

Linear Discrimination

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Recall discriminant functions $g_j(\underline{x})$, $j=1, \dots, K$.
Choose C_i if $g_i(\underline{x}) = \max_{j=1}^K g_j(\underline{x})$

In previous chapters, the $g_j(\underline{x})$ were obtained from Bayesian decision theory by estimating probabilities $p(\underline{x} | C_i)$, $p(C_i)$ from the data.

Now discriminant-based classification where we assume a model for the discriminant

Model $g_i(\underline{x} | \Phi_i)$ Φ_i set of parameters
→ now need to learn the Φ_i from data.

In this lecture (Chp 10), we assume model
 $g_i(\underline{x} | \underline{w}_i, w_{i0}) = \underline{w}_i^T \underline{x} + w_{i0}$
linear discriminant.

(recall linear discriminant arises from Bayes decision if the distributions $p(\underline{x} | C_i)$ are Gaussian with identical covariance).

simple generalizations

$$g_i(\underline{x} | \underline{w}_i, \underline{w}_i, w_{i0}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{w}_i \underline{x} + \underline{w}_i^T \underline{x} + w_{i0}$$

for other generalizations - see kernel trick.

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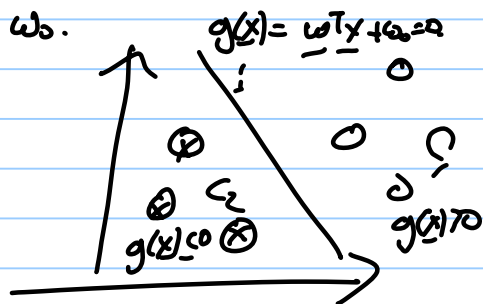
Geometry of Linear Discriminant

Two classes: $g(\underline{x}) = g_1(\underline{x}) - g_2(\underline{x})$
 $= (\underline{\omega}_1 - \underline{\omega}_2)^T \underline{x} + (\omega_{10} - \omega_{20})$
 $= \underline{\omega}^T \underline{x} + \omega_0.$

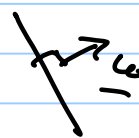
Choose C_1 if $g(\underline{x}) > 0$
 C_2 otherwise

$g(\underline{x}) = 0$ defines a hyperplane
it divides the space into

two regions $g(\underline{x}) > 0 \quad C_1$
& $g(\underline{x}) < 0 \quad C_2.$



The normal to the hyperplane is $\underline{\omega}$.
closest distance to the origin is $\frac{|\omega_0|}{\|\underline{\omega}\|}$



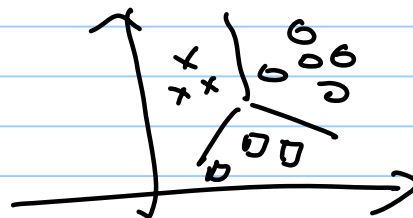
If $K > 2$ classes:

K discriminant functions

Adjust the parameters $\underline{\omega}_i, \omega_{i0}$, so that

$$g_i(\underline{x} | \underline{\omega}_i, \omega_{i0}) > 0, \text{ if } \underline{x} \in C_i \\ \leq 0, \text{ otherwise.}$$

In general, it will
not be possible to linearly
separate the data
(see support vector machines)



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Support Vector MachinesTwo class

$$X = \{x^t, r^t\} \quad r^t = +1, \text{ if } x^t \in C_1, \quad r^t = -1, \text{ if } x^t \in C_2.$$

Want to find $\underline{\omega}$ & ω_0 st.

$$\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0 \geq 1 \quad \text{if } r^t = +1$$

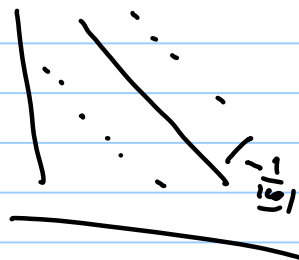
$$\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0 \leq -1 \quad \text{if } r^t = -1.$$

re-express as $r^t (\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0) \geq 1$

why "1" require the data to be past the margin.

min $\frac{1}{2} \|\underline{\omega}\|^2$ subject to $r^t (\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0) \geq 1, \forall t$

Make the margin $\frac{1}{\|\underline{\omega}\|}$ as big as possible. (why? more likely to generalize)



Distance of x^t to the plane $\underline{\omega}^T x + \omega_0 = 0$

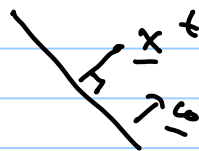
line $x(\lambda) = x^t - \lambda \underline{\omega}$

this hits the plane when.

$$\underline{\omega}^T \{x^t - \hat{\lambda} \underline{\omega}\} + \omega_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \frac{\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0}{\|\underline{\omega}\|^2}$$

distance to plane is $|\hat{\lambda} \underline{\omega}| = \frac{|\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0|}{\|\underline{\omega}\|}$

sign-distance is $\frac{\underline{\omega}^T x^t + \omega_0}{\|\underline{\omega}\|}$



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Formalize as constrained optimization problem
→ find separating plane with biggest margin.

$$L_p = \frac{1}{2} \|\underline{\omega}\|^2 - \sum_{t=1}^N \alpha^t [r^t (\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}_i + \omega_0) - 1]$$

$\{\alpha^t\}$ Lagrange parameters
constrained so that $\alpha^t \geq 0$

minimized w.r.t. $\underline{\omega}$

maximized w.r.t. α^t .

note if $r^t (\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}_i + \omega_0) - 1 > 0$

then we maximize α^t by setting $\alpha^t = 0$

convex optimization problem.

