

Machine Learning Homework 8

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Problem 1. Suppose \mathcal{A} has uniform stability β with respect to loss l and $l \leq M$, then with probability $1 - \delta$,

$$R(\mathcal{A}(S)) \leq R_{\text{emp}}(\mathcal{A}(S)) + \beta + (n\beta + M) \sqrt{\frac{2 \log \frac{1}{\delta}}{n}}$$

Proof. Denote $f(S) = R(\mathcal{A}(S)) - R_{\text{emp}}(\mathcal{A}(S))$. The theorem is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{P}[f(S) \geq \beta + \epsilon] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{2(n\beta + M)^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_S[R_{\text{emp}}(\mathcal{A}(S))] &= E_S \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l(\mathcal{A}(S), z_i) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E_{S, z'_i} [l(\mathcal{A}(S^i), z'_i)] \end{aligned}$$

also,

$$E_S[R(\mathcal{A}(S))] = E_{S, z'_i} l(\mathcal{A}(S), z'_i)$$

By the definition of uniform stability, we know that

$$|l(\mathcal{A}(S), z'_i) - l(\mathcal{A}(S^i), z'_i)| \leq \beta$$

Therefore,

$$E_S[f(S)] \leq \beta$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(S) - f(S^i)| &= |R(\mathcal{A}(S)) - R_{\text{emp}}(\mathcal{A}(S)) - R(\mathcal{A}(S^i)) + R_{\text{emp}}(\mathcal{A}(S^i))| \\ &\leq |R(\mathcal{A}(S)) - R(\mathcal{A}(S^i))| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |l(\mathcal{A}(S), z_i) - l(\mathcal{A}(S^i), z_i)| \\ &\leq \beta + \frac{n-1}{n} \beta + \frac{2M}{n} \\ &\leq 2\left(\beta + \frac{M}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Mcdiarmid's Lemma,

$$\mathbb{P}[f(S) \geq E_S[f(S)] + \epsilon] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{2(n\beta + M)^2}\right)$$

Therefore, by the fact that $E_S[f(S)] \leq \beta$

$$\mathbb{P}[f(S) \geq \beta + \epsilon] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{2(n\beta + M)^2}\right)$$

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