

Lecture 3 - parametric models

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today: prob. review
parametric models

Bayes rule $\rightarrow$ invert conditioning

$$p(x|y) = \frac{p(y|x)p(x)}{p(y)}$$

by def.: $p(y|x) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow p(x,y) = p(y|x)p(x) = p(x|y)p(y)$$

"product rule"

example of conditioning: $P\{\text{having lung cancer} \mid \text{tumor measurement} = "-"\}$

Chain rule: $\rightarrow$ successive application of product rule

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= p(x_n | x_{1:n-1}) p(x_{1:n-1}) \\ &= \dots p(x_{n-1} | x_{1:n-2}) p(x_{1:n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | x_{1:i-1})$$

Convention: $1:0 = \emptyset$

$$p(x_1 | x_\emptyset) = p(x_1)$$

always true

[can also choose any $n!$ permutations]

can be simplified by making conditional independence assumptions

[for a directed graphical model]

$$p(x_i | x_{1:i-1}) = p(x_i | x_{\pi_i})$$

parents of i

conditional independence:

X is conditionally independent of Y given Z notation $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z$

$$\Leftrightarrow p(x,y|z) = p(x|z)p(y|z)$$

"factorization rule"

$$\forall x \in \Omega_X$$

$$\forall y \in \Omega_Y$$

$$\forall z \in \Omega_Z \text{ s.t. } p(z) \neq 0$$

exercise to the reader: prove that $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z \Rightarrow p(x,y,z) = p(z)p(x|z)p(y|z)$

[conditional analog of $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow p(x,y) = p(x)p(y)$]

[conditional analogy of $X \perp Y \Rightarrow p(x|y) = p(x)$]

example: Z = indicator whether mother carries genetic disease

X = "daughter 1 has disease" $X \perp Y | Z$
 Y = "daughter 2 has disease"



here, X is not "marginally indep" of Y

(ie. $X \not\perp Y$) $\exists x, y$ s.t. $p(x, y) \neq p(x)p(y)$

$$p(x, y, z) = p(x|z)p(y|z)p(z)$$

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example of pairwise indep R.V. that are not mutually independent

X = coin flip as $\{0, 1\}$

define $Z \triangleq X \text{ xor } Y$

Y = another indep. coin flip

$$Z \perp Y$$

$$X \perp Y$$

$$Z \not\perp (X, Y)$$

other notation:

expectation/mean of a R.V.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] \triangleq \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}_X} x p(x) \quad (\text{for discrete R.V.})$$

$$\int x p(x) dx \quad (\text{for cts. R.V.})$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\cdot] \text{ is a linear operator } \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[aX + bY] = a\mathbb{E}[X] + b\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

scalar

Variance

$$\text{Var}[X] \triangleq \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] \quad \text{"measure of dispersion"}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$$

cumulative distribution fct. CDF of X : $F_X(t) = P\{X \leq t\} \quad (= \int_{-\infty}^t p(x) dx)$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} F_X(t) \right|_{t=x} = p(x) \rightarrow (\text{for a cts R.V.})$$

parametric models:

↳ a family of distributions

$$\mathcal{P}_{(\Theta)} = \{ \underbrace{p(\cdot; \theta)}_{\text{possible pmf's / pdf's}} \mid \theta \in \Theta \}$$

possible pmf's / pdf's
depend on parameter θ

from context

"support" of family i.e. Ω_X

is usually fixed for all $\theta \in \Theta$
(but not always)

abuse of notation $\{ p(x; \theta) \mid \theta \in \Theta \}$

"better" notation $\{ p_X; \theta \mid \theta \in \Theta \}$

examples: $\Omega_X = \{0, 1\}$ for a coin flip
 $\Omega_X = [0, +\infty)$ for a gamma dist. family

notation: $X \sim \text{Bern}(\theta)$

↳ "R.V. X is distributed as a Bernoulli dist. with parameter θ "

$$p(x; \theta) = \text{Bern}(x; \theta) \triangleq \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x} \quad x \in \{0, 1\}$$

$\nearrow$ variable for pmf $\nwarrow$ parameter of dist.

Bernoulli: prob of a coin flip $\Omega_X = \{0, 1\}$

$$\Theta = [0, 1]$$

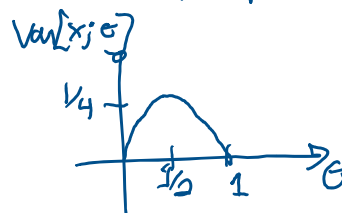
$$p(x=1) = \theta$$

Bayesian notation

$$P\{X=1 \mid \theta\} = \theta$$

$$E[X] = \theta$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \theta(1-\theta)$$



another example:

$$p(x; (\mu, \sigma^2)) = N(x; (\mu, \sigma^2)) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

or

$$N(x|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

binomial distribution :

model n indep. coin flips

↳ sum of n indep. $\text{Bern}(\theta)$ R.V.

let $X_i \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(\theta)$ (mutually) independent and identically distributed
 implicitly talking $X_1, \dots, X_n$ $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$

let $X \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ then we have that $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$
"binomial dist. with parameters n & θ "

$$\Omega_X = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

pmf :

$$p(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\binom{n}{x}}_{\substack{\# \text{ of ways} \\ \text{to choose } x \\ \text{elements out of } n \text{ possibilities} \\ \text{"n choose x"}}} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x}$$

derivation :

$$\text{Bern}(x_i; \theta) = \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{1-x_i} \triangleq \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i}$$

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \underset{\text{by indep.}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Bern}(x_i; \theta) = \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i}$$

$$\binom{n}{x} \triangleq \frac{n!}{x! (n-x)!}$$

mean : $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i] = n\theta$$

similarly, $\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \underset{\text{indep.}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = n\theta(1-\theta)$

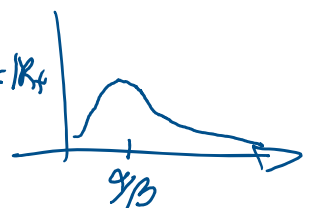
other distributions : $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ $\Omega_X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}$ [count data]
mean

Gaussian in 1 $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ $\Omega_X = \mathbb{R}$
mean variance

gamma dist. $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$

shape α inverse scale aka. rate β $\Omega_X = \mathbb{R}_+$

mean: $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ variance $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$



other: Laplace, Cauchy, exponential dist., beta dist. is a Dirichlet on 2 elements
 $\hookrightarrow p(1, \beta)$ $\hookrightarrow \Omega_X = [0, 1]$