

# BigDataHW3

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## 1 Questions

Suppose  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$  such that  $P(\theta; a, b) = \frac{1}{B(a, b) \Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}$

Derive the mean, mode, and variance of theta where  $B(a, b)$  is the Beta function and  $\Gamma(x)$  is the Gamma Function.

**Mean:** The mean can be used using the mean value theorem.

$Mean = \int_0^1 \theta P(\theta) d\theta$  where a is 1 and b is 0  
Substituting our knowns above,

$$\int_0^1 \left( \frac{\theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}}{B(a, b)} \right) \theta d\theta$$

Since theta  $\sim B(a, b)$  then we know:

$$\tau(a+1) \tau(b) \frac{1}{\tau(a+b+1)} = \frac{\tau(a+b)}{\tau(a) \tau(b)}$$

Thus the mean is  $= \frac{a}{a+b}$

**Mode:**

From finding the gradient vector, we can use this to find the maximum or minimum of the function when the slope is equal to 0.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \nabla [\theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}] \\ &= (a-1) \theta^{a-2} (1-\theta)^{b-1} - (b-1) \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-2} \\ &= (a-1) \theta^{a-2} (1-\theta)^{b-1} - (b-1) \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-2} \\ (a-1) &= (a+b-2) \theta \\ \theta' &= \frac{(a-1)}{(a+b-2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Variance:**

$$Var[\theta] = E[\theta] - E[\theta]^2$$

$$E[\theta] = \frac{a}{a+b} \text{ given above}$$

$$E[\theta]^2 = \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\theta^2] &= \int_0^1 \theta^2 * P(\theta, a, b) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{B(a, b) \int_0^1 \theta^{a+1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta} \\ &= \frac{B(a+2, b)}{B(a, b)} \end{aligned}$$

Using similar method to part A:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} \\ Var[\theta] &= \frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} - \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} \end{aligned}$$

From simplifying the above we find the Variance is:

$$= \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$$

2. Show that the multinomial distribution is in the exponential family and that the generalized linear model corresponding to this distribution is the same as multinomial log regression.

$$\begin{aligned} Cat(x|\mu) &= \prod_i 1_K \mu_i^{x_i} \\ &= e^{\log(\prod_i 1_K \mu_i^{x_i})} \\ &= e^{\sum_{i=1}^K x_i \log(\mu_i)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i = 1 = \sum_{i=1}^K x_i$  then:

$$= e^{\sum_{i=1}^K -1x_i \log(\mu_i) + (1 - \sum_{i=1}^K -1x_i) \log(\mu_k)}$$

$1 - \sum_{i=1}^K -1x_i$  becomes  $\log \mu_k$

Thus from properties of logs:

$$e^{\sum_{i=1}^K -1x_i \log(\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_k} + \log(\mu_k))}$$

Since from the above,  $\mu_i = \mu_k * e^{n \log(\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_k})}$  then  $n = [\log(\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_k}); \log(\frac{\mu_k-1}{\mu_k})]$

$$b(n) = x \text{ and } a(n) = -\log(\sum_{i=1}^K -1e^n)$$

Thus, we know the multinomial distribution is part of the exponential family and since the  $\mu$  is the multinomial log function then it has a multinomial log/softmax regression.