

Machine Learning Exercise 6

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1. Show:

$$\frac{\phi(t+1)}{\phi(t)} = Z_{t+1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\phi(t+1)}{\phi(t)} &= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-y_i \sum_{\tau=1}^{t+1} \alpha_\tau h_\tau(x_i)}}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-y_i \sum_{\tau=1}^t \alpha_\tau h_\tau(x_i)}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\tau=1}^{t+1} e^{-y_i \alpha_\tau h_\tau(x_i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\tau=1}^t e^{-y_i \alpha_\tau h_\tau(x_i)}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$D_{t+1}(i) = \frac{D_t(i) e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)}}{Z_t}$$

and then

$$e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)} = \frac{Z_t D_{t+1}(i)}{D_t(i)}$$

Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{\tau=1}^t e^{-y_i \alpha_\tau h_\tau(x_i)} &= \prod_{\tau=1}^t \frac{Z_\tau D_{\tau+1}(i)}{D_\tau(i)} \\ &= \frac{D_{t+1}(i)}{D_1(i)} \prod_{\tau=1}^t Z_\tau \\ &= n D_{t+1}(i) \prod_{\tau=1}^t Z_\tau \end{aligned}$$

at the last step we use $D_1(i) = \frac{1}{n}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\phi(t+1)}{\phi(t)} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n D_{t+2}(i) \prod_{\tau=1}^{t+1} Z_{\tau}}{\sum_{i=1}^n n D_{t+1}(i) \prod_{\tau=1}^t Z_{\tau}} \\
&= Z_{t+1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n D_{t+2}(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n D_{t+1}(i)} \\
&= Z_{t+1}
\end{aligned}$$

2. Show

$$Z_t = \sqrt{1 - \gamma_t^2}$$

Proof:

The original equation can be transformed in the following steps

$$Z_t = \sqrt{1 - \gamma_t^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)} = \sqrt{1 - \gamma_t^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) \left(\sqrt{\frac{1 + \gamma_t}{1 - \gamma_t}} \right)^{-y_i h_t(x_i)} = \sqrt{1 - \gamma_t^2} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) (1 + \gamma_t)^{-\frac{y_i h_t(x_i)}{2}} (1 - \gamma_t)^{\frac{y_i h_t(x_i)}{2}} = (1 + \gamma_t)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - \gamma_t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) (1 + \gamma_t)^{-\frac{1 + y_i h_t(x_i)}{2}} (1 - \gamma_t)^{-\frac{1 - y_i h_t(x_i)}{2}} = 1 \quad (5)$$

let $I = \{i | y_i h_t(x_i) = +1\}$, and $A = \sum_{i \in I} D_t(i)$, $B = \sum_{i \notin I} D_t(i)$. Naturally $A + B = 1$. Then we get

$$\gamma_t = \sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) y_i h_t(x_i) = \sum_{i \in I} D_t(i) - \sum_{i \notin I} D_t(i) = A - B$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in I} D_t(i) (1 + \gamma_t)^{-1} + \sum_{i \notin I} D_t(i) (1 - \gamma_t)^{-1} = 1 \quad (6)$$

therefore

$$A(1 + \gamma_t)^{-1} + B(1 - \gamma_t)^{-1} = 1 \quad (7)$$

$$A(1 + A - B)^{-1} + B(1 - A + B)^{-1} = 1 \quad (8)$$

$$A(1 - A + B) + B(1 + A - B) = (1 - A + B)(1 + A - B) \quad (9)$$

It is trivial to prove equation (9) using $A + B = 1$.

3. Calculate the value of

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D_{t+1}(i) I(y_i \neq h_t(x_i))$$

What is the meaning of the result?

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n D_{t+1}(i) I(y_i \neq h_t(x_i)) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_t(i) e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)}}{Z_t} \frac{1 - y_i h_t(x_i)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2Z_t} \sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)} y_i h_t(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

Next we will show this equation true using the same treatment in the previous problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)} y_i h_t(x_i) &= 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n D_t(i) \left(\sqrt{\frac{1 - \gamma_t}{1 + \gamma_t}} \right)^{y_i h_t(x_i)} y_i h_t(x_i) &= 0 \\ \sum_{i \in I} D_t(i) \sqrt{\frac{1 - \gamma_t}{1 + \gamma_t}} - \sum_{i \notin I} D_t(i) \sqrt{\frac{1 - \gamma_t}{1 + \gamma_t}} &= 0 \\ \sum_{i \in I} D_t(i) (1 - \gamma_t) - \sum_{i \notin I} D_t(i) (1 + \gamma_t) &= 0 \\ A(1 - A + B) - B(1 - A + B) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

It is trivial to prove the last equation using $A + B = 1$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n D_{t+1}(i) I(y_i \neq h_t(x_i)) = \frac{1}{2}$$

It means that if we use the training data weights in round $t + 1$ to test the classifier in round t , the classifier will give the worst prediction, equivalent to random guess.