

Talagrand's Inequality

1. notation:

- ① S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N are sets
- ② μ_1, \dots, μ_N are probability measure on S_1, \dots, S_N respectively.
- ③ Let \mathcal{P} be the product measure $\mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_N$ on $S = S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$

2. a distance: For $\underline{x} \in S$ and $A \subseteq S$ define

$$U_A(\underline{x}) = \{ (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) \in \{0, 1\}^N : \exists y \in A \text{ s.t. } x_i = y_i \text{ for all } i \text{ with } \lambda_i = 1 \}$$

$V_A(\underline{x})$ = the convex hull of $U_A(\underline{x})$

$$= \left\{ \sum \lambda_i \underline{a}_i : \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum \lambda_i = 1, \underline{a}_i \in U_A(\underline{x}) \right\}$$

Remark:

$$1. U_A(\underline{x}) = \bigcup_{y \in A} \left\{ (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) : \lambda_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i = y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{if o.w.} \end{cases} \right\}$$

$$2. V_A(\underline{x}) \subseteq [0, 1] \times \dots \times [0, 1]$$

$$3. d(A, \underline{x}) = d_E(V_A(\underline{x}), \underline{0}) = \inf \left\{ \sqrt{u_1^2 + \dots + u_N^2} : (u_1, \dots, u_N) \in V_A(\underline{x}) \right\}$$

Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^N

Remark:

- ① If $A = \emptyset$, then $U_A(\underline{x}) = V_A(\underline{x}) = \emptyset$ and we set $d(A, \underline{x}) = \infty$.
- ② If $A \neq \emptyset$, then $d(A, \underline{x}) < \infty$, since $(1, \dots, 1) \in U_A(\underline{x}) \subseteq V_A(\underline{x})$.
Moreover, the infimum in the def. of $V_A(\underline{x})$ is attained, since $U_A(\underline{x})$ is a finite set and thus $V_A(\underline{x})$ is compact.

note: $d(A, \underline{x}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d_E(V_A(\underline{x}), \underline{0}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{0} \in V_A(\underline{x})$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{0} \in U_A(\underline{x}) \quad (\because U_A(\underline{x}) \subseteq \{0, 1\}^N)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{x} \in A$$

General form of

3. Thm (Talagrand's Inequality)

For every (measurable) set $A \subseteq S$, $S = S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$

$$\int_S e^{\frac{1}{4} d^2(A, \underline{x})} d\mathcal{P}(\underline{x}) \leq \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}(A)}$$

pf: Induction on N . (The bold student may start with the really trivial case $N=0$ instead)

Talagrand's Inequality

[Base] $N=1$. For nonempty set $A \subseteq S = S_1$, note that $x \notin A \Rightarrow U_A(x) = \{1\}$ and $V_A(x) = \{-1\} \Rightarrow d(A, x) = 1$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_S e^{\frac{1}{4}d^2(A, x)} d\mathcal{P}(x) \\ &= \int_A e^{\frac{1}{4}d^2(A, x)} d\mathcal{P}(x) + \int_{S \setminus A} e^{\frac{1}{4}d^2(A, x)} d\mathcal{P}(x) \\ &= \mathcal{P}(A) + e^{\frac{1}{4}}(1 - \mathcal{P}(A)) \quad (\because [x \in A \Rightarrow d(A, x) = 0] \text{ and } [\mathcal{P}(S) = 1]) \\ &\leq \mathcal{P}(A) + 2(1 - \mathcal{P}(A)) = 2 - \mathcal{P}(A) \leq \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}(A)} \quad (\because x(2-t) \leq 1 \text{ for all } 0 \leq t \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

[Induction hypothesis] Assume that the result holds for $N \geq 1$.

- Write $S^{(k)} = S_1 \times \dots \times S_k$, $\mathcal{P}_k = \mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_k$.
- Denote element in $S^{(N+1)}$ by (x, λ) with $x \in S^{(N)}$, $\lambda \in S_{N+1}$.

[Induction part] Let $A \subseteq S^{(N+1)}$ be a measurable subset.

- For $\lambda \in S_{N+1}$, define $A(\lambda) = \{x \in S^{(N)} : (x, \lambda) \in A\}$ (a section of A)
- define $B = \bigcup_{\lambda \in S_{N+1}} A(\lambda)$ (the projection of A on $S^{(N)}$)

- Remark: Each $A(\lambda)$ is measurable, but, in general, B is not; thus we select a measurable subset $B_0 \subseteq B$ of maximal \mathcal{P}_N measure. Thus $\mathcal{P}_N(B) \geq \mathcal{P}_N(A(\lambda))$ for every λ ($\because A(\lambda) \subseteq B$ is measurable). We may assume that $\mathcal{P}_N(B_0) > 0$, since otherwise $\mathcal{P}_{N+1}(A) = 0$ and the result is trivial.

