

LECTURE - 1

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$$\Omega = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad y \in \{-1, 1\}$$

classification: Find a function $f(x)$ such that it explains y in the best possible manner
 $\Rightarrow f(x)$ should minimize the error/loss.

$\underset{f}{\operatorname{argmin}} |\ell(y - f(x))|$ where ℓ stands for loss function. $\rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Now, if you set something like $f(x) = \begin{cases} y_i & \text{for } i=1 \dots m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ that will minimize the error ($=0$) but it is nothing but memorizing everything, and it will fail for unseen data.

Now, let's assume that x & y jointly come from a mixture distribution $F_{xy}(x, y)$.

Obviously, since random variable X is continuous & Y is discrete, marginalizn w.r.t x & y will give rise to a P.D.F and a P.M.F respectively:

$$f_x = f_x \text{ (P.d.f)}$$

$$f_y = f_y \text{ (P.m.f)} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Notations}$$

$$f_{xy|x} = f_{x|y} f_y \text{ (P.m.f)}$$

$$f_{y|x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(x-\Delta x \leq x \leq x+\Delta x | y)}{P(x-\Delta x \leq x \leq x+\Delta x)}$$

Prove: (Bayes theorem holds for Random variables as well.)

$$f_{y|x} = \frac{f_x f_y(x|y) \cdot f_y(y)}{f_x(x)}$$

Now an ideal expansion of equⁿ(1) is to generalize by considering the expected loss function, i.e. for an unknown distribution explaining the data, the function that minimizes the expected loss (Average weighted loss for an infinite number of samples) is the best function.

$$\underset{f(x)}{\operatorname{argmin}} = E[\ell(y - f(x))] = \iint_{xy} \ell(y - f(x)) \cdot dF_{xy} \cdot dy \cdot dx \quad \xrightarrow{\text{C.P.F (differential is a PDF).}}$$

$$= E[E[\ell(y - g(x)) | x]]$$

$$= E[E[\ell(y - g(x)) | f_x(x)]]$$

$$= \int_x E[\ell(y - g(x))] \cdot f_x(x) \cdot dx$$

$$= \int_x \left[\sum_y [\ell(y, g(x))] \times f_{y|x}(y|x) \right] \times f_x(x) \cdot dx$$

$\hookrightarrow \textcircled{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{definition: } E(E(f_{y|x}(y|x))) \\ &= \int_x E(f_{y|x}(y|x)) \cdot f_x(x) \cdot dx \\ &= \int_x \left(\sum_y y \cdot f(y|x) \right) f_x(x) \cdot dx \\ &= \sum_y \cancel{f_x(x)} = \sum_y y \cdot f(y|x) f_x(x) \cdot dx \\ &= \int_x y \cdot f(x|y) \cdot f_{y|x}(y|x) \cdot dx = \int_x f(x|y) \cdot E(y|x) \cdot dx \\ &= \int_x E(y|x) \cdot f(x|y) \cdot dx \end{aligned}$$

$$E(E(f_{y|x}(y|x))) = E(f_y) \rightarrow$$

for binary classification:

$$\int_x [\ell(1, 1) \cdot f_{y|x}(y|x) + \ell(-1, 1) \cdot f_{y|x}(-1|x)] \cdot f_x(x) \cdot dx + \int_x [\ell(1, -1) \cdot f_{y|x}(1|x) + \ell(-1, -1) \cdot f_{y|x}(-1|x)] \cdot f_x(x) \cdot dx$$

$$x: g(x)=1 \quad + \ell(-1, 1) \cdot f_{y|x}(-1|x)$$

$$\text{The optimal solu? will be } g^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \ell(1, 1) \cdot f_{y|x}(1|x) < \ell(1, -1) \cdot f_{y|x}(1|x) \\ -1 & \text{else.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{BAYES OPTIMAL})$$

Homework

Markov's inequality: $P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}$

Proof: let $I_E(x)$ be an indicator variable $I_E(x) = 1$ if $x = E$ else 0.

$$I_{x \geq a} = 1 \text{ if } x \geq a \text{ OR } 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow a I_{x \geq a} \leq X \Rightarrow E[a I_{x \geq a}] \leq E[X] \Rightarrow a E[I_{x \geq a}] \leq E[X]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \times P[x \geq a] + 0 \times P[x < a] \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[X \geq a] \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}.$$

Chebyshev's inequality: $P(|X - E[X]| \geq a) \leq \frac{\text{var}(X)}{a^2}$

Strong law of large nos:

The sample average converges almost surely to the expected value.

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \Pr\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{X}_n = \mu\right) = 1.$$

Weak law:

The sample average converges in probability towards the expected value.

$$\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ for any number } \epsilon$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) = 0$$

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(LECTURE - 2) at: 30/7/14.

We want approximate classifier that's close to the Bayesian Optimal classifier.

$$E[\ell(y, g(x))] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i, g(x_i))$$

$$\{z_n \xrightarrow{P} E[x]\} \\ S_n = P[|z_n - E(x)| > \epsilon].$$

Degenerate distribution at the ~~out of the bound~~ when the sample size is high.

$$\hat{g} = \min_g \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i, g(x_i))$$

(Empirical Risk min.)

\hat{g}^* is Bayesian Optimal.

$$E[\hat{g}] = g^*$$

How far is \hat{g} from g^* is the more imp. question.

