

Exact Expressions for the Generalization Error in Statistical Federated Learning

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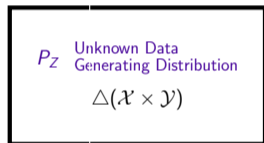
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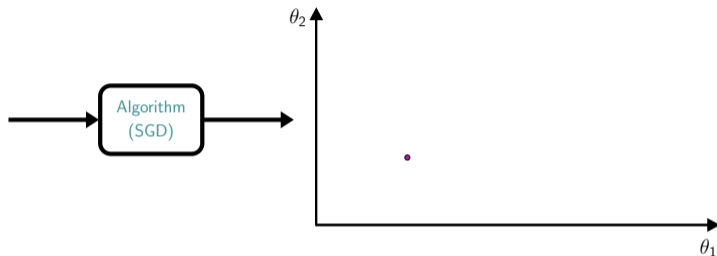
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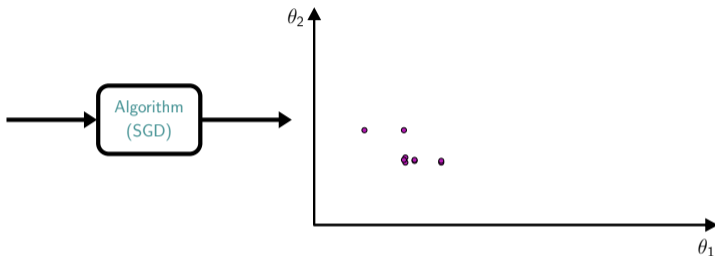
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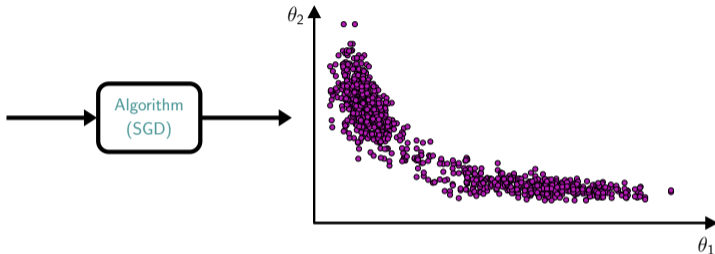
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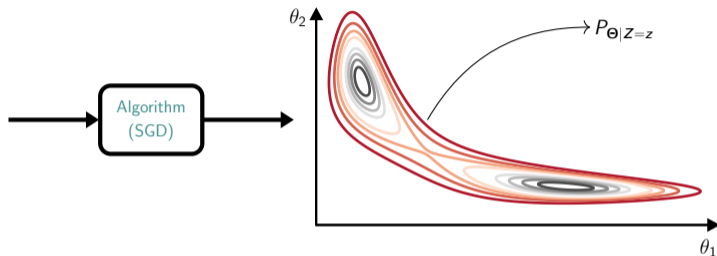
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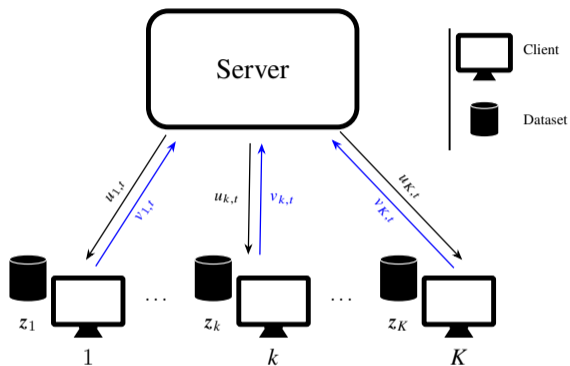
The *empirical risk* induced by $\theta \in \mathcal{M}_k$, with respect to the dataset \mathbf{z}_k :

$$L_k : \begin{cases} \mathcal{Z}_k^{n_k} \times \mathcal{M}_k \longrightarrow [0, +\infty) \\ (\mathbf{z}_k, \theta) \longmapsto \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \ell_k(\theta, x_{k,i}, y_{k,i}), \end{cases}$$



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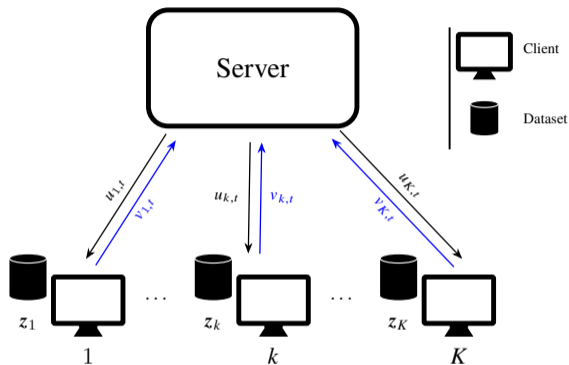


