# CSE546 - Homework # 1 - Solutions

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### Problem A.0

#### a.

Bias is the expected difference between the predictions or estimates of our model and the ground-truth values from the data, or in my own words, how far it is off the target. Variance is the expected value of the squared difference between the estimates of our model and the expected value of the estimate, or in my own words, how much the model will changes when we retrain the model using a new dataset with the same distribution. Bias-Variance Trade-off is the effect that when a model have a lower bias it is often found with a higher variance or vice versa. This is because that the error can be derived into bias squared-and variance error through bias-variance decomposition which implies that there is a trade-off effect between bias and variance in the models.

### b. Complexity $\uparrow$ Bias $\downarrow$ Variance $\uparrow$ / Complexity $\downarrow$ Bias $\uparrow$ Variance $\downarrow$

Typically, as the model complexity increases, the bias tends to decrease and the variance tends to increase; as the model complexity decreases, the bias tends to increase and the variance tends to decrease.

#### c. False.

The bias is not likely to be affect by the number of data we use in training, the number of data will direct influence towards variance.

#### d. True.

The variance of a model decreases as the amount of training data available increases.

#### e. True.

A learning algorithm will always generalize better if we use fewer features to represent our data.

### f. Train set.

Ones should not use the test set for tuning at any circumstances during the training stage. Making a proper validation set from the original train set is also one of the option if we want to obtain better performance on unseen data.

### g. False.

The training error of a function on the training set usually provides an underestimate of the true error of that function.

a.

Since the log of the likelihood function  $log L(\lambda)$  has the same maximum as the likelihood function  $L(\lambda)$  itself, we have:

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \text{Poisson}(x_i | \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!}$$
 (1)

and,

$$log(L(\lambda)) = log\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!}\right)$$
 (2)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left( e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right) \tag{3}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( -\lambda + x_i log(\lambda) - log(x_i!) \right). \tag{4}$$

By making the derivative of the log of likelihood function 0:

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda}\log\left(L(\lambda)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(-1 + \frac{x_i}{\lambda}\right) = 0,\tag{5}$$

we have:

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i}{n}.\tag{6}$$

As for the case in A.1.a, the maximum-likelihood estimate of  $\lambda$  is:

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{x_i}{5} = \frac{1}{5} (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5) \tag{7}$$

b.

Following similar procedure in A.1.a, as for the case in A.1.b, the maximum-likelihood estimate of  $\lambda$  is:

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{x_i}{6} = \frac{1}{6} (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6)$$
(8)

c.

By using the  $x_i$  given in the problem statement, we have  $\lambda_{5+}=13/5$  and  $\lambda_{6+}=16/6=8/3$ .

The maximum likelihood estimate for  $\theta$  can be express as:

$$\theta_{MLE} = \operatorname{argmax} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbf{1} \{ x \in [0, \theta] \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta^{n}}$$
(9)

$$=\frac{1}{\theta^n}\tag{10}$$

so we need to pick the smallest possible  $\theta$  which satisfy  $x_i \in [0, \theta]$  for all i:

$$\theta_{MLE} = max(x_i). \tag{11}$$

a.

To prove that  $\mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)] = \mathbb{E}_{\text{test}}[\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(f)] = \epsilon(f)$ , we begin by showing that the train error:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(\widehat{f})] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N_{\text{train}}} \sum_{(x,y) \in S_{\text{train}}} \left( (f(x) - y)^2 \right) \right]$$
(12)

$$= \frac{1}{N_{\text{train}}} \sum_{(x,y) \in S_{\text{train}}} \mathbb{E}\left[ (f(x) - y)^2 \right], \tag{13}$$