ERM is statistically constrained

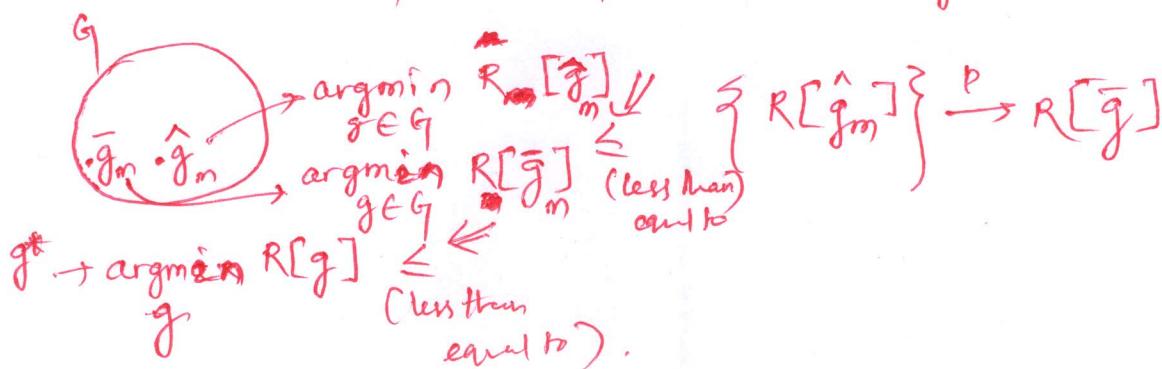


$$\{R[\hat{g}_m]\} \xrightarrow{P} R[g^*]$$

True risk of empirical data should converge in optimal risk.

$\hat{R}_{10}[\hat{g}_{10}] \leq \hat{R}_{10}[g^*]$ (For a dataset as large as having 10 example, a function \hat{g}_{10} that gives the ~~the~~ perfect soln? (i.e minimizes the risk to the maximum extent) may do better than the "Bayesian Optimal" (May not be the best generalization though). itself].

* So, what model we choose is more important than the algorithms.



The terms involving true risk are not easy to compute. But we have "empirical risk" which is easier to compute. Can we express in terms of empirical risk?

$$0 \leq R[\hat{g}_m] - R[\bar{g}] \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \quad (\hat{R} \text{ corresponds to empirical risk})$$

$$\leq [R[\hat{g}_m] - \hat{R}_m[\hat{g}_m]] + [\hat{R}_m[\hat{g}_m] - R[\bar{g}]]$$

T $\hookrightarrow \textcircled{2(14)}$

$$- \hat{R}_m[\bar{g}] + \hat{R}_m[\bar{g}]$$

(we just added & subtracted)

Since $\hat{R}_m[\bar{g}] - R[\bar{g}] \xrightarrow{P} 0$ (weak law) & $\hat{R}_m[\hat{g}_m] - \hat{R}_m[\bar{g}]$ follows eqn (2) [i.e. $\neq 0$], the sufficient cond' for $\textcircled{2}$ to be true will be if " T " is ~~too~~ zero.

It looks like $R[\hat{g}_m] - \hat{R}_m[\hat{g}_m] \xrightarrow{P} 0$ but it may not be TRUE (why?? Homework) [Hint: Independence assumption in weak law].

Eqn 2(A) can be rewritten as:

$$0 \leq \max_g [R[g] - \hat{R}_m[g]] + (\text{some term} \geq 0) + 0$$

~~Reqd:~~ $\Rightarrow 0$ (to be sufficient for 2).

LECTURE - 3

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Theorem: $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f]) > \epsilon\right] = 0$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0$ $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f]) \geq \epsilon$

Weak law of large numbers:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m l(y_i, \hat{f}_m(x_i)) - E[l(y_i, \hat{f}_m(x))] \right| > \epsilon \right] = 0$$

$Z_i \leftarrow \bullet$

(Assuming IID)

But Z_i may not follow IID since two random variables as f may depend on all x_i . So Z_i 's are not independent typically,

digression:

$$\{f_n\} \rightarrow f.$$

$$\{f_n(x)\} \rightarrow f(x) \quad (\text{Point wise})$$

Revise

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall n. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Uniform convergence criteria.} \\ \text{or } \max_x |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon. \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{So: } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f]) > \epsilon \right] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

(\Rightarrow There is no "mod" so it's called one-sided uniform convergence).

Illustration:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\} \quad [\text{Finite}]$$

For finite set $\textcircled{2}$ can be written as

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} [R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon] \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^m P[R[f_i] - \hat{R}_m[f_i] > \epsilon]$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m Z_{ij} = E[l(y_j, f_i(x_j))] - l(y_j, f_i(x_j))$$

$$\therefore E[Z_{ij}] = 0 \quad (\text{How}??)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P\left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m Z_{ij} > \epsilon \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n P\left[e^{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m Z_{ij}} > e^\epsilon \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{OR} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n P[e^{\sum_{j=1}^m Z_{ij}} > e^\epsilon] \end{array}$$

May be -ve
(can't apply Markov inequality)

$$\leq e^{-SE} \sum_{j=1}^m E\left[e^{S_m \sum_{i=1}^m z_{ij}}\right] = e^{-SE} \sum_{j=1}^m E\left[e^{S_m z_{ij}}\right]$$

[Moment Generating Function of Gaussian is Gaussian.]

Fourier Transform of \rightarrow $\int e^{sx} e^{-t x} dt$.

