

3.1 Show that $T_{\rho_1} T_{\rho_2} = T_{\rho_1 \rho_2}$.

For $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\rho \in [0, 1]$ and $i \in [n]$, the ρ -stable influence of i on f is

$$\mathbf{Inf}_i^{(\rho)}[f] = \mathbf{Stab}_\rho[D_i f].$$

Let $\mathbf{Inf}^{(\rho)}[f] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{Inf}_i^{(\rho)}[f]$.

3.2 Show that

$$\mathbf{Inf}_i^{(\rho)}[f] = \sum_{S \ni i} \rho^{|S|-1} \widehat{f}(S)^2.$$

3.3 Show that

$$\mathbf{Inf}^{(\rho)}[f] = \frac{d}{d\rho} \mathbf{Stab}_\rho[f] = \sum_{k=1}^n k \rho^{k-1} \mathbf{W}_k[f].$$

3.4 Show that for all $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ and $0 < \delta \leq 1$ we have $k(1 - \delta)^{k-1} \leq 1/\delta$.

3.5 Suppose $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has $\mathbf{Var}[f] \leq 1$. Given $0 < \delta, \varepsilon \leq 1$, let $J = \{i \in [n] \mid \mathbf{Inf}_i^{1-\delta}[f] \geq \varepsilon\}$. Show that $|J| \leq \frac{1}{\delta\varepsilon}$.

3.6 Suppose $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ has all \widehat{f}_i equal. Show that $\mathbf{W}^1[f] \leq 2/\pi + o(1)$.

3.7 Show that Arrow's theorem also holds if three different unanimous functions $f, g, h: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ are used in the three pairwise elections.

3.8 Define the average influence of $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ to be $\mathcal{E}[f] = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{Inf}[f]$. For $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ show that

$$\mathcal{E}[f] = \Pr_{\mathbf{x} \sim \{-1, 1\}^n, i \in [n]} [f(\mathbf{x}) \neq f(\mathbf{x}^{\oplus i})]$$

and

$$\frac{1 - e^{-2}}{2} \mathcal{E}[f] \leq \mathbf{NS}_{1/n}[f] \leq \mathcal{E}[f].$$

Problems for homework

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3.9 Suppose $f_1, \dots, f_s: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ satisfy $\mathbf{NS}_\delta[f_i] \leq \varepsilon_i$. Let $g: \{-1, 1\}^s \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ and define $h: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ by $h = g(f_1, \dots, f_s)$. Show that $\mathbf{NS}_\delta[h] \leq \sum_{i=1}^s \varepsilon_i$.

3.10 Suppose $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ has

$$\min(\Pr[f = 1], \Pr[f = -1]) = \alpha.$$

Show that $\mathbf{NS}_\delta[f] \leq 2\alpha$ for all $\delta \in [0, 1]$.