

# COS511 HW4

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**Ex. 1**

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Let us assume that there exists  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  which are both projections of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto a convex set  $K$ .

Also,  $y_1 \neq y_2$

$$y_1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{y} \in K} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

$$y_2 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{y} \in K} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

We will try to arrive at a contradiction with our premise, and by using the following algebraic identity -

$$1/2 * (\|u + w\|^2) = \|u\|^2 + \|w\|^2 - 1/2 * \|u - w\|^2$$

Let,  $u = \mathbf{x} - y_1$ ,  $w = \mathbf{x} - y_2$

$$\Rightarrow 1/2 * (\|2\mathbf{x} - (y_1 + y_2)\|)^2 = \|\mathbf{x} - y_1\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - y_2\|^2 - 1/2 * \|y_2 - y_1\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/4 * (\|2\mathbf{x} - (y_1 + y_2)\|)^2 = 1/2 * \|\mathbf{x} - y_1\|^2 + 1/2 * \|\mathbf{x} - y_2\|^2 - 1/4 * \|y_2 - y_1\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (2\mathbf{x} - (y_1 + y_2)) / 2 \|^2 < 1/2 * \|\mathbf{x} - y_1\|^2 + 1/2 * \|\mathbf{x} - y_2\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (\mathbf{x} - (y_1 + y_2) / 2) \|^2 < 1/2 * \|\mathbf{x} - y_1\|^2 + 1/2 * \|\mathbf{x} - y_2\|^2$$

But, since  $y_1, y_2 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{y} \in K} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - y_1\| = \|\mathbf{x} - y_2\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x} - (y_1 + y_2) / 2\|^2 < \|\mathbf{x} - y_1\|^2$$

Now, since  $y_1, y_2 \in K$ , and  $K$  is a convex set,  $0.5y_1 + 0.5y_2 \in K$  ( $\lambda = 0.5$  in this case acc. to definition of convex set)

But, according to our premise,  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  were projections, but we found  $0.5y_1 + 0.5y_2 \in K$  which is not equal to  $y_1$  or  $y_2$ , whose value

$$\|\mathbf{x} - (0.5y_1 + 0.5y_2)\| < \|\mathbf{x} - y_1\|, \text{ thereby meaning that } y_1 \text{ and } y_2 \text{ both being the minimum value (thereby the projections) is being contradicted.}$$

Therefore we arrive at a contradiction with the premise that both  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  were projections at the same time.

Thus, there can be only one projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto a convex set  $K$ .

Q.E.D

**1**

Given a convex set  $K$ , and a function  $\pi_K(\mathbf{y}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in K} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$

**To prove :**  $\forall \mathbf{z} \in K, \|\mathbf{z} - \pi_K(\mathbf{y})\| < \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|$

**Proof :** This is a fairly trivial proof. For our proof, we will make use

of the definition of  $\pi_K(\mathbf{y}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in K} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$ .  
 $\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}\|$ , where  $\mathbf{x} \in K$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \pi_K(\mathbf{y})$  is one side of the triangle formed by  
 the vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}$ , where  $\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x} \in K, \mathbf{y} \notin K$ .  
 We know that  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|$  will be the shortest side if we join the sides of  
 the triangle formed by the vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}$ , where  $\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x} \in K, \mathbf{y} \notin K$ .  
 .Now, if we were to visualize the above triangle, the angle joining  
 $\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}\|$  and  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|$  is obtuse.  
 By opposing angle property, the side opposite that obtuse angle  $\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|$   
 will be the largest in the triangle.  
 Therefore,  $\|\mathbf{z} - \pi_K(\mathbf{y})\| < \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|$ .  
 Q.E.D

**Ex. 3** - Consulted Book 4, Example 16.1 (similar question and reasoning)

**To prove :** The following homogeneous polynomial kernel is indeed a kernel -  
 $k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = (\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)})^d$

**Proof :** We have to show that

$k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) \rangle$ , where  $\phi$  is a mapping from the original sample space to a higher dimensional space.

We have -

$$k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = (\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) \dots (\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)})$$

$$\Rightarrow k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \sum_{j=0}^n (x_j^{(1)}, x_j^{(2)}) \dots \sum_{j=0}^n (x_j^{(1)}, x_j^{(2)}), \text{ where } x_0^{(1)} = x_0^{(2)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \sum_{J \in \{0,1,2,\dots,n\}^k} \prod_{i=1}^k x_{J_i}^{(1)} x_{J_i}^{(2)}$$

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$$\Rightarrow k(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) \rangle$$

where  $\mathbf{J} \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}^k$ ,  $\phi : R^n \rightarrow R^{(n+1)^k}$ ,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_j^{(1)}) = \prod_{i=1}^k x_{J_i}^{(1)}$  is each of the elements of the  $(k+1)$  dimensional  $\phi$  vector.

$\phi$  contains monomials up to degree  $k$ , and a halfspace over the range of  $\phi$  yields a polynomial predictor of degree  $k$  over the sample space, which can then be used as an embedded linear halfspace predictor.