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Example (FedAvg [3])

Let $\mathcal{U}_k = \mathcal{V}_k = \mathcal{M}_k$ and $v_{k,0} = \emptyset$, $u_{k,0} = \theta_0$
then, for $t \in \{1, \dots, m\}$,

$$v_{k,t} = \nabla L_k(\mathbf{z}_k, u_{k,t-1}),$$

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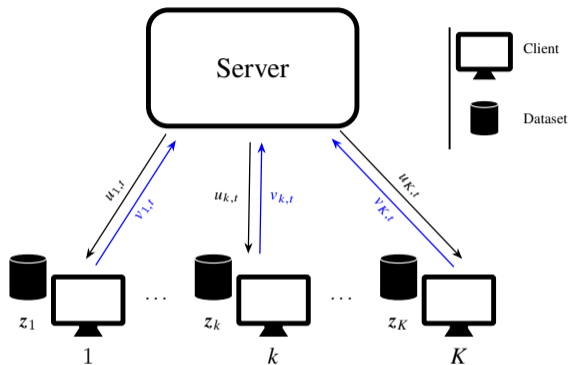


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Communication constraints:

- ▶ **uplink** information transmission rate: \bar{R}_k ;
- ▶ **downlink** information transmission rate: \underline{R}_k .

$$|\mathcal{U}_k| \leq 2^{m\underline{R}_k} \quad \text{and} \quad |\mathcal{V}_k| \leq 2^{m\bar{R}_k}.$$

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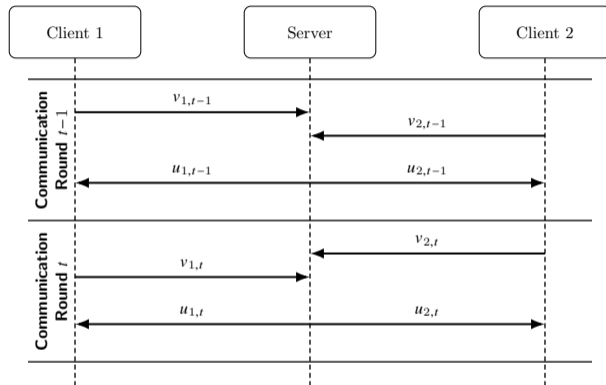


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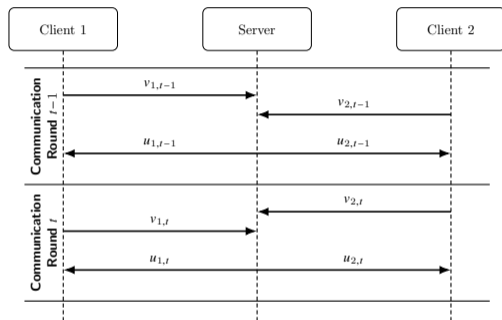


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- ▶ all messages sent to the server during round t :

$$\mathbf{v}^{(t)} = (v_{1,t}, v_{2,t}, \dots, v_{K,t})^\top \in \mathcal{V}_1 \times \mathcal{V}_2 \times \dots \times \mathcal{V}_K;$$

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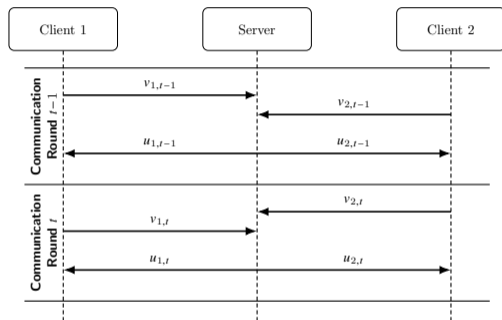


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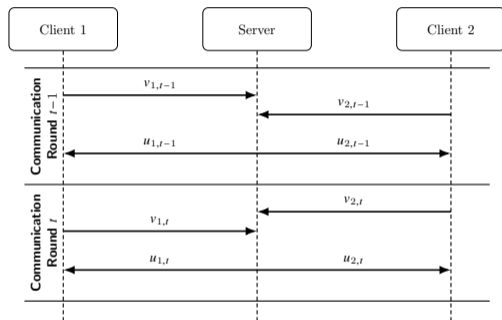


