

Lec 30 Why is learning Possible?

(E_{in} VS E_{out}) ch 1.3

1. Why is learning Possible?

↳ e.g. Binary classification

$$x \in \{0, 1\}^2, \quad y = \{+1, -1\}$$

x	$y = f(x)$
(0,0)	+1
(0,1)	-1
(1,0)	-1
(1,1)	?

} given

← Can we learn? NO. Can be anything

Impossible to learn \Rightarrow Need randomness

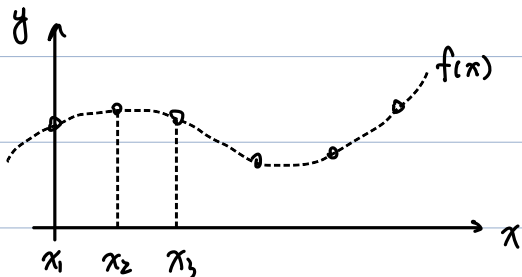
↳ e.g. A urn with balls, each either red or green.

Want to estimate the % that are red.

• Randomly pick 50 balls and observe colors : $G=10, R=40$

\therefore we expect the % red $\approx \frac{40}{50} = 0.8$

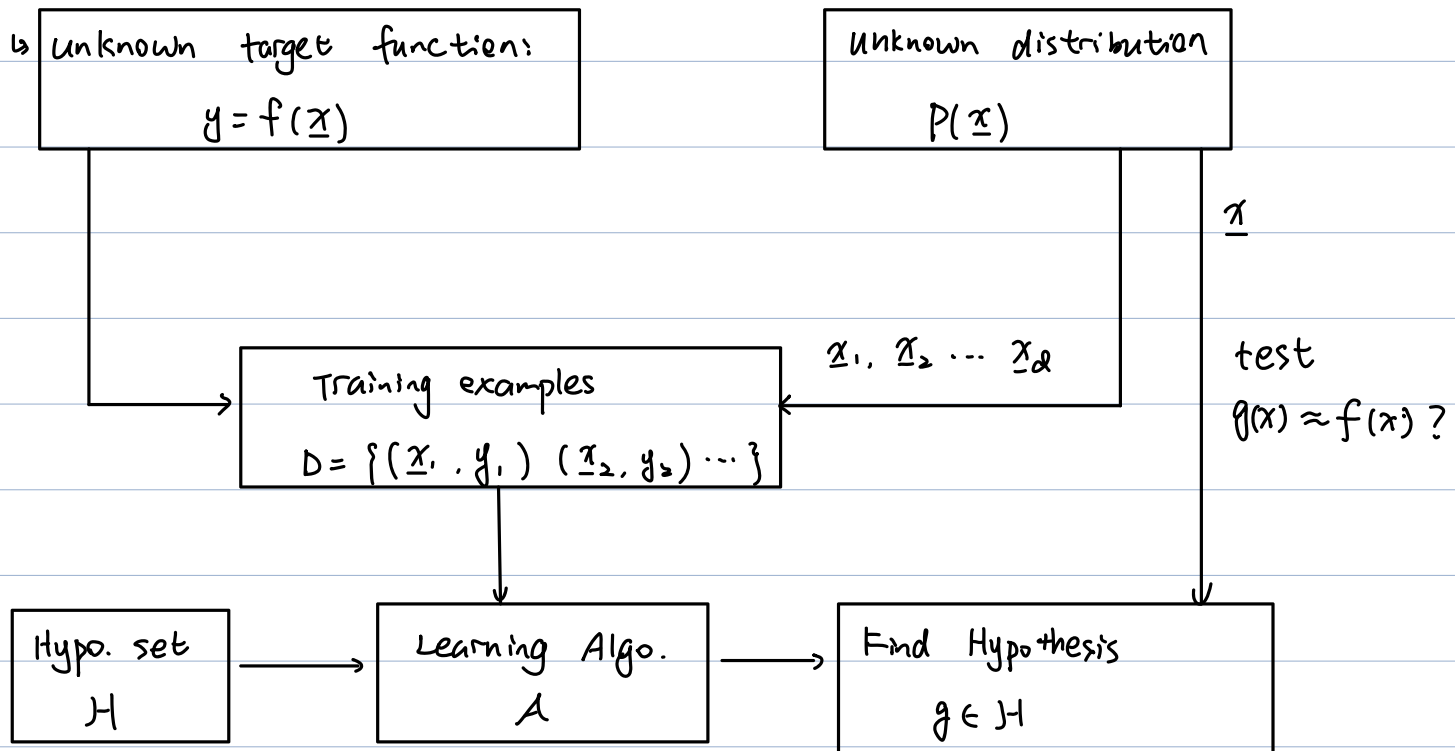
↳ e.g. Nyquist sampling theorem for interpolation:



• How many plot do we have?

• How complex is $f(\cdot)$?

2. Probability Approximately correct (PAC) learning



↳ e.g. Binary classification:

(1) Unknown function $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \{+1, -1\}$

d : input dimension

(2) Unknown distribution: $P(\underline{x})$

(3) Training example:

$$\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} P(\underline{x})$$

iid: identical independent distribution

$$\therefore P(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_n) = P(\underline{x}_1) P(\underline{x}_2) \dots P(\underline{x}_n)$$

(4) Hypothesis set H :

$$H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m\}$$

$$h_i: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \{+1, -1\} \quad (\text{candidate for estimation of } f)$$

e.g: $M=2, H = \{h_1, h_2\}$

$$h_1(\underline{x}) = +1, \forall \underline{x}$$

$$h_2(\underline{x}) = -1, \forall \underline{x}$$

learning Algo A : majority rule

e.g. Binary learning classification:

$$\hat{y} = \text{sign}(\underline{w}^T \underline{x} + b)$$

then $\mathcal{H} = \text{all possible } (\underline{w}, b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$

$$M = +\infty$$

$$A = \text{PLA}$$

3. Performance Matrix (for given hypothesis $g \in \mathcal{H}$)

① In sample (training) error.

$$E_{\text{in}}(g) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e(y_n, g(\underline{x}_n)) \quad // "e_n"$$

$$\begin{array}{c} e(y_n, g(\underline{x}_n)) \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{true label} \quad \text{estimated} \end{array} = 1(y_n \neq g(\underline{x}_n)) = \begin{cases} 1, & y_n \neq g(\underline{x}_n) \\ 0, & y_n = g(\underline{x}_n) \end{cases}$$

② Out-of-sample (test) error

$$E_{\text{out}}(g) = \mathbb{E}[e(y, g(\underline{x}))]$$

\uparrow
expectation over $p(\underline{x})$

$$\underline{x} \sim p(\underline{x}), \text{ iid}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[1(y_n \neq g(\underline{x}_n))]$$

$$= 1 \cdot \Pr\{y_n \neq g(\underline{x}_n)\} + 0 \cdot \Pr\{y_n = g(\underline{x}_n)\}$$

$$= \Pr\{y_n \neq g(\underline{x}_n)\}$$

$E_{\text{in}}(g)$	$E_{\text{out}}(g)$
Computable	unknown
random	deterministic

$$\Pr\{E_{\text{out}}(g)\} \approx E_{\text{in}}(g) \approx 1 \quad \text{P.A.C}$$