

# EE6550 MACHINE LEARNING

## HW#1, WORD PROBLEMS

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### Problem 2.7

(a)  $(I, F, \tilde{P})$  : a probability space

$c$  : an unknown but fixed concept

$S = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m)$ : a sample of  $m$  elements drawn i.i.d. from  $I$  according to probability distribution  $\tilde{P}$ .

$c(x_i), i = 1 \sim m$  : labels of  $x_i \in S$

$c'(x_i), i = 1 \sim m$  : labels of  $x_i \in S$  interfered with noise  $\eta$

$d(h^*)$

(probability that the label of a training point received  $c'(x_i)$  disagree with that given by  $h^*$ )

$$= P_m(h^*(x_i) \neq c'(x_i))$$

( $x_i$  is drawn i.i.d. and  $\eta$  is independent of  $\tilde{P}$  and is identically added to every drawn)

$$= P(h^*(x_i) \neq c'(x_i))$$

$$= P(h^*(x_i) = c(x_i) \cap c(x_i) \neq c'(x_i))$$

( $\eta$  is an independent additive noise)

$$= P(h^*(x_i) = c(x_i))P(c(x_i) \neq c'(x_i))$$

( $h^*$  is the target concept which gives same label as  $c$  does corresponding to sample  $S$ )

$$= 1 \times \eta$$

$$= \eta$$

(b)  $d(h)$

$$= P(h(x_i) \neq c'(x_i))$$

$$= P(h(x_i) \neq h^*(x_i) \cap h^*(x_i) = c'(x_i))$$

$$\cup h(x_i) = h^*(x_i) \cap h(x_i) \neq c'(x_i))$$

(2 events are mutually exclusive)

$$= P(h(x_i) \neq h^*(x_i) \cap h^*(x_i) = c'(x_i)) +$$

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( $\eta$  is an independent additive noise)

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$$\begin{aligned}
& P(h(x_i) = h^*(x_i))P(h(x_i) \neq c'(x_i)) \\
&= R(h) \times (1 - \eta) + (1 - R(h)) \times \eta \\
&= \eta + (1 - 2\eta)R(h)
\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $R(h) > \varepsilon$  implies that  $d(h) > \eta + (1 - 2\eta)\varepsilon$

from (a),  $d(h^*) = \eta$ , we get

$$d(h) - d(h^*) > \eta + (1 - 2\eta)\varepsilon - \eta = (1 - 2\eta)\varepsilon$$

$$d(h) - d(h^*) > \varepsilon', \varepsilon' = (1 - 2\eta)\varepsilon$$

(d) According to definition of  $\hat{d}(h)$ , we know that  $E(\hat{d}(h)) = d(h)$

$$P(\hat{d}(h^*) - d(h^*) > \frac{\varepsilon'}{2})$$

$$= P(\hat{d}(h^*) - E(\hat{d}(h^*)) > \frac{\varepsilon'}{2})$$

(by Hoeffding's inequality)

$$\leq e^{-\frac{m\varepsilon'^2}{2}}, \text{ set this term to } \frac{\delta}{2}, \text{ we get}$$

$$P(\hat{d}(h^*) - d(h^*) > \frac{\varepsilon'}{2}) \leq \frac{\delta}{2}, \text{ which implies}$$

$$P(\hat{d}(h^*) - d(h^*) \leq \frac{\varepsilon'}{2}) > 1 - \frac{\delta}{2}, \text{ for } m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \ln \frac{\delta}{2}$$

(e) we now want to find for all  $h \in H$ , (d) is true, i. e.

$$P(\exists h \in H, \hat{d}(h) - d(h) > \frac{\varepsilon'}{2})$$

(by union bound)

$$\leq |H|P(\hat{d}(h_i) - d(h_i) > \frac{\varepsilon'}{2})$$

(by Hoeffding's inequality)

$$\leq |H|e^{-\frac{m\varepsilon'^2}{2}}, \text{ set } |H|e^{-\frac{m\varepsilon'^2}{2}} \text{ to } \frac{\delta}{2}, \text{ we get}$$