Hoeffding Ineq.: If $E(X) = 0$, $X \in [a, b]$

$$E[e^{sx}] \leq e^{\frac{s^2(b-a)^2}{8}} \rightarrow M(s) \sim N(0, \frac{(b-a)^2}{8}). \quad (\text{Moment generating function of a gaussian}).$$

Nice bound.

We can also have $E[e^{sx}] \leq e^{sb}$ (But not very nice).
not tighter \rightarrow

$$e^{sx} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} e^{sa} + \frac{b+a}{2} e^{sb}.$$

$$E(e^{sx}) \leq \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) e^{sa} + \left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right) e^{sb} = e^{sz} = -\theta z + \ln(1-\theta + \theta e^z).$$

$z = s(b-a)$

$$(1-\theta)e^{sa} + \theta e^{sb}.$$

If $z = s(b-a)$

$$= (1-\theta) \left[1 + sa + \frac{s^2 a^2}{2!} + \frac{s^3 a^3}{3!} + \dots \right] + \theta ($$

$$h(0) = 0$$

$$h'(0) = 0$$

$$h''(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{1-\theta + \theta e^z} \times \theta e^z = \frac{sa}{(1-\theta + \theta e^z)^2} \times \theta e^z = \frac{sa}{1-\theta + \theta e^z} \times \theta e^z \left[\frac{s(b-a)}{2!} + \frac{s^2(b-a)^2}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\theta + \theta e^z} \times \theta e^z + \theta e^z \times \frac{-1}{(1-\theta + \theta e^z)^2} \times \theta e^z$$

$$h''(0) = \frac{\theta e^z (1-\theta)}{(1-\theta + \theta e^z)^2} \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$h(z) \leq \frac{z^2}{8}$$

(Review Taylor series),

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \leq \frac{ab}{2}$$

Lecture: 4

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~~Recap~~ ① Our goal has been bringing the risk as close as to the optimal risk.

Statistical constraint: $\{R[\hat{f}_m]\} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} R[\bar{f}] \Leftrightarrow \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon] = 0$

Bayesian constraint: $\{R[\hat{f}_m]\} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} R[\bar{f}^*]$

(IMPORTANT POINT)
STARTING POINT

② We tried taking \mathcal{F} from a finite set. $\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \text{i.i.d.}$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon] = 0 \quad \rightarrow ①$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon\right] &\leq e^{-\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^n E[e^{s/m z_{ij}}] \\ &\leq e^{-\epsilon} \times n \times e^{\frac{s^2 m}{8} - \frac{(b-a)^2}{8}} \quad \text{if } A > 0. \end{aligned}$$

(we applied Markov inequality)
(we assumed i.i.d for ~~finite~~ absorbing time
(we got rid of the product)

lets substitute $s = \frac{1}{m} t$ (objective: To get tightest bound)

$$\leq n e^{-\frac{2m\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}}$$

(Using Hoeffding inequality).

~~Comment~~ when $n \rightarrow \infty$, the above term will be zero. so eqn ① will be satisfied (\because lower bound ≥ 0 upper bound $= 0$ (sandwiching))

$$P[R[\hat{f}_m] - \hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_m] > \epsilon] \leq n e^{-\frac{2m\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}} \rightarrow ②$$

$\rightarrow \delta$ (say) $\rightarrow ②a$

$$\therefore P[R[\hat{f}_m] - \hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_m] \leq \epsilon] \geq 1 - \delta \rightarrow ②b$$

with probability $1 - \delta$, we have $\forall f \in \mathcal{F}$

$$R[\hat{f}_m] \leq \hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_m] + \epsilon \rightarrow ③$$

Generalizing ③ by saying that if the "max" deviation is less than ϵ then each deviation will also be less than ϵ $\forall f \in \mathcal{F}$

$$R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + (b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log \frac{1}{\delta}}{2m}} \quad (\text{substituted } \epsilon \text{ by } \delta \text{ from 2a}).$$

Eqn ④ is known as LEARNING BOUND.

(Remember it is a probabilistic bound).

The LEARNING BOUND may be satisfied for any kind of Risk minimiz? but we have to go back to the "starting point" and check if that holds true.

, Probably Approximately Correct.

\hat{f} is (agnostic) PAC-learnable if for an $\epsilon > 0$; $\delta \in (0, 1)$, $\mathbb{P}, \text{size}(f)$

$$\forall \epsilon \quad m \geq \text{poly}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \frac{1}{\delta}, \mathbb{P}, \text{size}(f)\right) \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}[R[\hat{f}_m] - \hat{R}[\hat{f}_m] \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}] \geq 1 - \delta$$

suppose we take $m = \frac{(b-a) \log n}{2\epsilon^2}/\delta$ (polynomial of the above described components).

Equⁿ 2(b) will be true for our 'm' and also for $m \geq \frac{(b-a) \log n}{2\epsilon^2}/\delta$

| So, finite \mathcal{F} is always PAC-learnable. |

Example:

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d are properties of an object.
and ideally if a decision is positive if $x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_d \geq f$ is 1.
so f is our f^* (optional). Now let's consider some training example.

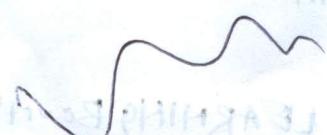
x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4
1	0	1	1
0	0	1	1

\rightarrow true } what ERM can give us that
 We can exactly fit the training data to arrive at a conjunction which will not fail for training data.
 (or at least the loss will be minimum).

