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Question 1

Questions 1-2 are about noisy targets.

Consider the bin model for a hypothesis h that makes an error with probability μ in approximating a deterministic target function f (both h and f outputs $\{-1, +1\}$). If we use the same h to approximate a noisy version of f given by

$$P(\mathbf{x}, y) = P(\mathbf{x})P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \lambda & y = f(\mathbf{x}) \\ 1 - \lambda & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What is the probability of error that h makes in approximating the noisy target y ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $\lambda\mu + (1 - \lambda)(1 - \mu)$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $\lambda(1 - \mu) + (1 - \lambda)\mu$		
<input type="radio"/> μ		
<input type="radio"/> $1 - \lambda$		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices		
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Question 2

Following Question 1, with what value of λ will the performance of h be independent of μ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0 or 1		

☐ none of the other choices

☒ 0.5 ✓ 20.00

☐ 1

☐ 0

Total 20.00 / 20.00

Question 3

Questions 3-5 are about generalization error, and getting the feel of the bounds numerically. Please use the simple upper bound $N^{d_{\text{vc}}}$ on the growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$, assuming that $N \geq 2$ and $d_{\text{vc}} \geq 2$.

For an \mathcal{H} with $d_{\text{vc}} = 10$, if you want 95% confidence that your generalization error is at most 0.05, what is the closest numerical approximation of the sample size that the VC generalization bound predicts?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
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☐ 480,000

☐ 440,000

☐ 420,000

☐ 500,000

☒ 460,000 ✓ 20.00

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Question 4

There are a number of bounds on the generalization error ϵ , all holding with probability at least $1 - \delta$. Fix $d_{\text{vc}} = 50$ and $\delta = 0.05$ and plot these bounds as a function of N . Which bound is the tightest (smallest) for very large N , say $N = 10,000$? Note that Devroye and Parrondo & Van den Broek are implicit bounds in ϵ .

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> Original VC bound: $\epsilon \leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{N} \ln \frac{4m_{\mathcal{H}}(2N)}{\delta}}$		
<input type="radio"/> Rademacher Penalty Bound: $\epsilon \leq \sqrt{\frac{2 \ln(2Nm_{\mathcal{H}}(N))}{N}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{N} \ln \frac{1}{\delta}} + \frac{1}{N}$		
<input type="radio"/> Parrondo and Van den Broek: $\epsilon \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} (2\epsilon + \ln \frac{6m_{\mathcal{H}}(2N)}{\delta})}$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Devroye: $\epsilon \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N} (4\epsilon(1 + \epsilon) + \ln \frac{4m_{\mathcal{H}}(N^2)}{\delta})}$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> Variant VC bound: $\epsilon \leq \sqrt{\frac{16}{N} \ln \frac{2m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)}{\sqrt{\delta}}}$		
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Question 5

Continuing from Question 4, for small N , say $N = 5$, which bound is the tightest (smallest)?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> Rademacher Penalty Bound		
<input type="radio"/> Variant VC bound		
<input type="radio"/> Original VC bound		
<input type="radio"/> Devroye		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Parrondo and Van den Broek	✓ 20.00	
Total	20.00 / 20.00	

Question 6

In Questions 6-11, you are asked to play with the *growth function* or VC-dimension of some hypothesis sets.

What is the growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$ of “positive-and-negative intervals on \mathbb{R} ”? The hypothesis

set \mathcal{H} of "positive-and-negative intervals" contains the functions which are $+1$ within an interval $[\ell, r]$ and -1 elsewhere, as well as the functions which are -1 within an interval $[\ell, r]$ and $+1$ elsewhere. For instance, the hypothesis $h_1(x) = \text{sign}(x(x - 4))$ is a negative interval with -1 within $[0, 4]$ and $+1$ elsewhere, and hence belongs to \mathcal{H} . The hypothesis $h_2(x) = \text{sign}((x + 1)(x)(x - 1))$ contains two positive intervals in $[-1, 0]$ and $[1, \infty)$ and hence does not belong to \mathcal{H} .

