

# INTRO. TO MACHINE LEARNING HW1

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1.

By Law of Total Probability,

$$P(7 \text{ out of } 10 \text{ heads}) = P(7 \text{ out of } 10 \text{ heads} | \text{forged})P(\text{forged}) + P(7 \text{ out of } 10 \text{ heads} | \text{fair})P(\text{fair})$$

By Bayes Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{forged} | 7 \text{ out of } 10 \text{ heads}) &= \frac{P(\text{forged} \cap 7 \text{ out of } 10 \text{ heads})}{P(7 \text{ out of } 10 \text{ heads})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{1000} \binom{10}{7} (0.8)^7 (0.2)^3}{\frac{1}{1000} \binom{10}{7} (0.8)^7 (0.2)^3 + \frac{999}{1000} \binom{10}{7} (0.5)^7 (0.5)^3} \\ &\approx 0.00171675 \end{aligned}$$

2. Denote X-number of boys, Y-number of girls

Each time a family has a new child is equivalent to performing a Bernoulli experiment (such as flipping a coin) with  $\Pr(\text{boy}) = \Pr(\text{girl}) = 0.5$  because each birth is independent from another birth.

$P(X = 1) = P(\text{boy is born}) = 1$  because families keep giving birth until boy is born and then stop.

Therefore in all cases a family will have precisely one boy.

Then by definition of expected value:

$$EX = 1P(X = 1) = 1$$

$P(Y = 0) = P(\text{boy}) = 0.5$  because if boy is born then stop giving birth

$$P(Y = n) = P(n \text{ girls then boy}) = P(\text{girl})^n P(\text{boy}) = 0.5^{n+1}$$

Then by the definition of expected value:

$$EY = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(Y = n) n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n (0.5)^{n+1} = 1$$

Expected value is the average value of a random variable over a large amount of experiments.

The population of a country is very large and is comprised of all the people born there according to the above underlying probability distribution.

Then  $EX = EY$  implies that there will be the same number of boys and girls in the population.

3.a.  $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$  iff probability density function of  $X_i$  is  $f_{X_i}(x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_1}(x_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_2 = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left( \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left( \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $y_2 = \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}$ .  $dy_2 = dx_2 \frac{1}{\sigma_2}$

$$\dots = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) y_2 + y_2^2 + \rho^2 \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - \rho^2 \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \sigma_2 dy_2 = \dots$$

$$\dots = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right\} \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(y_2 + \rho \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right))^2}{2(1-\rho^2)} \right\} dy_2 \right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right\} = \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right\}$$

$$(1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ -\alpha (x + u)^2 \right\} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

Analogously for  $f_{X_2}(x_2)$ , switching  $x_1, x_2$  and letting  $y_2 = \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}$  gives us same result for  $X_2$  from symmetry of the joint probability function.

3.b. By Bayes Law, (variation of Bayes Law applied to density functions)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(x_1) &= \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \dots \\
 &\dots / \frac{1}{\sigma_2\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_2-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2} \right\} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 - (1-\rho^2) \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} = \dots \\
 &\dots = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} = \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) - \rho \left( \frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) \right]^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\left( x_1 - \left( \mu_1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_1(x_2-\mu_2)}{\sigma_2} \right) \right)^2}{2\sigma_1^2(1-\rho^2)} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $X_1|X_2 = x_2 \sim N \left( \mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} (x_2 - \mu_2), \sigma_1^2 (1 - \rho^2) \right)$

This shows that if  $X_1, X_2$  are Gaussian and  $Cov(X_1, X_2) = 0$  then  $X_1, X_2$  are independent.

