Machine Learning Theory Lecture 3: Rademacher Complexity

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1 Definition

let each of $S = \{Z_i\}$ be distributed from a data distribution \mathcal{D}

$$\operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} h(Z_{i})}{n} \right] \right]$$
 (1)

- 1. In words, We sample n data $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ at random from \mathcal{D} ; We also sample n random binary labels from Radmarcher distribution. What is the "average of the best correlations" can hypothesis set \mathcal{H} achieve? Obviously, the higher the correlations that $h \in \mathcal{H}$ can achieve between the set $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ and the set $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^n$, a better performance (or complexity) for \mathcal{H} .
- 2. Obviously, the most difficult for computing $\operatorname{Rad}_n(\mathcal{H})$ is to max over a possibly infinite hypothesis set \mathcal{H} (for example all the lines in linear classifications). Lucikly, we can take advantage of for example:
 - (a) finite $h(Z_i)$ outcomes,
 - (b) or the algebraic property, for example: $\sup_w (w^\top \mathbf{x})$

1.1 alternative definition

however, some text are using definition:

$$\operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{S}\left[\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}}\left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} h(Z_{i})}{n} \right| \right]\right]$$
 (2)

QUESTION is the above definition also valid?

1.2 Empirical Rademacher Complexity

$$\widehat{\text{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} h(Z_{i})}{n} \right]$$
(3)

which is precisely the stuff inside $Rad_n(\mathcal{H})$, i.e.,

$$\operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) \right] \tag{4}$$

1.2.1 can help to bound expected function value:

For example:

Theorem 1 Let Z, Z_1, \ldots, Z_n be i.i.d random variables sampled from \mathcal{D} , and consider every hypothesis $h \in \mathcal{H}$ is bounded by [a,b]

then, $\forall \delta > 0$, with probability of at least $1 - \delta$, and respect to sample S, we have:

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{H}: \quad \mathbb{E}_{Z}[h(Z)] \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(Z_i) + 2Rad_n(\mathcal{H}) + (b-a)\sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2n}}$$
 (5)

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{H}: \quad \mathbb{E}_{Z}[h(Z)] \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(Z_i) + 2\widehat{Rad}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) + 3(b-a)\sqrt{\frac{\log(2/\delta)}{2n}}$$
 (6)

1.2.2 it can also help to bound expected risk

Theorem 2 *let* \mathcal{H} *be set of hypothesis taking values in* $\{-1, +1\}$ *and for any* $\delta > 0$ *, with probability at least* $1 - \delta$ *over a sample* S *of size n drawn from* \mathcal{D} :

$$\forall h \in \mathcal{H}: \quad R(h) \le \hat{R}_S(h) + \widehat{Rad}_S(\mathcal{H}) + 3\sqrt{\frac{\log(2/\delta)}{2n}}$$
 (7)

2 Rademacher Complexity: generic binary functions

First up, let's not worry about the type of \mathcal{H} we use, we only know it's a generic binary function:

Theorem 3 let \mathcal{H} be a set of binary functions. Then, for all n:

$$Rad_n(\mathcal{H}) \le \sqrt{\frac{2\log s(\mathcal{H}, n)}{n}}$$
 (8)

2.1 proof

2.1.1 change where \max is over

obviously, trying to max over $\mathcal H$ in $\sup_{h\in\mathcal H} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i h(Z_i)}{n}$ is difficult, as $|\mathcal H|$ can be infinite . Luckily, the output $\mathcal H_{Z_1,\dots,Z_n}$ is finite:

 $\mathcal{H}_{Z_1,\ldots,Z_n}$ maps a particular input Z_1,\ldots,Z_n into a set of binary values (by trying out all $h\in\mathcal{H}$). For example n=4:

$$\mathbf{V}_{n} = \mathcal{H}_{Z_{1},...,Z_{n}} = \left\{ \underbrace{(0,0,0,1)}_{V_{1}}, \underbrace{(0,0,1,1)}_{V_{2}}, ..., \underbrace{(0,0,1,1)}_{V_{|\mathbf{V}_{n}|}} \right\}$$
(9)

of course, there must be a particular \bar{Z} gives most number of different output. Therefore **shattering number** is:

$$s(\mathcal{H}, n) = \max_{\bar{Z}} |\mathcal{H}_{Z_1, \dots, Z_n}|$$

= $\max_{\bar{Z}} |\mathbf{V}_n| \le 2^n$ (10)

