

Machine Learning Homework: Week 3 & 4

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Statement

Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) \right| \geq 2\varepsilon \right) &\leq \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) \right| \geq \varepsilon \right) \\ &\leq 2 \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) \right| \geq \varepsilon \right) \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) \right| > \varepsilon - \delta \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| > \frac{\varepsilon - \delta}{2} \text{ or } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| > \frac{\varepsilon - \delta}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| > \frac{\varepsilon - \delta}{2} \right) + \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| > \frac{\varepsilon - \delta}{2} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \\ &= 2 \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

which provides the proof for the inequality on the right side.

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) \right| \geq \varepsilon \right) \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) \right| > \varepsilon - \delta \right) \\ &\geq \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| > 2\varepsilon - \delta \text{ and } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi(z) \right| < \varepsilon \right) \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi_0 \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_0(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi_0(z) \right| > 2\varepsilon - \delta \right) \mathbb{P} \left(\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \phi_0(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z \phi_0(z) \right| < \varepsilon \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

By Chernoff bound we obtain that $\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=n+1}^{2n}\phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z\phi(z)\right| < \varepsilon\right) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ when $n \geq \frac{\ln 2}{\varepsilon^2}$, which gives the proof for the inequality on the left side

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\geq \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{P}\left(\forall \delta > 0, \exists \phi \in \Phi \text{ s.t. } \left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\phi(z_i) - \mathbb{E}_z\phi(z)\right| > 2\varepsilon - \delta\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{\phi \in \Phi}\left|\mathbb{E}_z\phi(z) - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\phi(z_i)\right| \geq 2\varepsilon\right) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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Statement

Prove that

$$\sum_{k=0}^d \binom{n}{k} < \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ and $1 \leq d \leq n$.

Solution

By Taylor expansion we have

$$e^d = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^k}{k!} > \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{d^k}{k!}$$

where immediately follows the proof

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d &> n^d \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{d^{k-d}}{k!} \\ &\geq n^d \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{n^{k-d}}{k!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{n^k}{k!} \\ &\geq \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{n^k}{k!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{n}{k} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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Statement

Prove that the following two programming problems are equivalent. For simplicity, we assume that the first problem has non-trivial solution, i.e. there exists $t > 0$ satisfying $y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq t$ ($\forall i \in [n]$).

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max_{\mathbf{w}, b, t} & t \\ \text{s.t.} & y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq t \quad (\forall i \in [n]) \\ & \|\mathbf{w}\| = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{w}, b, t} & \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{w}\| \\ \text{s.t.} & y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 \quad (\forall i \in [n]) \end{array}$$

Solution

Let the solution to the two problems above be t_0 and \mathbf{w}_0 respectively. By the assumption, we have $t_0 > 0$.

By dividing the inequality in the first problem by t_0 we obtain $y_i \left(\frac{\mathbf{w}_0^T}{t_0} \mathbf{x}_i + \frac{b}{t_0} \right) \geq 1$, so $\mathbf{w}' = \frac{\mathbf{w}_0}{t_0}$ is a candidate for the second problem, and thus $\|\mathbf{w}_0\| \leq \|\mathbf{w}'\| = \frac{1}{t_0}$.

By dividing the inequality in the second problem by $\|\mathbf{w}_0\|$ we obtain $y_i \left(\frac{\mathbf{w}_0}{\|\mathbf{w}_0\|} \mathbf{x}_i + \frac{b}{\|\mathbf{w}_0\|} \right) \geq \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}_0\|}$, thus $t \geq \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}_0\|}$ since $\left\| \frac{\mathbf{w}_0}{\|\mathbf{w}_0\|} \right\| = 1$.

So we know that $\|\mathbf{w}_0\|t_0 = 1$, which shows the equivalence relationship between these two programming problems.