

today: structured SVM optimization

other approaches to optimize SVM struct

(UP)
unconstrained primal

$$\min_w \frac{\lambda \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(w)$$

[unconstrained]
non-smooth

(PQP)
primal QP
quadratic program

$$\min_{w, (\xi_i)_{i=1}^n} \frac{\lambda \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

$$\xi_i \geq H_i(w; \tilde{y}_i) \quad \forall \tilde{y}_i \in \mathcal{Y}_i \quad \forall i$$

[constrained formulation]

(smooth) strongly convex QP
with exp # of linear constraints

1) generic approach to use convexity of loss augmented decoding: [Taskan et al. ICML 2005]

idea: here, we suppose that loss augmented decoding

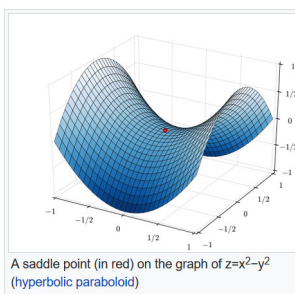
can be expressed as a "compact" ^{concave} maximization problem of a concave obj. over convex constraints

$$\text{i.e. } H_i(w) = \max_{\tilde{y}_i \in \mathcal{Y}_i} \ell_i(\tilde{y}_i) - \langle w, \psi_i(\tilde{y}_i) \rangle = \max_{\tilde{y}_i \in \mathcal{Y}_i} g_i(w, \tilde{y}_i)$$

discrete obj. convex set

where g_i is concave in $\tilde{z}$
and convex in w

$\tilde{Z}$ • should not depend on w
• and have a tractable description

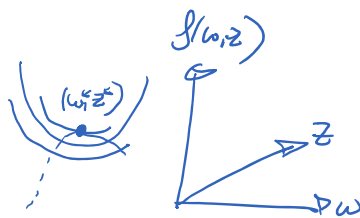


a) saddle pt. formulation:

$$\min_w \max_{\tilde{z} \in \tilde{Z}} \frac{\lambda \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(w, \tilde{z}_i)$$

$$\min_w \max_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{J}(w, \tilde{z})$$

• convex in w
• concave in $\tilde{z}$



convex-concave saddle pt. problem

$$w^* \in \arg\min_w \mathcal{J}(w, \tilde{z}^*)$$

$$\tilde{z}^* \in \arg\max_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{J}(w^*, \tilde{z})$$

(under reg. conditions min-max = max-min)
→ "saddle pt."

"zero-sum" game

$$\forall \tilde{z} \quad \mathcal{J}(w^*, \tilde{z}) \leq \mathcal{J}(w^*, \tilde{z}^*) \leq \mathcal{J}(w, \tilde{z}^*) \quad \forall w$$

might not exist;
n. .

$$\forall z \exists (w^*, z) \leq \exists (w, z^*) \leq \exists (w, z^*) \quad \forall w$$

might not exist;

[but always exists for convex-concave obj.
+ reg. condition]
↳ e.g. bounded convex constraint sets

in general though:

$$\min \max \geq \max \min$$

$$\min_w \max_z \exists (w, z) \geq \max_z \min_w \exists (w, z)$$

$$\min_{x^2 \leq 0} (x-a)^2 \quad g(x, \lambda) = (x-a)^2 + \lambda x^2$$

$$\min_x \rightarrow 2(x-a) + 2\lambda x = 0$$

$$(2\lambda)x = 2a \Rightarrow x^* = \frac{a}{1+\lambda}$$

$$d(\lambda) = g(x^*(\lambda), \lambda) = a^2 \left(\frac{1+\lambda-1}{1+\lambda} \right)^2 + \lambda \frac{a^2}{(1+\lambda)^2} = \frac{a^2}{(1+\lambda)^2} [1 + \lambda] = \frac{a^2}{1+\lambda}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda} \right) = \left[\frac{-1}{(1+\lambda)^2} \right] = -\frac{1}{(1+\lambda)^2}$$

$$d(\lambda^*) = \max_{\lambda \geq 0} \min_x g(x, \lambda) = 0 \quad \lambda^* = +\infty \quad \min_x \max_{\lambda \geq 0} g(x, \lambda) = a^2$$

Standard alg.:

extragradient alg. → converges $O(1)$ for convex-concave games

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{w}_{t+1} \\ \tilde{z}_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_t \\ z_t \end{pmatrix} + \gamma_t \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla_w g(w_t, z_t) \\ \nabla_z g(w_t, z_t) \end{pmatrix}$$

↑ "lookahead step"

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_{t+1} \\ z_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_t \\ z_t \end{pmatrix} + \gamma_t \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla_w g(\tilde{w}_{t+1}, \tilde{z}_{t+1}) \\ \nabla_z g(\tilde{w}_{t+1}, \tilde{z}_{t+1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

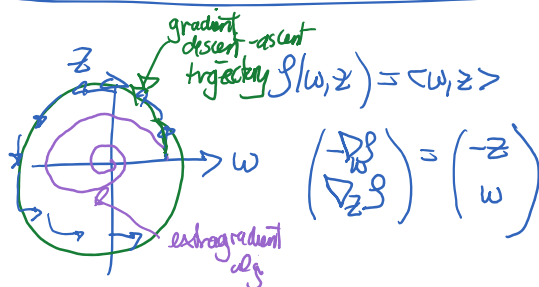
$$\tilde{x}_{t+1} = x_t - \gamma_t F(x_t)$$

