

A Useful probability tools

A separable process¹ $\{G_\phi\}_{\phi \in \Theta}$ with respect to a metric space (Θ, d) is *sub-Gaussian* if for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\phi, \phi' \in \Theta$, $\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda(X_\phi - X_{\phi'})}] \leq e^{\lambda^2 d^2(\phi, \phi')/2}$. Let also $\text{diam}(\Theta) = \sup_{\phi, \phi' \in \Theta} d(\phi, \phi')$ be the *diameter* of the metric space (Θ, d) . The following result is cited from [van Handel, 2014, Theorem 5.29].

Lemma 10. *There exists a universal constant $C_0 < \infty$ such that for all $z > 0$ and $\phi_0 \in \Theta$,*

$$\Pr \left[\sup_{\phi \in \Theta} G_\phi - G_{\phi_0} \geq C_0 \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\ln N(\Theta; d, \epsilon)} d\epsilon + z \right] \leq C_0 e^{-z^2/(C_0 \cdot \text{diam}(\Theta))},$$

where $N(\Theta; d, \epsilon)$ is the covering number of the metric space (Θ, d) up to precision ϵ .

B Omitted proofs in Section 7

Proof of Lemma 9. Let \mathcal{T}_ζ be all time periods t such that $\zeta_t = \zeta$, and define $T_\zeta = |\mathcal{T}_\zeta|$. We have

$$\sum_t \varpi_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \lesssim \sqrt{d} \cdot \sum_\zeta \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} \alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t}. \quad (27)$$

First by Lemma 8, we have

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} (\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2 \leq \ln(\det(\Lambda_{T_\zeta})) \lesssim d \ln(T_\zeta/d), \quad (28)$$

where the last inequality is due to

$$\det(\Lambda_{T_\zeta}) \leq \text{tr}(\Lambda_{T_\zeta}/d)^d \leq ((T_\zeta + 1)/d)^d. \quad (29)$$

Let us now focus on the Right-Hand Side of Eq. (27), let

$$\mathcal{T}_\zeta^+ := \left\{ t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta : \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \geq \sqrt{d\delta^2/(T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))} \right\}$$

and let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_\zeta^- &:= \left\{ t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta : \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} < \sqrt{d\delta^2/(T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))} \right\} \\ &= \mathcal{T}_\zeta \setminus \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+. \end{aligned}$$

¹See Definition 5.22 in [van Handel, 2014] for a technical definition of separable stochastic processes.

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} \alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} &= \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+} \alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^-} \alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \\ &= \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+} \sqrt{\ln((T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))(\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2/(d\delta^2))} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \\ &\quad + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^-} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \\ &\leq \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+} \sqrt{\ln((T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))(\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2/(d\delta^2))} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \\ &\quad + T_\zeta \sqrt{d\delta^2/(T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Note that the univariate function $f(\tau) = \sqrt{\tau \ln((T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))\tau/(d\delta^2))}$ is concave for $\tau \geq d\delta^2/(T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))$. Applying Jensen's inequality to $f(\tau)$ with $\tau = (\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2$ ($t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+} \sqrt{\ln((T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))(\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2/(d\delta^2))} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \\ &\leq |\mathcal{T}_\zeta^+| \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+} (\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2}{|\mathcal{T}_\zeta^+|}} \\ &\quad \times \sqrt{\ln \left(\frac{T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta)}{d\delta^2} \cdot \frac{\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta^+} (\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2}{|\mathcal{T}_\zeta^+|} \right)} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{|\mathcal{T}_\zeta^+| d \ln(|\mathcal{T}_\zeta|/d) \ln \left(\frac{T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta)}{d\delta^2} \cdot \frac{d \ln(|\mathcal{T}_\zeta|/d)}{|\mathcal{T}_\zeta^+|} \right)} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{dT_\zeta \ln(T_\zeta/d) \ln \left(\frac{T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta)}{d\delta^2} \cdot \frac{d \ln(T_\zeta/d)}{T_\zeta} \right)} \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{dT_\zeta \ln(T_\zeta/d) \ln(T \ln^5 T/(T_\zeta \delta^3))}, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where the second inequality is due to Lemma 8 and Eq. (28), and the third inequality is due to the monotonicity of the function $g(x) = \sqrt{xd \ln(T_\zeta/d) \ln((T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))/(d\delta^2) \cdot (d \ln(T_\zeta/d)/x))}$ for large enough x . Combining Eq. (30), and Eq. (31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} \alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} &\lesssim \sqrt{dT_\zeta \ln(T_\zeta/d) \ln(T \ln^5 T/(T_\zeta \delta^3))} \\ &\quad + T_\zeta \delta \sqrt{d/(T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta))}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