Observation:

- For any $x \in S^{(N)}$ and $\lambda \in S_{N+1}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x} \in U_{A(\lambda)}(x) &\Rightarrow \exists \underline{y} \in A(\lambda) \text{ s.t. } \rho_i = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i \neq y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N \\ &\Rightarrow \exists (y, \lambda) \in A \text{ s.t. } \rho_i = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i \neq y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N+1, \text{ where } x_{N+1} = \lambda \\ &\Rightarrow (\underline{x}, 0) \in U_A(x, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$
- $\underline{x} \in U_B(x) \Rightarrow \exists \underline{y} \in B$ s.t. $t_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \neq y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \exists \underline{y} \in A(\lambda') \text{ for some } \lambda' \in S_{N+1} \text{ s.t. } t_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \neq y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N \\ &\Rightarrow \exists (y, \lambda') \in A \text{ s.t. } t_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \neq y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N \\ &\Rightarrow (\underline{x}, 1) \in U_A(x, \lambda') \text{ for any } \lambda' \in S_{N+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \underline{x} \in V_{A(\lambda)}(x) &\Rightarrow \underline{x} = \sum \lambda_i \underline{\rho}_i, \underline{\rho}_i \in U_{A(\lambda)}(x) \Rightarrow (\underline{x}, 0) = \sum \lambda_i (\underline{\rho}_i, 0) \\ &\Rightarrow (\underline{x}, 0) \in V_A(x, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$\because \textcircled{1} \forall (\underline{\rho}_i, 0) \in U_A(x, \lambda)$

④ $\underline{t} \in V_{B_0}(\underline{x}) \subseteq V_B(\underline{x}) \Rightarrow \underline{t} = \sum \lambda_i \underline{t}_i, \underline{t}_i \in U_B(\underline{x})$
 $\Rightarrow (\underline{t}, 1) = \sum \lambda_i (\underline{t}_i, 1), (\underline{t}_i, 1) \in U_A(\underline{x}, \lambda) \quad \because \textcircled{2}$
 $\Rightarrow (\underline{t}, 1) \in V_A(\underline{x}, \lambda) \text{ for any } \lambda \in S_{N+1}$

⑤ If $\underline{a} \in V_A(\underline{x}), \underline{t} \in V_{B_0}(\underline{x})$ and $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$
 then $(\underline{a}, 0) \in V_A(\underline{x}, \lambda), (\underline{t}, 1) \in V_A(\underline{x}, \lambda)$ and $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$
 and hence

$(1-\tau)(\underline{a}, 0) + \tau(\underline{t}, 1) \in V_A(\underline{x}, \lambda)$
 i.e. $(\underline{(1-\tau)\underline{a} + \tau\underline{t}}, \tau) \in V_A(\underline{x}, \lambda)$

Claim A For any $\lambda \in S_{N+1}$ and $\tau \in [0, 1]$,

$d^2(A, (\underline{x}, \lambda)) \leq \tau^2 + (1-\tau)d^2(A(\lambda), \underline{x}) + \tau d^2(B_0, \underline{x})$

pf: $d^2(A, (\underline{x}, \lambda)) \leq \inf_{\substack{\underline{a} \in V_A(\underline{x}) \\ \underline{t} \in V_{B_0}(\underline{x})}} \|(\underline{(1-\tau)\underline{a} + \tau\underline{t}}, \tau)\|^2 \quad (\because \textcircled{5} \text{ and the def. of } d(\cdot))$

$= \inf_{\substack{\underline{a} \in V_A(\underline{x}) \\ \underline{t} \in V_{B_0}(\underline{x})}} \left[\tau^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N [(1-\tau)a_i + \tau t_i]^2 \right]$

$\leq \inf_{\substack{\underline{a} \in V_A(\underline{x}) \\ \underline{t} \in V_{B_0}(\underline{x})}} \left[\tau^2 + (1-\tau)\|\underline{a}\|^2 + \tau\|\underline{t}\|^2 \right] \quad (\because \text{the convexity of the function } f(u) = \|u\|^2)$

$= \tau^2 + (1-\tau)d^2(A(\lambda), \underline{x}) + \tau d^2(B_0, \underline{x}) \quad \text{QED}$

Hölder's Ineq: For $1 < p < \infty, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, if $f \in L^p = \{h: \int_{\Omega} |h|^p d\mu < \infty\}$ and $g \in L^q$ then $fg \in L^1$ and $\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$ i.e.

$\int_{\Omega} |fg| d\mu \leq \left(\int_{\Omega} |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |g|^q d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$

Claim B

Suppose $0 \leq l \leq 1$. Then $\inf_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1} e^{\frac{\tau^2}{4}} (l)^{\tau-1} \leq 2-l$.

pf:

Finally, $\int_{S^{(N+1)}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}d^2(A, \underline{x})} d\mathcal{P}_{N+1}(\underline{y})$

$= \int_{S_{N+1}} \int_{S^{(N)}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}d^2(A, (\underline{x}, \lambda))} d\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{x}) d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$

$\leq \int_{S_{N+1}} \int_{S^{(N)}} e^{-\frac{1}{4} [\tau^2 + (1-\tau) d^2(A(\lambda), \underline{x}) + \tau d^2(B_0, \underline{x})]} d\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{x}) d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$ (∵ claim A)

$= \int_{S_{N+1}} e^{\frac{1}{4}\tau^2} \int_{S^{(N)}} \left[e^{-\frac{d^2(A(\lambda), \underline{x})}{4}} \right]^{1-\tau} \left[e^{-\frac{d^2(B_0, \underline{x})}{4}} \right]^{\tau} d\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{x}) d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$ for any $\tau \in [0, 1]$
 $\lambda \in S_{N+1}$.

