

# Problem Solving with AI Techniques (Generalized) Linear Models

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# Framework of Linear Regression

- **Labeled i.i.d. data:**  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^1, y^1), (\mathbf{x}^2, y^2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^N, y^N)\}$  with  $\mathbf{x}^i \in \mathbb{R}^D, y^i \in \mathbb{R}$
- **Usual Trick:** Redefine  $\mathbf{x}^i \leftarrow (x_0^i = 1, x_1^i, \dots, x_D^i)^\top$
- **Notations:**  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^N)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (D+1)}, \mathbf{y} = (y^1, \dots, y^N)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^N$
- **Regression model:**  $y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon$  where  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\varepsilon$  noise
- **Linear regression model:**  $f_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^D w_j \mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$
- **Problem:** learn weights  $\mathbf{w} = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_D) \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1}$  that fits  $\mathcal{D}$

# Method of Least Squares

Based on squared-error loss, minimize

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (f_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}^i) - y^i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=0}^D w_j \mathbf{x}_j^i - y^i \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - y^i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})^T (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

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It is a convex optimization problem: compute the gradient and cancel it.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_k} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=0}^D w_j \mathbf{x}_j^i - y^i \right) \mathbf{x}_k^i \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - y^i) \mathbf{x}^i = \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

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# Closed Form Solution

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y} \quad (*)$$

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y} \quad \text{if } \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} \text{ is invertible}$$

- In practice, we don't invert  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ , but solve (\*).
- **Computational complexity:**  $O(D^2N) = O(D^2N + DN + D^3)$

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# (Batch) Gradient Descent

- Gradient descent:** given dataset  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}$  and initial guess  $\mathbf{w}_0$   
Repeat until convergence:

$$\mathbf{w}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w}_{t-1})$$

$$\text{where } \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - y^i) \mathbf{x}^i = \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y})$$

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1 BatchGradientDescent( $T, \mathcal{D}$ )
2 initialize  $\mathbf{w}$ 
3 for  $t = 1$  to  $T$  do
4      $\mathbf{w}' \leftarrow 0$ 
5     for  $i = 1$  to  $N$  do  $\mathbf{w}' \leftarrow \mathbf{w}' - \alpha (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - y^i) \mathbf{x}^i$ ;
6      $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}'$ 
7 return  $\mathbf{w}$ 

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# (Stochastic) Gradient Descent

- **Issue:**  $N$  may be large
- **Idea:** No need to loop over all instances in  $\mathcal{D}$
- **Stochastic gradient descent:** update one random instance per iteration

$$\mathbf{w}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}^i)$$

where  $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{x}^i) = (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^i - y^i) \mathbf{x}^i$  with  $\mathbf{x}^i, y^i$  in  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}$

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1 StochasticGradientDescent( $T, \mathcal{D}$ )
2 initialize  $\mathbf{w}$ 
3 for  $t = 1$  to  $T$  do
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# Linear Basis Function Regression

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- **Basis functions and features:**

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = (\phi_0(\mathbf{x}), \phi_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \phi_M(\mathbf{x}))^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{M+1} \text{ with } \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) = 1$$

- **Regression model:**  $y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon$  where  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\varepsilon$  noise
- **Linear basis function regression model:**

$$f_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^M w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \phi(\mathbf{x})$$

- The previous two methods apply with  $\mathbf{X}$  replaced by  $\Phi = (\phi(\mathbf{x}^1), \dots, \phi(\mathbf{x}^N))^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (M+1)}$

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# Framework of Logistic Regression

- i.i.d. data (notation with trick):  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^N)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (D+1)}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{y} = (y^1, \dots, y^N)^\top \in \{0, 1\}^N$

- Probabilistic binary classifier:  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \eta(\mathbf{x}) \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } \eta(\mathbf{x}) < \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$

where  $\eta(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | X = \mathbf{x}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(Y = 0 | X = \mathbf{x})$

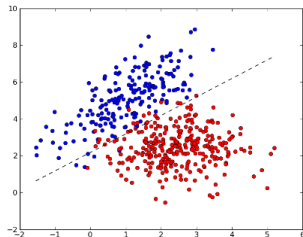
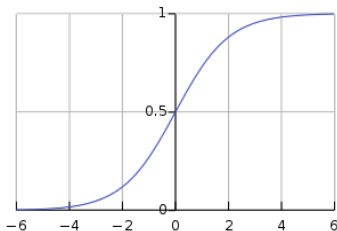
Note: for each  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\eta(\mathbf{x})$  defines a Bernoulli distribution.

