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## 1. Exercises.

### 1.1. Theory of generalization.

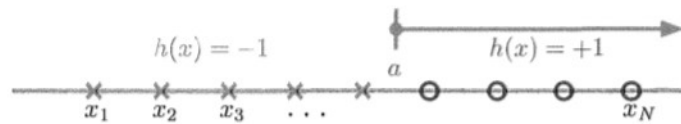
#### 1.1.1. Effective number of hypotheses.

**Exercise 2.1** By inspection, find a break point  $k$  for each hypothesis set in *Example 2.2* (if there is one). Verify that  $m_H(f) < 2^n$  using the formulas derived in the Example.

**Solution:**

We want to figure out the  $k$  such that the hypothesis can not shatter the dichotomy, so we must do it iteratively. For all the hypothesis we should start with a  $N = 2$ , because with  $N = 1$  is pretty trivial and obvious.

1. For linear rays, which  $h(x) = \text{sgn}(x - a)$ :

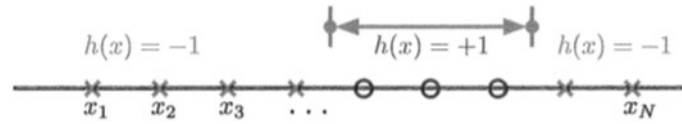


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Figura 1: We can observe that exists one case in which the hypothesis can not obtain that pattern.

For that we can say  $k = 2$

2. For intervals as its name sounds  $h(x) = +1$  if  $x$  is within the interval, and otherwise  $h(x) = -1$ .



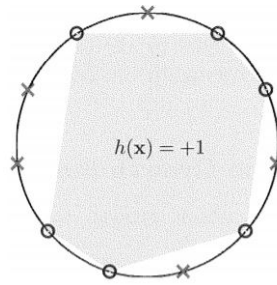
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Contradictory to  $h(x)$  for intervals

Here we must observe that for  $N = 2$ , which is a break point for the previous hypothesis, is not a break point here because the current hypothesis is more flexible. But with  $N = 3$  an impossible case shows up and is the same analysis as before, because is contradictory to  $h(x)$ .

For that we can say  $k = 3$

3. For convex sets, which  $h(x) = +1$  if  $x$  is inside the convex and is negative if otherwise:



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Not separable

Here there are all the patterns that can be generated with  $N = 2$ . With this hypothesis there are two cases in which we can not shatter them with a 2D perceptron.