(14)

supposed that the training set  $S_{\text{train}}$  and the test set  $S_{\text{test}}$  are drawn i.i.d. from the underlying distribution  $\mathcal{D}$ . We can actually see the training set as sampling  $N_{\text{train}}$  times from the distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  which gives us:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)] = \frac{1}{N_{\text{train}}} \sum_{(x,y) \in S_{\text{train}}} \mathbb{E}\left[ (f(x) - y)^2 \right]$$
(15)

$$= \frac{1}{N_{\text{train}}} N_{\text{train}} \sum_{(x,y) \sim D} \mathbb{E}\left[ (f(x) - y)^2 \right]$$
 (16)

$$= \epsilon(f). \tag{17}$$

And the same logic is used for the test error:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{test}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(f)] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N_{\text{test}}} \sum_{(x,y) \in S_{\text{test}}} \left( (f(x) - y)^2 \right) \right]$$
(18)

$$= \frac{1}{N_{\text{test}}} \sum_{(x,y) \in S_{\text{test}}} \mathbb{E}\left[ (f(x) - y)^2 \right]$$
(19)

$$= \frac{1}{N_{\text{test}}} N_{\text{test}} \sum_{(x,y) \sim D} \mathbb{E}\left[ (f(x) - y)^2 \right]$$
 (20)

$$= \epsilon(f). \tag{21}$$

Finally from the above derivation, we let  $f = \hat{f}$ , we have:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{test}}[\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(\hat{f})] = \epsilon(\hat{f}) \tag{22}$$

which the test error is an unbiased estimate of our true error for  $\hat{f}$ .

b.

**No**, the above equation will not be true with regards to the training set, which means  $\mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(\hat{f})] \neq \epsilon(\hat{f})$ . To be more specific, Eq. 16 will not hold as  $(f(x_i) - y_i)^2$ , or  $(x_i, y_i)$ , are not guaranteed as the are no longer independent to  $\hat{f}$  when  $(x_i, y_i) \in S_{\text{train}}$ .

c.

From Problem A.2.a we have:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)] = \mathbb{E}_{\text{test}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(f)], \ \forall \ f \in \mathcal{F}, \tag{23}$$

and from Problem A.2.c's hint we have:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{train,test}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{train}})] = \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\text{test}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(f)] \mathbb{P}_{\text{train}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{train}} = f). \tag{24}$$

Together we can derive:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{train,test}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{train}})] = \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)] \mathbb{P}_{\text{train}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{train}} = f)$$
(25)

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)], \tag{26}$$

and in general we know that  $\mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\text{train}}[\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(\widehat{f})]$  as  $\widehat{f}_{\text{train}}$  minimize the training error such that  $\widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{train}}) \leq \widehat{\epsilon}_{\text{train}}(f)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  which complete the last portion of the inequality equation.

### Problem B.1

a.

For some  $m \leq n$  such that n/m is an integer define the step function estimator:

$$\widehat{f}_m(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n/m} c_j \mathbf{1} \{ x \in \left( \frac{(j-1)m}{n}, \frac{jm}{n} \right] \} \quad \text{where} \quad c_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=(j-1)m+1}^{jm} y_i.$$
 (27)

By the bias-variance decomposition at some  $x_i$  we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\widehat{f}_m(x_i) - f(x_i)\right)^2\right] = \underbrace{\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\widehat{f}_m(x_i)\right] - f(x_i)\right)^2}_{\text{Bias}^2(x_i)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\widehat{f}_m(x_i) - \mathbb{E}\left[\widehat{f}_m(x_i)\right]\right)^2\right]}_{\text{Variance}(x_i)}$$
(28)

So intuitively, for a very large m, it is expected to have high bias and low variance (e.g. we choose m = n, the model will predict the exact average of all samples). For a very small m, it is expected to have low bias and high variance (e.g. we choose m = 1, the model will predict the exact value if falls into the interval of the single sample).

#### b.

We first expand the summation of average bias-squared into:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_m(x_i)] - f(x_i))^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n/m} \sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm} (\mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_m(x_i)] - f(x_i))^2, \tag{29}$$

then from Eq. (27) we know that the estimator will predicts the average of the observations within each interval partitioned by m and j is the index of the corresponding partition which gives:

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}_m(x_i)] = \mathbb{E}[c_j] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm} y_i\right] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm} \mathbb{E}[y_i] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm} f(x_i) = \bar{f}^{(j)}.$$
 (30)

Combining Eq. (26) and (27), we have:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_m(x_i)] - f(x_i))^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n/m} \sum_{i=(j-1)m+1}^{jm} (\bar{f}^{(j)} - f(x_i))^2$$
(31)

c.