4. If  $Y=0$  then  $0 = Cov(X, 0) \leq 0\sigma_X^2 = 0$  and  $\rho = 0$

If  $X=0$  then  $0 = Cov(Y, 0) \leq 0\sigma_Y^2 = 0$  and  $\rho = 0$

Otherwise,

Let  $Z = X - \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y$

$$0 \leq {}_{(1)}\sigma_Z^2 \leq Cov \left( X - \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y, X - \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y \right) = {}_{(2)}\sigma_X^2 - 2Cov \left( \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y, X \right) + \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^4} \sigma_Y^2$$

$$= \sigma_X^2 - 2 \frac{Cov(X, Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2} + \frac{Cov(X, Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}$$

(1) variance is non-negative

(2) linearity and homogeneity of covariance

$$\text{Then } Cov(X, Y)^2 \leq \sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2 \implies |Cov(X, Y)| \leq \sigma_X \sigma_Y \implies -1 \leq \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \leq 1$$

By definition,  $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$ .

(Upper and lower bounds are recieved when  $Y=cX$  for  $c \neq 0$ )

QED

5. a.  $\sigma_i \sim \text{Bin}(p, 10)$  from definition of binomial distribution, which is a sum of independent bernoulli experiments with probability  $p$ .

5.b.  $E\sigma_i = np = 10p$ .

Let  $\{X_j\}_{j=1}^{10}$  be independent bernoulli experiments (independent coin flips are bernoulli experiments).

Then by definition  $\sigma_i = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{10}$ .

Then  $E\sigma_i = EX_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{10} = EX_1 + \dots + EX_{10} = p + \dots + p = 10p$ . (because  $\{X_j\}$  i.i.d.)

5.c.

$\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^{n=1000}$  are independent random variables because the coin flips are independent, and distributed with binomial distribution  $\text{Bin}(p, 10)$  as we showed in 5.a.  $E\sigma_i = 10p$  as seen in 5.b.  $0 \leq \sigma_i \leq 10$  because  $\sigma_i$  is increased by 0 when coin  $i$  flips to “tails” and 1 when coin  $i$  is flipped to “heads”, then maximum amount of head flips for each  $\sigma_i$  is 10 and minimum is 0. Therefore  $P(0 \leq \sigma_i \leq 10) = 1$ , ( $a=0, b=10$ )

By Hoeffding's Inequality, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $P\left(\left|\hat{\theta} - \mu\right| \geq \epsilon\right) \leq 2 \exp\left\{-\frac{2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}\right\}$ , i.e.

$$2 \exp\left\{-\frac{2(1000)\epsilon^2}{(10-0)^2}\right\} = 2 \exp\{-20\epsilon^2\} \leq 0.05$$

$$\implies 20\epsilon^2 \geq -\ln(0.025) \implies \epsilon \geq \sqrt{\frac{-\ln(0.025)}{20}}$$

Then  $\epsilon_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{-\ln(0.025)}{20}} \approx 0.4295$  is the smallest error margin possible with confidence 0.95.

## 6.Proof

Let  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be events in a probability space and  $P$  a probability function.

Notice that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \left[ A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right]$  from basic set theory and  $\left\{ A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right\}_{i=1}^n$  are pairwise-disjoint events.

Claim If  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^n$  pairwise-disjoint events then  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)$

Proof Base case:  $n=1$  trivial  $P(B_1) = P(B_1)$

$n=2$  :

By Inclusion-Exclusion Formula  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$  for events  $A, B$ .

Then if  $B_1, B_2$  are disjoint  $P(B_1 \cup B_2) = P(B_1) + P(B_2)$ .

Assume induction hypothesis for  $n$  and induce for  $n+1$ .

$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_i$  and  $B_n$  are disjoint because  $B_n \cap B_i = \emptyset$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_i \cup B_n\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_i\right) + P(B_n) \stackrel{\text{induction hypothesis}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P(B_i) + P(B_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)$$

QED

By claim,  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \left[ A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right]\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P\left(\left[ A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right]\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$

because if  $A \subset B \implies P(A) \leq P(B)$  because  $P$  is a probability function

then for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $P\left(A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j\right) \leq P(A_i) \implies \sum_{i=1}^n P\left(\left[ A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right]\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$ .

QED