For that we can say  $k = 4$

Código: breakpoint.py

```

1  def printOne_D(pattern):
2      listt = list(pattern)
3      print(str.join('\t', listt))
4
5  def printTwo_D(pattern):
6      print("%s\t%s" % (pattern[0], pattern[1]))
7      print("%s\t%s" % (pattern[2], pattern[3]))
8
9
10 binaries = lambda x, n: format(x, 'b').zfill(n) # For 2D perceptron
11
12 if __name__ == '__main__':
13     for i in range(16):
14         bin_ = binaries(i, 4)
15         printTwo_D(bin_)
16         print("-"*20)
17
18     print('*'*30)
19
20     for j in range(2, 4, 1):
21         for i in range(2**j):
22             bin_ = binaries(i, j)
23             printOne_D(bin_)
24             print("-"*20)
25     print('*'*30)

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### 1.1.2. Bounding the Growth Function.

## Exercise 2.2

1. Verify the bound of Theorem 2.4 in the three cases of Example 2.2:

- a) Positive rays:  $\mathcal{H}$  consists of all hypotheses in one dimension of the form  $h(x) = \text{sign}(x - a)$ .
- b) Positive intervals:  $\mathcal{H}$  consists of all hypotheses in one dimension that are positive within some interval and negative elsewhere.
- c) Convex sets:  $\mathcal{H}$  consists of all hypotheses in two dimensions that are positive inside some convex set and negative elsewhere.

**Solution:**

1. Using the Theorem 2.4:

$$\text{If } m_h(k) < 2^k \implies m_h(N) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$$

a) Positive rays, for  $k = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m_h(N) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{2-1} \binom{N}{i} \\ &= \binom{N}{0} + \binom{N}{1} = 1 + \frac{(N)(N-1)!}{(N-1)!} \\ &= 1 + N \end{aligned}$$

Result the same as the previous growth function.

b) Intervals, for  $k = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m_h(N) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{3-1} \binom{N}{i} \\ &= \binom{N}{0} + \binom{N}{1} + \binom{N}{2} = 1 + \frac{(N)(N-1)!}{(N-1)!} + \frac{(N)(N-1)(N-2)!}{(N-2)!} \\ &= 1 + N + \frac{N(N-1)}{2!} = 1 + N + \frac{N^2 - N}{2} = 1 + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Result the same as the previous growth function.

c) Convex sets, for  $k = 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m_h(N) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{4-1} \binom{N}{i} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \binom{N}{i} + \binom{N}{3} = 1 + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2} + \frac{N!}{(N-3)!3!} \\ &= 1 + \frac{N^3}{6} + \frac{5N}{6} \\ 2^N &\leq 1 + \frac{N^3}{6} + \frac{5N}{6} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.3. The VC Dimension.

#### Exercise 2.4

Consider the input space  $X = \{1\} \times \mathbb{R}^d$  (including the constant coordinate  $x_0 = 1$ ). Show that the dimension of the perceptron (with  $d+1$  parameters, counting  $w_0$ ) is exactly  $d+1$  by showing that it is at least  $d+1$  and at most  $d+1$ , as follows:

- a) To show that  $d_{\text{vc}} \geq d+1$ , find  $d+1$  points in  $X$  that the perceptron can shatter.
- b) To show that  $d_{\text{vc}} \leq d+1$ , show that no set of  $d+2$  points in  $X$  can be shattered by perceptron.

#### Solution:

- a) Let  $X \in \mathcal{M}_{d+1 \times d+1}$ , so is a square matrix which rows are  $x$  vector with  $d+1$  elements.

$$X_{d+1,d+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^T \\ x_2^T \\ \vdots \\ x_{d+1}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

We know that  $\det(X) \neq 0$ , so  $X$  is invertible. Now let  $Y \in \mathcal{M}_{d+1 \times 1}$

$$Y_{d+1,1} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{d+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally, we know that perceptron works as follow:

$$\text{sgn}(Xw) = Y \iff (Xw) = Y \iff w = X^{-1}Y$$

$$\text{We get that } X \text{ can be shattered} \implies d_{\text{vc}} \geq d+1$$

- b) Let  $X \in \mathcal{M}_{d+2 \times d+1}$ , so  $X$  is matrix which has more rows than columns.

$$X_{d+2,d+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^T \\ x_2^T \\ \vdots \\ x_{d+2}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

It means that in the last row exist a linear dependency:

