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Problem 1: Let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a finite set of vectors of cardinality  $N$ . Show that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{v \in V} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\} \leq \frac{c}{n} \sqrt{2 \log N} \quad \text{where} \quad c^2 = \max_{v \in V} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2$$

→ Proof:

+) Let  $\mu = \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{v \in V} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\}$

+) For any  $\lambda > 0$ , we have  $e^{\lambda \mu} \leq \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\{ e^{\lambda \max_{v \in V} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i} \right\} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{=} \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{v \in V} \left\{ e^{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i} \right\} \leq \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} e^{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i} \right\} =$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{v \in V} \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\{ e^{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i} \right\} = \sum_{v \in V} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} e^{\lambda \varepsilon_i v_i} = \sum_{v \in V} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{\lambda v_i} + e^{-\lambda v_i}}{2} \leq \left[ \frac{e^u + e^{-u}}{2} \leq e^{\frac{u^2}{2}} \right] \leq \sum_{v \in V} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{\frac{\lambda^2 v_i^2}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{v \in V} e^{\frac{\lambda^2 \|v\|^2}{2}} \leq |N| e^{\frac{\lambda^2 c^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \leq \frac{\log |N|}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda c^2}{2} \quad (\lambda > 0)$$

+) Take  $\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{2 \log |N|}{c^2}}$ , we have  $\mu \leq c \sqrt{2 \log N}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{v \in V} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\} \leq \frac{c}{n} \sqrt{2 \log N} \quad \square$$

Problem 2: Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\text{conv}(V)$  stand for its convex hull, that is

$$\text{conv}(V) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j v^{(j)} : N \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda_j \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j = 1, v^{(j)} \in V \right\}$$

Prove that,

$$\mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \max_{v \in V} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\} = \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \max_{v \in \text{conv}(V)} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\}$$

→ Proof:

+) Maximizing a linear function over the convex hull always yields a vertex, which is a point in original set  $V$ , i.e. if  $v$  is a vector, then  $\max_j v_j = \sup_{\lambda_j \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j = 1} \sum_j \lambda_j v_j$

$$+) \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \max_{v \in \text{conv}(V)} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \sup_{\lambda} \sup_{\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(n)}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j v_i^{(j)} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \sup_{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \sup_{\lambda^{(j)}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i^{(j)} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \sup_{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i = \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \max_{v \in V} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i v_i \right\} \quad \square$$

Problem 3: Let  $F$  be a class of functions taking their values in  $\{0, 1\}$  and let  $\ell(Y, Y') = \mathbb{1}(Y \neq Y')$  be the binary loss function. Show that

$$\mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \ell(Y_i, f(X_i)) \right\} \leq \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i f(X_i) \right\}$$

→ Proof:

+) We have  $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , let define  $\tilde{f}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  by  $\tilde{f}(x_i) = 2f(x_i) - 1$   
 $\tilde{y}_i = 2y_i - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \mathbb{1}_{\{\tilde{f}(x_i) \neq \tilde{y}_i\}} \right\} &= \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \cdot \frac{1 - \tilde{y}_i \tilde{f}(x_i)}{2} \right\} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left\{ \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i + \frac{1}{2} \max_{\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \cdot (-\tilde{y}_i) \tilde{f}(x_i) \right\} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon [\epsilon_i] = 0 \\ \epsilon_i \text{ and } \epsilon_i(-\tilde{y}_i) \\ \text{have the same} \\ \text{distribution} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \tilde{f}(x_i) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \ell(y_i, f(x_i)) \right\} &= \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \ell(\tilde{y}_i, \tilde{f}(x_i)) \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \tilde{f}(x_i) \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i f(x_i) \right\} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \right\} \leq \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i f(x_i) \right\} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4: Let  $F = \{f(x) = w^T x : w \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|w\| \leq R\}$ . Prove that

$$\mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i f(x_i) \right\} \leq \frac{R}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2}$$

→ Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i f(x_i) \right\} &= \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{f \in F} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i w^T x_i \right\} = \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \max_{\|w\| \leq R} \left\{ w^T \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i x_i \right\} \leq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Cauchy-Schwartz}}{\leq} \left[ \max_{\|w\| \leq R} (w^T u) \leq \|w\| \|u\| \right] \leq R \cdot \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i x_i \right\| \right\} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} R \cdot \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i x_i \right\|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{R}{n} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 \|x_i\|^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n \epsilon_i \epsilon_j x_i^T x_j \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{R}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



Problem 5: Let  $c > 0$ . Prove that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i w^T X_i - c \|w\|^2 \right\} \leq \frac{1}{4cn^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i\|^2$$

→ Proof:

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i w^T X_i \right\} = \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ w^T \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i X_i \right\} \leq \left[ \max_{\substack{u = \sqrt{2c} \cdot w \\ v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2c}} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i X_i}} u^T v \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \right] \leq$$

$$\leq \sqrt{2c} \|w\| \cdot \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\| \frac{1}{n\sqrt{2c}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i X_i \right\| \leq \left[ u \cdot v \leq \frac{u^2 + v^2}{2} \right] \leq \frac{2c \|w\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\| \frac{1}{n\sqrt{2c}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i X_i \right\|^2$$

$$= c \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{4cn^2} \cdot \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^2 \|X_i\|^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j X_i^T X_j \right\}^2 = c \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{4cn^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i w^T X_i - c \|w\|^2 \right\} \leq c \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{4cn^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i\|^2 - c \|w\|^2 = \frac{1}{4cn^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i\|^2 \quad \square$$