

A Proofs

Proof of Proposition 1. $w(F(x))$ satisfies: (i) non-decreasing since both $w(\cdot)$ and $F(\cdot)$ are non-decreasing; (ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} w(F(x)) = w\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x)\right) = 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} w(F(x)) = w\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x)\right) = 0$; and (iii) right continuous since both $w(\cdot)$ and $F(\cdot)$ are continuous. Thus, as shown in Theorem 1.2.2 in [7], $w(F(x))$ is a cumulative distribution function.

Proof of Lemma 1. First, notice that $w_{\text{POLY}}(P(E))' = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} (w_{\text{POLY}}(P(E) + \Delta; a, b) - w_{\text{POLY}}(P(E); a, b)) / \Delta$. Denote $P(E)$ to be y . Then, $w_{\text{POLY}}(y)' = \frac{3(3-3b)}{a^2-a+1} (y^2 - \frac{2(a+1)}{3}y + \frac{a}{3}) + 1 = \frac{3(3-3b)}{a^2-a+1} ((y - \frac{a+1}{3})^2 + (\frac{a}{3} - \frac{(a+1)^2}{9})) + 1$. Let $u = |y - \frac{a+1}{3}|$. Then, $w'(y) = \frac{3(3-3b)}{a^2-a+1} (u^2 + (\frac{a}{3} - \frac{(a+1)^2}{9})) + 1 = f(u)$. $f'(u) = \frac{6(3-3b)}{a^2-a+1}u \geq 0$. Therefore, $f(u)$ is a monotonically increasing function of u . Thus, the lemma follows.

Proof of Lemma 2. Recall that we are given a family of models $\{\mathcal{M}_\theta \mid \theta \in [0, 1]\}$ whose losses $\{\ell(\theta) \mid \theta \in [0, 1]\}$ are parameterized by θ . For all $\theta \in [0, 1]$, $\ell(\theta)$ follows a Bernoulli distribution:

$$P\left(\ell(\theta) = 1 - \left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right)^{1/2}\right) = \theta, P\left(\ell(\theta) = 1 + \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^{1/2}\right) = 1 - \theta.$$

The mean and variance of the losses are the same, i.e. $\mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta)] = 1$ and $\text{Var}(\ell(\theta)) = 1$. Thus, the skewness of $\ell(\theta)$ is

$$\text{Skewness}(\ell(\theta)) = \frac{2\theta - 1}{\sqrt{\theta(1-\theta)}}.$$

Denote $\alpha_\theta = 1 - \left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right)^{1/2}$, $\beta_\theta = 1 + \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^{1/2}$ and $\alpha_\theta \leq 1 \leq \beta_\theta$.

$$R_H(\ell(\theta); w) = \alpha_\theta(w(\theta) - w(0)) + \beta_\theta(w(1) - w(\theta)) = \alpha_\theta w(\theta) + \beta_\theta(1 - w(\theta)).^3$$

Then, for different polynomial form of CPT probability weighting function w_1 and w_2 ,

$$R_H(\ell(\theta); w_1) - R_H(\ell(\theta); w_2) = (\beta_\theta - \alpha_\theta)(w_2(\theta) - w_1(\theta)).$$

Suppose that the probability weighting functions w_1, w_2 have the parametric form suggested by Equation 3 with parameter a_1, b_1 and a_2, b_2 respectively. If $a_1 = a_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $b_1 < b_2$, then $w_1(\theta) > w_2(\theta)$ on $[0, .5)$ and $w_1(\theta) < w_2(\theta)$ on $(.5, 1]$.

- If $0 \leq \theta < .5$, then $R_H(\theta; w_1) < R_H(\theta; w_2)$.
- If $.5 < \theta \leq 1$, then $R_H(\theta; w_2) < R_H(\theta; w_1)$.

Proof of Lemma 3. First, notice that $w_{\text{IT}}(0) = 0$ and $w_{\text{IT}}(1) = 1$. The fixed point of w_{IT} is $\frac{1}{2}$ because $w_{\text{IT}}(1/2) = 1/2$. Since $w_{\text{IT}}'(y) = -1/2 \ln(y \cdot (1-y)) > 0$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$, w_{IT} is monotonically increasing. Notice that $w_{\text{IT}}''(y) = \frac{2y-1}{2y(1-y)}$. Since $w_{\text{IT}}''(y) < 0$ for all $y \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $w_{\text{IT}}''(y) > 0$ for all $y \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$, w_{IT}' is monotonically decreasing on $[0, \frac{1}{2})$ and monotonically increasing on $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$. Thus, $w_{\text{IT}} \in \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\text{CPT}}$.

³The loss distribution is discrete in this case. We have used the CPT-weighted rank-dependent utility of a discrete random variable to obtain the human risk [5].

