

Lecture 10

Hierarchical clustering
(NOT distances)

SVM - linear separable primal

- HW2 - pb2 removed
Project t.b.p.

LV SVM
LV.1 RKHS

Bootstrap

• Boosting

GP, RFF, DD

- Mani L, • DP mix

Lecture IV – Hierarchical clustering. Comparing clusterings

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Hierarchical Methods of Clustering



Agglomerative (bottom up):

- Initially, each point is a cluster
- Repeatedly combine the two "nearest" clusters into one

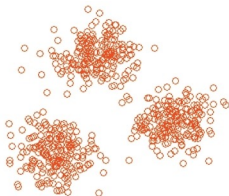
greedy



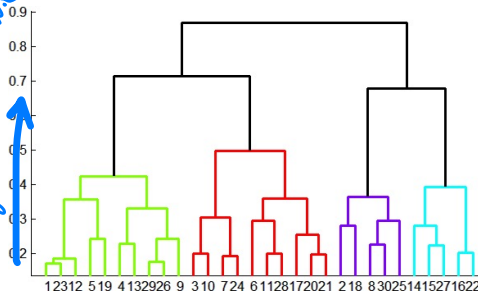
Divisive (top down):

- Start with one cluster and recursively split it

Divisive

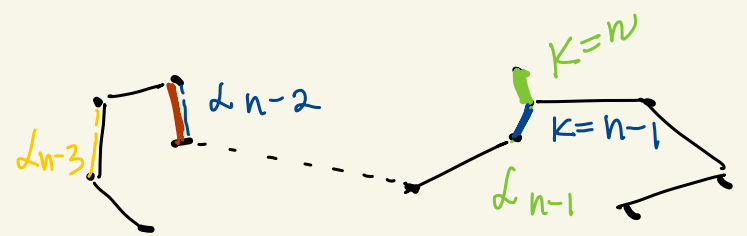


Agglomerative



Loss $\mathcal{L}(\Delta_k) = \text{at level } k$ $K = 1:n$

1. Single linkage $\mathcal{L}_k \equiv \mathcal{L}(\Delta_k) = -\min_{k \neq k'} \min_{\substack{i \in C_k \\ j \in C_{k'}}} \|x^i - x^j\|$



Min Spanning Tree

- by sum edge length
- no cycles
- contains all nodes
- \equiv connected
- $\equiv n-1$ edges

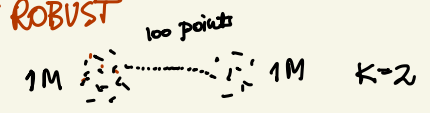
Agglomeration

$k = n$
 $k = n-1$
 $k = n-2$
 \dots

\Rightarrow tree (no cycles)
 (MST)
 Min Spanning Tree

\Downarrow
 can be run as
 Divisive too!!

Pb: NOT ROBUST



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→ 2. Least squares

$$\mathcal{L}(\Delta_K) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i \in C_k} \|x^i - \mu_k\|^2$$

3. Mixture log-likelihood

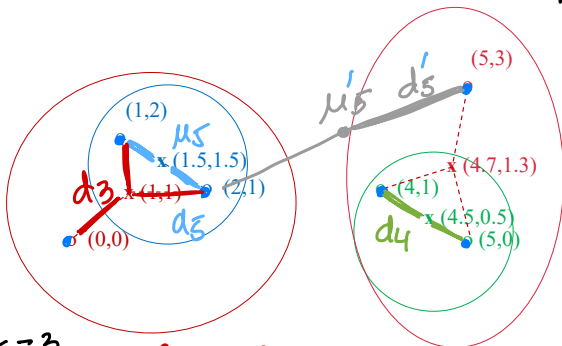
$$\mathcal{L}(\Delta_K) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i \in C_k} \ln(\underbrace{\pi_k f_k(x^i)}_{\ln \bar{u}_k + \ln f_k(x^i)}) \quad \text{CONDITIONAL log-Likelihood}$$

Hierarchical clustering – Overview

(Dendrograms)

- **Agglomerative** (bottom up)
 - **Single linkage**
 - based on Minimum Spanning Tree
 - $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log n)$
 - sensitive to outliers
 - Heuristics – average linkage
 - **Agglomerative K-means**
 - Loss $\mathcal{L}(\Delta_K) = 0$ for $K = n$
 - When $K \leftarrow K - 1$ (two clusters merged), \mathcal{L} increases
 - For $K = n, n - 1, \dots, 2$, iteratively merge the 2 clusters that minimize increase of \mathcal{L}
 - $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ – too expensive for big data
- **Divisive** (bottom down)
 - Recursively split \mathcal{D} into $K = 2$ clusters
 - almost any clustering algorithm (e.g. K-means, min diameter)
 - notable example **Spectral clustering** (later)
 - Advantages
 - most important splits are first
 - can stop after only a few splits

