

# Machine Learning Sheet 9

## 1. Bias and Variance of Mean Estimators

a)

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$$
$$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Bias}(\hat{\mu}) &= \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}] - \mu \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right] - \mu \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[X_i] - \mu \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \cdot N\mu - \mu \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &= \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\mu} - \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}])^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\mu} - \mu)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i - \mu\right)^2\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, for  $i \neq j$ ,  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are independent and uncorrelated, which means  $\mathbf{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{Var}(X_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \cdot N\sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{Error}(\hat{\mu}) = \mathbf{Bias}(\hat{\mu})^2 + \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{Bias}(\hat{\mu}) &= \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu} - \mu] = -\mu \\ \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &= \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\mu} - \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}])^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(0 - 0)^2] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{Error}(\hat{\mu}) = \mathbf{Bias}(\hat{\mu})^2 + \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\mu}) = \mu^2$$

## 2. Bias-Variance Decomposition for Regression

a)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Bias}(\hat{f}(x)) &= \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x) - f(x)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)] - f(x) \\
\mathbf{Var}(\hat{f}(x)) &= \mathbb{E}[(\hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)])^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^2(x)] - 2\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)] \cdot \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)] + \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)]^2 \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^2(x)] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)]^2 \\
\mathbf{Error}(\hat{f}(x)) &= \mathbb{E}[(\hat{f}(x) - f(x))^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^2(x) - 2\hat{f}(x)f(x) + f^2(x)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^2(x)] - 2\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)]f(x) + f^2(x) \\
&= \left( \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^2(x)] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)]^2 \right) + \left( \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)]^2 - 2\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(x)]f(x) + f^2(x) \right) \\
&= \mathbf{Var}(\hat{f}(x)) + \mathbf{Bias}(\hat{f}(x))^2
\end{aligned}$$

## 3. Bias-Variance Decomposition for Classification

a) Use Lagrange Multiplier:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} &= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^C R_i \log \frac{R_i}{\hat{P}_i}\right] - \lambda \left(\sum_{i=1}^C R_i - 1\right) \\
\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial R_i} &= 1 - \log R_i + \mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i] - \lambda = 0 \\
\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} &= \sum_{i=1}^C R_i - 1 = 0 \\
\Rightarrow R_i &= \exp(1 - \lambda + \mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i]) \\
\sum_{i=1}^C \exp((1 - \lambda + \mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i])) &= 1 \\
\Rightarrow R_i &= \frac{\exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i])}{\sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j])}
\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Error}(\hat{P}) &= \mathbb{E}[D_{KL}(P||\hat{P})] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log \frac{P_i}{\hat{P}_i}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log \hat{P}_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i] \\
\mathbf{Bias}(\hat{P}) &= D_{KL}(P||R) = \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log R_i \\
\mathbf{Var}(\hat{P}) &= \mathbb{E}[D_{KL}(R||\hat{P})] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^C (R_i \log R_i - R_i \log \hat{P}_i)\right] \\
R_i &= \frac{\exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i])}{\sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j])}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Bias}(\hat{P}) + \mathbf{Var}(\hat{P}) &= \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log R_i + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^C (R_i \log R_i - R_i \log \hat{P}_i) \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^C (P_i \log R_i - R_i \log R_i + R_i \log \hat{P}_i) \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C \mathbb{E} [(P_i \log R_i - R_i \log R_i + R_i \log \hat{P}_i)] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C \left( P_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \frac{\exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_i])}{\sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j])} \right] - \mathbb{E} [R_i \log R_i - R_i \log \hat{P}_i] \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C \left( P_i \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_i] - P_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j]) \right] - \mathbb{E} [R_i \log R_i - R_i \log \hat{P}_i] \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_i] + \sum_{i=1}^C \left( P_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j]) \right] + \mathbb{E} [R_i \log R_i - R_i \log \hat{P}_i] \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{i=1}^C \left( P_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j]) \right] + \mathbb{E} [R_i \log R_i - R_i \log \hat{P}_i] \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C \left( P_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j]) \right] + \mathbb{E} [R_i \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_i]] - \mathbb{E} [R_i \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_j] - R_i \log \hat{P}_i] \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C \left( P_i \mathbb{E} \left[ \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j]) \right] - \mathbb{E} [R_i \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_j]] \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^C \mathbb{E} \left[ P_i \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp(\mathbb{E}[\log \hat{P}_j]) - R_i \log \sum_{j=1}^C \exp \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_j] \right] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{Bias}(\hat{P}) + \mathbf{Var}(\hat{P}) = \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \log P_i - \sum_{i=1}^C P_i \mathbb{E} [\log \hat{P}_i] = \mathbf{Error}(\hat{P})$$