

## 3 Estimation Theory

- **Markov Inequality**

If  $X \geq 0$ , random variable

$$\Pr(X \geq \alpha \mathbb{E}[X]) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

- **Chebyshev Inequality**

$$\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| > \alpha \sigma) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \quad \text{if } \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

- **Moment Generating function**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{def } M_X(t) &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] \\ &= \int e^{tx} f_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Prop } \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0} = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

- **Conditional Expectation**

def  $\mathbb{E}[X | Y=y]$  = expectation of  $X$  given  $Y=y$

$$\ast \text{ Tower property } \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}_X[X]$$

# \* Maximum Likelihood Estimate (MLE)

$$\hat{y} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} P_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

when  $y$  maximizes the likelihood which  $y$  makes  $X$  the most probable

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex)} \quad & f_{X|Y}(160|A) \quad \text{vs} \quad f_{X|Y}(160|B) \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 10^2}} e^{-\frac{(160-170)^2}{2 \cdot 10^2}} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 15^2}} e^{-\frac{(160-180)^2}{2 \cdot 15^2}} \\ & > \Rightarrow A \text{ is probable} \\ & < \Rightarrow B \text{ is probable} \end{aligned}$$

# • Maximum A Posterior (MAP)

def  $\hat{Y}_{MAP} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} P_{Y|X}(y|x)$

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{P_{X|Y}(x|y) P_Y(y)}{P_X(x)}$$

$$P_X(x) = \sum P_{X|Y}(x|y) P_Y(y)$$

ex>  $\Pr(Y=A) = \frac{2}{3}$        $\Pr(Y=B) = \frac{1}{3}$

$$P_{Y|X}(A|160) \quad \text{vs} \quad P_{Y|X}(B|160)$$

$$\frac{P_{X|Y}(160|A) \Pr(Y=A)}{P_X(160)} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{P_{X|Y}(160|B) \Pr(Y=B)}{P_X(160)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 10^2}} e^{-\frac{(160-110)^2}{2 \cdot 10^2}} \times \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 15^2}} e^{-\frac{(160-180)^2}{2 \cdot 15^2}} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

weight

pick random : A is more probable

- MAP is Bayes optimal  
= minimize error

- Fano's inequality

$x$ : input     $Y$ : true label  $\in \mathcal{Y} = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

estimator  $\hat{Y}(x)$

$$\Pr(Y \neq \hat{Y}(x)) \geq \frac{H(Y|X) - 1}{\log k}$$

- Parameter Estimation

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{iid } P_\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{X^n}(x^n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n P_\theta(x_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P_X(x_i | \theta) \end{aligned}$$

- Naïve Bayes

$X^n$ : input     $Y$ : label

$$\hat{Y}_{MLE} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} P_{X^n|Y}(x^n|y)$$

Namely, all features  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are independent

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P_{X^n|Y}(x^n|y) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{x_i|Y}(x_i|y)$$

- Gaussian discriminant

$$X|A \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0), \quad X|B \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$$

$$\text{MLE} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma_0|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (x^n - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x^n - \mu_0)\right)$$

vs

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma_1|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (x^n - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x^n - \mu_1)\right)$$

MAP

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma_0|}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x^n - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x^n - \mu_0) \right) \times P_Y(0)$$

vs

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma_1|}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x^n - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x^n - \mu_1) \right) \times P_Y(1)$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_n, X_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)]$$

- Positive definite matrix (p.d.)

def  $X$  is p.d if  $v^T X v \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $v^T X v > 0 \quad \forall v \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

(all eigenvalues are positive)

- Positive semi-definite matrix (p.s.d.)

def  $X$  is p.s.d if  $\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, v^T X v \geq 0$

(all eigenvalues are nonnegative)

ex: Covariance matrix

- Minimize MSE

$E[(X - \hat{X}(Y))^2]$  : want to minimize

$\rightarrow$  minimum achieved  $\Rightarrow E[XY]$  as  $\hat{X}(Y)$

- Bias vs Variance

$$MSE = E[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)^2]$$

$$= E[(\hat{\theta}_n - E[\hat{\theta}_n] + E[\hat{\theta}_n] - \theta)^2]$$

$$= E[(\hat{\theta}_n - E[\hat{\theta}_n])^2] + E[(E[\hat{\theta}_n] - \theta)^2]$$

$$= \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_n) + \text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}_n)^2$$

$$\text{Bias}[\hat{\theta}_n] = E(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)$$