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Some formulae relevant to the questions

The normal $N(m, \sigma^2)$ density: $p(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

System equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k + Mv_k \\y_k &= Cx_k + Nw_k\end{aligned}$$

Here, v_k and w_k are standard white-noise sequences.

The Kalman one-step-ahead predictor:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_{k+1|k} &= A\hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K(k)(y_k - C\hat{x}_{k|k-1}) \\K(k) &= AP_{k|k-1}C^T (CP_{k|k-1}C^T + NN^T)^{-1} \\P_{k+1|k} &= AP_{k|k-1}A^T + MM^T - AP_{k|k-1}C^T (CP_{k|k-1}C^T + NN^T)^{-1} CP_{k|k-1}A^T\end{aligned}$$

The average quadratic cost identity:

$$\begin{aligned}E \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k) + x_N^T Q_N x_N \right] \\= E \left[x_0^T S_0 x_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (u_k + F_k x_k)^T (B^T S_{k+1} B + R) (u_k + F_k x_k) \right] \\+ \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \text{tr} (S_{k+1} M M^T)\end{aligned}$$

where for $k = 0, \dots, N-1$,

$$\begin{aligned}F_k &= (B^T S_{k+1} B + R)^{-1} B^T S_{k+1} A \\S(k) &= A^T S_{k+1} A + Q - A^T S_{k+1} B (B^T S_{k+1} B + R)^{-1} B^T S_{k+1} A, \quad S_N = Q_N\end{aligned}$$

The algebraic Riccati equations:

$$\begin{aligned}S &= A^T S A + Q - A^T S B (B^T S B + R)^{-1} B^T S A & (\text{control}) \\P &= A^T P A + M M^T - A P C^T (C P C^T + N N^T)^{-1} C P A^T & (\text{filtering})\end{aligned}$$

1. Let $x(t)$ be the state process of the continuous time model

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Mv(t)$$

where $v(t)$ is a vector white noise process with covariance function $E[v(t)v(s)^T] = I\delta(t-s)$.

- (a) Show that for $h > 0$ the sampled state $x_k = x(kh)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$, satisfies an equation of the form

$$x_{k+1} = \bar{A}x_k + \bar{v}_k$$

where \bar{v}_k is discrete time white noise with covariance matrix $Q = E[\bar{v}_k\bar{v}_k^T]$. Determine how \bar{A} and Q are expressed in terms of A , M and h and obtain a formula for $E[x_{k+1}x_k^T]$.

- (b). In the case where $h = 200$,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.01 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the process $x(t)$ is assumed to be stationary, show that $x_k = (x_{1,k}, x_{2,k})^T$ is approximate white noise in the sense that the following cross-correlations are less than 0.2 :

$$\frac{E[x_{1,k}x_{2,k}]}{(Ex_{1,k}^2Ex_{2,k}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad \frac{E[x_{2,k+1}x_{2,k}]}{(Ex_{2,k+1}^2Ex_{2,k}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

2. (a) Suppose X and Y are scalar random variables with a joint covariance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (p_{22} > 0).$$

Then the linear least squares estimate (LLSE) of X given Y is

$$\hat{X} = EX + p_{12}p_{22}^{-1}(Y - EY).$$

Prove this.

- (b) Suppose X, N_1, N_2, \dots, N_n are independent uniformly distributed random variables. The density of X is constant at $\frac{1}{2a}$ on $[0, 2a]$ and that of each N_i is $\frac{1}{2}$ on $[0, 2]$. Suppose

$$Y_i = X + N_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

It can be shown that the LLSE of X given Y_1, \dots, Y_n is the same as that of X given \bar{Y} , where $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$. Use this fact to derive the LLSE of X given Y_1, \dots, Y_n .

- (c) Comment on whether you would expect the LLSE in (b) to be close to the conditional mean of X given Y_1 in the case when $n = 1$. Illustrate your answer with a sketch of the set on which the joint density of X and N_1 is positive.

3. A depth finder measures the depth of water beneath the keel of a ship. It produces a sequence of measurements of the form

$$y_k = x_k + w_k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where x_k is the depth under the ship at time k and w_k is standard white noise ($Ew_k = 0$, $Ew_k w_l = \delta_{kl}$). The depth x_k is modelled by the equation

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \sigma v_k$$

where v_k is a standard white noise process independent of w_k . The variance σ^2 of the depth noise is assumed to lie between $\frac{1}{4}$ and 4.

