

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 problem

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

[constrained formulation]

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

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

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

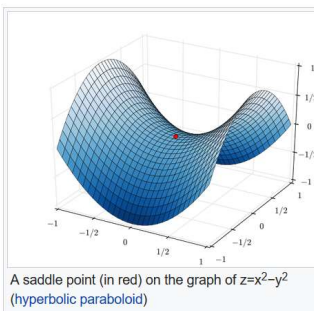
idea: here, we suppose that loss-augmented decoding

can be expressed as a "compact" maximization problem of a convex fct.

$$\text{i.e. } H_i(w) = \max_{\substack{\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i \\ \uparrow \\ \text{discrete}}} \ell_i(\tilde{y}) - \langle w, \psi_i(\tilde{y}) \rangle = \max_{\substack{z \in \mathcal{Z} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{cts. convex set}}} g_i(w; z)$$

where g_i is concave in z
and convex in w

$\mathcal{Z}$: should not depend on w
• it have a tractable description

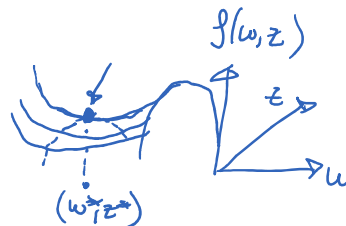


a) saddle point formulation:

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

$$\min_w \max_z \mathcal{L}(w, z) \quad \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{convex in } w \\ \cdot \text{concave in } z \end{array}$$

convex-concave
saddle problem



(under reg. conditions $\min \max = \max \min$)
→ "saddle point"

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \nearrow w^* \in \arg \min_w f(w, z^*) \\ \searrow z^* \in \arg \max_z f(w^*, z) \end{array}$$

in general:

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

$$\min_w \max_z f(w, z) \geq \max_z \min_{w'} f(w', z)$$

$$z^* \in \arg \max_z J(w^*, z)$$

$$w \preceq w'$$

→ might not exist!

[but it always exists

for convex-concave + reg. condition]

→ reg. bounded convex constraints

Standard alg.:

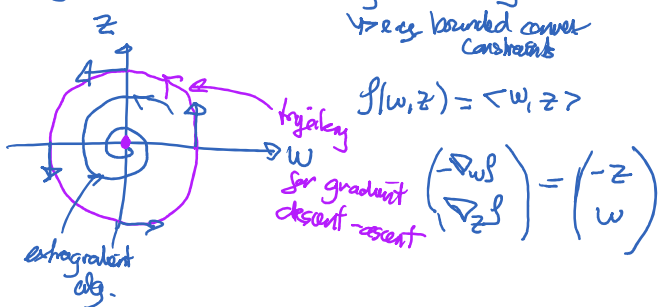
converges $O(1/t)$ for convex-concave game

Extragradient alg.:

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

↖ "lockhead step"

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



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

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

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

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

1st order approx. to the implicit method

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

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

extragradient to structured SVM [Toscani et al. JMLR 2006]

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

$$H_i(w) = \max_{z_i \in Z_i} g_i(w; z_i) = \min_{v_i \in V_i(w)} \tilde{g}_i(w; v_i)$$

use strong duality

→ convex dual of

$\max_{z_i \in Z_i} g_i(w; z_i)$

dual variables

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

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

we get a "tractable" convex min. problem

→ can solve with favorite convex min alg.

if d & n too big, use interior point solvers

eg. Mosek, Cplex (commercial)
CVXopt (free, python)



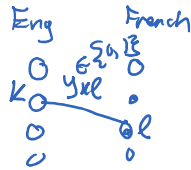
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examples $g_i(w; z_i)$

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0 "E" "B" French

examples of $(w; z_i)$

I) word alignment:



feature pair (x_k^E, x_e^F)

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

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

let matrix F be $d \times L_E \times L_F$ $\left[\dots \begin{matrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{matrix} \dots \right]$

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

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

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

$M_i \triangleq \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{L_E \times L_F} : \begin{cases} \sum_k y_{k,e} \leq 1 \forall e \\ \sum_e y_{k,e} \leq 1 \forall k \\ 0 \leq y_{k,e} \leq 1 \end{cases} \right\}$ matching constraints

constraints $2^{(i)} L_E + L_F$

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

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

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

i.e. relaxation is tight

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

why is relaxation tight?

write $z \in M_i$ as $A z \leq b; z \geq 0$; 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 $\{ z : A z \leq b, z \geq 0 \}$ have integer coordinates

$\Rightarrow$ relaxation is tight for any linear cost

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

$\tilde{A}_I \tilde{z} = \tilde{b}_I$ for $\tilde{A}_I$ is invertible

$$|I| = \dim(\tilde{z}) \quad \Downarrow \quad \tilde{z}^* = \tilde{A}_I^{-1} b_I$$

use 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

$$\begin{aligned} l(y, \tilde{y}) &= \sum_{k,l} \mathbb{1}\{y_{kl} \neq \tilde{y}_{kl}\} \\ &= \sum_{k,l} (y_{kl} - \tilde{y}_{kl})^2 \\ &= \sum_{k,l} (y_{kl}^2 - 2\tilde{y}_{kl} y_{kl} + \tilde{y}_{kl}^2) = \underbrace{\sum_{k,l} y_{kl}^2}_{\sum_{k,l} y_{kl}} + \underbrace{(1-2y_{kl})}_{c_l} \tilde{y}_{kl} \\ l_i(y) &= a_i + \underbrace{(1-2y^{(i)})^T}_{c_i} \tilde{y} \end{aligned}$$

cool trick:

$$y^2 = y$$

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

loss-augmented decoding:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\substack{\tilde{y} \in \{0,1\} \\ \tilde{y} \in M_i}} & \underbrace{a_i + c_i^T \tilde{y}}_{l_i(\tilde{y})} - \underbrace{(w^T F_i y^{(i)})}_{w^T F_i y^{(i)}} \\ & a_i - w^T F_i y^{(i)} + \max_{\substack{\tilde{y}_{kl} \in \{0,1\} \\ \tilde{y} \in M_i}} (F_i^T w + c_i)^T \tilde{y} \\ & \underbrace{\tilde{c}_i}_{\tilde{c}_i} \\ & \Rightarrow \max_{z \in M_i} \underbrace{(F_i^T w + c_i)^T z + a_i - w^T F_i y^{(i)}}_{g_i(w; z)} \end{aligned}$$

LP duality:

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

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

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

$$A_i \text{ is } (2L+L^2) \times L^2$$

SVM strict obj.
becomes (small QP)

Compare with
saddle pt.
formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \min_w \min_{\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \lambda \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i - w^T F_i y^{(i)} + b_i^T v_i] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A_i^T v_i \geq F_i^T w + c_i \quad \text{"small constrained QP"} \\ & v_i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_w \max_{\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \lambda \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i - w^T F_i y^{(i)}] + [(F_i^T w + c_i)^T z_i] \\ & z_i \in M_i \quad \text{simplex constraints} \end{aligned}$$