For d ~~examples~~, our maximum loss can be ' d ' and minimum loss can be 0. ($a=0, b=d$).

$$m \geq \frac{d}{2\epsilon^2} (\log d + \log \frac{1}{\delta}) \quad (\text{PAC learnable}).$$

[PAC-learnability is a more general case and it doesn't always consider ERM]



Lecture-5

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ERM's for

Recap: Finite function classes are always statistically constraints. $\rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P \left[\max_{f \in F} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \geq \epsilon \right] \leq n e^{-2m\epsilon^2/(b-a)^2} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad m \geq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2\epsilon^2} \sqrt{\log(1/\delta)} \quad m \geq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2\epsilon^2} \log(n/\delta) \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \quad [\text{correct the previous lecture note}].$$

Finite function classes are PAC learnable. $P[\log]$ is more helpful learning Rate $\epsilon = O(1/m)$ [slower learning rate] (why?).

A rich function class F should achieve $\hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_m] = 0$

From discussion of lecture-2:

$$P[R[\hat{f}_m] - \hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_m] > \epsilon]$$

$$= P[R[\hat{f}_m] > \epsilon] \leq \frac{E[R[\hat{f}_m]]}{\epsilon}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i: R[\hat{f}_i] > \epsilon} P[\hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_i] = 0]$$

$$\leq \sum_{i: R[\hat{f}_i] > \epsilon} (1 - e)^m \quad [\text{for } 0-1 \text{ loss}] \rightarrow \text{Rewrite}$$

$$\leq n \cdot (1 - e)^m \quad (\text{will go to } 0 \text{ if } m \rightarrow \infty)$$

So statistical consistency is satisfied).

(Using this method!
can't derive easily the
rate of learnability).

$\hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_i] > \epsilon$ $R[\hat{f}_{i_0}] > \epsilon$
 f_1, \dots, f_{10}
 for all such f_i which
true risk is greater than ϵ ,
are candidate \hat{f}_m , so the
condition $\hat{R}_m[\hat{f}_m] = 0$ is zero.]

Using the bounding condition

$$1 - e \leq e^{-\epsilon} \quad (\text{use convex property of } e^{-\epsilon})$$

for any ϵ

$$\leq n \cdot e^{-m\epsilon} \rightarrow \textcircled{4} \quad \text{learning rate } \epsilon = O(1/m) \quad (\text{FASTER})$$

[For non 0,1 loss, there will be some a, b terms in the exp? Prove that.]

Lecture-6

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Arbitrary function classes (need not be finite).

$$P \left[\max_{f \in F} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon \right] \leq \dots ?$$

In case of finite F we converted to Union bounding.

$$\leq \sum_{f \in F} P[R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon]$$

(Best possible bound without additional assumptions
(Chernoff Bound -))
 2^m equivalence classes of functions in F .

① Can we have a bound in case of arbitrary (non-finite) F ?
What is the intuition?

There are many functions which will correspond to the same empirical risk (in most cases the loss doesn't change). The maximum of such equivalence class ~~may have 2^n functions~~ will be in the order of 2^m .

$$\max_{f \in F} R[f] = R[f']$$

$$\therefore P \left[\max_{f \in F} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon \right] \leq P \left[\max_{f \in F} R[f'] - \hat{R}_m[f'] > \epsilon \right]$$

Considering the above equation and applying the notion of equivalence classes (2^m) and working out with Chernoff-bounding & Hoeffding bound we can still be able to prove that the term will converge to some value (may not be 0) irrespective of the size of F (F may well be ∞),

$$P \left[\max_{f \in F} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] > \epsilon \right]$$

$$v_i = (x_i, y_i)$$

Random variable $g(v_1, \dots, v_m)$

One dimensional variation is bounded by a constant

$$|g(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m) - g(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, \dots, v_m)| \leq \frac{b-a}{m}$$

(prove)
 $\rightarrow v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ are iid
↳ bounded difference property.

(Recall)
(finite case)

$$\sum_{f \in F} P[R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \geq \epsilon] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m E[\ell(y_i, f(x_i)) - \ell(y_i, \hat{f}(x_i))]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m z_i \quad E(z_i) \geq 0$$

In finite case ' g ' was nothing but a sum function with variance
 $\text{var} \sum_{i=1}^m z_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \text{var}(z_i) \leq \left(\frac{b-a}{m}\right)^2 / 4$

Without applying Chernoff Bound, let's go ahead..

$$P[g > \epsilon] = P[e^{sg} > e^{s\epsilon}] \leq e^{-s\epsilon} E[e^{sg}] \text{ (Markov).}$$

$$= e^{-s\epsilon} E[E[e^{sg} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}]] \rightarrow ①$$

The introduction of conditional probability was made to enable application of Hoeffding bound but to apply that $E[g]$ should be "zero" (which is not in our case).

Since $\max_{f \in F} (\cdot) \geq (\cdot) \Rightarrow E[\max_{f \in F} (\cdot)] \geq E(\cdot) \Rightarrow E[\max_{f \in F} (\cdot)] \geq \max_{f \in F} E(\cdot)$

$$\Rightarrow = e^{-s\epsilon} E\left[E\left[e^{s(g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}) - E(g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})} + sE(g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})\right]\right]$$

(now we can apply Hoeffding bound.

$$\leq e^{-s\epsilon} E\left[e^{sE(g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})} \cdot e^{s^2(b-a)^2/8m^2}\right]$$

If we keep on adding and subtracting like this for

$g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-2}, g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-3}, \dots$ we will have $E(g)$ in the final step.