We first expand the summation of average variance into:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i}) - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i})])^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n/m}\sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm}(\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i}) - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i})])^{2}\right]$$
(32)

then from Eq. (30) we have  $\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}_m(x_i)] = \mathbb{E}[c_j]$  and the fact that  $\hat{f}_m(x_i)$  will be identical across all if the  $x_i$  terms in this given j-th partition:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n/m}\sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm}(\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i}) - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i})])^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n/m}\sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm}\mathbb{E}\left[(\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i}) - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{f}_{m}(x_{i})])^{2}\right]$$
(33)

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n/m} \sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm} \mathbb{E}\left[ (c_j - \mathbb{E}[c_j])^2 \right]$$
 (34)

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n/m} m \mathbb{E}\left[ (c_j - \bar{f}^{(j)})^2 \right]$$
 (35)

$$=\frac{\sigma^2}{m}. (36)$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n/m}\sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm}(\hat{f}_{m}(x_{i}) - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}_{m}(x_{i})])^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n/m}\sum_{i=jm-m+1}^{jm}\mathbb{E}\left[(\hat{f}_{m}(x_{i}) - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}_{m}(x_{i})])^{2}\right]$$
(37)

d.

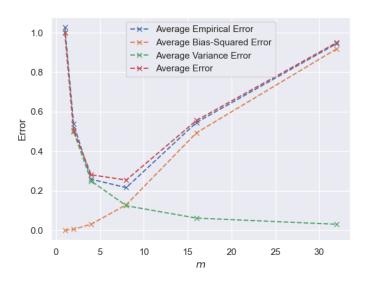


Figure 1: Plot of different error under different m value.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
X = np.arange(1, n+1) / n
Y = 4 * np.sin(np.p1 * X) * np.cos(6 * np.pi * X * X) + eps
Y_true = 4 * np.sin(np.pi * X) * np.cos(6 * np.pi * X * X)
 # average empirical error
average_empirical_error = []
         rage_mapricat_error = [;

m in N:

f_m = np.array([np.mean(Y[j*m-m:j*m]) for j in np.arange(1, n/m + 1)])

f_hat = np.array([f_m[int((1-1)//n]) for i in np.arange(1, n+1)])

err = np.mean(f_hat - Y_trus)**2)

average_empiricat_error.append(err)
          rage_lias_squared_error = []

min M:
f_j = np.array([np.mean(Y_true[j * m - m:j * m]) for j in np.arange(1, n // m + 1)])
f_hat = np.array([f_j[int((1 - 1) // n)] for i in np.arange(1, n + 1)])
err = np.mean(f_hat - Y_true) ** 2]
average_bias_squared_error.append(err)
# average variance error
average_variance_error = []
  for m in M:
average_variance_error.append(sigma**2/m)
ptt.plot(M, average_empirical_error, 'x--', label='Average Empirical Error')
ptt.plot(M, average_bias_squared_error, 'x--', label='Average Bias-Squared Error')
ptt.plot(M, average_variance_error, 'x--', label='Average Variance Error')
ptt.plot(M, np.array(average_bias_squared_error) + np.array(average_variance_error), 'x--', label='Average Error')
```

Figure 2: Code used to generate Fig.8.

#### e.

From B.1.b, we have the average bias-squared and we can derived:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\widehat{f}^{(j)} - f(x_i))^2 \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\min f(x_i) - f(x_i))^2$$
(39)

$$\leq \left(\frac{L}{n}\right)^2 \left(\operatorname{argmin} f(x_i) - i\right)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{L^2}{n^2} m^2 \sim O(\frac{L^2 m^2}{n^2})$$
(40)

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 (41)

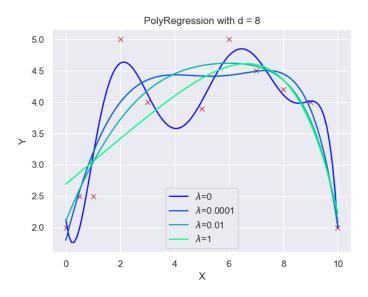


Figure 3: Plot of PolyRegression with d = 8 under different  $\lambda$ .

Figure 4: Screenshot of the polyreg.py.

