

# **Exercise of Supervised Learning: Boosting Part 1**

Yawei Li

`yawei.li@stat.uni-muenchen.de`

January 14, 2025

## Exercise 1: AdaBoost - Empirical Risk

Let  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{m=1}^M \hat{\beta}^{[m]} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x})$  be the scoring function after running AdaBoost for  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  iterations. Show that the average empirical risk (on  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}$ ) of the corresponding classifier  $h(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}))$  is bounded as follows

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\hat{h})}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}]}}{n} \leq \prod_{m=1}^M \sqrt{1 - 4 (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} - \text{err}^{[m]}$ . For this purpose, proceed as follows:

(a) Given an interpretation of  $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .

## Solution to Exercise 1 (a)

- ▶ Recall that  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$  is the weighted error of  $\hat{b}^{[m]}$ .
- ▶ Random guessing has an error of approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- ▶ So,  $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} - \text{err}^{[m]}$  tells us how better  $\hat{b}^{[m]}$  is compared to random guessing.

## Solution to Exercise 1 (a)

- ▶ Recall that  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$  is the weighted error of  $\hat{b}^{[m]}$ .
- ▶ Random guessing has an error of approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- ▶ So,  $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} - \text{err}^{[m]}$  tells us how better  $\hat{b}^{[m]}$  is compared to random guessing.

## Solution to Exercise 1 (a)

- ▶ Recall that  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$  is the weighted error of  $\hat{b}^{[m]}$ .
- ▶ Random guessing has an error of approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- ▶ So,  $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} - \text{err}^{[m]}$  tells us how better  $\hat{b}^{[m]}$  is compared to random guessing.

## Exercise 1 (b)

(b) For any  $m = 1, \dots, M$  let  $W^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)}$  be the total weight in iteration  $m$  before normalizing the weights. Show that  $W^{[m]} = \sqrt{1 - 4(\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}$ .

Hint:

- ▶  $\tilde{w}^{[m](i)} = w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$ .
- ▶ Two cases:
  - ▶ correct prediction:  $y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = 1$
  - ▶ incorrect prediction:  $y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = -1$
- ▶  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot I_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$ . That is, identify all the wrong predicted samples, sum up their weights.
- ▶ The association can be symbolized as:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \leftarrow w^{[m](i)} \leftarrow \text{err}^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .  
Our goal:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .

## Exercise 1 (b)

(b) For any  $m = 1, \dots, M$  let  $W^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)}$  be the total weight in iteration  $m$  before normalizing the weights. Show that  $W^{[m]} = \sqrt{1 - 4(\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}$ .

Hint:

- ▶  $\tilde{w}^{[m](i)} = w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$ .
- ▶ Two cases:
  - ▶ correct prediction:  $y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = 1$
  - ▶ incorrect prediction:  $y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = -1$
- ▶  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot I_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$ . That is, identify all the wrong predicted samples, sum up their weights.
- ▶ The association can be symbolized as:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \leftarrow w^{[m](i)} \leftarrow \text{err}^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .  
Our goal:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .

## Exercise 1 (b)

(b) For any  $m = 1, \dots, M$  let  $W^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)}$  be the total weight in iteration  $m$  before normalizing the weights. Show that  $W^{[m]} = \sqrt{1 - 4(\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}$ .

Hint:

- ▶  $\tilde{w}^{[m](i)} = w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$ .
- ▶ Two cases:
  - ▶ correct prediction:  $y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = 1$
  - ▶ incorrect prediction:  $y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = -1$
- ▶  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$ . That is, identify all the wrong predicted samples, sum up their weights.
- ▶ The association can be symbolized as:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \leftarrow w^{[m](i)} \leftarrow \text{err}^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .  
Our goal:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .



## Exercise 1 (b)

(b) For any  $m = 1, \dots, M$  let  $W^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)}$  be the total weight in iteration  $m$  before normalizing the weights. Show that  $W^{[m]} = \sqrt{1 - 4(\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}$ .

