

# Final

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1. (a) Given that  $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $f(x) = Z_i$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(Z_i = 1) = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = 0) = 1/2$ , it is known that  $\mathbb{P}(f(x) = 0) = \mathbb{P}(f(x) = 1) = 1/2$ . For  $f$  to be continuous, it cannot jump between 0 and 1: should always be 0 or 1. For  $i \in [1, m]$ , if  $Z_1 = 0$ , then  $Z_2, \dots, Z_m$  should all be 0  $\Rightarrow P1 = \frac{1}{2} * (\frac{1}{2})^{m-1}$ ; if  $Z_1 = 1$ , then  $Z_2, \dots, Z_m$  should all be 1  $\Rightarrow P2 = \frac{1}{2} * (\frac{1}{2})^{m-1}$ . The probability that  $f$  is continuous is  $P1 + P2 = (\frac{1}{2})^{m-1}$ .

(b) Since  $X_i$  are IID independently distributed on  $(0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in (\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}]) = \frac{i}{m} - \frac{i-1}{m} = \frac{1}{m}$

(c)  $\mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}] \neq \emptyset) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}] = \emptyset) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X_1 \cap (\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}] = \emptyset) * \mathbb{P}(X_2 \cap (\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}] = \emptyset) \dots * \mathbb{P}(X_n \cap (\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}] = \emptyset) = 1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^n$

(d)  $(\frac{[mX_{n+1}]-1}{m}, \frac{[mX_{n+1}]}{m}] = (\frac{f(X_{n+1})-1}{m}, \frac{f(X_{n+1})}{m}]$ . Also,  $f(x) = Z_i$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(Z_i = 1) = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = 0) = 1/2$ , so  $f(X_{n+1} = 0) = f(X_{n+1} = 1) = 1/2$ .

i.  $\mathbb{P} = 1/2 : f(X_{n+1}) = 0$ , then  $(\frac{f(X_{n+1})-1}{m}, \frac{f(X_{n+1})}{m}] = (-\frac{1}{m}, 0]$ . Given  $X_i \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (\frac{[mX_{n+1}]-1}{m}, \frac{[mX_{n+1}]}{m}] = \emptyset) = \mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (-\frac{1}{m}, 0] = \emptyset) = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (\frac{[mX_{n+1}]-1}{m}, \frac{[mX_{n+1}]}{m}] \neq \emptyset) = 0$

ii.  $\mathbb{P} = 1/2 : f(X_{n+1}) = 1 \Rightarrow (\frac{f(X_{n+1})-1}{m}, \frac{f(X_{n+1})}{m}] = (0, \frac{1}{m}] \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (\frac{[mX_{n+1}]-1}{m}, \frac{[mX_{n+1}]}{m}] \neq \emptyset) = \mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (0, \frac{1}{m}] \neq \emptyset) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (0, \frac{1}{m}] = \emptyset) = (c) = 1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^n$ .

As a result,  $\mathbb{P}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \cap (\frac{[mX_{n+1}]-1}{m}, \frac{[mX_{n+1}]}{m}] \neq \emptyset) = \frac{1}{2}[1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^n]$ .

(e)  $Y_{n+1}$  needs to be  $Y_i$  all the time, which means that  $X_i \in (\frac{[mX_{n+1}]-1}{m}, \frac{[mX_{n+1}]}{m}]$  always holds for  $X_i, i$  ranging from  $[1, n]$ .  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{Y}_{n+1} = Y_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2}[1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^n] = \frac{1}{2}n - (m-1)[1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^n]$ .

2. (a) For period 1, when  $\omega R_1 \geq 1$ ,  $C_1 = 1 + \alpha(\omega R_1 - 1)$ ; when  $\omega R_1 \leq 1$ ,  $C_1 = 1 + \beta(\omega R_1 - 1)$ . Combine these two factors into one, I get  $C_1 = \omega R_1 = 1 + \alpha(\omega R_1 - 1)^+ - \beta(\omega R_1 - 1)^-$ . Given that the return in each period is independent from other periods', then

$$C_n = (\omega R_1)^n \Rightarrow \ln(C_n) = n \cdot \ln(\omega R_1) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln(C_n) = \ln(\omega R_1) = \ln[1 + \alpha(\omega R_1 - 1)^+ - \beta(\omega R_1 - 1)^-].$$

(b) With probability  $p1$ ,

$$f_1(\omega) = \omega(1 + r_1) + (1 - \omega)[1 + \alpha(\omega R_1 - 1)^+ - \beta(\omega R_1 - 1)^-];$$

and with probability  $(1 - p1)$ ,

$$f_2(\omega) = \omega(1 + r_2) + (1 - \omega)[1 + \alpha(\omega R_2 - 1)^+ - \beta(\omega R_2 - 1)^-].$$

Given  $(R_2 - 1) \geq 0$  and  $(R_2 - 1) \leq 0$ , then

$$f_1(\omega) = \omega(1 + r_1) + (1 - \omega)[1 + \alpha(\omega r_1 - 1)], \quad f_2(\omega) = \omega(1 + r_2) + (1 - \omega)[1 + \beta(\omega r_2 - 1)],$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\omega) &= p_1 \cdot f_1(\omega) + p_2 \cdot f_2(\omega) \\ &= -(\alpha p_1 r_1 + \beta(1 - p_1) r_2) \omega^2 + [(\alpha(r_1 + 1) - \beta(r_2 + 1) + r_1 - r_2) p_1 + \beta(r_2 + 1) + r_2] \omega - (\alpha - \beta) p_1 + (1 - \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Standard quadratic equation. To max  $f(\omega)$ ,

$$\omega = \frac{[\alpha(r_1 + 1) - \beta(r_2 + 1) + (r_1 - r_2)]p_1 + \beta(r_2 + 1) + r_2}{2(\alpha p_1 r_1 + \beta(1 - p_1)r_2)}$$

