

Theory of Generalization

FACT

- with distribution in training data & testing data
- ⇒ low training error
- ⇕
- low testing error

Def

Training error:

$$E_{tr}(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e(h(x_n), f(x_n))$$

where x_1, \dots, x_N sampled from D

- h is determined by x_1, \dots, x_N

Testing error:

$$E_{te}(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e(h(x_n), f(x_n))$$

where x_1, \dots, x_N sampled from D

- h is independent from x_1, \dots, x_N

Generalization error $E(h)$

- G. error = Test error (on D) (expected performance)

$$E(h) = E_{x \sim D} [e(h(x), f(x))] = E_{te}(h)$$

Summary

if $E(h) = 0$

then $E(h) \approx E_{tr}(h)$

or

$E_{tr}(h) \approx 0 \rightarrow$ Training

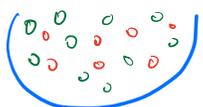
we hope this happens, so that what is seen (could be applied on unseen data, w/ sufficient $E(h)$ is small) \rightarrow How? but

Q: How do we make sure

$$E(h) \approx E_{tr}(h)$$

throw this

FACT Hoeffding's inequality



$$P[\text{pick red ball}] = \mu$$

$$P[\text{pick green ball}] = 1 - \mu$$

→ we DO NOT know μ

by pick ball's independently we get fraction of V

$V \rightarrow \mu$?

perhaps

Hoeffding's inequality

$$P[|V - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

annotate: V & μ 的差距, 比 ϵ 大的 P, 很小, 多小? \rightarrow 比 $2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$ 还小

statement $\mu = V$ is

probably approximately correct

(PAC!)

$V = \mu$ probably approximately correct

FACT

$$P[|V - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

- valid for N

- $\epsilon > 0$

- independent from μ (real probability)

$$P[|V - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

in learning:

- given a function h

- we randomly draw x_1, \dots, x_N

independent

- generalization error

$$E(h) = E_{x \sim D} [h(x) \neq f(x)] \leftrightarrow \mu$$

unknown

sample data error

$$E_{tr}(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N [h(x_n) \neq y_n] \leftrightarrow V$$

known

$$P[|V - \mu| \geq \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$P[|V - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

FACT

for each h , h is a hypothesis

$$P[|E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

for all h , H is a hypothesis set

$$P[|E_{tr}(h_1) - E(h_1)| > \epsilon]$$

$$P[|E_{tr}(h_2) - E(h_2)| > \epsilon]$$

⋮

$$P[|E_{tr}(h_{|H|}) - E(h_{|H|})| > \epsilon]$$

$$\leq P[\sup_{h \in H} |E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon]$$

$$\leq \sum_{m=1}^{|H|} P[|E_{tr}(h_m) - E(h_m)| > \epsilon] \leq 2|H| e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$P[|V - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$P[|E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$\leq P[\sup_{h \in H} |E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon]$$

$$\leq 2|H| e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$\text{from } P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{|H|} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{|H|} P(A_i)$$

summary

$$P[|E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon] \leq P[\sup_{h \in H} |E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 2|H| e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$P[|V - \mu| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$P[|E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

$$P[|E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon]$$

$$\leq P[\sup_{h \in H} |E_{tr}(h) - E(h)| > \epsilon]$$

$$\leq 2|H| e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$$

NOTE More on Hoeffding's inequality

| | | | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|-----|-------|--|
| h_1 | D_1 | D_2 | ... | D_N | $P[BAD D \text{ for } h_1] \leq \dots$ |
| h_2 | BAD | BAD | | | $P[BAD D \text{ for } h_2] \leq \dots$ |
| \vdots | | | | | |
| h_M | BAD | | | BAD | $P[BAD D \text{ for } h_M] \leq \dots$ |

informed hypothesis (假设现在我知道的模型 i.e., 不是学出来的) \rightarrow 对落到我手上的资料 D_1, D_2, \dots, D_N 的 h on D 可能導致 "Bad" 亦即 $E_{in}(h) \neq E_{out}(h)$

\rightarrow 之所以要 Hoeffding's ineq. 就是為了量化 $P[BAD]$ 机率多高?

answer is low: bounded by $2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$

\rightarrow 不過剛剛是 1 個 h 啊... 我 alg 都是在找 h ... upper bound 是啥?

