

Homework 5: Clustering and Classification

Instructions: Your answers are due at 11:59pm on the due date. You must turn in a pdf through canvas. I recommend using latex (<http://www.cs.utah.edu/~jeffp/teaching/latex/>) for producing the assignment answers. If the answers are too hard to read you will lose points, entire questions may be given a 0 (e.g. **sloppy pictures with your phone's camera are not ok, but very careful ones are**)

Please make sure your name appears at the top of the page.

You may discuss the concepts with your classmates, but write up the answers entirely on your own. **Be sure to show all the work involved in deriving your answers! If you just give a final answer without explanation, you may not receive credit for that question.**

1. [40 points] Consider this set of 3 sites: $S = \{s_1 = (0, 0), s_2 = (3, 4), s_3 = (-3, 2)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. We will consider the following 5 data points $X = \{x_1 = (1, 3), x_2 = (-2, 1), x_3 = (10, 6), x_4 = (6, -3), x_5 = (-1, 1)\}$.

For each of the following points compute the closest site (under Euclidean distance):

- (a) $\phi_S(x_1) =$
- (b) $\phi_S(x_2) =$
- (c) $\phi_S(x_3) =$
- (d) $\phi_S(x_4) =$
- (e) $\phi_S(x_5) =$

Now consider that we have 3 Gaussian distributions defined with each site s_j as a center μ_j . The corresponding standard deviations are $\sigma_1 = 2.0$, $\sigma_2 = 4.0$ and $\sigma_3 = 5$, and we assume they are univariate so the covariance matrices are $\Sigma_j = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_j & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_j \end{bmatrix}$.

- (f) Write out the probability density function (its likelihood $f_j(x)$) for each of the Gaussians.

Now we want to assign each x_i to each site in a soft assignment. For each site s_j define the weight of a point as $w_j(x) = f_j(x) / (\sum_{j=1}^3 f_j(x))$. For each of the following points calculate the weight for each site

- (g) $w_1(x_1), w_2(x_1), w_3(x_1) =$
- (h) $w_1(x_2), w_2(x_2), w_3(x_2) =$
- (i) $w_1(x_3), w_2(x_3), w_3(x_3) =$
- (j) $w_1(x_4), w_2(x_4), w_3(x_4) =$
- (k) $w_1(x_5), w_2(x_5), w_3(x_5) =$

2. **[10 points]** Construct a data set X with 4 points in \mathbb{R}^2 and a set S of $k = 2$ sites so that Lloyd's algorithm will have converged, but there is another set S' , of size $k = 2$, so that $\text{cost}(X, S') < \text{cost}(X, S)$. Explain why S' is better than S , but that Lloyd's algorithm will not move from S .
3. **[25 points]** Consider a family of linear classifiers defined by the sign of function $g_{w,b}(x) = \langle w, x \rangle + b$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and so $w \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Given a data point x_i and label $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$. We require that $\|w\| = 1$.

Now consider a uncertainty zone misclassification goal Λ (in place of Δ). In this setting, we want to penalize a classifier with a cost of $1/2$ for any point within a distance of 2 of the classification boundary – even if it has the correct sign. So the cost is

$$\Lambda(g_{w,b}, (x_i, y_i)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x_i, y_i) \text{ is misclassified and } |g_{w,b}(x_i)| > 2 \\ 1/2 & \text{if } 0 \leq |g_{w,b}(x_i)| \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } (x_i, y_i) \text{ is classified correctly and } |g_{w,b}(x_i)| > 2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Explain $\Lambda(g_{w,b}, (x_i, y_i))$ as a function of $z_i = y_i g_{w,b}(x_i)$.
- (b) Design a loss function $\ell_\Lambda(z)$ as proxy for $\Lambda(z)$ that is (i) convex, (ii) has a derivative defined for all z , and (iii) for all values of z satisfies $\ell_\Lambda(z) \geq \Lambda(z)$.
4. **[25 points]**
- (a) Construct and report a set of labeled points (X, y) in \mathbb{R}^2 that is not linearly separable (provide a plot).
- (b) Explain what will happen if you run the perceptron algorithm for a linear classifier on this data set? (don't allow a fixed upper bound on T the number of steps)
- (c) Describe another algorithm discussed in the class (Chapters 9.1 - 9.3) which would provides a acceptable linear classifier for set of points.

Extra Questions

5. **[10 points]** Consider the quadratic (polynomial of degree 2) regression on a data set (X, y) where each of n data points (x_i, y_i) has $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$. To simplify notation, let each $x_i = (a_i, b_i)$.

- (a) Expand $x_i = (a_i, b_i)$ and write the model $M_\alpha(x_i)$ as a single dot product of the form

$$M_\alpha(x_i) = \langle \alpha, (?, ?, \dots, ?) \rangle$$

where α is a vector, and you need to fill in the appropriate ?s.

- (b) Write the batch (of size n) gradient $\nabla f(\alpha)$ for this problem, where

$$f(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n (M_\alpha(x_i) - y_i)^2.$$

Your expression for $\nabla f(\alpha)$ should use the term $(M_\alpha(x_i) - y_i)$ as part of its solution.

6. [15 points] Consider a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ for $n > d$, and its SVD is $\text{svd}(A) = [U, S, V^T]$. Let the left singular vectors be u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n , the right singular vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d , and the singular values $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_d$. Let A_k be the best rank- k approximation of A (we'll consider $k = 2$ and $k = 3$).
- (a) Using only the singular values (and mathematical operators), write
- $\|A_2\|_2^2 =$
 - $\|A_3\|_F^2 =$
- (b) Using only the elements of the SVD (i.e., the expression should not include A), write
- $A_3 =$
 - $A_3 - A_2 =$
- (c) Consider a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Using only x and the elements of the SVD, write an expression for $\pi_{A_3}(x)$; that is x projected onto the 3-dimensional subspace spanned by A_3 .