$$x_{d+2} = \sum_{i=0}^{d+1} \alpha_i x_i \quad \exists! \alpha_i \neq 0$$

That results in a dichotomy which can not be shattered, so  $d+2$  is a breakpoint.

$$\implies d_{\text{vc}} \leq d+1$$



## 1.2. Interpreting the Generalization Bound

### Exercise 2.5

Suppose we have a simple learning model whose growth function is  $m_h(N) = N + 1$ , hence  $d_{\text{vc}} = 1$ . Use the VC bound to estimate the probability that  $E_{\text{out}}$  will be within 0.1 of  $E_{\text{in}}$  given 100 training examples.

**Solution:**

We have to use the VC bound that is:

$$E_{\text{out}(g)} \leq E_{\text{in}(g)} + \sqrt{\frac{8}{N} \ln\left(\frac{4m_H(2N)}{\delta}\right)}$$

$$E_{\text{out}(g)} - E_{\text{in}(g)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{100} \ln\left(\frac{4m_H(200)}{.1}\right)}$$

$$E_{\text{out}(g)} - E_{\text{in}(g)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{25} \ln\left(\frac{804}{.1}\right)}$$

$$E_{\text{out}(g)} - E_{\text{in}(g)} \leq 0.84816$$

## 2. Problems

2.1) In Equation (2.1), set  $\delta = 0.03$  and let

$$\epsilon(M, N, \delta) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} \ln\left(\frac{2M}{\delta}\right)}$$

- a) For  $M = 1$ , how many examples do we need to make  $\epsilon \leq 0.05$ ?
- b) For  $M = 100$ , how many examples do we need to make  $\epsilon \leq 0.05$ ?
- c) For  $M = 10,000$ , how many examples do we need to make  $\epsilon \leq 0.05$ ?

**Solution:**

First we have to move  $N$ :

$$N \geq \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \ln\left(\frac{2M}{\delta}\right)$$

- a)  $N \geq \frac{1}{2 \cdot 0.05^2} \ln\left(\frac{2}{0.03}\right) = 840$
- b)  $N \geq \frac{1}{2 \cdot 0.05^2} \ln\left(\frac{200}{0.03}\right) = 1761$
- c)  $N \geq \frac{1}{2 \cdot 0.05^2} \ln\left(\frac{20000}{0.03}\right) = 2682$

2.2) Show that for the learning model of positive rectangles (aligned horizontally or vertically),  $m_H(4) = 24$  and  $m_H(5) < 25$ . Hence, give a bound for  $m_H(N)$ .

**Solution:**

Using the theorem:

$$\text{If } m_H(k) < 2^k \text{ for some value } k \implies m_H(N) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i} \quad \forall N$$

$$k = d_{\text{vc}} + 1$$

$$k = 5 \implies d_{\text{vc}} = 4$$

Finally:

$$m_H(N) \leq N^4 + 1$$

2.3) Compute the maximum number of dichotomies,  $m_H(N)$ , for these learning models, and consequently compute  $d_{\text{vc}}$ , the VC dimension.

- a) Positive or negative ray:  $H$  contains the functions which are  $+1$  on  $[a, \infty)$  (for some  $a$ ) together with those that are  $+1$  on  $(-\infty, a]$  (for some  $a$ ).
- b) Positive or negative interval:  $H$  contains the functions which are  $+1$  on an interval  $[a, b]$  and  $-1$  elsewhere or  $-1$  on an interval  $[a, b]$  and  $+1$  elsewhere.
- c) Two concentric spheres in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :  $H$  contains the functions which are  $+1$  for  $a \leq \sqrt{x_1^2, \dots, x_d^2} \leq b$

**Solution:**

- a) We already know the growth function for positive rays  $m_H(N) = N + 1$ .

Let us count the dichotomies in  $(-\infty, a]$  (negative rays) which it results in  $N + 1$ , now let us count the dichotomies in  $[a, \infty)$  (positive rays) it and results the same number of dichotomies, but we have counted 2 times the same dichotomy, then:

$$m_H(N) = 2N$$

In order to obtain the  $d_{\text{vc}}$  we must find out the maximum value for  $N$  such that  $2N \leq N^2$ , and we get  $d_{\text{vc}} = 2$ .

b) The growth function for positive intervals is:  $1 + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2}$ .

Now let us count the negative intervals which results that for each N there are some dichotomies identical in positive intervals, the only different are the ones in the middle of the interval taken one for one, it results:  $N - 2$  for negative intervals. Finally:

$$m_H(N) = N \frac{3}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2} - 1$$

As in a) we must find out the maximum value for N such that:

$$N \frac{3}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2} - 1 \leq N^2$$

$$\frac{9}{2} + \frac{9}{2} - 1 \leq 3^2$$

$$8 \leq 8 \implies d_{vc} = 3$$

