

4.1 For $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ show that $\mathbf{Inf}[f] \leq \deg(f)$.

4.2 Let $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $J \subseteq [n]$. Define $f^{\subseteq J}: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f^{\subseteq J}(x) = \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{y} \sim \{-1, 1\}^{\bar{J}}}[f(x_J, \mathbf{y})]$, where $x_j \in \{-1, 1\}^J$ is the projection of x to coordinates J . Show that

$$f^{\subseteq J} = \sum_{S \subseteq J} \widehat{f}(S) \chi_S.$$

4.3 Suppose $\deg(f) \leq k$ for $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Show that if one of the subfunctions $f(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \pm 1)$ is identically 0, then the other has degree at most $k - 1$.

4.4 Suppose $\deg(f) \leq k$ for $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and f is not identically 0. Show that $\Pr[f(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0] \geq 2^{-k}$.

4.5 If $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ has $\deg(f) \leq k$ then $\mathbf{Inf}_i[f]$ is either 0 or at least 2^{1-k} for all $i \in [n]$.

4.6 Suppose $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ has $\deg(f) \leq k$. Show that f is a $k2^{k-1}$ -junta.

4.7 Show that for any k there is $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ with $\deg(f) \leq k$ such that f is not a $\frac{2^k}{100}$ -junta.

4.8 Let $f: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ be computable by a decision tree of size s and let $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$. Show that the spectrum of f is ε -concentrated on degree up to $O(\log(s/\varepsilon))$.

4.9 Let $\mathcal{C} = \{f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\} \mid \text{DT}_{\text{size}}(f) \leq s\}$. Then \mathcal{C} is learnable from random examples with error ε in time $n^{O(\log(s/\varepsilon))}$.

Problems for homework

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4.10 For $f, g: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Show that $\|\widehat{fg}\|_1 \leq \|\widehat{f}\|_1 \|\widehat{g}\|_1$.

4.11 Consider $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$. Show that $\text{spar}(f) \leq \text{gran}(f)^2$.

4.12 Suppose $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is computable by a decision tree that has a leaf at depth k labeled by b . Show that $\|\widehat{f}\|_\infty \geq |b|/2^k$.