

## Lin-UCB

for  $t=1, 2, \dots$

learner chooses  $x_t \in \mathcal{X}$

Nature reveals  $y_t = \langle x_t, \theta^* \rangle + \gamma_t$

$\gamma_t$  i.i.d Gaussian

$$\text{Goal: Minimize } R_T = \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{t=1}^T \langle x - x_t, \theta^* \rangle \\ = \sum_{t=1}^T \langle x^* - x_t, \theta^* \rangle$$

Let  $C_t \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.  $\theta^* \in C_t \quad \forall t. \quad \text{w.p. } \geq 1 - \delta$

$$UCB_t(x) = \underset{\theta \in C_t}{\operatorname{argmax}} \langle x, \theta \rangle$$

$$x_t = \underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmax}} UCB_t(x)$$

For MAB  $C_t = \prod_{i=1}^d [\hat{\mu}_i - \sqrt{\frac{C \log(t)}{T_i(t)}}, \hat{\mu}_i + \sqrt{\frac{C \log(t)}{T_i(t)}}]$

$$\hat{\theta}_t = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{s=1}^t (y_s - \langle x_s, \theta \rangle)^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \\ = \underbrace{\left( \lambda I + \sum_{s=1}^t x_s x_s^T \right)^{-1}}_{V_t} \underbrace{\sum_{s=1}^t x_s y_s}_{S_t}, \quad \hat{\theta}_t = V_t^{-1} S_t \\ V_0 = \lambda I \quad \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_A^2 = \boldsymbol{x}^T A \boldsymbol{x}$$

$$C_t = \left\{ \theta : \|\theta - \hat{\theta}_t\|_{V_t}^2 \leq R_t \right\} \quad \text{for some deterministic sequence } R_t$$

Thm] If  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \|x\| \leq L$ ,  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\langle x, \theta_* \rangle| \leq 1$ , then

$$R_T \leq \sqrt{8T \beta_T \log\left(\frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|}\right)} \leq \sqrt{8d T \beta_T \log\left(\frac{\frac{d\lambda + TL^2}{d\lambda}}{\lambda}\right)}$$

$$\langle \theta_*, x_* \rangle \leq UCB_t(x_*) \leq UCB_t(x_t) =: \langle \tilde{\theta}_t^\top, x_t \rangle$$

$$\tilde{\theta}_t := \arg \max_{\theta \in C_t} \langle \theta, x_t \rangle$$

$$\langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle \leq \langle \tilde{\theta}_t^\top, x_t \rangle - \langle \theta_*, x_t \rangle$$

$$= \langle \tilde{\theta}_t - \theta_*, x_t \rangle$$

$$= \langle V_t^{1/2} (\tilde{\theta}_t - \theta_*), V_t^{-1/2} x_t \rangle$$

$$\leq \|V_t^{1/2} (\tilde{\theta}_t - \theta_*)\|_2 \cdot \|V_t^{-1/2} x_t\|_2$$

$$= \underbrace{\|\tilde{\theta}_t - \theta_*\|_{V_t}} \cdot \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}$$

$$\leq \left( \|\tilde{\theta}_t - \hat{\theta}_t\|_{V_t} + \|\hat{\theta}_t - \theta_*\|_{V_t} \right) \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{\beta_t} \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}$$

$$|\langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle| \leq 2$$

Assume  $\beta_t \geq 1$

$$\langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle \leq 2 \wedge 2\sqrt{\beta_t} \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}} \leq 2\sqrt{\beta_t} (1 \wedge \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}})$$

$$R_T = \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_k, x_0 - x_t \rangle$$

$$\leq \sqrt{T \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_k, x_0 - x_t \rangle^2}$$

$$\leq 2 \sqrt{T R_k \sum_{t=1}^T (1 \wedge \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2)}.$$

For MAB  $x_t = e_{I_t}$

$$V_t = \text{diag}([T_1(t), \dots, T_d(t)]) + \Sigma$$

$$\|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2 = \frac{1}{T_{I_t}(t)}$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{t: I_t=i} \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{\ell=1}^{T_i(T)} \frac{1}{\ell}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^d \log(T_i(T))$$

$$\leq d \log(T)$$

# Elliptic Potential Lemma

Fix  $V_0$  and let  $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be arbitrary sequence

w/  $\|x_t\|_2 \leq L$  and set  $V_t = V_0 + \sum_{s=1}^t x_s x_s^\top$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (1 + \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2) \leq 2 \log \left( \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|} \right) \leq 2d \log \left( \frac{T_d(V_0) + T_d^2}{2|V_0|^{1/d}} \right)$$

Proof  $V_t = V_{t-1} + x_t x_t^\top$

$$= V_{t-1}^{1/2} \left( I + V_{t-1}^{-1/2} x_t x_t^\top V_{t-1}^{-1/2} \right) V_{t-1}^{1/2}$$

$$|V_t| = |V_{t-1}| \cdot \left| I + V_{t-1}^{-1/2} x_t x_t^\top V_{t-1}^{-1/2} \right|$$

$$= |V_{t-1}| \cdot \left( 1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2 \right)$$

$$= |V_0| \prod_{s=1}^t \left( 1 + \|x_s\|_{V_{s-1}^{-1}}^2 \right)$$

$$\log \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|} = \sum_{t=1}^T \log \left( 1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2 \right)$$

$$\sum_t (1 + \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2) \leq 2 \log \left( 1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2 \right) = 2 \log \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|}$$

$$\leq \overbrace{\|x\|_{V_{k-1}}}^z$$

$$|V_T| = \prod_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \leq \left( \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \right)^d = \left( \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}(V_T) \right)^d$$



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