

# Machine Learning Exercise 3

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**1. Prove this inequality:**

$$\frac{1}{2}P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq 2\varepsilon) \leq P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i)| \geq \varepsilon) \leq 2P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon)$$

Proof:

**Lemma:**

$$\frac{1}{2}P(|\nu_1 - p| \geq 2\varepsilon) \leq P(|\nu_1 - \nu_2| \geq \varepsilon) \leq 2P(|\nu_1 - p| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

where  $X_1, \dots, X_{2n}$  are i.i.d. r.v. and

$$\nu_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \nu_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} X_i, p = EX, n \geq \frac{\ln 2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

We have a conclusion that

$$\{\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i)| \geq \varepsilon\} \subseteq \{\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\} \cup \{\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\}$$

and  $z_1, \dots, z_{2n}$  are i.i.d. r.v.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i)| \geq \varepsilon) &\leq P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq \varepsilon) + P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq \varepsilon) \\ &= 2P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Another conclusion

$$\{\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq 2\varepsilon\} \cap \{|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi_0(z_i) - E\phi_0(z)| \leq \varepsilon\} \subseteq \{\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i)| \geq \varepsilon\}$$

where  $\phi_0$  is selected in  $\Phi$  such that  $|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_0(z_i) - E\phi_0(z)| \geq 2\varepsilon$  holds true. Therefore

$$P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i)| \geq \varepsilon) \geq P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq 2\varepsilon) P(|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi_0(z_i) - E\phi_0(z)| \leq \varepsilon)$$

Given the condition

$$n \geq \frac{\ln 2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

then using Chernoff bound, we get

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi_0(z_i) - E\phi_0(z)| \leq \varepsilon) &= 1 - P(|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi_0(z_i) - E\phi_0(z)| > \varepsilon) \\ &= 1 - 2P(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi_0(z_i) - E\phi_0(z) > \varepsilon) \\ &\geq 1 - 2e^{-2n\varepsilon^2} \\ &\geq 1 - 2e^{-2\ln 2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i)| \geq \varepsilon) \geq \frac{1}{2} P(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - E\phi(z)| \geq 2\varepsilon)$$

## 2. Prove the bound

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n}{i} \leq (\frac{en}{d})^d$$

Proof:

**Lemma:**

$$d \ln(1-x) - \ln(1-dx) \leq 0, \forall x, 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{d+1}$$

Lemma's proof:

Let  $f(x) = d \ln(1-x) - \ln(1-dx)$ , then  $f(0) = 0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{x-1} - \frac{1}{dx-1} \\ &= \frac{(d-1)((d+1)x-1)}{(1-x)(1-dx)} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f(x) \leq 0$  holds true  $\forall x, 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{d+1}$ .

$n = d$

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n}{i} = 2^n \leq e^n$$

$n = k, k \geq d$

Suppose that the inequality holds true for all  $n \leq k$ , and when  $n = k + 1$ , we desire to prove

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{k+1}{i} \leq \left(\frac{e(k+1)}{d}\right)^d$$

namely to prove

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{k}{i} \frac{k+1}{k-i+1} \leq \left(\frac{e(k+1)}{d}\right)^d \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{k+1}{k-d+1} \sum_{i=0}^d \binom{k}{i} \leq \left(\frac{e(k+1)}{d}\right)^d \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{k+1}{k-d+1} \left(\frac{ek}{d}\right)^d \leq \left(\frac{e(k+1)}{d}\right)^d \quad (3)$$

$$k^d \leq (k+1)^{d-1} (k-d+1) \quad (4)$$

$$\left(\frac{k}{k+1}\right)^d \leq \frac{k-d+1}{k+1} \quad (5)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{k+1}\right)^d \leq 1 - \frac{d}{k+1} \quad (6)$$

$$d \ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \leq \ln\left(1 - \frac{d}{k+1}\right) \quad (7)$$

The last inequality is true according to lemma. and in (1) to (2) we use

$$\frac{k+1}{k-i+1} \leq \frac{k+1}{k-d+1}$$

in (2) to (3) we use the suppose

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{k}{i} \leq \left(\frac{ek}{d}\right)^d$$

To conclude, the original inequality holds true.