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Chapter I

General Theorems

1 Probability theory

1.1 Random variables

1.1.1 Random experiment

Definition: A random experiment is any repeatable procedure that results in one (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) out of a well-defined set of possible outcomes.

- The set of possible outcomes is called sample space.
- A set of zero or more outcomes is called a random event (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.2).
- A function that maps from events to probabilities is called a probability function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1).

Together, sample space, event space and probability function characterize a random experiment.

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1.1.2 Random event

Definition: A random event E is the outcome of a random experiment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.1) which can be described by a statement that is either true or false.

- If the statement is true, the event is said to take place, denoted as E .
- If the statement is false, the complement of E occurs, denoted as \overline{E} .

In other words, a random event is a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with two possible values (true and false, or 1 and 0). A random experiment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.1) with two possible outcomes is called a Bernoulli trial (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1).

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1.1.3 Random variable

Definition: A random variable may be understood

- informally, as a real number $X \in \mathbb{R}$ whose value is the outcome of a random experiment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.1);
- formally, as a measurable function (\rightarrow Definition “meas-fct”) X defined on a probability space (\rightarrow Definition “prob-spc”) (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) that maps from a sample space Ω to the real numbers \mathbb{R} using an event space \mathcal{F} and a probability function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) P ;
- more broadly, as any random quantity X such as a random event (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.2), a random scalar (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) or a random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Random variable”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-27; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_variable#Definition.

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1.1.4 Random vector

Definition: A random vector, also called “multivariate random variable”, is an n -dimensional column vector $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ whose entries are random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Multivariate random variable”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-27; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multivariate_random_variable.

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1.1.5 Random matrix

Definition: A random matrix, also called “matrix-valued random variable”, is an $n \times p$ matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ whose entries are random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Equivalently, a random matrix is an $n \times p$ matrix whose columns are n -dimensional random vectors (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Random matrix”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-27; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_matrix.

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1.1.6 Constant

Definition: A constant is a quantity which does not change and thus always has the same value. From a statistical perspective, a constant is a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) which is equal to its expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1)

$$X = E(X) \tag{1}$$

or equivalently, whose variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is zero

$$\text{Var}(X) = 0. \tag{2}$$

Sources:

- ProofWiki (2020): “Definition: Constant”; in: *ProofWiki*, retrieved on 2020-09-09; URL: <https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Definition:Constant#Definition>.

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1.1.7 Discrete vs. continuous

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} . Then,

- X is called a discrete random variable, if \mathcal{X} is either a finite set or a countably infinite set; in this case, X can be described by a probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1);
- X is called a continuous random variable, if \mathcal{X} is an uncountably infinite set; if it is absolutely continuous, X can be described by a probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Random variable”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-10-29; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_variable#Standard_case.

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1.1.8 Univariate vs. multivariate

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} . Then,

- X is called a two-valued random variable or random event (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.2), if \mathcal{X} has exactly two elements, e.g. $\mathcal{X} = \{E, \overline{E}\}$ or $\mathcal{X} = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ or $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 0\}$;
- X is called a univariate random variable or random scalar (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), if \mathcal{X} is one-dimensional, i.e. (a subset of) the real numbers \mathbb{R} ;
- X is called a multivariate random variable or random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4), if \mathcal{X} is multi-dimensional, e.g. (a subset of) the n -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n ;
- X is called a matrix-valued random variable or random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5), if \mathcal{X} is (a subset of) the set of $n \times p$ real matrices $\mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Multivariate random variable”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-11-06; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multivariate_random_variable.

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1.2 Probability

1.2.1 Probability

Definition: Let E be a statement about an arbitrary event such as the outcome of a random experiment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.1). Then, $p(E)$ is called the probability of E and may be interpreted as

- (objectivist interpretation of probability:) some physical state of affairs, e.g. the relative frequency of occurrence of E , when repeating the experiment (“Frequentist probability”); or
- (subjectivist interpretation of probability:) a degree of belief in E , e.g. the price at which someone would buy or sell a bet that pays 1 unit of utility if E and 0 if not E (“Bayesian probability”).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Probability”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-10; URL: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probability#Interpretations>.

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1.2.2 Joint probability

Definition: Let A and B be two arbitrary statements about random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), such as statements about the presence or absence of an event or about the value of a scalar, vector or matrix. Then, $p(A, B)$ is called the joint probability of A and B and is defined as the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) that A and B are both true.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Joint probability distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-10; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_probability_distribution.

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1.2.3 Marginal probability

Definition: Let A and X be two arbitrary statements about random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), such as statements about the presence or absence of an event or about the value of a scalar, vector or matrix. Furthermore, assume a joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) distribution $p(A, X)$. Then, $p(A)$ is called the marginal probability of A and,

1) if X is a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with domain \mathcal{X} , is given by

$$p(A) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(A, x) ; \quad (1)$$

2) if X is a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with domain \mathcal{X} , is given by

$$p(A) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(A, x) dx . \quad (2)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Marginal distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-10; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marginal_distribution#Definition.

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1.2.4 Conditional probability

Definition: Let A and B be two arbitrary statements about random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), such as statements about the presence or absence of an event or about the value of a scalar, vector or matrix. Furthermore, assume a joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) distribution $p(A, B)$. Then, $p(A|B)$ is called the conditional probability that A is true, given that B is true, and is given by

$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)} \quad (1)$$

where $p(B)$ is the marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) of B .

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Conditional probability”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-10; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conditional_probability#Definition.

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1.2.5 Exceedance probability

Definition: Let $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ be a set of n random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) which the joint probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) $p(X) = p(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Then, the exceedance probability for random variable X_i is the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) that X_i is larger than all other random variables X_j , $j \neq i$:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(X_i) &= \Pr(\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n | j \neq i\} : X_i > X_j) \\ &= \Pr\left(\bigwedge_{j \neq i} X_i > X_j\right) \\ &= \Pr(X_i = \max(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})) \\ &= \int_{X_i = \max(X)} p(X) dX . \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Sources:

- Stephan KE, Penny WD, Daunizeau J, Moran RJ, Friston KJ (2009): “Bayesian model selection for group studies”; in: *NeuroImage*, vol. 46, pp. 1004–1017, eq. 16; URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1053811909002638>; DOI: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2009.03.025.
- Soch J, Allefeld C (2016): “Exceedance Probabilities for the Dirichlet Distribution”; in: *arXiv stat.AP*, 1611.01439; URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01439>.

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1.2.6 Statistical independence

Definition: Generally speaking, random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) are statistically independent, if their joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) can be expressed in terms of their marginal probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3).

1) A set of discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X_1, \dots, X_n with possible values $\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_n$ is called statistically independent, if

$$p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i = x_i) \quad \text{for all } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i, i = 1, \dots, n \tag{1}$$

where $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ are the joint probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) of X_1, \dots, X_n and $p(x_i)$ are the marginal probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) of X_i .

2) A set of continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X_1, \dots, X_n defined on the domains $\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_n$ is called statistically independent, if

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(x_i) \quad \text{for all } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i, i = 1, \dots, n \tag{2}$$

or equivalently, if the probability densities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) exist, if

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i) \quad \text{for all } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i, i = 1, \dots, n \quad (3)$$

where F are the joint (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) or marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) cumulative distribution functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) and f are the respective probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Independence (probability theory)”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-06-06; URL: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_\(probability_theory\)#Definition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_(probability_theory)#Definition).

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1.2.7 Conditional independence

Definition: Generally speaking, random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) are conditionally independent given another random variable, if they are statistically independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) in their conditional probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.4) given this random variable.

1) A set of discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) X_1, \dots, X_n with possible values $\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_n$ is called conditionally independent given the random variable Y with possible values \mathcal{Y} , if

$$p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | Y = y) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i = x_i | Y = y) \quad \text{for all } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i \quad \text{and all } y \in \mathcal{Y} \quad (1)$$

where $p(x_1, \dots, x_n | y)$ are the joint (conditional) probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) of X_1, \dots, X_n given Y and $p(x_i)$ are the marginal (conditional) probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) of X_i given Y .

2) A set of continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) X_1, \dots, X_n with possible values $\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_n$ is called conditionally independent given the random variable Y with possible values \mathcal{Y} , if

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_n | Y=y}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i | Y=y}(x_i) \quad \text{for all } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i \quad \text{and all } y \in \mathcal{Y} \quad (2)$$

or equivalently, if the probability densities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) exist, if

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_n | Y=y}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i | Y=y}(x_i) \quad \text{for all } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i \quad \text{and all } y \in \mathcal{Y} \quad (3)$$

where F are the joint (conditional) (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) or marginal (conditional) (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) cumulative distribution functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) and f are the respective probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Conditional independence”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-11-19; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conditional_independence#Conditional_independence_of_random_variables.

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1.3 Probability distributions

1.3.1 Probability distribution

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the set of possible outcomes \mathcal{X} . Then, a probability distribution of X is a mathematical function that gives the probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of occurrence of all possible outcomes $x \in \mathcal{X}$ of this random variable.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Probability distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-17; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probability_distribution.

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1.3.2 Joint distribution

Definition: Let X and Y be random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with sets of possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} . Then, a joint distribution of X and Y is a probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) that specifies the probability of the event that $X = x$ and $Y = y$ for each possible combination of $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$.

- The joint distribution of two scalar random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) is called a bivariate distribution.
- The joint distribution of a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) is called a multivariate distribution.
- The joint distribution of a random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5) is called a matrix-variate distribution.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Joint probability distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-17; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_probability_distribution.

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1.3.3 Marginal distribution

Definition: Let X and Y be random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with sets of possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} . Then, the marginal distribution of X is a probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) that specifies the probability of the event that $X = x$ irrespective of the value of Y for each possible value $x \in \mathcal{X}$. The marginal distribution can be obtained from the joint distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) of X and Y using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Marginal distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-17; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marginal_distribution.

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1.3.4 Conditional distribution

Definition: Let X and Y be random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with sets of possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} . Then, the conditional distribution of X given that Y is a probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) that specifies the probability of the event that $X = x$ given that $Y = y$ for each possible combination of $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. The conditional distribution of X can be obtained from the joint distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) of X and Y and the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of Y using the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Conditional probability distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-17; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conditional_probability_distribution.

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1.3.5 Sampling distribution

Definition: Let there be a random sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) with finite sample size (\rightarrow Definition “samp-size”). Then, the probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) of a given statistic (\rightarrow Definition “stat”) computed from this sample, e.g. a test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5), is called a sampling distribution.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2021): “Sampling distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2021-03-31; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling_distribution.

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1.4 Probability functions

1.4.1 Probability mass function

Definition: Let X be a discrete (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} . Then, $f_X(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is the probability mass function (PMF) of X , if

$$f_X(x) = 0 \tag{1}$$

for all $x \notin \mathcal{X}$,

$$\Pr(X = x) = f_X(x) \tag{2}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and

$$\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f_X(x) = 1 . \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Probability mass function”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-02-13; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probability_mass_function.

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1.4.2 Probability mass function of strictly increasing function

Theorem: Let X be a discrete (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $g(x)$ be a strictly increasing function on the support of X . Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of $Y = g(X)$ is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $g^{-1}(y)$ is the inverse function of $g(x)$ and \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible outcomes of Y :

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Because a strictly increasing function is invertible, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of Y can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \Pr(Y = y) \\ &= \Pr(g(X) = y) \\ &= \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Taboga, Marco (2017): “Functions of random variables and their distribution”; in: *Lectures on probability and mathematical statistics*, retrieved on 2020-10-29; URL: <https://www.statlect.com/fundamentals-of-probability/functions-of-random-variables-and-their-distribution#hid3>.

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1.4.3 Probability mass function of strictly decreasing function

Theorem: Let X be a discrete (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $g(x)$ be a strictly decreasing function on the support of X . Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of $Y = g(X)$ is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $g^{-1}(y)$ is the inverse function of $g(x)$ and \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible outcomes of Y :

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Because a strictly decreasing function is invertible, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of Y can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \Pr(Y = y) \\ &= \Pr(g(X) = y) \\ &= \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Taboga, Marco (2017): “Functions of random variables and their distribution”; in: *Lectures on probability and mathematical statistics*, retrieved on 2020-11-06; URL: <https://www.statlect.com/fundamentals-of-probability/functions-of-random-variables-and-their-distribution#hid6>.

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1.4.4 Probability density function

Definition: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} . Then, $f_X(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the probability density function (PDF) of X , if

$$f_X(x) \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\Pr(X \in A) = \int_A f_X(x) \, dx \quad (2)$$

for any $A \subset \mathcal{X}$ and

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \, dx = 1 . \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Probability density function”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-02-13; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probability_density_function.

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1.4.5 Probability density function of strictly increasing function

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $g(x)$ be a strictly increasing function on the support of X . Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of $Y = g(X)$ is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $g^{-1}(y)$ is the inverse function of $g(x)$ and \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible outcomes of Y :

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of a strictly increasing function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.9) is

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) \\ F_X(g^{-1}(y)) , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 1 , & \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Because the probability density function is the first derivative of the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.7)

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} , \quad (4)$$

the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of Y can be derived as follows:

1) If y does not belong to the support of Y , $F_Y(y)$ is constant, such that

$$f_Y(y) = 0, \quad \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} . \quad (5)$$

2) If y belongs to the support of Y , then $f_Y(y)$ can be derived using the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Taking together (5) and (6), eventually proves (1).

Sources:

- Taboga, Marco (2017): “Functions of random variables and their distribution”; in: *Lectures on probability and mathematical statistics*, retrieved on 2020-10-29; URL: <https://www.statlect.com/fundamentals-of-probability/functions-of-random-variables-and-their-distribution#hid4>.

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1.4.6 Probability density function of strictly decreasing function

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $g(x)$ be a strictly decreasing function on the support of X . Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of $Y = g(X)$ is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} -f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $g^{-1}(y)$ is the inverse function of $g(x)$ and \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible outcomes of Y :

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of a strictly decreasing function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.9) is

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 , & \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) \\ 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Note that for continuous random variables, the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of point events is

$$\Pr(X = a) = \int_a^a f_X(x) dx = 0 . \quad (4)$$

Because the probability density function is the first derivative of the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.7)

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} , \quad (5)$$

the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of Y can be derived as follows:

1) If y does not belong to the support of Y , $F_Y(y)$ is constant, such that

$$f_Y(y) = 0, \quad \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} . \quad (6)$$

2) If y belongs to the support of Y , then $f_Y(y)$ can be derived using the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &\stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{d}{dy} [1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y))] \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{d}{dy} [1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))] \\ &= -\frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= -f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Taking together (6) and (7), eventually proves (1).

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1.4.7 Probability density function in terms of cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the probability distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is the first derivative of the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X :

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function in terms of the probability density function of a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.12) is given by:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} . \quad (2)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to x , we have:

$$\frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt . \quad (3)$$

The fundamental theorem of calculus states that, if $f(x)$ is a continuous real-valued function defined on the interval $[a, b]$, then it holds that

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad F'(x) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in (a, b) . \quad (4)$$

Applying (4) to (2), it follows that

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} = f_X(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R} . \quad (5)$$

Sources:

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1.4.8 Cumulative distribution function

Definition: The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X at a given value x is defined as the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) that X is smaller than x :

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) . \quad (1)$$

1) If X is a discrete (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $f_X(x)$, then the cumulative distribution function is the function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.11) $F_X(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{\substack{t \in \mathcal{X} \\ t \leq x}} f_X(t) . \quad (2)$$

2) If X is a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $f_X(x)$, then the cumulative distribution function is the function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.12) $F_X(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt . \quad (3)$$

Sources:

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1.4.9 Cumulative distribution function of strictly increasing function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $g(x)$ be a strictly increasing function on the support of X . Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of $Y = g(X)$ is given by

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) \\ F_X(g^{-1}(y)) , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 1 , & \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $g^{-1}(y)$ is the inverse function of $g(x)$ and \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible outcomes of Y :

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The support of Y is determined by $g(x)$ and by the set of possible outcomes of X . Moreover, if $g(x)$ is strictly increasing, then $g^{-1}(y)$ is also strictly increasing. Therefore, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of Y can be derived as follows:

1) If y is lower than the lowest value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.11.1) Y can take, then $\Pr(Y \leq y) = 0$, so

$$F_Y(y) = 0, \quad \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) . \quad (3)$$

2) If y belongs to the support of Y , then $F_Y(y)$ can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_Y(y) &= \Pr(Y \leq y) \\
&= \Pr(g(X) \leq y) \\
&= \Pr(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) \\
&= F_X(g^{-1}(y)) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

3) If y is higher than the highest value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.11.2) Y can take, then $\Pr(Y \leq y) = 1$, so

$$F_Y(y) = 1, \quad \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) . \tag{5}$$

Taking together (3), (4), (5), eventually proves (1).

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1.4.10 Cumulative distribution function of strictly decreasing function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $g(x)$ be a strictly decreasing function on the support of X . Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of $Y = g(X)$ is given by

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) \\ 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)), & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0, & \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

where $g^{-1}(y)$ is the inverse function of $g(x)$ and \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible outcomes of Y :

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\} . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The support of Y is determined by $g(x)$ and by the set of possible outcomes of X . Moreover, if $g(x)$ is strictly decreasing, then $g^{-1}(y)$ is also strictly decreasing. Therefore, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of Y can be derived as follows:

1) If y is higher than the highest value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.11.2) Y can take, then $\Pr(Y \leq y) = 1$, so

$$F_Y(y) = 1, \quad \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) . \tag{3}$$

2) If y belongs to the support of Y , then $F_Y(y)$ can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_Y(y) &= \Pr(Y \leq y) \\
&= 1 - \Pr(Y > y) \\
&= 1 - \Pr(g(X) > y) \\
&= 1 - \Pr(X < g^{-1}(y)) \\
&= 1 - \Pr(X < g^{-1}(y)) - \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) \\
&= 1 - [\Pr(X < g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y))] + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) \\
&= 1 - \Pr(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) \\
&= 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) + \Pr(X = g^{-1}(y)) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

3) If y is lower than the lowest value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.11.1) Y can take, then $\Pr(Y \leq y) = 0$, so

$$F_Y(y) = 0, \quad \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) . \tag{5}$$

Taking together (3), (4), (5), eventually proves (1).

Sources:

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1.4.11 Cumulative distribution function of discrete random variable

Theorem: Let X be a discrete (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible values \mathcal{X} and probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $f_X(x)$. Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{\substack{t \in \mathcal{X} \\ t \leq x}} f_X(t) . \tag{1}$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X is defined as the probability that X is smaller than x :

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) . \tag{2}$$

The probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of a discrete (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X returns the probability that X takes a particular value x :

$$f_X(x) = \Pr(X = x) . \tag{3}$$

Taking these two definitions together, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{\substack{t \in \mathcal{X} \\ t \leq x}} \Pr(X = t) \\
&\stackrel{(3)}{=} \sum_{\substack{t \in \mathcal{X} \\ t \leq x}} f_X(t) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

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1.4.12 Cumulative distribution function of continuous random variable

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible values \mathcal{X} and probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $f_X(x)$. Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt . \tag{1}$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X is defined as the probability that X is smaller than x :

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) . \tag{2}$$

The probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X can be used to calculate the probability that X falls into a particular interval A :

$$\Pr(X \in A) = \int_A f_X(x) dx . \tag{3}$$

Taking these two definitions together, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \Pr(X \in (-\infty, x]) \\
&\stackrel{(3)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

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1.4.13 Probability integral transform

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with invertible (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) $F_X(x)$. Then, the random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3)

$$Y = F_X(X) \quad (1)$$

has a standard uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition “suni”).

Proof: The cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of $Y = F_X(X)$ can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \Pr(Y \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(F_X(X) \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(X \leq F_X^{-1}(y)) \\ &= F_X(F_X^{-1}(y)) \\ &= y \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

which is the cumulative distribution function of a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.3) with $a = 0$ and $b = 1$, i.e. the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the standard uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition “suni”) $\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$.

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1.4.14 Inverse transformation method

Theorem: Let U be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) having a standard uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition “suni”). Then, the random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3)

$$X = F_X^{-1}(U) \quad (1)$$

has a probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) characterized by the invertible (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) $F_X(x)$.

Proof: The cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the transformation $X = F_X^{-1}(U)$ can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(X \leq x) \\ &= \Pr(F_X^{-1}(U) \leq x) \\ &= \Pr(U \leq F_X(x)) \\ &= F_X(x) , \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

because the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the standard uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition “sun”) $\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ is

$$U \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_U(u) = \Pr(U \leq u) = u. \quad (3)$$

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1.4.15 Distributional transformation

Theorem: Let X and Y be two continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) $F_X(x)$ and invertible cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) $F_Y(y)$. Then, the random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3)

$$\tilde{X} = F_Y^{-1}(F_X(X)) \quad (1)$$

has the same probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) as Y .

Proof: The cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the transformation $\tilde{X} = F_Y^{-1}(F_X(X))$ can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\tilde{X}}(y) &= \Pr(\tilde{X} \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(F_Y^{-1}(F_X(X)) \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(F_X(X) \leq F_Y(y)) \\ &= \Pr(X \leq F_X^{-1}(F_Y(y))) \\ &= F_X(F_X^{-1}(F_Y(y))) \\ &= F_Y(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

which shows that \tilde{X} and Y have the same cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) and are thus identically distributed (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1).

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1.4.16 Joint cumulative distribution function

Definition: Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the joint (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is defined as

the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) that each entry X_i is smaller than a specific value x_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$:

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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1.4.17 Quantile function

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) (CDF) $F_X(x)$. Then, the function $Q_X(p) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is the inverse CDF is the quantile function (QF) of X . More precisely, the QF is the function that, for a given quantile $p \in [0, 1]$, returns the smallest x for which $F_X(x) = p$:

$$Q_X(p) = \min \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) = p\} . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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1.4.18 Quantile function in terms of cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) $F_X(x)$. If the cumulative distribution function is strictly monotonically increasing, then the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) is identical to the inverse of $F_X(x)$:

$$Q_X(p) = F_X^{-1}(x) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) $Q_X(p)$ is defined as the function that, for a given quantile $p \in [0, 1]$, returns the smallest x for which $F_X(x) = p$:

$$Q_X(p) = \min \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) = p\} . \quad (2)$$

If $F_X(x)$ is continuous and strictly monotonically increasing, then there is exactly one x for which $F_X(x) = p$ and $F_X(x)$ is an invertible function, such that

$$Q_X(p) = F_X^{-1}(x) . \quad (3)$$

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1.4.19 Moment-generating function

Definition:

1) The moment-generating function of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) $X \in \mathbb{R}$ is

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E} [e^{tX}], \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1)$$

2) The moment-generating function of a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E} [e^{t^T X}], \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (2)$$

Sources:

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1.4.20 Moment-generating function of linear transformation

Theorem: Let X be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) with the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) $M_X(t)$. Then, the moment-generating function of the linear transformation $Y = AX + b$ is given by

$$M_Y(t) = \exp [t^T b] \cdot M_X(At) \quad (1)$$

where A is an $m \times n$ matrix and b is an $m \times 1$ vector.

Proof: The moment-generating function of a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) X is

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E} (\exp [t^T X]) \quad (2)$$

and therefore the moment-generating function of the random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) Y is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M_Y(t) &= \mathbb{E} (\exp [t^T (AX + b)]) \\ &= \mathbb{E} (\exp [t^T AX] \cdot \exp [t^T b]) \\ &= \exp [t^T b] \cdot \mathbb{E} (\exp [(At)^T X]) \\ &= \exp [t^T b] \cdot M_X(At). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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1.4.21 Moment-generating function of linear combination

Theorem: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be n independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with moment-generating functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) $M_{X_i}(t)$. Then, the moment-generating function of the linear combination $X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ is given by

$$M_X(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(a_i t) \quad (1)$$

where a_1, \dots, a_n are n real numbers.

Proof: The moment-generating function of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) X_i is

$$M_{X_i}(t) = E(\exp[tX_i]) \quad (2)$$

and therefore the moment-generating function of the linear combination X is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= E(\exp[tX]) \\ &= E\left(\exp\left[t \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right]\right) \\ &= E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \exp[t a_i X_i]\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Because the expected value is multiplicative for independent random variables (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \prod_{i=1}^n E(\exp[(a_i t)X_i]) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(a_i t). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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1.4.22 Cumulant-generating function

Definition:

1) The cumulant-generating function of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) $X \in \mathbb{R}$ is

$$K_X(t) = \log E \left[e^{tX} \right], \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1)$$

2) The cumulant-generating function of a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$K_X(t) = \log E \left[e^{t^T X} \right], \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (2)$$

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1.4.23 Probability-generating function

Definition:

1) If X is a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) taking values in the non-negative integers $\{0, 1, \dots\}$, then the probability-generating function of X is defined as

$$G_X(z) = E \left[z^X \right] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p(x) z^x \quad (1)$$

where $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and $p(x)$ is the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X .

2) If X is a discrete random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) taking values in the n -dimensional integer lattice $x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}^n$, then the probability-generating function of X is defined as

$$G_X(z) = E \left[z_1^{X_1} \cdot \dots \cdot z_n^{X_n} \right] = \sum_{x_1=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{x_n=0}^{\infty} p(x_1, \dots, x_n) z_1^{x_1} \cdot \dots \cdot z_n^{x_n} \quad (2)$$

where $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $p(x)$ is the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X .

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1.5 Expected value

1.5.1 Definition

Definition:

1) The expected value (or, mean) of a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X with domain \mathcal{X} is

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \quad (1)$$

where $f_X(x)$ is the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X .

2) The expected value (or, mean) of a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X with domain \mathcal{X} is

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx \quad (2)$$

where $f_X(x)$ is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X .

Sources:

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1.5.2 Sample mean

Definition: Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) from a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X . Then, the sample mean of x is denoted as \bar{x} and is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2021): “Sample mean and covariance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-04-16; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sample_mean_and_covariance#Definition_of_the_sample_mean.

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1.5.3 Non-negative random variable

Theorem: Let X be a non-negative random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_X(x)) dx \quad (1)$$

where $F_X(x)$ is the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X .

Proof: Because the cumulative distribution function gives the probability of a random variable being smaller than a given value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8),

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) , \quad (2)$$

we have

$$1 - F_X(x) = \Pr(X > x) , \quad (3)$$

such that

$$\int_0^\infty (1 - F_X(x)) \, dx = \int_0^\infty \Pr(X > x) \, dx \quad (4)$$

which, using the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X , can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty (1 - F_X(x)) \, dx &= \int_0^\infty \int_x^\infty f_X(z) \, dz \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^z f_X(z) \, dx \, dz \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_X(z) \int_0^z 1 \, dx \, dz \\ &= \int_0^\infty [x]_0^z \cdot f_X(z) \, dz \\ &= \int_0^\infty z \cdot f_X(z) \, dz \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

and by applying the definition of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), we see that

$$\int_0^\infty (1 - F_X(x)) \, dx = \int_0^\infty z \cdot f_X(z) \, dz = E(X) \quad (6)$$

which proves the identity given above.

Sources:

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1.5.4 Non-negativity

Theorem: If a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) is strictly non-negative, its expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is also non-negative, i.e.

$$E(X) \geq 0, \quad \text{if } X \geq 0 . \quad (1)$$

Proof:

1) If $X \geq 0$ is a discrete random variable, then, because the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) is always non-negative, all the addends in

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \quad (2)$$

are non-negative, thus the entire sum must be non-negative.

2) If $X \geq 0$ is a continuous random variable, then, because the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is always non-negative, the integrand in

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx \quad (3)$$

is strictly non-negative, thus the term on the right-hand side is a Lebesgue integral, so that the result on the left-hand side must be non-negative.

Sources:

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1.5.5 Linearity

Theorem: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is a linear operator, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + Y) &= E(X) + E(Y) \\ E(a X) &= a E(X) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

for random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y and a constant a .

Proof:

1) If X and Y are discrete random variables, the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \quad (2)$$

and the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) states that

$$p(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) . \quad (3)$$

Applying this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + Y) &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (x + y) \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} x \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) + \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) + \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \cdot f_Y(y) \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} E(X) + E(Y) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned}
E(a X) &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} a x \cdot f_X(x) \\
&= a \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} a E(X) .
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

2) If X and Y are continuous random variables, the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx \tag{6}$$

and the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) states that

$$p(x) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) dy . \tag{7}$$

Applying this, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X + Y) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} (x + y) \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} x \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx + \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} y \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx + \int_{\mathcal{Y}} y \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy \\
&\stackrel{(7)}{=} \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx + \int_{\mathcal{Y}} y \cdot f_Y(y) dy \\
&\stackrel{(6)}{=} E(X) + E(Y)
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned}
E(a X) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} a x \cdot f_X(x) dx \\
&= a \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx \\
&\stackrel{(6)}{=} a E(X) .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Collectively, this shows that both requirements for linearity are fulfilled for the expected value, for discrete as well as for continuous random variables.

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1.5.6 Monotonicity

Theorem: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is monotonic, i.e.

$$E(X) \leq E(Y), \quad \text{if } X \leq Y. \quad (1)$$

Proof: Let $Z = Y - X$. Due to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we have

$$E(Z) = E(Y - X) = E(Y) - E(X). \quad (2)$$

With the non-negativity property of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.4), it also holds that

$$Z \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(Z) \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

Together with (2), this yields

$$E(Y) - E(X) \geq 0. \quad (4)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Expected value”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-02-17; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expected_value#Basic_properties.

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1.5.7 (Non-)Multiplicativity

Theorem:

1) If two random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is multiplicative, i.e.

$$E(XY) = E(X)E(Y). \quad (1)$$

2) If two random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y are dependent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is not necessarily multiplicative, i.e. there exist X and Y such that

$$E(XY) \neq E(X)E(Y). \quad (2)$$

Proof:

1) If X and Y are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), it holds that

$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}. \quad (3)$$

Applying this to the expected value for discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E(XY) &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (x \cdot y) \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) \\
&\stackrel{(3)}{=} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (x \cdot y) \cdot (f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \cdot f_Y(y) \\
&= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \cdot E(Y) \\
&= E(X) E(Y) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

And applying it to the expected value for continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E(XY) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} (x \cdot y) \cdot f_{X,Y}(x, y) \, dy \, dx \\
&\stackrel{(3)}{=} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} (x \cdot y) \cdot (f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)) \, dy \, dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \int_{\mathcal{Y}} y \cdot f_Y(y) \, dy \, dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \cdot E(Y) \, dx \\
&= E(X) E(Y) .
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

2) Let X and Y be Bernoulli random variables (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1) with the following joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(X = 0, Y = 0) &= 1/2 \\
p(X = 0, Y = 1) &= 0 \\
p(X = 1, Y = 0) &= 0 \\
p(X = 1, Y = 1) &= 1/2
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

and thus, the following marginal probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(X = 0) &= p(X = 1) = 1/2 \\
p(Y = 0) &= p(Y = 1) = 1/2 .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Then, X and Y are dependent, because

$$p(X = 0, Y = 1) \stackrel{(6)}{=} 0 \neq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{(7)}{=} p(X = 0) p(Y = 1) , \tag{8}$$

and the expected value of their product is

$$\begin{aligned}
E(XY) &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} (x \cdot y) \cdot p(x, y) \\
&= (1 \cdot 1) \cdot p(X = 1, Y = 1) \\
&\stackrel{(6)}{=} \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

while the product of their expected values is

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) E(Y) &= \left(\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} x \cdot p(x) \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} y \cdot p(y) \right) \\
&= (1 \cdot p(X = 1)) \cdot (1 \cdot p(Y = 1)) \\
&\stackrel{(7)}{=} \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

and thus,

$$E(XY) \neq E(X) E(Y) . \tag{11}$$

Sources:

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1.5.8 Expectation of a quadratic form

Theorem: Let X be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) with mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ and covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) Σ and let A be a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix. Then, the expectation of the quadratic form $X^T A X$ is

$$E [X^T A X] = \mu^T A \mu + \text{tr}(A \Sigma) . \tag{1}$$

Proof: Note that $X^T A X$ is a 1×1 matrix. We can therefore write

$$E [X^T A X] = E [\text{tr} (X^T A X)] . \tag{2}$$

Using the trace property $\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(BCA)$, this becomes

$$E [X^T A X] = E [\text{tr} (A X X^T)] . \tag{3}$$

Because mean and trace are linear operators (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we have

$$E [X^T A X] = \text{tr} (A E [X X^T]) . \tag{4}$$

Note that the covariance matrix can be partitioned into expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.7.7)

$$\text{Cov}(X, X) = E(XX^T) - E(X)E(X)^T, \quad (5)$$

such that the expected value of the quadratic form becomes

$$E[X^T AX] = \text{tr}(A [\text{Cov}(X, X) + E(X)E(X)^T]) . \quad (6)$$

Finally, applying mean and covariance of X , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^T AX] &= \text{tr}(A [\Sigma + \mu\mu^T]) \\ &= \text{tr}(A\Sigma + A\mu\mu^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(A\Sigma) + \text{tr}(A\mu\mu^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(A\Sigma) + \text{tr}(\mu^T A\mu) \\ &= \mu^T A\mu + \text{tr}(A\Sigma) . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Sources:

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1.5.9 Law of the unconscious statistician

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) and let $Y = g(X)$ be a function of this random variable.

1) If X is a discrete random variable with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $f_X(x)$, the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $g(X)$ is

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} g(x) f_X(x) . \quad (1)$$

2) If X is a continuous random variable with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $f_X(x)$, the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $g(X)$ is

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} g(x) f_X(x) dx . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Suppose that g is differentiable and that its inverse g^{-1} is monotonic.

1) The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $Y = g(X)$ is defined as

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y f_Y(y) . \quad (3)$$

Writing the probability mass function $f_Y(y)$ in terms of $y = g(x)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[g(X)] &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \Pr(g(x) = y) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \Pr(x = g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} y \sum_{x=g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{x=g^{-1}(y)} y f_X(x) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \sum_{x=g^{-1}(y)} g(x) f_X(x) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Finally, noting that “for all y , then for all $x = g^{-1}(y)$ ” is equivalent to “for all x ” if g^{-1} is a monotonic function, we can conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} g(x) f_X(x) . \quad (5)$$

2) Let $y = g(x)$. The derivative of an inverse function is

$$\frac{d}{dy}(g^{-1}(y)) = \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(y))} \quad (6)$$

Because $x = g^{-1}(y)$, this can be rearranged into

$$dx = \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(y))} dy \quad (7)$$

and substituting (7) into (2), we get

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} g(x) f_X(x) dx = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} y f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(y))} dy . \quad (8)$$

Considering the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of Y , one can deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \Pr(Y \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(g(X) \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= F_X(g^{-1}(y)) . \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Differentiating to get the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of Y , the result is:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) \\
&\stackrel{(9)}{=} \frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \\
&= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{d}{dy} (g^{-1}(y)) \\
&\stackrel{(6)}{=} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(y))} .
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Finally, substituting (10) into (8), we have:

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} g(x) f_X(x) dx = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} y f_Y(y) dy = E[Y] = E[g(X)] . \tag{11}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Law of the unconscious statistician”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-07-22; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_the_unconscious_statistician#Proof.

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1.6 Variance

1.6.1 Definition

Definition: The variance of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X is defined as the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the squared deviation from its expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1):

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E(X))^2] . \tag{1}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Variance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-02-13; URL: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variance#Definition>.

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1.6.2 Sample variance

Definition: Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) from a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X . Then, the sample variance of x is given by

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \tag{1}$$

and the unbiased sample variance of x is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad (2)$$

where \bar{x} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2).

Sources:

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1.6.3 Partition into expected values

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is equal to the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the square of X minus the square of the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X :

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is defined as

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

which, due to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - E[X])^2] \\ &= E[X^2 - 2X E(X) + E(X)^2] \\ &= E(X^2) - 2E(X)E(X) + E(X)^2 \\ &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

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1.6.4 Non-negativity

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is always non-negative, i.e.

$$\text{Var}(X) \geq 0 . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) is defined as

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E(X))^2] . \quad (2)$$

1) If X is a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), then, because squares and probabilities are strictly non-negative, all the addends in

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} (x - E(X))^2 \cdot f_X(x) \quad (3)$$

are also non-negative, thus the entire sum must be non-negative.

2) If X is a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), then, because squares and probability densities are strictly non-negative, the integrand in

$$\text{Var}(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} (x - E(X))^2 \cdot f_X(x) \, dx \quad (4)$$

is always non-negative, thus the term on the right-hand side is a Lebesgue integral, so that the result on the left-hand side must be non-negative.

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1.6.5 Variance of a constant

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of a constant (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6) is zero

$$a = \text{const.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}(a) = 0 \quad (1)$$

and if the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is zero, then X is a constant (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6)

$$\text{Var}(X) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad X = \text{const.} . \quad (2)$$

Proof:

1) A constant (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6) is defined as a quantity that always has the same value. Thus, if understood as a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of a constant is equal to itself:

$$E(a) = a . \quad (3)$$

Plugged into the formula of the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(a) &= E[(a - E(a))^2] \\ &= E[(a - a)^2] \\ &= E(0) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Applied to the formula of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), this gives

$$E(0) = \sum_{x=0} x \cdot f_X(x) = 0 \cdot 1 = 0 . \quad (5)$$

Together, (4) and (5) imply (1).

2) The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is defined as

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{E} [(X - \text{E}(X))^2] . \quad (6)$$

Because $(X - \text{E}(X))^2$ is strictly non-negative (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.4), the only way for the variance to become zero is, if the squared deviation is always zero:

$$(X - \text{E}(X))^2 = 0 . \quad (7)$$

Thus, in turn, requires that X is equal to its expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1)

$$X = \text{E}(X) \quad (8)$$

which can only be the case, if X always has the same value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6):

$$X = \text{const.} \quad (9)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Variance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-06-27; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variance#Basic_properties.

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1.6.6 Invariance under addition

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is invariant under addition of a constant (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6):

$$\text{Var}(X + a) = \text{Var}(X) \quad (1)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is defined in terms of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{E} [(X - \text{E}(X))^2] . \quad (2)$$

Using this and the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we can derive (1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X + a) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{E} [((X + a) - \text{E}(X + a))^2] \\ &= \text{E} [(X + a - \text{E}(X) - a)^2] \\ &= \text{E} [(X - \text{E}(X))^2] \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{Var}(X) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Variance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-07-07; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variance#Basic_properties.

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1.6.7 Scaling upon multiplication

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) scales upon multiplication with a constant (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6):

$$\text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) \quad (1)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is defined in terms of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{E} [(X - \text{E}(X))^2] . \quad (2)$$

Using this and the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we can derive (1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(aX) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{E} [((aX) - \text{E}(aX))^2] \\ &= \text{E} [(aX - a\text{E}(X))^2] \\ &= \text{E} [a(X - \text{E}(X))^2] \\ &= \text{E} [a^2(X - \text{E}(X))^2] \\ &= a^2 \text{E} [(X - \text{E}(X))^2] \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} a^2 \text{Var}(X) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Variance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-07-07; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variance#Basic_properties.

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1.6.8 Variance of a sum

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of the sum of two random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) equals the sum of the variances of those random variables, plus two times their covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1):

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is defined in terms of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{E} [(X - \text{E}(X))^2] . \quad (2)$$

Using this and the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we can derive (1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X + Y) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \mathbb{E} [((X + Y) - \mathbb{E}(X + Y))^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E} [(X - \mathbb{E}(X)) + (Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))]^2 \\
&= \mathbb{E} [(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2 + (Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))^2 + 2(X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))] \\
&= \mathbb{E} [(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2] + \mathbb{E} [(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))^2] + \mathbb{E} [2(X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))] \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y) .
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Sources:

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1.6.9 Variance of linear combination

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of the linear combination of two random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) is a function of the variances as well as the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of those random variables:

$$\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y) . \tag{1}$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is defined in terms of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E} [(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2] . \tag{2}$$

Using this and the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we can derive (1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(aX + bY) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \mathbb{E} [((aX + bY) - \mathbb{E}(aX + bY))^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E} [(a(X - \mathbb{E}(X)) + b(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y)))^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E} [a^2 (X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2 + b^2 (Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))^2 + 2ab (X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))] \\
&= \mathbb{E} [a^2 (X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2] + \mathbb{E} [b^2 (Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))^2] + \mathbb{E} [2ab (X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))] \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y) .
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Variance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-07-07; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variance#Basic_properties.

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1.6.10 Additivity under independence

Theorem: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is additive for independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3):

$$p(X, Y) = p(X)p(Y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The variance of the sum of two random variables (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.8) is given by

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y) . \quad (2)$$

The covariance of independent random variables (\rightarrow Proof I/1.7.4) is zero:

$$p(X, Y) = p(X)p(Y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0 . \quad (3)$$

Combining (2) and (3), we have:

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) . \quad (4)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Variance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-07-07; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variance#Basic_properties.

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1.6.11 Precision

Definition: The precision of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X is defined as the inverse of the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1), i.e. one divided by the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the squared deviation from its expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1):

$$\text{Prec}(X) = \text{Var}(X)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\text{E}[(X - \text{E}(X))^2]} . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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1.7 Covariance

1.7.1 Definition

Definition: The covariance of two random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y is defined as the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the product of their deviations from their individual expected values (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1):

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{E}[(X - \text{E}[X])(Y - \text{E}[Y])] . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Covariance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-02-06; URL: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covariance#Definition>.

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1.7.2 Sample covariance

Definition: Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) from a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$. Then, the sample covariance matrix of x is given by

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})^T \quad (1)$$

and the unbiased sample variance matrix of x is given by

$$S = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})^T \quad (2)$$

where \bar{x} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2).

Sources:

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1.7.3 Partition into expected values

Theorem: Let X and Y be random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of X and Y is equal to the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the product of X and Y minus the product of the means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X and Y :

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of X and Y is defined as

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] . \quad (2)$$

which, due to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] \\ &= E[XY - X E(Y) - E(X) Y + E(X)E(Y)] \\ &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) - E(X)E(Y) + E(X)E(Y) \\ &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Covariance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-06-02; URL: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covariance#Definition>.

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1.7.4 Covariance under independence

Theorem: Let X and Y be independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of X and Y is zero:

$$X, Y \text{ independent} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0 . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The covariance can be expressed in terms of expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.7.3) as

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) . \quad (2)$$

For independent random variables, the expected value of the product is equal to the product of the expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.7):

$$E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) . \quad (3)$$

Taking (2) and (3) together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} E(X)E(Y) - E(X)E(Y) \\ &= 0 . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Covariance”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-09-03; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covariance#Uncorrelatedness_and_independence.

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1.7.5 Relationship to correlation

Theorem: Let X and Y be random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of X and Y is equal to the product of their correlation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.8.1) and the standard deviations (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.1) of X and Y :

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sigma_X \text{Corr}(X, Y) \sigma_Y . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The correlation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.8.1) of X and Y is defined as

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} . \quad (2)$$

which can be rearranged for the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) to give

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sigma_X \text{Corr}(X, Y) \sigma_Y \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- original work

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1.7.6 Covariance matrix

Definition: Let $X = [X_1, \dots, X_n]^T$ be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the covariance matrix of X is defined as the $n \times n$ matrix in which the entry (i, j) is the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of X_i and X_j :

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_n, X_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{E}[(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])] & \dots & \text{E}[(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])] \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{E}[(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])] & \dots & \text{E}[(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])] \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Covariance matrix”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-06-06; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covariance_matrix#Definition.

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1.7.7 Covariance matrix and expected values

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the covariance matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) of X is equal to the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the outer product of X with itself minus the outer product of the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X with itself:

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \text{E}(XX^T) - \text{E}(X)\text{E}(X)^T. \quad (1)$$

Proof: The covariance matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) of X is defined as

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{E}[(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])] & \dots & \text{E}[(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])] \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{E}[(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])(X_1 - \text{E}[X_1])] & \dots & \text{E}[(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])(X_n - \text{E}[X_n])] \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

which can also be expressed using matrix multiplication as

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \text{E}[(X - \text{E}[X])(X - \text{E}[X])^T] \quad (3)$$

Due to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), this can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_{XX} &= E[(X - E[X])(X - E[X])^T] \\
&= E[XX^T - XE(X)^T - E(X)X^T + E(X)E(X)^T] \\
&= E(XX^T) - E(X)E(X)^T - E(X)E(X)^T + E(X)E(X)^T \\
&= E(XX^T) - E(X)E(X)^T.
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Sources:

- Taboga, Marco (2010): “Covariance matrix”; in: *Lectures on probability and statistics*, retrieved on 2020-06-06; URL: <https://www.statlect.com/fundamentals-of-probability/covariance-matrix>.

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1.7.8 Covariance matrix and correlation matrix

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the covariance matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) of X can be expressed in terms of its correlation matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.8.2) as follows

$$\Sigma_{XX} = D_X \cdot C_{XX} \cdot D_X, \tag{1}$$

where D_X is a diagonal matrix with the standard deviations (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.1) of X_1, \dots, X_n as entries on the diagonal:

$$D_X = \text{diag}(\sigma_{X_1}, \dots, \sigma_{X_n}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2}$$

Proof: Reiterating (1) and applying (2), we have:

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix} \cdot C_{XX} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

Together with the definition of the correlation matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.8.2), this gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_{XX} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_1 - E[X_1])]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_n - E[X_n])]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_1 - E[X_1])]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_n - E[X_n])]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_{X_1} \cdot E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_1 - E[X_1])]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{\sigma_{X_1} \cdot E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_n - E[X_n])]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\sigma_{X_n} \cdot E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_1 - E[X_1])]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{\sigma_{X_n} \cdot E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_n - E[X_n])]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_{X_1} \cdot E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_1 - E[X_1]) \cdot \sigma_{X_1}]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{\sigma_{X_1} \cdot E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_n - E[X_n]) \cdot \sigma_{X_n}]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\sigma_{X_n} \cdot E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_1 - E[X_1]) \cdot \sigma_{X_1}]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{\sigma_{X_n} \cdot E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_n - E[X_n]) \cdot \sigma_{X_n}]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_1 - E[X_1])] & \dots & E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_n - E[X_n])] \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_1 - E[X_1])] & \dots & E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_n - E[X_n])] \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

which is nothing else than the definition of the covariance matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6).

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1.7.9 Precision matrix

Definition: Let $X = [X_1, \dots, X_n]^T$ be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the precision matrix of X is defined as the inverse of the covariance matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) of X :

$$\Lambda_{XX} = \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_n, X_n) \end{bmatrix}^{-1}. \tag{1}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Precision (statistics)”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-06-06; URL: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precision_\(statistics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precision_(statistics)).

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1.7.10 Precision matrix and correlation matrix

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) of X can be expressed in terms of its correlation matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.8.2) as follows

$$\Lambda_{XX} = D_X^{-1} \cdot C_{XX}^{-1} \cdot D_X^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

where D_X^{-1} is a diagonal matrix with the inverse standard deviations (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.1) of X_1, \dots, X_n as entries on the diagonal:

$$D_X^{-1} = \text{diag}(1/\sigma_{X_1}, \dots, 1/\sigma_{X_n}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{\sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Proof: The precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) is defined as the inverse of the covariance matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6)

$$\Lambda_{XX} = \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} \quad (3)$$

and the relation between covariance matrix and correlation matrix (\rightarrow Proof I/1.7.8) is given by

$$\Sigma_{XX} = D_X \cdot C_{XX} \cdot D_X \quad (4)$$

where

$$D_X = \text{diag}(\sigma_{X_1}, \dots, \sigma_{X_n}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{X_n} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Using the matrix product property

$$(A \cdot B \cdot C)^{-1} = C^{-1} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1} \quad (6)$$

and the diagonal matrix property

$$\text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a_1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{a_n} \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}(1/a_1, \dots, 1/a_n), \quad (7)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_{XX} &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} \\
&\stackrel{(4)}{=} (\mathbf{D}_X \cdot \mathbf{C}_{XX} \cdot \mathbf{D}_X)^{-1} \\
&\stackrel{(6)}{=} \mathbf{D}_X^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{XX}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{D}_X^{-1} \\
&\stackrel{(7)}{=} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{X_1}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{\sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{XX}^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{X_1}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{\sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

which conforms to equation (1).

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1.8 Correlation

1.8.1 Definition

Definition: The correlation of two random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y , also called Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient (PPMCC), is defined as the ratio of the covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) of X and Y relative to the product of their standard deviations (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.1):

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])]}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])^2]}}. \tag{1}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Correlation and dependence”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-02-06; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Correlation_and_dependence#Pearson's_product-moment_coefficient.