Repeating 'm' number of times, prove that these terms are also satisfying BD

$$\leq e^{-s\epsilon} E\left[e^{sE(g|u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})} \cdot e^{s^2(b-a)^2/8m^2}\right]$$

$$\leq e^{-s\epsilon} E\left[e^{sE(g)} \cdot e^{s^2(b-a)^2/8m^2}\right]$$

Following similar discussion as lecture - 9.

$$\leq e^{-s\epsilon} \cdot e^{s^2(b-a)^2/8m} \cdot e^{sE(g)}$$

$$P[g > \epsilon] \leq e^{-2m[\epsilon - E(g)]^2/(b-a)^2}$$

McDiarmid Inequality : $P[g - E(g) > \epsilon] \leq e^{-2\epsilon^2/\sum_i c_i^2}$

LECTURE - 7

dt: 14/8/14.

Recall: $P\left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \geq \epsilon\right]$

$$\hookrightarrow g \rightarrow \epsilon = \frac{b-a}{m}$$

Mc Diarmid g independent rvs as per
bounded diff.

$$P[|g - E[g]| \geq \epsilon] \leq e^{-2\epsilon^2 / \sum_i c_i^2} \rightarrow ①.$$

Refer proof of the "Bounded difference inequality" from Berkeley.edu/~vbartlett

From previous lecture, we had:

$$P[g \geq \epsilon] \leq e^{-2m(\epsilon - E[g])^2 / (b-a)^2} = \delta \text{ (say)}$$

We can say, with probability $1-\delta$

$$g \leq (b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2m}} + E[g]$$

$$\Rightarrow R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + E[g] + (b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2m}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$$

$\hookrightarrow ②$ not finite.

(Recall) For finite case we had

$$R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + (b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log |\mathcal{F}|}{2m}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \text{ (finite)} \quad \hookrightarrow ②a$$

Speculation: This bound may be tighter than ②a because (Intuition) ② follows union bound (which may be unnecessary). We will evaluate $E[g]$ later. But $E[g]$ should decay at least faster than $O(1/\sqrt{n})$ to make it better than ②a. So, choosing a function class \mathcal{F} that helps $E[g]$ decay faster if necessary.

Now let's have:

$$\Omega(f) = E\left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f]\right] \geq 0 \quad (\text{Recall } E(\max(\cdot)) \geq \max(E(\cdot)))$$

[If: $\Omega(f_1) \geq \Omega(f_2)$ then $f_1 \geq f_2$ (monotonic)]

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(f_1 \cup f_2) &= \max(\Omega(f_1), \Omega(f_2)) \\ &\leq \Omega(f_1) + \Omega(f_2) \quad (\text{subadditive}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \right]$$

lets say $R[f]$ is coming from some other set of data.

$$= E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \right]$$

$$R[f] = \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i, f(x_i))$$

$$= E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} E_{x_i, y_i} \left[\sum_{\substack{y' \\ x'_i \neq x_i}} \ell(y'_i, f(x'_i)) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i, f(x_i)) \right] \right]$$

$$E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R_m[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \right]$$

max. discrepancy of \mathcal{F} $\Rightarrow D(\mathcal{F})$

Eqn (2) becomes:

$$E[D(f)] \leq D(\mathcal{F}) + (b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log 1/\delta}{2m}} \rightarrow (2b)$$

so with prob $1-\delta$:

$$R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + D(\mathcal{F}) + 2(b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log 1/\delta}{2m}} \rightarrow (3)$$

Guaranteed Risk

Intuitively, A function class is supposed to be good if $D(\mathcal{F})$ is minimum. Even if we have at least one function in the class of \mathcal{F} which maximizes $D(\mathcal{F})$ to a large quantity, the function class will still be bad.

$$E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{R}_m[f] - \hat{R}_m[f] \right]$$

$\delta = \{1, -1\}$
(say).

$$= E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i [\ell(y'_i, f(x'_i)) - \ell(y_i, f(x_i))] \right) \right]$$

$$\leq E_E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i [\ell(y'_i, f(x'_i))] \right] + E_E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m -\delta_i [\ell(y'_i, f(x'_i))] \right]$$

(Assuming δ is uniformly distributed)

$$= 2 E_E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i [\ell(y_i, f(x_i))] \right]$$

(Rademacher's Complexity) $R_m(\mathcal{F})$

Now applying total law of Expectation on \hat{R}_m

$$2E_E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \ell(y_i, f(x_i)) \right]$$

$$= E \left\{ E_E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \ell(y_i, f(x_i)) \mid (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m) \right] \right\}$$

(Computing conditional R_m is easy.)

Now applying Chernoff bounds, union bounds etc.

for a probability $1-\delta$:

$$R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + 2\hat{R}_m[F] + \frac{3(b-a)}{\sqrt{\frac{\log 1/\delta}{2m}}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$$

①

Lecture - 8

dt: 20th Aug.

Recall:

\mathcal{F} is finite

$$R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + (b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log |\mathcal{H}|/\delta}{2m}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \rightarrow ①$$

\mathcal{F}

$$\hookrightarrow R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + \hat{D}_m[f] + (b-a) \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log^2/\delta}{2m}} + \sqrt{\frac{\log^2/\delta}{m}} \right) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{R}_m[f] - \hat{R}_m[f]$$

$$\Rightarrow R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + 2\hat{R}_m[f] + 3(b-a) \sqrt{\frac{\log^2/\delta}{2m}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad \hookrightarrow ③$$

$$E_g \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \mathbb{I}(y_i, f(x_i)) \right] \quad (\text{Rademacher's function}).$$

$$\hat{R}_m[f] = E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i f(z_i) \right].$$

$$= E \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i (f(z_i) / z_i) \right]$$

So \hat{R} is, as per equation ③ not only a function of function classes, it is a combination that contains the "loss" information. Hence $\hat{R}(f)$ is sometimes replaced by $\hat{R}^{(L)}$ or Rademacher function for "loss class".

