

## GOING BEYOND THE LINEAR REGIME

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### ① Separation between linearized NNs vs NNs

LINEAR REGIME: training regime where network can be approximated by a linear model during the whole training dynamics

$$\Rightarrow f(\alpha, \theta) \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} f^{\text{lin}}(\alpha, \theta) = f(\alpha, \theta_0) + \langle \theta - \theta_0, \nabla_{\theta} f(\alpha, \theta_0) \rangle$$

$$\underline{\theta^0 = \bar{\theta}^0 = \theta_0}$$

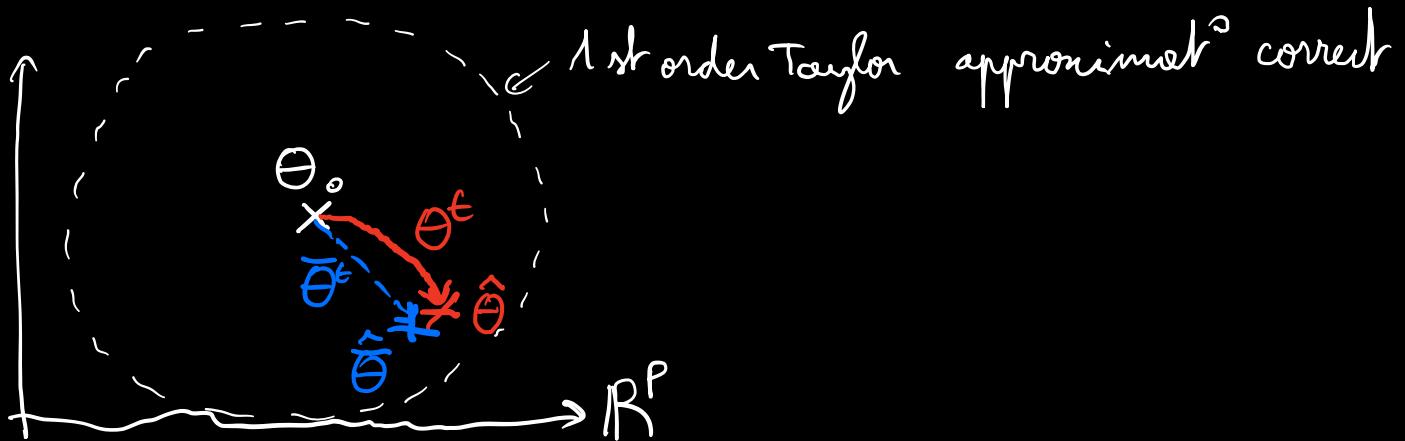
$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \dot{\theta}^t &= -\nabla R_m(f(\alpha, \theta^t)) \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \dot{\bar{\theta}}^t &= -\nabla \hat{R}_m(f^{\text{lin}}(\alpha, \bar{\theta}^t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\|\theta^t - \bar{\theta}^t\|_2}{\|\bar{\theta}^t - \bar{\theta}^0\|_2} \ll 1$$

$$\|\bar{\theta}^t - \bar{\theta}^0\|_2 \text{ small}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\alpha, \theta^t) \approx f^{\text{lin}}(\alpha, \bar{\theta}^t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  in this regime: NNets can effectively be replaced by linear models



1) Are NNets in practice trained in the linear regime?

→ Sometimes, mostly not.

2) Does linear theory capture what can be achieved by NNets?

→ No.

3) Do we have a better theory? → understand both optimization and generalization.  
→ Not yet.

Linear regime: → explains why GD/SGD can find a global optima of a highly non-convex problem

Successfully illustrated: **TRACTABILITY VIA OVERPARAMETERIZATION**

→ problem becomes more tractable as # of parameters  $T$

$\Rightarrow$  since then: lots of work to show the limitation of linear regime theory to explain good generalization of NNETs

Most of the (theoretical) work: show in specific examples that NNETs outperform linearized NNETs.

This results are called "separation results".

