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Supervised Metric Learning

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A Distance Metric if it satisfies the following four properties:

- Nonnegativity: $D(x, y) \geq 0$
- Coincidence: $D(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$
- Symmetry: $D(x, y) = D(y, x)$
- Subadditivity: $D(x, y) + D(y, z) \geq D(x, z)$

Where $D : X \times X \rightarrow R$ and X represents a set of data points

➤ Two important distance metric:

1. *Euclidean distance, which measures the distance between x and y by*

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}$$

2. *Mahalanobis distance, which measures the distance between x and y by*

$$D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{S} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}$$

where S is the inverse of the data covariance matrix

Generalized Mahalanobis distance

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}$$

where \mathbf{M} is some arbitrary Symmetric Positive Semi-Definite (SPSD) matrix.

We can decompose \mathbf{M} as $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}'$ and let $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{W}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}))^\top (\mathbf{W}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}))} \\ &= \sqrt{(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \tilde{\mathbf{y}})^\top (\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \tilde{\mathbf{y}})}\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$

Distance Metric Learning:

The problem of learning a mapping function f (projection matrix W), such that $f(x)$ and $f(y)$ will be in the Euclidean space and $D(x, y) = \|f(x) - f(y)\|$, where $\|\cdot\|$ is the l_2 norm.

- Clustering
 - Similarity measure in K-means

- Classification
 - KNN

- Image retrieval

➤ Similarity measure

-- similarity measures are in some sense the inverse of distance measure

$$s(x, y) = -\|x - y\|_2^2$$

➤ Dimensionality reduction

-- most of the existing metric learning approaches can be viewed as a standard Euclidean distance in some embedding space.

Local	Global
NCA Goldberger et al. (2004), ANMM Wang and Zhang (2007), LMNN Weinberger et al. (2005)	LDA Fukunaga (1990), LSI Xing et al. (2002), ITML Davis et al. (2007), MMDA Kocsor et al. (2004), RCA Shental et al. (2002)

LDA defines the compactness matrix and scatterness matrix as

$$\Sigma_C = \frac{1}{C} \sum_c \frac{1}{n_c} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in c} (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c)(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c)^\top$$

$$\Sigma_S = \frac{1}{C} \sum_c (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_c - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_c - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top$$

The goal of LDA is to find a W which can be obtained by solving the following optimization problem

$$\min_{W^\top W = I} \frac{\text{tr}(W^\top \Sigma_C W)}{\text{tr}(W^\top \Sigma_S W)}$$

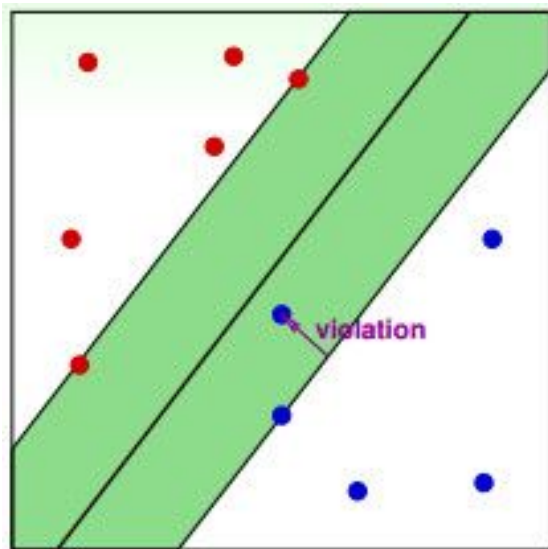
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$$\min_{W^T W = I} \frac{\text{tr}(W^T \Sigma_C W)}{\text{tr}(W^T \Sigma_S W)}$$

The learned distance between x_i and x_j is the Euclidean distance between Wx_i and Wx_j , and the computational technique involved is eigenvalue decomposition.

Motivation:

Intuitively what MMDA does is to find k orthogonal projection hyperplanes such that on each projection direction the two data clusters are separated as well as possible, where $W = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k]$.



