## **Growing Adaptive Multi-Hyperplane Machines (APPENDIX)**

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathbf{W}^*$  be the solution of (6), and T be the total number of training iterations. Further, let the pruning be performed as described above, p be a starting probability of weight duplication, and  $0 < \beta < 1$  is a multiplicative factor that reduces p after every weight duplication. Then,

$$\frac{\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}|\mathbf{z}) - \mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^{*}|\mathbf{z}) \right) \leq \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+p/(1-\beta))}{\lambda} + \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+p/(1-\beta))^{2}}{2T\lambda} \left(\frac{p(2\beta+3)}{(1-\beta)^{2}} + \ln(T) + 1\right).$$
(1)

*Proof.* The proof closely follows the proof of Theorems 1 and 3 from (Wang et al., 2011). First, we rewrite the update rule of SGD with the pruning step as  $\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)}\partial^{(t)}$ , where  $\partial^{(t)} = \nabla^{(t)} + \mathbf{E}^{(t)}$ , and  $\mathbf{E}^{(t)} = \mathbf{E}_{prune}^{(t)} + \mathbf{E}_{dupl}^{(t)}$  where we can see that the weight matrix degradation at the  $t^{\text{th}}$  training iteration  $\mathbf{E}^{(t)}$  is equal to the sum of weight matrix degradation at  $\mathbf{E}_{dupl}^{(t)}$  due to weight duplication. Clearly,  $\mathbf{E}_{prune}^{(t)} = \mathbf{0}$  if no pruning is used, and  $\mathbf{E}_{dupl}^{(t)} = \mathbf{0}$  if no duplication is used at the  $t^{\text{th}}$  training iteration. Note that, in contrast to (Wang et al., 2011), we also included the weight duplication degradation. The relative progress towards the optimal solution  $\mathbf{W}^*$  at the  $t^{\text{th}}$  round  $D^{(t)}$  can be lower bounded as

$$D^{(t)} = ||\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^{*}||^{2} - ||\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)} \nabla^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)} \mathbf{E}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^{*}||^{2}$$
  

$$= -(\eta^{(t)})^{2} ||\partial^{(t)}||^{2} + 2\eta^{(t)} ||(\mathbf{E}^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^{*})|| + 2\eta^{(t)} ||(\nabla^{(t)})^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^{*})||$$
  

$$\geq_{1} - (\eta^{(t)})^{2} ||\partial^{(t)}||^{2} - 2\eta^{(t)} ||\mathbf{E}^{(t)}|| \frac{(2+c)(1+h)+2}{\lambda}$$
  

$$+ 2\eta^{(t)} \left( \mathcal{L}^{(t)} (\mathbf{W}^{(t)}) - \mathcal{L}^{(t)} (\mathbf{W}^{*}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} ||\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^{*}||^{2} \right), \qquad (2)$$

where  $h = p/(1 - \beta)$ . For the second term in the r.h.s. of the inequality in (2), we first bounded  $\|\mathbf{W}^{(t)}\|$  as

$$\begin{aligned} ||\mathbf{W}^{(t)}|| &\leq ||(1 - \eta^{(t-1)}\lambda)\mathbf{W}^{(t-1)}|| + 2\eta^{(t-1)} + ||\Delta_{prune}\mathbf{W}^{(t-1)}|| + ||\Delta_{dupl}\mathbf{W}^{(t-1)}|| \\ &\leq \frac{t-2}{t-1}||\mathbf{W}^{(t-1)}|| + \frac{2}{(t-1)\lambda} + \frac{c}{(t-1)\lambda} + \frac{2+c}{\lambda} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t-1}||\mathbf{W}^{(0)}|| + \frac{2(t-1)}{(t-1)\lambda} + \frac{(t-1)c}{(t-1)\lambda} + \sum_{t=0}^{T-1}p\beta^{t}\frac{2+c}{\lambda} \leq \frac{2+c}{\lambda}(1+h), \end{aligned}$$
(3)

where, in contrast to (Wang et al., 2011), we added the  $\|\Delta_{dupl} \mathbf{W}^{(t-1)}\|$  term equal to the norm of the duplicated weight. This term is upper bounded by  $(2 + c)/\lambda$ , as the norm of any weight is upper bounded by the weight matrix norm when weight duplication is not used during training (Wang et al., 2011). The duplication probability p drops by a factor of  $\beta$  whenever the weight duplication is performed, introducing the multiplication factor of  $\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} p\beta^t$  to the total weight matrix norm degradation due to duplication, where the sum of geometric sequence of duplication probabilities is upper bounded by  $h = p/(1 - \beta)$ . We then use triangle inequality to bound  $||\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*|| \le (2 + c)(1 + h)/\lambda + 2/\lambda$  by using the fact that  $||\mathbf{W}^*|| \le 2/\lambda$  according to the result in (Kivinen et al., 2002). Lastly, the third term in the r.h.s. of the inequality in (2) was obtained using function  $\mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)})$ 's  $\lambda$ -strong convexity (Shalev-Shwartz & Singer, 2007).