Example: Hierarchical clustering



$$n=6$$

$$K=6$$

$$\mu_k = x^k$$

$$L_6 = 0$$

$$K=5 \quad L_5 = 0 \times 4 + 2d_5^2 \quad \text{BAD}$$

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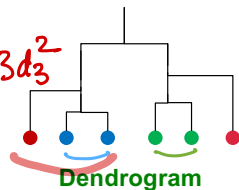
$$L_4 = 0 \times 2 + 2d_5^2 + 2d_4^2$$

$$K=3$$

$$L_3 = 0 + 2d_4^2 + 3d_3^2 = L_4 - 0 - 2d_5^2 + 3d_3^2$$

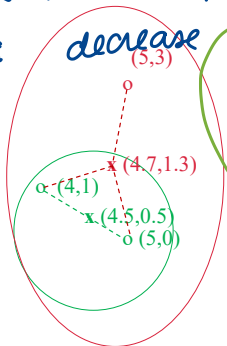
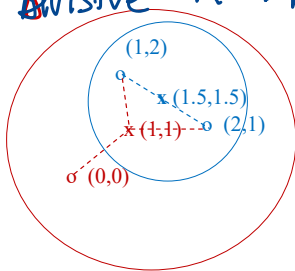
Data:

→ o ... data point
x ... centroid



Example: Hierarchical clustering

Agglomerative $K \rightarrow K-1$ increase Δ least
 Divisive $K \rightarrow K+1$ decrease Δ most



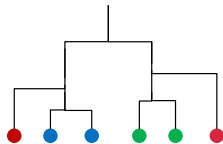
$K=1 = 2^n$ options

$K=n : \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ opt

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o ... data point

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Dendrogram

Lecture V: Support Vector Machines and Kernel Machines

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1. max margin

2. convex opt

3. kernel trick

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Linear SVM's



The margin and the expected classification error

Maximum Margin Linear classifiers

← 1,2

why

Linear classifiers for non-linearly separable data

Non linear SVM

The “kernel trick”

Kernels

Prediction with SVM

Extensions

L_1 SVM

Multi-class and One class SVM

SV Regression

Reading AoNPS Ch.: Ch. 12.1–3, **HTF Ch.:** Ch 14 (14.1,14.2–14.2.4 kernels, 14.4 and equations (14.28,14.29) kernel trick, 14.5.1.–3 Support Vector Machines) 7.1–7.4, 7.7

Additional Reading: C. Burges - “A tutorial on SVM for pattern recognition”

These notes: Appendices (convex optimization) are optional.

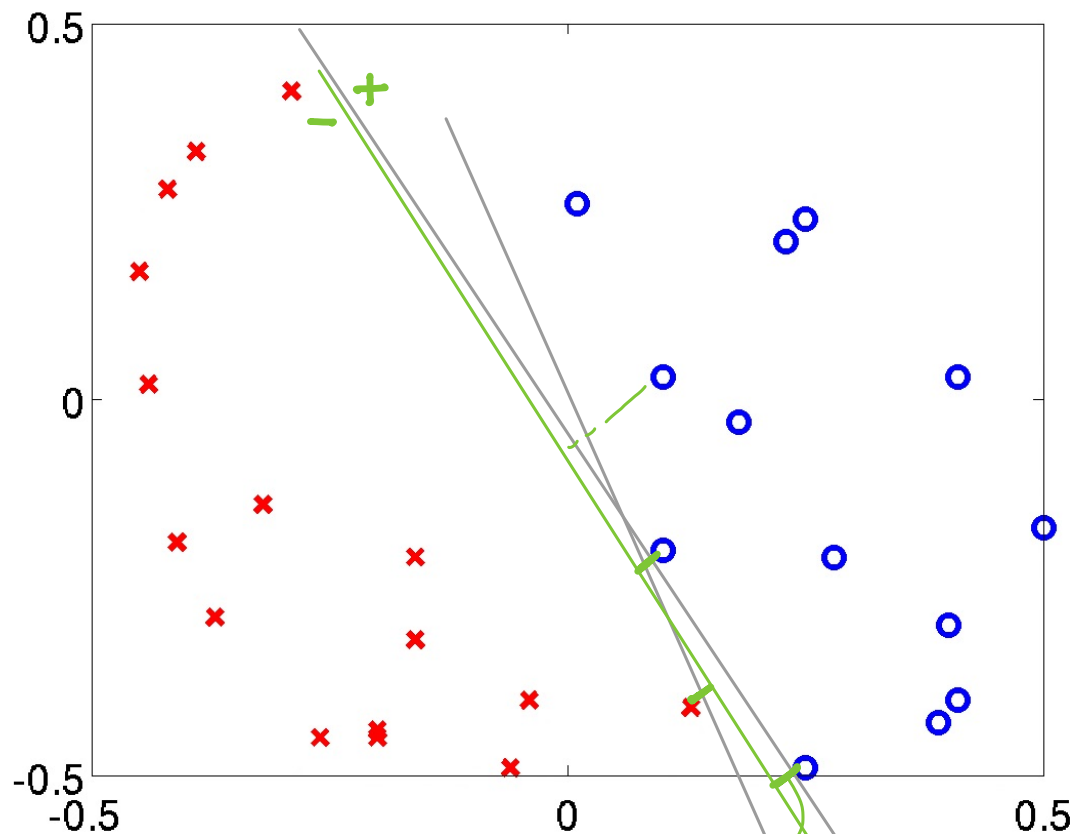
Data Linearly separable $\Rightarrow \infty$ linear classifiers
How to choose \hat{w} ?

