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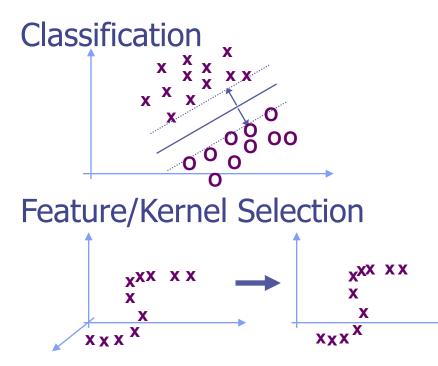
Advanced Machine Learning & Perception

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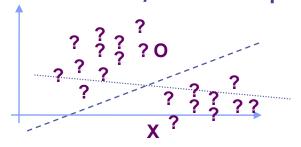
Semi-Supervised Learning

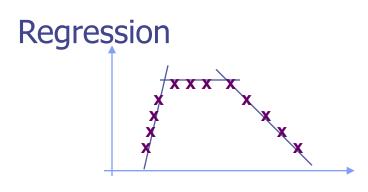
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SVM Extensions

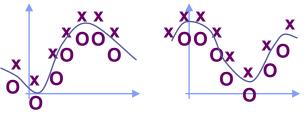


Transduction/Semi-supervised

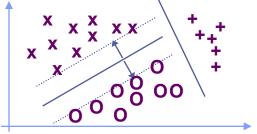




Meta/Multi-Task Learning



Multi-Class/Structured



Semi-supervised Learning

• What

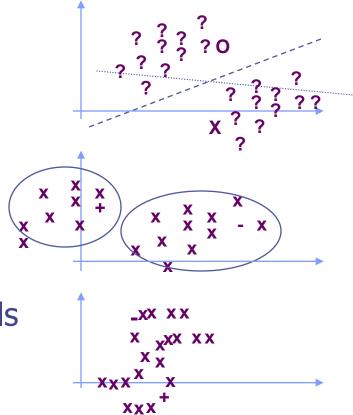
Learning setting	Learning from
Supervised Learning	labeled data
Semi-supervised Learning	both labeled and unlabeled data
Unsupervised Learning	Unlabeled data

- Why
 - In many learning situations, labeling data is the most difficult and labor-intensive part so labels are limited.
 - But, getting unlabeled data is cheap.
 - Unlabeled data can help sometimes.

Semi-Supervised Learning

•Several approaches:

- •Transduction: discriminative, find large margin region.
- •Hidden Labels: use generative modeling to cluster data. clusters have same labels
- •Graphs & Diffusion: spreading labels across a graph or manifold via spectral, kernel, or Markov walks.



Transduction

- •Only min test error on test examples! Not all future test...
- As with regular SVM, minimize error on training

subject to:

- but reduce generalization error term.
- •Theorem: generalization error again depends on VC < D²/M²
- •Again minimize by max margin (why?)
- Brute force: find largest margin over
 2[⊤] settings of
 T test points
 C => labeled
 C* => unlabeled
- •Impractical!

OP 2 (Transductive SVM (non-sep. case)) Minimize over $(y_1^*, ..., y_n^*, \vec{w}, b, \xi_1, ..., \xi_n, \xi_1^*, ..., \xi_k^*)$:

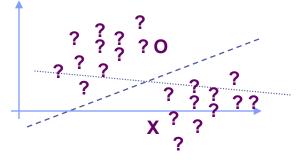
$$\frac{1}{2} ||\vec{w}||^2 + C \sum_{i=0}^n \xi_i + C^* \sum_{j=0}^k \xi_j^*$$

$$\forall_{i=1}^n : y_i [\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i + b] \ge 1 - \xi_i$$

$$\forall_{j=1}^k : y_j^* [\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_j^* + b] \ge 1 - \xi_j^*$$

$$\forall_{i=1}^n : \xi_i > 0$$

$$\forall_{j=1}^k : \xi_j^* > 0$$



Transduction with SVMs

First train regular SVM on (x,y) labeled data
Use SVM to classify unlabeled (x*,y*) points
Use current labeling to retrain with low C*₊ & C*₋

