

# Report on Single Index Model

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# Background and Introduction

Suppose our link function has the form

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\langle \mathbf{u}^*, \mathbf{x} \rangle) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} a_{\ell}^* H_{\ell}(\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}^* \rangle)$$

with the function class defined as  $\mathcal{F} = \{g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z) = \sum_{i=0}^L a_i H_i(z)\}$ .

## Associated Population Loss

$$R_L(\mathbf{u}) = \min_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{L+1}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( y - \sum_{\ell=0}^L a_{\ell} H_{\ell}(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x} \rangle) \right)^2 \right] = \sigma^2 + \sum_{\ell=1}^L a_{\ell}^{*2} \left( 1 - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}^* \rangle^{2\ell} \right)$$

$$F_{\ell}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x}) H_{\ell}(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x} \rangle)] = a_{\ell}^* \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}^* \rangle^{\ell}$$

Therefore, we can define the goodness-of-fit statistic as

$$\hat{F}_{\ell}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i H_{\ell}(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle) \quad \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{S}^{p-1}} \hat{F}_{\ell}(\mathbf{u}) \text{ for some value } \ell$$

# Concentration Results

In the algorithms to come, we have to analyze

$\nabla \hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}; \text{data}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\ell} y_i H_{\ell-1}(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle) \mathbf{x}_i$  which can be further decomposed into the form like  $\propto \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{x}_i) H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle) \mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}_i \rangle) \mathbf{x}_i$

## Main Concentration Results

With probability at least  $1 - 2\delta - \frac{4}{n}$ ,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle) \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbb{E}[y H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x} \rangle) \mathbf{x}] \right\|$$
$$\leq 100(\|h\|_\infty + 4\sigma) 2^\ell \sqrt{\frac{\max(p, \log \frac{1}{\delta})(\log n)^\ell}{n}}$$

# Assumptions and a good $\ell$

Let  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- ① (Normalization)  $\mathbb{E}[g^2(z)] = 1$  i.e.  $1 = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} a_{\ell}^{*2}$
- ② (Smoothness)  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 g(z)}{dz^2} \right) \right] \leq R^2$  i.e.  $\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} i(i-1)a_i^{*2} \leq R^2$
- ③ (Minimum Signal Strength)  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{dg(z)}{dz} \right)^2 \right] \geq \mu$  i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i a_i^{*2} \geq \mu$
- ④ (Bounded Link Function)  $\|g\| < \infty$

## A good $\ell_{\#}$

There exists a  $\ell_{\#} \leq \frac{2R^2}{\mu}$  such that  $\ell_{\#} |a_{\ell_{\#}}^*|^2 \geq \frac{\mu^2}{4R^2}$

## Algorithm 1 Estimate-Index-Vector-From-Harmonic( $S, \ell$ )

**input** Data  $S = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}$ ; Degree of Harmonic  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$

**output** Index Estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^p$

1: Split  $S$  into two equal parts:

$$S_1 = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}\}, S_2 = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \dots, n\}$$

2: Define  $\hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}; S_1) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} y_i H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle)$  and

$$\hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}; S_2) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}+1}^n y_i H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle)$$

3: Random Initialization:  $\mathbf{u}_0 \sim \text{Uniform}(\mathbb{S}^{p-1})$

4: Compute two steps of iterative process:  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\nabla \hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}_0; S_1)}{\|\nabla \hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}_0; S_1)\|}$  and

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\nabla \hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}_1; S_2)}{\|\nabla \hat{F}_\ell(\mathbf{u}_1; S_2)\|}$$

5: **return**  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell := \mathbf{u}_2$

## Algorithm 2 Learn-single-index-Model $(S, R^2, \mu, \sigma^2, \|f\|_\infty, \delta)$

**Input** Data:  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^P \times \mathbb{R}$ ;

**Output** Index Estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^P$

1: Split  $S$  into  $S_{train}$  and  $S_{test}$  such that

$$m := |S_{test}| = 256 \cdot 2^{\frac{4R^2}{\mu}} R^4 (\sigma^2 + \|f\|_\infty^2) / (\delta \mu^3)$$

2: Let  $L = \frac{2R^2}{\mu}$

3: Let  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell := \text{Estimate-Index-Vector-From-Harmonic}(S_{train}, \ell)$  for each  $\ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$

4: Compute the good-of-fitness  $T_\ell = \sum_{i \in S_{test}} y_i H_\ell(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_\ell \rangle) / m$  for each  $\ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$ .

