

Exercise 1.20. Suppose that we are in the multi-class classification setting, with $Y = \{1, \dots, K\}$. Suppose that we posit the following probabilistic model:

$$p_{w_{1:K}}(y = k | x) \propto \exp(\langle w_k, x \rangle), \quad k \in \{1, \dots, K\}.$$

Show that the corresponding empirical risk for the population risk

$$L[w] = \mathbb{E}[\text{KL}(p(y | x) \parallel p_{w_{1:K}}(y | x))]$$

is given by the following *cross-entropy loss*:

$$\hat{L}_n[w] = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\langle w_{y_i}, x_i \rangle - \log \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(\langle w_j, x_i \rangle) \right] \right].$$

That is, show that $\mathbb{E}[\hat{L}_n[w]] = L[w] + C$ for every fixed $w = \{w_k\}_{k=1}^K$, where C is a constant that does not depend on w .

$$p_{w_{1:K}}(y=k|x) = \frac{\exp(\langle w_k, x \rangle)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(\langle w_j, x \rangle)}$$

Take log on both sides, we obtain

$$\log p_{w_{1:K}}(y=k|x) = \langle w_k, x \rangle - \log \left(\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(\langle w_j, x \rangle) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{L}_n[w] = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{w_{1:K}}(y=y_i | x_i)$$

Recall Kullback-Leibler Divergence:

Given discrete prob. distr. P and Q defined on the same sample space, \mathcal{X} , the KL divergence of P from Q is defined to be

$$KL(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow KL(P(y|x) || P_{w_{1:k}}(y|x))$$

$$L(w) = E_x \left[\sum_{k=1}^K P(y=k|x) \log \frac{P(y=k|x)}{P_{w_{1:k}}(y=k|x)} \right]$$

$$= -C - E \left[\sum_{k=1}^K P(y=k|x) \log P_{w_{1:k}}(y=k|x) \right]$$

where $C = -E \left[\sum_{k=1}^K P(y=k|x) \log P(y=k|x) \right]$
 \downarrow
independent of w .

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{L}_n(w)] &= E_{(x_i, y_i)} \left[-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{w_{1:k}}(y=y_i | x_i) \right] \\ &= E_{(x, y)} [\log P_{w_{1:k}}(y|x)] \\ &= -E_x \left[\sum_{k=1}^K P(y=k|x) \log P_{w_{1:k}}(y=k|x) \right] \\ &= L(w) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w^* &= \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} L(w) \\ &= \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} L(w) + C \\ &= \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} E[\hat{L}_n(w)] \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1.23. Suppose that ℓ is the zero-one loss, \mathcal{F} is finite, and there exists $f \in \mathcal{F}$ satisfying $L[f] = 0$. Then, the empirical risk minimizer \hat{f}_n satisfies, with probability at least $1 - \delta$,

$$L[\hat{f}_n] \leq \frac{\log(|\mathcal{F}|/\delta)}{n} \quad \text{with prob. } \geq 1 - \delta$$

Proof: For any $t > 0$, want to look at $\{L(\hat{f}_n) > t\}$

Define $B(t) = \{f \in \mathcal{F} \mid L(f) > t\}$

$$\{L(\hat{f}_n) > t\} = \{\hat{f}_n \in B(t)\}$$

Since by assumption, we have an $f \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. $L(f) = 0$, then the ERM \hat{f}_n will always achieve zero training error, i.e.,

$$\hat{L}_n[\hat{f}_n] = 0$$

$$\hat{f}_{\text{ERM}} \in \underset{f \in \mathcal{F}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \hat{L}_n[f] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(f(x_i), y_i)$$

$$L[f] = \mathbb{E}[\ell(f(x), y)] = 0$$

If $\hat{f}_n \in B(t)$, then $\exists f \in B(t)$ s.t. $\hat{L}_n[f] = 0$

For a fixed $f \in B(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{\hat{L}_n[f] = 0\} &= \mathbb{P}\left\{\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{ \operatorname{sgn}(f(x_i)) = y_i \}\right\} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mathbb{P}\{\operatorname{sgn}(f(x_i)) \neq y_i\}) \\ &= (1 - L(f))^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq (1 - t)^n$$

$$\leq \exp(-tn)$$

$$1 - x \leq \exp(-x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}\{\hat{f}_n \in \mathcal{B}(H)\} &\leq \mathbb{P}\{\exists f \in \mathcal{B}(H), \hat{\mathcal{L}}_n(f) = 0\} \\
 &\leq \sum_{f \in \mathcal{B}(H)} \mathbb{P}(\hat{\mathcal{L}}_n(f) = 0) \\
 &\leq |\mathcal{B}(H)| \exp(-tn) \\
 &\leq |\mathcal{F}| \exp(-tn) = \delta
 \end{aligned}$$

• Rademacher Random Variable

ε_i is a Rademacher r.v.

$$\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_i = \pm 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_i = k) = 0 \quad \forall k \neq \pm 1$$

• Rademacher Complexity

$$R_n(\mathcal{F}) := \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i f(x_i) \right]$$

We first look at R.C. of linear function classes
($x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$)

$$\mathcal{F}_p := \{x \mapsto \langle x, w \rangle \mid \|w\|_p \leq 1\}$$

Can use dual norm $\|\cdot\|_*$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\cdot\| &= \|\cdot\|_p \\
 \|\cdot\|_* &= \|\cdot\|_q
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\|x\|_* := \sup_{\|z\| \leq 1} \langle z, x \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_n(\mathcal{F}_p) &= \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{\|w\|_p \leq 1} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \langle x_i, w \rangle \right] \\
 &= n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{\|w\|_p \leq 1} \langle w, \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i \rangle \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i \right\|_q$$

where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$