$$\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial \underline{\omega}} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\omega} = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \underline{x}^t$$

$$\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial \omega_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_t \alpha^t r^t = 0$$

Substituting back into L_p gives the dual

$$L_d = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_t \sum_s \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\underline{x}^t)^T \underline{x}^s + \sum_t \alpha^t$$

goal maximize w.r.t. $\{\alpha^t\}$ subject

to $\sum_t \alpha^t r^t = 0$ & $\alpha^t \geq 0$, $\forall t$

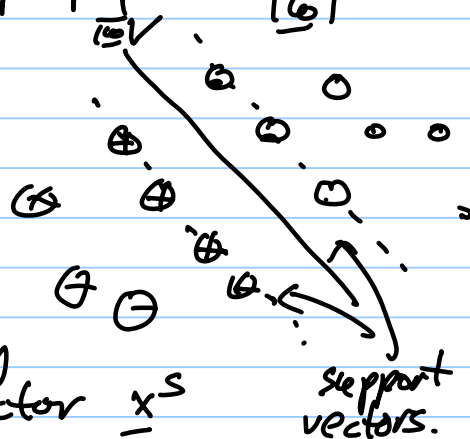
can be solved by quadratic
optimization method. time complexity $O(N^3)$
space complexity $O(N^2)$

(5) Support Vectors:

the solution is of form $\underline{w} = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \underline{x}^t$.

But $\alpha^t = 0$ unless $r^t (\underline{w}^T \underline{x}^t + w_0 - 1) = 0$
which happens only if $\underline{x}^t$ is on the margin
- i.e. distance of $\underline{x}^t$ to the hyperplane is $\frac{1}{|\underline{w}|}$

So only the datapoints on the margin determine the separating hyperplane.



To determine w_0 , we only need to find one support vector $\underline{x}^s$
- any data vector with $\alpha^s > 0$ -.

$$\text{then } w_0 = 1 - \underline{\hat{w}}^T \underline{x}^s$$

$$\text{where } \underline{\hat{w}} = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \underline{x}^t$$

But, for stability, average over all the support
vectors

$$w_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{s \in S} \underline{\hat{w}}^T \underline{x}^s \quad \text{where } S = \{t : \alpha_t > 0\}$$

(6) Nonseparable Case

Define slack variables $\xi^t \geq 0$ to allow a data point to move.

$$r^t(\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}^t + \omega_0) \geq 1 - \xi^t$$

rewrite as $r^t(\underline{\omega}^T(\underline{x}^t + \frac{r^t \underline{\omega}}{\|\underline{\omega}\|^2} \xi^t) + \omega_0) \geq 1$.

Think of this as moving the data point to put it on the correct side of the margin.

penalize slackness by $\sum_t \xi^t$

minimize $L_p = \frac{1}{2} \|\underline{\omega}\|^2 + C \sum_t \xi^t - \sum_t \alpha^t [r^t(\underline{\omega}^T \underline{x}^t + \omega_0) - 1 + \xi^t]$

w.r.t. $\underline{\omega}, \xi^t$

maximize w.r.t. (α^t, μ^t) if $\xi^t > 0$, set $\mu^t = 0$.

To obtain the dual $\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial \underline{\omega}} = 0$ $\frac{\partial L_p}{\partial \xi^t} = 0$

$$L_d = \sum_t \alpha^t - \frac{1}{2} \sum_t \sum_s \alpha^t \alpha^s r^t r^s (\underline{x}^t)^T \underline{x}^s$$

subject to $\sum_t \alpha^t r^t = 0$ $0 \leq \alpha^t \leq C, \forall t$

Solve the dual - quadratic optimization - to obtain the $\hat{\alpha}^t$, solve $\hat{\underline{\omega}} = \sum_t \hat{\alpha}^t r^t \underline{x}^t$ to get $\hat{\underline{\omega}}$, estimate ω_0 from support vectors as before.

(7) The Kernel Trick.

Example Go from X -space to Z -space

$$z_1 = x_1, z_2 = x_2, z_3 = x_1^2, z_4 = x_2^2, z_5 = x_1 x_2$$

take $\underline{z} = (z_1 \dots z_5)$ as input.

linear function in z -space is non-linear in x -space

$$\underline{z} = \underline{\Phi}(x), \quad z_j = \phi_j(x), \quad j=1 \dots k.$$

$$g(\underline{z}) = \underline{\omega}^T \underline{\Phi}(x)$$

The solution of SVM is $\underline{\omega} = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \underline{z}^t = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \underline{\Phi}(x^t)$

The discriminant is $g(x) = \underline{\omega}^T \underline{\Phi}(x) = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t \underline{\Phi}(x^t)^T \underline{\Phi}(x)$

kernel trick - all that matters is

$$K(x^t, x) = \underline{\Phi}(x^t)^T \underline{\Phi}(x)$$

we don't care what $\underline{\Phi}(x)$ is.

$$g(x) = \sum_t \alpha^t r^t K(x^t, x)$$

Kernels $\rightarrow$ three main types.

• polys

$$K(\underline{x}^t, \underline{x}) = (\underline{x}^T \underline{x}^t + 1)^d$$

• radial basis function

$$K(\underline{x}^t, \underline{x}) = \exp\left\{-\frac{\|\underline{x}^t - \underline{x}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$$

• sigmoid function

$$K(\underline{x}^t, \underline{x}) = \tanh(2 \underline{x}^T \underline{x}^t + 1)$$