$$f(x) = w^T x + b$$

$x, w \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign } f(x)$$

Idea 1. Max Margin



Parametric
LDA
LR
Perceptron


$p = \text{margin of } f_{w,b}$

In \mathbb{R}^d : $d+1$ points to determine (w^*, b^*) = max margin hyperplane
↓
support vectors
"points in \mathbb{R}^d "

SVM = max margin classifier
"classifier"

Robustness:

- any x_i can be perturbed by $\leq \rho$ and not change label
- all x_i 's NOT SV - can be perturbed more
 - have no influence on w^*, b^*

- Theorem(s)  \Rightarrow fewer params?

The margin and the expected classification error

Theorem Let $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{sgn}(w^T x), \|w\| \leq \Lambda, \|x\| \leq R\}$ and let $\rho > 0$ be any “margin”. Then for any $f \in \mathcal{F}$, w.p $1 - \delta$ over training sets

generalization err

$$L_{01}(f) \leq \hat{L}_\rho + \sqrt{\frac{c}{n} \left(\frac{R^2 \Lambda^2}{\rho^2} \ln n^2 + \ln \frac{1}{\delta} \right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\delta^2} + \dots} \quad (5)$$

classif err on \mathcal{D}

where c is a universal constant and \hat{L}_ρ is the fraction of the training examples for which

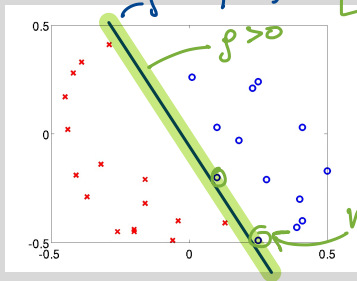
including margin errors

$$y^i w^T x_i < \rho$$

(6)

► a data point i that satisfies (6) for some ρ is called a **margin error**

► For $\rho = 0$ the margin error rate \hat{L}_ρ is equal to \hat{L}_{01}



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Another theorem

$$\mathcal{F}_\rho = \{ f_{w,b}, w, x \in \mathbb{R}, \text{margin} \geq \rho \}$$

$$\text{VCdim} = \min \left\{ d+1, \frac{1}{\rho^2} \right\}$$

Maximum Margin Linear classifiers

How to estimate?

Support Vector Machines appeared from the convergence of **Three Good Ideas**

Assume (for the moment) that the data are linearly separable.

- ▶ Then, there are an infinity of linear classifiers that have $\hat{L}_{01} = 0$. Which one to choose?

1st idea Select the classifier that has **maximum margin** ρ on the training set.

- ▶ For any parameters (w, b) that perfectly classify the data $\hat{L}(w, b) = 0$.
- ▶ Among these, the best (w, b) is the one that minimizes ρ in 5
- ▶ Hence, we should choose

① wanted $\underset{\rho, w, b: \hat{L}(w, b)=0}{\operatorname{argmax}} \rho, \quad \text{s.t. } d(x, H_{w, b}) \geq \rho \text{ for } i = 1 : n, \quad (7)$

all x^i away from bdrary

all (x^i, y^i) correct

where $d()$ denotes the Euclidean distance and $H_{w, b} = \{x \mid w^T x + b = 0\}$ is the decision boundary of the linear classifier.