Hint:

- ▶  $\tilde{w}^{[m](i)} = w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))$ .
- ▶ Two cases:
  - ▶ correct prediction:  $y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = 1$
  - ▶ incorrect prediction:  $y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \Leftrightarrow y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = -1$
- ▶  $\text{err}^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}$ . That is, identify all the wrong predicted samples, sum up their weights.
- ▶ The association can be symbolized as:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \leftarrow w^{[m](i)} \leftarrow \text{err}^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .  
Our goal:  $W^{[m]} \leftarrow \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$ .

**1 (b): Express  $W^{[m]}$  with  $w^{[m](i)}$ , and then  $\text{err}^{[m]}$**

$$\begin{aligned} W^{[m]} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

**1 (b): Express  $W^{[m]}$  with  $w^{[m](i)}$ , and then  $\text{err}^{[m]}$**

$$\begin{aligned} W^{[m]} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp \left( \beta^{[m]} \right)}_{\text{incorrect pred.}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} \right)}_{\text{correct pred.}} \end{aligned}$$

**1 (b): Express  $W^{[m]}$  with  $w^{[m](i)}$ , and then  $\text{err}^{[m]}$**

$$\begin{aligned} W^{[m]} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m](i)} \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp \left( \beta^{[m]} \right)}_{\text{incorrect pred.}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m](i)} \cdot \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} \right)}_{\text{correct pred.}} \\ &= \exp \left( \beta^{[m]} \right) \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m](i)}}_{\text{err}^{[m]}} + \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} \right) \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m](i)}}_{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}} \end{aligned}$$

**1 (b): Express  $W^{[m]}$  with  $w^{[m]}(i)$ , and then  $\text{err}^{[m]}$**

$$\begin{aligned}W^{[m]} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m]}(i) \\&= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m]}(i) \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right) \\&= \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m]}(i)}_{\text{incorrect pred.}} \cdot \exp \left( \beta^{[m]} \right) + \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m]}(i)}_{\text{correct pred.}} \cdot \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} \right) \\&= \exp \left( \beta^{[m]} \right) \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} \neq \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m]}(i)}_{\text{err}^{[m]}} + \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} \right) \underbrace{\sum_{i: y^{(i)} = \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} w^{[m]}(i)}_{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}} \\&= \exp \left( \beta^{[m]} \right) \text{err}^{[m]} + \exp \left( -\beta^{[m]} \right) (1 - \text{err}^{[m]})\end{aligned}$$

## 1 (b): Substitute $\beta^{[m]}$ with An Expression of $\text{err}^{[m]}$

Summarizing the previous steps:

$$w^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} = \exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) \text{err}^{[m]} + \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) (1 - \text{err}^{[m]}) \quad (2)$$

Recall that  $\beta^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}}{\text{err}^{[m]}}\right)$ , so that

$$\exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}}{\text{err}^{[m]}}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{\text{err}^{[m]}}{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}}}. \quad (3)$$

We can then plug (3) into (2) and eliminate the terms related to  $\beta^{[m]}$ .

## 1 (b): Substitute $\beta^{[m]}$ with An Expression of $\text{err}^{[m]}$

Summarizing the previous steps:

$$w^{[m]} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m](i)} = \exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) \text{err}^{[m]} + \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) (1 - \text{err}^{[m]}) \quad (2)$$

Recall that  $\beta^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}}{\text{err}^{[m]}}\right)$ , so that

$$\exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}}{\text{err}^{[m]}}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{\text{err}^{[m]}}{1 - \text{err}^{[m]}}}. \quad (3)$$

We can then plug (3) into (2) and eliminate the terms related to  $\beta^{[m]}$ .

