# Online Learning: Sequential Rademacher Complexity Bounded by Integrated Complexity (2)

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### Online Learning Model

Online Learning Model:

Let  $\mathcal F$  be a class of functions and  $\mathcal X$  some set. The Online Learning Model is defined as the following T-round interaction between the learner and the adversary: On round t=1,...,T, the learner chooses  $f_t\in \mathcal F$ , the adversary picks  $x_t\in \mathcal X$ , and the learner suffers loss  $f_t(x_t)$ . At the end of T rounds we define regret

$$\mathbf{R}\left(f_{1:T}, x_{1:T}\right) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} f_t\left(x_t\right) - \inf_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} f\left(x_t\right)$$

as the difference between the cumulative loss of the player as compared to the cumulative loss of the best fixed comparator.

Online learnable:

For the given pair  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$ , the problem is said to be online learnable if there exists an algorithm for the learner such that regret grows sublinearly.



### Value of the Game

#### Theorem 1

Let  $\mathcal F$  and  $\mathcal X$  be the sets of moves for the two players, satisfying the necessary conditions for the minimax theorem to hold. Denote by  $\mathcal Q$  and  $\mathcal P$  the sets of probability distributions (mixed strategies) on  $\mathcal F$  and  $\mathcal X$ , respectively. Then

$$\mathcal{V}_{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X}) = \inf_{q_{1} \in \mathcal{Q}} \sup_{x_{1} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{f_{1} \sim q_{1}} \dots \inf_{q_{T} \in \mathcal{Q}} \sup_{x_{T} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{f_{T} \sim q_{T}} [\sum_{t=1}^{T} f_{t}(x_{t}) - \inf_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} f(x_{t})]$$

$$= \sup_{\rho_{1}} \mathbb{E}_{x_{1} \sim \rho_{1}} \dots \sup_{\rho_{T}} \mathbb{E}_{x_{T} \sim \rho_{T}} [\sum_{t=1}^{T} \inf_{f_{t} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{x_{t} \sim \rho_{t}} [f_{t}(x_{t})] - \inf_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} f(x_{t})]$$

- $\bullet$   $\mathcal{F}$ : is a subset of a separable metric space.
- Q: the set of probability distributions on  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- $p_t$ : the distribution on  $x_t$



#### Some definitions

#### Definition 1. Online Learnable (Formal)

A class  $\mathcal F$  is said to be online learnable with respect to the given  $\mathcal X$  if

$$\limsup_{T \to \infty} \frac{\mathcal{V}_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})}{T} = 0$$

Since complexity of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the focus, we shall often write  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{F})$ , and the dependence on  $\mathcal{X}$  will be implicit.

#### Definition 2. Sequential Rademacher Complexity (SRC)

The Sequential Rademacher Complexity of a function class  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\chi}$  is defined as

$$\Re_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{F}) = \sup_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{\mathcal{T}} \epsilon_t f\left(\mathbf{x}_t(\epsilon)\right) \right]$$

where the outer supremum is taken over all  $\mathcal{X}$ -valued trees of depth T and  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_T)$  is a sequence of i.i.d. Rademacher random variables.

### Upper bound by SRC

#### Theorem 2

The minimax value of a randomized game is bounded as

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{F}) \le 2\Re_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{F}) \tag{1}$$

#### Theorem 3

For any function class,  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq [-1,1]^{\mathcal{X}}$ 

$$\mathfrak{R}_{T}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \mathfrak{D}_{T}(\mathcal{F}) \tag{2}$$

#### **Definition 3**

The Integrated Complexity of a function class  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq [-1,1]^{\mathcal{X}}$  is defined as

$$\mathfrak{D}_{T}(\mathcal{F}) = \inf_{\alpha} \left\{ 4T\alpha + 12 \int_{\alpha}^{1} \sqrt{T \log \mathcal{N}_{2}(\delta, \mathcal{F}, T)} d\delta \right\}$$
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#### Lemma 1

For any finite set V of  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued trees of depth T we have that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right] \leq \sqrt{2 \log(|V|) \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \max_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}^{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon)^{2}}$$

A simple consequence of the above lemma is that if  $\mathcal{F}\subseteq [-1,1]^{\mathcal{X}}$  is a finite class, then for any given tree  $\mathbf{x}$  we have that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} f\left(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)\right) \right] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right] \leq \sqrt{2T \log(|\mathcal{F}|)}$$



