

Lecture 15 - cutting plane

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today:
 • more SVM struct properties
 • M^2 -net dual
 • cutting plane alg.

more properties of SVM struct dual:

$$w(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\lambda n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} \alpha_i(\tilde{y}) \psi_i(\tilde{y}) \right)$$

$$\text{let } R_i \triangleq \max_{\tilde{y}} \|\psi_i(\tilde{y})\|_2$$

$$\bar{R} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i$$

$$\text{then 1) } \|w^*\|_2 \stackrel{\Delta \text{ ineq.}}{\leq} \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \sum_{\tilde{y}} \alpha_i^*(\tilde{y}) \underbrace{\|\psi_i(\tilde{y})\|_2}_{\leq R_i} \stackrel{=1}{=} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i R_i \right) = \bar{R}$$

$$2) \text{ kernel trick: } \langle w, \psi(x, y) \rangle = \frac{1}{\lambda n} \sum_i \sum_{\tilde{y}} \alpha_i(\tilde{y}) \langle \psi_i(\tilde{y}), \psi(x, y) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) - \psi(x^{(i)}, \tilde{y}) \\ & \downarrow \\ & \underbrace{\langle \psi_i(\tilde{y}), \psi(x, y) \rangle}_{k(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; x, y)} \\ & - k(x^{(i)}, \tilde{y}; x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\|w(\alpha)\|^2 \rightarrow \alpha^T K \alpha$$

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$$\tilde{H}_i(y; \tilde{w}) = l_i(y) - \langle \tilde{w}, \tilde{\psi}_i(y) \rangle$$

$$\tilde{w}^* = \frac{1}{\tilde{\lambda}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tilde{y}} \alpha_i^*(\tilde{y}) \underbrace{\tilde{\psi}_i(\tilde{y})}_{b\psi_i(\tilde{y})}$$

let $\tilde{\lambda} = b^2 \lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{w}^*(\tilde{\alpha}^*) = \frac{1}{b} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\tilde{y}} \tilde{\alpha}_i^*(\tilde{y}) \psi_i(\tilde{y}) \right]$$

use $\tilde{\alpha}^* = \alpha^* \Rightarrow \tilde{w}^* = \frac{w^*}{b}$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}_i(y; \tilde{w}^*) = l_i(y) - \langle \frac{w^*}{b}, b\psi_i(y) \rangle = H_i(y; w^*)$$

i.e. $\tilde{\alpha}^*$ is really optimal for the new problem with $\tilde{\psi}$ & $\tilde{\lambda}$ >

4) similarly, can show $\tilde{b} = b \cdot l \Rightarrow \tilde{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{b}$ get same sol'n

M³-net example (dual): (getting compact dual)

$$w(\alpha) = A\alpha = \sum_i A_i \alpha_i$$

$\alpha_i \in \Delta(\mathcal{X}_i)$

suppose $\psi(y) = \sum_c \psi_c(y_c)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \sum_i A_i \alpha_i &= \sum_{\tilde{y}} \alpha_i(\tilde{y}) \psi_i(\tilde{y}) = \sum_{\tilde{y}} \alpha_i(\tilde{y}) \sum_c \psi_{i,c}(\tilde{y}_c) \\ &= \sum_{\tilde{y}} \sum_c \psi_{i,c}(\tilde{y}_c) \left[\sum_i \alpha_i(\tilde{y}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_C \sum_{\tilde{y}_c} \mu_{i,c}(\tilde{y}_c) \left[\sum_{\substack{\tilde{y}^i = \tilde{y}_c \\ y_c = \tilde{y}_c}} \alpha_i(y^i) \right]$$

$\hat{=} \mu_{i,c}(\tilde{y}_c)$
"marginal variable"

$$\alpha_i \in \Delta_{\mathcal{Y}_i} \Rightarrow \mu_i \in M_i$$

$\uparrow$
marginal
polytope

thus $A_i \alpha_i = \tilde{A}_i \mu_i$ where $(\tilde{A})_{s,c,y_c} = \frac{\mu_{i,c}(y_c)}{n}$

$\hookrightarrow$ # of columns is $\sum_C |\mathcal{Y}_c|$

Similarly, suppose $\ell_i(y) = \sum_C \ell_{i,c}(y_c)$

define $\tilde{b}_{i,c}(y_c) \hat{=} \frac{\ell_{i,c}(y_c)}{n}$

$$\langle b_i, \alpha_i \rangle = \langle \tilde{b}_i, \mu_i(\alpha_i) \rangle$$

(*) thus we can replace

$$\max_{\alpha_i \in \Delta(\mathcal{Y}_i)} -\lambda \frac{\|A\alpha\|^2}{2} + b^T \alpha$$

$$\text{with } \left\{ \max_{\mu_i \in M_i} -\lambda \frac{\|\tilde{A}\mu\|^2}{2} + \tilde{b}^T \mu \right\}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ this is a tractable size GP

if M_i is tractable

M2-net paper

used "structured GNO" algorithm

black-box coordinate descent solver

if G_i was triangulated,

then $M_i = 1 \Rightarrow$ (hard) consistency and LMI

used structured MO algorithm

block-coordinate ascent using
pair of variables on this QP

[similar to "pairwise FW"]

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If G_i was triangulated;

then $M_i = L_i$ (local consistency polytope)

$$\max_{M_i \in L_i} \quad \text{---} \quad \rightarrow \text{tractable QP?}$$

constraint generation alg.

