

- Projects - keep of convergence, gen.
- SGD - tied down to a procedure.

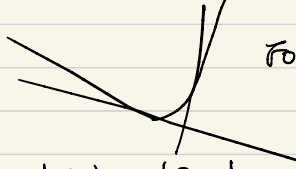
Information theoretic Lower Bounds

Recap

We studied convex (stochastic) optimization problems
 minimize $R(\theta)$, $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ convex, compact, $R: \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex.

Def (subgradients) The subgradient set of R at θ is $\partial R(\theta) := \{g: R(\theta') \geq R(\theta) + \langle g, \theta' - \theta \rangle \forall \theta' \in \Theta\}$

cf. $\partial R(\theta)$ is convex and compact. subgradients are supporting hyperplanes of the epigraph



FOC: $\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta)$ iff $\langle g, \theta - \theta^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall g \in \partial R(\theta^*) \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta$

Example

$$h(\theta) = |\theta - c| \quad \partial h(\theta) = \begin{cases} \text{sign}(\theta - c) & \text{if } \theta \neq c \\ [-1, 1] & \text{if } \theta = c \end{cases}$$

cf. Useful for e.g. $\min \frac{1}{n} \sum \ell(\theta; X, Y) + \lambda \|\theta\|$ or $\min \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - \theta^T x_i)$

stochastic (sub)gradient descent: Consider stochastic subgradients $g(\theta; \xi)$ st. for some independent RV ξ , $\mathbb{E} g(\theta; \xi) \in \partial R(\theta)$.

$$\theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \Pi_{\Theta}(\theta^k - \alpha_k g(\theta^k; \xi_k)) \quad : \text{SGD update}$$

e.g. $\xi_k = (X_k, Y_k)$. $g(\theta; \xi) = \nabla_{\theta} \ell(\theta; X, Y)$. (or you can use batch > 1)

Theorem Let $\theta^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta) > -\infty$, $D > 0$ st. $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\theta - \theta^*\|_2 \leq D$, $\exists M > 0$ st. $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \xi)\|_2^2 \leq M^2$.
 Let α_k be dec. pos. step sizes, and $\bar{\theta}_k = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i$

$$\mathbb{E}[R(\bar{\theta}_k) - R(\theta^*)] \leq \frac{D^2}{2k\alpha_k} + \frac{1}{2k} \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i M^2$$

PF) Identical as last week's result for differentiable functions.

Cor setting $\alpha_k = \frac{D}{M\sqrt{k}}$, $\mathbb{E} R(\bar{\theta}_k) - R(\theta^*) \leq \frac{3DM}{2\sqrt{k}}$

Rank To solve problem to ϵ -accuracy, you need $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2})$ -iterations of SGD. Compared to $\log(1/\epsilon)$ of PMs, this is terribly slow.

Q Can we improve the SGD rate of conv? Or is it "optimal"? i.e. unimprovable

Minimax risk Considers worst-case optimality gap among a class of "problems".

- Components
- 1) A collection of functions $\mathcal{F} := \{\theta \mapsto \mathbb{E}_P(\theta; \mathbb{Z}) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ induced by class of probabilities \mathcal{P} indep. of everything
 - 2) closed, convex set $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$
 - 3) A stochastic gradient oracle $g: \mathbb{R}^d \times \Xi \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. $\mathbb{E}g(\theta; \mathbb{Z}; P) \in \partial R(\theta)$
 Implicitly a prob. distribution on Ξ induced by P .
 ↳ Think of this as \Rightarrow access to data points.

Example

$R_P(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_P \log(1 + \exp(-\gamma \theta^\top X))$: Logistic regression $\mathcal{P} = \{P \text{ s.t. } \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}, X \in [0, 1]^d \text{ a.s.}\}$
 $\mathcal{F} = \{R_P : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ Define $\mathbb{Z} = (X, \gamma)$.
 $g(\theta; \mathbb{Z}; P) = \text{Vol}(\theta; X, \gamma) = -\frac{\gamma X}{1 + \exp(\gamma \theta^\top X)}$, $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Z} \sim P} g(\theta; \mathbb{Z}; P) = \nabla R_P(\theta)$.

View algorithms as making K queries to the stoch. grad. oracle at $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K$ (adaptively) and it returns $\hat{\theta}_K$.