OP 3 (Inductive SVM (primal))

Minimize over $(\vec{w}, b, \vec{\xi}, \vec{\xi^*})$:

$$\frac{1}{2}||\vec{w}||^2 + C\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + C_{-}^*\sum_{j:y_j^*=-1}\xi_j^* + C_{+}^*\sum_{j:y_j^*=1}\xi_j^*$$

subject to: $\forall_{i=1}^{n} : y_{i}[\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x_{i}} + b] \ge 1 - \xi_{i}$ $\forall_{j=1}^{k} : y_{j}^{*}[\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x_{j}} + b] \ge 1 - \xi_{j}^{*}$

- •Interleave regular SVM solution with unlabeled label swaps
- •Guaranteed swap if $\left(y_{m}^{*}y_{l}^{*}<0\right) \& \left(\xi_{m}^{*}>0\right) \& \left(\xi_{l}^{*}>0\right) \& \left(\xi_{m}^{*}+\xi_{l}^{*}>2\right)$
- •Slowly increase effect of unlabeled by C* doubling 'til max

Transduction with SVMs

Input:	- training examples $(\vec{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\vec{x}_n, y_n)$
	- test examples $\vec{x}_1^*, \dots, \vec{x}_k^*$
Parameters:	$-C,C^*$: parameters from OP(2)
	$-num_+$: number of test examples to be assigned to class +
Output:	– predicted labels of the test examples $y_1^*,, y_k^*$

$$(\vec{w}, b, \vec{\xi}, _) := solve_svm_qp([(\vec{x}_1, y_1)...(\vec{x}_n, y_n)], [], C, 0, 0);$$

Classify the test examples using $\langle \vec{w}, b \rangle$. The num_+ test examples with the highest value of $\vec{w} * \vec{x}_j^* + b$ are assigned to the class $+ (y_j^* := 1)$; the remaining test examples are assigned to class $- (y_j^* := -1)$.

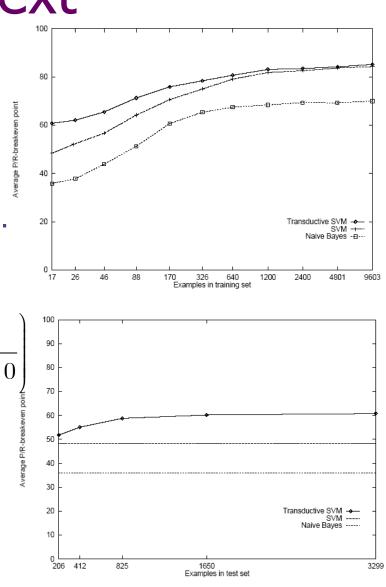
$$\begin{array}{ll} C_{-}^{*} := 10^{-5}; & // \text{ some small number} \\ C_{+}^{*} := 10^{-5} * \frac{num_{+}}{k-num_{+}}; & // \text{ Loop 1} \\ \text{while}((C_{-}^{*} < C^{*}) \parallel (C_{+}^{*} < C^{*})) \{ & // \text{ Loop 1} \\ (\vec{w}, b, \vec{\xi}, \vec{\xi}^{*}) := solve_svm_qp([(\vec{x}_{1}, y_{1})...(\vec{x}_{n}, y_{n})], [(\vec{x}_{1}^{*}, y_{1}^{*})...(\vec{x}_{k}^{*}, y_{k}^{*})], C, C_{-}^{*}, C_{+}^{*}); \\ \text{while}(\exists m, l : (y_{m}^{*} * y_{l}^{*} < 0)\&(\xi_{m}^{*} > 0)\&(\xi_{l}^{*} > 0)\&(\xi_{m}^{*} + \xi_{l}^{*} > 2)) \{ // \text{ Loop 2} \\ y_{m}^{*} := -y_{m}^{*}; & // \text{ take a positive and a negative test} \\ y_{l}^{*} := -y_{l}^{*}; & // \text{ example, switch their labels, and retrain} \\ (\vec{w}, b, \vec{\xi}, \vec{\xi}^{*}) := solve_svm_qp([(\vec{x}_{1}, y_{1})...(\vec{x}_{n}, y_{n})], [(\vec{x}_{1}^{*}, y_{1}^{*})...(\vec{x}_{k}^{*}, y_{k}^{*})], C, C_{-}^{*}, C_{+}^{*}); \\ \} \\ C_{-}^{*} := min(C_{-}^{*} * 2, C^{*}); \\ C_{+}^{*} := min(C_{+}^{*} * 2, C^{*}); \\ \} \\ return(y_{1}^{*}, ..., y_{k}^{*}); \end{array}$$

