

Theoretical Assignment
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0.1 Problem 1

Goal: show that η follows a Poisson distribution with parameter $p\lambda$

0.1.1 Generative model

Our problem is like a generative model with the following distributions. Note that I am using different variable naming.

1. I use N and n to denote the random variable ζ and its realization
2. I use X and x to denote the random variable η and its realization

$$N \sim \text{Poisson}(n; \lambda) \tag{1}$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(x; p, n) \tag{2}$$

The joint distribution over our generative model is

$$p(x, n | \lambda, p) = p(x | p, n) p(n | \lambda)$$

0.1.2 Marginalize over N

To get the distribution over x , we marginalize over N :

$$p(x | \lambda, p) = \int p(x, n | \lambda, p) dn \tag{3}$$

$$= \int p(x | p, n) p(n | \lambda) dn \tag{4}$$

$$= \int \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n \frac{1}{n!} dn \tag{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x!} p^x e^{-\lambda} \int \frac{1}{(n-x)!} (1-p)^{n-x} \lambda^n dn \tag{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x!} (\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda p} \int \frac{1}{(n-x)!} e^{-\lambda(1-p)} (\lambda(1-p))^{n-x} dn \tag{7}$$

In the last two lines, we re-arranged the terms. Now we actually recognize the integral as an integral over a shifted Poisson distribution, with parameter $\lambda(1-p)$. Therefore, the integral evaluates to 1. We are left with:

$$p(x | \lambda, p) = \frac{1}{x!} (\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda p} \tag{8}$$

We recognize this distribution as a Poisson distribution over x with parameter λp , which proves the goal.

0.2 Problem 2

Goal: find the probability of the datum $t = 10$ given that the reviewer is kind

0.2.1 Model

Our problem consist of a model over two reviewers.

Let's denote with R the random variable of the reviewers. The sample space for R is $\{r1, r2\}$ where $r1$ and $r2$ are reviewer 1 and 2, respectively.

Now our model is

$$p(t|R = r_1) = \mathcal{N}(t; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \quad (9)$$

$$p(t|R = r_2) = \mathcal{N}(t; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \quad (10)$$

We seek for $p(R = r_2|t = 10)$.

We use Bayes rule to find this probability:

$$p(R = r_2|t = 10) = \frac{p(t = 10|R = r_2)p(R = r_2)}{\sum_{r \in \{r_1, r_2\}} p(t = 10|R = r)p(R = r)}$$

We fill in all the numbers and get

$$p(R = r_2|t = 10) = \frac{\mathcal{N}(10; 20, 5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\mathcal{N}(10; 30, 10^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mathcal{N}(10; 20, 5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{2}{3}$$