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> N^2		
<input type="radio"/> $N^2 + N + 2$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $N^2 - N + 2$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $N^2 + 1$		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices.		
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Question 7

Continuing from the previous problem, what is the VC-dimension of the "positive-and-negative intervals on \mathbb{R} "

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 5		
<input type="radio"/> 4		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> ∞		
<input type="radio"/> 2		
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Question 8

What is the growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$ of "positive donuts in \mathbb{R}^2 "? The hypothesis set \mathcal{H} of "positive donuts" contains hypotheses formed by two concentric circles centered at the origin. In particular, each hypothesis is $+1$ within a "donut" region of $a^2 \leq x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq b^2$ and -1 elsewhere. Without loss of generality, we assume $0 < a < b < \infty$.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $N + 1$		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices.		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $\binom{N+1}{2} + 1$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $\binom{N+1}{3} + 1$		
<input type="radio"/> $\binom{N}{2} + 1$		
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Question 9

Consider the "polynomial discriminant" hypothesis set of degree D on \mathbb{R} , which is given by

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ h_{\mathbf{c}} \mid h_{\mathbf{c}}(x) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{i=0}^D c_i x^i \right) \right\}$$

What is the VC-Dimension of such an \mathcal{H} ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> D		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices.		
<input type="radio"/> ∞		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $D + 1$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $D + 2$		
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Question 10

Consider the "simplified decision trees" hypothesis set on \mathbb{R}^d , which is given by

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h_{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{S}} \mid h_{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{x}) = 2[\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{S}] - 1, \text{ where } v_i = [x_i > t_i], \\ \mathbf{S} \text{ a collection of vectors in } \{0, 1\}^d, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d \}$$

That is, each hypothesis makes a prediction by first using the d thresholds t_i to locate \mathbf{x} to be within one of the 2^d hyper-rectangular regions, and looking up \mathbf{S} to decide whether the region should be $+1$ or -1 . What is the VC-dimension of the "simplified decision trees" hypothesis set?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 2^{d+1}		
<input type="radio"/> $2^{d+1} - 3$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2^d	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> ∞		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices.		
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Question 11

Consider the "triangle waves" hypothesis set on \mathbb{R} , which is given by

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h_\alpha \mid h_\alpha(x) = \text{sign}(|(\alpha x) \bmod 4 - 2| - 1), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Here $(z \bmod 4)$ is a number $z - 4k$ for some integer k such that $z - 4k \in [0, 4)$. For instance, $(11.26 \bmod 4)$ is 3.26, and $(-11.26 \bmod 4)$ is 0.74. What is the VC-Dimension of such an \mathcal{H} ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 2		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> ∞	✓ 20.00	

☐ 3

☐ none of the other choices.

☐ 1

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Question 12

In Questions 12-15, you are asked to verify some properties or bounds on the growth function and VC-dimension.

Which of the following is an upper bound of the growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$ for $N \geq d_{vc} \geq 2$?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $2^{d_{vc}}$		
<input type="radio"/> $\sqrt{N^{d_{vc}}}$		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices		
<input type="radio"/> $m_{\mathcal{H}}(\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor)$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $\min_{1 \leq i \leq N-1} 2^i m_{\mathcal{H}}(N-i)$	✓ 20.00	
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Question 13

Which of the following is not a possible growth function $m_{\mathcal{H}}(N)$ for some hypothesis set?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices		
<input type="radio"/> 2^N		
<input type="radio"/> N		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $2^{\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor}$	✓ 20.00	

☐ $N^2 - N + 2$

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Question 14

For hypothesis sets $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \dots, \mathcal{H}_K$ with finite, positive VC dimensions $d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$, some of the following bounds are correct and some are not. Which among the correct ones is the tightest bound on the VC dimension of the **intersection** of the sets: $d_{vc}(\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k)$? (The VC dimension of an empty set or a singleton set is taken as zero)

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $0 \leq d_{vc}(\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \max\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K$		
<input type="radio"/> $\min\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K \leq d_{vc}(\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \max\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $0 \leq d_{vc}(\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \min\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $\min\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K \leq d_{vc}(\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$		
<input type="radio"/> $0 \leq d_{vc}(\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$		
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Question 15

For hypothesis sets $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \dots, \mathcal{H}_K$ with finite, positive VC dimensions $d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$, some of the following bounds are correct and some are not. Which among the correct ones is the tightest bound on the VC dimension of the **union** of the sets: $d_{vc}(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k)$?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $\max\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K \leq d_{vc}(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$		
<input type="radio"/> $0 \leq d_{vc}(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq K - 1 + \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$		
<input type="radio"/> $0 \leq d_{vc}(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$		

☐ $\min\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K \leq d_{vc}(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$

☐ $\max\{d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)\}_{k=1}^K \leq d_{vc}(\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{H}_k) \leq K - 1 + \sum_{k=1}^K d_{vc}(\mathcal{H}_k)$

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Question 16

For Questions 16-20, you will play with the decision stump algorithm.

