

1 Derivation 2 of Bernoulli distributions as an exponential family

Let X be your sample space:

$$X \in \{'heads', 'tails'\} \quad (1)$$

Let us define a sufficient statistic, and induce the natural parameters.

We define the sufficient statistic by an indicator function

$$u(x) = I(x = 'heads') \quad (2)$$

Note for multinoulli, we can specify indicator functions for $K - 1$ classes, and obtain a sufficient statistic vector:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x) &= I(x = 'cat') \\ u_2(x) &= I(x = 'dog') \\ u_3(x) &= I(x = 'hippo') \\ &\dots \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Now we define our intrinsic measure to restrict our samples to our discrete set of samples:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 'heads' \text{ or } x = 'tails' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

The partition/normalization function can be calculated by integration/summing over X .

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\eta) &= \sum_X e^{u(x) \cdot \eta} \\ &= e^{0 \cdot \eta} + e^{1 \cdot \eta} \\ &= 1 + e^\eta \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Now we know for exponential families,

$$\nabla_\eta \log Z(\eta) = E_{x \sim p(x|\eta)} [u(x)] \quad (6)$$

Using calculus to simplify the left side

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\eta} \log(1 + e^\eta) &= \frac{e^\eta}{1 + e^\eta} \\ &= \sigma(\eta) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The right side is a sufficient statistic of the indicator function for heads

$$E_{x \sim p(x|\eta)} [I(x = 'heads')] = Pr(X = 'heads') \quad (8)$$

Thus, we have usual relation for bernoulli that we use for logistic regression

$$Pr(X = 'heads') = \sigma(\eta) \quad (9)$$