**Q.E.D.**

**Ex. 2 - Proof similar to textbook 4 (lemmas and theorems referenced are from Book 4).**

**From Equation 14.2, we have**

$$f(\bar{w}) - f(w^*) = 1/T * \sum_{t=1}^T (f(w^{(t)}) - f(w^*)), \text{ where } w^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{w \in K} f(w) \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_{v_{1:T}}(f(\bar{w}) - f(w^*)) = \mathbf{E}_{v_{1:T}}(1/T * \sum_{t=1}^T (f(w^{(t)}) - f(w^*)))$$

**Acc. to Lemma 14.1**

$$1/T * \sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle \leq DG/\sqrt{T}, \text{ where } \eta = D/G\sqrt{T} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_{v_{1:T}}(1/T * \sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle) \leq E(DG/\sqrt{T}) \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_{v_{1:T}}(1/T * \sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle) \leq DG/\sqrt{T} \\ \Rightarrow 1/T * \mathbf{E}_{v_{1:T}}(\sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle) \leq DG/\sqrt{T} \text{ (by linearity of expectation)}$$

**Thus, we have to show that -**

$$E_{v_{1:T}}(1/T * \sum_{t=1}^T (f(w^{(t)}) - f(w^*))) \leq 1/T * E_{v_{1:T}}(\sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle)$$

**By applying law of total expectations:**  $E_\alpha[g(\alpha)] = E_\beta E_\alpha[g(\alpha)|\beta]$

$$E_{v_{1:T}}(\sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle) = E_{v_{1:t-1}} E_{v_{1:t}}[\langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle | v_{1:t-1}]$$

$$\text{Now, } E_{v_{1:T}}(\sum_{t=1}^T \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle) = E_{v_{1:t-1}} \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, E_{v_t}[v_t | v_{1:t-1}] \rangle$$

**Since the value of  $w^{(t)}$  depends on  $v_{1:t-1}$  and in SGD, at each step  $E_{v_t}[v_t | w_t] \in \partial f(w^{(t)})$ ,**

**We have**

$$E_{v_t}[v_t | v_{1:t-1}] \in \partial f(w^{(t)})$$

**Now, using Equation 14.3 of textbook and using convexity of  $f$ ,**

$$E_{v_{1:t-1}} \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, E_{v_t}[v_t | v_{1:t-1}] \rangle \geq E_{v_{1:t-1}}[f(w^{(t)}) - f(w^*)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_{v_{1:T}} \langle w^{(t)} - w^*, v_t \rangle \geq E_{v_{1:T}}[f(w^{(t)}) - f(w^*)]$$

**Which is the proof we needed.**

$$\text{Therefore, } E[f(w^{(t)}) - f(w^*)] \leq DG/\sqrt{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{f}(w^{(t)}) \leq f(w^*) + DG/\sqrt{T}$$

**Q.E.D**

**Ex. 4**

We will begin this problem by observing that  $\Delta$  has the same number of  $\mu$  functions comprising it as  $F$  (since it is a class of distributions over  $[r]$ ).

Next, we see that  $\mu(i)$  and  $f(i)$  have 1-1 correspondence, since  $\mu$  is used to find distributions over each feature function  $f$ .

Now, let us find  $|F| = |\Delta|$ .

Since  $F$  is the class of all monomials of degree  $d$  over  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Thus, any  $f \in F$ ,  $X^d = x_1^{d_1} x_2^{d_2} \dots x_n^{d_n}$ , where  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = d$

Thus, in order to find the number of functions in  $F$ , we can think of the above as placing  $d$  integer's partitions into  $(n-1)$  spots, which zeroes allows.

We can see that the actual value of the total no of functions  $(r) = C((n-1+d), n-1)$

Thus,  $r = |F| = |\Delta| = C((n-1+d), n-1)$

Further simplifying,  $|\Delta| = (n+d-1)(n+d-2)(n+d-3)\dots(n+d-d)/d! \leq n^d$   
 $\Rightarrow |\Delta| \leq n^d$

$\Delta$  is infinite. However, the convex hull of  $\Delta = \mu$  is finite (acc. to definition of convex hull, given the problem's specifications  $\sum_{i=1}^r \mu(i) = 1$ ,  $\mu(i) > 0$ ,  $\mu(x) = \sum \mu(i)f(i)$ ,  $f \in F$ ).

Therefore, now we can use Corollary 12.2 from lecture notes:

$$R_m(\Delta) \leq \sqrt{2 \log(n^d)/m}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_m(\Delta) \leq \sqrt{2d \log(n)/m}$$

Now,  $l$  is  $L$ -Lipschitz loss function acc. to the problem, therefore using the Lemma 12.4 in notes, we have

$$R_m(l \circ \Delta) \leq L * R_m(\Delta)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_m(l \circ \Delta) \leq L * \sqrt{2d \log(n)/m}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_m(l \circ \Delta) = O(L * \sqrt{2d \log(n)/m})$$

Thus, sample complexity is of the required order.

**Q.E.D.**