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\bar{Z}} \left[\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} h(Z_{i})}{n} \right] \right] \\ \text{rewrite the max over set: } \mathcal{H} &\to \mathcal{H}_{Z_{1}, \dots, Z_{n}} : \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\bar{Z}} \left[\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\max_{V_{j} \in \mathcal{H}_{Z_{1}, \dots, Z_{n}}} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} V_{j, i}}{n} \right\}_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{V}_{n}|} \, \middle| \, \bar{Z} \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\bar{Z}} \left[\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\max_{V_{j} \in \mathcal{H}_{Z_{1}, \dots, Z_{n}}} \left\{ \frac{\bar{\sigma}^{\top} V_{j}}{n} \right\}_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{V}_{n}|} \, \middle| \, \bar{Z} \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$(11)$$

2.1.2 Bound the inner term

Note that $V_{j,i}=h(Z_i)$, and obviously is a random variable since Z_i is random, but as for the inner expectation is concerned, it is fixed.

$$\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\max_{V_j \in \mathcal{H}_{Z_1, \dots, Z_n}} \left\{ \frac{\bar{\sigma}^\top V_j}{n} \right\}_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{V}_n|} \middle| \bar{Z} \right]$$
 (12)

where V_j is treated as constant, and since we have an expectation of maximum, we can use using **Theorem(5)**, i.e., $\mathbb{E}\big[\max\{X_1,\ldots,X_n\}\big] \leq t\sqrt{2\log(n)}$. But before we can use **Theorem(5)**, we need to show $\Big(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_i v_{j,i}}{n}\Big) \sim \operatorname{SubG}(\frac{1}{n})$

2.1.3 what is $\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\sigma_i v_{j,i}}{n}\right]$?

since $\frac{\sigma_i v_i}{n}$ has zero mean, therefore, the sum also has zero mean.

2.1.4 show
$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_i v_{j,i}}{n}\right) \sim \text{SubG}(\frac{1}{n})$$

From Lecture 2, in Eq.(??), we know:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\sigma \sim \mathrm{Rad}}[\exp^{\lambda \sigma}] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right) \quad \text{i.e., } \sigma \sim \mathrm{subG}(1)$$

Therefore let $\lambda \to \frac{v_i}{n} \lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{MGF}_{\sigma_{i} \sim \operatorname{Rad}} \left(\frac{v_{j,i}}{n} \lambda \right) &\leq \exp \left(\left(\frac{v_{i} \lambda}{n} \right)^{2} \frac{1}{2} \right) = \exp \left(\frac{v_{j,i}^{2} \lambda^{2}}{2n^{2}} \right) \\ &= \exp \left(\frac{\lambda^{2}}{2n^{2}} \right) \quad \operatorname{since} v_{j,i} \in \{-1,1\} \implies v_{j,i}^{2} = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

since v_i disappears from the weights, each term below now has identical MGF for i.i.d., σ_i :

$$\implies \text{MGF}_{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i}} \left(\frac{v_{j,i}}{n} \lambda \right) \leq \exp \left(\frac{\lambda^{2}}{2n^{2}} \times n \right)$$

$$= \exp \left(\frac{\lambda^{2}}{2n} \right) = \exp \left(\frac{1}{n} \frac{\lambda^{2}}{2} \right)$$

$$\implies t^{2} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\implies t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$
(14)

2.1.5 putting it all together

What is n in this setting? It's not the number of data point n, but instead it's the number of elements of the set: $|\mathbf{V}_n| = |\mathcal{H}_{Z_1,\dots,Z_n}|$ using **Theorem(5)**:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}}\left[\max\{X_{1},\ldots,X_{n}\}\right] \leq t\sqrt{2\log(n)}$$

$$\implies \widehat{\mathrm{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}}\left[\max\left\{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\sigma_{i}v_{i}}{n}\right)_{V_{1}},\ldots,\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\sigma_{i}v_{i}}{n}\right)_{V_{|V|}}\right\}\right] \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sqrt{2\log(|\mathbf{V}_{n}|)}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{\frac{2\log(|\mathbf{V}_{n}|)}{n}}$$
(15)

