

A. Proof of Lemma 3

Lemma 3. *The stability parameter of a performance measure $\Psi(\cdot)$ can be written as $\delta(\epsilon) \leq L_\Psi \cdot \epsilon$ iff its sufficient dual region is bounded in a ball of radius $\Theta(L_\Psi)$.*

Proof. Let us denote primal variables using the notation $\mathbf{x} = (u, v)$ and dual variables using the notation $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\alpha, \beta)$. The proof follows from the fact that any value of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ for which $\Psi^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\infty$ can be safely excluded from the sufficient dual region.

For proving the result in one direction suppose Ψ is stable with $\delta(\epsilon) = L\epsilon$ for some $L > 0$. Now consider some $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2 \geq L$. Now set $\mathbf{x}_C = -C \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \inf_{\mathbf{x}} \{ \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \Psi(\mathbf{x}) \} \\
 &\leq \inf_{C>0} \{ \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}_C \rangle - \Psi(\mathbf{x}_C) \} \\
 &= \inf_{C>0} \{ -C \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 - \Psi(\mathbf{x}_C) \} \\
 &\leq \inf_{C>0} \{ -C \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 - \Psi(\mathbf{0}) + CL \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_\infty \} \\
 &\leq \inf_{C>0} \{ -C \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 - \Psi(\mathbf{0}) + CL \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2 \} \\
 &= \inf_{C>0} \{ -C \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2 (\|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2 - L) \} - \Psi(\mathbf{0}) \\
 &\leq \inf_{C>0} \{ -C \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2 - \Psi(\mathbf{0}) \} \\
 &= -\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude that no dual vector with norm greater than L can be a part of the sufficient dual region. This shows that the sufficient dual region is bounded inside a ball of radius L . For proving the result in the other direction, suppose the dual sufficient region is indeed bounded in a ball of radius R . Consider two points $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boldsymbol{\theta}_1^* &= \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{A}_\Psi} \{ \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}_1 \rangle - \Psi^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \} \\
 \boldsymbol{\theta}_2^* &= \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{A}_\Psi} \{ \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle - \Psi^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now define $f(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}) := \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \Psi^*(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ so that, by the above definition, $f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*, \mathbf{x}_1) = \Psi(\mathbf{x}_1)$ and $f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2^*, \mathbf{x}_2) = \Psi(\mathbf{x}_2)$. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(\mathbf{x}_1) &= f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*, \mathbf{x}_1) \leq f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2^*, \mathbf{x}_1) \\
 &\leq f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2^*, \mathbf{x}_2) + |\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}_2^*, \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle| \\
 &= \Psi(\mathbf{x}_2) + |\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}_2^*, \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle| \\
 &\leq \Psi(\mathbf{x}_2) + R \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the fourth step follows from the norm bound on $\boldsymbol{\theta}_2^*$. Similarly we have

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}_2) \leq \Psi(\mathbf{x}_1) + R \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|_2$$

This establishes the result. □

B. Proof of Theorem 4

Theorem 4. *Suppose we are given a stream of random samples $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_T, y_T)$ drawn from a distribution \mathcal{D} over $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$. Let $\Psi(\cdot)$ be a concave, Lipschitz link function. Let Algorithm 1 be executed with a dual feasible set $\mathcal{A} \supseteq \mathcal{A}_\Psi$,*

$\eta_t = 1/\sqrt{t}$ and $\eta'_t = 1/\sqrt{t}$. Then, the average model $\bar{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{w}_t$ output by the algorithm satisfies, with probability at least $1 - \delta$,

$$\mathcal{P}_\Psi(\bar{\mathbf{w}}) \geq \sup_{\mathbf{w}^* \in \mathcal{W}} \mathcal{P}_\Psi(\mathbf{w}^*) - \delta_\Psi \left(\sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} \right) - (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_W^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} - \sqrt{\frac{2L_\Psi^2 B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}}.$$