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1.8.2 Correlation matrix

Definition: Let $X = [X_1, \dots, X_n]^T$ be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, the correlation matrix of X is defined as the $n \times n$ matrix in which the entry (i, j) is the correlation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.8.1) of X_i and X_j :

$$C_{XX} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Corr}(X_1, X_1) & \dots & \text{Corr}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Corr}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \text{Corr}(X_n, X_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_1 - E[X_1])]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{E[(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_n - E[X_n])]}{\sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_n}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_1 - E[X_1])]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_1}} & \dots & \frac{E[(X_n - E[X_n])(X_n - E[X_n])]}{\sigma_{X_n} \sigma_{X_n}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Correlation and dependence”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-06-06; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Correlation_and_dependence#Correlation_matrices.

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1.9 Measures of central tendency

1.9.1 Median

Definition: The median of a sample or random variable is the value separating the higher half from the lower half of its values.

1) Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) from a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X . Then, the median of x is

$$\text{median}(x) = \begin{cases} x_{(n+1)/2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{2}(x_{n/2} + x_{n/2+1}), & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

i.e. the median is the “middle” number when all numbers are sorted from smallest to largest.

2) Let X be a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) $F_X(x)$. Then, the median of X is

$$\text{median}(X) = x, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2)$$

i.e. the median is the value at which the CDF is 1/2.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Median”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-10-15; URL: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median>.

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1.9.2 Mode

Definition: The mode of a sample or random variable is the value which occurs most often or with largest probability among all its values.

1) Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “smp”) from a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X . Then, the mode of x is the value which occurs most often in the list x_1, \dots, x_n .

2) Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) or probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $f_X(x)$. Then, the mode of X is the value which maximizes the PMF or PDF:

$$\text{mode}(X) = \arg \max_x f_X(x) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Mode (statistics)”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-10-15; URL: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mode_\(statistics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mode_(statistics)).

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1.10 Measures of statistical dispersion

1.10.1 Standard deviation

Definition: The standard deviation σ of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X with expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ is defined as the square root of the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1), i.e.

$$\sigma(X) = \sqrt{\text{E}[(X - \mu)^2]} . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Standard deviation”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-09-03; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_deviation#Definition_of_population_values.

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1.10.2 Full width at half maximum

Definition: Let X be a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with a unimodal probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $f_X(x)$ and mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) x_M . Then, the full width at half maximum of X is defined as

$$\text{FWHM}(X) = \Delta x = x_2 - x_1 \quad (1)$$

where x_1 and x_2 are specified, such that

$$f_X(x_1) = f_X(x_2) = \frac{1}{2}f_X(x_M) \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 < x_M < x_2 . \quad (2)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Full width at half maximum”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-08-19; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Full_width_at_half_maximum.

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1.11 Further summary statistics

1.11.1 Minimum

Definition: The minimum of a sample or random variable is its lowest observed or possible value.

1) Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) from a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X . Then, the minimum of x is

$$\min(x) = x_j, \quad \text{such that} \quad x_j \leq x_i \quad \text{for all} \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad i \neq j, \quad (1)$$

i.e. the minimum is the value which is smaller than or equal to all other observed values.

2) Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible values \mathcal{X} . Then, the minimum of X is

$$\min(X) = \tilde{x}, \quad \text{such that} \quad \tilde{x} < x \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{\tilde{x}\}, \quad (2)$$

i.e. the minimum is the value which is smaller than all other possible values.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Sample maximum and minimum”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-11-12; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sample_maximum_and_minimum.

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1.11.2 Maximum

Definition: The maximum of a sample or random variable is its highest observed or possible value.

1) Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a sample (\rightarrow Definition “samp”) from a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X . Then, the maximum of x is

$$\max(x) = x_j, \quad \text{such that} \quad x_j \geq x_i \quad \text{for all} \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad i \neq j, \quad (1)$$

i.e. the maximum is the value which is larger than or equal to all other observed values.

2) Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible values \mathcal{X} . Then, the maximum of X is

$$\max(X) = \tilde{x}, \quad \text{such that} \quad \tilde{x} > x \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{\tilde{x}\}, \quad (2)$$

i.e. the maximum is the value which is larger than all other possible values.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Sample maximum and minimum”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-11-12; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sample_maximum_and_minimum.

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1.12 Further moments

1.12.1 Moment

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), let c be a constant (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.6) and let n be a positive integer. Then, the n -th moment of X about c is defined as the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the n -th power of X minus c :

$$\mu_n(c) = E[(X - c)^n] . \quad (1)$$

The “ n -th moment of X ” may also refer to:

- the n -th raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) $\mu'_n = \mu_n(0)$;
- the n -th central moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.6) $\mu_n = \mu_n(\mu)$;
- the n -th standardized moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.9) $\mu_n^* = \mu_n/\sigma^n$.

Sources:

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1.12.2 Moment in terms of moment-generating function

Theorem: Let X be a scalar random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) $M_X(t)$. Then, the n -th raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) of X can be calculated from the moment-generating function via

$$E(X^n) = M_X^{(n)}(0) \quad (1)$$

where n is a positive integer and $M_X^{(n)}(t)$ is the n -th derivative of $M_X(t)$.

Proof: Using the definition of the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19), we can write:

$$M_X^{(n)}(t) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} E(e^{tX}) . \quad (2)$$

Using the power series expansion of the exponential function

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} , \quad (3)$$

equation (2) becomes

$$M_X^{(n)}(t) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} E \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m X^m}{m!} \right) . \quad (4)$$

Because the expected value is a linear operator (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X^{(n)}(t) &= \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E\left(\frac{t^m X^m}{m!}\right) \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \frac{t^m}{m!} E(X^m) .
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Using the n -th derivative of the m -th power

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^m = \begin{cases} m^n x^{m-n} , & \text{if } n \leq m \\ 0 , & \text{if } n > m . \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

with the falling factorial

$$m^n = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (m - i) = \frac{m!}{(m - n)!} , \tag{7}$$

equation (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X^{(n)}(t) &= \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{m^n t^{m-n}}{m!} E(X^m) \\
&\stackrel{(7)}{=} \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{m! t^{m-n}}{(m - n)! m!} E(X^m) \\
&= \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{t^{m-n}}{(m - n)!} E(X^m) \\
&= \frac{t^{n-n}}{(n - n)!} E(X^n) + \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{m-n}}{(m - n)!} E(X^m) \\
&= \frac{t^0}{0!} E(X^n) + \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{m-n}}{(m - n)!} E(X^m) \\
&= E(X^n) + \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{m-n}}{(m - n)!} E(X^m) .
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Setting $t = 0$ in (8) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X^{(n)}(0) &= E(X^n) + \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{0^{m-n}}{(m - n)!} E(X^m) \\
&= E(X^n)
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

which conforms to equation (1).

Sources:

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1.12.3 Raw moment

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) and let n be a positive integer. Then, the n -th raw moment of X , also called (n -th) “crude moment”, is defined as the n -th moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) of X about the value 0:

$$\mu'_n = \mu_n(0) = E[(X - 0)^n] = E[X^n] . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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1.12.4 First raw moment is mean

Theorem: The first raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) equals the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), i.e.

$$\mu'_1 = \mu . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The first raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X is defined as

$$\mu'_1 = E[(X - 0)^1] \quad (2)$$

which is equal to the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X :

$$\mu'_1 = E[X] = \mu . \quad (3)$$

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1.12.5 Second raw moment and variance

Theorem: The second raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) can be expressed as

$$\mu'_2 = \text{Var}(X) + E(X)^2 \quad (1)$$

where $\text{Var}(X)$ is the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X and $E(X)$ is the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X .

Proof: The second raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X is defined as

$$\mu'_2 = E[(X - 0)^2] . \quad (2)$$

Using the partition of variance into expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.3)

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 , \quad (3)$$

the second raw moment can be rearranged into:

$$\mu'_2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} E(X^2) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \text{Var}(X) + E(X)^2 . \quad (4)$$

Sources:

- original work

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1.12.6 Central moment

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ and let n be a positive integer. Then, the n -th central moment of X is defined as the n -th moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) of X about the value μ :

$$\mu_n = E[(X - \mu)^n] . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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1.12.7 First central moment is zero

Theorem: The first central moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.6) is zero, i.e.

$$\mu_1 = 0 . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The first central moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.6) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X with mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ is defined as

$$\mu_1 = E[(X - \mu)^1] . \quad (2)$$

Due to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5) and by plugging in $\mu = E(X)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_1 &= E[X - \mu] \\
&= E(X) - \mu \\
&= E(X) - E(X) \\
&= 0 .
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Sources:

- ProofWiki (2020): “First Central Moment is Zero”; in: *ProofWiki*, retrieved on 2020-09-09; URL: https://proofwiki.org/wiki/First_Central_Moment_is_Zero.

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1.12.8 Second central moment is variance

Theorem: The second central moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.6) equals the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1), i.e.

$$\mu_2 = \text{Var}(X) . \tag{1}$$

Proof: The second central moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.6) of a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X with mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ is defined as

$$\mu_2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] \tag{2}$$

which is equivalent to the definition of the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1):

$$\mu_2 = E[(X - E(X))^2] = \text{Var}(X) . \tag{3}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Moment (mathematics)”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-10-08; URL: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moment_\(mathematics\)#Significance_of_the_moments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moment_(mathematics)#Significance_of_the_moments).

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1.12.9 Standardized moment

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ and standard deviation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.1) σ and let n be a positive integer. Then, the n -th standardized moment of X is defined as the n -th moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) of X about the value μ , divided by the n -th power of σ :

$$\mu_n^* = \frac{\mu_n}{\sigma^n} = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^n]}{\sigma^n} . \tag{1}$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Moment (mathematics)”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-10-08; URL: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moment_\(mathematics\)#Standardized_moments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moment_(mathematics)#Standardized_moments).

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2 Information theory

2.1 Shannon entropy

2.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and the (observed or assumed) probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $p(x) = f_X(x)$. Then, the entropy (also referred to as “Shannon entropy”) of X is defined as

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log_b p(x) \quad (1)$$

where b is the base of the logarithm specifying in which unit the entropy is determined.

Sources:

- Shannon CE (1948): “A Mathematical Theory of Communication”; in: *Bell System Technical Journal*, vol. 27, iss. 3, pp. 379-423; URL: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6773024>; DOI: 10.1002/j.1538-7305.1948.tb01338.x.

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2.1.2 Non-negativity

Theorem: The entropy of a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) is a non-negative number:

$$H(X) \geq 0 . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The entropy of a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) is defined as

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log_b p(x) \quad (2)$$

The minus sign can be moved into the sum:

$$H(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [p(x) \cdot (-\log_b p(x))] \quad (3)$$

Because the co-domain of probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) is $[0, 1]$, we can deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq p(x) \leq 1 \\ -\infty &\leq \log_b p(x) \leq 0 \\ 0 &\leq -\log_b p(x) \leq +\infty \\ 0 &\leq p(x) \cdot (-\log_b p(x)) \leq +\infty . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By convention, $0 \cdot \log_b(0)$ is taken to be 0 when calculating entropy, consistent with

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} [p \log_b(p)] = 0 . \quad (5)$$

Taking this together, each addend in (3) is positive or zero and thus, the entire sum must also be non-negative.

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2.1.3 Concavity

Theorem: The entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) is concave in the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) p , i.e.

$$H[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2] \geq \lambda H[p_1] + (1 - \lambda)H[p_2] \quad (1)$$

where p_1 and p_2 are probability mass functions and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

Proof: Let X be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let $u(x)$ be the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of a discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.1.1) on $X \in \mathcal{X}$. Then, the entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of an arbitrary probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $p(x)$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} H[p] &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log p(x) \\ &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{u(x)} u(x) \\ &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{u(x)} - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log u(x) \\ &= -\text{KL}[p||u] - \log \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \\ &= \log |\mathcal{X}| - \text{KL}[p||u] \\ \log |\mathcal{X}| - H[p] &= \text{KL}[p||u] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where we have applied the definition of the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1), the probability mass function of the discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.1.2) and the total sum over the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1).

Note that the KL divergence is convex (\rightarrow Proof I/2.5.5) in the pair of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) (p, q) :

$$\text{KL}[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] \leq \lambda \text{KL}[p_1 || q_1] + (1 - \lambda) \text{KL}[p_2 || q_2] \quad (3)$$

A special case of this is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)u] &\leq \lambda \text{KL}[p_1 || u] + (1 - \lambda) \text{KL}[p_2 || u] \\ \text{KL}[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || u] &\leq \lambda \text{KL}[p_1 || u] + (1 - \lambda) \text{KL}[p_2 || u] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and applying equation (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\log |\mathcal{X}| - H[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2] &\leq \lambda (\log |\mathcal{X}| - H[p_1]) + (1 - \lambda) (\log |\mathcal{X}| - H[p_2]) \\
\log |\mathcal{X}| - H[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2] &\leq \log |\mathcal{X}| - \lambda H[p_1] - (1 - \lambda)H[p_2] \\
-H[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2] &\leq -\lambda H[p_1] - (1 - \lambda)H[p_2] \\
H[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2] &\geq \lambda H[p_1] + (1 - \lambda)H[p_2]
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

which is equivalent to (1).

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2.1.4 Conditional entropy

Definition: Let X and Y be discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} and probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $p(x)$ and $p(y)$. Then, the conditional entropy of Y given X or, entropy of Y conditioned on X , is defined as

$$H(Y|X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot H(Y|X = x) \tag{1}$$

where $H(Y|X = x)$ is the (marginal) entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of Y , evaluated at x .

Sources:

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2.1.5 Joint entropy

Definition: Let X and Y be discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} and joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $p(x, y)$. Then, the joint entropy of X and Y is defined as

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log_b p(x, y) \tag{1}$$

where b is the base of the logarithm specifying in which unit the entropy is determined.

Sources:

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2.1.6 Cross-entropy

Definition: Let X be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let P and Q be two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) on X with the probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $p(x)$ and $q(x)$. Then, the cross-entropy of Q relative to P is defined as

$$H(P, Q) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log_b q(x) \quad (1)$$

where b is the base of the logarithm specifying in which unit the cross-entropy is determined.

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2.1.7 Convexity of cross-entropy

Theorem: The cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.6) is convex in the probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) q , i.e.

$$H[p, \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] \leq \lambda H[p, q_1] + (1 - \lambda)H[p, q_2] \quad (1)$$

where p is a fixed and q_1 and q_2 are any two probability distributions and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

Proof: The relationship between Kullback-Leibler divergence, entropy and cross-entropy (\rightarrow Proof I/2.5.8) is:

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = H(P, Q) - H(P) . \quad (2)$$

Note that the KL divergence is convex (\rightarrow Proof I/2.5.5) in the pair of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) (p, q) :

$$\text{KL}[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] \leq \lambda \text{KL}[p_1 || q_1] + (1 - \lambda)\text{KL}[p_2 || q_2] \quad (3)$$

A special case of this is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[\lambda p + (1 - \lambda)p || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] &\leq \lambda \text{KL}[p || q_1] + (1 - \lambda)\text{KL}[p || q_2] \\ \text{KL}[p || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] &\leq \lambda \text{KL}[p || q_1] + (1 - \lambda)\text{KL}[p || q_2] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and applying equation (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} H[p, \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] - H[p] &\leq \lambda (H[p, q_1] - H[p]) + (1 - \lambda) (H[p, q_2] - H[p]) \\ H[p, \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] - H[p] &\leq \lambda H[p, q_1] + (1 - \lambda)H[p, q_2] - H[p] \\ H[p, \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] &\leq \lambda H[p, q_1] + (1 - \lambda)H[p, q_2] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

which is equivalent to (1).

Sources:

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2.1.8 Gibbs’ inequality

Theorem: Let X be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) and consider two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) with probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) $p(x)$ and $q(x)$. Then, Gibbs’ inequality states that the entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of X according to P is smaller than or equal to the cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.6) of P and Q :

$$-\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_b p(x) \leq -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_b q(x) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: Without loss of generality, we will use the natural logarithm, because a change in the base of the logarithm only implies multiplication by a constant:

$$\log_b a = \frac{\ln a}{\ln b} . \quad (2)$$

Let I be the set of all x for which $p(x)$ is non-zero. Then, proving (1) requires to show that

$$\sum_{x \in I} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \geq 0 . \quad (3)$$

Because $\ln x \leq x - 1$, i.e. $-\ln x \geq 1 - x$, for all $x > 0$, with equality only if $x = 1$, we can say about the left-hand side that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \in I} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} &\geq \sum_{x \in I} p(x) \left(1 - \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{x \in I} p(x) - \sum_{x \in I} q(x) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Finally, since $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \leq p(x) \leq 1, \quad \sum_{x \in I} p(x) &= 1 \quad \text{and} \\
0 \leq q(x) \leq 1, \quad \sum_{x \in I} q(x) &\leq 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

such that it follows from (4) that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{x \in I} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} &\geq \sum_{x \in I} p(x) - \sum_{x \in I} q(x) \\
&= 1 - \sum_{x \in I} q(x) \geq 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Sources:

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2.1.9 Log sum inequality

Theorem: Let a_1, \dots, a_n and b_1, \dots, b_n be non-negative real numbers and define $a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ and $b = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$. Then, the log sum inequality states that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \log_c \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq a \log_c \frac{a}{b}. \tag{1}$$

Proof: Without loss of generality, we will use the natural logarithm, because a change in the base of the logarithm only implies multiplication by a constant:

$$\log_c a = \frac{\ln a}{\ln c}. \tag{2}$$

Let $f(x) = x \ln x$. Then, the left-hand side of (1) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \ln \frac{a_i}{b_i} &= \sum_{i=1}^n b_i f\left(\frac{a_i}{b_i}\right) \\
&= b \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{b} f\left(\frac{a_i}{b_i}\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Because $f(x)$ is a convex function and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{b_i}{b} &\geq 0 \\
\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{b} &= 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

applying Jensen's inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 b \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{b} f\left(\frac{a_i}{b_i}\right) &\geq b f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{b} \frac{a_i}{b_i}\right) \\
 &= b f\left(\frac{1}{b} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right) \\
 &= b f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \\
 &= a \ln \frac{a}{b}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Finally, combining (3) and (5), this demonstrates (1).

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2.2 Differential entropy

2.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and the (estimated or assumed) probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $p(x) = f_X(x)$. Then, the differential entropy (also referred to as “continuous entropy”) of X is defined as

$$h(X) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_b p(x) dx \tag{1}$$

where b is the base of the logarithm specifying in which unit the entropy is determined.

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2.2.2 Negativity

Theorem: Unlike its discrete analogue (\rightarrow Proof I/2.1.2), the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) can become negative.

Proof: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1) with minimum 0 and maximum $1/2$:

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1/2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, its probability density function (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.2) is:

$$f_X(x) = 2 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} . \quad (2)$$

Thus, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) follows as

$$\begin{aligned} h(X) &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \log_b f_X(x) \, dx \\ &= - \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2 \log_b(2) \, dx \\ &= - \log_b(2) \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2 \, dx \\ &= - \log_b(2) [2x]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= - \log_b(2) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

which is negative for any base $b > 1$.

Sources:

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2.2.3 Invariance under addition

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X remains constant under addition of a constant:

$$h(X + c) = h(X) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: By definition, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X is

$$h(X) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \, dx \quad (2)$$

where $p(x) = f_X(x)$ is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X .

Define the mappings between X and $Y = X + c$ as

$$Y = g(X) = X + c \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad X = g^{-1}(Y) = Y - c . \quad (3)$$

Note that $g(X)$ is a strictly increasing function, such that the probability density function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.5) of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \stackrel{(3)}{=} f_X(y - c) . \quad (4)$$

Writing down the differential entropy for Y , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} h(Y) &= - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f_Y(y) \log f_Y(y) \, dy \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f_X(y - c) \log f_X(y - c) \, dy \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Substituting $x = y - c$, such that $y = x + c$, this yields:

$$\begin{aligned} h(Y) &= - \int_{\{y-c \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}} f_X(x + c - c) \log f_X(x + c - c) \, d(x + c) \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \log f_X(x) \, dx \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} h(X) . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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2.2.4 Addition upon multiplication

Theorem: Let X be a continuous (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X increases additively upon multiplication with a constant:

$$h(aX) = h(X) + \log |a| . \quad (1)$$

Proof: By definition, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X is

$$h(X) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \, dx \quad (2)$$

where $p(x) = f_X(x)$ is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X . Define the mappings between X and $Y = aX$ as

$$Y = g(X) = aX \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad X = g^{-1}(Y) = \frac{Y}{a} . \quad (3)$$

If $a > 0$, then $g(X)$ is a strictly increasing function, such that the probability density function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.5) of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) ; \quad (4)$$

if $a < 0$, then $g(X)$ is a strictly decreasing function, such that the probability density function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.6) of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = -f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \stackrel{(3)}{=} -\frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) ; \quad (5)$$

thus, we can write

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) . \quad (6)$$

Writing down the differential entropy for Y , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} h(Y) &= - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f_Y(y) \log f_Y(y) dy \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) \log \left[\frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) \right] dy \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Substituting $x = y/a$, such that $y = ax$, this yields:

$$\begin{aligned} h(Y) &= - \int_{\{y/a \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}} \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{ax}{a}\right) \log \left[\frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{ax}{a}\right) \right] d(ax) \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \log \left[\frac{1}{|a|} f_X(x) \right] dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) [\log f_X(x) - \log |a|] dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \log f_X(x) dx + \log |a| \int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) dx \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} h(X) + \log |a| . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Sources:

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2.2.5 Conditional differential entropy

Definition: Let X and Y be continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} and probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $p(x)$ and $p(y)$. Then, the conditional differential entropy of Y given X or, differential entropy of Y conditioned on X , is defined as

$$h(Y|X) = \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot h(Y|X = x) \quad (1)$$

where $h(Y|X = x)$ is the (marginal) differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of Y , evaluated at x .

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2.2.6 Joint differential entropy

Definition: Let X and Y be continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} and joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $p(x, y)$. Then, the joint differential entropy of X and Y is defined as

$$h(X, Y) = - \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \int_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log_b p(x, y) dy dx \quad (1)$$

where b is the base of the logarithm specifying in which unit the differential entropy is determined.

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2.2.7 Differential cross-entropy

Definition: Let X be a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let P and Q be two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) on X with the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $p(x)$ and $q(x)$. Then, the differential cross-entropy of Q relative to P is defined as

$$h(P, Q) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_b q(x) dx \quad (1)$$

where b is the base of the logarithm specifying in which unit the differential cross-entropy is determined.

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2.3 Discrete mutual information

2.3.1 Definition

Definition:

1) The mutual information of two discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x) \cdot p(y)} \quad (1)$$

where $p(x)$ and $p(y)$ are the probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X and Y and $p(x, y)$ is the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) mass function of X and Y .

2) The mutual information of two continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x) \cdot p(y)} dy dx \quad (2)$$

where $p(x)$ and $p(y)$ are the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X and Y and $p(x, y)$ is the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function of X and Y .

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2.3.2 Relation to marginal and conditional entropy

Theorem: Let X and Y be discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) $p(x, y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= H(X) - H(X|Y) \\ &= H(Y) - H(Y|X) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $H(X)$ and $H(Y)$ are the marginal entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of X and Y and $H(X|Y)$ and $H(Y|X)$ are the conditional entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.4).

Proof: The mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x) p(y)}. \quad (2)$$

Separating the logarithm, we have:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x). \quad (3)$$

Applying the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), i.e. $p(x, y) = p(x|y) p(y)$, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_x \sum_y p(x|y) p(y) \log p(x|y) - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x). \quad (4)$$

Regrouping the variables, we have:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_y p(y) \sum_x p(x|y) \log p(x|y) - \sum_x \left(\sum_y p(x, y) \right) \log p(x). \quad (5)$$

Applying the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), i.e. $p(x) = \sum_y p(x, y)$, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_y p(y) \sum_x p(x|y) \log p(x|y) - \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) . \quad (6)$$

Now considering the definitions of marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) and conditional (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.4) entropy

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \\ H(X|Y) &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(y) H(X|Y = y) , \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

we can finally show:

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= -H(X|Y) + H(X) \\ &= H(X) - H(X|Y) . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The conditioning of X on Y in this proof is without loss of generality. Thus, the proof for the expression using the reverse conditional entropy of Y given X is obtained by simply switching x and y in the derivation.

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2.3.3 Relation to marginal and joint entropy

Theorem: Let X and Y be discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) $p(x, y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y can be expressed as

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) \quad (1)$$

where $H(X)$ and $H(Y)$ are the marginal entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of X and Y and $H(X, Y)$ is the joint entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.5).

Proof: The mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x) p(y)} . \quad (2)$$

Separating the logarithm, we have:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x, y) - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x) - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(y) . \quad (3)$$

Regrouping the variables, this reads:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x, y) - \sum_x \left(\sum_y p(x, y) \right) \log p(x) - \sum_y \left(\sum_x p(x, y) \right) \log p(y) . \quad (4)$$

Applying the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), i.e. $p(x) = \sum_y p(x, y)$, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x, y) - \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) - \sum_y p(y) \log p(y) . \quad (5)$$

Now considering the definitions of marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) and joint (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.5) entropy

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \\ H(X, Y) &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x, y) , \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

we can finally show:

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= -H(X, Y) + H(X) + H(Y) \\ &= H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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2.3.4 Relation to joint and conditional entropy

Theorem: Let X and Y be discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) $p(x, y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y can be expressed as

$$I(X, Y) = H(X, Y) - H(X|Y) - H(Y|X) \quad (1)$$

where $H(X, Y)$ is the joint entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.5) of X and Y and $H(X|Y)$ and $H(Y|X)$ are the conditional entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.4).

Proof: The existence of the joint probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) ensures that the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) is defined:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} . \quad (2)$$

The relation of mutual information to conditional entropy (\rightarrow Proof I/2.3.2) is:

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) \quad (3)$$

$$I(X, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X) \quad (4)$$

The relation of mutual information to joint entropy (\rightarrow Proof I/2.3.3) is:

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) . \quad (5)$$

It is true that

$$I(X, Y) = I(X, Y) + I(X, Y) - I(X, Y) . \quad (6)$$

Plugging in (3), (4) and (5) on the right-hand side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= H(X) - H(X|Y) + H(Y) - H(Y|X) - H(X) - H(Y) + H(X, Y) \\ &= H(X, Y) - H(X|Y) - H(Y|X) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which proves the identity given above.

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2.4 Continuous mutual information

2.4.1 Definition

Definition:

1) The mutual information of two discrete random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x) \cdot p(y)} \quad (1)$$

where $p(x)$ and $p(y)$ are the probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X and Y and $p(x, y)$ is the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) mass function of X and Y .

2) The mutual information of two continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x) \cdot p(y)} dy dx \quad (2)$$

where $p(x)$ and $p(y)$ are the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X and Y and $p(x, y)$ is the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function of X and Y .

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2.4.2 Relation to marginal and conditional differential entropy

Theorem: Let X and Y be continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) $p(x, y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= h(X) - h(X|Y) \\ &= h(Y) - h(Y|X) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $h(X)$ and $h(Y)$ are the marginal differential entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X and Y and $h(X|Y)$ and $h(Y|X)$ are the conditional differential entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.5).

Proof: The mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} dy dx . \quad (2)$$

Separating the logarithm, we have:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} dy dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x) dx dy . \quad (3)$$

Applying the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), i.e. $p(x, y) = p(x|y)p(y)$, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x|y)p(y) \log p(x|y) dy dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x) dy dx . \quad (4)$$

Regrouping the variables, we have:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(y) \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x|y) \log p(x|y) dx dy - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) dy \right) \log p(x) dx . \quad (5)$$

Applying the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), i.e. $p(x) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) dy$, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(y) \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x|y) \log p(x|y) dx dy - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) dx . \quad (6)$$

Now considering the definitions of marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) and conditional (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.5) differential entropy

$$\begin{aligned} h(X) &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) dx \\ h(X|Y) &= \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(y) h(X|Y = y) dy , \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

we can finally show:

$$I(X, Y) = -h(X|Y) + h(X) = h(X) - h(X|Y) . \quad (8)$$

The conditioning of X on Y in this proof is without loss of generality. Thus, the proof for the expression using the reverse conditional differential entropy of Y given X is obtained by simply switching x and y in the derivation.

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2.4.3 Relation to marginal and joint differential entropy

Theorem: Let X and Y be continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) $p(x, y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y can be expressed as

$$I(X, Y) = h(X) + h(Y) - h(X, Y) \quad (1)$$

where $h(X)$ and $h(Y)$ are the marginal differential entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X and Y and $h(X, Y)$ is the joint differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.6).

Proof: The mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y is defined as

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} dy dx . \quad (2)$$

Separating the logarithm, we have:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x, y) dy dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x) dy dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(y) dy dx . \quad (3)$$

Regrouping the variables, this reads:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x, y) dy dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) dy \right) \log p(x) dx - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x, y) dx \right) \log p(y) dy . \quad (4)$$

Applying the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), i.e. $p(x) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) dy$, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x, y) dy dx - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) dx - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(y) \log p(y) dy . \quad (5)$$

Now considering the definitions of marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) and joint (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.6) differential entropy

$$\begin{aligned}
h(X) &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \, dx \\
h(X, Y) &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log p(x, y) \, dy \, dx ,
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

we can finally show:

$$\begin{aligned}
I(X, Y) &= -h(X, Y) + h(X) + h(Y) \\
&= h(X) + h(Y) - h(X, Y) .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

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2.4.4 Relation to joint and conditional differential entropy

Theorem: Let X and Y be continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) $p(x, y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) of X and Y can be expressed as

$$I(X, Y) = h(X, Y) - h(X|Y) - h(Y|X) \tag{1}$$

where $h(X, Y)$ is the joint differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.6) of X and Y and $h(X|Y)$ and $h(Y|X)$ are the conditional differential entropies (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.5).

Proof: The existence of the joint probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) ensures that the mutual information (\rightarrow Definition I/2.4.1) is defined:

$$I(X, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} \, dy \, dx . \tag{2}$$

The relation of mutual information to conditional differential entropy (\rightarrow Proof I/2.4.2) is:

$$I(X, Y) = h(X) - h(X|Y) \tag{3}$$

$$I(X, Y) = h(Y) - h(Y|X) \tag{4}$$

The relation of mutual information to joint differential entropy (\rightarrow Proof I/2.4.3) is:

$$I(X, Y) = h(X) + h(Y) - h(X, Y) . \tag{5}$$

It is true that

$$I(X, Y) = I(X, Y) + I(X, Y) - I(X, Y) . \tag{6}$$

Plugging in (3), (4) and (5) on the right-hand side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= h(X) - h(X|Y) + h(Y) - h(Y|X) - h(X) - h(Y) + h(X, Y) \\ &= h(X, Y) - h(X|Y) - h(Y|X) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which proves the identity given above.

Sources:

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2.5 Kullback-Leibler divergence

2.5.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let P and Q be two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) on X .

1) The Kullback-Leibler divergence of P from Q for a discrete random variable X is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad (1)$$

where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are the probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of P and Q .

2) The Kullback-Leibler divergence of P from Q for a continuous random variable X is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (2)$$

where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of P and Q .

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2.5.2 Non-negativity

Theorem: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is always non-negative

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

with $\text{KL}[P||Q] = 0$, if and only if $P = Q$.

Proof: The discrete Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad (2)$$

which can be reformulated into

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log p(x) - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log q(x) . \quad (3)$$

Gibbs' inequality (\rightarrow Proof I/2.1.8) states that the entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of a probability distribution is always less than or equal to the cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.6) with another probability distribution – with equality only if the distributions are identical –,

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log p(x_i) \leq -\sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log q(x_i) \quad (4)$$

which can be reformulated into

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log p(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log q(x_i) \geq 0 . \quad (5)$$

Applying (5) to (3), this proves equation (1).

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2.5.3 Non-negativity

Theorem: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is always non-negative

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

with $\text{KL}[P||Q] = 0$, if and only if $P = Q$.

Proof: The discrete Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} . \quad (2)$$

The log sum inequality (\rightarrow Proof I/2.1.9) states that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \log_c \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq a \log_c \frac{a}{b} . \quad (3)$$

where a_1, \dots, a_n and b_1, \dots, b_n be non-negative real numbers and $a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ and $b = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$. Because $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1), such that

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &\geq 0, & \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) &= 1 \quad \text{and} \\ q(x) &\geq 0, & \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} q(x) &= 1, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

theorem (1) is simply a special case of (3), i.e.

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 1 \log \frac{1}{1} = 0. \tag{5}$$

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2.5.4 Non-symmetry

Theorem: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is non-symmetric, i.e.

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] \neq \text{KL}[Q||P] \tag{1}$$

for some probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) P and Q .

Proof: Let $X \in \mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) and consider the two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} P : X &\sim \text{Bin}(2, 0.5) \\ Q : X &\sim \mathcal{U}(0, 2) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ indicates a binomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1) and $\mathcal{U}(a, b)$ indicates a discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.1.1).

Then, the probability mass function of the binomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.3.2) entails that

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1/4, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1/2, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1/4, & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

and the probability mass function of the discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.1.2) entails that

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{3}, \tag{4}$$

such that the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{KL}[P||Q] &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{3}{4} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{3}{2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\log \frac{3}{4} + \log \frac{3}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{9}{8} = 0.0589
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

and the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of Q from P is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{KL}[Q||P] &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} q(x) \cdot \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{4}{3} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \left(\log \frac{4}{3} + \log \frac{2}{3} + \log \frac{4}{3} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{32}{27} = 0.0566
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

which provides an example for

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] \neq \text{KL}[Q||P] \tag{7}$$

and thus proves the theorem.

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2.5.5 Convexity

Theorem: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is convex in the pair of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) (p, q) , i.e.

$$\text{KL}[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] \leq \lambda \text{KL}[p_1 || q_1] + (1 - \lambda) \text{KL}[p_2 || q_2] \quad (1)$$

where (p_1, q_1) and (p_2, q_2) are two pairs of probability distributions and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

Proof: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P || Q] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad (2)$$

and the log sum inequality (\rightarrow Proof I/2.1.9) states that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \log \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \log \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i} \quad (3)$$

where a_1, \dots, a_n and b_1, \dots, b_n are non-negative real numbers.

Thus, we can rewrite the KL divergence of the mixture distribution as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{KL}[\lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2 || \lambda q_1 + (1 - \lambda)q_2] \\ & \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \left[[\lambda p_1(x) + (1 - \lambda)p_2(x)] \cdot \log \frac{\lambda p_1(x) + (1 - \lambda)p_2(x)}{\lambda q_1(x) + (1 - \lambda)q_2(x)} \right] \\ & \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \left[\lambda p_1(x) \cdot \log \frac{\lambda p_1(x)}{\lambda q_1(x)} + (1 - \lambda)p_2(x) \cdot \log \frac{(1 - \lambda)p_2(x)}{(1 - \lambda)q_2(x)} \right] \\ & = \lambda \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p_1(x) \cdot \log \frac{p_1(x)}{q_1(x)} + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p_2(x) \cdot \log \frac{p_2(x)}{q_2(x)} \\ & \stackrel{(2)}{=} \lambda \text{KL}[p_1 || q_1] + (1 - \lambda) \text{KL}[p_2 || q_2] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

which is equivalent to (1).

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2.5.6 Additivity for independent distributions

Theorem: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is additive for independent distributions, i.e.

$$\text{KL}[P || Q] = \text{KL}[P_1 || Q_1] + \text{KL}[P_2 || Q_2] \quad (1)$$

where P_1 and P_2 are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) with the joint distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) P , such that $p(x, y) = p_1(x)p_2(y)$, and equivalently for Q_1 , Q_2 and Q .

Proof: The continuous Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (2)$$

which, applied to the joint distributions P and Q , yields

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \cdot \log \frac{p(x, y)}{q(x, y)} dy dx. \quad (3)$$

Applying $p(x, y) = p_1(x) p_2(y)$ and $q(x, y) = q_1(x) q_2(y)$, we have

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_1(x) p_2(y) \cdot \log \frac{p_1(x) p_2(y)}{q_1(x) q_2(y)} dy dx. \quad (4)$$

Now we can separate the logarithm and evaluate the integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P||Q] &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_1(x) p_2(y) \cdot \left(\log \frac{p_1(x)}{q_1(x)} + \log \frac{p_2(y)}{q_2(y)} \right) dy dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_1(x) p_2(y) \cdot \log \frac{p_1(x)}{q_1(x)} dy dx + \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_1(x) p_2(y) \cdot \log \frac{p_2(y)}{q_2(y)} dy dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} p_1(x) \cdot \log \frac{p_1(x)}{q_1(x)} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_2(y) dy dx + \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_2(y) \cdot \log \frac{p_2(y)}{q_2(y)} \int_{\mathcal{X}} p_1(x) dx dy \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} p_1(x) \cdot \log \frac{p_1(x)}{q_1(x)} dx + \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_2(y) \cdot \log \frac{p_2(y)}{q_2(y)} dy \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{KL}[P_1||Q_1] + \text{KL}[P_2||Q_2]. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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2.5.7 Invariance under parameter transformation

Theorem: The Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is invariant under parameter transformation, i.e.

$$\text{KL}[p(x)||q(x)] = \text{KL}[p(y)||q(y)] \quad (1)$$

where $y(x) = mx + n$ is an affine transformation of x and $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) P and Q on the continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) X .

Proof: The continuous Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) (KL divergence) is defined as

$$\text{KL}[p(x)||q(x)] = \int_a^b p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (2)$$

where $a = \min(\mathcal{X})$ and $b = \max(\mathcal{X})$ are the lower and upper bound of the possible outcomes \mathcal{X} of X .

Due to the identity of the differentials

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) dx &= p(y) dy \\ q(x) dx &= q(y) dy \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

which can be rearranged into

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= p(y) \frac{dy}{dx} \\ q(x) &= q(y) \frac{dy}{dx}, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

the KL divergence can be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[p(x)||q(x)] &= \int_a^b p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \\ &= \int_{y(a)}^{y(b)} p(y) \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \log \left(\frac{p(y) \frac{dy}{dx}}{q(y) \frac{dy}{dx}} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{y(a)}^{y(b)} p(y) \cdot \log \frac{p(y)}{q(y)} dy \\ &= \text{KL}[p(y)||q(y)] . \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Sources:

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2.5.8 Relation to discrete entropy

Theorem: Let X be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let P and Q be two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) on X . Then, the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q can be expressed as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = H(P, Q) - H(P) \tag{1}$$

where $H(P, Q)$ is the cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.6) of P and Q and $H(P)$ is the marginal entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of P .

Proof: The discrete Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad (2)$$

where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are the probability mass functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of P and Q . Separating the logarithm, we have:

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log q(x) + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) . \quad (3)$$

Now considering the definitions of marginal entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) and cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} H(P) &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \\ H(P, Q) &= - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log q(x) , \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

we can finally show:

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = H(P, Q) - H(P) . \quad (5)$$

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2.5.9 Relation to differential entropy

Theorem: Let X be a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) with possible outcomes \mathcal{X} and let P and Q be two probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) on X . Then, the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q can be expressed as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = h(P, Q) - h(P) \quad (1)$$

where $h(P, Q)$ is the differential cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.7) of P and Q and $h(P)$ is the marginal differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of P .

Proof: The continuous Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is defined as

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (2)$$

where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of P and Q . Separating the logarithm, we have:

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log q(x) dx + \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) dx . \quad (3)$$

Now considering the definitions of marginal differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) and differential cross-entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.7)

$$\begin{aligned} h(P) &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log p(x) \, dx \\ h(P, Q) &= - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log q(x) \, dx , \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

we can finally show:

$$\text{KL}[P||Q] = h(P, Q) - h(P) . \tag{5}$$

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3 Estimation theory

3.1 Point estimates

3.1.1 Partition of the mean squared error into bias and variance

Theorem: The mean squared error (\rightarrow Definition “mse”) can be partitioned into variance and squared bias

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) - \text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}, \theta)^2 \quad (1)$$

where the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is given by

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right)^2 \right] \quad (2)$$

and the bias (\rightarrow Definition “bias”) is given by

$$\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right) . \quad (3)$$

Proof: The mean squared error (MSE) is defined as (\rightarrow Definition “mse”) the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the squared deviation of the estimated value $\hat{\theta}$ from the true value θ of a parameter, over all values $\hat{\theta}$:

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \theta \right)^2 \right] . \quad (4)$$

This formula can be evaluated in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \theta \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right)^2 + 2 \left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right) \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right) + \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right)^2 \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[2 \left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right) \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right)^2 \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Because $\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$ is constant as a function of $\hat{\theta}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right)^2 \right] + 2 \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right) \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right] + \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right)^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right)^2 \right] + 2 \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right) \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right) + \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right)^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}} \left[\left(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) \right)^2 \right] + \left(\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \right)^2 . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

This proves the partition given by (1).

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3.2 Interval estimates

3.2.1 Construction of confidence intervals using Wilks’ theorem

Theorem: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) for measured data y with model parameters θ , consisting of a parameter of interest ϕ and nuisance parameters λ :

$$m : p(y|\theta) = \mathcal{D}(y;\theta), \quad \theta = \{\phi, \lambda\} . \quad (1)$$

Further, let $\hat{\theta}$ be an estimate of θ , obtained using maximum-likelihood-estimation (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3):

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \log p(y|\theta), \quad \hat{\theta} = \{\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda}\} . \quad (2)$$

Then, an asymptotic confidence interval (\rightarrow Definition “ci”) for θ is given by

$$\text{CI}_{1-\alpha}(\hat{\phi}) = \left\{ \phi \mid \log p(y|\phi, \hat{\lambda}) \geq \log p(y|\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda}) - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2 \right\} \quad (3)$$

where $1 - \alpha$ is the confidence level and $\chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$ is the $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the chi-squared distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1) with 1 degree of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”).

Proof: The confidence interval (\rightarrow Definition “ci”) is defined as the interval that, under infinitely repeated random experiments (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.1), contains the true parameter value with a certain probability.

Let us define the likelihood ratio (\rightarrow Definition “lr”)

$$\Lambda(\phi) = \frac{p(y|\phi, \hat{\lambda})}{p(y|\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda})} \quad (4)$$

and compute the log-likelihood ratio (\rightarrow Definition “llr”)

$$\log \Lambda(\phi) = \log p(y|\phi, \hat{\lambda}) - \log p(y|\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda}) . \quad (5)$$

Wilks’ theorem (\rightarrow Proof “llr-wilks”) states that, when comparing two statistical models with parameter spaces Θ_1 and $\Theta_0 \subset \Theta_1$, as the sample size approaches infinity, the quantity calculated as -2 times the log-ratio of maximum likelihoods follows a chi-squared distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1), if the null hypothesis is true:

$$H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -2 \log \frac{\max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} p(y|\theta)}{\max_{\theta \in \Theta_1} p(y|\theta)} \sim \chi_{\Delta k}^2 \quad (6)$$

where Δk is the difference in dimensionality between Θ_0 and Θ_1 . Applied to our example in (5), we note that $\Theta_1 = \{\phi, \hat{\phi}\}$ and $\Theta_0 = \{\phi\}$, such that $\Delta k = 1$ and Wilks’ theorem implies:

$$-2 \log \Lambda(\phi) \sim \chi_1^2. \quad (7)$$

Using the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) $\chi_{k,p}^2$ of the chi-squared distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1), an $(1 - \alpha)$ -confidence interval is therefore given by all values ϕ that satisfy

$$-2 \log \Lambda(\phi) \leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2. \quad (8)$$

Applying (5) and rearranging, we can evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \left[\log p(y|\phi, \hat{\lambda}) - \log p(y|\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda}) \right] &\leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2 \\ \log p(y|\phi, \hat{\lambda}) - \log p(y|\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda}) &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2 \\ \log p(y|\phi, \hat{\lambda}) &\geq \log p(y|\hat{\phi}, \hat{\lambda}) - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

which is equivalent to the confidence interval given by (3).

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4 Frequentist statistics

4.1 Likelihood theory

4.1.1 Likelihood function

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ . Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the distribution of y given θ is called the likelihood function of m :

$$\mathcal{L}_m(\theta) = p(y|\theta, m) = \mathcal{D}(y; \theta) . \quad (1)$$

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4.1.2 Log-likelihood function

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ . Then, the logarithm of the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the distribution of y given θ is called the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) of m :

$$\text{LL}_m(\theta) = \log p(y|\theta, m) = \log \mathcal{D}(y; \theta) . \quad (1)$$

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4.1.3 Maximum likelihood estimation

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ . Then, the parameter values maximizing the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) or log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) are called maximum likelihood estimates of θ :

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_m(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \text{LL}_m(\theta) . \quad (1)$$

The process of calculating $\hat{\theta}$ is called “maximum likelihood estimation” and the functional form leading from y to $\hat{\theta}$ given m is called “maximum likelihood estimator”. Maximum likelihood estimation, estimator and estimates may all be abbreviated as “MLE”.

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4.1.4 Maximum log-likelihood

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ . Then, the maximum log-likelihood (MLL) of m is the maximal value of the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) of this model:

$$\text{MLL}(m) = \max_{\theta} \text{LL}_m(\theta) . \quad (1)$$

The maximum log-likelihood can be obtained by plugging the maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) into the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2).

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4.1.5 Method of moments

Definition: Let measured data y follow a probability distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) with probability mass (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) or probability density (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) $p(y|\theta)$ governed by unknown parameters $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$. Then, method-of-moments estimation, also referred to as “method of moments” or “matching the moments”, consists in

- 1) expressing the first k moments (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) of y in terms of θ

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= f_1(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) \\ &\vdots \\ \mu_k &= f_k(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) , \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- 2) calculating the first k sample moments (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) from y

$$\hat{\mu}_1(y), \dots, \hat{\mu}_k(y) \quad (2)$$

- 3) and solving the system of k equations

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}_1(y) &= f_1(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\vdots \\ \hat{\mu}_k(y) &= f_k(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_k) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

for $\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_k$, which are subsequently referred to as “method-of-moments estimates”.

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4.2 Statistical hypotheses

4.2.1 Statistical hypothesis

Definition: A statistical hypothesis is a statement about the parameters of a distribution describing a population from which observations can be sampled as measured data (\rightarrow Definition “data”).

More precisely, let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) describing measured data y in terms of a distribution $\mathcal{D}(\theta)$ with model parameters $\theta \in \Theta$. Then, a statistical hypothesis is formally specified as

$$H : \theta \in \Theta^* \quad \text{where} \quad \Theta^* \subset \Theta . \quad (1)$$

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4.2.2 Simple vs. composite

Definition: Let H be a statistical hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.1). Then,

- H is called a simple hypothesis, if it completely specifies the population distribution; in this case, the sampling distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.5) of the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) is a function of sample size alone.
- H is called a composite hypothesis, if it does not completely specify the population distribution; for example, the hypothesis may only specify one parameter of the distribution and leave others unspecified.

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4.2.3 Point/exact vs. set/inexact

Definition: Let H be a statistical hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.1). Then,

- H is called a point hypothesis or exact hypothesis, if it specifies an exact parameter value:

$$H : \theta = \theta^* ; \quad (1)$$

- H is called a set hypothesis or inexact hypothesis, if it specifies a set of possible values with more than one element for the parameter value (e.g. a range or an interval):

$$H : \theta \in \Theta^* . \quad (2)$$

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4.2.4 One-tailed vs. two-tailed

Definition: Let H_0 be a point (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.3) null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad (1)$$

and consider a set (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.3) alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3) H_1 . Then,

- H_1 is called a left-sided one-tailed hypothesis, if θ is assumed to be smaller than θ_0 :

$$H_1 : \theta < \theta_0 ; \quad (2)$$

- H_1 is called a right-sided one-tailed hypothesis, if θ is assumed to be larger than θ_0 :

$$H_1 : \theta > \theta_0 ; \quad (3)$$

- H_1 is called a two-tailed hypothesis, if θ is assumed to be unequal to θ_0 :

$$H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0 . \quad (4)$$

Sources:

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4.3 Hypothesis testing

4.3.1 Statistical test

Definition: Let y be a set of measured data (\rightarrow Definition “data”). Then, a statistical hypothesis test consists of the following:

- an assumption about the distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) of the data, often expressed in terms of a statistical model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m ;
- a null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 and an alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3) H_1 which make specific statements about the distribution of the data;
- a test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) $T(Y)$ which is a function of the data and whose distribution under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) is known;

- a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α which imposes an upper bound on the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of rejecting H_0 , given that H_0 is true.

