Statistical Decision Framework

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As described in lecture, there are five components to the statistical decision theoretical problem. One example of such is described below for the problem of clustering nodes in a graph.

Sample space The sample space describes all possible arrangements of edges, nodes, and labels.

$$\mathscr{G} = (V, E, Y)$$

Model The model is given by the two stochastic blocks and can be described as follows:

$$P = SBM_n^2(\rho, \beta)$$
 where $\rho \in \Delta_2, \beta \in (0, 1)^{2 \times 2}$

Action space The action space is the assignment given by the clustering algorithm.

$$A = \{ y \in \{0, 1\}^n \}$$

Decision rule class The decision rule class is given by k-means square clustering.

Loss function The loss function is given by the following using the adjusted rand index:

$$l = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Theta(\hat{y}_i = y_i)$$

Risk function The risk function is simply thee expected value of the loss function:

$$R = E\{l\}$$