

The Hedge(η) Algorithm

Consider action i at time t

- ▶ Total loss:

$$L_i^t = \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \ell_i^s$$

- ▶ Weight:

$$w_i^t = w_i^1 e^{-\eta L_i^t}$$

Note freedom to choose initial weight (w_i^1) $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i^1 = 1$.

- ▶ $\eta > 0$ is the learning rate parameter. Halving: $\eta \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ Probability:

$$p_i^t = \frac{w_i^t}{\sum_{j=1}^N w_j^t}, \quad \mathbf{p}^t = \frac{\mathbf{w}^t}{\sum_{j=1}^N w_j^t}$$