## 1 (b): Plug in the Relation between $\text{err}^{[m]}$ and $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$

$$\begin{aligned} W^{[m]} &= \exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) \text{err}^{[m]} + \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) (1 - \text{err}^{[m]}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{(1 - \text{err}^{[m]})\text{err}^{[m]}} \end{aligned}$$



## 1 (b): Plug in the Relation between $\text{err}^{[m]}$ and $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$

$$\begin{aligned} W^{[m]} &= \exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) \text{err}^{[m]} + \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) (1 - \text{err}^{[m]}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{(1 - \text{err}^{[m]})\text{err}^{[m]}} \\ &= 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}\right)} \quad (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} - \text{err}^{[m]}) \end{aligned}$$

## 1 (b): Plug in the Relation between $\text{err}^{[m]}$ and $\hat{\gamma}^{[m]}$

$$\begin{aligned}W^{[m]} &= \exp\left(\beta^{[m]}\right) \text{err}^{[m]} + \exp\left(-\beta^{[m]}\right) (1 - \text{err}^{[m]}) \\&= 2\sqrt{(1 - \text{err}^{[m]})\text{err}^{[m]}} \\&= 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \hat{\gamma}^{[m]}\right)} \quad (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]} = \frac{1}{2} - \text{err}^{[m]}) \\&= 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2} \\&= \sqrt{1 - 4(\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}.\end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 1 (c)

(c) Show that

$$w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}},$$

where  $w^{[M+1]}(i)$  is the **normalized** weight if we would run AdaBoost for  $M + 1$  iterations.  
Hint:



$$w^{[m+1]}(i) = \frac{\tilde{w}^{[m]}(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}^{[m]}(i)} = \frac{w^{[m]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[m]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}$$

- The above hint shows relation between  $w^{[m+1]}(i)$  and  $w^{[m]}(i)$ , or between  $w^{[m]}(i)$  and  $w^{[m-1]}(i)$ , ..., or  $w^{[2]}(i)$  and  $w^{[1]}(i)$ . This motivates us to use a recursive way for the proof.

## 1 (c): From $w^{[M+1]}(i)$ to $w^{[M]}(i)$ , and to $w^{[M-1]}(i)$

Note: our proof target  $w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}}$  involves  $W^{[m]}$  in the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} w^{[M+1]}(i) &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))} \\ &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Definition of } W^{[M]}) \end{aligned}$$

# 1 (c): From $w^{[M+1]}(i)$ to $w^{[M]}(i)$ , and to $w^{[M-1]}(i)$

Note: our proof target  $w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}}$  involves  $W^{[m]}$  in the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} w^{[M+1]}(i) &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))} \\ &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Definition of } W^{[M]}) \\ &= w^{[M-1]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M-1]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M-1]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M-1]}} \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Use hint}) \end{aligned}$$

# 1 (c): From $w^{[M+1]}(i)$ to $w^{[M]}(i)$ , and to $w^{[M-1]}(i)$

Note: our proof target  $w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M w^{[m]}}$  involves  $w^{[m]}$  in the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} w^{[M+1]}(i) &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))} \\ &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Definition of } W^{[M]}) \\ &= w^{[M-1]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M-1]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M-1]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M-1]}} \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Use hint}) \\ &= \dots \quad (\text{Repeatedly use the hint}) \end{aligned}$$

## 1 (c): From $w^{[M+1]}(i)$ to $w^{[M]}(i)$ , and to $w^{[M-1]}(i)$

Note: our proof target  $w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}}$  involves  $W^{[m]}$  in the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} w^{[M+1]}(i) &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))} \\ &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Definition of } W^{[M]}) \\ &= w^{[M-1]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M-1]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M-1]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M-1]}} \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Use hint}) \\ &= \dots \quad (\text{Repeatedly use the hint}) \\ &= w^{[1]}(i) \cdot \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}} = w^{[1]}(i) \frac{\exp\left(-y^{(i)} \sum_{m=1}^M \beta^{[m]} \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right)}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}} \end{aligned}$$

