



Fundamentals of Inference and
Learning
Homework 2

2 Statistical Learning with Nearest-Neighbors

$P(\underline{x}, y)$

- $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, y \in \mathbb{R}$

- $\text{Var}[y] = \sigma^2$

1. $P(\underline{x}, y)$ is known

$$\mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}, y} [(f(\underline{x}) - \hat{y})^2], \text{ with } f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) = \mathbb{E}[y|x]$$

$$\text{minimizing: } \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}, y} [(f(\underline{x}) - y)^2] = \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}} [\mathbb{E}_{y|x} [(y|x - \hat{y})^2]]$$

we therefore need to minimize $\mathbb{E}_{y|x} [(y|x - \hat{y})^2]$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}} \mathbb{E}_{y|x} [(y|x - \hat{y})^2] = 2 \mathbb{E}_{y|x} [y|x - \hat{y}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y} = \mathbb{E}_{y|x} [y|x] = f_{\text{Bayes}}(x)$$

$$2. f_{kNN}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} y_i$$

$$\text{the excess risk } \Delta R = R_{kNN} - R_{\text{Bayes}} = \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}, y, y_i, x_i} [(y - f_{kNN}(x))^2 - (y - f_{\text{Bayes}}(x))^2]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}} \mathbb{E}_{y|x, x_i, y_i} [(y|x - \frac{1}{k} \sum_i y_i)^2 - (\underbrace{y|x - \mathbb{E}_{y|x} [y|x]}_{= \text{Var}(y|x)})^2]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}} [\mathbb{E}_{y|x, x_i, y_i} [(y|x)^2 + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i,j \in N_k(x)} y_i y_j - \frac{2y|x}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} y_i] - \text{Var}(y|x)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}} [\mathbb{E}_{y|x} [(y|x)^2] + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i,j} \mathbb{E}[y_i] \mathbb{E}[y_j] - \frac{2}{k} \mathbb{E}[y|x] \sum_i \mathbb{E}[y_i] - \text{Var}(y|x)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}} [\mathbb{E}_{y|x} [(y|x)^2] + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i,j} \mathbb{E}[y_i] \mathbb{E}[y_j] + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i,j} \mathbb{E}[y_i^2] - \frac{2}{k} \mathbb{E}[y|x] \sum_i \mathbb{E}[y_i]$$

$$- \text{Var}(y|x)]$$

$$\text{But: } -y_i = y_i | x_i \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(y_i) = f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i)$$

$$- \mathbb{E}[y_i^2] = \Delta(x_i) + f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i)$$

$$- \mathbb{E}[y_i | x] = f_{\text{Bayes}}(x)$$

$$- \mathbb{E}[(y_i | x)^2] = \Delta(x) + f_{\text{Bayes}}^2(x)$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{E}_x [\mathbb{E}_{y_i | x} [(y_i | x)^2]] + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}[y_i] \mathbb{E}[y_j] + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i=j} \mathbb{E}[y_i^2] - \frac{2}{k} \mathbb{E}[y_i | x] \sum_i \mathbb{E}[y_i]$$

$$- \text{Var}(y_i | x)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_x [\cancel{\text{Var}(y_i | x)} + f_{\text{Bayes}}^2(x) + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i \neq j} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_j) + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i=j} \text{Var}(x_i) + f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i)] \\ - \frac{2}{k} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) - \cancel{\text{Var}(y_i | x)}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_x [\frac{1}{k} \text{Var}(y_i | x) + f_{\text{Bayes}}^2(x) + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i \neq j} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_j) + \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i=j} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i)^2 \\ - \frac{2}{k} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_x [\frac{1}{k} \text{Var}(y_i | x) + (f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i))^2]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{k} + \mathbb{E}_x \left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) - f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) \right)^2$$

$$= b^2 + r$$

3. $f_{\text{Bayes}}(x)$ is L -lipschitz : $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L \|x - y\|_2$

$$\Rightarrow |f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) - f_{\text{Bayes}}(y)| \leq L \|x - y\|_2$$

$$* \left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) - f_{\text{Bayes}}(x) \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{k^2} k \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} (f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) - f_{\text{Bayes}}(x))^2$$

$$\Delta R \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k} + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} (f_{\text{Bayes}}(x_i) - f_{\text{Bayes}}(x))^2$$

$$\leq \frac{C^L}{k} + \frac{L^2}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(x)} \|x_i - x\|_2^2$$

$$\|x_i - x\|_2^2 \approx \sigma^2 = \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^{2/d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta R \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k} + L^2 \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^{2/d} \quad \text{--- } \frac{2-d}{d}$$

$$5) \frac{\partial \Delta R}{\partial k} = -\frac{\sigma^2}{k^2} + \frac{L^2}{n^{2/d}} \cdot \frac{2}{d} k^{\frac{2-d}{d}-1}$$

$$= -\frac{\sigma^2}{k^2} + \frac{2L^2}{dn^{2/d}} \cdot k^{\frac{2-d}{d}} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sigma^2 = \frac{2L^2}{dn^{2/d}} \cdot k^{\frac{2-d}{d} + \frac{2}{d}} = \frac{2L^2}{dn^{2/d}} \cdot k^{\frac{2+d}{d}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k_{\text{opt}} = \left(\frac{dn^{2/d} \sigma^2}{2L^2} \right)^{d/2+d}$$

$$6) \Delta R \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k} + L^2 \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^{2/d} \Big|_{k=k_{\text{opt}}}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \cdot \left(\frac{2L^2}{dn^{2/d} \cdot \sigma^2} \right)^{d/2+d} + L^2 \frac{\left(\frac{dn^{2/d} \sigma^2}{2L^2} \right)^{d/2+d} \cdot \sigma^2}{n^{2/d}}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{2L^2}{dn^{2/d} \cdot \sigma^2} \right)^{d/2+d} + L^2 \frac{\left(\frac{dn^{2/d} \sigma^2}{2L^2} \right)^{2/2+d}}$$

Setting $L = \sigma = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta R &\leq \left(\frac{2}{dn^{2/d}} \right)^{d/2+d} + \frac{\left(\frac{dn^{2/d}}{2} \right)^{2/2+d}}{n^{2/d}} \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{-d/2+d} \cdot n^{-\frac{2}{d} \cdot \frac{d}{2+d}} + n^{-\frac{2}{d}} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \cdot n^{\frac{2}{d} \cdot \frac{2}{2+d}} \\ &= n^{-\frac{2}{2+d}} \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{-\frac{d}{2+d}} + n^{-\frac{2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{2}{2+d} \right)} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \\ &\quad = -\frac{2}{d} \left(\frac{2+d-2}{2+d} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= n^{-\frac{2}{2+d}} \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{-\frac{d}{2+d}} + \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{-\frac{d}{2+d}} + \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{-\frac{d}{2+d}} + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{-1}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \left(\frac{2+d}{d}\right)$$

7) $\Delta R = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{2}{2+d}} \cdot \frac{d+2}{d} \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{d+2}}$

$$\Leftrightarrow n^{\frac{2}{2+d}} = \frac{d+2}{d\Delta R} \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{d+2}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow n = \left(\frac{d+2}{d\Delta R} \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{d+2}}\right)^{\frac{2+d}{2}} = \left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{d+2}{d\Delta R}\right)^{\frac{2+d}{2}}$$