

Sample Problem 2

machine learning

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1 Testing of k-centers

A set $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is (k, r) -clusterable if one can partition X into k clusters where each cluster's diameter is not larger than r . X is said to be ϵ -far from (k, r) -clusterable if any subset $Y \subset X, |Y| \geq (1 - \epsilon)|X|$ is not (k, r) -clusterable. Show that the presented algorithm satisfies: accept if X is (k, r) -clusterable; reject with probability at least 0.99 if X is ϵ -far from $(k, 2r)$ -clusterable.

Algorithm 1. $i = 1; \text{flag} = \text{true};$

let p_1 be an arbitrary point from X .

While $i < k + 1$ and flag do

(a) Uniformly choose $\ln(100k)/\epsilon$ points from X .

(b) If there is a sample x such that $\forall j \leq i, d(p_j, x) > r$ then $i = i + 1; p_i = x$; continue;

(c) flag=false;

endwhile

If $i \leq k$ then accept else reject.

2 VC-dimension for Dual Space

Let X be a ground set, $R \subset 2^X$ is family of sets which has VC-dimension d . We can also regard points in X as classifier for R , implemented by $x(r) = I[x \in r]$ for $x \in X, r \in R$. Prove the with dimension of X as classifiers for R is at most 2^{d+1} .

3 Sum of Bernoullis

Let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are i.i.d Bernoulli random variable, i.e., $\mathbb{P}[X_i = \pm 1] = 1/2$. Show that there are universal constants $c, C > 0$ such that,

$$c(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2)^{1/2} \leq \mathbb{E}[|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i|] \leq C(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2)^{1/2}$$