Transduction for Text

- •In X vector each dim is word in language
- •Stem: combine similar words physics, physician, => physic
- •Remove stop words: and, the, ...
- •Represent words by TF-IDF text freq times inv-doc freq

$$X_{_{j}}\left(w_{_{i}}\right) = \left(\#w_{_{i}} in \, d_{_{j}}\right) \times \log \left(\frac{\#d_{_{j}}}{\#d_{_{j}} where \, \#w_{_{i}} > 0}\right)$$

- •Evaluate by P/R breakeven point (equal on ROC curve)
- •Train multi-class SVM
- •Map multi-class to a one versus all binary decision



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Generative Models and EM

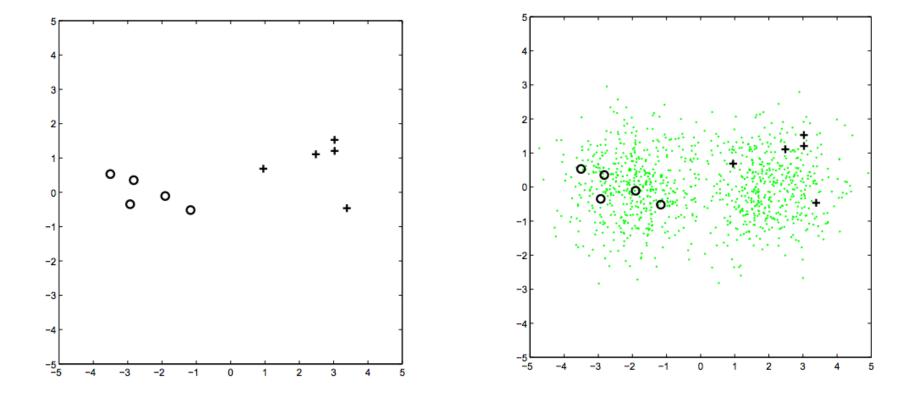


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Partially Labeled Data & EM

•Instead of maxmizing likelihood of labeled data

$$l\!\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) = \sum\nolimits_{i \in LAB} \log\!\left(p\!\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{\!i}, \boldsymbol{y}_{\!i} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\right)$$

•Or maximizing likelihood of unlabeled data (needs EM)

$$l(\theta) = \sum_{i \in UNLAB} \log \left(\sum_{y} p(x_i, y \mid \theta) \right)$$

•Maximize a combination of both weighted by λ

$$\begin{split} l \Big(\theta \Big) &= \sum_{i \in LAB} \log \Big(p \Big(x_i, y_i \mid \theta \Big) \Big) + \lambda \sum_{i \in UNLAB} \log \Big(\sum_y p \Big(x_i, y \mid \theta \Big) \Big) \\ \bullet \text{Also, use a prior P(}\theta \text{) to help (avoids zero-counts in multinomial models)...} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} l \left(\boldsymbol{\theta} \right) &= \log p \left(\boldsymbol{\theta} \right) + \sum_{i \in LAB} \log \left(p \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{i}, \boldsymbol{y}_{i} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) \right) \\ &+ \lambda \sum_{i \in UNLAB} \log \left(\sum_{\boldsymbol{y}} p \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{i}, \boldsymbol{y} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) \right) \end{split}$$

Partially Labeled Data & EM

Estimate λ by cross-validation
Use multinomial model
Like Naïve Bayes
Generally improve accuracy on text problems

