

1. AML Problem 1.7(a) (p. 36), plus the following part:

Problem 1.7 A sample of heads and tails is created by tossing a coin a number of times independently. Assume we have a number of coins that generate different samples independently. For a given coin, let the probability of heads (probability of error) be μ . The probability of obtaining k heads in N tosses of this coin is given by the binomial distribution:

$$P[k | N, \mu] = \binom{N}{k} \mu^k (1 - \mu)^{N-k}.$$

Remember that the training error ν is $\frac{k}{N}$.

- (a) Assume the sample size (N) is 10. If all the coins have $\mu = 0.05$ compute the probability that at least one coin will have $\nu = 0$ for the case of 1 coin, 1,000 coins, 1,000,000 coins. Repeat for $\mu = 0.8$.
- (b) Take the scenario of part (a), for the case of 1,000 coins, and $\mu = 0.05$. Consider the following interpretation in applying it in a machine learning setting.

There is one hypothesis that is given (one decision boundary and corresponding set of decision regions, or one decision rule); call it h . The out of sample error is $E_{out}(h) = 0.05$, and the in-sample error depends on the dataset drawn.

Hint: The number of tosses of a coin, $N = 10$, corresponds to the size of a dataset.

Complete the machine-learning interpretation by answering the following:

- (i) What do the 1000 coins represent?
- (ii) What does the calculation in part (a), for 1000 coins and $\mu = 0.05$, represent?
- (iii) In this interpretation, take the most general version of the Hoeffding inequality in Ch. 1:

$$P[|\nu - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2Me^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

Give values (or expressions) for μ, ν , and M .

$$P[k | N, \mu] = \binom{N}{k} \mu^k (1 - \mu)^{N-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad P[\text{no heads}] &= \binom{10}{0} (0.05)^0 (1-0.05)^{10-0} = 0.95^{10} \approx 0.5987 \rightarrow \text{1 coin case} \\ P[\text{at least 1 coin have } \nu=0] &= 1 - (1-0.5987)^{1000} \approx 1 \quad (\text{when } \mu=0.05) \\ P[\text{at least 1 coin have } \nu=0] &= 1 - (1-0.5987)^{10^6} \approx 1 \quad (\text{when } \mu=0.05) \end{aligned}$$

when $\mu = 0.8$:

$$P[\text{no heads}] = \binom{10}{0} (0.8)^0 (1-0.8)^{10-0} = 1.024 \times 10^{-7} \rightarrow \text{1 coin case}$$

$$P[\text{at least 1 coin have } \nu=0] = 1 - (1-1.024 \times 10^{-7})^{1000} \approx 1.0239 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$P[\text{at least 1 coin have } \nu=0] = 1 - (1-1.024 \times 10^{-7})^{10^6} \approx 0.973$$

- (b) (i) 1000 coins represent the total number of hypothesis.
- (ii) It means that in 1000 hypothesis, the probability of at least one hypothesis will have in-sample error $E_{in}(h) = 0$
- (iii) $P[|\nu - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2Me^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$

$$P[|E_{in}(h) - \underbrace{E_{out}(h)}_{0.05}| > \epsilon] \leq \underbrace{2M}_{1000} e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}, \quad N = N = 10$$

2. AML Problem 2.1 (p. 69).

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

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

- (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 $\epsilon \leq 0.05$?

$$\epsilon(M, N, \delta) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} \ln \frac{2M}{\delta}} \quad \delta = 0.03$$

(a) $M = 1$

$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \ln \frac{2 \times 1}{0.03} \leq 0.05^2 \Rightarrow \ln \frac{2}{0.03} = 4.1997 \leq 0.05^2 \times 2N$$

$$\Rightarrow N \geq \frac{4.1997}{0.05^2 \times 2} = 839.94$$

\Rightarrow we need at least 840 samples.

(b) $M = 100$

$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \ln \frac{2 \times 100}{0.03} \leq 0.05^2 \Rightarrow \ln \frac{200}{0.03} \leq 0.05^2 \times 2N$$

$$\Rightarrow N \geq (\ln \frac{200}{0.03}) / (0.05^2 \times 2) = 1760.975$$

\Rightarrow we need at least 1761 samples.