Proof. For this proof we shall assume that Ψ is L_Ψ -Lipschitz so that its sufficient dual region can be bounded by an application of Lemma 3. Notice that the updates for (α, β) can be written as follows:

$$(\alpha_{t+1}, \beta_{t+1}) \leftarrow \Pi_{\mathcal{A}_\Psi} \left((\alpha_t, \beta_t) - \eta_t \nabla_{(\alpha, \beta)} \ell_t^d(\alpha_t, \beta_t) \right),$$

where

$$\ell_t^d(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \alpha r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta) & \text{if } y_t > 0 \\ \beta r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta) & \text{if } y_t < 0 \end{cases}$$

which can be interpreted as simple gradient descent with ℓ_t . Moreover, since Ψ^* is concave, ℓ_t^d is convex with respect to (α, β) for every t . Note that the terms $r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t)$ and $r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t)$ do not involve α, β and hence act as arbitrary bounded positive constants for this part of the analysis.

Note that by Lemma 3, we have the radius of \mathcal{A}_Ψ bounded by L_Ψ . Also, since Ψ is a monotone function, by a similar argument, $\Psi^*(\alpha, \beta)$ can be shown to be a $\Psi(B_r, B_r)$ -Lipschitz function. For all the performance measures considered, we have $\Psi(B_r, B_r) \leq B_r$. Thus, $\ell_t^d(\alpha, \beta)$ is a $2B_r$ -Lipschitz function. Hence, using a standard GIGA-style analysis (Zinkevich, 2003) on the (descent) updates on α_t and β_t in Algorithm 1, we have (for $\eta_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\ & \leq \inf_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta)] \right\} + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\ & = \inf_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \alpha \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta) \right\} + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\ & = \Psi \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t), \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) \right) + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last step follows from Fenchel conjugacy.

Further, noting that $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_t, y_t} [r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:t-1}, y_{1:t-1}] = P(\mathbf{w}_t)$, and $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_t, y_t} [r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:t-1}, y_{1:t-1}] = N(\mathbf{w}_t)$, we use the standard online-batch conversion bounds (Cesa-Bianchi et al., 2001) to the loss functions r^+ and r^- individually to obtain w.h.p.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) & \leq \sum_{t=1}^T P(\mathbf{w}_t) + \sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) & \leq \sum_{t=1}^T N(\mathbf{w}_t) + \sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} \end{aligned}$$

By monotonicity of Ψ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\ & \leq \Psi \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T P(\mathbf{w}_t) + \sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}}, \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T N(\mathbf{w}_t) + \sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} \right) + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\ & \leq \Psi \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T P(\mathbf{w}_t), \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T N(\mathbf{w}_t) \right) + \delta_\Psi \left(\sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} \right) + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \Psi\left(\bar{r}^+\left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{w}_t\right), \bar{r}^-\left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{w}_t\right)\right) + \delta_\Psi\left(\sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T}\log\frac{1}{\delta}}\right) + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2)\frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\
 &= \Psi(P(\bar{\mathbf{w}}), N(\bar{\mathbf{w}})) + \delta_\Psi\left(\sqrt{\frac{2B_r^2}{T}\log\frac{1}{\delta}}\right) + (L_\Psi^2 + 4B_r^2)\frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}}, \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality follows from stability of Ψ , and the third inequality follows from concavity of \bar{r}^+ and \bar{r}^- , Jensen's inequality, and stability of Ψ .

Similarly, the update to \mathbf{w} can be written as

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \Pi_{\mathcal{W}}(\mathbf{w}_t - \eta'_t \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell_t^p(\mathbf{w}_t)),$$

where $\Pi_{\mathcal{W}}$ is the projection operator for the domain \mathcal{W} and

