

Random features and kernels

Goals: law of large numbers
random features as kernels

Office hr tomorrow 11 - noon

Homework Q's?

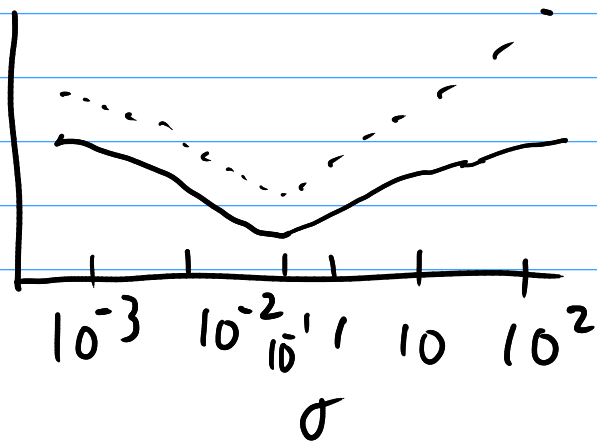
$$1.4 \quad \nabla_w L = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{P[Y_i = -y_i | \vec{x}_i]}_{\text{need practical form}} \vec{x}_i y_i$$

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$$\min_{\vec{w}, b} L_{\text{logistic}}(\vec{w}, b) + \lambda \|\vec{w}\|^2$$

cost = objective function

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after convergence

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{w} \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

loop

evaluate gradient at \vec{w}_t, b_t

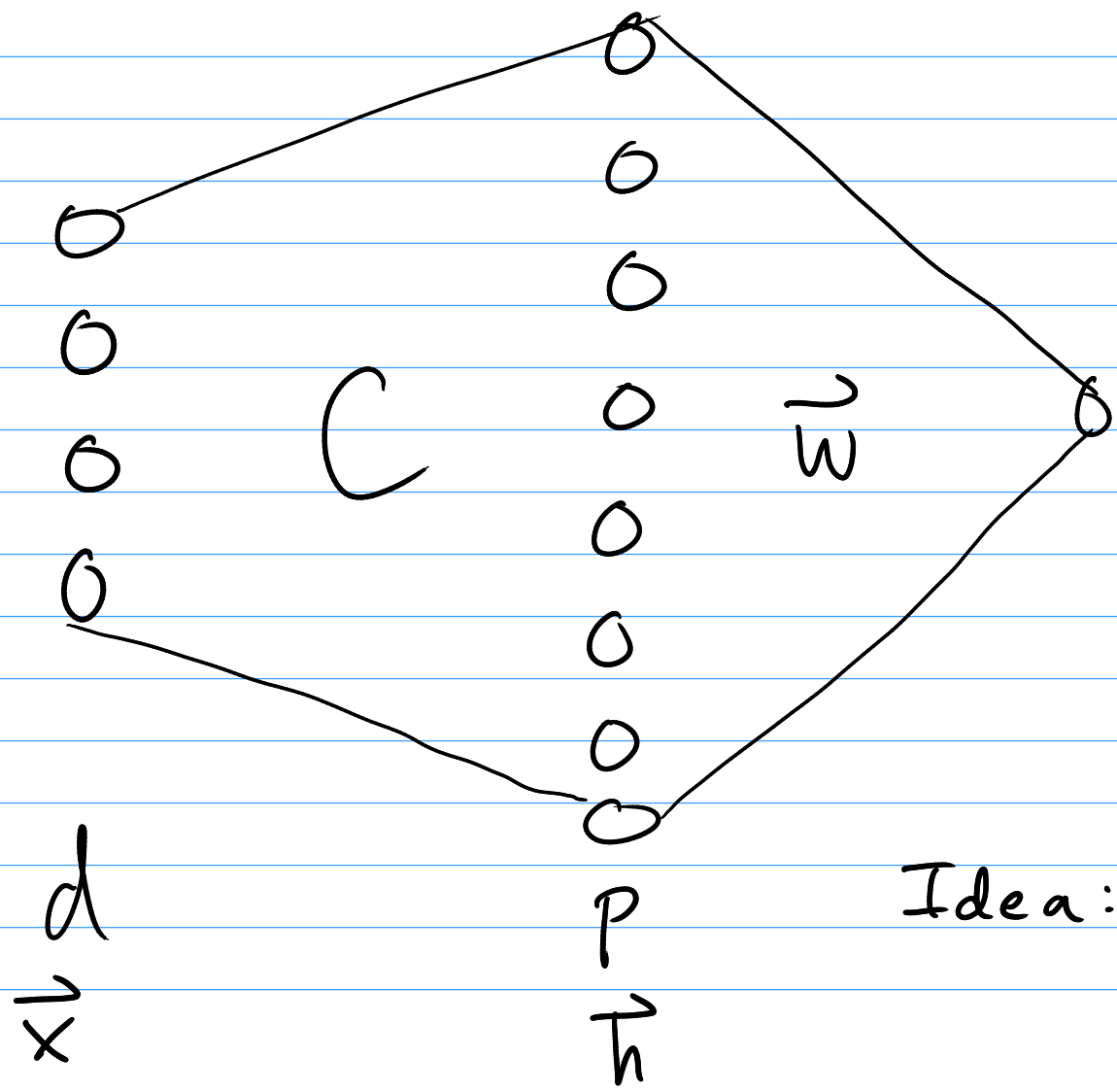
$$\vec{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \vec{w}_t + h \cdot \text{grad } w$$