Using the formulae at the front of the paper, express the steady-state error variance $p(\sigma^2)$ associated with the Kalman one-step-ahead predictor as a function of σ^2 and calculate it in the case where $\sigma^2 = 4$.

- (b) An “observer” filter is to be employed with a fixed gain K , where $0 < K < 2$:

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = \hat{x}_k + K(y_k - \hat{x}_k).$$

Show that the steady-state variance of the resulting estimation error $\tilde{x}_k = x_k - \hat{x}_k$ satisfies the formula

$$E[\tilde{x}_k^2] = \frac{\sigma^2 + K^2}{2K - K^2}.$$

- (c) The gain K is to be chosen to make the filter of part (b) insensitive to the value of σ^2 . Explain why, if K is chosen to minimize the “worst-case” error covariance

$$\max \left\{ E\tilde{x}_k^2 : \frac{1}{4} \leq \sigma^2 \leq 4 \right\},$$

the resulting error covariance coincides with the error variance produced by the Kalman predictor for $\sigma^2 = 4$.

4. Consider the following target tracking problem. The target motion is represented by the linear system

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Mv_k$$

At time k the tracker has available observations y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{k-1} where y_i is given by

$$y_i = Cx_i + w_i.$$

In these equations, v_k and w_k are independent Gaussian white noise processes with identity matrix covariances. The initial state x_0 has distribution $N(m_0, P_0)$, independent of v_k, w_k . The dynamics of the tracker - in which z_k is of the same dimension as x_k - are given by

$$z_{k+1} = \bar{A}z_k + \bar{B}u_k$$

where u_k is a scalar control input and \bar{A} and \bar{B} are, respectively, a constant matrix and a constant vector. For each k , the control u_k is to be chosen as a function of y_0, \dots, y_{k-1} and z_k to minimize

$$E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (u_k^2 + \|\hat{x}_N - z_N\|^2)\right].$$

- (a) Show that the optimal control law is the same as that for the problem of minimizing

$$E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (u_k^2 + \|\hat{x}_{N|N-1} - z_N\|^2)\right].$$

- (b) Suppose the Kalman filter for the one-step predictor $\hat{x}_k := \hat{x}_{k|k-1}$ is time invariant with constant conditional covariance $P_0 = \text{cov}(x_k | y_{k-1}, \dots, y_0)$.

Using the formulae at the front of the paper, show that the control problem can be reformulated as a complete information LQG problem in which $q_k = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_k \\ z_k \end{pmatrix}$ is regarded as a "hyperstate" that satisfies a time invariant stochastic state equation.

Give the statistics of the noise term in this equation and formulate the criterion that is to be minimized.

5. A stochastically disturbed state process

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + Mv_k$$

is controlled by time-invariant state feedback $u = u(x_k)$ chosen to minimize - over the class of stabilizing controls for which Ex_k and $E[x_k x_k^T]$ converge to constants - the average cost rate $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} J^{u,N}$, where

$$J^{u,N} = \frac{1}{N} E \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k) \right].$$

Here v_k is white noise with $E v_k v_l^T = I \delta_{kl}$ and Q and R are positive definite matrices.

(a) State conditions for there to be a unique positive semidefinite solution to the "control" form of the associated algebraic Riccati equation (ARE) given at the front of the paper.

(b) Assume that the control ARE possesses a unique positive semidefinite solution S . Prove that the control law u_k that minimizes the finite-time cost

$$E \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k) + x_N^T S x_N \right]$$

takes the time-invariant form $u_k = u^0(x_k)$ and simultaneously minimizes the average cost rate $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} J^{u,N}$.

(c) Suppose x_k is scalar, $A = a$ and $B = M = Q = R = 1$. Determine the optimal control law.

6. In a simple test between two hypotheses: the null hypothesis, "index $J = 0$ " and the alternative, " $J = 1$ ", N independent measurements are made.

If $J = 0$, the probability density of each y_k is $p_0(y)$; if $J = 1$ the probability density of each y_k is $p_1(y)$.