$$\ell_t^p(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{cases} -\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t) & \text{if } y_t > 0 \\ -\beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t) & \text{if } y_t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Since r^+, r^- are concave and the term $\Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)$ does not involve \mathbf{w} , ℓ_t^p is convex in \mathbf{w} for all t . Also, we can show that $\ell_t^p(\mathbf{w})$ is an $(L_\Psi \cdot L_r)$ -Lipschitz function. Hence, applying a standard GIGA analysis (Zinkevich, 2003) to the (ascent) update on \mathbf{w}_t in Algorithm 1 (with $\eta'_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$), we have for any $\mathbf{w}^* \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_{\mathcal{W}}^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, observing that by linearity of expectation, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_t, y_t} [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) \mid \mathbf{x}_{1:t-1}, y_{1:t-1}] = \alpha_t P(\mathbf{w}^*) + \beta_t N(\mathbf{w}^*),$$

which gives us, through an online-batch conversion argument (Cesa-Bianchi et al., 2001) w.h.p,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t P(\mathbf{w}^*) + \beta_t N(\mathbf{w}^*)] - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t) - \sqrt{\frac{2L_\Psi^2 B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_{\mathcal{W}}^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t P(\mathbf{w}^*) + \beta_t N(\mathbf{w}^*)] - \Psi^*\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t, \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t\right) - \sqrt{\frac{2L_\Psi^2 B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_{\mathcal{W}}^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\
 &= \bar{\alpha} P(\mathbf{w}^*) + \bar{\beta} N(\mathbf{w}^*) - \Psi^*(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}) - \sqrt{\frac{2L_\Psi^2 B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_{\mathcal{W}}^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\
 &\geq \inf_{\alpha, \beta} \left\{ \alpha P(\mathbf{w}^*) + \beta N(\mathbf{w}^*) - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta) \right\} - \sqrt{\frac{2L_\Psi^2 B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_{\mathcal{W}}^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \\
 &= \Psi(P(\mathbf{w}^*), N(\mathbf{w}^*)) - \sqrt{\frac{2L_\Psi^2 B_r^2}{T} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} - (L_\Psi^2 L_r^2 + R_{\mathcal{W}}^2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}}, \tag{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the second step follows from concavity of Ψ and Jensen's inequality, in the third step $\bar{\alpha} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t$ and $\bar{\beta} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t$, and the last step follows from Fenchel conjugacy.

Combining Eq. (1) and (2) gives us the desired result. \square

C. Proof of Theorem 5

Theorem 5. Suppose we have the problem setting in Theorem 4 with the $\Psi_{G\text{-mean}}$ performance measure being optimized for. Consider a modification to Algorithm 1 wherein the reward functions are changed to $r_t^+(\cdot) = r^+(\cdot) + \epsilon(t)$, and $r_t^-(\cdot) = r^-(\cdot) + \epsilon(t)$ for $\epsilon(t) = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$. Then, the average model $\bar{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{w}_t$ output by the algorithm satisfies, with probability at least $1 - \delta$,

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Psi_{G\text{-mean}}}(\bar{\mathbf{w}}) \geq \sup_{\mathbf{w}^* \in \mathcal{W}} \mathcal{P}_{\Psi_{G\text{-mean}}}(\mathbf{w}^*) - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{T^{1/4}}\right).$$

Proof. Suppose $\Psi(u + \epsilon, v + \epsilon) \leq \Psi(u, v) + \delta_\Psi(\epsilon)$ as before. Let $r_t^+(\cdot) = r^+(\cdot) + \epsilon(t)$, and $r_t^-(\cdot) = r^-(\cdot) + \epsilon(t)$. Let us make all updates with respect to r_t^+, r_t^- . Let $r(\epsilon)$ be the radius of the sufficient dual domain \mathcal{A} for a given regularization ϵ . Also let $\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \epsilon(t)$. We will assume throughout that $\epsilon(t) = O(1)$. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r_t^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r_t^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\ & \leq \inf_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha r_t^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta r_t^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta)] \right\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\ & = \inf_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \alpha \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \bar{\epsilon} + \beta \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \bar{\epsilon} - \Psi^*(\alpha, \beta) \right\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\ & = \Psi\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \bar{\epsilon}, \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \bar{\epsilon}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\ & = \Psi\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t), \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t)\right) + \delta_\Psi(\bar{\epsilon}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We can now use online to batch conversion bounds (Cesa-Bianchi et al., 2001), and monotonicity of Ψ to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\ & \leq \Psi(P(\bar{\mathbf{w}}), N(\bar{\mathbf{w}})) + \delta_\Psi\left(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right)\right) + \delta_\Psi(\bar{\epsilon}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

