

FTML practical session 13

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1 BOUND ON THE ESTIMATION ERROR

Step 2]

The fact that

$$2 \sup_{h \in F} |R(h) - R_n(h)| \geq t \quad (1)$$

is equivalent to :

$$\cup_{h \in F} (2|R(h) - R_n(h)| \geq t) \quad (2)$$

Then, Boole's inequality shows that :

$$P\left(\cup_{h \in F} (2|R(h) - R_n(h)| \geq t)\right) \leq \sum_{h \in F} P(2|R(h) - R_n(h)| \geq t) \quad (3)$$

Step 3]

For each $h \in F$, we need to bound

$$P(2|R(h) - R_n(h)| \geq t) \quad (4)$$

We can apply Hoeffding's inequality to $X_i = l(h(x_i), y_i)$:

- The X_i are independent and identically distributed.
- $\forall i, E[X_i] = R(h)$ (see section 3.1.8 in lecture_notes.pdf)

Hence,

$$\forall h \in F, P(2|R(h) - R_n(h)| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{2(b-a)^2}\right) \quad (5)$$

The result can then be obtained by summing over the estimators $h \in F$.

Step 4]

We write

$$\delta = 2|F| \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{2(b-a)^2}\right) \quad (6)$$

Using ??

$$\begin{aligned} P(R(f_n) - R(f_a) < t) &= 1 - P(R(f_n) - R(f_a) \geq t) \\ &\geq 1 - \delta \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Hence, with probability larger than $1 - \delta$, $R(f_n) - R(f_a) < t$. We just need to express t as a function of δ .

$$\frac{\delta}{2|F|} = \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{2(b-a)^2}\right) \quad (8)$$

$$-2(b-a)^2 \log\left(\frac{\delta}{2|F|}\right) = nt^2 \quad (9)$$

$$2(b-a)^2 \log\left(\frac{2|F|}{\delta}\right) = nt^2 \quad (10)$$

$$2(b-a)^2 \left(\log\left(\frac{2}{\delta}\right) + \log(|F|)\right) = nt^2 \quad (11)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2(b-a)^2 \left(\log\left(\frac{2}{\delta}\right) + \log(|F|)\right)}{n}} = t \quad (12)$$