Example: \hat{R} of linear classifiers.

lets say $\ell \rightarrow$ zero one loss

$$f \rightarrow \{ f \mid f_w \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad \# f(x) = \text{sign}(w^T x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^N \}$$

$$\hat{R}(f) = E \left[\max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{1}{m} \sum_i \delta_i \frac{(1 - y_i \text{sign}(w^T x_i))}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\hat{R}(f) = E \left[\max_{\substack{w \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ z \in \mathbb{Z}}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_i \delta_i y_i \text{sign}(w^T z_i) \right] \quad \xrightarrow{\substack{(0,1 \text{ loss}) \\ \text{func.}}} \quad \text{Zeta.}$$

Trick: Using Jensen's inequality i.e. $f(E(x)) \leq E(f(x))$, we can transform $E(x) \leq \frac{1}{s} \log(E[e^{sx}])$.

Eqn (4) can now be transformed to:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\hat{R}(f) &\leq \frac{1}{s} \ln \left(E \left[e^{\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{m} \sum \delta_i z_i} \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \ln \left(\max_{z_i} E \left[e^{\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{m} \sum \delta_i z_i} \right] \right) \quad (e^{\max(X)} = \max(x) \text{ monotonic}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \ln \left(\sum_{z_i} E \left[e^{\sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i z_i} \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \ln \left(\sum_{z_i} \prod_{i=1}^m E \left[e^{\delta_i z_i} \right] \right) \\
 &\quad \xrightarrow{\text{Hoeffding}} \quad \xrightarrow[\text{for zero-one loss}]{\frac{b-a}{m} = 2/m} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \ln \left(\sum_{z \in Z} e^{\delta z / 2m} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{|Z|}{s} \right) + \frac{s}{2m} \rightarrow \textcircled{5}.
 \end{aligned}$$

differencing wrt. s and equating to 0 (for finding the tightest bound),

$$2\hat{R}(f) \leq 2 \sqrt{\frac{\log |Z|}{2m}} \rightarrow \textcircled{6}$$

$|Z|$ is referred to as growth function of \mathcal{L} .

(Takes a value of m and returns a number)

$|Z_m|$ is upper bounded by 2^m which when replaced in $\textcircled{6}$ gives a positive value ($2^{\frac{m}{2}}$) (not bad).

Now can we have better bound than saying $|Z_m| \leq 2^m$? (n is the dimension)

one bound is $|Z_m| \leq m C_n$ (~~enough the number of points the plane passes through~~),

$$|Z_m| \leq 2^m C_n \quad (\text{our speculation})$$

But according to theory, classical bound is

$$|Z_m| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} m C_i \quad (\text{Prove})$$

Lecture - 9

dt: 22 Aug.

We were trying to give bound to \hat{m} or $H_f(m)$, the growth funcⁿ of linear classifiers.

$$H_f(m) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{m+n} m c_n \quad (\text{in class}) \rightarrow \leq \left(\frac{me}{n}\right)^{m+n} \rightarrow ①$$

$$H_f(m) \leq \sum_{i=0}^d m c_i \quad (\text{classical theory}) \geq \left(\frac{m}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} \rightarrow ②$$

d is V.C of f

$$(\text{We used } \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^n \leq m c_n \leq \left(\frac{me}{n}\right)^n)$$

In some cases ① may be tighter than ② but considering all possible value of n, m & f , ② decays faster.

V.C is the d where there are ' d ' points that can be shattered by f .

Proof of ②:

	x_1	x_2	...	x_n
f_1	+	-		+
:				
f_n	-	+		-

→ distinct funcⁿ.

(at least one value should be different from other row).

H_f is
the no.
of rows

↓ applying 'transform'. (Let's assume that we can have another function class f^* by changing the sign of at least one value in each row such that two rows don't become identical.)

	x_1	...	x_n
f_1	-	-	+
:			
f_n	-	+	-

1 → 2 (introducing more shattered points)
2 → 1 (already retain shattered points)

By constructing examples we can say that the points which are shattered in table-1 may not be shattered in table-2 (V.C dimension changes). But after those points which are shattered in 2 should be shattered in 1.]

[Reason: If we change the shattered points in 1 as a result of transform, we will end up creating duplicates, so that change is not allowed, hence shattered points don't change.]

so; $\lceil \text{vc}(f) \rceil \leq \text{vc}(f^*)$. | (Digression)

we had $\hat{R}_m(f) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2 \log \text{VC}(f)}{m}}$ \rightarrow PAC learnable.

$$\text{So; } R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + 2 \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(\frac{1}{\delta})}{m}} \quad (\text{substituting 1})$$

Our linear classifier becomes:

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{m} \sum_i \left\{ y_i w^T x_i + \xi_i \right\} \quad (\text{computationally hard to find out the combinations})$$

To make the f close to Bayes optimal, problems with linear classifier

① we have to change the loss fun? (what about non-linear functions?)
if B.O is non linear.

② To account for that if we replace x by $\phi(x)$ which will, say, ~~take~~ us closer to B.O. Are we doing better?