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \gamma_t F(\tilde{x}_{t+1})$$

1st order approximation to the implicit method

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \gamma_t F(x_{t+1})$$

$$x^* = x^* - \gamma F(x^*)$$



$$x = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_w g \\ -\nabla_z g \end{pmatrix}$$

Extragradient for structured SVM [Taskan et al. JMLR 2006]

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$$[g(w, z) = f(w) - g(z)]$$

b) small "complicated" QP formulation (for SVM struct) $\rightarrow$ conical dual of $\max_z g(w, z)$

$$H_i(w) = \max_{z \in Z_i} g_i(w, z_i) \stackrel{\text{strong duality}}{=} \min_{v_i \in V_i(w)} \tilde{g}_i(w; v_i)$$

$\tilde{g}_i(w; v_i)$ dual variables

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

$\rightarrow$ 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 $d \leq n$ is not too big, use interior point method solver

e.g. Mosek, Cplex (commercial)
CVX opt. (free, python)



examples $g_i(w; z_i)$

I) word alignment:

Eng. French
 G G
 ok al
 o yel al
 o e2al2o

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

recall that score $s(x, y; w) = \sum_{k \in I} y_{k\ell} [w^T \phi(x_k^E, x_o^F)]$

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

let matrix F be $d \times L_E \times L_F$ $\left[\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \phi_{k\ell} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]$

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

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

decoding: $h_w(x^{(i)}) = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}_i} s(x^{(i)}, \tilde{y}; w) \xrightarrow{\text{becomes}} \max_{\substack{y_{k\ell} \in \{0, 1\} \\ y \in M_i}} w^T F_i y$ linear integer program

$M_i \triangleq \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{L_E \times L_F} : \begin{array}{l} \sum_k y_{k\ell} \leq 1 \quad \forall \ell \\ \sum_{\ell} y_{k\ell} \leq 1 \quad \forall k \\ 0 \leq y_{k\ell} \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$ matching constraints

$M_i = \{z: Az \leq 1, z \geq 0\}$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & y_{21} & y_{22} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

constraints $\binom{L_E}{1} + \binom{L_F}{1}$

$$z \geq 0$$

constraints
 $L_1 + L_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{1} & \tilde{0} & \tilde{1} & \tilde{0} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} I \end{pmatrix}$$

⊗ here, turns out that can remove the integer constraint to get a relaxed LP, give same opt. obj. value

i.e. relaxation is tight

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

$(2L+2^2) \times L^2$
matrix

why is relaxation tight?

write $z \in M_i$ as $Az \leq b; z \geq 0$; matrix A here is "totally unimodular"

which means that subdeterminant of A has value $\begin{cases} +1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow$ that if b has integer entries then all vertices of $\{z: Az \leq b, z \geq 0\}$ have integer coordinates

$\Rightarrow$ relaxation is tight for any linear cost

idea: $\tilde{A}z \leq \tilde{b}$, a corner of this is obtain by solving

$\tilde{A}_I: \tilde{z} = \tilde{b}_I$ for $\tilde{A}_I$ is invertible
 $|I| = \dim(\tilde{z})$

$$\tilde{z} = \tilde{A}_I^{-1} \tilde{b}_I$$

Cramer's rule

$\rightarrow$ ratio of subdeterminant

$\Rightarrow$ get integer values //

conclusion: can write decoding as $\max_{z \in M_i} w^T F_i z$

what about loss?

Hamming loss example

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

$$(y_{ke} - \tilde{y}_{ke})^2$$

$$\sum_{k \in R} y_{ke}^2 - 2y_{ke} \tilde{y}_{ke} + \tilde{y}_{ke}^2 = (y_{ke}^2 + (1-2y_{ke}) \tilde{y}_{ke})$$

$$l_i(\tilde{y}) = a_i + (1-2y_i)^T \tilde{y}$$

cool trick

$\tilde{y}^2 = y$ when $y \in \{0,1\}$

$$-w^T F_i(\tilde{y})$$

loss augmented decoding

$$\max_{\substack{\tilde{y} \in \{0,1\}^n \\ \tilde{y} \in M_i}} a_i + c_i^T \tilde{y} + \underbrace{w^T F_i \tilde{y} - w^T F_i y^{(i)}}_{g_i(w; \tilde{y})}$$

$$= \max_{\tilde{z} \in M_i} \underbrace{(F_i^T w + c_i)^T \tilde{z} + a_i - w^T F_i y^{(i)}}_{g_i(w; \tilde{z})}$$

LP duality:

$$\max_{\substack{A_i z \leq b_i \\ z \geq 0}} \tilde{c}_i^T z = \min_{\substack{A_i^T v \geq \tilde{c}_i \\ v \geq 0}} b_i^T v$$

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

here $\tilde{c}_i \triangleq F_i^T w + c_i$

$$A_i \in (\mathbb{R}^{L+L^2}) \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

SVM struct. dec.
becomes (small QP)

$$\min_w \min_{\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n} \frac{1}{2} \lambda \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i - w^T F_i y^{(i)} + b_i^T v_i]$$

s.t. $A_i^T v_i \geq F_i^T w + c_i$ "small complicated QP"
 $v_i \geq 0$

Compare with
saddle pt.
formulation

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

$z_i \in M_i$ $\rightarrow$ simpler constraints