

- Projects - keep of convergence, gen.
- SGD - Tied down to a procedure.

Information Theoretic Lower Bounds

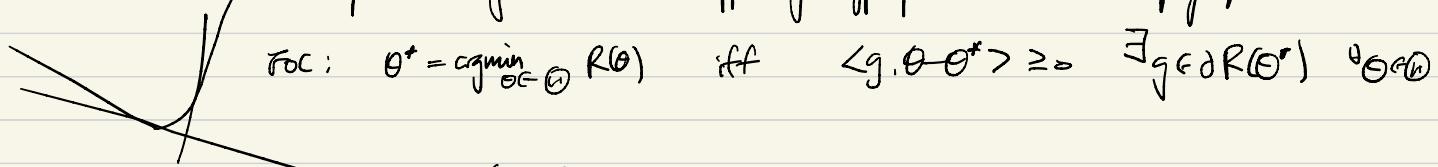
Recap

We studied convex (stochastic) optimization problems

$$\underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\text{minimize}} \quad R(\theta), \quad \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \text{ convex, compact}, \quad R: \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ convex.}$$

Def (Subgradients) The subgradient set of R at θ is $\partial R(\theta) := \{g : R(\theta') \geq R(\theta) + \langle g, \theta' - \theta \rangle \forall \theta'\}$

c.f. $\partial R(\theta)$ is convex and compact. subgradients are supporting hyperplanes of the epigraph



Example $h(\theta) = |\theta - c| \quad \partial h(\theta) = \begin{cases} \text{sign}(\theta - c) & \text{if } \theta \neq c \\ [-1, 1] & \text{if } \theta = c \end{cases}$

f. Useful for e.g. $\min \frac{1}{n} \sum \ell(\theta_i | X_i) + \lambda \|\theta\|_1$ or $\min \frac{1}{n} \sum |y_i - \theta^T x_i|$

Stochastic (sub)gradient descent : Consider stochastic subgradients $g(\theta | \zeta)$ s.t. for some independent RV ζ , $\mathbb{E} g(\theta | \zeta) \in \partial R(\theta)$.

$$\theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \Pi_{\Theta}(\theta^k - \alpha_k g(\theta^k; \zeta_k)) \quad : \text{SGD update}$$

c.f. $\zeta_i = (x_i, y_i)$. $g(\theta | \zeta) = \nabla_{\theta} \ell(\theta | x, y)$. (or you can use batch > 1)

Theorem Let $\theta^* \in \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta) > -\infty$, $D > 0$ s.t. $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \leq D$, $M > 0$ s.t. $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E} \|g(\theta | \zeta)\|_2^2 \leq M^2$. Let α_k be dec. pos. step sizes, and $\bar{\theta}_K = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k$

$$\mathbb{E}[R(\bar{\theta}_K) - R(\theta^*)] \leq \frac{D^2}{2K\alpha_K} + \frac{1}{2K} \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k M^2.$$

Pf) Identical as last week's result for differentiable functions.

Cov Setting $\alpha_k = \frac{D}{M\sqrt{k}}$, $\mathbb{E} R(\bar{\theta}_K) - R(\theta^*) \leq \frac{3DM}{2K}$.

Rank To solve problem to ϵ -accuracy, you need $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2})$ -iterations of SGD. Compared to $\log(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$ of PMs, this is terribly slow.

Q Can we improve the SGD rate of conv? Or is it "optimal"? i.e. unimprovable

Minimax rates Consider's worst-case optimality gap among a class of 'problems'.

- Components
- 1) A collection of functions $\mathcal{F} := \{\theta \mapsto \mathbb{E}_{P \in \mathcal{P}}(f(\theta; z)) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ induced by class of probabilities \mathcal{P}
 - 2) closed, convex set $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$
 - 3) A stochastic gradient oracle $g: \mathbb{R}^d \times \Xi \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. $\mathbb{E} g(\theta; z; P) \in \partial R(\theta)$.
Implicitly a prob. distribution on Ξ induced by P .
- ↳ Think of this as \nexists access to data points.

Example

$$R_p(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_P \ln(g(1 + \exp(-\gamma \theta^\top X))) \quad : \text{Logistic regression} \quad \mathcal{P} = \{P \text{ s.t. } Y \in \{-1, 1\}, X \in \{0, 1\}^d \text{ a.s.}\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{R_p : P \in \mathcal{P}\} \quad \text{Define } \bar{z} = (X, Y).$$

$$g(\theta; z; P) = \nabla_\theta \ell(\theta; X, Y) = -\frac{\gamma X}{1 + \exp(\gamma \theta^\top X)}, \quad \mathbb{E}_{\text{exp}} g(\theta; \bar{z}; P) = \nabla_\theta R_p(\theta).$$

View algorithms as making K queries to the stoch. grad. oracle at $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K$ (adaptively) and it returns $\hat{\theta}_K$.