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- ▶ all messages sent by the server to client k during all previous rounds, including round t :

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The Machine Learning Algorithm

Assumption

The model chosen by client k , with $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$, is obtained by sampling a probability measure exclusively conditioned on

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The machine learning algorithm used by client k :

$$P_{\Theta_k | \mathbf{u}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{v}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_k} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k | \mathcal{U}_k^m \times \mathcal{V}_k^m \times \mathcal{Z}_k^{n_k}).$$

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The messenger of client k during communication round t :

$$P_{V_{k,t} | U_k^{(t-1)}, V_k^{(t-1)}, Z_k} \in \Delta \left(\mathcal{V}_k | \mathcal{U}_k^{t-1} \times \mathcal{V}_k^{t-1} \times \mathcal{Z}_k^{n_k} \right).$$

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The server during communication round t :

$$P_{\mathbf{u}^{(t)} | \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(t-1)}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}^{(t)}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{U}_0 | \mathcal{U}_0^{t-1} \times \mathcal{V}_0^t).$$

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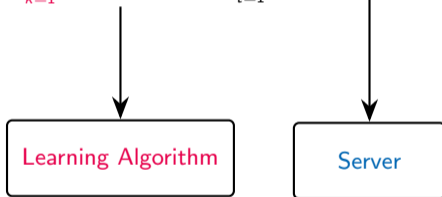
$$P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)} | \mathbf{z}_0} = \left(\prod_{k=1}^K P_{\theta_k | \mathbf{u}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{v}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_k} \right) \prod_{t=1}^m \left(P_{\mathbf{u}^{(t)} | \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(t-1)}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}^{(t-1)}} \prod_{j=1}^K P_{\mathbf{v}_{j,t} | \mathbf{u}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{v}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{z}_j} \right).$$



Learning Algorithm

Statistical Federated Learning

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The diagram illustrates the mapping of the equation's components to system components:

- The first term, $\prod_{k=1}^K P_{\theta_k | \mathbf{u}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{v}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_k}$, is associated with the **Learning Algorithm**.
- The second term, $P_{\mathbf{u}^{(t)} | \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(t-1)}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}^{(t-1)}}$, is associated with the **Server**.
- The third term, $\prod_{j=1}^K P_{\mathbf{v}_{j,t} | \mathbf{u}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{v}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{z}_j}$, is associated with the **Messenger**.

Example

Example (FedAvg)

$$P_{U_{k,t} | U_{k,t-1}=u_{k,t-1}, \mathbf{v}^{(t)}=\mathbf{v}^{(t)}}(\{u_{k,t}\}) = \mathbb{1}_{\{u_{k,t}=u_{k,t-1}-\eta \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{n_i}{n_0} v_{i,t}\}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{U}_k),$$

$$P_{V_{k,t} | U_{k,t-1}=u_{k,t-1}, \mathbf{z}_k=\mathbf{z}_k}(\{v_{k,t}\}) = \mathbb{1}_{\{v_{k,t}=\nabla L_k(\mathbf{z}_k, u_{k,t-1})\}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{V}_k),$$

$$P_{\Theta_k | U_{k,t}=u_{k,t}, \mathbf{z}_k=\mathbf{z}_k}(\{\theta_k\}) = \mathbb{1}_{\{\theta_k=u_{k,t}\}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k).$$

Example

Example (FedAvg)

$$P_{U_{k,t} | U_{k,t-1}=u_{k,t-1}, \mathbf{v}^{(t)}=\mathbf{v}^{(t)}}(\{u_{k,t}\}) = \mathbb{1}_{\{u_{k,t}=u_{k,t-1}-\eta \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{n_i}{n_0} v_{i,t}\}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{U}_k),$$

$$P_{V_{k,t} | U_{k,t-1}=u_{k,t-1}, \mathbf{z}_k=\mathbf{z}_k}(\{v_{k,t}\}) = \mathbb{1}_{\{v_{k,t}=\nabla L_k(\mathbf{z}_k, u_{k,t-1})\}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{V}_k),$$

$$P_{\Theta_k | U_{k,t}=u_{k,t}, \mathbf{z}_k=\mathbf{z}_k}(\{\theta_k\}) = \mathbb{1}_{\{\theta_k=u_{k,t}\}} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k).$$