For the primal updates, we get, for any $\mathbf{w}^* \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r_t^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r_t^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \\ & \geq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r_t^+(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r_t^-(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\ & = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon(t)(\alpha_t + \beta_t) - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}^*; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

since $\epsilon(t), \alpha_t, \beta_t \geq 0$. Again using an online-batch conversion argument (Cesa-Bianchi et al., 2001) we get w.h.p,

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [\alpha_t r^+(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) + \beta_t r^-(\mathbf{w}_t; \mathbf{x}_t, y_t) - \Psi^*(\alpha_t, \beta_t)] \geq \Psi(P(\mathbf{w}^*), N(\mathbf{w}^*)) - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right). \quad (5)$$

Combining Eq. (4) and (5) gives us

$$\Psi(P(\bar{\mathbf{w}}), N(\bar{\mathbf{w}})) \geq \Psi(P(\mathbf{w}^*), N(\mathbf{w}^*)) - \tilde{O}\left(\frac{r(\bar{\epsilon})}{\sqrt{T}}\right) - \delta_\Psi\left(\tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right)\right) - \delta_\Psi(\bar{\epsilon})$$

For G-mean, $\delta_\Psi(x) = \sqrt{x}$, and by an application of Lemma 3, we have $r(\epsilon) = O(1/\sqrt{\epsilon})$. Thus we have

$$\Psi(P(\bar{\mathbf{w}}), N(\bar{\mathbf{w}})) \geq \Psi(P(\mathbf{w}^*), N(\mathbf{w}^*)) - \tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T\bar{\epsilon}}}\right) - \tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{T}}\right) - \sqrt{\bar{\epsilon}}$$

For $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{T}}\right)$, we get

$$\Psi(P(\bar{\mathbf{w}}), N(\bar{\mathbf{w}})) \geq \Psi(P(\mathbf{w}^*), N(\mathbf{w}^*)) - \tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{T}}\right)$$

This can be achieved with $\epsilon(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{t}}$. □

D. Proof of Theorem 8

Theorem 8. *Let Algorithm 2 be executed with a performance measure $\mathcal{P}_{(a,b)}$ and reward functions that offer values in the range $[0, m)$. Let $\mathcal{P}^* := \sup_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} \mathcal{P}_{(a,b)}(\mathbf{w})$. Also let $\Delta_t = \mathcal{P}^* - \mathcal{P}_{(a,b)}(\mathbf{w}_t)$ be the excess error for the model \mathbf{w}_t generated at time t . Then there exists a value $\eta(m) < 1$ such that for $\Delta_t \leq \Delta_0 \cdot \eta(m)^t$.*

Proof. In order to be generic in its treatment, the proof will require the following regularity conditions on the performance measure

1. $b_0 \neq 0$
2. $\alpha - \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) \cdot \gamma \geq 0$ for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}$
3. $\beta - \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) \cdot \delta \geq 0$ for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}$
4. $-1 < f \leq \gamma \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \delta \cdot N(\mathbf{w}) \leq g$ for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}$

Define $e_t := V(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}, v_t) - v_t$. Then we can state the following lemmata which together yield the convergence bound proof.