Procedurally, the statistical hypothesis test works as follows:

- Given the null hypothesis H_0 and the significance level α , a critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) t_{crit} is determined which partitions the set of possible values of $T(Y)$ into “acceptance region” and “rejection region”.
- Then, the observed test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) $t_{\text{obs}} = T(y)$ is calculated from the actually measured data y . If it is in the rejection region, H_0 is rejected in favor of H_1 . Otherwise, the test fails to reject H_0 .

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2021): “Statistical hypothesis testing”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2021-03-19; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistical_hypothesis_testing#The_testing_process.

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4.3.2 Null hypothesis

Definition: The statement which is tested in a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) is called the “null hypothesis”, denoted as H_0 . The test is designed to assess the strength of evidence against H_0 and possibly reject it. The opposite of H_0 is called the “alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)”. Usually, H_0 is a statement that a particular parameter is zero, that there is no effect of a particular treatment or that there is no difference between particular conditions.

More precisely, let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) describing measured data y using model parameters $\theta \in \Theta$. Then, a null hypothesis is formally specified as

$$H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad \text{where} \quad \Theta_0 \subset \Theta . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2021): “Exclusion of the null hypothesis”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2021-03-12; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exclusion_of_the_null_hypothesis#Basic_definitions.

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4.3.3 Alternative hypothesis

Definition: Let H_0 be a null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) of a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1). Then, the corresponding alternative hypothesis, denoted as H_1 , is either the negation of H_0 or an interesting sub-case in the negation of H_0 , depending on context. The test is designed to assess the strength of evidence against H_0 and possibly reject it in favor of H_1 . Usually, H_1 is a statement that a particular parameter is non-zero, that there is an effect of a particular treatment or that there is a difference between particular conditions.

More precisely, let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) describing measured data y using model parameters $\theta \in \Theta$. Then, null and alternative hypothesis are formally specified as

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad \text{where} \quad \Theta_0 \subset \Theta \\ H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1 \quad \text{where} \quad \Theta_1 = \Theta \setminus \Theta_0 . \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Sources:

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4.3.4 One-tailed vs. two-tailed

Definition: Let there be a statistical test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) of an alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3) H_1 against a null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 . Then,

- the test is called a one-tailed test, if H_1 is a one-tailed hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.4);
- the test is called a two-tailed test, if H_1 is a two-tailed hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.4).

The fact whether a test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) is one-tailed or two-tailed has consequences for the computation of critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) and p-value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.10).

Sources:

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4.3.5 Test statistic

Definition: In a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1), the test statistic $T(Y)$ is a scalar function of the measured data (\rightarrow Definition “data”) y whose distribution under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 can be established. Together with a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α , this distribution implies a critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) t_{crit} of the test statistic which determines whether the test rejects or fails to reject H_0 .

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4.3.6 Size of a test

Definition: Let there be a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) with null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 . Then, the size of the test is the probability of a false-positive result or

making a type I error, i.e. the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of rejecting the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 , given that H_0 is actually true.

For a simple null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.2), the size is determined by the following conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4):

$$\Pr(\text{test rejects } H_0 | H_0) . \quad (1)$$

For a composite null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.2), the size is the supremum over all possible realizations of the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2):

$$\sup_{h \in H_0} \Pr(\text{test rejects } H_0 | h) . \quad (2)$$

Sources:

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4.3.7 Power of a test

Definition: Let there be a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) with null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 and alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3) H_1 . Then, the power of the test is the probability of a true-positive result or not making a type II error, i.e. the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of rejecting H_0 , given that H_1 is actually true.

For given null (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) and alternative (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3) hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.1), the size is determined by the following conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4):

$$\Pr(\text{test rejects } H_0 | H_1) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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4.3.8 Significance level

Definition: Let the size (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.6) of a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) be the probability of a false-positive result or making a type I error, i.e. the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of rejecting the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 , given that H_0 is actually true:

$$\Pr(\text{test rejects } H_0 | H_0) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the test is said to have significance level α , if the size is less than or equal to α :

$$\Pr(\text{test rejects } H_0 | H_0) \leq \alpha . \quad (2)$$

Sources:

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4.3.9 Critical value

Definition: In a statistical hypothesis test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1), the critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) t_{crit} is that value of the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) $T(Y)$ which partitions the set of possible test statistics into “acceptance region” and “rejection region” based on a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α . Put differently, if the observed test statistic $t_{\text{obs}} = T(y)$ computed from actually measured data (\rightarrow Definition “data”) y is as extreme or more extreme than the critical value, the test rejects the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 in favor of the alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3).

Sources:

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4.3.10 p-value

Definition: Let there be a statistical test (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.1) of the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) H_0 and the alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3) H_1 using the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) $T(Y)$. Let y be the measured data (\rightarrow Definition “data”) and let $t_{\text{obs}} = T(y)$ be the observed test statistic computed from y . Moreover, assume that $F_T(t)$ is the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) (CDF) of the distribution of $T(Y)$ under H_0 .

Then, the p-value is the probability of obtaining a test statistic more extreme than or as extreme as t_{obs} , given that the null hypothesis H_0 is true:

- $p = F_T^{-1}(t_{\text{obs}})$, if H_1 is a left-sided one-tailed hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.4);
- $p = 1 - F_T^{-1}(t_{\text{obs}})$, if H_1 is a right-sided one-tailed hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.4);
- $p = 2 \cdot \min([F_T^{-1}(t_{\text{obs}}), 1 - F_T^{-1}(t_{\text{obs}})])$, if H_1 is a two-tailed hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.2.4).

Sources:

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5 Bayesian statistics

5.1 Probabilistic modeling

5.1.1 Generative model

Definition: Consider measured data y and some unknown latent parameters θ . A statement about the distribution of y given θ is called a generative model m :

$$m : y \sim \mathcal{D}(\theta) . \quad (1)$$

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5.1.2 Likelihood function

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ . Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the distribution of y given θ is called the likelihood function of m :

$$\mathcal{L}_m(\theta) = p(y|\theta, m) = \mathcal{D}(y; \theta) . \quad (1)$$

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5.1.3 Prior distribution

Definition: Consider measured data y and some unknown latent parameters θ . A distribution of θ unconditional on y is called a prior distribution:

$$\theta \sim \mathcal{D}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

The parameters λ of this distribution are called the prior hyperparameters and the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is called the prior density:

$$p(\theta|m) = \mathcal{D}(\theta; \lambda) . \quad (2)$$

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5.1.4 Full probability model

Definition: Consider measured data y and some unknown latent parameters θ . The combination of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) for y and a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on θ is called a full probability model m :

$$m : y \sim \mathcal{D}(\theta), \theta \sim \mathcal{D}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

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5.1.5 Joint likelihood

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ and a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on θ . Then, the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of y and θ is called the joint likelihood:

$$p(y, \theta|m) = p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) . \quad (1)$$

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5.1.6 Joint likelihood is product of likelihood and prior

Theorem: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ and a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on θ . Then, the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) is equal to the product of likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) and prior density (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3):

$$p(y, \theta|m) = p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) is defined as the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of data y and parameters θ :

$$p(y, \theta|m) . \quad (2)$$

Applying the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\theta, m) &= \frac{p(y, \theta|m)}{p(\theta|m)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \\ p(y, \theta|m) &= p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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5.1.7 Posterior distribution

Definition: Consider measured data y and some unknown latent parameters θ . The distribution of θ conditional on y is called the posterior distribution:

$$\theta|y \sim \mathcal{D}(\phi) . \quad (1)$$

The parameters ϕ of this distribution are called the posterior hyperparameters and the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is called the posterior density:

$$p(\theta|y, m) = \mathcal{D}(\theta; \phi) . \quad (2)$$

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5.1.8 Posterior density is proportional to joint likelihood

Theorem: In a full probability model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ , the posterior density (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) over the model parameters is proportional to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5):

$$p(\theta|y, m) \propto p(y, \theta|m) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: In a full probability model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) can be expressed using Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1):

$$p(\theta|y, m) = \frac{p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m)}{p(y|m)} . \quad (2)$$

Applying the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) to the numerator, we have:

$$p(\theta|y, m) = \frac{p(y, \theta|m)}{p(y|m)} . \quad (3)$$

Because the denominator does not depend on θ , it is constant in θ and thus acts a proportionality factor between the posterior distribution and the joint likelihood:

$$p(\theta|y, m) \propto p(y, \theta|m) . \quad (4)$$

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5.1.9 Marginal likelihood

Definition: Let there be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ and a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on θ . Then, the marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of y across the parameter space Θ is called the marginal likelihood:

$$p(y|m) = \int_{\Theta} p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) d\theta . \quad (1)$$

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5.1.10 Marginal likelihood is integral of joint likelihood

Theorem: In a full probability model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) m describing measured data y using model parameters θ , the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) is the integral of the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) across the parameter space Θ :

$$p(y|m) = \int_{\Theta} p(y, \theta|m) d\theta . \quad (1)$$

Proof: In a full probability model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) is defined as the marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) of the data y , given only the model m :

$$p(y|m) . \quad (2)$$

Using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), this can be obtained by integrating the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) function over the entire parameter space:

$$p(y|m) = \int_{\Theta} p(y, \theta|m) d\theta . \quad (3)$$

Applying the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), the integrand can also be written as the product of likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) and prior density (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3):

$$p(y|m) = \int_{\Theta} p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) d\theta . \quad (4)$$

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5.2 Prior distributions

5.2.1 Flat vs. hard vs. soft

Definition: Let $p(\theta|m)$ be a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) for the parameter θ of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m . Then,

- the distribution is called a “flat prior”, if its precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) is zero or variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is infinite;
- the distribution is called a “hard prior”, if its precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) is infinite or variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is zero;
- the distribution is called a “soft prior”, if its precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) and variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) are non-zero and finite.

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5.2.2 Uniform vs. non-uniform

Definition: Let $p(\theta|m)$ be a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) for the parameter θ of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m where θ belongs to the parameter space Θ . Then,

- the distribution is called a “uniform prior”, if its density (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) or mass (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) is constant over Θ ;
- the distribution is called a “non-uniform prior”, if its density (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) or mass (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) is not constant over Θ .

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- Wikipedia (2020): “Lindley’s paradox”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-11-25; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindley%27s_paradox#Bayesian_approach.

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5.2.3 Informative vs. non-informative

Definition: Let $p(\theta|m)$ be a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) for the parameter θ of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m . Then,

- the distribution is called an “informative prior”, if it biases the parameter towards particular values;
- the distribution is called a “weakly informative prior”, if it mildly influences the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8);
- the distribution is called a “non-informative prior”, if it does not influence (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8) the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7).

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5.2.4 Empirical vs. non-empirical

Definition: Let $p(\theta|m)$ be a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) for the parameter θ of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m . Then,

- the distribution is called an “empirical prior”, if it has been derived from empirical data (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8);
- the distribution is called a “theoretical prior”, if it was specified without regard to empirical data.

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5.2.5 Conjugate vs. non-conjugate

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|m)$. Then,

- the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) is called “conjugate”, if it, when combined with the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2), leads to a posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) that belongs to the same family of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1);
- the prior distribution is called “non-conjugate”, if this is not the case.

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5.2.6 Maximum entropy priors

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|\lambda, m)$ using prior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) λ . Then, the prior distribution is called a “maximum entropy prior”, if

1) when θ is a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7), it maximizes the entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.1.1) of the prior probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1):

$$\lambda_{\text{maxent}} = \arg \max_{\lambda} H[p(\theta|\lambda, m)] ; \quad (1)$$

2) when θ is a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.7), it maximizes the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of the prior probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4):

$$\lambda_{\text{maxent}} = \arg \max_{\lambda} h[p(\theta|\lambda, m)] . \quad (2)$$

Sources:

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5.2.7 Empirical Bayes priors

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|\lambda, m)$ using prior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) λ . Let $p(y|\lambda, m)$ be the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) when integrating the parameters out of the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.10). Then, the prior distribution is called an “Empirical Bayes (\rightarrow Definition I/5.3.3) prior”, if it maximizes the logarithmized marginal likelihood:

$$\lambda_{\text{EB}} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \log p(y|\lambda, m) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Empirical Bayes method”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-12-02; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empirical_Bayes_method#Introduction.

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5.2.8 Reference priors

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|\lambda, m)$ using prior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) λ . Let $p(\theta|y, \lambda, m)$ be the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) that is proportional to the the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8). Then, the prior distribution is called a “reference prior”, if it maximizes the expected (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of the posterior distribution relative to the prior distribution:

$$\lambda_{\text{ref}} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \langle \text{KL} [p(\theta|y, \lambda, m) || p(\theta|\lambda, m)] \rangle . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Prior probability”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-12-02; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prior_probability#Uninformative_priors.

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5.3 Bayesian inference

5.3.1 Bayes' theorem

Theorem: Let A and B be two arbitrary statements about random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3), such as statements about the presence or absence of an event or about the value of a scalar, vector or matrix. Then, the conditional probability that A is true, given that B is true, is equal to

$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A) p(A)}{p(B)} . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) is defined as the ratio of joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2), i.e. the probability of both statements being true, and marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), i.e. the probability of only the second one being true:

$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)} . \quad (2)$$

It can also be written down for the reverse situation, i.e. to calculate the probability that B is true, given that A is true:

$$p(B|A) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(A)} . \quad (3)$$

Both equations can be rearranged for the joint probability

$$p(A|B) p(B) \stackrel{(2)}{=} p(A, B) \stackrel{(3)}{=} p(B|A) p(A) \quad (4)$$

from which Bayes' theorem can be directly derived:

$$p(A|B) \stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{p(B|A) p(A)}{p(B)} . \quad (5)$$

Sources:

- Koch, Karl-Rudolf (2007): “Rules of Probability”; in: *Introduction to Bayesian Statistics*, Springer, Berlin/Heidelberg, 2007, pp. 6/13, eqs. 2.12/2.38; URL: <https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783540727231>; DOI: 10.1007/978-3-540-72726-2.

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5.3.2 Bayes' rule

Theorem: Let A_1 , A_2 and B be arbitrary statements about random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) where A_1 and A_2 are mutually exclusive. Then, Bayes' rule states that the posterior odds (\rightarrow Definition “post-odd”) are equal to the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) times the prior odds (\rightarrow Definition “prior-odd”), i.e.

$$\frac{p(A_1|B)}{p(A_2|B)} = \frac{p(B|A_1)}{p(B|A_2)} \cdot \frac{p(A_1)}{p(A_2)} . \quad (1)$$

Proof: Using Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the conditional probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) on the left are given by

$$p(A_1|B) = \frac{p(B|A_1) \cdot p(A_1)}{p(B)} \quad (2)$$

$$p(A_2|B) = \frac{p(B|A_2) \cdot p(A_2)}{p(B)} . \quad (3)$$

Dividing the two conditional probabilities by each other

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(A_1|B)}{p(A_2|B)} &= \frac{p(B|A_1) \cdot p(A_1)/p(B)}{p(B|A_2) \cdot p(A_2)/p(B)} \\ &= \frac{p(B|A_1)}{p(B|A_2)} \cdot \frac{p(A_1)}{p(A_2)} , \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

one obtains the posterior odds ratio as given by the theorem.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2019): “Bayes’ theorem”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-01-06; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayes%27_theorem#Bayes%E2%80%99_rule.

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5.3.3 Empirical Bayes

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with model parameters θ and hyper-parameters λ implying the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, \lambda, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|\lambda, m)$. Then, an Empirical Bayes treatment of m , also referred to as “type II maximum likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3)” or “evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) approximation”, consists in

- 1) evaluating the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) of the model m

$$p(y|\lambda, m) = \int p(y|\theta, \lambda, m) (\theta|\lambda, m) d\theta , \quad (1)$$

- 2) maximizing the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) with respect to λ

$$\hat{\lambda} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \log p(y|\lambda, m) \quad (2)$$

- 3) and using the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) at this maximum

$$p(\theta|m) = p(\theta|\hat{\lambda}, m) \quad (3)$$

for Bayesian inference (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), i.e. obtaining the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8) and computing the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.10).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2021): “Empirical Bayes method”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2021-04-29; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empirical_Bayes_method#Introduction.
- Bishop CM (2006): “The Evidence Approximation”; in: *Pattern Recognition for Machine Learning*, ch. 3.5, pp. 165-172; URL: <https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9780387310732>.

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5.3.4 Variational Bayes

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with model parameters θ implying the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|m)$. Then, a Variational Bayes treatment of m , also referred to as “approximate inference” or “variational inference”, consists in

- 1) constructing an approximate posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$q(\theta) \approx p(\theta|y, m) , \quad (1)$$

- 2) evaluating the variational free energy (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.7)

$$F_q(m) = \int q(\theta) \log p(y|\theta, m) d\theta - \int q(\theta) \frac{q(\theta)}{p(\theta|m)} d\theta \quad (2)$$

- 3) and maximizing this function with respect to $q(\theta)$

$$\hat{q}(\theta) = \arg \max_q F_q(m) . \quad (3)$$

for Bayesian inference, i.e. obtaining the posterior distribution (from eq. (3)) and approximating the marginal likelihood (by plugging eq. (3) into eq. (2)).

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2021): “Variational Bayesian methods”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2021-04-29; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variational_Bayesian_methods#Evidence_lower_bound.
- Penny W, Flandin G, Trujillo-Barreto N (2007): “Bayesian Comparison of Spatially Regularised General Linear Models”; in: *Human Brain Mapping*, vol. 28, pp. 275–293, eqs. 2-9; URL: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/hbm.20327>; DOI: 10.1002/hbm.20327.

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Chapter II

Probability Distributions

1 Univariate discrete distributions

1.1 Discrete uniform distribution

1.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to be uniformly distributed with minimum a and maximum b

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if each integer between and including a and b occurs with the same probability.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Discrete uniform distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-07-28; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete_uniform_distribution.

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1.1.2 Probability mass function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \quad \text{where} \quad x \in \{a, a + 1, \dots, b - 1, b\} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: A discrete uniform variable is defined as (\rightarrow Definition II/1.1.1) having the same probability for each integer between and including a and b . The number of integers between and including a and b is

$$n = b - a + 1 \quad (3)$$

and because the sum across all probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) is

$$\sum_{x=a}^b f_X(x) = 1 , \quad (4)$$

we have

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{b - a + 1} . \quad (5)$$

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1.1.3 Cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor - a + 1}{b - a + 1} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 , & \text{if } x > b . \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability mass function of the discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.1.2) is

$$\mathcal{U}(x; a, b) = \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \quad \text{where } x \in \{a, a + 1, \dots, b - 1, b\} . \quad (3)$$

Thus, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) dz \quad (4)$$

From (3), it follows that the cumulative probability increases step-wise by $1/n$ at each integer between and including a and b where

$$n = b - a + 1 \quad (5)$$

is the number of integers between and including a and b . This can be expressed by noting that

$$F_X(x) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor - a + 1}{n}, \quad \text{if } a \leq x \leq b . \quad (6)$$

Also, because $\Pr(X < a) = 0$, we have

$$F_X(x) \stackrel{(4)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^x 0 dz = 0, \quad \text{if } x < a \quad (7)$$

and because $\Pr(X > b) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) dz \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^b \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) dz + \int_b^x \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) dz \\ &= F_X(b) + \int_b^x 0 dz \stackrel{(6)}{=} 1 + 0 \\ &= 1, \quad \text{if } x > b . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

This completes the proof.

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1.1.4 Quantile function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) of X is

$$Q_X(p) = \begin{cases} -\infty , & \text{if } p = 0 \\ a(1-p) + (b+1)p - 1 , & \text{when } p \in \left\{ \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, \frac{b-a}{n}, 1 \right\} . \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

with $n = b - a + 1$.

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of the discrete uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.1.3) is:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor - a + 1}{b - a + 1} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 , & \text{if } x > b . \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The quantile function $Q_X(p)$ is defined as (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) the smallest x , such that $F_X(x) = p$:

$$Q_X(p) = \min \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) = p\} . \quad (4)$$

Because the CDF only returns (\rightarrow Proof II/1.1.3) multiples of $1/n$ with $n = b - a + 1$, the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) is only defined for such values. First, we have $Q_X(p) = -\infty$, if $p = 0$. Second, since the cumulative probability increases step-wise (\rightarrow Proof II/1.1.3) by $1/n$ at each integer between and including a and b , the minimum x at which

$$F_X(x) = \frac{c}{n} \quad \text{where } c \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad (5)$$

is given by

$$Q_X\left(\frac{c}{n}\right) = a + \frac{c}{n} \cdot n - 1 . \quad (6)$$

Substituting $p = c/n$ and $n = b - a + 1$, we can finally show:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_X(p) &= a + p \cdot (b - a + 1) - 1 \\ &= a + pb - pa + p - 1 \\ &= a(1-p) + (b+1)p - 1 . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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1.2 Bernoulli distribution

1.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to follow a Bernoulli distribution with success probability p

$$X \sim \text{Bern}(p) , \quad (1)$$

if $X = 1$ with probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) p and $X = 0$ with probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) $q = 1 - p$.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Bernoulli distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-03-22; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernoulli_distribution.

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1.2.2 Probability mass function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Bernoulli distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bern}(p) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p , & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1 - p , & \text{if } x = 0 . \end{cases} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the Bernoulli distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1).

Sources:

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1.2.3 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Bernoulli distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bern}(p) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = p . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is the probability-weighted average of all possible values:

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot \Pr(X = x) . \quad (3)$$

Since there are only two possible outcomes for a Bernoulli random variable (\rightarrow Proof II/1.2.2), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= 0 \cdot \Pr(X = 0) + 1 \cdot \Pr(X = 1) \\ &= 0 \cdot (1 - p) + 1 \cdot p \\ &= p . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Bernoulli distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-01-16; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernoulli_distribution#Mean.

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1.3 Binomial distribution

1.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to follow a binomial distribution with number of trials n and success probability p

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) , \quad (1)$$

if X is the number of successes observed in n independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) trials, where each trial has two possible outcomes (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1) (success/failure) and the probability of success and failure are identical across trials ($p/q = 1 - p$).

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1.3.2 Probability mass function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a binomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: A binomial variable is defined as (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1) the number of successes observed in n independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) trials, where each trial has two possible outcomes (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1) (success/failure) and the probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of success and failure are identical across trials ($p/q = 1-p$).

If one has obtained x successes in n trials, one has also obtained $(n-x)$ failures. The probability of a particular series of x successes and $(n-x)$ failures, when order does matter, is

$$p^x (1-p)^{n-x} . \quad (3)$$

When order does not matter, there is a number of series consisting of x successes and $(n-x)$ failures. This number is equal to the number of possibilities in which x objects can be chosen from n objects which is given by the binomial coefficient:

$$\binom{n}{x} . \quad (4)$$

In order to obtain the probability of x successes and $(n-x)$ failures, when order does not matter, the probability in (3) has to be multiplied with the number of possibilities in (4) which gives

$$p(X = x|n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \quad (5)$$

which is equivalent to the expression above.

Sources:

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1.3.3 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a binomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = np . \quad (2)$$

Proof: By definition, a binomial random variable (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1) is the sum of n independent and identical Bernoulli trials (\rightarrow Definition II/1.2.1) with success probability p . Therefore, the expected value is

$$E(X) = E(X_1 + \dots + X_n) \quad (3)$$

and because the expected value is a linear operator (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), this is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X_1) + \dots + E(X_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

With the expected value of the Bernoulli distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.2.3), we have:

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n p = np . \quad (5)$$

Sources:

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1.4 Poisson distribution

1.4.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to follow a Poisson distribution with rate λ

$$X \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) is given by

$$\text{Poiss}(x; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \quad (2)$$

where $x \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\lambda > 0$.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Poisson distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-25; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poisson_distribution#Definitions.

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1.4.2 Probability mass function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, \quad x \in \mathbb{N}_0. \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.4.1).

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1.4.3 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda). \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda. \quad (2)$$

Proof: The expected value of a discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is defined as

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x), \quad (3)$$

such that, with the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{x!} \lambda^x \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Substituting $z = x - 1$, such that $x = z + 1$, we get:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^z}{z!}. \quad (5)$$

Using the power series expansion of the exponential function

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad (6)$$

the expected value of X finally becomes

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} \\ &= \lambda . \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Sources:

- ProofWiki (2020): “Expectation of Poisson Distribution”; in: *ProofWiki*, retrieved on 2020-08-19; URL: https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Expectation_of_Poisson_Distribution.

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1.4.4 Variance

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) can be expressed in terms of expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.3) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 . \tag{3}$$

The expected value of a Poisson random variable (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.3) is

$$E(X) = \lambda . \tag{4}$$

Let us now consider the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $X(X-1)$ which is defined as

$$E[X(X-1)] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x(x-1) \cdot f_X(x) , \tag{5}$$

such that, with the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X(X-1)] &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x(x-1) \cdot \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \\ &= \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} x(x-1) \cdot \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} x(x-1) \cdot \frac{\lambda^x}{x \cdot (x-1) \cdot (x-2)!} \\ &= \lambda^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-2}}{(x-2)!} . \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Substituting $z = x - 2$, such that $x = z + 2$, we get:

$$E[X(X-1)] = \lambda^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^z}{z!} . \quad (7)$$

Using the power series expansion of the exponential function

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} , \quad (8)$$

the expected value of $X(X-1)$ finally becomes

$$E[X(X-1)] = \lambda^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = \lambda^2 . \quad (9)$$

Note that this expectation can be written as

$$E[X(X-1)] = E(X^2 - X) = E(X^2) - E(X) , \quad (10)$$

such that, with (9) and (4), we have:

$$E(X^2) - E(X) = \lambda^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(X^2) = \lambda^2 + \lambda . \quad (11)$$

Plugging (11) and (4) into (3), the variance of a Poisson random variable finally becomes

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda . \quad (12)$$

Sources:

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2 Multivariate discrete distributions

2.1 Categorical distribution

2.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, X is said to follow a categorical distribution with success probability p_1, \dots, p_k

$$X \sim \text{Cat}([p_1, \dots, p_k]) , \quad (1)$$

if $X = e_i$ with probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) p_i for all $i = 1, \dots, k$, where e_i is the i -th elementary row vector, i.e. a $1 \times k$ vector of zeros with a one in i -th position.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Categorical distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-03-22; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Categorical_distribution.

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2.1.2 Probability mass function

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a categorical distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1):

$$X \sim \text{Cat}([p_1, \dots, p_k]) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p_1 , & \text{if } x = e_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ p_k , & \text{if } x = e_k . \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where e_1, \dots, e_k are the $1 \times k$ elementary row vectors.

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the categorical distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1).

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2.1.3 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a categorical distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1):

$$X \sim \text{Cat}([p_1, \dots, p_k]) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = [p_1, \dots, p_k] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: If we conceive the outcome of a categorical distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1) to be a $1 \times k$ vector, then the elementary row vectors $e_1 = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$, ..., $e_k = [0, \dots, 0, 1]$ are all the possible outcomes and they occur with probabilities $\Pr(X = e_1) = p_1$, ..., $\Pr(X = e_k) = p_k$. Consequently, the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot \Pr(X = x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k e_i \cdot \Pr(X = e_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k e_i \cdot p_i \\ &= [p_1, \dots, p_k] . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Sources:

- original work

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2.2 Multinomial distribution

2.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, X is said to follow a multinomial distribution with number of trials n and category probabilities p_1, \dots, p_k

$$X \sim \text{Mult}(n, [p_1, \dots, p_k]) , \quad (1)$$

if X are the numbers of observations belonging to k distinct categories in n independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) trials, where each trial has k possible outcomes (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1) and the category probabilities are identical across trials.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Binomial distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-03-22; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multinomial_distribution.

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2.2.2 Probability mass function

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1):

$$X \sim \text{Mult}(n, [p_1, \dots, p_k]) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability mass function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.1) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_k} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: A multinomial variable is defined as (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1) a vector of the numbers of observations belonging to k distinct categories in n independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) trials, where each trial has k possible outcomes (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1) and the category probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) are identical across trials.

The probability of a particular series of x_1 observations for category 1, x_2 observations for category 2 etc., when order does matter, is

$$\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} . \quad (3)$$

When order does not matter, there is a number of series consisting of x_1 observations for category 1, ..., x_k observations for category k . This number is equal to the number of possibilities in which x_1 category 1 objects, ..., x_k category k objects can be distributed in a sequence of n objects which is given by the multinomial coefficient that can be expressed in terms of factorials:

$$\binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_k} = \frac{n!}{x_1! \cdot \dots \cdot x_k!} . \quad (4)$$

In order to obtain the probability of x_1 observations for category 1, ..., x_k observations for category k , when order does not matter, the probability in (3) has to be multiplied with the number of possibilities in (4) which gives

$$p(X = x | n, [p_1, \dots, p_k]) = \binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_k} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \quad (5)$$

which is equivalent to the expression above.

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2.2.3 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1):

$$X \sim \text{Mult}(n, [p_1, \dots, p_k]) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = [np_1, \dots, np_k] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: By definition, a multinomial random variable (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1) is the sum of n independent and identical categorical trials (\rightarrow Definition II/2.1.1) with category probabilities p_1, \dots, p_k . Therefore, the expected value is

$$E(X) = E(X_1 + \dots + X_n) \quad (3)$$

and because the expected value is a linear operator (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), this is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X_1) + \dots + E(X_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

With the expected value of the categorical distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/2.1.3), we have:

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n [p_1, \dots, p_k] = n \cdot [p_1, \dots, p_k] = [np_1, \dots, np_k] . \quad (5)$$

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3 Univariate continuous distributions

3.1 Continuous uniform distribution

3.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to be uniformly distributed with minimum a and maximum b

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if each value between and including a and b occurs with the same probability.

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Uniform distribution (continuous)”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-01-27; URL: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_distribution_\(continuous\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_distribution_(continuous)).

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3.1.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 , & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Proof: A continuous uniform variable is defined as (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1) having a constant probability density between minimum a and maximum b . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &\propto 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b] \quad \text{and} \\ f_X(x) &= 0, \quad \text{if } x < a \quad \text{or } x > b . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

To ensure that $f_X(x)$ is a proper probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4), the integral over all non-zero probabilities has to sum to 1. Therefore,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{c(a, b)} \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b] \quad (4)$$

where the normalization factor $c(a, b)$ is specified, such that

$$\frac{1}{c(a, b)} \int_a^b 1 \, dx = 1 . \quad (5)$$

Solving this for $c(a, b)$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b 1 \, dx &= c(a, b) \\
[x]_a^b &= c(a, b) \\
c(a, b) &= b - a .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

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3.1.3 Cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 , & \text{if } x > b . \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Proof: The probability density function of the continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.2) is:

$$\mathcal{U}(x; a, b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 , & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

Thus, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) \, dz \tag{4}$$

First of all, if $x < a$, we have

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x 0 \, dz = 0 . \tag{5}$$

Moreover, if $a \leq x \leq b$, we have using (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^a \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) \, dz + \int_a^x \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) \, dz \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^a 0 \, dz + \int_a^x \frac{1}{b-a} \, dz \\
&= 0 + \frac{1}{b-a} [z]_a^x \\
&= \frac{x-a}{b-a} .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Finally, if $x > b$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^b \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) \, dz + \int_b^x \mathcal{U}(z; a, b) \, dz \\
&= F_X(b) + \int_b^x 0 \, dz \\
&= \frac{b-a}{b-a} + 0 \\
&= 1 .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

This completes the proof.

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3.1.4 Quantile function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) of X is

$$Q_X(p) = \begin{cases} -\infty , & \text{if } p = 0 \\ bp + a(1-p) , & \text{if } p > 0 . \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of the continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.3) is:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 , & \text{if } x > b . \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

The quantile function $Q_X(p)$ is defined as (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) the smallest x , such that $F_X(x) = p$:

$$Q_X(p) = \min \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) = p\} . \quad (4)$$

Thus, we have $Q_X(p) = -\infty$, if $p = 0$. When $p > 0$, it holds that (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.18)

$$Q_X(p) = F_X^{-1}(p) . \quad (5)$$

This can be derived by rearranging equation (3):

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{x - a}{b - a} \\ x &= p(b - a) + a \\ x &= bp + a(1 - p) . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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3.1.5 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{1}{2}(a + b) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is the probability-weighted average over all possible values:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx . \quad (3)$$

With the probability density function of the continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.2), this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \int_a^b x \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx \\
&= \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{b-a} \right]_a^b \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{b^2 - a^2}{b-a} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b+a)(b-a)}{b-a} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(a+b) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

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3.1.6 Median

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the median (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.1) of X is

$$\text{median}(X) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b) . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The median (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.1) is the value at which the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is $1/2$:

$$F_X(\text{median}(X)) = \frac{1}{2} . \tag{3}$$

The cumulative distribution function of the continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.3) is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 , & \text{if } x > b . \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Thus, the inverse CDF (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.4) is

$$x = bp + a(1-p) . \tag{5}$$

Setting $p = 1/2$, we obtain:

$$\text{median}(X) = b \cdot \frac{1}{2} + a \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b) . \tag{6}$$

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3.1.7 Mode

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{U}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) of X is

$$\text{mode}(X) \in [a, b] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) is the value which maximizes the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4):

$$\text{mode}(X) = \arg \max_x f_X(x) . \quad (3)$$

The probability density function of the continuous uniform distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.1.2) is:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} , & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 , & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Since the PDF attains its only non-zero value whenever $a \leq x \leq b$,

$$\max_x f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} , \quad (5)$$

any value in the interval $[a, b]$ may be considered the mode of X .

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3.2 Normal distribution**3.2.1 Definition**

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to be normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 (or, standard deviation σ)

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

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

where $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\sigma^2 > 0$.

Sources:

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3.2.2 Standard normal distribution

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to be standard normally distributed, if X follows a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with mean $\mu = 0$ and variance $\sigma^2 = 1$:

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Wikipedia (2020): “Normal distribution”; in: *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*, retrieved on 2020-05-26; URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_distribution#Standard_normal_distribution.

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3.2.3 Relation to standard normal distribution

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with mean μ and variance σ^2 :

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantity $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$ will have a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) with mean 0 and variance 1:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Note that Z is a function of X

$$Z = g(X) = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (3)$$

with the inverse function

$$X = g^{-1}(Z) = \sigma Z + \mu . \quad (4)$$

Because σ is positive, $g(X)$ is strictly increasing and we can calculate the cumulative distribution function of a strictly increasing function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.9) as

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) \\ F_X(g^{-1}(y)), & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 1, & \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}). \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

The cumulative distribution function of the normally distributed (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.9) X is

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dt. \quad (6)$$

Applying (5) to (6), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &\stackrel{(5)}{=} F_X(g^{-1}(z)) \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\sigma z + \mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dt. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Substituting $s = (t - \mu)/\sigma$, such that $t = \sigma s + \mu$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= \int_{(-\infty - \mu)/\sigma}^{(\sigma z + \mu) - \mu)/\sigma} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\sigma s + \mu) - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] d(\sigma s + \mu) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} s^2 \right] ds \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} s^2 \right] ds \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

which is the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2).

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3.2.4 Relation to standard normal distribution

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with mean μ and variance σ^2 :

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2). \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantity $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$ will have a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) with mean 0 and variance 1:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1). \quad (2)$$

Proof: Note that Z is a function of X

$$Z = g(X) = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (3)$$

with the inverse function

$$X = g^{-1}(Z) = \sigma Z + \mu . \quad (4)$$

Because σ is positive, $g(X)$ is strictly increasing and we can calculate the probability density function of a strictly increasing function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.5) as

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where $\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\}$. With the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g^{-1}(z) - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \cdot \frac{dg^{-1}(z)}{dz} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\sigma z + \mu) - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \cdot \frac{d(\sigma z + \mu)}{dz} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} z^2 \right] \cdot \sigma \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} z^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

which is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2).

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3.2.5 Relation to standard normal distribution

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with mean μ and variance σ^2 :

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantity $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$ will have a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) with mean 0 and variance 1:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The linear transformation theorem for multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.5) states

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = Ax + b \sim \mathcal{N}(A\mu + b, A\Sigma A^T) \quad (3)$$

where x is an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) with mean μ and covariance Σ , A is an $m \times n$ matrix and b is an $m \times 1$ vector. Note that

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X}{\sigma} - \frac{\mu}{\sigma} \quad (4)$$

is a special case of (3) with $x = X$, $\mu = \mu$, $\Sigma = \sigma^2$, $A = 1/\sigma$ and $b = \mu/\sigma$. Applying theorem (3) to Z as a function of X , we have

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z = \frac{X}{\sigma} - \frac{\mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\mu}{\sigma} - \frac{\mu}{\sigma}, \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \sigma^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \quad (5)$$

which results in the distribution:

$$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) . \quad (6)$$

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3.2.6 Gaussian integral

Theorem: The definite integral of $\exp[-x^2]$ from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ is equal to the square root of π :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-x^2] \, dx = \sqrt{\pi} . \quad (1)$$

Proof: Let

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \exp[-x^2] \, dx \quad (2)$$

and

$$I_P = \int_0^P \exp[-x^2] \, dx = \int_0^P \exp[-y^2] \, dy . \quad (3)$$

Then, we have

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} I_P = I \quad (4)$$

and

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} I_P^2 = I^2 . \quad (5)$$

Moreover, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_P^2 &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \left(\int_0^P \exp[-x^2] \, dx \right) \left(\int_0^P \exp[-y^2] \, dy \right) \\
 &= \int_0^P \int_0^P \exp[-(x^2 + y^2)] \, dx \, dy \\
 &= \iint_{S_P} \exp[-(x^2 + y^2)] \, dx \, dy
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where S_P is the square with corners $(0, 0)$, $(0, P)$, (P, P) and $(P, 0)$. For this integral, we can write down the following inequality

$$\iint_{C_1} \exp[-(x^2 + y^2)] \, dx \, dy \leq I_P^2 \leq \iint_{C_2} \exp[-(x^2 + y^2)] \, dx \, dy \tag{7}$$

where C_1 and C_2 are the regions in the first quadrant bounded by circles with center at $(0, 0)$ and going through the points $(0, P)$ and (P, P) , respectively. The radii of these two circles are $r_1 = \sqrt{P^2} = P$ and $r_2 = \sqrt{2P^2} = P\sqrt{2}$, such that we can rewrite equation (7) using polar coordinates as

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{r_1} \exp[-r^2] \, r \, dr \, d\theta \leq I_P^2 \leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{r_2} \exp[-r^2] \, r \, dr \, d\theta. \tag{8}$$

Solving the definite integrals yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{r_1} \exp[-r^2] \, r \, dr \, d\theta &\leq I_P^2 \leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{r_2} \exp[-r^2] \, r \, dr \, d\theta \\
 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \exp[-r^2] \right]_0^{r_1} d\theta &\leq I_P^2 \leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \exp[-r^2] \right]_0^{r_2} d\theta \\
 -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\exp[-r_1^2] - 1) \, d\theta &\leq I_P^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\exp[-r_2^2] - 1) \, d\theta \\
 -\frac{1}{2} [(\exp[-r_1^2] - 1) \theta]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} &\leq I_P^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2} [(\exp[-r_2^2] - 1) \theta]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
 \frac{1}{2} (1 - \exp[-r_1^2]) \frac{\pi}{2} &\leq I_P^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 - \exp[-r_2^2]) \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 \frac{\pi}{4} (1 - \exp[-P^2]) &\leq I_P^2 \leq \frac{\pi}{4} (1 - \exp[-2P^2])
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Calculating the limit for $P \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{4} (1 - \exp[-P^2]) &\leq \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} I_P^2 \leq \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{4} (1 - \exp[-2P^2]) \\
 \frac{\pi}{4} &\leq I^2 \leq \frac{\pi}{4},
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

such that we have a preliminary result for I :

$$I^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}. \tag{11}$$

Because the integrand in (1) is an even function, we can calculate the final result as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-x^2] \, dx &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \exp[-x^2] \, dx \\
&\stackrel{(11)}{=} 2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \\
&= \sqrt{\pi} .
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

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3.2.7 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] . \tag{2}$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1).

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3.2.8 Moment-generating function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) of X is

$$M_X(t) = \exp \left[\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2 \right] . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \quad (3)$$

and the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) is defined as

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] . \quad (4)$$

Using the expected value for continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), the moment-generating function of X therefore is

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[tx] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[tx - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dx . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Substituting $u = (x - \mu)/(\sqrt{2}\sigma)$, i.e. $x = \sqrt{2}\sigma u + \mu$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{(-\infty - \mu)/(\sqrt{2}\sigma)}^{(+\infty - \mu)/(\sqrt{2}\sigma)} \exp \left[t \left(\sqrt{2}\sigma u + \mu \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma u + \mu - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] d \left(\sqrt{2}\sigma u + \mu \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[\left(\sqrt{2}\sigma u + \mu \right) t - u^2 \right] du \\ &= \frac{\exp(\mu t)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[\sqrt{2}\sigma u t - u^2 \right] du \\ &= \frac{\exp(\mu t)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[- \left(u^2 - \sqrt{2}\sigma u t \right) \right] du \\ &= \frac{\exp(\mu t)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[- \left(u - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sigma t \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2 \right] du \\ &= \frac{\exp \left[\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2 \right]}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[- \left(u - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sigma t \right)^2 \right] du \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Now substituting $v = u - \sqrt{2}/2 \sigma t$, i.e. $u = v + \sqrt{2}/2 \sigma t$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \frac{\exp \left[\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2 \right]}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty - \sqrt{2}/2 \sigma t}^{+\infty - \sqrt{2}/2 \sigma t} \exp \left[-v^2 \right] d \left(v + \sqrt{2}/2 \sigma t \right) \\ &= \frac{\exp \left[\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2 \right]}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[-v^2 \right] dv . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

With the Gaussian integral (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.6)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-x^2] \, dx = \sqrt{\pi} \, , \quad (8)$$

this finally becomes

$$M_X(t) = \exp \left[\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2 \right] . \quad (9)$$

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3.2.9 Cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right] \quad (2)$$

where $\operatorname{erf}(x)$ is the error function defined as

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x \exp(-t^2) \, dt . \quad (3)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7) is:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] . \quad (4)$$

Thus, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is:

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{N}(z; \mu, \sigma^2) \, dz \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \, dz \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp \left[-\left(\frac{z - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \, dz . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Substituting $t = (z - \mu)/(\sqrt{2}\sigma)$, i.e. $z = \sqrt{2}\sigma t + \mu$, this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{(-\infty-\mu)/(\sqrt{2}\sigma)}^{(x-\mu)/(\sqrt{2}\sigma)} \exp(-t^2) d(\sqrt{2}\sigma t + \mu) \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}} \exp(-t^2) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}} \exp(-t^2) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp(-t^2) dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}} \exp(-t^2) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t^2) dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}} \exp(-t^2) dt .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Applying (3) to (6), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{erf}(x) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right) \right] .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

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3.2.10 Cumulative distribution function without error function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X can be expressed as

$$f_X(x) = \Phi_{\mu,\sigma}(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} + \frac{1}{2} \tag{2}$$

where $\varphi(x)$ is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) and $n!!$ is a double factorial.

Proof:

1) First, consider the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ which has the probability density function (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7)

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}. \quad (3)$$

Let $T(x)$ be the indefinite integral of this function. It can be obtained using infinitely repeated integration by parts as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T(x) &= \int \varphi(x) dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int 1 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \left[x \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + \int x^2 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \left[x \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + \int \frac{1}{3}x^4 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \left[x \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + \left[\frac{1}{15}x^5 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + \int \frac{1}{15}x^6 \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \right] \right] \right] \\ &= \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) + \int \left(\frac{x^{2n}}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \left[\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \left(\frac{x^{2n}}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) dx \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Since $(2n-1)!!$ grows faster than x^{2n} , it holds that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \left(\frac{x^{2n}}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) dx = \int 0 dx = c \quad (5)$$

for constant c , such that the indefinite integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} T(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) + c \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} + c \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \varphi(x) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} + c. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

2) Next, let $\Phi(x)$ be the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2):

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(x) dx. \quad (7)$$

It can be obtained by matching $T(0)$ to $\Phi(0)$ which is $1/2$, because the standard normal distribution is symmetric around zero:

$$\begin{aligned} T(0) &= \varphi(0) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{0^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} + c = \frac{1}{2} = \Phi(0) \\ &\Leftrightarrow c = \frac{1}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \Phi(x) &= \varphi(x) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} + \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

3) Finally, the cumulative distribution functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) and the general normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) are related to each other (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.3) as

$$\Phi_{\mu,\sigma}(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right). \quad (9)$$

Combining (9) with (8), we have:

$$\Phi_{\mu,\sigma}(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!!} + \frac{1}{2}. \quad (10)$$

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3.2.11 Quantile function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2). \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) of X is

$$Q_X(p) = \sqrt{2}\sigma \cdot \text{erf}^{-1}(2p-1) + \mu \quad (2)$$

where $\text{erf}^{-1}(x)$ is the inverse error function.

