

PAC Learning: Theorem 1

A $h \in \mathcal{H}$ is consistent with the training data if $\hat{R}(h) = 0$

Theorem 1:

$$N \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\log |\mathcal{H}| + \log \frac{1}{\delta} \right]$$

N examples is sufficient to ensure that

with prob $1-\delta$
all $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\hat{R}(h) = 0$ have $R(h) \leq \epsilon$

Union bound

$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$


$$P(\hat{R}(h_1) = 0) + P(\hat{R}(h_2) = 0) + P(\hat{R}(h_3) = 0) + \dots$$

① Assume k "bad" hypotheses $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k$ with $R(h_i) > \epsilon$

② Pick bad h_i : Prob h_i is consistent w/ first train point $\leq 1-\epsilon$
Prob h_i is consistent w/ first N train points $\leq (1-\epsilon)^N$
 $\hat{R}(h_i) = 0$

③ Prob at least one bad h_i is consistent w/ first N train points $\leq k(1-\epsilon)^N$
 $\leq |\mathcal{H}|(1-\epsilon)^N$

④ $1-x \leq e^{-x} \Rightarrow |\mathcal{H}|(1-\epsilon)^N \leq |\mathcal{H}|e^{-\epsilon N}$

⑤ Calc N and δ s.t. $|\mathcal{H}|e^{-\epsilon N} \leq \delta$

⑥ Solve N $|\mathcal{H}|/\delta \leq \frac{1}{e^{-\epsilon N}}$
 $\log |\mathcal{H}| + \log 1/\delta \leq \epsilon N$

Assume $N \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} [\log |\mathcal{H}| + \log 1/\delta]$

with prob δ

$\exists h$ s.t. $R(h) > \epsilon$ and $\hat{R}(h) = 0$ "bad"

with prob $1-\delta$
all $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with $R(h) > \epsilon$ have $\hat{R}(h) > 0$ "good"

$\Rightarrow$ all $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\hat{R}(h) = 0$ have $R(h) \leq \epsilon$

Contrapositive

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

$$\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A$$