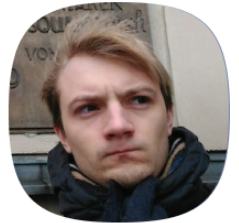


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Problem statement

Make output of a classifier/regressor $f: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$ independent from a nuisance variable $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$.

- ▶ particle identification;
- ▶ independent from:
 - momentum;
 - total number of tracks;
 - pseudo-rapidity.
- ▶ trigger;
- ▶ independent from:
 - MC vs real data.

Independence (statistical)

Random variables $F = f(X)$ and Z are independent iff

$$P(Z \mid F) = P(Z).$$

Independence (informational)

$$(F \perp Z) \iff P(Z \mid F) = P(Z).$$

- ▶ conditional entropy:

$$\mathbb{H}(Z \mid F) \leq \mathbb{H}(Z);$$

- ▶ equality occurs only when $P(F \mid Y) = P(Z)$;
- ▶ i.e., when F and Z are independent:

$$\text{maximize } \mathbb{H}(Z \mid F) \iff \text{achieve } F \perp Z.$$

Conditional Entropy

$$\mathbb{H}(Z \mid F) = - \mathbb{E}_{x, z \sim P(X, Z)} \log P(z \mid f(x))$$

Recovering $P(Z \mid f(X))$ is a regression/classification problem:

$$f(X) \mapsto Z$$

Adversary

$$\mathbb{H}(Z \mid F) = - \mathbb{E}_{x, z \sim P(X, Z)} \log P(z \mid f(x)) = \min_r \left[- \mathbb{E}_{x, z \sim P(X, Z)} \log r(z \mid f(x)) \right]$$

- adversary $r: \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \Pi(\mathcal{Z})$:
 - $\Pi(\mathcal{Z})$ – set of probability distributions;

Adversary

Discrete \mathcal{Z} :

- ▶ r — classifier, e.g.:

$$r(\gamma) = \text{softmax}(r_1(\gamma), r_2(\gamma), \dots, r_n(\gamma))$$

Continuous \mathcal{Z} :

- ▶ r — general regressor:
- ▶ MSE = approximation via a conditional Gaussian;
- ▶ approximation via conditional Gaussian Mixtures e.g.:

$$r(\gamma) = \alpha_1(\gamma)\Phi(\mu_1(\gamma), \sigma_1^2(\gamma)) + \dots + \alpha_n(\gamma)\Phi(\mu_n(\gamma), \sigma_n^2(\gamma))$$

Loss function

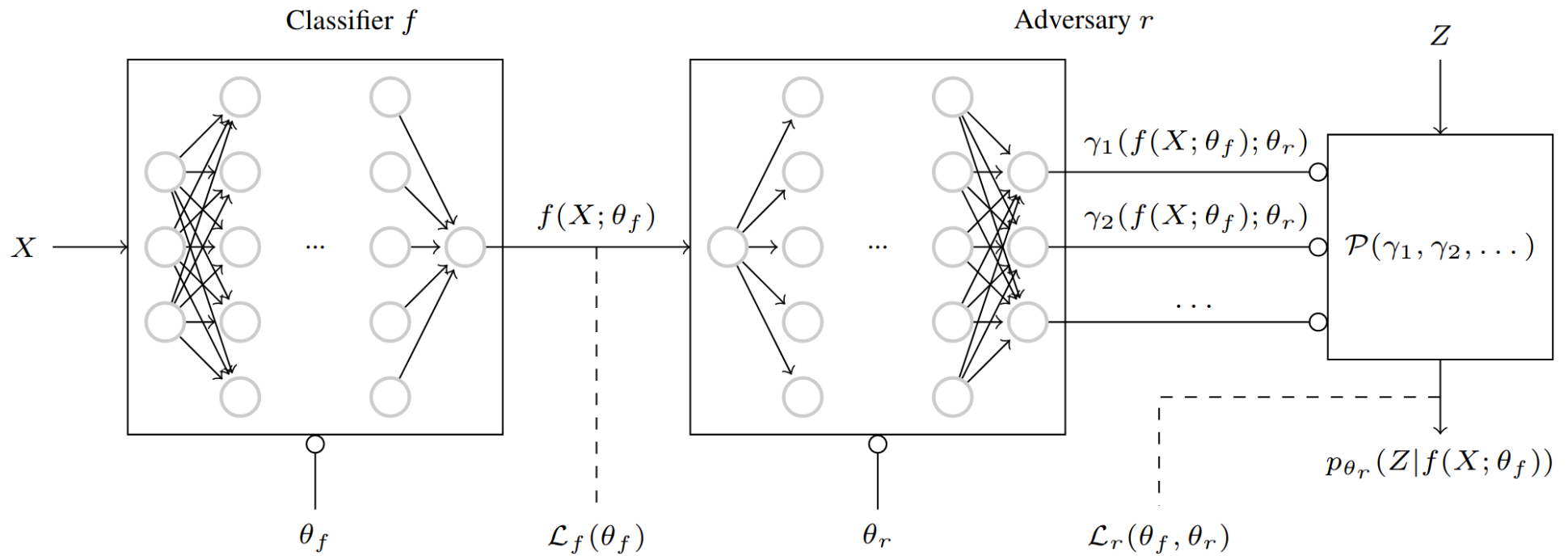
$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \mathcal{L}_f(f) - \mathcal{L}_r(f) \xrightarrow{f} \min;$$

