# Learning Efficient Random Maximum A-Posteriori Predictors with Non-Decomposable Loss Functions

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### Motivation

We investigate the Bayeisan aspects of PAC-Bayesian generalization bounds.

**Contributions:** Posterior distributions that allow efficient sampling procedures

- Posterior distributions for supermodular predictions.
- Predictive models for approximate inference / LP relaxations.
- Empirical risk minimization for any loss function and smooth posterior.

### Background

Supervised learning: given training data  $(x,y) \in S$ , learn parameters w to derive prediction rule  $y_w(x)$  that minimizes the risk.

Maximum A-Posteriori (MAP) prediction:

$$y_w(x) = \arg \max_{y_1, \dots, y_n} \theta(y; x, w)$$

• Random MAP predictor:

$$p[y|x] = P_{\gamma \sim q_w} \left[ y = y_\gamma(x) \right]$$

• Bayesian risk:

$$R(w, x, y) = \sum_{\hat{y}} P[y|x]L(\hat{y}, y)$$
$$R(w) = E_{(x,y)\sim\rho} [R(w, x, y)]$$
$$R_S(w) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{(x,y)\in S} R(w, x, y)$$

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### **PAC-Bayesian generalization**

For any  $\delta$  and any  $\lambda > 0$ , with probability at least 1- $\delta$  over the draw of the training set, the following holds simultaneously for all w:

 $R(w) \le \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-\lambda)} \left( \lambda R_S(w) + \frac{KL(q_w || p) + \log(1/\delta)}{|S|} \right)$ while  $KL(q_w||p) = \int q_w(\gamma) \log(q_w(\gamma)/p(\gamma))$ 

#### When we can minimize risk?

To find the best parametrized posterior distribution  $q_w(\gamma)$  we minimize the bound, as long as the posterior is smooth

 $\nabla_w R(w, x, y) = E_{\gamma \sim q_w} \left| \nabla_w [\log q_w(\gamma)] L(y_\gamma(x), y) \right|$  $\nabla_w KL(q_w || p) = E_{\gamma \sim q_w} \Big[ \nabla_w [\log q_w(\gamma)] \big( \log(q_w(\gamma)/p(\gamma)) + 1 \Big) \Big]$ 

**Proof:**  $R(w, x, y) = \int q_w(\gamma) L(y_\gamma(x), y) d\gamma$ 

Differentiate under the integral and use

 $\nabla_w q_w(\gamma) = q_w(\gamma) \nabla_w \log(q_w(\gamma))$ 

### **Priors set regularizations**

The Complexity of the bound (regularization) is determined by its prior distribution: Let  $q_w(\gamma) = q_0(\gamma - w)$  then

 $KL(q_w||p) = -H(q_0) - E_{\gamma \sim q_0}[\log p(\gamma + w)]$ 

For Gaussian prior  $\nabla_w KL(q_w||p) = w$ 

**Proof:** Change variable  $\hat{\gamma} = \gamma - w$ 

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#### Learning efficient posteriors

#### Learn supermodular MAP predictors

$\theta(y; x, w) = \sum \theta_i(y_i; x, w) +$	$\sum \theta_{i,j}(y_i, y_j; x, w)$
$i{\in}V$	$i,j\!\in\!E$
$\theta_{i,j}(y_i, y_j; x, w) = w_{i,j} y_i y_j,$	$w_{i,j} \ge 0$

Multiplicative posteriors result in log-barrier functions over the parameters: For any probability distribution  $q_1(\gamma)$  over the nonnegative reals, let  $q_w(\gamma) = q_1(\gamma/w)/w$  $KL(q_{\alpha,w}||p) = -H(q_{\alpha}) - \log w - E_{\gamma \sim q_{\alpha}}[\log p(w\gamma)]$ **Proof:** Change of variable  $-H(q_w) \stackrel{\hat{\gamma}=\gamma/w}{=} \int q_1(\hat{\gamma}) \Big(\log q_1(\hat{\gamma}) - \log w\Big) d\hat{\gamma} = -H(q_1) - \log w.$ For Gaussian prior:  $E_{\gamma \sim q_1}[\log p(w\gamma)] = -\frac{1}{2}w^2 + c$ For exponential prior:  $E_{\gamma \sim q_1}[\log p(w\gamma)] = -w$ 

**Learn with approximate MAP prediction**  $b^* \in \arg\max_{b_r(y_r)} \sum_{r,y} b_r(y_r) \theta_r(y_r; x, w)$ s.t.  $b_r(y_r) \ge 0$ ,  $\sum b_r(y_r) = 1$ ,  $\sum b_s(y_s) = b_r(y_r) \quad \forall r \subset s$ Any optimal solution b\* is described by  $\tilde{y}_w(x) = (\tilde{y}_{w,r}(x))_{r \in \mathcal{R}}$  where  $\tilde{y}_{w,r}(x) = \{y_r : b_r^*(y_r) > 0\}$ **Proof:** Any feasible solution that has the same support as b\* is also optimal solution. Follows from Lagrange optimality conditions  $\sum_{r} \max_{y_r} \left\{ \theta_r(y_r; x, w) + \sum_{c:c \in r} \lambda_{c \to r}(y_c) - \sum_{p:p \supset r} \lambda_{r \to p}(y_r) \right\}$ 

## **Empirical Evaluation**

Learning supermodular segmentations with non-decomposable loss functions (Grabcut)



Posults on the Grabout dataset (Blake et al. ECCV)			
Perturb-and-MAP ([17])	8.19%	5.76%	
GMMRF (Blake et al. [1])	7.88%	5.85%	
Structured SVM (all-zero loss)	7.87%	5.63%	

Results on the Gradcut dataset (Blake et. al., ECCV 04)