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.9) is:

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \text{erf} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right]. \quad (3)$$

Because the cumulative distribution function (CDF) is strictly monotonically increasing, the quantile function is equal to the inverse of the CDF (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.18):

$$Q_X(p) = F_X^{-1}(x) . \quad (4)$$

This can be derived by rearranging equation (3):

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right] \\ 2p - 1 &= \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \\ \operatorname{erf}^{-1}(2p - 1) &= \frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \\ x &= \sqrt{2}\sigma \cdot \operatorname{erf}^{-1}(2p - 1) + \mu . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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3.2.12 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \mu . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is the probability-weighted average over all possible values:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx . \quad (3)$$

With the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), this reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \, dx . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Substituting $z = x - \mu$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty-\mu}^{+\infty-\mu} (z + \mu) \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dz \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (z + \mu) \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dz \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dz + \mu \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dz \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot z^2 \right] dz + \mu \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot z^2 \right] dz \right) .
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

The general antiderivatives are

$$\begin{aligned}
\int x \cdot \exp [-ax^2] dx &= -\frac{1}{2a} \cdot \exp [-ax^2] \\
\int \exp [-ax^2] dx &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot \operatorname{erf} [\sqrt{a}x]
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where $\operatorname{erf}(x)$ is the error function. Using this, the integrals can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \left(\left[-\sigma^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot z^2 \right] \right]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} + \mu \left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma \cdot \operatorname{erf} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} z \right] \right]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \left(\left[\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} \left(-\sigma^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot z^2 \right] \right) - \lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \left(-\sigma^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot z^2 \right] \right) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mu \left[\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma \cdot \operatorname{erf} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} z \right] \right) - \lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma \cdot \operatorname{erf} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} z \right] \right) \right] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \left([0 - 0] + \mu \left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma - \left(-\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma \right) \right] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \mu \cdot 2\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma \\
&= \mu .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

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3.2.13 Median

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the median (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.1) of X is

$$\text{median}(X) = \mu . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The median (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.1) is the value at which the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is $1/2$:

$$F_X(\text{median}(X)) = \frac{1}{2} . \quad (3)$$

The cumulative distribution function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.9) is

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \text{erf} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

where $\text{erf}(x)$ is the error function. Thus, the inverse CDF is

$$x = \sqrt{2}\sigma \cdot \text{erf}^{-1}(2p - 1) + \mu \quad (5)$$

where $\text{erf}^{-1}(x)$ is the inverse error function. Setting $p = 1/2$, we obtain:

$$\text{median}(X) = \sqrt{2}\sigma \cdot \text{erf}^{-1}(0) + \mu = \mu . \quad (6)$$

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3.2.14 Mode

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) of X is

$$\text{mode}(X) = \mu . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) is the value which maximizes the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4):

$$\text{mode}(X) = \arg \max_x f_X(x) . \quad (3)$$

The probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7) is:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] . \quad (4)$$

The first two derivatives of this function are:

$$f'_X(x) = \frac{df_X(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \cdot (-x + \mu) \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \quad (5)$$

$$f''_X(x) = \frac{d^2f_X(x)}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^5} \cdot (-x + \mu)^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] . \quad (6)$$

We now calculate the root of the first derivative (5):

$$\begin{aligned} f'_X(x) = 0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \cdot (-x + \mu) \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\ 0 &= -x + \mu \\ x &= \mu . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

By plugging this value into the second derivative (6),

$$\begin{aligned} f''_X(\mu) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \cdot \exp(0) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^5} \cdot (0)^2 \cdot \exp(0) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} < 0 , \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

we confirm that it is in fact a maximum which shows that

$$\text{mode}(X) = \mu . \quad (9)$$

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3.2.15 Variance

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) is the probability-weighted average of the squared deviation from the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1):

$$\text{Var}(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - E(X))^2 \cdot f_X(x) dx . \quad (3)$$

With the expected value (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.12) and probability density function (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7) of the normal distribution, this reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dx . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Substituting $z = x - \mu$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty-\mu}^{+\infty-\mu} z^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] d(z + \mu) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] dz . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Now substituting $z = \sqrt{2}\sigma x$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (\sqrt{2}\sigma x)^2 \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma x}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] d(\sqrt{2}\sigma x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot 2\sigma^2 \cdot \sqrt{2}\sigma \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \cdot \exp [-x^2] dx \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \cdot e^{-x^2} dx . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since the integrand is symmetric with respect to $x = 0$, we can write:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{4\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \cdot e^{-x^2} dx . \quad (7)$$

If we define $z = x^2$, then $x = \sqrt{z}$ and $dx = 1/2 z^{-1/2} dz$. Substituting this into the integral

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{4\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} z \cdot e^{-z} \cdot \frac{1}{2} z^{-1/2} dz = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} z^{\frac{3}{2}-1} \cdot e^{-z} dz \quad (8)$$

and using the definition of the gamma function

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} z^{x-1} \cdot e^{-z} dz , \quad (9)$$

we can finally show that

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = \sigma^2 . \quad (10)$$

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3.2.16 Full width at half maximum

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the full width at half maximum (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.2) (FWHM) of X is

$$\text{FWHM}(X) = 2\sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \quad (3)$$

and the mode of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.14) is

$$\text{mode}(X) = \mu , \quad (4)$$

such that

$$f_{\max} = f_X(\text{mode}(X)) \stackrel{(4)}{=} f_X(\mu) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} . \quad (5)$$

The FWHM bounds satisfy the equation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.2)

$$f_X(x_{\text{FWHM}}) = \frac{1}{2} f_{\max} \stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} . \quad (6)$$

Using (3), we can develop this equation as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_{\text{FWHM}} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \\
\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_{\text{FWHM}} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] &= \frac{1}{2} \\
-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_{\text{FWHM}} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 &= \ln \frac{1}{2} \\
\left(\frac{x_{\text{FWHM}} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 &= -2 \ln \frac{1}{2} \\
\frac{x_{\text{FWHM}} - \mu}{\sigma} &= \pm \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \\
x_{\text{FWHM}} - \mu &= \pm \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma \\
x_{\text{FWHM}} &= \pm \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma + \mu .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

This implies the following two solutions for x_{FWHM}

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= \mu - \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma \\
x_2 &= \mu + \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma ,
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

such that the full width at half maximum (\rightarrow Definition I/1.10.2) of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{FWHM}(X) &= \Delta x = x_2 - x_1 \\
&\stackrel{(8)}{=} \left(\mu + \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma \right) - \left(\mu - \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma \right) \\
&= 2\sqrt{2 \ln 2} \sigma .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

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3.2.17 Differential entropy

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of X is

$$h(X) = \frac{1}{2} \ln (2\pi\sigma^2 e) . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of a random variable is defined as

$$h(X) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_b p(x) dx . \quad (3)$$

To measure $h(X)$ in nats, we set $b = e$, such that (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1)

$$h(X) = -E [\ln p(x)] . \quad (4)$$

With the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), the differential entropy of X is:

$$\begin{aligned} h(X) &= -E \left[\ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \right) \right] \\ &= -E \left[-\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} E \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot E [(x-\mu)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2 e) . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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3.2.18 Kullback-Leibler divergence

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Assume two normal distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) P and Q specifying the probability distribution of X as

$$\begin{aligned} P : X &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\ Q : X &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then, the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q is given by

$$\text{KL}[P || Q] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(\mu_2 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 1 \right] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The KL divergence for a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is given by

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (3)$$

which, applied to the normal distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) in (1), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \ln \frac{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2)}{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2)} dx \\ &= \left\langle \ln \frac{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2)}{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2)} \right\rangle_{p(x)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Using the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \left\langle \ln \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \right]}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right]} \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \left\langle \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right) \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle - \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle - \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{x^2 - 2\mu_2 x + \mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right\rangle_{p(x)}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Because the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is a linear operator (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), the expectation can be moved into the sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \frac{1}{2} \left[- \frac{\langle (x-\mu_1)^2 \rangle}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{\langle x^2 - 2\mu_2 x + \mu_2^2 \rangle}{\sigma_2^2} - \left\langle \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[- \frac{\langle (x-\mu_1)^2 \rangle}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle 2\mu_2 x \rangle + \langle \mu_2^2 \rangle}{\sigma_2^2} - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The first expectation corresponds to the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1)

$$\langle (X - \mu)^2 \rangle = \text{E}[(X - \text{E}(X))^2] = \text{Var}(X) \quad (7)$$

and the variance of a normally distributed random variable (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.15) is

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2. \quad (8)$$

Additionally applying the raw moments of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.8)

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle = \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \mu^2 + \sigma^2, \quad (9)$$

the Kullback-Leibler divergence in (6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P || Q] &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{\mu_1^2 + \sigma_1^2 - 2\mu_2\mu_1 + \mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\mu_1^2 - 2\mu_1\mu_2 + \mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \ln \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 1 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

which is equivalent to (2).

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3.3 t-distribution

3.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) where each of them is following a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with mean μ and variance σ^2 :

$$X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the following random variable with sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{X} and sample variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.2) s^2 is said to be t -distributed with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom:

$$Y = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n - 1). \quad (2)$$

The t -distribution is also called “Student’s t -distribution”, after William S. Gosset a.k.a. “Student”.

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3.4 Gamma distribution

3.4.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to follow a gamma distribution with shape a and rate b

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\text{Gam}(x; a, b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx], \quad x > 0 \quad (2)$$

where $a > 0$ and $b > 0$, and the density is zero, if $x \leq 0$.

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3.4.2 Standard gamma distribution

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to have a standard gamma distribution, if X follows a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) with shape $a > 0$ and rate $b = 1$:

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, 1) . \quad (1)$$

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3.4.3 Relation to standard gamma distribution

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) with shape a and rate b :

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantity $Y = bX$ will have a standard gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.2) with shape a and rate 1:

$$Y = bX \sim \text{Gam}(a, 1) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Note that Y is a function of X

$$Y = g(X) = bX \quad (3)$$

with the inverse function

$$X = g^{-1}(Y) = \frac{1}{b}Y . \quad (4)$$

Because b is positive, $g(X)$ is strictly increasing and we can calculate the cumulative distribution function of a strictly increasing function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.9) as

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } y < \min(\mathcal{Y}) \\ F_X(g^{-1}(y)) , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 1 , & \text{if } y > \max(\mathcal{Y}) . \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

The cumulative distribution function of the gamma-distributed (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.6) X is

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} t^{a-1} \exp[-bt] dt . \quad (6)$$

Applying (5) to (6), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &\stackrel{(5)}{=} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{y/b} \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} t^{a-1} \exp[-bt] dt . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Substituting $s = bt$, such that $t = s/b$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{b(y/b)} \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \left(\frac{s}{b}\right)^{a-1} \exp\left[-b\left(\frac{s}{b}\right)\right] d\left(\frac{s}{b}\right) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{1}{b^{a-1}b} s^{a-1} \exp[-s] ds \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} s^{a-1} \exp[-s] ds \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

which is the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the standard gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.2).

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3.4.4 Relation to standard gamma distribution

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) with shape a and rate b :

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantity $Y = bX$ will have a standard gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.2) with shape a and rate 1:

$$Y = bX \sim \text{Gam}(a, 1) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Note that Y is a function of X

$$Y = g(X) = bX \quad (3)$$

with the inverse function

$$X = g^{-1}(Y) = \frac{1}{b}Y . \quad (4)$$

Because b is positive, $g(X)$ is strictly increasing and we can calculate the probability density function of a strictly increasing function (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.5) as

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} , & \text{if } y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 , & \text{if } y \notin \mathcal{Y} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where $\mathcal{Y} = \{y = g(x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\}$. With the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} [g^{-1}(y)]^{a-1} \exp[-b g^{-1}(y)] \cdot \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \\ &= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \left(\frac{1}{b}y\right)^{a-1} \exp\left[-b\left(\frac{1}{b}y\right)\right] \cdot \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{b}y\right)}{dy} \\ &= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{1}{b^{a-1}} y^{a-1} \exp[-y] \cdot \frac{1}{b} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} y^{a-1} \exp[-y] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

which is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the standard gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.2).

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3.4.5 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1).

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3.4.6 Cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \frac{\gamma(a, bx)}{\Gamma(a)} \quad (2)$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ is the gamma function and $\gamma(s, x)$ is the lower incomplete gamma function.

Proof: The probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) is:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] . \quad (3)$$

Thus, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is:

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_0^x \text{Gam}(z; a, b) \, dz \\ &= \int_0^x \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} z^{a-1} \exp[-bz] \, dz \\ &= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^x z^{a-1} \exp[-bz] \, dz . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Substituting $t = bz$, i.e. $z = t/b$, this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \int_{b \cdot 0}^{bx} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^{a-1} \exp\left[-b\left(\frac{t}{b}\right)\right] \, d\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \\ &= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{1}{b^{a-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \int_0^{bx} t^{a-1} \exp[-t] \, dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^{bx} t^{a-1} \exp[-t] \, dt . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

With the definition of the lower incomplete gamma function

$$\gamma(s, x) = \int_0^x t^{s-1} \exp[-t] dt , \quad (6)$$

we arrive at the final result given by equation (2):

$$F_X(x) = \frac{\gamma(a, bx)}{\Gamma(a)} . \quad (7)$$

Sources:

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3.4.7 Quantile function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) of X is

$$Q_X(p) = \begin{cases} -\infty , & \text{if } p = 0 \\ \gamma^{-1}(a, \Gamma(a) \cdot p)/b , & \text{if } p > 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $\gamma^{-1}(s, y)$ is the inverse of the lower incomplete gamma function $\gamma(s, x)$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.6) is:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{\gamma(a, bx)}{\Gamma(a)} , & \text{if } x \geq 0 . \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The quantile function $Q_X(p)$ is defined as (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) the smallest x , such that $F_X(x) = p$:

$$Q_X(p) = \min \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) = p\} . \quad (4)$$

Thus, we have $Q_X(p) = -\infty$, if $p = 0$. When $p > 0$, it holds that (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.18)

$$Q_X(p) = F_X^{-1}(p) . \quad (5)$$

This can be derived by rearranging equation (3):

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{\gamma(a, bx)}{\Gamma(a)} \\ \Gamma(a) \cdot p &= \gamma(a, bx) \\ \gamma^{-1}(a, \Gamma(a) \cdot p) &= bx \\ x &= \frac{\gamma^{-1}(a, \Gamma(a) \cdot p)}{b} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Sources:

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3.4.8 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{a}{b} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is the probability-weighted average over all possible values:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx . \quad (3)$$

With the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), this reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \int_0^\infty x \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{(a+1)-1} \exp[-bx] \, dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{b^{a+1}}{\Gamma(a)} x^{(a+1)-1} \exp[-bx] \, dx . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Employing the relation $\Gamma(x+1) = \Gamma(x) \cdot x$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_0^\infty \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b^{a+1}}{\Gamma(a+1)} x^{(a+1)-1} \exp[-bx] \, dx \quad (5)$$

and again using the density of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \frac{a}{b} \int_0^\infty \text{Gam}(x; a+1, b) \, dx \\ &= \frac{a}{b} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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3.4.9 Variance

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{a}{b^2} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) can be expressed in terms of expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.3) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 . \quad (3)$$

The expected value of a gamma random variable (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.8) is

$$E(X) = \frac{a}{b} . \quad (4)$$

With the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), the expected value of a squared gamma random variable is

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_0^\infty x^2 \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{(a+2)-1} \exp[-bx] dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b^2} \cdot \frac{b^{a+2}}{\Gamma(a)} x^{(a+2)-1} \exp[-bx] dx . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Twice-applying the relation $\Gamma(x+1) = \Gamma(x) \cdot x$, we have

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^\infty \frac{a(a+1)}{b^2} \cdot \frac{b^{a+2}}{\Gamma(a+2)} x^{(a+2)-1} \exp[-bx] dx \quad (6)$$

and again using the density of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \frac{a(a+1)}{b^2} \int_0^\infty \text{Gam}(x; a+2, b) dx \\ &= \frac{a^2 + a}{b^2} . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Plugging (7) and (4) into (3), the variance of a gamma random variable finally becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{a^2 + a}{b^2} - \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{a}{b^2} . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Sources:

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3.4.10 Logarithmic expectation

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the natural logarithm of X is

$$\mathbb{E}(\ln X) = \psi(a) - \ln(b) \quad (2)$$

where $\psi(x)$ is the digamma function.

Proof: Let $Y = \ln(X)$, such that $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \mathbb{E}(\ln X)$ and consider the special case that $b = 1$. In this case, the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-x] . \quad (3)$$

Multiplying this function with dx , we obtain

$$f_X(x) dx = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} x^a \exp[-x] \frac{dx}{x} . \quad (4)$$

Substituting $y = \ln x$, i.e. $x = e^y$, such that $dx/dy = x$, i.e. $dx/x = dy$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) dy &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (e^y)^a \exp[-e^y] dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \exp[ay - e^y] dy . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Because $f_Y(y)$ integrates to one, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_Y(y) dy \\ 1 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \exp[ay - e^y] dy \\ \Gamma(a) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp[ay - e^y] dy . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Note that the integrand in (6) is differentiable with respect to a :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{da} \exp[ay - e^y] dy &= y \exp[ay - e^y] dy \\ &\stackrel{(5)}{=} \Gamma(a) y f_Y(y) dy . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Now we can calculate the expected value of $Y = \ln(X)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} y f_Y(y) dy \\
 &\stackrel{(7)}{=} \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d}{da} \exp[ay - e^y] dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{d}{da} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp[ay - e^y] dy \\
 &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{d}{da} \Gamma(a) \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma'(a)}{\Gamma(a)} .
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Using the derivative of a logarithmized function

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \tag{9}$$

and the definition of the digamma function

$$\psi(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma(x) , \tag{10}$$

we have

$$E(Y) = \psi(a) . \tag{11}$$

Finally, noting that $1/b$ acts as a scaling parameter (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.3) on a gamma-distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3),

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{b}X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) , \tag{12}$$

and that a scaling parameter acts additively on the logarithmic expectation of a random variable,

$$E[\ln(cX)] = E[\ln(X) + \ln(c)] = E[\ln(X)] + \ln(c) , \tag{13}$$

it follows that

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(\ln X) = \psi(a) - \ln(b) . \tag{14}$$

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3.4.11 Expectation of $x \ln x$

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $(X \cdot \ln X)$ is

$$\mathbb{E}(X \ln X) = \frac{a}{b} [\psi(a) - \ln(b)] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: With the definition of the expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), the law of the unconscious statistician (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.9) and the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X \ln X) &= \int_0^\infty x \ln x \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty \ln x \cdot \frac{b^{a+1}}{b} x^a \exp[-bx] dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a)b} \int_0^\infty \ln x \cdot \frac{b^{a+1}}{\Gamma(a+1)} x^{(a+1)-1} \exp[-bx] dx \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The integral now corresponds to the logarithmic expectation of a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.10) with shape $a+1$ and rate b

$$\mathbb{E}(\ln Y) \quad \text{where} \quad Y \sim \text{Gam}(a+1, b) \quad (4)$$

which is given by (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.10)

$$\mathbb{E}(\ln Y) = \psi(a+1) - \ln(b) \quad (5)$$

where $\psi(x)$ is the digamma function. Additionally employing the relation

$$\Gamma(x+1) = \Gamma(x) \cdot x \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\Gamma(x+1)}{\Gamma(x)} = x , \quad (6)$$

the expression in equation (3) develops into:

$$\mathbb{E}(X \ln X) = \frac{a}{b} [\psi(a) - \ln(b)] . \quad (7)$$

Sources:

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3.4.12 Kullback-Leibler divergence

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Assume two gamma distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) P and Q specifying the probability distribution of X as

$$\begin{aligned} P : X &\sim \text{Gam}(a_1, b_1) \\ Q : X &\sim \text{Gam}(a_2, b_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then, the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q is given by

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = a_2 \ln \frac{b_1}{b_2} - \ln \frac{\Gamma(a_1)}{\Gamma(a_2)} + (a_1 - a_2) \psi(a_1) - (b_1 - b_2) \frac{a_1}{b_1} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The KL divergence for a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is given by

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (3)$$

which, applied to the gamma distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) in (1), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{Gam}(x; a_1, b_1) \ln \frac{\text{Gam}(x; a_1, b_1)}{\text{Gam}(x; a_2, b_2)} dx \\ &= \left\langle \ln \frac{\text{Gam}(x; a_1, b_1)}{\text{Gam}(x; a_2, b_2)} \right\rangle_{p(x)} . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Using the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \left\langle \ln \frac{\frac{b_1^{a_1}}{\Gamma(a_1)} x^{a_1-1} \exp[-b_1 x]}{\frac{b_2^{a_2}}{\Gamma(a_2)} x^{a_2-1} \exp[-b_2 x]} \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \left\langle \ln \left(\frac{b_1^{a_1}}{b_2^{a_2}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a_2)}{\Gamma(a_1)} \cdot x^{a_1-a_2} \cdot \exp[-(b_1 - b_2)x] \right) \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \langle a_1 \cdot \ln b_1 - a_2 \cdot \ln b_2 - \ln \Gamma(a_1) + \ln \Gamma(a_2) + (a_1 - a_2) \cdot \ln x - (b_1 - b_2) \cdot x \rangle_{p(x)} . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Using the mean of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.8) and the expected value of a logarithmized gamma variate (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.10)

$$\begin{aligned} x \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle x \rangle &= \frac{a}{b} \quad \text{and} \\ \langle \ln x \rangle &= \psi(a) - \ln(b) , \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

the Kullback-Leibler divergence from (5) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= a_1 \cdot \ln b_1 - a_2 \cdot \ln b_2 - \ln \Gamma(a_1) + \ln \Gamma(a_2) + (a_1 - a_2) \cdot (\psi(a_1) - \ln(b_1)) - (b_1 - b_2) \cdot \frac{a_1}{b_1} \\ &= a_2 \cdot \ln b_1 - a_2 \cdot \ln b_2 - \ln \Gamma(a_1) + \ln \Gamma(a_2) + (a_1 - a_2) \cdot \psi(a_1) - (b_1 - b_2) \cdot \frac{a_1}{b_1} . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Finally, combining the logarithms, we get:

$$\text{KL}[P || Q] = a_2 \ln \frac{b_1}{b_2} - \ln \frac{\Gamma(a_1)}{\Gamma(a_2)} + (a_1 - a_2) \psi(a_1) - (b_1 - b_2) \frac{a_1}{b_1} . \quad (8)$$

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3.5 Exponential distribution

3.5.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to be exponentially distributed with rate (or, inverse scale) λ

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\text{Exp}(x; \lambda) = \lambda \exp[-\lambda x], \quad x \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

where $\lambda > 0$, and the density is zero, if $x < 0$.

Sources:

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3.5.2 Special case of gamma distribution

Theorem: The exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1) is a special case of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) with shape $a = 1$ and rate $b = \lambda$.

Proof: The probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) is

$$\text{Gam}(x; a, b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] . \quad (1)$$

Setting $a = 1$ and $b = \lambda$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gam}(x; 1, \lambda) &= \frac{\lambda^1}{\Gamma(1)} x^{1-1} \exp[-\lambda x] \\ &= \frac{x^0}{\Gamma(1)} \lambda \exp[-\lambda x] \\ &= \lambda \exp[-\lambda x] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

which is equivalent to the probability density function of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.5.3).

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3.5.3 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a non-negative random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following an exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1):

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \lambda \exp[-\lambda x] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1).

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3.5.4 Cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following an exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1):

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 - \exp[-\lambda x] , & \text{if } x \geq 0 . \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.5.3) is:

$$\text{Exp}(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \lambda \exp[-\lambda x] , & \text{if } x \geq 0 . \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Thus, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \text{Exp}(z; \lambda) \, dz . \quad (4)$$

If $x < 0$, we have:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x 0 \, dz = 0 . \quad (5)$$

If $x \geq 0$, we have using (3):

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \text{Exp}(z; \lambda) \, dz + \int_0^x \text{Exp}(z; \lambda) \, dz \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 \, dz + \int_0^x \lambda \exp[-\lambda z] \, dz \\ &= 0 + \lambda \left[-\frac{1}{\lambda} \exp[-\lambda z] \right]_0^x \\ &= \lambda \left[\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \exp[-\lambda x] \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \exp[-\lambda \cdot 0] \right) \right] \\ &= 1 - \exp[-\lambda x] . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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3.5.5 Quantile function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following an exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1):

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the quantile function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) of X is

$$Q_X(p) = \begin{cases} -\infty , & \text{if } p = 0 \\ -\frac{\ln(1-p)}{\lambda} , & \text{if } p > 0 . \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Proof: The cumulative distribution function of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.5.4) is:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 - \exp[-\lambda x] , & \text{if } x \geq 0 . \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The quantile function $Q_X(p)$ is defined as (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.17) the smallest x , such that $F_X(x) = p$:

$$Q_X(p) = \min \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) = p\} . \quad (4)$$

Thus, we have $Q_X(p) = -\infty$, if $p = 0$. When $p > 0$, it holds that (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.18)

$$Q_X(p) = F_X^{-1}(x) . \quad (5)$$

This can be derived by rearranging equation (3):

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= 1 - \exp[-\lambda x] \\
 \exp[-\lambda x] &= 1 - p \\
 -\lambda x &= \ln(1 - p) \\
 x &= -\frac{\ln(1 - p)}{\lambda} .
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

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3.5.6 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following an exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1):

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$\text{E}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is the probability-weighted average over all possible values:

$$\text{E}(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx . \tag{3}$$

With the probability density function of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.5.3), this reads:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{E}(X) &= \int_0^{+\infty} x \cdot \lambda \exp(-\lambda x) \, dx \\
 &= \lambda \int_0^{+\infty} x \cdot \exp(-\lambda x) \, dx .
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Using the following anti-derivative

$$\int x \cdot \exp(-\lambda x) \, dx = \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} x - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \exp(-\lambda x) , \tag{5}$$

the expected value becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \lambda \left[\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}x - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \exp(-\lambda x) \right]_0^{+\infty} \\
&= \lambda \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}x - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \exp(-\lambda x) - \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot 0 - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \exp(-\lambda \cdot 0) \right] \\
&= \lambda \left[0 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\lambda} .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Sources:

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3.5.7 Median

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following an exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1):

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the median (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.1) of X is

$$\text{median}(X) = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} . \tag{2}$$

Proof: The median (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.1) is the value at which the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is $1/2$:

$$F_X(\text{median}(X)) = \frac{1}{2} . \tag{3}$$

The cumulative distribution function of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.5.4) is

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \exp[-\lambda x], \quad x \geq 0 . \tag{4}$$

Thus, the inverse CDF is

$$x = -\frac{\ln(1-p)}{\lambda} \tag{5}$$

and setting $p = 1/2$, we obtain:

$$\text{median}(X) = -\frac{\ln(1-\frac{1}{2})}{\lambda} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} . \tag{6}$$

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3.5.8 Mode

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following an exponential distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.5.1):

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) of X is

$$\text{mode}(X) = 0 . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The mode (\rightarrow Definition I/1.9.2) is the value which maximizes the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4):

$$\text{mode}(X) = \arg \max_x f_X(x) . \quad (3)$$

The probability density function of the exponential distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.5.3) is:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \lambda \exp[-\lambda x] , & \text{if } x \geq 0 . \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_X(x) = \infty \quad (5)$$

and

$$f_X(x) < \infty \quad \text{for any } x \neq 0 , \quad (6)$$

it follows that

$$\text{mode}(X) = 0 . \quad (7)$$

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3.6 Chi-square distribution

3.6.1 Definition

Definition: Let X_1, \dots, X_k be independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) where each of them is following a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2):

$$X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the sum of their squares follows a chi-square distribution with k degrees of freedom:

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2 \sim \chi^2(k) \quad \text{where } k > 0. \quad (2)$$

The probability density function of the chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.6.3) with k degree of freedom is

$$\chi^2(x; k) = \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} x^{k/2-1} e^{-x/2} \quad (3)$$

where $k > 0$ and the density is zero if $x \leq 0$.

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3.6.2 Special case of gamma distribution

Theorem: The chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1) with k degrees of freedom is a special case of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) with shape $\frac{k}{2}$ and rate $\frac{1}{2}$:

$$X \sim \text{Gam}\left(\frac{k}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow X \sim \chi^2(k). \quad (1)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) for $x > 0$, where α is the shape parameter and β is the rate parameter, is as follows:

$$\text{Gam}(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} \quad (2)$$

If we let $\alpha = k/2$ and $\beta = 1/2$, we obtain

$$\text{Gam}\left(x; \frac{k}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{x^{k/2-1} e^{-x/2}}{\Gamma(k/2) 2^{k/2}} = \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} x^{k/2-1} e^{-x/2} \quad (3)$$

which is equivalent to the probability density function of the chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.6.3).

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3.6.3 Probability density function

Theorem: Let Y be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1):

$$Y \sim \chi^2(k) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} y^{k/2-1} e^{-y/2} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: A chi-square-distributed random variable (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1) with k degrees of freedom is defined as the sum of k squared standard normal random variables (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2):

$$X_1, \dots, X_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2 \sim \chi^2(k) . \quad (3)$$

Let x_1, \dots, x_k be values of X_1, \dots, X_k and consider $x = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$ to be a point in k -dimensional space. Define

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \quad (4)$$

and let $f_Y(y)$ and $F_Y(y)$ be the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) and cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of Y . Because the PDF is the first derivative of the CDF (\rightarrow Proof I/1.4.7), we can write:

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{F_Y(y)}{dy} dy = f_Y(y) dy . \quad (5)$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of Y can be expressed as

$$f_Y(y) dy = \int_V \prod_{i=1}^k (\mathcal{N}(x_i; 0, 1) dx_i) \quad (6)$$

where $\mathcal{N}(x_i; 0, 1)$ is the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) and V is the elemental shell volume at $y(x)$, which is proportional to the $(k-1)$ -dimensional surface in k -space for which equation (4) is fulfilled. Using the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), equation (6) can be developed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_Y(y) dy &= \int_V \prod_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} x_i^2 \right] dx_i \right) \\
&= \int_V \frac{\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x_1^2 + \dots + x_k^2) \right]}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} dx_1 \dots dx_k \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int_V \exp \left[-\frac{y}{2} \right] dx_1 \dots dx_k .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Because y is constant within the set V , it can be moved out of the integral:

$$f_Y(y) dy = \frac{\exp[-y/2]}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int_V dx_1 \dots dx_k . \tag{8}$$

Now, the integral is simply the surface area of the $(k-1)$ -dimensional sphere with radius $r = \sqrt{y}$, which is

$$A = 2r^{k-1} \frac{\pi^{k/2}}{\Gamma(k/2)} , \tag{9}$$

times the infinitesimal thickness of the sphere, which is

$$\frac{dr}{dy} = \frac{1}{2} y^{-1/2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad dr = \frac{dy}{2y^{1/2}} . \tag{10}$$

Substituting (9) and (10) into (8), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_Y(y) dy &= \frac{\exp[-y/2]}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \cdot A dr \\
&= \frac{\exp[-y/2]}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \cdot 2r^{k-1} \frac{\pi^{k/2}}{\Gamma(k/2)} \cdot \frac{dy}{2y^{1/2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{y}^{k-1}}{2\sqrt{y}} \cdot \exp[-y/2] dy \\
&= \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} \cdot y^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{y}{2} \right] dy .
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

From this, we get the final result in (2):

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} y^{k/2-1} e^{-y/2} . \tag{12}$$

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3.6.4 Moments

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1):

$$X \sim \chi^2(k) . \quad (1)$$

If $m > -k/2$, then $E(X^m)$ exists and is equal to:

$$E(X^m) = \frac{2^m \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2} + m\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Combining the definition of the m -th raw moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.3) with the probability density function of the chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.6.3), we have:

$$E(X^m) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2}\right) 2^{k/2}} x^{(k/2)+m-1} e^{-x/2} dx . \quad (3)$$

Now define a new variable $u = x/2$. As a result, we obtain:

$$E(X^m) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2}\right) 2^{(k/2)-1}} 2^{(k/2)+m-1} u^{(k/2)+m-1} e^{-u} du . \quad (4)$$

This leads to the desired result when $m > -k/2$. Observe that, if m is a nonnegative integer, then $m > -k/2$ is always true. Therefore, all moments (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) of a chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1) exist and the m -th raw moment is given by the foregoing equation.

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3.7 F-distribution

3.7.1 Definition

Definition: Let X_1 and X_2 be independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a chi-square distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.6.1) with d_1 and d_2 degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”), respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &\sim \chi^2(d_1) \\ X_2 &\sim \chi^2(d_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then, the ratio of X_1 to X_2 , divided by their respective degrees of freedom, is said to be F -distributed with numerator degrees of freedom d_1 and denominator degrees of freedom d_2 :

$$Y = \frac{X_1/d_1}{X_2/d_2} \sim F(d_1, d_2) \quad \text{where} \quad d_1, d_2 > 0 . \quad (2)$$

The F -distribution is also called “Snedecor’s F -distribution” or “Fisher–Snedecor distribution”, after Ronald A. Fisher and George W. Snedecor.

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3.8 Beta distribution

3.8.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to follow a beta distribution with shape parameters α and β

$$X \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta), \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\text{Bet}(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{\text{B}(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} \quad (2)$$

where $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$, and the density is zero, if $x \notin [0, 1]$.

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3.8.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta). \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\text{B}(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}. \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1).

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3.8.3 Moment-generating function

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) of X is

$$M_X(t) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha + m}{\alpha + \beta + m} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} \quad (3)$$

and the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) is defined as

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] . \quad (4)$$

Using the expected value for continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), the moment-generating function of X therefore is

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \int_0^1 \exp[tx] \cdot \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 e^{tx} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

With the relationship between beta function and gamma function

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \quad (6)$$

and the integral representation of the confluent hypergeometric function (Kummer's function of the first kind)

$${}_1F_1(a, b, z) = \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b-a)} \int_0^1 e^{zu} u^{a-1} (1-u)^{(b-a)-1} du , \quad (7)$$

the moment-generating function can be written as

$$M_X(t) = {}_1F_1(\alpha, \alpha + \beta, t) . \quad (8)$$

Note that the series equation for the confluent hypergeometric function (Kummer's function of the first kind) is

$${}_1F_1(a, b, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{\overline{n}}}{b^{\overline{n}}} \frac{z^n}{n!} \quad (9)$$

where $m^{\overline{n}}$ is the rising factorial

$$m^{\bar{n}} = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (m + i) , \quad (10)$$

so that the moment-generating function can be written as

$$M_X(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{\bar{n}}}{(\alpha + \beta)^{\bar{n}}} \frac{t^n}{n!} . \quad (11)$$

Applying the rising factorial equation (10) and using $m^{\bar{0}} = x^0 = 0! = 1$, we finally have:

$$M_X(t) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha + m}{\alpha + \beta + m} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} . \quad (12)$$

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3.8.4 Cumulative distribution function

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of X is

$$F_X(x) = \frac{B(x; \alpha, \beta)}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \quad (2)$$

where $B(a, b)$ is the beta function and $B(x; a, b)$ is the incomplete gamma function.

Proof: The probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2) is:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} . \quad (3)$$

Thus, the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) is:

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_0^x \text{Bet}(z; \alpha, \beta) \, dz \\ &= \int_0^x \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} z^{\alpha-1} (1-z)^{\beta-1} \, dz \\ &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^x z^{\alpha-1} (1-z)^{\beta-1} \, dz . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

With the definition of the incomplete beta function

$$B(x; a, b) = \int_0^x t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt, \quad (5)$$

we arrive at the final result given by equation (2):

$$F_X(x) = \frac{B(x; \alpha, \beta)}{B(\alpha, \beta)}. \quad (6)$$

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3.8.5 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta). \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}. \quad (2)$$

Proof: The expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) is the probability-weighted average over all possible values:

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx. \quad (3)$$

The probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

where the beta function is given by a ratio gamma functions:

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}. \quad (5)$$

Combining (3), (4) and (5), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1 + \beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1 + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+1)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Employing the relation $\Gamma(x+1) = \Gamma(x) \cdot x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\alpha \cdot \Gamma(\alpha)}{(\alpha + \beta) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1 + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+1)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1 + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+1)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and again using the density of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \int_0^1 \text{Bet}(x; \alpha + 1, \beta) dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

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3.8.6 Variance

Theorem: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1):

$$X \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)^2} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) can be expressed in terms of expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.3) as

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 . \quad (3)$$

The expected value of a beta random variable (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.5) is

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} . \quad (4)$$

The probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (5)$$

where the beta function is given by a ratio gamma functions:

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} . \quad (6)$$

Therefore, the expected value of a squared beta random variable becomes

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2 + \beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2 + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+2)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Twice-applying the relation $\Gamma(x + 1) = \Gamma(x) \cdot x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{(\alpha + 1) \cdot \alpha \cdot \Gamma(\alpha)}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2 + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+2)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{(\alpha + 1) \cdot \alpha}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2 + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+2)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and again using the density of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \frac{(\alpha + 1) \cdot \alpha}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)} \int_0^1 \text{Bet}(x; \alpha + 2, \beta) dx \\ &= \frac{(\alpha + 1) \cdot \alpha}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)} . \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Plugging (9) and (4) into (3), the variance of a beta random variable finally becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{(\alpha + 1) \cdot \alpha}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{(\alpha^2 + \alpha) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)^2} - \frac{\alpha^2 \cdot (\alpha + \beta + 1)}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)^2} \\ &= \frac{(\alpha^3 + \alpha^2\beta + \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta) - (\alpha^3 + \alpha^2\beta + \alpha^2)}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)^2} \\ &= \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta + 1) \cdot (\alpha + \beta)^2} . \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

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3.9 Wald distribution

3.9.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X is said to follow a Wald distribution with drift rate γ and threshold α

$$X \sim \text{Wald}(\gamma, \alpha) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\text{Wald}(x; \gamma, \alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi x^3}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\alpha - \gamma x)^2}{2x}\right) \quad (2)$$

where $\gamma > 0$, $\alpha > 0$, and the density is zero if $x \leq 0$.

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3.9.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Wald distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.9.1):

$$X \sim \text{Wald}(\gamma, \alpha) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi x^3}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\alpha - \gamma x)^2}{2x}\right) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the Wald distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.9.1).

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3.9.3 Moment-generating function

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Wald distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.9.1):

$$X \sim \text{Wald}(\gamma, \alpha) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) of X is

$$M_X(t) = \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the Wald distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.9.2) is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi x^3}} \exp \left(-\frac{(\alpha - \gamma x)^2}{2x} \right) \quad (3)$$

and the moment-generating function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) is defined as

$$M_X(t) = E \left[e^{tX} \right] . \quad (4)$$

Using the definition of expected value for continuous random variables (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1), the moment-generating function of X therefore is

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi x^3}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{(\alpha - \gamma x)^2}{2x} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty x^{-3/2} \cdot \exp \left[tx - \frac{(\alpha - \gamma x)^2}{2x} \right] dx . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

To evaluate this integral, we will need two identities about modified Bessel functions of the second kind¹, denoted K_p . The function K_p (for $p \in \mathbb{R}$) is one of the two linearly independent solutions of the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - (x^2 + p^2)y = 0 . \quad (6)$$

The first of these identities² gives an explicit solution for $K_{-1/2}$:

$$K_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} e^{-x} . \quad (7)$$

The second of these identities³ gives an integral representation of K_p :

$$K_p(\sqrt{ab}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{p/2} \int_0^\infty x^{p-1} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(ax + \frac{b}{x} \right) \right] dx . \quad (8)$$

Starting from (5), we can expand the binomial term and rearrange the moment generating function into the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty x^{-3/2} \cdot \exp \left[tx - \frac{\alpha^2}{2x} + \alpha\gamma - \frac{\gamma^2 x}{2} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{\alpha\gamma} \int_0^\infty x^{-3/2} \cdot \exp \left[\left(t - \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \right) x - \frac{\alpha^2}{2x} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{\alpha\gamma} \int_0^\infty x^{-3/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 2t) x - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{x} \right] dx . \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

¹<https://dlmf.nist.gov/10.25>

²<https://dlmf.nist.gov/10.39.2>

³<https://dlmf.nist.gov/10.32.10>

The integral now has the form of the integral in (8) with $p = -1/2$, $a = \gamma^2 - 2t$, and $b = \alpha^2$. This allows us to write the moment-generating function in terms of the modified Bessel function $K_{-1/2}$:

$$M_X(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{\alpha\gamma} \cdot 2 \left(\frac{\gamma^2 - 2t}{\alpha^2} \right)^{1/4} \cdot K_{-1/2} \left(\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right). \quad (10)$$

Combining with (7) and simplifying gives

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{\alpha\gamma} \cdot 2 \left(\frac{\gamma^2 - 2t}{\alpha^2} \right)^{1/4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)}}} \cdot \exp \left[-\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi}} \cdot e^{\alpha\gamma} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{(\gamma^2 - 2t)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\alpha} \cdot (\gamma^2 - 2t)^{1/4}} \cdot \exp \left[-\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \\ &= e^{\alpha\gamma} \cdot \exp \left[-\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

This finishes the proof of (2).

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3.9.4 Mean

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Wald distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.9.1):

$$X \sim \text{Wald}(\gamma, \alpha). \quad (1)$$

Then, the mean or expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of X is

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}. \quad (2)$$

Proof: The mean or expected value $E(X)$ is the first moment (\rightarrow Definition I/1.12.1) of X , so we can use (\rightarrow Proof I/1.12.2) the moment-generating function of the Wald distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.9.3) to calculate

$$E(X) = M'_X(0). \quad (3)$$

First we differentiate

$$M_X(t) = \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \quad (4)$$

with respect to t . Using the chain rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} M'_X(t) &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot -\frac{1}{2} (\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t))^{-1/2} \cdot -2\alpha^2 \\ &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)}} . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Evaluating (5) at $t = 0$ gives the desired result:

$$\begin{aligned} M'_X(0) &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2(0))} \right] \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2(0))}} \\ &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2 \cdot \gamma^2} \right] \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 \cdot \gamma^2}} \\ &= \exp[0] \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha\gamma} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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3.9.5 Variance

Theorem: Let X be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) following a Wald distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.9.1):

$$X \sim \text{Wald}(\gamma, \alpha) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) of X is

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma^3} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: To compute the variance of X , we partition the variance into expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.3):

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{E}(X^2) - \text{E}(X)^2. \quad (3)$$

We then use the moment-generating function of the Wald distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.9.3) to calculate

$$\text{E}(X^2) = M''_X(0) . \quad (4)$$

First we differentiate

$$M_X(t) = \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \quad (5)$$

with respect to t . Using the chain rule gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 M'_X(t) &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot -\frac{1}{2} (\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t))^{-1/2} \cdot -2\alpha^2 \\
 &= \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)}} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot (\gamma^2 - 2t)^{-1/2} .
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Now we use the product rule to obtain the second derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M''_X(t) &= \alpha \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot (\gamma^2 - 2t)^{-1/2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} (\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t))^{-1/2} \cdot -2\alpha^2 \\
 &\quad + \alpha \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot -\frac{1}{2} (\gamma^2 - 2t)^{-3/2} \cdot -2 \\
 &= \alpha^2 \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot (\gamma^2 - 2t)^{-1} \\
 &\quad + \alpha \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \cdot (\gamma^2 - 2t)^{-3/2} \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2t)} \right] \left[\frac{\alpha}{\gamma^2 - 2t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\gamma^2 - 2t)^3}} \right] .
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Applying (4) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^2) &= M''_X(0) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \exp \left[\alpha\gamma - \sqrt{\alpha^2(\gamma^2 - 2(0))} \right] \left[\frac{\alpha}{\gamma^2 - 2(0)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\gamma^2 - 2(0))^3}} \right] \\
 &= \alpha \cdot \exp [\alpha\gamma - \alpha\gamma] \cdot \left[\frac{\alpha}{\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^3} \right] \\
 &= \frac{\alpha^2}{\gamma^2} + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma^3} .
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Since the mean of a Wald distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.9.4) is given by $E(X) = \alpha/\gamma$, we can apply (3) to show

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\
 &= \frac{\alpha^2}{\gamma^2} + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma^3} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{\alpha}{\gamma^3}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

which completes the proof of (2).

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4 Multivariate continuous distributions

4.1 Multivariate normal distribution

4.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, X is said to be multivariate normally distributed with mean μ and covariance Σ

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right] \quad (2)$$

where μ is an $n \times 1$ real vector and Σ is an $n \times n$ positive definite matrix.

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4.1.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1).

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4.1.3 Differential entropy

Theorem: Let x follow a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1)

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of x in nats is

$$h(x) = \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} n . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The differential entropy (\rightarrow Definition I/2.2.1) of a random variable is defined as

$$h(X) = - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_b p(x) dx . \quad (3)$$

To measure $h(X)$ in nats, we set $b = e$, such that (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1)

$$h(X) = -E [\ln p(x)] . \quad (4)$$

With the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2), the differential entropy of x is:

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= -E \left[\ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right] \right) \right] \\ &= -E \left[-\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} E [(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)] . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The last term can be evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} E [(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)] &= E [\text{tr} ((x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu))] \\ &= E [\text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) (x - \mu)^T)] \\ &= \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} E [(x - \mu) (x - \mu)^T]) \\ &= \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} \Sigma) \\ &= \text{tr} (I_n) \\ &= n , \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

such that the differential entropy is

$$h(x) = \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} n . \quad (7)$$

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4.1.4 Kullback-Leibler divergence

Theorem: Let x be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Assume two multivariate normal distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) P and Q specifying the probability distribution of x as

$$\begin{aligned} P : x &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \\ Q : x &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then, the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q is given by

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1) - \ln \frac{|\Sigma_1|}{|\Sigma_2|} - n \right] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The KL divergence for a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is given by

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad (3)$$

which, applied to the multivariate normal distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) in (1), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \Sigma_1) \ln \frac{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \Sigma_1)}{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_2, \Sigma_2)} dx \\ &= \left\langle \ln \frac{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \Sigma_1)}{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_2, \Sigma_2)} \right\rangle_{p(x)} . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Using the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2), this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \left\langle \ln \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma_1|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) \right]}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\Sigma_2|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (x - \mu_2) \right]} \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) + \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (x - \mu_2) \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) + (x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (x - \mu_2) \right\rangle_{p(x)} . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Now, using the fact that $x = \text{tr}(x)$, if a is scalar, and the trace property $\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(BCA)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \text{tr} [\Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T] + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} (x - \mu_2)(x - \mu_2)^T] \right\rangle_{p(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \text{tr} [\Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T] + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} (xx^T - 2\mu_2 x^T + \mu_2 \mu_2^T)] \right\rangle_{p(x)} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Because trace function and expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) are both linear operators, the expectation can be moved inside the trace:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{KL}[P || Q] &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \text{tr} \left[\Sigma_1^{-1} \langle (x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T \rangle_{p(x)} \right] + \text{tr} \left[\Sigma_2^{-1} \langle xx^T - 2\mu_2 x^T + \mu_2 \mu_2^T \rangle_{p(x)} \right] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \text{tr} \left[\Sigma_1^{-1} \langle (x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T \rangle_{p(x)} \right] + \text{tr} \left[\Sigma_2^{-1} \left(\langle xx^T \rangle_{p(x)} - \langle 2\mu_2 x^T \rangle_{p(x)} + \langle \mu_2 \mu_2^T \rangle_{p(x)} \right) \right] \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Using the expectation of a linear form for the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.5)

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle Ax \rangle = A\mu \tag{8}$$

and the expectation of a quadratic form for the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.8)

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle x^T Ax \rangle = \mu^T A \mu + \text{tr}(A \Sigma), \tag{9}$$

the Kullback-Leibler divergence from (7) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{KL}[P || Q] &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \text{tr} [\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1] + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} (\Sigma_1 + \mu_1 \mu_1^T - 2\mu_2 \mu_1^T + \mu_2 \mu_2^T)] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - \text{tr} [I_n] + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1] + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_1 \mu_1^T - 2\mu_2 \mu_1^T + \mu_2 \mu_2^T)] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - n + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1] + \text{tr} [\mu_1^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_1 - 2\mu_1^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_2 + \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_2] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln \frac{|\Sigma_2|}{|\Sigma_1|} - n + \text{tr} [\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1] + (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Finally, rearranging the terms, we get:

$$\text{KL}[P || Q] = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1) - \ln \frac{|\Sigma_1|}{|\Sigma_2|} - n \right]. \tag{11}$$

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4.1.5 Linear transformation

Theorem: Let x follow a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1):

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma). \tag{1}$$

Then, any linear transformation of x is also multivariate normally distributed:

$$y = Ax + b \sim \mathcal{N}(A\mu + b, A\Sigma A^T). \tag{2}$$

Proof: The moment-generating function of a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.19) x is

$$M_x(t) = \mathbb{E}(\exp[t^T x]) \quad (3)$$

and therefore the moment-generating function of the random vector y is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M_y(t) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \mathbb{E}(\exp[t^T(Ax + b)]) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\exp[t^T Ax] \cdot \exp[t^T b]) \\ &= \exp[t^T b] \cdot \mathbb{E}(\exp[t^T Ax]) \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \exp[t^T b] \cdot M_x(At) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The moment-generating function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof “mvn-mgf”) is

$$M_x(t) = \exp\left[t^T \mu + \frac{1}{2} t^T \Sigma t\right] \quad (5)$$

and therefore the moment-generating function of the random vector y becomes

$$\begin{aligned} M_y(t) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \exp[t^T b] \cdot M_x(At) \\ &\stackrel{(5)}{=} \exp[t^T b] \cdot \exp\left[t^T A\mu + \frac{1}{2} t^T A\Sigma A^T t\right] \\ &= \exp\left[t^T (A\mu + b) + \frac{1}{2} t^T A\Sigma A^T t\right] . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Because moment-generating function and probability density function of a random variable are equivalent, this demonstrates that y is following a multivariate normal distribution with mean $A\mu + b$ and covariance $A\Sigma A^T$.

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4.1.6 Marginal distributions

Theorem: Let x follow a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1):

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of any subset vector x_s is also a multivariate normal distribution

$$x_s \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_s, \Sigma_s) \quad (2)$$

where μ_s drops the irrelevant variables (the ones not in the subset, i.e. marginalized out) from the mean vector μ and Σ_s drops the corresponding rows and columns from the covariance matrix Σ .

Proof: Define an $m \times n$ subset matrix S such that $s_{ij} = 1$, if the j -th element in μ_s corresponds to the i -th element in x , and $s_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Then,

$$x_s = Sx \quad (3)$$

and we can apply the linear transformation theorem (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.5) to give

$$x_s \sim \mathcal{N}(S\mu, S\Sigma S^T). \quad (4)$$

Finally, we see that $S\mu = \mu_s$ and $S\Sigma S^T = \Sigma_s$.

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4.1.7 Conditional distributions

Theorem: Let x follow a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1)

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma). \quad (1)$$

Then, the conditional distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.4) of any subset vector x_1 , given the complement vector x_2 , is also a multivariate normal distribution

$$x_1|x_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2}) \quad (2)$$

where the conditional mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) and covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1) are

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1|2} &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2) \\ \Sigma_{1|2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

with block-wise mean and covariance defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: Without loss of generality, we assume that, in parallel to (4),

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where x_1 is an $n_1 \times 1$ vector, x_2 is an $n_2 \times 1$ vector and x is an $n_1 + n_2 = n \times 1$ vector.