- Logistic regression assumes:  $\eta$  is based on a sigmoid (or logistic) function:

$$\eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})} \text{ where } g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

- Probabilistic model  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{w}$  can be estimated by Maximum Likelihood (or MAP)

# Logistic Regression is a Generalized Linear Model (GLM)



- **GLM**: response is a function of a linear function
- **Logistic regression** = linear classifier: **decision boundary** is linear

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})} = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) &= 2 \\ \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) &= 1 \\ \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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# Step 1: Compute Likelihood

As  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y})$  has been generated i.i.d.,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D} \mid \mathbf{w}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i \mid \mathbf{w}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(y_i \mid \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{w}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(y_i \mid \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}) \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i)^{y_i} (1 - \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i))^{1-y_i} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}_i) \\ \log \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D} \mid \mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i)) + \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}_i)\end{aligned}$$

## Step 2: Maximize Likelihood

- Maximizing the log likelihood (w.r.t.  $\mathbf{w}$ ) is equivalent to maximizing

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log g(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - g(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)) \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**  $g'(t) = \frac{\exp(-t)}{(1+\exp(-t))^2} = g(t)(1 - g(t))$

- $L$  is concave in  $\mathbf{w}$ : compute gradient and cancel it!

# Iterative Method

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \mathbf{x}_i (1 - g(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)) - (1 - y_i) \mathbf{x}_i g(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i (y_i - g(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i))\end{aligned}$$

- $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D}) = 0$  defines a system of non-linear equations
- **Issue:** no closed-form solution
- **Solution:** gradient ascent

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D})$$

- **Other solution:** Newton (also called Newton-Raphson) method

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \mathbb{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D})$$

where  $\mathbb{H} = \left( \frac{\partial^2 L(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D})}{\partial w_i \partial w_j} \right)$  is called the Hessian of  $L$ .

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# Multi-class Logistic Regression

- **i.i.d. data (notation with trick):**  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^N)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (D+1)}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{y} = (y^1, \dots, y^N)^\top \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}^N$
- **Probabilistic multiclass classifier:**  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_k \mathbb{P}(Y = k | X = \mathbf{x})$   
Note: for each  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(Y | X = \mathbf{x})$  is a categorical distribution.
- Logistic regression assumes:  $\eta$  is based on a **softmax** function:

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{W}}(Y = k | X = \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{x})}$$

where  $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K) \in \mathbb{R}^{(D+1) \times K}$

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# Logistic Regression with Linear Basis Functions

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- **Basis functions and features:**  
 $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = (\phi_0(\mathbf{x}), \phi_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \phi_M(\mathbf{x}))^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{M+1}$  with  $\phi_0(\mathbf{x}) = 1$

- **Model:**

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{W}}(Y = k | X = \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{w}_k^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}))}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{w}_k^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}))}$$

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- Therefore, this loss function, also called log loss, is a cross-entropy or KL-divergence:

$$\ell(\eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}), \text{Bern}(y)) = -y \log \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) - (1 - y) \log(1 - \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$\ell(\eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}), \text{Bern}(y)) = D(\text{Bern}(y) || \eta_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}))$$

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# Framework of Perceptron

- i.i.d. data (notation with trick):  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^N)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (D+1)}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{y} = (y^1, \dots, y^N)^\top \in \{-1, 1\}^N$
- Binary classifier:  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } h(\mathbf{x}) < 0 \end{cases}$   
where  $h(\mathbf{x})$  is a function that defines the decision boundary.
- Perceptron assumes that  $h$  is a linear function:  $h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$
- How can we learn  $\mathbf{w}$ ?

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# Perceptron Algorithm

- With  $\ell(\hat{y}, y) = \max(0, -y\hat{y})$ ,  $\min_H R_{\mathcal{D}}(H) = \sum_{i=1}^N \max(0, -y\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^i)$
- Convex optimization problem: use (stochastic) (sub)gradient descent

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1 Perceptron( $T, \mathcal{D}$ )
2 initialize  $\mathbf{w}$ 
3 for  $t = 1$  to  $T$  do
4   select  $\mathbf{x}^i, y^i$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ 
5   if  $\text{sign}(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^i) \neq y^i$  then
6      $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y^i \mathbf{x}^i$ 
7 return  $\mathbf{w}$ 

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- Simple interpretation: adjust  $\mathbf{w}$  if there's an error
- Guaranteed to converge only if problem linearly separable
- What could we do if it's not linearly separable?



