_2 y^2 = - \sum_{i=3}^m \alpha_i y^i = \text{const} \implies \alpha_1 = \frac{C - \alpha_2 y^2}{y^1}$$

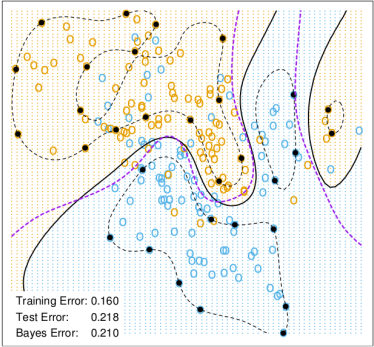


# Example

SVM - Degree-4 Polynomial in Feature Space



SVM - Radial Kernel in Feature Space



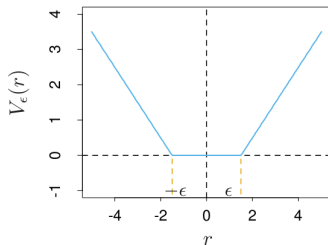
1. train  $K$  SVM each SVM classifies one class from all the others.
2. choose the indication of the SVM that makes the strongest prediction:  
where the basis vector input point is furthest into positive region

# SVM for regression

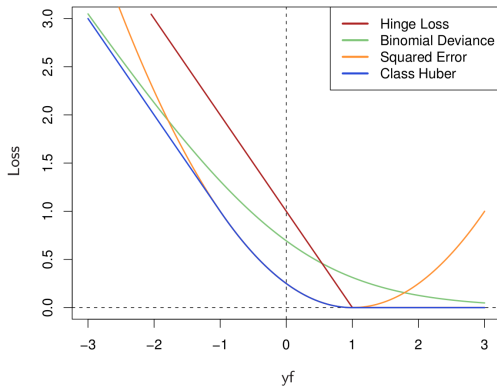
With a quantitative response we try to fit as much as possible within the margin change, hence we change the objective function in (OPT3) into:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m V(y^i - f(x^i)) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\vec{\theta}\|^2$$

$$V_{\epsilon} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r| < \epsilon \\ |r| - \epsilon & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# SVM as Regularized Function



Loss Function	$L[y, f(x)]$	Minimizing Function
Binomial Deviance	$\log[1 + e^{-yf(x)}]$	$f(x) = \log \frac{\Pr(Y = +1 x)}{\Pr(Y = -1 x)}$
SVM Hinge Loss	$[1 - yf(x)]_+$	$f(x) = \text{sign}[\Pr(Y = +1 x) - \frac{1}{2}]$
Squared Error	$[y - f(x)]^2 = [1 - yf(x)]^2$	$f(x) = 2\Pr(Y = +1 x) - 1$