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Problem 2.16

x is one-dimensional variable

for a hypothesis set: $H = \{h_c(x) = \text{Sign}(\sum_{i=0}^D c_i x^i)\}$

Prove that VC dimension of H is exactly $(D+1)$ by

- (a) There are $(D+1)$ points which are shattered by H
- (b) There are no $(D+2)$ points which are shattered by H

Solution:

(a) Consider $D+1$ distinct points each of $D+1$ dimensions,

Consider any dichotomy $y: (y_0 \dots y_D)^T \in \{-1, 1\}^{D+1}$

such that $y_K = h_c(x_K) = \text{Sign}(\sum_{i=0}^D c_i x_K^i)$

Since the $D+1$ points are distinct

$$\text{So } |X| \neq 0$$

So X is invertible

(Vandermonde matrix)

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0^1 & \dots & x_0^D \\ 1 & x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^D \\ \vdots & & & \\ 1 & x_N^1 & \dots & x_N^D \end{bmatrix}$$

by solving the system $Xc = y \rightarrow c = X^{-1}y$

there exist coefficients to satisfy any dichotomy

So H can shatter $D+1$ points

$$m_H(D+1) = 2^{D+1}, \text{ dvc}(H) \geq D+1$$

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in other words :

$\sum_{i=0}^D c_i x^i$ is a polynomial that has D roots
for D+1 points

- Since we can find coefficients by solving the system as we have just proved it
- Such that the D roots fall into D intervals between min & max of D+1 points
- Then the polynomial will change the sign with moving from the left to right of a root
- So for any dichotomy of D+1 points we can choose polynomial to match sign of each point

Ex. $D=1$

2 points

$$h_c(x) = c_0 + c_1 x$$

$x_0 \quad x_1$

we can find 1 degree polynomial to separate these 2 points in all possible dichotomies

(b) Consider $D+2$ distinct points
each of $D+1$ dimensions

so they are linearly dependent

and since the polynomial of degree D
so it can alternate signs up to D times
not $D+1$ times

which means there will be a point that
can't be controlled leads to 2 neighboring
points with same sign

so we can't correctly classify $D+2$
distinct points with any dichotomy

Ex. $D = 1$

3 points

$$h_c(x) = c_0 + c_1 x$$

$x_0 \quad x_1 \quad x_2$
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we can't find 1 degree polynomial that is
a line to separate these 3 points
to match all possible dichotomies

so H can't shatter $D+2$ points

$$m_H(D+2) < 2^{D+2}, \text{ dvc}(H) \leq D+1$$

from a, b) $\text{dvc}(H) = D+1$

Problem 2.24

a) $\bar{g}(x) = E_D [g^D(x)]$

$g^D(x)$ is a hypothesis that gets min Ein
on dataset D

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ein}(g) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [f(x_i) - h(x_i)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 - (ax_i + b)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 - ax_i - b]^2 \end{aligned}$$

To have min Ein

Set derivatives of Ein w.r.t a & b to 0

$$\frac{\partial \text{Ein}(g)}{\partial a} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i [x_i^2 - ax_i - b] = 0 \rightarrow ①$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Ein}(g)}{\partial b} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 - ax_i - b] = 0 \rightarrow ②$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 * ② - ① \\ (x_1 - x_2)(x_2^2 - ax_2 - b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 * ② - ① \\ (x_2 - x_1)(x_1^2 - ax_1 - b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\text{we get: } x_1^2 - ax_1 - b = 0$$
$$x_2^2 - ax_2 - b = 0$$

Solve both equations together?

$$x_1^2 - ax_1 = b$$

$$x_2^2 - ax_2 = b$$

$$x_1^2 - ax_1 = x_2^2 - ax_2$$

$$x_1^2 - x_2^2 = ax_1 - ax_2$$

$$(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2) = a(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$a = x_1 + x_2$$

$$b = x_1^2 - ax_1 = x_1^2 - (x_1 + x_2)x_1$$
$$= x_1^2 - x_1^2 - x_1 x_2$$

$$b = -x_1 x_2$$

we get:

$$a = x_1 + x_2$$
$$b = -x_1 x_2$$

$$\overline{g(x)} = E_D [g^D(x)]$$

$$= E_D [ax + b]$$

$$= E_D [(x_1 + x_2)x - x_1 x_2]$$

$$= E_D [x_1 x] + x_2 E_D [x_1 x] - E_D [x_1 x_2]$$

$$= E_D [x_1 x] + E_D [x_2 x] - E_D [x_1 x_2]$$

$$= E_D [x_1] x + E_D [x_2] x$$

$$- E_D [x_1] E_D [x_2] \quad x_1, x_2 \text{ independent}$$

$$E_D [x_1] = ?$$

x_1 is uniformly distributed in the interval $[-1, 1]$

$$E_D [x] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = 0$$

Same for x_2

$$\overline{g(x)} = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Variance} &= E_x [E_D [(g^D(x) - \bar{g}(x))^2]] \\
 &= E_x [E_D [((x_1+x_2)x - x_1x_2 - 0)^2]] \\
 &= E_x [E_D [(x_1+x_2)^2 x^2 - 2(x_1+x_2)x x_1x_2 + x_1^2x_2^2]] \\
 &= E_x [E_D [(x_1+x_2)^2] x^2 - 2 E_D [(x_1+x_2)x x_1x_2] x \\
 &\quad + E_D [x_1^2 x_2^2]] \\
 &= E_x [x^2 E_D [x_1^2] + x^2 E_D [x_2^2] + 2 E_D [x_1] E_D [x_2] x^2 \\
 &\quad - 2 E_D [x_1^2] E_D [x_2] - 2 E_D [x_2^2] E_D [x_1] \\
 &\quad + E_D [x_1^2] E_D [x_2^2]]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_D [x_1^2] = ?$$

$$E_D = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Variance} = E_x \left[x^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + 0 \right) - 0 - 0 + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \right]$$

$$E_x \left[\frac{2}{3} x^2 + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\text{Bias} = E_x \left[\left(\overline{g(x)} - f(x) \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[(0 - x^2)^2 \right] = E_x [x^4]$$

$$E_x [x^4] = ?$$

$$E_x [x^4] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^4 dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{Bias} = \boxed{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$E_D [E_{\text{out}}(g^D)] = E_D \left[E_x \left[\left(g^D(x) - f(x) \right)^2 \right] \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[E_D \left[(g^D(x) - f(x))^2 \right] \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[E_D \left[(g^D(x))^2 \right] - 2 E_D [g^D(x)] f(x) \right.$$

$$\quad \left. + f(x)^2 \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[E_D \left[(g^D(x))^2 \right] - 2 \overline{g(x)} f(x) + f(x)^2 \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[E_D \left[(g^D(x))^2 \right] - \overline{g(x)}^2 + \overline{g(x)}^2 - 2 \overline{g(x)} f(x) + f(x)^2 \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[E_D \left[(g^D(x) - \overline{g(x)})^2 \right] + (\overline{g(x)} - f(x))^2 \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[\text{variance} + \text{Bias} \right] = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{8}{15}$$