Connection between w_{IT} and w_{POLY} . Let $y = F(\ell)$ and $w'_{IT}(y) = \frac{dw_{IT}(y)}{dy}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{POLY}(y; 1/2, \ln 2) &= 4y^3 - 6y^2 + 3y + (-4 \ln 2y^3 + 6 \ln 2y^2 - 2 \ln 2y) \\
 &= 4y^3 - 6y^2 + 3y + g(y) \\
 &\approx 4y^3 - 6y^2 + 3y + g(1/2) + g'(1/2)(y - 1/2) \\
 &= 4y^3 - 6y^2 + 3y + (\ln 2y - \ln 2/2) \\
 &= w_{IT}(1/2) + w'_{IT}(1/2)(y - 1/2) + \frac{w''_{IT}(1/2)}{2}(y - 1/2)^2 + \frac{w'''_{IT}(1/2)}{6}(y - 1/2)^3 \\
 &\approx w_{IT}(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

The first approximation is done by the first order Taylor expansion of $g(y)$ around $1/2$ and the second approximation is done through the third order Taylor expansion of w_{IT} around $1/2$.

B Optimization of EHRM

Optimally optimizing empirical human-aligned risk is an interesting open question. However, the heuristic approach described in Section 3 performs relatively well in the experiments. Figure 4 and 5 show the empirical human risk (at training time) of experiments in Section 5.1 and 5.3 respectively.

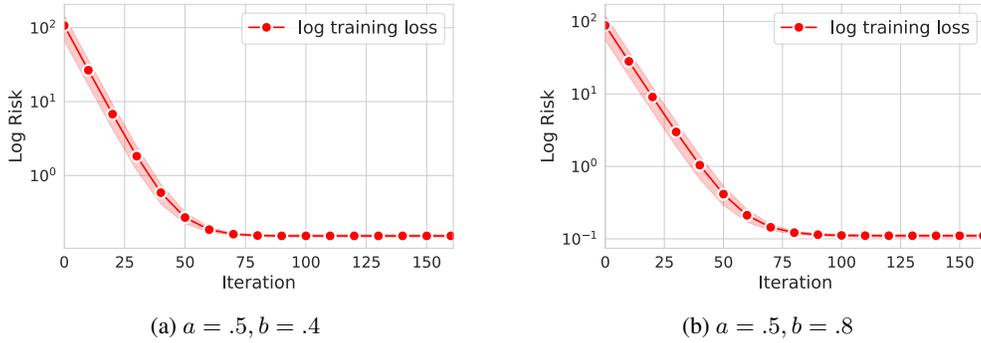


Figure 4: Using a fixed learning rate .05 and optimization method described in Section 3, empirical human risk of the experiments in Section 5.1 converge within 100 iterations.

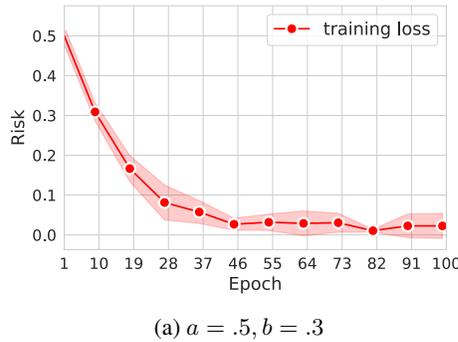


Figure 5: Using the optimization method described in Section 5.3, empirical human risk of the experiment (Section 5.3) converges in 100 epochs.

C Fairness Metrics

Denote true positive rate as TPR, false positive rate as FPR, false negative rate as FNG, covariate as $X \in \mathcal{X}$ and label as $Y \in \{0, 1\}$. As suggested by [2], we define the below fairness metrics in terms of the privileged group $G_1 \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ and unprivileged group $G_2 \subseteq \mathcal{X}$:

1. Statistical Parity Difference: $P(Y = 1|X \in G_2) - P(Y = 1|X \in G_1)$.
2. Disparate Impact: $\frac{P(Y=1|X \in G_2)}{P(Y=1|X \in G_1)}$.
3. Equal Opportunity Difference: $\text{TPR}(G_2) - \text{TPR}(G_1)$.
4. Average Odds Difference: $\frac{1}{2}(\text{FPR}(G_2) - \text{FPR}(G_1) + (\text{TPR}(G_2) - \text{TPR}(G_1)))$.
5. Theil Index: $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{\mu} \ln\left(\frac{b_i}{\mu}\right)$ where $b_i = \hat{Y}_i - Y_i + 1$ and $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$. \hat{Y}_i is the prediction of X_i and n is the number of samples.
6. False Negative Rate Difference: $\text{FNR}(G_2) - \text{FNR}(G_1)$.

D Model Configuration

The model configuration for the gender classification task (Section 5.3) is as follows: 3 convolutional layers (with number of output channels (6, 16, 16) respectively, kernel size (5, 5, 6) respectively and a 2×2 max-pooling on the outputs of the first layer), followed by two fully connected layers (the first has 120 hidden units and the second is the output layer with 2 output units); all activation functions are ReLU and all convolutional layers use stride 1.