

Machine Learning

Homework 3 solution

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1. $\frac{d}{d\theta} \theta^t (1-\theta)^h = \theta^t \cdot h \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} \cdot (-1) + (1-\theta)^h \cdot t \cdot \theta^{t-1}$ -- chain rule

$$= -\theta^t \cdot h \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} + t \cdot \theta^{t-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^h$$

$$= -h \cdot \theta \cdot \theta^{t-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} + t \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} \cdot \theta^{t-1} (1-\theta)$$

$$= \theta^{t-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} (t(1-\theta) - h\theta)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d^2\theta} \theta^t (1-\theta)^h = \theta^{t-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} (-t-h) + ((t(1-\theta)-h\theta) [-\theta^{t-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-2} \cdot (h-1) + \theta^{t-2} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} \cdot (t-1)])$$

$$= -\theta^{t-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-1} (t+h) + \theta^{t-2} \cdot (1-\theta)^{h-2} \cdot (t(1-\theta)-h\theta) \cdot ((t-1) \cdot (1-\theta) - (h-1)\theta)$$

let $f(\theta) = \log \theta^t (1-\theta)^h = t \log \theta + h \cdot \log(1-\theta)$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} f(\theta) = t/\theta - h/(1-\theta)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d^2\theta} f(\theta) = -t/\theta^2 - h/(1-\theta)^2$$

2. Let $p(\theta) = \log f(\theta)$ and θ^t be any local maximum of $p(\theta)$, so we have $p(\theta^t) \geq p(\theta)$ for θ in small neighbourhood of θ^t . for a monotonic transform like exponential function, we can say

$$f(\theta^t) = \exp(p(\theta^t)) \geq \exp(p(\theta)) = f(\theta) \quad \dots \text{so } \theta^t \text{ is a max of } f$$

from the previous problem, we can see that computational becomes simpler using log and maximum or minimum is preserved.

3. $\theta_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta)$ and $\theta_{MAP} = \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta) p(\theta)$

If we consider uniform distribution as prior, then $p(\theta)$ will be constant for all θ .

$$\text{So } \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta) p(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta)$$

therefore, $\theta_{MAP} = \theta_{MLE}$

4. $p(x=m | N, \theta) = \binom{N}{m} \theta^m (1-\theta)^{N-m}$

if a, b are hyper parameters of prior beta distribution, then the posterior is $\text{Beta}(m+a, l+b)$ distributed.

so, the posterior mean is

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(\theta | D) &= \frac{m + a}{m + a + l + b} \\
 &= \frac{m}{m + a + l + b} + \frac{a}{m + a + l + b} \\
 &= \frac{m}{m + a + l + b} \cdot \frac{m + l}{m + l} + \frac{a}{m + a + l + b} \cdot \frac{a + b}{a + b} \\
 &= \frac{m + l}{m + a + l + b} \cdot \frac{m}{m + l} + \frac{a + b}{m + a + l + b} \cdot \frac{a}{a + b}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a + b}{m + a + l + b} = \lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{then } 1 - \lambda &= 1 - \frac{a + b}{m + a + l + b} \\
 &= \frac{m + a + l + b - a - b}{m + a + l + b} \\
 &= \frac{m + l}{m + a + l + b}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{therefore, } E(\theta | D) = (1 - \lambda) \cdot \frac{m}{m + l} + \lambda \cdot \frac{a}{a + b}$$

the max likelihood estimate is $\frac{m}{m + l}$ and posterior mean is $\frac{a}{a + b}$

5. Let X be Poisson distributed

$$\text{Poi}(x | \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \cdot \lambda^x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(\lambda) &= \ln \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!} \cdot \lambda^{x_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln e^{-\lambda} + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \\
 &= -n\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \ln \lambda - \ln x_i!)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d(\ln \lambda) / d\lambda = -n + n\lambda / \lambda = 0$$

$$E[\lambda] = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \frac{E[x_i!]}{n} = \lambda$$

prior for λ :

alpha & beta are denoted as a & b in this problem

$$p(\lambda | \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\tau(\alpha)} \lambda^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\beta\lambda)$$

so $P(\lambda | D) \propto P(D | \lambda) P(\lambda)$ and is Gamma $(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \alpha, n + \beta)$

for MAP soln, $\arg \max_{\lambda} p(\lambda | D) = \arg \max_{\lambda} \ln p(\lambda | D)$

$$\ln p(\lambda | D) = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \alpha - 1) \ln \lambda - (n + \beta) \lambda + c$$

taking first derivative

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln p(\lambda | D) = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \alpha - 1) / \lambda - (n + \beta) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \alpha - 1)}{(n + \beta)}$$