now we add the outer expectation $\mathbb{E}_{\bar{Z}}[\cdot]$ into, we have:

$$\operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{\bar{Z}} \left[\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\max_{V_{j} \in \mathcal{H}_{Z_{1}, \dots, Z_{n}}} \left\{ \frac{\bar{\sigma}^{\top} V_{j}}{n} \right\}_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{V}_{n}|} \mid \bar{Z} \right] \right]$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\bar{Z}} \left[\sqrt{\frac{2 \log(|\mathbf{V}_{n}|)}{n}} \right]$$

$$\leq \sqrt{\frac{2 \log s(\mathcal{H}, n)}{n}} \qquad s(\mathcal{H}, n) = \max_{\bar{Z}} |\mathbf{V}_{n}|$$
(16)

3 Bounds on Expection of Maximum

Theorem 5 Let X_1, \ldots, X_n be random variables. Suppose there exists $\sigma > 0$ s.t.:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\exp^{(\lambda X_i)}\right] \le \exp^{\left(\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}\right)} \quad \forall \lambda > 0 \tag{18}$$

then:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_1,\dots,X_n\}\right] \le \sigma\sqrt{2\log(n)} \tag{19}$$

3.1 notes about Theorem(5)

3.1.1 looks like SubG!

note that the assumption is relaxed than the definition of $X_i \sim \text{SubG}(\sigma^2)$, as we need to have:

$$\mathbb{E}\big[\exp^{(\lambda X_i)}\big] \le \exp^{\left(\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}\right)} \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

therefore, if $X_i \sim \operatorname{SubG}(\sigma^2)$ it is also suitable to use **Theorem (5)**

3.1.2 no i.i.d assumption on $\{X_i\}$

Theorem (5) has no i.i.d. assumption on $\{X_i\}$, otherwise one may no apply this to bound Eq.(12)

$$\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\sigma}} \left[\max_{V_j \in \mathcal{H}_{Z_1, \dots, Z_n}} \left\{ \frac{\bar{\sigma}^\top V_j}{n} \right\}_{j=1}^{|V|} \right]$$
 (20)

3.1.3 proof

first, let's wrap it around with: $\exp(\lambda \cdot)$, so we can use Jensen's inequality to bring less than:

$$\exp\left(\lambda \mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_{1},\ldots,X_{n}\}\right)\right]$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\exp^{\left(\lambda \max\{X_{1},\ldots,X_{n}\}\right)}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\max\{\exp^{\left(\lambda X_{1}\right)},\ldots,\exp^{\left(\lambda X_{n}\right)}\}\right] \qquad \exp^{\lambda \max\{\cdot\}} = \max\{\exp^{\lambda(\cdot)}\} \quad \text{if } \lambda > 0$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i}^{n} \exp^{\left(\lambda X_{i}\right)}\right] \quad \text{each term is non-negative, union bound, no iid assumption}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{n} \mathbb{E}\left[\exp^{\left(\lambda X_{i}\right)}\right]$$

$$\leq n \exp^{\left(\frac{\lambda^{2}\sigma^{2}}{2}\right)} \quad \forall \lambda > 0 \quad \text{bring the bound assumption}$$
(21)

re-arrange terms to have only

$$\exp\left(\lambda \mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_1,\dots,X_n\}\right]\right) \le n \exp^{\left(\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}\right)}$$

$$\lambda \mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_1,\dots,X_n\}\right] \le \log(n) + \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_1,\dots,X_n\}\right] \le \frac{\log(n)}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda \sigma^2}{2}$$
(22)

since any λ works, we can just minimize $\frac{\log(n)}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda \sigma^2}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{2} = \frac{\log(n)}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \frac{2\log(n)}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\sqrt{2\log(n)}}{\sigma}$$
(23)