Optimality gap: $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Z}} [R_P(\hat{\theta}_K(\mathbb{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_K)) - \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} R_P(\theta)]$ ↳ IDK what this is. So we think of nature choosing the worst-possible instance.

Measure performance w.r.t. hardest problem (dist. $P \in \mathcal{P}$)

$\sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Z}} [R_P(\hat{\theta}_K(\mathbb{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_K)) - \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} R_P(\theta)]$... (*)
 i.e. I want $\hat{\theta}$ to achieve low error uniformly over $P \in \mathcal{P}$.

My job as statistical modeler / stoch optimizer is to come up with algo $\hat{\theta}$ s.t. (*) holds.

The optimal algo gives the **minimax risk**

$$M_{K, \Theta}(\mathcal{P}) := \inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Z}} [R_P(\hat{\theta}_K(\mathbb{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_K)) - \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} R_P(\theta)]$$

where inf is over all measurable fns of $\mathbb{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_K$.

Rank We can consider random procedures that incorporate more randomness using some techniques / bounds / proofs.

This measures extent to which we can optimize worst-case opt gap over the class of problems $P \in \mathcal{P}$, using finite access to stoch grad oracle.

Rank Similar quantities can be defined for estimation problems where $\mathbb{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_K$ are data points. This would measure sample complexity. Everything in today's class has a straightforward analogue to this setting.

Rank Though we define minimax risk over K queries to stoch grad oracle, we can see some bound applies to all procedures using K samples.

Rmk Minimax can be very conservative.

Step 0 (Worst-case \rightarrow Bayesian) Let $\{P_\nu\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ be a collection of distributions indexed by finite or countable \mathcal{V} . Let π be a prob on \mathcal{V} . For any fixed ℓ ,

$$\sup_{R \in \mathcal{R}} \mathbb{E}[R_\ell(\hat{\theta}_k) - \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} R_\ell(\theta)] \geq \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \pi(\nu) \mathbb{E}[R_\ell(\hat{\theta}_k) - \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} R_\nu(\theta)]$$

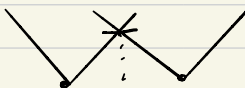
Step 1 (Reduction from optimization to hypothesis testing)

Def For two conc functions R_0, R_1 define the optimization separation bet R_0 & R_1 as
$$d_{\text{opt}}(R_0, R_1) := \sup \left\{ \delta \geq 0 : \begin{array}{l} R_0(\theta) \leq R_1^* + \delta \Rightarrow R_0(\theta) \geq R_0^* + \delta \\ R_1(\theta) \leq R_0^* + \delta \Rightarrow R_1(\theta) \geq R_1^* + \delta \end{array} \text{ for any } \theta \in \Theta \right\}$$

where $R_i^* = \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} R_i(\theta)$.

\hookrightarrow Optimizing R_1 means we can't optimize R_0 very well if $d_{\text{opt}}(R_0, R_1)$ large.
This says if we optimized one function well, then we couldn't have optimized other functions well-separated in d_{opt} .

e.g. If θ is st. $R_1(\theta) - R_1^* \leq d_{\text{opt}}(R_0, R_1)$, then θ cannot optimize R_0 well.

Ex $R_0(\theta) = |\theta - \nu|$ $R_1(\theta) = |\theta + \nu|$  $d_{\text{opt}}(R_0, R_1) = \nu$.

Consider canonical hypothesis testing problem:

- 1) Nature chooses $V \in \mathcal{V}$ unif. at random
- 2) Cond. on $V = \nu$, we observe subgradients associated with R_ν for iid $\xi_{1k}, \dots, \xi_{nk}$.

Goal Figure out which index Nature chose.

If we can opt to better than $d_{\text{opt}}(R_\nu, R_{\nu'}) \forall \nu \in \mathcal{V}$, then we can identify $V = \nu$.

Lemma Let V be drawn u.i.r. from \mathcal{V} , $|\mathcal{V}| < \infty$, and assume $\{R_\nu\}_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}}$ is δ -separated:
 $d_{\text{opt}}(R_\nu, R_{\nu'}) \geq \delta \quad \forall \nu \neq \nu' \in \mathcal{V}$. For any fixed ℓ , over V & ξ

Then,
$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|} \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}[R_\nu(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_\nu^*] \geq \delta \inf_{\hat{\nu}} P(\hat{\nu} \neq V)$$

where inf is over all testing procedures based on observed data.