If $\pi_0 = P(J = 0)$ and $\pi_1 = P(J = 1)$ are the prior probabilities of the two alternatives, then the minimum probability-of-error Bayes test is

$$\text{Choose } J = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0} \prod_{k=1}^N \frac{p_1(y_k)}{p_0(y_k)} \geq 1;$$

Choose $J = 0$ otherwise.

(a) Show that this Bayes test has the interpretation of picking the "conditionally most likely" of the two alternatives, given the measurements.

(b) In a test to detect radiation, the N "inter-click" times y_k between $N + 1$ clicks produced by a Geiger counter are independent and identically distributed as

$$p_0(y) = 0.1e^{-0.1y}, \quad y \geq 0 \quad \text{if there is no radiation}$$

$$p_1(y) = 0.5e^{-0.5y}, \quad y \geq 0 \quad \text{if radiation is present.}$$

The prior probability of radiation being present is 0.5.

Derive a Bayes test in this case, and show that it depends only on the sufficient statistic $Y_N = \sum_{k=1}^N y_k$.

If

$$N = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad y_1 = 6, \quad y_2 = 3, \quad y_3 = 5, \quad y_4 = 4,$$

what are the conditional "odds" of the presence of radiation against its absence?

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(a) By the variation-of-constants formula

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-r)} x(r) + \int_r^t e^{A(t-s)} M v(s) ds.$$

So if $r = kL$, $t = (k+1)L$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= e^{AL} x_k + \int_{kL}^{(k+1)L} e^{A((k+1)L-s)} M v(s) ds. \\ &= \bar{A} x_k + \bar{v}_k \end{aligned}$$

As $v(s)$ is white clearly the \bar{v}_k are uncorrelated for different k . Further, $E \bar{v}_k = 0$ and

$$E[\bar{v}_k \bar{v}_k^T] = \int_{kL}^{(k+1)L} e^{A((k+1)L-s)} M M^T e^{A^T((k+1)L-s)} ds.$$

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$$= \int_0^L e^{As} M M^T e^{A^T s} ds = Q$$

Also $E[x_{k+1} x_k^T] = \bar{A} E[x_k x_k^T]$

(b) For stationary processes

$$x_k = \int_{-\infty}^{kL} e^{A(kL-s)} M v(s) ds$$

$$E[x_k x_k^T] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{At} M M^T e^{A^T t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-0.01t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-0.01t} \end{bmatrix} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-1.01t} \\ e^{-1.01t} & e^{-0.02t} \end{bmatrix} dt.$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{1.01} \\ \frac{1}{1.01} & 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

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So $\frac{E(x_{1,k} x_{2,k})}{(E x_{1,k}^2 E x_{2,k}^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{.99}{25^{1/2}} = .198$

1(b) Solution continued

$$\text{As } h = 200$$

and

$$E[x_k x_k^T] = E[x_{k+1} x_{k+1}^T]$$

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$$E[x_{k+1} x_k^T] = e^{A h} E[x_k x_k^T] = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-200} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & .99 \\ .99 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ .99e^{-2} & 50e^{-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{E[x_{2,k+1} x_{2,k}]}{(E x_{2,k+1}^2 E x_{2,k}^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{50e^{-2}}{(50^2)^{1/2}} = e^{-2} = 0.135$$

2. Solution

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(a) A linear estimate is of the affine form $\hat{x} = a + bY$ which can be written

$$\hat{x} = EX + a' + b(Y - EY)$$

for suitable a'

Minimize over a', b

$$J = E[(X - (EX + a') - b(Y - EY))^2]$$

$$8 \quad = E[(X - EX)^2 + a'^2 - 2b(X - EX)(Y - EY) + b^2(Y - EY)^2]$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial a'} = 0 \Rightarrow 2a' = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b} = 0 \Rightarrow -2\rho_{12} + b\rho_{22} = 0 \Rightarrow b = \rho_{12}\rho_{22}^{-1}$$

Hence the LLSE $\hat{x} = EX + \rho_{12}\rho_{22}^{-1}(Y - EY)$

(b) Clearly $EX = a$, $EX^2 = \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^{2a} x^2 dx = \frac{(2a)^2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}a^2$

