

### The Learning algorithm:

L fits a hypothesis (from H) to the training set by choosing  $r_1$  to be the distance between the origin (the center of the circle), and the closest data point in D that is positive (i.e., that the point belongs to the concept  $c$ ), and choosing  $r_2$  to be the distance between the origin, and the furthest data point in D that is positive (i.e., that the point belongs to the concept  $c$ ).

It's also clear that the time complexity is polynomial in terms of the number of samples: finding a maximum distance and a minimum distance is linear in the number of points.

### Correctness:

To show correctness of L, we must show that L is a consistent learner (consistent with the concept it's trying to learn,  $c$ ). We show that for all points in the training data,  $p$ , and for  $L(D) = h$ ,  $h(p) = c(p)$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ . Consider  $c \in C$ , and denote the inner radius of  $c$  by  $r_{c_1}$  and the outer radius by  $r_{c_2}$ . By the definition of  $c$ , all the interior points (inside the annulus)  $p_{in}$  are positive, and all the exterior points,  $p_{out}$  are negative. Let  $p_1^*$  be the closest point to the origin in  $c$ , and let  $p_2^*$  be the furthest point to the origin in  $c$ , i.e.  $p_1^*$  and  $p_2^*$  are positive, and denote  $r_1$  as the distance of  $p_1^*$  from the origin, and  $r_2$  as the distance of  $p_2^*$  from the origin.

Recall that then  $L(D) = h^*$  is the annulus with inner radius  $r_1$  and outer radius  $r_2$ . Therefore, for all interior points of  $c$  given in the training data,  $p_{in}$ ,  $h^*(p_{in})$  is positive and for all exterior points of  $c$  given in the training data,  $p_{out}$ ,  $h^*(p_{out})$  is negative.

$\Rightarrow h^*$  is consistent with  $c$

### Sample Complexity:

Given the desired parameters  $\epsilon$  and  $\delta$ , the number of training samples  $m$  that is required to guarantee the desired error and confidence, is polynomial in  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} > 0, \frac{1}{\delta} > 0$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ . Consider  $c \in C$ , and denote the inner radius of  $c$  by  $r_{c_1}$  and the outer radius by  $r_{c_2}$ .

Now consider the annulus  $c^{(\epsilon)}$  for which the inner radius of  $c^{(\epsilon)}$ , denoted by  $r_{c_1^{(\epsilon)}}$  where  $r_{c_1^{(\epsilon)}} > r_{c_1}$ , and the outer radius of  $c^{(\epsilon)}$ , denoted by  $r_{c_2^{(\epsilon)}}$ , where  $r_{c_2^{(\epsilon)}} < r_{c_2}$ . This annulus  $c^{(\epsilon)}$  creates the annulus  $A_\epsilon$ , with outer radius of  $r_{c_1^{(\epsilon)}}$  and inner radius of  $r_{c_1}$  that satisfies  $\pi(A_\epsilon) = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , and creates the annulus  $B_\epsilon$ , with outer radius of  $r_{c_2}$  and inner radius of  $r_{c_2^{(\epsilon)}}$  that satisfies  $\pi(B_\epsilon) = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

More formally:

For  $s_1 > r_{c_1}$  define the annulus  $A_s = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid r_{c_1} \leq d((x_1, x_2), (0,0)) \leq s_1\}$ , and for  $s_2 < r_{c_2}$ , define the annulus  $B_s = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid s_2 \leq d((x_1, x_2), (0,0)) \leq r_{c_2}\}$ .

Now,

$$r_{c_1^{(\epsilon)}} = \inf\{s_1 \mid \pi(A_s) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} \text{ and } r_{c_2^{(\epsilon)}} = \inf\{s_2 \mid \pi(B_s) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}$$

Now consider training data  $D^{(m)}$ , where  $|D^{(m)}| = m$ .

We have 2 cases:

(1) The "bad" case: No points in the training data falls in the two annuluses that we created.

$\Rightarrow$  Happens with probability  $2 \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^m \leq 2e^{-\frac{m\epsilon}{2}}$ , since for a single point  $d \in D^m$ , we have  $\pi(d \notin A_\epsilon) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and  $\pi(d \notin B_\epsilon) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and the points are independent.

(2) The “good” case: There exists a point in the training set that falls in the two annuluses that we created.

$\Rightarrow$  Happens with probability  $1 - 2 \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^m$ .

Consider the good case, that is there exists a point in at least one of the annuluses. So the error is as follows:

$err(L(D^m), c) = \pi(h(D^m)\Delta c)$  by error definition from the general set up.

Note that,  $\pi(h(D^m)\Delta c) \leq \pi(A_\epsilon \cup B_\epsilon) = \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$  as  $A_\epsilon$  and  $B_\epsilon$  are disjoint. This implies that  $err(L(D^m), c) \leq \epsilon$ .

Finally, assume we can tune  $m$  to be so that in the bad case:

$\Rightarrow \pi(D^m \text{ will yield the bad case}) < \delta$

Therefore:

$\pi(err(L(D^m), c) \leq \epsilon) \geq \pi(D^m \text{ will yield the good case}) = 1 - \pi(D^m \text{ will yield the bad case}) > 1 - \delta$ .

To see what  $m$  needs to be in order for  $\pi(D^m \text{ will yield the bad case}) < \delta$  to hold:

$\Rightarrow \pi(D^m \text{ will yield the bad case}) \leq 2e^{-\frac{m\epsilon}{2}} < \delta$

$\Rightarrow \ln 2 - \frac{m\epsilon}{2} < \ln \delta$

$\Rightarrow 2\ln 2 - m\epsilon < 2\ln \delta$

$\Rightarrow -m\epsilon < 2\ln \delta - 2\ln 2$

$\Rightarrow -m\epsilon < 2(\ln \delta - \ln 2) > -2\ln\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)$

$\Rightarrow m > \frac{2}{\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{2}{\delta}\right)$

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c. 95% confidence  $\rightarrow 1 - \delta = 0.95 \rightarrow \delta = 0.05$  and 5% error  $\rightarrow \epsilon = 0.05$ .

$\Rightarrow m > \frac{2}{0.05} \ln\left(\frac{2}{0.05}\right) \approx 147.56 = 148$  samples

$\Rightarrow m \geq \frac{1}{0.05} (4 \log_2\left(\frac{2}{0.05}\right) + 8 * 2 * \log_2\left(\frac{13}{0.05}\right)) \approx 2992.91 = 2993$  samples

Even though the hypothesis space may be infinite, the fact that we found a finite VC dimension allows for a more precise estimation of the sample complexity, leading to a lower bound compared to the one assuming an infinite hypothesis space.

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