Homework 4

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1 2-SVM

The 2-SVM algorithm is a method for supervised binary classification. Given a training set $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1,\dots,n}$ of training patterns x_1, \dots, x_n in a space X endowed with a positive definite kernel K, and a set of corresponding labels $y_1, \dots, y_n \in \{-1, 1\}$, it solves the following problem:

$$\min_{f \in H_K} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(f(x_i), y_i) + \lambda ||f||^2 \right\} ,$$

where ||f|| is the norm of f in the RKHS H_K of the kernel K, and L is the square hinge loss function:

$$L(u, y) = \max(1 - uy, 0)^{2}$$
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Write the primal and dual problems associated to the 2-SVM, and compare the result with the SVM studied in the course.