

Machine Learning Homework 3

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Problem 1. Prove the following inequality: $\sum_{k=0}^d C_n^k \leq (\frac{en}{d})^d$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^d C_n^k &= \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{n \dots (n-k+1)}{k!} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{n^k}{k!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{d^k}{k!} \frac{n^k}{d^k} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{n}{d}\right)^d \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{d^k}{k!} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{n}{d}\right)^d \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{d^k}{k!} \\ &= \left(\frac{ne}{d}\right)^d\end{aligned}$$

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