

Homework 5

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1 Hoeffding's Inequality

(a)

Let $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$, and $\mu_X = \mu_{X_1} + \mu_{X_2} + \dots + \mu_{X_n}$.

$$\begin{aligned} Pr\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_{X_i}) \geq t\right] &= Pr\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_{X_i}) \geq nt\right] \\ &= Pr[X - \mu_X \geq nt] \\ &\leq \min_{\lambda \geq 0} M_{X - \mu_X}(\lambda) e^{-\lambda nt} \\ &\leq e^{\lambda nt} E[e^{\lambda(X - \mu_X)}] \\ &\leq e^{\lambda nt} \prod_{i=1}^n E[e^{\lambda(X_i - \mu_{X_i})}] \\ &\leq e^{\lambda nt} \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 n(b-a)^2}{8}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\lambda nt + \frac{\lambda^2 n(b-a)^2}{8}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since the exponent is a quadratic function of λ , it has global minimum when its derivative is zero. Take derivative of the function $f(\lambda) = -\lambda nt + \frac{\lambda^2 n(b-a)^2}{8}$ to get:

$$\lambda = \frac{4t}{(b-a)^2}$$

And substitute back:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(-\lambda nt + \frac{\lambda^2 n(b-a)^2}{8}\right) &= \exp\left(-\frac{4nt^2}{(b-a)^2} + \frac{2nt^2}{(b-a)^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{2nt^2}{(b-a)^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$Pr\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_{X_i}) \geq t\right] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{2nt^2}{(b-a)^2}\right)$$

(b)

Hoeffding's Bound depends on interval $[a, b]$. When $(b-a)$ is large and the random variable X_i is concentrated around $\frac{b-a}{2}$, say $Pr[X_i = \frac{b-a}{2}] = 0.99$ and $Pr[X_i = b \text{ or } X_i = a] = 0.01$, the bound can be much sharper than the equation above.

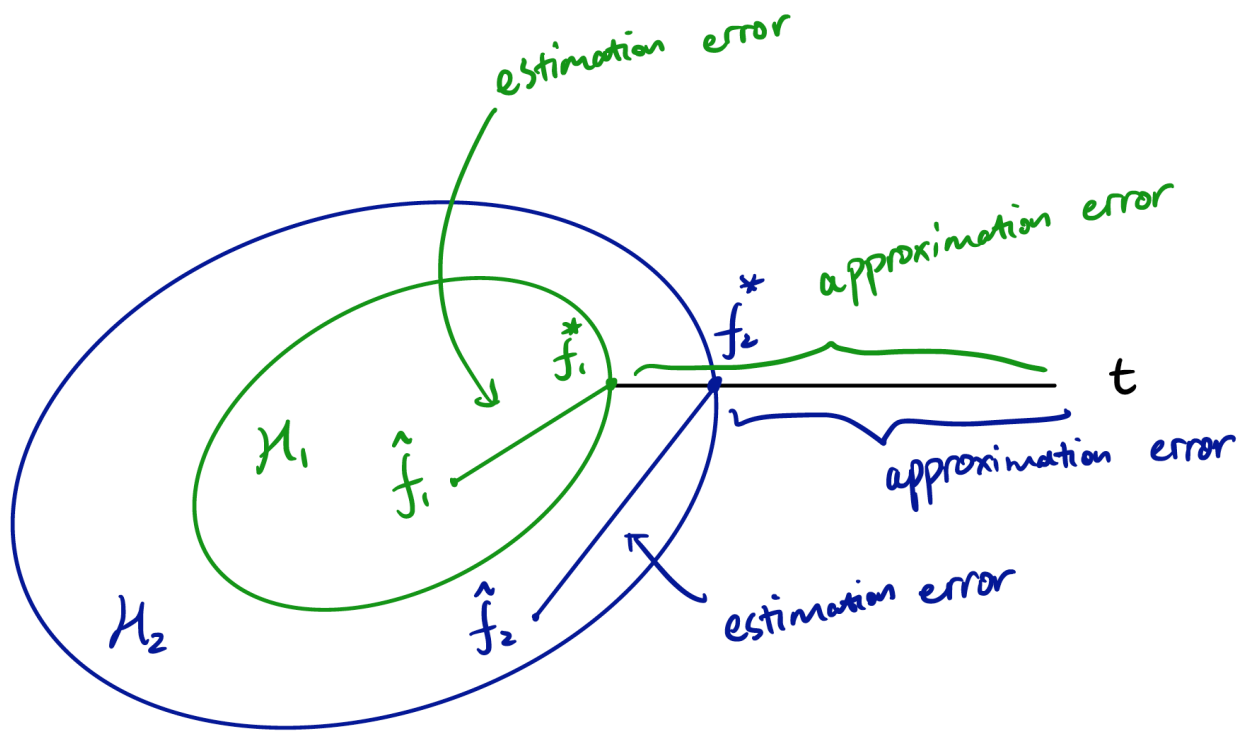
2 VC Dimension

(a)

