



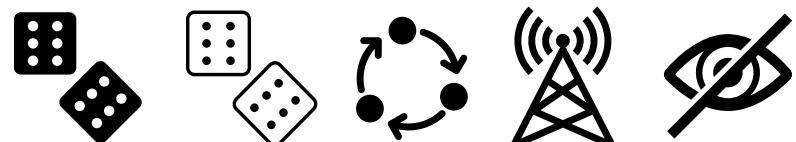
CSCIT 2021 - Lecture 2

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Estimation and hypothesis
testing under information
constraints

Last lecture: recap

1. What are learning and testing?
2. Baseline: the "centralised" setting
3. Beyond the centralised setting: 3 flavours
 - Private-coin protocols
 - Public-coin protocols
 - Interactive protocols
4. What are information constraints?
 - Two guiding examples: **communication** and **privacy**



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"uniformity testing"

uniform over $[d]$

Recall (2)

Communication



Each user can only send ℓ bits

$$\mathcal{W}_\ell = \{ w: X \rightarrow \{0,1\}^\ell \}$$

Can't send too much

Local Privacy



Each user requires ρ -differential privacy

$$\forall w \in \mathcal{W}_\ell$$

$$\forall y, x, x' \quad w(y|x) \leq e^\rho w(y|x')$$

Can't reveal too much

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What about ~~testing~~¹?

d ? \sqrt{d} ? d^2 ? $d^{2/3}$?

$d^{3/4}$? $d^{3/2}$?

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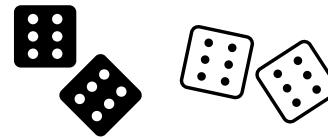
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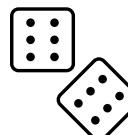
Upper bounds

Proof. If time allows.

① “Simulate - and - Infer”



② “Domain Compression”



General, useful primitives.

Lower bounds

Can we do better?

Lower bounds

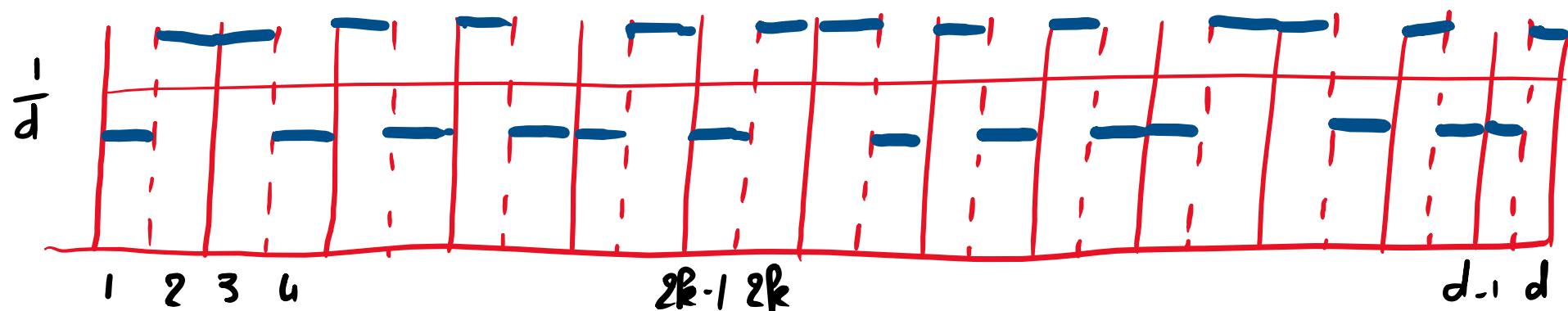
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No.

(But how to prove it?)

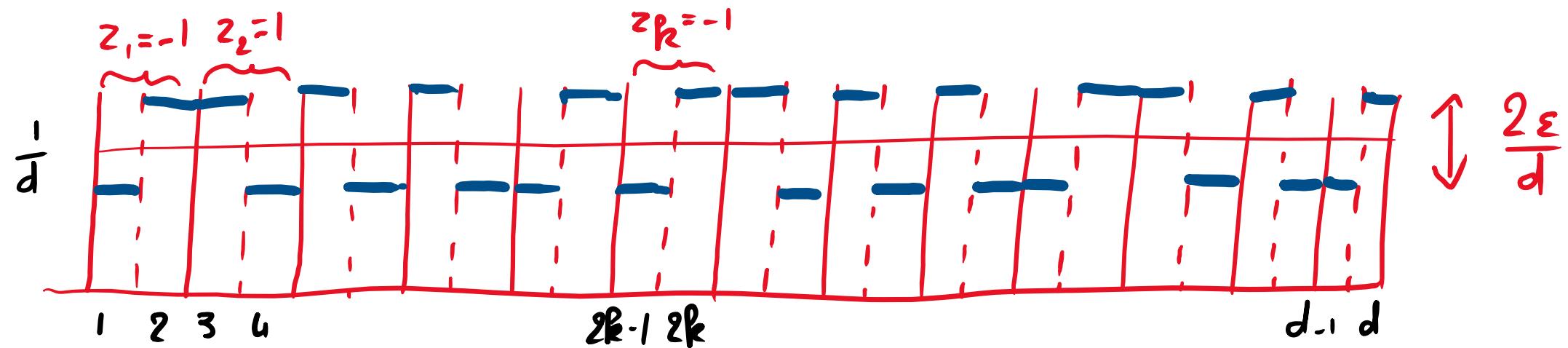
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useful for testing useful for learning

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depends on p , and
the protocol (and thus \mathcal{W})

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note: not
 $I(Z; Y^n)$!

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③ Put things together to get a LB on n .