By Algorithm 1, we know that $\varpi_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} = \sqrt{d} \cdot \alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t} \geq 2^{1-\zeta}$ for all $t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta$. Subsequently,

$$\begin{aligned} (2^{-\zeta-1})^2 \cdot T_\zeta &\leq \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} (\varpi_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2 \leq \sqrt{d} \cdot \max_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} (\alpha_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2 \cdot \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} (\omega_{\zeta, t}^{x_t})^2 \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{d} \cdot \log(T \ln^4 T \ln^2(1/\delta)/(d\delta^2)) \cdot d \log T, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds by applying Lemma 8. Therefore,

$$T_\zeta \lesssim 4^\zeta \cdot d^{3/2} \log T \log(T/\delta). \quad (33)$$

We first divide the resolution levels $\zeta \in \{0, 1, \dots, \zeta_0\}$ into two different sets: $\mathcal{Z}_1 := \{0, 1, \dots, \zeta^*\}$ and $\mathcal{Z}_2 := \{\zeta^* < \zeta \leq \zeta_0\}$, where ζ^* is an integer to be defined later. Clearly \mathcal{Z}_1 and \mathcal{Z}_2 partition $\{0, \dots, \zeta_0\}$. Note that $\sqrt{d} \cdot \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} \alpha_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} \lesssim 2^{-\zeta} T_\zeta$ because $\varpi_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} \leq 2^{1-\zeta}$ for all $t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{d} \sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_1} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} \alpha_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} &\lesssim \sum_{\zeta=0}^{\zeta^*} 2^{-\zeta} \cdot 4^\zeta \cdot d^{3/2} \log T \log(T/\delta) \\ &\leq 2^{\zeta^*+1} \cdot d^{3/2} \log T \log(T/\delta); \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{d} \sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_2} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\zeta} \alpha_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} \omega_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} &\lesssim d \sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_2} \sqrt{T_\zeta \log(T) \log(T \log^5 T / (T_\zeta \delta^3))} + \delta d \sqrt{T} / \log^2 T \\ &\leq d \sqrt{|\mathcal{Z}_2| \left(\sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_2} T_\zeta \right) \log(T) \log \left(T \log^5 T \cdot \frac{|\mathcal{Z}_2|}{\delta^3 \sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_2} T_\zeta} \right)} \\ &\quad + \delta d \sqrt{T} / \log^2 T \\ &\lesssim d \sqrt{|\mathcal{Z}_2| T \log(T) \log(\log^5 T |\mathcal{Z}_2| / \delta^3)} + \delta d \sqrt{T} / \log^2 T, \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where the inequality above Eq. (35) is because of the concavity of the function $\sqrt{x \ln(T \log^5 T |\mathcal{Z}_2| / (x \delta^3))}$ and Jensen's inequality, and Eq. (35) is due to $\sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_2} T_\zeta \leq T$ and the monotonicity of the function $\sqrt{x \ln(T \log^5 T |\mathcal{Z}_2| / (x \delta^3))}$.

Recall that $\sqrt{T/d}/\delta \leq 2^{\zeta_0} \leq 2\sqrt{T/d}/\delta$. Select $\zeta^* = \zeta_0 - \lfloor \log_2(\ln(T) \ln(T/\delta)/\delta) \rfloor$; we have that $|\mathcal{Z}_2| = O(\log \log(T/\delta) + \log(1/\delta))$ and $2^{\zeta^*} \leq 2\sqrt{T}/(\sqrt{d} \ln(T) \ln(T/\delta))$.

Finally, we combine Eq. (27), Eq. (34), and Eq. (35), and have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_t \varpi_{\zeta,t}^{x_t} &\lesssim \delta d \sqrt{T} + d \sqrt{T \log T \log(1/\delta)} \cdot \log \log(T/\delta) \\ &\lesssim d \sqrt{T \log T \log(1/\delta)} \cdot \log \log(T/\delta), \end{aligned}$$

which is to be demonstrated. \square