

# Lecture 3

- R.I.S  $\rightarrow$  Binomial
- Maximum Likelihood

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- HW1 tomorrow
- OH Instructor  
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# Lecture Notes I – (Discrete) Sample spaces and the Multinomial

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Sample space, outcome, event, probability, ... ✓

Discrete sample spaces ✓

$$S = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

OR  $S$  countable

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m, \dots\}$$

Repeated independent trials, Binomial, Multinomial



Reading: Ch. 2, 3



Discrete sample spaces ← Repeated Independent Trials  
"Sampling"

$$S = \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$P$  on  $S \leftarrow (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$   
parameters

$$\tilde{S} = S \times S \times \dots \times S$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\times n}$

$\tilde{P}$  on  $\tilde{S}$

$$\tilde{x} = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)$$

$$\tilde{P}(\tilde{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x^i)$$

independence

$$= \prod_{j=1}^m P(j)^{n_j} = \prod_{j=1}^m \theta_j^{n_j}$$

- ▶  $S$  sample space (outcome space)
- ▶  $x \in S$  outcome
- ▶  $E \subseteq S$  event
- ▶  $2^S = \{E \mid E \subseteq S\} \equiv \mathcal{P}(S)$
- ▶  $P : 2^S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  probability distribution
- ▶  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  random variable
- ▶  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  statistic

counts

$$n_j = \#\{x = j\}$$

$j \in S$

$$n_j \geq 0$$

$$n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m = n$$

## Discrete sample spaces

$S$  countable  
for ex  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$   
 $\{1, 01, 001, \dots\}$   
 $P[a_j]$  known

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$n$  trials

$n = 4$

$$\tilde{x} = f(001, \underbrace{\overline{a_1}}, 0001, \overline{a_4})$$

$$\tilde{P}[\tilde{x}] = P[a_1] P[a_3] P[a_4]$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 &= 2 & n_4 &= 1 \\ n_2 &= 0 & n_5 &= n_6 = \dots = 0 \\ n_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$x^i \leftarrow$  the  $i$ -th observation  
 $i = 1:n$   
 $x_j \equiv j$  an outcome

Discrete sample spaces

Multiple sequences  
with same  $\tilde{P}[\tilde{x}]$ ?

Ex:

$$S = \{0, 1\}$$

$$n = 2 \quad \theta_1 > \theta_0 \quad \text{unfair coin}$$

$$00 \rightarrow \theta_0^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 01 &\rightarrow \theta_0 \theta_1 \\ 10 &\rightarrow \theta_0 \theta_1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{same } \tilde{P}$$

YES :  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}' \quad \text{y } \underline{\text{same counts}}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{P}[\tilde{x}] = \tilde{P}[\tilde{x}']}$$

 $x \in S, x^i \in S$  outcomes

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 $\tilde{x} = (x^1 \dots x^n)$  sequence

(of outcomes)

counts  $(n_1 \dots n_m)$

## Repeated independent trials, Binomial, Multinomial

$$\theta_1 = p$$

$$n=4 \quad S=\{0,1\}$$

A coin is tossed 4 times, and the probability of 1 is  $p > 0.5$ . The outcomes, their probability and their counts are (in order of decreasing probability):

outcome $x$	$n_0$	$n_1$	$P(x)$	event
1111	0	4	$p^4$	$E_{0,4}$
1110	1	3	$p^3(1-p)^1$	$E_{1,3}$
1101	1	3	$p^3(1-p)^1$	
1011	1	3	$p^3(1-p)^1$	
0111	1	3	$p^3(1-p)^1$	
1100	2	2	$p^2(1-p)^2$	$E_{2,2}$
1010	2	2	$p^2(1-p)^2$	
1001	2	2	$p^2(1-p)^2$	
0110	2	2	$p^2(1-p)^2$	
0101	2	2	$p^2(1-p)^2$	
0011	2	2	$p^2(1-p)^2$	
0100	3	1	$p^1(1-p)^3$	$E_{3,1}$
1000	3	1	$p^1(1-p)^3$	
0010	3	1	$p^1(1-p)^3$	
0001	3	1	$p^1(1-p)^3$	
0000	4	0	$(1-p)^4$	$E_{4,0}$

- $\bigcup_{(n_0, n_1)} E_{n_0, n_1} = \tilde{S}$  *partition of  $S$*
- $|E_{n_0, n_1}| = \binom{n}{n_1} \equiv \binom{n}{n_0} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_0!}$

- for every  $(n_0, n_1)$  count  $\rightarrow E_{n_0, n_1}$
- $P[x \in E_{n_0, n_1}] = \theta_0^{n_0} \theta_1^{n_1}$
- all outcomes  $\in E_{n_0, n_1}$  have same probability

Repeated independent trials, Binomial, Multinomial

$$P[E_{n_0, n_1}] = P[X] | E_{n_0, n_1} = \theta_0^{n_0} \theta_1^{n_1} \binom{n}{n_0}$$

single  
sequence  
 $\in E_{n_0, n_1}$

BINOMIAL

DISTRIBUTION

$$\frac{n!}{n_0! n_1!}$$

for all  $n_{0,1} \geq 0, n_0 + n_1 = n$

- distribution over counts

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$$\text{Ex} \quad \theta_1 = \frac{3}{4} \quad \theta_0 = \frac{1}{4} \quad n=4$$

$$\tilde{P}[x] = \frac{3^4}{4^4} = p_1 \quad \tilde{P}[\bar{x}] = \frac{3^4}{4^4}$$

$$\tilde{P}[\bar{x}] = \frac{3^2}{4^4} = p_2 < p_1$$

$$P[E_{2,2}] = \frac{3^2}{4^4} \cdot 6$$

$$P[E_{1,3}] = \frac{3^3}{4^4} \cdot 4 =$$

$$\frac{4}{3} P[E_{0,4}] > P[E_{0,4}]$$

typical counts  $E^* = E_{n_1, n_3}$   
 $\tilde{x} \in E^*$  typical  
 sequence