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The marginal probability measure in $\Delta(\mathcal{M}_k | \mathcal{Z}_0)$ of the probability measure $P_{\Theta, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)} | \mathcal{Z}_0}$, denoted $P_{\Theta_k | \mathcal{Z}_0}^{(m)} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k | \mathcal{Z}_0)$, is such that for all measurable sets $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_k$ and for all $\mathbf{z}_0 = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_K) \in \mathcal{Z}_0$,

$$P_{\Theta_k | \mathcal{Z}_0 = \mathbf{z}_0}^{(m)}(\mathcal{A}) = \sum_{(\underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}) \in \mathcal{U}_0^m \times \mathcal{V}_0^m} a_{\underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_0} P_{\Theta_k | \mathbf{u}_k^{(m)} = \underline{u}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{v}_k^{(m)} = \underline{v}_k^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_k = z_k}(\mathcal{A}).$$

Moreover, $a_{\underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_0} \geq 0$ and $\sum_{(\underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}) \in \mathcal{U}_0^m \times \mathcal{V}_0^m} a_{\underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_0} = 1$.

$$a_{\underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}, \mathbf{z}_0} \triangleq \prod_{t=1}^m P_{\mathbf{u}^{(t)} | \underline{u}^{(t-1)} = \underline{u}^{(t-1)}, \underline{v}^{(t)} = \underline{v}^{(t)}}(\{\mathbf{u}^{(t)}\}) \prod_{j=1}^K P_{\mathbf{v}_{j,t} | \mathbf{u}_j^{(t-1)} = \underline{u}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{v}_j^{(t-1)} = \underline{v}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{z}_j = z_j}(\{\mathbf{v}_{j,t}\}).$$

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Definition (Generalization Error)

In the federated learning system described by the measure $P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(m)}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}^{(m)} | \mathbf{z}_0}$, under the assumption that datasets $\mathbf{z}_0 = (\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \dots, \mathbf{z}_K) \in \mathcal{Z}_0$ are obtained by sampling a probability measure $P_{\mathbf{z}_0} \in \Delta(\mathcal{Z}_0)$, the generalization error at client k is

$$G_k(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \underline{\mathbf{u}}^{(m)}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}^{(m)} | \mathbf{z}_0}; P_{\mathbf{z}_0}) \triangleq \iint \left(R_{k, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k} \left(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{z}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k}^{(m)} \right) - R_{k, \mathbf{z}_k} \left(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{z}_k}^{(m)} \right) \right) dP_{\mathbf{z}_k}(\hat{\mathbf{z}}_k) dP_{\mathbf{z}_0}(\mathbf{z}_0).$$

[4] Samir M. Perlaza and Xinying Zou. "The Generalization Error of Machine Learning Algorithms". November, 2024.

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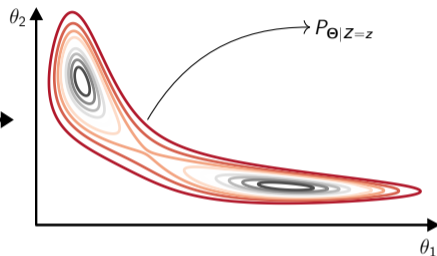
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Representation of Algorithms



$$z = ((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n))$$

Training Dataset



[1] W. Azizian, F. Lutzeler, J. Malick, and P. Mertikopoulos, "What is the long-run distribution of stochastic gradient descent? A large deviations analysis," in Proc. of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning, July 2024, pp. 2168 – 2229.

Optimization problems

Let $\lambda_k > 0$,

$$\min_{P \in \Delta_{Q_{\Theta_k}}(\mathcal{M}_k)} R_{k,z_k}(P) + \lambda_k D(P \| Q_{\Theta_k})$$

Let $\lambda_k < 0$,

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[5] Samir M. Perlaza and Gaetan Bisson. "Variations on the expectation due to changes in the probability measure". *Entropy*, 27(8:865):1–20, Aug. 2025.

Definition

Given the function L_k in (1), with $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$; a σ -finite measure $Q_{\Theta_k} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k)$; and a $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, the probability measure $P_{\Theta_k | \mathbf{z}_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k | \mathcal{Z}_k^{n_k})$ is said to be an $(L_k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)$ -Gibbs conditional probability measure if for all $\mathbf{z}_k \in \mathcal{S}_k$, $K_{k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \mathbf{z}_k} \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda_k}\right) < +\infty$; for some set $\mathcal{S}_k \subseteq \mathcal{Z}_k^{n_k}$; and for all $(\mathbf{z}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k) \in \mathcal{S}_k \times \text{supp } Q_{\Theta_k}$,

$$\frac{dP_{\Theta_k | \mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{z}_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}}{dQ_{\Theta_k}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda_k} L_k(\mathbf{z}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k) - K_{k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \mathbf{z}_k}\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda_k}\right)\right),$$

where the function $K_{k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \mathbf{z}_k}$ is defined as follows

$$K_{k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \mathbf{z}_k} : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ t \longmapsto \log\left(\int \exp(t L_k(\mathbf{z}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k)) dQ_{\Theta_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k)\right). \end{cases}$$

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Let $\lambda_k > 0$,

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Let $\gamma = D(P_{\Theta_k | Z_k = z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)} \| Q_{\Theta_k})$,

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The Best !