c) Firstly, we have to make a non-linear transformation in order to have an interval such as  $[0, +\infty)$ .

$$\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_d) \longrightarrow r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2}$$

Now it is similar to the positive intervals, then  $m_H(N) = 1 + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2}$  because no exists negative intervals here.

$$N \frac{1}{2} + \frac{N^2}{2} + 1 \leq N^2$$

$$\frac{2}{2} + \frac{4}{2} + 1 \leq 2^2$$

$$4 \leq 4 \implies d_{vc} = 2$$

2.4) Show that  $B(N, K) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$  by showing the other direction to Lemma 2.3, namely that:

$$B(N, K) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$$

To do so, construct a specific set of  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$  dichotomies that does not shatter any subset of k variables.

**Solution:**

Firstly, let us construct a set of dichotomies for N points, then it possibly will contains  $2^N$  dichotomies, but we just are looking for those with at most k-1 called (-1). Thus we obtain:

$$\text{Dichotomies that have just } j \text{ } (-1), \text{ are } \binom{N}{j} \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$$

But in this set not exists the dichotomy which can shatter k elements, for that we must include the k-dichotomy. This results in:

$$B(N, K) \geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$$

$$B(N, K) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i} \wedge B(N, K) \geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i} \implies B(N, K) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$$

2.5) Prove by induction  $\sum_{i=0}^D \binom{N}{i} \leq N^D + 1$  hence  $m_H(N) \leq N^D + 1$ .

**Solution:**

a) First prove for  $D = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^D \binom{N}{i} &\leq N^D + 1 \\ \binom{N}{0} + \binom{N}{1} &\leq N^1 + 1 \\ 1 + N &\leq N + 1 \end{aligned}$$

b) Our induction hypothesis is  $D = k$ , we assume is correct here.

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{N}{i} \leq N^k + 1$$

c) Now let us demonstrate for  $D = k + 1$

■ We start with the demonstration, and we replace for the base case.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{N}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{N}{i} + \binom{N}{k+1} \leq N^k + 1 + \binom{N}{k+1}$$

■ We must prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N!}{(N-k-1)!} &\leq N^{k+1} \\ \frac{1}{N^{k+1}} \cdot \frac{N!}{(N-k-1)!} &\leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{N^{k+1}} \cdot \prod_{i=0}^k (N-i) &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

■ Now we can rewrite as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{N}{i} &\leq N^k + 1 + \frac{N!}{(N-k-1)!(k+1)!} \\ &\leq N^k + 1 + \frac{N^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

- We know that  $k \in \mathcal{R}$ , so  $(k+1)! \geq 2$  :

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{N}{i} \leq N^k + 1 + \frac{N^{k+1}}{2}$$

In addition:

$$N \geq k+1 \rightarrow N \geq 2$$

$$\frac{1}{N} < \frac{1}{2} \iff \frac{N^k}{N^{k+1}} < \frac{1}{2} \iff N^k < \frac{N^{k+1}}{2}$$

Finally:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{N}{i} &\leq N^k + 1 + \frac{N^{k+1}}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{N^{k+1}}{2} + 1 + \frac{N^{k+1}}{2} = N^{k+1} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

2.10) Show that  $m_h(2N) \leq m_h(N)^2$ , and hence obtain a generalization bound which only involves  $m_h(N)$ .

**Solution:**

By definition:

$$m_H(N) = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_N} |\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N) : h \in H\}| \leq 2^N$$

$$\implies m_H(N) \leq 2^N$$

$$m_H(2N) = m_H(N + N) \leq 2^{N+N}$$

$$m_H(2N) \leq 2^N \cdot 2^N$$

$$m_H(2N) \leq m_H(N) \cdot m_H(N)$$

$$m_H(2N) \leq m_H(N)^2$$

Now, let us introduce this result in the generalization bound:

$$E_{\text{out}(g)} \leq E_{\text{in}(g)} + \sqrt{\frac{8}{N} \ln\left(\frac{4m_H(2N)}{\delta}\right)} \leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{N} \ln\left(\frac{4m_H(N)^2}{\delta}\right)}$$

