

Support Vector Machine (SVM) Machine Learning

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SVMs are among the best "off-the-shelf" supervised learning algorithm.

Andrew Ng

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What is Support Vector

Machine?

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Examples closest to the hyperplane are support vectors.



Margin ρ of the separator is the distance between support vectors.



How does SVM work?

















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• Classifier:
$$h_{w,b}(x) = g(w^T x + b)$$

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$$g(z) = 1$$
 if $z \ge 0$, and $g(z) = -1$ otherwise

Given a training example $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$, we define the margin of (w, b) with respect to the training example:

$$y^{(i)}(w^T x + b) \ge 1, i = \{1, ..., m\}.$$

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http://cs229.stanford.edu/notes/cs229-notes3.pdf

$$\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2$$

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Need to optimize a quadratic function subject to linear constraints.

Soft Margin Classification

What if the training set is not linearly separable?

Soft Margin Classification

Slack variables ξ_i can be added to allow misclassification of difficult or noisy examples, resulting margin called **soft**.


Soft Margin Classification

Modified formulation incorporates slack variables:

$$\min_{w,b,\xi} \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 + C\Sigma\xi_i$$

s.t. $y_i(w^T x + b) \ge 1 - \xi_i, \xi_i \ge 0, i = \{1, ..., m\}$

Parameter *C* can be viewed as a way to control overfitting: it "trades off" the relative importance of maximizing the margin and fitting the training data.

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- Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel: $exp(-\lambda ||x_i x_j||^2)$
- Gaussian kernel: $K(x_i, x_j) = \exp(-||x_i x_j||^2/(2\sigma^2))$
- Polynomial kernel: $K(x_i, x_j) = (x_i \cdot x_j + 1)^d$, d degree
- Chi-square kernel, histogram intersection kernel, string kernel,



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The parameters can be tuned using grid-search.

Grid Search



"Random Search for Hyper-Parameter Optimization": http://www.jmlr.org/papers/volume13/bergstra12a/bergstra12a.pdf

Libraries

- Scikit-learn: <u>https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/svm.html</u>
- LIBSVM: <u>https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm</u>
- LIBLINEAR: <u>https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/liblinear</u>
- PmSVM: <u>https://sites.google.com/site/wujx2001/home/power-mean-svm</u>

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- Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, Chap. 6 & 7

Machine Learning Courses

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Random Forests Machine Learning

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Decision Tree: Iris Dataset



http://sebastianraschka.com/Articles/2014_python_lda.html

150 iris flowers from three different species.

The three classes in the Iris dataset:

- 1. Iris-setosa (n=50)
- 2. Iris-versicolor (n=50)
- 3. Iris-virginica (*n*=50)

The four features of the Iris dataset:

- 1. sepal length in cm
- 2. sepal width in cm
- 3. petal length in cm
- 4. petal width in cm





This node asks whether the flower's petal length is smaller than 2.45 cm



A **node's samples** attribute counts how many training instances it applies to.



A **node's value** attribute tells you how many training instances of each class this node applies to.



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- How does it choose k and t_k?
 It searches for the pair (k, t_k) that produces the purest subsets (weighted by their size).

$$J(k, t_k) = \frac{m_{\text{left}}}{m} G_{\text{left}} + \frac{m_{\text{right}}}{m} G_{\text{right}}$$

where
$$\begin{cases} G_{\text{left/right}} \text{ measures the impurity of the left/right subset,} \\ m_{\text{left/right}} \text{ is the number of instances in the left/right subset.} \end{cases}$$

CART cost function for classification

It stops recursing once it reaches the maximum depth (hyperparameter), or if it cannot find a split that will reduce impurity.

Regularization



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https://medium.com/@williamkoehrsen/random-forest-simple-explanation-377895a60d2d

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- Extra randomness when growing trees:

 Instead of searching for the very best feature when splitting a node, it searches for the best feature among a random subset of features.

 Assume number of cases in the training set is N. Then, sample of these N cases is taken at random but with replacement.

 If there are M input variables, a number m<M is specified such that at each node, m variables are selected at random out of the M.

The best split on these m is used to split the node. The value of m is held constant while we grow the forest.

- **3.** Each tree is grown to the largest extent possible and there is no pruning.
- 4. Predict new data by aggregating the predictions of the ntree trees (i.e., majority votes for classification, average for regression).

Random Forest: Feature Importance

```
from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
iris = load_iris()
rnd_clf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=500, n_jobs=-1)
rnd_clf.fit(iris["data"], iris["target"])
for name, score in zip(iris["feature_names"], rnd_clf.feature_importances_):
    print(name, score)
```

sepal length (cm) 0.112492250999
sepal width (cm) 0.0231192882825
petal length (cm) 0.441030464364
petal width (cm) 0.423357996355

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