

Support Vector Machines: Duality and Leave-One-Out

CS4780/5780 – Machine Learning
Fall 2013

Thorsten Joachims
Cornell University

Reading: Schoelkopf/Smola Chapter 7.3, 7.5
Cristianini/Shawe-Taylor Chapter 2-2.1.1

(Batch) Perceptron Algorithm

Input: $S = ((\vec{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\vec{x}_n, y_n))$, $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$,
 $I \in [1, 2, \dots]$

Algorithm:

- $\vec{w}_0 = \vec{0}$, $k = 0$
- repeat
 - FOR $i=1$ TO n
 - * IF $y_i(\vec{w}_k \cdot \vec{x}_i) \leq 0$ ## makes mistake
 - $\vec{w}_{k+1} = \vec{w}_k + y_i \vec{x}_i$
 - $k = k + 1$
 - * ENDIF
 - ENDFOR
- until I iterations reached

Dual (Batch) Perceptron Algorithm

Input: $S = ((\vec{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\vec{x}_n, y_n))$, $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$,
 $I \in [1, 2, \dots]$

Dual Algorithm:

- $\forall i \in [1..n] : \alpha_i = 0$
- repeat
 - FOR $i=1$ TO n
 - * IF $y_i(\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j y_j (\vec{x}_j \cdot \vec{x}_i)) \leq 0$
 - $\alpha_i = \alpha_i + 1$
 - * ENDIF
 - ENDFOR
- until I iterations reached

Primal Algorithm:

- $\vec{w} = \vec{0}$, $k = 0$
- repeat
 - FOR $i=1$ TO n
 - * IF $y_i(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i) \leq 0$
 - $\vec{w} = \vec{w} + y_i \vec{x}_i$
 - * ENDIF
 - ENDFOR
- until I iterations reached

SVM Solution as Linear Combination

• Primal OP: minimize: $P(\vec{w}, b, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$
subject to: $\forall_{i=1}^n : y_i[\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b] \geq 1 - \xi_i$
 $\forall_{i=1}^n : \xi_i \geq 0$

• Theorem: The solution \vec{w}^* can always be written as a linear combination

$$\vec{w}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \vec{x}_i$$

of the training vectors with $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$.

• Properties:

- Factor α_i indicates “influence” of training example (x_i, y_i) .
- If $\xi_i > 0$, then $\alpha_i = C$.
- If $0 \leq \alpha_i < C$, then $\xi_i = 0$.
- (x_i, y_i) is a Support Vector, if and only if $\alpha_i > 0$.
- If $0 < \alpha_i < C$, then $y_i(x_i \cdot \vec{w}^* + b) = 1$.
- SVM-light outputs α_i using the “-a” option

Dual SVM Optimization Problem

• Primal Optimization Problem

minimize: $P(\vec{w}, b, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$
subject to: $\forall_{i=1}^n : y_i[\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b] \geq 1 - \xi_i$
 $\forall_{i=1}^n : \xi_i \geq 0$

• Dual Optimization Problem

maximize: $D(\vec{\alpha}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i y_j \alpha_i \alpha_j (\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j)$
subject to: $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \alpha_i = 0$
 $\forall_{i=1}^n : 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$

• Theorem: If w^* is the solution of the Primal and α^* is the solution of the Dual, then

$$\vec{w}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^* y_i \vec{x}_i$$

Leave-One-Out (i.e. n-fold CV)

- Training Set: $S = ((x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n))$
- Approach: Repeatedly leave one example out for testing.

Train on	Test on
$(x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), (x_4, y_4), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$	(x_1, y_1)
$(x_1, y_1), (x_3, y_3), (x_4, y_4), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$	(x_2, y_2)
$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_4, y_4), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$	(x_3, y_3)
...	...
$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$	(x_n, y_n)

- Estimate: $Err_{loo}(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(h_i(x_i), y_i)$
- Question: Is there a cheaper way to compute this estimate?

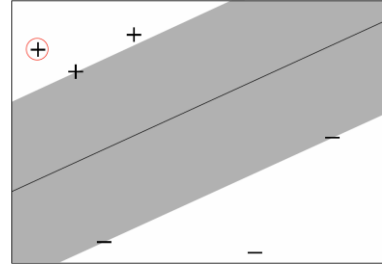
Necessary Condition for Leave-One-Out Error

- Lemma: For SVM, $[h_i(\vec{x}_i) \neq y_i] \Rightarrow [2\alpha_i R^2 + \xi_i \geq 1]$
- Input:
 - α_i dual variable of example i
 - ξ_i slack variable of example i
 - $\|\vec{x}_i\| \leq R$ bound on length
- Example:

Value of $2\alpha_i R^2 + \xi_i$	Leave-one-out Error?
0.0	Must be Correct
0.7	Must be Correct
3.5	Error
0.1	Must be Correct
1.3	Correct
...	...

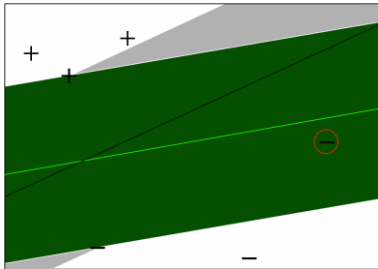
Case 1: Example is not SV

Criterion: $(\alpha_i = 0) \Rightarrow (\xi_i = 0) \Rightarrow (2\alpha_i R^2 + \xi_i < 1) \Rightarrow$ Correct



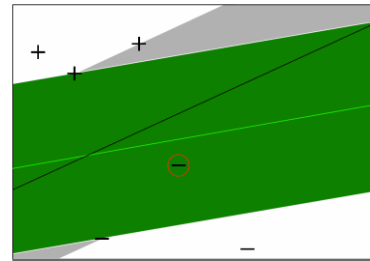
Case 2: Example is SV with Low Influence

Criterion: $(\alpha_i < 0.5/R^2 < C) \Rightarrow (\xi_i = 0) \Rightarrow (2\alpha_i R^2 + \xi_i < 1) \Rightarrow$ Correct



Case 3: Example has Small Training Error

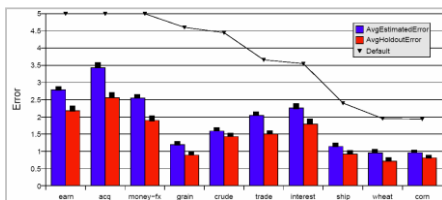
Criterion: $(\alpha_i = C) \Rightarrow (\xi_i < 1 - 2CR^2) \Rightarrow (2\alpha_i R^2 + \xi_i < 1) \Rightarrow$ Correct



Experiment: Reuters Text Classification

Experiment Setup

- 6451 Training Examples
- 6451 Validation Examples to estimate true Prediction Error
- Comparison between Leave-One-Out upper bound and error on Validation Set (average over 10 test/validation splits)



Fast Leave-One-Out Estimation for SVMs

Lemma: Training errors are always Leave-One-Out Errors.

Algorithm:

- $(R, \alpha, \xi) = \text{trainSVM}(S_{\text{train}})$
- FOR $(x, y) \in S_{\text{train}}$
 - IF $\xi_i > 1$ THEN loo++;
 - ELSE IF $(2\alpha_i R^2 + \xi_i < 1)$ THEN loo = loo;
 - ELSE $\text{trainSVM}(S_{\text{train}} \setminus \{(x, y)\})$ and test explicitly

Experiment:

Training Data	Retraining Steps (%)	CPU-Time (sec)
Reuters (n=6451)	0.58%	32.3
WebKB (n=2092)	20.42%	235.4
Ohsumed (n=10000)	2.56%	1132.3