- 2.13) a) Let  $H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_M\}$  with some finite  $M$ . Prove that  $d_{\text{vc}}(H) \leq \log_2(M)$ .
- b) For any sets  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_K$  with finite VC dimensions  $d_{\text{vc}}(H_k)$  derive and prove the tightest upper and lower bound that you can get on  $d_{\text{vc}}(\cap_{k=1}^K H_k)$
- c) For any sets  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_K$  with finite VC dimensions  $d_{\text{vc}}(H_k)$  derive and prove the tightest upper and lower bound that you can get on  $d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^K H_k)$

**Solution:**

a) Firstly, by definition:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\text{vc}}(H) = 2^N &\implies N \text{ is the largest value such that } m_H(N) = 2^N \\ &\implies 2^N = m_H(N) = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_N} |\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N) : h \in H\}| \\ &\leq |H| = M \\ d_{\text{vc}}(H) = 2^N &\implies N \leq \log_2(M) \end{aligned}$$

b) If we have the minimum set  $H = \{h\}$  we got that the  $d_{\text{vc}}(H) = 0$ , because  $m_H(N) = 1$ .

$$\text{The lower bound} = 0 \leq \cap_{k=1}^K H_k$$

For the upper bound, as is an intersection we are interested in:

$$\min_{1, \dots, K} d_{\text{vc}}(H_k)$$

In order to demonstrate that, we suppose:

$$\cap_{k=1}^K H_k > \min_{1, \dots, K} d_{\text{vc}}(H_k) = c$$

It means that the LHS can shatter  $c+1$  points:

$$\cap_{k=1}^K H_k(x_1, \dots, x_{c+1}) \subset \{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in H\} = H_k(x_1, \dots, x_{c+1})$$

It results:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{c+1} &\leq |\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in H\}| \leq 2^{c+1} \\ &\implies |\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in H\}| = 2^{c+1} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, K \end{aligned}$$

Then, any  $H_k$  can shatter  $c+1$  points, let set  $\min_{1 \leq k \leq K} d_{\text{vc}}(H_k) = d_{\text{vc}}(H_{k_0})$

$$c = d_{\text{vc}}(H_{k_0}) \geq c + 1$$

$$0 \leq \cap_{k=1}^K H_k \leq \min_{1 \leq k \leq K} d_{\text{vc}}(H_k)$$

c) Let  $d_{\text{vc}}(H_{k_k}) = d_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . It means that  $H_{k_k}$  can shatter any  $d_k$  points, so:

$$\begin{aligned} \{+1, -2\}^{d_k} &= \{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in H\} \subset \{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in \cup_{k=1}^K H_k\} \\ 2^{d_k} &\leq |\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in \cup_{k=1}^K H_k\}| \leq 2^{d_k} \\ 2^{d_k} &\leq |\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{c+1}) : h \in \cup_{k=1}^K H_k\}| \end{aligned}$$

We obtain:

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq K} d_k \leq d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^K H_k)$$

Secondly, we as it is a union we want to find out the sum for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$ .

$$d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^K H_k) \leq K - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^K d_{\text{vc}}(H_k)$$

As is an union let us prove for  $k = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^2 H_k) &\leq m_{H_1}(N) + m_{H_2}(N) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{d_1} \binom{N}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^{d_2} \binom{N}{i} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{d_1} \binom{N}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^{d_2} \binom{N}{N-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{d_1} \binom{N}{i} + \sum_{i=N-d_2}^N \binom{N}{i} \\ &< \sum_{i=0}^{d_1} \binom{N}{i} + \sum_{i=N-d_2}^N \binom{N}{i} + \sum_{i=d_1+1}^{N-d_2-1} \binom{N}{i} = \sum_{i=1}^N \binom{N}{i} = 2^N \end{aligned}$$

If prove for  $K - 1$ , we will prove for  $K$ . We have that:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^K H_k) &= d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^{K-1} H_k \cup H_K) \\ &= 1 + d_{\text{vc}}(\cup_{k=1}^{K-1} H_k) + d_{\text{vc}}(H_K) \\ &= 1 + (K - 2) + \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} d_{\text{vc}}(H_k) + d_{\text{vc}}(H_K) \\ &= K - 1 + \sum_{k=1}^K d_{\text{vc}}(H_k) \end{aligned}$$