5: Let  $\ell_{best} := \arg \max_{\ell \in [L]} |T_\ell|$ .

6: return  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} := \mathbf{u}_{\ell_{best}}$ .



## Convergence Rate

Given any  $\epsilon, \delta \in (0, 1)$ ; with probability at least

$1 - \frac{4R^2}{\mu} e^{-\frac{p}{32}} - \frac{12R^2}{\mu} \delta - \frac{16R^2}{n\mu}$ , the estimate returned by Algorithm 2,  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  satisfies

$$|\langle \mathbf{u}^*, \hat{\mathbf{u}} \rangle| \geq 1 - \frac{3200 \cdot 2^{\frac{4R^2}{\mu}} (\|f\|_{\infty} + 4\sigma) R^4}{\mu^2 \sqrt{\mu}} \sqrt{\frac{\max(p, \log(\frac{1}{\delta})) (\log n)^{\frac{2R^2}{\mu}}}{n}}$$

provided that  $n$  satisfies

$$n \geq \frac{1024 \cdot 10^4 (\|f\|_{\infty} + 4\sigma)^2 R^4}{\mu^3} \frac{2^{\frac{4R^2}{\mu}}}{\delta^{\frac{4R^2}{\mu} - 2}} \max(p, \log(\frac{1}{\delta})) p^{\frac{2R^2}{\mu} - 1} (\log n)^{\frac{2R^2}{\mu}}$$

# Least Squares under Monotonicity

Suppose the link function is monotone and data are not from Gaussian space, we have the problem

$$h_n(\psi, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \psi(\alpha^T \mathbf{X}_i))^2 \quad (\psi, \alpha) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$$

where  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes function class of non-decreasing functions. Using the knowledge of isotonic regression, we define

$n_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{\alpha^T \mathbf{X}_i = Z_k\}$ ,  $t_k = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \mathbb{I}\{\alpha^T \mathbf{X}_i = Z_k\}$ , we have  
 $h_n(\psi, \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k (t_k - \psi(Z_k))^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2 - \sum_{k=1}^m n_k t_k^2$ . Thus, we set  $\eta_k = \psi(Z_k)$  leading to

$$\min \sum_{k=1}^m n_k (t_k - \eta_k)^2 \text{ over } \eta_1 \leq \cdots \leq \eta_m$$

# Solution for Least Squares

Let  $P^X$  be the set of all permutations  $\pi$  on  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $\exists \alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$  that linearly induces  $\pi$  in the sense that  $\alpha^T \mathbf{x}_{\pi(1)} < \dots < \alpha^T \mathbf{x}_{\pi(m)}$  which is available for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}^X = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1} : \alpha^T \mathbf{x}_i \neq \alpha^T \mathbf{x}_j \text{ for all } i \neq j \text{ such that } \mathbf{x}_i \neq \mathbf{x}_j\}$

## Definition

$$\tilde{n}_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_k\} \quad \tilde{y}_k = \frac{1}{\tilde{n}_k} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \mathbb{I}\{\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_k\}$$

We denote by  $d_1^\pi \leq \dots \leq d_m^\pi$  the left derivatives of the greatest convex minorant of the cumulative sum diagram define by the set of points

$$\left\{ (0, 0), \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \tilde{n}_{\pi(j)}, \sum_{j=1}^k \tilde{n}_{\pi(j)} \tilde{y}_{\pi(j)} \right), k = 1, \dots, m \right\}$$

## Theoretical Solution

The infimum of  $(\psi, \alpha) \mapsto h_n(\psi, \alpha)$  over  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$  is achieved. Moreover if  $(\hat{\psi}_n, \hat{\alpha}_n)$  satisfies the following conditions, then it is a minimizer:

- $\hat{\alpha}_n \in S^X$  linearly induces  $\hat{\pi}_n$  that minimizes  $\pi \mapsto \tilde{h}_n(\pi) = \sum_{k=1}^m \tilde{n}_{\pi(k)} (\tilde{y}_{\pi(k)} - d_k^\pi)^2$  over  $P^X$
- $\hat{\psi}_n$  is monotone, non-decreasing with  $\hat{\psi}_n(\hat{\alpha}^T \mathbf{x}_{\hat{\pi}_n(k)}) = d_k^{\hat{\pi}_n}$