(c) $M = 10^4$

$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \ln \frac{2 \times 10^4}{0.03} \leq 0.05^2 \Rightarrow \ln \frac{2 \times 10^4}{0.03} \leq 0.05^2 \times 2N$$

$$\Rightarrow N \geq (\ln \frac{2 \times 10^4}{0.03}) / (2 \times 0.05^2) = 2682.009$$

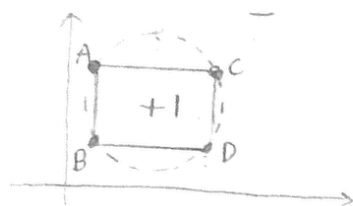
\Rightarrow we need at least 2683 samples.

3. AML Problem 2.2 (p. 69)

Problem 2.2 Show that for the learning model of positive rectangles (aligned horizontally or vertically), $m_{\mathcal{H}}(4) = 2^4$ and $m_{\mathcal{H}}(5) < 2^5$. Hence, give a bound for $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$.

Assume feature space is 2D. A “positive rectangle” is a rectangle-shaped decision boundary, and has value (label) +1 inside and value (label) -1 outside. The sides of the rectangle are parallel to the coordinate axes.

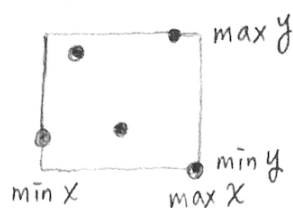
Hint for the last question: the bound is a polynomial in N .



$$m_{\mathcal{H}}(4) = 16$$

A	B	C	D
+	+	+	+
-	-	-	-
+	-	-	-
-	+	+	+
-	+	-	-
+	-	+	+
-	-	+	-
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-	+	-	+
+	-	-	+
-	+	+	-

$$m_{\mathcal{H}}(5)$$



As we can see from the plot when $N=5$, all of the points will locate inside the rectangle. Therefore, it's impossible for us to have 2^5 dichotomies which means that $m_{\mathcal{H}}(5) < 2^5$.

From above, we can know the break point $K=5$. Since $dvc = K-1 = 4$, from

$$\text{A.M.L (2.10)} \Rightarrow m_{\mathcal{H}}(N) \leq N^{dvc} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{m_{\mathcal{H}}(N) \leq N^4 + 1}$$

4. [Based on AML Exercise 2.1, p. 45.]:

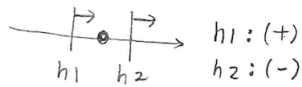
Exercise 2.1

By inspection, find a break point k for each hypothesis set in Example 2.2 (if there is one). Verify that $m_{\mathcal{H}}(k) < 2^k$ using the formulas derived in that Example.

- Find the smallest break point k for the hypothesis set consisting of Positive Rays (defined in Example 2.2).
- Find the smallest break point k for the hypothesis set consisting of Positive Intervals (defined in Example 2.2).

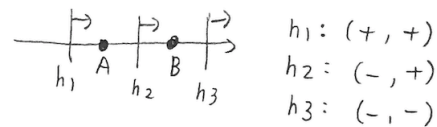
(a) Positive Rays :

① when $N=1 \Rightarrow$ can be shattered



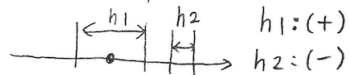
\Rightarrow the smallest break point $K=2$

