Support Vector Machine



Introduction

- Support Vector Machine → Work in vector space
- Created by Vladimir Vapnik in the 1960s in the USSR! Did not gain much popularity until the last decade of the last century
 - It is still one of the most popular classifiers (Nothing stops us from not using it as a regressor)
- Vapnik moved to Bell Labs in the 1990s where he demonstrated that SVMs outperformed nascent NNs for certain problems
 - But before that he submitted 3 papers in Neurips.
- This resulted in the popularity of SVMs

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Algorithm to derive the hyperplane

On blackboard

Summary of the problem

- Width = 2/||w||
 - → Maximize width
 - \rightarrow Minimize 0.5*||w||²
 - \rightarrow Subject to the constaint equation Yi(Xi.W+b)-1 = 0

- Exercise : Write out the constraint equation
- Exercise : Write out the constraint optimization problem

Implement a SVM from scratch and visualize

Outcome



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Kernels

- Polynomial
- Radial basis function (default)

Soft Margin Support Vector Machine and slack





Multiclassification

One vs Rest

One vs One



Parameters of the SVM : multiclassification

https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.svm.SVC .html

Parameters: C : float, default=1.0

Regularization parameter. The strength of the regularization is inversely proportional to C. Must be strictly positive. The penalty is a squared I2 penalty.

kernel : {'linear', 'poly', 'rbf', 'sigmoid', 'precomputed'} or callable, default='rbf'

Specifies the kernel type to be used in the algorithm. If none is given, 'rbf' will be used. If a callable is given it is used to pre-compute the kernel matrix from data matrices; that matrix should be an array of shape (n_samples, n_samples). For an intuitive visualization of different kernel types see Plot classification boundaries with different SVM Kernels.

degree : int, default=3

Degree of the polynomial kernel function ('poly'). Must be non-negative. Ignored by all other kernels.

gamma : {'scale', 'auto'} or float, default='scale'

Kernel coefficient for 'rbf', 'poly' and 'sigmoid'.

- if gamma='scale' (default) is passed then it uses 1 / (n_features * X.var()) as value of gamma,
- if 'auto', uses 1 / n_features
- · if float, must be non-negative.

Changed in version 0.22: The default value of gamma changed from 'auto' to 'scale'.

coef0 : float, default=0.0

Independent term in kernel function. It is only significant in 'poly' and 'sigmoid'.

shrinking : bool, default=True

Whether to use the shrinking heuristic. See the User Guide.

probability : bool, default=False

Whether to enable probability estimates. This must be enabled prior to calling fit, will slow down that method as it internally uses 5-fold cross-validation, and predict_proba may be inconsistent with predict. Read more in the User Guide.

tol : float, default=1e-3

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Tolerance for stopping criterion.