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## Data Mining and Machine Learning

### Quiz 2, II Semester, 2023–2024

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1. To compute the parameters of an SVM, we move from the primal optimization problem

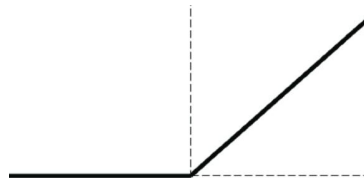
- Minimize  $\frac{|w|}{2}$   
Subject to  $y_i \cdot (w_1 x_1^i + w_2 x_2^i + \dots + w_n x_n^i + b) > 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

to the dual

- Maximize  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n y_i y_j \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x_i \cdot x_j \rangle$   
Subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \alpha_i = 0$  and  $\alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

What is the principal advantage of working with the dual formulation?

- (a) Computing the margin is more efficient.
  - (b) Identifying the support vectors is easier.
  - (c) The dual formulation enables the use of kernel methods.
  - (d) The dual formulation can be adapted to the soft margin case.
2. Which of the following is *not* true of the backpropagation algorithm?
- (a) Backpropagation relies on the chain rule for differentiation.
  - (b) The gradient for weights in the initial layers is likely to be smaller than those in later layers.
  - (c) Backpropagation runs once per minibatch in stochastic gradient descent.
  - (d) Backpropagation calculations can be speeded up through parallelization.
3. We feed the output a linear function  $z = -3 + 7x$  to a sigmoid function. At what value of  $x$  is the centre of the step of the sigmoid?
- (a) 3
  - (b) 7
  - (c) 3/7
  - (d) 7/3
4. A rectified linear unit, or ReLU, applies an activation function that converts all negative outputs to zero. Here is a picture of the output of a ReLU as a function of its input.



Let  $z$  denote the linear output of the node and  $a$  the output of the ReLU activation. Which of the following describe the relationship between  $a$  and  $z$ ?

- (a)  $a = \max(0, z)$
  - (b)  $a = \min(0, z)$
  - (c)  $a = |z|$
  - (d)  $a = \alpha z + (1 - \alpha)(1 - z)$
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