

# o6\_Maximum\_Likelihood\_Estimation

## Bayesian:

$$P(D_x|\theta_x) = \frac{P(\theta_x|D_x)P(D_x)}{P(\theta_x)}$$
$$\text{Likelihood} = \frac{\text{Posterior} \times \text{Evidence}}{\text{Prior}}$$

$D = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$D_x$ :  $x$ th sampling data set in training set  $D$ ,

Samples in each data set ( $x \in D_x$ ) are *Independent and Identically Distributed*

$\theta_x$ : model parameter to  $D_x$

- **Prior**

$P(\theta_x)$  represents the knowledge on hypothesis before any observation.

- **Likelihood**

$P(D_x|\theta_x)$  represents the probability of observing data given the hypothesis

- **Posterior**

$P(\theta_x|D_x) = \frac{P(D_x|\theta_x)P(\theta_x)}{P(D_x)}$  represents the probability of hypothesis after the data has been observed

- **Evidence**  $P(D_x)$

encodes the quality of the underlying model

$$P(D_x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\theta} P(D_x|\theta_x)P(\theta_x), & \text{Classification} \\ \int_{\theta} P(D_x|\theta_x)P(\theta_x), & \text{Regression} \end{cases}$$

## MLE

Given a random sample  $x$  complies a certain probability distribution with uncertain parameter  $\theta$ . Parameter is estimated by observing the result of several trials. Assuming *parameter  $\theta$  maximizes the probability of the sample  $D_x$*  then use  $\theta$  as the value of estimation.

1. Likelihood function:

$$P(D_x|\theta_x) = \prod_{x \in D_x} P(x|\theta_x)$$

2. Logarithm Likelihood function:

$$LL(\theta_x) = \log P(D_x|\theta_x) = \sum_{x \in D_x} \log P(x|\theta_x)$$

$$\text{Maximal Likelihood Estimation : } \hat{\theta}_x = \arg_{\theta_x} \max LL(\theta_x) = \arg_{\theta_x} \max \sum_{x \in D_x} \log P(x|\theta_x)$$

## Example: Bernoulli MLE

1. Likelihood Function:

$$P(D_x) = \begin{cases} \theta, & D_x = \text{yes} \\ 1 - \theta, & D_x = \text{no} \end{cases}$$

$$P(D_x|\theta_x) = \prod_{x \in D_x} P(x|\theta_x) = \theta^n (1 - \theta)^{N-n}$$

2. Logarithm:

$$\log P(D_x|\theta_x) = \log(\theta^n (1 - \theta)^{N-n}) = n \log \theta + (N - n) \log(1 - \theta)$$

3. Derivation=0:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta_x} \log(D_x|\theta_x) = \frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{N-n}{1-\theta} = \frac{n-N\theta}{\theta(1-\theta)} = 0$$

$$\theta = \frac{n}{N}$$

### Example: Gaussian MLE

$$N(\vec{x} | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

*Log - Likelihood*

*Maximize Log - Likelihood*

*differential = 0*

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i x_i \\ \sigma_{ML}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x_i - \mu_{ml})^2 \end{cases}$$