

Consider the dataset $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim^{iid} F_{\mu_0}$ where the distributions F_{μ_0} is specified by $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2)$ and $X|Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0 + (-1)^Y, 1)$. The maximum likelihood estimate for μ_0 is given by,

$$\hat{\mu}_0 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - (-1)^{Y_i}) \quad (1)$$

Hence, the estimated decision rule would be $\hat{g}(X; \{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n) = \mathbb{I}\{X < \hat{\mu}_0\}$.

Now we have an additional m training examples $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=n+1}^{n+m} \sim^{iid} F_{\mu_{ood}}$ and we are estimating μ_0 using the combined dataset $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^{n+m}$ using (1). This estimate is given by,

$$\hat{\mu}_0' = \frac{1}{n+m} \sum_{i=1}^{n+m} (X_i - (-1)^{Y_i}) \quad (2)$$

This yield the decision rule $\hat{g}(X; \{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^{n+m}) = \mathbb{I}\{X < \hat{\mu}_0'\}$. We are interested in finding a $c(n)$ such that when $|\mu_0 - \mu_{ood}| < c(n)$ the performance of $\hat{g}(X; \{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^{n+m})$ improves (does not degrade) and when $|\mu_0 - \mu_{ood}| > c(n)$ the performance of $\hat{g}(X; \{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^{n+m})$ degrades.

Let's begin with (2),

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}_0' &= \frac{1}{n+m} \sum_{i=1}^{n+m} (X_i - (-1)^{Y_i}) \\ \hat{\mu}_0' &= \frac{1}{n+m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - (-1)^{Y_i}) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+m} (X_i - (-1)^{Y_i}) \right] \\ \hat{\mu}_0' &= \frac{1}{n+m} \left[n\hat{\mu}_0 + m\hat{\mu}_{ood} \right] \quad \left(\because \hat{\mu}_{ood} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (X_j - (-1)^{Y_j}) \right) \\ \hat{\mu}_0' &= \frac{n\hat{\mu}_0 + m\hat{\mu}_{ood}}{n+m} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\hat{\mu}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, 1/n)$ and $\hat{\mu}_{ood} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ood}, 1/m)$, we notice

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}_0'] &= \frac{n\mu_0 + m\mu_{ood}}{n+m} \\ \text{var}[\hat{\mu}_0'] &= \frac{1}{n+m} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{\mu}_0' \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{n\mu_0 + m\mu_{ood}}{n+m}, \frac{1}{n+m}\right)$$

In order for $\hat{g}(X; \{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^{n+m})$ improve (or maintain) performance within a selected precision ϵ and tolerance δ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\hat{\mu}_0' - \mu_0| < \epsilon) &> 1 - \delta \\ P(\mu_0 - \epsilon < \hat{\mu}_0' < \mu_0 + \epsilon) &> 1 - \delta \\ P\left(\frac{\mu_0 - \epsilon - \frac{n\mu_0 + m\mu_{ood}}{n+m}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+m}}} < Z < \frac{\mu_0 + \epsilon - \frac{n\mu_0 + m\mu_{ood}}{n+m}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+m}}}\right) &> 1 - \delta \end{aligned}$$

Let $M > 0$ such that $P(-M < Z < M) = 1 - \delta$. Then, we have

$$\frac{\mu_0 - \epsilon - \frac{n\mu_0 + m\mu_{ood}}{n+m}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+m}}} < -M$$

and

$$\frac{\mu_0 + \epsilon - \frac{n\mu_0 + m\mu_{ood}}{n+m}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+m}}} > M$$

Simplifying the above, we arrive at

$$\mu_0 - \mu_{ood} < \frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon - \frac{\sqrt{n+m}}{m}M < \frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon$$

and

$$\mu_0 - \mu_{ood} > -\frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon + \frac{\sqrt{n+m}}{m}M > -\frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon$$

Therefore,

$$-\frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon < \mu_0 - \mu_{ood} < \frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon$$

$$|\mu_0 - \mu_{ood}| < \frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon = c(n)$$

$$\therefore c(n) = \frac{n+m}{m}\epsilon$$

Figure 1: These plots demonstrate the effectiveness of the bound $c(n)$. The red line and black line correspond to the Bayes optimal error and $c(n)$ value. The parameters used in the experiment are as follows: $\mu_0 = 0, m = 100, \epsilon = 0.3125$