\hookrightarrow In particular, this lower bound \rightarrow Bayes-risk with $\pi(\nu) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}$.

Game plan Construct a class of well-separated functions in d_{opt} . Then show testing among them is difficult.

\hookrightarrow Trade-off: Easier to distinguish functions when δ large, and vice-versa.

Pf) $\mathbb{E}[R_V(\hat{\theta}) - R_V^*] \geq \delta \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{R_V(\hat{\theta}) - R_V^* \geq \delta\}] = \delta \mathbb{P}_V(R_V(\hat{\theta}) - R_V^* \geq \delta)$. \checkmark \mathbb{P}_V is over \mathbb{R}^k , for the oracle it defines.

Define the hypothesis test $\hat{V} = \begin{cases} v & \text{if } R_V(\hat{\theta}) \leq R_V^* + \delta \\ \text{random} & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$ \leftarrow this can be arbitrary
 \hookrightarrow this is well-defined since $\text{dopt}(R_V, R_{V'}) \geq \delta \forall v \neq v'$, so such v is unique.

Now note $\hat{V} \neq v \Rightarrow R_V(\hat{\theta}) \geq R_V^* + \delta$. So $\mathbb{P}(\hat{V} \neq v) \leq \mathbb{P}_V(R_V(\hat{\theta}) \geq R_V^* + \delta)$.

Hence, $\frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{v \in V} \mathbb{E}[R_V(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_V^*] \geq \delta \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{v \in V} \mathbb{P}_V(\hat{V} \neq v) = \delta \cdot \mathbb{P}(\hat{V} \neq V)$ by def of V . \square

Le Cam's method. Reduction to binary hypothesis testing. $V = \{-1, +1\}$

We construct P_1, P_{-1} , and show hardness of optimizing on $\mathbb{R}^1 \ni \theta$.

Def
 TV distance $\|P - Q\|_{TV} = \sup_{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d} |P(A) - Q(A)|$
 KL divergence $D_{KL}(P, Q) = \int p(z) \log \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} d\mu(z)$

Lemma 1 $1 - \|P_1 - P_{-1}\|_{TV} = \inf_{\hat{V}} \{P_1(\hat{V} \neq 1) + P_{-1}(\hat{V} \neq -1)\}$ \leftarrow best prob of being wrong in binary hypo test.

Pf) Any $\hat{V}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$, define $A = \hat{V}^{-1}\{1\}$, $A^c = \hat{V}^{-1}\{-1\} \Rightarrow P_1(\hat{V} \neq 1) + P_{-1}(\hat{V} \neq -1) = P_1(A) + P_{-1}(A^c) = 1 - P_1(A) + P_{-1}(A) = 1 - \|P_1 - P_{-1}\|_{TV}$.
 Taking inf over \hat{V} , RHS = $\inf_{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}} \{1 - P_1(A) + P_{-1}(A)\} = 1 - \sup_{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}} \{P_1(A) - P_{-1}(A)\} = 1 - \|P_1 - P_{-1}\|_{TV}$. \square

We get $\mathcal{M}_k(\Theta, \mathcal{P}) \geq \inf_{\hat{\theta}_k} \max_{v \in \{-1, 1\}} \mathbb{E}_{P_v^k}[R_V(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_V^*] \geq \delta \cdot \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\hat{V}} \{P_1^k(\hat{V} \neq 1) + P_{-1}^k(\hat{V} \neq -1)\}$

where $P_{\pm 1}^k$ are k -product distr over $\mathbb{R}_1, \dots, \mathbb{R}_k$. $= \delta \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 - \|P_1^k - P_{-1}^k\|_{TV})$

\hookrightarrow If R_1, R_{-1} are diff, then δ is big (optimizing one makes other worse), but this will likely make P_1, P_{-1} to be different.

Now, $\|P_1^k - P_{-1}^k\|_{TV}$ is unwieldy since TV distance don't play well with products.