$$\mathcal{L}_f(f) = - \mathbb{E}_{x, y \sim P(X, Y)} \log P(y | f(x));$$

$$\mathcal{L}_r(f) = \mathbb{H}(Z | Y) = \min_r \left[- \mathbb{E}_{x, z \sim P(X, Z)} \log r(z | f(x)) \right];$$

- ▶ \mathcal{L}_f — original loss;
- ▶ \mathcal{L}_r — pivoting loss.

Pivoting



Adversarial Learning

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1: while not converged do
2:   for  $i = 1 \dots N$  do
3:     sample  $x, z$ 
4:      $G_\psi \leftarrow -\nabla_\psi \log r_\psi(z \mid f_\theta(x))$ 
5:      $\psi \leftarrow \text{adam}(G_\psi)$ 
6:   end for
7:   sample  $x, y$ 
8:    $G_\theta^f \leftarrow -\nabla_\theta \log P(y \mid f_\theta(x))$ 
9:    $G_\theta^r \leftarrow -\nabla_\theta \log r_\psi(z \mid f_\theta(x))$ 
10:   $\theta \leftarrow \text{adam}(G_\theta^f - G_\theta^r)$ 
11: end while
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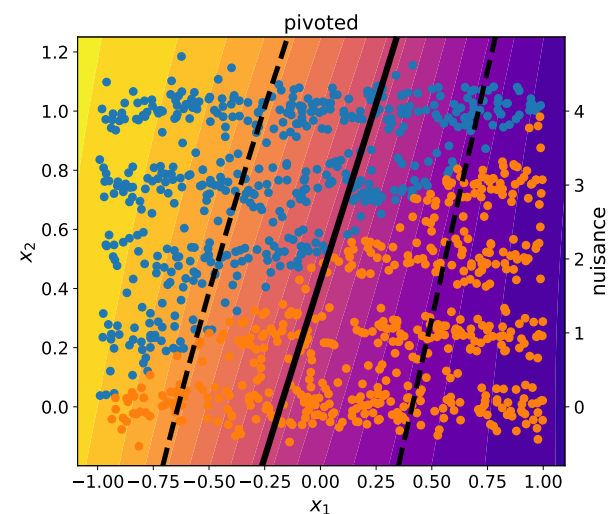
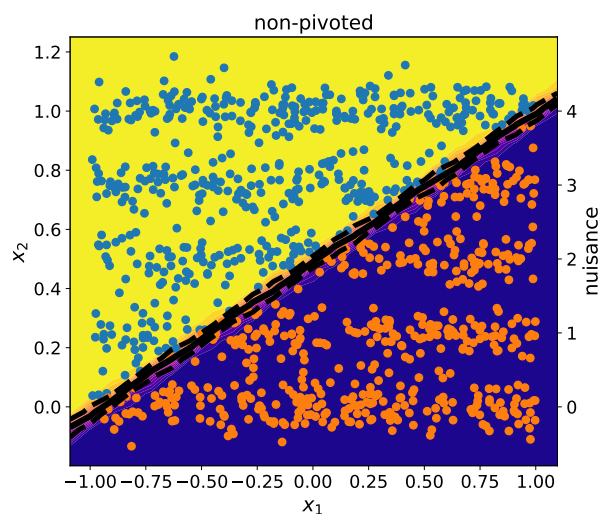
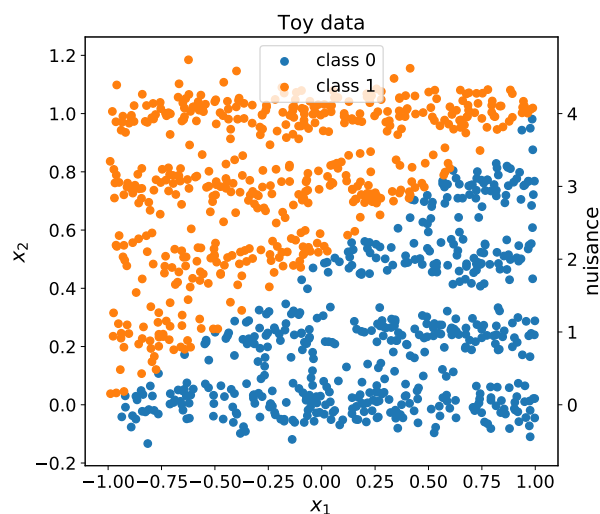
Example

