

# Supplementary Material for the Paper “Semantic Context Modeling with Maximal Margin Conditional Random Fields for Automatic Image Annotation”

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## 1. Proof of Proposition 1

**Proposition 1.** If  $m \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, \bar{y}_i^t = -y_i^t} m_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i, \bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t = -y_i^t y_j^t} m_{ij}$ , then  $L'_{\text{hinge}}(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{y}^t, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b})$  is an upper bound of  $L_{\text{hinge}}(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{y}^t, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b})$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$D = L'_{\text{hinge}}(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{y}^t, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}) - L_{\text{hinge}}(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{y}^t, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \max\left(0, m_i - 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i)\right) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \max\left(0, m_{ij} - 2y_i^t y_j^t \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t)\right) \\ &\quad - \max\left(0, m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} (\bar{y}_i^t - y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} (\bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t - y_i^t y_j^t) \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

**Case 1:** If

$$m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} (\bar{y}_i^t - y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} (\bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t - y_i^t y_j^t) \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t) \leq 0, \quad (3)$$

then

$$D = L'_{\text{hinge}}(\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{y}^t, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}) \geq 0. \quad (4)$$

**Case 2:** If

$$m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} (\bar{y}_i^t - y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} (\bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t - y_i^t y_j^t) \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t) > 0, \quad (5)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} D &= -m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \left[ \max\left(0, m_i - 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i)\right) - (\bar{y}_i^t - y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \left[ \max\left(0, m_{ij} - 2y_i^t y_j^t \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t)\right) - (\bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t - y_i^t y_j^t) \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Let

$$D_i = \max\left(0, m_i - 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i)\right) - (\bar{y}_i^t - y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i), \quad (7)$$

$$D_{ij} = \max\left(0, m_{ij} - 2y_i^t y_j^t \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t)\right) - (\bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t - y_i^t y_j^t) \mathbf{w}_{ij}^T \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^t), \quad (8)$$

then

$$D = -m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} D_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} D_{ij}. \quad (9)$$

Consider  $D_i$  in two cases:

**Case 2.1:** If

$$m_i - 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) \leq 0, \quad (10)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} D_i &= -(\bar{y}_i^t - y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t = y_i^t \\ 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) \geq m_i & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t = -y_i^t \end{cases}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

**Case 2.2:** If

$$m_i - 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) > 0, \quad (12)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} D_i &= m_i - (\bar{y}_i^t + y_i^t)(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) \\ &= \begin{cases} m_i - 2y_i^t(\mathbf{w}_i^T \phi_i(\mathbf{x}^t) + b_i) > 0 & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t = y_i^t \\ m_i & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t = -y_i^t \end{cases}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

By combining case 2.1 and 2.2, we can get

$$D_i \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t = y_i^t \\ \geq m_i & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t = -y_i^t \end{cases}. \quad (14)$$

Similarly, we can get

$$D_{ij} \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t = y_i^t y_j^t \\ \geq m_{ij} & \text{if } \bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t = -y_i^t y_j^t \end{cases}. \quad (15)$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D &= -m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, \bar{y}_i^t = y_i^t} D_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, \bar{y}_i^t = -y_i^t} D_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i, \bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t = y_i^t y_j^t} D_{ij} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i, \bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t = -y_i^t y_j^t} D_{ij} \\ &\geq -m + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, \bar{y}_i^t = -y_i^t} m_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i, \bar{y}_i^t \bar{y}_j^t = -y_i^t y_j^t} m_{ij} \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

By combining Case 1 and 2, we have  $D \geq 0$ , which proves the proposition.  $\square$