In class, we taught about the learning model of "positive and negative rays" (which is simply one-dimensional perceptron) for one-dimensional data. The model contains hypotheses of the form:

$$h_{s,\theta}(x) = s \cdot \text{sign}(x - \theta).$$

The model is frequently named the "decision stump" model and is one of the simplest learning models. As shown in class, for one-dimensional data, the VC dimension of the decision stump model is 2.

In fact, the decision stump model is one of the few models that we could easily minimize E_{in} efficiently by enumerating all possible thresholds. In particular, for N examples, there are at most $2N$ dichotomies (see page 22 of class05 slides), and thus at most $2N$ different E_{in} values. We can then easily choose the dichotomy that leads to the lowest E_{in} , where ties can be broken by randomly choosing among the lowest- E_{in} ones. The chosen dichotomy stands for a combination of some "spot" (range of θ) and s , and commonly the median of the range is chosen as the θ that realizes the dichotomy.

In this problem, you are asked to implement such an algorithm and run your program on an artificial data set. First of all, start by generating a one-dimensional data by the procedure below:

- (a) Generate x by a uniform distribution in $[-1, 1]$.
- (b) Generate y by $f(x) = \tilde{s}(x) + \text{noise}$ where $\tilde{s}(x) = \text{sign}(x)$ and the noise flips the result with 20% probability.

For any decision stump $h_{s,\theta}$ with $\theta \in [-1, 1]$, express $E_{out}(h_{s,\theta})$ as a function of θ and s .

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $0.5 + 0.3s(\theta - 1)$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $0.5 + 0.3s(1 - \theta)$		
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices		

☐ $0.3 + 0.5s(1 - |\theta|)$

☐ $0.3 + 0.5s(|\theta| - 1)$

Total

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Question 17

Generate a data set of size 20 by the procedure above and run the one-dimensional decision stump algorithm on the data set. Record E_{in} and compute E_{out} with the formula above. Repeat the experiment (including data generation, running the decision stump algorithm, and computing E_{in} and E_{out}) 5,000 times. What is the average E_{in} ? Choose the closest option.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0.25		
<input type="radio"/> 0.45		
<input type="radio"/> 0.35		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.15	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.05		
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Question 18

Continuing from the previous question, what is the average E_{out} ? Choose the closest option.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0.45		
<input type="radio"/> 0.15		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.25	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.05		
<input type="radio"/> 0.35		

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Question 19

Decision stumps can also work for multi-dimensional data. In particular, each decision stump now deals with a specific dimension i , as shown below.

$$h_{s,i,\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = s \cdot \text{sign}(x_i - \theta).$$

Implement the following decision stump algorithm for multi-dimensional data:

- for each dimension $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$, find the best decision stump $h_{s,i,\theta}$ using the one-dimensional decision stump algorithm that you have just implemented.
- return the "best of best" decision stump in terms of E_{in} . If there is a tie, please randomly choose among the lowest- E_{in} ones.

The training data D_{train} is available at:

https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/ntumlone%2Fhw2%2Fhw2_train.dat

The testing data D_{test} is available at:

https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/ntumlone%2Fhw2%2Fhw2_test.dat

Run the algorithm on the D_{train} . Report the E_{in} of the optimal decision stump returned by your program. Choose the closest option.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0.35		
<input type="radio"/> 0.45		
<input type="radio"/> 0.05		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.25	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.15		
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Question 20

Use the returned decision stump to predict the label of each example within the \mathcal{D}_{test} . Report an estimate of E_{out} by E_{test} . Choose the closest option.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0.45		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.35	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.05		
<input type="radio"/> 0.15		
<input type="radio"/> 0.25		
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