"Obvious" separation in approximation power:

2-layer NNET:  $f_{\text{NN}}(\alpha, a, W) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \sigma(\langle \underline{w}_i, \alpha \rangle)$   
 $a_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad w_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$

2-layer linearized NNET: fix  $W^0 = (w_1^0, \dots, w_N^0)$  also apply  
(RF)  $f_{\text{RF}}(\alpha, a) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \sigma(\langle \underline{w}_i^0, \alpha \rangle)$  full linearizat

\*  $F_{\text{NN}}(B) = \left\{ f_{\text{NN}}(\alpha, a, W) : \|a\|_2, \|W\|_F \leq B \right\}$

\*  $F_{\text{RF}}(W^0) = \left\{ f_{\text{RF}}(\alpha, a) : a \in \mathbb{R}^N \right\}$  test error  $m \rightarrow \infty$

Approximation error:  $R_{\text{App}}(f_*, F) = \inf_{f \in F} \|f_* - f\|_2^2$

↪ best you can hope for any number of samples

Take:  $\alpha \sim \text{Unif}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$

$w_i^o \sim_{i.i.d} \text{Unif}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$  fixed

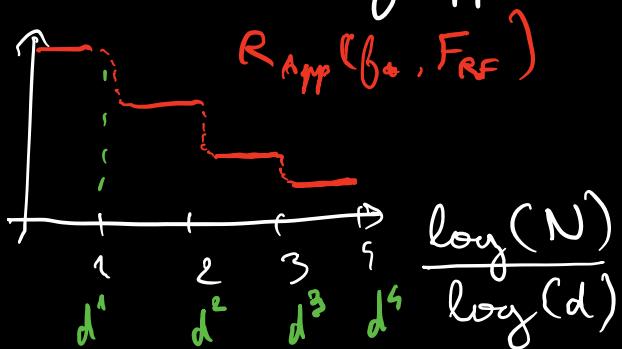
best degree- $l$  poly.  
approx.

Thm: [Mukherjee et al., 2019]

For any  $f_* \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ . If  $d^l \ll N \ll d^{l+1}$ , then

$$R_{\text{app}}(f_*, F_{RF}(W^o)) = \|P_{\geq l} f_*\|_{L^2}^2 + o_d(1).$$

→ can only approximate degree  $l$  polynomials



Staircase phenomena.

⇒ Simple example: one neuron  $f_*(x) = \sigma(w_* \cdot x)$

App. with RF:  $R_{\text{app}}(f_*, F_{RF}) \approx \|P_{\geq l} \sigma\|_{L^2}^2$  if  $N \ll d^l$

App. with NNets:  $R_{\text{app}}(f_*, F_{NN}) = 0$  for  $N \geq 1$ .

↪ simply take  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $w_1 = w_*$   
+ rest set to 0

⇒  $F_{NN}$  much richer class of functions

Intuition: in high-dim,  $\sup_{i \in [N]} |\langle \omega_i^0, \omega_* \rangle| \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}$   
 $\sigma(\langle \omega_i, \cdot \rangle)$  using  $\sigma(\langle \omega_i, \cdot \rangle)$

- no 'good' feature  $\sigma(\langle \omega_i^0, \alpha \rangle)$  to approximate  $\sigma(\langle \omega_*, \alpha \rangle)$
- when 1st layer is not fixed, can select 'good' features  
(i.e.  $\omega_i$  high correlated with  $\omega_*$ )

Kind of obvious and not interesting: the fact that you can approximate does not mean that you can efficiently find these good networks.

Want a separation between linearized NNets and NNets that can be "constructed in practice", e.g., using G.D.