# 1 (c): From $w^{[M+1]}(i)$ to $w^{[M]}(i)$ , and to $w^{[M-1]}(i)$

Note: our proof target  $w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}}$  involves  $W^{[m]}$  in the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} w^{[M+1]}(i) &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))} \\ &= w^{[M]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Definition of } W^{[M]}) \\ &= w^{[M-1]}(i) \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M-1]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M-1]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M-1]}} \cdot \frac{\exp(-\beta^{[M]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[M]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{W^{[M]}} \quad (\text{Use hint}) \\ &= \dots \quad (\text{Repeatedly use the hint}) \\ &= w^{[1]}(i) \cdot \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M \exp(-\beta^{[m]} y^{(i)} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}} = w^{[1]}(i) \frac{\exp\left(-y^{(i)} \sum_{m=1}^M \beta^{[m]} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right)}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}} \\ &= \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}} \quad (\text{Since } \sum_{m=1}^M \beta^{[m]} \hat{b}^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \\ &\quad 8/11^{m=1}) \end{aligned}$$



## Exercise 1 (d)

(d) Argue that  $I_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}]} \leq \exp(-y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}))$  for any  $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ .

Hint: What happens to  $\exp(-y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}))$  if  $y^{(i)} \neq \hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ ? **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}) \neq y &\Leftrightarrow \text{sign}(\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})) \neq y \\ &\Leftrightarrow -y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exp(-y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})) > \exp(0) = 1 = I_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}) \neq y]}\end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 1 (d)

(d) Argue that  $I_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}]} \leq \exp(-y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}))$  for any  $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ .

Hint: What happens to  $\exp(-y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}))$  if  $y^{(i)} \neq \hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ ? **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}) \neq y &\Leftrightarrow \text{sign}(\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})) \neq y \\ &\Leftrightarrow -y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exp(-y\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})) > \exp(0) = 1 = I_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}) \neq y]}\end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 1 (e)

(e) Combine everything to conclude

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\hat{h})}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}]}}{n} \leq \prod_{m=1}^M \sqrt{1 - 4 (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}.$$

Hint:

- ▶ In (b), we proved  $W^{[m]} = \sqrt{1 - 4 (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2}$ .
- ▶ In (c),  $w^{[M+1]}(i) = \frac{w^{[1]}(i) \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}}$ .
- ▶ In (d):  $\mathbb{I}_{[\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}]} \leq \exp(-y \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}))$

## 1 (e): Use (d), and then (c) and then (b)

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\hat{h})}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}}}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Use (d)})$$

## 1 (e): Use (d), and then (c) and then (b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\hat{h})}{n} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}}}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot I_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Use (d)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[1](i)} \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Definition of } w^{[1](i)} = 1/n)\end{aligned}$$

## 1 (e): Use (d), and then (c) and then (b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\hat{h})}{n} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}}}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot I_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Use (d)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[1](i)} \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Definition of } w^{[1](i)} = 1/n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M+1](i)} \prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]} \quad (\text{Use (c): } w^{[M+1](i)} = \frac{w^{[1](i)} \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right)}{\prod_{m=1}^M W^{[m]}})\end{aligned}$$

## 1 (e): Use (d), and then (c) and then (b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{emp}}(\hat{h})}{n} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}}}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\hat{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq y^{(i)}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Use (d)}) \\&= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[1](i)} \exp\left(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})\right) \quad (\text{Definition of } w^{[1](i)} = 1/n) \\&= \sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M+1](i)} \prod_{m=1}^M w^{[m]} \quad (\text{Use (c): } w^{[M+1](i)} = \frac{w^{[1](i)} \exp(-y^{(i)} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))}{\prod_{m=1}^M w^{[m]}}) \\&= \prod_{m=1}^M w^{[m]} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n w^{[M+1](i)}}_{=1} \leq \prod_{m=1}^M \sqrt{1 - 4 (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2} \quad (\text{Use (b) } w^{[m]} = \sqrt{1 - 4 (\hat{\gamma}^{[m]})^2})\end{aligned}$$