

18-660: Numerical Methods for Engineering Design and Optimization

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Overview

Classification

- Support vector machine
- Regularization

Classification

Predict categorical output (i.e., two or multiple classes) from input attributes (i.e., features)

Example: two-class classification

$$f(X) = W^T X + C \quad \begin{cases} \geq 0 & (Class A) \\ < 0 & (Class B) \end{cases}$$



Classification

Classification vs. regression



Classification Examples

Identify hand-written digits from US zip codes



Bishop, Pattern recognition and machine learning, 2007

Classification Examples

Identify geometrical structure from oil flow data



Blue: geometrical structure 1 Green: geometrical structure 2 Red: geometrical structure 3

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Support Vector Machine (SVM)

- Support vector machine (SVM) is a popular algorithm used for many classification problems
 - Key idea: maximize classification margin (immune to noise)

Two-class linear support vector machine



$$f(X) = W^T X + C \quad \begin{cases} \geq 0 & (Class A) \\ < 0 & (Class B) \end{cases}$$

Determine W and C with maximum margin

To maximize margin, we must first represent margin as a function of W and C



$$f(X) = W^{T}X + C \quad \begin{cases} \geq 0 & (Class A) \\ < 0 & (Class B) \end{cases}$$

$$Plus plane \qquad W^{T}X + C = 1$$

$$Minus plane \qquad W^{T}X + C = -1$$

$$(Right-hand side can be normalized to \pm 1)$$

W is perpendicular to plus/minus planes

Plus plane $W^T X + C = 1$ Minus plane $W^T X + C = -1$





W is perpendicular to (A – B)

Margin equals to the distance between X_m and X_p

$$X_{p} = X_{m} + \lambda W \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad Margin = \left\|X_{p} - X_{m}\right\|_{2} = \left\|\lambda W\right\|_{2}$$

Find λ to determine margin



$$X_{p} = X_{m} + \lambda W$$

$$W^{T} X_{p} + C = 1$$

$$W^{T} X_{m} + C = -1$$

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$$\lambda W^{T}W = 2 \quad \square \qquad \lambda = \frac{2}{W^{T}W} \quad \square \qquad Margin = \left\|\lambda W\right\|_{2} = \lambda \cdot \sqrt{W^{T}W} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{W^{T}W}}$$

Maximizing margin implies minimizing ||W||₂



Mathematical Formulation

Start from a set of training samples

 $(X_i, y_i) \quad (i=1,2,\cdots,N)$



Class A:

$$W^{T}X_{i} + C \ge 1 \qquad y_{i} = 1$$
$$y_{i} \cdot \left(W^{T}X_{i} + C\right) \ge 1$$

Class B:

$$W^{T}X_{i} + C \leq -1 \quad y_{i} = -1$$
$$y_{i} \cdot \left(W^{T}X_{i} + C\right) \geq 1$$

Mathematical Formulation

Formulate a convex optimization problem

 $\max_{W,C} \quad \frac{2}{\sqrt{W^T W}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Maximize margin}$ S.T. $y_i \cdot (W^T X_i + C) \ge 1 \longrightarrow$ All data samples are in the right class $(i=1,2,\cdots,N)$ Convex quadratic function min $W^T W$ W.CS.T. $y_i \cdot (W^T X_i + C) \ge 1 \longrightarrow$ Linear constraints $(i=1,2,\cdots,N)$

(Convex optimization)

Two training samples
 Class A: x₁ = 1, x₂ = 1 and y = 1
 Class B: x₁ = -1, x₂ = -1 and y = -1

$$f(X) = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + C \quad \begin{cases} \ge 0 & (Class A) \\ < 0 & (Class B) \end{cases}$$

Solve w_1 , w_2 and C to determine classifier







$$w_1 = w_2 = 0.5$$

 $C = 0$

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Support Vector Machine with Noise

In practice, training samples may contain noise or are not linearly separable



Margin

Class A

Support Vector Machine with Noise

- Can be solved by convex programming
 - Cost : sum of two convex functions
 - Constraints: linear and hence convex



(Convex optimization)

Regularization

Regression vs. classification

$$\min_{\alpha} \|A \cdot \alpha - B\|_2^2 + \lambda \cdot \|\alpha\|_2^2$$

Regression

Regularization

$$\min_{W,C,\xi} \sum_{i} \xi_{i} + \lambda \cdot W^{T} W_{i}$$
S.T. $y_{i} \cdot (W^{T} X_{i} + C) \ge 1 - \xi_{i}$
 $\xi_{i} \ge 0$
 $(i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$

Support vector machine

Other regularization forms can also be used for support vector machine

Regularization

L₁-norm regularization is used to find a sparse solution of W

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\min_{\substack{W,C,\xi\\W}} & \sum_{i} \xi_{i} + \lambda \cdot W^{T}W \\
\text{S.T.} & y_{i} \cdot (W^{T}X_{i} + C) \geq 1 - \xi_{i} \\
& \xi_{i} \geq 0 \\
& (i = 1, 2, \cdots, N)
\end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ll}
\min_{\substack{W,C,\xi\\W}} & \sum_{i} \xi_{i} + \lambda \cdot \|W\|_{1} \\
& \sum_{i} \xi_{i} + \lambda \cdot \|W\|_{1$$

Important for feature selection

Regularization

Feature selection



Summary

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