

(1) By efron stein inequality

$$\text{var}(Z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}^i(Z))^2]$$

the RHS, can be manipulated as

$$\mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}^i(Z))^2] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}^i(Z - \mathbb{E}^i(Z))^2]$$

Let,

$$Z_{i=1} = f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_n)$$

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$$\mathbb{E}^i(Z) = P Z_{i=1} + (1-P) Z_{i=1}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}^i(Z))^2] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}^i[(Z - P Z_{i=1} - (1-P) Z_{i=1})^2]]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}^i[(Z - Z_{i=1}) + P(Z_{i=1} - Z_{i=1})^2]]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}^i[(Z - Z_{i=1})^2 + P^2(Z_{i=1} - Z_{i=1})^2 + 2P(Z_{i=1} - Z_{i=1})(Z - Z_{i=1})]]$$

on expanding expectation ~~$\mathbb{E}^i[Z(Z)]$~~

$$= \mathbb{E}[P_i (Z_1 - Z_1 P_i - (1-P_i) Z_1)^2 + (1-P_i) (Z_1 - Z_1 P_i - (1-P_i) Z_1)^2]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[P_i (1-P_i)^2 (Z_1 - Z_1)^2 + (1-P_i)^2 P_i^2 (Z_1 - Z_1)^2]$$

Now

$$|z_i - z_1| = |f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_n)| \\ \leq C_i^2$$

by using this

$$E (z - E^i(z))^2 \leq P_i(1-P_i) C_i^2 + (1-P_i) P_i^2 C_i^2 \\ \leq P_i(1-P_i) C_i^2$$

Substituting back.

$$\text{Var}(z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P_i(1-P_i) C_i^2$$

Efron - Stein inequality

Let x_1, \dots, x_n be independent RV's. Let $f: X^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a square integrable function.

$$\text{Let } Z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$(*) E_i(Z) = E(Z | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$E_i(Z) = \int f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) dP(x_i)$$

$$(*) \Delta_i = E_i(Z) - E_{i-1}(Z)$$

$$(*) \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i = E_n(Z) - E_{n-1}(Z) + E_{n-1}(Z) - E_{n-2}(Z) + \dots + E_1(Z) - E(Z)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i = E_n(Z) - E(Z)$$

$$E_n(Z) = E(Z | x_1, \dots, x_n) = Z$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i = Z - E(Z) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(a) Show that

$$\text{var}(Z) = E \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = E[(Z - E(Z))^2]$$

$$= E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i\right)^2\right]$$

$$= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j>i} \Delta_i \Delta_j\right)$$

$$= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2\right) + 2 \sum_{j>i} E(\Delta_i \Delta_j)$$

Now

$$E(\Delta_i \Delta_j) = E\left[E(\Delta_i \Delta_j | x_i)\right] \quad \because j > i$$

$$= E\left[\Delta_i E_i(\Delta_j)\right] \quad \text{since } E_i(\Delta_i) = \Delta_i$$

Taking

$$E_i \Delta_j = E_i \left[E_j(Z) - E_{j-1}(Z) \right]$$

$$= E_i \left[E \left[f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_j \right] - E \left[f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_1, \dots, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_j \right] \right]$$

$$= \int \dots \int f(x^n) p f(x_{i+1}) p f(x_{i+2}) \dots p f(x_n) dx_{i+1} dx_{i+2} \dots dx_n$$

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$$= 0$$

$$E(\Delta_i \Delta_j) \stackrel{\leftarrow}{=} E(\Delta_i E_i(\Delta_j)) = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

Thus

$$\text{var}(Z) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2\right)$$

$$(b) \quad E_i[E^i(Z)] = E_i(b(x)) | x_i^0$$

$$\int_{x_i \in X} \int_{x_{i+1}^n \in X^{n-i}} b(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) dP(x_{i+1}^n) dP(x_i)$$

$$= \int_{x_i^1 \in X^{n-i+1}} b(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) dP(x_i^1)$$

$$= E_{i+1}(Z)$$

Thus

$$E_i[E^i(Z)] = E_{i+1}(Z)$$

(c)

$$\Delta_i = E_i(Z) - E_{i+1}(Z)$$

$$= E_i(Z) - E_i(E^i(Z))$$

$$= E_i(Z - E^i(Z))$$

Thus

$$\Delta_i^2 = \left[E_i \left(Z - E^i(Z) \right) \right]^2 \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

From Jensen's inequality,

If $g(x)$ is convex, let T be random variable

Then $\boxed{g(E(T)) \leq E(g(T))}$

Here

$$g(x) = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad T = (Z - E^i(Z))$$

Thus

$$E_i \left((Z - E^i(Z))^2 \right) \geq \left[E_i (Z - E^i(Z)) \right]^2 \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

By this property. Sub the (B) in (A)

$$\Delta_i^2 = \left[E_i (Z - E^i(Z)) \right]^2 \leq E_i \left((Z - E^i(Z))^2 \right)$$

$$\boxed{\Delta_i^2 \leq E_i \left((Z - E^i(Z))^2 \right)}$$

(C) From (A) eqn

we got

$$\text{Var}(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(\Delta_i^2)$$

We know $\Delta_i^2 \leq E_i \left((Z - E^i(Z))^2 \right)$

$$\text{Var}(z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{\underline{E(E_i[(z - E^i(z))^2])}}$$

$$\rightarrow E(E_i[(z - E^i(z))^2])$$

$$= \left[E(E[(z - E^i(z))^2] | x_i) \right]$$

$$= E \left(\int_{x_{i+1}^n \in \mathcal{X}^{n-i-1}} (z - E^i(z))^2 dP_{x_{i+1}}^n \right)$$

$$= \int_{[x_i] = x_i^i \in \mathcal{X}^i} \left(\int_{x_{i+1}^n \in \mathcal{X}^{n-i-1}} (z - E^i(z))^2 dP_{x_{i+1}}^n \right) dP_{x_i} - dP_{x_i}$$

$$= \int_{x_i^i \in \mathcal{X}^i} (z - E^i(z))^2 dP_{x_i}^n = E[(z - E^i(z))^2]$$

Thus, $x_i^i \in \mathcal{X}^i$

$$\text{Var} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n E[(z - E^i(z))^2]$$