So $\text{Var } X = (\frac{4}{3} - 1)a^2 = \frac{a^2}{3}$. Similarly $EN_i = 1$, $EN_i^2 = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\bar{Y} = X + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n N_i \quad \text{So } E\bar{Y} = a + 1, \quad \text{Var } \bar{Y} = \frac{a^2}{3} + n \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + \frac{1}{n})$$

$$\rho_{12} = \text{Cor}(X, \bar{Y}) = \text{Var } X = \frac{a^2}{3}$$

8 So the LLSE of X given \bar{Y} (+ therefore Y_1, \dots, Y_n) is

$$\hat{x} = a + \frac{a^2}{3} \frac{3n}{(na^2 + 1)} (\bar{Y} - a - 1)$$

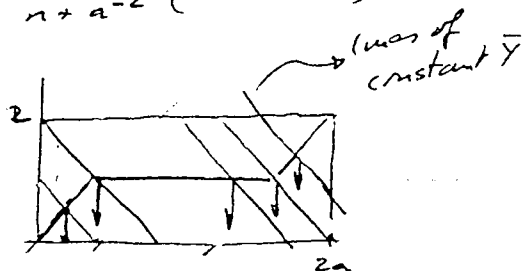
$$= a + \frac{n}{n + a^{-2}} (\bar{Y} - a - 1)$$

(c) $E(X|\bar{Y})$ has discontinuous derivatives, as a f'n of \bar{Y} ,

4 at $\bar{Y} = 2$, $\bar{Y} = 2a$.

The LLSE is smooth

+ so must differ.



3. solution

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(a) The algebraic Riccati equation for this filter is

$$p = p + \sigma^2 - \frac{p^2}{p+1} \quad \text{or} \quad p^2 - \sigma^2 p - \sigma^2 = 0$$

The steady-state variance is the positive solution:

$$p_{\infty}(\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + \sqrt{\sigma^4 + 4\sigma^2})$$

4 and the Kalman gain $K(\sigma^2) = \frac{p_{\infty}}{1+p_{\infty}} = \frac{\sigma^2 + \sqrt{\sigma^4 + 4\sigma^2}}{2 + \sigma^2 + \sqrt{\sigma^4 + 4\sigma^2}}$

So if $\sigma^2 = 4$

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$$p_{\infty}(4) = \frac{1}{2} (4 + 4\sqrt{2}) = 2(1+\sqrt{2}) = 4.28$$

(b) Since $x_{k+1} = x_k + \sigma v_k$

and

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = \hat{x}_k + K(x_k + w_k - \hat{x}_k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_{k+1} &= \tilde{x}_k + \sigma v_k - K w_k - K \tilde{x}_k \\ &= (1-K) \tilde{x}_k + \sigma v_k - K w_k \end{aligned}$$

7 As $0 < K < 2$ the process \tilde{x}_k is asymptotically stationary with steady-state 2nd moment

$$E \tilde{x}_{k+1}^2 = (1-K)^2 E \tilde{x}_k^2 + \sigma^2 + K^2$$

or
$$E \tilde{x}_k^2 = \frac{\sigma^2 + K^2}{2K - K^2}$$

(c) For fixed K the largest $E \tilde{x}_k^2$ is given by $\sigma^2 = 4$. (as $0 < K < 2$)

6 But the Kalman predictor minimises the variance

for fixed σ^2 . So

the minimized worst-case variance = $p_{\infty}(4) = 4.28$.

4 Solution

(a) Target equation
Tracker
Observations

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Mv_k \quad (1)$$

$$z_{k+1} = \bar{A}z_k + \bar{B}u_k \quad (2)$$

$$y_k = Cx_k + w_k \quad (3)$$

From (1) + (3), which are unaffected by the tracker,

we can calculate a Kalman filter for $\hat{x}_{k/k-1}$. Since

z_k is a function of y_0, \dots, y_{k-1} ,

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$$\begin{aligned} E[\|x_N - z_N\|^2] &= E[E[\|x_N - \hat{x}_{N/N-1} + \hat{x}_{N/N-1} - z_N\|^2 | y_{N-1}, \dots]] \\ &= E[\|x_N - \hat{x}_{N/N-1}\|^2] + E[\|\hat{x}_{N/N-1} - z_N\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right is unaffected by the control. So the optimal law also minimizes

$$E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} u_k^2 + \|\hat{x}_{N/N-1} - z_N\|^2\right].$$