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Let $\gamma = D\left(P_{\Theta_k|Z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)} \| Q_{\Theta_k}\right)$,

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Consider the generalization error $\mathbf{G}_k \left(P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)} | z_0}; P_{Z_0} \right)$ and assume that for all $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}_0$, $P_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} \ll Q_{\Theta_k} \ll P_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} \ll P_{\Theta_k | Z_0 = z_0}^{(m)} \ll Q_{\Theta_k}$. Then,

$$\mathbf{G}_k \left(P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)} | z_0}; P_{Z_0} \right) = \lambda_k \left(I \left(P_{\Theta_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) + L \left(P_{\Theta_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) + J_{L_k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k} \left(P_{\Theta_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) \right).$$

Generalization Error: The First Closed Form Expression

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$$\begin{aligned} & J_{L_k, Q_{\underline{\theta}_k}, \lambda_k} \left(P_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) \\ &= \int \log \left(\frac{dP_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0}^{(m)}(\theta_k)}{dP_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\underline{\theta}_k}, \lambda_k)}(\theta_k)} \right) dP_{\underline{\theta}_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}(\theta_k, z_0) - \int \log \left(\frac{dP_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0=z_0}^{(m)}(\theta_k)}{dP_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\underline{\theta}_k}, \lambda_k)}(\theta_k)} \right) dP_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}(\theta_k, z_0), \end{aligned}$$

where the probability measure $P_{\underline{\theta}_k}^{(m)}$ is such that for all measurable sets $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_k$

$$P_{\underline{\theta}_k}^{(m)}(\mathcal{A}) = \int P_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0=z_0}^{(m)}(\mathcal{A}) dP_{Z_0}(z_0);$$

$P_{\underline{\theta}_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0)$ is a product measure formed by $P_{\underline{\theta}_k}^{(m)}$ and P_{Z_0} ; and

$P_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0} \in \Delta(\mathcal{M}_k \times \text{set } \mathcal{Z}_0)$ is the joint probability measure induced by $P_{\underline{\theta}_k | z_0}^{(m)}$.

Generalization Error: The First Closed Form Expression

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Warnings :

- ▶ λ_k does not influence the value of $\mathbf{G}_k \left(P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)} | z_0}; P_{Z_0} \right)$;
- ▶ $I \left(P_{\Theta_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) + L \left(P_{\Theta_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) \geq 0$;
- ▶ $J_{L_k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k} \left(P_{\Theta_k | z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) \in \mathbb{R}$.

Independence Hypothesis Test

$$\begin{aligned} & I(P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0}) + L(P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0}) \\ &= \int \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)}}{dP_{\Theta_k}^{(m)}}(\theta_k) \right) dP_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}(\theta_k, z_0) - \int \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)}}{dP_{\Theta_k}^{(m)}}(\theta_k) \right) dP_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}(\theta_k, z_0) \end{aligned}$$

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Hypothesis:

$$H_0 : (\theta_k, z_0) \sim P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}$$

$$H_1 : (\theta_k, z_0) \sim P_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}$$

Contribution of the Federation

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{J}_{L_k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k} \left(P_{\Theta_k | Z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0} \right) \\ &= \int \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k | Z_0 = z_0}^{(m)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k)}{dP_{\Theta_k | Z_k = z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k)} \right) dP_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \mathbf{z}_0) - \int \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k | Z_0 = z_0}^{(m)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k)}{dP_{\Theta_k | Z_k = z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k)} \right) dP_{\Theta_k | Z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \mathbf{z}_0), \end{aligned}$$

Contribution of the Federation

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Mismatch Hypothesis testing:

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Contribution of the Federation

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Consider $\gamma > 0$,

$$\mathcal{A}_\gamma = \left\{ (\theta_k, z_0) \in \mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0 : \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k | Z_0 = z_0}^{(m)}(\theta_k)}{dP_{\Theta_k | Z_k = z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}(\theta_k)} \right) \geq \gamma \right\}$$

The set \mathcal{A}_γ is the acceptance region of $H_0 : (\theta_k, z_0) \sim P_{\Theta_k | Z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0}$.