```
# __name__ == "__main__":

# load the data
filePath = "data/polydata_dat"
file = open(filePath,'r')
allOata = np.loadstt(file, delimiter=',')

# regression with degree = d

# a model = PolynomialRegression(degree=d, reg_lambda=0)

# nodel = PolynomialRegression(degree=d, reg_lambda=0)

# output predictions

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# plot curve

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plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, y, 'rx')
plt.plot(xpoints, ypoints, colon=cmap(0), label='$lambda$=0')

# model = PolynomialRegression(degree=d, reg_lambda=1e-4)

# model = PolynomialRegression(degree=d, reg_lambda=1e-2)

# model = PolynomialRegression(degree=d, reg_lambda=1e-2
```

Figure 5: Screenshot of the test\_polyreg\_univariate.py.

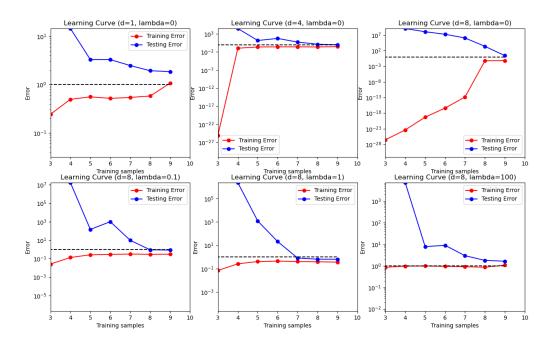


Figure 6: Plot of PolyRegression with d=8 under different  $\lambda$ .

Figure 7: Screenshot of the polyreg.py.

a.

In this problem we will choose a linear classifier to minimize the regularized least squares objective:

$$\widehat{W} = \operatorname{argmin}_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|W^{T} x_{i} - y_{i}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|W\|_{F}^{2}, \tag{42}$$

and from the problem we can deduce the term we ought to minimize:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|W^{T} x_{i} - y_{i}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|W\|_{F}^{2} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} (e_{j}^{T} W^{T} x_{i} - e_{j}^{T} y_{i})^{2} + \lambda \|W e_{j}\|^{2} \right]$$

$$(43)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{k} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} (w_j^T x_i - e_j^T y_i)^2 + \lambda ||w_j||^2 \right]$$
(44)

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{k} \left[ \|Xw_j - Ye_j\|^2 + \lambda \|w_j\|^2 \right], \tag{45}$$

where  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \dots & y_n \end{bmatrix}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ . So we take the derivative of the term and set the value to zero to find the minimizer of the regularized least squares objective:

$$\frac{d}{dw_j} \sum_{j=1}^k \left[ \|Xw_j - Ye_j\|^2 + \lambda \|w_j\|^2 \right] = 0$$
(46)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} \left[ 2X^{T} (Xw_{j} - Ye_{j}) + 2\lambda w_{j} \right] = 0$$
(47)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} \left[ X^{T} X w_{j} - X^{T} Y e_{j} + \lambda w_{j} \right] = 0$$
(48)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} X^{T} X w_{j} + \lambda w_{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} X^{T} Y e_{j}$$
(49)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} w_j = \sum_{j=1}^{k} (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y e_j$$
(50)

Finally we know that  $\widehat{W}$  can be view as a matrix formed by  $w_j$  and the fact that  $Ye_j = y_j$ , so in the last equation, the summation sum over k making that the minimizer for this problem:

$$\widehat{W} = \operatorname{argmin}_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|W^{T} x_{i} - y_{i}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|W\|_{F}^{2} = (X^{T} X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^{T} Y$$
(51)

#### b.

After we train  $\widehat{W}$  on the MNIST training data with  $\lambda=0.0001$ , the training error is 14.81% and testing error is 14.66%.

