

## Exercises - MaxEnt

1a)  $p_0 = 1 \quad p_i = i \quad \langle p_0 \rangle = 1, \langle p_1 \rangle = 2.5$

$$p_i = \frac{e^{-\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 i}}{\sum_{j=1}^3 e^{-\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 j}} = \frac{e^{-\lambda_1 i}}{\sum_{j=1}^3 e^{-\lambda_1 j}}$$

using constraint  $\langle p_1 \rangle: \sum_{i=1}^3 i p_i = 2.5$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 i e^{-\lambda_1 i}}{\sum_{i=1}^3 e^{-\lambda_1 i}} = 2.5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} + 2e^{-2\lambda_1} + 3e^{-3\lambda_1}}{e^{-\lambda_1} + e^{-2\lambda_1} + e^{-3\lambda_1}} = 2.5$$

$$e^{-\lambda} \neq 0 \quad \forall \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad x := e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2x^2 + 3x^3 = 2.5(1 + x + x^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0.5x^2 - 0.5x - 1.5 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_{1,2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+12}}{2}$$

as  $e^{-\lambda} > 0$ , only  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$  makes sense

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \approx -\ln\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}\right) \approx -0.83$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = \frac{1}{2} e^{0.83 i}$$

6) as (a) up to...  $1 + 2x^2 + 3x^3 = 2(1 + x + x^2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = \frac{1}{2} e^{-0.1} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$c) \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i = 1 \quad f_0 = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 i p_i = \text{mean } \mu \quad f_1(i) = i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (i-\mu)^2 p_i = \text{variance} \quad f_2(i) = (i-\mu)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = \frac{e^{-\lambda_1 - (i-\mu)^2 \lambda_2}}{Z}$$

d) think about a Gaussian with infinite variance...

2a) state variables:  $A_0, n_0$

$$\text{constraints: } \sum_{n=1}^{n_0} \pi(n) = 1 \quad f_0(n) = 1$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{n_0} n \pi(n) = \frac{n_0 A}{A_0} \quad f_1(n) = n$$

6) geometric

### Counting

1a)  $[xy]$   $[x|y]$   $[y|x]$   $[|xy]$

6)  $(2|0)$   $(1|1)$

c)  $\begin{bmatrix} xy \\ + \end{bmatrix}$  4 configurations     $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ + \end{bmatrix}$  12 configurations

$$P((2|000)) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P((111|010)) = \frac{3}{4}$$

2a)  $[xx]$   $[x|x]$   $[1xx]$

6)  $\begin{bmatrix} xx \\ + \end{bmatrix}$  4 configurations     $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ + \end{bmatrix}$  6 configurations

$$P((0101010)) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P((111|010)) = \frac{3}{5}$$

c)  $\begin{bmatrix} \times \\ + \end{bmatrix}$  starting point

"drop" another individual

$$P\left(\begin{bmatrix} \times \\ + \end{bmatrix}\right) = P(c_1) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \end{bmatrix}\right) &= P(c_2) + P(c_3) + P(c_4) \\ &= 3 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

### Degree Distribution

$L$  = # interaction links       $S$  = # species

$P(d)$  = prob. of species having  $d$  incoming/outgoing/total links

constraints:

$$\sum_{d=0}^L P(d) = 1$$

$$\sum_{d=0}^L d P(d) = \frac{L}{S} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2L}{S}$$

$\Rightarrow$  MaxEnt prediction: geometric distribution

other constraints: # primary producers / top consumers  
 (with no incoming/outgoing links),  
 maximum degree (as some functional constraint)

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Commonality Some ideas can be found in  
 John's book, chapter II.1.