Lemma 2 (Pinsker) $\|P - Q\|_{TV}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(P, Q)$

Lemma 3 $D_{KL}(P_1^k, P_{-1}^k) = k \cdot D_{KL}(P_1, P_{-1})$

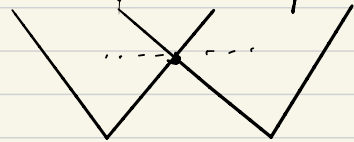
Pf) $\int \prod_{u=1}^k p_1(z_u) \log \frac{\prod_{u=1}^k p_1(z_u)}{\prod_{u=1}^k p_{-1}(z_u)} dz_1 \dots dz_k = \sum_{u=1}^k \int \left(\prod_{l=1}^k p_l(z_l) \right) \log \frac{p_1(z_u)}{p_{-1}(z_u)} dz_1 \dots dz_k$
 $= \sum_{u=1}^k \int p_k(z_u) \log \frac{p_1(z_u)}{p_{-1}(z_u)} dz_u = \sum_{u=1}^k D_{KL}(P_1, P_{-1})$ \square

so we get $\|P_1^k - P_{-1}^k\|_{TV} \leq \sqrt{\frac{k}{2} D_{KL}(P_1, P_{-1})}$. Plugging this in,

$\mathcal{M}_k(\Theta, \mathcal{P}) \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{dopt}(R_1, R_{-1}) \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{k}{2} D_{KL}(P_1, P_{-1})}\right)$. \square

Now, construct P_1, P_{-1} (with corresponding oracles) s.t. they're close in KL so testing is hard, but well-separated in dopt .

Let $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be s.t. L^2 -ball of radius D is included in Θ . We consider stoch. grad. oracles s.t. $\mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \xi; R)\|^2 \leq M^2$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$. Let \mathcal{P} be s.t. $\theta \mapsto R_{\mathcal{P}}(\theta)$ is M -Lip in $\|\cdot\|_2$.



Construction

Consider $d=1$ w.l.o.g.: Assume $[-D, D] \subseteq \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Define P_+, P_- s.t. $R_+(\theta) = \delta M |\theta - D|$ $R_-(\theta) = \delta M |\theta + D|$.

From picture, $\text{dopt}(R_+, R_-) = \delta M D$.

Now, construct stoch. grad. oracle s.t. $\mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \xi; R_v)\|^2 \leq M^2$.

For $\delta < 1$, the oracle for $R_v, v \in \{\pm 1\}$ is

flip coin $\xi \sim \text{Ber}((1+v\delta)/2)$, $g(\theta; \xi; R_v) = \begin{cases} vM \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) & \text{if } \xi = 1 \\ -vM \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) & \text{if } \xi = 0 \end{cases}$

cf. If $\theta = vD$, return random $\pm M$.

$$\mathbb{E} g(\theta; \xi; R_v) = \frac{1+v\delta}{2} vM \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) - \frac{1-v\delta}{2} vM \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) = v\delta \cdot vM \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) = \delta M \text{sgn}(\theta - vD) \in \partial R_v(\theta)$$

Distance

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(P_+, P_-) &= \sum_{\xi \in \{0,1\}} P_+(\xi) \log \frac{P_+(\xi)}{P_-(\xi)} = \frac{1+\delta}{2} \log \frac{\frac{1+\delta}{2}}{\frac{1-\delta}{2}} + \frac{1-\delta}{2} \log \frac{\frac{1-\delta}{2}}{\frac{1+\delta}{2}} \\ &= \delta \log \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Taylor expansion of $x \mapsto \log \frac{1+x}{1-x} = a(x)$ at $x=0$: $a'(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{1}{1+x}$ $a''(x) = -\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta} &= a(0) + a'(0)\delta + \frac{a''(\xi)}{2} \delta^2 \quad \text{for some } \xi \in [0, \delta] \\ &\leq 0 + 2\delta + 2\delta^2 \quad \text{if } \delta \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (\because a''(\xi) \leq \frac{1}{(1-\xi)^2} \leq \frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{2})^2} = 4) \\ &\leq 3\delta \quad \text{if } \delta \leq \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

So $D_{KL}(P_+, P_-) \leq 3\delta^2$. Plugging this into Le Cam's result,

$$\mathcal{M}_K(\Theta, \mathcal{P}) \geq \frac{1}{2} \delta M \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{K}{2} 3\delta^2}\right)$$

set δ

I need $1 - \sqrt{\frac{K}{2} 3\delta^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ to behave like a const. i.e. $\delta^2 \sim \frac{1}{K}$.
Set $\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{56K}}$ so that $1 - \sqrt{\frac{K}{2} 3\delta^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ ($K \geq 2$).