Optimality gap: $\mathbb{E}_{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K} [R_p(\hat{\theta}(\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K)) - \inf_{\theta \in \mathcal{S}} R_p(\theta)]$ ↴ IDK what this is. So we think of value choosing the worst-possible instance.

Measure performance w.r.t. hardest problem (dist. $P \in \mathcal{P}$)

$$\sup_{\theta, P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K} [R_p(\hat{\theta}(\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K)) - \inf_{\theta \in \mathcal{S}} R_p(\theta)] \quad \dots (*)$$

i.e. I want $\hat{\theta}$ to achieve low error uniformly over $P \in \mathcal{P}$.

My job as statistical modeller / stoch optimizer is to come up with algo $\hat{\theta}$ st. (*) low.

The optimal algo gives the **minimax risk**

$$M_K(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D}) := \inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K} [R_p(\hat{\theta}(\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K)) - \inf_{\theta \in \mathcal{S}} R_p(\theta)]$$

where inf is over all measurable fns of $\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K$.

Rmk We can consider random procedures that incorporate more randomness using same techniques / bounds / proofs.

This measures extent to which we can optimize worst-case opt gap over the class of problems $P \in \mathcal{P}$, using finite access to stoch grad oracle.

Rmk Similar quantities can be defined for estimation problems where $\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_K$ are data points. This would measure sample complexity. Everything in today's class has a straightforward analogue to this setting.

Rmk Though we define minimax risk over K queries to stoch grad oracle, we can see some bound applies to all procedures using K samples.

Rmk Minimax can be very conservative.

Step 0 (Worst-case \rightarrow Bayesian) Let $\{P_v\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ be a collection of distributions ordered by finite or countable V . Let π be a prob on V . For any fixed ℓ ,

$$\sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}[R_P(\hat{\theta}_k) - \inf_{\Theta \in \mathcal{O}} R_\ell(\Theta)] \geq \sum_{v \in V} \pi(v) \mathbb{E}_{P_v}^{\dagger}[R_{P_v}(\hat{\theta}_k) - \inf_{\Theta \in \mathcal{O}} R_{P_v}(\Theta)]$$

Step 1 (Reduction from optimization \rightarrow hypothesis testing)

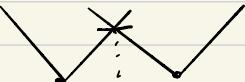
Def For two cex functions R_0, R_1 define the optimization separation $d_{opt}(R_0, R_1)$ as

$$d_{opt}(R_0, R_1) := \sup \{ \delta \geq 0 : \begin{array}{l} R_1(\Theta) \leq R_0^+ + \delta \Rightarrow R_0(\Theta) \geq R_0^+ + \delta \\ R_0(\Theta) \leq R_1^+ + \delta \Rightarrow R_1(\Theta) \geq R_1^+ + \delta \end{array} \text{ for any } \Theta \in \mathcal{O} \}$$

where $R_i^+ = \inf_{\Theta \in \mathcal{O}} R_i(\Theta)$.

\hookrightarrow Optimizing R_1 means we can't optimize R_0 very well if $d_{opt}(R_0, R_1)$ large.
This says if we optimized one function well, then we couldn't have optimized other functions well-separated in d_{opt} .

e.g. If Θ is s.t. $R_1(\Theta) - R_1^+ \leq d_{opt}(R_0, R_1)$, then Θ cannot optimize R_0 well.

Ex $R_0(\Theta) = |\Theta - 1|$ $R_1(\Theta) = |\Theta + 1|$  $d_{opt}(R_0, R_1) = 2$.

Consider canonical hypothesis testing problem:

- 1) Nature chooses $V \in \mathcal{V}$ unit. at random
- 2) Cond. on $V=v$, we observe subgradients associated with R_{P_v} for i.i.d $\tilde{\gamma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\gamma}_K$.

Goal Figure out which index Nature chose.

If we can opt to better than $d_{opt}(R_v, R_{v'})$ $\forall v' \in V$, then we can identify $V=v$.

