

## 6. Biased coin

## Problem 5. Biased coin

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We are given a biased coin, where the probability of Heads is q. The bias q is itself the realization of a random variable Q which is uniformly distributed on the interval [0,1]. We want to estimate the bias of this coin. We flip it s times, and define the (observed) random variable s0 as the number of Heads in this experiment.

Throughout this problem, you may find the following formula useful: For every positive integers n, k,

$$\int_0^1 x^n (1-x)^k \; dx = rac{n!k!}{(n+k+1)!}.$$

1. Given the observation N=3, calculate the posterior distribution of the bias Q. That is, find the conditional distribution of Q, given N=3.

For 
$$0 \leq q \leq 1$$
,

2. What is the LMS estimate of Q, given N=3?

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3. What is the resulting conditional mean squared error of the LMS estimator, given N=3?

**STANDARD NOTATION** 

## **Solution:**

1. Using the Bayes' rule, we have for  $0 \le q \le 1$ ,

$$egin{aligned} f_{Q|N}(q \mid 3) &= rac{p_{N|Q}(3 \mid q) f_Q(q)}{p_N(n)} \ &= rac{inom{5}{3} q^3 (1-q)^2}{\int_0^1 p_{N|Q}(3 \mid q) f_Q(q) \; dq} \ &= rac{10 q^3 (1-q)^2}{\int_0^1 inom{5}{3} q^3 (1-q)^2 \; dq} \ &= rac{10 q^3 (1-q)^2}{10 \int_0^1 q^3 (1-q)^2 \; dq} \ &= rac{10 q^3 (1-q)^2}{10 rac{3!2!}{6!}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 60q^3(1-q)^2.$$

2. In order to compute the LMS estimate, we have to compute the conditional expectation of Q, given N=3, namely, we have to evaluate the quantity  $\mathbf{E}[Q\mid N=3]$ .

3. The conditional mean squared error of the LMS estimator is the conditional variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{var}(Q \mid N = 3) &= \mathbf{E}[Q^2 \mid N = 3] - (\mathbf{E}[Q \mid N = 3])^2 \\ &= \int_0^1 q^2 f_{Q|N}(q \mid 3) \ dq - \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^2 \\ &= \int_0^1 60 q^5 (1 - q)^2 \ dq - \frac{16}{49} \\ &= 60 \frac{5!2!}{8!} - \frac{16}{49} \\ &= \frac{5}{14} - \frac{16}{49} \\ &= \frac{3}{98}. \end{aligned}$$

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