# Solutions for Least Squares

## Algorithm: Stochastic Search: Find optimal $(\hat{\alpha}_n, \hat{\psi}_n)$

1: Choose the total number (maximal iterations)  $N$  of stochastic searches to perform and set  $k = 1$

2: Let  $Z_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d)$  and  $\alpha = \frac{Z_k}{\|Z_k\|}$  which is uniform on the sphere

3: Compute distinct values  $t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_L$  of  $\alpha_k^T \mathbf{X}_i$  for  $i \in [n]$  and also  $n_\ell = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{\alpha_k^T \mathbf{X}_i = t_\ell\}$ ,  $y_\ell = \frac{1}{n_\ell} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \mathbb{I}\{\alpha_k^T \mathbf{X}_i = t_\ell\}$

4: Compute  $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_L$ , the left derivatives of the greatest convex minorant of  $\left\{ (0, 0), \left( \sum_{j=1}^\ell n_j, \sum_{j=1}^\ell n_j y_j \right), \ell = 1, \dots, L \right\}$  using **PAVA**

5: Compute  $A_k := \sum_{\ell=1}^L n_\ell (y_\ell - d_\ell)^2$  and set  $k = k + 1$  and return to 2 when  $k \leq N$

6: Compute  $\hat{k}$  that minimizes  $A_k$  over  $k \in [N]$

**Return:**  $(\hat{\alpha}_n, \hat{\psi}_n) = (\alpha_{\hat{k}}, \psi_{\hat{k}})$  where  $\psi_{\hat{k}}$  is piecewise constant:  $\psi_{\hat{k}}(t_\ell) = d_\ell$

# Entropy Results

Observing that  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(\mathbf{X}_i))^2 \propto -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( Y_i g(\mathbf{X}_i) - \frac{g^2(\mathbf{X}_i)}{2} \right)$  and  $\hat{g}_n$  maximizes  $\mathbb{M}_n g := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( Y_i g(\mathbf{X}_i) - \frac{g^2(\mathbf{X}_i)}{2} \right)$  of form  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(\alpha^T \mathbf{x})$ . Similarly we define  $\mathbb{M}g := \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathbb{R}} (yg(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}, y)$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}g := \int g d\mathbb{Q}$ . Also, we denote  $\hat{f}_n(\mathbf{x}, y) = y\hat{g}_n(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2}\hat{g}_n^2(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $f(\mathbf{x}, y) = yg(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbb{M}_n g = \mathbb{P}_n f$  where  $\mathbb{P}_n$  denotes empirical distribution.

## Lemma 3.4.3

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of measurable functions such that  $\|f\|_{\mathbb{P}, B} = (2\mathbb{P}(e^{|f|} - 1 - |f|))^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \delta$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\|G_n\|_{\mathcal{F}}] \lesssim J(\delta, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}, B}) \left( 1 + \frac{J(\delta, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}, B})}{\delta^2 \sqrt{n}} \right) \quad (1)$$

where  $J(\eta) = \int_0^\eta \sqrt{1 + H_B(\epsilon, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_{B, \mathbb{P}})} d\epsilon$  and  $G_n = \sqrt{n}(\mathbb{P}_n - \mathbb{P})$ ,  $\|G_n\|_{\mathcal{F}} = \sup_{g \in \mathcal{F}} |G_n g|$  and  $\mathbb{P}_n$  denotes the empirical process.

# Entropy Results

## Lemma 3.4.2

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of measurable functions such that  $\|f\|_{\mathbb{P}} \leq \delta$  and  $\|f\|_{\infty} \leq M$  for every  $f$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[\|G_n\|_{\mathcal{F}}] \lesssim J_n(\delta, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}}) \left(1 + \frac{J_n(\delta, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}})}{\sqrt{n}\delta^2} M\right)$$

where  $G_n = \sqrt{n}(\mathbb{P}_n - \mathbb{P})$  and  $J_n(\delta, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|) = \int_0^{\delta} \sqrt{1 + H_B(\epsilon, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|)} d\epsilon$ .

