

A. Proof of Lemma 3

Proof. We adapt the proof of Rademacher based uniform convergence for our purpose. Fix the distribution over \mathbb{T} to $\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{S}, w')$ for some w' . Recall that $\bar{\mathbb{T}} = \{\bar{\mathbb{T}}_i\}$ with $\bar{\mathbb{T}}_i = \{y_i\} \cup \mathbb{T}_i$ and the elements of \mathbb{T}_i are drawn i.i.d. from $\mathcal{R}(x_i, w')$. Since the only random part in $\bar{\mathbb{T}}_i$ is \mathbb{T}_i and $y_i \in \mathbb{S}$, it suffices to show concentration of $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [L(w, \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{T})] - L(w, \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{T})$ for all w and \mathbb{S} . For a fixed \mathbb{S} , we will consider $L(w, \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{T})$ to be a function of \mathbb{T} and w and denote it by $L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})$. In what follows, we will consider \mathbb{T} to be an mn -dimensional vector whose elements (structured outputs) are conditionally independent (but not identically distributed) given a data set \mathbb{S} . Define,

$$\varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T} \sim \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{S}, w')} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})] - L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}). \quad (20)$$

$\varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S})$ is $(1/m)$ -Lipschitz and the elements of \mathbb{T} are independent. Therefore, by McDiarmid's inequality, we have that:

$$\Pr_{\mathbb{T}} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [\varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S})] - \varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S}) \leq \sqrt{\frac{\ln(1/\delta)}{2m}} \mid \mathbb{S} \right\} \geq 1 - \delta. \quad (21)$$

Therefore, with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the choice of \mathbb{T} :

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})] - L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) \\ & \leq \sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})] - L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) = \varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S}) \\ & \leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [\varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S})] + \sqrt{\frac{\ln 1/\delta}{2m}}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Next, we will use a symmetrization argument to bound $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [\varphi(\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{S})]$. Let $\mathbb{T}' \sim \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{S})$ be an independent copy of \mathbb{T} . Observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) \mid \mathbb{T}] &= L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} [L(\mathbb{T}', w; \mathbb{S}) \mid \mathbb{T}] &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})]. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [\varphi(\mathbb{T})] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} \left[\sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})] - L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} \left[\sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} [L(\mathbb{T}', w; \mathbb{S}) \mid \mathbb{T}] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}'} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) \mid \mathbb{T}] \right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T}'} \left[\sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m z'_i - z_i \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $z'_i = \Pr_{\gamma} \{f_{w, \gamma, \mathbb{T}'}(x_i) \neq y_i\}$ and $z_i = \Pr_{\gamma} \{f_{w, \gamma, \mathbb{T}}(x_i) \neq y_i\}$. Since $z'_i - z_i$ has a distribution that is symmetric around zero, $z'_i - z_i$ and $\sigma_i(z'_i - z_i)$ have the same distribution, where σ_i 's are independent Rademacher variables. Continuing the above derivation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [\varphi(\mathbb{T})] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T}', \sigma} \left[\sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(z'_i - z_i) \right] \\ & = \frac{2}{m} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}, \sigma} \left[\sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \Pr_{\gamma} \{f_{w, \gamma, \mathbb{T}}(x_i) \neq y_i\} \right] \\ & = 2 \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} \left[\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{G}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{G})$ is the empirical Rademacher complexity of the function class $\mathcal{G} = \{g_w \mid w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}\}$ with respect to \mathbb{T} , with $g_w(x, y) = \Pr_{\gamma} \{f_{w,\gamma,\mathbb{T}}(x) \neq y\}$. Next, using the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can bound $\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{G})$ for any set \mathbb{T} , and get the following bound:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [\varphi(\mathbb{T})] \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{s(\log d + 2\log(nr))}{m}} \quad (23)$$

Note that the above differs from the bound in Theorem 1 in the log factor since we need to consider linear orderings of nr structured outputs. Therefore from (22) and (23) we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\mathbb{T}}\{(\forall w \in \mathbb{R}^{d,s}) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}} [L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S})] - L(\mathbb{T}, w; \mathbb{S}) \\ \leq \varepsilon_2(d, s, n, r, m, \delta) \mid \mathbb{S}\} \geq 1 - \delta. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

By Definition 1 and from the results by (Bennett, 1956; Bennett & Hays, 1960; Cover, 1967), there are at most $\binom{d}{s}(mr)^{2s}$ effective (equivalence classes) proposal distributions $\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$. Taking a union bound over all such proposal distributions we prove our claim. \square