Separation between linearized NNets and gradient trained NNets:

Inner-Prod kernel: "infinite width" linearized NNET

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma(\langle \alpha, \omega_i^0 \rangle) \sigma(\langle z, \omega_i^0 \rangle)}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\omega^0} [\sigma(\langle \alpha, \omega^0 \rangle) \sigma(\langle z, \omega^0 \rangle)]}_{=: h(\langle \alpha, z \rangle)}$$

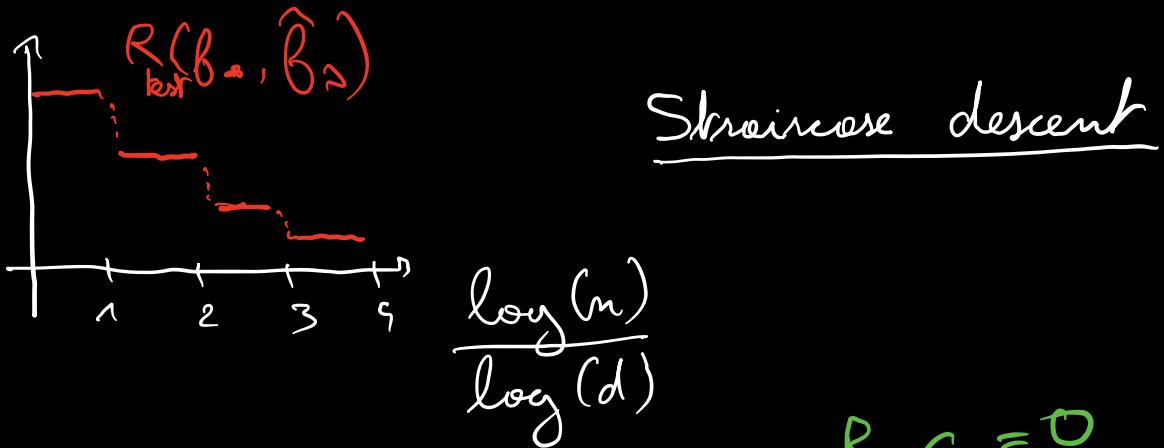
Test error of KRR (more details later about Kernel methods) ↪

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_2) = \mathbb{E}_n [ (f_*(x) - \hat{f}_2(x))^2 ] \quad \leftarrow$$

Take:  $x \sim \text{Unif}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$      $f_* \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$

If  $d^\ell \ll m \ll d^{\ell+1}$  (now # training samples)

Then [Mniariewicz et al., 2019]

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_2) = \underbrace{\|P_{>\ell} f_*\|_{L^2}^2}_{\text{ }} + o_d(1)$$


Again:  $f_*(x) = \underbrace{\sigma(\langle \omega_*, x \rangle)}_{\text{ }}$

then  $R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_2) \approx \underbrace{\|P_{>\ell} \sigma\|_{L^2}^2}_{\text{ }} \quad m \propto d^\ell.$

Take:  $\hat{f}_1(x) = \underbrace{\sigma(\langle \omega_1, x \rangle)}_{\text{ }} \quad 1 \text{ hidden unit}$

→ train  $\omega_1$  using GD    then if  $m \geq d \log d$

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_1) \approx 0 \quad [\text{Montanari et al., 2017}]$$

$\Rightarrow$  GD in underparametrized regime ( $N=1 \ll n$ )

↳ very simple case but already very technical proof.

⇒ In general, studying NNETs trained by GD is currently out of reach except in the linear regime.

⇒ Can we understand the benefit of training more abstractly?

### ③ Embed features vs feature learning

$$\rightarrow f_{RF}(\alpha, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \sigma(\langle \omega_i^0, \alpha \rangle)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Kernel} \quad \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma(\langle \omega_i^0, \alpha \rangle) \sigma(\langle \omega_i^0, \beta \rangle)}_{H_0(\alpha, \beta)}$$

$$f_{NN}(\alpha, \underline{\theta^t}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^t \sigma(\langle \omega_i^t, \alpha \rangle)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{"Kernel": } \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma(\langle \omega_i^t, \alpha \rangle) \sigma(\langle \omega_i^t, \beta \rangle)}_{H_t(\alpha, \beta)}$$

⇒ GD is a way to "train" a good kernel

i.e., learning "good" features adapted to the data.

$$\text{e.g.: } f_* = \sigma(\langle \omega_*, \cdot \rangle) \rightarrow H_*(\alpha, \beta) = \sigma(\langle \omega_*, \alpha \rangle) \sigma(\langle \omega_*, \beta \rangle)$$

$H_0$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $H_t$

- Linear regime: "kernel regime", "lazy regime"
- outside linear regime: "feature learning regime" = "rich regimes"

Very different behavior between fixed feature (fixed kernel) and methods that allow 'feature learning'

$\Rightarrow$  they are "adaptive" and can vastly outperform fixed feature models.