Dividing both sides of inequality (2) by  $2\eta^{(t)}$  and rearranging, we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}) - \mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^*) \le \frac{D^{(t)}}{2\eta^{(t)}} - \frac{\lambda}{2} ||\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*||^2 + \frac{\eta^{(t)}||\boldsymbol{\partial}^{(t)}||^2}{2} + \frac{(2+c)(2+h)}{\lambda} ||\mathbf{E}^{(t)}||, \tag{4}$$

Summing over all t and dividing by T, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{T} \left( \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}) - \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathcal{L}^{(t)}(\mathbf{W}^{*}) \right) \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{D^{(t)}}{2\eta^{(t)}} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^{*}\|^{2} + \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \eta^{(t)} \|\boldsymbol{\partial}^{(t)}\|^{2} + \frac{(2+c)(2+h)}{T\lambda} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \|\mathbf{E}^{(t)}\|.$$
(5)

We bound the first and second terms in the r.h.s. of inequality (5) as

$$\frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{D^{(t)}}{\eta^{(t)}} - \lambda || \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* ||^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2T} \left( (\frac{1}{\eta^{(1)}} - \lambda) || \mathbf{W}^{(1)} - \mathbf{W}^* ||^2 + \sum_{t=2}^{T} \left( \frac{1}{\eta^{(t)}} - \frac{1}{\eta^{(t-1)}} - \lambda \right) || \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* ||^2 - \frac{1}{\eta^{(T)}} || \mathbf{W}^{(T+1)} - \mathbf{W}^* ||^2 \right)$$

$$=_1 - \frac{1}{2T\eta^{(T)}} || \mathbf{W}^{(T+1)} - \mathbf{W}^* ||^2 \le 0.$$
(6)

In  $=_1$ , the first and second terms vanish after plugging in  $\eta_t \equiv 1/(\lambda t)$ . Next, we bound the third term in the r.h.s. of inequality (5) as follows,

$$\frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \eta^{(t)} \|\partial^{(t)}\|^{2} = \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \eta^{(t)} (\|\nabla^{(t)}\| + \|\mathbf{E}_{prune}^{(t)}\| + \|\mathbf{E}_{dupl}^{(t)}\|)^{2} \\
\leq \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{1}{\lambda t} \left( (2+c)(1+h) + 2+c+pt\beta^{t}(2+c)(1+h) \right)^{2} \\
\leq \frac{1}{2T\lambda} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{1}{t} \left( (2+c)(2+h) + pt\beta^{t}(2+c)(2+h) \right)^{2} \\
= \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)^{2}}{2T\lambda} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{1}{t} (1+pt\beta^{t})^{2} \\
= \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)^{2}}{2T\lambda} (\sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{1}{t} + 2p \sum_{t=1}^{T} \beta^{t} + p^{2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} t\beta^{2t}) \\
\leq_{1} \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)^{2}}{2T\lambda} (\ln(T) + 1 + \frac{2p}{1-\beta} + \frac{p^{2}\beta^{2}}{(1-\beta^{2})^{2}}) \\
\leq \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)^{2}}{2T\lambda} (\frac{3p}{(1-\beta)^{2}} + \ln(T) + 1).$$
(7)

In  $\leq_1$  we bound the terms in the parentheses according to the divergence rate of the harmonic series, as well as according to upper bounds on the sum of low-order power series.

Next, we bound the fourth term in the r.h.s. of inequality (5) as follows,

$$\frac{(2+c)(2+h)}{T\lambda} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \|\mathbf{E}^{(t)}\| \leq \frac{(2+c)(2+h)}{T\lambda} \sum_{t=1}^{T} (\|\mathbf{E}_{prune}^{(t)}\| + \|\mathbf{E}_{dupl}^{(t)}\|) \\
\leq \frac{(2+c)(2+h)}{T\lambda} \sum_{t=1}^{T} (c+pt\beta^{t}(2+c)(1+h)) \\
\leq \frac{(2+c)(2+h)c}{\lambda} + \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)^{2}}{T\lambda} p \sum_{t=1}^{T} t\beta^{t} \\
\leq \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)}{\lambda} + \frac{(2+c)^{2}(2+h)^{2}}{T\lambda} \frac{p\beta}{(1-\beta)^{2}}.$$
(8)

We bounded  $\|\mathbf{E}_{prune}^{(t)}\|$  using the bound on  $\|\Delta \mathbf{W}_{prune}^{(t)}\|$ , and bounded  $\|\mathbf{E}_{dupl}^{(t)}\|$  using the bound on  $\|\mathbf{W}^{(t)}\|$ . We obtain (1) by combining inequality (5) with inequalities (6), (7), and (8).