When  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = -0.5, p_1 = 0.5$ ,

$$\omega = \frac{4\alpha + \beta + 1}{4\alpha - 2\beta}.$$

i.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{100}, \beta = \frac{1}{100}, \omega = 52.5$$

ii.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = 1, \omega = \infty$$

iii.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = 2, \omega = -2.5$$

iv.

$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 1, \omega = 3$$

3. (a)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}, f'(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{t}{(1 + t)^2} = \frac{t}{t^2 + 1 + 2t} = \frac{1}{t + \frac{1}{t} + 2} \leq \frac{1}{2 + 2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

, where  $t = e^{-x} \in (0, \infty)$ , so Lipschitz constant of logistic function is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

(b)  $h(x) = g_1(g_2(x)), h'(x) = g_1'(g_2(x))g_2'(x) \leq C_1 C_2$ . Lipschitz constant is  $C_1 C_2$ .

(c)  $X_{j+1,i}(x) = f(a_{j+1,i}^T X_j(x)), X'_{j+1,i}(x) f'(a_{j+1,i}^T X_j(x)) (a_{j+1,i}^T X'_{j,i}(x)) \leq \frac{1}{4} \|a_{j+1,i}\|_\infty \|C_j\|_\infty$ . Then the Lipschitz constant of  $X_{j+1,i}(x)$  is  $\frac{1}{4} \|a_{j+1,i}\|_\infty \|C_j\|_\infty$ .

(d) From (c) we know that

$$\begin{aligned} X'_{m,1}(x) &\leq \frac{1}{4} \|a_{m,1}\|_\infty \cdot X'_{m-1,1}(x) \leq \frac{1}{4} a \cdot (X'_{m-1,1}(x)) \leq \frac{1}{4} a \left( \frac{1}{4} a \cdot X'_{m-2,1}(x) \right) = \left( \frac{1}{4} a \right)^2 X'_{m-2,1}(x) \\ &\leq \dots \leq \left( \frac{1}{4} a \right)^m X'_{m-m,1}(x) = \left( \frac{1}{4} a \right)^m X'_{0,1}(x) = \left( \frac{1}{4} a \right)^m x'_i(x) = \left( \frac{1}{4} a \right)^m. \end{aligned}$$

4. (a) Höfdding's inequality cannot be applied directly here because the first term is  $\sup \hat{E}_n[f(X)]$  instead of a sum term, but Theorem 6.3.1 under this section can be applied. According to the Theorem 6.3.1,

$$\mathbb{P}(\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}_n} |\hat{E}_n[g(X)] - E[g(X)]| \geq \epsilon) \leq 2\mathcal{N}(\frac{\epsilon}{3}, \mathcal{G}_n, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \exp(-2n(\frac{\epsilon}{3B})^2)$$

, for  $\mathcal{G}_n$  a set of functions  $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, B]$ .  $B = 1$  here, and just taking one side of this formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}_C} \hat{E}_n[f(X)] - E[f(X)] \geq \epsilon) &\leq \mathcal{N}(\frac{\epsilon}{3}, \mathcal{F}_C, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \exp(-2C(\frac{\epsilon}{3})^2) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{8}{\epsilon} \right)^{((\frac{8C}{\epsilon})^d)} \exp(-2C(\frac{\epsilon}{3})^2) = \left( \frac{24}{\epsilon} \right)^{((\frac{8C}{\epsilon})^d)} \exp(-\frac{2}{9}\epsilon^2 C). \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using Sauer's Lemma:

$$\mathbb{P}(\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\hat{E}_n[L(Y, f)] - E[L(Y, f)]| \geq \epsilon) \leq 2 \left( \frac{en}{d} \right)^d \exp(-2n\epsilon^2),$$

it can be shown that

$$\mathbb{P}(\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{E}_n[L(Y, f)] - E[L(Y, f)] \geq \epsilon) \leq \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d \exp(-2n\epsilon^2),$$

then

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{E}_n[L(Y, f)] - E[L(Y, f)] \geq \epsilon) \leq \mathbb{P}(\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{E}_n[L(Y, f)] - E[L(Y, f)] \geq \epsilon) \leq \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d \exp(-2n\epsilon^2),$$

i.e.

$$\mathbb{P}(E_n[L(Y, \hat{f})] - E[L(Y, f^*)] \geq \epsilon) \leq \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d \exp(-2n\epsilon^2)$$

(c) Substitute  $\delta$  with  $(1 - \delta)$  to range  $n$  in Sauer's Lemma:

$$n \leq \frac{128d \log\left(\frac{64d}{\epsilon^2}\right) + 64d \log\left(\frac{e}{d} + 16 \log\left(\frac{4}{1-\delta}\right)\right)}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$n \geq \frac{\max\left(\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{4(1-\delta)}\right), 8d\right)}{\epsilon^2}$$