### Proof of Lemma (1)

For any  $\lambda > 0$ , we invoke Jensen's inequality to get

$$\begin{split} M(\lambda) &:= \exp\left\{\lambda \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right] \right\} \leq \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \exp\left\{\lambda \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right\} \right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \exp\left\{\lambda \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right\} \right] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \exp\left\{\lambda \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right\} \right] \end{split}$$

With the usual technique of peeling from the end,

$$\begin{aligned} M(\lambda) &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon_{1},...,\epsilon_{T}} \left[ \prod_{t=1}^{T} \exp \left\{ \lambda \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t} \left( \epsilon_{1:t-1} \right) \right\} \right] \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon_{1},...,\epsilon_{T-1}} \left[ \prod_{t=1}^{T-1} \exp \left\{ \lambda \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t} \left( \epsilon_{1:t-1} \right) \right\} \times A \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $A = \left(\frac{\exp\left\{\lambda \mathbf{v}_{T}\left(\epsilon_{1:T-1}\right)\right\} + \exp\left\{-\lambda \mathbf{v}_{T}\left(\epsilon_{1:T-1}\right)\right\}}{2}\right)$ 

#### Proof of Lemma (2)

$$\leq \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_{\mathcal{T}-1}} \left[ \prod_{t=1}^{\mathcal{T}-1} \exp\left\{ \lambda \epsilon_t \mathbf{v}_t \left( \epsilon_{1:t-1} \right) \right\} \times \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-1} \right)^2}{2} \right\} \right]$$

where we used the inequality  $\frac{1}{2}\{\exp(a)+\exp(-a)\} \le \exp(a^2/2)$ , valid for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Peeling off the second term is a bit more involved:

$$\begin{split} M(\lambda) &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon_{1}, \dots, \epsilon_{T-2}} \left[ \prod_{t=1}^{T-2} \exp\left\{ \lambda \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t} \left( \epsilon_{1:t-1} \right) \right\} \times \right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2} \left( \exp\left\{ \lambda \mathbf{v}_{T-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:T-2} \right) \right\} \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^{2} \mathbf{v}_{T} \left( \left( \epsilon_{1:T-2}, 1 \right) \right)^{2}}{2} \right\} \right. \\ &\left. + \exp\left\{ -\lambda \mathbf{v}_{T-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:T-2} \right) \right\} \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^{2} \mathbf{v}_{T} \left( \left( \epsilon_{1:T-2}, -1 \right) \right)^{2}}{2} \right\} \right) \right] \end{split}$$

### Proof of Lemma (3)

Consider the term inside:

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{2} \left( \exp\left\{ \lambda \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2} \right) \right\} \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \left( \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2}, 1 \right) \right)^2}{2} \right\} \right) + \\ &\frac{1}{2} \left( \exp\left\{ -\lambda \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2} \right) \right\} \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \left( \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2}, -1 \right) \right)^2}{2} \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \max_{\varepsilon_{\mathcal{T}-1}} \left( \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \left( \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2}, \epsilon_{\mathcal{T}-1} \right) \right)^2}{2} \right\} \right) \times \\ &\exp\left\{ \lambda \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2} \right) \right\} + \exp\left\{ -\lambda \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2} \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \max_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{T}-1}} \left( \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \left( \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2}, \epsilon_{\mathcal{T}-1} \right) \right)^2}{2} \right\} \right) \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2} \right)^2}{2} \right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \max_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{T}-1} \in \{\pm 1\}} \left( \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}-1} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-2} \right)^2 + \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{T}} \left( \epsilon_{1:\mathcal{T}-1} \right)^2 \right)}{2} \right\} \end{split}$$

#### Proof of Lemma (4)

Repeating the last steps, we show that for any i,

$$\begin{split} M(\lambda) &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} E_{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_{i-1}} [\prod_{t=1}^{i-1} \exp\left\{\lambda \epsilon_t \mathbf{v}_t \left(\epsilon_{1:t-1}\right)\right\} \times \\ &\exp\left\{\frac{\lambda^2 \max_{\epsilon_i \dots \epsilon_{T-1} \in \{\pm 1\}} \sum_{t=i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_t \left(\epsilon_{1:t-1}\right)^2}{2}\right\}] \end{split}$$