Lemma 10. $\frac{e_t}{1+f} \geq \mathcal{P}^* - v_t$

Proof. Assume that for some \mathbf{w}^* , $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}^*) = v_t + e_t + e'$ where $e' > 0$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(\mathbf{w}^*, v_t) &= \left(\frac{e_t}{1+f} + e'\right) (1 + \gamma \cdot P(\mathbf{w}^*) + \delta \cdot N(\mathbf{w}^*)) - e_t \\ &\geq \left(\frac{e_t}{1+f} + e'\right) (1+f) - e_t \\ &= e'(1+f) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the fact that no classifier can achieve a valuation greater than $v_t + e_t$ at level v_t , thus proving the desired result. □

Lemma 11. *For any \mathbf{w} that achieves $V(\mathbf{w}, v) = v + e$ such that $e \geq 0$, we have*

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) \geq v + \frac{e}{g+1}$$

Proof. Let $v' = v + \frac{e}{g+1}$. We will show that $V(\mathbf{w}, v') \geq v'$ which will establish the result by pseudo-linearity. We have

$$\begin{aligned} V(\mathbf{w}, v') - v' &= c + (\alpha - v'\gamma) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + (\beta - v'\delta) \cdot N(\mathbf{w}) - v' \\ &= c + (\alpha - v\gamma) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + (\beta - v\delta) \cdot N(\mathbf{w}) - v' - \frac{e}{g+1}(\gamma \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \delta \cdot N(\mathbf{w})) \\ &= v + e - v' - \frac{e}{g+1}(\gamma \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \delta \cdot N(\mathbf{w})) \\ &\geq v + e - v' - \frac{ge}{g+1} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the bounds on $\gamma \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \delta \cdot N(\mathbf{w})$ and the fact that $1 + g > 0$. \square

Given the above results we can establish the convergence bound. More specifically, we can show the following: let $\Delta_t = \mathcal{P}^* - \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}_t)$. Then we have

$$\Delta_{t+1} \leq \frac{g-f}{g+1} \cdot \Delta_t$$

To see this, consider the following

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{t+1} &= \mathcal{P}^* - \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}) \leq \mathcal{P}^* - \left(v_t + \frac{e_t}{g+1} \right) \leq \mathcal{P}^* - \left(v_t + \frac{(1+f)(\mathcal{P}^* - v_t)}{g+1} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{P}^* - \left(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}_t) + \frac{(1+f)(\mathcal{P}^* - \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}_t))}{g+1} \right) = \Delta_t - \frac{1+f}{g+1} \cdot \Delta_t = \frac{g-f}{g+1} \cdot \Delta_t, \end{aligned}$$

which proves the result. Notice that Table 2 gives the rates of convergence for the different performance measures by calculating bounds on the value of $\frac{g-f}{g+1}$ for those performance measures. \square

E. An analysis of the AMP Algorithm under Inexact Maximizations

For this and the next section, we will, for the sake of simplicity, we will focus only on the F-measure for $\beta = 1$ and $p = 1/2$ so that $\theta = 1$. For this setting, the F-measure looks like the following: $F(P, N) = \frac{2P}{2+P-N}$, and the valuation function looks like $V(\mathbf{w}, v) = (1 - v/2) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + v/2 \cdot N(\mathbf{w})$. We shall denote the performance measure as $F(\mathbf{w})$, and its optimal value as F^* . We will assume that the reward functions give bounded rewards in the range $[0, m)$.

So far we assumed that Step 4 in the Algorithm **AMP** gave us \mathbf{w}_{t+1} such that

$$V(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}, v_t) = \max_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} V(\mathbf{w}, v_t)$$

Now we will only assume that \mathbf{w}_{t+1} satisfies

$$V(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}, v_t) = \max_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} V(\mathbf{w}, v_t) - \epsilon_t$$

We also assume that the level v_t is only approximated in Step 5 of **AMP**, i.e. using Lemma 7 we have

$$v_t = F(\mathbf{w}_t) + \delta_t$$

where δ_t is a signed real number.

Given these approximations, we can prove the following results

Lemma 12. *The following hold for the setting described above*

1. If $\delta_t \leq 0$ then $e_t \geq 0$
2. If $\delta_t > 0$ then $e_t \geq -\delta_t \left(1 + \frac{m}{2}\right)$
3. If $F^* < v_t$ (which can happen only if $\delta_t > 0$), then $e_t < 0$
4. If $e_t < 0$ then $F^* < v_t$

5. We have

- (a) If $e_t \geq 0$, then $e_t \geq \left(\frac{2-m}{2}\right) (F^* - v_t)$.
 (b) If $e_t < 0$, then $e_t \geq \left(\frac{2+m}{2}\right) (F^* - v_t)$.

