SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES (SVM)



Find a linear hyperplane (decision boundary) that will separate the data



One possible solution



Other possible solutions





Find hyperplane maximizes the margin $\rightarrow B_1$ is better than B_2



We want to maximize:

$$Margin = \frac{2}{||\overrightarrow{w}||^2}$$

Which is equivalent to minimizing: $L(w) = \frac{||\vec{w}||^2}{2}$

But subject to the following constraints:

$$\overrightarrow{w} \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b \ge 1 \text{ if } y_i = 1$$

$$\overrightarrow{w} \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b \le -1 \text{ if } y_i = -1$$

This is a constrained optimization problem

• Numerical approaches to solve it (e.g., quadratic programming)

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- Introduce slack variables
- Need to minimize:

$$L(w) = \frac{\left|\left|\overrightarrow{w}\right|\right|^2}{2} + C\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i^K\right)$$

• Subject to:

$$\overrightarrow{w} \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b \ge 1 - \xi_i \text{ if } y_i = 1$$

$$\overrightarrow{w} \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b \le -1 + \xi_i \text{ if } y_i = -1$$

NONLINEAR SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES

What if the decision boundary is not linear?



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Transform data into higher dimensional space



SVMS IN SCIKIT-LEARN

from sklearn import svm

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# Fit a default SVM classifier to fake data
X = [[0, 0], [1, 1]]
y = [0, 1]
clf = svm.SVC()
clf.fit(X, y)
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SVC(C=1.0, cache_size=200, class_weight=None, coef0=0.0, decision_function_shape=None, degree=3, gamma='auto', kernel='rbf', max_iter=-1, probability=False, random_state=None, shrinking=True, tol=0.001, verbose=False)

Lots of defaults used for hyperparameters – can use cross validation to search for good ones

MODEL SELECTION IN SCIKIT-LEARN

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.metrics import classification report

... Load some raw data into X and y ...
Split the dataset in two equal parts
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = \
 train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.5, random_state=0)

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Now that you've selected good hyperparameters via CV, # and trained a model on your training data, get an # estimate of the "true error" on your test set y_true, y_pred = y_test, clf.predict(X_test) print(classification_report(y_true, y_pred))