Lemma Let V be drawn u.a.r. from \mathcal{V} , $|V| < \infty$, and assume $\{P_v\}_{v \in V}$ is δ -separated:

$$d_{opt}(R_v, R_{v'}) \geq \delta \quad \forall v \neq v' \in \mathcal{V}.$$

For any fixed ℓ , over $V \times \mathcal{O}$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{v \in V} \mathbb{E}[R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_v^+] \geq \delta \inf_{\hat{\theta}} P(\hat{\theta} \neq V)$$

where \inf is over all testing procedures based on observed data.

\hookrightarrow In particular, this lower bounds Bayes-risk with $\pi(v) = \frac{1}{|V|}$.

Game plan Construct a class of well-separated functions in d_{opt} . Then show testing among them is difficult.

\hookrightarrow Trade-off: Easier to distinguish functions when δ large, and vice-versa.

PF) $\mathbb{E}[R_v(\hat{\theta}) - R_j^+] \geq \delta \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{\{R_v(\hat{\theta}) - R_j^+ \geq \delta\}}] = \delta P_v(R_v(\hat{\theta}) - R_j^+ \geq \delta)$. ✓ P_v is over \mathcal{Z}_v^K , for the oracle it defines.

Define the hypothesis test $\hat{v} = \begin{cases} v & \text{if } R_v(\hat{\theta}) \leq R_j^+ + \delta \\ \text{random} & \text{else} \end{cases}$ \leftarrow this can be arbitrary
↳ This is well-defined since $\text{dopt}(R_v, R_{v'}) \geq \delta \quad \forall v \neq v'$, so such v is unique.

Now note $\hat{v} \neq v \Rightarrow R_v(\hat{\theta}) \geq R_j^+ + \delta$. So $\mathbb{P}(\hat{v} \neq v) \leq P_v(R_v(\hat{\theta}) \geq R_j^+ + \delta)$.

Hence, $\frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{v \in V} \mathbb{E}[R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_j^+] \geq \delta \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{v \in V} P_v(\hat{v} \neq v) = \delta \cdot \mathbb{P}(\hat{v} \neq v) \quad \text{by def of } V. \blacksquare$

Le Cam's method. Reduction to binary hypothesis testing. $V = \{-1, +1\}$

We construct P_1, P_{-1} , and show hardness of optimizing on $\mathbb{R}^K \ni \theta$.

Def

$$\text{TV distance} \quad \|P - Q\|_{\text{TV}} = \sup_{A \subseteq \Xi \text{ meas.}} |P(A) - Q(A)|$$

$$\text{KL divergence} \quad D_{\text{KL}}(P, Q) = \int_{\Xi} p(z) \log \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} d\mu(z)$$

Lemma 1

$$1 - \|P_1 - P_{-1}\|_{\text{TV}} = \inf_{\hat{v}} \{P_1(\hat{v} \neq 1) + P_{-1}(\hat{v} \neq -1)\} \quad \text{& best prob of being wrong in binary hyp test,}$$

PF) Any $\hat{v}: \Xi \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$, define $A = \hat{v}^{-1}\{1\}$, $A^c = \hat{v}^{-1}\{-1\} \Rightarrow P_1(\hat{v} \neq 1) + P_{-1}(\hat{v} \neq -1) = P_1(A) + P_{-1}(A^c) = 1 - P_1(A) + P_{-1}(A)$

Taking inf over \hat{v} , RHS = $\inf_{A \subseteq \Xi \text{ meas.}} \{1 - P_1(A) + P_{-1}(A)\} = 1 - \sup_{A \subseteq \Xi \text{ meas.}} P_1(A) - P_{-1}(A) = 1 - \|P_1 - P_{-1}\|_{\text{TV}}. \blacksquare$

We get $M_K(\Theta, P) \geq \inf_{\hat{P}_k} \max_{v \in \{-1, 1\}} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{P}_k}[R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_j^+] \geq \delta \cdot \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\hat{v}} \{P_1(\hat{v} \neq 1) + P_{-1}(\hat{v} \neq -1)\}$

where $P_{\pm 1}^k$ are K -product dists over $\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_K$.

$$= \delta \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 - \|P_1^k - P_{-1}^k\|_{\text{TV}})$$

↳ If R_i, R_j are diff, then δ is big (optimizing one makes other worse), but this will likely make P_1, P_{-1} to be different.

Now, $\|P_1^k - P_{-1}^k\|_{\text{TV}}$ is unwieldy since TV distance don't play well with products.