"Breaking the curse of dimensionality using convex NNets"  
- Francis Bach (2017)

Background on KRR/RKMS:

$$\{(y_i, \alpha_i)\}_{i \leq m} \quad y_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^d = X \quad \leftarrow$$

$(X, P)$ : probe space of the data covariates  $\leftarrow$

$(\mathcal{H}, \mu)$ : probe space of the features weights  $\leftarrow$  weights

Featureization map:  $\sigma: X \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, \omega) \mapsto \underline{\sigma(x, \omega)}$$

$$(\sigma \in L^2(X \times \mathcal{H}))$$

$$\text{Model: } f(x, \alpha) = \int_{\Omega} \alpha(\omega) \sigma(\langle x, \omega \rangle) \mu(d\omega)$$

→ infinitely-wide 2 layers NNet with

$$\alpha: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

e.g.  $\alpha(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \delta_{\omega=\omega_i}$  (dirac) ↪

then  $f(x, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \sigma(\langle x, \omega_i \rangle)$

Define norm:  $\|f(\cdot, \alpha)\|_{F_2} = \left( \int_{\Omega} |\alpha(\omega)|^2 \mu(d\omega) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$= \|\alpha\|_{L^2} \quad [F_2\text{-norm}]$$

↪  $F_2 = \{ f(\cdot, \alpha) \text{ such that } \|f(\cdot, \alpha)\|_{F_2} < \infty \}$

→ Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS) ↪

with kernel:  $K(x, z) = \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\langle x, \omega \rangle) \sigma(\langle z, \omega \rangle) \mu(d\omega)$

~~$\|f\|_H = \|\alpha\|_{L^2}$~~

Kernel Ridge Regression:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \underset{\substack{\alpha: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (\alpha \in L^2(\Omega))}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - f(x_i, \alpha))^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_{L^2}^2 \right\}$$

→ convex problem in  $\alpha \in L^2(\Omega) \Rightarrow$  but on infinite dimensional space

→ Tractable: celebrated representer theorem usually not tractable

$\Rightarrow$  the solution  $\hat{a} \in \underbrace{\text{Span}\{\sigma(\langle \alpha_i, \cdot \rangle) : i \leq m\}}_{m\text{-dim linear subspace}} \in L^2(\mathcal{R})$

Proof:  $a \in L^2(\mathcal{R})$ , consider subspace  $V = \underbrace{\text{span}\{\sigma(\langle \alpha_i, \cdot \rangle) : i \leq m\}}_{\subset L^2(\mathcal{R})}$

let  $a = \underbrace{a_V}_{\in V} + \underbrace{a_\perp}_{\in V^\perp}$  space orthogonal to  $V$

We have  $f(\alpha_i, a) = \int \sigma(\langle \alpha_i, \omega \rangle) a(\omega) \mu(d\omega)$

$$= \underbrace{\langle \sigma(\alpha_i, \cdot), a \rangle}_{L^2(\mu)} = \underbrace{\langle \sigma(\alpha_i, \cdot), a_V \rangle}_{L^2}$$

and  $\|a\|_{L^2}^2 = \|a_V\|_{L^2}^2 + \|a_\perp\|_{L^2}^2$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a} = \underset{a=a_V+a_\perp}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(y_i - \langle \sigma(\alpha_i, \cdot), a_V \rangle)^2}{\sigma_V} + \lambda \|a_V\|_2^2 + \lambda \|a_\perp\|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_\perp = 0 \quad \text{hence } \hat{a} \in \text{Span}\{\sigma(\langle \alpha_i, \cdot \rangle) : i \leq m\} \quad \square$$

$$\hat{a} = \hat{a}_V$$

$\in V$

Closed form solution:  $(\hat{a} = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \underbrace{\sigma(\langle \alpha_i, \cdot \rangle)}$

$$\boxed{f(x, \hat{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i K(x, \alpha_i)} \quad (K(x, \alpha_i) = \int \sigma(\langle x, \omega \rangle) \sigma(\langle \alpha_i, \omega \rangle) \mu(d\omega))$$

