

HDP Session 6

Recall

- 1. Doob's Ineq: If $(M_n)_n$ is subM, then

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} M_s \geq a \right) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E} M_t}{a} \quad \forall a > 0$$

- 2. Kolmogorov's Ineq: If $(M_n)_n$ Martingale and $\mathbb{E} M_n^2 < \infty$ and $\mathbb{E} M_n = 0$

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} |M_s| \geq a \right) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(M_t)}{a^2}.$$

- 3. Hoeffding's Lemma: $\text{Ran}(X) \subseteq [a, b]$, then $X \in \text{sg} \left(\frac{1}{4} (b-a)^2 \right)$

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Azuma-Hoeffding Inequality:

- Let $(M_n)_n$ be a Martingale and $\exists (A_n)_n, (B_n)_n$ predictable processes s.t. $A_n \leq M_n - M_{n-1} \leq B_n$ and \exists constants $c_n > 0$ s.t. $B_n - A_n \leq c_n$ a.s. Then

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq i \leq t} (M_i - M_0) \geq \beta \right) \leq \exp \left(- \frac{2\beta^2}{\sum_{n=1}^t c_n^2} \right)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq i \leq t} (M_i - M_0) \geq \beta \right) &= \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq i \leq t} e^{\lambda(M_i - M_0)} \geq e^{\lambda \beta} \right) \\
 &\leq e^{-\lambda \beta} \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\lambda(M_t - M_0)} \right] \\
 &= e^{-\lambda \beta} \mathbb{E} \left[\underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[e^{\lambda(M_{t-1} - M_0)} \mid \mathcal{F}_{t-1} \right]}_{\text{const.}} e^{\lambda(M_t - M_{t-1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{t-1} \right] \\
 &= e^{-\lambda \beta} \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[e^{\lambda(M_{t-1} - M_0)} \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[e^{\lambda(M_t - M_{t-1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{t-1} \right]}_{\mathbb{E}(M_t \mid \mathcal{F}_{t-1})} \right]}_{\leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 c_t^2}{8}}} \\
 &\leq e^{-\lambda \beta} e^{\frac{\lambda^2 c_t^2}{8}} \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\lambda(M_{t-1} - M_0)} \right] \quad (\text{Hoeffding's lemma}) \\
 (\text{By induction}) \quad &\leq e^{-\lambda \beta} e^{\lambda^2 \frac{\sum c_n^2}{8}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Optimising : $\lambda = \frac{4\beta}{\sum c_n^2}$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(M_t - M_0 \geq \beta) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq i \leq t} M_i - M_0 \geq \beta\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{2\beta^2}{\sum c_n^2}\right) \quad \blacksquare$$

Our purpose: $\mathbb{P}(f(\underline{x}) - \mathbb{E}f(\underline{x}) \geq \beta) \leq o(1)$. ↑
 x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are independent

2. Method of Bounded Difference:

Let $M_i = \mathbb{E}[f(\underline{x}) | \mathcal{F}_i]$ — martingale

$\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\rightarrow f(x) - \mathbb{E}f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (M_i - M_{i-1}) \quad \begin{cases} M_n = f(x) \\ M_0 = \mathbb{E}f(x) \end{cases}$$

① Defn: $D_i f$ is a random variable

$$D_i f(x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n) = \underset{y \in X_i}{\text{esssup}} f(x_1, \dots, y, \dots, x_n) - \underset{y \in X_i}{\text{essinf}} f(x_1, \dots, y, \dots, x_n)$$