Lemma 2

$$(Pinsker) \quad \|P - Q\|_{\text{TV}}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} D_{\text{KL}}(P, Q)$$

Lemma 3

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P_1^k, P_{-1}^k) = k \cdot D_{\text{KL}}(P_1, P_{-1})$$

PF)

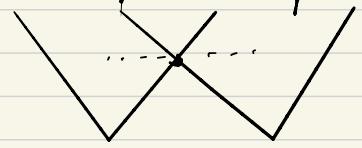
$$\begin{aligned} \int \prod_{h=1}^k P_1(\mathcal{Z}_h) \log \frac{\prod_{h=1}^k P_1(\mathcal{Z}_h)}{\prod_{h=1}^k P_{-1}(\mathcal{Z}_h)} d\mathcal{Z}_1 \cdots d\mathcal{Z}_k &= \sum_{h=1}^k \int \left(\prod_{h=1}^{h-1} P_1(\mathcal{Z}_h) \right) \log \frac{P_1(\mathcal{Z}_h)}{P_{-1}(\mathcal{Z}_h)} d\mathcal{Z}_1 \cdots d\mathcal{Z}_k \\ &= \sum_{h=1}^k \int P_h(\mathcal{Z}_h) \log \frac{P_h(\mathcal{Z}_h)}{P_{-1}(\mathcal{Z}_h)} d\mathcal{Z}_h = \sum_{h=1}^k D_{\text{KL}}(P_1, P_{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

So we get $\|P_1^k - P_{-1}^k\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{k}{2} D_{\text{KL}}(P_1, P_{-1})}$. Plugging this in,

$$M_K(\Theta, P) \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{dopt}(R_i, R_j) \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{k}{2} D_{\text{KL}}(P_1, P_{-1})}\right). \quad \blacksquare$$

Now, construct P_1, P_{-1} (with corresponding oracles) s.t. they're close in KL so testing is hard, but well-separated in dopt.

Let $\mathbb{H} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be s.t. L^2 -ball of radius D is included in \mathbb{H} . We consider stoch. grad. oracles s.t. $\mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \bar{z}; P)\|_2^2 \leq M^2$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{H}$. Let P be s.t. $\theta \mapsto R_P(\theta)$ is M -Lip in $\|\cdot\|_2$.



Construction

Consider $d=1$ w.l.o.g.: Assume $[-D, D] \subseteq \mathbb{H} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Define P_1, P_{-1} s.t. $R_1(\theta) = \delta M |\theta - D|$ $R_{-1}(\theta) = \delta M |\theta + D|$.

From picture, $\text{d}_{\text{opt}}(R_1, R_{-1}) = \delta M D$.

Now, construct stoch. grad. oracle s.t. $\mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \bar{z}; P_v)\|^2 \leq M^2$.

For $\delta < 1$, the oracle for P_v , $v \in \{\pm 1\}$ is

$$\text{flip coin } \bar{z} \sim \text{Ber}((1+\sqrt{\delta})/2), \quad g(\theta; \bar{z}; P_v) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\delta} M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) & \text{if } \bar{z} = 1 \\ -\sqrt{\delta} M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) & \text{if } \bar{z} = 0 \end{cases}$$

c.f. If $\theta = vD$, return random $\pm M$.

$$\mathbb{E}_{P_v} g(\theta; \bar{z}; P_v) = \frac{1+\delta}{2} \sqrt{\delta} M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) - \frac{1-\delta}{2} \sqrt{\delta} M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) = \sqrt{\delta} \cdot \sqrt{\delta} M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) = \delta M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) \in \partial R_v(\theta)$$

Distance

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{stoch}}(P_1, P_{-1}) &= \sum_{\bar{z} \in \{0, 1\}} P_v(\bar{z}) \log \frac{P_v(\bar{z})}{P_{-v}(\bar{z})} = \frac{1+\delta}{2} \log \frac{\frac{1+\delta}{2}}{\frac{1-\delta}{2}} + \frac{1-\delta}{2} \log \frac{\frac{1-\delta}{2}}{\frac{1+\delta}{2}} \\ &= \delta \log \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Taylor expansion of $x \mapsto \log \frac{1+x}{1-x} = a(x)$ at $x=0$: $a'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1-x}$ $a''(x) = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta} &= a(0) + a'(0)\delta + \frac{a''(\tilde{\delta})\delta^2}{2} \quad \text{for some } \tilde{\delta} \in [0, \delta] \\ &\leq 0 + 2\delta + 2\delta^2 \quad \text{if } \delta \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (\because a''(\tilde{\delta}) \leq \frac{1}{(1-\tilde{\delta})^2} \leq \frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{2})^2} = 4) \\ &\leq 3\delta \quad \text{if } \delta \leq \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

So $D_{\text{stoch}}(P_1, P_{-1}) \leq 3\delta^2$. Plugging this into Le Cam's result,

$$\mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{H}, P) \geq \frac{1}{2} \delta M D \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{K}{2} \delta^2}\right).$$

Set S

I need $1 - \sqrt{\frac{K}{2} \delta^2}$ to behave like a const. i.e. $\delta^2 \sim \frac{1}{K}$.

