Report

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We are interested in finding the closest mechanistic model $q(\cdot|\lambda)$, parameterised by λ to a known statistical model $p(\cdot|\theta)$, where θ is known.

$$\begin{split} KL[q(\cdot)||p(\cdot|\theta)] &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} q(y) \log \frac{q(y)}{p(y|\theta)} \\ &= \log[z(\theta)] - \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} q(y) \left[\sum_{i} \theta_{i} s_{i}(y) \right] + \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} q(y) \log q(y) \end{split}$$

Entropy estimation

I use the following non-parameteric estimator of entropy (Vu, Yu, and Kass 2007):

$$\tilde{H} := -\sum_{k} \frac{\tilde{p}_k \log \tilde{p}_k}{1 - (1 - \tilde{p}_k)^n}$$

$$\tilde{p}_k := \hat{C}\hat{p}_k$$

$$\hat{C} := 1 - \frac{\#\{k | n_k = 1\}}{\sum_{k} n_k}$$

$$\hat{p}_k := \frac{n_k}{n}$$

For instance

[1] 0 1 1 2 0 2

[1] 1.292132

[1] 1.295627

[1] 2 3 2 4 1 0

[1] 1.63193

[1] 1.625031

The relative importance of the likelihood and entropy

Attempt with preferential attachment model

The preferential attachment model has the following likelihood function:

$$P(k|\rho) = \frac{(\rho - 1)\Gamma(k)\Gamma(\rho)}{\Gamma(k + \rho)}$$

In this case there is no simple set of summary statistics.

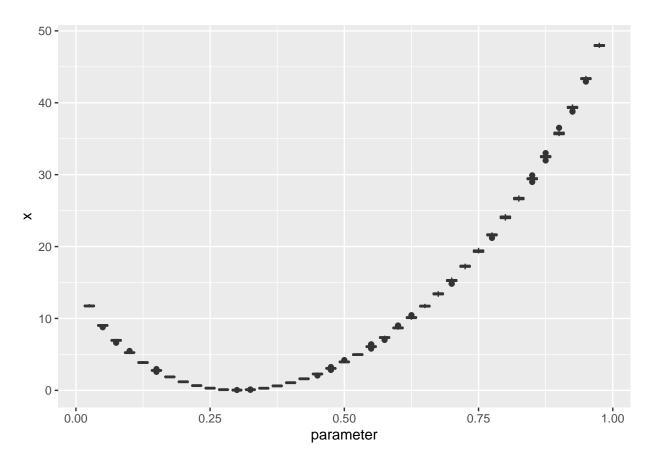


Figure 1: KL divergence calculation with entropy

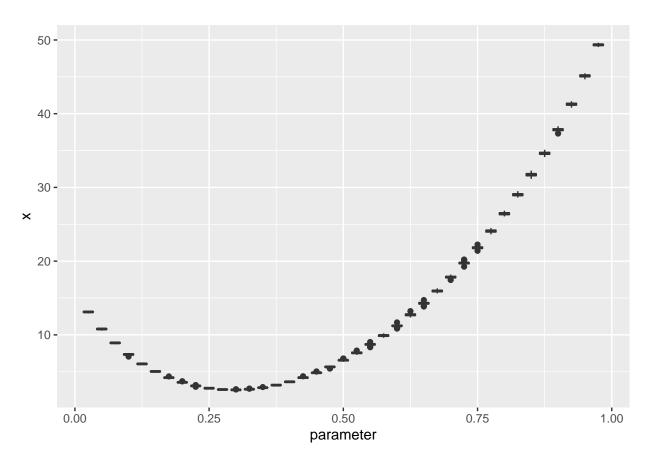


Figure 2: KL divergence calculation without entropy

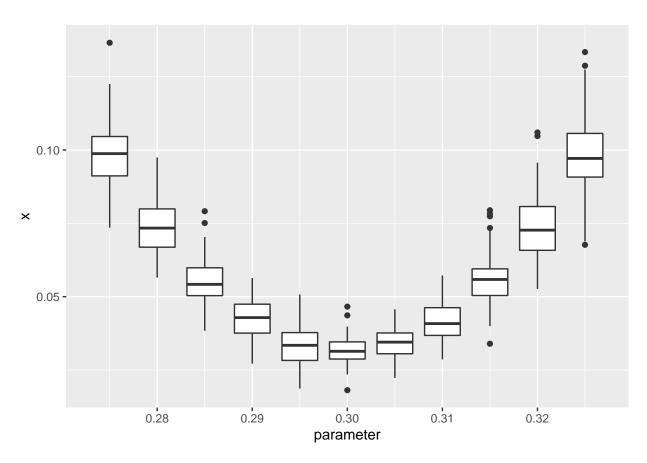


Figure 3: KL divergence calculation with entropy

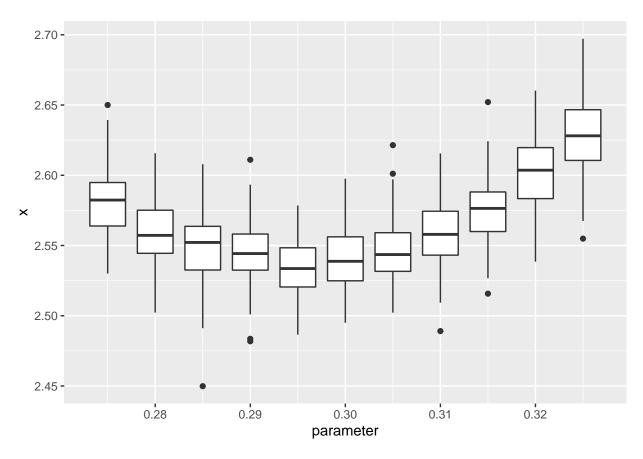
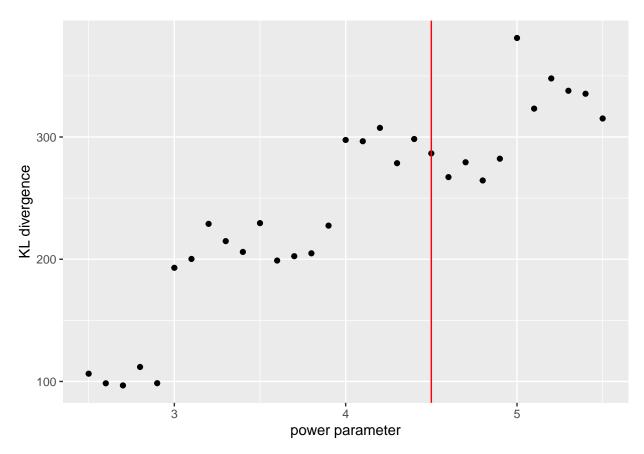


Figure 4: KL divergence calculation without entropy



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