6. If $V(\mathbf{w}, v) = v + e$, then

- (a) If $e \geq 0$ then $F(\mathbf{w}) \geq v + \frac{2e}{2+m}$
 (b) If $e < 0$ then $F(\mathbf{w}) \geq v + \frac{2e}{2-m}$

Proof. We give the proof in parts

1. If $\delta_t \leq 0$ then this means that there exists a \mathbf{w} such that $F(\mathbf{w}) \geq v_t$. The result then follows from pseudo linearity.
2. $v_t = F(\mathbf{w}_t) + \delta_t$ gives us, by pseudo linearity of F-measure,

$$(1 - v_t/2) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}_t) + v_t/2 \cdot N(\mathbf{w}_t) = v_t - \delta_t \left(1 + \frac{P(\mathbf{w}_t) - N(\mathbf{w}_t)}{2}\right) \geq v_t - \delta_t \left(1 + \frac{m}{2}\right).$$

The bound on e_t now follows from its definition.

3. Suppose $e_t \geq 0$ then by pseudo linearity of F-measure, we have, for some \mathbf{w} , $V(\mathbf{w}, v_t) \geq v_t$ which means $F(\mathbf{w}) \geq v_t$ which contradicts the assumption.
4. Suppose there exists \mathbf{w}^* with $F(\mathbf{w}^*) = v_t + e'$ with $e' \geq 0$ then we have

$$(1 - v_t/2) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}^*) + v_t/2 \cdot N(\mathbf{w}^*) = v_t + e' \left(1 + \frac{P(\mathbf{w}^*) - N(\mathbf{w}^*)}{2}\right) \geq 0,$$

which contradicts the fact that $e_t < 0$.

5. Part (a) is simply Lemma 10. For part (b), we will prove that $F^* \leq v_t + \frac{2e_t}{2+m}$. Since $\frac{2}{2+m} > 0$, the result will follow. Assume the contrapositive that some \mathbf{w}^* achieves $F(\mathbf{w}^*) = v_t + \frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e'$ for some $e' > 0$. Using the pseudo linearity of F-measure (and using the shorthand $v' = v_t + \frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e'$), this can be expressed as

$$(1 - v'/2) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}^*) + v'/2 \cdot N(\mathbf{w}^*) = v'$$

where for some $e' > 0$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - v_t/2) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}^*) + v_t/2 \cdot N(\mathbf{w}^*) - v_t - e_t &= v' - v_t - e_t + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e' \right) (P(\mathbf{w}^*) - N(\mathbf{w}^*)) \\ &= \frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e' - e_t + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e' \right) (P(\mathbf{w}^*) - N(\mathbf{w}^*)) \\ &\geq \frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e' - e_t + \frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e' \right) \\ &= e' \left(1 + \frac{m}{2}\right) + e_t \left(\frac{2}{2+m} - 1 + \frac{m}{2+m} \right) \\ &= e' \left(1 + \frac{m}{2}\right) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we have assumed that e' is chosen small enough so that $\frac{2e_t}{2+m} + e' < 0$ still and used the fact that $P(\mathbf{w}^*) - N(\mathbf{w}^*) \leq m$.