Random var. $\Rightarrow \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \setminus x_i$ [ignore measure zero events]

$$\begin{aligned} M_i - M_{i-1} &= \mathbb{E}[f(\underline{x}) | \mathcal{F}_i] - \mathbb{E}\underbrace{[f(\underline{x}) | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}]}_{\mathbb{E}[f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots) | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}]} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f(\underline{x}) | \mathcal{F}_i] - \mathbb{E}[f(x^{(i)} | \mathcal{F}_i)] \\ \rightarrow &= \mathbb{E}[f(x) - f(x^{(i)}) | \mathcal{F}_i] \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{E}[f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots) | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}] \\ || \\ \mathbb{E}[f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x'_i, x_{i+1}, \dots) | x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ \downarrow \\ x'_i \stackrel{d}{=} x_i \text{ and } x_i \perp\!\!\!\perp x'_i. \end{array} \\ \therefore |M_i - M_{i-1}| &\leq \mathbb{E}[|f(x) - f(x^{(i)})| | \mathcal{F}_i] \\ &\leq \text{esssup} |D_i f(x_1, \hat{x}_i, x_n)| = \|D_i f\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\|D_i f\|_\infty \leq M_i - M_{i-1} \leq \|D_i f\|_\infty$$

[H.W.: Improve by a factor of 4]

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbb{P}(f(x) - \mathbb{E}f(x) \geq \beta) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{2\beta^2}{2 \sum \|D_i f\|_\infty^2}\right)} \quad \blacksquare$$

Mc Diarmid's Inequality

Barely any Improvement.

$$\bullet \quad \text{Var} (f(x) - \mathbb{E}f(x)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(M_i - M_{i-1})^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var } f(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|D_i f\|_\infty^2} \rightarrow \text{Can be Improved.}$$

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① Improving the variance bound:

$$\text{Var}(f(x,y)) \stackrel{(\text{ANOVA})}{=} \mathbb{E}\left[\underbrace{\text{Var}(f(x,y)|x)}_{g_i}\right] + \text{Var}\left[\mathbb{E}[f(x,y)|x]\right].$$

$$\star \text{ Lemma: } \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[f(x)|x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n] \mid x_1, \dots, x_i\right] = \mathbb{E}[f(x) \mid x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (M_i - M_{i-1})^2 &= (\mathbb{E}[f(x)|\mathcal{F}_i] - \mathbb{E}[f(x)|\mathcal{F}_{i-1}])^2 \\ &= (\mathbb{E}[f(x)|\mathcal{F}_i] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[f(x)|g_i] \mid \mathcal{F}_i])^2 \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}((f(x) - \mathbb{E}(f(x)|g_i))^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(f(x)) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(M_i - M_{i-1})^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}((f(x) - \mathbb{E}(f(x)|g_i))^2) \leq \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}((f(x) - \mathbb{E}(f(x)|g_i))^2 \mid g_i)\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(f(x)|g_i)] \quad \text{Var}(y|x) \\ &\quad := \mathbb{E}[(y - \mathbb{E}(y|x))^2 \mid x] \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var } f(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(f(x)|g_i)]} \rightarrow \text{Efron Stein Ineq.}$$

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Lemma: $\text{Var } X = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(\underline{(X-X')^2})$, X' is an indep copy of X

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \mathbb{E}(X-X')^2 &= \mathbb{E}((X-\mathbb{E}X) - (X'-\mathbb{E}X'))^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}(X-\mathbb{E}X)^2 + \mathbb{E}(X'-\mathbb{E}X')^2 \\ &= 2\text{Var}(X). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(f(x) | \mathcal{G}_i) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left((f(x) - f(x^{(i)}))^2 | \mathcal{G}_i \right) \\ \therefore \text{Var } f(x) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[(f(x) - f(x^{(i)}))^2 | \mathcal{G}_i \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[(f(x) - f(x^{(i)}))^2 \right] \quad [\text{Eq 2}]\end{aligned}$$

Bounded Difference Inequality:

$$|D_i f| < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var } f(x) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\text{Var}(f(x) | \mathcal{G}_i) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[(D_i f(x))^2 \right] \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