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of functions that MM can implement, and w.l.o.g.  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 1$ . Then, with probability of at least  $1 - \delta$ , the risk of any function  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is bounded from above as

$$R(f) \le \widetilde{R}_N(f) + \frac{4 + 4K \|\mathbf{W}\|}{\sqrt{N}} + (\|\mathbf{W}\| + 1) \sqrt{\frac{\ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{2N}},$$
(9)

where  $K = \sum_{i=1}^{M} b_i \sum_{j \neq i}^{M} b_j$ , and  $b_i$  is the number of weights for the  $i^{th}$  class.

*Proof.* The proof closely follows the proof of Theorem 6 from (Guermeur, 2010). For the clarity of notation, we introduce  $f_i(\mathbf{x}) = g(i, \mathbf{x}) = \max_j \mathbf{w}_{i,j}^T \mathbf{x}$ , and  $f_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_{i,j}^T \mathbf{x}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \ldots, b_i\}$ . Then, let  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$  stand for the product space  $\mathcal{F}^M$ , so that  $(f_1(\cdot), \ldots, f_M(\cdot)) \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}$ . Additionally, in order to retain the generality of the Theorem and its proof, in the following we use  $\kappa$  to denote a kernel function as in (Guermeur, 2010), and  $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$  to denote a kernel mapping from the original input space to the feature space induced by the kernel function  $\kappa$ . However, note that the MM model, although being non-linear classifier, uses a linear kernel to compare each weight  $\mathbf{w}_{i,j}$  to a new data point, and in the following we can also set  $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$ . Further, let  $\|\mathbf{w}\|_{\infty} \leq \Lambda_w$  and let  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \Lambda_{\Phi(\mathbb{R}^D)}$ .

It follows,

$$\forall \overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}, R(\overline{f}) \le \widetilde{R}(\overline{f}). \tag{10}$$

Consequently,

$$\forall \overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}, R(\overline{f}) \le \widetilde{R}_N(\overline{f}) + \sup_{\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \left( \widetilde{R}(\overline{f}) - \widetilde{R}_N(\overline{f}) \right).$$
(11)

The rest of the proof consists in the computation of an upper bound on the supremum of the empirical process appearing in (11). Let Z denote a random pair (X, Y) and  $Z_i$  its copies which constitute the N-sample  $D_N : D_N = (Z_i)_{1 \le i \le N}$ . After simplifying notation this way, the bounded differences inequality can be applied to the supremum of interest by setting n = N,  $(T_i)_{1 \le i \le n} = D_N$  (i.e.,  $T_i = Z_i$ ), and  $f(T_1, \ldots, T_n) = \sup_{\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \left( \widetilde{R}(\overline{f}) - \widetilde{R}_N(\overline{f}) \right)$ . The functions  $\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}$  take their values in the interval  $[-B_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}, B_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}]^M$ , with  $B_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}} = \Lambda_w \Lambda_{\Phi(X)}$ . Consequently, the loss function associated with the risk  $\widetilde{R}$  takes its values in the interval  $[0, K_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}]$ . We can then get the following result (Guermeur, 2010): With probability of at least  $1 - \delta$ ,

$$\sup_{\overline{f}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}}(\widetilde{R}(\overline{f})-\widetilde{R}_N(\overline{f})) \le \mathbb{E}_{D_N} \sup_{\overline{f}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}}(\widetilde{R}(\overline{f})-\widetilde{R}_N(\overline{f})) + K_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}\sqrt{\frac{\ln(\frac{1}{\delta})}{2N}}.$$
(12)

Further, it can be shown that

$$\mathbb{E}_{D_N} \sup_{\overline{f}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}} (\widetilde{R}(\overline{f}) - \widetilde{R}_N(\overline{f})) \le 4 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} + \mathbb{E}_{\sigma,D_N} \left[ \sup_{\overline{f}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}} \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \frac{1}{2} \left( \overline{f}_{Y_i}(X_i) - \max_{k\neq Y_i} \overline{f}_k(X_i) \right) \right| \right] \right).$$
(13)

In order to address the specific case of the considered MM model, we will introduce a different definition of *cat* than in the proof of Theorem 6 in (Guermeur, 2010). For  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , let  $z^n = ((x_i, y_i))_{1 \le i \le n} \in (\mathbb{R}^D \times \mathcal{Y})^n$  and let *cat* be a mapping from  $\overline{\mathcal{F}} \times \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathcal{Y}$  into  $\{1, \ldots, M\}^2 \times \mathbb{N}^2$  such that

$$\forall (\overline{f}, x, y) \in \overline{\mathcal{F}} \times \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathcal{Y}, cat(\overline{f}, \mathbf{x}, y) = (k, l, p, q) \Rightarrow (k = y) \land (l \neq y) \land \left(\overline{f}_l(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{i \neq y} \overline{f}_i(\mathbf{x})\right) \land (p = \arg\max_j \mathbf{w}_{k,j}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x}) \land (q = \arg\max_j \mathbf{w}_{l,j}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x}).$$
(14)