Before using Lemma 3.4.2 and Lemma 3.4.3, there is a useful little trick: whenever we have a bound for  $H_B \leq \frac{C}{\epsilon}$ , we will write

$J_n(e) = \int_0^e \left(1 + \frac{C}{\epsilon}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} d\epsilon \leq e + 2\sqrt{Ce}$ , thus bounds for  $\mathbb{E}[\|G_n\|]$

$$H_B \Rightarrow J_n \Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \stackrel{\text{Markov}}{\Rightarrow} \text{consistency}$$

# Theorem for deriving Convergence Rates

## Theorem 3.2.5

If for every  $\theta$  in a neighborhood of  $\theta_0$

$$\mathbb{M}(\theta) - \mathbb{M}(\theta_0) \lesssim -d^2(\theta, \theta_0)$$

Suppose that, for every  $n$  and sufficiently small  $\delta$ , the centered process  $\mathbb{M}_n - \mathbb{M}$  satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{d(\theta, \theta_0) < \delta} |(\mathbb{M}_n - \mathbb{M})(\theta) - (\mathbb{M}_n - \mathbb{M})(\theta_0)| \right] \lesssim \frac{\phi_n(\delta)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

for functions  $\phi_n(\delta)$  such that  $\delta \mapsto \phi_n(\delta)/\delta^\alpha$  is decreasing for some  $\alpha < 2$ . Let  $r_n^2 \phi_n\left(\frac{1}{r_n}\right) \leq \sqrt{n}$  hold and  $\mathbb{M}_n(\hat{\theta}_n) \geq \mathbb{M}_n(\theta_0) - O_p(r_n^{-2})$ . Then

$$r_n d(\hat{\theta}_n, \theta_0) = O_p(1) \quad (2)$$



# Entropy for function class

## Two useful conclusions

Under the assumption:  $\exists a_0 > 0, M > 0$  such that  $\forall s \geq 2, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \int |y|^s \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{x}}(y) \leq a_0 s! M^{s-2}$ , we have

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} |\hat{g}_n(\mathbf{x})| \leq O_p(\log n) \quad D(\hat{g}_n, g_0) = O_p(n^{-\frac{1}{3}} (\log n)^{\frac{5}{3}})$$

where  $D(g, g_0) = \left( \int_{\mathcal{X}} (g_0(\mathbf{x}) - g(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{x}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

By setting  $K = C \log n, \nu = C n^{-\frac{1}{3}} (\log n)^2$  with proper constant  $C$ . We derive entropy bounds for these function class:

- $G_K = \{g(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(\alpha^T \mathbf{x}) : \alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1}, \psi \in \mathcal{M}_K\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_K = \{f(\mathbf{x}, y) = yg(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(\mathbf{x}) : g \in G_K\}$
- $G_{K\nu} = \{g \in G_K : D(g, g_0) \leq \nu\}$   
 $\mathcal{F}_{K\nu} = \{f(\mathbf{x}, y) = yg(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(\mathbf{x}) : g \in G_{K\nu}\}$

# Main Results: $O_p(n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$

With the entropy bounds at hand, combining with 15, we have

## Consistency and Convergence

- $(\int_{\mathcal{X}} (\hat{g}_n(\mathbf{x}) - g_0(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{x}))^{\frac{1}{2}} = O_p(n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$
- $\hat{\alpha}_n = \alpha_0 + o_p(1)$ , particularly,  $\|\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha_0\| = O_p(n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$
- For all fixed continuity points  $t$  of  $\psi_0$  in the interior of  $C_{\alpha_0} = \{\alpha_0^T \mathbf{X} : \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}\}$ ,  $\psi_n(t) \xrightarrow{P} \psi_0(t)$ ; if  $\psi_0$  is continuous, then  $\sup_{t \in I} |\hat{\psi}_n(t) - \psi_0(t)| = o_p(1)$
- If moreover,  $\psi_0$  has a derivative bounded from above on  $C_{\alpha_0}$ , then  $(\int_{\underline{c} + v_n}^{\bar{c} - v_n} (\hat{\psi}_n(t) - \psi_0(t))^2 dt)^{\frac{1}{2}} = O_p(n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$  for all sequence  $v_n$  such that  $n^{\frac{1}{3}} v_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\underline{c} + v_n < \bar{c} - v_n$  with  $\bar{c} = \sup C_{\alpha_0}$ ,  $\underline{c} = \inf C_{\alpha_0}$ .

