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Home Assignment 4

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# 1 From a lower bound on the expectation to a lower bound on the probability

We want to prove the tighter bound  $P(X \geq c) \geq \frac{a-c}{b-c}$

Let  $X$  be a random variable that is always upper bounded by  $b$

Let  $0 \leq x < a < b$

Let  $X \in [0, 1]$  and  $c \in [0, 1]$

Then by the inequality from Yevgeny's slides we have that:

$$E(Z) \leq c\mathbb{P}(Z \leq c) + 1\mathbb{P}(Z > c) \Rightarrow$$

$$a \leq c\mathbb{P}(X \leq c) + b\mathbb{P}(X > c) \Rightarrow$$

$$a \leq c(1 - \mathbb{P}(X \geq c)) + b\mathbb{P}(X > c) \Rightarrow$$

$$a \leq c - c\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) + b\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) \leq c - c\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) + b\mathbb{P}(x \geq c) \Rightarrow$$

$$a - c \leq -c\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) + b\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) \Rightarrow$$

$$a - c \leq (-c + b)\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) \Rightarrow$$

$$a - c \leq (b - c)\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) \Rightarrow$$

If  $X$  was not bounded the variable  $b$  would be infinitely large. Since  $b$  is the upper bound of  $X$ .

## 2 Learning by discretization

### 2.1 1

We define  $\pi(h) = \frac{1}{M} = \frac{1}{|H_d|} = \frac{1}{2^{d^2}}$  (We have a  $d^2$  grid where each square is either 1 or 0) such that we distribute the confidence budget  $\delta$  uniformly among the hypotheses in  $\mathcal{H}$  while satisfying  $\pi(h) > 0 \forall h$  and  $\sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \pi(h) \leq 1$ . We derive the generalization bound from Occam's Razor Bound to distribute the uncertainty budget unevenly among the hypotheses in  $\mathcal{H}_d$ .

**Theorem 3.3**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H}_d : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\pi(h)\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) &\leq \delta \Rightarrow \\
 P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H}_d : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{M}\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) &\leq \delta \Rightarrow \\
 P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H}_d : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{M}{\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) &\leq \delta \\
 P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H}_d : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{2^{d^2}}{\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) &\geq 1 - \delta
 \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 2

We choose

$$\pi(h) = \pi(H_d(h)) \frac{1}{|H_d|} = \frac{1}{2^{d(h)+1}} \frac{1}{2^{d(h)^2}} = \frac{1}{2^{d(h)+1}} \frac{1}{2^{f(h)}} = \frac{1}{2^{d(h)+1+f(h)}}$$

The first part of  $\pi(h)$  distributes the confidence budget  $\delta$  among  $\mathcal{H}_d - S$  and the second part distributes the confidence budget uniformly within  $\mathcal{H}_d$

$$P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H} : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2^{d(h)+1+f(h)}} \delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) \leq \delta \Rightarrow$$

$$P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H} : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{2^{d(h)+1+f(h)}}{\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) \geq 1 - \delta \Rightarrow$$

## 2.3 3

We want to find a  $d$  that minimizes

$$\hat{L}(h, S) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{2^{d(h)+1+f(h)}}{\delta} \right)}{2n}}$$

## 2.4 4

We have that the bound is true for all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , but it is only interesting when  $d \ll \log(n)$ . But if we are interested in seeing how they scale compared to each other, we can look at the most important factors of the squareroot:

$$\frac{\ln \left( \frac{2^{d(h)+1+f(h)}}{\delta} \right)}{2n} \approx \frac{2^d}{n}$$

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We see that as  $d(h)$  increases, so does  $\sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{2^{d(h)+1+f(h)}}{\delta} \right)}{2n}}$  meaning that the when  $d(h)$  increases the bound becomes less tight.

## 3 Early Stopping

### 3.1 1

#### a) - Unbiased

This case is an unbiased estimate of  $L(h_{t^*})$  since our decisions (which model to pick and when to stop) is not decided based on the data.

#### b) - Biased

This case introduces bias, because we choose the model with the lowest validation error. And thus we make a decision based on  $S_{val}$ .

#### c) - Biased

This case introduces more bias than b, since we decide both when to stop and which model to choose based on observations in the data.

### 3.2 2

#### a - Single Hypothesis)

We want to define a bound for a single hypothesis  $h_{t^*} = h_{100}$ . We use Theorem 3.1

$$P \left( L(h_{100}) \geq \hat{L}(h_{100}, S_{val}) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{2n}} \right) \geq 1 - \delta$$

#### b - Finite hypotheses spaces)

We want to define a bound for a finite number of hypothesis  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t$  such that we have  $M = T$  hypothesis.

