

Claim:

↙ naive

$$2 \quad \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x}) \\ y \sim p(y|\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(h(\vec{x}) \neq y)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(h(\vec{x}) \neq f(\vec{x}))] + \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x}) \\ y \sim p(y|\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(f(\vec{x}) \neq y)]$$

$$\text{Suppose } \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x}) \\ y \sim p(y|\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(h(\vec{x}) \neq y)] > \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(h(\vec{x}) \neq f(\vec{x}))] + \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x}) \\ y \sim p(y|\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(f(\vec{x}) \neq y)]$$

$\downarrow S$ 
 $\downarrow S_1$ 
 $\downarrow S_2$

Let  $S$  be the set that contains all  $\vec{x}_i$  s.t.  $h(\vec{x}_i) \neq y_i$

$S_1$  be the set that contains all  $\vec{x}_j$  s.t.  $h(\vec{x}_j) \neq f(\vec{x}_j)$

$S_2$  be the set that contains all  $\vec{x}_k$  s.t.  $f(\vec{x}_k) \neq y_k$

Suppose  $\exists \vec{x}_t \in S$ , then  $h(\vec{x}_t) \neq y_t$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \vec{x}_t \in S_1, \text{ then } f(\vec{x}_t) = y_t \rightarrow \vec{x}_t \notin S_2 \\ \text{if } \vec{x}_t \in S_2, \text{ then } f(\vec{x}_t) \neq y_t \rightarrow \vec{x}_t \notin S_1 \end{array} \right.$

Thus,  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$

If  $\vec{x}_t \in S$  and  $\vec{x}_t \notin S_1 \cap S_2$

$\rightarrow h(\vec{x}_t) \neq y_t \cap h(\vec{x}_t) \neq f(\vec{x}_t) \cap f(\vec{x}_t) \neq y_t \rightarrow$   $\nexists$  binary classification

Therefore,  $\forall \vec{x}_t \in S$ , either  $\vec{x}_t \in S_1$  or  $\vec{x}_t \in S_2$

$$\therefore S \subseteq S_1 \cup S_2 \Rightarrow |S| \leq |S_1 \cup S_2| = |S_1| + |S_2|$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\because S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$

Which leads to a contradiction.

$$\text{Thus, } \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x}) \\ y \sim p(y|\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(h(\vec{x}) \neq y)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(h(\vec{x}) \neq f(\vec{x}))] + \mathbb{E}_{\substack{\vec{x} \sim p(\vec{x}) \\ y \sim p(y|\vec{x})}} [\mathbb{I}(f(\vec{x}) \neq y)] \quad \square$$