$$x_1 \sim U[0, 1];$$

$$x_2 \sim N(0, \sigma^2) + Z;$$

$$Z \sim U\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\};$$

$$y = \mathbb{I}[x_2 > x_1].$$



Conditional pivoting

Target variable Y might depend on nuisance Z .

Trade-off:

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \mathcal{L}_f(f) - \lambda \mathcal{L}_r(f);$$

Condition on Y :

$$r(f(x)) \rightarrow r(f(x), y);$$

- ▶ pivots each class independently;
- ▶ combined predictions are **not** independent from Z .

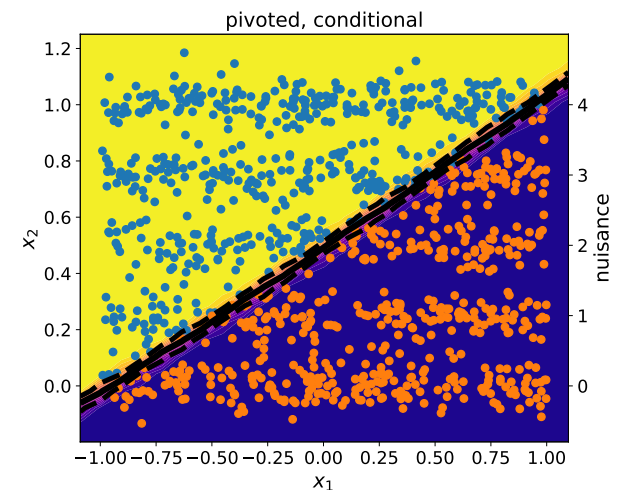
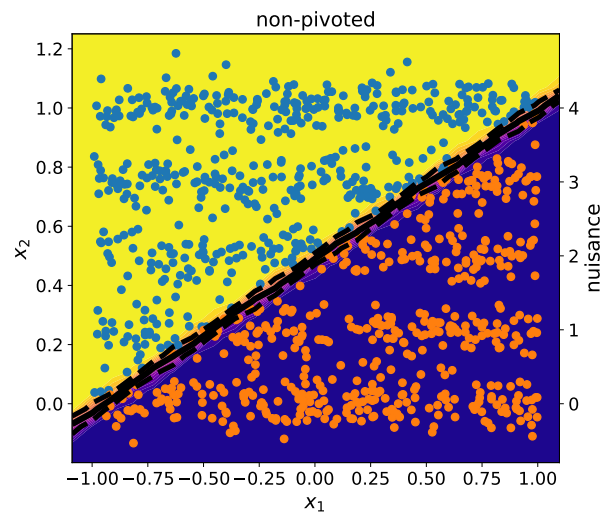
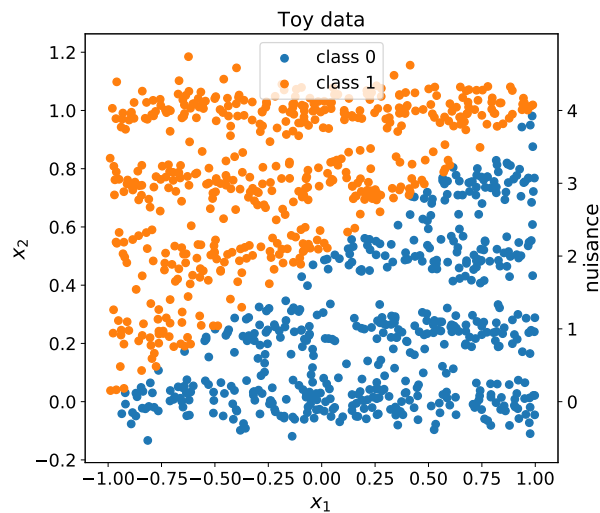
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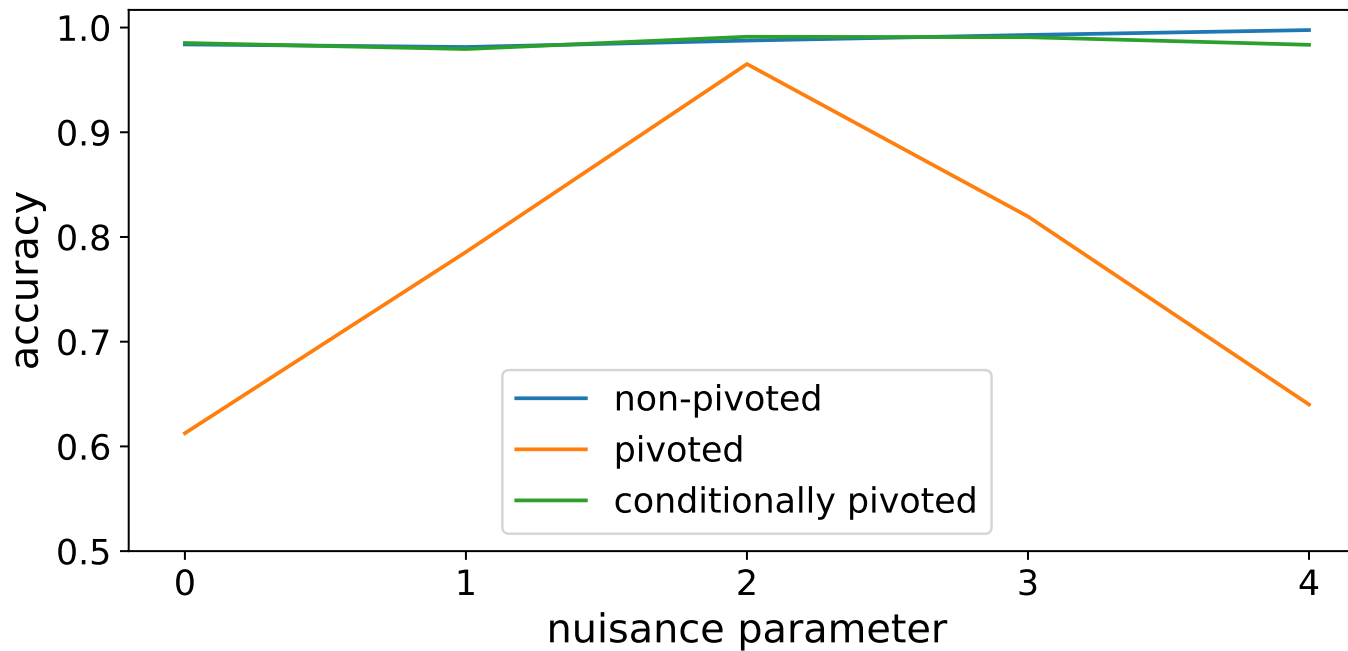
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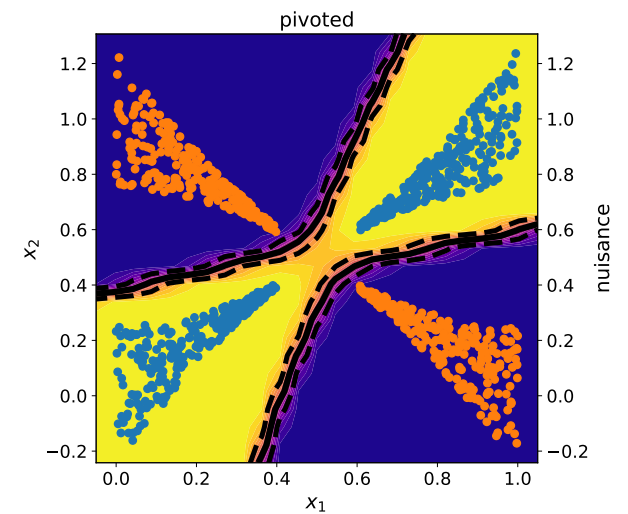
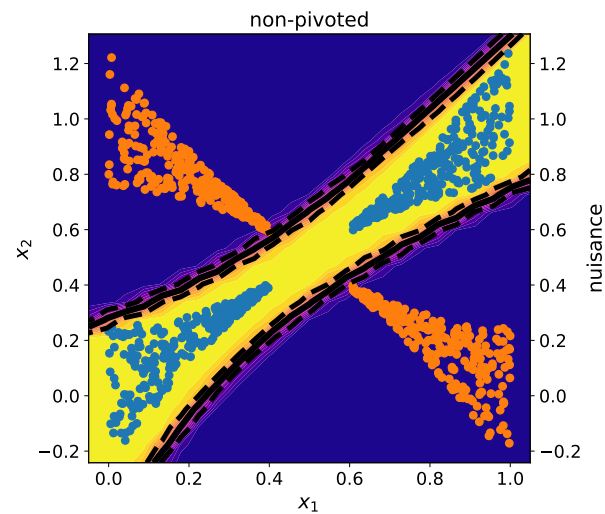
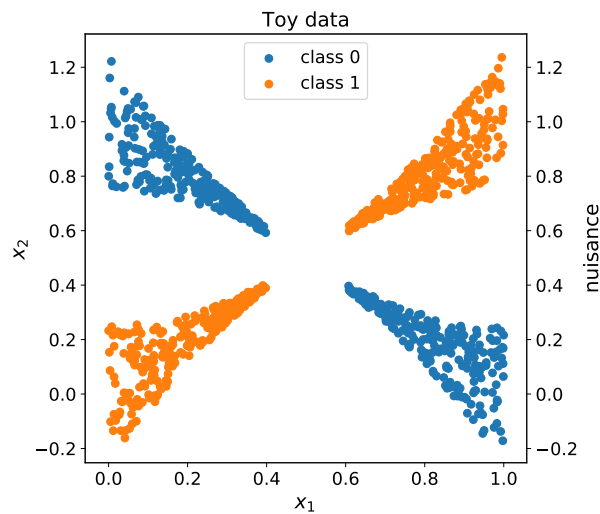


Performance

- ▶ unconditional pivoting might degrade performance;
- ▶ conditional does not.



Independence \neq invariance



Summary



Summary

Adversarial learning:

- ▶ allows to measure and reduce dependencies;

Pivoting:

- ▶ makes predictions independent from nuisance;
- ▶ conditional pivoting acts within each class independently;
- ▶ conditional pivoting does not degrade performance.

Independence \neq invariance.

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