(b) \hat{x}_k satisfies $\hat{x}_{k+1} = A\hat{x}_k + K(y_k - C\hat{x}_{k/k-1})$ K = Kalman gain

But the term $\bar{v}_k = K(y_k - C\hat{x}_{k/k-1})$ has covariance.

$$Q_0 = APC^T(I + CPC^T)CPA^T$$

10 So we can write

$$q_{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_{k+1} \\ z_{k+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} q_k + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{B} \end{bmatrix} u_k + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{v}_k$$

where \bar{v}_k is white noise with $E\bar{v}_k\bar{v}_k^T = Q_0$

The criterion becomes $E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} u_k^2 + q_N^T \begin{bmatrix} I & -I \\ -I & I \end{bmatrix} q_N\right]$

- (a) The control MRE has a unique positive semidefinite solution if
- 4 (A, B) is a stabilizable pair
 $(A^{1/2}, A)$ is a detectable pair.

- (b) The finite-time optimal control law is given by the quadratic identity (see front of paper)
- $$u_k^o = -F_k x_k, \quad F_k = (B^T S_{k+1} B + R)^{-1} B^T S_{k+1} A$$

But as $Q_N = S$, the solution of the MRE

$$S_k = S \quad (\text{for all } k), \quad \text{and so } u_k^o = -F x_k$$

$$\text{where } F = (B^T S B + R)^{-1} B^T S A.$$

So, for any other stabilizing law u' ,

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$$N J^{u', N} + E[x_N'^T S x_N'] \geq N J^{u^o, N} + E[x_N^{oT} S x_N^o]$$

$$\text{and so } J^{u', N} \geq J^{u^o, N} + \frac{1}{N} [E(x_N^{oT} S x_N^o) - E(x_N'^T S x_N')]$$

Since both $E x_N^{oT} S x_N^o$, $E x_N'^T S x_N'$ converge to constant

(as u^o, u' are stabilizing), so $\lim_N J^{u', N} \geq \lim_N J^{u^o, N}$

This proves that $u_k^o = -F x_k$ is optimal.

- (c) S solves the ARE

$$S = a^2 S + 1 - \frac{a^2 S^2}{1+S}$$

$$\text{or } S^2 - a^2 S - 1 = 0$$

5 Since $S \geq 0$, $S = +\frac{1}{2}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^4 + 4}$

$$u_k^o = -F_k x_k = \frac{-aS}{1+S} x_k = \frac{-a^3 + a\sqrt{a^4 + 4}}{2 + a^2 + \sqrt{a^4 + 4}} x_k.$$

6. Solution

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(a) The density-probability function of $J=0$ and $y_k, k=1, \dots, N$

$$\text{is } \pi_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^N p_0(y_k)$$

+ that of $J=1$, + $y_k: k=1, \dots, N$ is $\pi_1 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^N p_1(y_k)$.

So the conditional density of y_1, \dots, y_N given $J=0, J=1$ are

$$10 \quad P(y_1, \dots, y_N | J=0) = \frac{\pi_0 \prod_{k=1}^N p_0(y_k)}{K}$$

$$P(y_1, \dots, y_N | J=1) = \frac{\pi_1 \prod_{k=1}^N p_1(y_k)}{K}$$

$$\text{where } K = \pi_0 \prod_{k=1}^N p_0(y_k) + \pi_1 \prod_{k=1}^N p_1(y_k)$$

The ratio is $\frac{\pi_1 \prod_{k=1}^N p_1(y_k)}{\pi_0 \prod_{k=1}^N p_0(y_k)}$, which is just the test ratio.

(b) The likelihood ratio is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{(0.5)^N e^{-0.5 \sum_{k=1}^N y_k}}{(0.1)^N e^{-0.1 \sum_{k=1}^N y_k}} \\ &= e^{-0.4 Y_N} + N \log_e 5 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{The test reduces to } Y_N \leq \frac{N \log_e 5}{0.4} = 4.02 N \Rightarrow \text{radiation,}$$

$$\text{in the special case, } N=4, Y_4 = 18$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{The odds become } & e^{-0.4 \times 18} + 4 \times 1.609 \\ &= e^{-4 \cdot (1.8 - 1.609)} = .466 \end{aligned}$$

So "no radiation" is more than twice as likely as "radiation".