③ There is an effect of 'n' on the complexity of taking f closer to Bayes optimal. "Curse of dimensionality"

Gaussian complexity: if we replace ξ_i , Rademacher's variable by a standard gaussian variable (with mean 0 & std dev. 1)

$$\text{we will have } E_{g_i} \left[\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m g_i f(z_i) \right]$$

Binary Classifiers: (Refer 0-1 loss, hinge loss, squared hinge loss, logistic loss).

$\ell_{\text{logit}}(y, f(x)) = \log(1 + e^{-y f(x)})$ is convex in w . $\ell_{\text{hinge}}(y, f(x))$ is convex, not diff. $\ell_{\text{squared}}(y, f(x))$ is convex, diff.

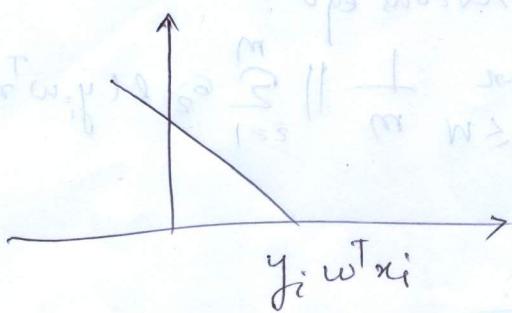
Regression: loss $\rightarrow |y - f(x_i)|$ squared loss: $[y - f(x_i)]^2$

A loss function is good if it is convex, differentiable, and also address sparsity (~~skip~~ we can skip the examples for which loss is zero if we have prior knowledge about such examples).
(and we still get the same soln).

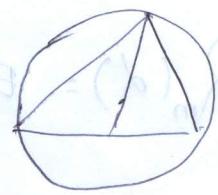
IMP: Most of the losses (except 0-1) are not bounded. But the data can help us put a bound on $\|w\|$ which will help us bound the loss function,
 $w^T x_i \leq \|w\| \|x_i\| \leq \|w\| R$

Hinge loss:

Def.



Upward shift to next margin A



R - MAX bound on.

VC dimension of thick/fat classifier (for 2D case):

$$VC = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M \geq 2R \\ 2 & \text{if } \frac{3R}{2} \leq M \leq 2R \\ 3 & \text{if } M \leq \frac{3R}{2} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } M \rightarrow \text{margin } \left(\frac{2}{\|w\|}\right)$$

when $\|w\|$ increases, $M \rightarrow 0$, we will have a large VC dimension.

* VC dimension can be controlled.

For 3D case:

$$VC \leq \min\left(\left\lceil \frac{4R^2}{M^2} \right\rceil, n\right) + 1 \rightarrow \text{for fat classifiers.}$$

Fat classifiers give control over VC dimension.

(Note: Fat classifiers \neq classifiers with hinge loss).

VC dimensions defined only for binary classes.

Radamacher's Complexity:

$$F = \left\{ f \mid \exists w \in \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow f(x) = w^T x \quad \forall x, \|w\| \leq W \right\}$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_m(\alpha) = E \left[\max_{\|w\| \leq W} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \max(0, 1 - y_i w^T x_i) \right]$$

Now, by Holder/Schwarz inequality:

$$\max_{\|w\| \leq W} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \max(0, 1 - y_i w^T x_i) \leq W \left\| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m x_i \right\|_2$$

A general form of the previous eqn:

$$R_m(d) = E \left[\max_{\|w\| \leq w} \frac{1}{m} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \epsilon_i \ell(y_i, w^T x_i) \right\|_2 \right] \rightarrow ①$$

Contraction lemma: Proof:

$\ell \rightarrow$ Lipschitz continuity

$$|\ell(x) - \ell(y)| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y.$$

(See Meir lemma: meir2003.pdf)

A convex function on any compact subset of "interior of domain" is Lipschitz continuous.

We will apply the theorem to Rademacher average of "Hinge loss" like loss function:

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$$\hat{R}_m(\alpha) \leq \hat{R}_m(f) = E \left[\max_{\|w\| \leq W} \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sum_i \delta_i y_i w^T x_i}{w^T (\frac{1}{m} \sum_i \delta_i y_i x_i)} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} (\alpha \rightarrow \text{hinge loss}) \\ f = \text{linear functions} \\ \|w\| \leq W \end{array}$$

$$\leq \frac{W}{m} E \left[\left\| \sum_i \delta_i y_i x_i \right\|^2 \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} (\text{Applying Lipschitz continuity: contractive lemma}) \\ \left\| \sum_i \delta_i y_i x_i \right\|^2 \end{array}$$

$$\leq \frac{W}{m} E \left[\sqrt{\left\| \sum_i \delta_i y_i x_i \right\|^2} \right]$$

Applying Jensen's inequality (since square root is convex. $E(f(x)) \leq f(E[x])$)

$$\leq \frac{W}{m} \sqrt{E \left[\left\| \sum_i \delta_i y_i x_i \right\|^2 \right]}$$

$$= \frac{W}{m} \sqrt{E \left[\sum_i \sum_j \delta_i \delta_j y_i y_j x_i x_j \right]} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\text{contractive nature}) \\ \sum_i \sum_j \delta_i \delta_j y_i y_j x_i x_j \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{W}{m} \sqrt{\sum_i \left\| x_i \right\|^2}$$

$$\leq \frac{WR}{\sqrt{m}}$$

$$R[f] \leq \hat{R}_m[f] + \frac{2WR}{\sqrt{m}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{\log 2\pi}{m}} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \rightarrow ①$$

Extension to non-linear classifier:

[Reason]: Bayes optimal for an application need not be linear.

$$f(x) = w^T \phi(x) \quad \phi: x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

Example: $\phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ \vdots \\ n \times 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\phi(x)$ is not only a function giving rise to vectors with finite dimensions. $\phi(x)$ can produce a function that can take x and produce values. (may facilitate vectors with infinite dimension). (reverse 'vectors', 'vector space', inner products)

(We can replace $\phi(x)$ in the above derivation (eqn 1) at least for $\phi(x)$ to be belonging to Euclidean space). More discussion to happen on this in the next lecture.