6. Part (a) is simply Lemma 11. To prove part (b), we let $v' = v + \frac{2e}{2-m}$, then we have

$$(1 - \frac{v'}{2}) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \frac{v'}{2} \cdot N(\mathbf{w}) - v' = (1 - \frac{v}{2}) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \frac{v}{2} \cdot N(\mathbf{w}) - v' + \frac{e}{2-m} (N(\mathbf{w}) - P(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq \left(1 - \frac{v}{2}\right) \cdot P(\mathbf{w}) + \frac{v}{2} \cdot N(\mathbf{w}) - v' + \frac{me}{2-m} \\
 &= v + e - \left(v + \frac{2e}{2-m}\right) + \frac{me}{2-m} \\
 &= e \left(1 - \frac{2}{2-m} + \frac{m}{2-m}\right) \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality follows since $N(\mathbf{w}) - P(\mathbf{w}) \leq m$ and $e < 0$ by using the bounds on the reward functions. This proves the result. □

E.1. Convergence analysis

We have the following cases with us

1. Case 1 ($\delta_t \leq 0$): In this case we are setting v_t to a value less than the F-measure of the current classifier. This should hurt performance - we know that $v_t = F(\mathbf{w}_t) + \delta_t$ which gives us, on applying part (a) of the previous lemma using $F^* - v_t = \Delta_t - \delta_t$, the following

$$e_t \geq \frac{2-m}{2}(\Delta_t - \delta_t).$$

Note that we are guaranteed that $e_t \geq 0$ in this case. Now since the maximization in step 4 is also carried out approximately, we have $V(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}, v_t) = v_t + e_t - \epsilon_t$. Now we have two sub cases

- (a) Case 1.1 ($\epsilon_t \leq e_t$): In this case we can apply part 6(a) of the previous lemma to get the following result

$$\Delta_{t+1} \leq \frac{2m}{2+m}\Delta_t - \frac{2m}{2+m}\delta_t + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2m}$$

- (b) Case 1.2 ($\epsilon_t > e_t$): In this case we are actually making negative progress in the maximization step (since we have $V(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}, v_t) \leq v_t$) and we can only invoke Lemma 5.6(b) to get

$$\Delta_{t+1} \leq \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m}$$

Note that the above result should not be interpreted as a one shot step to a very good classifier. The above result holds along with the condition that $\epsilon_t > e_t$. Thus the performance of the classifier is lower bounded by e_t which depends on how far the current classifier is from the best.

2. Case 2 ($\delta_t > 0$): In this case we are setting v_t to the value higher than the F-measure of the current classifier. This can mislead the classifier and results in the following two sub-cases

- (a) Case 2.1 ($F^* \geq v_t$): In this case we are still setting v_t to a legitimate value, i.e. one that is a valid F-measure for some classifier in the hypothesis class. This can only benefit the next optimization stage (in fact if we set $v_t = F^*$, then we would obtain the best classifier in this very iteration!). In this case $e_t \geq 0$ and we can use the analyses of Cases 1.1 and 1.2.

- (b) Case 2.2 ($F^* < v_t$): In this case we are setting v_t to an illegal value, one that is an unachievable value of F-measure. Consequently, using part 3 of the previous lemma, $e_t < 0$ and using part(b) of the previous lemma we get

$$e_t \geq \frac{2+m}{2}(\Delta_t - \delta_t),$$

which, upon applying part 6(b) of the previous lemma (since $e_t - \epsilon_t \leq e_t < 0$) will give us

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{t+1} &\leq \frac{2m}{2-m}(\delta_t - \Delta_t) + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m} \\
 &\leq \frac{2m}{2-m}\delta_t + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m}
 \end{aligned}$$

We can combine the cases together as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{t+1} &\leq \max \left\{ \mathbf{1}\{\delta \leq 0\} \cdot \left\{ \frac{2m}{2+m} \Delta_t - \frac{2m}{2+m} \delta_t + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2+m} \right\}, \mathbf{1}\{\epsilon_t > e_t\} \cdot \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m}, \mathbf{1}\{\delta > 0\} \cdot \left\{ \frac{2m}{2-m} \delta_t + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m} \right\} \right\} \\
 &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{2m}{2+m} \Delta_t + \frac{2m}{2+m} |\delta_t| + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2+m}, \mathbf{1}\{\epsilon_t > e_t\} \cdot \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m}, \frac{2m}{2-m} |\delta_t| + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m} \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{2m}{2+m} \Delta_t + \frac{2m}{2-m} |\delta_t| + \frac{2\epsilon_t}{2-m}
 \end{aligned}$$