# Maximum Likelihood Principle and language models

(see also HW 1)

- Models    English ( $\theta_a^E, \theta_b^E, \theta_c^E, \dots, \theta_z^E$ ) ← english.dat  
            German ( $\theta_a^G, \theta_b^G, \theta_c^G, \dots, \theta_z^G$ )  
            Spanish ( $\theta_a^S, \dots$ )  
            French ( $\theta_a^F, \dots$ )

Data    hello world →  $n_e = n_h = n_w = n_d = \dots = 1$   
            ignore spaces  
            ignore special chars  
 $n_o = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} P^E(\text{hello...}) &= \theta_h^E \theta_e^E \theta_e^E \theta_e^E \dots \\ &= \theta_h^E \theta_e^E (\theta_a^E)^2 (\theta_o^E)^2 \dots \leftarrow \text{likelihood of English} \end{aligned}$$

## Maximum Likelihood ~~Principle~~

$$P^G[\text{hello world}] = \theta_h^G \theta_e^S (\theta_e^S)^3 (\theta_o^S)^2 \dots \quad \leftarrow \text{likelihood of German}$$

$$\begin{aligned} l(\text{English}) &= \log_2 P^E[\text{hello world}] \rightarrow \text{maximum} \\ l(\text{German}) &= \log_2 P^G[\text{---}] \\ l(\text{Spanish}) &= \log_2 P^S[\text{---}] \\ l(\text{French}) &= \log_2 P^F[\text{---}] \end{aligned}$$

~~W~~  
guess is English

Maximum likelihood Estimation

Data:  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \sim \text{iid } P_{\text{unknown}}$  given  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$

Model:  $S$  known, finite  $P = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)$

Probability  
Statistics

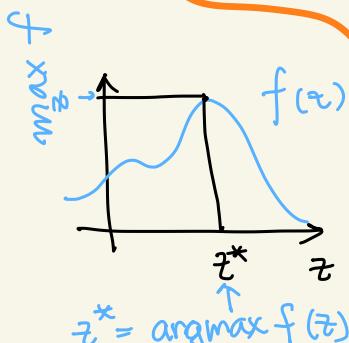
$$P = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m) \quad \text{Model family } \mathcal{F} = \{(\theta_{1:m}), \theta_{1:m} \geq 0, \sum \theta_j = 1\}$$

Pb:  $P = ? \Leftrightarrow \theta_{1:m} = ?$  estimate parameters

How solve? Max Likelihood Principle

$$\boxed{\theta_{1:m}^{\text{ML}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta_{1:m} \in \mathcal{F}} P[x^{1:n} | \theta_{1:m}]} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta_{1:m}} \ln P[x^{1:n} | \theta_{1:m}]$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Likelihood of } D \text{ given } \theta_{1:m} \\ (\text{model}) \end{array} \right\}$



Principle → lets us derive estimation methods

a guess !!  
random variables

Example:  $n$  coin tosses  $n=4$  1)  $\underline{\mathcal{D}} = (0, 1, 0, 0) \rightarrow n_0=3$   
 $n_1=1$

2) Model family  $\mathcal{F} = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 = 1, \theta_{0,1} \geq 0$$

3) write likelihood

$$P[\mathcal{D} | \theta_{0,1}] = \theta_0^{n_0} \theta_1^{n_1} = \theta_0^3 \theta_1^1 = (1-\theta_1)^3 \theta_1 \quad \text{calculus}$$

4) find  $(\arg \max)$

log-likelihood

$$\ln P[\mathcal{D} | \theta_{0,1}] = 3 \ln(1-\theta_1) + \ln \theta_1 = l(\theta_1)$$

$$l'(\theta_1) = 3 \frac{-1}{1-\theta_1} + \frac{1}{\theta_1} \stackrel{\text{want max}}{=} 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta_1} = \frac{3}{1-\theta_1}$$

$$1-\theta_1 = 3\theta_1 \xrightarrow{\text{ML my estimate}} \theta_1 = \frac{1}{4}, \theta_0 = \frac{3}{4}$$

a guess!!

$$(\ln z)' = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$(-\ln(1-z))' = -\frac{1}{1-z}$$

ML estimation for  $S = \{0,1\}$

1)  $\mathcal{D} = \{x^{1:n}\} \quad |\mathcal{D}| = n \Rightarrow n_0, n_1 \text{ counts}$

2) Model  $\{(0_0, 0_1), \quad 0_0 + 0_1 = 1, \quad 0_0, 0_1 \geq 0\} = \mathcal{F}$   
family

3) Likelihood  $L(0_0, 0_1) = 0_0^{n_0} 0_1^{n_1} = (1 - 0_1)^{n_0} 0_1^{n_1}$

$\downarrow$   
Calculus

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\theta_j^{\text{ML}} = \frac{n_j}{n} \quad j = 1:m}$$