

Lecture 12 - structured SVM

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today: SVMstruct $\rightarrow$ small QP formulation

side note on saddle point optimization:

necessary stationary conditions on (w^*, z^*)

$$\min_{w \in W} \max_{z \in Z} \mathcal{L}(w, z)$$

$$\langle \nabla_w \mathcal{L}(w^*, z^*), w - w^* \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\langle -\nabla_z \mathcal{L}(w^*, z^*), z - z^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall z \in Z$$

directional derivative

of $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to w in $w - w^*$ direction is non-neg

$$\forall w \in W$$

becomes

$$\text{let } u \triangleq (w, z)$$

$$F: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

$$F(u) \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_w \mathcal{L}(w, z) \\ -\nabla_z \mathcal{L}(w, z) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle F(u^*), u - u^* \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\forall u \in U = W \times Z$$

"variational inequality"

generalizes:

- minimization
- saddle point
- equilibrium problems
- multi-player games or non zero sum 2-player game

extragradient algorithm

$$\tilde{u}_{t+1} = u_t - \gamma_t F(u_t)$$

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$\rightarrow$ solves variational inequality

b) small "complicated" QP formulation (for structured SVM)

$$H_i(w) = \max_{z_i \in Z} g_i(w, z_i) \stackrel{\text{use duality}}{=} \min_{v_i \in V_i(w)} \tilde{g}_i(w, v_i)$$

$\nearrow$ convex dual of $\max_{z_i \in Z} g_i(w, z_i)$
 $\nwarrow$ dual variables

obtain: $\min_{w \in W} \min_{v_i, v_i \in V_i(w)} \frac{\lambda \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{g}_i(w, v_i)$

$\nwarrow$ if $\tilde{g}_i$ is jointly convex in w & v_i

we get a "tractable" convex min. problem

$\rightarrow$ can solve with favorite convex min. alg.;

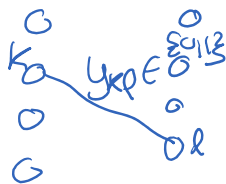
if d & n not too big, use interior point solvers

e.g. Mosek, Cplex (commercial)
CVXPY (free python)

examples of $g_i(w, z_i)$

I) word alignment:

Eng. words Fr. words



features on pair (x_k^E, x_k^F)

recall that score $s(x, y; w) = \sum_{k \in L} y_k \left[w^T \psi(x_k^E, x_k^F) \right]$

let $\psi \in \{0, 1\}^{L_E \times L_F}$

let $y \in \{0,1\}^{L_E + L_F}$

let matrix F be $\begin{bmatrix} \dots & 1_{k \times l} & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad d \times (L_E + L_F)$

$$s(x, y; w) = w^T F y$$

$$s(x^{(i)}, \tilde{y}; w) = w^T F_i \tilde{y}$$

$$h_w(x^{(i)}) = \arg \max_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} s(x^{(i)}, \tilde{y}; w)$$

decoding / inference problem

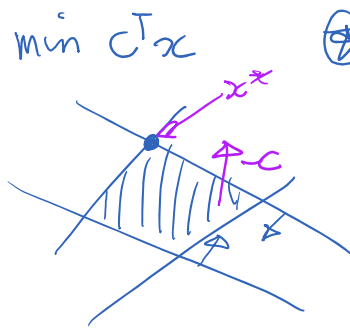
$$\max_{\substack{y_{k \in \{0,1\}} \\ y \in M_i}} w^T F_i y$$

matching constraints

$$M_i = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{L_E^{(i)} + L_F^{(i)}} : \sum_k y_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \leq 1, 0 \leq y_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \leq 1 \right\}$$

$\underbrace{\sum_k y_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \leq 1}_{\# \text{ of constraints } L_E^{(i)} + L_F^{(i)}}$

"linear integer program"



⊗ here, turns out can remove the integer constraint to get a "relaxed LP" give the same optimal objective value

ie. relaxation is tight

[actually here, $M_i = \text{convex-hull}(\mathcal{Y}_i)$]

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reasons that relaxation is tight:

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a) write $y \in M_i$ as $\begin{matrix} Ay \leq b_i \\ y \geq 0 \end{matrix}$

matrix A here is "totally unimodular"
which means that
any subdeterminant of A has value $\begin{Bmatrix} +1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow$ that if b has integer entries

then all vertices of $\{y: Ay \leq b, y \geq 0\}$

have integer coordinates

$\Rightarrow$ relaxation is tight for any linear costs

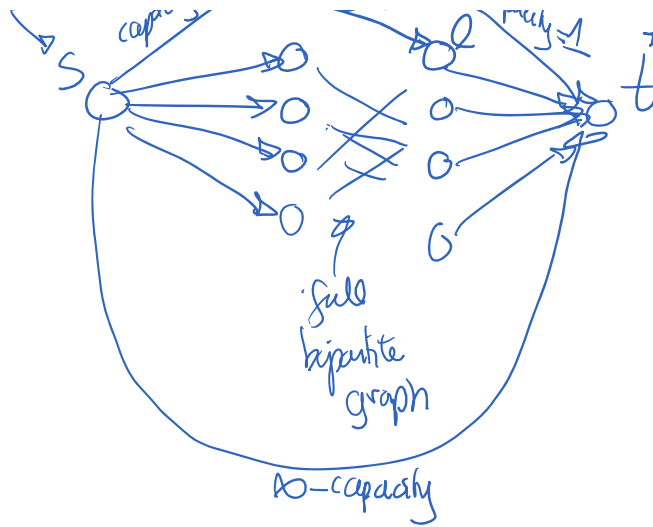
idea: $\tilde{A} \tilde{y} \leq \tilde{b}$, a corner of this polytope is obtained by solving

