

Appendix

In this appendix, we discuss the convergence rate of $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f|$ for an ID empirical process satisfying the conditions (C1) – (C3).

Given a number $\tilde{x} > 1$, consider the following equation with respect to $\gamma > 0$

$$\tilde{x} - (\tilde{x} + 1) \ln(\tilde{x} + 1) = -\tilde{x}^\gamma, \quad (44)$$

and denote its solution as

$$\gamma(\tilde{x}) := \frac{\ln((\tilde{x} + 1) \ln(\tilde{x} + 1) - \tilde{x})}{\ln(\tilde{x})}. \quad (45)$$

Then, we have for any $0 < \tilde{\gamma} \leq \gamma(\tilde{x})$,

$$\tilde{x} - (\tilde{x} + 1) \ln(\tilde{x} + 1) \leq -\tilde{x}^{\tilde{\gamma}}. \quad (46)$$

By using (46), we can represent the upper bound of $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f|$ for the aforementioned ID empirical process as follows.

Theorem 6.1 *Follow notations in Theorem 4.5 and assume that the conditions (C1)-(C3) are all valid. Then, for any $\xi > 0$ such that $N\xi^2 \geq 32 \max\{A^2, B^2\}$ and $\frac{\xi\beta_1 R}{4(\beta_1^2\beta_2 K^2 + V)} > 1$, letting*

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon = & 2 \exp \left\{ \Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(2N) + \frac{N(\beta_1^2\beta_2 K^2 + V)}{\beta_1^2 R^2} \right. \\ & \left. \times \Gamma \left(\frac{\xi\beta_1 R}{4(\beta_1^2\beta_2 K^2 + V)} \right) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

we have with probability at least $1 - \epsilon$,

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq \left(\frac{4\beta_1 R (\Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(2N) - \ln(\epsilon/2))}{N \left(\frac{\beta_1 R}{4(\beta_1^2\beta_2 K^2 + V)} \right)^{\gamma-1}} \right)^{1/\gamma}, \quad (48)$$

where $0 < \gamma \leq \gamma \left(\frac{\xi\beta_1 R}{4(\beta_1^2\beta_2 K^2 + V)} \right)$.

Proof. It can be directly resulted from the combination of (19), (44), (45) and (46). ■

The above theorem shows that with probability at least $1 - \epsilon$,

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq O \left(\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(2N)}{N} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \right). \quad (49)$$

Furthermore, according to Lemma 4.2, if $VC(\mathcal{F}) \leq D$, we have for any $N > D/2$,

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq O \left(\left(\frac{\ln(2eN/D)}{N/D} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \right). \quad (50)$$

In order to find the convergence rate of $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f|$, we have to study the upper bound of the function $\gamma(x)$ ($x > 1$). According to (45), for any $x > 1$, we consider the derivative of $\gamma(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(x) = & \frac{\ln(x+1)}{\ln(x)((x+1)\ln(x+1) - x)} \\ & - \frac{\ln((x+1)\ln(x+1) - x)}{x(\ln x)^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

and draw the function curve of $\gamma'(x)$ in Fig. 1.

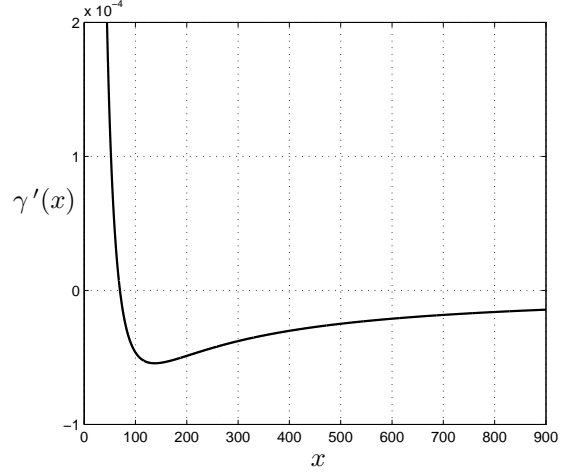


Figure 1: The Function Curve of $\gamma'(x)$

As shown in Fig. 1, there is only one solution to the equation $\gamma'(x) = 0$ ($x > 1$). Letting the solution be \hat{x} , we then have $\gamma'(x) > 0$ ($1 < x < \hat{x}$) and $\gamma'(x) < 0$ ($x > \hat{x}$). Meanwhile, by (51), there holds that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \gamma'(x) = 0. \quad (52)$$

Therefore, we obtain that

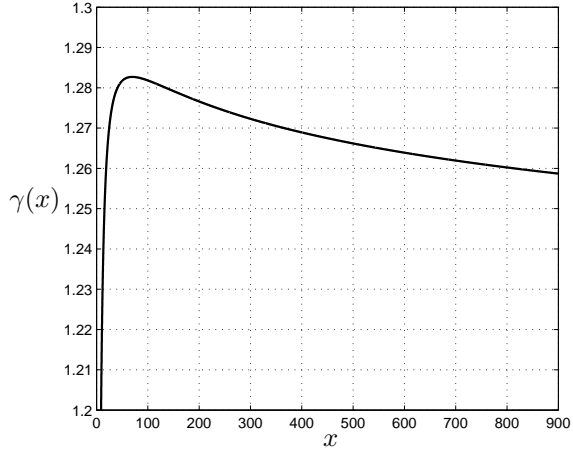
$$\hat{x} = \arg \max_{x > 1} \gamma(x). \quad (53)$$

Our further numerical experiment shows that the value of \hat{x} approximately equals to 69.8517 and the maximum of $\gamma(x)$ ($x > 1$) is not larger than 1.3 (cf. Fig. 2). Thus, according to (49) and (50), we can obtain that with probability at least $1 - \epsilon$,

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq O \left(\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(2N)}{N} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.3}} \right), \quad (54)$$

and

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq O \left(\left(\frac{\ln(2eN/D)}{N/D} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.3}} \right). \quad (55)$$

Figure 2: The Function Curve of $\gamma(x)$

Compared with the results of the generic i.i.d. empirical process given in (Vapnik, 1999)

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq O \left(\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(2N)}{N} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right),$$

and

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f| \leq O \left(\left(\frac{\ln(2eN/D)}{N/D} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right),$$

ID empirical process can provide a faster convergence rate of $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\mathbb{E}_N f - \mathbb{E} f|$.