② when $N=2 \Rightarrow$ cannot be shattered

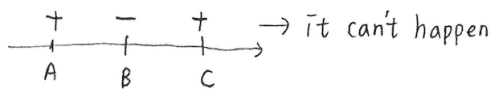


(b) positive intervals

① when $N=1 \Rightarrow$ can be shattered

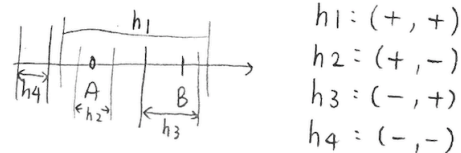


③ when $N=3 \Rightarrow$ cannot be shattered



\Rightarrow the smallest break point $K=3$

② when $N=2 \Rightarrow$ can be shattered



5. AML Exercise 2.6 (p. 60).

Exercise 2.6

A data set has 600 examples. To properly test the performance of the final hypothesis, you set aside a randomly selected subset of 200 examples which are never used in the training phase; these form a test set. You use a learning model with 1,000 hypotheses and select the final hypothesis g based on the 400 training examples. We wish to estimate $E_{\text{out}}(g)$. We have access to two estimates: $E_{\text{in}}(g)$, the in sample error on the 400 training examples; and, $E_{\text{test}}(g)$, the test error on the 200 test examples that were set aside.

- Using a 5% error tolerance ($\delta = 0.05$), which estimate has the higher 'error bar'?
- Is there any reason why you shouldn't reserve even more examples for testing?

600 examples $\begin{cases} 200 \text{ examples : test data} \\ 400 \text{ examples : train data} \rightarrow \text{select final } g \end{cases}$
 1000 hypotheses $\Rightarrow M = |\mathcal{H}| = 1000$

5% error tolerance $\Rightarrow \delta = 0.05$

(a) ① $E_{\text{in}}(g)$:

$$E_{\text{out}}(g) \leq \underbrace{E_{\text{in}}(g)}_{E_{\text{in}}(g)} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} \ln \frac{2M}{\delta}} \Rightarrow E_{\text{out}}(g) \leq E_{\text{in}}(g) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 \times 400} \ln \frac{2 \times 1000}{0.05}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{out}}(g) \leq E_{\text{in}}(g) + \underline{0.115}$$

② $E_{\text{test}}(g)$:

$$E_{\text{out}}(g) \leq E_{\text{test}}(g) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N'} \ln \frac{2M'}{\delta}} \Rightarrow E_{\text{out}}(g) \leq E_{\text{test}}(g) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 \times 200} \ln \frac{2 \times 1}{0.05}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{out}}(g) \leq E_{\text{test}}(g) + \underline{0.096}$$

from ① & ②:
 $E_{\text{in}}(g)$ has a higher "error bar"

- (b) Since we can only use the training data to get the final hypothesis g . If we have more data on training set, we can have more probability to get a better final hypothesis g .

6. AML Exercise 2.8 (p. 63). Note that g in AML notation is h_g in our class notation (= best chosen hypothesis in \mathcal{H}).

Exercise 2.8

- Show that if \mathcal{H} is closed under linear combination (any linear combination of hypotheses in \mathcal{H} is also a hypothesis in \mathcal{H}), then $\bar{g} \in \mathcal{H}$.
- Give a model for which the average function \bar{g} is not in the model's hypothesis set. [Hint: Use a very simple model.]
- For binary classification, do you expect \bar{g} to be a binary function?

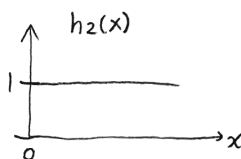
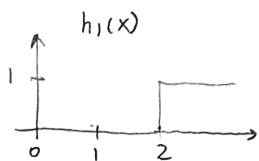
(a) $g_N(x) = \sum_{i=0}^K C_i x_i$ C_i : constant, K : integer and $K > 0$, $g_N \in \mathcal{H}$
 \mathcal{H} is closed under linear combination.

$\Rightarrow \bar{g} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N g_N \Rightarrow \bar{g} \in \mathcal{H}$ Q.E.D

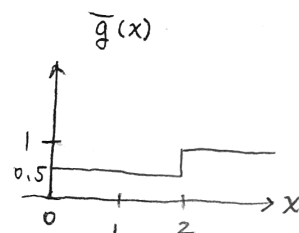
- (b) $\mathcal{H} = \{h_1, h_2\}$, \mathcal{H} only has the output $y = 0$ or 1 .

$h_1(x) \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$h_2(x) \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



$\bar{g}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(h_1(x) + h_2(x))$



$\bar{g}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 0.5, & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 1, & x \geq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \bar{g} \text{ is not in the hypothesis set.}$

- (c) from $\bar{g}(x)$, we can't expect \bar{g} to be a binary function.