☆ Quick Summary:

$$1. \text{ Azuma-Hoeffding: } \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{1 \leq i \leq t} M_i - M_0 \geq \beta \right) \leq \exp \left(- \frac{2\beta^2}{\sum C_n^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}2. \text{ McDiarmid's Ineq: } \mathbb{P} \left(f(x) - \mathbb{E} f(x) \geq \beta \right) &\leq \exp \left(- \frac{2\beta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \|D_i f\|_\infty^2} \right) \\ 3. \text{ Obvious: } \rightarrow \text{Var } f(x) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|D_i f\|_\infty^2 \quad \Leftarrow \\ \text{ES: } \text{Var } f(x) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[\text{Var}(f(x) | \mathcal{G}_i) \right]}_{\text{Var}((f(x) - f(x^{(i)}))^2 | \mathcal{G}_i)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var} ((f(x) - f(x^{(i)}))^2 | \mathcal{G}_i) \\ \rightarrow \text{Bounded diff: } \text{Var } f(x) &\leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[(D_i f(x))^2 \right]}_{\text{Var } f(x)} \quad \Leftarrow \text{④}\end{aligned}$$

★ Examples

1. Balls and Bins - Suppose we have

m -balls
 n -bins

$$Z_{n,m} = \# \text{ empty bins}$$

$$\mathbb{E} Z_{n,m} = \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{B_i} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^m = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^m$$

Generating r.v.s: $X_i = j$ if i^{th} ball lands in B_j

$$Z_{n,m} = Z_{n,m}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m)$$

- $\|D_i Z_{n,m}(X_1, \dots, X_m)\|_\infty \leq 2 \rightarrow (Z_{n,m} \text{ does not depend too much of any of the } X_i \text{'s})$

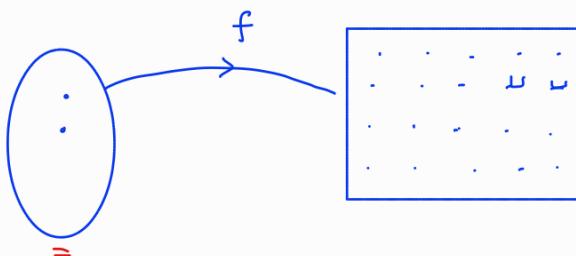
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(|Z_{n,m} - \mathbb{E} Z_{n,m}| \geq \beta) &\leq 2 \exp \left(- \frac{2\beta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^m \|D_i f\|_\infty^2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}\left(\left|Z_{n,m} - \underbrace{n \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^m\right| \geq \underbrace{\beta \sqrt{m}}_{\sqrt{m}}\right) &\leq 2 \exp \left(- \frac{\beta^2}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

• $m \asymp n \quad n \cdot \frac{1}{e}$

$$\underline{m = n^2}$$

Hashing:

$$z_1, z_2, \dots$$



H.W. Find $\mathbb{P}(\text{collisions})$ and $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$, find n s.t. $\mathbb{P}(\text{collisions}) < \frac{1}{2}$.

2. $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ - random in a set S
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\tilde{a}}$ $\underbrace{\quad}_{\tilde{a}}$

$|S| = s$
 $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in S^k$
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Set of alphabets

• $P(\tilde{X} \text{ contains } \tilde{a}) \leftarrow \text{Conc. of } \# \text{ occurrences of } \tilde{a} \text{ in } \tilde{X}$.

• $E_i = \text{Event that } (X_i \dots, X_{i+k-1}) = \tilde{a}$

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} \mathbb{1}_{E_i} \leftarrow \text{Could be highly correlated}$$

$$\mathbb{E}N = (n-k+1) \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^k$$

Consider $\|D_i N(X_1, \dots, X_n)\|_\infty \leq k$ (local corr)

$$P(N - \mathbb{E}N \geq \beta k \sqrt{n}) \leq e^{-2\beta^2}. \quad \square$$

[H.W.] Q: We have a random string of length n . For what k is a given seq.

$$P((a_1, \dots, a_k) \in \tilde{X}) \geq \varepsilon.$$

Ø Conc. of measure of $\{\tilde{a}_1\}^n$.