$$\text{Conclude } \mathcal{M}_K(\Theta, \mathcal{P}) \geq \frac{MD}{4\sqrt{56K}} \quad \text{for } K \geq 2.$$

Recalling prev result, if $D_{\text{inner}} \mathbb{B}_2 \subseteq \Theta \subseteq D_{\text{outer}} \mathbb{B}_2$,

$$\frac{D_{\text{inner}} M}{\sqrt{K}} \lesssim \mathcal{M}_K(\Theta, \mathcal{P}) \lesssim \frac{D_{\text{outer}} M}{\sqrt{K}}$$

Q

My construction was in \mathbb{R}^1 . Surely things are harder in $d > 1$.
Can we show a more explicit bound with dimension?

Assouad's method

Reduce opt to d binary hypothesis tests.
 Let $V = \{\pm 1\}^d$ be the d -dim binary hypothesis. For each $v \in V$, we construct function R_v and P_v , a joint distribution over \mathcal{X}^d .

W.l.o.g. assume $\Theta \in \mathbb{R}$. We say $\{P_v\}_{v \in V}$ is δ -separated in the Hamming distance if for all $\theta \in \Theta$
 $R_v(\theta) - R_{v'} \geq \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \mathbb{1}\{\text{sgn}(\theta_j) \neq v_j\}$.

Ex $R_v(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j |\theta_j - v_j|$, $V \subseteq \Theta$ so $R_{v'} = 0 \forall v \in V$. Then, $R_v(\theta) - R_{v'} = \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j |\theta_j - v_j| \geq \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \mathbb{1}\{\text{sgn}(\theta_j) \neq v_j\}$

Lemma (Assouad) Let $\{P_v\}_{v \in V}$ be δ -separated in Hamming distance, $V = \{\pm 1\}^d$. Let $P_{\pm j} = \frac{1}{2d} \sum_{v: v_j = \pm 1} P_v$

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{v \in \{\pm 1\}^d} \mathbb{E} R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_{v'} \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j (1 - \|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{TV})$$

Pf) $\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{v \in \{\pm 1\}^d} \mathbb{E} [R_v(\hat{\theta}_k) - R_{v'}] \geq \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{v \in \{\pm 1\}^d} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \mathbb{P}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq v_j) = \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{v \in \{\pm 1\}^d} \mathbb{P}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq v_j)$
 $= \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} \left\{ \sum_{v: v_j = 1} \mathbb{P}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq 1) + \sum_{v: v_j = -1} \mathbb{P}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq -1) \right\}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j \left\{ P_{+j}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq 1) + P_{-j}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\theta}_j) \neq -1) \right\}$
 $\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \delta_j (1 - \|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{TV}) \quad \square$

Cor Let $P_{v', \pm j}$ be P_v where v' is v with j th entry of v forced to be ± 1 . Then,
 $M_K(\Theta, \mathcal{R}) \geq \frac{d\delta}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{\max_{v \in V, 1 \leq j \leq d} \chi^2(P_{v', \pm j}, P_{v, \pm j})} \right)$ whenever δ -separation in Hamming holds.

Pf) Note that $P_{\pm j} = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_v P_{v, \pm j}$ since $\sum_v P_{v, \pm j} = \sum_{v: v_j = \pm 1} P_v + \sum_{v: v_j = \mp 1} P_v = 2 \sum_{v: v_j = \pm 1} P_v$
 Then from triangle inequality,

$$\|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{TV} = \left\| \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_v (P_{v, +j} - P_{v, -j}) \right\|_{TV} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_v \|P_{v, +j} - P_{v, -j}\|_{TV} \leq \max_{v,j} \|P_{v, +j} - P_{v, -j}\|_{TV} \leq \max_{v,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \chi^2(P_{v, +j}, P_{v, -j})} \text{ by Pinsker.}$$

$$M_K(\Theta, \mathcal{R}) \geq \frac{d\delta}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \|P_{+j} - P_{-j}\|_{TV} \right) \geq \frac{d\delta}{2} \left(1 - \max_{v,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \chi^2(P_{v, +j}, P_{v, -j})} \right) \quad \square$$

Consider $[\varepsilon, \delta]^d \subseteq \Theta$, and $\mathbb{E} \|g(\theta; \mathcal{R})\|_1^2 \leq M^2 \forall \theta \in \Theta$, and $|R_v(\theta) - R_{v'}(\theta)| \leq M \|\theta - \theta'\|_\infty$

Construction

Let $R_v(\theta) = \frac{M\delta}{d} \|\theta - v\|_1$, for $v \in \{\pm 1\}^d$. Then

$R_v(\theta) - R_{v'} = R_v(\theta) \geq \frac{M\delta}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbb{1}\{\text{sgn}(\theta_j) \neq v_j\}$. So $\frac{M\delta}{d}$ -separated in the Hamming distance.