$\leq \int_{S_{N+1}} e^{\frac{1}{4}\tau^2} \left[\int_{S^{(N)}} e^{-\frac{d^2(A(\lambda), \underline{x})}{4}} d\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{x}) \right]^{1-\tau} \left[\int_{S^{(N)}} e^{-\frac{d^2(B_0, \underline{x})}{4}} d\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{x}) \right]^{\tau} d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$

$\leq \int_{S_{N+1}} e^{\frac{1}{4}\tau^2} \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_N(A(\lambda))} \right]^{1-\tau} \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \right]^{\tau} d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$ Hölder's inequality

$= \int_{S_{N+1}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} e^{\frac{\tau^2}{4}} \left[\frac{\mathcal{P}_N(A(\lambda))}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \right]^{\tau-1} d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$ induction hypothesis

for any $\tau \in [0, 1]$
 $\lambda \in S_{N+1}$

⊙ Thuo $\int_{S^{(N+1)}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}d^2(A, \underline{y})} d\mathcal{P}_{N+1}(\underline{y})$

$\leq \int_{S_{N+1}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \inf_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1} e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{4}} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_N(A(\lambda))}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \right)^{\tau-1} d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$

$\leq \int_{S_{N+1}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \left(2 - \frac{\mathcal{P}_N(A(\lambda))}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \right) d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda)$ (∵ claim B)

$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \left(2 - \frac{\mathcal{P}_{N+1}(A)}{\mathcal{P}_N(B_0)} \right)$

$\leq \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{N+1}(A)}$

(∵ $2-t \leq \frac{1}{t}$ for all $t \geq 0$
ie $t(2-t) \leq 1$ for all $t \geq 0$)

$\left(\begin{aligned} &\because A(\lambda) = \{ \underline{x} \in S^{(N)} : (\underline{x}, \lambda) \in A \} \\ &\text{so } \int_{S_{N+1}} \int_{A(\lambda)} 1 d\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{x}) d\mu_{N+1}(\lambda) \\ &= \int_A 1 d\mathcal{P}_{N+1}(\underline{x}, \lambda) \\ &= \mathcal{P}_{N+1}(A) \\ &\text{by Fubini's theorem} \end{aligned} \right)$

4. Thm (Talagrand 1995) Suppose A and $B \subseteq S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$ are two measurable subsets s.t. for some $t \geq 0$ the following separation condition holds

(S) For every $\underline{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in B$ there \exists a $\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\}$ ($\underline{\alpha}$ may depend on \underline{z}) s.t. for every $(y_1, \dots, y_N) \in A$,

$$\sum_{i \in [N] \text{ with } y_i \neq z_i} \alpha_i \geq t \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = t \|\underline{\alpha}\|$$

Then $\mathcal{P}(A) \mathcal{P}(B) \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{4}}$

pf: Given $\underline{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in B$. Let $\underline{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\}$ be as in condition (S). Assume $\alpha_i \geq 0$ otherwise we replace α_i by $|\alpha_i|$.

Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be the inner product in \mathbb{R}^N .

Claim A: $\underline{z} \in U_A(\underline{z}) \Rightarrow \langle \underline{\alpha}, \underline{z} \rangle \geq t \|\underline{\alpha}\|$

pf: $\underline{z} = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N) \in U_A(\underline{z})$
 $\Rightarrow \exists \underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_N) \in A$ such that $s_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_i \neq y_i \\ 0, 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$
 $\Rightarrow \langle \underline{\alpha}, \underline{z} \rangle \geq t \|\underline{\alpha}\|$

Claim B: $\underline{z} \in V_A(\underline{z}) \Rightarrow t \leq \|\underline{z}\|$

pf: $\underline{z} \in V_A(\underline{z})$
 $\Rightarrow \underline{z} = \sum \lambda_i \underline{z}_i$ where $\sum \lambda_i = 1, \underline{z}_i \in U_A(\underline{z})$
 $\Rightarrow \langle \underline{\alpha}, \underline{z} \rangle = \sum \lambda_i \langle \underline{\alpha}, \underline{z}_i \rangle \geq \sum \lambda_i t \|\underline{\alpha}\| = t \|\underline{\alpha}\|$ (\because claim A)
 $\Rightarrow t \|\underline{\alpha}\| \leq \langle \underline{\alpha}, \underline{z} \rangle \leq \|\underline{\alpha}\| \|\underline{z}\|$ by Cauchy-Schwarz ineq.
 $\Rightarrow t \leq \|\underline{z}\|$ ($\because \|\underline{\alpha}\| > 0$)

Claim C: $\underline{z} \in B \Rightarrow d(A, \underline{z}) \geq t$

pf: $\underline{z} \in B \Rightarrow d(A, \underline{z}) = d_E(V_A(\underline{z}), \underline{0})$ the Euclidean distance from 0 to $V_A(\underline{z})$.
 $\Rightarrow d(A, \underline{z}) \geq t$ Done!

