

Exercise

Find the VC-Dimension of:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Lets assume 1 point (A) . if $h(A) = +1$ then $a \leq A \leq b$
 otherwise $h(A)$ is either smaller than a or bigger than b .
 So VC-Dimension ≥ 1 .

For 2 points we have these cases: $(-1, -1), (+1, +1), (-1, +1), (-1, +1)$. (we assume these outputs are in incremental order of the inputs).

for the first two, it's like the previous assumption.

$$\begin{cases} (-1, +1) = (h(A), h(B)) : & A < a \text{ and } a < b \\ (+1, -1) = (h(C), h(D)) : & a < c < b \text{ and } D > b \end{cases}$$

So VC-Dimension ≥ 2 .

For 3 points we have these cases:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (-1, -1, -1) & (-1, +1, +1) & (+1, +1, +1) \\ (-1, -1, +1) & (-1, +1, -1) & (+1, -1, +1) \end{array}$$

for those two cases with red underline:

$(-1, +1, -1) = (h(A), h(B), h(C))$: since they are in order of their input so B should be either smaller than a or bigger than b so $h(B)$ can't be +1.

$(+1, -1, +1) = (h(D), h(E), h(F))$: since they are in order of their inputs so $a \leq E \leq b$, so $h(E)$ can't be -1.

So VC-Dimension = 2

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