We use theorem 3.2

$$P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H} : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h_{t^*}, S_{val}) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \frac{T}{\delta}}{2n}} \right) \geq 1 - \delta$$

#### c - Occam's Razor bound)

We use  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = 1$  to derive a  $\pi(h)$  where  $\sum_{h \in H} p(h) = 1$ .

$$P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H} : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h_{t^*}, S_{val}) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\pi(h)\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) \leq \delta \Rightarrow$$

$$P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H} : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h_{t^*}, S_{val}) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{T(T+1)\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) \leq \delta \Rightarrow$$

$$P \left( \exists h \in \mathcal{H} : L(h) \geq \hat{L}(h_{t^*}, S_{val}) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln \left( \frac{T(T+1)}{\delta} \right)}{2n}} \right) \geq 1 - \delta$$

## 4 Logistic Regression

### 4.1 3.6

#### 4.1.1 a

We want to show that

$$E_{in}(w) = \prod_{n=1}^N P(y_n|x_n) \Rightarrow$$

$$E_{in}(w) = \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln \frac{1}{h(x_n)} + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln \frac{1}{1 - h(x_n)}$$

We know that:

$$P(y|x) = \begin{cases} h(x) & \text{for } y = +1 \\ 1 - h(x) & \text{for } y = -1 \end{cases}$$

Maximum likelihood selects the hypothesis which maximizes the probability, but we can also minimize the negative of the probability.

$$-\frac{1}{N} \ln \left( \prod_{n=1}^N P(y_n|x_n) \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sum \ln \left( \frac{1}{P(y_n|x_n)} \right)$$

Since we have a Bernoulli distribution we can rewrite as two sums, one for each output of y.

$$-\sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln(h(x_n)) + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln(1 - h(x_n)) =$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln \left( \frac{1}{h(x_n)} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln \left( \frac{1}{1 - h(x_n)} \right) = E_{in}(w)$$

Where  $[y_n = +1]$  is the probability that y is equal to 1.

#### 4.1.2 b

We know that  $\theta(s) = \theta\left(\frac{e^s}{1+e^s}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{in}(w) &= \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln\left(\frac{1}{h(x_n)}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-h(x_n)}\right) = \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln\left(\frac{1}{\theta(w^T x)}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\theta(w^T x)}\right) = \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln\left(\frac{1}{\frac{e^{w^T x}}{1+e^{w^T x}}}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{e^{w^T x}}{1+e^{w^T x}}}\right) = \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = +1] \ln\left(1+e^{-w^T x_n}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^N [y_n = -1] \ln\left(1+e^{w^T x_n}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Then we can combine  $[y_n = 1]$  and  $[y_n = -1]$  such that

$$E_{in}(w) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln(1 + e^{-y_n w^T x_n})$$

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We know that

$$\nabla E_{in}(w) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{y_n x_n}{1 + e^{y_n w^T x_n}}$$

Which is equal to the derivative of  $E_{in}(w)$  with respect to  $w$ . And we know that  $\left(\frac{e^s}{1+e^s}\right) = \theta(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dw} \left( -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \ln(1 + e^{-y_n w^T x_n}) \right) &= \\ -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_n w^T x_n}} \frac{d}{dw} (1 + e^{-y_n w^T x_n}) &= \\ -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n x_n \frac{e^{-y_n w^T x_n}}{1 + e^{-y_n w^T x_n}} &= \\ -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n x_n \theta(-y_n w^T x_n) &= \\ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N -y_n x_n \theta(-y_n w^T x_n) \end{aligned}$$

A point is classified correctly if  $y_n w^T x_n > 0$  and misclassified if  $y_n w^T x_n \leq 0$   
We have that

$$y_n w^T x_n \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{e^{-y_n w^T x_n}}{1 + e^{-y_n w^T x_n}} \geq 0.5$$

This means that when we take the mean  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N$  the misclassified contributes more then the correctly classified ones.

### The $\{0,1\}$ case:

One could argue that

$$\left[ \frac{y_n + 1}{2} - \theta(w^T x_n) \right] x_n = \begin{cases} [1 - \theta(w^T x_n)] x_n & \text{For } y_n = 1 \\ [0 - \theta(w^T x_n)] x_n & \text{For } y_n = -1 \end{cases}$$

Which in the  $\{0,1\}$  case is equivalent to

$$[y_n - \theta(w^T x_n)] x_n = \begin{cases} [1 - \theta(w^T x_n)] x_n & \text{For } y_n = 1 \\ [0 - \theta(w^T x_n)] x_n & \text{For } y_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

This means that the argument in the second case is the same as the first.



### 4.3 Log-odds

Let  $s = w^T x + b$  and let  $P(Y = 1|X = x) = y$  we assume that  $s$  encodes the log-odds:

$$s = \ln \left( \frac{P(Y = 1|X = x)}{P(Y = 0|X = x)} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{y}{1 - y} \right)$$

If  $\sigma$  is the logistic function we should have that  $\sigma(s) = y$  (Keep in mind the fraction rule  $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{a}{bc}$ )

$$\sigma(s) = \frac{e^s}{1 + e^s} = \frac{e^{\ln(\frac{y}{1-y})}}{1 + e^{\ln(\frac{y}{1-y})}} = \frac{\frac{y}{1-y}}{1 + \frac{y}{1-y}} = \frac{y}{(1-y)(1 + \frac{y}{1-y})} = y$$

Thus we have that if the (affine) linear part of the model ( $w^T x + b$ ) encodes the log-odds then  $\sigma$  is the logistic function