Denote  $K_m = (K(\alpha_i, \alpha_j))_{i,j \leq m} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\hat{c} = \underset{c \in \mathbb{R}^m}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \|y - K_m c\|_2^2 + \lambda c^T K_m c \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{c} = (K_m + \lambda \text{Id})^{-1} y} \quad \text{el}$$

What is the performance of KRR?

→ consider  $\mathcal{G} = \{f_* \text{ L-lipschitz}\}$

$$\sup_{f_* \in \mathcal{G}} R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_d) \asymp m^{-\frac{1}{d}}$$

→ for the 'worst case', to get error  $\leq \varepsilon$   
we need  $m \geq \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)^d$

### CURSE OF DIMENSIONALITY

KRR is adaptive to smoothness of the function

↪ smoother fcts will be easier to fit

e.g.: previous theorem: to fit degree- $d$  polynomial  
 → need  $m \geq d^d$  ↪ not here  $d \in \{0, C\}$   
 $d=0 \quad d \nearrow \quad \text{test error} \nearrow \quad \underline{d \geq C}$ .

2)  $\mathcal{G}_S = \{f_* \text{ with } S \text{ first derivatives bounded}\}$

good kernel →  $\sup_{f_* \in \mathcal{G}_S} R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_d) \asymp m^{-\frac{S}{S+d}}$  ↪  $\frac{S}{S+d} \leq 1$   
 ↪ Hölder space

⇒ still need smoothness  $S$  to grow with  $d$  (curse of dim.)

$$S \propto d$$

Can we hope to do better?

→ No: These classes of fcts are too big ('plague by the curse of dim')

Need to restrict to a smaller class of fct

Interesting class of fcts:  $f^*(x) = g(U\alpha)$   $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$   $s \ll d$

→ fcts that only depend on  $\alpha$  on a low-dimensional projection

Why?

$$f(\alpha, \omega) = \int \sigma(\langle \alpha, \omega \rangle) \alpha(\omega) \mu(d\omega)$$

→ put all the weights  $\alpha(\omega)$  on  $\omega \in \text{Im}(U^\top)$

→ problem effectively  $s$ -dimensional  $d \rightarrow s$   
↳ hope to get  $O(n^{-\frac{1}{s}})$  rate.

However: Kernel methods are not adaptive to fcts that depend only on a low-dimensional projection of data

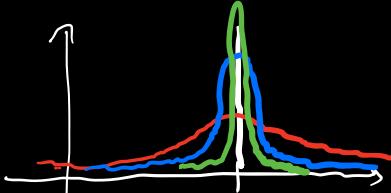
Recall:  $\left( \text{if } n \propto d^l, R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}) = \|P_{\mathcal{L}} f_*\|_{L^2}^2 + o_d(1) \right)$   
↳ no matter the structure on  $f_*$  (e.g.  $= \sigma(\langle \omega_*, \alpha \rangle)$ )

Intuition: in order to have  $f(\alpha, a) \rightarrow \sigma(\langle \omega_*, a \rangle)$   
we need  $\alpha(\omega) \rightarrow \delta_{\omega=\omega_*}$  ( $\sigma \notin F_2$ )  
 $= \int \alpha(\omega) \sigma(\langle \omega, \omega_* \rangle) \mu(d\omega)$

a density

$$\|\delta_{\omega=\omega_*}\|_{L^2} = \infty$$

$\sigma(\langle \omega_*, \cdot \rangle)$  not in RKHS,  $\sigma$  not in  $F_2$



we must have

$$\|\alpha\|_{L^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

→ HOWEVER:  $\int_{\Omega} |\alpha(\omega)| \mu(d\omega) =: \|\alpha\|_{L^1}$

$$\hat{\alpha}_h \rightarrow \delta_{\omega=\omega_*} \quad \text{remains bounded}$$

$$\|\hat{\alpha}_h\|_{L^1} \lesssim 1.$$

⇒ so... why not replacing  $\|\alpha\|_{L^2}$  by  $\|\alpha\|_{L^1}$

i.e.