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(f) (c) states that if  $R(h) > \varepsilon$ ,  $d(h) - d(h^*) \geq \varepsilon'$

$$(d) \text{ states that } \forall \delta > 0, P(\hat{d}(h^*) - d(h^*) \leq \frac{\varepsilon'}{2}) > 1 - \frac{\delta}{2},$$

$$\text{for } m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \ln \frac{\delta}{2}$$

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for  $m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \left( \ln|H| + \ln \frac{\delta}{2} \right)$

$P(\hat{d}(h) - \hat{d}(h^*) \geq 0)$

$= P([\hat{d}(h) - d(h)] + [d(h) - d(h^*)] + [d(h^*) - \hat{d}(h^*)] \geq 0)$

(the above can be interpreted by (c), (d), (e))

$= P((c) \cap (d) \cap (e) \geq -\frac{\varepsilon'}{2} + \varepsilon' - \frac{\varepsilon'}{2} = 0)$

$> 1 - 0 - \frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2}$

$= 1 - \delta$

, where  $\left( m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \ln \frac{\delta}{2} \right) \cap \left( m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \left( \ln|H| + \ln \frac{\delta}{2} \right) \right)$

$= m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \left( \ln|H| + \ln \frac{\delta}{2} \right)$

So we get  $P(\hat{d}(h) - \hat{d}(h^*) \geq 0)$ , for  $m \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon'^2} \left( \ln|H| + \ln \frac{\delta}{2} \right)$

## Problem 2.9

Given a PAC learning algorithm  $A$ . we can write,

$P_{S \sim D^m}(R(h_S) \leq \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \delta$

To approximate an unknown but fixed concept  $c$ ,

assume a sample of  $m$  elements  $S = (x_1, x_2 \dots x_m)$  is drawn i.i.d.

according to uniform distribution  $D$ , we can calculate generalization error of hypothesis  $h_S$  over sample  $S$ , giving,

$R(h_S)$

$= E_{S \sim D^m}(\hat{R}_S(h_S))$

$= E_{S \sim D^m} \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m 1_{h_S(x) \neq c(x_i)} \right)$

(sample is drawn i.i.d.)

$= E_{S \sim D} \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m 1_{h_S(x) \neq c(x_i)} \right)$ , has its minimum step (one error) as  $\frac{1}{m}$ ,

i.e. if only one error exists, cost  $R(h_s)$  will be  $\frac{1}{m}$ , giving

$R(h_s) = \frac{k}{m}, k \in 0 \text{ or } N$ . This implies that

if  $R(h_s) < \frac{1}{m}$ , then  $R(h_s) = 0 \rightarrow \text{consistent}$

We set  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{m+1}$ , giving  $P_{S \sim D^m} \left( R(h_s) \leq \frac{1}{m+1} \right) \geq 1 - \delta$

from the above we can further get  $P_{S \sim D^m} (R(h_s) = 0) \geq 1 - \delta$

Thus, we can use algorithm A and sample S to find in polynomial

time  $P \left( m+1, \frac{1}{\delta} \right)$  a hypothesis  $h_s$  consistent with  $(x_i, c(x_i))$ , with

high probability  $1 - \delta$ .

### Problem 3.9

the set of all closed ball in  $\mathbf{R}^n \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n: \|x - a\|^2 \leq r\}$  can be rewritten as  $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - a_i)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \leq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - a_i)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n 2a_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^2 - r_i) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

the above inequality refers to a halfspace in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$

$\mathbf{W}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} \leq 0$ , where

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2a_1 \\ 2a_2 \\ \vdots \\ 2a_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^2 - r_i)$$

Thus, VC dimension of all closed balls in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , which is equivalent to that of halfspaces or hyperplanes in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ , is at most  $n+2$ , as known that VC dimension of halfspaces in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is  $n+1$ . Besides, if we try to reduce the dimension of hypersphere, i.e. assign several  $x_i = 0$  VC dimension becomes less than  $n+2$ .

