

# Problem 2: Learning Theory

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## Problem 2.1: Learning Decision Lists

1. Upper bound for number of all possible DLs for an  $n$  variable input.

We have:

- $2^n$  possible inputs ( $n$  variables, inputs  $\in \{1, 0\}$ )
- $2^n$  possible outputs ( $n$  variables, outputs  $\in \{1, 0\}$ )
- $n!$  possible ways to arrange the order of the decision lists.

upper bound on size of hypothesis space,

$$|H| = 2^n \cdot 2^n \cdot n! = 4^n n!$$

2. Provide an upper bound on the probability that  $h$  is consistent with the provided training examples

•  $h: \text{error}(h) > \epsilon$

$$P(h \text{ is consistent with 1 example}) \leq 1 - \epsilon$$

$$P(h \text{ is consistent with all } m \text{ training examples}) \leq (1 - \epsilon)^m$$

3. Provide an upper bound on the probability that our algorithm learns a DL with  $\text{error}(h) > \epsilon$

• If there are  $K$  hypotheses (DLs):

$$h_1, \dots, h_K \text{ s.t. } \{\text{error}(h_i) > \epsilon\}_{i=1}^K$$

$$\bullet \text{ then } P(\text{algorithm learns a DL}) = K(1 - \epsilon)^m \leq |H|(1 - \epsilon)^m \leq \underbrace{|H|e^{-\epsilon m}}_{\text{convex upper bound}}$$

$$P(\text{error}(h) \geq \epsilon) \leq |H|e^{-\epsilon m} = 4^n n! e^{-\epsilon m} \leq \delta$$

4. Provide a lower bound on the number of training examples needed to guarantee that our algorithm learns a DL with  $\text{error}(h) > \epsilon$  is less than  $\delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |H| e^{-\epsilon m} &\leq \delta \\
 = \ln[|H| e^{-\epsilon m} \leq \delta] \\
 = \ln|H| + \ln(e^{-\epsilon m}) &\leq \ln \delta \\
 = \ln|H| - \epsilon m &\leq \ln \delta \\
 = \frac{-\epsilon m}{-\epsilon} &\leq \frac{\ln \delta - \ln|H|}{-\epsilon} \\
 = m &\geq \frac{-\ln \delta + \ln(4^n n!)}{\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$m \geq \frac{\ln \frac{1}{\delta} + n \cdot \ln 4 + \ln n!}{\epsilon}$$

## Problem 2.2: VC Dimension

1. Intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

• 1 point:  $\boxed{+}$   $\boxed{-}$

• 2 points:  $\boxed{+} - \boxed{-} - \boxed{+} \boxed{+}$

• 3 points:  $\boxed{+} \boxed{+} - \boxed{+} - + - + \leftarrow$  cannot be shattered by  $H$

$$\boxed{\text{VC-dimension} = 2}$$



## 2. Circles in $\mathbb{R}^2$

- 1 point:  $\oplus$        $- \circ$   
 • 2 points:  $\oplus -$        $\oplus \oplus$        $--$        $- \oplus$   
 • 3 points:  $\oplus \oplus$        $- \circ$        $\oplus \oplus$        $-$        $- \oplus$        $- \oplus$   
 • 4 points:  $\oplus \oplus$        $+ -$        $\leftarrow$  cannot be shattered  
                    $- -$        $- +$   
                    $- + - + \leftarrow$  cannot be shattered  
                    $+ - \leftarrow$  cannot be shattered  
                    $- +$

VC-dimension = 3

3. A Line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

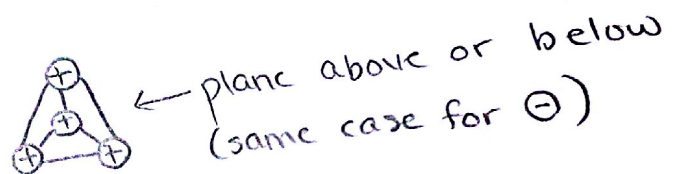
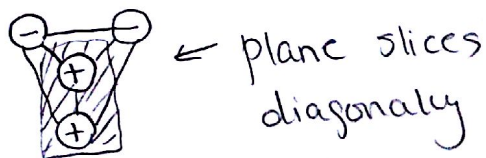
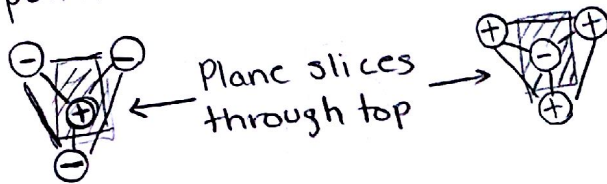
- 1 point:  $+|$   $| -$   
 • 2 points:  $+|-$   $-|+$   
 • 3 points:  $\frac{+}{-}$   $|-$   $|+$   $\frac{+}{+}$   $\frac{-}{+}$   $\frac{+}{-}$   
 • 4 points:  $\begin{matrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{matrix}$   $\leftarrow$  cannot be shattered  $- + - + \leftarrow$  cannot be shattered

$\vee C$ -dimension = 3

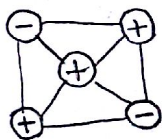
#### 4. A plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$

- 1 point  $\begin{array}{c} + \\ \diagup \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} - \\ \diagdown \end{array}$
- 2 points  $\begin{array}{c} + \\ \diagup \end{array} \begin{array}{c} - \\ \diagdown \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} - \\ \diagup \end{array} \begin{array}{c} + \\ \diagdown \end{array}$
- 3 points  $\begin{array}{c} + \quad + \\ \hline - \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} - \\ \diagup \end{array} \begin{array}{c} + \\ \diagdown \end{array} \quad \dots$

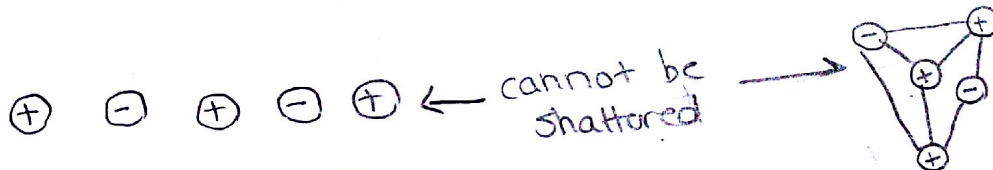
- 4 points (examine tetrahedra)



- 5 points



← square pyramid cannot be shattered



VC-dimension = 4

5. Problems 1, 3, and 4 represent half-planes in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , respectively. In each case, the VC-dimension is equal to the dimension + 1. Therefore, I would expect a half-space in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to have a VC-dimension of  $n+1$ .