[Tsochantrantadís & al. JMLR 2005]

want to solve $\min_{w, \xi} \frac{\Delta \|w\|^2}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \quad (P)$

n-slack
version

s.t. $\xi_i \geq H_i(y_i; w) \quad \forall y_i \in \mathcal{Y}_i$
 $\xi_i \geq 0$

exp.
of
constraints

$$\max_{\alpha} \frac{(D)}{2} - \frac{\Delta \|A\alpha\|^2}{2} + b^T \alpha$$

s.t. $\alpha_i \in \Delta(\mathcal{Y}_i)$

variables

vs.

1-slack version

[ML 2009 paper]

$$\min_{w, \xi} \frac{\Delta \|w\|^2}{2} + \xi \quad (P)$$

s.t. $\xi \geq \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(\tilde{y}_i; w) \quad (\forall \tilde{y}_i \in \mathcal{Y}_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$

of constraints

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i(\tilde{y}_i) + \langle w, \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i(\tilde{y}_i) \rangle \right]$$

$$\max_{\alpha} \frac{(D)}{2} - \frac{\Delta \|A\alpha\|^2}{2} + \langle b, \alpha \rangle$$

$$\alpha \in \Delta\left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathcal{Y}_i\right)$$

$$w(\alpha) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha(\tilde{y}_i) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i(\tilde{y}_i) \right)$$

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i(\tilde{y}_i) + \langle w, \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{r}_i(\tilde{y}_i) \rangle \right]$$

$$n \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

Old instead of $O(d \cdot n)$ in n-slack formulation $\Rightarrow$ big memory saving.

n-slack SVM struct algorithm:

iterate solving QP with more and more constraints

1) start with no constraint on $w \Rightarrow w^{(0)} = 0$
 $\xi^{(0)} = 0$

2) repeat: for each i , find $\hat{y}_i = \arg\max_{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} H_i(\tilde{y}; w^{(t)})$ [loss-augmented decoding]

• add $\xi_i \geq H_i(\hat{y}_i; w)$ constraint to QP (if not already there)

$\hookrightarrow$ then resolve QP(w, ξ) with these constraints to get $w^{(t+1)}, \xi^{(t+1)}$ [e.g. using Cvxopt.]

stop when primal-dual gap $\leq \epsilon$ } note: this takes $O(n)$

[in 2005, showed that alg. stops after $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$ iterations]

refined later to $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$ at least for 1-slack version

Frank-Wolfe algorithm

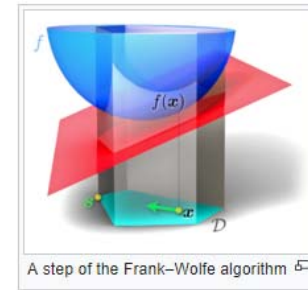
$\hookrightarrow$ for smooth constrained optimization

[motivation dual of SVM struct min $\frac{\|A\alpha\|^2 - b^T \alpha}{2}$ in an context $\alpha \in \Delta(p,1)$]

1940s: simplex algorithm to solve LPs

1956: Marguerite Frank & Phil Wolfe

→ non-linear opt. by iterating LPs



Setup: $\min_x f(x)$
st. $x \in M$

• f is L -smooth i.e. ∇f is L -Lipschitz and f is convex

• M is convex and bounded set

(more generally, can also get rates for f if ∇f is Hölder cts. e.g. ∇f is Hölder cts.)

FW algorithm:

start with $x_0 \in M$

for $t = 0, \dots$

compute $s_t = \arg\min_{s \in M} \langle s, \nabla f(x_t) \rangle$

[let $g_t \triangleq \langle s_t - x_t, -\nabla f(x_t) \rangle$ FW gap if $g_t \leq \epsilon$, output x_t]

$x_{t+1} = (1 - \gamma_t) x_t + \gamma_t s_t$ step-size

$= x_t + \gamma_t (s_t - x_t)$

end
output x_{t+1}

$f(s) \geq f(x_t) + \langle \nabla f(x_t), s - x_t \rangle \quad \forall s \in M$

"linear minimization oracle"
LMO

minimizing RHS

linear approx. of f at x_t

stopping criterion

$\gamma_t \in [0,1]$ (convex combo)

end
output x_{t+1}

step size choice: $\gamma_t = \begin{cases} \text{universal choice } \frac{2}{t+2} \\ \text{line search } \gamma_t = \arg \min_{\gamma \in [0,1]} f(x_t + \gamma(s_t - x_t)) \\ \text{adaptive: } \frac{g_t}{L \|s_t - x_t\|^2} \text{ or } \frac{g_t}{C_g} \text{ truncated at 1} \end{cases}$

C_g affine invariant constant

⊗ big motivation for FW

is LMO is often much cheaper than projections and cheap for many sets M appearing in ML

properties: 1) $f(x_t) - \min_{\substack{x \in M \\ \hat{x}^*}} f(x) \leq O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$

2) FW-gap $g_t \geq f(x_t) - f^*$ $\rightarrow$ Certificate of suboptimality

$\min_{s \in S} g_s \leq O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$ [ie. we will stop in $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ iterations?]

3) $x_t = p_0^t x_0 + \sum_{u=1}^t p_u^t s_{u-1}$

where $\sum_{u=0}^t p_u^t = 1$ $p_u^t \geq 0$

$\rightarrow x_t$ has "sparse" expansion in terms of the FW-corners $\{s_{u=1}^t\}$

⊗ ⊗ "Sparse method" $\rightarrow$ popular in ML

[we'll see can run FW on SVM struct dual assuming can compute LMO]

(which is loss-~~argmented~~)
decoding here

4) FW is affine ~~co~~-variant (like Newton's method)

5) there is a $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ lower bound for FW-like methods for $\epsilon \leq d$