### Problem 3.12

(a) Consider a set of point  $\{x, 2x, 3x, 4x\}$ , assume that dichotomy  $\{-, -, +, -\}$  can be realized. Then from triangometric function,  
 $\sin(4wx) = 2\sin(2wx)\cos(2wx) < 0$

as  $\sin(2wx) < 0$ , we can know  $\cos(2wx) > 0$

$$\cos(2wx) = 1 - 2\sin^2 wx > 0 \rightarrow \sin^2(wx) < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{as } \sin(wx) < 0, \text{ we can know } \sin(wx) > -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Besides, } \sin(3wx) = 3\sin(wx) - 4\sin^3(wx) > 0$$

$$\text{as } \sin(wx) < 0, \text{ then we get } 3 - 4\sin^2 wx < 0 \rightarrow \sin^2 wx > \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{as } \sin(wx) < 0, \text{ we can know } \sin(wx) < -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \text{ which}$$

$$\text{contradicts to above statement } \sin(wx) > -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus, dichotomy  $\{-, -, +, -\}$  cannot be realized and the set of point  $\{x, 2x, 3x, 4x\}$  cannot be shattered by the family of sine function.

(b) Given a set of points with  $m$  elements in  $\mathbf{R}, \{2^{-i}: i \leq m\}$ ,

family of sine functions can shatter the set. Also, if for all  $m > 0$ , the aforementioned statement is true, then VC dimension of sine function is infinite.

Our goal:  $\text{sign}(\sin w2^{-j})$  can be  $\pm 1, \forall j > 0$

Let  $w = \pi \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^m 2^i \frac{1-y_i}{2}\right)$ ,  $y_i$  is the label of  $i^{\text{th}}$  element.

$$\sin(w2^{-j})$$

$$= \sin\left(\pi \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^m 2^i \frac{1-y_i}{2}\right) 2^{-j}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\pi \left(2^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^m 2^{i-j} \frac{1-y_i}{2}\right)\right)$$

(Since  $\frac{1-y_i}{2}$  can only be 0 or 1,  $\sum_{i=j+1}^m 2^{i-j} \frac{1-y_i}{2}$  only

contribute  $2\pi$  to sine function, which doesn't matter.)

$$= \sin\left(\pi \left(2^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 2^{i-j} \frac{1-y_i}{2} + \frac{1-y_j}{2}\right)\right)$$

(upper bound occurs as  $\frac{1-y_i}{2}$  is always 1)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sin(\pi(2^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 2^{i-j} + \frac{1-y_j}{2})) \\
&= \sin(\pi(\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} 2^{i-j} + \frac{1-y_j}{2})) \\
&(\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} 2^{i-j} = \frac{2^{-j}(1-2^j)}{1-2} = 1 - 2^{-j} < 1) \\
&< \sin(\pi(1 + \frac{1-y_j}{2}))
\end{aligned}$$

Besides, we can know the lower bound,

$$\sin(\pi(2^{-j} + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 2^{i-j} \frac{1-y_i}{2} + \frac{1-y_j}{2})) > \sin(\pi \frac{1-y_j}{2})$$

Thus we get,  $\forall j > 0$

$$\sin(\pi \frac{1-y_j}{2}) < \sin(w2^{-j}) < \sin(\pi(1 + \frac{1-y_j}{2}))$$

From the above inequality, if  $y_j = +1$ , then  $\text{sgn}(\sin(wx_j)) = +1$ . If  $y_j = -1$ , then  $\text{sgn}(\sin(wx_j)) = -1$ . Hence our goal is a true statement, saying VC dimension of hypothesis family of sine functions is infinite.

### Problem 3.21

$$(a) P(\sup_{h \in H_S} |\hat{R}_S(h) - \hat{R}_{S'}(h)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

( $h \in H_S$  is consistent over sample  $S$ , which makes  $\hat{R}_S(h) = 0$ . However,  $\hat{R}_{S'}$  is the empirical error over sample  $S'$ , which may not necessary make  $\hat{R}_{S'}(h) = 0$ .)