$$b_{t+1} \leftarrow b_t + h \cdot \text{grad } b$$

$$\|\vec{w}_{t+1} - \vec{w}_t\|_{\infty}$$

Random Features

Rahimi
Recht 2008
Neal, Williams
1990's



2-layer NN

$$\vec{h} = g(C\vec{x})$$

$$h_i = g(\vec{c}_i^T \vec{x})$$

\uparrow i -th row

$$f(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^p w_i h_i$$

Idea: Think about $p \rightarrow \infty$
wide limit

Fix C to its random init

Going to study geometry of hidden layer representations

inner products

Take $\vec{x}, \vec{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ two inputs

$$\text{Study } \underbrace{\frac{1}{p} \vec{h}(\vec{x})^T}_{\in \mathbb{R}^p} \vec{h}(\vec{x}') = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p h_i(\vec{x}) h_i(\vec{x}') \\ = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p g(\underbrace{\vec{c}_i^T \vec{x}}_{\text{random}}) g(\underbrace{\vec{c}_i^T \vec{x}'}_{\text{random}})$$

Want to

take $p \rightarrow \infty$... renormalize sum

think of

$$h_i \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} h_i$$

like rescaling c 's to be $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{p}})$

Law of Large Numbers (weak law)



Collection of random vars
 $\in \mathbb{R}$

$X_i : \text{i.i.d. } i=1, \dots, p$

$$\text{Var}[X_i] = \sigma^2 < \infty$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i])^2]$$

Partial sum

random
var

$$S_p = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p X_i$$

in probability
 $\xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty}$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

not
random

$$\hat{S}_p = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p s_i$$

$$\int X_i dP(X_i)$$

$$\Pr[|S_p - \mathbb{E}[X_i]| > \varepsilon]$$

$\searrow 0$ as $p \rightarrow \infty$
for all $\varepsilon > 0$

Concentration inequality (ML, probability useful)

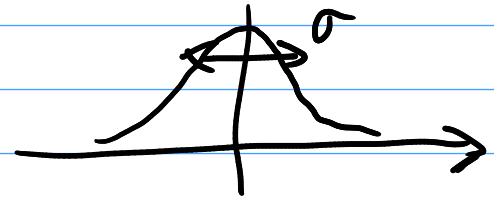
Markov, Hoeffding, etc.

Chebyshev's inequality X r.v. $\text{Var}[X] < \infty$

$$\Pr[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \geq a] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{a^2}$$

ex/ if $a = 5 \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$

$$\text{r.h.s.} = \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{(5 \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]})^2} = \frac{1}{25}$$



Use Chebyshev on $S_p = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p X_i$

Compute $E[S_p] = E\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p X_i\right] = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p E[X_i] = E[X_i]$

$$\text{Var}[S_p] = \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{X_i}{p}\right)\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^p \text{Var}\left[\left(\frac{X_i}{p}\right)\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2 \underbrace{\text{Var}[X_i]}_{\sigma^2}$$

$$= p \cdot \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[A+B] &= \text{Var}[A] + \text{Var}[B] \\ &\text{if } A, B \text{ indep.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}[zA] = z^2 \text{Var}[A]$$

Variance of
sample averages
decrease as $\frac{1}{p}$

Using Chebyshev,

$$\Pr[|S_p - \mathbb{E}[X_i]| \geq \epsilon] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{p\epsilon^2} \searrow 0$$

Ex/ 99% confidence $\Rightarrow \Pr[\text{further than } \epsilon] < 1\%$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{p\epsilon^2} < 0.01 \Rightarrow \epsilon > \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{p}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.01}}$$

tolerance $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}$

Returning to random features

$$\frac{1}{p} \vec{h}(\vec{x})^T \vec{h}(\vec{x}') = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p g(\vec{c}_i^T \vec{x}) g(\vec{c}_i^T \vec{x}')$$

iid \vec{c}_i

$$\xrightarrow{P} \mathbb{E}_{\vec{c}} [g(\vec{c}^T \vec{x}) g(\vec{c}^T \vec{x}')]]$$

$$:= k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \quad \text{random feature kernel}$$

kernel like in
ridge regression / SVM

geometry of network

works for g not too crazy
(smooth)

$$\vec{c}_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mu$$
$$\mathbb{E}[\|\vec{c}\|^2] < \infty$$