$$\rightarrow (F_2 - P) \quad \hat{\alpha} = \underset{\alpha: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - f(x_i, \alpha))^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_{L^2}^2 \right\}$$

(Kernel method)

$$\rightarrow (F_1 - P) \quad \hat{\alpha} = \underset{\alpha: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - f(x_i, \alpha))^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_{L^1} \right\}$$

→ still convex

(might not be tractable)

→ no representer thm

CONVEX NNETs

$$f(\alpha, \hat{\alpha}_{F_1})$$

If  $f_* = g(Ux)$ ,

$$U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

$$R(f_*, \hat{f}_{F_1}) \leq \underline{\underline{n^{-\frac{1}{d}}}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Convex NNets break the curse of dimensionality on fits that only depend on a low-dim projection of the data

$\Rightarrow$  adaptive to latent linear structure ( $U$  is unknown)

However  $F_1$  is not tractable (hard problem)

$\rightarrow$  can think about GD as approximately solving  $F_1$

$\Rightarrow$  in general do not expect GD to solve  $F_1$ -problems  
(not the right implicit bias)

$\hookrightarrow$  However, one situation where GD was proven to solve approximately  $F_1$  problem

"Implicit bias of GD for wide 2-layers NNets"  
- Chizat and Bach, 2020.

Linear regime  $\rightarrow F_2$ : problem  $\xrightarrow{\text{curse of dim}}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{adaptive to smoothness}}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{not adaptive to low-dim proj}}$   
proj<sup>o</sup> fits

Sometimes

Non-linear dynamics  $\rightarrow F_1$ : problem  $\xrightarrow{\text{adaptive to smoothness}}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{adaptive to low-dim proj}}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  break curse of dim.  
on these fit classes.

### C An example: learning parities

So far, we saw

- Limitation of kernel methods/linear models
- Feature learning necessary to break the curse of dimensionality
- One "classical regime" example: GD fitting underparametrized a single neuron with another neuron.

More realistic example where we can study feature learning with GD

$$x \sim \text{Unif}(\{-1\}^d)$$

learning class of k-parity fcts

$$\mathcal{C}_k = \left\{ f_A(x) = \prod_{i \in A} x_i : \forall A \subseteq [d], |A|=k \right\}$$

↑ parity of subset A.

Hardness result of learning parity fcts with kernel methods

Prop: [Allen-Zhu et al., 2020] If for any  $f_A \in \mathcal{C}_k$

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_*, \hat{f}_A) \leq \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\text{then we must have } n \geq \frac{3}{4} \binom{d}{k} (\propto d^k)$$

Remark: 1)  $f_A(x)$  is a degree- $k$  polynomial, already implied by previous result if kernel is an inner-product kernel  
then need  $m \geq d^k$  samples

→ here very elementary proof for any kernel

2)  $f_A(x)$  only depend on a low-dimensional projection of dimension  $k$

→ expect  $F_1$  problem to be able to efficiently learn  $\mathcal{C}_k$

Proof: [If time, probably not: very nice proof using only elementary algebra]

"Learning parities with neural networks"  
[Amit Daniely and Eren Melech, 2020]

With slightly different distribution

+ classification setting:  $l(\hat{y}, y) = \max(1 - y\hat{y}, 0)$

+ 2 layers NNets with ReLU activations

Thm: for any linear model  $\hat{f}(x) = \langle \psi(x), \hat{\alpha} \rangle$  with  $\psi(x) \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $\|\hat{\alpha}\|_2 \leq B$ , then there exists  $f_A \in \mathcal{C}_k$  such that

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_A, \hat{f}) \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{N}B}{2^k \sqrt{2}}$$

