

## Motivation

CDF

$$\begin{cases} \text{ECDF} & \hat{F}_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{X_i \leq x\} \\ \text{CDF} & F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{X \leq x\}] \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{LLN} \Rightarrow \hat{F}_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{p/a.s.}} F(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{DKW} \Rightarrow P(\|\hat{F}_n - F\|_\infty \geq \varepsilon) \leq 2 \exp(-2n\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{G-C thm} \Rightarrow \sup_x |\hat{F}_n(x) - F(x)| \xrightarrow{P} 0 \rightarrow \text{uniform converge}$$

interest:  $\gamma(F)$

plug-in estimator:  $\gamma(\hat{F}_n)$

$$\|\hat{F}_n - F\|_\infty \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

Hoeffding can only give point-wise bound  $P(|\hat{F}_n(x) - F(x)| \geq \varepsilon) \leq C$

⇒ Empirical Process

$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P(\cdot)$

$$P_n(f) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) = \int f dP_n$$

$$P(f) = \mathbb{E}_P[f(X)] = \int f dP$$

Answer this question

Our interest:  $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \mathbb{E}_F[f(X)] \right| \xrightarrow{P} 0 \quad (?)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |P_n(f) - P(f)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|P_n - P\|_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \xrightarrow{P} 0 \quad ?$$

Application: ERM

$(X_i, Y_i) \rightsquigarrow \theta^*$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{R}_n(\theta, \theta^*) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_\theta(X_i, Y_i) \\ R(\theta, \theta^*) = \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \theta^*} [\ell_\theta(X, Y)] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{MLE} \Leftrightarrow \ell_\theta(x, y) = -\log \frac{p_\theta(x, y)}{p_\theta(x, y^*)} \\ \text{classify} \Rightarrow \ell_\theta(x, y) = \mathbb{1}\{f_\theta(x) \neq y\} \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{R}_n(\theta, \theta^*) \iff \hat{f} = \underset{f \in \mathcal{H}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{R}_n(f, f^*) \\ \rightarrow \tilde{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} R(\theta, \theta^*) \iff \tilde{f} = \underset{f \in \mathcal{H}}{\operatorname{argmin}} R(f, f^*) \end{array} \right.$$

Excess Risk  
consider

$$E(\hat{\theta}, \tilde{\theta}) = R(\hat{\theta}, \theta^*) - R(\tilde{\theta}, \theta^*)$$

$$= \underbrace{(R(\hat{\theta}, \theta^*) - R_n(\hat{\theta}, \theta^*))}_{\text{r.v.}} + \underbrace{(R_n(\hat{\theta}, \theta^*) - R_n(\tilde{\theta}, \theta^*))}_{\text{optimization } \leq 0} + \underbrace{(R_n(\hat{\theta}, \theta^*) - R(\tilde{\theta}, \theta^*))}_{\text{fixed Bound} \rightarrow \text{capacity of Hypothesis}}$$

need a uniform bound

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} |P_n(l(\theta)) - P(l(\theta))|$$

$$= \|P_n - P\|_f \quad \text{where } \mathcal{F} = \{f: f = l(\theta) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$$

to solve this, VC-dim comes in

result like D-K-W

VC-dim attention

it focus on the question:

$$\begin{cases} P_n(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{X_i \in A\} \\ P(A) = P(X \in A) \end{cases} \rightarrow \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n(A) - P(A)|$$

apply to Binary Classification ERM framework

'Toy' is because: linearity of  $(x, y)$  in estimator

$$F(x) = F(x) \cdot y$$



## A Toy Example to explain:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Training error} \\ \text{Testing error} \end{array} \right.$

$\downarrow$   
 our problem consider the  
simple case that:

- ① fix  $x$
- ② randomness comes from  $\varepsilon$

3. Consider the fixed design nonparametric regression set up with observations  $(x_1, Y_1), \dots, (x_n, Y_n)$ . Suppose further that the noise has constant variance, i.e.  $\text{Var}\{\epsilon_i\} = \sigma^2$ . Both regressograms and Nadaraya-Watson kernel estimators are examples of *linear smoothers*. This means that the vector of predicted values  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = (\hat{r}_n(x_1), \dots, \hat{r}_n(x_n))$  is given by  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{y}$  where  $\mathbf{y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ . The training error can therefore be written as  $\frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$ . What is the expected training error (your answer may contain  $\text{Trace}(\mathbf{L})$ )? What is the average predictive risk, i.e.  $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^*\|_2^2 \right\}$  where  $\mathbf{y}^* = (Y_1^*, \dots, Y_n^*)$  are new observations at each  $x_i$  (your answer may contain  $\text{Trace}(\mathbf{L})$ )? The difference in the two values should be  $2\sigma^2 \text{Trace}(\mathbf{L})/n$ . In other words, this is the amount by which the training error is overly optimistic. Hint: If  $M$  is any matrix, and  $\epsilon$  a vector of independent random variables each with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $\mathbb{E}\{\epsilon^T M \epsilon\} = \text{Trace}(M)\sigma^2$ .

$$\text{Model: } \hat{y}_i = \hat{r}(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{expected training error, } \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{L}(\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \varepsilon) - (\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \varepsilon)\|_2^2 \right] \\ \text{expected testing error, } \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon, \varepsilon^*} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{L}(\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \varepsilon) - (\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \varepsilon^*)\|_2^2 \right] \end{array} \right.$$