

- Let any  $\delta, \gamma > 0$  be given. Prove that for

to hold with probability  $1 - \delta$ , it suffices that

**Remark.** This result suggests that, roughly,  $m$  examples that have been corrupted at noise level  $\tau$  are worth about as much as  $(1 - 2\tau)^2 m$  uncorrupted training examples. This is a useful rule-of-thumb to know if you ever need to decide whether/how much to pay for a more reliable source of training data. (If you’ve taken a class in information theory, you may also have heard that  $(1 - \mathcal{H}(\tau))m$  is a good estimate of the information in the  $m$  corrupted examples, where  $\mathcal{H}(\tau) = -(\tau \log_2 \tau + (1 - \tau) \log_2 (1 - \tau))$  is the “binary entropy” function. And indeed, the functions  $(1 - 2\tau)^2$  and  $1 - \mathcal{H}(\tau)$  are quite close to each other.)

- (c) Comment **briefly** on what happens as  $\tau$  approaches 0.5.