Talagrand's ineq (general form)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}(A)} &\geq \int_{S_1 \times \dots \times S_N} e^{-\frac{1}{4} d^2(A, \underline{x})} d\mathcal{P}(x) \geq \int_B e^{-\frac{1}{4} d^2(A, \underline{x})} d\mathcal{P}(x) \\ &\geq \int_B e^{-\frac{1}{4} t^2} d\mathcal{P}(x) \geq e^{-\frac{t^2}{4}} \mathcal{P}(B) \end{aligned}$$

QED

5. Thm • Z_1, \dots, Z_N are indep. rvs taking values in S_1, \dots, S_N resp.
 • $f: S_1 \times \dots \times S_N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Lipschitz with $\underline{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_N)$
 such that for some function $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the following condition holds

(C) If $\underline{z} \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$ with $f(\underline{z}) \geq r$
 then $\exists J \subseteq [N]$ having $\sum_{j \in J} c_j^2 \leq \varphi(r)$
 such that for all $\underline{y} \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$ with $y_i = \begin{cases} z_i & \text{if } i \in J \\ * & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$
 we have $f(\underline{y}) \geq r$.
i.e. if $\underline{z}, \underline{z}' \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$ differ only in the k th coordinate then $|f(\underline{z}) - f(\underline{z}')| \leq c_k$.
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Then, for every $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t \geq 0$,

$$\mathcal{P}\{f(Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \leq r - t\} \mathcal{P}\{f(Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \geq r\} \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{4\varphi(r)}}$$

pf: Let $A = \{\underline{y} \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_N : f(\underline{y}) \leq r - t\}$
 $B = \{\underline{z} \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_N : f(\underline{z}) \geq r\}$ Assume $t > 0$ ($\because t=0$ is trivial)

Claim: For every $\underline{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in B$, there \exists a $\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\}$
 ($\underline{\alpha}$ may depend on \underline{z}) s.t. for every $\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_N) \in A$

$$\sum_{i \in [N] \text{ with } y_i \neq z_i} \alpha_i \geq \frac{t}{\sqrt{\varphi(r)}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|$$

pf: $\underline{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in B$
 $\rightarrow f(\underline{z}) \geq r \Rightarrow \exists J \subseteq [N]$ having $\sum_{j \in J} c_j^2 \leq \varphi(r)$ (\because (C))

Define $\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$ with $\alpha_i = \begin{cases} c_i & i \in J \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$
 Then $\|\underline{\alpha}\|^2 = \sum_{j \in J} c_j^2 \leq \varphi(r)$.

For all $\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_N) \in A$, define $\underline{y}' = (y'_1, \dots, y'_N) \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$ by
 $y'_i = \begin{cases} z_i & \text{if } i \in J \\ y_i & \text{if } i \notin J \end{cases}$

Then (C) 的後半段 $\Rightarrow f(\underline{y}') \geq r \Rightarrow f(\underline{y}') - t \geq r - t \geq f(\underline{y})$ ($\because \underline{y} \in A$)
 $\Rightarrow t \leq |f(\underline{y}') - f(\underline{y})| \leq \sum_{i \in J: y_i \neq z_i} c_i$ (\because Lipschitz condition #5 三角不等式)
 $= \sum_{i \in [N]: y_i \neq z_i} \alpha_i$

Since $t \geq \frac{t}{\sqrt{\varphi(r)}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|$ (\because), we have $\sum_{i \in [N]: y_i \neq z_i} \alpha_i \geq \frac{t}{\sqrt{\varphi(r)}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|$ ($\because t > 0$)
 end of claim

Note that $\mathcal{P}_{Z_1}, \dots, \mathcal{P}_{Z_N}$ are prob. measures on S_1, \dots, S_N resp.

i.e. $\mathcal{P}_{Z_i}(C) = \mathcal{P}(Z_i \in C) \rightarrow i=1, 2, \dots, N$. Assume Z_1, \dots, Z_N are rvs on prob. space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$.

Then $\mathcal{P}(Z_1, \dots, Z_N)$ is the product measure on $S_1 \times \dots \times S_N$

i.e.

$$\mathcal{P}(Z_1, \dots, Z_N)(C) = \mathcal{P}((Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \in C)$$

$$\text{Item 4} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{(Z_1, \dots, Z_N)}(A) \mathcal{P}_{(Z_1, \dots, Z_N)}(B) \leq e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{\varphi(r)}}\right)^2}{4}} = e^{-\frac{t^2}{4\varphi(r)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}((Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \in A) \mathcal{P}((Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \in B) \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{4\varphi(r)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(f(Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \leq r-t) \mathcal{P}(f(Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \geq r) \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{4\varphi(r)}}$$

QED.

Talagrand's first Inequality

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i.e. $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}_P(X \in A)$

1. $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$: a probability space.

X_1, \dots, X_n iid random variables with common distribution \mathcal{P} .

$$\Omega^n = \underbrace{\Omega \times \dots \times \Omega}_n$$

taking its values in Ω .