We define  $S_n(\psi, \alpha) = \frac{1}{n} (Y_i - \psi(\alpha^T \mathbf{X}_i))^2$ . For a fixed  $\alpha$ , by the conclusion obtained via the left derivative of the greatest convex minorant of the cumulative sum diagram  $\left\{ (0, 0), (\sum_{j=1}^i n_j^\alpha, \sum_{j=1}^i n_j^\alpha Y_j^\alpha), i = 1, \dots, m \right\}$ , the minimizer for a fixed  $\alpha$  is denoted by  $\hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}$ . Now we consider the estimation for  $\alpha$ :

$$\min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{n} \left( Y_i - \hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\alpha^T \mathbf{X}_i) \right)^2$$

Let  $\mathbb{S} : \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{d-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^d; \beta \rightarrow \alpha = \mathbb{S}(\beta)$  be a local parametrization, obtaining

$$\min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( Y_i - \hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\mathbb{S}(\beta)^T \mathbf{X}_i) \right)^2$$

# Zero-Crossing Solution

By derivative, we get

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 2 \left( Y_i - \hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\mathbb{S}(\beta)^T \mathbf{X}_i) \right) \cdot (-1) \frac{d\hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(x)}{dx} \cdot (J_{\mathbb{S}}(\beta))^T \mathbf{X}_i = 0, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (J_{\mathbb{S}}(\beta))^T \mathbf{X}_i \left( Y_i - \hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\mathbb{S}(\beta)^T \mathbf{X}_i) \right)$$

where  $J_{\mathbb{S}}(\beta) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbb{S}_i(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times (d-1)}$

We cannot hope to find the exact solution for the equations, instead we can derive the zero-crossing of

$$\phi_n(\beta) = \int (J_{\mathbb{S}}(\beta))^T \mathbf{x} (y - \hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\mathbb{S}(\beta)^T \mathbf{x})) d\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

and with population version

$$\phi(\beta) = \int (J_{\mathcal{S}}(\beta))^T \mathbf{x} (y - \psi_{\alpha}(\mathcal{S}(\beta)^T \mathbf{x})) dP_0(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

where  $\psi_{\alpha}(u) = \mathbb{E}[\psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{X}) | \alpha^T \mathbf{X} = u]$

# Technical Lemmas

## Link Function under $L_2$

The functional  $L_\alpha$  given by  $\psi \mapsto L_\alpha(\psi) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} (\psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{x}) - \psi(\alpha^T \mathbf{x}))^2 dG(\mathbf{x})$  admits a minimizer  $\psi^\alpha$  over the set of non-decreasing functions, such that  $\psi^\alpha$  is uniquely given by  $\psi_\alpha = \mathbb{E}[\psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{X}) | \alpha^T \mathbf{X} = u]$

## Distance and Bound

Similar to 16, we have when  $\alpha \in B(\alpha_0, \delta_0)$

$$\max_{\alpha} \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} |\hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\alpha^T \mathbf{x})| = O_p(\log n) \quad \sup_{\alpha} \int \left( \hat{\psi}_{n\alpha}(\alpha^T \mathbf{x}) - \psi_\alpha(\alpha^T \mathbf{x}) \right)^2 = O_p(\log n)$$

The estimation  $\hat{\psi}_{n\alpha} \overset{\text{distance}}{\longleftrightarrow} \psi_\alpha(u)$  link function



$$\phi_n(\beta) \overset{\phi_n(\beta) = \phi(\beta) + o_p(1)}{\longleftrightarrow} \phi(\beta)$$

## Asymptotic Property

- (Existence) A crossing of zero  $\hat{\beta}_n$  of  $\phi_n(\beta)$  exists with probability tending to 1
- (Consistency)  $\hat{\alpha}_n \xrightarrow{P} \alpha_0$
- (Asymptotic normality) Define  $A = \mathbb{E} [\psi'_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{X}) \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X} | \alpha_0^T \mathbf{X})]$  and  $\Sigma = \mathbb{E} \left[ (Y - \psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{X}))^2 (\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X} | \alpha_0^T \mathbf{X}]) (\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X} | \alpha_0^T \mathbf{X}])^T \right]$ , then  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha_0) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}_d(0, A^{-1} \Sigma A^{-1})$

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## Definition: Learnable algorithm