$\therefore P_0[BAD D]$

$= P[BAD D \text{ for } h_1 \text{ or } BAD D \text{ for } h_2 \dots \text{ or } BAD D \text{ for } h_M]$

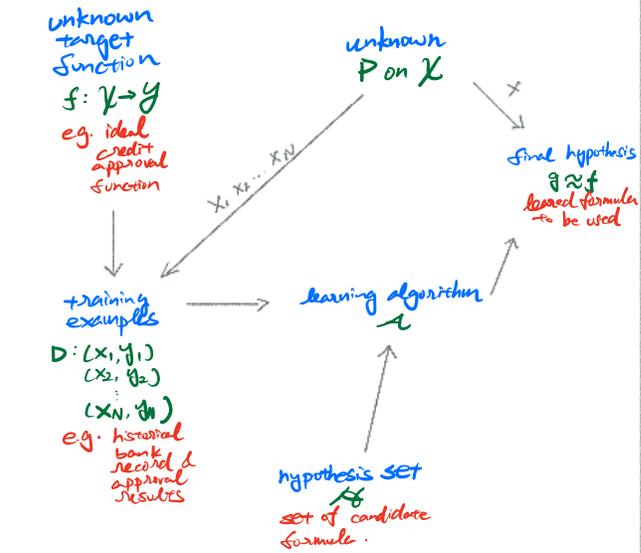
$\leq P[BAD D \text{ for } h_1] + P[BAD D \text{ for } h_2] + \dots + P[BAD D \text{ for } h_M]$

union bound

$\leq 2M e^{-2\epsilon^2 N} = 2|H| e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$

- finite-bin version of Hoeffding
- & hope... $E_{in}(g) = E_{out}(g)$ is PAC.
- \rightarrow A will pick h_m w/ min. $E_{in}(h_m)$ as g

Δ SUMMARY: statistical learning flow



- & hope $E_{out}(g) \approx E_{in}(g) \approx 0$
- for batch & supervised learning, $g \approx f \iff E_{out}(g) \approx 0$ achieved through $E_{out}(g) \approx E_{in}(g)$ & $E_{in}(g) \approx 0$
 - ① can we make sure $E_{out}(g) \approx E_{in}(g)$? G. Error
 - ② can we make $E_{in}(g)$ small enough? Training

FACT $|H| = \infty$

Δ Question: How do we deal with it?

- small $|H|$: $P[BAD] \leq 2|H| e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$ small! great! but $|H|$ too little $E_{in}(g) \uparrow$
- large $|H|$: $E_{in}(g) \rightarrow 0$ small error! great! but $|H|$ too large $P[BAD] \uparrow$

註: 我們如何找 finite $|H|$ \rightarrow $|H|$ is ∞ no doubt, but can control the number!

FACT establish a finite quantity replace $|H|$

let $|H|$ replaced by M/ϵ

s.t.

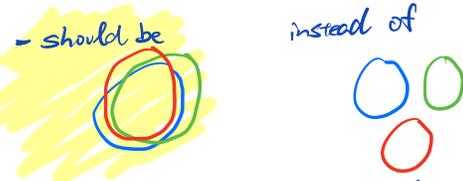
$P[|E_{in}(g) - E_{out}(g)| > \epsilon] \leq 2 M/\epsilon e^{-2\epsilon^2 N}$

$P[BAD]$

FACT $|H|$ is over-estimated for BAD events

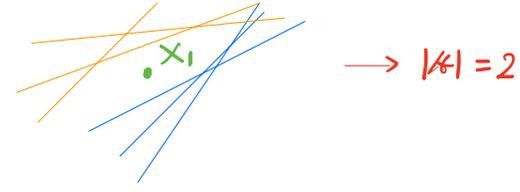
- BAD events $B_m: |E_{in}(h_m) - E_{out}(h_m)| > \epsilon$
- over-lapping for similar hypothesis $h_1 \approx h_2$
- as ① $E_{out}(h_1) \approx E_{out}(h_2)$

② for most D $E_{in}(h_1) \approx E_{out}(h_2)$



- so: can we group similar kinds?