$\mathcal{F}^n = \underbrace{\mathcal{F} \times \dots \times \mathcal{F}}_n =$ the smallest σ -algebra containing $\{A_i \times \dots \times A_n : A_i \in \mathcal{F}, i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$\mathcal{P} = \mu = \underbrace{\mathcal{P} \times \dots \times \mathcal{P}}_n =$ the product of probability measures $\mathcal{P} \times \dots \times \mathcal{P}$

remark: we have $\mathcal{P}(A \times B) = \mathcal{P}(A)\mathcal{P}(B)$ for all $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$.

2. Hamming distance $d_H(x, y)$: For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \Omega^n$,
 $d_H(x, y) = \#\{i \mid x_i \neq y_i\}$

$d_H(A, x) = \min_{y \in A} d_H(x, y)$ where $A \in \mathcal{F}^n$ a measurable set.

3 Lemma 5: For any r.v. $Y \in [0, 1]$ and $a > 1$,

$$E\{\min(a, \frac{1}{Y})\} E\{Y\} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{a + \frac{1}{a}}{4}$$

pf:

$$E\{\min(a, \frac{1}{Y})\} E\{Y\} \leq E\{\frac{1}{\max(\frac{1}{a}, Y)}\} E\{\max(\frac{1}{a}, Y)\} = E\{\frac{1}{Z}\} E\{Z\}$$

where $Z = \max(\frac{1}{a}, Y) \in [\frac{1}{a}, 1]$.

Claim: If Z is a r.v. with values in $[\frac{1}{a}, 1]$

then $E\{\frac{1}{Z}\} E\{Z\} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{a + \frac{1}{a}}{4}$.

pf: We want to show that if $E\{Z'\} = E\{Z\}$ with $Z \in \{\frac{1}{a}, 1\}$ for some r.v. Z' then we have $E\{\frac{1}{Z}\} \leq E\{\frac{1}{Z'}\}$.

Indeed, the right figure shows that

$$\frac{1}{Z} \leq -Za + a + 1$$

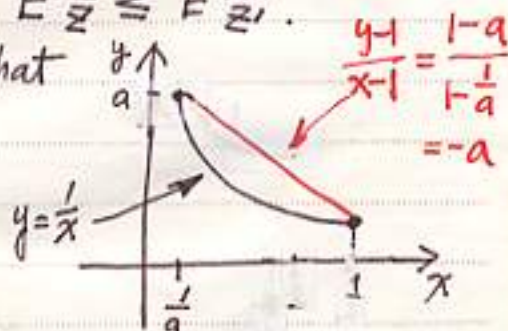
$$\Rightarrow E\{\frac{1}{Z}\} \leq -aE\{Z\} + a + 1$$

$$= -aE\{Z'\} + a + 1$$

$$= -a\{P(Z'=1) + \frac{1}{a}P(Z'=\frac{1}{a})\}$$

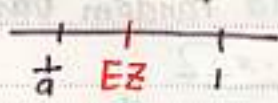
$$+ (a+1)\{P(Z'=1) + P(Z'=\frac{1}{a})\}$$

$$= P(Z'=1) + aP(Z'=\frac{1}{a}) = E\{\frac{1}{Z'}\}$$



Jensen's Inequality

Since $EZ \in [\frac{1}{a}, 1]$ ($\because Z \in [\frac{1}{a}, 1]$), we can find $p \in [0, 1]$ s.t.

$EZ = p + \frac{1}{a}(1-p)$ (\because ) and we can find p i.e. the desired r.v. Z' exists.

i.e. let $P(Z'=1) = p$ s.t. $EZ = \frac{1}{a} + p(1 - \frac{1}{a})$
 $P(Z'=\frac{1}{a}) = 1-p$. Then we have $= p + \frac{1}{a}(1-p)$

$EZ' = EZ$ and $Z' \in \{1, \frac{1}{a}\}$.

Next *

$\Rightarrow E\frac{1}{Z} \leq E\frac{1}{Z'}$

$\Rightarrow E\frac{1}{Z} EZ \leq E\frac{1}{Z'} EZ'$ ($\because EZ = EZ'$)

$\Rightarrow E\frac{1}{Z} EZ \leq (p + a(1-p))(p + \frac{1}{a}(1-p))$
 $= p^2 + \frac{1}{a}p - \frac{1}{a}p^2 + ap - ap^2 + 1 - 2p + p^2$
 $= (2 - a - \frac{1}{a})p^2 + (\frac{1}{a} + a - 2)p + 1 =)$

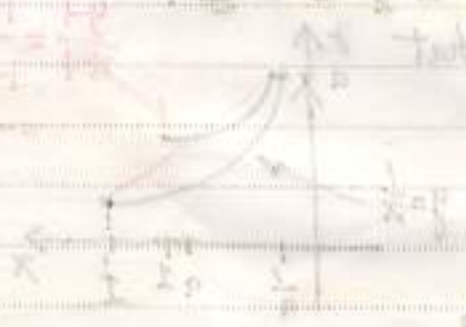
let $f(p) =)$, then $f'(p) = (4 - 2a - \frac{2}{a})p + (\frac{1}{a} + a - 2)$

let $f'(p) = 0$, we get $\hat{p} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Also $f''(p) = 4 - 2(a + \frac{1}{a}) < 0$ ($\because \frac{a+1}{2} > \sqrt{a \cdot \frac{1}{a}}$)

Therefore $E\frac{1}{Z} EZ \leq f(\hat{p}) = f(\frac{1}{2}) = (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{a}{2})(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2a})$
 $= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4a} + \frac{a}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{a + \frac{1}{a}}{4}$

QED.



