

Bernoulli Distribution

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Weather
(w) $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{good} \\ \rightarrow \text{bad} \end{cases}$

$w \in \{ \overset{0}{\text{Bad}}, \overset{1}{\text{Good}} \}$

$$p(w) = \theta^w (1-\theta)^{(1-w)}$$

given dataset: $D = \{ \overset{w^{[1]}}{B}, \overset{w^{[2]}}{G}, \overset{w^{[3]}}{G}, \overset{w^{[4]}}{B}, \overset{w^{[5]}}{B}, \overset{w^{[6]}}{G}, \dots \}$ (11 samples)

but we don't know θ

$\hookrightarrow \theta ??? \rightarrow \text{MLE}$

$$p(D) = \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} p(w=w^{[i]}) =: \mathcal{L}(D; \theta)$$

\rightarrow log likelihood

$$\ell(D; \theta) = \log \mathcal{L}(D; \theta) = \log \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} p(w=w^{[i]})$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{\log p(w=w^{[i]})}_{\text{log-prob}}$$

$$\log p(w) = \log (\theta^w \cdot (1-\theta)^{(1-w)})$$

$$= \log(\theta^w) + \log((1-\theta)^{(1-w)})$$

$$= w \log(\theta) + (1-w) \log(1-\theta)$$

$$\ell(D; \theta) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (w^{[i]} \log(\theta) + (1-w^{[i]}) \log(1-\theta))$$

$$\theta^* = \underset{\theta \in [0,1]}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\ell(D; \theta)) \quad \rightarrow \text{Take derivative and set to zero}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\dots) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (w^{[i]} \log \theta + (1-w^{[i]}) \log(1-\theta))$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{w^{[i]}}{\theta} - \frac{1-w^{[i]}}{1-\theta} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{w^{[i]}(1-\theta) - \theta(1-w^{[i]})}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{w^{[i]} - \cancel{w^{[i]}\theta} - \theta + \cancel{\theta w^{[i]}}}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{w^{[i]} - \theta}{\cancel{\theta(1-\theta)}} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (w^{[i]} - \theta) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w^{[i]} - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \theta = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w^{[i]} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \theta$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w^{[i]} = \theta \cdot N$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w^{[i]} = \theta^*_{\text{MLE}}$$

mean of the dataset