The rest of the proof is straightforward modification of the proof of Theorem 6 in (Guermeur, 2010). By construction of

the mapping cat,

$$\forall z^{N} \in (\mathbb{R}^{D} \times \mathcal{Y})^{N}, \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[ \sup_{\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_{i} \left( \overline{f}_{y_{i}}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) - \max_{k \neq y_{i}} \overline{f}_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \right) \right| \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[ \sup_{\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \left| \sum_{k \neq l, p, q} \sum_{i: cat(\overline{f}, \mathbf{x}, y) = (k, l, p, q)} \sigma_{i} \left( \overline{f}_{k, p}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) - \overline{f}_{l, q}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \right) \right| \right]$$

$$\leq \Lambda_{w} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[ \sup_{\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \sum_{k \neq l, p, q} \left| \left| \sum_{i: cat(\overline{f}, \mathbf{x}, y) = (k, l, p, q)} \sigma_{i} \kappa(x_{i}, \cdot) \right| \right| \right].$$

$$(15)$$

Then, let  $\Pi_N$  be the set of all mappings  $\pi_N$  from  $\{1, \ldots, N\}$  into  $(k, l, p, q) \in \{1, \ldots, M\}^2 \times \mathbb{N}^2$ , such that for all values of *i*, the pair (k, l) is always made up of two different values, while  $p \in \{1, \ldots, b_k\}$  and  $q \in \{1, \ldots, b_l\}$ . It follows

$$\Lambda_{w}\mathbb{E}_{\sigma}\left[\sup_{\overline{f}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}}\sum_{k\neq l,p,q}\left\|\sum_{i:cat(\overline{f},\mathbf{x},y)=(k,l,p,q)}\sigma_{i}\kappa(\mathbf{x}_{i},\cdot)\right\|\right] \leq \Lambda_{w}\sum_{k\neq l,p,q}\mathbb{E}_{\sigma}\left[\sup_{\pi_{N}\in\Pi_{N}}\left\|\sum_{i:\pi_{N}=(k,l,p,q)}\sigma_{i}\kappa(\mathbf{x}_{i},\cdot)\right\|\right]\right].$$
 (16)

Consequently, to complete the derivation of the bound, it suffices to find a uniform upper bound on the expressions of the form

$$\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left\| \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_N} \sigma_i \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot) \right\|, \tag{17}$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_N$  is a subset of  $\{1, \ldots, N\}$ . By applying Jensen's inequality and using the fact that  $\kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_i) \ge 0$ , a uniform upper bound of the above expression can be shown to be equal to

$$\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left\| \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_N} \sigma_i \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot) \right\| \le \Lambda_{\Phi(\mathbb{R}^D)} \sqrt{N}.$$
(18)

By substitution in the right-hand side of (16), and then in the right-hand side of (15), we get

$$\forall z^{N} \in (\mathbb{R}^{D} \times \mathcal{Y})^{N}, \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[ \sup_{\overline{f} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_{i} \left( \overline{f}_{y_{i}}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) - \max_{k \neq y_{i}} \overline{f}_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \right) \right| \right] \leq K \Lambda_{w} \Lambda_{\Phi(\mathbb{R}^{D})} \sqrt{N},$$
(19)

where  $K = \sum_{i=1}^{M} b_i \sum_{j \neq i}^{M} b_j$ , which implies that

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{\sigma,D_N}\left[\sup_{\overline{f}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}}\frac{1}{N}\left|\sum_{i=1}^N\sigma_i\left(\overline{f}_{y_i}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \max_{k\neq y_i}\overline{f}_k(\mathbf{x}_i)\right)\right|\right] \le \frac{K\Lambda_w\Lambda_{\Phi(\mathbb{R}^D)}}{\sqrt{N}}.$$
(20)

In the case of MM, it is easy to see that  $K_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}} = 1 + \Lambda_w \Lambda_{\Phi(\mathbb{R}^D)}$ . Also, due to the assumptions of the Theorem, we can set  $\Lambda_{\Phi(\mathbb{R}^D)} = 1$  and  $\Lambda_w = ||\mathbf{W}||$ . Finally, combining inequalities (11), (12), (13), and (20) produces the bound (9), which concludes the proof.

As a concluding remark, we note that the main difference between proofs of Theorem 6 from (Guermeur, 2010) and the proof of Theorem 4 is in the definition of *cat* mapping. Unlike in (Guermeur, 2010), where the image of *cat* mapping is of cardinality  $M \cdot (M - 1)$ , the image of *cat* mapping for MM is of cardinality K, due to a larger number of weights per class.

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