

Multiplicative Weights Method note

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Here is the analysis implied at the end of Theorem 1:

We have

$$(1-\varepsilon)^{m_i^t} \leq n \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{m^t}$$

by $(1-x) \leq e^{-x}$, for $x \geq 0$, we get

$$(1-\varepsilon)^{m_i^t} \leq n e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{2} m^t}$$

Taking logs, this gives

$$m_i^t \log(1-\varepsilon) \leq \log(n) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} m^t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\varepsilon}{2} m^t \leq \log(n) + m_i^t (-\log(1-\varepsilon))$$

$$\text{so } m^t \leq \frac{2 \log(n)}{\varepsilon} + m_i^t \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} (-\log(1-\varepsilon)) \right)$$

applying $-\log(1-\varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon^2$, for $\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2}$,

we get

$$\frac{2}{\varepsilon} (-\log(1-\varepsilon)) \leq 2(1+\varepsilon), \text{ so}$$

$$m^t \leq \frac{2 \log(n)}{\varepsilon} + 2(1+\varepsilon)M_i^t$$