STATS 551 HW1

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Problem 1

Since a population is partitioned into disjoint groups, we should have

$$P(H_1) + P(H_2) + P(H_3) = 1$$

We first calculate $P(H_i|E)$ explicitly.

$$P(H_i|E) = \frac{P(E|H_i)P(H_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{3} P(E|H_i)P(H_i)}$$

from this, we observe that $P(H_i|E)$ all have the same denominator, so the comparisions among them only depend on the numerator.

For $P(E|H_i)$, we have

$$P(E|H_1) = 0.1 < P(E|H_2) = 0.3 < P(E|H_3) = 0.5$$

therefore

(a)
$$P(H_1) = 0.1, \quad P(H_2) = 0.8, \quad P(H_3) = 0.1$$

(b)
$$P(H_1) = 0.4, \quad P(H_2) = 0.1, \quad P(H_3) = 0.5$$

(c)
$$P(H_1) = 0.8, \quad P(H_2) = 0.1, \quad P(H_3) = 0.1$$

(d)
$$P(H_1) = 0.7, \quad P(H_2) = 0.2, \quad P(H_3) = 0.1$$

(e)
$$P(H_1) = 0.6, \quad P(H_2) = 0.3, \quad P(H_3) = 0.1$$

Check

Problem 2

Let L_1, L_2, L_3 denote the car is located behind Door 1,2,3, resp. Let H_1, H_2, H_3 denote the host open Door 1,2,3, resp.

Before the game,

$$P(L_1) = P(L_2) = P(L_3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

The probability of winning (if switching) is

$$P(\text{win}|H_3) = P(L_2|H_3)$$

$$= \frac{P(H_3|L_2)P(L_2)}{P(H_3|L_1)P(L_1) + P(H_3|L_2)P(L_2) + P(H_3|L_3)P(L_3)}$$

$$= \frac{P(H_3|L_2)}{P(H_3|L_1) + P(H_3|L_2) + P(H_3|L_3)}$$

For these conditional probabilities, $H_3|L_3$ is impossible, so $P(H_3|L_3) = 0$. For $H_3|L_2$, the host has not choice rather opening Door 3, so $P(H_3|L_2) = 1$.

For $H_3|L_1$, since the car is in neither Door 2 nor 3, the host can random choose from the two doors. Note that the prob host open Door 2 or 3 depends on his location.

(1) Suppose the host is closer to Door 2, then $P(H_3|L_1) = 1 - \gamma \in (0, 1/2]$. So

$$P(\min|H_3) = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma + 1} = \frac{1}{2 - \gamma} \in [\frac{2}{3}, 1)$$

Since $P(\text{win}|H_3) \geq \frac{2}{3} > \frac{1}{2}$, the probability of winning is higher by switching.

(2) Suppose the host is closer to Door 3, then $P(H_3|L_1) = \gamma \in [1/2, 1)$. So

$$P(\min|H_3) = \frac{1}{\gamma + 1} \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}]$$

Since $P(\text{win}|H_3) > \frac{1}{2}$, the probability of winning is higher by switching.

By (1),(2), no matter where the host is, under $\gamma \in [1/2,1)$, the player will have a better chance of winning by always switching the door

Problem 3

It's easy to use a Bayesian Network to represent their relationships. We use the following information to construct this DAG.

- 1. X Poisson
- 2. Y use PMF, use population/total population ECDF
- 3. Z Bernoulli.
- 4. U Exponential. / truncated normal
- 5. V truncated normal
- 6. W??
- 7. Country (Y) influences age (X) structure.
- 8. Country (Y) and age (X) influence whether the person attended a picnic (Z), since country reflects cultural and different age has different opinion and tendency for a picnic.
- 9. Age (X) influences coffee consumed (U) and screen time spent (V). For example, young age needs working, so maybe more coffee and screen time.
- 10. Screen time (V) influences coffee consumed (U).
- 11. Country (Y) influences passport photo (W).
- 12. All the term "influence" above means Markovian parents of the variable.
- 13. All distribution above also means conditional distribution.