Set $\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}$ so that $1 - \sqrt{\frac{K}{2} \delta^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ ($K \geq 2$).

Conclude $\mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{H}, P) \geq \frac{MD}{4\sqrt{K}}$. for $K \geq 2$.

Recalling prev result, if $\text{Dinner } B_2 \subseteq \mathbb{H} \subseteq \text{Outer } B_2$,

$$\frac{\text{Dinner } M}{\sqrt{K}} \leq \mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{H}, P) \leq \frac{\text{Outer } M}{\sqrt{K}}$$

(?)

My construction was in \mathbb{R}^1 . Surely things are harder in $d > 1$.
Can we show a more explicit bound with dimension?

Assouad's method

Reduce opt to d binary hypothesis tests.

Let $\mathcal{V} = \{\pm 1\}^d$ be the d-dim binary hypercube. For each $v \in \mathcal{V}$, we construct function R_v and P_v , a joint distribution over \mathbb{R}^d .

W.l.o.g. assume $0 \in \mathcal{O}$. We say $\{P_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$ is δ -separated in the Hamming distance if for all $\theta \in \mathcal{O}$

$$R_v(\theta) - R_v^* \geq \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \mathbb{1}\{\text{sgn}(\theta_j) \neq v_j\}.$$

Ex $R_v(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^d |\theta_j - v_j|$, $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ so $R_v^* = 0$ $\forall v \in \mathcal{V}$. Then, $R_v(\theta) - R_v^* = \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j |\theta_j - v_j| \geq \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \mathbb{1}\{\text{sgn}(\theta_j) \neq v_j\}$

Lemma (Assouad) Let $\{P_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$ be δ -separated in Hamming distance, $\mathcal{V} = \{\pm 1\}^d$. Let $P_{\pm j} = \frac{1}{2^{d-1}} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} P_v$

$$\frac{1}{2^d} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{I}_1} \mathbb{E}[R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_v^*] \geq \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_j \delta_j (1 - \|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{\text{TV}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf)} \quad & \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{I}_1} \mathbb{E}[R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_v^*] \geq \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{I}_1} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j P_v(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq v_j) = \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{I}_1} P_v(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq v_j) \\ & = \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \cdot \frac{1}{2^d} \left\{ \sum_{v_j=1} P_v(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq 1) + \sum_{v_j=-1} P_v(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq -1) \right\} \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \left\{ P_{+j}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq 1) + P_{-j}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq -1) \right\} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j (1 - \|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{\text{TV}}) \quad \blacksquare. \end{aligned}$$

Cor Let $P_{v, \pm j}$ be P_v where v' is v with j th entry of v forced to be ± 1 . Then,

$$M_K(\mathcal{O}, \delta) \geq \frac{d\delta}{2} \left(1 - \max_{v \in \mathcal{V}, 1 \leq j \leq d} D_{KL}(P_{v, \pm j}, P_{v, \mp j}) \right) \quad \text{whenever } \delta \text{-1-separation in Hamming holds.}$$

Pf) Note that $P_{\pm j} = \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_v P_{v, \pm j}$, since $\sum_v P_{v, \pm j} = \sum_{v_j=1} P_v + \sum_{v_j=-1} P_v = 2 \sum_{v_j=1} P_v$. Then from triangle inequality,

$$\|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{\text{TV}} = \left\| \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_v (P_{v, +j} - P_{v, -j}) \right\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \frac{1}{2^d} \sum_v \|P_{v, +j} - P_{v, -j}\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \max_{v_j} \|P_{v, +j} - P_{v, -j}\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \max_{v_j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(P_{v, +j}, P_{v, -j})}. \text{ by Pinsker.}$$

$$M_K(\mathcal{O}, \delta) \geq \frac{d\delta}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{\text{TV}} \right) \geq \frac{d\delta}{2} \left(1 - \max_{v, j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(P_{v, +j}, P_{v, -j})} \right). \quad \blacksquare.$$