By construction, the joint distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.2) of x_1 and x_2 is:

$$x_1, x_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) . \quad (6)$$

Moreover, the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of x_2 follows from (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.6) (1) and (4) as

$$x_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_{22}) . \quad (7)$$

According to the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), it holds that

$$p(x_1|x_2) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2)}{p(x_2)} \quad (8)$$

Applying (6) and (7) to (8), we have:

$$p(x_1|x_2) = \frac{\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \Sigma)}{\mathcal{N}(x_2; \mu_2, \Sigma_{22})} . \quad (9)$$

Using the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2), this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1/\sqrt{(2\pi)^n|\Sigma|} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right]}{1/\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n_2}|\Sigma_{22}|} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x_2-\mu_2)^T\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2-\mu_2)\right]} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu) + \frac{1}{2}(x_2-\mu_2)^T\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2-\mu_2)\right] . \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Writing the inverse of Σ as

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma^{11} & \Sigma^{12} \\ \Sigma^{21} & \Sigma^{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

and applying (4) to (10), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \\ &\quad \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)^T \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma^{11} & \Sigma^{12} \\ \Sigma^{21} & \Sigma^{22} \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}(x_2-\mu_2)^T\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2-\mu_2)\right] . \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Multiplying out within the exponent of (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \\
&\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left((x_1 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{11} (x_1 - \mu_1) + 2(x_1 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{12} (x_2 - \mu_2) + (x_2 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{22} (x_2 - \mu_2) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} (x_2 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where we have used the fact that $\Sigma^{21T} = \Sigma^{12}$, because Σ^{-1} is a symmetric matrix.

The inverse of a block matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} (A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} & -(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}BD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}C(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1} & D^{-1} + D^{-1}C(A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}BD^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{14}$$

thus the inverse of Σ in (11) is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} & -(\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} \\ -\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}(\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} & \Sigma_{22}^{-1} + \Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}(\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{15}$$

Plugging this into (13), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \\
&\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left((x_1 - \mu_1)^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} (x_1 - \mu_1) - \right. \right. \\
&\quad 2(x_1 - \mu_1)^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2) + \\
&\quad (x_2 - \mu_2)^T [\Sigma_{22}^{-1} + \Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}(\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}] (x_2 - \mu_2) \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} ((x_2 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2)) \right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Eliminating some terms, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \\
&\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left((x_1 - \mu_1)^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} (x_1 - \mu_1) - \right. \right. \\
&\quad 2(x_1 - \mu_1)^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2) + \\
&\quad \left. \left. (x_2 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})^{-1} \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2) \right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Rearranging the terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \right. \\
&\quad \left. [(x_1 - \mu_1) - \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2)]^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21})^{-1} [(x_1 - \mu_1) - \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2)] \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n-n_2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_{22}|}{|\Sigma|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \right. \\
&\quad \left. [x_1 - (\mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2))]^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21})^{-1} [x_1 - (\mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2))] \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where we have used the fact that $\Sigma_{21}^T = \Sigma_{12}$, because Σ is a covariance matrix.

The determinant of a block matrix is

$$\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{vmatrix} = |D| \cdot |A - BD^{-1}C|, \tag{19}$$

such that we have for Σ that

$$\begin{vmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{vmatrix} = |\Sigma_{22}| \cdot |\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}|. \tag{20}$$

With this and $n - n_2 = n_1$, we finally arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1|x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n_1} |\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \right. \\
&\quad \left. [x_1 - (\mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2))]^T (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21})^{-1} [x_1 - (\mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2))] \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

which is the probability density function of a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2)

$$p(x_1|x_2) = \mathcal{N}(x_1; \mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2}) \tag{22}$$

with the mean $\mu_{1|2}$ and variance $\Sigma_{1|2}$ given by (3).

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4.2 Multivariate t-distribution

4.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, X is said to follow a multivariate t -distribution with mean μ , scale matrix Σ and degrees of freedom ν

$$X \sim t(\mu, \Sigma, \nu), \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$t(x; \mu, \Sigma, \nu) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\nu\pi)^n |\Sigma|}} \frac{\Gamma([\nu + n]/2)}{\Gamma(\nu/2)} \left[1 + \frac{1}{\nu} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right] \quad (2)$$

where μ is an $n \times 1$ real vector, Σ is an $n \times n$ positive definite matrix and $\nu > 0$.

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4.3 Normal-gamma distribution

4.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) and let Y be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Then, X and Y are said to follow a normal-gamma distribution

$$X, Y \sim \text{NG}(\mu, \Lambda, a, b), \quad (1)$$

if and only if their joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(y; a, b) \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \Sigma)$ is the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2) with mean μ and covariance Σ and $\text{Gam}(x; a, b)$ is the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) with shape a and rate b . The $n \times n$ matrix Λ is referred to as the precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) of the normal-gamma distribution.

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4.3.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let x and y follow a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1):

$$x, y \sim \text{NG}(\mu, \Lambda, a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the joint probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of x and y is

$$p(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot y^{a+\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp \left[-\frac{y}{2} \left((x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) + 2b \right) \right] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density of the normal-gamma distribution is defined as (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) as the product of a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) over x conditional on y and a univariate gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) over y :

$$p(x, y) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(y; a, b) \quad (3)$$

With the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2) and the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), this becomes:

$$p(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{|y\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T (y\Lambda) (x - \mu) \right] \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{a-1} \exp [-by] . \quad (4)$$

Using the relation $|yA| = y^n |A|$ for an $n \times n$ matrix A and rearranging the terms, we have:

$$p(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot y^{a+\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp \left[-\frac{y}{2} \left((x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) + 2b \right) \right] . \quad (5)$$

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4.3.3 Kullback-Leibler divergence

Theorem: Let x be an $n \times 1$ random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) and let y be a positive random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3). Assume two normal-gamma distributions (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) P and Q specifying the joint distribution of x and y as

$$\begin{aligned} P : (x, y) &\sim \text{NG}(\mu_1, \Lambda_1^{-1}, a_1, b_1) \\ Q : (x, y) &\sim \text{NG}(\mu_2, \Lambda_2^{-1}, a_2, b_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Then, the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of P from Q is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_1}{b_1} [(\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Lambda_2 (\mu_2 - \mu_1)] + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Lambda_2 \Lambda_1^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\Lambda_2|}{|\Lambda_1|} - \frac{n}{2} \\ &\quad + a_2 \ln \frac{b_1}{b_2} - \ln \frac{\Gamma(a_1)}{\Gamma(a_2)} + (a_1 - a_2) \psi(a_1) - (b_1 - b_2) \frac{a_1}{b_1} . \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.2) is

$$p(x, y) = p(x|y) \cdot p(y) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(y; a, b) . \quad (3)$$

The Kullback-Leibler divergence of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.4) is

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_2^{-1} \Sigma_1) - \ln \frac{|\Sigma_1|}{|\Sigma_2|} - n \right] \quad (4)$$

and the Kullback-Leibler divergence of the univariate gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.12) is

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = a_2 \ln \frac{b_1}{b_2} - \ln \frac{\Gamma(a_1)}{\Gamma(a_2)} + (a_1 - a_2) \psi(a_1) - (b_1 - b_2) \frac{a_1}{b_1} \quad (5)$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ is the gamma function and $\psi(x)$ is the digamma function.

The KL divergence for a continuous random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) is given by

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} p(z) \ln \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} dz \quad (6)$$

which, applied to the normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) over x and y , yields

$$\text{KL}[P \parallel Q] = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x, y) \ln \frac{p(x, y)}{q(x, y)} dx dy . \quad (7)$$

Using the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), this can be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}[P \parallel Q] &= \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x|y) p(y) \ln \frac{p(x|y) p(y)}{q(x|y) q(y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x|y) p(y) \ln \frac{p(x|y)}{q(x|y)} dx dy + \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x|y) p(y) \ln \frac{p(y)}{q(y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty p(y) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x|y) \ln \frac{p(x|y)}{q(x|y)} dx dy + \int_0^\infty p(y) \ln \frac{p(y)}{q(y)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x|y) dx dy \\ &= \langle \text{KL}[p(x|y) \parallel q(x|y)] \rangle_{p(y)} + \text{KL}[p(y) \parallel q(y)] . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

In other words, the KL divergence between two normal-gamma distributions over x and y is equal to the sum of a multivariate normal KL divergence regarding x conditional on y , expected over y , and a univariate gamma KL divergence regarding y .

From equations (3) and (4), the first term becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \text{KL}[p(x|y) || q(x|y)] \rangle_{p(y)} \\
&= \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \left[(\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T (y\Lambda_2)(\mu_2 - \mu_1) + \text{tr}((y\Lambda_2)(y\Lambda_1)^{-1}) - \ln \frac{|(y\Lambda_1)^{-1}|}{|(y\Lambda_2)^{-1}|} - n \right] \right\rangle_{p(y)} \\
&= \left\langle \frac{y}{2} (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Lambda_2 (\mu_2 - \mu_1) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Lambda_2 \Lambda_1^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\Lambda_2|}{|\Lambda_1|} - \frac{n}{2} \right\rangle_{p(y)}
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

and using the relation (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.8) $y \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) \Rightarrow \langle y \rangle = a/b$, we have

$$\langle \text{KL}[p(x|y) || q(x|y)] \rangle_{p(y)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_1}{b_1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Lambda_2 (\mu_2 - \mu_1) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Lambda_2 \Lambda_1^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\Lambda_2|}{|\Lambda_1|} - \frac{n}{2}. \tag{10}$$

By plugging (10) and (5) into (8), one arrives at the KL divergence given by (2).

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4.3.4 Marginal distributions

Theorem: Let x and y follow a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1):

$$x, y \sim \text{NG}(\mu, \Lambda, a, b). \tag{1}$$

Then, the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of y is a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1)

$$y \sim \text{Gam}(a, b) \tag{2}$$

and the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of x is a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.2.1)

$$x \sim \text{t} \left(\mu, \left(\frac{a}{b} \Lambda \right)^{-1}, 2a \right). \tag{3}$$

Proof: The probability density function of the normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.2) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x, y) &= p(x|y) \cdot p(y) \\
p(x|y) &= \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \\
p(y) &= \text{Gam}(y; a, b).
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the marginal distribution of y can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y) &= \int p(x, y) \, dx \\
&= \int \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \text{Gam}(y; a, b) \, dx \\
&= \text{Gam}(y; a, b) \int \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \, dx \\
&= \text{Gam}(y; a, b)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

which is the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) with shape parameter a and rate parameter b .

Using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the marginal distribution of x can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x) &= \int p(x, y) \, dy \\
&= \int \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \text{Gam}(y; a, b) \, dy \\
&= \int \sqrt{\frac{|y\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T(y\Lambda)(x - \mu)\right] \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{a-1} \exp[-by] \, dy \\
&= \int \sqrt{\frac{y^n|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T(y\Lambda)(x - \mu)\right] \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{a-1} \exp[-by] \, dy \\
&= \int \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot y^{a+\frac{n}{2}-1} \cdot \exp\left[-\left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right)y\right] \, dy \\
&= \int \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a + \frac{n}{2})}{(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu))^{a+\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \text{Gam}\left(y; a + \frac{n}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right) \, dy \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a + \frac{n}{2})}{(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu))^{a+\frac{n}{2}}} \int \text{Gam}\left(y; a + \frac{n}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right) \, dy \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a + \frac{n}{2})}{(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu))^{a+\frac{n}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{|\Lambda|}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot b^a \cdot \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right)^{-(a+\frac{n}{2})} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{|\Lambda|}}{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^{-a} \cdot \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right)^{-a} \cdot 2^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{|\Lambda|}}{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2b}(x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu)\right)^{-a} \cdot (2b + (x - \mu)^T\Lambda(x - \mu))^{-\frac{n}{2}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{|\Lambda|}}{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2a}\right)^{-a} \cdot \left(2a + (x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-a} \cdot \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(2a + (x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n |\Lambda|}}{(2a)^{-a} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot \left(2a + (x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-a} \cdot \left(2a + (x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n |\Lambda|}}{(2a)^{-a} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot (2a)^{-a} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2a}(x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-a} \cdot (2a)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2a}(x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n |\Lambda|}}{(2a)^{\frac{n}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2a}(x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-\frac{2a+n}{2}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{\left|\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right|}{(2a\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2a+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2a}{2})} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2a}(x - \mu)^T\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)(x - \mu)\right)^{-\frac{2a+n}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

(6)

which is the probability density function of a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “mvt-pdf”) with mean vector μ , shape matrix $\left(\frac{a}{b}\Lambda\right)^{-1}$ and $2a$ degrees of freedom.

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4.3.5 Conditional distributions

Theorem: Let x and y follow a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1):

$$x, y \sim \text{NG}(\mu, \Lambda, a, b) . \quad (1)$$

Then,

1) the conditional distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.4) of x given y is a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1)

$$x|y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) ; \quad (2)$$

2) the conditional distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.4) of a subset vector x_1 , given the complement vector x_2 and y , is also a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1)

$$x_1|x_2, y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{1|2}(y), \Sigma_{1|2}(y)) \quad (3)$$

with the conditional mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) and covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1|2}(y) &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2) \\ \Sigma_{1|2}(y) &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{12} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where μ_1 , μ_2 and Σ_{11} , Σ_{12} , Σ_{22} , Σ_{21} are block-wise components (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.7) of μ and $\Sigma(y) = (y\Lambda)^{-1}$;

3) the conditional distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.4) of y given x is a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1)

$$y|x \sim \text{Gam}\left(a + \frac{n}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu)\right) \quad (5)$$

where n is the dimensionality of x .

Proof:

1) This follows from the definition of the normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1):

$$\begin{aligned} p(x, y) &= p(x|y) \cdot p(y) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(y; a, b) . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

2) This follows from (2) and the conditional distributions of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.7):

$$\begin{aligned} x &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \\ \Rightarrow x_1|x_2 &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2}) \\ \mu_{1|2} &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2) \\ \Sigma_{1|2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

3) The conditional density of y given x follows from Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) as

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y) \cdot p(y)}{p(x)}. \quad (8)$$

The conditional distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.4) of x given y is a multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.2)

$$p(x|y) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, (y\Lambda)^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|y\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T (y\Lambda)(x - \mu) \right], \quad (9)$$

the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of y is a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.4)

$$p(y) = \text{Gam}(y; a, b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{a-1} \exp[-by] \quad (10)$$

and the marginal distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) of x is a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.4)

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= t \left(x; \mu, \left(\frac{a}{b} \Lambda \right)^{-1}, 2a \right) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\left| \frac{a}{b} \Lambda \right|}{(2a\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2a+n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2a}{2}\right)} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2a}(x - \mu)^T \left(\frac{a}{b} \Lambda \right) (x - \mu) \right)^{-\frac{2a+n}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(a + \frac{n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot b^a \cdot \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) \right)^{-(a + \frac{n}{2})}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Plugging (9), (10) and (11) into (8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|x) &= \frac{\sqrt{\frac{|y\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T (y\Lambda)(x - \mu) \right] \cdot \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{a-1} \exp[-by]}{\sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(a + \frac{n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot b^a \cdot \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) \right)^{-(a + \frac{n}{2})}} \\ &= y^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T (y\Lambda)(x - \mu) \right] \cdot y^{a-1} \cdot \exp[-by] \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(a + \frac{n}{2}\right)} \cdot \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) \right)^{a + \frac{n}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) \right)^{a + \frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(a + \frac{n}{2}\right)} \cdot y^{a + \frac{n}{2} - 1} \cdot \exp \left[- \left(b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) \right) y \right] \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

which is the probability density function of a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) with shape and rate parameters

$$a + \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu), \quad (13)$$

such that

$$p(y|x) = \text{Gam} \left(y; a + \frac{n}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Lambda (x - \mu) \right). \quad (14)$$

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4.4 Dirichlet distribution

4.4.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4). Then, X is said to follow a Dirichlet distribution with concentration parameters $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k]$

$$X \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\text{Dir}(x; \alpha) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \prod_{i=1}^k x_i^{\alpha_i-1} \quad (2)$$

where $\alpha_i > 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$, and the density is zero, if $x_i \notin [0, 1]$ for any $i = 1, \dots, k$ or $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i \neq 1$.

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4.4.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1):

$$X \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \prod_{i=1}^k x_i^{\alpha_i-1} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1).

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4.4.3 Exceedance probabilities

Theorem: Let $r = [r_1, \dots, r_k]$ be a random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) following a Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1) with concentration parameters $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k]$:

$$r \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha) . \quad (1)$$

1) If $k = 2$, then the exceedance probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.5) for r_1 is

$$\varphi_1 = 1 - \frac{B\left(\frac{1}{2}; \alpha_1, \alpha_2\right)}{B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \quad (2)$$

where $B(x, y)$ is the beta function and $B(x; a, b)$ is the incomplete beta function.

2) If $k > 2$, then the exceedance probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.5) for r_i is

$$\varphi_i = \int_0^\infty \prod_{j \neq i} \left(\frac{\gamma(\alpha_j, q_j)}{\Gamma(\alpha_j)} \right) \frac{q_i^{\alpha_i-1} \exp[-q_i]}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} dq_i . \quad (3)$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ is the gamma function and $\gamma(s, x)$ is the lower incomplete gamma function.

Proof: In the context of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1), the exceedance probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.5) for a particular r_i is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_i &= p\left(\forall j \in \left\{1, \dots, k \mid j \neq i\right\} : r_i > r_j \mid \alpha\right) \\ &= p\left(\bigwedge_{j \neq i} r_i > r_j \mid \alpha\right) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The probability density function of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.4.2) is given by:

$$\text{Dir}(r; \alpha) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \prod_{i=1}^k r_i^{\alpha_i-1} . \quad (5)$$

Note that the probability density function is only calculated, if

$$r_i \in [0, 1] \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, \dots, k \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^k r_i = 1 , \quad (6)$$

and defined to be zero otherwise (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1).

1) If $k = 2$, the probability density function of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.4.2) reduces to

$$p(r) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2)} r_1^{\alpha_1-1} r_2^{\alpha_2-1} \quad (7)$$

which is equivalent to the probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2)

$$p(r_1) = \frac{r_1^{\alpha_1-1} (1 - r_1)^{\alpha_2-1}}{B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \quad (8)$$

with the beta function given by

$$B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x + y)} . \quad (9)$$

With (6), the exceedance probability for this bivariate case simplifies to

$$\varphi_1 = p(r_1 > r_2) = p(r_1 > 1 - r_1) = p(r_1 > 1/2) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 p(r_1) dr_1 . \quad (10)$$

Using the cumulative distribution function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.4), it evaluates to

$$\varphi_1 = 1 - \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} p(r_1) dr_1 = 1 - \frac{B(\frac{1}{2}; \alpha_1, \alpha_2)}{B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \quad (11)$$

with the incomplete beta function

$$B(x; a, b) = \int_0^x x^{a-1} (1 - x)^{b-1} dx . \quad (12)$$

2) If $k > 2$, there is no similarly simple expression, because in general

$$\varphi_i = p(r_i = \max(r)) > p(r_i > 1/2) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k , \quad (13)$$

i.e. exceedance probabilities cannot be evaluated using a simple threshold on r_i , because r_i might be the maximal element in r without being larger than $1/2$. Instead, we make use of the relationship between the Dirichlet and the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof “gam-dir”) which states that

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &\sim \text{Gam}(\alpha_1, \beta), \dots, Y_k \sim \text{Gam}(\alpha_k, \beta), Y_s = \sum_{i=1}^k Y_i \\ \Rightarrow X &= (X_1, \dots, X_k) = \left(\frac{Y_1}{Y_s}, \dots, \frac{Y_k}{Y_s} \right) \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) . \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5) is given by

$$\text{Gam}(x; a, b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp[-bx] \quad \text{for } x > 0 . \quad (15)$$

Consider the gamma random variables (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1)

$$q_1 \sim \text{Gam}(\alpha_1, 1), \dots, q_k \sim \text{Gam}(\alpha_k, 1), q_s = \sum_{j=1}^k q_j \quad (16)$$

and the Dirichlet random vector (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1)

$$r = (r_1, \dots, r_k) = \left(\frac{q_1}{q_s}, \dots, \frac{q_k}{q_s} \right) \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) . \quad (17)$$

Obviously, it holds that

$$r_i > r_j \Leftrightarrow q_i > q_j \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, k \quad \text{with } j \neq i . \quad (18)$$

Therefore, consider the probability that q_i is larger than q_j , given q_i is known. This probability is equal to the probability that q_j is smaller than q_i , given q_i is known

$$p(q_i > q_j | q_i) = p(q_j < q_i | q_i) \quad (19)$$

which can be expressed in terms of the cumulative distribution function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.6) as

$$p(q_j < q_i | q_i) = \int_0^{q_i} \text{Gam}(q_j; \alpha_j, 1) dq_j = \frac{\gamma(\alpha_j, q_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha_j)} \quad (20)$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ is the gamma function and $\gamma(s, x)$ is the lower incomplete gamma function. Since the gamma variates are independent of each other, these probabilities factorize:

$$p(\forall_{j \neq i} [q_i > q_j] | q_i) = \prod_{j \neq i} p(q_i > q_j | q_i) = \prod_{j \neq i} \frac{\gamma(\alpha_j, q_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha_j)}. \quad (21)$$

In order to obtain the exceedance probability φ_i , the dependency on q_i in this probability still has to be removed. From equations (??) and (??), it follows that

$$\varphi_i = p(\forall_{j \neq i} [r_i > r_j]) = p(\forall_{j \neq i} [q_i > q_j]). \quad (22)$$

Using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), we have

$$\varphi_i = \int_0^\infty p(\forall_{j \neq i} [q_i > q_j] | q_i) p(q_i) dq_i. \quad (23)$$

With (??) and (??), this becomes

$$\varphi_i = \int_0^\infty \prod_{j \neq i} (p(q_i > q_j | q_i)) \cdot \text{Gam}(q_i; \alpha_i, 1) dq_i. \quad (24)$$

And with (??) and (??), it becomes

$$\varphi_i = \int_0^\infty \prod_{j \neq i} \left(\frac{\gamma(\alpha_j, q_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha_j)} \right) \cdot \frac{q_i^{\alpha_i-1} \exp[-q_i]}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} dq_i. \quad (25)$$

In other words, the exceedance probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.5) for one element from a Dirichlet-distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1) random vector (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.4) is an integral from zero to infinity where the first term in the integrand conforms to a product of gamma (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) cumulative distribution functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) and the second term is a gamma (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1) probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4).

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5 Matrix-variate continuous distributions

5.1 Matrix-normal distribution

5.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be an $n \times p$ random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5). Then, X is said to be matrix-normally distributed with mean M , covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) across rows U and covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) across columns V

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(M, U, V) , \quad (1)$$

if and only if its probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) is given by

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np}|V|^n|U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (V^{-1}(X - M)^T U^{-1}(X - M)) \right] \quad (2)$$

where M is an $n \times p$ real matrix, U is an $n \times n$ positive definite matrix and V is a $p \times p$ positive definite matrix.

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5.1.2 Probability density function

Theorem: Let X be a random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5) following a matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(M, U, V) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) of X is

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np}|V|^n|U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (V^{-1}(X - M)^T U^{-1}(X - M)) \right] . \quad (2)$$

Proof: This follows directly from the definition of the matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1).

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5.1.3 Equivalence to multivariate normal distribution

Theorem: The matrix X is matrix-normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1)

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(M, U, V), \quad (1)$$

if and only if $\text{vec}(X)$ is multivariate normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1)

$$\text{vec}(X) \sim \mathcal{MN}(\text{vec}(M), V \otimes U) \quad (2)$$

where $\text{vec}(X)$ is the vectorization operator and \otimes is the Kronecker product.

Proof: The probability density function of the matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/5.1.2) with $n \times p$ mean M , $n \times n$ covariance across rows U and $p \times p$ covariance across columns V is

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V|^n |U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (V^{-1} (X - M)^T U^{-1} (X - M)) \right]. \quad (3)$$

Using the trace property $\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(BCA)$, we have:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V|^n |U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} ((X - M)^T U^{-1} (X - M) V^{-1}) \right]. \quad (4)$$

Using the trace-vectorization relation $\text{tr}(A^T B) = \text{vec}(A)^T \text{vec}(B)$, we have:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V|^n |U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{vec}(X - M)^T \text{vec} (U^{-1} (X - M) V^{-1}) \right]. \quad (5)$$

Using the vectorization-Kronecker relation $\text{vec}(ABC) = (C^T \otimes A) \text{vec}(B)$, we have:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V|^n |U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{vec}(X - M)^T (V^{-1} \otimes U^{-1}) \text{vec}(X - M) \right]. \quad (6)$$

Using the Kronecker product property $(A^{-1} \otimes B^{-1}) = (A \otimes B)^{-1}$, we have:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V|^n |U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{vec}(X - M)^T (V \otimes U)^{-1} \text{vec}(X - M) \right]. \quad (7)$$

Using the vectorization property $\text{vec}(A + B) = \text{vec}(A) + \text{vec}(B)$, we have:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V|^n |U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} [\text{vec}(X) - \text{vec}(M)]^T (V \otimes U)^{-1} [\text{vec}(X) - \text{vec}(M)] \right]. \quad (8)$$

Using the Kronecker-determinant relation $|A \otimes B| = |A|^m |B|^n$, we have:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np} |V \otimes U|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} [\text{vec}(X) - \text{vec}(M)]^T (V \otimes U)^{-1} [\text{vec}(X) - \text{vec}(M)] \right]. \quad (9)$$

This is the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2) with the $np \times 1$ mean vector $\text{vec}(M)$ and the $np \times np$ covariance matrix $V \otimes U$:

$$\mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \mathcal{N}(\text{vec}(X); \text{vec}(M), V \otimes U) . \quad (10)$$

By showing that the probability density functions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4) are identical, it is proven that the associated probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1) are equivalent.

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5.1.4 Transposition

Theorem: Let X be a random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5) following a matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(M, U, V) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the transpose of X also has a matrix-normal distribution:

$$X^T \sim \mathcal{MN}(M^T, V, U) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The probability density function of the matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/5.1.2) is:

$$f(X) = \mathcal{MN}(X; M, U, V) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np}|V|^n|U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (V^{-1}(X - M)^T U^{-1}(X - M)) \right] . \quad (3)$$

Define $Y = X^T$. Then, $X = Y^T$ and we can substitute:

$$f(Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np}|V|^n|U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (V^{-1}(Y^T - M)^T U^{-1}(Y^T - M)) \right] . \quad (4)$$

Using $(A + B)^T = (A^T + B^T)$, we have:

$$f(Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np}|V|^n|U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (V^{-1}(Y - M^T) U^{-1}(Y - M^T)^T) \right] . \quad (5)$$

Using $\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(CAB)$, we obtain

$$f(Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{np}|V|^n|U|^p}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (U^{-1}(Y - M^T)^T V^{-1}(Y - M^T)) \right] \quad (6)$$

which is the probability density function of a matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/5.1.2) with mean M^T , covariance across rows V and covariance across columns U .

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5.1.5 Linear transformation

Theorem: Let X be an $n \times p$ random matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.5) following a matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1):

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(M, U, V) . \quad (1)$$

Then, a linear transformation of X is also matrix-normally distributed

$$Y = AXB + C \sim \mathcal{MN}(AMB + C, AU A^T, B^T V B) \quad (2)$$

where A is an $r \times n$ matrix of full rank $r \leq n$ and B is a $p \times s$ matrix of full rank $s \leq p$ and C is an $r \times s$ matrix.

Proof: The matrix-normal distribution is equivalent to the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/5.1.3),

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(M, U, V) \Leftrightarrow \text{vec}(X) \sim \mathcal{N}(\text{vec}(M), V \otimes U) , \quad (3)$$

and the linear transformation theorem for the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.5) states:

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \Rightarrow y = Ax + b \sim \mathcal{N}(A\mu + b, A\Sigma A^T) . \quad (4)$$

The vectorization of $Y = AXB + C$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vec}(Y) &= \text{vec}(AXB + C) \\ &= \text{vec}(AXB) + \text{vec}(C) \\ &= (B^T \otimes A)\text{vec}(X) + \text{vec}(C) . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Using (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vec}(Y) &\sim \mathcal{N}((B^T \otimes A)\text{vec}(M) + \text{vec}(C), (B^T \otimes A)(V \otimes U)(B^T \otimes A)^T) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\text{vec}(AMB) + \text{vec}(C), (B^T V \otimes AU)(B^T \otimes A)^T) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\text{vec}(AMB + C), B^T V B \otimes AU A^T) . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Using (3), we finally have:

$$Y \sim \mathcal{MN}(AMB + C, AU A^T, B^T V B) . \quad (7)$$

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5.2 Wishart distribution

5.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let X be an $n \times p$ matrix following a matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) with mean zero, independence across rows and covariance across columns V :

$$X \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, I_n, V) . \quad (1)$$

Define the scatter matrix S as the product of the transpose of X with itself:

$$S = X^T X = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T x_i . \quad (2)$$

Then, the matrix S is said to follow a Wishart distribution with scale matrix V and degrees of freedom n

$$S \sim \mathcal{W}(V, n) \quad (3)$$

where $n > p - 1$ and V is a positive definite symmetric covariance matrix.

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Chapter III

Statistical Models

1 Univariate normal data

1.1 Univariate Gaussian

1.1.1 Definition

Definition: A univariate Gaussian data set is given by a set of real numbers $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, independent and identically distributed according to a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 :

$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

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1.1.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Let there be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) for mean μ and variance σ^2 are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Proof: The likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation is given by the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7)

$$p(y_i|\mu, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \quad (3)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\mu) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^n}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (4)$$

This can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i^2 - 2y_i\mu + \mu^2}{\sigma^2} \right) \right] \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\mu + n\mu^2) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ is the mean of data points and $y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$ is the sum of squared data points. Thus, the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) is

$$\text{LL}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \log p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\mu + n\mu^2) . \tag{6}$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood function (6) with respect to μ is

$$\frac{d\text{LL}(\mu, \sigma^2)}{d\mu} = \frac{n\bar{y}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\mu}{\sigma^2} = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{y} - \mu) \tag{7}$$

and setting this derivative to zero gives the MLE for μ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{\mu}, \sigma^2)}{d\mu} &= 0 \\
0 &= \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{y} - \hat{\mu}) \\
0 &= \bar{y} - \hat{\mu} \\
\hat{\mu} &= \bar{y} \\
\hat{\mu} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i .
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood function (6) at $\hat{\mu}$ with respect to σ^2 is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{\mu}, \sigma^2)}{d\sigma^2} &= -\frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} (y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\hat{\mu} + n\hat{\mu}^2) \\
&= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2y_i\hat{\mu} + \hat{\mu}^2) \\
&= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

and setting this derivative to zero gives the MLE for σ^2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dLL(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2)}{d\sigma^2} &= 0 \\
0 &= \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \\
\frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} &= \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \\
\frac{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} &= \frac{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \\
\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \\
\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Together, (8) and (10) constitute the MLE for the univariate Gaussian.

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1.1.3 One-sample t-test

Theorem: Let

$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \tag{1}$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 . Then, the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5)

$$t = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \tag{2}$$

with sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} and sample variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.2) s^2 follows a Student’s t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.3.1) with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”)

$$t \sim t(n - 1) \tag{3}$$

under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 . \tag{4}$$

Proof: The sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) is given by

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad (5)$$

and the sample variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.2) is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 . \quad (6)$$

Using the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), the additivity of the variance under independence (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.10) and scaling of the variance upon multiplication (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.7), the sample mean follows a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1)

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{1}{n} n \mu, \left(\frac{1}{n} \right)^2 n \sigma^2 \right) = \mathcal{N} (\mu, \sigma^2/n) \quad (7)$$

and additionally using the invariance of the variance under addition (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.6) and applying the null hypothesis from (4), the distribution of $Z = \sqrt{n}(\bar{y} - \mu_0)/\sigma$ becomes standard normal (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2)

$$Z = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{y} - \mu_0)}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} (\mu - \mu_0), \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \right)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \right) \stackrel{H_0}{=} \mathcal{N} (0, 1) . \quad (8)$$

Because sample variances calculated from independent normal random variables follow a chi-squared distribution (\rightarrow Proof “norm-chi2”), the distribution of $V = (n-1) s^2/\sigma^2$ is

$$V = \frac{(n-1) s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2 (n-1) . \quad (9)$$

Finally, since the ratio of a standard normal random variable and a (normalized) chi-squared random variable follows a t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “norm-t”), the distribution of the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) is given by

$$t = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{V/(n-1)}} \sim t(n-1) . \quad (10)$$

This means that the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) can be rejected when t is as extreme or more extreme than the critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) obtained from the Student’s t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.3.1) with $n-1$ degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”) using a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α .

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1.1.4 Two-sample t-test

Theorem: Let

$$\begin{aligned} y_{1i} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2), & i = 1, \dots, n_1 \\ y_{2i} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma^2), & i = 1, \dots, n_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) representing two groups of unequal size n_1 and n_2 with unknown means μ_1 and μ_2 and equal unknown variance σ^2 . Then, the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5)

$$t = \frac{(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta}{s_p \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \quad (2)$$

with sample means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y}_1 and \bar{y}_2 and pooled standard deviation (\rightarrow Definition “std-pool”) s_p follows a Student’s t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.3.1) with $n_1 + n_2 - 1$ degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”)

$$t \sim t(n_1 + n_2 - 1) \quad (3)$$

under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = \mu_\Delta . \quad (4)$$

Proof: The sample means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}_1 &= \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} y_{1i} \\ \bar{y}_2 &= \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} y_{2i} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

and the pooled standard deviation (\rightarrow Definition “std-pool”) is given by

$$s_p = \sqrt{\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}} \quad (6)$$

with the sample variances (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.2)

$$\begin{aligned} s_1^2 &= \frac{1}{n_1 - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (y_{1i} - \bar{y}_1)^2 \\ s_2^2 &= \frac{1}{n_2 - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} (y_{2i} - \bar{y}_2)^2 . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Using the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), the additivity of the variance under independence (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.10) and scaling of the variance upon multiplication (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.7), the sample means follow a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1)

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y}_1 &= \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} y_{1i} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{1}{n_1} n_1 \mu_1, \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \right)^2 n_1 \sigma^2 \right) = \mathcal{N} (\mu_1, \sigma^2/n_1) \\ \bar{y}_2 &= \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} y_{2i} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{1}{n_2} n_2 \mu_2, \left(\frac{1}{n_2} \right)^2 n_2 \sigma^2 \right) = \mathcal{N} (\mu_2, \sigma^2/n_2)\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

and additionally using the invariance of the variance under addition (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.6) and applying the null hypothesis from (4), the distribution of $Z = ((\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta)/(\sigma \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2})$ becomes standard normal (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2)

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta}{\sigma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \mu_\Delta}{\sigma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}, \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma^2}{n_2} \right) \right) \stackrel{H_0}{=} \mathcal{N} (0, 1) . \tag{9}$$

Because sample variances calculated from independent normal random variables follow a chi-squared distribution (\rightarrow Proof “norm-chi2”), the distribution of $V = (n_1 + n_2 - 2) s_p^2 / \sigma^2$ is

$$V = \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2) s_p^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2 (n_1 + n_2 - 2) . \tag{10}$$

Finally, since the ratio of a standard normal random variable and a (normalized) chi-squared random variable follows a t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “norm-t”), the distribution of the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5) is given by

$$t = \frac{(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta}{s_p \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{V/(n_1 + n_2 - 2)}} \sim t(n_1 + n_2 - 2) . \tag{11}$$

This means that the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) can be rejected when t is as extreme or more extreme than the critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) obtained from the Student’s t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.3.1) with $n_1 + n_2 - 2$ degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”) using a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α .

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1.1.5 Paired t-test

Theorem: Let y_{i1} and y_{i2} with $i = 1, \dots, n$ be paired observations, such that

$$y_{i1} \sim \mathcal{N}(y_{i2} + \mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \tag{1}$$

is a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) with unknown shift μ and unknown variance σ^2 . Then, the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5)

$$t = \frac{\bar{d} - \mu_0}{s_d / \sqrt{n}} \quad \text{where} \quad d_i = y_{i1} - y_{i2} \quad (2)$$

with sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{d} and sample variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.2) s_d^2 follows a Student's t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.3.1) with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”)

$$t \sim t(n - 1) \quad (3)$$

under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 . \quad (4)$$

Proof: Define the pair-wise difference $d_i = y_{i1} - y_{i2}$ which is, according to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5) and the invariance of the variance under addition (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.6), distributed as

$$d_i = y_{i1} - y_{i2} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n . \quad (5)$$

Therefore, d_1, \dots, d_n satisfy the conditions of the one-sample t-test (\rightarrow Proof III/1.1.3) which results in the test statistic given by (2).

Sources:

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1.1.6 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 . Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for this model is a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1)

$$p(\mu, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, (\tau \lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) \quad (2)$$

where $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ is the inverse variance or precision.

Proof: By definition, a conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) is a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) that, when combined with the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2), leads to a posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) that belongs to the same family of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1). This is fulfilled when the prior density and the likelihood function are proportional to the model model parameters in the same way, i.e. the model parameters appear in the same functional form in both.

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2)^n} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \tau) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \tau^{-1}) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

using the inverse variance or precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

Separating constant and variable terms, we have:

$$p(y|\mu, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]. \tag{5}$$

Expanding the product in the exponent, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\mu y_i + \mu^2) \right] \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + n\mu^2 \right) \right] \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y - 2\mu n\bar{y} + n\mu^2) \right] \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} y^T y - 2\mu\bar{y} + \mu^2 \right) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ is the mean of data points and $y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$ is the sum of squared data points. Completing the square over μ , finally gives

$$p(y|\mu, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau n}{2} \left((\mu - \bar{y})^2 - \bar{y}^2 + \frac{1}{n} y^T y \right) \right] \tag{7}$$

In other words, the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) is proportional to a power of τ times an exponential of τ and an exponential of a squared form of μ , weighted by τ :

$$p(y|\mu, \tau) \propto \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y - n\bar{y}^2) \right] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau n}{2} (\mu - \bar{y})^2 \right]. \quad (8)$$

The same is true for a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) over μ and τ

$$p(\mu, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, (\tau \lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) \quad (9)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.2)

$$p(\mu, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau \lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau \lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \quad (10)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(\mu, \tau) \propto \tau^{a_0+1/2-1} \cdot \exp[-\tau b_0] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau \lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right] \quad (11)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

Sources:

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1.1.7 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a normal-gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.1.6) over the model parameters μ and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$:

$$p(\mu, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, (\tau \lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0). \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1)

$$p(\mu, \tau|y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_n, (\tau \lambda_n)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + n} \\
\lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + n \\
a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\
b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2}(y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Proof: According to Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is given by

$$p(\mu, \tau|y) = \frac{p(y|\mu, \tau) p(\mu, \tau)}{p(y)} . \tag{5}$$

Since $p(y)$ is just a normalization factor, the posterior is proportional (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8) to the numerator:

$$p(\mu, \tau|y) \propto p(y|\mu, \tau) p(\mu, \tau) = p(y, \mu, \tau) . \tag{6}$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2)^n} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \tau) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \tau^{-1}) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

using the inverse variance or precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

Combining the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) (8) with the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu, \tau) &= p(y|\mu, \tau) p(\mu, \tau) \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \cdot \\
&\quad \sqrt{\frac{\tau \lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau \lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right] \cdot \\
&\quad \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Collecting identical variables gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+1} \lambda_0}{(2\pi)^{n+1}}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 + \lambda_0 (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right) \right] .
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Expanding the products in the exponent (\rightarrow Proof III/1.1.6) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+1} \lambda_0}{(2\pi)^{n+1}}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} ((y^T y - 2\mu n \bar{y} + n\mu^2) + \lambda_0 (\mu^2 - 2\mu\mu_0 + \mu_0^2)) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ and $y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$, such that

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+1} \lambda_0}{(2\pi)^{n+1}}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (\mu^2 (\lambda_0 + n) - 2\mu (\lambda_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{y}) + (y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2)) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Completing the square over μ , we finally have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+1} \lambda_0}{(2\pi)^{n+1}}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau \lambda_n}{2} (\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + n} \\
\lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + n .
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Ergo, the joint likelihood is proportional to

$$p(y, \mu, \tau) \propto \tau^{1/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau \lambda_n}{2} (\mu - \mu_n)^2 \right] \cdot \tau^{a_n-1} \cdot \exp [-b_n \tau] \quad (15)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\ b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2} (y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) . \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

From the term in (13), we can isolate the posterior distribution over μ given τ :

$$p(\mu|\tau, y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_n, (\tau \lambda_n)^{-1}) . \quad (17)$$

From the remaining term, we can isolate the posterior distribution over τ :

$$p(\tau|y) = \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) . \quad (18)$$

Together, (17) and (18) constitute the joint (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of μ and τ .

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1.1.8 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let

$$m : y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a normal-gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.1.6) over the model parameters μ and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$:

$$p(\mu, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, (\tau \lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\log p(y|m) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} + \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n \quad (3)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + n} \\
\lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + n \\
a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\
b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2}(y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Proof: According to the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the model evidence (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) for this model is:

$$p(y|m) = \iint p(y|\mu, \tau) p(\mu, \tau) d\mu d\tau . \tag{5}$$

According to the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), the integrand is equivalent to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5):

$$p(y|m) = \iint p(y, \mu, \tau) d\mu d\tau . \tag{6}$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2)^n} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu, \tau) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \tau^{-1}) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

using the inverse variance or precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

When deriving the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.1.7) $p(\mu, \tau|y)$, the joint likelihood $p(y, \mu, \tau)$ is obtained as

$$p(y, \mu, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+1} \lambda_0}{(2\pi)^{n+1}}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau \lambda_n}{2} (\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right] . \quad (9)$$

Using the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), we can rewrite this as

$$p(y, \mu, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^n}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{\tau \lambda_0}{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\tau \lambda_n}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_n, (\tau \lambda_n)^{-1}) \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right] . \quad (10)$$

Now, μ can be integrated out easily:

$$\int p(y, \mu, \tau) d\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0+n/2-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right] . \quad (11)$$

Using the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), we can rewrite this as

$$\int p(y, \mu, \tau) d\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{b_n^{a_n}} \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) . \quad (12)$$

Finally, τ can also be integrated out:

$$\iint p(y, \mu, \tau) d\mu d\tau = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n}} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{b_n^{a_n}} . \quad (13)$$

Thus, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) of this model is given by

$$\log p(y|m) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} + \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n . \quad (14)$$

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1.2 Univariate Gaussian with known variance

1.2.1 Definition

Definition: A univariate Gaussian data set with known variance is given by a set of real numbers $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, independent and identically distributed according to a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 :

$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Sources:

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1.2.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Let there be univariate Gaussian data with known variance (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the maximum likelihood estimate (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) for the mean μ is given by

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y} \quad (2)$$

where \bar{y} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2)

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i. \quad (3)$$

Proof: The likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation is given by the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7)

$$p(y_i|\mu) = \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \quad (4)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\mu) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^n}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (5)$$

This can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu) &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i^2 - 2y_i\mu + \mu^2}{\sigma^2} \right) \right] \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\mu + n\mu^2) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ is the mean of data points and $y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$ is the sum of squared data points. Thus, the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) is

$$LL(\mu) = \log p(y|\mu) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\mu + n\mu^2) . \tag{7}$$

The derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to μ are

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dLL(\mu)}{d\mu} &= \frac{n\bar{y}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\mu}{\sigma^2} = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{y} - \mu) \\
\frac{d^2LL(\mu)}{d\mu^2} &= -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} .
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Setting the first derivative to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dLL(\hat{\mu})}{d\mu} &= 0 \\
0 &= \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{y} - \hat{\mu}) \\
0 &= \bar{y} - \hat{\mu} \\
\hat{\mu} &= \bar{y}
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Plugging this value into the second derivative, we confirm:

$$\frac{d^2LL(\hat{\mu})}{d\mu^2} = -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} < 0 . \tag{10}$$

This demonstrates that the estimate $\hat{\mu} = \bar{y}$ maximizes the likelihood $p(y|\mu)$.

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1.2.3 One-sample z-test

Theorem: Let

$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \tag{1}$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Then, the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5)

$$z = \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sigma} \quad (2)$$

with sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} follows a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2)

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (3)$$

under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 . \quad (4)$$

Proof: The sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) is given by

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i . \quad (5)$$

Using the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), the additivity of the variance under independence (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.10) and scaling of the variance upon multiplication (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.7), the sample mean follows a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1)

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{1}{n} n \mu, \left(\frac{1}{n} \right)^2 n \sigma^2 \right) = \mathcal{N} (\mu, \sigma^2/n) \quad (6)$$

and additionally using the invariance of the variance under addition (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.6), the distribution of $z = \sqrt{n/\sigma^2}(\bar{y} - \mu_0)$ becomes

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}}(\bar{y} - \mu_0) \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}}(\mu - \mu_0), \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}} \right)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \right) = \mathcal{N} \left(\sqrt{n} \frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma}, 1 \right) , \quad (7)$$

such that, under the null hypothesis in (4), we have:

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad \text{if } \mu = \mu_0 . \quad (8)$$

This means that the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) can be rejected when z is as extreme or more extreme than the critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) obtained from the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) using a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α .

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1.2.4 Two-sample z-test

Theorem: Let

$$\begin{aligned} y_{1i} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2), & i = 1, \dots, n_1 \\ y_{2i} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2), & i = 1, \dots, n_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.1.1) representing two groups of unequal size n_1 and n_2 with unknown means μ_1 and μ_2 and unknown variances σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 . Then, the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5)

$$z = \frac{(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} \quad (2)$$

with sample means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y}_1 and \bar{y}_2 follows a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2)

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (3)$$

under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = \mu_\Delta . \quad (4)$$

Proof: The sample means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}_1 &= \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} y_{1i} \\ \bar{y}_2 &= \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} y_{2i} . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Using the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5), the additivity of the variance under independence (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.10) and scaling of the variance upon multiplication (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.7), the sample means follow a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}_1 &= \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} y_{1i} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{1}{n_1} n_1 \mu_1, \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \right)^2 n_1 \sigma^2 \right) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2/n_1) \\ \bar{y}_2 &= \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} y_{2i} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{1}{n_2} n_2 \mu_2, \left(\frac{1}{n_2} \right)^2 n_2 \sigma^2 \right) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2/n_2) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

and additionally using the invariance of the variance under addition (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.6), the distribution of $z = [(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta]/\sigma_\Delta$ becomes

$$z = \frac{(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - \mu_\Delta}{\sigma_\Delta} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \mu_\Delta}{\sigma_\Delta}, \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_\Delta} \right)^2 \sigma_\Delta^2 \right) = \mathcal{N} \left(\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \mu_\Delta}{\sigma_\Delta}, 1 \right) \quad (7)$$

where σ_Δ is the pooled standard deviation (\rightarrow Definition “std-pool”)

$$\sigma_{\Delta} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}, \quad (8)$$

such that, under the null hypothesis in (4), we have:

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad \text{if } \mu_{\Delta} = \mu_1 - \mu_2. \quad (9)$$

This means that the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) can be rejected when z is as extreme or more extreme than the critical value (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.9) obtained from the standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2) using a significance level (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.8) α .

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1.2.5 Paired z-test

Theorem: Let y_{i1} and y_{i2} with $i = 1, \dots, n$ be paired observations, such that

$$y_{i1} \sim \mathcal{N}(y_{i2} + \mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

is a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown shift μ and known variance σ^2 . Then, the test statistic (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.5)

$$z = \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{d} - \mu_0}{\sigma} \quad \text{where} \quad d_i = y_{i1} - y_{i2} \quad (2)$$

with sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{d} follows a standard normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.2)

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (3)$$

under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0. \quad (4)$$

Proof: Define the pair-wise difference $d_i = y_{i1} - y_{i2}$ which is, according to the linearity of the expected value (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.5) and the invariance of the variance under addition (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.6), distributed as

$$d_i = y_{i1} - y_{i2} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (5)$$

Therefore, d_1, \dots, d_n satisfy the conditions of the one-sample z-test (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.3) which results in the test statistic given by (2).

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1.2.6 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for this model is a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1)

$$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}) \quad (2)$$

with prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ_0 and prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) λ_0 .

Proof: By definition, a conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) is a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) that, when combined with the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2), leads to a posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) that belongs to the same family of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1). This is fulfilled when the prior density and the likelihood function are proportional to the model parameters in the same way, i.e. the model parameters appear in the same functional form in both.