- ▶ Because $d(x, H_{w, b}) = \frac{|w^T x + b|}{\|w\|}$ (proof in a few slides) (7) becomes

② $\underset{\rho, w, b: \hat{L}(w, b)=0}{\operatorname{argmax}} \rho, \quad \text{s.t. } \frac{|w^T x^i + b|}{\|w\|} \geq \rho \text{ for } i = 1 : n, \quad (8)$

replace $d()$

hyperplane

Maximum Margin Linear classifiers

$$\text{sign } w^T x + b = y \quad y \in \pm 1$$

$$y(w^T x + b) > 0$$

We continue to transform (8)

- If all data correctly classified, then $y^i(w^T x^i + b) = |w^T x^i + b|$. Therefore (8) has the same solution as

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underset{\rho, w, b}{\operatorname{argmax}} \rho, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \frac{y^i(w^T x^i + b)}{\|w\|} \geq \rho \text{ for } i = 1 : n, \quad (9)$$

- Note now that the problem (9) is underdetermined. Setting $w \leftarrow Cw, b \leftarrow Cb$ with $C > 0$ does not change anything.
- We add a **cleverly chosen constraint** to remove the indeterminacy; this is $\|w\| = 1/\rho$, which allows us to eliminate the variable ρ . We get

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \underset{w, b}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{1}{\|w\|}, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad y^i(w^T x^i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for } i = 1 : n, \quad (10)$$

Note: the successive problems (7),(8),(9),... are **equivalent** in the sense that their optimal solution is the same.

$$\underset{w, b}{\operatorname{argmax}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\|w\|}}_{\rho} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \frac{y^i(w^T x^i + b)}{\|w\|} \geq \underbrace{\frac{1}{\|w\|}}_{\rho}$$

Alternative derivation of (10)

Key idea Select the classifier that has **maximum margin** on the training set, by the alternative definition of margin.

Formally, define $\min_{i=1:n} y^i f(x^i)$ be the **margin of classifier f on \mathcal{D}** . Let $f(x) = w^T x + b$, and choose w, b that

$$\text{maximize}_{w \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}} \min_{i=1:n} y^i (w^T x^i + b) \text{ s.t. } \hat{L}(w, b) = 0$$

► Remarks

- (if data is linearly separable), there exist classifiers with margins > 0
- one can arbitrarily increase the margin of such a classifier by multiplying w and b by a positive constant.
- Hence, we need to “normalize” the set of candidate classifiers by requiring instead

$$\text{maximize} \min_{i=1:n} d(x, H_{w,b}), \text{ s.t. } y^i (w^T x^i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for } i = 1 : n, \quad (11)$$

where $d(\cdot)$ denotes the Euclidean distance and $H_{w,b} = \{x \mid w^T x + b = 0\}$ is the decision boundary of the linear classifier.

- Under the conditions of (11), because there are points for which $|w^T x + b| = 1$, maximizing $d(x, H_{w,b})$ over w, b for such a point is the same as

$$\max_{w,b} \frac{1}{\|w\|}, \text{ s.t. } \min_i y_i (w^T x_i + b) = 1 \quad (12)$$

Second idea (5) $\min_{w,b} \|w\| \text{ st } y^i(w^T x^i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for } i=1:n$

The **Second idea** is to formulate (10) as a **quadratic** optimization problem.

$$(6) \quad \min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \text{ s.t. } y^i(w^T x^i + b) \geq 1 \text{ for all } i = 1 : n \quad (13)$$

This is the **Linear SVM (primal) optimization problem**

- This problem has a strongly convex **objective** $\|w\|^2$, and **constraints** $y^i(w^T x^i + b)$ linear in (w, b) .
- Hence this is a convex problem, and can be studied with the tools of convex optimization.

objective
quadratic
convex

constraints
linear

\Rightarrow if feasible w, b convex

The distance of a point x to a hyperplane $H_{w,b}$

$$d(x, H_{w,b}) = \frac{|w^T x + b|}{\|w\|} \quad (14)$$

Intuition: denote

$$\tilde{w} = \frac{w}{\|w\|}, \quad \tilde{b} = \frac{b}{\|w\|}, \quad x' = \tilde{w}^T x. \quad (15)$$

Obviously $H_{w,b} = H_{\tilde{w},\tilde{b}}$, and x' is the length of the projection of point x on the direction of w .

The distance is measured along the normal through x to H ; note that if $x' = -\tilde{b}$ then $x \in H_{w,b}$ and $d(x, H_{w,b}) = 0$; in general, the distance along this line will be $|x' - (-\tilde{b})|$.