The set \mathcal{A}_γ^c is the acceptance region of $H_1 : (\theta_k, z_0) \sim P_{\Theta_k | Z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)} P_{Z_0}$.

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$$P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k}^{(m)} P_{\mathbf{z}_0} (\mathcal{A}_\gamma)$$


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$$\mathcal{A}_\gamma = \left\{ (\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \mathbf{z}_0) \in \mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0 : \log \left(\frac{dP_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{z}_0}^{(m)}}{dP_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{z}_k}^{(Q_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \lambda_k})}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_k) \right) \geq \gamma \right\}$$

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Consider $\gamma > 0$,

$$\mathcal{A}_\gamma = \left\{ (\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \mathbf{z}_0) \in \mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0 : \log \left(\frac{dP_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{z}_0}^{(m)}}{dP_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{z}_k}^{(Q_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \lambda_k})}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_k) \right) \geq \gamma \right\}$$

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Theorem

Assume that for all $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}_0$, $P_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)} \ll Q_{\Theta_k}$; consider a free parameter $\gamma > 0$; the following constants

$$\underline{\gamma} \triangleq \min_{(\theta_k, z_0) \in \mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0} \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)}(\theta_k)}{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\gamma} \triangleq \max_{(\theta_k, z_0) \in \mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0} \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)}(\theta_k)}{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}} \right);$$

and the set $\mathcal{A}_\gamma = \left\{ (\theta_k, z_0) \in \mathcal{M}_k \times \mathcal{Z}_0 : \log \left(\frac{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)}(\theta_k)}{dP_{\Theta_k|Z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}} \right) \geq \gamma \right\}$. Then, the value

$J_{L_k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k} (P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0})$, satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & P_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0} (\mathcal{A}_\gamma) (\bar{\gamma} - \gamma) + P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0} (\mathcal{A}_\gamma^c) (\gamma - \underline{\gamma}) \\ & \geq J_{L_k, Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k} (P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)}; P_{Z_0}) \geq \\ & P_{\Theta_k}^{(m)} P_{Z_0} (\mathcal{A}_\gamma^c) (\underline{\gamma} - \gamma) + P_{\Theta_k|Z_0}^{(m)} P_{Z_0} (\mathcal{A}_\gamma) (\gamma - \bar{\gamma}). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & G_k(P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}|z_0}; P_{Z_0}) \\ &= \lambda_k \iint \left(D(P_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)} \| P_{\Theta_k|Z_k=\hat{z}_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}) - D(P_{\Theta_k|Z_0=z_0}^{(m)} \| P_{\Theta_k|Z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\Theta_k}, \lambda_k)}) \right) dP_{Z_k}(\hat{z}_k) dP_{Z_0}(z_0). \end{aligned}$$

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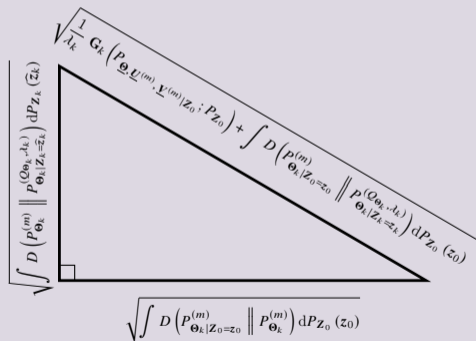
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Consider the generalization error $G_k(P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}|z_0}; P_{Z_0})$. Assume that for all $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}_0$, $P_{\theta_k|z_0=z_0}^{(m)} \ll P_{\theta_k}^{(m)} \ll Q_{\theta_k}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda_k} G_k(P_{\underline{\theta}, \underline{u}^{(m)}, \underline{v}^{(m)}|z_0}; P_{Z_0}) \\ & + \int D(P_{\theta_k|z_0=z_0}^{(m)} \| P_{\theta_k|z_k=z_k}^{(Q_{\theta_k}, \lambda_k)}) dP_{Z_0}(z_0) \\ & = \int D(P_{\theta_k}^{(m)} \| P_{\theta_k|z_k=\hat{z}_k}^{(Q_{\theta_k}, \lambda_k)}) dP_{Z_k}(\hat{z}_k) \\ & + \int D(P_{\theta_k|z_0=z_0}^{(m)} \| P_{\theta_k}^{(m)}) dP_{Z_0}(z_0), \end{aligned}$$



Thank you for your attention!

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