Homework of Week 4

Deadline: 9:00am, October 21 (Thursday), 2021

1. Consider the following generalization of the set balancing problem. There are m objects and n features, with each object having some features. The objective is to partition the objects into two groups G_1 and G_2 such that every feature is 3:1 divided, i.e., for every feature, the number of objects in G_1 having the feature is triple the number of objects in G_2 having the feature. Please design an efficient randomized algorithm for this task, and show that the error is small with high probability when m and n are sufficiently large.

Hint: Obviously, the domain of the vector b should not be $\{-1, 1\}^m$. The point is to find a suitable domain.

- 2. Suppose X is a Bernoulli random variable with $\Pr(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$. Calculate $I(\frac{5}{6}) \triangleq \sup_{\lambda>0} \frac{5\lambda}{6} \ln \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X}]$. Compare the result with 0.2426.
- 3. Do Bernoulli experiment for 20 trials, using a new 1-Yuan coin. Record the result in a string $s_1s_2...s_i...s_{20}$, where s_i is 1 if the i^{th} trial gets Head, and otherwise is 0.