

But $\frac{1}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{W_{t+1}}{W_t} \right) \stackrel{\text{see previous proof}}{=} \frac{1}{\eta} \ln \left(\sum_{i=1}^k P_{i,t} e^{-\eta l(a_{i,t}, y_t)} \right) \quad (*) \quad (3)$

Notice that: since l is η_0 -exp-concave and thus

η -exp-concave, then

$$e^{-\eta l \left(\sum_{i=1}^k P_{i,t} a_{i,t}, y_t \right)} \geq \sum_{i=1}^k P_{i,t} e^{-\eta l(a_{i,t}, y_t)} \quad (**)$$

We take the log and divide by $-\eta$

$$-l \left(\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k P_{i,t} a_{i,t}}_{\hat{a}_t}, y_t \right) \geq \frac{1}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{W_{t+1}}{W_t} \right) \quad \text{from } (**)$$

$$\Rightarrow -l(\hat{a}_t, y_t) \geq -\min_{1 \leq i \leq k} L_{i,T} - \frac{\ln k}{\eta} \quad \text{by } (***) \text{ lower bound}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow l(\hat{a}_t, y_t) - \min L_{i,T} \leq \frac{\ln k}{\eta}$$

3. The non-convex case

In section 2 we assumed that \mathcal{D} is convex and $l(\cdot, y)$ is convex $\forall y \in \mathcal{Y}$. What can we do if these convexity assumptions are not satisfied?

Answer: use randomized algorithm!

Algorithm: (Randomized EWA)

⊗ Parameter $\eta > 0$

⊗ At every round $t \geq 1$

Compute the weight vector $P_t \in \Delta_k$

$$P_{i,t} = \frac{e^{-\eta \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} l(a_{i,s}, y_s)}}{\sum_{j=1}^k e^{-\eta \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} l(a_{j,s}, y_s)}}$$

⊗ $\Delta \hat{a}_t = \sum_{i=1}^k P_{i,t} a_{i,t} \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

is forbidden since we don't know $\hat{a}_t \in \mathcal{D}$ or not since \mathcal{D} is not convex

Instead, pick $I_t \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ at random st $\mathbb{P}(I_t = i) = p_{i,t}$

$$\mathbb{P}(I_t = i | I_1, \dots, I_{t-1}) = p_{i,t}$$

In other words, $\mathcal{L}(I_t | I_1, \dots, I_{t-1}) = p_t$

NB: p_t can be random if the statistician has a malicious adversary. In this case $y_t = y_t(I_1, \dots, I_{t-1})$
 $a_{\cdot,t} = a_{\cdot,t}(I_1, \dots, I_{t-1})$
 $\rightarrow p_t$ is measurable wrt I_1, \dots, I_{t-1}
 \downarrow vi p_t phụ thuộc vào y_{t-1}, a_{t-1} \rightarrow depend on $t-2$ up to

Next we address this more general setting

So now \hat{a}_t will be

$$\hat{a}_t = a_{I_t, t} \quad (\text{we trust expert } I_t \text{ at time } t)$$

3.1: Bounding the "regret in expectation"

Theorem: Assume that $l: \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is bounded in $[B_1, B_2]$, no convexity on \mathcal{D} nor on $l(\cdot, y)$

then the randomized EWA algorithm satisfies:

Whatever the adversary (allowed to choose y_t and $a_{\cdot,t}$ as a function of I_1, \dots, I_{t-1})

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T l(\hat{a}_t, y_t) - \min_{1 \leq i \leq K} \sum_{t=1}^T l(a_{i,t}, y_t) \right] \leq (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln K}{2}}$$

Proof: We use the result of section 2 (no convexity)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T l(\hat{a}_t, y_t) \right] = \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E}(l(a_{I_t, t}, y_t) | I_1, \dots, I_{t-1}) \right]$$

$y_t, a_{\cdot,t}$ is measurable wrt (I_1, \dots, I_{t-1})

$$\text{and } \mathbb{P}(I_t = i | I_1, \dots, I_{t-1}) = p_{i,t}$$

Then the expectation is

$$= \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^K P_{i,t} \ell(a_{i,t}, y_t) \right) \quad (4)$$

(Because when we condition on (I_1, \dots, I_{t-1}) , $y_t, a_{i,t}$ are deterministic, the only randomness comes from I_t)

More formally: if $\{Y \text{ is } \sigma(Z)\text{-measurable then } \mathbb{P}((X,Y)|Z) = \mathbb{P}(dX|Z) \otimes \delta_Y \text{ a.s.}$

