

# Lecture 16:

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### Description

We relate consistency or empirical risk minimization (ERM) with uniform convergence in probability over function classes. We prove generalization bounds for ERM in a bounded RKHS.

### Suggested Reading

- V. N. Vapnik. **The Nature of Statistical Learning Theory**. Springer, 1995.
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  - Ding-Xuan Zhou. **Capacity of Reproducing Kernel Spaces in Learning Theory**. to appear in IEEE Trans. on Info. Theory, 2003.
  - V. N. Vapnik and A. Ya. Chervonenkis. **Necessary and Sufficient conditions for the uniform convergence of the means to their expectations**. Probability Theory and Applications, 26, 532-553 1981.
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