eg. H in R^2 $|H| \rightarrow \infty$



$N=3$ $|H|=8$ but if on same line, different

$N=4$ $|H|=14$ but if on same line, different

FACT observation: effective $|H| \leq 2^N$

perhaps can replace $|H|$ by effective $|H|$?

need more rigorous proof

FACT Dichotomies: mini-hypotheses

the split of set into two exclusive subsets

- limited hypothesis: $H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$
- $|H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)|$: depend on inputs (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)
- growth function: remove dependence by taking max of all possible (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)

$m_H(N) = \max_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \in X} |H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)|$

Δ finite, upper-bounded by 2^N

Q: How to calculate growth function

FACT shattered

Δ if $m_H(N) = 2^N \iff$ exists N inputs that can be shattered

Δ eg. convex set

FACT summary of 4 growth function

- positive rays $N+1$
- positive intervals $C^{N+1}_2 + 1$
- convex sets 2^N
- 2D perceptrons $< 2^N$

polynomial good!
exponential bad!

FACT Break point \rightsquigarrow k 開始, 無法被 shattered

Δ if no k inputs can be shattered by \mathcal{H} call k a break point for \mathcal{H}

Δ $m_H(k) < 2^k$ (in binary case)

Δ $k+1, k+2, k+3 \dots$ are all break points

Δ study minimum break point

eg. linear case break point $k=4$
note: 4 個 無法被 shattered

FACT conjecture:

Δ no break point: $m_H(N) = 2^N$

Δ break point k : $m_H(N) = O(N^{k-1})$
proof?

FACT $m_H(N) \leq$ maximum possible $m_H(N)$ given $k \leq$ poly (N)

FACT Bounding function 如果我有 break point k upper bound 在哪?

• 從上面結論:

- 在 break point $= k$ 露出 一線曙光!
- 在 k 維度, 不能被 shattered (不齊 2^k 組合) exists no 2^k dichotomies!

• Now, for bounding function:

max $m_H(N)$ @ break point $= k$

• $\mathcal{B}(N, k)$

PINK:

$\Delta \mathcal{B}(4,3) = 2\alpha + \beta$

| row | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| 5 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 26 | 31 | 32 |
| 6 | 1 | 7 | 22 | 42 | 57 | 63 |

Identify: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
this cannot be in $\mathcal{B}(4,3)$!
why?
we achieve shattered $\mathcal{B}(3,3)$!

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 |
|-----------|--|--|-------|-------|
| 2α | $\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$ | | |
| β | $\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$ | | |

Δ if only consider x_1, x_2, x_3 we hv dichotomies $\alpha + \beta$
 $\therefore \mathcal{B}(4,3) \rightarrow$ break pt = 3
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i.e., cannot be shattered (eg. we cannot hv 2^3)
 $\therefore \alpha + \beta$ cannot shatter any 3pt
 $\therefore \alpha + \beta \leq \mathcal{B}(3,3)$

- Δ $k=1$, max. dichotomies = 1
- Δ $k>N$, max. dichotomies = 2^N
- Δ $k=N$, max. dichotomies = $2^N - 1$
- Δ $k < N$? **PINK**

• $\mathcal{B}(N, k) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$
• Growth Function
= Bounding Function
= $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$
只要 break point 有界!
可被 polynomial 上限住!

Δ $\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$ α $\therefore x_1, x_2, x_3$ provide dichotomies "0" & "1"
without, within x_1, x_2, x_3 we cannot shatter any 2 pts $\therefore \alpha \leq \mathcal{B}(3,2)$
 $\therefore 2\alpha + \beta \leq \mathcal{B}(3,2) + \mathcal{B}(3,3)$
 $\mathcal{B}(4,3) \leq \mathcal{B}(3,2) + \mathcal{B}(3,3)$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}(N, k) \leq \mathcal{B}(N-1, k-1) + \mathcal{B}(N-1, k)$

Hoeffding's Inequality Revisit

• recall

$$P[\exists h \in \mathcal{H} \text{ s.t. } |E_{in}(h) - E_{out}(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 2 m_H(N) \exp(-2\epsilon^2 N)$$