VC-dimension for \mathcal{H}_1 is p .

VC-dimension for \mathcal{H}_2 is $\frac{(p+1)(p+2)}{2}$, which is equal to the number of parameters.

(b)



$$AR = R^{true}(f^*) - R^*$$

$$ER = R^{true}(\hat{f}) - R^{true}(f^*) \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{\log(N) + \log(\frac{2}{\delta})}{2n}}$$

As n increases, the estimation error decreases. Approximation error stays the same since it doesn't depend on the dataset.

(c)

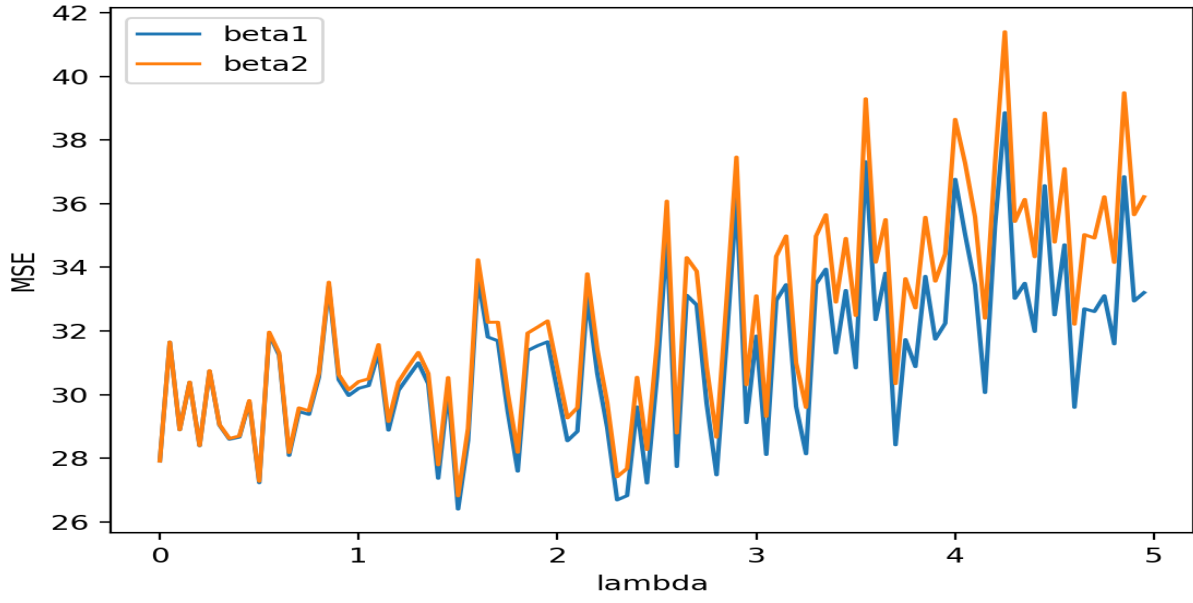
$\mathcal{F} = (f : f(x) = \text{Sign}(\sin \theta x))$. Number of parameter is 1. VC-dimension is infinity.

3 Ridge Regression

(a)

$$\hat{\beta}^{ridge} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y$$

(b)



(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\gamma} &= V^T(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y \\ &= V^T(U_p L V^T)^T U_p L V^T + \lambda V V^T)^{-1} (U_p L V^T)^T Y \\ &= V^T(V L^2 V^T + \lambda V V^T)^{-1} V L U_p^T Y \\ &= V^T(V(L^2 + \lambda I)V^T)^{-1} V L U_p^T Y \\ &= V^T V(L^2 + \lambda I)^{-1} V^T V L U_p^T Y \\ &= (L^2 + \lambda I)^{-1} L U_p^T Y\end{aligned}$$