If we let $\eta = \frac{2m}{2+m}$, $\eta' = \frac{2m}{2-m}$, and $\xi_t = |\delta_t| + \epsilon_t/m$, then this gives us

$$\Delta_{t+1} \leq \eta \Delta_t + \eta' \xi_t,$$

which gives us

$$\Delta_T \leq \eta^T \Delta_0 + \frac{\eta'}{\eta} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{T-1} \eta^{T-i} \xi_i$$

This concludes our analysis.

F. Proof of Theorem 9

Theorem 9. *Let Algorithm 3 be executed with a performance measure $\mathcal{P}_{(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}$ and reward functions with range $[0, m)$. Let $\eta = \eta(m)$ be the rate of convergence guaranteed for $\mathcal{P}_{(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}$ by the AMP algorithm. Set the epoch lengths to $s_e, s'_e = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{\eta^{2e}}\right)$. Then after $e = \log_{\frac{1}{\eta}}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ epochs, we can ensure with probability at least $1 - \delta$ that $\mathcal{P}^* - \mathcal{P}_{(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}(\mathbf{w}_e) \leq \epsilon$. Moreover the number of samples consumed till this point is at most $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$.*

Proof. Using Hoeffding's inequality, standard regret and online-to-batch guarantees (Cesa-Bianchi et al., 2001; Zinkevich, 2003), we can ensure that, if the stream lengths for the Model optimization stage and Challenge level estimation stage procedures are s_e and s'_e respectively, then for some fixed $c > 0$ that is independent of the stream length, we have

$$|\delta_t| \leq c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\log \frac{1}{\delta}}{s'_e}}, |\epsilon_t| \leq c \sqrt{\frac{\log \frac{1}{\delta}}{s_e}}$$

Let $T = \log_{\frac{1}{\eta}}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ and $s_e = \left(\frac{2c}{m}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\eta}\right)^{2e} \log \frac{T}{\delta}$ and $s'_e = 4c^2 \left(\frac{1}{\eta}\right)^{2e} \log \frac{T}{\delta}$ - this gives us, for each e , with probability at least $1 - \delta/T$,

$$\xi_e \leq \eta^e$$

Thus, using a union bound, with probability at least $1 - \delta$, we have, by the discussion in the previous section,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_T &\leq \eta^T \Delta_0 + \frac{\eta'}{\eta} \sum_{i=0}^{T-1} \eta^{T-i} \xi_i \leq \eta^T \Delta_0 + \frac{\eta'}{\eta} T \eta^T \\
 &\leq \epsilon \Delta_0 \log^{-2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{\eta'}{\eta} \log_{\frac{1}{\eta}} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \epsilon \log^{-2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \\
 &\leq \epsilon \left(\Delta_0 + \frac{\eta'}{\eta \log \frac{1}{\eta}} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last step follows from the fact that for any $\epsilon < 1/e^2$, we have

$$\log \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \leq \log^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

Let $d = \left(\Delta_0 + \frac{\eta'}{\eta \log \frac{1}{\eta}} \right)$ so that we can later set $\epsilon' = \epsilon/d$, and $s = 4c^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{m^2} \right)$ so that $s_e + s'_e = s \left(\frac{1}{\eta} \right)^{2e} \log \frac{T}{\delta}$. The total number of samples required can then be calculated as

$$\sum_{e=1}^T s_e + s'_e = s \log \frac{T}{\delta} \sum_{e=1}^T \left(\frac{1}{\eta} \right)^{2e} = s \log \frac{T}{\delta} \frac{1}{1 - \eta^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta^2} \right)^T \leq s \log \frac{T}{\delta} \frac{1}{1 - \eta^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log^4 \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

This gives the number of samples required as

$$\mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log^4 \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\log \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{1}{\delta} \right) \right),$$

to get an ϵ -accurate solution with confidence $1 - \delta$. □