

B.1: Intro to Sample Complexity

B.1.a

Let's exam the statement:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}[\hat{R}_n(f) = 0] &= \mathbb{P}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{f(x_i) \neq y_i\} = 0\right] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n 1 - \mathbb{P}[f(x_i) \neq y_i]\end{aligned}\tag{B.1.a}$$

Let's use the statement in the hypothesis. The statement was $R(f) > \epsilon$, which describes the event that $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}\{f(x) \neq Y\}]$. so then $1 - R(f)$ describes expected value of the event that: $1 - \mathbb{P}(f(x_i) \neq y)$. And notice that $1 - R(f) < 1 - \epsilon < \exp(\epsilon)$, so then we can simplify the above expression into:

$$\begin{aligned}\prod_{i=1}^n 1 - \mathbb{P}[f(x_i) \neq y_i] &= (1 - R(f))^n \leq (\exp(\epsilon))^n = \exp(n\epsilon) \\ \implies \mathbb{P}[\hat{R}_n(f) = 0] &\leq \exp(n\epsilon)\end{aligned}\tag{B.1.a.1}$$

B.1.b

The results from the previous involves the hypothesis that $R(f) \geq \epsilon$, the theoretical risk of the model is larger than ϵ , therefore, under a larger scope the more appropriate inequality to make should be:

$$\mathbb{P}[\hat{R}_n(f) = 0 \wedge R(f) \geq \epsilon] \leq \exp(-n\epsilon)\tag{B.1.b.1}$$

For the proof, let's start with the following statement:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}[f(f) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}_n(f) = 0] &= \mathbb{P}[\hat{R}_n(f) = 0 \mid R(f) > \epsilon] \mathbb{P}[R(f) > \epsilon] \\ \implies \mathbb{P}[f(f) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}_n(f) = 0] &\leq \mathbb{P}[\hat{R}_n(f) = 0 \mid R(f) > \epsilon] \leq \exp(-n\epsilon)\end{aligned}\tag{B.1.b.2}$$

Now, the statement $\exists f \in \mathcal{F} : R(f) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}_n(f) = 0$ implies that occurrence of at least one events, occurrence of many events is the includes the case of at least one event, therefore we can say that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}[\exists f \in \mathcal{F} : R(f) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}_n(f) = 0] &\leq \mathbb{P}\left[\bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \{R(f) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}_n(f) = 0\}\right] \\ &\stackrel{\text{Union Bound}}{\leq} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{P}[R(f) > \epsilon \wedge \hat{R}_n(f) = 0] \\ &\leq |\mathcal{F}| \exp(-n\epsilon)\end{aligned}\tag{B.1.b.3}$$