Consider $\mathbb{E}[v, 0]^d \subseteq \mathcal{O}$, and $\mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \mathcal{Z}; R)\|_1^2 \leq M^2 \quad \forall \theta \in \mathcal{O}$, and $|R_p(\theta) - R_p(\theta')| \leq M \|\theta - \theta'\|_\infty$

Construction

Let $R_v(\theta) = \frac{M\delta}{d} \|\theta - P_v\|_1$, for $v \in \{\pm 1\}^d$. Then

$R_v(\theta) - R_v^* = R_v(\theta) \geq \frac{M\delta}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbb{D}\{\text{sgn}(\theta_j) \neq v_j\}$. So $\frac{M\delta}{d}$ 1-separated in the Hamming distance.

For stochastic oracle, take $\bar{z}_v = \begin{cases} e_j & \text{w.p. } \frac{1+v_j\delta}{2d} \\ -e_j & \text{w.p. } \frac{1-v_j\delta}{2d} \end{cases} \quad j=1, \dots, d$

$$g(\theta; \mathcal{Z}; R_v) = \begin{cases} M \cdot v_j \cdot \text{sgn}(\theta_j - P_{v,j}) \cdot e_j & \text{if } \bar{z}_v = e_j \\ -M v_j \cdot \text{sgn}(\theta_j - P_{v,j}) \cdot e_j & \text{if } \bar{z}_v = -e_j \end{cases}, \quad \text{IM randomly if } \theta_j = P_{v,j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{Z}} g(\theta; \mathcal{Z}; R_v) &= \sum_{j=1}^d \left\{ \frac{1+v_j\delta}{2d} M v_j \text{sgn}(\theta_j - P_{v,j}) e_j - \frac{1-v_j\delta}{2d} M v_j \text{sgn}(\theta_j - P_{v,j}) (-e_j) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\delta M v_j^2}{d} \text{sgn}(\theta_j - P_{v,j}) e_j = \frac{\delta M}{d} \text{sgn}(\theta - P_v) \in \partial R_v(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Distance

We need to bound $D_{KL}(P_v, P_{v'})$ for $v \neq v'$ that differ only in a single coordinate. W.l.o.g. let this be the first coordinate, and recall P_v is a joint distribution over \mathbb{Z}_1^K . Since P_v is a product distribution over i.i.d. \mathbb{Z}_1 , let $\mathbb{Z}_1 \sim P_{v, \mathbb{Z}_1}$. Then $P_v = P_{v, \mathbb{Z}_1}^K$.

$$\text{So } D_{KL}(P_v, P_{v'}) = D_{KL}(P_{v, \mathbb{Z}_1}^K, P_{v', \mathbb{Z}_1}^K) = K D_{KL}(P_{v, \mathbb{Z}_1}, P_{v', \mathbb{Z}_1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, note from definition that if } v_j = v'_j \quad \forall j \neq 1, \quad \text{with } v_1 = 1, v'_1 = -1 \\ D_{KL}(P_{v, \mathbb{Z}_1}, P_{v', \mathbb{Z}_1}) = P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1) \log \frac{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1)}{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1)} + P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = -e_1) \log \frac{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = -e_1)}{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1+\delta}{2d} \log \frac{\frac{1+\delta}{2d}}{1-\delta/2d} + \frac{1-\delta}{2d} \log \frac{\frac{1-\delta}{2d}}{\frac{1+\delta}{2d}} = \frac{\delta}{d} \log \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta} \leq \frac{3}{d} \delta^2, \quad \delta \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So we conclude } \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{H}, P) \geq \frac{d}{2} \cdot \frac{MD\delta}{d} \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3K\delta^2}{d}}\right) = \frac{MD\delta}{2} \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2d} K\delta^2}\right)$$

Setting $\delta^2 = \frac{d}{6K}$, which is possible if $\frac{d}{6} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot K$, $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2d} K\delta^2} = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{H}, P) \geq \frac{MD}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{d}{6K}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{MD}{4} \sqrt{\frac{d}{6K}} \quad \text{whenever } K \geq \frac{d}{3}.$$

Let's say $[D_{in}, D_{in}]^d \subseteq \mathbb{H} \subseteq [D_{out}, D_{out}]^d$. Then,

$$\frac{D_{in} \cdot M}{4} \sqrt{\frac{d}{6K}} \leq \mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{H}, P) \leq \frac{3}{2} D_{out} \cdot M \cdot \sqrt{\frac{d}{K}} \quad \text{from previous result.}$$