*Imagine k
orthogonal
hyperplanes using
soft SVM*

The goal of MMDA is to find a W which can be obtained by solving the following optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}, \xi_r \geq 0} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^d \|\mathbf{w}_r\|^2 + \frac{C}{n} \sum_{r=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{ri} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \quad r = 1, \dots, d \\ & l_i \left((\mathbf{w}^r)^T \mathbf{x}_i + b \right) \geq 1 - \xi_{ri}, \\ & \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

The learned distance between \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{x}_j is the Euclidean distance between $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_i$ and $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_j$, and the computational technique involved is eigenvalue decomposition and quadratic programming.

➤ Assumption

- 1.Distance between point pairs in must-link set is less than u
- 2.Distance between point pairs in cannot-link set is larger than l
- 3.There exists priori metric matrix M_0 (if sample set satisfies Gaussian distribution,using covariance matrix parameterize M_0).

ITML solves the following optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{M \succeq 0} & KL(p(\mathbf{x}; M_0) \| p(\mathbf{x}; M)) \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad d_M(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \leq u, \quad (\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \in S \\ & \quad d_M(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \geq l, \quad (\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \in D \end{aligned}$$

The learned distance metric is the Mahalanobis distance with precision matrix \mathbf{M} .

If M 's and M_0 's distribution have the same mean value

$$KL(p(\mathbf{x}; M_0) \| p(\mathbf{x}; M)) = \frac{1}{2} D_{ld}(M_0^{-1}, M^{-1})$$

$$D_{ld}(M, M_0) = \text{tr}(MM_0^{-1}) - \log \det(MM_0^{-1}) - d$$

ITML solves the following optimization problem

$$\min_{M \succeq 0} D_{ld}(M, M_0)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \text{tr}(M(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^T) \leq u, (\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \in S$$

$$\text{tr}(M(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^T) \geq l, (\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \in D$$

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Using an efficient Bregman projection approach to solve problem

$$M_{t+1} = M_t + \beta M_t (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^\top M_t$$

The goal of RCA is to find a transformation that amplifies relevant variability and suppresses irrelevant variability.



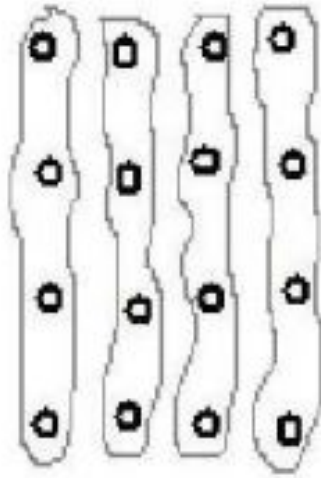
Three steps of RCA:

- Construct chunklets according to equivalence (must-link) constraints,*
- RCA computes the following weighted within-chunklet covariance matrix:*

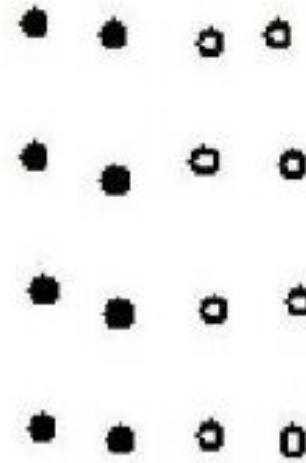
$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} (\mathbf{x}_{ji} - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_j)(\mathbf{x}_{ji} - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_j)^\top$$

- Compute the whitening transformation $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{C}^{-1/2}$, and apply it to the original data points: $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$.*

Difference between labeled data and chunklet data



Chunklet Data



**Labeled Data:
Supervised Learning**

- each point x_i selects another point x_j as its neighbor with some probability p_{ij}

$$p_{ij} = \frac{\exp(-\|W^T x_i - W^T x_j\|^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|W^T x_i - W^T x_k\|^2)}$$

- NCA computes the probability that point i will be correctly classified

$$p_i = \sum P_{ij}$$

where $\mathcal{L}_i = \{j | l_i = l_j\}$

- The objective NCA maximizes is the expected number of points correctly classified

$$J(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_i p_i = \sum_i \sum_{j \in \mathcal{L}_i} p_{ij}$$

The learned distance between x_i and x_j is the Euclidean distance between $\mathbf{W}x_i$ and $\mathbf{W}x_j$. The computational technique involved is **eigenvalue decomposition**.

Thanks