For stoch. grad. oracle, take $\mathcal{Z}_v = \begin{cases} e_j & \text{w.p. } \frac{1+v_j\delta}{2d} \\ -e_j & \text{w.p. } \frac{1-v_j\delta}{2d} \end{cases} \quad v_j = 1, \dots, d$

$g(\theta; \mathcal{Z}; R_v) = \begin{cases} M \cdot v_j \cdot \text{sgn}(\theta_j - v_j) \cdot e_j & \text{if } \mathcal{Z}_v = e_j \\ -M \cdot v_j \cdot \text{sgn}(\theta_j - v_j) \cdot e_j & \text{if } \mathcal{Z}_v = -e_j \end{cases}$, IM randomly if $\theta_j = v_j$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{Z}} g(\theta; \mathcal{Z}; R_v) = \sum_{j=1}^d \left\{ \frac{1+v_j\delta}{2d} M v_j \text{sgn}(\theta_j - v_j) e_j - \frac{1-v_j\delta}{2d} M v_j \text{sgn}(\theta_j - v_j) e_j \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\delta M v_j^2}{d} \text{sgn}(\theta_j - v_j) e_j = \frac{\delta M}{d} \text{sgn}(\theta - v) \in \partial R_v(\theta)$$

Distance

We need to bound $D_{KL}(P_u, P_{v'})$ for $u \neq v'$ that differ only in a single coordinate. W.l.o.g. let this be the first coordinate, and recall P_u is a joint distribution over \mathbb{Z}_1^K . Since P_u is a product distribution over i.i.d. \mathbb{Z}_1 , let $\mathbb{Z}_1 \sim P_{u, \mathbb{Z}_1}$. Then $P_u = P_{u, \mathbb{Z}_1}^K$.

$$\text{So } D_{KL}(P_u, P_{v'}) = D_{KL}(P_{u, \mathbb{Z}_1}^K, P_{v', \mathbb{Z}_1}^K) = K D_{KL}(P_{u, \mathbb{Z}_1}, P_{v', \mathbb{Z}_1})$$

Now, note from definition that if $v_j = v'_j \forall j \neq 1$, with $v_1 = 1, v'_1 = -1$

$$D_{KL}(P_{u, \mathbb{Z}_1}, P_{v', \mathbb{Z}_1}) = P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1) \cdot \log \frac{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1)}{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = e_1)} + P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = -e_1) \log \frac{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = -e_1)}{P(\mathbb{Z}_1 = -e_1)}$$

$$= \frac{1+\delta}{2d} \log \frac{\frac{1+\delta}{2d}}{1-\delta/2d} + \frac{1-\delta}{2d} \log \frac{\frac{1-\delta}{2d}}{\frac{1+\delta}{2d}} = \frac{\delta}{d} \log \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta} \leq \frac{3}{d} \delta^2, \delta \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

So we conclude $\gamma_{M_n}(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{P}) \geq \frac{d}{2} \cdot \frac{MD\delta}{d} \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{K\delta^2}{d}}\right) = \frac{MD\delta}{2} \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{K\delta^2}{d}}\right)$.

Setting $\delta^2 = \frac{d}{6K}$, which is possible if $\frac{d}{6} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot K$, $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{K\delta^2}{d}} = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{P}) \geq \frac{MD}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{d}{6K}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{MD}{4} \sqrt{\frac{d}{6K}} \quad \text{whenever } K \geq \frac{d}{3}.$$

Let's say $[D_{in}, D_{in}]^d \subseteq \mathbb{C} \subseteq [D_{out}, D_{out}]^d$. Then,

$$\frac{D_{in} \cdot M}{4} \sqrt{\frac{d}{6K}} \leq \mathcal{M}_K(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{P}) \leq \frac{3}{2} D_{out} \cdot M \cdot \sqrt{\frac{d}{K}} \quad \text{from previous result.}$$