QUESTION should we must check $\lambda > 0$? substitute back:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_{1},\ldots,X_{n}\}\right] \leq \frac{\log(n)}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda\sigma^{2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\log(n)\sigma}{\sqrt{2\log(n)}} + \frac{\sqrt{2\log(n)}\sigma^{2}}{2\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\log(n)}\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{2\log(n)}\sigma}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \sigma\sqrt{2\log(n)}$$
(24)

note that this is a "hard bound", meaning:

$$\Pr\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\max\{X_1,\dots,X_n\}\right] \le \sqrt{2\log(n)}\sigma\right) = 1 \tag{25}$$

4 Rademacher Complexity on linear models

now we extend to more specific models, such as Linear and Neural Networks

Theorem 6 Let $\mathcal{H} = \{\mathbf{x} \to \boldsymbol{w}^{\top}\mathbf{x} : \|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2} \leq B$, and assume $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{D}} \|\mathbf{x}\|^{2} \leq C^{2} \}$. Then:

$$\widehat{Rad}_S(\mathcal{H}) \le \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{\sum_i \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2} \tag{26}$$

and

$$Rad_n(\mathcal{H}) \le \frac{BC}{\sqrt{n}}$$
 (27)

4.1 proof

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2} \leq B} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i} \quad \text{Empirical Rademacher complexity}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2} \leq B} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \Big(\sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \Big)$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \Big\| \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \Big\|_{2}$$
this is dual norm problem: $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{*} = \sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2} \leq 1} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \quad L_{2} \text{ is self-norm}$
(28)

4.1.1 a little detour: dual norm

QUESTION can you show L_2 is self-norm, i.e, why $\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_2 \le 1} \boldsymbol{w}^\top \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$?

QUESTION what is the dual norm of L_1 ?, i.e., what is $\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_1 \le 1} \boldsymbol{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$?

QUESTION what is the dual norm of L_1 ?, i.e., what is $\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{\infty} < 1} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}$?

QUESTION A systematic answer using Holder's inequality? $\| \boldsymbol{w} \odot \mathbf{x} \|_1 \leq \| \boldsymbol{w} \|_p \| \mathbf{x} \|_q - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

now we have:

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = \frac{B}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \underbrace{\left\| \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right\|_{2}}_{z}$$

$$\equiv \frac{B}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma}[z] \quad \text{let } z = \left\| \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right\|_{2}$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma}[\sqrt{z^{2}}]$$

$$\leq \frac{B}{n} \left(\mathbb{E}_{\sigma}[z^{2}] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \sqrt{t} \text{ is concave}$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \left(\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\left\| \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right\|_{2}^{2} \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{substitute back } z = \left\| \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right\|_{2}$$

$$(31)$$

looking at:
$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right\|_{2}^{2} = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} x_{i,1} \right\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{d} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} x_{i,k} \right)^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{d} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{j} x_{i,k} x_{j,k} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{d} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{j} x_{i,k} x_{j,k}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{j} \sum_{k=1}^{d} x_{i,k} x_{j,k}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{j} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x}_{j}$$

$$(32)$$

therefore looking at:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sigma_{i}\sigma_{j}\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{x}_{j}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sigma_{i}^{2}\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{x}_{i} + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j>i}^{n}\sigma_{i}\sigma_{j}\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{x}_{j}\right]$$
(33)

substitute Eq.(31), we have:

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) \leq \frac{B}{n} \left(\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i}^{2} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j>i}^{n} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{j} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{j} \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} [\sigma_{i}^{2}] \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j>i}^{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} [\sigma_{i}] \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} [\sigma_{j}] \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{as } \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} [\sigma_{i}^{2}] = 1 \quad \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} [\sigma_{i}] = 0$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i} \|\mathbf{x}_{i}\|_{2}^{2}}$$

$$(34)$$

$$\operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{B}{n} \mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|\mathbf{x}_{i}\|_{2}^{2}} \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|\mathbf{x}_{i}\|_{2}^{2} \right]} \quad \sqrt{t} \text{ is concave}$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \left[\|\mathbf{x}_{i}\|_{2}^{2} \right]} \quad \operatorname{swap} \sum \text{ and } \mathbb{E}[\cdot]$$

$$\leq \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{C^{2}n} \quad \operatorname{assumption} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{D}} \|\mathbf{x}\|^{2} \leq C^{2}$$

$$= \frac{BC}{\sqrt{n}}$$
(35)