We arrive at

$$\begin{split} M(\lambda) & \leq \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \exp \left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \max_{\epsilon_1 \dots \epsilon_{T-1} \in \{\pm 1\}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{v}_t \left(\epsilon_{1:t-1}\right)^2}{2} \right\} \\ & \leq |V| \exp \left\{ \frac{\lambda^2 \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \max_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{v}_t (\epsilon)^2}{2} \right\} \end{split}$$

### Proof of Lemma (5)

Take logarithms on both sides, dividing by  $\lambda$  and setting

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(|V|)}{\max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \max_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}} T \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{v}_t(\epsilon)^2}}$$

we conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_T} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t \mathbf{v}_t(\epsilon) \right] \leq \sqrt{2 \log(|V|) \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \max_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}^T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{v}_t(\epsilon)^2}$$

# Proof of the Theorem (1)

Define  $\beta_0=1$  and  $\beta_j=2^{-j}$ . For a fixed tree  ${\bf x}$  of depth T, let  $V_j$  be an  $\ell_2-$ cover at scale  $\beta_j$ . For any path  $\epsilon\in\{\pm 1\}^T$  and any  $f\in\mathcal{F}$ , let  ${\bf v}[f,\epsilon]^j\in V_j$  the element of the cover such that

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}\left|\mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon)-f\left(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)\right)\right|^{2}}\leq\beta_{j}$$

where  $\mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_t^j$  denotes the *t*-th mapping of  $\mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]^j$ . For any  $t\in[T]$ , we have

$$f\left(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)\right) = f\left(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)\right) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{N}(\epsilon) + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left(\mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon)\right)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_t^0(\epsilon) = 0$ . Hence,

$$egin{aligned} E_{\epsilon}[\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} f(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon))] &= E_{\epsilon}[\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} (f(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{N}(\epsilon) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon))) \end{aligned}$$

## Proof of the Theorem (2)

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \left( f(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{N}(\epsilon) \right) + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left( \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon) \right) \right) \right]$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \left( f\left(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)\right) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{N}(\epsilon) \right) \right]$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left( \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon) \right) \right) \right]$$
(4)

The first term above can be bounded via Cauchy-Schwarz inequality as

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{I} \epsilon_{t} \left( f \left( \mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon) \right) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{N}(\epsilon) \right) \right] \\ & \leq T \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{\epsilon_{t}}{\sqrt{T}} \frac{\left( f \left( \mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon) \right) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{N}(\epsilon) \right)}{\sqrt{T}} \right] \leq T \beta_{N}. \end{split}$$

# Proof of the Theorem (3)

The second term in (4) is bounded by considering successive refinements of the cover. Consider all possible pairs of  $\mathbf{v}^s \in V_j$  and  $\mathbf{v}^r \in V_{j-1}$ , for  $1 \le s \le |V_j|, 1 \le r \le |V_{j-1}|$ , where we assumed an arbitrary enumeration of elements. For each pair  $(\mathbf{v}^s, \mathbf{v}^r)$ , define a real-valued tree  $\mathbf{w}^{(s,r)}$  by

$$\mathbf{w}_t^{(s,r)}(\epsilon) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{v}_t^s(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}_t^r(\epsilon) & \text{ if there exists } f \in \mathcal{F} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{v}^s = \mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]^j, \mathbf{v}^r = \mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]^{j-1} \\ 0 & \text{ otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

for all  $t \in [T]$  and  $\epsilon \in \pm 1^T$ . It is crucial that  $\mathbf{w}_t^{(s,r)}$  can be non-zero only on those paths  $\epsilon$  for which  $\mathbf{v}^s$  and  $\mathbf{v}^r$  are indeed the members of the covers (at successive resolutions) close to  $f(\mathbf{x}(\epsilon))$  (in the  $\ell_2$  sense) for some path  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let the set of trees  $W_j$  be defined as

$$W_{j}=\left\{ \mathbf{w}^{\left( s,r
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## Proof of the Theorem (4)

Now, the second term in (4) can be written as

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left( \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon) \right) \right] \\ & \leq \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \left( \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon) \right) \right] \\ & \leq \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}_{j}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{w}_{t}(\epsilon) \right] \end{split}$$

The last inequality holds because for any  $j \in [N], \epsilon \in \pm 1^F$  and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  there is sime  $\mathbf{w}^{(s,r)} \in W_i$  with  $\mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]^j = \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{v}[f, \epsilon]^{j-1} = \mathbf{r}$  and

$$\mathbf{v}_t^s(\epsilon) - \mathbf{v}_t^r(\epsilon) = \mathbf{w}_t^{(s,r)}(\epsilon), \forall t \leq T$$

clearly,  $|W_i| \le |V_i| |V_{i-1}|$ .