$\tilde{A}_I \tilde{y} = \tilde{b}_I$ for $\tilde{A}_I$ invertible
 $|I| = \dim(y)$ $\tilde{y} = \tilde{A}_I^{-1} \tilde{b}_I$
 Cramer's rule: ratio of subdeter.
 $\Rightarrow$ integers etc...

b) equivalent to min cost network flow problem with integer capacities

[which has integer solutions by min-cut/max-flow thm.]





Conclusion: can write decoding as $\max_{z \in M_p} w^T F z$

what about loss?

Hamming loss example:

$$l(y, \tilde{y}) = \sum_{k,l} \mathbb{1}\{y_{kl} \neq \tilde{y}_{kl}\}$$

$$= \sum_{k,l} (y_{kl} - \tilde{y}_{kl})^2$$

$$= \sum_{k,l} (y_{kl}^2 - 2y_{kl}\tilde{y}_{kl} + \tilde{y}_{kl}^2)$$

$$l(y, \tilde{y}) = a_i^2 + \underbrace{(1 - 2y^{(i)})^T}_{C_i} \tilde{y}$$

cool trick: $y^2 = y$

when $y \in \{0,1\}$

Once again + 1

$$\tilde{C}_i$$

loss augmented inference becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\substack{\tilde{y} \in \{y_i\} \\ \tilde{y} \in M_i}} \underbrace{a_i + C_i^T \tilde{y}}_{L_i(\tilde{y})} - \underbrace{(w^T F_i y_i) - w^T F_i \tilde{y}}_{w^T \tilde{\eta}_i(\tilde{y})} \\ &= a_i - w^T F_i y_i + \max_{\substack{\tilde{y} \in \{y_i\} \\ \tilde{y} \in M_i}} (F_i^T w + C_i)^T \tilde{y} \end{aligned}$$

LP duality:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\substack{A_i z \leq b_i \\ z \geq 0}} \tilde{C}_i^T z &= \min_{\substack{A_i^T v \geq \tilde{C}_i \\ v \geq 0}} b_i^T v \end{aligned}$$

here, $\tilde{C}_i \triangleq F_i^T w + C_i$

A_i is $(2L + L^2) \times L^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \max_{z \in M_i} \underbrace{(F_i^T w + C_i)^T z + a_i - w^T F_i y_i}_{\triangleq g_i(w; z)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\max_{z \in M_i} g_i(w; z) = \min_{v \in V_i(w)} \tilde{g}_i(w; v)$$

SVM struct objective becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_w \min_{\substack{\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n \\ A_i^T v_i \geq F_i^T w + C_i \\ v_i \geq 0}} \frac{\lambda \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i - w^T F_i y_i + b_i^T v_i] \\ & \quad \text{"small complicated QP"} \\ & \quad \underbrace{A(w)}_{\tilde{A}(w)} \leq \tilde{b} \end{aligned}$$

compare with saddle pt. formulation

$$\min_w \max_{\substack{\{z_i\} \\ \{z_i\}_{i=1}^n \\ z_i \in M_i}} \frac{\lambda \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i - w^T F_i y_i] + [(F_i^T w + C_i)^T z_i]$$

← samples constraints

$$w \quad \{z\} \quad z \quad n=1 \dots N$$

$z_i \in M_i^*$ ← sampler constraints

⊗ note: primal error vs. dual error not the same!

III) MRF net sample (CRF score)

* graph $G=(V,E)$

$y_p, p \in V$

$y_C \triangleq (y_p)_{p \in C}$

set of cliques $\mathcal{C}$

MRF model

$$p(y|x;w) = \frac{1}{Z(x;w)} \prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_C(y_C; x, w)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(\sum_C \underbrace{\log \psi_C(y_C; x, w)}_{S(x, y; w)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(\sum_C w^T \psi_C(y_C; x) \right)$$

Example: OCR
→ chain graph on y

inference: $\max_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} w^T \psi_C(y_C; x)$

goal: let's rewrite as a LP

* fix x, w , let s be a vector of size $|\mathcal{Y}(x)|$ of scores

$$e_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad k^{\text{th}} \text{ position}$$

$$\max_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} s(x, \tilde{y}; w) = \max_k s_k = \max_{\{e_k\}} \langle e_k, s \rangle$$

light



$\langle x, y \rangle$

