

In Lecture 24 we proved

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_k(A_1, \dots, A_k)} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (y_i - h(x_i))^2 \right| \leq 8 \prod_{j=1}^k (2LA_j) \cdot \mathbb{E} \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i h(x_i) \right| + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\mathcal{H}_k(A_1, \dots, A_k)) &:= \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_k(A_1, \dots, A_k)} \left| \mathbb{E} \mathcal{L}(y, h(x)) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(y_i, h(x_i)) \right| \\ &\leq 8 \prod_{j=1}^k (2LA_j) \cdot \mathbb{E} \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i h(x_i) \right| + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}} + 8\sqrt{\frac{t}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

with probability at least $1 - e^{-t}$.

Assume \mathcal{H} is a VC-subgraph class, $-1 \leq h \leq 1$.

We had the following result:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_\varepsilon \left(\forall h \in \mathcal{H}, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i h(x_i) \leq \frac{K}{\sqrt{n}} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h^2(x_i)}} \log^{1/2} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}, \varepsilon, d_x) d\varepsilon \right. \\ \left. + K \sqrt{\frac{t}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h^2(x_i) \right)} \right) \geq 1 - e^{-t}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d_x(f, g) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x_i) - g(x_i))^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_\varepsilon \left(\forall h \in \mathcal{H}, \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i h(x_i) \right| \leq \frac{K}{\sqrt{n}} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h^2(x_i)}} \log^{1/2} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}, \varepsilon, d_x) d\varepsilon \right. \\ \left. + K \sqrt{\frac{t}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h^2(x_i) \right)} \right) \geq 1 - 2e^{-t}, \end{aligned}$$

Since $-1 \leq h \leq 1$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$,

$$\mathbb{P}_\varepsilon \left(\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i h(x_i) \right| \leq \frac{K}{\sqrt{n}} \int_0^1 \log^{1/2} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}, \varepsilon, d_x) d\varepsilon + K \sqrt{\frac{t}{n}} \right) \geq 1 - 2e^{-t},$$

Since \mathcal{H} is a VC-subgraph class with $VC(\mathcal{H}) = V$,

$$\log \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}, \varepsilon, d_x) \leq KV \log \frac{2}{\varepsilon}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \log^{1/2} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}, \varepsilon, d_x) d\varepsilon &\leq \int_0^1 \sqrt{KV \log \frac{2}{\varepsilon}} d\varepsilon \\ &\leq K\sqrt{V} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log \frac{2}{\varepsilon}} d\varepsilon \leq K\sqrt{V} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\xi \geq 0$ be a random variable. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\xi &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(\xi \geq t) dt = \int_0^a \mathbb{P}(\xi \geq t) dt + \int_a^\infty \mathbb{P}(\xi \geq t) dt \\ &\leq a + \int_a^\infty \mathbb{P}(\xi \geq t) dt = a + \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(\xi \geq a+u) du \end{aligned}$$

Let $K\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} = a$ and $K\sqrt{\frac{t}{n}} = u$. Then $e^{-t} = e^{-\frac{nu^2}{K^2}}$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i h(x_i) \right| &\leq K\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \int_0^\infty 2e^{-\frac{nu^2}{K^2}} du \\ &= K\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \int_0^\infty \frac{K}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-x^2} dx \\ &\leq K\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \frac{K}{\sqrt{n}} \leq K\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

for $V \geq 2$. We made a change of variable so that $x^2 = \frac{nu^2}{K^2}$. Constants K change their values from line to line.

We obtain,

$$Z(\mathcal{H}_k(A_1, \dots, A_k)) \leq K \prod_{j=1}^k (2LA_j) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}} + 8\sqrt{\frac{t}{n}}$$

with probability at least $1 - e^{-t}$.

Assume that for any j , $A_j \in (2^{-\ell_j-1}, 2^{-\ell_j}]$. This defines ℓ_j . Let

$$\mathcal{H}_k(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k) = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{H}_k(A_1, \dots, A_k) : A_j \in (2^{-\ell_j-1}, 2^{-\ell_j}] \}.$$

Then the empirical process

$$Z(\mathcal{H}_k(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k)) \leq K \prod_{j=1}^k (2L \cdot 2^{-\ell_j}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}} + 8\sqrt{\frac{t}{n}}$$

with probability at least $1 - e^{-t}$.

For a given sequence (ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_k) , redefine t as $t + 2 \sum_{j=1}^k \log |w_j|$ where $w_j = \ell_j$ if $\ell_j \neq 0$ and $w_j = 1$ if $\ell_j = 0$.

With this t ,

$$Z(\mathcal{H}_k(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k)) \leq K \prod_{j=1}^k (2L \cdot 2^{-\ell_j}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}} + 8\sqrt{\frac{t + 2 \sum_{j=1}^k \log |w_j|}{n}}$$

with probability at least

$$1 - e^{-t - 2 \sum_{j=1}^k \log |w_j|} = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{|w_j|^2} e^{-t}.$$

By union bound, the above holds for all $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k \in \mathcal{Z}$ with probability at least

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \sum_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k \in \mathcal{Z}} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{|w_j|^2} e^{-t} &= 1 - \left(\sum_{\ell_1 \in \mathcal{Z}} \frac{1}{|w_1|^2} \right)^k e^{-t} \\ &= 1 - \left(1 + 2 \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right)^k e^{-t} \geq 1 - 5^k e^{-t} = 1 - e^{-u} \end{aligned}$$

for $t = u + k \log 5$.

Hence, with probability at least $1 - e^{-u}$,

$$\forall (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k), Z(\mathcal{H}_k(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k)) \leq K \prod_{j=1}^k (2L \cdot 2^{-\ell_j}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}} + 8\sqrt{\frac{2 \sum_{j=1}^k \log |w_j| + k \log 5 + u}{n}}.$$

If $A_j \in (2^{-\ell_j - 1}, 2^{-\ell_j}]$, then $-\ell_j - 1 \leq \log A_j \leq \ell_j$ and $|\ell_j| \leq |\log A_j| + 1$. Hence, $|w_j| \leq |\log A_j| + 1$. Therefore, with probability at least $1 - e^{-u}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall (\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k), Z(\mathcal{H}_k(\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_k)) &\leq K \prod_{j=1}^k (4L \cdot A_j) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &\quad + 8\sqrt{\frac{2 \sum_{j=1}^k \log (|\log A_j| + 1) + k \log 5 + u}{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $\log(|\log A_j| + 1)$ is large when A_j is very large or very small. This is penalty and we want the product term to be dominating. But $\log \log A_j \leq 5$ for most practical applications.