Introduction to Statistical Machine Learning
Homework 3

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1. A decision tree can classify linearly separable data. A boundary made by such a tree looks like stairs approximating $\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x} + w_0 = 0$. And, in the worst case, its depth is $\lceil \log \lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil \rceil + 1$ because we can separate a space of $\mathbf{x}$ into $\lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil$ thin regions and balance the tree along $\mathbf{x}_1$.

2. A decision tree can classify data points which are not linearly separable by separating a space of $\mathbf{x}$ into N thin regions along $\mathbf{x}_1$. And, in the worst case, its depth is $\lceil \log N \rceil$ when the tree is balanced in the same way as in the problem 1.

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\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_t} L(H_t, X) &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_t} \left(e^{-\alpha_t}(1-\epsilon_t) + e^{\alpha_t}\epsilon_t \right) &= 0 \\
-e^{-\alpha_t}(1-\epsilon_t) + e^{\alpha_t}\epsilon_t &= 0 \\
e^{2\alpha_t} &= \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t} \\
\alpha_t &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}
\end{aligned}
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6. Please, see a Jupyter notebook file submitted together.