Let's do first ① + ② + ③ for learning
(step ② will be reused for testing)

Step ①.

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w/ accuracy
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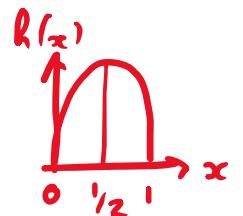
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↑ binary entropy



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defⁿ: $I(X; Y) = \mathbb{E}_X [KL(P_{Y|X} \| P_Y)]$

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on i

Chain rule
for KL

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 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{z^n} \mathbb{E}_{P_z^{Y^{t-1}}} \left[\sum_y \frac{\left(\frac{P_{P_z}[Y_t=y | Y^{t-1}]}{P_{P_{z^{\oplus i}}}[Y_t=y | Y^{t-1}]} - 1 \right)^2}{P_{P_{z^{\oplus i}}}[Y_t=y | Y^{t-1}]} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

So... what now?

Key observation: $\forall y,$

$$P_{P_z} [Y_t = y | Y^{t-1}] = P_{P_z \oplus_i} [Y_t = y | Y^{t-1}] + \frac{4\varepsilon}{d} z_i (w(y|2i-1) - w(y|2i))$$

Follows from our construct^{*} + expression of P_z^w

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$$\mathbb{P}_{P_z} [Y_t = y | Y^{t-1}] = \mathbb{P}_{P_z \oplus_i} [Y_t = y | Y^{t-1}] + \frac{4\varepsilon}{d} z_i (w^{y^{t-1}}(y|2i-1) - w^{y^{t-1}}(y|2i))$$

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Using this,

$$I(z_i; Y^n) \leq \frac{ct\varepsilon^2}{d} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}_z \mathbb{E}_{P_z^{y^{t-1}}} \sum_y \frac{(w^{y^{t-1}}(y|2i-1) - w^{y^{t-1}}(y|2i))^2}{\sum_x w^{y^{t-1}}(y|x)}$$

also using $\mathbb{P}_{P_z \oplus_i} [Y_t = y | Y^{t-1}] \geq \frac{1-2\varepsilon}{d} \sum_x w^{y^{t-1}}(y|x)$ for the denominator.

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Learning

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Step③ $\forall 1 \leq t \leq n$,

$$\Omega(t) \leq \frac{t\varepsilon^2}{d} \sup_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \text{Tr}[H(w)]$$

In particular, for $t=n$

$$n = \Omega\left(\frac{d^2}{\varepsilon^2 \sup_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \text{Tr}[H(w)]}\right)$$

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$$\leq \text{cst. } \frac{\varepsilon^4 n^2}{d^2} \sup_{w \in W} \|H(w)\|_{\text{op}} \sup_{w \in W} \text{Tr}[H(w)]$$

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let us call this $\|H(w)\|_{\text{op}}$ $\|H(w)\|_*$

What did we show?

For **interactive** protocols under constraint \mathcal{W}

to each $w \in \mathcal{W}$
corresponds a
psd matrix
 $H(w)$

Learning: $n = \Omega\left(\frac{d^2}{\varepsilon^2 \|H(w)\|_*}\right)$

Testing: $n = \Omega\left(\frac{d}{\varepsilon^2 \sqrt{\|H(w)\|_* \|H(w)\|_{op}}}\right)$

where $\|H(w)\|_* := \sup_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \|H(w)\|$

What about the $\Omega(k^{3/2})$ private-coin
lower bound?

Are interactive and public-coin the same?

Let's start with a collection of hard instances $\mathcal{P} = \{p_z\}_{z \in [-1, 1]^{d/2}}$:

$$p_z = \frac{1}{d} (1 + c\varepsilon z_1, 1 - c\varepsilon z_1, 1 + c\varepsilon z_2, 1 - c\varepsilon z_2, \dots, 1 + c\varepsilon z_{\frac{d}{2}}, 1 - c\varepsilon z_{\frac{d}{2}})$$

(for some cst $c > 0$) along with a prior ξ on $[-1, 1]^{d/2}$.

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For instance, Z.u.a.r. on $\{-1\}^{\frac{d}{2}}$.

Testing

Long story short: get

$$n = \Omega\left(\frac{d^{3/2}}{\varepsilon^2 \|H(w)\|_F}\right)$$

for private-coin; and

$$n = \Omega\left(\frac{d}{\varepsilon^2 \|H(w)\|_\star}\right)$$

for public-coin.

Hölder:

$$\left\| H(w) \right\|_F^2 \leq \left\| H(w) \right\|_{\infty}^{\text{op}} \left\| H(w) \right\|_*$$

ℓ_2^2 ℓ_∞ ℓ_1

More details, discussion, full proofs:

-  ***Inference under Information Constraints I: Lower Bounds from Chi-Square Contraction.*** Jayadev Acharya, Clément L. Canonne, and Himanshu Tyagi (IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, 2020). [arXiv:1812.11476](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.11476)
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Easy exercise:

- LDP $\|H(w_e)\|_F \asymp \|H(w_e)\|_* \asymp \|H(w_e)\|_{op} \asymp e^2$
- Communication $\|H(w_e)\|_F \asymp 2^e$ $\|H(w_e)\|_* \asymp \|H(w_e)\|_{op} \asymp 2^{e/e}$

Immediately proves the LB!

Recap: this lecture

1. Learning and testing discrete distributions: upper bounds
 - Learning, under communication or local privacy (LDP) constraints
 - Testing, under communication or LDP constraints
2. Lower bounds
 - A general bound for learning and testing
 - Application to communication and LDP

Next lecture:

Learning **high-dimensional distributions** under
those information constraints