4 Lemma 5' For any $\lambda > 0$,

$$E\{e^{-\lambda d_H(A, X)}\} \leq \frac{1}{P(X \in A)} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\lambda + e^{-\lambda}}{4} \right)^n$$

where $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \Omega^n$, X_1, \dots, X_n are iid r.v.s
 $A \subset \Omega^n$ an arbitrary measurable set.

pf: prove lemma 5' by induction on n .

$n=1$: i.e. r.v. X takes its value in Ω , $A \subset \Omega$.

$$\begin{aligned} E\{e^{-\lambda d_H(A, X)}\} &= E\{e^{-\lambda I_{\{X \in A\}}}\} = P\{X \in A\} + e^{-\lambda} P\{X \notin A\} \\ &= \min\{e^{-\lambda}, \frac{1}{2}\} P\{I_{\{X \in A\}} = 1\} + \min\{e^{-\lambda}, \frac{1}{2}\} P\{I_{\{X \in A\}} = 0\} \\ &= E\left\{\min\left(e^{-\lambda}, \frac{1}{I_{\{X \in A\}}}\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{E I_{\{X \in A\}}} E I_{\{X \in A\}} E\left\{\min\left(e^{-\lambda}, \frac{1}{I_{\{X \in A\}}}\right)\right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{P(X \in A)} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\lambda + e^{-\lambda}}{4} \right) \text{ by lemma 5. } (\because I_{\{X \in A\}} \in [0, 1])$$

Next assume lemma 5' is true for all $A \subset \Omega^n$. Then we prove that it is also true for every $A \subset \Omega^{n+1}$.

For $x_{n+1} \in \Omega$, denote $A(x_{n+1}) = \{x \in \Omega^n : (x, x_{n+1}) \in A\}$.

Claim: $d_H(A, (x, x_{n+1})) \leq d_H(A(x_{n+1}), x)$

pf: Say $y \in A(x_{n+1})$ with $d_H(y, x) = d_H(A(x_{n+1}), x)$.
 Thus $(y, x_{n+1}) \in A$. Since $d_H((y, x_{n+1}), (x, x_{n+1})) = d_H(y, x)$,
 we have $d_H(A, (x, x_{n+1})) \leq d_H(A(x_{n+1}), x)$. end of claim

Induction hypothesis \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} E\{e^{-\lambda d_H(A, (X, X_{n+1}))} \mid X_{n+1} = x_{n+1}\} &= E\{e^{-\lambda d_H(A(x_{n+1}), X)}\} \text{ by above claim} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{P\{X \in A(x_{n+1})\}} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\lambda + e^{-\lambda}}{4} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{P\{X \in A(x_{n+1})\}} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\lambda + e^{-\lambda}}{4} \right)^n$$

证明过程中并没有用到 X_1, \dots, X_n 为独立, iid

$\in \Omega$

Let $B = \{x \in \Omega^n : \exists x_{n+1} : (x, x_{n+1}) \in A\}$ the projection of A on Ω^n .

Claim: $d_H(A, (x, x_{n+1})) \leq d_H(B, x) + 1$.

pf: Say $y \in B$ with $d_H(y, x) = d_H(B, x)$. Thus we have

$(y, x_{n+1}') \in A$ for some $x_{n+1}' \in \Omega$.

Note that $d_H((y, x_{n+1}'), (x, x_{n+1})) \leq d_H(y, x) + 1$

Thus done!

(B) $E\{e^{\rho d_H(A, (X, X_{n+1}))} \mid X_{n+1} = x_{n+1}'\}$

$= E\{e^{\rho d_H(A, (X, x_{n+1}'))}\}$

$\leq E\{e^{\rho d_H(B, X) + \rho}\}$

$\leq \frac{e^\rho}{P(X \in B)} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n$

(C) (A)+(B) $\Rightarrow E\{e^{\rho d_H(A, (X, X_{n+1}))} \mid X_{n+1} = x_{n+1}'\}$

$\leq \min\left\{\frac{1}{P(X \in A(x_{n+1}'))}, \frac{e^\rho}{P(X \in B)}\right\} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n$

Therefore $E\{e^{\rho d_H(A, (X, X_{n+1}))}\}$

$= E\{E\{e^{\rho d_H(A, (X, X_{n+1}))} \mid X_{n+1}\}\}$

$= E\left\{\min\left\{\frac{1}{P(X \in A(x_{n+1})) \mid X_{n+1}}, \frac{e^\rho}{P(X \in B)}\right\} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n\right\}$

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$= \frac{1}{P(X \in B)} \frac{1}{E\left\{\frac{P(X \in A(x_{n+1})) \mid X_{n+1}}{P(X \in B)}\right\}} * E\left\{\min\left(e^\rho, \frac{P(X \in B)}{P(X \in A(x_{n+1})) \mid X_{n+1}}\right)\right\}$

$\leq \frac{1}{E\{P(X \in A(x_{n+1})) \mid X_{n+1}\}} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n$

(\because lemma 5 and $P(X \in B) = P(X \in \bigcup_{x_{n+1} \in \Omega} A(x_{n+1}))$)

$= \frac{1}{P(X \in A(x_{n+1}))} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n > P(X \in A(x_{n+1}))$

for any x_{n+1} .