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mu) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mu) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \tau^{-1}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

using the inverse variance or precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

Expanding the product in the exponent, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y|\mu) &= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\mu y_i + \mu^2) \right] \\
 &= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + n\mu^2 \right) \right] \\
 &= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y - 2\mu n\bar{y} + n\mu^2) \right] \\
 &= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} y^T y - 2\mu\bar{y} + \mu^2 \right) \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ is the mean of data points and $y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$ is the sum of squared data points. Completing the square over μ , finally gives

$$p(y|\mu) = \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau n}{2} \left((\mu - \bar{y})^2 - \bar{y}^2 + \frac{1}{n} y^T y \right) \right] \tag{6}$$

In other words, the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) is proportional to an exponential of a squared form of μ , weighted by some constant:

$$p(y|\mu) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\tau n}{2} (\mu - \bar{y})^2 \right]. \tag{7}$$

The same is true for a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) over μ

$$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}) \tag{8}$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7)

$$p(\mu) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right] \tag{9}$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(\mu) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right] \tag{10}$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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1.2.7 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) over the model parameter μ :

$$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1)

$$p(\mu|y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_n, \lambda_n^{-1}) \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \tau n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + \tau n} \\ \lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + \tau n \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

with the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} and the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

Proof: According to Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is given by

$$p(\mu|y) = \frac{p(y|\mu) p(\mu)}{p(y)} . \quad (5)$$

Since $p(y)$ is just a normalization factor, the posterior is proportional (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8) to the numerator:

$$p(\mu|y) \propto p(y|\mu) p(\mu) = p(y, \mu) . \quad (6)$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mu) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\mu) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \tau^{-1}) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

using the inverse variance or precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

Combining the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) (8) with the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu) &= p(y|\mu) p(\mu) \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Rearranging the terms, we then have:

$$p(y, \mu) = \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 - \frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right]. \tag{10}$$

Expanding the products in the exponent (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \mu) &= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \tau (y_i - \mu)^2 + \lambda_0 (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right) \right] \\
&= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \tau (y_i^2 - 2y_i\mu + \mu^2) + \lambda_0 (\mu^2 - 2\mu\mu_0 + \mu_0^2) \right) \right] \\
&= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\tau(y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\mu + n\mu^2) + \lambda_0(\mu^2 - 2\mu\mu_0 + \mu_0^2)) \right] \\
&= \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mu^2(\tau n + \lambda_0) - 2\mu(\tau n\bar{y} + \lambda_0\mu_0) + (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0\mu_0^2)) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ and $y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$. Completing the square in μ then yields

$$p(y, \mu) = \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda_n}{2} (\mu - \mu_n)^2 + f_n \right] \tag{12}$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0\mu_0 + \tau n\bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + \tau n} \\
\lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + \tau n
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and the remaining independent term

$$f_n = -\frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) . \quad (14)$$

Ergo, the joint likelihood in (12) is proportional to

$$p(y, \mu) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda_n}{2} (\mu - \mu_n)^2 \right] , \quad (15)$$

such that the posterior distribution over μ is given by

$$p(\mu|y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_n, \lambda_n^{-1}) . \quad (16)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters given in (13).

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1.2.8 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let

$$m : y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) over the model parameter μ :

$$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu; \mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\log p(y|m) = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) . \quad (3)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \tau n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + \tau n} \\ \lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + \tau n \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

with the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} and the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

Proof: According to the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the model evidence (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) for this model is:

$$p(y|m) = \int p(y|\mu) p(\mu) d\mu . \quad (5)$$

According to the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), the integrand is equivalent to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5):

$$p(y|m) = \int p(y, \mu) d\mu . \quad (6)$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mu, \tau) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu, \tau^{-1}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi}} \right)^n \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

using the inverse variance or precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

When deriving the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7) $p(\mu|y)$, the joint likelihood $p(y, \mu)$ is obtained as

$$p(y, \mu) = \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda_n}{2} (\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right] . \quad (9)$$

Using the probability density function of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.7), we can rewrite this as

$$p(y, \mu) = \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_n}} \cdot \mathcal{N}(\mu; \lambda_n^{-1}) \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right] . \quad (10)$$

Now, μ can be integrated out using the properties of the probability density function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4):

$$p(y|m) = \int p(y, \mu) d\mu = \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \right] . \quad (11)$$

Thus, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) of this model is given by

$$\log p(y|m) = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) . \quad (12)$$

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1.2.9 Accuracy and complexity

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a statistical model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) imposing a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) as the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameter μ :

$$m : y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}) . \quad (2)$$

Then, accuracy and complexity (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.1.3) of this model are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Acc}(m) &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y^T y - 2 \tau n \bar{y} \mu_n + \tau n \mu_n^2 + \frac{\tau n}{\lambda_n} \right] \\ \text{Com}(m) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} + \lambda_0 (\mu_0 - \mu_n)^2 - 1 + \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where μ_n and λ_n are the posterior hyperparameters for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7), $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ is the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) and \bar{y} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2).

Proof: Model accuracy and complexity are defined as (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LME}(m) &= \text{Acc}(m) - \text{Com}(m) \\ \text{Acc}(m) &= \langle \log p(y|\mu, m) \rangle_{p(\mu|y, m)} \\ \text{Com}(m) &= \text{KL} [p(\mu|y, m) || p(\mu|m)] . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The accuracy term is the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) $\log p(y|\mu)$ with respect to the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $p(\mu|y)$. With the log-likelihood function for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.2) and the posterior distribution for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7), the model accuracy of m evaluates to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Acc}(m) &= \langle \log p(y|\mu) \rangle_{p(\mu|y)} \\
&= \left\langle \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} (y^T y - 2n\bar{y}\mu + n\mu^2) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \lambda_n^{-1})} \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y^T y - 2\tau n\bar{y}\mu_n + \tau n\mu_n^2 + \frac{\tau n}{\lambda_n} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

The complexity penalty is the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $p(\mu|y)$ from the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $p(\mu)$. With the prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) given by (2), the posterior distribution for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7) and the Kullback-Leibler divergence of the normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.2.18), the model complexity of m evaluates to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Com}(m) &= \text{KL} [p(\mu|y) || p(\mu)] \\
&= \text{KL} [\mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \lambda_n^{-1}) || \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1})] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} + \lambda_0(\mu_0 - \mu_n)^2 - 1 + \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

A control calculation confirms that

$$\text{Acc}(m) - \text{Com}(m) = \text{LME}(m) \tag{7}$$

where $\text{LME}(m)$ is the log model evidence for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.8).

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1.2.10 Log Bayes factor

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \tag{1}$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume two statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), one assuming that μ is zero (null model (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)), the other imposing a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) as the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameter μ (alternative (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)):

$$\begin{aligned}
m_0 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu = 0 \\
m_1 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}).
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Then, the log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) in favor of m_1 against m_0 is

$$\text{LBF}_{10} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \quad (3)$$

where μ_n and λ_n are the posterior hyperparameters for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7) which are functions of the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ and the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} .

Proof: The log Bayes factor is equal to the difference of two log model evidences (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.3.3):

$$\text{LBF}_{12} = \text{LME}(m_1) - \text{LME}(m_2) . \quad (4)$$

The LME of the alternative m_1 is equal to the log model evidence for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.8):

$$\text{LME}(m_1) = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y + \lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) . \quad (5)$$

Because the null model m_0 has no free parameter, its log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) (logarithmized marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9)) is equal to the log-likelihood function for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.2) at the value $\mu = 0$:

$$\text{LME}(m_0) = \log p(y|\mu = 0) = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y) . \quad (6)$$

Subtracting the two LMEs from each other, the LBF emerges as

$$\text{LBF}_{10} = \text{LME}(m_1) - \text{LME}(m_0) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \quad (7)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \tau n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + \tau n} \\ \lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + \tau n \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

with the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} and the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$.

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1.2.11 Expectation of log Bayes factor

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume two statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), one assuming that μ is zero (null

model (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)), the other imposing a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) as the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameter μ (alternative (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)):

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \mu = 0 \\ m_1 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Then, under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) that m_0 generated the data, the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) in favor of m_1 with $\mu_0 = 0$ against m_0 is

$$\langle \text{LBF}_{10} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) \quad (3)$$

where λ_n is the posterior precision for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7).

Proof: The log Bayes factor for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.10) is

$$\text{LBF}_{10} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \mu_n^2) \quad (4)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \tau n \bar{y}}{\lambda_0 + \tau n} \\ \lambda_n &= \lambda_0 + \tau n \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

with the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) \bar{y} and the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$. Plugging μ_n from (5) into (4), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LBF}_{10} &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \lambda_n \frac{(\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \tau n \bar{y})^2}{\lambda_n^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_0 \mu_0^2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} (\lambda_0^2 \mu_0^2 - 2\tau n \lambda_0 \mu_0 \bar{y} + \tau^2 (n \bar{y})^2) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Because m_1 uses a zero-mean prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) with prior mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) $\mu_0 = 0$ per construction, the log Bayes factor simplifies to:

$$\text{LBF}_{10} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau^2 (n \bar{y})^2}{\lambda_n} \right). \quad (7)$$

From (1), we know that the data are distributed as $y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, such that we can derive the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $(n \bar{y})^2$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (n \bar{y})^2 \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i y_j \right\rangle = \langle n y_i^2 + (n^2 - n) [y_i y_j]_{i \neq j} \rangle \\ &= n(\mu^2 + \sigma^2) + (n^2 - n) \mu^2 \\ &= n^2 \mu^2 + n \sigma^2. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Applying this expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) to (7), the expected LBF emerges as:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{LBF}_{10} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau^2(n^2\mu^2 + n\sigma^2)}{\lambda_n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\tau n\mu)^2 + \tau n}{\lambda_n} \right)\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Under the null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2) that m_0 generated the data, the unknown mean is $\mu = 0$, such that the log Bayes factor further simplifies to:

$$\langle \text{LBF}_{10} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau n}{\lambda_n} \right). \quad (10)$$

Finally, plugging λ_n from (5) into (10), we obtain:

$$\langle \text{LBF}_{10} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_0}{\lambda_n} \right). \quad (11)$$

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1.2.12 Cross-validated log model evidence

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume two statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), one assuming that μ is zero (null model (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)), the other imposing a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) as the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameter μ (alternative (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)):

$$\begin{aligned}m_0 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu = 0 \\ m_1 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}).\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

Then, the cross-validated log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) of m_0 and m_1 are

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cvLME}(m_0) &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y) \\ \text{cvLME}(m_1) &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \left[y^T y + \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n \bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \right]\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

where \bar{y} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2), $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ is the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11), $y_1^{(i)}$ are the training data in the i -th cross-validation fold and S is the number of data subsets (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5).

Proof: For evaluation of the cross-validated log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) (cvLME), we assume that n data points are divided into $S \mid n$ data subsets without remainder. Then, the number of training data points n_1 and test data points n_2 are given by

$$\begin{aligned} n &= n_1 + n_2 \\ n_1 &= \frac{S-1}{S}n \\ n_2 &= \frac{1}{S}n, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

such that training data y_1 and test data y_2 in the i -th cross-validation fold are

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \\ y_1^{(i)} &= \left\{x \in y \mid x \notin y_2^{(i)}\right\} = y \setminus y_2^{(i)} \\ y_2^{(i)} &= \{y_{(i-1) \cdot n_2 + 1}, \dots, y_{i \cdot n_2}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

First, we consider the null model m_0 assuming $\mu = 0$. Because this model has no free parameter, nothing is estimated from the training data and the assumed parameter value is applied to the test data. Consequently, the out-of-sample log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition “ooslme”) (oosLME) is equal to the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.2) of the test data at $\mu = 0$:

$$\text{oosLME}_i(m_0) = \log p\left(y_2^{(i)} \mid \mu = 0\right) = \frac{n_2}{2} \log\left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y_2^{(i)\top} y_2^{(i)}\right]. \quad (6)$$

By definition, the cross-validated log model evidence is the sum of out-of-sample log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) over cross-validation folds, such that the cvLME of m_0 is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cvLME}(m_0) &= \sum_{i=1}^S \text{oosLME}_i(m_0) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{n_2}{2} \log\left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y_2^{(i)\top} y_2^{(i)}\right] \right) \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi}\right) - \frac{1}{2} [\tau y^\top y]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Next, we have a look at the alternative m_1 assuming $\mu \neq 0$. First, the training data $y_1^{(i)}$ are analyzed using a non-informative prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.3) and applying the posterior distribution for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7):

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0^{(1)} &= 0 \\ \lambda_0^{(1)} &= 0 \\ \mu_n^{(1)} &= \frac{\tau n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)} + \lambda_0^{(1)} \mu_0^{(1)}}{\tau n_1 + \lambda_0^{(1)}} = \bar{y}_1^{(i)} \\ \lambda_n^{(1)} &= \tau n_1 + \lambda_0^{(1)} = \tau n_1. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

This results in a posterior characterized by $\mu_n^{(1)}$ and $\lambda_n^{(1)}$. Then, the test data $y_2^{(i)}$ are analyzed using this posterior as an informative prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.3), again applying the posterior distribution for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.7):

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_0^{(2)} &= \mu_n^{(1)} = \bar{y}_1^{(i)} \\ \lambda_0^{(2)} &= \lambda_n^{(1)} = \tau n_1 \\ \mu_n^{(2)} &= \frac{\tau n_2 \bar{y}_2^{(i)} + \lambda_0^{(2)} \mu_0^{(2)}}{\tau n_2 + \lambda_0^{(2)}} = \bar{y} \\ \lambda_n^{(2)} &= \tau n_2 + \lambda_0^{(2)} = \tau n .\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

In the test data, we now have a prior characterized by $\mu_0^{(2)}/\lambda_0^{(2)}$ and a posterior characterized $\mu_n^{(2)}/\lambda_n^{(2)}$. Applying the log model evidence for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.8), the out-of-sample log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition “ooslme”) (oosLME) therefore follows as

$$\begin{aligned}\text{oosLME}_i(m_1) &= \frac{n_2}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\lambda_0^{(2)}}{\lambda_n^{(2)}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y_2^{(i)\text{T}} y_2^{(i)} + \lambda_0^{(2)} \mu_0^{(2)2} - \lambda_n^{(2)} \mu_n^{(2)2} \right] \\ &= \frac{n_2}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{n_1}{n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y_2^{(i)\text{T}} y_2^{(i)} + \frac{\tau}{n_1} \left(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)} \right)^2 - \frac{\tau}{n} (n \bar{y})^2 \right] .\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

Again, because the cross-validated log model evidence is the sum of out-of-sample log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) over cross-validation folds, the cvLME of m_1 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cvLME}(m_1) &= \sum_{i=1}^S \text{oosLME}_i(m_1) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{n_2}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{n_1}{n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\tau y_2^{(i)\text{T}} y_2^{(i)} + \frac{\tau}{n_1} \left(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)} \right)^2 - \frac{\tau}{n} (n \bar{y})^2 \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{S \cdot n_2}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{n_1}{n} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left[y_2^{(i)\text{T}} y_2^{(i)} + \frac{\left(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)} \right)^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n \bar{y})^2}{n} \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \left[y^{\text{T}} y + \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{\left(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)} \right)^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n \bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \right] .\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

Together, (7) and (11) conform to the results given in (3).

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1.2.13 Cross-validated log Bayes factor

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume two statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), one assuming that μ is zero (null model (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)), the other imposing a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) as the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameter μ (alternative (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)):

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu = 0 \\ m_1 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Then, the cross-validated (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) in favor of m_1 against m_0 is

$$\text{cvLBF}_{10} = \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n \bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \quad (3)$$

where \bar{y} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2), $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ is the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11), $y_1^{(i)}$ are the training data in the i -th cross-validation fold and S is the number of data subsets (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5).

Proof: The relationship between log Bayes factor and log model evidences (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.3.3) also holds for cross-validated log bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) (cvLBF) and cross-validated log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) (cvLME):

$$\text{cvLBF}_{12} = \text{cvLME}(m_1) - \text{cvLME}(m_2). \quad (4)$$

The cross-validated log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) of m_0 and m_1 are given by (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.12)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cvLME}(m_0) &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y) \\ \text{cvLME}(m_1) &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \left[y^T y + \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n \bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Subtracting the two cvLMEs from each other, the cvLBF emerges as

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{cvLBF}_{10} &= \text{cvLME}(m_1) - \text{LME}(m_0) \\
&= \left(\frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \left[y^T y + \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n\bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \right] \right) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\tau}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (\tau y^T y) \right) \\
&= \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n\bar{y})^2}{n} \right). \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

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1.2.14 Expectation of cross-validated log Bayes factor

Theorem: Let

$$y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \quad y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \tag{1}$$

be a univariate Gaussian data set (\rightarrow Definition III/1.2.1) with unknown mean μ and known variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume two statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4), one assuming that μ is zero (null model (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)), the other imposing a normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.6) as the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameter μ (alternative (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)):

$$\begin{aligned}
m_0 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu = 0 \\
m_1 : y_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}). \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Then, the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the cross-validated (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5) log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) (cvLBF) in favor of m_1 against m_0 is

$$\langle \text{cvLBF}_{10} \rangle = \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) + \frac{1}{2} [\tau n \mu^2] \tag{3}$$

where $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ is the inverse variance or precision (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.11) and S is the number of data subsets (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.5).

Proof: The cross-validated log Bayes factor for the univariate Gaussian with known variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.13) is

$$\text{cvLBF}_{10} = \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1 \bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n\bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \tag{4}$$

From (1), we know that the data are distributed as $y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, such that we can derive the expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of $(n\bar{y})^2$ and $(n_1\bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (n\bar{y})^2 \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i y_j \right\rangle = \langle n y_i^2 + (n^2 - n) [y_i y_j]_{i \neq j} \rangle \\ &= n(\mu^2 + \sigma^2) + (n^2 - n)\mu^2 \\ &= n^2\mu^2 + n\sigma^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Applying this expected value (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) to (4), the expected cvLBF emerges as:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{cvLBF}_{10} \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{(n_1\bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2}{n_1} - \frac{(n\bar{y})^2}{n} \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{\langle (n_1\bar{y}_1^{(i)})^2 \rangle}{n_1} - \frac{\langle (n\bar{y})^2 \rangle}{n} \right) \\ &\stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{n_1^2\mu^2 + n_1\sigma^2}{n_1} - \frac{n^2\mu^2 + n\sigma^2}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S ([n_1\mu^2 + \sigma^2] - [n\mu^2 + \sigma^2]) \\ &= \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S (n_1 - n)\mu^2 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Because it holds that (\rightarrow Proof III/1.2.12) $n_1 + n_2 = n$ and $n_2 = n/S$, we finally have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{cvLBF}_{10} \rangle &= \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{i=1}^S (-n_2)\mu^2 \\ &= \frac{S}{2} \log \left(\frac{S-1}{S} \right) + \frac{1}{2} [\tau n \mu^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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1.3 Multiple linear regression

1.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let y be an $n \times 1$ vector and let X be an $n \times p$ matrix.

Then, a statement asserting a linear combination of X into y

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad (1)$$

together with a statement asserting a normal distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) for ε

$$\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \quad (2)$$

is called a univariate linear regression model or simply, “multiple linear regression”.

- y is called “measured data”, “dependent variable” or “measurements”;
- X is called “design matrix”, “set of independent variables” or “predictors”;
- V is called “covariance matrix” or “covariance structure”;
- β are called “regression coefficients” or “weights”;
- ε is called “noise”, “errors” or “error terms”;
- σ^2 is called “noise variance” or “error variance”;
- n is the number of observations;
- p is the number of predictors.

Alternatively, the linear combination may also be written as

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i x_i + \varepsilon \quad (3)$$

or, when the model includes an intercept term, as

$$y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i x_i + \varepsilon \quad (4)$$

which is equivalent to adding a constant regressor $x_0 = 1_n$ to the design matrix X .

When the covariance structure V is equal to the $n \times n$ identity matrix, this is called multiple linear regression with independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) observations:

$$V = I_n \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_n) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2). \quad (5)$$

Otherwise, it is called multiple linear regression with correlated observations.

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1.3.2 Ordinary least squares

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \quad (1)$$

the parameters minimizing the residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) are given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y. \quad (2)$$

Proof: Let $\hat{\beta}$ be the ordinary least squares (OLS) solution and let $\hat{\varepsilon} = y - X\hat{\beta}$ be the resulting vector of residuals. Then, this vector must be orthogonal to the design matrix,

$$X^T \hat{\varepsilon} = 0, \quad (3)$$

because if it wasn't, there would be another solution $\tilde{\beta}$ giving another vector $\tilde{\varepsilon}$ with a smaller residual sum of squares. From (3), the OLS formula can be directly derived:

$$\begin{aligned} X^T \hat{\varepsilon} &= 0 \\ X^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) &= 0 \\ X^T y - X^T X \hat{\beta} &= 0 \\ X^T X \hat{\beta} &= X^T y \\ \hat{\beta} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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1.3.3 Ordinary least squares

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \quad (1)$$

the parameters minimizing the residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) are given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y. \quad (2)$$

Proof: The residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) is defined as

$$\text{RSS}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^2 = \varepsilon^T \varepsilon = (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) \quad (3)$$

which can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSS}(\beta) &= y^T y - y^T X\beta - \beta^T X^T y + \beta^T X^T X \beta \\ &= y^T y - 2\beta^T X^T y + \beta^T X^T X \beta. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The derivative of $\text{RSS}(\beta)$ with respect to β is

$$\frac{d\text{RSS}(\beta)}{d\beta} = -2X^T y + 2X^T X \beta \quad (5)$$

and setting this derivative to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{RSS}(\hat{\beta})}{d\beta} &= 0 \\
0 &= -2X^T y + 2X^T X \hat{\beta} \\
X^T X \hat{\beta} &= X^T y \\
\hat{\beta} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Since the quadratic form $y^T y$ in (4) is positive, $\hat{\beta}$ minimizes $\text{RSS}(\beta)$.

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1.3.4 Total sum of squares

Definition: Let there be a multiple linear regression with independent observations (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) using measured data y and design matrix X :

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the total sum of squares (TSS) is defined as the sum of squared deviations of the measured signal from the average signal:

$$\text{TSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i . \tag{2}$$

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1.3.5 Explained sum of squares

Definition: Let there be a multiple linear regression with independent observations (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) using measured data y and design matrix X :

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) . \tag{1}$$

Then, the explained sum of squares (ESS) is defined as the sum of squared deviations of the fitted signal from the average signal:

$$\text{ESS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \tag{2}$$

with estimated regression coefficients $\hat{\beta}$, e.g. obtained via ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2).

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1.3.6 Residual sum of squares

Definition: Let there be a multiple linear regression with independent observations (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) using measured data y and design matrix X :

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2). \quad (1)$$

Then, the residual sum of squares (RSS) is defined as the sum of squared deviations of the measured signal from the fitted signal:

$$\text{RSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} \quad (2)$$

with estimated regression coefficients $\hat{\beta}$, e.g. obtained via ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2).

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1.3.7 Total, explained and residual sum of squares

Theorem: Assume a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \quad (1)$$

and let X contain a constant regressor 1_n modelling the intercept term. Then, it holds that

$$\text{TSS} = \text{ESS} + \text{RSS} \quad (2)$$

where TSS is the total sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.4), ESS is the explained sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.5) and RSS is the residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6).

Proof: The total sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.4) is given by

$$\text{TSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \quad (3)$$

where \bar{y} is the mean across all y_i . The TSS can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{TSS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y} + \hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n ((\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}) + (y_i - \hat{y}_i))^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n ((\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}) + \hat{\varepsilon}_i)^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n ((\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + 2\hat{\varepsilon}_i(\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}) + \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i(\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i(x_i\hat{\beta} - \bar{y}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij}\hat{\beta}_j \right) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i \bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{\beta}_j \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i x_{ij} - 2\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The fact that the design matrix includes a constant regressor ensures that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i = \hat{\varepsilon}^T \mathbf{1}_n = 0 \tag{5}$$

and because the residuals are orthogonal to the design matrix (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i x_{ij} = \hat{\varepsilon}^T x_j = 0. \tag{6}$$

Applying (5) and (6) to (4), this becomes

$$\text{TSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 \tag{7}$$

and, with the definitions of explained (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.5) and residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6), it is

$$\text{TSS} = \text{ESS} + \text{RSS}. \tag{8}$$

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1.3.8 Estimation matrix

Definition: In multiple linear regression (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1), the estimation matrix is the matrix E that results in ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2) or weighted least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.13) parameter estimates when right-multiplied with the measured data:

$$Ey = \hat{\beta} . \quad (1)$$

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1.3.9 Projection matrix

Definition: In multiple linear regression (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1), the projection matrix is the matrix P that results in the fitted signal explained by estimated parameters (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.8) when right-multiplied with the measured data:

$$Py = \hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} . \quad (1)$$

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1.3.10 Residual-forming matrix

Definition: In multiple linear regression (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1), the residual-forming matrix is the matrix R that results in the vector of residuals left over by estimated parameters (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.8) when right-multiplied with the measured data:

$$Ry = \hat{\varepsilon} = y - \hat{y} = y - X\hat{\beta} . \quad (1)$$

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1.3.11 Estimation, projection and residual-forming matrix

Theorem: Assume a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \quad (1)$$

and consider estimation using ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2). Then, the estimated parameters, fitted signal and residuals are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= Ey \\ \hat{y} &= Py \\ \hat{\varepsilon} &= Ry\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}E &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \\ P &= X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \\ R &= I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

are the estimation matrix (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.8), projection matrix (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.9) and residual-forming matrix (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.10) and n is the number of observations.

Proof:

1) Ordinary least squares parameter estimates of β are defined as minimizing the residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6)

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} [(y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta)]\tag{4}$$

and the solution to this (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} Ey.\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

2) The fitted signal is given by multiplying the design matrix with the estimated regression coefficients

$$\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta}\tag{6}$$

and using (5), this becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} &= X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} Py.\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

3) The residuals of the model are calculated by subtracting the fitted signal from the measured signal

$$\hat{\varepsilon} = y - \hat{y}\tag{8}$$

and using (7), this becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\varepsilon} &= y - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &= (I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) y \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} Ry.\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

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1.3.12 Idempotence of projection and residual-forming matrix

Theorem: The projection matrix (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.9) and the residual-forming matrix (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.10) are idempotent:

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 &= P \\ R^2 &= R . \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Proof:

1) The projection matrix for ordinary least squares is given by (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.11)

$$P = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T , \tag{2}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 &= X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \\ &= X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} P . \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

2) The residual-forming matrix for ordinary least squares is given by (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.11)

$$R = I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T = I_n - P , \tag{4}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} R^2 &= (I_n - P)(I_n - P) \\ &= I_n - P - P + P^2 \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} I_n - 2P + P \\ &= I_n - P \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} R . \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

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1.3.13 Weighted least squares

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with correlated observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V), \quad (1)$$

the parameters minimizing the weighted residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) are given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y. \quad (2)$$

Proof: Let there be an $n \times n$ square matrix W , such that

$$WVW^T = I_n. \quad (3)$$

Since V is a covariance matrix and thus symmetric, W is also symmetric and can be expressed as the matrix square root of the inverse of V :

$$WVW = I_n \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V = W^{-1}W^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V^{-1} = WW \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad W = V^{-1/2}. \quad (4)$$

Left-multiplying the linear regression equation (1) with W , the linear transformation theorem (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.5) implies that

$$Wy = WX\beta + W\varepsilon, \quad W\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 WVW^T). \quad (5)$$

Applying (3), we see that (5) is actually a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$\tilde{y} = \tilde{X}\beta + \tilde{\varepsilon}, \quad \tilde{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_n) \quad (6)$$

where $\tilde{y} = Wy$, $\tilde{X} = WX$ and $\tilde{\varepsilon} = W\varepsilon$, such that we can apply the ordinary least squares solution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2) giving

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X})^{-1} \tilde{X}^T \tilde{y} \\ &= ((WX)^T WX)^{-1} (WX)^T Wy \\ &= (X^T W^T WX)^{-1} X^T W^T Wy \\ &= (X^T WWX)^{-1} X^T WWy \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which corresponds to the weighted least squares solution (2).

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1.3.14 Weighted least squares

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with correlated observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V), \quad (1)$$

the parameters minimizing the weighted residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) are given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y. \quad (2)$$

Proof: Let there be an $n \times n$ square matrix W , such that

$$WVW^T = I_n. \quad (3)$$

Since V is a covariance matrix and thus symmetric, W is also symmetric and can be expressed the matrix square root of the inverse of V :

$$WVW = I_n \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V = W^{-1}W^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V^{-1} = WW \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad W = V^{-1/2}. \quad (4)$$

Left-multiplying the linear regression equation (1) with W , the linear transformation theorem (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.5) implies that

$$Wy = WX\beta + W\varepsilon, \quad W\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 WVW^T). \quad (5)$$

Applying (3), we see that (5) is actually a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$Wy = WX\beta + W\varepsilon, \quad W\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_n). \quad (6)$$

With this, we can express the weighted residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) as

$$\text{wRSS}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (W\varepsilon)_i^2 = (W\varepsilon)^T (W\varepsilon) = (Wy - WX\beta)^T (Wy - WX\beta) \quad (7)$$

which can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wRSS}(\beta) &= y^T W^T W y - y^T W^T W X \beta - \beta^T X^T W^T W y + \beta^T X^T W^T W X \beta \\ &= y^T W W y - 2\beta^T X^T W W y + \beta^T X^T W W X \beta \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} y^T V^{-1} y - 2\beta^T X^T V^{-1} y + \beta^T X^T V^{-1} X \beta. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The derivative of $\text{wRSS}(\beta)$ with respect to β is

$$\frac{d\text{wRSS}(\beta)}{d\beta} = -2X^T V^{-1} y + 2X^T V^{-1} X \beta \quad (9)$$

and setting this derivative to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{wRSS}(\hat{\beta})}{d\beta} &= 0 \\
0 &= -2X^T V^{-1} y + 2X^T V^{-1} X \hat{\beta} \\
X^T V^{-1} X \hat{\beta} &= X^T V^{-1} y \\
\hat{\beta} &= (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y .
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Since the quadratic form $y^T V^{-1} y$ in (8) is positive, $\hat{\beta}$ minimizes $\text{wRSS}(\beta)$.

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1.3.15 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with correlated observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) , \tag{1}$$

the maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) of β and σ^2 are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta} &= (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y \\
\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) .
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Proof: With the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2), the linear regression equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|\beta, \sigma^2) &= \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, \sigma^2 V) \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n |\sigma^2 V|}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (y - X\beta)^T (\sigma^2 V)^{-1} (y - X\beta) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

and, using $|\sigma^2 V| = (\sigma^2)^n |V|$, the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LL}(\beta, \sigma^2) &= \log p(y|\beta, \sigma^2) \\
&= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log |V| \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T V^{-1} (y - X\beta) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Substituting the precision matrix $P = V^{-1}$ into (4) to ease notation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LL}(\beta, \sigma^2) = & -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log(|V|) \\ & - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^T P y - 2\beta^T X^T P y + \beta^T X^T P X \beta) . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood function (5) with respect to β is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\text{LL}(\beta, \sigma^2)}{d\beta} &= \frac{d}{d\beta} \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^T P y - 2\beta^T X^T P y + \beta^T X^T P X \beta) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{d}{d\beta} (2\beta^T X^T P y - \beta^T X^T P X \beta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (2X^T P y - 2X^T P X \beta) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (X^T P y - X^T P X \beta) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

and setting this derivative to zero gives the MLE for β :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{\beta}, \sigma^2)}{d\beta} &= 0 \\ 0 &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (X^T P y - X^T P X \hat{\beta}) \\ 0 &= X^T P y - X^T P X \hat{\beta} \\ X^T P X \hat{\beta} &= X^T P y \\ \hat{\beta} &= (X^T P X)^{-1} X^T P y \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood function (4) at $\hat{\beta}$ with respect to σ^2 is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{\beta}, \sigma^2)}{d\sigma^2} &= \frac{d}{d\sigma^2} \left(-\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta}) \right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta}) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and setting this derivative to zero gives the MLE for σ^2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dLL(\hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)}{d\sigma^2} &= 0 \\
0 &= -\frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} + \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\
\frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} &= \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\
\frac{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} &= \frac{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\
\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T V^{-1} (y - X\hat{\beta})
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Together, (7) and (9) constitute the MLE for multiple linear regression.

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1.4 Bayesian linear regression

1.4.1 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \tag{1}$$

be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with measured $n \times 1$ data vector y , known $n \times p$ design matrix X , known $n \times n$ covariance structure V as well as unknown $p \times 1$ regression coefficients β and unknown noise variance σ^2 .

Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for this model is a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1)

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_0, (\tau \Lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) \tag{2}$$

where $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ is the inverse noise variance or noise precision.

Proof: By definition, a conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) is a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) that, when combined with the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2), leads to a posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) that belongs to the same family of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1). This is fulfilled when the prior density and the likelihood function are proportional to the model parameters in the same way, i.e. the model parameters appear in the same functional form in both.

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$p(y|\beta, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, \sigma^2 V) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n |\sigma^2 V|}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T V^{-1} (y - X\beta) \right] \tag{3}$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$p(y|\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, (\tau P)^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|\tau P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y - X\beta)^T P (y - X\beta) \right] \quad (4)$$

using the noise precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ and the $n \times n$ precision matrix $P = V^{-1}$.

Separating constant and variable terms, we have:

$$p(y|\beta, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{|P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y - X\beta)^T P (y - X\beta) \right] . \quad (5)$$

Expanding the product in the exponent, we have:

$$p(y|\beta, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{|P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T P y - y^T P X \beta - \beta^T X^T P y + \beta^T X^T P X \beta) \right] . \quad (6)$$

Completing the square over β , finally gives

$$p(y|\beta, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{|P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \cdot \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left((\beta - \tilde{X}y)^T X^T P X (\beta - \tilde{X}y) - y^T Q y + y^T P y \right) \right] \quad (7)$$

where $\tilde{X} = (X^T P X)^{-1} X^T P$ and $Q = \tilde{X}^T (X^T P X) \tilde{X}$.

In other words, the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) is proportional to a power of τ , times an exponential of τ and an exponential of a squared form of β , weighted by τ :

$$p(y|\beta, \tau) \propto \tau^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T P y - y^T Q y) \right] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (\beta - \tilde{X}y)^T X^T P X (\beta - \tilde{X}y) \right] . \quad (8)$$

The same is true for a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) over β and τ

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_0, (\tau \Lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) \quad (9)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.2)

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{|\tau \Lambda_0|}{(2\pi)^p}} \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (\beta - \mu_0)^T \Lambda_0 (\beta - \mu_0) \right] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \quad (10)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(\beta, \tau) \propto \tau^{a_0+p/2-1} \cdot \exp[-\tau b_0] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (\beta - \mu_0)^T \Lambda_0 (\beta - \mu_0) \right] \quad (11)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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1.4.2 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \quad (1)$$

be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with measured $n \times 1$ data vector y , known $n \times p$ design matrix X , known $n \times n$ covariance structure V as well as unknown $p \times 1$ regression coefficients β and unknown noise variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a normal-gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.4.1) over the model parameters β and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$:

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_0, (\tau \Lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1)

$$p(\beta, \tau | y) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_n, (\tau \Lambda_n)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1}(X^T P y + \Lambda_0 \mu_0) \\ \Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 \\ a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\ b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2}(y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: According to Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is given by

$$p(\beta, \tau | y) = \frac{p(y | \beta, \tau) p(\beta, \tau)}{p(y)} . \quad (5)$$

Since $p(y)$ is just a normalization factor, the posterior is proportional (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8) to the numerator:

$$p(\beta, \tau | y) \propto p(y | \beta, \tau) p(\beta, \tau) = p(y, \beta, \tau) . \quad (6)$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$p(y | \beta, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, \sigma^2 V) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n |\sigma^2 V|}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T V^{-1} (y - X\beta) \right] \quad (7)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$p(y | \beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, (\tau P)^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|\tau P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y - X\beta)^T P (y - X\beta) \right] \quad (8)$$

using the noise precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ and the $n \times n$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $P = V^{-1}$.

Combining the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) (8) with the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \beta, \tau) &= p(y|\beta, \tau) p(\beta, \tau) \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{|\tau P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y - X\beta)^T P (y - X\beta) \right] \cdot \\
&\quad \sqrt{\frac{|\tau \Lambda_0|}{(2\pi)^p}} \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (\beta - \mu_0)^T \Lambda_0 (\beta - \mu_0) \right] \cdot \\
&\quad \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Collecting identical variables gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \beta, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+p}}{(2\pi)^{n+p}} |P| |\Lambda_0|} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left((y - X\beta)^T P (y - X\beta) + (\beta - \mu_0)^T \Lambda_0 (\beta - \mu_0) \right) \right] .
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Expanding the products in the exponent gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \beta, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+p}}{(2\pi)^{n+p}} |P| |\Lambda_0|} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left(y^T P y - y^T P X \beta - \beta^T X^T P y + \beta^T X^T P X \beta + \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \beta^T \Lambda_0 \beta - \beta^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \beta + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 \right) \right] .
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Completing the square over β , we finally have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \beta, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau^{n+p}}{(2\pi)^{n+p}} |P| |\Lambda_0|} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \\
&\quad \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} \left((\beta - \mu_n)^T \Lambda_n (\beta - \mu_n) + (y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) \right) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1} (X^T P y + \Lambda_0 \mu_0) \\
\Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 .
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Ergo, the joint likelihood is proportional to

$$p(y, \beta, \tau) \propto \tau^{p/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (\beta - \mu_n)^T \Lambda_n (\beta - \mu_n) \right] \cdot \tau^{a_n-1} \cdot \exp[-b_n \tau] \tag{14}$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\
b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2} (y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) .
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

From the term in (14), we can isolate the posterior distribution over β given τ :

$$p(\beta|\tau, y) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_n, (\tau\Lambda_n)^{-1}) . \quad (16)$$

From the remaining term, we can isolate the posterior distribution over τ :

$$p(\tau|y) = \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) . \quad (17)$$

Together, (16) and (17) constitute the joint (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of β and τ .

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1.4.3 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let

$$m : y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \quad (1)$$

be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with measured $n \times 1$ data vector y , known $n \times p$ design matrix X , known $n \times n$ covariance structure V as well as unknown $p \times 1$ regression coefficients β and unknown noise variance σ^2 . Moreover, assume a normal-gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.4.1) over the model parameters β and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$:

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_0, (\tau\Lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) = & \frac{1}{2} \log |P| - \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log |\Lambda_0| - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Lambda_n| + \\ & \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1}(X^T P y + \Lambda_0 \mu_0) \\ \Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 \\ a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\ b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2}(y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: According to the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the model evidence (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) for this model is:

$$p(y|m) = \iint p(y|\beta, \tau) p(\beta, \tau) d\beta d\tau . \quad (5)$$

According to the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), the integrand is equivalent to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5):

$$p(y|m) = \iint p(y, \beta, \tau) d\beta d\tau . \quad (6)$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$p(y|\beta, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, \sigma^2 V) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n |\sigma^2 V|}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T V^{-1} (y - X\beta) \right] \quad (7)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$p(y|\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(y; X\beta, (\tau P)^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|\tau P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y - X\beta)^T P (y - X\beta) \right] \quad (8)$$

using the noise precision $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ and the $n \times n$ precision matrix $P = V^{-1}$.

When deriving the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/1.4.2) $p(\beta, \tau|y)$, the joint likelihood $p(y, \beta, \tau)$ is obtained as

$$p(y, \beta, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^n |P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{\tau^p |\Lambda_0|}{(2\pi)^p}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} ((\beta - \mu_n)^T \Lambda_n (\beta - \mu_n) + (y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n)) \right] . \quad (9)$$

Using the probability density function of the multivariate normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.1.2), we can rewrite this as

$$p(y, \beta, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^n |P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{\tau^p |\Lambda_0|}{(2\pi)^p}} \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^p}{\tau^p |\Lambda_n|}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_n, (\tau \Lambda_n)^{-1}) \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) \right] . \quad (10)$$

Now, β can be integrated out easily:

$$\int p(y, \beta, \tau) d\beta = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^n |P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda_0|}{|\Lambda_n|}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \tau^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \tau] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) \right] . \quad (11)$$

Using the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), we can rewrite this as

$$\int p(y, \beta, \tau) d\beta = \sqrt{\frac{|P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda_0|}{|\Lambda_n|}} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{b_n^{a_n}} \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) . \quad (12)$$

Finally, τ can also be integrated out:

$$\iint p(y, \beta, \tau) d\beta d\tau = \sqrt{\frac{|P|}{(2\pi)^n}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda_0|}{|\Lambda_n|}} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{b_n^{a_n}} = p(y|m) . \quad (13)$$

Thus, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) of this model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) = & \frac{1}{2} \log |P| - \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log |\Lambda_0| - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Lambda_n| + \\ & \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n . \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

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1.4.4 Posterior probability of alternative hypothesis

Theorem: Let there be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) errors:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \quad (1)$$

and assume a normal-gamma (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) over the model parameters β and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$:

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_0, (\tau \Lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1) of the alternative hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.3)

$$H_1 : c^T \beta > 0 \quad (3)$$

is given by

$$\Pr(H_1|y) = 1 - T\left(-\frac{c^T \mu}{\sqrt{c^T \Sigma c}}; \nu\right) \quad (4)$$

where c is a $p \times 1$ contrast vector (\rightarrow Definition “con”), $T(x; \nu)$ is the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.3.1) with ν degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”) and μ , Σ and ν can be obtained from the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of Bayesian linear regression.

Proof: The posterior distribution for Bayesian linear regression (\rightarrow Proof III/1.4.2) is given by a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) over β and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$

$$p(\beta, \tau|y) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_n, (\tau \Lambda_n)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) \quad (5)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1}(X^T P y + \Lambda_0 \mu_0) \\
\Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 \\
a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\
b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2}(y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

The marginal distribution of a normal-gamma distribution is a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.4), such that the marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) distribution of β is

$$p(\beta|y) = t(\beta; \mu, \Sigma, \nu) \tag{7}$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= \mu_n \\
\Sigma &= \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \Lambda_n \right)^{-1} \\
\nu &= 2 a_n .
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Define the quantity $\gamma = c^T \beta$. According to the linear transformation theorem for the multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “mvt-ltt”), γ also follows a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.2.1):

$$p(\gamma|y) = t(\gamma; c^T \mu, c^T \Sigma c, \nu) . \tag{9}$$

Because c^T is a $1 \times p$ vector, γ is a scalar and actually has a non-central scaled t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition “ncst”). Therefore, the posterior probability of H_1 can be calculated using a one-dimensional integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr(H_1|y) &= p(\gamma > 0|y) \\
&= \int_0^{+\infty} p(\gamma|y) d\gamma \\
&= 1 - \int_{-\infty}^0 p(\gamma|y) d\gamma \\
&= 1 - T_{\text{ncst}}(0; c^T \mu, c^T \Sigma c, \nu) .
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Using the relation between non-central scaled t-distribution and standard t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “ncst-t”), we can finally write:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr(H_1|y) &= 1 - T\left(\frac{(0 - c^T \mu)}{\sqrt{c^T \Sigma c}}; \nu\right) \\
&= 1 - T\left(-\frac{c^T \mu}{\sqrt{c^T \Sigma c}}; \nu\right) .
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Sources:

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1.4.5 Posterior credibility region excluding null hypothesis

Theorem: Let there be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/4.1.1) errors:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \quad (1)$$

and assume a normal-gamma (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) over the model parameters β and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$:

$$p(\beta, \tau) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_0, (\tau \Lambda_0)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_0, b_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the largest posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) credibility region (\rightarrow Definition “cr”) that does not contain the omnibus null hypothesis (\rightarrow Definition I/4.3.2)

$$H_0 : C^T \beta = 0 \quad (3)$$

is given by the credibility level (\rightarrow Definition “cr”)

$$(1 - \alpha) = F([\mu^T C (C^T \Sigma C)^{-1} C^T \mu] / q; q, \nu) \quad (4)$$

where C is a $p \times q$ contrast matrix (\rightarrow Definition “con”), $F(x; v, w)$ is the cumulative distribution function (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.8) of the F-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.7.1) with v numerator degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”), w denominator degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”) and μ , Σ and ν can be obtained from the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of Bayesian linear regression.

Proof: The posterior distribution for Bayesian linear regression (\rightarrow Proof III/1.4.2) is given by a normal-gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.3.1) over β and $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$

$$p(\beta, \tau | y) = \mathcal{N}(\beta; \mu_n, (\tau \Lambda_n)^{-1}) \cdot \text{Gam}(\tau; a_n, b_n) \quad (5)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1} (X^T P y + \Lambda_0 \mu_0) \\ \Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 \\ a_n &= a_0 + \frac{n}{2} \\ b_n &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2} (y^T P y + \mu_0^T \Lambda_0 \mu_0 - \mu_n^T \Lambda_n \mu_n) . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The marginal distribution of a normal-gamma distribution is a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.3.4), such that the marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) distribution of β is

$$p(\beta|y) = t(\beta; \mu, \Sigma, \nu) \quad (7)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \mu_n \\ \Sigma &= \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \Lambda_n \right)^{-1} \\ \nu &= 2 a_n . \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Define the quantity $\gamma = C^T \beta$. According to the linear transformation theorem for the multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “mvt-ltt”), γ also follows a multivariate t-distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.2.1):

$$p(\gamma|y) = t(\gamma; C^T \mu, C^T \Sigma C, \nu) . \quad (9)$$

Because C^T is a $q \times p$ matrix, γ is a $q \times 1$ vector. The quadratic form of a multivariate t-distributed random variable has an F-distribution (\rightarrow Proof “mvt-f”), such that we can write:

$$QF(\gamma) = (\gamma - C^T \mu)^T (C^T \Sigma C)^{-1} (\gamma - C^T \mu) / q \sim F(q, \nu) . \quad (10)$$

Therefore, the largest posterior credibility region for γ which does not contain $\gamma = 0_q$ (i.e. only touches this origin point) can be obtained by plugging $QF(0)$ into the cumulative distribution function of the F-distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha) &= F(QF(0); q, \nu) \\ &= F([\mu^T C (C^T \Sigma C)^{-1} C^T \mu] / q; q, \nu) . \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

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2 Multivariate normal data

2.1 General linear model

2.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let Y be an $n \times v$ matrix and let X be an $n \times p$ matrix. Then, a statement asserting a linear mapping from X to Y with parameters B and matrix-normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) errors E

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, V, \Sigma) \quad (1)$$

is called a multivariate linear regression model or simply, “general linear model”.

- Y is called “data matrix”, “set of dependent variables” or “measurements”;
- X is called “design matrix”, “set of independent variables” or “predictors”;
- B are called “regression coefficients” or “weights”;
- E is called “noise matrix” or “error terms”;
- V is called “covariance across rows”;
- Σ is called “covariance across columns”;
- n is the number of observations;
- v is the number of measurements;
- p is the number of predictors.

When rows of Y correspond to units of time, e.g. subsequent measurements, V is called “temporal covariance”. When columns of Y correspond to units of space, e.g. measurement channels, Σ is called “spatial covariance”.

When the covariance matrix V is a scalar multiple of the $n \times n$ identity matrix, this is called a general linear model with independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) observations:

$$V = \lambda I_n \quad \Rightarrow \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, \lambda I_n, \Sigma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda \Sigma) . \quad (2)$$

Otherwise, it is called a general linear model with correlated observations.

