# Theoretical Analysis of Adversarial Learning: A Minimax Approach

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#### Overview

Goal: theoretically understand the generalization performance in the presence of adversaries.

$$\mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim P}[\max_{x'\in N(x)}l(h(x'),y)]$$

Our method applies to

- ▶ General adversaries encompassing all  $l_q$ -bounded adversaries.
- Multi-class problems and popular loss functions such as the hinge loss and ramp loss.

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(3) The adversarial expected risk is upper bounded as

$$R_P(h, \mathcal{B}) \leq R_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{B}}, 1}(P, h), \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H}$$



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## Corollary

► Support Vector Machines

$$R_P(f,\mathcal{B}) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(z_i) + \lambda_{f,P_n}^+ \epsilon_{\mathcal{B}} + \frac{144}{\sqrt{n}} \Lambda r \sqrt{d} + \frac{12\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{n}} \Lambda_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{B}}} \cdot (2r+1) + (1+\Lambda r) \sqrt{\frac{\log(\frac{1}{\delta})}{2n}},$$

where  $\lambda_{f,P_n}^+ \le \max_i \{2y_i w \cdot x_i, ||w||_2\}$ 

► Neural Networks

$$R_P(f, \mathcal{B}) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(z_i) + \lambda_{f, P_n}^+ \epsilon_{\mathcal{B}} + \frac{288}{\gamma \sqrt{n}} \prod_{i=1}^L \rho_i s_i BW \left( \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{b_i}{s_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 + \frac{12\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{n}} \Lambda_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{B}}} \cdot (2B+1) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2n}} \left( \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2n} \right)^2 + \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\sqrt{n}} \left( \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2n} \right) + \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2n} \left( \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{2n} \right) + \frac$$

$$\text{where } \lambda_{f,P_n}^+ \leq \max_j \{ \frac{2}{\gamma} \prod_{i=1}^L \rho_i ||A_i||_\sigma, \frac{1}{\gamma} (\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{A}}(x_j), y_j) + \max \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{A}}(x_j) - \min \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{A}}(x_j)) \}$$



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