$= \frac{1}{P((X, X_{n+1}) \in A)} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n$ done!

5 Thm 10 (Talagrand's first inequality): For any integer t , positive

$$\mathbb{P}\{d_H(A, X) \geq t\} \mathbb{P}\{X \in A\} \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}}$$

where $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \Omega^n$, X_1, \dots, X_n iid rvs note: 证明中并没有用到 iid.
 $A \subset \Omega^n$ an arbitrary measurable set.

pf: For $\rho > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{d_H(A, X) \geq t\} &= \mathbb{P}\{-\rho d_H(A, X) \geq -\rho t\} \\ &\leq e^{-\rho t} E\{e^{\rho d_H(A, X)}\} \\ \text{Item 4} \quad &\leq \frac{e^{-\rho t}}{\mathbb{P}(X \in A)} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{4}\right)^n = * \end{aligned}$$

Note that

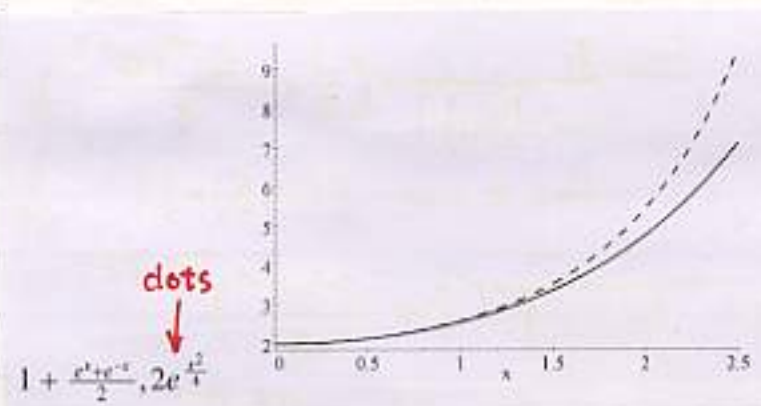
$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{e^\rho + e^{-\rho}}{2} &= 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^{2n}}{(2n)!} \\ &\leq 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^{2n}}{(4^n n!)/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2 \frac{\left(\frac{\rho^2}{4}\right)^n}{n!} = 2e^{\frac{\rho^2}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $* \leq \frac{e^{-\rho t} e^{\frac{\rho^2}{4}}}{\mathbb{P}(X \in A)}$

$$= \frac{e^{-\frac{2t}{n} t} e^{\frac{n}{4} \frac{4t^2}{n^2}}}{\mathbb{P}(X \in A)} \quad \text{by taking } \rho = \frac{2t}{n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}(X \in A)} e^{-\frac{2t^2}{n} + \frac{t^2}{n}} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}(X \in A)} e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}} \quad \text{QED.}$$

Remark:



$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} &= 2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}x^4 + \frac{1}{192}x^6 + \frac{1}{3072}x^8 + O(x^{10}) \\ 2e^{\frac{x^2}{4}} &= 2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{1}{720}x^6 + \frac{1}{40320}x^8 + O(x^{10}) \end{aligned}$$

6. Remark: Observe that on the left hand side we have the measure of the set of points whose Hamming distance from A is at least t .

If we consider a set with $\Pr\{A\} \approx \frac{1}{2}$, we see something very surprising: The measure of the set of points whose Hamming distance to A is more than $10\sqrt{n}$ is smaller than e^{-100} ! In other words, product measure are concentrated on extremely small sets - hence the name "concentration of measure".

Note that $1 + e^{-s} + e^{-s} + 1$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = (p + (1-p))^n = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = 1$$

$$P(X=A)$$

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2n}}$$

$$P(X=A)$$

$$P(X=A) = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

McDiarmid's ineq = Talagrand's First ineq

1. McDiarmid's Ineq:

- X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent rvs $X_i \in S_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$.
 - $f: S_1 \times S_2 \times \dots \times S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $|f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{y})| \leq c_i$ for all $\underline{x}, \underline{y}$ that differ only in the i th coordinate.
- Then for any $t > 0$,

$$P\{f(X_1, \dots, X_n) - Ef(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq t\} \leq e^{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}}$$

$$P\{f(X_1, \dots, X_n) - Ef(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq -t\} \leq e^{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}}$$

Talagrand's first Inequality

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- Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid rvs, $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$
- $A \subset S^n$ an arbitrary measurable set

