

Problem 1.

Consider a die with six sides, and values $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$. You will roll the die m times. How large must m be in order to simultaneously estimate the bias of every side within ± 0.01 , with probability at least 99%?

Problem 2.

Let our set of rules H include all programs of size exactly 50 bits. Suppose we sampled n points from a distribution D and found that one of the programs is consistent with 85% of the sample points.

- What is the smallest δ for which we can say that: With probability at least $1 - \delta$, the program misclassifies at most a $.15 + \epsilon$ fraction of all points of D ? (δ is a function of n, ϵ .)
- Now suppose $n=1000$. Give a minimum value ϵ such that with probability at least 95%, the program misclassifies at most a $.15 + \epsilon$ fraction of all points of D .
- In problem (b) above, what can you say about the true error of the program on points of a different distribution D' ?

Problem 3.

Consider the following card game: We have a (infinite) deck of cards with values $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, and a distribution D assigning each value the probability $\frac{1}{4}$. In each round, players **A** and **B** both draw two cards according to D . The player with the higher sum wins the round. If there is a tie, neither player wins the round.

- What's the probability that **A** wins a given round? What's the probability that **B** wins a given round? What is the probability of a tie?
- If there are 100 rounds, what is the expected number of rounds that **A** wins? What is the expected number of ties?
- If there are 100 rounds, give an upper bound on the probability that **A** will win 50 or more rounds. Derive bounds using Markov, Chernoff and Hoeffding.
- At least how many rounds does **A** need to play so that with at least 99% probability, **A** will win 35 or more rounds? Derive bounds using Chernoff and Hoeffding.