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2.1.2 Ordinary least squares

Theorem: Given a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with independent observations

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, \sigma^2 I_n, \Sigma) , \quad (1)$$

the ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2) parameters estimates are given by

$$\hat{B} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Let \hat{B} be the ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2) (OLS) solution and let $\hat{E} = Y - X\hat{B}$ be the resulting matrix of residuals. According to the exogeneity assumption of OLS, the errors have conditional mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) zero

$$E(E|X) = 0 , \quad (3)$$

a direct consequence of which is that the regressors are uncorrelated with the errors

$$E(X^T E) = 0 , \quad (4)$$

which, in the finite sample, means that the residual matrix must be orthogonal to the design matrix:

$$X^T \hat{E} = 0 . \quad (5)$$

From (5), the OLS formula can be directly derived:

$$\begin{aligned} X^T \hat{E} &= 0 \\ X^T (Y - X\hat{B}) &= 0 \\ X^T Y - X^T X\hat{B} &= 0 \\ X^T X\hat{B} &= X^T Y \\ \hat{B} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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2.1.3 Weighted least squares

Theorem: Given a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with correlated observations

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, V, \Sigma) , \quad (1)$$

the weighted least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.13) parameter estimates are given by

$$\hat{B} = (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} Y . \quad (2)$$

Proof: Let there be an $n \times n$ square matrix W , such that

$$WVW^T = I_n . \quad (3)$$

Since V is a covariance matrix and thus symmetric, W is also symmetric and can be expressed as the matrix square root of the inverse of V :

$$WW = V^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad W = V^{-1/2} . \quad (4)$$

Left-multiplying the linear regression equation (1) with W , the linear transformation theorem (\rightarrow Proof II/5.1.5) implies that

$$WY = WXB + WE, \quad WE \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, WVW^T, \Sigma) . \quad (5)$$

Applying (3), we see that (5) is actually a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with independent observations

$$\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X}B + \tilde{E}, \quad \tilde{E} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_n, \Sigma) \quad (6)$$

where $\tilde{Y} = WY$, $\tilde{X} = WX$ and $\tilde{E} = WE$, such that we can apply the ordinary least squares solution (\rightarrow Proof III/2.1.2) giving

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{B} &= (\tilde{X}^T \tilde{X})^{-1} \tilde{X}^T \tilde{Y} \\ &= ((WX)^T WX)^{-1} (WX)^T WY \\ &= (X^T W^T W X)^{-1} X^T W^T WY \\ &= (X^T W W X)^{-1} X^T W WY \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} Y \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which corresponds to the weighted least squares solution (2).

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2.1.4 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Given a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with matrix-normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) errors

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, V, \Sigma), \quad (1)$$

maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) for the unknown parameters B and Σ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{B} &= (X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} Y \\ \hat{\Sigma} &= \frac{1}{n} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Proof: In (1), Y is an $n \times v$ matrix of measurements (n observations, v dependent variables), X is an $n \times p$ design matrix (n observations, p independent variables) and V is an $n \times n$ covariance matrix across observations. This multivariate GLM implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y|B, \Sigma) &= \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, V, \Sigma) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{nv} |\Sigma|^n |V|^v}} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} (Y - XB)^T V^{-1} (Y - XB)) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LL}(B, \Sigma) &= \log p(Y|B, \Sigma) \\
&= -\frac{nv}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{v}{2} \log |V| \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^{-1}(Y - XB)^T V^{-1}(Y - XB)] .
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Substituting V^{-1} by the precision matrix P to ease notation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LL}(B, \Sigma) &= -\frac{nv}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(|\Sigma|) - \frac{v}{2} \log(|V|) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^{-1} (Y^T P Y - Y^T P X B - B^T X^T P Y + B^T X^T P X B)] .
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood function (5) with respect to B is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(B, \Sigma)}{dB} &= \frac{d}{dB} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^{-1} (Y^T P Y - Y^T P X B - B^T X^T P Y + B^T X^T P X B)] \right) \\
&= \frac{d}{dB} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [-2\Sigma^{-1} Y^T P X B] \right) + \frac{d}{dB} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^{-1} B^T X^T P X B] \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (-2X^T P Y \Sigma^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2} (X^T P X B \Sigma^{-1} + (X^T P X)^T B (\Sigma^{-1})^T) \\
&= X^T P Y \Sigma^{-1} - X^T P X B \Sigma^{-1}
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

and setting this derivative to zero gives the MLE for B :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{B}, \Sigma)}{dB} &= 0 \\
0 &= X^T P Y \Sigma^{-1} - X^T P X \hat{B} \Sigma^{-1} \\
0 &= X^T P Y - X^T P X \hat{B} \\
X^T P X \hat{B} &= X^T P Y \\
\hat{B} &= (X^T P X)^{-1} X^T P Y
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood function (4) at \hat{B} with respect to Σ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{B}, \Sigma)}{d\Sigma} &= \frac{d}{d\Sigma} \left(-\frac{n}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})] \right) \\
&= -\frac{n}{2} (\Sigma^{-1})^T + \frac{1}{2} \left(\Sigma^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}) \Sigma^{-1} \right)^T \\
&= -\frac{n}{2} \Sigma^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}) \Sigma^{-1}
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

and setting this derivative to zero gives the MLE for Σ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dLL(\hat{B}, \hat{\Sigma})}{d\Sigma} &= 0 \\
0 &= -\frac{n}{2} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}) \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \\
\frac{n}{2} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}) \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \\
\hat{\Sigma}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{n} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}) \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \\
I_v &= \frac{1}{n} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B}) \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \\
\hat{\Sigma} &= \frac{1}{n} (Y - X\hat{B})^T V^{-1} (Y - X\hat{B})
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Together, (7) and (9) constitute the MLE for the GLM.

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2.2 Multivariate Bayesian linear regression

2.2.1 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, V, \Sigma) \tag{1}$$

be a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with measured $n \times v$ data matrix Y , known $n \times p$ design matrix X , known $n \times n$ covariance structure (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) V as well as unknown $p \times v$ regression coefficients B and unknown $v \times v$ noise covariance (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) Σ .

Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for this model is a normal-Wishart distribution (\rightarrow Definition “nw”)

$$p(B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(B; M_0, \Lambda_0^{-1}, T^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_0^{-1}, \nu_0) \tag{2}$$

where $T = \Sigma^{-1}$ is the inverse noise covariance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.6) or noise precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9).

Proof: By definition, a conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) is a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) that, when combined with the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2), leads to a posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) that belongs to the same family of probability distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.1). This is fulfilled when the prior density and the likelihood function are proportional to the model parameters in the same way, i.e. the model parameters appear in the same functional form in both.

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$p(Y|B, \Sigma) = \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, V, \Sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{nv} |\Sigma|^n |V|^v}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} (Y - XB)^T V^{-1} (Y - XB)) \right] \quad (3)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$p(Y|B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, P, T^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(Y - XB)^T P(Y - XB)) \right] \quad (4)$$

using the $v \times v$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $T = \Sigma^{-1}$ and the $n \times n$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $P = V^{-1}$.

Separating constant and variable terms, we have:

$$p(Y|B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \cdot |T|^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(Y - XB)^T P(Y - XB)) \right]. \quad (5)$$

Expanding the product in the exponent, we have:

$$p(Y|B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \cdot |T|^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T [Y^T P Y - Y^T P X B - B^T X^T P Y + B^T X^T P X B]) \right]. \quad (6)$$

Completing the square over β , finally gives

$$p(Y|B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \cdot |T|^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(T \left[(B - \tilde{X} Y)^T X^T P X (B - \tilde{X} Y) - Y^T Q Y + Y^T P Y \right] \right) \right] \quad (7)$$

where $\tilde{X} = (X^T P X)^{-1} X^T P$ and $Q = \tilde{X}^T (X^T P X) \tilde{X}$.

In other words, the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) is proportional to a power of the determinant of T , times an exponential of the trace of T and an exponential of the trace of a squared form of B , weighted by T :

$$p(Y|B, T) \propto |T|^{n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T [Y^T P Y - Y^T Q Y]) \right] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(T \left[(B - \tilde{X} Y)^T X^T P X (B - \tilde{X} Y) \right] \right) \right]. \quad (8)$$

The same is true for a normal-Wishart distribution (\rightarrow Definition “nw”) over B and T

$$p(B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(B; M_0, \Lambda_0^{-1}, T^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_0^{-1}, \nu_0) \quad (9)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof “nw-pdf”)

$$p(B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(B - M_0)^T \Lambda_0 (B - M_0)) \right] \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma_v \left(\frac{\nu_0}{2} \right)} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}}} |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Omega_0 T) \right] \quad (10)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(B, T) \propto |T|^{(\nu_0 + p - v - 1)/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(T \Omega_0) \right] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(T [(B - M_0)^T \Lambda_0 (B - M_0)] \right) \right] \quad (11)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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2.2.2 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, V, \Sigma) \quad (1)$$

be a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with measured $n \times v$ data matrix Y , known $n \times p$ design matrix X , known $n \times n$ covariance structure (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) V as well as unknown $p \times v$ regression coefficients B and unknown $v \times v$ noise covariance (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) Σ . Moreover, assume a normal-Wishart prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/2.2.1) over the model parameters B and $T = \Sigma^{-1}$:

$$p(B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(B; M_0, \Lambda_0^{-1}, T^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_0^{-1}, \nu_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a normal-Wishart distribution (\rightarrow Definition “nw”)

$$p(B, T|Y) = \mathcal{MN}(B; M_n, \Lambda_n^{-1}, T^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_n^{-1}, \nu_n) \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1} (X^T P Y + \Lambda_0 M_0) \\ \Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 \\ \Omega_n &= \Omega_0 + Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n \\ \nu_n &= \nu_0 + n . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: According to Bayes’ theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is given by

$$p(B, T|Y) = \frac{p(Y|B, T) p(B, T)}{p(Y)} . \quad (5)$$

Since $p(Y)$ is just a normalization factor, the posterior is proportional (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8) to the numerator:

$$p(B, T|Y) \propto p(Y|B, T) p(B, T) = p(Y, B, T) . \quad (6)$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$p(Y|B, \Sigma) = \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, V, \Sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{nv} |\Sigma|^n |V|^v}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} (Y - XB)^T V^{-1} (Y - XB)) \right] \quad (7)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$p(Y|B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, P, T^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(Y - XB)^T P(Y - XB)) \right] \quad (8)$$

using the $v \times v$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $T = \Sigma^{-1}$ and the $n \times n$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $P = V^{-1}$.

Combining the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) (8) with the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y, B, T) &= p(Y|B, T) p(B, T) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(Y - XB)^T P(Y - XB)) \right] \cdot \\ &\quad \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(B - M_0)^T \Lambda_0 (B - M_0)) \right] \cdot \\ &\quad \frac{1}{\Gamma_v \left(\frac{\nu_0}{2} \right)} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}}} |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Omega_0 T) \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Collecting identical variables gives:

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y, B, T) &= \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}}} \frac{1}{\Gamma_v \left(\frac{\nu_0}{2} \right)} \cdot |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Omega_0 T) \right] \cdot \\ &\quad \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T [(Y - XB)^T P(Y - XB) + (B - M_0)^T \Lambda_0 (B - M_0)]) \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Expanding the products in the exponent gives:

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y, B, T) &= \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}}} \frac{1}{\Gamma_v \left(\frac{\nu_0}{2} \right)} \cdot |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Omega_0 T) \right] \cdot \\ &\quad \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T [Y^T P Y - Y^T P X B - B^T X^T P Y + B^T X^T P X B + \right. \\ &\quad \left. B^T \Lambda_0 B - B^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_0^T \Lambda_0 B + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0]) \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Completing the square over B , we finally have

$$p(Y, B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}} \frac{1}{\Gamma_v(\frac{\nu_0}{2})}} \cdot |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Omega_0 T) \right] \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(T \left[(B - M_n)^T \Lambda_n (B - M_n) + (Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n) \right] \right) \right]. \quad (12)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1} (X^T P Y + \Lambda_0 M_0) \\ \Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Ergo, the joint likelihood is proportional to

$$p(Y, B, T) \propto |T|^{p/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(T \left[(B - M_n)^T \Lambda_n (B - M_n) \right] \right) \right] \cdot |T|^{(\nu_n - v - 1)/2} \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Omega_n T) \right] \quad (14)$$

with the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_n &= \Omega_0 + Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n \\ \nu_n &= \nu_0 + n. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

From the term in (14), we can isolate the posterior distribution over B given T :

$$p(B|T, Y) = \mathcal{MN}(B; M_n, \Lambda_n^{-1}, T^{-1}). \quad (16)$$

From the remaining term, we can isolate the posterior distribution over T :

$$p(T|Y) = \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_n^{-1}, \nu_n). \quad (17)$$

Together, (16) and (17) constitute the joint (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.2) posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of B and T .

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2.2.3 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let

$$Y = XB + E, \quad E \sim \mathcal{MN}(0, V, \Sigma) \quad (1)$$

be a general linear model (\rightarrow Definition III/2.1.1) with measured $n \times v$ data matrix Y , known $n \times p$ design matrix X , known $n \times n$ covariance structure (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) V as well as unknown $p \times v$

regression coefficients B and unknown $v \times v$ noise covariance (\rightarrow Definition II/5.1.1) Σ . Moreover, assume a normal-Wishart prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/2.2.1) over the model parameters B and $T = \Sigma^{-1}$:

$$p(B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(B; M_0, \Lambda_0^{-1}, T^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_0^{-1}, \nu_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) = & \frac{v}{2} \log |P| - \frac{nv}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{v}{2} \log |\Lambda_0| - \frac{v}{2} \log |\Lambda_n| + \\ & \frac{\nu_0}{2} \log \left| \frac{1}{2} \Omega_0 \right| - \frac{\nu_n}{2} \log \left| \frac{1}{2} \Omega_n \right| + \log \Gamma_v \left(\frac{\nu_n}{2} \right) - \log \Gamma_v \left(\frac{\nu_0}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= \Lambda_n^{-1} (X^T P Y + \Lambda_0 M_0) \\ \Lambda_n &= X^T P X + \Lambda_0 \\ \Omega_n &= \Omega_0 + Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n \\ \nu_n &= \nu_0 + n . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: According to the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the model evidence (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) for this model is:

$$p(Y|m) = \iint p(Y|B, T) p(B, T) dB dT . \quad (5)$$

According to the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), the integrand is equivalent to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5):

$$p(Y|m) = \iint p(Y, B, T) dB dT . \quad (6)$$

Equation (1) implies the following likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2)

$$p(Y|B, \Sigma) = \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, V, \Sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{nv} |\Sigma| |V|^v}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\Sigma^{-1} (Y - XB)^T V^{-1} (Y - XB)) \right] \quad (7)$$

which, for mathematical convenience, can also be parametrized as

$$p(Y|B, T) = \mathcal{MN}(Y; XB, P, T^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (T(Y - XB)^T P (Y - XB)) \right] \quad (8)$$

using the $v \times v$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $T = \Sigma^{-1}$ and the $n \times n$ precision matrix (\rightarrow Definition I/1.7.9) $P = V^{-1}$.

When deriving the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/2.2.2) $p(B, T|Y)$, the joint likelihood $p(Y, B, T)$ is obtained as

$$p(Y, B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}} \frac{1}{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}\right)}} \cdot |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Omega_0 T)\right] \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left(T[(B - M_n)^T \Lambda_n (B - M_n) + (Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n)]\right)\right]. \quad (9)$$

Using the probability density function of the matrix-normal distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/5.1.2), we can rewrite this as

$$p(Y, B, T) = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|T|^p |\Lambda_0|^v}{(2\pi)^{pv}}} \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^{pv}}{|T|^p |\Lambda_n|^v}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}} \frac{1}{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}\right)}} \cdot |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Omega_0 T)\right] \cdot \mathcal{MN}(B; M_n, \Lambda_n^{-1}, T^{-1}) \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left(T[Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n]\right)\right]. \quad (10)$$

Now, B can be integrated out easily:

$$\int p(Y, B, T) dB = \sqrt{\frac{|T|^n |P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda_0|^v}{|\Lambda_n|^v}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}} \frac{1}{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}\right)}} \cdot |T|^{(\nu_0 - v - 1)/2} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left(T[\Omega_0 + Y^T P Y + M_0^T \Lambda_0 M_0 - M_n^T \Lambda_n M_n]\right)\right]. \quad (11)$$

Using the probability density function of the Wishart distribution (\rightarrow Proof “wish-pdf”), we can rewrite this as

$$\int p(Y, B, T) dB = \sqrt{\frac{|P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda_0|^v}{|\Lambda_n|^v}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{2^{\nu_0 v}}} \sqrt{\frac{2^{\nu_n v}}{|\Omega_n|^{\nu_n}} \frac{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}\right)}} \cdot \mathcal{W}(T; \Omega_n^{-1}, \nu_n). \quad (12)$$

Finally, T can also be integrated out:

$$\iint p(Y, B, T) dB dT = \sqrt{\frac{|P|^v}{(2\pi)^{nv}}} \sqrt{\frac{|\Lambda_0|^v}{|\Lambda_n|^v}} \sqrt{\frac{|\frac{1}{2}\Omega_0|^{\nu_0}}{|\frac{1}{2}\Omega_n|^{\nu_n}} \frac{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}\right)}} = p(y|m). \quad (13)$$

Thus, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) of this model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \frac{v}{2} \log |P| - \frac{nv}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{v}{2} \log |\Lambda_0| - \frac{v}{2} \log |\Lambda_n| + \\ &\quad \frac{\nu_0}{2} \log \left| \frac{1}{2} \Omega_0 \right| - \frac{\nu_n}{2} \log \left| \frac{1}{2} \Omega_n \right| + \log \Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_n}{2}\right) - \log \Gamma_v\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

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3 Poisson data

3.1 Poisson-distributed data

3.1.1 Definition

Definition: Poisson-distributed data are defined as a set of observed counts $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, independent and identically distributed according to a Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.4.1) with rate λ :

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

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3.1.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Let there be a Poisson-distributed data (\rightarrow Definition III/3.1.1) set $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the maximum likelihood estimate (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) for the rate parameter λ is given by

$$\hat{\lambda} = \bar{y} \quad (2)$$

where \bar{y} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2)

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i. \quad (3)$$

Proof: The likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation is given by the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2)

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp(-\lambda)}{y_i!} \quad (4)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp(-\lambda)}{y_i!}. \quad (5)$$

Thus, the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) is

$$\text{LL}(\lambda) = \log p(y|\lambda) = \log \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp(-\lambda)}{y_i!} \right] \quad (6)$$

which can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LL}(\lambda) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[\frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp(-\lambda)}{y_i!} \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \cdot \log(\lambda) - \lambda - \log(y_i!)] \\
&= -\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \cdot \log(\lambda) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!) \\
&= -n\lambda + \log(\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!)
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to λ are

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(\lambda)}{d\lambda} &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - n \\
\frac{d^2\text{LL}(\lambda)}{d\lambda^2} &= -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i .
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Setting the first derivative to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\text{LL}(\hat{\lambda})}{d\lambda} &= 0 \\
0 &= \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - n \\
\hat{\lambda} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \bar{y} .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Plugging this value into the second derivative, we confirm:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2\text{LL}(\hat{\lambda})}{d\lambda^2} &= -\frac{1}{\bar{y}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\
&= -\frac{n \cdot \bar{y}}{\bar{y}^2} \\
&= -\frac{n}{\bar{y}} < 0 .
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

This demonstrates that the estimate $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{y}$ maximizes the likelihood $p(y|\lambda)$.

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3.1.3 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let there be a Poisson-distributed data (\rightarrow Definition III/3.1.1) set $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for the model parameter λ is a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0). \quad (2)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Pois}(y_i; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!} \quad (3)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!}. \quad (4)$$

Resolving the product in the likelihood function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda^{y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[-\lambda] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \cdot \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \cdot \exp[-n\lambda] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where \bar{y} is the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) of y :

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i. \quad (6)$$

In other words, the likelihood function is proportional to a power of λ times an exponential of λ :

$$p(y|\lambda) \propto \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \cdot \exp[-n\lambda]. \quad (7)$$

The same is true for a gamma distribution over λ

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0) \quad (8)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5)

$$p(\lambda) = \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0\lambda] \quad (9)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{a_0-1} \cdot \exp[-b_0\lambda] \quad (10)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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3.1.4 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let there be a Poisson-distributed data (\rightarrow Definition III/3.1.1) set $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Moreover, assume a gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/3.1.3) over the model parameter λ :

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0). \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1)

$$p(\lambda|y) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_n, b_n) \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_0 + n\bar{y} \\ b_n &= b_0 + n. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!} \quad (5)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!}. \quad (6)$$

Combining the likelihood function (6) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, \lambda) &= p(y|\lambda) p(\lambda) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!} \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0\lambda]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Resolving the product in the joint likelihood, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda^{y_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[-\lambda] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \exp[-n\lambda] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \cdot \lambda^{a_0+n\bar{y}-1} \cdot \exp[-(b_0 + n\lambda)]
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where \bar{y} is the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) of y :

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i. \tag{9}$$

Note that the posterior distribution is proportional to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8):

$$p(\lambda|y) \propto p(y, \lambda). \tag{10}$$

Setting $a_n = a_0 + n\bar{y}$ and $b_n = b_0 + n$, the posterior distribution is therefore proportional to

$$p(\lambda|y) \propto \lambda^{a_n-1} \cdot \exp[-b_n \lambda] \tag{11}$$

which, when normalized to one, results in the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5):

$$p(\lambda|y) = \frac{b_n^{a_n}}{\Gamma(a_n)} \lambda^{a_n-1} \exp[-b_n \lambda] = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_n, b_n). \tag{12}$$

Sources:

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3.1.5 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let there be a Poisson-distributed data (\rightarrow Definition III/3.1.1) set $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{1}$$

Moreover, assume a gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/3.1.3) over the model parameter λ :

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0). \tag{2}$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\log p(y|m) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i! + \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n. \tag{3}$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_0 + n\bar{y} \\ b_n &= b_0 + n . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!} \quad (5)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!} . \quad (6)$$

Combining the likelihood function (6) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, \lambda) &= p(y|\lambda) p(\lambda) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda]}{y_i!} \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0\lambda] . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Resolving the product in the joint likelihood, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, \lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda^{y_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[-\lambda] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0\lambda] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \exp[-n\lambda] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0\lambda] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \cdot \lambda^{a_0+n\bar{y}-1} \cdot \exp[-(b_0 + n\lambda)] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where \bar{y} is the mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) of y :

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i . \quad (9)$$

Note that the model evidence is the marginal density of the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9):

$$p(y) = \int p(y, \lambda) d\lambda . \quad (10)$$

Setting $a_n = a_0 + n\bar{y}$ and $b_n = b_0 + n$, the joint likelihood can also be written as

$$p(y, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{b_n^{a_n}} \cdot \frac{b_n^{a_n}}{\Gamma(a_n)} \lambda^{a_n-1} \exp[-b_n\lambda] . \quad (11)$$

Using the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), λ can now be integrated out easily

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y) &= \int \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{b_n^{a_n}} \cdot \frac{b_n^{a_n}}{\Gamma(a_n)} \lambda^{a_n-1} \exp[-b_n \lambda] d\lambda \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{b_n^{a_n}} \int \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_n, b_n) d\lambda \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{b_n^{a_n}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

such that the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) is shown to be

$$\log p(y|m) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i! + \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n. \tag{13}$$

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3.2 Poisson distribution with exposure values

3.2.1 Definition

Definition: A Poisson distribution with exposure values is defined as a set of observed counts $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, independently distributed according to a Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.4.1) with common rate λ and a set of concurrent exposures $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda x_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{1}$$

Sources:

- Gelman A, Carlin JB, Stern HS, Dunson DB, Vehtari A, Rubin DB (2014): “Other standard single-parameter models”; in: *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 3rd edition, ch. 2.6, p. 45, eq. 2.14; URL: <http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/book/>.

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3.2.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Consider data $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ following a Poisson distribution with exposure values (\rightarrow Definition III/3.2.1):

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda x_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{1}$$

Then, the maximum likelihood estimate (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) for the rate parameter λ is given by

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}} \quad (2)$$

where \bar{y} and \bar{x} are the sample means (\rightarrow Definition “mean-sample”)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda x_i) = \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \quad (4)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} . \quad (5)$$

Thus, the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) is

$$\text{LL}(\lambda) = \log p(y|\lambda) = \log \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \right] \quad (6)$$

which can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LL}(\lambda) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[\frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \cdot \log(\lambda x_i) - \lambda x_i - \log(y_i!)] \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \cdot [\log(\lambda) + \log(x_i)] - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!) \\ &= -\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \log(\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!) \\ &= -n\bar{x}\lambda + n\bar{y} \log(\lambda) + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where \bar{x} and \bar{y} are the sample means from equation (3).

The derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to λ are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dLL(\lambda)}{d\lambda} &= -n\bar{x} + \frac{n\bar{y}}{\lambda} \\ \frac{d^2LL(\lambda)}{d\lambda^2} &= -\frac{n\bar{y}}{\lambda^2} .\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

Setting the first derivative to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dLL(\hat{\lambda})}{d\lambda} &= 0 \\ 0 &= -n\bar{x} + \frac{n\bar{y}}{\hat{\lambda}} \\ \hat{\lambda} &= \frac{n\bar{y}}{n\bar{x}} = \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}} .\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

Plugging this value into the second derivative, we confirm:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2LL(\hat{\lambda})}{d\lambda^2} &= -\frac{n\bar{y}}{\hat{\lambda}^2} \\ &= -\frac{n \cdot \bar{y}}{(\bar{y}/\bar{x})^2} \\ &= -\frac{n \cdot \bar{x}^2}{\bar{y}} < 0 .\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

This demonstrates that the estimate $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{y}/\bar{x}$ maximizes the likelihood $p(y|\lambda)$.

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3.2.3 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Consider data $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ following a Poisson distribution with exposure values (\rightarrow Definition III/3.2.1):

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda x_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n .\tag{1}$$

Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for the model parameter λ is a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1):

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0) .\tag{2}$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda x_i) = \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!}\tag{3}$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} . \quad (4)$$

Resolving the product in the likelihood function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda^{y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[-\lambda x_i] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \cdot \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \exp \left[-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \cdot \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \cdot \exp[-n\bar{x}\lambda] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where \bar{y} and \bar{x} are the means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) of y and x respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

In other words, the likelihood function is proportional to a power of λ times an exponential of λ :

$$p(y|\lambda) \propto \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \cdot \exp[-n\bar{x}\lambda] . \quad (7)$$

The same is true for a gamma distribution over λ

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0) \quad (8)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5)

$$p(\lambda) = \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0\lambda] \quad (9)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{a_0-1} \cdot \exp[-b_0\lambda] \quad (10)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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3.2.4 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Consider data $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ following a Poisson distribution with exposure values (\rightarrow Definition III/3.2.1):

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(\lambda x_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Moreover, assume a gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/3.2.3) over the model parameter λ :

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0). \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a gamma distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.4.1)

$$p(\lambda|y) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_n, b_n) \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_0 + n\bar{y} \\ b_n &= b_0 + n\bar{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda x_i) = \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \quad (5)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!}. \quad (6)$$

Combining the likelihood function (6) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, \lambda) &= p(y|\lambda) p(\lambda) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Resolving the product in the joint likelihood, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y, \lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda^{y_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[-\lambda x_i] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \exp \left[-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \exp[-n\bar{x}\lambda] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \cdot \lambda^{a_0+n\bar{y}-1} \cdot \exp[-(b_0 + n\bar{x})\lambda]
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where \bar{y} and \bar{x} are the means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) of y and x respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{y} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\
\bar{x} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Note that the posterior distribution is proportional to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8):

$$p(\lambda|y) \propto p(y, \lambda) . \tag{10}$$

Setting $a_n = a_0 + n\bar{y}$ and $b_n = b_0 + n\bar{x}$, the posterior distribution is therefore proportional to

$$p(\lambda|y) \propto \lambda^{a_n-1} \cdot \exp[-b_n \lambda] \tag{11}$$

which, when normalized to one, results in the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5):

$$p(\lambda|y) = \frac{b_n^{a_n}}{\Gamma(a_n)} \lambda^{a_n-1} \exp[-b_n \lambda] = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_n, b_n) . \tag{12}$$

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3.2.5 Log model evidence

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$$y_i \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda x_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n . \tag{1}$$

Moreover, assume a gamma prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/3.2.3) over the model parameter λ :

$$p(\lambda) = \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_0, b_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i! + \\ &\quad \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_0 + n\bar{y} \\ a_n &= a_0 + n\bar{x} . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the Poisson distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.4.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y_i|\lambda) = \text{Poiss}(y_i; \lambda x_i) = \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \quad (5)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} . \quad (6)$$

Combining the likelihood function (6) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, \lambda) &= p(y|\lambda) p(\lambda) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\lambda x_i)^{y_i} \cdot \exp[-\lambda x_i]}{y_i!} \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Resolving the product in the joint likelihood, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, \lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda^{y_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[-\lambda x_i] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \exp \left[-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \lambda^{n\bar{y}} \exp[-n\bar{x}\lambda] \cdot \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \lambda^{a_0-1} \exp[-b_0 \lambda] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \cdot \lambda^{a_0+n\bar{y}-1} \cdot \exp[-(b_0 + n\bar{x})\lambda] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where \bar{y} and \bar{x} are the means (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) of y and x respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i .\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

Note that the model evidence is the marginal density of the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9):

$$p(y) = \int p(y, \lambda) d\lambda .\tag{10}$$

Setting $a_n = a_0 + n\bar{y}$ and $b_n = b_0 + n\bar{x}$, the joint likelihood can also be written as

$$p(y, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{b_n^{a_n}} \cdot \frac{b_n^{a_n}}{\Gamma(a_n)} \lambda^{a_n-1} \exp[-b_n \lambda] .\tag{11}$$

Using the probability density function of the gamma distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.4.5), λ can now be integrated out easily

$$\begin{aligned}p(y) &= \int \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{b_n^{a_n}} \cdot \frac{b_n^{a_n}}{\Gamma(a_n)} \lambda^{a_n-1} \exp[-b_n \lambda] d\lambda \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{b_n^{a_n}} \int \text{Gam}(\lambda; a_n, b_n) d\lambda \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \frac{\Gamma(a_n)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \frac{b_0^{a_0}}{b_n^{a_n}} ,\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

such that the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) is shown to be

$$\begin{aligned}\log p(y|m) &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i! + \\ &\quad \log \Gamma(a_n) - \log \Gamma(a_0) + a_0 \log b_0 - a_n \log b_n .\end{aligned}\tag{13}$$

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4 Probability data

4.1 Beta-distributed data

4.1.1 Definition

Definition: Beta-distributed data are defined as a set of proportions $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ with $y_i \in [0, 1]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, independent and identically distributed according to a Beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1) with shapes α and β :

$$y_i \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

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4.1.2 Method of moments

Theorem: Let $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ be a set of observed counts independent and identically distributed (\rightarrow Definition “iid”) according to a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1) with shapes α and β :

$$y_i \sim \text{Bet}(\alpha, \beta), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then, the method-of-moments estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.5) for the shape parameters α and β are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha} &= \bar{y} \left(\frac{\bar{y}(1 - \bar{y})}{\bar{v}} - 1 \right) \\ \hat{\beta} &= (1 - \bar{y}) \left(\frac{\bar{y}(1 - \bar{y})}{\bar{v}} - 1 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where \bar{y} is the sample mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.2) and \bar{v} is the unbiased sample variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.2):

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \bar{v} &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Proof: Mean (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.5) and variance (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.6) of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1) in terms of the parameters α and β are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E}(X) &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \\ \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Thus, matching the moments (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.5) requires us to solve the following equation system for α and β :

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y} &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \\ \bar{v} &= \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}.\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

From the first equation, we can deduce:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y}(\alpha + \beta) &= \alpha \\ \alpha\bar{y} + \beta\bar{y} &= \alpha \\ \beta\bar{y} &= \alpha - \alpha\bar{y} \\ \beta &= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{y}} - \alpha \\ \beta &= \alpha \left(\frac{1}{\bar{y}} - 1 \right).\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

If we define $q = 1/\bar{y} - 1$ and plug (6) into the second equation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{v} &= \frac{\alpha \cdot \alpha q}{(\alpha + \alpha q)^2(\alpha + \alpha q + 1)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2 q}{(\alpha(1 + q))^2(\alpha(1 + q) + 1)} \\ &= \frac{q}{(1 + q)^2(\alpha(1 + q) + 1)} \\ &= \frac{q}{\alpha(1 + q)^3 + (1 + q)^2} \\ q &= \bar{v} [\alpha(1 + q)^3 + (1 + q)^2].\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Noting that $1 + q = 1/\bar{y}$ and $q = (1 - \bar{y})/\bar{y}$, one obtains for α :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1 - \bar{y}}{\bar{y}} &= \bar{v} \left[\frac{\alpha}{\bar{y}^3} + \frac{1}{\bar{y}^2} \right] \\ \frac{1 - \bar{y}}{\bar{y} \bar{v}} &= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{y}^3} + \frac{1}{\bar{y}^2} \\ \frac{\bar{y}^3(1 - \bar{y})}{\bar{y} \bar{v}} &= \alpha + \bar{y} \\ \alpha &= \frac{\bar{y}^2(1 - \bar{y})}{\bar{v}} - \bar{y} \\ &= \bar{y} \left(\frac{\bar{y}(1 - \bar{y})}{\bar{v}} - 1 \right).\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

Plugging this into equation (6), one obtains for β :

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta &= \bar{y} \left(\frac{\bar{y}(1-\bar{y})}{\bar{v}} - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1-\bar{y}}{\bar{y}} \right) \\
&= (1-\bar{y}) \left(\frac{\bar{y}(1-\bar{y})}{\bar{v}} - 1 \right) .
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Together, (8) and (9) constitute the method-of-moment estimates of α and β .

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4.2 Dirichlet-distributed data

4.2.1 Definition

Definition: Dirichlet-distributed data are defined as a set of vectors of proportions $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
y_i &= [y_{i1}, \dots, y_{ik}], \\
y_{ij} &\in [0, 1] \quad \text{and} \\
\sum_{j=1}^k y_{ij} &= 1
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ (and $j = 1, \dots, k$) and each y_i is independent and identically distributed according to a Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1) with concentration parameters $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k]$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{2}$$

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4.2.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Theorem: Let there be a Dirichlet-distributed data (\rightarrow Definition III/4.2.1) set $y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$:

$$y_i \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{1}$$

Then, the maximum likelihood estimate (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) for the concentration parameters α can be obtained by iteratively computing

$$\alpha_j^{(\text{new})} = \psi^{-1} \left[\psi \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j^{(\text{old})} \right) + \log \bar{y}_j \right] \tag{2}$$

where $\psi(x)$ is the digamma function and $\log \bar{y}_j$ is given by:

$$\log \bar{y}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_{ij} . \quad (3)$$

Proof: The likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) for each observation is given by the probability density function of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.4.2)

$$p(y_i|\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_j)} \prod_{j=1}^k y_{ij}^{\alpha_j-1} \quad (4)$$

and because observations are independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6), the likelihood function for all observations is the product of the individual ones:

$$p(y|\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_j)} \prod_{j=1}^k y_{ij}^{\alpha_j-1} \right] . \quad (5)$$

Thus, the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) is

$$\text{LL}(\alpha) = \log p(y|\alpha) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_j)} \prod_{j=1}^k y_{ij}^{\alpha_j-1} \right] \quad (6)$$

which can be developed into

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LL}(\alpha) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \log y_{ij} \\ &= n \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - n \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + n \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_{ij} \\ &= n \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - n \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + n \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \log \bar{y}_j \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where we have specified

$$\log \bar{y}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_{ij} . \quad (8)$$

The derivative of the log-likelihood with respect to a particular parameter α_j is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\text{LL}(\alpha)}{d\alpha_j} &= \frac{d}{d\alpha_j} \left[n \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - n \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + n \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \log \bar{y}_j \right] \\ &= \frac{d}{d\alpha_j} \left[n \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) \right] - \frac{d}{d\alpha_j} [n \log \Gamma(\alpha_j)] + \frac{d}{d\alpha_j} [n(\alpha_j - 1) \log \bar{y}_j] \\ &= n\psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - n\psi(\alpha_j) + n \log \bar{y}_j \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where we have used the digamma function

$$\psi(x) = \frac{d \log \Gamma(x)}{dx} . \quad (10)$$

Setting this derivative to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dLL(\alpha)}{d\alpha_j} &= 0 \\ 0 &= n\psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - n\psi(\alpha_j) + n \log \bar{y}_j \\ 0 &= \psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - \psi(\alpha_j) + \log \bar{y}_j \\ \psi(\alpha_j) &= \psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) + \log \bar{y}_j \\ \alpha_j &= \psi^{-1}\left[\psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) + \log \bar{y}_j\right] . \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

In the following, we will use a fixed-point iteration to maximize $LL(\alpha)$. Given an initial guess for α , we construct a lower bound on the likelihood function (7) which is tight at α . The maximum of this bound is computed and it becomes the new guess. Because the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1) belongs to the exponential family (\rightarrow Definition “dist-expfam”), the log-likelihood function is convex in α and the maximum is the only stationary point, such that the procedure is guaranteed to converge to the maximum.

In our case, we use a bound on the gamma function

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(x) &\geq \Gamma(\hat{x}) \cdot \exp[(x - \hat{x})\psi(\hat{x})] \\ \log \Gamma(x) &\geq \log \Gamma(\hat{x}) + (x - \hat{x})\psi(\hat{x}) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

and apply it to $\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right)$ in (7) to yield

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n}LL(\alpha) &= \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \log \bar{y}_j \\ \frac{1}{n}LL(\alpha) &\geq \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \hat{\alpha}_j\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j - \sum_{j=1}^k \hat{\alpha}_j\right) \psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \hat{\alpha}_j\right) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \log \bar{y}_j \\ \frac{1}{n}LL(\alpha) &\geq \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j\right) \psi\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \hat{\alpha}_j\right) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - 1) \log \bar{y}_j + \text{const.} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

which leads to the following fixed-point iteration using (11):

$$\alpha_j^{(\text{new})} = \psi^{-1} \left[\psi \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j^{(\text{old})} \right) + \log \bar{y}_j \right] . \quad (14)$$

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5 Categorical data

5.1 Binomial observations

5.1.1 Definition

Definition: An ordered pair (n, y) with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $y \in \mathbb{N}_0$, where y is the number of successes in n trials, constitutes a set of binomial observations.

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5.1.2 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let y be the number of successes resulting from n independent trials with unknown success probability p , such that y follows a binomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1):

$$y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for the model parameter p is a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1):

$$p(p) = \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_0, \beta_0) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the binomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.3.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y|p) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} . \quad (3)$$

In other words, the likelihood function is proportional to a power of p times a power of $(1-p)$:

$$p(y|p) \propto p^y (1-p)^{n-y} . \quad (4)$$

The same is true for a beta distribution over p

$$p(p) = \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_0, \beta_0) \quad (5)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2)

$$p(p) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} p^{\alpha_0-1} (1-p)^{\beta_0-1} \quad (6)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(p) \propto p^{\alpha_0-1} (1-p)^{\beta_0-1} \quad (7)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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5.1.3 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let y be the number of successes resulting from n independent trials with unknown success probability p , such that y follows a binomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1):

$$y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Moreover, assume a beta prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/5.1.2) over the model parameter p :

$$p(p) = \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_0, \beta_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a beta distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/3.8.1)

$$p(p|y) = \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_n, \beta_n) . \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n &= \alpha_0 + y \\ \beta_n &= \beta_0 + (n - y) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the binomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.3.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y|p) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{n-y} . \quad (5)$$

Combining the likelihood function (5) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, p) &= p(y|p) p(p) \\ &= \binom{n}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{n-y} \cdot \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} p^{\alpha_0-1} (1 - p)^{\beta_0-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} \binom{n}{y} p^{\alpha_0+y-1} (1 - p)^{\beta_0+(n-y)-1} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Note that the posterior distribution is proportional to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8):

$$p(p|y) \propto p(y, p) . \quad (7)$$

Setting $\alpha_n = \alpha_0 + y$ and $\beta_n = \beta_0 + (n - y)$, the posterior distribution is therefore proportional to

$$p(p|y) \propto p^{\alpha_n-1} (1 - p)^{\beta_n-1} \quad (8)$$

which, when normalized to one, results in the probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2):

$$p(p|y) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)} p^{\alpha_n-1} (1-p)^{\beta_n-1} = \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_n, \beta_n) . \quad (9)$$

Sources:

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5.1.4 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let y be the number of successes resulting from n independent trials with unknown success probability p , such that y follows a binomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/1.3.1):

$$y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Moreover, assume a beta prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/5.1.2) over the model parameter p :

$$p(p) = \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_0, \beta_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \log \Gamma(n+1) - \log \Gamma(k+1) - \log \Gamma(n-k+1) \\ &\quad + \log B(\alpha_n, \beta_n) - \log B(\alpha_0, \beta_0) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n &= \alpha_0 + y \\ \beta_n &= \beta_0 + (n - y) . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the binomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/1.3.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y|p) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} . \quad (5)$$

Combining the likelihood function (5) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, p) &= p(y|p) p(p) \\ &= \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} \cdot \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} p^{\alpha_0-1} (1-p)^{\beta_0-1} \\ &= \binom{n}{y} \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} p^{\alpha_0+y-1} (1-p)^{\beta_0+(n-y)-1} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Note that the model evidence is the marginal density of the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9):

$$p(y) = \int p(y, p) \, dp . \quad (7)$$

Setting $\alpha_n = \alpha_0 + y$ and $\beta_n = \beta_0 + (n - y)$, the joint likelihood can also be written as

$$p(y, p) = \binom{n}{y} \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} \frac{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}{1} \frac{1}{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)} p^{\alpha_n-1} (1-p)^{\beta_n-1} . \quad (8)$$

Using the probability density function of the beta distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/3.8.2), p can now be integrated out easily

$$\begin{aligned} p(y) &= \int \binom{n}{y} \frac{1}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} \frac{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}{1} \frac{1}{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)} p^{\alpha_n-1} (1-p)^{\beta_n-1} \, dp \\ &= \binom{n}{y} \frac{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} \int \text{Bet}(p; \alpha_n, \beta_n) \, dp \\ &= \binom{n}{y} \frac{B(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}{B(\alpha_0, \beta_0)} , \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

such that the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) (LME) is shown to be

$$\log p(y|m) = \log \binom{n}{y} + \log B(\alpha_n, \beta_n) - \log B(\alpha_0, \beta_0) . \quad (10)$$

With the definition of the binomial coefficient

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \quad (11)$$

and the definition of the gamma function

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! , \quad (12)$$

the LME finally becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \log \Gamma(n+1) - \log \Gamma(k+1) - \log \Gamma(n-k+1) \\ &\quad + \log B(\alpha_n, \beta_n) - \log B(\alpha_0, \beta_0) . \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

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5.2 Multinomial observations

5.2.1 Definition

Definition: An ordered pair (n, y) with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $y = [y_1, \dots, y_k] \in \mathbb{N}_0^{1 \times k}$, where y_i is the number of observations for the i -th out of k categories obtained in n trials, $i = 1, \dots, k$, constitutes a set of multinomial observations.

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5.2.2 Conjugate prior distribution

Theorem: Let $y = [y_1, \dots, y_k]$ be the number of observations in k categories resulting from n independent trials with unknown category probabilities $p = [p_1, \dots, p_k]$, such that y follows a multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1):

$$y \sim \text{Mult}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the conjugate prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.5) for the model parameter p is a Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1):

$$p(p) = \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_0) . \quad (2)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/2.2.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y|p) = \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{y_j} . \quad (3)$$

In other words, the likelihood function is proportional to a product of powers of the entries of the vector p :

$$p(y|p) \propto \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{y_j} . \quad (4)$$

The same is true for a Dirichlet distribution over p

$$p(p) = \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_0) \quad (5)$$

the probability density function of which (\rightarrow Proof II/4.4.2)

$$p(p) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{0j}-1} \quad (6)$$

exhibits the same proportionality

$$p(p) \propto \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{0j}-1} \quad (7)$$

and is therefore conjugate relative to the likelihood.

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5.2.3 Posterior distribution

Theorem: Let $y = [y_1, \dots, y_k]$ be the number of observations in k categories resulting from n independent trials with unknown category probabilities $p = [p_1, \dots, p_k]$, such that y follows a multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1):

$$y \sim \text{Mult}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Moreover, assume a Dirichlet prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/5.2.2) over the model parameter p :

$$p(p) = \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) is also a Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/4.4.1)

$$p(p|y) = \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_n) . \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\alpha_{nj} = \alpha_{0j} + y_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, k . \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/2.2.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y|p) = \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{y_j} . \quad (5)$$

Combining the likelihood function (5) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, p) &= p(y|p) p(p) \\ &= \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{y_j} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j})}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{0j}-1} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j})}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{0j}+y_j-1} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Note that the posterior distribution is proportional to the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Proof I/5.1.8):

$$p(p|y) \propto p(y, p) . \quad (7)$$

Setting $\alpha_{nj} = \alpha_{0j} + y_j$, the posterior distribution is therefore proportional to

$$p(p|y) \propto \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{nj}-1} \quad (8)$$

which, when normalized to one, results in the probability density function of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.4.2):

$$p(p|y) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{nj}-1} = \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_n) . \quad (9)$$

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5.2.4 Log model evidence

Theorem: Let $y = [y_1, \dots, y_k]$ be the number of observations in k categories resulting from n independent trials with unknown category probabilities $p = [p_1, \dots, p_k]$, such that y follows a multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Definition II/2.2.1):

$$y \sim \text{Mult}(n, p) . \quad (1)$$

Moreover, assume a Dirichlet prior distribution (\rightarrow Proof III/5.2.2) over the model parameter p :

$$p(p) = \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_0) . \quad (2)$$

Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) for this model is

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \log \Gamma(n+1) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(k_j+1) \\ &\quad + \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right) - \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_{nj}) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_{0j}) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and the posterior hyperparameters (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) are given by

$$\alpha_{nj} = \alpha_{0j} + y_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, k . \quad (4)$$

Proof: With the probability mass function of the multinomial distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/2.2.2), the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) implied by (1) is given by

$$p(y|p) = \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{y_j}. \quad (5)$$

Combining the likelihood function (5) with the prior distribution (2), the joint likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.5) of the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, p) &= p(y|p) p(p) \\ &= \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{y_j} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{0j}-1} \\ &= \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{0j}+y_j-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Note that the model evidence is the marginal density of the joint likelihood:

$$p(y) = \int p(y, p) dp. \quad (7)$$

Setting $\alpha_{nj} = \alpha_{0j} + y_j$, the joint likelihood can also be written as

$$p(y, p) = \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{nj}-1}. \quad (8)$$

Using the probability density function of the Dirichlet distribution (\rightarrow Proof II/4.4.2), p can now be integrated out easily

$$\begin{aligned} p(y) &= \int \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_{nj}-1} dp \\ &= \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)} \int \text{Dir}(p; \alpha_n) dp \\ &= \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right)} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{nj})}{\prod_{j=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha_{0j})}, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

such that the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) (LME) is shown to be

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \log \binom{n}{y_1, \dots, y_k} + \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right) - \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_{nj}) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_{0j}). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

With the definition of the multinomial coefficient

$$\binom{n}{k_1, \dots, k_m} = \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdot \dots \cdot k_m!} \quad (11)$$

and the definition of the gamma function

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! , \quad (12)$$

the LME finally becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|m) &= \log \Gamma(n+1) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(k_j+1) \\ &\quad + \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{0j}\right) - \log \Gamma\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_{nj}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_{nj}) - \sum_{j=1}^k \log \Gamma(\alpha_{0j}) . \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

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5.3 Logistic regression

5.3.1 Definition

Definition: A logistic regression model is given by a set of binary observations $y_i \in \{0, 1\}, i = 1, \dots, n$, a set of predictors $x_j \in \mathbb{R}^n, j = 1, \dots, p$, a base b and the assumption that the log-odds are a linear combination of the predictors:

$$l_i = x_i \beta + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

where l_i are the log-odds that $y_i = 1$

$$l_i = \log_b \frac{\Pr(y_i = 1)}{\Pr(y_i = 0)} \quad (2)$$

and x_i is the i -th row of the $n \times p$ matrix

$$X = [x_1, \dots, x_p] . \quad (3)$$

Within this model,

- y are called “categorical observations” or “dependent variable”;
- X is called “design matrix” or “set of independent variables”;
- β are called “regression coefficients” or “weights”;
- ε_i is called “noise” or “error term”;
- n is the number of observations;

- p is the number of predictors.

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5.3.2 Probability and log-odds

Theorem: Assume a logistic regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/5.3.1)

$$l_i = x_i \beta + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

where x_i are the predictors corresponding to the i -th observation y_i and l_i are the log-odds that $y_i = 1$.

Then, the log-odds in favor of $y_i = 1$ against $y_i = 0$ can also be expressed as

$$l_i = \log_b \frac{p(x_i|y_i = 1) p(y_i = 1)}{p(x_i|y_i = 0) p(y_i = 0)} \quad (2)$$

where $p(x_i|y_i)$ is a likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) consistent with (1), $p(y_i)$ are prior probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) for $y_i = 1$ and $y_i = 0$ and where b is the base used to form the log-odds l_i .

