

Statistical Learning Theory, Exercise 4

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Bounds on Membership Uncertainty

A sample size of $2t = 2 \times 10^4$ is drawn from some distribution, and this sample is then randomly split up into two half-samples of size $t = 10^4$

1. For any specific event A , these two half-samples define two frequencies, $f_1(A)$ and $f_2(A)$. Find an explicit upper bound on the probability that $|f_1(A) - f_2(A)| > 0.1$.

In this scenario, we have two samples both of size $t = 10^4$, with the total population size, T , being unknown, as well as the number of successes in both the population and the sample.

Further, we know that $E[s] = S/T \times 10^4$ in both samples.

Since we can assume that S is fixed, we have the equality:

$$Pr\{|f_1(A) - f_2(A)| > 0.1\} = Pr\{|f_1(A) - E[f_1(A)]| > 0.05\} \leq 2 \times \exp(-2t(\frac{\varepsilon}{2})^2)$$

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2. We now make such a comparison for each $\Phi(3, 2 \times 10^4)$ different sets. Find an explicit upper bound on the probability that $|f_1(A) - f_2(A)| > \varepsilon$ for at least one A .

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