

Algorithms and Uncertainty

Winter Term 2025/26

Tutorial Session - Week 13

Exercise 1:

Show that the EXP3 algorithm can also be applied to an instance of Stochastic Multi-Armed Bandits from lecture 17.

Additionally, show that, when setting $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\ln n}{nT}}$ and $\gamma = n\eta$, this leads to an expected regret of at most $3\sqrt{nT \ln n}$.

Hint: You can use the bound on the external regret of EXP3 from lecture 20.

Exercise 2:

For the normed vector space $(\mathbb{R}^d, \|\cdot\|)$, the unit ball with respect to $\|\cdot\|$ is defined as the set $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x\| \leq 1\}$.

- (a) Show that the unit ball with respect to the 1-norm is convex.
- (b) Show that the unit ball with respect to the 2-norm is convex.
- (c) Show that the unit ball with respect to the ∞ -norm is convex.
- (d) Does the same result hold for an arbitrary p -norm with $p > 1$? What about $p < 1$?