$$= P(\sup_{h \in H_S} \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

(for all  $h \in H_S$  makes a stricter set than  $\sup_{h \in H_S}$ )

$$\geq P(\forall h \in H_S: \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

$$= P(\hat{R}_{S'}(h_0) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

$$\geq P(\hat{R}_{S'}(h_0) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cap R(h_0) > \varepsilon)$$

$$\geq P(\hat{R}_{S'}(h_0) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon)$$

$$(since \hat{R}_{S'}(h_0) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m 1_{h_0(x_i) \neq c(x_i)})$$

$$= P(\sum_{i=1}^m 1_{h_0(x_i) \neq c(x_i)} > \frac{m\varepsilon}{2})P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon)$$

( $B(m, \varepsilon)$  means w.r.t. a sample of  $m$  elements and probability of success (in our case incorrect prediction) =  $\varepsilon$ , the number of success (incorrect prediction). Besides,  $R(h_0) > \varepsilon$  implies the probability of incorrect prediction using  $h_0$  over a new testing input is at least  $\varepsilon$ .)

$$\geq P(B(m, \varepsilon) > \frac{m\varepsilon}{2})P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon)$$

$$(b) P(B(m, \varepsilon) \leq \frac{m\varepsilon}{2})$$

$$= P(B(m, \varepsilon) > (1 - \frac{1}{2})m\varepsilon)$$

(by Chernoff bound)

$$\leq e^{-\frac{(\frac{1}{2})^2}{2}m\varepsilon} = e^{-\frac{1}{8}m\varepsilon}$$

(since  $m\varepsilon \geq 8$  given by this problem)

$$\leq e^{-1} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, we get  $P(B(m, \varepsilon) \leq \frac{m\varepsilon}{2}) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . This implies

$P(B(m, \varepsilon) > \frac{m\varepsilon}{2}) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , and from (a) we then get

$$P(\sup_{h \in H_S} |\hat{R}_S(h) - \hat{R}_{S'}(h)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \geq \frac{1}{2}P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon)$$

$$P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon) \leq 2P(\sup_{h \in H_S} |\hat{R}_S(h) - \hat{R}_{S'}(h)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

(c) Now we uniformly at random split  $2m$  points of  $T$  into

$S$  and  $S'$ , implying every point in  $T$  have  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance to be

in  $S$  or  $S'$ .  $l$  is the total number of errors  $h_0$  makes on sample  $T$ , and therefore probability of every error falling

into  $S'$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $E$  be the set of all errors on  $T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& P_{T \sim D^{2m}, T \rightarrow [S, S']}(\hat{R}_S(h_0) = 0 \cap \hat{R}_{S'}(h_0) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} | \hat{R}_T(h_0) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \\
&= P_{T \sim D^{2m}, T \rightarrow [S, S']}(\forall e \in E: e \in S' | E \subset T) \\
&\leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^l = 2^{-l}
\end{aligned}$$

(d) From (c) we know,

$$P_{T \sim D^{2m}, T \rightarrow [S, S']}(\hat{R}_S(h) = 0 \cap \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} | \hat{R}_T(h_0) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq 2^{-l}$$

and given from (c),  $l > -\frac{m\varepsilon}{2}$ , we can have a looser bound

$$P_{T \sim D^{2m}, T \rightarrow [S, S']}(\hat{R}_S(h) = 0 \cap \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq 2^{-\frac{m\varepsilon}{2}}$$

(e)  $P(R(h) > \varepsilon)$

$$(h_0 \in H_S, h \in H, H_S \subset H)$$

$$= P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon \cap R(h) > \varepsilon)$$

$$\leq P(R(h_0) > \varepsilon)$$

(from (b))

$$\leq 2P(\sup_{h \in H_S} |\hat{R}_S(h) - \hat{R}_{S'}(h)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

(rewritten version from (c))

$$= 2 P_{T \sim D^{2m}, T \rightarrow [S, S']}(\exists h \in H: \hat{R}_S(h) = 0 \cap \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

(by union bound)

$$\leq 2|H| P_{T \sim D^{2m}, T \rightarrow [S, S']}(\hat{R}_S(h) = 0 \cap \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

$$= 2 \prod_H(2m) P(\hat{R}_S(h) = 0 \cap \hat{R}_{S'}(h) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

(by (d) and corollary 3.3 in textbook)

$$\leq 2 \left(\frac{e2m}{d}\right)^d 2^{-\frac{\varepsilon m}{2}}$$