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{1}{m} \sum_i \ell(y_i, w^T \phi(x_i)) \quad (\text{Projected gradient descent})$$

s.t. $\|w\| \leq W$

[Terminologies: function class \equiv Model, $w \equiv$ model parameters, $W \equiv$ hyper parameter]

When we change the hyper parameters, the model changes.

Now, how to automatically select W . \rightarrow find smallest W where $\hat{R}_m \geq 0$.

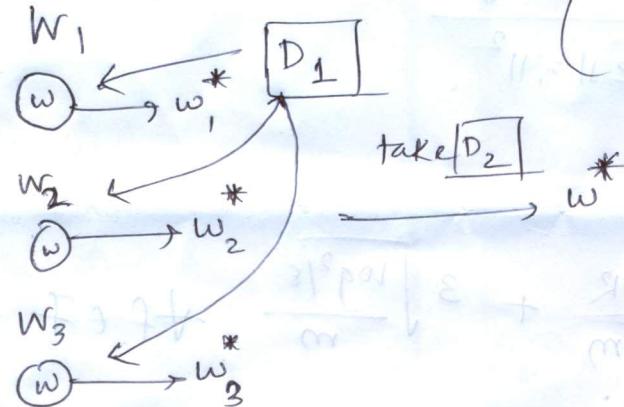
$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^N, W} \sum_i \ell(y_i, w^T \phi(x_i)) + \frac{2WR}{\sqrt{m}}$$

OR

Take a separate training set and do ERM for finding out W .

(called validation).

(Surprisingly, this works better in practice).



Legend: w for parameters not taking input (bias)

w^* for parameters taking input (x)

step 1: the output of the first constraint is also seen in step 2 and that constraint is dropped and (e.g. in step 3) another constraint is added (Walden's rule). regularization is added (step 4), and so on.

(step 5: add to the $(1-p)$ constraint and get an opt. condition for w^*)

iteration goes on otherwise until (one of conditions of projected as or normal have been satisfied)

(I) Two ways to choose W :

① Structural Risk Minimization: $\min_{W \in \mathcal{R}, \|W\| \leq R} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(\phi(x_i), y_i) + \frac{2R}{\sqrt{N}} \quad \|W\| \leq R$

② ERM: validation, using different datasets.

- (II) ϕ
- Statistical consistency $\|\phi(x)\| \leq R$ (Bounded).
 - Bayesian consistency ("Universal").
 - X should be generic (any kind of input should be accepted).
 - Computationally efficient. (A polynomial function with degree d with dimension D can grow exponentially in terms of complexity when the input is large). Kernels

Kernels:

Let consider X , a set (arbitrary set).

$$\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(Assume continuity)

$H = \{\phi(x) \mid x \in X\}$ (should be some generalization of Euclidean space to deal with infinite dimension).

We seek that $\phi(x)$ in the space of H should be allowed to have the following properties:

Linear Hull (combinations),

$$+, \cdot \rightarrow \phi(x) \in \text{LIN}(\phi(x))$$

$$\text{Inner product } \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \rightarrow \begin{cases} \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \\ \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{Non-neg.}$$

$$\text{⑥ Symmetry: } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\text{⑦ } \langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle \quad (\text{linearity}).$$

$\phi(x): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (captures similarity??). → A(D).

(The "math" way to capture similarity is to take the inner product (may be with some normalization)).

$$\langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle \hookrightarrow \phi(x)(z) \quad \text{or}$$

$$f = \sum_i \alpha_i \phi(x_i) \quad g = \sum_j \beta_j \phi(y_j)$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \beta_j \phi(x_i)(y_j).$$

$$\text{Example: } \begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \quad \phi(x) = x \rightarrow \phi(x)^T \phi(z) = x^T z. \end{cases}$$

Similar representations $\begin{cases} \textcircled{2} \quad \phi(x)(z) = x^T z \rightarrow \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle = x^T z. \end{cases}$ (from part 1)

but in the second case, ϕ is a function returning a function. Both representations are similar in terms of dot product.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \phi(x)(z) = (x^T z + 1) \text{ (say), will be equivalent to } \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$$

$$\text{for } \phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ 1+x_1^T z \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \phi(x)^T \phi(z) \rangle = (1+x_1^T z)^2 \\ d=2 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \phi(x)(z) = e^{x^T z} = \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle \text{ for } \phi(x) = \text{variant of } e^{x^T}$$

$$\text{Bnf: } \phi(x) = \{ 1, x_1^T x^2, \frac{1}{2!} x^3, \dots \}$$

$$\langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle = \sum_i \frac{x^i \cdot z^i}{i!} = e^{x^T z}.$$

(Remember: We are talking about the inner product in \mathbb{R}^d of $\phi(x)$, not x)