As a consequence,

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{regret}(T)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^K P_{i,t} \ell(a_{i,t}, y_t) - \min_{1 \leq i \leq K} \sum_{t=1}^T \ell(a_{i,t}, y_t) \right]$$

We proved at the end of the proof of the 1st thm that this quantity is $\leq \frac{\ln K}{\eta} + \frac{\eta T (B_2 - B_1)^2}{2} = (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln K}{2}}$ for $\eta = \frac{1}{B_2 - B_1} \sqrt{\frac{T \ln K}{2}}$. This upper bound is true almost surely (actually: $\forall \omega \in \Omega$).

$$\text{Therefore, } \mathbb{E}[\text{regret}(T)] \leq (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln K}{2}} \quad \square$$

3.2: Bounding the regret with high probability

Lemma (Hoeffding - Azuma's inequality)

Let $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{N}^+}$ be a (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted processes in L^1 st

$X_t \in [A_t, A_t + C_t]$ a.s for some \mathcal{F}_{t-1} -measurable r.v

A_t and some real number, then for, $\forall x > 0$

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T (X_t - \mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})) > x \right) \leq e^{-\frac{2x^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T C_t^2}}$$

even better $\forall x > 0$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\max_{1 \leq t \leq T} \sum_{s=1}^t (X_s - \mathbb{E}(X_s | \mathcal{F}_{s-1})) > x \right) \leq e^{-\frac{2x^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T C_t^2}}$$

Sketch of the proof

$$Z_t = X_t - \mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})$$

Note that $\mathbb{E}(Z_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = 0$ a.s

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\max_{1 \leq t \leq T} \sum_{s=1}^t Z_s > x \right) = \mathbb{P} \left(\max_{1 \leq t \leq T} e^{\lambda \sum_{s=1}^t Z_s} > e^{\lambda x} \right)$$

$$\leq \frac{\mathbb{E} \left(e^{\lambda \sum_{s=1}^T Z_s} \right)}{e^{\lambda x}} \leq e^{-\lambda x} e^{\frac{\lambda^2}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T C_t^2} = e^{-\frac{2x^2}{2C^2}} \quad \text{for any } \lambda > 0$$

↑
after optimizing λ

Hint to prove ① and ②: ① is follow from Doob's ineq.

for positive submartingale $e^{\sum_{t=1}^T z_t}$

② follows from a proof similar to that of Hoeffding's ineq.

Next we use this inequality to bound the regret with high probability.

We prove that a.s

$$\sum_{t=1}^T p_t \cdot l_t \leq \min_{1 \leq i \leq K} \sum_{t=1}^T l(a_{it}, y_t) + (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln k}{2}}$$

In stead of $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ we take $\mathbb{E}[\cdot | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}]$

$$\mathcal{F}_{t-1} = (\mathcal{I}_1, \dots, \mathcal{I}_{t-1})$$

By using Hoeffding - Azuma's ineq. with $A_t = B_1$
we get that $\forall \delta \in (0, 1)$ $C_t = B_2 - B_1$

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T (X_t - \mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})) > \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^T C_t^2}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)} \right] \leq \delta$$

In other words, with $\mathbb{P} \geq 1 - \delta$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T (X_t - \mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})) &< \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^T C_t^2}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)} \\ &= (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But: } X_t = l(\hat{a}_t, y_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) &= \mathbb{E}(l(\hat{a}_t, y_t) | \mathcal{I}_1, \dots, \mathcal{I}_{t-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^K p_{i,t} l(a_{it}, y_t) = p_t \cdot l_t \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together with probability at least $1 - \delta$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T l(\hat{a}_t, y_t) \leq \sum_{t=1}^T p_t \cdot l_t + (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)}{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \leq \min_{1 \leq i \leq K} \sum_{t=1}^T l(a_{it}, y_t) + (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln k}{2}} + (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T \ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{2}}$$

We've just proved the following theorem ⑤

Thm Assume l is bounded in $[B_1, B_2]$. Then the randomized EWA algorithm has a regret bounded as follows; whatever the adversary, $\forall \delta \in (0, 1)$ with proba $> 1 - \delta$

$$\text{regret}(T) \leq (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T}{2} \ln k} + (B_2 - B_1) \sqrt{\frac{T}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)}$$

Exercise \hookrightarrow prove that the randomized EWA algorithm satisfies a.s. $\exists c > 0$ st, for T is large enough

$$\text{regret}(T) \leq c \sqrt{T \log T} \quad T \geq T_0(\omega)$$

$$2/ \leq c \sqrt{T \ln \ln T} \quad (\text{even better})$$