Thm: (informal) GD with some initialization and learning steps on population loss, for  $T$  steps with high probability, for any  $f_A \in \mathcal{C}_k$

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_A, \hat{f}^{(T)}) \lesssim \frac{k^8}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{Nk}{\sqrt{d}} + \frac{k^2 \sqrt{N}}{T}$$

Rank: 1)  $k \propto d^{\frac{1}{64}}$ ,  $N \propto k^{16} \propto d^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $T \propto d^{\frac{3}{4}}$

Then  $\exists f_A \in \mathcal{C}_k$  such that

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_A, \hat{f}^{(\text{lin})}) \geq \frac{1}{4} \checkmark$$

$$R_{\text{test}}(f_A, \hat{f}^{(\text{GD})}) \approx 0. \checkmark$$

2) Still unsatisfactory: here  $n=\infty$  (or very large) + artificial GD learning steps schedule

Proof idea: Initialization

$$(0) \quad f(x, \Theta^{(0)}) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j^{(0)} \sigma(\langle \omega_j^{(0)}, x \rangle) \leftarrow$$

1 large GD step

$$(1) \quad f(x, \Theta^{(1)}) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j^{(1)} \sigma(\langle \underline{\omega}_j^{(1)}, x \rangle)$$

\* learn good weights  $\underline{\omega}_j^{(1)}$  with large correlation with A

\* show that if we fix  $\underline{\omega}_j^{(1)}$  and only know  $a_j^{(1)}$ , can fit f\_A

(2-T) Following learning steps sufficiently small such that we are in the linear regime

Summary: (0) Initialize at  $a_i^{(0)}, \omega_i^{(0)}$

GD steps (1) One gradient step learn good  $\omega_i^{(1)}$

(2-T) Fit second layer  $a_i^{(1)}$  while  $\omega_i^{(1)}$  almost fixed

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## Going beyond the Linear regime: mathematical approaches

1) Higher-order Taylor expansion around initialization

→ (Dan Roberts et al. 2021)

$$GD \rightarrow K_t \rightarrow K_t \rightsquigarrow K_t^{(2)}$$

2) Use GD dynamics as kernel dynamics with time varying kernel  $K_t(\alpha, z)$

→ can write ODE for  $K_t$

→ hierarchy of ODEs with higher order kernels  $K_t^{(k)}$

→ can truncate at some level  $K_t^{(k)} = K_0^{(k)}$  is fixed

$$\begin{matrix} K_t \\ \downarrow \\ K_t^{(2)} \\ \downarrow \\ \dots \\ K_t^{(k)} \end{matrix}$$

completely non linear

→ 3) Mean-Field dynamics:  $\Theta^{(t)}$  weights after  $t$  SGD steps

$$f_N(\alpha, \Theta^{(t)}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^{(t)} \sigma(\langle \omega_i^{(t)}, \alpha \rangle) = \int a(\omega) \sigma(\langle \omega, \alpha \rangle) \hat{\rho}_t(d\omega)$$

(where  $\hat{\rho}_t(d\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\omega=\omega_i^{(t)}}$ )

$$\longrightarrow f(\alpha, \rho_t) = \int a(\omega) \sigma(\langle \omega, \alpha \rangle) \rho_t(d\omega)$$

PDE on  $\rho_t$ : evolution in the space of measures

→ send paper: on Multi-layer MF.

→ Mario Mondelli

generaliz<sup>o</sup> error of

$$\underline{f(x, \theta^t)} \rightarrow \theta^t$$

NTK: FC multilayer NN

weights  $\sim N(0, \text{Id})$

→ NTK  $h(\langle x, y \rangle)$  uni prod

1) learn only low d<sup>o</sup> poly on the sphere

2) F<sub>2</sub>-P → not adaptive

→ NTK : KRR with NT kernel

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad x = U\beta + U_1\beta' \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \quad \uparrow \text{low variance}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle) &= h(\langle \beta_1, U^\top U \beta_2 \rangle) \\ &= h(\langle \beta_1, \beta_2 \rangle) \\ &\rightarrow \dim S \end{aligned}$$