



Homework # 3

Due Monday, October 20, 2014, at 2:00 PM PDT

All questions have multiple-choice answers ([a], [b], [c], ...). You can collaborate with others, but do not discuss the selected or excluded choices in the answers. You can consult books and notes, but not homework solutions. Your solutions should be based on your own work. Definitions and notation follow the lectures.

Note about the homework

- Answer each question by selecting from the multiple-choice answers (carries 6 points) **and by giving a brief justification of your selection** (carries 4 points). You can select 1 or 2 of the multiple-choice answers for each question, but the score you receive for getting a correct answer would be 6 points or 4 points, respectively.
- The problems range from easy to hard, and from theoretical to practical. Some problems require running a full experiment to arrive at the answer.
- The answer may not be obvious or numerically close to one of the choices, but one (and only one) choice will be correct if you follow the exact instructions in each problem. You are encouraged to explore the problem further by experimenting with variations of these instructions, for the learning benefit.
- You are also encouraged to take part in the discussion forum. Please make sure you don't discuss specific answers, or specific excluded answers, before the homework is due.

Generalization Error

1. The modified Hoeffding Inequality provides a way to characterize the generalization error with a probabilistic bound

$$\mathbb{P}[|E_{in}(g) - E_{out}(g)| > \epsilon] \leq 2Me^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

for any $\epsilon > 0$. If we set $\epsilon = 0.05$ and want the probability bound $2Me^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$ to be at most 0.03, what is the least number of examples N (among the given choices) that is needed for the case $M = 1$?

- [a] 500
 - [b] 1000
 - [c] 1500
 - [d] 2000
 - [e] More examples are needed
2. Repeat for the case $M = 10$.

- [a] 500
- [b] 1000
- [c] 1500
- [d] 2000
- [e] More examples are needed

3. Repeat for the case $M = 100$.

- [a] 500
- [b] 1000
- [c] 1500
- [d] 2000
- [e] More examples are needed

Break Point

4. As shown in class, the (smallest) break point for the Perceptron Model in the two-dimensional case (\mathbb{R}^2) is 4 points. What is the smallest break point for the Perceptron Model in \mathbb{R}^3 ? (i.e., instead of the hypothesis set consisting of separating lines, it consists of separating planes.)

- [a] 4
- [b] 5
- [c] 6
- [d] 7
- [e] 8

Growth Function

5. Which of the following are possible formulas for a growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$:

- i) $1 + N$
- ii) $1 + N + \binom{N}{2}$
- iii) $\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor} \binom{N}{i}$
- iv) $2^{\lfloor N/2 \rfloor}$
- v) 2^N

- [a] i, v
- [b] i, ii, v
- [c] i, iv, v
- [d] i, ii, iii, v
- [e] i, ii, iii, iv, v

Fun with Intervals

6. Consider the “2-intervals” learning model, where $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$ and $h(x) = +1$ if the point is within either of two arbitrarily chosen intervals and -1 otherwise. What is the (smallest) break point of this hypothesis set?

- [a] 3
- [b] 4
- [c] 5
- [d] 6
- [e] 7

7. Which of the following is the growth function $m_H(N)$ for the “2-intervals” hypothesis set?

- [a] $\binom{N+1}{4}$
 - [b] $\binom{N+1}{2} + 1$
 - [c] $\binom{N+1}{4} + \binom{N+1}{2} + 1$
 - [d] $\binom{N+1}{4} + \binom{N+1}{3} + \binom{N+1}{2} + \binom{N+1}{1} + 1$
 - [e] None of the above
8. Now, consider the general case: the “ M -intervals” learning model. Again $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$, where $h(x) = +1$ if the point falls inside any of M arbitrarily chosen intervals, otherwise $h(x) = -1$. What is the (smallest) break point of this hypothesis set?
- [a] M
 - [b] $M + 1$
 - [c] M^2
 - [d] $2M + 1$
 - [e] $2M - 1$

Convex Sets: The Triangle

9. Consider the “triangle” learning model, where $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$ and $h(x) = +1$ if x lies within an arbitrarily chosen triangle in the plane and -1 otherwise. Which is the largest number of points in \mathbb{R}^2 (among the given choices) that can be shattered by this hypothesis set?
- [a] 1
 - [b] 3
 - [c] 5
 - [d] 7
 - [e] 9

Non-Convex Sets: Concentric Circles

10. Compute the growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$ for the learning model made up of two concentric circles in \mathbb{R}^2 , i.e., \mathcal{H} contains the functions which are $+1$ for

$$a^2 \leq x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq b^2$$

and -1 otherwise. The growth function is

- [a] $N + 1$
- [b] $\binom{N+1}{2} + 1$
- [c] $\binom{N+1}{3} + 1$
- [d] $2N^2 + 1$
- [e] None of the above