```
import ...
|def load_dataset():
   mndata = MNIST('./data/')
   X_train, Y_train = map(np.array, mndata.load_training())
   X_test, Y_test = map(np.array, mndata.load_testing())
   X_train = X_train / 255.0
   X_test = X_test / 255.0
   return X_train, Y_train, X_test, Y_test
def train(X, Y, reg_lambda=1e-16):
   I = np.eye(X.shape[1])
   W_{hat} = np.linalg.solve(X.T.dot(X) + reg_lambda * I, X.T.dot(Y))
   assert W_hat.shape == (X.shape[1], Y.shape[1])
   return W_hat
def predict(W, X):
   preds = np.argmax(W.T.dot(X.T), axis=0)
    assert preds.shape == (X.shape[0],)
   return preds
def main():
   X_train, Y_train, X_test, Y_test = load_dataset()
   W_hat = train(X_train, np.eye(10)[Y_train], 1e-4)
    Y_train_preds = predict(W_hat, X_train)
    Y_test_preds = predict(W_hat, X_test)
    train_acc = np.count_nonzero(Y_train == Y_train_preds) / Y_train.shape[0]
    test_acc = np.count_nonzero(Y_test == Y_test_preds) / Y_test.shape[0]
    print("Testing Error:", 1 - test_acc)
```

Figure 8: Screenshot of the  $train_M NIST.py$ .

### Problem B.2

a.

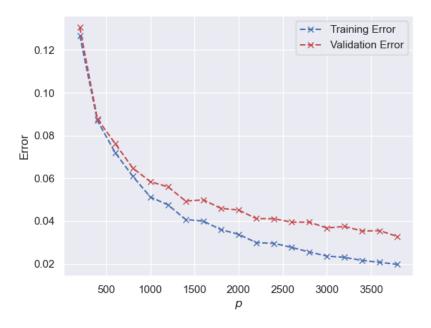


Figure 9: Plot of training and validation error under different p value.

```
print("Loading NMIST dataset from source")

Ltrain, Ltrain, Ltest, Ytest = load_dataset()

print("Finished loading NMIST dataset from source")

n = X_train.shape(0)

X, Y = shuffle(X_train, Y_train)

X_train = X(:int(0.8mn)]

Y_train = Y(:int(0.8mn)]

X_val = X(int(0.8mn)]

X_val = Y(int(0.8mn)]

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p_List = np.arange(288, 4808, 280)

train_err = []

for p in p_list:

g = np.random.normal(0, 8.1, (p, X_train.shape(1)))

b = np.random.uniform(0, 2*np.pi. (p,))

X_train_transform = np.cos(X_train.dot(0.1) + b)

W_hat = train(X_train_transform, np.eq(10)\typerion(Y_train_1 = 4)

X_val_transform = np.cos(X_val.dot(0.1) + b)

Y_train_prods = predict(W_hat, X_val_transform)

y_val_preds = predict(W_hat, X_val_transform)

print("p=", p)

train_acc = np.count_nonzero(Y_train == Y_train_preds) / Y_train.shape(0)

print("training Error:", 1-train_acc)

print("training Error:", 1-train_acc)

print("val.dation Error:", 1-val_acc)

pit.figure()

pit.plot(p_List, train_err, 'b--x', label="Training Error")

pit.plot(p_List, train_err, 'r--x', label="Validation Error")
```

Figure 10: Code used to generate Fig.11.

#### b.

We choose p = 4000 with the training error being 0.017833, validation error being 0.0340, and testing error  $\hat{\epsilon}_{\text{test}}(\hat{f})$  being 0.03020. From the Lemma, we have:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\left(\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}X_{i}\right)-\mu\right|\geq\sqrt{\frac{(b-a)^{2}\log(2/\delta)}{2m}}\right)\leq\delta,$$

where  $a=0,\ b=1,\ \sigma=0.05$  and m=10000 which let  $\sqrt{\frac{(b-a)^2\log(2/\delta)}{2m}}\sim 0.0136$  so that the 95% confidence interval of the testing error will be  $0.0302\pm 0.0136$ .

Figure 11: Code used to get the test error.