• Actually

$$P[\exists h \in \mathcal{H} \text{ s.t. } |E_{in}(h) - E_{out}(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 2 \cdot 2^{m_H(2N)} \cdot \exp(-\frac{1}{16}\epsilon^2 N)$$

• Sketch of proof

1 - $P[\exists h \in \mathcal{H} \text{ s.t. } |E_{in}(h) - E_{out}(h)| > \epsilon]$
it is actually ∞

• replace $E_{out}(h)$ w/ $E_{in'}(h)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} P[|E_{in}(h) - E_{out}(h)| > \epsilon] \leq P[|E_{in}(h) - E_{in'}(h)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}]$$

\hookrightarrow ghost data

2 - E_{in} w/ D $E_{in'}$ w/ D'
 $\mathcal{H} = \{h(x_1, \dots, x_N, x'_1, \dots, x'_N)\}$
 \therefore union bound $m_H(2N)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BAD} \leq 2P[|E_{in}(h) - E_{in'}(h)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}] \leq 2 m_H(2N) P[\text{fixed } h |E_{in}(h) - E_{in'}(h)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}]$$

3 - $|E_{in} - E_{in'}| > \frac{\epsilon}{2} \iff |E_{in} - \frac{E_{in} + E_{in'}}{2}| > \frac{\epsilon}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BAD} \leq 2 m_H(2N) P[\text{fixed } h |E_{in}(h) - E_{in'}(h)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}] \leq 2 m_H(2N) \cdot 2 \exp(-2(\frac{\epsilon}{4})^2 N)$$

Vapnik - Chervonenkis (VC) bound:

$$P[\exists h \in \mathcal{H} \text{ s.t. } |E_{in}(h) - E_{out}(h)| > \epsilon] \leq 4 m_H(2N) e^{-\frac{1}{8}\epsilon^2 N}$$

V.C. Dimension

- recall
- Δ $E_{out} \approx E_{in}$ possible if $\exists k$ if N large enough
- Δ $m_H(N)$ (when \exists break pt. k)
 $m_H(N) \leq \mathcal{B}(N, k) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i}$
- when $N \geq 2, k \geq 3$
 $m_H(N) \leq \mathcal{B}(N, k) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{N}{i} \approx N^{k-1}$
- V.C. Dimension
- max non-break point
- break point -1
- \Rightarrow largest N for which $m_H(N) = 2^N$
- $\Rightarrow d_{VC} = \min(k-1, N)$ if $\exists k$ $d_{VC} \rightarrow \infty$

$\Delta N \leq d_{VC} \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ can shatter same N inputs
 $\Delta N > d_{VC} \Rightarrow k$ also cannot shatter N points

Perceptron Learning Algorithm

ID $d=1, d_{VC}=2$
2D $d=2, d_{VC}=3$
3D $d=3, d_{VC}=4$?

• **FACT**
 $d_{VC} = d+1$
proof using 3D case
- target $d_{VC} \geq d+1$
 $d_{VC} \leq d+1$
- what is $d_{VC} \geq d+1$
 \Rightarrow we can shatter some $d+1$ inputs
 $\Delta d_{VC} \geq d+1$
let $X = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1^T \\ -x_2^T \\ -x_3^T \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} -x_1^T & -x_2^T & -x_3^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$
eg. 2D: \dots
- $\exists x^T$
- recall perceptron: $\text{sign}(Xw) = y$
let $Xw = y$
 $\therefore w = X^T y$
- any y correspond to w all dichotomies exist! shattered!

- what is $d_{VC} \leq d+1$
 \Rightarrow we cannot shatter any set of $d+2$ inputs
- 2D special case
 $\therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1^T \\ -x_2^T \\ -x_3^T \\ -x_4^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow w^T X_0 = w^T x_1 + w^T x_2 + w^T x_3 = w^T x_4$
 $\Rightarrow w^T x_4 = w^T x_1 + w^T x_2 + w^T x_3$
therefore: not shattered.
- if linear dependencies exist $d+2$ cannot be shattered
 $X = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1^T \\ -x_2^T \\ -x_3^T \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ non-calc
- $X_0 = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n$
 $w^T X_0 = \alpha_1 w^T x_1 + \alpha_2 w^T x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n w^T x_n$
therefore $w^T x_0$ must be $(+)$ cannot be shattered!