## Proof of the Theorem (5)

To invoke Lemma, it remains to bound the magnitude of all  $\mathbf{w}^{(s,r)} \in W_j$  along all paths. For this purpose, fix  $\mathbf{w}^{(s,r)}$  and a path  $\epsilon$ .

#### Condition 1

If there exists  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  for which  $\mathbf{v}^s = \mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]^j$  and  $\mathbf{v}^r = \mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]^{j-1}$ , then  $\mathbf{w}_t^{(s,r)}(\epsilon) = \mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_t^j - \mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_t^{j-1}$  for any  $t \in [T]$ . By triangle inequality

$$\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{w}_{t}^{(s,r)}(\epsilon)^{2}} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (\mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_{t}^{j}(\epsilon) - f(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)))^{2}} + \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (\mathbf{v}[f,\epsilon]_{t}^{j-1}(\epsilon) - f(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)))^{2}} \\
\leq \sqrt{T} (\beta_{j} + \beta_{j-1}) = 3\sqrt{T}\beta_{j}$$

## Proof of the Theorem (6)

#### Condition 2

If there exists no such  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  for the given  $\epsilon$  and (s, r), then  $\mathbf{w}_t^{(s,r)}(\epsilon)$  is zero for all  $t \geq t_o$ , for sime  $1 \leq t_o \leq T$ , and thus

$$\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{w}_{t}^{(s,r)}(\epsilon)^{2}} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{w}_{t}^{(s,r)}\left(\epsilon'\right)^{2}}$$

for any other path  $\epsilon'$  which agrees with  $\epsilon$  up to  $t_o$ . Hence, the bound

$$\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{w}_{t}^{(s,r)}(\epsilon)^{2}} \leq 3\sqrt{T}\beta_{j}$$

holds for all  $\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}^T$  and  $\mathbf{w}^{(s,r)} \in W_i$ 



# Proof of the Theorem (7)

#### Lemma 1

For any finite set V of  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued trees of depth T we have that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon) \right] \leq \sqrt{2 \log(|V|) \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \max_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \max_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}^{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{t}(\epsilon)^{2}}$$

#### Back to Equation (4)

We put everything together and apply Lemma:

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_{t} f\left(\mathbf{x}_{t}(\epsilon)\right) \right] &\leq T \beta_{N} + \sqrt{T} \sum_{j=1}^{N} 3 \beta_{j} \sqrt{2 \log\left(\left|V_{j}\right| \left|V_{j-1}\right|\right)} \\ &\leq T \beta_{N} + \sqrt{T} \sum_{j=1}^{N} 6 \beta_{j} \sqrt{\log(\left|V_{j}\right|)} \\ &\leq T \beta_{N} + 12 \sqrt{T} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left(\beta_{j} - \beta_{j+1}\right) \sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}_{2}\left(\beta_{j}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{x}\right)} \end{split}$$

# Proof of the Theorem (8)

$$\leq Teta_{\mathit{N}} + 12\int_{eta_{\mathit{N}+1}}^{eta_{0}} \sqrt{T\log\mathcal{N}_{2}(\delta,\mathcal{F},\mathbf{x})}d\delta$$

where the last but one step is because  $2(\beta_j-\beta_{j+1})=\beta_j$ . Now for any  $\alpha>0$ , pick  $N=\sup\{j:\beta_j>2\alpha\}$ . In this case we see that by our choice of N,  $\beta_{N+1}<2\alpha$  and so  $\beta_N=2\beta_{N+1}\leq 4\alpha$ . Also note that since  $\beta_N>2\alpha$ ,  $\beta_{N+1}=\frac{\beta_N}{2}>\alpha$ . Hence we conclude that

$$\mathfrak{R}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \inf_{\alpha} \left\{ 4 \, T \, \alpha + 12 \int_{\alpha}^{1} \sqrt{T \log \mathcal{N}_{2}(\delta, \mathcal{F}, T)} d\delta \right\} = \mathfrak{D}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{F})$$