

Final Project

STAT 447

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Introduction and Review:

Before we discuss Dirichlet Processes, some fundamental groundwork in probability measure theory will be established. We will briefly recap the concepts of σ -algebra, probability measures and Dirichlet Distributions. We will take slightly more relaxed definitions than can be found in formal measure theory works such as (Billingsley 2012).

Let \mathbb{X} be a well-defined sample space. A σ -algebra $\mathcal{F} \subseteq P(\mathbb{X})$ is a set satisfying the following:

1. The entire sample space \mathbb{X} is in \mathcal{F} .
2. For all sets $A \in \mathcal{F}$, the complement $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$. This property is referred to as “closure under complementation.”
3. For any countable index set I and collection of sets $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that $\forall i \in I, A_i \in \mathcal{F} \implies \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$. This is referred to as “closure under countable unions.” More detail on properties 1-3 can be found in analysis works such as (Rudin 1986). For the sake of this work,

For the sake of this work, we are more interested in *probability measures*, which are built on σ -algebra. A probability μ measure $\mu : \mathcal{F} \mapsto [0, 1]$ is a pro

(Teh 2006)

Sources

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