## GuessTuples Project

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**Abstract** 

Notes on GuessTuples project

## 1 Configuring the nets

## 1.1 Alice

The input array to guess is x. There should be  $N_{\text{code}}$  outputs taking values  $y = (y_j)_{j=0,\dots,N_{\text{code}}}$ . Normalise all the rewards so that for each bit j,  $r_{j,\prime} + (N_{\text{code}} - 1) r_{j,\prime} = 0$ . In other words

$$r_{jk} \leftarrow r_{jk} - \frac{r_{j\prime} + (N_{\text{code}} - 1) \, r_{j\prime}}{N_{\text{code}}}.\tag{1}$$

The Q estimate is then taken to be

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j} b_{j} y_{j} \equiv \sum_{j} |y_{j}|, \qquad (2)$$

where

$$b_j = \operatorname{sgn}(y_j) \tag{3}$$

is the prediction for the machine value of the jth bit. The loss function is

$$L = |Q(\mathbf{x}) - r|^2. \tag{4}$$

## **1.2** Bob

Bob receives a matrix,  $\mathbf{X} = (X_i) = (X_{ij})$  for  $0 \le i < N_{\text{select}}$ ,  $0 \le j < N_{\text{code}}$ , and a code  $\mathbf{c} = (c_j)_{j=0,\dots,N_{\text{code}}}$ . Why not makes his outputs be Q-estimates  $z = (z_i)_{i=0,\dots,N_{\text{select}}}$ . Bob's prediction is then  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{pred}} = \mathbf{X}_{i_{\text{pred}}}$  where

$$i_{\text{pred}} = \operatorname{argmax}_i(z_i).$$
 (5)

The loss function is

$$L = \left| z_{i_{\text{pred}}} - r \right|^2. \tag{6}$$

How do we enforce covariance with respect to the order of  $(X_i)$ ?

1. Covariance will occur naturally and quickly without any specific intervention. *To be determined.* 

2. Covariance can be enforced through choosing a set  $\{\sigma\}\subseteq S_{n_{\text{code}}}$ , which could be generated element—by—element by composing randomly—selected basis transpositions  $(j\ j+1)$ , and then adding to the loss a term

$$\mu \sum_{\sigma} \left| z - \sigma^{-1} \left[ z(\sigma[\mathbf{X}]) \right] \right|^2 \tag{7}$$

for some fixed hyperparameter  $\mu > 0$ . Note this the term is still run backward through the original  $x \mapsto z$  net configuration only. How effective would that be? How big does  $\{\sigma\}$  have to be? And how much time would the permutation and the additions forward passes cost?

- 3. Enforce covariance via direct identification of weights in Bob's net. How?
- 4. Something related to set transformers. ?
- 5. Adopt a different basic set—up where each  $(X)_i$  is fed through the net separately, alongside the code c, resulting in a Q-estimate  $z_i$ . Then find the loss function as in Eq. 6. Seems the most straightforward? Adopt this for now.

None of these quite amount to Bob seeks to reproduce the Alice's code vocabulary. However Bob could additionally set up a net in the same basic configuration as Alice's (he doesn't know the weights of course) and train *that* net jointly with his main net.