# Adaline Algorithm

- **Issue:** previous update does not take into account the size of the error
- **Idea:** Use instead  $\ell(y, y') = (y - y')^2$ ,  $\min_H R_{\mathcal{D}}(H) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^i)^2$
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5    $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha(y^i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}^i)\mathbf{x}^i$ 
6 return  $\mathbf{w}$ 
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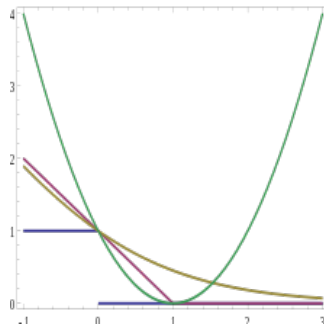
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- Does this look familiar?

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# Summary

- Given dataset  $\mathcal{D}$
- **General approach for ERM:**
  - Choose  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_{\theta} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}\}$
  - Choose loss function  $\ell$
  - Apply stochastic gradient descent to get  $\theta^*$
- How well will  $h_{\theta^*}$  do on new data?



Examples of loss functions for classification

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# Bias-Variance Decomposition for Regression

- Where does the error made by our trained model come from?
- Assumption:**  $y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon$  with uncorrelated noise  $\varepsilon$  ( $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon] = 0$  and  $\mathbb{V}[\varepsilon] = \sigma^2$ )
- The error for a given  $\mathbf{x}$  can be decomposed as follows:

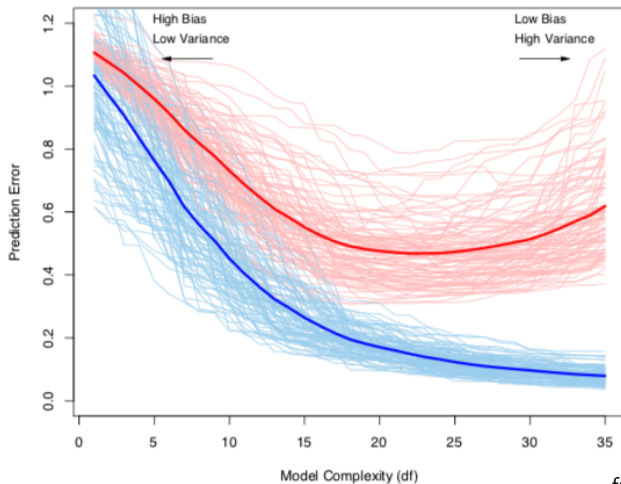
$$\mathbb{E}[(H(\mathbf{x}) - Y)^2] = \text{irreducible error} + \text{bias}^2 + \text{variance}$$

where the expectation over the distributions of  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

- Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[(H(\mathbf{x}) - Y)^2] &= \mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x})^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x})Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y^2] \\ &= \mathbb{V}[H(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x})]^2 - 2\mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{V}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{V}[H(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x})]^2 - 2\mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})] + f(\mathbf{x})^2 + \mathbb{V}[\varepsilon] \\ &= \sigma^2 + \mathbb{E}[H(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})]^2 + \mathbb{V}[H(\mathbf{x})]\end{aligned}$$

# Bias-Variance Tradeoff



from Hastie et al.

- Underfitting vs overfitting

# Regularization

- **Idea:** penalize complex hypothesis  $H$
- **Regularized ERM:**  $\min_H R_{\mathcal{D}}(H) - \lambda \rho(H)$   
where  $\lambda$  is a hyperparameter,  $\rho(H)$  is a complexity measure of  $H$
- **Examples for linear models:**
  - L1 regularization:  $\min_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(H_{\mathbf{w}}) - \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$
  - L2 regularization:  $\min_{\mathbf{w}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(H_{\mathbf{w}}) - \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$
- **Learning procedure:** Apply batch or stochastic gradient descent

# Sample Complexity

- **Intuitive definition:** # training samples needed to learn target function
- **Regret**  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathcal{D}}(H) = R_{\mu}(H) - \inf_{C \in \mathcal{C}} R_{\mu}(C)$
- **Expected Regret**  $\mathcal{R}_{N,\mu}(H) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathcal{D}}(H)]$
- **PAC model (Probably, Approximately Correct)** with  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathcal{D}}(H) \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \delta$$

- **Sample complexity for expected regret** with  $\epsilon > 0$ :  $N$  s.t.  $\mathcal{R}_{N,\mu}(H) \leq \epsilon$
- **Sample complexity in PAC setting:**  $N$  s.t. previous inequality holds