Then for any $t > 0$,

$$P\{d_H(A, (X_1, \dots, X_n)) \geq t\} \leq \frac{1}{P\{(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in A\}} \cdot e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}}$$

2. Fact: The above two inequalities are equivalent.

pf: (Talagrand \Rightarrow McDiarmid)

median: The median of a r.v. Y is the set of all y s.t.

$$P(Y \leq y) \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } P(Y \geq y) \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ i.e. the place}$$

where $F(y) = P(Y \leq y)$ crosses $\frac{1}{2}$. $x, y \in S^n$

- Let $f: \underbrace{S \times \dots \times S}_{S^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $d_H(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \leq 1 \Rightarrow |f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{y})| \leq 1$

- Let $A = \{\underline{x} \in S^n : f(\underline{x}) \leq M[f]\}$, where $M[f]$ is the median of r.v. $f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ i.e. $P\{f(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq M[f]\} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and, $P\{f(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq M[f]\} \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Claim: $d_H(A, (x_1, \dots, x_n)) < t \Rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) - M[f] < t$

pf: Let $\underline{x}_0 = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then $\exists \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_{t-1} \in S^n$ s.t.

$$\underline{x}_0 \sim \underline{x}_1 \sim \underline{x}_2 \sim \dots \sim \underline{x}_{t-1} \in A \text{ with } d_H(\underline{x}_i, \underline{x}_{i+1}) \leq 1, i=0, \dots, t-2$$

$$|f(\underline{x}_0) - f(\underline{x}_{t-1})| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{t-2} |f(\underline{x}_i) - f(\underline{x}_{i+1})| \leq t-1 \text{ (}\because f \text{ is Lipschitz)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(\underline{x}_0) \leq f(\underline{x}_{t-1}) + t-1 \leq M[f] + t-1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) - M[f] \leq t-1 < t$$



McDiarmid's Ineq = Talagrand's Ineq

Therefore Talagrand's ineq

$$\Rightarrow P\{d_H(A, (X_1, \dots, X_n)) \geq t\} \leq \frac{e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}}}{P\{(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in A\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{d_H(A, (X_1, \dots, X_n)) \geq t\} \leq \frac{e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}}}{P\{f(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq M[f]\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{d_H(A, (X_1, \dots, X_n)) \geq t\} \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{f(X_1, \dots, X_n) - M[f] \geq t\} \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{n}} \quad (\because \text{前頁 claim})$$

This has the same form as McDiarmid's ineq, except that the expected value of $f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is replaced by its median. (The constants are also a bit worse, but that can be fixed.)

This difference is usually negligible, since

$$|Ef - Mf| \leq E|f - Mf| = \int_0^\infty P\{|f - Mf| > t\} dt$$

Remark For any nonnegative rv. X

$$EX = \int_0^\infty P(X > t) dt = \int_0^\infty (1 - F_X(t)) dt$$

so whenever the deviation of f from its mean is small, its expected value must be close to its median.

(Talagrand's ineq \Leftarrow McDiarmid)

For an arbitrary measurable subset $A \subseteq S^n$. Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Let $f(\underline{x}) : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $f(\underline{x}) = d_H(A, \underline{x})$

Note that $d_H(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d_H(A, \underline{x}) \leq 1 + d_H(A, \underline{y}) \\ d_H(A, \underline{y}) \leq 1 + d_H(A, \underline{x}) \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow |d_H(A, \underline{x}) - d_H(A, \underline{y})| \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{y})| \leq 1$$

$$\text{McDiarmid's ineq} \Rightarrow P\{f(\underline{X}) - Ef(\underline{X}) \leq -t\} \leq e^{-\frac{2t^2}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{Ed_H(A, \underline{X}) - d_H(A, \underline{X}) \geq t\} \leq e^{-\frac{2t^2}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{d_H(A, \underline{X}) \leq 0\} \leq \exp\left\{-\frac{2Ed_H(A, \underline{X})^2}{n}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{\underline{X} \in A\} \leq \exp\left\{-\frac{2Ed_H(A, \underline{X})^2}{n}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ed_H(A, \underline{X}) \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{1}{P(\underline{X} \in A)}} \quad *$$

Thm

$$P\{d_H(A, \underline{X}) \geq t + \sqrt{\frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{1}{P(\underline{X} \in A)}}\}$$

$$= P\{f(\underline{X}) \geq t + \sqrt{\frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{1}{P(\underline{X} \in A)}}\}$$

$$\leq P\{f(\underline{X}) \geq t + E d_H(A, \underline{X})\} \quad (\because *)$$

$$= P\{f(\underline{X}) \geq t + E f(\underline{X})\} \leq e^{-\frac{2t^2}{n}} \quad (\text{using McDiarmid's again})$$

or in other words,

$$P\{d_H(A, \underline{X}) \geq n\varepsilon\} \leq e^{-2n\left(\varepsilon - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n} \ln \frac{1}{P(\underline{X} \in A)}}\right)^2}$$

whenever $\varepsilon \geq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n} \ln \frac{1}{P(\underline{X} \in A)}}$,

which actually gives the optimal constant for Talagrand's first inequality.