Proof: Using Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) and the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the posterior probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) for $y_i = 1$ and $y_i = 0$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_i = 1|x_i) &= \frac{p(x_i|y_i = 1) p(y_i = 1)}{p(x_i|y_i = 1) p(y_i = 1) + p(x_i|y_i = 0) p(y_i = 0)} \\ p(y_i = 0|x_i) &= \frac{p(x_i|y_i = 0) p(y_i = 0)}{p(x_i|y_i = 1) p(y_i = 1) + p(x_i|y_i = 0) p(y_i = 0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Calculating the log-odds from the posterior probabilities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} l_i &= \log_b \frac{p(y_i = 1|x_i)}{p(y_i = 0|x_i)} \\ &= \log_b \frac{p(x_i|y_i = 1) p(y_i = 1)}{p(x_i|y_i = 0) p(y_i = 0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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5.3.3 Log-odds and probability

Theorem: Assume a logistic regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/5.3.1)

$$l_i = x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

where x_i are the predictors corresponding to the i -th observation y_i and l_i are the log-odds that $y_i = 1$.

Then, the probability that $y_i = 1$ is given by

$$\Pr(y_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + b^{-(x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i)}} \quad (2)$$

where b is the base used to form the log-odds l_i .

Proof: Let us denote $\Pr(y_i = 1)$ as p_i . Then, the log-odds are

$$l_i = \log_b \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} \quad (3)$$

and using (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \log_b \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} &= x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i \\ \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} &= b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i} \\ p_i &= (b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i}) (1 - p_i) \\ p_i (1 + b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i}) &= b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i} \\ p_i &= \frac{b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i}}{1 + b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i}} \\ p_i &= \frac{b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i}}{b^{x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i} (1 + b^{-(x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i)})} \\ p_i &= \frac{1}{1 + b^{-(x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i)}} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

which proves the identity given by (2).

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Chapter IV

Model Selection

1 Goodness-of-fit measures

1.1 Residual variance

1.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let there be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1)

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 V) \quad (1)$$

with measured data y , known design matrix X and covariance structure V as well as unknown regression coefficients β and noise variance σ^2 .

Then, an estimate of the noise variance σ^2 is called the “residual variance” $\hat{\sigma}^2$, e.g. obtained via maximum likelihood estimation (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3).

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1.1.2 Maximum likelihood estimator is biased

Theorem: Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a set of independent normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) observations with unknown mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ and variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) σ^2 :

$$x_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Then,

1) the maximum likelihood estimator (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) of σ^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad (2)$$

where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad (3)$$

2) and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is a biased estimator (\rightarrow Definition “est-unb”) of σ^2

$$\mathbb{E} [\hat{\sigma}^2] \neq \sigma^2, \quad (4)$$

more precisely:

$$\mathbb{E} [\hat{\sigma}^2] = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2. \quad (5)$$

Proof:

1) This is equivalent to the maximum likelihood estimator for the univariate Gaussian with unknown variance (\rightarrow Proof III/1.1.2) and a special case of the maximum likelihood estimator for multiple linear regression (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.15) in which $y = x$, $X = 1_n$ and $\hat{\beta} = \bar{x}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n}(y - X\hat{\beta})^T(y - X\hat{\beta}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n}(x - 1_n\bar{x})^T(x - 1_n\bar{x}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 .
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

2) The expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of the maximum likelihood estimator (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) can be developed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\hat{\sigma}^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - 2x_i\bar{x} + \bar{x}^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2n\bar{x}^2 + n\bar{x}^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} [x_i^2] - n\mathbb{E} [\bar{x}^2] \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} [x_i^2] - \mathbb{E} [\bar{x}^2]
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Due to the partition of variance into expected values (\rightarrow Proof I/1.6.3)

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2 , \tag{8}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(x_i) &= \mathbb{E}(x_i^2) - \mathbb{E}(x_i)^2 \\
\text{Var}(\bar{x}) &= \mathbb{E}(\bar{x}^2) - \mathbb{E}(\bar{x})^2 ,
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

such that (7) becomes

$$\mathbb{E} [\hat{\sigma}^2] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Var}(x_i) + \mathbb{E}(x_i)^2) - (\text{Var}(\bar{x}) + \mathbb{E}(\bar{x})^2) . \tag{10}$$

From (1), it follows that

$$\mathbb{E}(x_i) = \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(x_i) = \sigma^2. \quad (11)$$

The expectation (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) of \bar{x} given by (3) is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\bar{x}] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[x_i] \\ &\stackrel{(11)}{=} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n \cdot \mu \\ &= \mu. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The variance of \bar{x} given by (3) is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\bar{x}] &= \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[x_i] \\ &\stackrel{(11)}{=} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Plugging (11), (12) and (13) into (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2] &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - \left(\frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 + \mu^2\right) \\ \mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2] &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot n \cdot (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - \left(\frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 + \mu^2\right) \\ \mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2] &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 - \mu^2 \\ \mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2] &= \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

which proves the bias (\rightarrow Definition “est-unb”) given by (5).

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1.1.3 Construction of unbiased estimator

Theorem: Let $x = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a set of independent normally distributed (\rightarrow Definition II/3.2.1) observations with unknown mean (\rightarrow Definition I/1.5.1) μ and variance (\rightarrow Definition I/1.6.1) σ^2 :

$$x_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

An unbiased estimator (\rightarrow Definition “est-unb”) of σ^2 is given by

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{unb}}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2. \quad (2)$$

Proof: It can be shown that (\rightarrow Proof IV/1.1.2) the maximum likelihood estimator (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) of σ^2

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad (3)$$

is a biased estimator (\rightarrow Definition “est-unb”) in the sense that

$$\mathbb{E} [\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2] = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2. \quad (4)$$

From (4), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{n}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2 \right] &= \frac{n}{n-1} \mathbb{E} [\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2] \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 \\ &= \sigma^2, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

such that an unbiased estimator (\rightarrow Definition “est-unb”) can be constructed as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{unb}}^2 &= \frac{n}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2 \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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1.2 R-squared

1.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let there be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \quad (1)$$

with measured data y , known design matrix X as well as unknown regression coefficients β and noise variance σ^2 .

Then, the proportion of the variance of the dependent variable y (“total variance (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.4)”) that can be predicted from the independent variables X (“explained variance (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.5)”) is called “coefficient of determination”, “R-squared” or R^2 .

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1.2.2 Derivation of R^2 and adjusted R^2

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1)

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \quad (1)$$

with n independent observations and p independent variables,

1) the coefficient of determination (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.2.1) is given by

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} \quad (2)$$

2) the adjusted coefficient of determination is

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}/(n-p)}{\text{TSS}/(n-1)} \quad (3)$$

where the residual (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) and total sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.4) are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2, \quad \hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} \\ \text{TSS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where X is the $n \times p$ design matrix and $\hat{\beta}$ are the ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2) estimates.

Proof: The coefficient of determination R^2 is defined as (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.2.1) the proportion of the variance explained by the independent variables, relative to the total variance in the data.

1) If we define the explained sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.5) as

$$\text{ESS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad (5)$$

then R^2 is given by

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{ESS}}{\text{TSS}} . \quad (6)$$

which is equal to

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} , \quad (7)$$

because (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.7) $\text{TSS} = \text{ESS} + \text{RSS}$.

2) Using (4), the coefficient of determination can be also written as:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} . \quad (8)$$

If we replace the variance estimates by their unbiased estimators (\rightarrow Proof IV/1.1.3), we obtain

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{n-p} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}/\text{df}_r}{\text{TSS}/\text{df}_t} \quad (9)$$

where $\text{df}_r = n - p$ and $\text{df}_t = n - 1$ are the residual and total degrees of freedom (\rightarrow Definition “dof”).

This gives the adjusted R^2 which adjusts R^2 for the number of explanatory variables.

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1.2.3 Relationship to maximum log-likelihood

Theorem: Given a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) , \quad (1)$$

the coefficient of determination (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.2.1) can be expressed in terms of the maximum log-likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.4) as

$$R^2 = 1 - (\exp[\Delta\text{MLL}])^{-2/n} \quad (2)$$

where n is the number of observations and ΔMLL is the difference in maximum log-likelihood between the model given by (1) and a linear regression model with only a constant regressor.

Proof: First, we express the maximum log-likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.4) (MLL) of a linear regression model in terms of its residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) (RSS). The model in (1) implies the following log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2)

$$\text{LL}(\beta, \sigma^2) = \log p(y|\beta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) , \quad (3)$$

such that maximum likelihood estimates are (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.15)

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) \quad (5)$$

and the residual sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) is

$$\text{RSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i = \hat{\varepsilon}^T \hat{\varepsilon} = (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) = n \cdot \hat{\sigma}^2 . \quad (6)$$

Since $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ are maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3), plugging them into the log-likelihood function gives the maximum log-likelihood:

$$\text{MLL} = \text{LL}(\hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\hat{\sigma}^2) - \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) . \quad (7)$$

With (6) for the first $\hat{\sigma}^2$ and (5) for the second $\hat{\sigma}^2$, the MLL becomes

$$\text{MLL} = -\frac{n}{2} \log(\text{RSS}) - \frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) - \frac{n}{2} . \quad (8)$$

Second, we establish the relationship between maximum log-likelihood (MLL) and coefficient of determination (R^2). Consider the two models

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 : X_0 &= 1_n \\ m_1 : X_1 &= X \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

For m_1 , the residual sum of squares is given by (6); and for m_0 , the residual sum of squares is equal to the total sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.4):

$$\text{TSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 . \quad (10)$$

Using (8), we can therefore write

$$\Delta\text{MLL} = \text{MLL}(m_1) - \text{MLL}(m_0) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(\text{RSS}) + \frac{n}{2} \log(\text{TSS}) . \quad (11)$$

Exponentiating both sides of the equation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp[\Delta\text{MLL}] &= \exp\left[-\frac{n}{2} \log(\text{RSS}) + \frac{n}{2} \log(\text{TSS})\right] \\ &= (\exp[\log(\text{RSS}) - \log(\text{TSS})])^{-n/2} \\ &= \left(\frac{\exp[\log(\text{RSS})]}{\exp[\log(\text{TSS})]}\right)^{-n/2} \\ &= \left(\frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}}\right)^{-n/2} . \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Taking both sides to the power of $-2/n$ and subtracting from 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\exp[\Delta\text{MLL}])^{-2/n} &= \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} \\
1 - (\exp[\Delta\text{MLL}])^{-2/n} &= 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = R^2
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

which proves the identity given above.

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1.3 Signal-to-noise ratio

1.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let there be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \tag{1}$$

with measured data y , known design matrix X as well as unknown regression coefficients β and noise variance σ^2 .

Given estimated regression coefficients (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.15) $\hat{\beta}$ and residual variance (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.1.1) $\hat{\sigma}^2$, the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is defined as the ratio of estimated signal variance to estimated noise variance:

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\text{Var}(X\hat{\beta})}{\hat{\sigma}^2} . \tag{2}$$

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1.3.2 Relationship with R^2

Theorem: Let there be a linear regression model (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.1) with independent (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.6) observations

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \tag{1}$$

and parameter estimates (\rightarrow Definition “est”) obtained with ordinary least squares (\rightarrow Proof III/1.3.2)

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y . \tag{2}$$

Then, the signal-to noise ratio (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.3.1) can be expressed in terms of the coefficient of determination (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.2.1)

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{R^2}{1 - R^2} \quad (3)$$

and vice versa

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{SNR}}{1 + \text{SNR}} , \quad (4)$$

if the predicted signal mean is equal to the actual signal mean.

Proof: The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is defined as (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.3.1)

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\text{Var}(X\hat{\beta})}{\hat{\sigma}^2} = \frac{\text{Var}(\hat{y})}{\hat{\sigma}^2} . \quad (5)$$

Writing out the variances, we have

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{\hat{y}})^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{\hat{y}})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} . \quad (6)$$

Note that it is irrelevant whether we use the biased estimator of the variance (\rightarrow Proof IV/1.1.2) (dividing by n) or the unbiased estimator for the variance (\rightarrow Proof IV/1.1.3) (dividing by $n - 1$), because the relevant terms cancel out.

If the predicted signal mean is equal to the actual signal mean – which is the case when variable regressors in X have mean zero, such that they are orthogonal to a constant regressor in X –, this means that $\bar{\hat{y}} = \bar{y}$, such that

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} . \quad (7)$$

Then, the SNR can be written in terms of the explained (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.5), residual (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.6) and total sum of squares (\rightarrow Definition III/1.3.4):

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\text{ESS}}{\text{RSS}} = \frac{\text{ESS}/\text{TSS}}{\text{RSS}/\text{TSS}} . \quad (8)$$

With the derivation of the coefficient of determination (\rightarrow Proof IV/1.2.2), this becomes

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{R^2}{1 - R^2} . \quad (9)$$

Rearranging this equation for the coefficient of determination (\rightarrow Definition IV/1.2.1), we have

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{SNR}}{1 + \text{SNR}} , \quad (10)$$

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2 Classical information criteria

2.1 Akaike information criterion

2.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3)

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \log p(y|\theta, m) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the Akaike information criterion (AIC) of this model is defined as

$$\text{AIC}(m) = -2 \log p(y|\hat{\theta}, m) + 2p \quad (2)$$

where p is the number of free parameters estimated via (1).

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2.2 Bayesian information criterion

2.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and maximum likelihood estimates (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3)

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \log p(y|\theta, m) . \quad (1)$$

Then, the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) of this model is defined as

$$\text{BIC}(m) = -2 \log p(y|\hat{\theta}, m) + p \log n \quad (2)$$

where n is the number of data points and p is the number of free parameters estimated via (1).

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2.2.2 Derivation

Theorem: Let $p(y|\theta, m)$ be the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) $m \in \mathcal{M}$ with model parameters $\theta \in \Theta$ describing measured data $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Let $p(\theta|m)$ be a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on the model parameters. Assume that likelihood function and prior density are twice differentiable.

Then, as the number of data points goes to infinity, an approximation to the log-marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) $\log p(y|m)$, up to constant terms not depending on the model, is given by the Bayesian information criterion (\rightarrow Definition IV/2.2.1) (BIC) as

$$-2 \log p(y|m) \approx \text{BIC}(m) = -2 \log p(y|\hat{\theta}, m) + p \log n \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{\theta}$ is the maximum likelihood estimator (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.3) (MLE) of θ , n is the number of data points and p is the number of model parameters.

Proof: Let $\text{LL}(\theta)$ be the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2)

$$\text{LL}(\theta) = \log p(y|\theta, m) \quad (2)$$

and define the functions g and h as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\theta) &= p(\theta|m) \\ h(\theta) &= \frac{1}{n} \text{LL}(\theta) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Then, the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|m) &= \int_{\Theta} p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) d\theta \\ &= \int_{\Theta} \exp[n h(\theta)] g(\theta) d\theta . \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

This is an integral suitable for Laplace approximation which states that

$$\int_{\Theta} \exp[n h(\theta)] g(\theta) d\theta = \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{n}} \right)^p \exp[n h(\theta_0)] \left(g(\theta_0) |J(\theta_0)|^{-1/2} + O(1/n) \right) \quad (5)$$

where θ_0 is the value that maximizes $h(\theta)$ and $J(\theta_0)$ is the Hessian matrix evaluated at θ_0 . In our case, we have $h(\theta) = 1/n \text{LL}(\theta)$ such that θ_0 is the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\theta}$:

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \text{LL}(\theta) . \quad (6)$$

With this, (5) can be applied to (4) using (3) to give:

$$p(y|m) \approx \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{n}} \right)^p p(y|\hat{\theta}, m) p(\hat{\theta}|m) |J(\hat{\theta})|^{-1/2} . \quad (7)$$

Logarithmizing and multiplying with -2 , we have:

$$-2 \log p(y|m) \approx -2 \text{LL}(\hat{\theta}) + p \log n - p \log(2\pi) - 2 \log p(\hat{\theta}|m) + \log |J(\hat{\theta})| . \quad (8)$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, the last three terms are $O_p(1)$ and can therefore be ignored when comparing between models $\mathcal{M} = \{m_1, \dots, m_M\}$ and using $p(y|m_j)$ to compute posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) $p(m_j|y)$. With that, the BIC is given as

$$\text{BIC}(m) = -2 \log p(y|\hat{\theta}, m) + p \log n . \quad (9)$$

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2.3 Deviance information criterion

2.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|m)$. Together, likelihood function and prior distribution imply a posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $p(\theta|y, m)$. Define the posterior expected log-likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) (PLL)

$$\text{PLL}(m) = \langle \log p(y|\theta, m) \rangle_{\theta|y} \quad (1)$$

and the log-likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) at the posterior expectation (LLP)

$$\text{LLP}(m) = \log p(y | \langle \theta \rangle_{\theta|y}, m) \quad (2)$$

where $\langle \cdot \rangle_{\theta|y}$ denotes an expectation across the posterior distribution.

Then, the deviance information criterion (DIC) of the model is defined as

$$\text{DIC}(m) = -2 \text{LLP}(m) + 2 p_D \quad \text{or} \quad \text{DIC}(m) = -2 \text{PLL}(m) + p_D \quad (3)$$

where the “effective number of parameters” p_D is given by

$$p_D = -2 \text{PLL}(m) + 2 \text{LLP}(m) . \quad (4)$$

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3 Bayesian model selection

3.1 Log model evidence

3.1.1 Definition

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|m)$. Then, the log model evidence (LME) of this model is defined as the logarithm of the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9):

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) . \quad (1)$$

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3.1.2 Derivation

Theorem: Let $p(y|\theta, m)$ be a likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) of a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m for making inferences on model parameters θ given measured data y . Moreover, let $p(\theta|m)$ be a prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) on model parameters θ . Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) (LME), also called marginal log-likelihood,

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) , \quad (1)$$

can be expressed

1) as

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log \int p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) d\theta \quad (2)$$

2) or

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|\theta, m) + \log p(\theta|m) - \log p(\theta|y, m) . \quad (3)$$

Proof:

1) The first expression is a simple consequence of the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) for continuous variables according to which

$$p(y|m) = \int p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) d\theta \quad (4)$$

which, when logarithmized, gives

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) = \log \int p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m) d\theta . \quad (5)$$

2) The second expression can be derived from Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) which makes a statement about the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7):

$$p(\theta|y, m) = \frac{p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m)}{p(y|m)} . \quad (6)$$

Rearranging for $p(y|m)$ and logarithmizing, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) &= \log \frac{p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m)}{p(\theta|y, m)} \\ &= \log p(y|\theta, m) + \log p(\theta|m) - \log p(\theta|y, m) . \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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3.1.3 Partition into accuracy and complexity

Theorem: The log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) can be partitioned into accuracy and complexity

$$\text{LME}(m) = \text{Acc}(m) - \text{Com}(m) \quad (1)$$

where the accuracy term is the posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) expectation (\rightarrow Proof I/1.5.9) of the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2)

$$\text{Acc}(m) = \langle \log p(y|\theta, m) \rangle_{p(\theta|y, m)} \quad (2)$$

and the complexity penalty is the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) of posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) from prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3)

$$\text{Com}(m) = \text{KL} [p(\theta|y, m) || p(\theta|m)] . \quad (3)$$

Proof: We consider Bayesian inference on data (\rightarrow Definition “data”) y using model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m with parameters θ . Then, Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) makes a statement about the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7), i.e. the probability of parameters, given the data and the model:

$$p(\theta|y, m) = \frac{p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m)}{p(y|m)} . \quad (4)$$

Rearranging this for the model evidence (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.1.2), we have:

$$p(y|m) = \frac{p(y|\theta, m) p(\theta|m)}{p(\theta|y, m)} . \quad (5)$$

Logarithmizing both sides of the equation, we obtain:

$$\log p(y|m) = \log p(y|\theta, m) - \log \frac{p(\theta|y, m)}{p(\theta|m)} . \quad (6)$$

Now taking the expectation over the posterior distribution yields:

$$\log p(y|m) = \int p(\theta|y, m) \log p(y|\theta, m) d\theta - \int p(\theta|y, m) \log \frac{p(\theta|y, m)}{p(\theta|m)} d\theta . \quad (7)$$

By definition, the left-hand side is the log model evidence and the terms on the right-hand side correspond to the posterior expectation of the log-likelihood function and the Kullback-Leibler divergence of posterior from prior

$$\text{LME}(m) = \langle \log p(y|\theta, m) \rangle_{p(\theta|y, m)} - \text{KL} [p(\theta|y, m) || p(\theta|m)] \quad (8)$$

which proves the partition given by (1).

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3.1.4 Uniform-prior log model evidence

Definition: Assume a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m with likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and a uniform (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.2) prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p_{\text{uni}}(\theta|m)$. Then, the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) of this model is called “log model evidence with uniform prior” or “uniform-prior log model evidence” (upLME):

$$\text{upLME}(m) = \log \int p(y|\theta, m) p_{\text{uni}}(\theta|m) d\theta . \quad (1)$$

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3.1.5 Cross-validated log model evidence

Definition: Let there be a data set (\rightarrow Definition “data”) y with mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive subsets y_1, \dots, y_S . Assume a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m with model parameters θ implying a likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and a non-informative (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.3) prior density (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p_{\text{ni}}(\theta|m)$.

Then, the cross-validated log model evidence of m is given by

$$\text{cvLME}(m) = \sum_{i=1}^S \log \int p(y_i|\theta, m) p(\theta|y_{-i}, m) d\theta \quad (1)$$

where $y_{-i} = \bigcup_{j \neq i} y_j$ is the union of all data subsets except y_i and $p(\theta|y_{-i}, m)$ is the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) obtained from y_{-i} when using the prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p_{\text{ni}}(\theta|m)$:

$$p(\theta|y_{-i}, m) = \frac{p(y_{-i}|\theta, m) p_{\text{ni}}(\theta|m)}{p(y_{-i}|m)} . \quad (2)$$

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3.1.6 Empirical Bayesian log model evidence

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with model parameters θ and hyper-parameters λ implying the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, \lambda, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|\lambda, m)$. Then, the Empirical Bayesian (\rightarrow Definition I/5.3.3) log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) is the logarithm of the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9), maximized with respect to the hyper-parameters:

$$\text{ebLME}(m) = \log p(y|\hat{\lambda}, m) \quad (1)$$

where

$$p(y|\lambda, m) = \int p(y|\theta, \lambda, m) p(\theta|\lambda, m) d\theta \quad (2)$$

and (\rightarrow Definition I/5.2.7)

$$\hat{\lambda} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \log p(y|\lambda, m) . \quad (3)$$

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3.1.7 Variational Bayesian log model evidence

Definition: Let m be a generative model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) with model parameters θ implying the likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.2) $p(y|\theta, m)$ and prior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(\theta|m)$. Moreover, assume an approximate (\rightarrow Definition I/5.3.4) posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $q(\theta)$. Then, the Variational Bayesian (\rightarrow Definition I/5.3.4) log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1), also referred to as the “negative free energy”, is the expectation of the log-likelihood function (\rightarrow Definition I/4.1.2) with respect to the approximate posterior, minus the Kullback-Leibler divergence (\rightarrow Definition I/2.5.1) between approximate posterior and the prior distribution:

$$\text{vbLME}(m) = \langle \log p(y|\theta, m) \rangle_{q(\theta)} - \text{KL} [q(\theta) || p(\theta|m)] \quad (1)$$

where

$$\langle \log p(y|\theta, m) \rangle_{q(\theta)} = \int q(\theta) \log p(y|\theta, m) d\theta \quad (2)$$

and

$$\text{KL} [q(\theta) || p(\theta|m)] = \int q(\theta) \log \frac{q(\theta)}{p(\theta|m)} d\theta . \quad (3)$$

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3.2 Log family evidence

3.2.1 Definition

Definition: Let f be a family of M generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1, \dots, m_M , such that the following statement holds true:

$$f \Leftrightarrow m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_M . \quad (1)$$

Then, the family evidence of f is the weighted average of the model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) of m_1, \dots, m_M where the weights are the within-family prior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3)

$$p(y|f) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) p(m_i|f) . \quad (2)$$

The log family evidence is given by the logarithm of the family evidence:

$$\text{LFE}(f) = \log p(y|f) = \log \sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) p(m_i|f) . \quad (3)$$

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3.2.2 Derivation

Theorem: Let f be a family of M generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1, \dots, m_M with model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) $p(y|m_1), \dots, p(y|m_M)$. Then, the log family evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.2.1)

$$\text{LFE}(f) = \log p(y|f) \quad (1)$$

can be expressed as

$$\text{LFE}(f) = \log \sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) p(m_i|f) \quad (2)$$

where $p(m_i|f)$ are the within-family (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.2.1) prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1).

Proof: We will assume “prior additivity”

$$p(f) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(m_i) \quad (3)$$

and “posterior additivity” for family probabilities:

$$p(f|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(m_i|y) \quad (4)$$

Bayes’ theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) for the family evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.2.1) gives

$$p(y|f) = \frac{p(f|y) p(y)}{p(f)} . \quad (5)$$

Applying (3) and (4), we have

$$p(y|f) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M p(m_i|y) p(y)}{\sum_{i=1}^M p(m_i)} . \quad (6)$$

Bayes’ theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) for the model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.2.1) gives

$$p(y|m_i) = \frac{p(m_i|y) p(y)}{p(m_i)} \quad (7)$$

which can be rearranged into

$$p(m_i|y) p(y) = p(y|m_i) p(m_i) . \quad (8)$$

Plugging (8) into (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|f) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) p(m_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^M p(m_i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) \cdot \frac{p(m_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^M p(m_i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) \cdot \frac{p(m_i, f)}{p(f)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M p(y|m_i) \cdot p(m_i|f) . \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Equation (2) follows by logarithmizing both sides of (9).

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3.2.3 Calculation from log model evidences

Theorem: Let m_1, \dots, m_M be M statistical models with log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) $\text{LME}(m_1), \dots, \text{LME}(m_M)$ and belonging to F mutually exclusive model families f_1, \dots, f_F . Then, the log family evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.2.1) are given by:

$$\text{LFE}(f_j) = \log \sum_{m_i \in f_j} [\exp[\text{LME}(m_i)] \cdot p(m_i|f_j)], \quad j = 1, \dots, F, \quad (1)$$

where $p(m_i|f_j)$ are within-family (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.2.1) prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) model (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.1).

Proof: Let us consider the (unlogarithmized) family evidence $p(y|f_j)$. According to the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), this conditional probability is given by

$$p(y|f_j) = \sum_{m_i \in f_j} [p(y|m_i, f_j) \cdot p(m_i|f_j)] . \quad (2)$$

Because model families are mutually exclusive, it holds that $p(y|m_i, f_j) = p(y|m_i)$, such that

$$p(y|f_j) = \sum_{m_i \in f_j} [p(y|m_i) \cdot p(m_i|f_j)] . \quad (3)$$

Logarithmizing transforms the family evidence $p(y|f_j)$ into the log family evidence $\text{LFE}(f_j)$:

$$\text{LFE}(f_j) = \log \sum_{m_i \in f_j} [p(y|m_i) \cdot p(m_i|f_j)] . \quad (4)$$

The definition of the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1)

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) \quad (5)$$

can be exponentiated to then read

$$\exp [\text{LME}(m)] = p(y|m) \quad (6)$$

and applying (6) to (4), we finally have:

$$\text{LFE}(f_j) = \log \sum_{m_i \in f_j} [\exp[\text{LME}(m_i)] \cdot p(m_i|f_j)] . \quad (7)$$

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3.3 Log Bayes factor

3.3.1 Definition

Definition: Let there be two generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1 and m_2 which are mutually exclusive, but not necessarily collectively exhaustive:

$$\neg(m_1 \wedge m_2) \quad (1)$$

Then, the Bayes factor in favor of m_1 and against m_2 is the ratio of the model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) of m_1 and m_2 :

$$\text{BF}_{12} = \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} . \quad (2)$$

The log Bayes factor is given by the logarithm of the Bayes factor:

$$\text{LBF}_{12} = \log \text{BF}_{12} = \log \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} . \quad (3)$$

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3.3.2 Derivation

Theorem: Let there be two generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1 and m_2 with model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) $p(y|m_1)$ and $p(y|m_2)$. Then, the log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1)

$$\text{LBF}_{12} = \log \text{BF}_{12} \quad (1)$$

can be expressed as

$$\text{LBF}_{12} = \log \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} . \quad (2)$$

Proof: The Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) is defined as the posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) odds ratio (\rightarrow Definition “odds”) when both models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) are equally likely apriori (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3):

$$\text{BF}_{12} = \frac{p(m_1|y)}{p(m_2|y)} \quad (3)$$

Plugging in the posterior odds ratio according to Bayes’ rule (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.2), we have

$$\text{BF}_{12} = \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} \cdot \frac{p(m_1)}{p(m_2)} . \quad (4)$$

When both models are equally likely apriori, the prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) odds ratio (\rightarrow Definition “odds”) is one, such that

$$\text{BF}_{12} = \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} . \quad (5)$$

Equation (2) follows by logarithmizing both sides of (5).

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3.3.3 Calculation from log model evidences

Theorem: Let m_1 and m_2 be two statistical models with log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) $\text{LME}(m_1)$ and $\text{LME}(m_2)$. Then, the log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) in favor of model m_1 and against model m_2 is the difference of the log model evidences:

$$\text{LBF}_{12} = \text{LME}(m_1) - \text{LME}(m_2) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: The Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) is defined as the ratio of the model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) of m_1 and m_2

$$\text{BF}_{12} = \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} \quad (2)$$

and the log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) is defined as the logarithm of the Bayes factor

$$\text{LBF}_{12} = \log \text{BF}_{12} = \log \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)}. \quad (3)$$

With the definition of the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1)

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) \quad (4)$$

the log Bayes factor can be expressed as:

Resolving the logarithm and applying the definition of the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1), we finally have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LBF}_{12} &= \log p(y|m_1) - \log p(y|m_2) \\ &= \text{LME}(m_1) - \text{LME}(m_2). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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3.4 Bayes factor

3.4.1 Definition

Definition: Consider two competing generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1 and m_2 for observed data y . Then the Bayes factor in favor m_1 over m_2 is the ratio of marginal likelihoods (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) of m_1 and m_2 :

$$\text{BF}_{12} = \frac{p(y | m_1)}{p(y | m_2)}. \quad (1)$$

Note that by Bayes’ theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the ratio of posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) (i.e., the posterior model odds) can be written as

$$\frac{p(m_1 | y)}{p(m_2 | y)} = \frac{p(m_1)}{p(m_2)} \cdot \frac{p(y | m_1)}{p(y | m_2)}, \quad (2)$$

or equivalently by (1),

$$\frac{p(m_1 | y)}{p(m_2 | y)} = \frac{p(m_1)}{p(m_2)} \cdot \text{BF}_{12}. \quad (3)$$

In other words, the Bayes factor can be viewed as the factor by which the prior model odds are updated (after observing data y) to posterior model odds – which is also expressed by Bayes’ rule (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.2).

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3.4.2 Transitivity

Theorem: Consider three competing models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1 , m_2 , and m_3 for observed data y . Then the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) for m_1 over m_3 can be written as:

$$\text{BF}_{13} = \text{BF}_{12} \cdot \text{BF}_{23}. \quad (1)$$

Proof: By definition (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1), the Bayes factor BF_{13} is the ratio of marginal likelihoods of data y over m_1 and m_3 , respectively. That is,

$$\text{BF}_{13} = \frac{p(y \mid m_1)}{p(y \mid m_3)}. \quad (2)$$

We can equivalently write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BF}_{13} &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{p(y \mid m_1)}{p(y \mid m_3)} \\ &= \frac{p(y \mid m_1)}{p(y \mid m_3)} \cdot \frac{p(y \mid m_2)}{p(y \mid m_2)} \\ &= \frac{p(y \mid m_1)}{p(y \mid m_2)} \cdot \frac{p(y \mid m_2)}{p(y \mid m_3)} \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{BF}_{12} \cdot \text{BF}_{23}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

which completes the proof of (1).

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3.4.3 Computation using Savage-Dickey Density Ratio

Theorem: Consider two competing models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) on data y containing parameters δ and φ , namely $m_0 : \delta = \delta_0, \varphi$ and $m_1 : \delta, \varphi$. In this context, we say that δ is a parameter of interest, φ is a nuisance parameter (i.e., common to both models), and m_0 is a sharp point hypothesis nested within m_1 . Suppose further that the prior for the nuisance parameter φ in m_0 is equal to the prior for φ in m_1 after conditioning on the restriction – that is, $p(\varphi \mid m_0) = p(\varphi \mid \delta = \delta_0, m_1)$. Then the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) for m_0 over m_1 can be computed as:

$$\text{BF}_{01} = \frac{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid y, m_1)}{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid m_1)}. \quad (1)$$

Proof: By definition (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1), the Bayes factor BF_{01} is the ratio of marginal likelihoods of data y over m_0 and m_1 , respectively. That is,

$$\text{BF}_{01} = \frac{p(y \mid m_0)}{p(y \mid m_1)}. \quad (2)$$

The key idea in the proof is that we can use a “change of variables” technique to express BF_{01} entirely in terms of the “encompassing” model m_1 . This proceeds by first unpacking the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) for m_0 over the nuisance parameter φ and then using the fact that m_0 is a sharp hypothesis nested within m_1 to rewrite everything in terms of m_1 . Specifically,

$$\begin{aligned} p(y \mid m_0) &= \int p(y \mid \varphi, m_0) p(\varphi \mid m_0) d\varphi \\ &= \int p(y \mid \varphi, \delta = \delta_0, m_1) p(\varphi \mid \delta = \delta_0, m_1) d\varphi \\ &= p(y \mid \delta = \delta_0, m_1). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

By Bayes’ theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), we can rewrite this last line as

$$p(y \mid \delta = \delta_0, m_1) = \frac{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid y, m_1) p(y \mid m_1)}{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid m_1)}. \quad (4)$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BF}_{01} &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{p(y \mid m_0)}{p(y \mid m_1)} \\ &= p(y \mid m_0) \cdot \frac{1}{p(y \mid m_1)} \\ &\stackrel{(3)}{=} p(y \mid \delta = \delta_0, m_1) \cdot \frac{1}{p(y \mid m_1)} \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid y, m_1) p(y \mid m_1)}{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid m_1)} \cdot \frac{1}{p(y \mid m_1)} \\ &= \frac{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid y, m_1)}{p(\delta = \delta_0 \mid m_1)}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

which completes the proof of (1).

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3.4.4 Computation using Encompassing Prior Method

Theorem: Consider two models m_1 and m_e , where m_1 is nested within an encompassing model (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.5) m_e via an inequality constraint on some parameter θ , and θ is unconstrained under m_e . Then, the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) is

$$\text{BF}_{1e} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{1/d}{1/c} \quad (1)$$

where $1/d$ and $1/c$ represent the proportions of the posterior and prior of the encompassing model, respectively, that are in agreement with the inequality constraint imposed by the nested model m_1 .

Proof: Consider first that for any model m_1 on data y with parameter θ , Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1) implies

$$p(\theta \mid y, m_1) = \frac{p(y \mid \theta, m_1) \cdot p(\theta \mid m_1)}{p(y \mid m_1)}. \quad (2)$$

Rearranging equation (2) allows us to write the marginal likelihood (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) for y under m_1 as

$$p(y \mid m_1) = \frac{p(y \mid \theta, m_1) \cdot p(\theta \mid m_1)}{p(\theta \mid y, m_1)}. \quad (3)$$

Taking the ratio of the marginal likelihoods for m_1 and the encompassing model (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.5) m_e yields the following Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1):

$$\text{BF}_{1e} = \frac{p(y \mid \theta, m_1) \cdot p(\theta \mid m_1) / p(\theta \mid y, m_1)}{p(y \mid \theta, m_e) \cdot p(\theta \mid m_e) / p(\theta \mid y, m_e)}. \quad (4)$$

Now, both the constrained model m_1 and the encompassing model (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.5) m_e contain the same parameter vector θ . Choose a specific value of θ , say θ' , that exists in the support of both models m_1 and m_e (we can do this, because m_1 is nested within m_e). Then, for this parameter value θ' , we have $p(y \mid \theta', m_1) = p(y \mid \theta', m_e)$, so the expression for the Bayes factor in equation (4) reduces to an expression involving only the priors and posteriors for θ' under m_1 and m_e :

$$\text{BF}_{1e} = \frac{p(\theta' \mid m_1) / p(\theta' \mid y, m_1)}{p(\theta' \mid m_e) / p(\theta' \mid y, m_e)}. \quad (5)$$

Because m_1 is nested within m_e via an inequality constraint, the prior $p(\theta' \mid m_1)$ is simply a truncation of the encompassing prior $p(\theta' \mid m_e)$. Thus, we can express $p(\theta' \mid m_1)$ in terms of the encompassing prior $p(\theta' \mid m_e)$ by multiplying the encompassing prior by an indicator function over m_1 and then normalizing the resulting product. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta' \mid m_1) &= \frac{p(\theta' \mid m_e) \cdot I_{\theta' \in m_1}}{\int p(\theta' \mid m_e) \cdot I_{\theta' \in m_1} d\theta'} \\ &= \left(\frac{I_{\theta' \in m_1}}{\int p(\theta' \mid m_e) \cdot I_{\theta' \in m_1} d\theta'} \right) \cdot p(\theta' \mid m_e), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where $I_{\theta' \in m_1}$ is an indicator function. For parameters $\theta' \in m_1$, this indicator function is identically equal to 1, so the expression in parentheses reduces to a constant, say c , allowing us to write the prior as

$$p(\theta' \mid m_1) = c \cdot p(\theta' \mid m_e). \quad (7)$$

By similar reasoning, we can write the posterior as

$$p(\theta' \mid y, m_1) = \left(\frac{I_{\theta' \in m_1}}{\int p(\theta' \mid y, m_e) \cdot I_{\theta' \in m_1} d\theta'} \right) \cdot p(\theta' \mid y, m_e) = d \cdot p(\theta' \mid y, m_e). \quad (8)$$

Plugging (7) and (8) into (5), this gives us

$$\text{BF}_{1e} = \frac{c \cdot p(\theta' \mid m_e)/d \cdot p(\theta' \mid y, m_e)}{p(\theta' \mid m_e)/p(\theta' \mid y, m_e)} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{1/d}{1/c}, \quad (9)$$

which completes the proof. Note that by definition, $1/d$ represents the proportion of the posterior distribution for θ under the encompassing model (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.5) m_e that agrees with the constraints imposed by m_1 . Similarly, $1/c$ represents the proportion of the prior distribution for θ under the encompassing model (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.5) m_e that agrees with the constraints imposed by m_1 .

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3.4.5 Encompassing model

Definition: Consider a family f of generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m on data y , where each $m \in f$ is defined by placing an inequality constraint on model parameter(s) θ (e.g., $m : \theta > 0$). Then the encompassing model m_e is constructed such that each m is nested within m_e and all inequality constraints on the parameter(s) θ are removed.

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3.5 Posterior model probability

3.5.1 Definition

Definition: Let m_1, \dots, m_M be M statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) with model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) $p(y|m_1), \dots, p(y|m_M)$ and prior probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(m_1), \dots, p(m_M)$.

Then, the conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) of model m_i , given the data y , is called the posterior probability (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of model m_i :

$$\text{PP}(m_i) = p(m_i|y) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Soch J, Allefeld C (2018): “MACS – a new SPM toolbox for model assessment, comparison and selection”; in: *Journal of Neuroscience Methods*, vol. 306, pp. 19-31, eq. 23; URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0165027018301468>; DOI: 10.1016/j.jneumeth.2018.05.017.

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3.5.2 Derivation

Theorem: Let there be a set of generative models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.1) m_1, \dots, m_M with model evidences (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.9) $p(y|m_1), \dots, p(y|m_M)$ and prior probabilities (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) $p(m_1), \dots, p(m_M)$. Then, the posterior probability (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) of model m_i is given by

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{p(y|m_i) p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M p(y|m_j) p(m_j)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, M . \quad (1)$$

Proof: From Bayes' theorem (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.1), the posterior model probability (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) of the i -th model can be derived as

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{p(y|m_i) p(m_i)}{p(y)} . \quad (2)$$

Using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the denominator can be rewritten, such that

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{p(y|m_i) p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M p(y, m_j)} . \quad (3)$$

Finally, using the law of conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), we have

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{p(y|m_i) p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M p(y|m_j) p(m_j)} . \quad (4)$$

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3.5.3 Calculation from Bayes factors

Theorem: Let m_0, m_1, \dots, m_M be $M + 1$ statistical models with model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) $p(y|m_0), p(y|m_1), \dots, p(y|m_M)$. Then, the posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) of the models m_1, \dots, m_M are given by

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{\text{BF}_{i,0} \cdot \alpha_i}{\sum_{j=1}^M \text{BF}_{j,0} \cdot \alpha_j}, \quad i = 1, \dots, M, \quad (1)$$

where $\text{BF}_{i,0}$ is the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) comparing model m_i with m_0 and α_i is the prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) odds ratio (\rightarrow Definition “odds”) of model m_i against m_0 .

Proof: Define the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1) for m_i

$$\text{BF}_{i,0} = \frac{p(y|m_i)}{p(y|m_0)} \quad (2)$$

and prior odds ratio of m_i against m_0

$$\alpha_i = \frac{p(m_i)}{p(m_0)}. \quad (3)$$

The posterior model probability (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.5.2) of m_i is given by

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{p(y|m_i) \cdot p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M p(y|m_j) \cdot p(m_j)}. \quad (4)$$

Now applying (2) and (3) to (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(m_i|y) &= \frac{\text{BF}_{i,0} p(y|m_0) \cdot \alpha_i p(m_0)}{\sum_{j=1}^M \text{BF}_{j,0} p(y|m_0) \cdot \alpha_j p(m_0)} \\ &= \frac{[p(y|m_0) p(m_0)] \text{BF}_{i,0} \cdot \alpha_i}{[p(y|m_0) p(m_0)] \sum_{j=1}^M \text{BF}_{j,0} \cdot \alpha_j}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

such that

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{\text{BF}_{i,0} \cdot \alpha_i}{\sum_{j=1}^M \text{BF}_{j,0} \cdot \alpha_j}. \quad (6)$$

Sources:

- Hoeting JA, Madigan D, Raftery AE, Volinsky CT (1999): “Bayesian Model Averaging: A Tutorial”; in: *Statistical Science*, vol. 14, no. 4, pp. 382–417, eq. 9; URL: <https://projecteuclid.org/euclid.ss/1009212519>; DOI: 10.1214/ss/1009212519.

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3.5.4 Calculation from log Bayes factor

Theorem: Let m_1 and m_2 be two statistical models with the log Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1) LBF_{12} in favor of model m_1 and against model m_2 . Then, if both models are equally likely apriori (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3), the posterior model probability (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) of m_1 is

$$p(m_1|y) = \frac{\exp(\text{LBF}_{12})}{\exp(\text{LBF}_{12}) + 1}. \quad (1)$$

Proof: From Bayes' rule (\rightarrow Proof I/5.3.2), the posterior odds ratio (\rightarrow Definition “odds”) is

$$\frac{p(m_1|y)}{p(m_2|y)} = \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} \cdot \frac{p(m_1)}{p(m_2)} . \quad (2)$$

When both models are equally likely apriori (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3), the prior odds ratio (\rightarrow Definition “odds”) is one, such that

$$\frac{p(m_1|y)}{p(m_2|y)} = \frac{p(y|m_1)}{p(y|m_2)} . \quad (3)$$

Now the right-hand side corresponds to the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.4.1), therefore

$$\frac{p(m_1|y)}{p(m_2|y)} = \text{BF}_{12} . \quad (4)$$

Because the two posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) add up to 1, we have

$$\frac{p(m_1|y)}{1 - p(m_1|y)} = \text{BF}_{12} . \quad (5)$$

Now rearranging for the posterior probability (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1), this gives

$$p(m_1|y) = \frac{\text{BF}_{12}}{\text{BF}_{12} + 1} . \quad (6)$$

Because the log Bayes factor is the logarithm of the Bayes factor (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.3.1), we finally have

$$p(m_1|y) = \frac{\exp(\text{LBF}_{12})}{\exp(\text{LBF}_{12}) + 1} . \quad (7)$$

Sources:

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3.5.5 Calculation from log model evidences

Theorem: Let m_1, \dots, m_M be M statistical models with log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) $\text{LME}(m_1), \dots, \text{LME}(m_M)$. Then, the posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) are given by:

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{\exp[\text{LME}(m_i)] p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M \exp[\text{LME}(m_j)] p(m_j)} , \quad i = 1, \dots, M , \quad (1)$$

where $p(m_i)$ are prior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.3) model probabilities.

Proof: The posterior model probability (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.5.2) can be derived as

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{p(y|m_i) p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M p(y|m_j) p(m_j)} . \quad (2)$$

The definition of the log model evidence (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1)

$$\text{LME}(m) = \log p(y|m) \quad (3)$$

can be exponentiated to then read

$$\exp [\text{LME}(m)] = p(y|m) \quad (4)$$

and applying (4) to (2), we finally have:

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{\exp[\text{LME}(m_i)] p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M \exp[\text{LME}(m_j)] p(m_j)} . \quad (5)$$

Sources:

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3.6 Bayesian model averaging

3.6.1 Definition

Definition: Let m_1, \dots, m_M be M statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) with posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) $p(m_1|y), \dots, p(m_M|y)$ and posterior distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $p(\theta|y, m_1), \dots, p(\theta|y, m_M)$. Then, Bayesian model averaging (BMA) consists in finding the marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) density (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4), conditional (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) on the measured data y , but unconditional (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) on the modelling approach m :

$$p(\theta|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(\theta|y, m_i) \cdot p(m_i|y) . \quad (1)$$

Sources:

- Hoeting JA, Madigan D, Raftery AE, Volinsky CT (1999): “Bayesian Model Averaging: A Tutorial”; in: *Statistical Science*, vol. 14, no. 4, pp. 382–417, eq. 1; URL: <https://projecteuclid.org/euclid.ss/1009212519>; DOI: 10.1214/ss/1009212519.

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3.6.2 Derivation

Theorem: Let m_1, \dots, m_M be M statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) with posterior model probabilities (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) $p(m_1|y), \dots, p(m_M|y)$ and posterior distributions (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) $p(\theta|y, m_1), \dots, p(\theta|y, m_M)$. Then, the marginal (\rightarrow Definition I/1.3.3) posterior (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) density (\rightarrow Definition I/1.4.4), conditional (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) on the measured data y , but unconditional (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) on the modelling approach m , is given by:

$$p(\theta|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(\theta|y, m_i) \cdot p(m_i|y) . \quad (1)$$

Proof: Using the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the probability distribution of the shared parameters θ conditional (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4) on the measured data y can be obtained by marginalizing (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3) over the discrete random variable (\rightarrow Definition I/1.1.3) model m :

$$p(\theta|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(\theta, m_i|y) . \quad (2)$$

Using the law of the conditional probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.4), the summand can be expanded to give

$$p(\theta|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(\theta|y, m_i) \cdot p(m_i|y) \quad (3)$$

where $p(\theta|y, m_i)$ is the posterior distribution (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.7) of the i -th model and $p(m_i|y)$ happens to be the posterior probability (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) of the i -th model.

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3.6.3 Calculation from log model evidences

Theorem: Let m_1, \dots, m_M be M statistical models (\rightarrow Definition I/5.1.4) describing the same measured data y with log model evidences (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.1.1) $\text{LME}(m_1), \dots, \text{LME}(m_M)$ and shared model parameters θ . Then, Bayesian model averaging (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.6.1) determines the following posterior distribution over θ :

$$p(\theta|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(\theta|m_i, y) \cdot \frac{\exp[\text{LME}(m_i)] p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M \exp[\text{LME}(m_j)] p(m_j)} , \quad (1)$$

where $p(\theta|m_i, y)$ is the posterior distributions over θ obtained using m_i .

Proof: According to the law of marginal probability (\rightarrow Definition I/1.2.3), the probability of the shared parameters θ conditional on the measured data y can be obtained (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.6.2) by marginalizing over the discrete variable model m :

$$p(\theta|y) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(\theta|m_i, y) \cdot p(m_i|y) , \quad (2)$$

where $p(m_i|y)$ is the posterior probability (\rightarrow Definition IV/3.5.1) of the i -th model. One can express posterior model probabilities in terms of log model evidences (\rightarrow Proof IV/3.5.5) as

$$p(m_i|y) = \frac{\exp[\text{LME}(m_i)] p(m_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^M \exp[\text{LME}(m_j)] p(m_j)} \quad (3)$$

and by plugging (3) into (2), one arrives at (1).

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