DAG:

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Y->X->U

Y->X->V->U

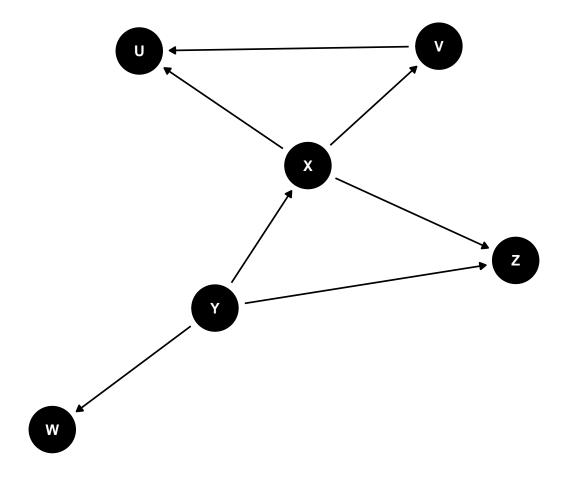
Y->X->Z

}

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tidy_dag <- tidy_dagitty(dag)

ggdag(tidy_dag)+theme_dag()
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Since there's no collider or any separate node in this DAG, we conclude that X, Y, Z, U, V, W are not pairwise independently distributed.

As for joint distribution, it's easy to read from the DAG.

$$f(x, y, z, u, v, w) = f(x|y)f(y)f(z|x, y)f(u|x, v)f(v|x)f(w|y)$$

Problem 4

$$\theta \sim \text{Beta}(a, b) : p(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}$$

Therefore

$$\operatorname{mode}[\theta] = \max_{\theta} \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}$$
$$\frac{dp(\theta)}{d\theta} = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \left((a-1)\theta^{a-2} (1-\theta)^{b-1} - \theta^{a-1} (b-1)(1-\theta)^{b-2} \right) = 0$$

we have

$$(a-1)\theta^{a-2}(1-\theta)^{b-1} - \theta^{a-1}(b-1)(1-\theta)^{b-2} = 0 \to \theta = \frac{a-1}{a+b-2}$$

Note that if a > 0, b > 0, $p(\theta = 0) = p(\theta = 1) = 0$, since $p(\theta) \ge 0 \,\forall \theta$ and $p(\theta)$ is continuous, The mode we get above can maximize $p(\theta)$.

$$\mathbb{E}(\theta) = \int_0^1 \theta \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_0^1 \theta^{a+1-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta$$

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

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \frac{a\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{(a+b)\Gamma(a+b)}$$

$$= \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\theta^2 = \int_0^1 \theta^2 \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_0^1 \theta^{a+2-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \frac{\Gamma(a+2)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b+2)}$$

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

thus

$$Var[\theta] = \mathbb{E}\theta^2 - (\mathbb{E}\theta)^2 = \frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} - \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$$

Problem 5

The parameter we care about is θ , which means the probability of head of the chosen coin. Our prior is $P(\text{heads}|C_1) = 0.6$, $P(\text{heads}|C_2) = 0.4$, since we choose one coin at random,

$$P(\theta = 0.6) = P(\theta = 0.4) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Use T_1, T_2 to represent the first two spins are tails. This event is data and

$$T_i | \theta \sim \text{Bern}(\theta)$$
, i.i.d

Posterior of θ is

$$p(\theta|T_1T_2) = \frac{p(T_1T_2|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(T_1T_2)}$$

we have

$$p(\theta = 0.6|T_1T_2) = \frac{4}{13}, p(\theta = 0.6|T_1T_2) = \frac{9}{13}$$

Let Y denote the number of additional spins,

$$Y|\theta \sim \text{Geom}(\theta)$$

Therefore

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|T_1T_2) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(Y|\theta, T_1T_2)|T_1T_2)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(Y|\theta)|T_1T_2)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{\theta}|T_1T_2\right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{0.6} + \frac{9}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{0.4}$$

$$= \frac{175}{78}$$