5 neural networks

Theorem 8 Let $\mathcal{H} = \{h_{\theta} : \|\mathbf{w}\|_{2} \leq B' \text{ and } \|\mathbf{u}_{i}\| \leq B \quad \forall i \}$ Then:

$$Rad_n(\mathcal{H}) \le 2BB'C\sqrt{\frac{m}{n}}$$
 (38)

where $h_{\theta} \equiv \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \phi(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_i)$

 \boldsymbol{w} is a vector and \mathbf{U} is a matrix, and bound is place for each i^{th} row of \mathbf{U} , i.e., \mathbf{u}_i

5.1 proof

starting by proving $\widehat{Rad}_S(\mathcal{H})$ first:

$$\widehat{\mathrm{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{U}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \quad \text{compared with linear model } \mathbf{x} \to \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_{i})$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\boldsymbol{w}, \mathbf{U}} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right) \quad \text{not taking } \frac{1}{n} \text{ out for a reason (later)}$$

$$\text{this is not dual norm problem before } \|\mathbf{x}\|_{*} = \sup_{\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2} \leq 1} \boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{since } \mathbf{x} \text{ also varies}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\boldsymbol{w}, \mathbf{U}} \|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right\|_{2}$$

maximum occurs when ${m w}$ and $\sum_i \sigma_i \phi({f U}{f x}_i)$ in the same direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}^{\top}\mathbf{v} &\leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| & \text{Cauchy-Schwarz} \\ &\Longrightarrow \sup_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}^{\top}\mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| & \text{when } \mathbf{u},\mathbf{v} \text{ in same direction} \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

One may think, we can just maximize $\sup_{\mathbf{U}} \| \sum_i \sigma_i \phi(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_i) \|$. Condition on optimized \mathbf{U} , we can then orient \mathbf{w} to maximize \mathbf{w} (which gives B'):

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = B' \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\mathbf{U}} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \phi(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right\|_{2} \quad \text{apply } \| \boldsymbol{w} \|_{2} \leq B'$$

$$= B' \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\mathbf{u}_{j}\| \leq B \ \forall j} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \phi(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right\|_{2} \quad \text{apply } \| u_{j} \|_{2} \leq B$$

$$= B' \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\mathbf{u}_{j}\| \leq B} \left\| \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \phi(\mathbf{u}_{1,:}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \quad \dots \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \phi(\mathbf{u}_{m,:}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right]^{\top} \right\|_{2}$$

$$\sup_{\mathbf{u}_{j}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{m}} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{m} f(v_{j})^{2}}$$

$$(41)$$

$$\sup_{v_1,...,v_m} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^m f(v_j)^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^m \sup_{v_j} f(v_j)^2} \quad \text{since each } v_j \text{ can be optimized independently}$$

$$= \sqrt{m} \sup_v f(v)^2 \quad \text{and in identical fashion}$$

$$= \sqrt{m} \sup_v |f(v)|$$

$$(42)$$

substitute $f(v) = \sum_i \sigma_i \phi(\mathbf{u}_{j,:} \mathbf{x}_i)$ for any $j \in 1 \dots m$, and let \mathbf{u} be a particular \mathbf{u}_j :

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) = B' \sqrt{m} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_{2} \leq B} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \phi(\mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right|$$

$$\leq 2B' \sqrt{m} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_{2} \leq B} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} (\mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right| \quad \text{Talagrand Lemma [1]}$$

$$= 2B' \sqrt{m} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_{2} \leq B} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{x}_{i}) \right) \quad \text{assume positive activation}$$

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) \left(\mathcal{H} = \{x \to \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{x} : \|\mathbf{u}\|_{2} \leq B\} \right)$$

$$\operatorname{Rad}_{n}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S}(\mathcal{H}) \right]$$

$$\leq 2B' \sqrt{m} \mathbb{E}_{S} \left[\widehat{\operatorname{Rad}}_{S} \left(\mathcal{H} = \{ x \to \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{x} : \|\mathbf{u}\|_{2} \leq B \right) \} \right) \right]$$

$$\leq 2B' \sqrt{m} \frac{BC}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= 2B' BC \sqrt{\frac{m}{n}}$$
(44)

6 homework

Read up the following:

- 1. general concept of PAC Bayesian
- 2. and to read

7 references

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