Suppose that  $F$  is a set of functions mapping from a domain  $X$  into the real interval  $[0, 1]$ . A learning algorithm  $L$  for  $F$  is a function  $L : \cup_{m=1}^{\infty} (X \times \mathbb{R})^m \rightarrow F$  with the following property:

- given any  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $B \geq 1$ : there is an integer  $m_0(\epsilon, \delta, B)$  such that if  $m \geq m_0(\epsilon, \delta, B)$

then, for any probability distribution  $P$  on  $X \times [1 - B, B]$ , if  $z$  is a training sample of length  $m$ , drawn randomly according to the product probability distribution  $P^m$ , then, with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ , the function  $L(z)$  output by  $L$  is such that

$$er_P(L(z)) < opt_P(F) + \epsilon$$

where  $opt_P(F) = \inf_{f \in F} \mathbb{E}[(f(x) - y)^2]$ ;  $er_P(f) = \mathbb{E}[(f(x) - y)^2]$

We say that  $F$  is **learnable** if there is a learning algorithm for  $F$ .



# Fat shattering and Rademacher complexity

## Lower bound for sample complexity through fat-shattering dimension

$F$  is the function class:  $X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . Then for  $B \geq 2$ ,  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{100}$ , **any learning algorithm**  $L$  for  $F$  has sample complexity satisfying

$$m_L(\epsilon, \delta, B) \geq \frac{\text{fat}_F(\epsilon/\alpha) - 1}{16\alpha} \quad \forall \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$$

## Rademacher complexity

$$R_m(\mathcal{F}) = \sup_{\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m \subset \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \epsilon_i f(x_i) \right]$$

Frankly speaking, although I read Chapter 13 in Martin's book, I still cannot figure out the relationship between Rademacher complexity and upper bound for sample complexity

## 1 Single Index Model

- Under Gaussian Space
- Least Squares on Monotone Functions
- Score Estimation on Monotone Functions

## 2 Sample Complexity of One-Hidden-Layer Neural Networks

## 3 What am I thinking about

For single index model

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{x})$$

under i.i.d. observations  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ , the problem is how to "test"  $\alpha_0 = \mathbf{0}$

In those papers I read, they always assume  $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$ , with the condition  $\psi$  is monotone or noise  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are normal random variable.  $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$  bypasses the problem of non-identifiability, i.e. if we define  $\phi_0(t) = \psi_0(\|\alpha_0\|t)$ . With  $\beta_0 = \frac{\alpha_0}{\|\alpha_0\|}$ , we have  $\psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{x}) = \phi_0(\beta_0^T \mathbf{x})$ .

Therefore, it may not work if we apply least squares methods to estimate  $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$ . Perhaps we have to solve the problem from a prospective of hypothesis testing.

# Estimation or Testing?

- Estimation

If we can tackle the problem of non-identifiability, then we can, under the conditions that the link is monotone or in Gaussian space, make an estimation for both  $\psi_0$  and  $\alpha_0$ . It will be clear to see whether  $\alpha_0 = 0$ .

- Testing

$$H_0 : Y = \psi_0(0) + \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \longleftrightarrow H_1 : Y = \psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{x}) + \epsilon \quad \alpha_0 \in \mathcal{S}_{d-1}$$

where  $\mu = \psi_0(0)$ . If  $\psi_0$  is linear, the testing problem can be done by ANOVA. Similarly, is it possible to derive a testing statistic similar to "RSS<sub>1</sub>-RSS<sub>2</sub>" and figure it out distribution?

# Testing and Estimation

We can define  $RSS_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$  and  $RSS_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$ , where we can use the algorithm finding  $\hat{\psi}_n, \hat{\alpha}_n$  and let  $\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\psi}_n(\hat{\alpha}_n^T \mathbf{x}_i)$ . And we can define  $F$ -statistic

$$F = \frac{(RSS_1 - RSS_2)/d.f.1}{RSS_2/d.f.2}$$

And another method is to define the likelihood ratio test and perhaps do minimax hypothesis testing. Observing that  $\psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{x}) - \psi_0(0)$  is still a non-decreasing function, we can test

$$H_0 : \theta = 0 \longleftrightarrow H_1 : \theta = \psi_0(\alpha_0^T \mathbf{x})$$

where the null and alternative are both simple.

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